

LEAGUE CRICKET.

STRENGTHENING THE SMALLER CLUBS.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS FOR THE FUTURE.

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Many a Hobbs has taken to cricket in a backyard, and there are potential Glamorgan players, at this very moment, indulging their passion for the game on the uneven surface of hillocks and slag-heaps.

While this amazing new movement, which goes under the name of the South Wales and Monmouthshire Cricket Association, has fired the train of success for 35 leading cricket organisations in our midst, I shall be disappointed if this consuming flame does not light the way for the smaller and lesser-known clubs.

The well-worn critics who have bridled for so long at the failure of the Glamorgan team in the field, have contributed nothing constructive towards the renaissance which we know to-day. They have upbraided, and they have condemned unctuously. We had not the temperament, we had over-reached ourselves, so they said. But of the real difficulties of our venture, never a word; of the shortage of playing pitches in our vast industrial areas and of the need for faith and material help and guidance for glorious youth with its golden promise, scarcely a whisper.

Let us, once and for all, understand the aim of the league, as, indeed, of all cricket. It is not merely the hanging of the symbol of competition in the pavilion porch. It is not mere pandering to man's predilection for getting the better of his fellows. It is not even giving homage where homage is due, and designating some team champions or some player "hero." The real aim is to inculcate people with the true spirit of sportsmanship, to develop mind and muscle, to scatter good health abroad, and to bring men together in their thousands in the name of common brotherhood.

INTERESTING AMALGAMATION.

And this brings me back to the open spaces. In South Wales, unfortunately, they are conspicuously few. Our cities and towns have almost invariably been built without a thought for children or youth, who need some other playground than the streets. Factories, shops, dwelling-houses, schools—all essential—there are in plenty, but open fields—the touchstone of physical well-being and mental alertness—are as rare as sunshine in Llandore.

But there is a new wind stirring. Since the war, especially, the gospel of the open air has gained fresh adherents everywhere. Industrial welfare schemes have sprung up in the most unlikely places, and this wave of enthusiasm for cricket which has found expression in the advancement of the county and club game is pregnant with future possibilities.

The management committee of the league recently decided to affiliate no fewer than seven junior organisations in the Rhondda and North Glamorgan Valleys, embracing about 70 clubs, and to allow them representation on the controlling council. Many of these clubs have no enclosed grounds; indeed, the majority of them play their cricket in the public parks.

It will be interesting to watch the result of this amalgamation. One thing is certain—that the lesser-known clubs cannot fail to benefit through the influence and experience attendant upon their association with the greater forces in the game. The work done by cricket lovers in this area will be consolidated, the standard of play will be improved through more extensive organisation, and greater incentive will be provided for the acquisition and development of new and better playing pitches.

The efforts of the South Wales Association (or League) will not end here. In time it is hoped to link up all clubs and subsidiary leagues in Glamorgan and Monmouthshire so that our cricket will advance on definitely set lines and along a united front. The team that has to blushing admit that its tackle has been left behind (in the shop) will receive no less consideration than the mighty club which prides itself on its subscription list and on the lustro of its name—there is room for them all.

And before long maybe we shall be able to speak with pride of the power of our club cricket, and to honour the Glamorgan team with a player or players worthy of the best traditions of Welsh sport.

SURPRISE DEFEAT OF SWANSEA.

Last Saturday's surprise in the first division was the defeat of Swansea by Briton Ferry Steelworks at St. Helen's. The home batsmen were in their worst mood. They are like the famous little girl who "when she was good, was very, very good, and when she was bad she was horrid." Only Vernon Morris did himself justice, his 43 being an enterprising display, and had the rain not stopped play for an hour and compelled him to take risks, he would unquestionably have done even better. The Steelworks' bowling was of a high standard, Cooper, Tuan James, and Hill all being in form despite a lifeless pitch. And the batting of Baker—still a power despite his years—and D. J. Poley laid the foundation for a well-deserved victory.

Cardiff easily disposed of lucklees Barry. Trevor Preece again playing a sound innings and W. H. Davies, the young professional, demonstrating that his recent batting successes were no mere flashes in the pan.

Gowerton were in a strong position against Neath (Tyson was on the warpath again), but the weather ultimately won, while Newport regained championship form and by a dashing exhibition defeated the clock and Briton Ferry Town.

Pontardulais won at Clydach and consolidated a strong lead in the second (western) division, while Morewoods had a fine victory at home against Port Talbot.

Blaina will take some shifting from first place in the eastern section, having now won eight out of the nine league games. Hill's Plymouth also won again on Saturday, thus preserving the only unbeaten certificate in the competition.

MONMOUTHSHIRE AT OXFORD.

SOUND BATTING DISPLAY BY E. A. BOUGHTON.

After their defeat at the Oval Monmouthshire went on to Oxford, where there had been considerable rain, but not sufficient to prevent the game starting at the usual time. It was an advantage to win the toss, as the ground was wet and the bowlers were handicapped by an insecure foothold, while they could not get much work on the ball.

Largely through the efforts of Boughton, Monmouthshire made a promising start, and when the 100 went up only three men were out. After lunch, however, there was a collapse against the bowling of Thomas, and the whole side were out for 155.

One or two batsmen were decidedly unlucky, Wilcox being caught off the back of his bat, and Spary was bowled off his body.

The pitch was gradually getting more difficult towards the end of the innings. Boughton was at the wickets roughly an hour and a half, and gave no chance prior to the ball which proved fatal to him. Playing carefully, as the situation demanded, he was always ready for the over-pitched ball and made several fine strokes on the leg side. In fact, this was his favourite method of scoring. A smart piece of stumping put an end to his career just as he had passed the 50 mark. He hit four 4's.

When Oxfordshire went in Spary and Raikes shared the bowling till the effects of the heavy roller had worn off and Spary did his side good service by getting Walker caught in the slips with only 1 on the board. Afterwards Harris and Pickthall, on a pitch to their liking, bowled extremely well and kept the batsmen very quiet.

Barmby played faultless cricket for over an hour, when rain stopped play, a quarter of an hour from the end. The game was left in a most interesting condition.

MONMOUTHSHIRE.		Second Innings.	
First Innings.			
N. W. Abraham, c Allington, b Lee	25		
Harris, run out	6		
E. A. Boughton, at Coppock, b Thomas	52		
H. Jones, b Walters	20		
R. H. Phillips, b Thomas	8		
J. F. Rust, not out	18		
K. C. Raikes, c Barmby, b Thomas	2		
W. Wilcox, c Coppock, b Thomas	2		
E. C. Dolman, b Thomas	1		
Pickthall, c Lee, b Thomas	0		
H. G. Spary, b Lee	7		
Extras	4		
Total	155		

OXFORDSHIRE.		Second Innings.	
First Innings.			
H. Walker, c Jones, b Spary	0		
Sturges, lbw, b Harris	6		
J. Barmby, c Raikes, b Pickthall	41		
C. Walters, c Boughton, b Pickthall	25		
L. C. S. Lee, at Wilcox, b Pickthall	0		
Cotton, c Wilcox, b Pickthall	25		
Rogers, b Harris	18		
C. Coppock, not out	9		
R. P. Thomas, not out	0		
Barmby	2		
Extras	11		
Total (7 wickets)	135		

To bat: A. D. Allington and J. Parton.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

MONMOUTHSHIRE.—First Innings.			
	O.	M.	R.
Thomas	28	7	51
Walters	17	3	46
Lee	14	5	37
Parton	4	2	11
Rogers	3	1	4
Barmby	2	1	2

Walters bowled one no-ball.

City Treasurer's Department, 18; Waterworks Engineers, 29 (for 5). J. Nicholls took five wickets for 7 runs, and B. Poole four for 11.

Cardiff City Mental Hospital and Heath Wednesdays, 55; David Morgan (Limited), (The Hayes), 64.

Whitchurch "A," 110; Elyn, 61.

Cardiff Corporation Waterworks eta eto

MONMOUTHSHIRE LOSE SEVERAL CATCHES DROPPED AT OXFORD.

As was the case last year at Oxford Monmouthshire lost the Minor Counties' Championship points to Oxfordshire, the home county winning easily by six wickets.

Overnight the game had been left in a most interesting position. Oxfordshire, with three wickets in hand, required 21 to beat the Monmouthshire total. Plucky batting by Thomas finally gave Oxfordshire a lead of eleven runs.

When Monmouthshire went in a second time few were prepared for what happened, the whole side being out before lunch for 78 runs. Only some plucky hitting by Dolman saved the innings from complete failure, and he clearly established that timorous defensive play was the wrong tactics. The bowlers were helped by the state of the pitch, which was saturated by a heavy dew, and the sun did the rest.

Unluckily for Monmouthshire, the pitch dried very rapidly, and was playing quite well when Oxfordshire went in a second time, thus presaging an easy task. As a matter of fact, Oxfordshire might have been in a queer position had Walker been taken with only 4 on the board, Pickthall juggling with the ball quite a long time before dropping it.

Walker, who made 25, was dropped on three other occasions, Harris being the culprit in each instance, though neither chance was easy. He failed to hold two hard returns of his own bowling and also let a sharp one off Pickthall drop at short slip. Still, as it was Oxfordshire lost four wickets—not a particularly good achievement on a pitch now quite favourable to run-getting.

The Monmouthshire batting and fielding was not quite as good as it might be, and there appeared to be no bowler on the side capable of rendering adequate support to Harris and Pickthall, both of whom bore the brunt of the attack. Complete scores:—

MONMOUTHSHIRE.		Second Innings.	
First Innings.			
N. W. Abraham, c Allington, b Lee	25		
Harris, run out	6		
E. A. Boughton, at Coppock, b Thomas	52		
H. Jones, b Walters	20		
R. H. Phillips, b Thomas	8		
J. F. Rust, not out	18		
K. C. Raikes, c Barmby, b Thomas	2		
W. Wilcox, c Coppock, b Thomas	2		
E. C. Dolman, b Thomas	1		
Pickthall, c Lee, b Thomas	0		
H. G. Spary, b Lee	7		
Extras	4		
Total	155		

OXFORDSHIRE.		Second Innings.	
First Innings.			
H. Walker, c Jones, b Spary	0		
Sturges, lbw, b Harris	6		
J. Barmby, c Raikes, b Pickthall	41		
C. Walters, c Boughton, b Pickthall	25		
L. C. S. Lee, at Wilcox, b Pickthall	0		
Cotton, c Wilcox, b Pickthall	25		
Rogers, b Harris	18		
C. Coppock, not out	9		
R. P. Thomas, not out	0		
Barmby	2		
Extras	11		
Total	166		

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

OXFORDSHIRE.—First Innings.			
	O.	M.	R.
Spary	4	2	3
Raikes	2	1	4
Pickthall	30	10	49
Harris	21	2	91

MONMOUTHSHIRE.—Second Innings.			
	O.	M.	R.
Thomas	11	3	24
Walters	11.5	3	33
Allington	4	1	9
Barmby	3	0	7

OXFORDSHIRE.—Second Innings.			
	O.	M.	R.
H. G. Spary	1	0	0
Pickthall	12	3	30
Harris	11.5	0	55

"WELSH CYGNETS." FIRST-CLASS AMATEUR CLUB FOR WALES.

It has been felt that there was a great need for a first-class amateur cricket club in Wales run on the lines of the I Zingari, Harrow Wanderers, Yorkshire Gentlemen, and other touring teams in order to bring the North and South together, and promote cricket generally in the Principality.

During the recent match at Belfast between Ireland and Wales the matter was discussed, and it was decided to form a club, which will be known as the Welsh Cygnets. Mr. C. A. Rowland has been appointed secretary pro tem, and the membership of the club will be confined to those amateurs who have either played or been invited or approached to take part in the Welsh international games, and 40 players are eligible to join.

It is intended to play at least a week's cricket in both North and South Wales each year, and next season's matches will be confined to opposing Welsh teams.

A meeting is shortly to be called to elect officials, &c. Of the players qualified to join the club 21 are Southern and twenty Northern.

CHRIST COLLEGE (BRECON) V. PORTHCRAWL.

At Brecon on Thursday. Scores:—
Porthcawl: C. J. H. Pearson, b J. P. Morgan, 72; R. E. Dunn, c Jones, b Thomas, 8; S. Overton, c Williams, b Thomas, 5; A. T. Trick, c J. P. Morgan, b W. G. Morgan, 1; R. Denley, c F. Williams, b Williams, 11; H. Spencer, c Williams, b Thomas, 28; H. Parry Evans, run out, 0; Dr. Evans, b Thomas, 2; P. Hutchinson, b J. P. Morgan, 1; J. T. Harroway, not out, 3; Rowe Evans, c Jones, b Thomas, 11; E. F. Sims, b Williams, 0; extras, 13—total, 156.

Christ College: E. M. Pallen, lbw, b R. Evans, 0; F. L. Williams, c Denley, b Harroway, 28; J. P. Morgan, b Dr. Evans, 61; W. G. Morgan, c Trick, b Evans, 11; G. H. M. Williams, c Evans, b Sims, 9; A. E. Jones, lbw, b Dr. Evans, 1; L. J. Davies, b H. P. Evans, 5; T. W. Jefferys, b Dr. Evans, 1; D. L. Isaac, not out, 19; L. J. Harris, b Dr. Evans, 4; S. Evans, not out, 10; extras, 11—total (nine wickets), 160. T. J. Thomas did not bat.

NEWBRIDGE WELFARE V. EBBW VALE.

At Newbridge. For Ebbw Vale T. L. Jones took seven wickets for 9 runs.

Ebbw Vale: E. Richards, b J. Graham, 1; W. Davies, at Clifford, b Jenkins, 40; W. Petlican, b A. Adams, 29; T. Morgan, lbw, b J. Graham, 12; T. L. Jones, at Clifford, b Adams, 6; B. Edwards, at Clifford, b Graham, 4; W. Harber, not out, 15; E. Evans, b Adams, 6; A. Palmer, not out, 5; extras, 3—total (for seven wickets), 119. Innings declared closed.

Newbridge: T. Walters, c Richards, b T. Jones, 0; B. Llewellyn, c T. Jones, b Davies, 4; J. Fine, c Palmer, b T. Jones, 0; W. Clifford, b T. Jones, 0; E. Hawkins, not out, 7; A. Adams, c Morgan, b B. Davies, 3; J. Jenkins, b T. Jones, 1; J. Graham, c Davies, b T. Jones, 21; B. Griffiths, b T. Jones, 0; J. Britton, c Harber, b W. Davies, 1; T. Poole, b T. Jones, 5; extras, 6—total, 48.

NEWPORT POLICEMAN PERFORMS THE HAT-TRICK.

Newport Police defeated Newport Banks by four wickets on Thursday. For the Police, Police-constable Channell performed the "hat-trick." The scores were:—Banks, 51; Police, 60 for six wickets.

Cardiff City Mental Hospital and Heath 11, 128; S. Jones XI, 79.

Elyn, 88; Tongwynlais, 46.

County Hall, 72 (for 7, declared); "South Wales Echo," 49.

Rhiwbina 11, 45; Crwys Hall, 63.

Caerleon, 79; Malpas, 28 (for five).

LEAGUE LEADERS AT CARDIFF.

Newport, the present leaders in the First Division of the South Wales and Mon. League, will meet Cardiff at the Cardiff Arms Park to-morrow (Saturday) in a game which may very well decide the championship. N. V. H. Riches has made a fairly quick recovery from the strain he contracted in the county match at Pontypridd, and if he is fit the Cardiff team will consist of no fewer than seven players who have assisted Glamorgan. It will be: N. V. H. Riches, H. G. Symonds, H. W. Taylor, F. W. Mathias, A. O'Brien, A. Faries, A. H. Gibbs, J. Valentine, A. D. Matthews, Preece, and Davies.

NOT OUT CENTURY AT MONMOUTH.

Playing for Newport Thursdays against Monmouth Thursdays at Monmouth, G. Hutchings scored 103 not out. Scores:—Newport Thursdays, 147 for three (declared); Monmouth Thursdays, 78 for four.

MONMOUTHSHIRE LOSE

MANY BATTING FAILURES AGAINST CORNWALL.

The Cornwall v. Monmouthshire match at Penzance on Saturday ended in a win for Cornwall by 85 runs through the partial collapse of Monmouthshire. The most sensational score was that of Baker (Cornwall), who made 62.

Cornwall were out in their second innings before lunch for 181. Monmouthshire started with Hodges and Abraham, who contributed 11 and 8 respectively. The highest scorer on the Monmouthshire side was Hugh Jones, who made 20 before being stumped. Soon after the "rot" set in, and nothing higher than 18 was registered.

CORNWALL

First Innings		Second Innings	
Cory, lbw, b Pickettall	23 c Wilcox, b Raikes	0 b Pickettall	1
Treasava, b Pickettall	0 b Pickettall	12	1
Baker, c Arthur, b Pickettall	62	Jenkins	62
G. Rogers, c Pickettall, b Raikes	1 b Pickettall	18	1
Rust, b Pickettall	13	Jones	24
Addicoat, b Pickettall	12 c Raikes, b Jenkins	0	0
Matthews, c Wilcox, b Pickettall	15 b Arthur	8	0
Bickford, b Pickettall	24 b Jenkins	0	0
W. Rogers, c Williams, b Pickettall	22 c Wilcox b Raikes	21	18
Whiting, c Arthur, b Raikes	16 b Pickettall	18	0
B. Williams, not out	1 not out	0	0
Extras	11	Extras	14
Total	150	Total	181

MONMOUTHSHIRE

First Innings		Second Innings	
A. E. Hodges, b Whiting	8 c Bickford, b Baker	11	8
M. W. Abraham, b Baker	27 b Whiting	8	0
H. Jones, b Williams	27 at Bickford, b Baker	58	0
L. H. Arthur, b w. b	1 b Baker	0	0
K. C. Raikes, c and b	9 lbw, b Whiting	10	8
J. F. Rust, b Baker	11 b Baker	8	0
J. R. Williams, b Whiting	9 c Cory, b Whiting	0	0
H. Jenkins, c Matthews, b Whiting	23 c Cory, b Whiting	3	3
Col. Thorneycroft, b Baker	5 b Whiting	3	0
Wilcox, c Addicoat, b Whiting	8 not out	4	4
Pickettall, not out	11 c Williams, b Extras	14	6
Extras	6	Extras	6
Total	145	Total	121

Cornwall won by 85 runs.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

CORNWALL—First Innings			
	O.	M.	R.
Pickettall	27	5	65
Raikes	17	2	45
Hodges	9	0	29

MONMOUTHSHIRE—First Innings			
	O.	M.	R.
Whiting	21	6	47
Williams	19	3	52
Baker	8	1	27
Rogers (W.)	2	0	13

CORNWALL—Second Innings			
	O.	M.	R.
Pickettall	26	5	72
Raikes	19	6	41
Jenkins	11	2	40
Arthur	4	0	14

MONMOUTHSHIRE—Second Innings			
	O.	M.	R.
Whiting	17	3	44
Williams	8	0	26
Baker	9	0	28

PORT TALBOT V. BRITON FERRY STEELWORKS.

At Port Talbot. Scores:—

Port Talbot: H. Gulliver, b Cooper, 1; A. W. Thomas, c Williams, b James, 12; C. E. Humphreys, run out, 14; C. Foley, c Williams, b Cooper, 3; R. Llewellyn, c Jones, b Butler, 12; J. Felton, c Foley, b Butler, 21; A. L. Allen, c Williams, b Butler, 9; W. Jones, run out, 5; A. Cleverley, c and b Hill, 73; F. O. Quiller, not out, 19; M. Davies, lbw, b Thomas, 0; extras 6—total, 176.

Briton Ferry Steelworks: Baker, b Humphreys, 40; D. J. Foley, c Cleverley, b Foley, 60; L. Thomas, c Davies, b Foley, 47; R. Butler, c Jones, b Foley, 4; W. C. Thomas, not out, 10; E. H. James, not out, 0; extras, 12—total (182 wickets), 177.

ST. FAGAN'S V. PONTYPRIDD.

At St. Fagan's. Scores:—

Pontypridd: A. J. John, b W. W. Thomas, 13; Mark Cox, b T. R. Evans, 9; H. Swift, b W. H. Chaffin, 2; R. Daniels, c Vaughan, b Reed, 15; Y. Davies, b Evans, 0; Bert Hughes, b Vaughan, 47; O. Arbery, b Chaffin, 17; G. Wride, b Vaughan, 2; Gulliver Lewis, b Vaughan, 15; T. Harrison, not out, 18; R. Thomas, b Vaughan, 2; extras, 10—total, 150.

St. Fagan's: R. M. Thomas, b Swift, 19; Maje David, c John, b Arbery, 23; H. P. Evans, b Swift, 6; S. R. Vaughan, b Swift, 10; T. R. Evans, b Arbery, 21; E. C. Phillips, b Swift, 0; W. W. Thomas, b Swift, 21; W. H. Chaffin, b Davies, 4; C. Chirgwin, b Davies, 16; C. Gulyarwell, not out, 7; G. Reed, b Swift, 0; extras, 12—total, 98.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

CARDIFF RUNNERS-UP TO NEWPORT.

FINE WIN AT NEATH.

SWANSEA GAME DECIDED IN LAST THREE MINUTES.

Only three matches in the First Division of the South Wales and Monmouthshire Cricket League were played on Saturday. The best performance was accomplished by Cardiff, who defeated Neath on the latter's ground by 40 runs. Davies (W. H.) the Cardiff professional, played a big part in the victory, making 47 runs and taking seven wickets at a cost of 64 runs.

As the result of their win, Cardiff depose Neath from second place in the league table.

Swansea won their home match with Barry three minutes from time. Swansea, for whom W. N. Gemmill compiled 85 and V. L. Morris 79, declared with the total at 270 for six, and dismissed Barry for 203.

The Llanelly-Gowerton match ended in a draw. Llanelly declared after scoring 228 for 9, and Gowerton obtained 150 for seven. For Llanelly T. L. Stewart scored 54 and Spencer 58, while Emery obtained 60 for Gowerton.

W. H. DAVIES IN FORM

CARDIFF "PRO." MAKES 47 AND TAKES SEVEN WICKETS.

Cardiff visited Neath on Saturday and succeeded in defeating the victors of Newport by 40 runs. Cardiff batted first, and the only splendid stand was for the sixth wicket, J. Valentine and Davies (W. H.) currying the score from 72 to 173. Valentine obtained 59 and Davies 47.

The match was for the benefit of Beatwick, and he showed some of his old prowess, taking six wickets for 60 runs. Neath also had the assistance of another fast bowler, S. G. White, a South Country amateur, who was on trial, and he took two wickets for 47 runs.

Neath failed with the bat, only four men reaching double figures. Davies was in splendid form with the ball and took seven wickets for 64. Neath hoped that time would save them, but the last wicket fell ten minutes before the end.

The popularity of Beatwick was proved by one of the largest "gates" of the season. Scores:—

CARDIFF	
G. E. Conding, b White	9
Priddy, b Beatwick	25
E. W. Mathias, c D. Reason, b Beatwick	0
A. O'Brien, c Dwyer, b Beatwick	8
H. G. Wynne, b Beatwick	15
J. Valentine, b R. Collins	59
Davies (W. H.), c W. Allen, b Beatwick	47
E. C. Jones, c Allen, b Beatwick	4
L. Jones, b Arundale	22
A. Matthews, lbw, b White	11
A. H. Gibbs, not out	3
Extras	13
Total	214

NEATH	
A. E. Freshly, b Davies	0
D. J. Ransom, c Gibbs, b Matthews	6
E. K. Evans, b Davies	8
Dwyer, c Gibbs, b Stymonds	46
W. E. Allen, lbw, b Davies	36
Len Shipton, b Valentine	34
H. Arundale, b Davies	20
Lashly Williams, not out	7
S. G. White, c Gibbs, b Davies	8
Roy Collins, b Davies	4
Beatwick, lbw, b Davies	0
Extras	5
Total	174

SWANSEA BEAT BARRY

VICTORY SECURED THREE MINUTES FROM TIME.

The issue of the Swansea v. Barry match at St. Helen's on Saturday was in doubt until three minutes from time and then J. R. Tait brought off a spectacular catch which concluded the Barry innings and gave Swansea a well-deserved victory by 67 runs.

Swansea batted first and W. N. Gemmill and V. L. Morris put on a hundred worth out loss in less than an hour. The pair carried the total to 126 in an hour and a half, at which point Morris, who had batted briskly, was dismissed.

J. R. Tait was out two runs later, but Gemmill remained for two hours and ten minutes to collect 85. With the score at 270 for six, obtained in just over two hours and a half, the home captain declared and then Barry took a hand. Their opening gave promise of an easy victory for Swansea, one wicket falling at 5 and the second at 8, but the subsequent batsmen played their part well, particularly T. Davies, who, fifth in, scored 49 before he had the misfortune to run himself out. His batting, without being unduly vigorous, was crisp, and while he remained Barry's hope of at least avoiding a defeat was bright. A. Osborne, too, offered some resistance.

A. Osborne was Barry's most successful bowler. In seventeen overs he took four wickets for 61, while for Swansea Creber took five for 80. Scores:—

SWANSEA	
V. L. Morris, c Gemison, b Osborne	79
W. N. Gemmill, b Osborne	85
J. R. Tait, b Osborne	2
P. Morris, b W. Coomber	23
J. Bailey, b Seivens	19
W. P. Morgan, c Pope, b Osborne	4
A. E. Davies, not out	28
A. L. Perkins, not out	17
Extras	13
Total (164 wickets)	270

Innings declared closed.

BARRY	
W. J. Muller, c Perkins, b Creber	58
J. H. Price, lbw, b P. Morris	6
W. Coomber, c Bailey, b Creber	2
S. Williams, c Davies, b Creber	27
P. Lawson, b Hinwood	4
M. Swain, b Creber	20
T. Davies, run out	48
M. Seivens, b Gemmill	1
A. Osborne, b Creber	16
W. Gemison, c Tait, b P. Morris	5
E. Evans, not out	4
Extras	16
Total	203

DRAW AT LLANELLY.

GOWERTON FACE A BIG TASK. DETERMINEDLY.

It was a splendid performance on Gowerton's part to draw with Llanelly on the latter's ground. There was big scoring on both sides, and the large crowd was treated to a splendid exhibition of cricket.

A feature of the Llanelly innings of 228 runs for nine wickets (declared) was the display of Spencer, one of the two professionals. He batted with freedom and hit up 58 before becoming one of Emery's victims. Spencer was ably supported by T. L. Stewart, Martin Davies, and S. Phillips, who contributed 54, 48, and 33 (not out) respectively.

Faced with the difficult task of getting the necessary runs in just over two hours Gowerton at first fared badly, but a partnership between Emery and B. Davies saved the game for them, and had the time limit been extended they might have won. Gange, for Llanelly, took five wickets for 47 runs. Scores:—

LLANELLY	
T. L. Stewart, b Tyeon	54
C. Tanner, b Emery	2
H. E. Jones, b Lord	4
B. Percy Rees, b E. Thomas	9
C. C. Warner, b E. Thomas	0
Spencer, b Emery	58
H. John, b Emery	1
W. John, b Emery	0
S. Phillips, not out	33
M. Davies, b Emery	46
Gange, not out	15
Extras	6
Total (164 wickets)	228

Innings declared closed.

GOWERTON	
Tyeon, c Gange, b Spencer	9
S. Walters, b Gange	9
E. Edwards, b Gange	12
H. Davies, not out	38
H. Lord, c and b Gange	6
R. Davies, b Gange	5
S. V. Thomas, lbw, b Gange	0
Emery, c Spencer, b Jones	60
G. Ellis, not out	11
Extras	11
Total (seven wickets)	150

SECOND DIVISION GAMES.

BALDWIN'S (SWANSEA) V. N.O.R. (SKEWEN).

At Swansea. Scores:—
N.O.R.: D. Hopkins, b D. J. Jones, 30; F. Richmond, lbw, b D. J. Jones, 4; S. Pape, lbw, b Hyde, 7; F. Hayward, c W. Jones, b Hyde, 7; J. Fair, lbw, b D. J. Jones, 1; L. Roberts, b D. J. Jones, 0; P. Mills, c and b D. J. Jones, 0; J. Ross, not out, 36; G. Hayward, c W. Jones, b W. F. Thomas, 66; A. D. Clarke, run out, 1; A. Turner, c D. J. Jones, b W. F. Thomas, 4; extras, 0—total, 144.
Baldwin's (Swansea): W. F. Thomas, c Hayward, b Mills, 14; F. W. Pape, c Richmond, b Hayward, 25; J. Nicholas, lbw, b Hayward, 16; G. Morgan, not out, 54; D. Young, b Turner, 14; L. Thomas, b Turner, 0; D. J. Jones, not out, 50; extras, 12—total (five wickets), 185.
Baldwin's won by five wickets.

ABERCYNON V. LLANTWIT FARDRE.

At Abercynon. Scores:—
Abercynon: J. M. Ewington, c Rees, b Seaton, 11; W. Williams, c Hamm, b Seaton, 1; J. T. Parry, c and b Seaton, 2; Ira Brizey, c Morgan, b Thomas, 10; A. W. J. H. Grant, not out, 39; S. H. Thomas, c Lucas, b Hayward, 41; R. Richards, not out, 4; extras, 13—total (five wickets), 121. Innings declared.
Llantwit Fardre: A. Griffiths, b Smith, 1; P. Williams, c Thomas, b Richards, 21; E. Lucas, c Thomas, b Richards, 28; I. Thomas, c Williams, b Richards, 0; C. R. Morgan, b Richards, 4; H. Hopkins, lbw, b Smith, 6; W. Davies, 0; D. Lewis, b Davies, 2; H. Gerrish, c and b Smith, 35; H. Seaton, not out, 1; G. Hamm, b Richards, 0; extras, 16—total, 110.

HILLS PLYMOUTH V. ABERAMAN.

At Penrelech. Scores:—
Aberaman: G. Ingram, c A. Jones, b E. Davies, 3; T. Leahy, c R. Davies, b E. Davies, 7; R. Williams, b E. Davies, 6; T. George, b R. Thomas, 7; A. Holt, lbw, b R. Thomas, 45; B. Beaumont, c W. Thomas, b E. Davies, 6; A. Davies, c H. Evans, b E. Davies, 35; I. Grant, c R. Williams, b R. Williams, 15; A. James, c R. Davies, b E. Davies, 1; A. Jones, not out, 1; G. Hathaway, b R. Williams, 0; extras, 8—total, 135.
Hills Plymouth: R. Davies, c A. S. Jones, b T. George, 6; A. Morgan, b N. James, 30; D. Davies, b N. James, 17; I. Jones, lbw, b G. Hathaway, 7; A. S. Jones, not out, 22; H. Evans, b G. Hathaway, 0; E. Davies, b A. Holt, 6; R. Williams, b N. James, 27; R. Thomas, not out, 1; extras, 25—total (seven wickets), 139.

PANTEG V. ABERTILLERY.

At Panteg. Scores:—
Abertillery: W. Robbins, c Harry, b F. Thomas, 2; H. Hughes, run out, 23; G. Powell, b Smith, 27; W. Munnick, b Palmer, 19; A. Ruffe, c Job, b Collier, 31; I. Baker, lbw, b Palmer, 3; Vincent, not out, 37; R. Williams, lbw, b Palmer, 1; G. Powell, c Smith, b Palmer, 0; A. Williams, b Job, b F. Thomas, 7; A. Sutton, c J. Thomas, b Smith, 11; extras, 19—total, 180.
Panteg: J. H. Evans, b Vincent, 12; G. Smith, lbw, b Vincent, 11; R. Sumner, c Sutton, b Vincent, 45; G. Job, b Powell, 0; H. Collier, b Vincent, 14; R. T. Harry, b Robbins, b Powell, 11; J. Thomas, c G. Powell, b Vincent, 7; J. P. Jenkins, c Robbins, b Sutton, 51; J. L. Jones, c sub, b Vincent, 8; F. Thomas, c Baker, b Sutton, 0; C. Palmer, not out, 4; extras, 20—total, 184.
Panteg won in the last over by four runs.

DEIGHTON AND U.S. (TREDGAR) V. CHEPSTOW.

BALLS TWICE BROKEN.
At Tredgar. The visitors played with ten men. The finish was intensely exciting, Tredgar eventually winning by 23. An unusual feature was that the balls were twice broken, the bowler in each case being Watkins. Scores:—
Chepstow: O. H. Jones, b C. Jones, 5; R. Richards, c A. M. Maltby, b B. Sharpe, 28; L. L. Clay, b C. Jones, 14; A. M. C. Jenour, c C. Jones, b Sharpe, 25; D. C. Ryder, b B. Sharpe, 0; A. Watkins, c F. Robson, b B. Sharpe, 35; N. Jenkins, b D. Hughes, 3; G. Davies, b C. Jones, 15; M. Holley, c F. Jenkins, b B. Sharpe, 4; H. Powell, not out, 0; extras, 2—total, 134.
Deighton and U.S. (Tredgar): A. M. Maltby, b A. Watkins, 32; B. Sharpe, b M. Holley, 5; P. Stalder, c D. C. Ryder, b A. Watkins, 3; A. Brown, b M. Holley, 41; W. Williams, b M. Holley, 5; D. Hughes, b A. Watkins, 0; E. Jenkins, c M. Holley, b O. Davies, 5; T. Pugh, lbw, b A. Watkins, 21; D. H. Maltby, b G. Davies, 0; F. Robson, not out, 23; C. Jones, c and b Jenour, 15; extras, 8—total, 137.

EBBW VALE V. ABERCARN.

At Ebbw Vale. Scores:—
Abercarn: B. Carter, b T. J. Lloyd, 10; L. Lewis, b L. Telling, 3; E. Moses, lbw, b Telling, 0; B. Ralph, run out, 17; F. Thornbury, c Rowlands, b Telling, 0; B. Harris, b Lloyd, 0; K. Harris, not out, 11; A. Thompson, b T. J. Jones, 0; R. Price, b Jones, 1; A. Hoyer, b Jones, 0; L. Francis, c G. Williams, b Lloyd, 0; extras, 4—total, 46.
Ebbw Vale: G. Williams, b R. Ralph, 26; T. Walters, c Carter, b K. Harris, 17; E. Richards, c Ralph, b K. Harris, 0; W. Mann, b K. Harris, 0; L. Telling, not out, 44; T. L. Jude, lbw, b K. Harris, 23; Geo. Chillet, not out, 33; extras, 2—total (5), 154.

LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE.

DIVISION I.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Abd.	Pos.	Obt.	age.
Newport	11	6	1	2	2	12	12	66.64
Cardiff	11	6	1	3	0	20	12	60.00
Neath	11	4	3	0	0	14	8	57.14
Swansea	11	4	3	3	1	20	8	40.00
Briton Ferry	9	3	4	1	1	16	6	37.59
Steelworks	12	4	4	3	1	22	8	35.36
Llanelli	9	3	4	2	0	14	6	33.33
Briton Ferry	11	3	4	2	2	18	6	33.33
Gowerton	9	1	4	2	2	14	2	14.28
Barry	10	1	8	0	1	18	2	11.11

DIVISION II. (WEST).

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Abd.	Pos.	Obt.	age.
Morewoods (Llanelli)	10	7	2	0	1	18	14	77.77
Baldwins (Swansea)	8	5	1	1	0	16	12	75.00
Pontardulais	11	7	2	1	1	20	14	70.00
Mesteg	8	4	2	0	2	12	8	66.66
Pontardawe	9	5	3	0	1	16	10	62.50
Ammanford	11	5	5	1	2	16	6	33.33
Port Talbot	9	3	6	0	0	18	6	33.33
N.O.R.								
(Skewen)	11	3	7	1	0	22	6	27.27
Clydach	11	0	10	0	1	20	0	

Baldwins v. N.O.R. game not included, result not to hand.

DIVISION II. (EASTERN).

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Abd.	Pos.	Obt.	age.
Blaina	10	9	1	0	0	20	18	90.00
Panteg	11	5	2	1	3	16	10	62.50
Abertillery	10	5	5	0	0	20	10	50.00
Ebbw Vale	11	5	4	1	1	20	10	50.00
Tredgar	11	5	4	1	1	20	10	50.00
Pontypridd	8	2	4	0	2	12	4	33.33
Abercarn	12	3	6	1	2	16	4	25.00
Pontypool	9	2	5	1	1	14	4	25.00
Chepstow	13	2	7	1	3	20	4	20.00

NEWPORT V. PONTYPOOL.

Considering their weak side and the fact that their first four wickets fell for 32 runs, Newport gave a good account of themselves against Pontypool in a drawn game at Newport on Saturday, when they declared with 203 runs for nine wickets. The visitors were left with two hours' batting, and they compiled 147 runs for the loss of seven wickets. Newport were without the services of six of their actual league team, who were playing for Monmouth County, and M. C. Dolman, whose injured ankle will probably prevent his playing again this season. Scores:—

NEWPORT.

G. A. Webb, b H. G. Spary	2
A. H. Sicker, c W. Harris, b G. Lewis	0
E. A. Boughton, c H. G. Spary, b G. Lewis	11
J. L. Charles, c G. Lewis, b Martin	13
R. A. Siddall, lbw, b H. G. Spary	3
V. M. Griffiths, c H. G. Spary, b Ford	35
Capt. Dale, c C. Phillips, b Spary	39
J. E. Dunn, c Woolley, b Ford	43
D. J. Griffiths, not out	41
L. M. Jones, lbw, b Martin	0
N. Fitzhugh, not out	3
Extras	10
Total (nine wickets)	303

Innings declared closed.

PONTYPOOL.

H. Poulton, c Boughton, b Dale	54
G. Woolley, b Jones	4
G. Lewis, c Webb, b Jones	3
Wexer, c D. J. Griffiths, b Jones	21
R. Evans, not out	27
C. Phillips, c Webb, b Fairclough	14
C. Phillips, lbw, b Dunn	7
A. Greening, c Dale, b Webb	4
W. Harris, not out	5
Extras	8
Total (seven wickets)	147

G. Ford and H. G. Spary did not bat.

UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE. PLAYER DECLINES TO TAKE HIS INNINGS.

During the Monmouth v. Hereford game at Monmouth a home player, B. Hoskins, declined to go to the wickets when his turn came, owing, it is alleged, to a grievance as to the order of batting. Scores:—

Hereford: H. K. Foster, c and b Manns, 32; F. Powell, c M. Harris, b Manns, 23; Dr. Ward, c Hoskins, b Matherface, 24; Capt. L. H. Green, c Matherface, b Hoskins, 118; E. C. Collier, c and b Hoskins, 18; N. V. Goddard, c Butler, b Matherface, 0; A. W. H. Powell, b Matherface, 0; T. G. Owen, b Hoskins, 0; B. W. Harborne, not out, 16; extras, 3—total (eight wickets), 234.
Monmouth: E. E. Hill, c Powell, b Owen, 17; J. Bishop, b Ward, Power, 25; L. Manns, 17; Collier, b Owen, 5; L. Cook, c Harborne, b Owen, 11; Matherface, lbw, b Owen, 6; R. D. Wormald, Griffiths, lbw, b Owen, 15; M. Butler, b Powell, 1; H. Michael, not out, 2; extras, 11—total, 94.

BRITON FERRY TOWN V. DASHING INNINGS OF 143, NOT OUT, BY JONES.

The feature of this friendly match at Briton Ferry was a spirited innings of 143, not out, by Jones, for Briton Ferry. His strokes included four 6's and seventeen 4's. Scores:—
Briton Ferry Town: Smart, b Preece, 14; Jones, not out, 143; H. Tomlinson, b C. Bubb, 13; A. E. Thomas, not out, 73; extras, 12—total (for two wickets), 254. Innings declared closed.
Pontardawe: Ben Thomas, c Smart, b T. S. Jones, 4; A. G. Sutt, c Shen, b T. M. Johns, 7; T. A. Vaughan, run out, 2; T. Jones, c Matthews, b A. Shen, 3; Preece, not out, 7; R. H. Lewis, b Smart, 29; C. Bubb, b E. Francis, 4; K. Hevan, b E. Hutchings, 67; W. J. Harris, not out, 0; extras, 8—total (for seven wickets), 197.
Match drawn.

ABERDARE COUNTY SCHOOL V. NEATH COUNTY SCHOOL.

At Aberdare. Scores:—
Aberdare C.S.: H. E. Davies, b G. Evans, 1; A. Rees, b G. Evans, 1; J. D. Jones, b G. Evans, 20; G. E. Voyle, lbw, b G. Evans, 5; A. Edwards, b E. Thomas, 2; R. C. Knight, b G. Evans, 0; T. J. Rowlands, c and b Maddocks, 2; G. Humphreys, not out, 61; E. G. Cook, c Owen, b G. Evans, 0; W. A. Jones, b G. Evans, 0; A. R. Probert, b G. Evans, 0; extras, 8—total, 48.
Neath C.S.: R. Maddocks, lbw, b Rowlands, 4; G. Newbold, b Rowlands, 3; G. Evans, c A. Jones, b Rowlands, 22; L. Jeffers, c Edwards, b Humphreys, 1; D. Lewis, c Voyle, b Rowlands, 1; T. O. Jones, c Probert, b Humphreys, 0; E. Thomas, c Rees, b Rowlands, 0; W. L. Owen, c Jones, b Rowlands, 0; G. Stephens, c Humphreys, b Rowlands, 5; R. G. Lloyd, run out, 0; Smart, not out, 0; extras, 4—total, 43.

CARDIFF HIGH SCHOOL V. CANTON WESLEYS.

The outstanding performance in this match was by H. M. Bowcott, who scored 54 runs and clean bowled three of the Wesleyan batsmen without having a run scored off him. P. C. Lewis took 12 of the remaining Canton wickets for 28 runs, while H. J. Holloway took half the High School wickets for 31 runs. Scores:—
Cardiff High School: H. M. Bowcott, c A. Jones, b W. C. Hutchins, 52; H. T. Page, b H. J. Holloway, 8; W. M. Evans, run out, 1; L. J. Birch, c K. Williams, 28; W. Roberts, b H. J. Holloway, 15; H. Roberts, lbw, b H. J. Holloway, 6; P. C. Lewis, c W. E. Fry, b A. Jones, 9; H. W. Murdoch, c I. A. Diamond, b H. J. Holloway, 0; J. E. Bowcott, not out, 5; G. R. Jones, b A. Jones, 13; T. H. Cousins, b H. J. Holloway, 0; extras, 11—total, 146.
Canton Wesleyans: C. A. Fry, c L. J. Birch, b P. C. Lewis, 1; T. Spragg, c H. Roberts, lbw, b P. C. Lewis, 10; T. A. Diamond, c L. J. Birch, b P. C. Lewis, 0; W. Heap, c W. Roberts, 1; P. C. Lewis, 0; A. Jones, c and b P. C. Lewis, 37; G. Pettit, c H. T. Page, b P. C. Lewis, 0; W. E. Fry, c W. Roberts, b V. M. Evans, 13; H. J. Holloway, b H. M. Bowcott, 9; W. C. Hutchins, not out, 10; K. Williams, b H. M. Bowcott, 0; H. Hopkins, b H. M. Bowcott, 0; extras, 19—total, 109.

RESULTS IN BRIEF.

Whitechurch, 00; Cardiff High School 0/0 Boys, 133 (for eight); T. Jackson-Taylor scored 53 not out for the Old Boys, but hits including one 5 and ten 4's.
Myny-street Congregational, 70; Whiteheaf (Cardiff), 33. For Myny-street D. G. Jones took five wickets for 11 runs.
Sully, 78; Pparth II, 51.
N.O.R. II., 65; Bladwina II., 123.
Blaina, 63; Nantyglo Wesleyans, 105.
Usk (A. C. Hilly 131, E. G. Macepede 80), 304 for three (declared); Newport Y.M.C.A., 97 for nine.
Llanrwst, 82; Conway, 79.
Rhos (H. Pritchard 54), 135; Gwersyllt, 57.
Caerleon, 38; Malpas, 41.
Griccieth, 87; Bangor, 67.
Pwllheli (G. James 109 not out), 244 for seven (declared); Visitors, 103.
Port Talbot seconds (H. Cotton, 57), 187; Briton Ferry Steelworks Seconds, 123 for seven.
Rhosymedre, 32; Wrexham II., 30.
Gnessers (Cefn), 63; Elicanere, 46.
Llangollen, 47; Oswestry, 111.
Portmadoc, 56; Parcun (Anglesey), 77.
Portmadoc II., 118; Tregarth, 45.
Blackwood Rovers, 120; Hengoed Juniors, 28.
Llanbilleth II., 123; Pontypool Road, 100.
Newbridge Welfare, 118; Gabalfa (Cardiff), 45.
Rhoadda Municipal Officers, 28; Cardiff Municipal Officers, 58. At Treorky.
Pontypridd II., 160 for nine (declared); St. Fagan's II., 131 for nine.
Tabernacl (Treorky), 40; Gelli C.C., 28.
H. Davies took six wickets for five runs.
Park Chapel Boys' Club, 41; St. George's Church Boys, 23. O. J. Evans took six wickets for fifteen runs.
Panteg II., 192 for nine wickets; Abertillery II., 109. W. Davies (Abertillery) batted throughout the innings for 53.
Margam, 159; Tondy, 140.
Elyn, 48; Pontrefon Hope, 30.
Whitechurch II., 61; Atlantic Mills, 38.
Rhiwbina II., 85; C.H.S.O.P. II., 54.
Cardiff City Mental Hospital and Health II., 120; Richmond, 39 (H. Friend took 6 for 6).

MONMOUTHSHIRE DRAW

RUST AND JENKINS MAKE A TIMELY STAND.

In their Minor Counties match with Devon at Exeter Monmouthshire showed considerable weakness in batting, and but for a timely stand between Rust and Jenkins the visiting county would probably have sustained defeat. As it was they managed to save the game, for after being set to obtain 187 runs in just over an hour and a half the score was taken to 138 for the loss of six wickets.

When Devon continued their first innings on Tuesday morning the wicket was on the soft side and the cricket was extremely dull. All the batsmen lacked enterprise, and it was not until Falding and Light became associated that matters enlivened. The home county were dismissed soon after lunch, and when Monmouthshire went in to bat they always seemed in difficulties on a wicket that was rapidly recovering under the influence of the sun.

There was a sensational start to the innings, Jones, Abraham, and Rust being out with only three runs registered. This disastrous opening was only the prelude to other failures, and the whole side was out for the surprisingly low total of 88. Hodges, Jenkins, and Raikes were the only batsmen to play the bowling with confidence.

The others were all at sea. The innings lasted under two hours, and Devon still had time to win the match if they could knock up runs quickly enough in their second innings. This they certainly did, and the opening batsmen scored at a phenomenal rate, a declaration being made after fifty minutes with the total 109 for two.

Again Monmouthshire made a wretched start to their innings, and when the sixth wicket fell at 43 the result seemed a foregone conclusion. However, Rust and Jenkins set about the task of retrieving the position, and so determined were they that they defied the Devon bowling to the end. Rust hit ten 4's and batted brilliantly. Complete scores:—

DEVONSHIRE.		First Innings.	Second Innings.
E. A. Fulcher, b Pickthall	40	.....	.....
E. E. Whitton, b Raikes	1	.....	.....
Capt. E. Buller, c Wilcox, b Raikes	4	.....	.....
F. H. Carroll, b Raikes	0	not out	63
H. G. Knight, c and b Pickthall	18	.....	.....
Falding, c Hodges, b Harris	27	.....	.....
Light, c Hodges, b Harris	21	not out	21
J. H. Amory, b Harris	24	b Harris	21
H. S. Carter, c Harris, b Hodges	8	b Harris	4
L. W. Woodridge, c Rust, b Harris	0	.....	.....
Jennings, not out	5	.....	.....
Extras	17	Extras	0
Total	165	Total (2)	109

MONMOUTHSHIRE.		First Innings.	Second Innings.
A. E. Hodges, c Buller, b Jennings	26	b Amory	0
N. W. Abraham, c Fulcher, b Woodridge	0	st Carroll, b Jennings	17
H. Jones, c Light, b Amory	1	c Whitton, b Jennings	5
J. F. Rust, lbw, b Amory	0	not out	62
K. C. Raikes, b Amory	19	.....	.....
T. B. Williams, b Amory	3	b Amory	4
H. Jenkins, b Amory	19	not out	28
Lt.-col. C. M. Thomeycroft, c Woodridge, b Jennings	9	.....	.....
Wilcox, c Buller, b Jennings	7	.....	.....
Harris, c Carter, b Jennings	0	.....	.....
Pickthall, not out	0	b Amory	8
Extras	4	Extras	12
Total	88	Total (6)	158

BOWLING ANALYSIS			
DEVONSHIRE.—First Innings.			
	O.	M.	R.
Pickthall	23	5	32
Raikes	14	4	31
Harris	22	3	36
Hodges	10	3	23
Second Innings.			
	O.	M.	R.
Pickthall	9	0	56
Raikes	4	0	23
Harris	4	0	30
MONMOUTHSHIRE.—First Innings.			
	O.	M.	R.
Woodridge	9	3	18
Amory	15	4	30
Light	4	1	6
Jennings	9	2	30
Second Innings.			
	O.	M.	R.
Woodridge	6	1	17
Amory	7	0	25
Light	2	1	4
Jennings	11	4	40
Falding	4	1	10
Buller	3	0	19
Knight	1	0	11

CRICKET PLAYERS OF GLAMORGAN.

I.—J. C. CLAY.

By J. C. GRIFFITH-JONES.



Mr. J. C. Clay.

In all walks of life there are certain people who have a natural aptitude for leadership. J. C. Clay, the Glamorgan captain, undoubtedly possesses that gift, and the team's success in the county championship this season is due, in no small measure, to his inspiration. "Johnny," as he is popularly known, has always taken his cricket seriously. This does not mean that he carries his responsibilities like a man prematurely wearied and aged by exacting service. But he is earnest. Whether he is lifting the ball out of the ring for six or fighting for

runs when runs are most needed, or picking up a hard return, he does it with a wholeheartedness that is infectious.

It is fitting that this young man, who is always playing for his side, should hold the captaincy in this the summer of Glamorgan's content. He was one of the "Contemptibles" who fought through the entire campaign of adversity to to-day's glorious deliverance.

Recognised a few seasons back as a fast bowler of merit, he was ordered to give up that particular form of enthusiasm if he did not want to crack up. Undeterred, he developed his bowling in other directions. To what good purpose we have seen, if only in the recent game at Cardiff when he and Ryan ran through the Surrey team on the third morning, when the match seemed destined to end in a tame draw.

PROGRESS AS A BATSMAN.

Clay's progress as a batsman, too, is typical of his courage and determination. His natural inclination is to bang the ball hard and often. His serious face belies the adventurous spirit that pulls at his heart-strings. But he has read the signs and portents of the county game, realised the value of restraint to his team, and revolutionised his style accordingly. The story of Glamorgan's batting improvement this season is in part the story of the captain's altered tactics at the crease, of his essay in self-discipline.

Not that "Johnny" won't hit any more! There are still moments when he opens his shoulders and flashes his bat in glorious abandon, as in the last half-hour of his merry innings against Notts at Swansea a week ago. Then you only hear the musical crack of bat meeting ball, and a hushed stillness until the umpire extends both arms above his head and the Welsh crowd breaks into thunderous applause.

But that adventure depends on the state of the game. It depends how good the gods are to Glamorgan. When disaster threatens and the foe is rampant, you will see a grim-visaged young man out there defying the bowling and holding the breach for his side. It was such an innings, the imperturbable manner of the new Clay, that turned the tide at Northampton last Saturday and ultimately paved the way to another victory.

POPULAR WITH THE "GALLERY."

Popularity can be purchased on the cricket field as well as anywhere else. Clay does not buy popular favour; he commands it. For one thing, he never plays to the "gallery," and yet the "gallery" is with him to a man. Cricket is sport to him, and his entire attitude is dictated by the sportsmanship which is his inherent nature. His fellow-players speak of him with affection. Win or lose, he goes his philosophical way, but his even temper has much to do with the team-spirit which has shaped Glamorgan's successful progress. And even committee men, often so pedagogic and hard to please, melt to some semblance of humanity in his presence.

I fancy the youngest captain in the county championship gets a lot of fun out of cricket, despite his outward seriousness. If he has done as much as any man to make Glamorgan's tormentors laugh the other day, he has, I warrant, had many a private laugh at his own expense as well as at the expense of our "comic side."

His famous reply to an autograph-hunter is worth recording. It was in "the Fred Karno" days, as he would say, Glamorgan were all out under the 100, as usual. "Go in the pavilion," he urged the boy that sought his signature, with a mischievous twinkle in his eye. "You may find some cricketers!"

The pundits of the London press who rave about success built upon a foundation of imported players might do worse than follow the career of Glamorgan's captain. We are proud of the men from other counties who have come to help us win through. We may be forgiven for being prouder still of our Clay, a captain of worth, a real cricketer, and one of our own at that.

Next article in this series:—N. V. H. RICHES.

LLANELLY DEFEAT NEATH.

Llanelly at home easily beat Neath in a friendly game on Tuesday. Spencer, by dismissing Reason, brought off the most remarkable catch ever seen on Stradey Park. Scores:—

NEATH.	
D. J. Reason, c and b Spencer	66
E. K. Evans, b Gange	13
F. Bodder, lbw, b Gange	0
Dyson, c and b Gange	4
C. Michael, b Gange	31
S. Jones, b Gange	1
G. Jones, lbw, b Gange	0
W. Arnold, b Gange	0
C. F. White, run out	4
A. Alcock, b Spencer	0
Bestwick, not out	5
Extras	3
Total	125
LLANELLY.	
T. L. Stewart, lbw, b Dyson	8
Spencer, b C. Jones	58
H. P. Rees, c Dyson, b Alcock	90
Martin Davies, lbw, b Alcock	74
Gange, not out	9
E. H. Tomstall, not out	6
Extras	5
Total (four wickets)	229

St. Peter's C.C., 33; St. David's Cathedral C.C., 35 for six.

NORTH WALES TEAM v. M.C.C.

Mr. G. E. Rowlands' North Wales XI, against the M.C.C. at Llandudno to-morrow (Thursday) and Friday will be—Col. Hutchison, capt. (Denbighshire); Capt. W. G. Astbury (Flintshire), Capt. Glyn Jones (Denbighshire), G. T. Jagger (Cambridge University and Denbighshire), D. Bounphey, W. Clinton, and H. Hemingway (Denbighshire), J. B. Newton (Denbighshire), J. Russell, A. L. Lockwood, and W. H. Rowland (Carmarvonshire).

DATE OF WALES—NEW ZEALAND MATCH.

Mr. G. E. Rowland, president of the North Wales Cricket Association, has decided that the game with the New Zealand cricket team, which is to be played next season in North Wales, will be on August 20, 22, and 23, and the match will be Wales v. New Zealand.

OXFORDSHIRE AT EBBW VALE.

MONMOUTHSHIRE BOWLING PUNISHED.

Some splendid cricket was seen in the Minor Counties' Championship match between Monmouthshire and Oxfordshire which opened at Ebbw Vale on Tuesday before a large crowd. Despite the rain of the past few days the wicket was in excellent condition.

Winning the toss, Oxfordshire took first knock, but opened very feebly, H. Walker and G. Sturges treating the bowling of Ken Raikes and T. Williams with great respect. Walker was never very comfortable when facing Williams, the Blaena bowler, who was keeping a splendid length, and with only 9 runs on the board he fell to a fine delivery from that player. Up to this period Williams had sent down five overs, three of which were maidens, and had taken one wicket for one run.

With Lewendon at the wicket runs came much more freely. He gathered seven in one over from Raikes, but was caught and bowled by the Monmouthshire captain after having scored 15 out of a total of 28.

The game was very slow for a considerable time, due in a large measure to the brilliant fielding of Monmouthshire, and play had been in progress an hour before the 50 was signalled.

A double bowling change had the desired effect and Nethercole skied a ball from Pickthall, the Newport professional, and was smartly caught by T. Williams. Soon afterwards Evan Watkins, the Blaena captain, was responsible for a brilliant catch which sent Sturges back after a patient innings of 31.

After lunch the cricket was much more lively and the Oxfordshire "tail" batsmen gathered runs quickly. Walters, the Tottenham Hotspur half-back, was in rare form and knocked up 55, while Rogers, who partnered him for some time, scored 57 and Cotton 54, the Oxfordshire innings closing for 330.

Monmouthshire opened disastrously, two of their wickets being down for 11 runs and three for 29. A. E. Hodges and H. Jenkins came to the rescue and stopped the rot. Jenkins soon had the bowling captured and played delightful cricket, while Hodges, although more steady than his colleague, played the bowling with confidence. Scores:—

OXFORDSHIRE.	
First innings.	Second innings.
H. Walker, b T. Williams	5
G. Sturges, c Watkins, b Harris	31
H. Lewendon, c and b Raikes	15
N. Nethercole, c Williams, b Pickthall	11
S. C. B. Lee, b Jenkins	29
C. Walters, c Mees, b Harris	55
J. Barnby, lbw b Pickthall	17
L. Rogers, lbw, b Hodges	57
E. J. Cotton, b Mees	54
G. Coppock, st Wilcox, b Pickthall	12
B. J. Henry, not out	17
Extras	27
Total	330

MONMOUTHSHIRE.	
First innings.	Second innings.
K. C. Raikes, c Coppock, b Barnby	4
A. E. Hodges, not out	23
H. Jones, b Nethercole	1
Evan Watkins, c Coppock, b Walters	9
H. Jenkins, not out	40
Extras	10
Total (3 wickets)	87

BOWLING ANALYSIS.			
OXFORDSHIRE.—First innings.			
	O.	M.	W.
Williams	25	6	49
Raikes	50	0	59
Pickthall	31	4	78
Harris	16	0	56
H. Jenkins	7	2	17
A. E. Hodges	11	2	32
W. Mees	4	1	12

FLEUR-DE-LIS V. OAKDALE.
At Fleur-de-Lis on Tuesday. W. Brookes, for Oakdale, hit seven 6's and fifteen 4's. Scores:—
Fleur-de-Lis: Ben Parry, b E. Bevan, 21; A. Jones, b E. Bevan, 12; I. Jones, b Webb, 0; J. Norman, b Bevan, 2; J. Fine, b Bevan, 0; E. Beckett, c and b Brookes, 22; E. Hughes, b Bevan, 0; J. Llewelyn, not out, 22; A. Brown, b Barnes, 8; S. Summers, c Webb, b Brookes, 2; G. Wilcox, b Brookes, 0; extras, 8—total, 97.
Oakdale: W. Brookes, c Parry, b Jones, 126; G. Love, b Beckett, 2; O. Barnes, b Jones, 12; J. Webb, c Norman, b Hughes, 44; H. Little, b Jones, 0; W. Tudball, not out, 1; E. Bevan, not out, 6; extras, 13—total (for five wickets), 204.

MONMOUTHSHIRE DRAW

A. E. HODGES CARRIES HIS BAT FOR 100.

Despite the fact that rain curtailed play for over an hour in the Minor Counties' Championship game between Monmouthshire and Oxfordshire, which was resumed at Ebbw Vale on Wednesday, the match was remarkable for heavy scoring, and although only a two-day game 840 runs were scored, while 25 wickets fell—an average of 33 runs per wicket.

Monmouthshire were given a tremendous task when they resumed on Wednesday morning, the visitors having put together a total of 330, while three of the Monmouthshire wickets were down for 87. Hodges and Jenkins, who stopped the rot overnight, opened in promising fashion and in spite of many changes in the bowling put on 50 runs in the first thirty minutes. Jenkins was the most aggressive, but both batsmen reached the half-century almost together, Jenkins eventually falling a victim to Barnby at 78. This wicket added 144 runs.

Apart from Sparkes and Wilcox, the other Monmouthshire batsmen did very little, but Hodges continued to do well, and although he gave a chance at 50, and was again, missed in the slips at 86, he carried his bat for 100, the Monmouthshire innings closing for 280, which was 50 behind Oxfordshire's total. Hodges had been at the wicket for three hours for his century, in which he hit eight 4's.

Oxfordshire opened their second venture in determined fashion and batted well, runs coming very quickly. They declared at the tea interval with 188 for four wickets, Walker having contributed a splendid 91 (not out).

Rain delayed the restart, and after Monmouthshire had scored 42 for one wicket the match had to be abandoned, rain falling heavily. Oxfordshire secure points for a first innings lead. Complete scores:—

OXFORDSHIRE.	
First innings.	Second innings.
H. Walker, b T. Williams	8 not out
G. Sturges, c Watkins, b Harris	31 run out
H. Lewendon, c and b Raikes	15
N. Nethercole, c Williams, b Pickthall	11
S. C. B. Lee, b Jenkins	29
C. Walters, c Mees, b Harris	55
J. Barnby, lbw, b Pickthall	17 not out
L. Rogers, lbw, b Hodges	57
E. J. Cotton, b Mees	54
G. Coppock, st Wilcox, b Pickthall	12
B. J. Henry, not out	17
Extras	27
Total	330
Total (4)	188

MONMOUTHSHIRE.	
First innings.	Second innings.
K. C. Raikes, c Coppock, b Barnby	4
A. E. Hodges, not out	100
H. Jones, b Nethercole	1 not out
Evan Watkins, c Coppock, b Walters	9
H. Jenkins, b Barnby	78
W. H. Sparkes, b Cotton	25
W. A. Mees, c Lee, b Barnby	6
Pickthall, run out	5
Wilcox, c Rogers, b Lee	27
T. Williams, run out	9
Harris, lbw, b Cotton	1
Extras	13
Total	280
Total (1)	42

BOWLING ANALYSIS.			
OXFORDSHIRE.—First innings.			
	O.	M.	W.
Williams	25	6	49
Raikes	50	0	59
Pickthall	31	4	78
Harris	16	0	56
H. Jenkins	7	2	17
A. E. Hodges	11	2	32
W. Mees	4	1	12

Second innings.			
	O.	M.	W.
T. Williams	12	4	40
K. C. Raikes	13	2	34
H. Jenkins	6	3	13
Harris	14	4	39
A. E. Hodges	4	1	16
W. Mees	5	0	15

MONMOUTHSHIRE.—First innings.			
	O.	M.	W.
Nethercole	20	7	47
J. Barnby	17	2	73
O. Walters	23	6	44
R. C. Lee	16	3	50
L. Rogers	2	0	13
E. J. Cotton	13	3	62

LLANOVERY COLLEGE V. OLD BOYS.

The annual two-day match between Llanovery College and Old Boys concluded on Wednesday. Second innings scores:—

Old Boys: C. E. Jones, c R. Williams, b Stephens, 7; D. R. Hughes, b R. John, 7; G. W. Williams, b H. E. Wilde, 24; D. O. Williams, c A. H. Jones, b R. John, 39; Major J. R. Jacob, b J. P. Stephens, 1; W. D. B. Hopkins, c B. R. Jones, b J. P. Stephens, 1; T. Davies, not out, 24; A. P. Davies, not out, 12; extras, 3—total (six wickets), 120.
Llanovery College: B. R. Jones, c sub, b T. Davies, 4; V. G. Jenkins, run out, 11; A. H. Jones, c U. W. Williams, b W. Hopkins, 48; M. H. Evans, b W. D. Hopkins, 0; R. Williams, c and b T. Davies, 22; J. D. Bartlett, c and b D. O. Williams, 1; J. P. Stephens, b J. C. Hill, 8; D. J. Rees, c sub, b D. O. Williams, 8; O. R. Saunders, not out, 14; R. John, c and b T. Davies, 3; H. E. Wilde, c and b T. Davies, 0; extras, 4—total, 125.

SWANSEA TEAM V. CARDIFF.

Swansea's team to meet Cardiff at Cardiff Arms Park on Saturday will be as follows:—V. L. Morris (captain), P. Morris, J. Bailey, A. E. Davies, A. L. B. Perkins, H. Archer, jun., C. J. Lloyd, R. Andrews, W. P. Morgan, J. R. Tall, and C. G. Hey.

MR. G. R. ARNOLD'S XI. V. MR. R. D. STEVENS' XI.

At Castleton. Scores:—
Mr. G. R. Arnold's XI: N. Arnold, b R. D. Stevens, 0; C. Knox, b Len Davies, 10; B. S. Rees, b A. Williams, 4; T. Wicket, b A. Williams, 0; O. Walker, b Len Davies, 1; G. L. Robinson, b R. P. Jones, 4; V. M. Lewis, b D. Andrews, 8; J. Arnold, c Price, b Len Davies, 0; S. Kaye, b R. P. Jones, 8; M. Phillips, lbw, b Len Davies, 1; G. R. Arnold, not out, 2; extras, 34—total, 84.
Mr. R. D. Stevens' XI: J. Clennell, c Walker, b R. S. Rees, 25; W. Hill, b J. Arnold, 0; R. P. Jones, c Knox, b J. Arnold, 6; D. Andrews, b B. S. Rees, 5; V. M. Brown, b J. Arnold, 8; A. Williams, not out, 28; Len Davies, not out, 17; extras, 4—total (five wickets), 93.

Portmadoc II., 80 for 7; Blackburn Grammar School, 62.
Cowbridge, 47; Pontyclun (N. Dingle), 53. 151 (for nine). For Pontyclun W. Quick took five wickets for 23, including the "hat-trick."
Cardiff Post-office Engineers, 56; Cardiff City Mental Hospital and Health, 63 for one.
Messrs. Gilbertson's Staff (R. H. Lewis, not out 56), 164 for nine (declared); Workmen's Eleven, 116 for four. Match abandoned through rain.

MINOR COUNTIES COMPETITION.

MONMOUTHSHIRE v. OXFORDSHIRE.

This two days' match took place at Ebbw Vale on Tuesday and Wednesday in dull weather, but with a good attendance and on a perfect wicket. Scores:—

OXFORDSHIRE.

1st Innings.

H. Walker b T. Williams	5
G. Sturges c Watkins b Harris	31
H. Jones b Nethersole c and b Raikes	15
N. Nethersole c Williams b Pickthall	11
S. C. B. Lee b Jenkins	29
C. Walters c Mees b Harris	55
J. Barnby lbw b Pickthall	17
L. Rogers lbw b Pickthall	57
E. J. Cotton b Mees	53
G. Coppock st Wilcox b Pickthall	12
J. B. Henry not out	17
Extras	23
Total	330

Second Innings.

H. Walker not out	91
T. Sturges run out	45
N. Nethersole c Jones b Harris	12
C. S. B. Lee b Harris	5
C. Walters c Wilcox b Raikes	24
J. Barnby not out	0
Extras	11
Total (for 4)	188

Innings declared.

MONMOUTHSHIRE.

First Innings.

K. C. Raikes c Coppock b Baraby	4
A. E. Hodges not out	100
H. Jones b Nethersole	1
E. Watkins c Coppock b Walters	9
H. Jenkins b Barnby	78
W. H. Sparks b Cotton	26
W. Mees c Lee b Barnby	6
Pickthall run out	6
S. Wilcox c Rogers b Lee	27
T. Williams run out	9
Harris b Cotton	1
Extras	15
Total	280

Second Innings.

A. E. Hodges, not out	18
S. Wilcox b Nethersole	7
Hugh Jones not out	16
Extras	1
Total (for 1 wkt.)	42

Rain fell at 5.45, and the match concluded without further play.

Bowling analyses: Oxfordshire, 1st innings: T. Williams, 25 overs, 6 maidens, 49 runs, 1 wicket; R. C. Raikes, 13 overs, 0 maidens, 59 runs, 1 wicket; Pickthall, 31 overs, 4 maidens, 78 runs, 3 wickets; Harris, 16 overs, 1 maiden, 56 runs, 2 wickets; H. Jenkins, 7 overs, 2 maidens, 17 runs, 1 wicket; A. E. Hodges, 11 overs, 2 maidens, 35 runs, 1 wicket; W. Mees, 4 overs, 1 maiden, 12 runs, 1 wicket. Second innings: T. Williams, 12 overs, 4 maidens, 40 runs, 0 wicket; K. C. Raikes, 13 overs, 2 maidens, 34 runs, 1 wicket; H. Jenkins, 6 overs, 3 maidens, 13 runs, 0 wickets; Harris, 14 overs, 4 maidens, 59 runs, 2 wickets; A. E. Hodges, 4 overs, 1 maiden, 16 runs, 0 wickets; W. Mees, 5 overs, 0 maidens, 15 runs, 0 wickets.

Monmouth: 1st innings: N. Nethersole, 20 overs, 7 maidens, 47 runs, 1 wicket; J. Barnby, 17 overs, 2 maidens, 72 runs, 3 wickets; C. Walters, 22 overs, 6 maidens, 42 runs, 1 wicket; S. C. B. Lee, 16 overs, 3 maidens, 30 runs, 1 wicket; Rogers, 2 overs, 0 maidens, 12 runs, 0 wicket; E. J. Cotton, 13 overs, 2 maidens, 62 runs, 2 wickets.

FLEUR-DE-LIS WELFARE v. OAKDALE.

Played on Trelyn Park on Tuesday, the scores being as follow:

Fleur-de-Lis: Ben Parry b E. Bevan 21; A. Jones b E. Bevan 12; L. Jones b J. Webb 6; J. Norman b Bevan 2; J. Fine b Bevan 0; E. Beckett (captain) c and b W. Brooks 22; E. Hughes b E. Bevan 0; J. Llewelyn not out 22; A. Brown b O. Barnes 8; B. Summers c Webb b Brooks 2; G. Wilcox b Brooks 0; extras 8—total 97.

Oakdale: W. Brooks c Parry b Jones 126; G. Lane b Beckett 2; O. Barnes b Jones 12; J. Webb (captain) c Norman b Hughes 44; H. Little b Jones 0; W. Tudball not out 1; E. Bevan not out 6; extras 13—total (for 5) 204. W. J. Morgan, T. Jenkins, H. MacDonald and W. Little did not bat.

W. Brooks, in making his total, hit 7 sixes and 15 fours, besides taking 2 wickets for 9 runs.

SURREY II. AT NEWPORT
MONMOUTHSHIRE FACED WITH A HUGE TASK.

Monmouthshire's first innings in a match against Surrey II. in the Minor Counties' championship at Newport on Friday was remarkable for the sensational collapse after a not altogether brilliant opening. The weather was dull and threatening, but the wicket appeared to be in excellent condition. However, the batsmen were forced to respect the bowling, and found it exceedingly difficult to make runs.

Monmouthshire remained in for two-and-a-half hours, but smart fielding and clever bowling by the visitors resulted in the home team being all out for the small total of 102.

Curiously enough, Baldwin and Barling, Surrey's opening pair, compiled 102 between them, when Barling was caught out by Hodges, who held a stinging return. Scoring by Baldwin and Barling was brisk, and Monmouthshire's total was reached by them in an hour and five minutes—less than half the time taken by the home eleven.

At the close of play Surrey II. had registered 281 runs for the loss of seven wickets, leaving Monmouthshire anxious as to the tremendous task awaiting them to-day. Scores:—

MONMOUTHSHIRE.	
First innings.	Second innings.
K. C. Raikes, b Lock.....	20
A. E. Hodges, c Dally, b Pilkington.....	19
Hugh Jones, b Pilkington.....	3
H. Jenkins, c and b Lock.....	6
J. F. Rust, b Pilkington.....	1
T. B. Williams, b Lock.....	9
W. H. Sparkes, run out.....	11
W. Nees, c Brooks, b Lock.....	2
A. B. Stokes, c Homan, b Lock.....	3
Wilcox (S.), not out.....	15
Harris (K.), b Pilkington.....	6
Extras.....	9
Total.....	102

SURREY II.	
First innings.	Second innings.
Baldwin, c Rust, b Harris.....	78
Barling, c and b Hodges.....	43
Dally, b Jenkins.....	35
J. M. Sarsen, c Stokes, b Harris.....	18
L. S. H. Summers, b Jenkins.....	12
Geary (H.), b Harris.....	0
Brooks, not out.....	39
Homan, st Wilcox, b Harris.....	46
Geary (A.), not out.....	0
Extras.....	10
Total (7 wickets).....	281

To bats: Pilkington and Lock.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

MONMOUTHSHIRE.—First innings.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Baldwin.....	8	5	9	0
Geary (A.).....	14	8	18	0
Lock.....	19	7	27	5
Pilkington.....	12.2	2	39	4

TOOK ALL TEN WICKETS
PONTARDULAIN BOWLER'S BRILLIANT FEAT

Playing for Pontardulain against Llandovery at Llandovery, D. Griffiths took all ten wickets. Scores:—

Pontardulain: G. Killer, c T. Evans, b J. Dickson, 0; T. Jones, run out, 4; E. Bowen, c T. Evans, b J. Dickson, 5; E. Davies, c B. Jones, b O. Jones, 21; D. Griffiths, b J. Dickson, 0; N. Jenkins, c B. Jones, b E. Evans, 1; E. Thomas, not out, 5; W. Alexander, c and b O. Jones, 1; Y. Williams, c H. Jones, b E. Evans, 0; G. Preece, c O. Jones, b E. Evans, 1; T. Williams, c J. Dixon, b O. Jones, 0; extras, 5—total, 45.

Llandovery: Bryn Jones, st Bowen, b D. Griffiths, 10; Oswald Jones, b D. Griffiths, 13; J. Dickson, c G. Preece, b D. Griffiths, 25; E. Evans, c Y. Williams, b D. Griffiths, 6; H. Thomas, b D. Griffiths, 7; B. Jones, c Alexander, b D. Griffiths, 8; T. Evans, not out, 22; H. V. Watkins, c and b D. Griffiths, 5; G. Jenkins, lbw, b D. Griffiths, 0; H. Jones, b D. Griffiths, 2; J. James, c N. Jenkins, b D. Griffiths, 0; extras, 4—total, 102.

S.W. & MON. LEAGUE.
METHOD OF SCORING POINTS UNSATISFACTORY.

Mr. H. W. Baxter presided over the umpires' sub-committee (First Division) of the South Wales and Monmouthshire Cricket Association at Bridgend on Friday.

It was reported that all cases of proposed substitution of professionals would be considered on their merits, and that between meetings of the committee the chairman and hon. secretary would deal with the cases.

The method of scoring points was given some consideration, and it was stated that

instances had been given which emphasised some faults in their present system of awarding points. A drawn game, for which no points are awarded, counted the same in the percentage table in effect as a loss. That would be all right, it was pointed out, if all drawn games were of the same nature. In some drawn games they were deliberately played for. It was possible for the side with the best relative record to be deprived of the championship.

The Chairman said they were quite in an experimental stage this year. They were hurriedly formed, and they had not had the benefit of experience of the percentage system. They had tried to eliminate the drawn game. He was of opinion that the present system was an unfair one. That was his own personal opinion, and it was up to them to try to find one that was absolutely fair in every respect. They wanted suggestions with a view of having the method improved if they thought it desirable. They could not change the rules this year.

Mr. Freethy said the association's idea in formulating their present system was to encourage finished matches.

There were divided views on the question, and the matter dropped with a suggestion from the Chairman that they would think it over.

A report that a certain club playing at home was late in starting was regarded by the Chairman as serious, and Mr. Freethy moved that they recommend the management committee to impose a small fine.

The Chairman said it came very hard in the case of a tight finish to a game. In some matches ten minutes, as in this case, might mean the difference between a win and a draw.

It was decided to adopt the proposal of Mr. Freethy.

MONMOUTHSHIRE LOSE
SURREY SECONDS WIN BY AN INNINGS.

The complete collapse of Monmouthshire was a surprise in the second day's play in the minor county championship at Newport Athletic ground on Saturday, and gave Surrey Seconds a decisive victory by an innings and 82 runs. They had declared with an overnight total of 281 runs for seven wickets, against 102 all out by Monmouthshire.

Monmouthshire opened their second innings with A. E. Hodges and K. C. Raikes, and at 10 the partnership was divided. The second wicket fell for 18, and the third and fourth wickets produced no addition to the score. The seventh wicket fell for a paltry 29 runs. Wilcox made a good stand with A. B. Stokes, and of the 41 runs compiled between them Wilcox scored a useful 25.

Monmouthshire were all out for 87 in one hour and fifty minutes. Complete scores:—

MONMOUTHSHIRE.	
First innings.	Second innings.
K. C. Raikes, b Lock.....	20
A. E. Hodges, c Dally, b Pilkington.....	19
Hugh Jones, b Pilkington.....	3
H. Jenkins, c and b Lock.....	6
J. F. Rust, b Pilkington.....	1
T. B. Williams, b Lock.....	9
W. H. Sparkes, run out.....	11
W. Nees, c Brooks, b Lock.....	2
A. B. Stokes, c Homan, b Lock.....	3
Wilcox (S.), not out.....	15
Wilcox (K.), not out.....	13
Harris (K.), b Pilkington.....	6
Extras.....	9
Total.....	102

SURREY II.	
First innings.	Second innings.
Baldwin, c Rust, b Harris.....	78
Barling, c and b Hodges.....	43
Dally, b Jenkins.....	35
J. M. Sarsen, c Stokes, b Harris.....	18
L. S. H. Summers, b Jenkins.....	12
Geary (H.), b Harris.....	0
Brooks, not out.....	39
Homan, st Wilcox, b Harris.....	46
Geary (A.), not out.....	0
Extras.....	10
Total (7 wickets).....	281

Innings declared closed.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

MONMOUTHSHIRE.—First innings.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Baldwin.....	8	5	9	0
Geary (A.).....	14	8	18	0
Lock.....	19	7	27	5
Pilkington.....	12.2	2	39	4

MONMOUTHSHIRE.—Second innings.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Geary (A.).....	15	3	30	5
Geary (H.).....	15	8	35	5
Pilkington.....	4.5	1	12	1
Lock.....	4	1	7	1

MONMOUTHSHIRE TEAM v. DEVON.

The team selected to represent Monmouthshire against Devon at Chepstow on Wednesday and Thursday, is: K. C. Raikes, captain (Newport), Hugh Jones and S. Wilcox (Ponteg), E. C. Francis and G. L. Clay (Chepstow), T. B. Williams and Pickthall (Newport), H. Jenkins (Pontyrister), W. H. Sparkes (Aberillery), K. Harris (Abercarn) and M. W. P. Roff (Ross).

LEAGUE CRICKET.

EXCITING FINISH AT CARDIFF.

TIME CALLED WITH SWANSEA WANTING FIVE RUNS.

Bright cricket was the order at Cardiff Arms Park on Saturday, when Swansea, playing against time, just failed to snatch Welsh League points from Cardiff. They got within four of the home total for the loss of eight wickets when the clock robbed them of victory.

Cardiff, in two hours and twenty-five minutes' batting, scored 238 runs for seven wickets, when they declared, leaving Swansea about the same period in which to win.

The outstanding feature of the Cardiff innings was a merry knock by Col. O'Bree, whose contribution of 51 took but thirty-three minutes, and included six boundary hits.

Runs came only at a fair pace during the first two hours of the Swansea innings, there being no serious attempt by any of the visiting batsmen to force a win until H. Creber and J. Bailey became associated upon the dismissal of W. N. Gemmill, whose 88 was the result of solid cricket, in which he gave three easy catches only to see them all dropped.

Twenty-five minutes were then left for play, and the pair so completely mastered the Cardiff bowling that 37 runs came in fourteen minutes before Bailey was bowled. Creber continued his merry hitting, and was partnered by A. L. B. Jenkins, when "last over" was called with only five runs required. Unfortunately for Swansea Jenkins foolishly ran himself out at the second ball and the innings automatically closed.

Swansea would assuredly have won had Gemmill batted more freely, for only 11 runs came from the County amateur in the last half-hour of his innings. Scores:—

CARDIFF.	
G. E. Cording, c Davies, b Gemmill ..	37
Preese, b Andrews ..	25
F. W. Mathias, b Morgan ..	24
H. W. Taylor, b Andrews ..	5
Col. O'Bree, b Hinwood ..	51
T. Valentine, c Lewis, b Hinwood ..	4
Davies (W. H.), not out ..	34
H. G. Symonds, b Gemmill ..	37
A. D. Matthews, not out ..	11
Extras ..	10

Total (7 wickets) 238

*Innings declared closed.

Falries and Gibbs did not bat.

SWANSEA.	
V. L. Morris, c Gibbs, b Symonds ..	22
W. N. Gemmill, c Gibbs, b Matthews ..	88
A. E. Davies, lbw, b Symonds ..	17
P. Morris, b Valentine ..	23
J. Hinwood, lbw, b Davies ..	16
J. Bailey, b Davies ..	22
H. Creber, not out ..	32
W. P. Morgan, c Taylor, b Davies ..	0
A. L. B. Jenkins, run out ..	1
Extras ..	13

Total (8 wickets) 234

J. C. Lloyd and R. H. Andrews did not bat. Match drawn.

GOWERTON'S VICTORY.

EMRYS DAVIES CAPTURES NINE BARRY WICKETS.

Gowerton secured their second league victory at the expense of Barry on Saturday. A feature of the game was the remarkable success with the ball attained by Emrys Davies, the county professional, who assisted Gowerton in place of Tyson. No less than nine Barry wickets were claimed by him at a total cost of 89 runs.

Barry compiled 205, thanks chiefly to a good innings by L. V. Williams, who scored 77, and, with E. Evans, put on 52 for the last wicket.

Gowerton opened badly, the first three wickets falling for 25. The succeeding batsmen, however, set a merry pace, and due in the main to a good innings by H. Thomas, who hit an attractive 84, the Barry total was reached before the fall of the seventh wicket. Thomas hit twelve 4's. Scores:—

BARRY.	
G. Williams, b Davies (E.) ..	5
M. Swain, b Davies (E.) ..	22
P. Lawson, c Emery, b Lond ..	34
A. J. Pope, b Davies ..	3
L. W. Coomber, c J. Rees, b Davies (E.) ..	21
L. V. Williams, c G. Ellis, b Davies (E.) ..	77
T. Davies, c E. Edwards, b Davies (E.) ..	2
A. Osborne, c Emery, b Davies (E.) ..	5
H. Sermens, lbw, b Davies (E.) ..	10
Cousins, b Davies (E.) ..	0
E. Evans, not out ..	12
Extras ..	17
Total ..	205

GOWERTON.

Ben Davies, c A. J. Pope, b A. Osborne ..	6
Elwyn Edwards, c Pope, b A. Osborne ..	4
Emery, b Sermens ..	15
H. V. Thomas, c J. Lawson, b Pope ..	84
Davies (E.), lbw, b E. Evans ..	21
H. Lord, c T. Davies, b Osborne ..	29
S. Walters, b Coomber ..	29
H. Davies, not out ..	8
G. Ellis, b Coomber ..	10
Extras ..	10
Total (eight wickets) ..	208

SECOND DIVISION.

TREORKY V. ABERAMAN.

At Treorky. Scores:—
Aberaman: A. Williams, lbw, b A. Woodland, 2; S. Beaumont, b Woodland, 14; F. George, lbw, b W. Willey, 2; A. Halt, run out, 48; A. Davies, c T. J. Davies, b Woodland, 2; T. Harvey, lbw, b Woodland, 8; G. Ingram, b H. Davies, 3; T. Rowlands, c Edwards, b H. Davies, 6; G. Hathaway, c R. Pugh, b H. Davies, 8; H. Handley, not out, 10; E. W. Tiley, c U. M. Hughes, b Woodland, 0; extras, 1—total, 104.
Treorky: T. J. Davies, b T. Rowlands, 29; A. Woodland, b T. George, 10; T. R. Owen, b A. Davies, 8; R. Pugh, c Davies, b T. George, 20; W. Willey, b A. Davies, 4; U. M. Hughes, b A. Davies, 0; S. F. Evans, lbw, b A. Davies, 5; O. Edwards, c Handley, b A. Halt, 0; A. Brown, 4; Tiley, b A. Davies, 0; T. Hughes, c Handley, b A. Halt, 4; H. Davies, not out, 1; extras, 15—total, 95. Aberaman won by 8 runs.

ABERCARN V. TREDEGAR.

At Abercarn. Scores:—
Abercarn: B. Carter, b D. Hughes, 42; L. Lewis, b P. Sharpe, 10; E. Moses, c W. Williams, b P. Sharpe, 10; R. Ralph, lbw, b D. Hughes, 8; K. Harris, c C. Jones, b D. Hughes, 5; H. R. Griffiths, b D. Hughes, 4; A. Thompson, not out, 48; E. Jones, c and b P. Sharpe, 18; S. Harris, b D. Hughes, 0; A. Bowyer, b P. Sharpe, 6; L. Francis, run out, 3; extras, 14—total, 168.
Tredegar: A. M. Malby, c S. Harris, b E. Moses, 72; B. Sharpe, c S. Harris, b K. Harris, 0; L. Shappa, b E. Moses, 57; A. Brown, c L. Francis, b E. Moses, 5; W. Williams, c A. Thompson, b E. Jones, 7; J. Harris, b K. Harris, 0; T. Pugh, not out, 13; extras, 8—total (six wickets), 169.
Tredegar won by four wickets.

EBBW VALE V. PONTYMISTER.

At Ebbw Vale. Pontymister won by the narrow margin of six runs. Scores:—
Pontymister: T. Williams, b T. J. Lloyd, 5; H. G. Lewis, b T. L. Jones, 34; M. Knight, c Richards, b T. J. Lloyd, 0; R. Harris, b T. L. Jones, 25; E. Davies, run out, 8; I. Pask, b L. Telling, 30; W. J. Lewis, b T. J. Lloyd, 6; E. Thomas, b T. L. Jones, 13; J. R. Edwards, not out, 5; L. Griffiths, b T. L. Jones, 0; E. Heckling, b T. L. Jones, 8; extras, 10—total, 142.
Ebbw Vale: G. Williams, b W. J. Lewis, 15; T. Waters, b W. J. Lewis, 5; W. V. Graham, b J. R. Edwards, 11; L. Telling, lbw, b W. J. Lewis, 6; T. L. Jones, b E. Davies, 15; E. Richards, c T. Lewis, b W. J. Lewis, 13; George Chillett, c Thomas, b J. R. Edwards, 26; B. Oliver, b W. J. Lewis, 6; C. S. Williams, c Griffiths, b Heckling, 12; H. Jones, not out, 4; T. J. Lloyd, c Thomas, b J. R. Edwards, 2; extras, 18—total, 156.

HILL'S PLYMOUTH V. TREDEGAR.

At Pentrebach. Scores:—
Hill's Plymouth: A. S. Jones, lbw, b O. James, 8; D. Davies, b James, 0; H. E. Evans, c O. James, b H. G. Coombs, 7; E. M. James, b W. Nicholas, 10; R. Davies, run out, 36; C. G. Woodcock, b W. Nicholas, 12; R. Williams, b W. Nicholas, 11; R. Thomas, b T. Meredith, 5; H. Ford, c J. Roberts, b H. G. Coombs, 10; F. Handy, not out, 0; W. Thomas, c O. James, b T. Meredith, 2; extras, 1—total, 102.
Tredegar: C. Meredith, lbw, b F. Handy, 2; W. B. Nicholas, b F. Handy, 24; R. Humphries, c James, b F. Handy, 1; T. J. Beddoe, b F. Ford, 1; T. Meredith, b H. Ford, 3; O. Harris, b F. Handy, 8; Le Vaconte, c H. Ford, b F. Handy, 2; J. Roberts, c H. Ford, b F. Handy, 0; O. James, b Ford, 3; T. Jones, b Ford, 1; M. J. Coombs, not out, 2; extras, 4—total, 50.

ABERGAVENNY V. PONTYPOOL.

Abergavenny had plenty of leather hunting on Saturday when Pontypool declared with 228 for four wickets, three of the batsmen reaching the half-century. Abergavenny made a poor response with the bat and were all dismissed for 74. Scores:—

Pontypool: H. V. Hewitt, c D. B. Evans, b A. Bryant, 53; H. Poulson, b A. Bryant, 56; R. Fawcett, not out, 45; G. Lewis, b A. Bryant, 6; A. Weyer, not out, 52; C. Snell, b A. Bryant, 5; extras, 10—total (for four wickets), 228. Innings declared closed.

Abergavenny: O. H. Tait, b C. Snell, 3; R. A. Powell, b Lewis, 3; Major J. R. Jacob, c Weyer, b Spary, 9; C. Dunkley, b C. Snell, 0; A. Bryant, c Hewitt, b G. Lewis, 4; W. Jones, c Spary, b Bushley, 15; W. H. Robinson, b Lewis, 12; I. Bishop, c Tawdry, b Lewis, 16; F. Hayes, b Lewis, 2; E. Williams, b Snell, 0; D. H. Evans, not out, 4; extras, 1—total, 74.

OTHER MATCHES.

BLAINA DEFEAT NEWPORT BY SIX WICKETS.

At Blaina, the home side winning by six wickets. Scores:—

NEWPORT.	
W. Abrahams, lbw, b T. T. Williams ..	3
M. Brandon, b T. T. Williams ..	8
E. Broughton, b T. T. Williams ..	2
G. A. Webb, c Prior, b B. Dally ..	49
J. V. Short, b T. T. Williams ..	0
B. Charles, run out ..	2
V. Griffiths, lbw, b E. W. Watkins ..	16
Capt. Dale, not out ..	23
R. Dixon, c Prior, b T. T. Williams ..	6
T. Round, c Gurney, b B. Dally ..	16
N. Patrolough, b T. T. Williams ..	10
Extras ..	22
Total ..	163

BLAINA.	
H. J. Hale, not out ..	70
G. Tovey, c Charles, b Capt. Dale ..	4
R. Jeffrey, c Round, b Webb ..	24
C. W. Watkins, b Webb ..	7
G. H. Frier, c Webb, b Round ..	40
T. Gurney, not out ..	9
Extras ..	12
Total (four wickets) ..	164

T. T. Williams, R. Parry, T. Cook, J. Dally, and B. Dally did not bat.

MAESTEG V. PONTARDAWE.

At Maesteg. Scores:—
Pontardawe: Ben Thomas, b H. Thomas, 69; A. G. Luff, b R. Allen, 0; Preese, c D. R. Thomas, b R. Allen, 31; E. Davies, lbw, b Treharne, 0; T. A. Vaughan, c B. F. Griffiths, 13; T. Jones, lbw, b H. Thomas, 8; E. Bevan, c D. R. Thomas, b F. Griffiths, 6; G. Hubb, c H. Thomas, b Treharne, 8; W. J. Bevan, b Treharne, 0; G. Jenkins, not out, 0; extras, 13—total (nine wickets), 139.
Maesteg: H. Duckfield, b C. Hubb, 4; O. Sutton, run out, 8; D. R. Thomas, b Preese, 4; T. Loveland, c E. Bevan, b Hubb, 0; Treharne, c Luff, b Preese, 93; T. Thomas, c W. J. Bevan, b Preese, 5; R. Allen, b Preese, 0; G. Rees, b Preese, 13; C. Jenkins, lbw, b Hubb, 6; H. Thomas, c Preese, b Hubb, 3; F. Griffiths, not out, 7; extras, 15—total 158.

ST. FAGAN'S V. PENARTH.

At St. Fagan's. Scores:—
St. Fagan's: V. T. K. Vaughan, b Edmunds, 88; C. Chirgwin, lbw, b Edmunds, 0; Major David, b Knox, 4; H. P. Evans, lbw, b Neill, 62; P. R. Evans, run out, 0; W. W. Thomas, c McPherson, b Knox, 68; W. H. L. Chattin, not out, 12; extras, 20—total (for six wickets), 202. Innings declared closed.
Penarth: R. J. Jenkins, b W. W. Thomas, 19; W. J. Deverall, run out, 8; I. McPherson, b Vaughan, 10; P. R. Harris, c Chattin, b G. Reed, 14; P. Tiller, b P. R. Evans, 2; A. Edmunds, b P. R. Evans, 4; G. Marks, c R. Evans, c P. Evans, 0; G. W. Jones, lbw, b Vaughan, 5; C. P. Knox, lbw, b P. R. Evans, 0; C. F. C. Hoare, not out, 0; C. Neale, b Vaughan, 0; extras, 35—total, 97.

CARDIFF HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS V. LLANDAFF.

At the Harlequins Ground. Scores:—
Llandaff: A. Evans, c Taylor, b H. Cawson, 5; M. Ellis, run out, 7; D. Prowse, c J. Williams, b Cawson, 14; W. D. Foley, b T. Taylor, 15; A. Thomas, c Taylor, b Wall, 5; G. Luffman, b P. Ince, b Cawson, 27; C. Williams, c J. B. Barnes, b J. Williams, 0; K. Ellis, not out, 11; H. Birch, b H. Cawson, 11; P. H. Cox, b T. Taylor, 0; extras, 10—total, 105.
Cardiff High School Old Boys: J. Williams, b D. Prowse, 4; A. Simpson, b A. Thomas, 19; H. Barnes, c A. Evans, b G. Luffman, 16; J. B. Barnes, b G. Luffman, 0; T. Stafford, b D. Prowse, 25; P. Taylor, c D. Prowse, b G. Luffman, 0; S. Fairney, c A. Thomas, b G. Luffman, 16; G. Wall, c D. Prowse, b G. Luffman, 0; A. Grievie, not out, 0; D. Cox, run out, 0; F. Turner, b A. Thomas, 5; extras, 4—total, 89.

PONTYPRIDD V. COWBRIDGE.

At Pontypridd. Scores:—

Pontypridd: E. Charles, lbw, b R. Byass, 2; M. Cox, b R. Byass, 50; R. Daniel, lbw, b Byass, 2; H. Swift, c R. Byass, b L. E. Williams, 29; Tim Davies, at H. Phillips, b R. Byass, 5; Bert Hughes, b R. Byass, 15; C. E. Arberry, at H. Phillips, b Williams, 0; Viv Thomas, at H. Phillips, b Williams, 11; G. Wride, b R. Byass, 4; T. Harrison, not out, 5; Gwilym Lewis, run out, 5; extras, 8—total, 134.

Cowbridge: R. S. David, b Tim Davies, 12; A. H. Jones, b Mark Cox, 40; G. Edwards, c Viv Thomas, b M. Cox, 12; C. E. Jones, lbw, b G. Wride, 5; R. A. Byass, b Tim Davies, 11; R. N. Bird, lbw, b M. Cox, 0; Dr. Gallaher, not out, 27; A. H. Phillips, not out, 15; extras, 15—total (for six wickets), 140.

NINE WICKETS FOR NO RUNS.

Playing for Corwen against Llangollen on Saturday, Hugh Jones took nine wickets without having a run scored off him. Llangollen were all out for 24. Corwen made 79.

Portmadoc II., 48; Glangogwen, 44. Abertridwr, 40; Bedwas Harlequins, 38. Cwmaber, 39; Tredogarville, 25. Senghennydd Baptists, 37; Cardiff Presbyterians, 25.

WHITCHURCH V. CARDIFF Y.M.C.A.

At Castleton. Scores:—

Whitchurch: D. D. Williams, b Williams, 1; C. J. T. Lewis, b Williams, 19; E. W. Solly, c Davies, b Williams, 5; S. G. Paget, b Williams, 0; H. F. Davies, b Williams, 7; H. Ludlow, b Davies, 6; H. Harrison, lbw, b Williams, 1; F. T. Lewis, b Williams, 1; K. Powell, b Williams, 5; C. Oakey, not out, 7; I. Nicholls, b Williams, 1; extras, 8—total, 61.

Cardiff Y.M.C.A.: A. Butterworth, b Oakey, 52; B. Rees, c Ludlow, b Paget, 2; J. Clennell, b Nicholls, 0; D. Arnett, b Lewis, 34; H. Hardfort, c Oakey, b Solly, 101; A. Ellis, not out, 17; extras, 16—total (five wickets), 222.

Pontyclun, 100 for nine; Cadoxton, 32. For Pontyclun W. C. Williams took five wickets for 10 runs and W. Quirk five for 17, the latter dismissing three batsmen in four balls. For Cadoxton J. W. Howells took four wickets for 6 runs.

RESULTS IN BRIEF.

Blackmill, 41; Great Western, Pontypridd, 21.
St. Mark's, Llanhilleth (E. Ball, 56 not out), 149; Gwalia, 78.
Llanhilleth II., 55; Beaufort II., 51. R. Harris (Llanhilleth) took four wickets for 12 runs.
Llandudno "A," 102; Hawarden, 108.
Barry II., 106; Spillers (R. Sawyer 50 not out), 144.
Holy Trinity (Nantyglo), 59; St. Michael's (Abertillery), 79.
Garndiffaith, 91; Varteg, 38. For Garndiffaith T. Griffiths took seven for 21.
Llanhilleth, 66; Beaufort, 112.
Cardiff City Mental Hospital and Heath, 67; Canton Wesleyans, 131.
Cardiff Y.M.C.A. II. (E. Butler 65), 222; Whitchurch II., 62.
Christchurch, 62; Victoria Park, 18.
St. Mark's, 37; Municipal Offices II., 19.
Cardiff City Mental Hospital and Heath II., 93 (for six wickets); Canton Wesleyans II., 88.
Brecon, 119; Builth Wells, 72.
Margam, 137; Llandough, 54. For Margam E. Mort took six wickets for 6 runs.
For Cardiff Y.M.C.A. A. Williams took eight wickets for 23 runs.
Nelson Welfare, 72; Cilfynydd, 57.
Pontypool "B," 54; Cwmbran, 154. F. Winter (Cwmbran) scored 43 runs and took five wickets for 20; S. Kelly (Cwmbran) scored 40 runs and took five for 29.
Monmouth (E. E. Hill 52, retired), 185 for six; The Park (Cardiff), 45. H. Matterface, for Monmouth, took five wickets for 19 runs.
Tabernacle, 57; Pell-street, 41.
Hardings XJ., 59; Mayhill Juniors, 88.
Cambrian C.C., 40 for seven; Pantygwydr, 32.
Abertillery St. Michael's, 79; Holy Trinity (Nantyglo), 59.
Dinas Powis, 85; Malpas, 108.

RHONDDA VALLEY ORCHARD SHIELD FINAL.

Gilfach, 120; Ciydach Vale, 34.

CHEPSTOW UNABLE TO RAISE A TEAM.

The game between Abertillery and Chepstow in the Eastern Section of the South Wales and Monmouthshire League, which should have been played at Abertillery on Saturday, was cancelled owing to Chepstow being unable to raise a team.

CRICKET COINCIDENCE.

Playing against Whitchurch on Saturday Cardiff Y.M.C.A. Innings ended at time with the score of 222 for five wickets against Whitchurch's score of 62. At Whitchurch the Y.M.C.A. II. innings also terminated with the score of 222, while the Whitchurch II. score was 61.

TO RANK AS FIRST-CLASS. M.C.C. AND WALES' FIXTURE WITH IRELAND.

Mr. G. E. Rowland, president of the North Wales Cricket Association, has received official intimation from the M.C.C. that the match Ireland v. Wales played recently at Belfast is to rank as a first-class fixture.

WEST INDIES TO VISIT NORTH WALES

Mr. Rowland has arranged for the West Indian cricket team to visit as his guests North Wales in 1928.

CRICKETERS' CHASE CATTLE.

During the game between Dolgellau and Stonyhurst College (Blackburn) at Barnmouth on Saturday the players had to chase a number of cattle which were interfering with the play. During the interval several cows "inspected" the wicket.

Barnmouth scored 65, and Stonyhurst College 28 and 48 for five.

DEVONSHIRE ALL OUT.

MAJOR THE HON. E. G. FRENCH OPENS THE INNINGS.

SPLENDID BOWLING BY KEN. HARRIS.

Chepstow was the venue on Wednesday of a county match with Devonshire, a concession which was greatly appreciated by Chepstow Club and their supporters, for this was the first occasion for a county match to be played at Chepstow, though a fixture was granted some years ago, but that had to be abandoned on account of bad weather. Excellent arrangements were made for the game, and the home ground at High Beach, which is beautifully situated, was in splendid condition, and reflected great credit on Mr. Bob Richards, the groundsmen.

Devonshire brought a strong side on tour, while the home county was also well represented. Devonshire won the toss, and sent in Major French and H. G. Knight, while the attack was opened by Jenkins and Raikes.

The batsmen opened cautiously on a perfect wicket, and the bowling was treated with every respect. It took them half an hour to get 50 between them, mainly singles. Just prior to this Knight was lucky to survive a rattling delivery by Raikes, and a little later he gave a chance in the slips off Jenkins. In the meantime Major French (a son of Lord Ypres) was gradually settling down, but was content in the main with singles. The first wicket fell at 38 with the dismissal of Knight, who was smartly taken by Wilcox off Jenkins. Falding, the Newton Alibon professional, who on the previous day scored 157 against Berkshire, joined Major French, but neither batsman showed any disposition to adopt aggressive tactics, and the monotony of the scoring was reflected in the fact that it was an hour before 50 was sent up. Twenty runs came in the next 15 minutes, when there was a double bowling change in Pickett and Harris. Both batsmen continued to be subdued by judicious work on the part of the bowlers and keenness in the field. The pair were still together at 60, the result of one and a half hour's play, and, with 11 more added, Falding, who was never really comfortable, was caught by Raikes in an attempt to pull a ball by Harris. Shepherd, the next man in, fell an early victim to a low ball by Pickett, which hardly rose, and after Amory had joined Major French the century was reached in just under two hours. The lunch interval was taken after the next over, with the score 101 for three wickets.

After lunch Amory, after sending Raikes to the boundary, was caught by Harris off his second delivery. Major French remained just long enough to complete his 100, which had taken him two hours and ten minutes to compile. This, the fifth wicket, fell at 114. Smart, alert fielding continued to be a feature of the play, and, with another single added, Light was sent back, the victim of a really excellent catch by Hugh Jones. Carter left at the same total, and Woodridge was lucky to survive two good deliveries by Pickett.

At 135 Wilkinson was caught in the deep field, and at the same total Cox was cleverly held behind the wicket. Woodridge added 18 before being neatly stumped, and the innings closed for 153 after three hours' batting. Francis and Hodges opened for Monmouthshire, but at 15 the Chepstow man was caught behind the wicket.

DEVONSHIRE—First Innings.

Major French b Raikes	50
H. G. Knight c Wilcox b Jenkins	16
Falding c Raikes b Harris	21
A. R. Shepherd b Pickett	0
J. H. Amory c Harris b Raikes	7
Light c H. Jones b Raikes	7
H. S. Carter lbw b Harris	0
Woodridge at Wilcox b Harris	22
W. J. W. Wilkinson c H. Jones b Harris	11
F. G. Potts c Wilcox b Raikes	1
Jennings not out	0
Extras	10
Total	153

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
Devonshire—First Innings.

O.	M.	R.	W.	
K. O. Raikes	25	5	56	4
H. Jenkins	15	3	37	1
Pickett	8	1	17	1
Harris	15.2	3	33	4

MONMOUTHSHIRE—First Innings.

E. C. Francis c Shepherd b Amory	4
A. E. Hodges not out	31
T. B. Williams c and b Jennings	10
H. Jenkins c French b Falding	11
Hugh Jones not out	2
Extras	8
Total (for 3 wickets)	75

MONMOUTHSHIRE DEFEATED.

DEVONSHIRE SUCCEEDED BY A NARROW MARGIN.

AMORY'S CLEVER BOWLING.

The game between Devonshire and Monmouthshire was resumed at Chepstow on Thursday. Overnight Devonshire had opened their second Innings, and had scored 37 for one wicket, thus Devonshire led by 48, with nine wickets to fall, and the home county had an innings in hand.

Jenkins took the first over and met with early success with his fourth ball. The Devonshire pro. got his leg in front of the wicket in order to turn the ball to leg, and was promptly given out. Shepherd joined Falding, and at 50 fell to a clever catch by Williams. Amory, who filled the vacancy, was expected, with Shepherd, to force matters, but they were up against superb bowling by Pickett and Jenkins, and took no liberties. Length and direction marked the attack, and so well placed were the field that the picked balls failed to reach the boundary. At 73 Amory was caught in the slips by Clay off Harris, and with his next ball the Abercarn bowler got clean through the defence of Major French. The game continued to go definitely in favour of the home county, for in his next over Shepherd fell to another fine catch by Wilcox with only three runs added. Thus six wickets had fallen in just over the hour for 77, and the seventh was lost when Light was caught by E. C. Francis at point, off Harris, with only another single scored. At 85 Woodridge returned the ball to Harris. Wilkinson and Carter hit out in sheer desperation, but it was short-lived, for Carter was caught on the boundary by Hodges, just after the century had been signalled. The innings closed for 102, which left Monmouthshire 120 to get to win. The seventh and eighth wickets fell at 70, and there was an exciting finish. Sparkus and Wilcox did their best by taking the score to 60, when Sparkus was bowled by Amory. The task of getting 30 runs to win was beyond Wilcox and Harris, and the side were all out for 102.

DEVONSHIRE—First Innings.

Major French b Raikes	50
H. G. Knight c Wilcox b Jenkins	16
Falding c Raikes b Harris	21
A. R. Shepherd b Pickett	0
J. H. Amory c Harris b Raikes	7
Light c H. Jones b Raikes	7
H. S. Carter lbw b Harris	0
Woodridge at Wilcox b Harris	22
W. J. W. Wilkinson c H. Jones b Harris	11
F. G. Potts c Wilcox b Raikes	1
Jennings not out	0
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Total	153

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MONMOUTHSHIRE—First Innings.

E. C. Francis c Shepherd b Amory	4
A. E. Hodges c French b Light	19
T. B. Williams c and b Jennings	11
H. Jenkins c French b Falding	11
Hugh Jones b Jennings	20
K. C. Raikes b Jennings	3
W. H. Sparkus b Jennings	1
Pickett c Shepherd b Light	7
G. L. Clay not out	80
Wilcox b Jennings	0
Harris c Light b Jennings	2
Extras	10
Total	142

Amory 14 4 40 1
Woodridge 5 3 6 0
Jennings 31 7 45 8
Falding 5 0 16 1
Potts 2 1 2 0
Light 2 3 23 2

DEVONSHIRE—Second Innings.

H. G. Knight b Pickett	10
Jennings lbw b Jenkins	20
Talking c Williams b Jenkins	20
A. R. Shepherd c Wilcox b Harris	8
J. H. Amory c G. L. Clay b Harris	17
Major the Hon. French b Harris	0
Light c E. C. Francis b Harris	1
H. S. Carter c Hodges b Harris	6
F. W. Woodridge c and b Harris	2
W. J. Wilkinson not out	18
F. G. Potts at Wilcox b Harris	8
Extras	6
Total	109

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
DEVONSHIRE—Second Innings.

O.	M.	R.	W.	
Raikes	3	0	7	0
Harris	22	7	66	7
Jenkins	6	2	9	2
Pickett	14	6	17	1

MONMOUTHSHIRE—2nd Innings.

E. C. Francis c French b Amory	11
A. E. Hodges lbw b Amory	4
Hugh Jones c French b Amory	10
T. B. Williams c Wilkinson b Amory	27
H. Jenkins c Shepherd b Jennings	13
G. L. Clay b Amory	7
K. C. Raikes b Amory	0
W. H. Sparkus b Amory	1
Pickett lbw b Jennings	0
Harris c Wilkinson b Amory	7
Wilcox not out	29
Extras	6
Total	105

Devonshire won by 15 runs.

MONMOUTHSHIRE—2nd Innings.

O.	M.	R.	W.	
Amory	17	1	45	8
Jennings	17	5	54	2

BLAINA v. PONTYPOOL.
(South Wales and Mon. League.—Division II.)

At Blaina. Scores:—

BLAINA.

H. J. Hale b Lewis	14
G. Tovey b Martin	11
R. Jeffreys not out	23
D. Pratt lbw b Snell	1
E. W. Watkins b Snell	0
J. H. Prior c Hewitt b Snell	0
T. Gurney b Snell	0
Extras	2
Total (for 6 wickets)	53

ABERTYLLERY v. USK.

At Abertillery. Scores:—

H. Robinson not out	51
D. Marsh b Jenkins	12
A. Rudge not out	9
Extras	0
Total (for 1 wicket)	43

THE MINOR COUNTIES.
CORNWALL'S RETURN MATCH WITH
MONMOUTHSHIRE.

HOME SIDE'S EARLY COLLAPSE.

Cornwall, who had beaten Monmouthshire at Truro by 85 runs earlier in the season, were entertained at Abercarn Welfare Ground on Monday. There had been heavy rain overnight, and the pitch was so sodden that the start was delayed until 12.15. Monmouthshire were below their full strength, but had the assistance of Lieutenant Maurice Phillips, the Army outside half, and Lavia, the ex-Panther player, who is now qualifying as a professional for Glamorgan. It was difficult to prophesy how the pitch would play, so Raikes took out Pickthall with him to open the Monmouthshire innings to the bowling of Cory, an ex-Barry professional, and Whiting. Only four singles were added before Pickthall mistimed a ball from Cory, and was clean bowled. The rate of scoring was slow, and after a quarter of an hour Raikes sent up 10 with a pull to the leg boundary off Cory. Twenty-five were added in half an hour, and then C. F. Baker went on for Whiting. With 31 on the board Raikes had to receive attention for a wasp sting on the arm, and with no addition to the score Hugh Jones was clean bowled by Cory. Maurice Phillips took his place at the wicket, and at the same total Raikes was completely beaten by Baker. His 15 included two boundaries. Lavia received only one ball from Baker, and was out lbw, so that four wickets were down for only 31. Nine runs later Williams took on for Cory, and 50 was sent up after an hour and ten minutes' play.

Light were added to the lunch score when Jenkins, in attempting to pull Baker to leg, gave an easy catch to Rogers, the old Abercarn forward, and so half the side were out for 60. One run later Bickford missed a chance to stump Watkins off Williams, and the same batsman had another life, when he kicked the ball from Baker, and was missed near the boundary by Nicholas. Baker repeatedly beat the batsmen with his deceptive slow until he lost his length, and came in for some punishment from Phillips. The ground, fielding of Cornwall was not particularly good, and runs were given away. In consequence Phillips and Watkins continued to bat confidently, despite bowling changes, and the former sent 100 up after the innings had lasted an hour and 35 minutes. Then, however, he was well beaten by Cory; his 42 was a very valuable and attractive innings, though it included only two boundaries. The next wicket put on 23 runs in a very short time, before Wilcox, whose share was 180 was caught by Baker on his own bowling. If the bowler juggled with the ball before finally securing it, two runs later Watkins was caught by Cory off Baker after he had made a patient 25. Harris made a quick 18 before he was bowled by Tilley, and with the stumping of Cook the innings closed for 169. The later Monmouthshire batsmen had played steadily, and the tall wagger to such purpose that the last five men added 100 out of 169.

MONMOUTHSHIRE.—First Innings.

K. C. Raikes b Baker	38
Pickthall b Cory	2
Hugh Jones b Cory	7
R. M. Phillips b Cory	42
Lavia lbw b Baker	0
H. Jenkins c Rogers b Baker	15
F. Watkins c Cory b Baker	25
Wilcox c and b Baker	18
A. B. Stokes not out	9
Harris b Tilley	18
I. Cook c Bickford b Baker	10
Extras	8
Total	169

CORNWALL.—First Innings.

H. Treaawna not out	4
Cory not out	0
Extra	1
Total (for no wkt.)	5

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
Monmouthshire.—First Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Cory	18	8	32	3
Whiting	13	2	31	0
C. F. Baker	18.4	1	67	8
B. Williams	5	0	11	0
Rogers	6	0	8	0
Tilley	3	0	11	1

MINOR COUNTIES' CRICKET.
MONMOUTHSHIRE'S ADVANTAGE OVER
CORNWALL.

SPLENDID BATTING BY R. M. PHILLIPS.

Monmouthshire started the second day at Abercarn Welfare Ground on Tuesday with a good advantage over Cornwall, for the visiting county were still 88 runs behind on the first innings with only two wickets to fall. Half an hour on Tuesday sufficed to finish the Cornwall innings, for Pickthall secured the outstanding wicket after only 21 had been added, and so Monmouthshire were left with a first innings lead of 65. The bowling and fielding had been excellent, and no fewer than three men were run out.

When Monmouthshire started on their second innings the wicket seemed very tricky, and Lavia, with only four runs on the board, gave a stumping chance. In the next over, however, he was easily caught. Raikes and Hugh Jones put on another 15 when Whiting went on for Cory, but the rate of scoring increased, and Raikes straight drove Baker beautifully for a six, and the next over from Baker cost nine runs. Hugh Jones was brilliantly caught close in by Baker at 59, and only seven more were added when Raikes was caught off Whiting. The Monmouthshire captain's 29 included a six and one four. R. M. Phillips started with extreme confidence, and when Williams was given a spell with the ball he made nine off his first over. Phillips sent the hundred up with a straight drive for six off Baker, in the course of an over which cost 18 runs. Phillips and Stokes put on 72 for the fourth wicket, of which the former claimed no fewer than 60.

A Century for Phillips.

Wickets fell rather cheaply after lunch, but Maurice Phillips still kept scoring rapidly, and he reached his individual 100 with a great drive to the boundary for four. His innings had been delightfully free, and he punished every bowler in succession. Powerful drives to the off were his chief strokes, and they were beautifully executed, but he also scored with frequent pulls to leg.

Phillips's brilliant innings was brought to an end by a glorious catch on the boundary by Tilley. His 145 included three 6's and no fewer than sixteen 4's. Monmouthshire's innings closed for 262, and Cornwall were left three hours in which to get 328 runs to win. Only Phillips had played Whiting with any confidence, and the visiting bowler had the excellent analysis of eight wickets for 75 runs.

MONMOUTHSHIRE.—First Innings.

K. C. Raikes b Baker	38
Pickthall b Cory	2
Hugh Jones b Cory	7
R. M. Phillips b Cory	42
Lavia lbw b Baker	0
H. Jenkins c Rogers b Baker	15
F. Watkins c Cory b Baker	25
Wilcox c and b Baker	18
A. B. Stokes not out	9
Harris b Tilley	18
I. Cook c Bickford b Baker	10
Extras	8
Total	169

MONMOUTHSHIRE.—2nd Innings.

K. C. Raikes c Williams b Whiting	28
Lavia c and b Baker	7
Hugh Jones c Baker b Whiting	20
R. M. Phillips c Tilley b Rogers	145
A. B. Stokes lbw b Whiting	10
Harold Jenkins b Whiting	17
E. W. Watkins c Bickford b Whiting	1
Wilcox b Whiting	5
Pickthall c Treaawna b Whiting	4
Harris b Whiting	20
I. Cook not out	0
Extras	5
Total	262

CORNWALL.—First Innings.

H. Treaawna not out	34
Cory b Harris	8
C. Shaw Baker c Phillips b Harris	10
A. M. Tilley run out	0
Rogers run out	5
S. Rust lbw b Pickthall	10
A. Lugg at Wilcox b Harris	3
P. L. Nicholas run out	6
G. H. I. Bickford hit wkt. b Harris	7
Whiting c Wilcox b Pickthall	17
B. Williams b Pickthall	0
Extras	2
Total	104

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
Monmouthshire.—First Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Cory	18	8	32	3
Whiting	13	2	31	0
C. F. Baker	18.4	1	67	8
B. Williams	5	0	11	0
Rogers	6	0	9	0
Tilley	3	0	11	1

Second Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Cory	13	3	61	0
C. F. Baker	10	0	54	1
Whiting	27.5	6	75	8
Rogers	5	0	17	1
B. Williams	6	0	35	0
A. Tilley	6	0	25	0

Cornwall.—1st Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Pickthall	23.5	10	26	3
K. C. Raikes	7	3	6	0
Harris	28	6	69	4
H. Jenkins	8	6	4	0
I. Cook	1	0	3	0

THE LAST MATCH.

MONMOUTHSHIRE ENTERTAIN DORSET AT NEWPORT.

RAIN DELAYS THE START.

Monmouthshire, who drew with Cornwall at Abercorn on Tuesday, opened their concluding fixture of the season, against Dorset, at Newport Athletic Grounds, on Wednesday. Rain fell during the night, and the start was delayed until 12 o'clock. Several changes were made in the Monmouthshire side from that which opposed Cornwall—N. W. Abraham, E. A. Boughton, and T. B. Williams came in for T. Cook, B. Watkins, and Lavis.

Earlier in the season Monmouthshire lost to Dorset at Bridport by an innings and 78 runs. Dorset won the toss, and sent Monmouthshire in to bat. K. C. Raikes and N. Abraham opened the innings to the bowling of A. M. Harrison and Captain Busk. Runs came slowly, and neither batsman could do anything against Harrison, with the result that five of his first seven overs were maidens. The score went to 36, and then Abraham was run out. Hugh Jones went in, but Raikes did not stay much longer, for with 40 on the board he was caught behind the wicket by Elderton, off Cummins. Maurice Phillips, who scored 145 against Cornwall the previous day, joined Hugh Jones, and he opened his scoring off his first ball, which he cut through the slips for two. Both batsmen settled down quickly, but excellent fielding by Dorset kept the runs down, and the 50 went up after an hour's play. The first boundary came when the score stood at 65 from Hugh Jones, who lifted the ball to leg for four. In the same over he hit a three.

Rapid Scoring.

Both batsmen got into their stride after lunch, and runs came quickly, although the fielding was still exceptionally keen. Phillips twice got the ball to the boundary, and the hundred went up after an hour and 40 minutes' play. With the score at 113 Monmouthshire met with disaster. Phillips was clean bowled by Harrison, and in the next over, with no addition to the score, Hugh Jones was well caught by Bower off Cummins. They had batted brightly, and the stand produced 75 runs. E. A. Boughton and T. B. Williams went in, and the latter opened his score with a fine hit to leg for a boundary. Boughton did not stay long, and when he had scored four he was out to a splendid catch low down by Jones, off Cummins. Williams soon set about the bowling, and several times drove the ball to the boundary, but when he had taken his score to 38 he was caught by Busk. Harrison bowled well, and repeatedly got the batsmen into difficulties. The remaining wickets fell quickly, and Monmouthshire, who had batted for exactly three hours, were all out for 178.

MONMOUTHSHIRE.—First Innings.	
N. W. Abraham run out	10
K. C. Raikes c Elderton b Cummins	19
Hugh Jones c Bower b Cummins	31
R. M. Phillips b Harrison	42
E. A. Boughton c Jones b Cummins	4
T. B. Williams c Busk b Harrison	38
H. Jenkins c Jowett b Busk	6
A. B. Stokes b Harrison	4
Pickthall b Harrison	2
Wilcox c Bower b Harrison	12
Harris not out	0
Extras	2
Total	178

DORSET.—First Innings.	
R. M. Chadwick lbw b Pickthall	9
Knight not out	13
M. B. Elderton c Abraham b Pickthall	0
Captain R. D. Busk not out	24
Extras	15
Total (for 2 wks.)	61

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Monmouthshire.—First Innings.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
A. M. Harrison	35	15	62	5
Captain R. Busk	19	2	47	1
F. T. Cummins	24	3	69	3

MINOR COUNTIES CRICKET.

DORSET BATSMAN'S ACHIEVEMENT AGAINST MONMOUTHSHIRE.

A DILEVER CATCH.

The second day's play in the match between Monmouthshire and Dorset on Newport Athletic Grounds opened on Thursday, with Dorset 19 behind with two wickets in hand on the first innings. The wicket appeared to have been little affected by the overnight rain, and the weather was dull.

Captain R. D. Busk (74) and C. P. Jowett (10) continued the innings against the bowling of Pickthall and Harris. Both batsmen played steadily, and runs came slowly, but the bowling was good, and Harris several times had the batsmen in difficulties. Gradually the score mounted, and, after half-an-hour's play, the Monmouthshire total was passed. Raikes then went on instead of Pickthall, and the rate of scoring increased. With 183 on the board, Harris clean bowled Jowett, and his place was taken by A. M. Harrison, who batted single-handed. Pickthall went back on again, and Harrison sent the 200 up with a single. Not long afterwards Busk, who had batted for just over three hours, with a drive off Harris reached his 100. The batsmen then started to hit out, and Harrison brought off some excellent strokes. The innings soon closed, however, for with the score at 224 Busk gave Raikes an easy catch at square leg. His contribution of 105 included seven 4's and four 5's.

Dorset had batted three hours and three-quarters, and led by 45 runs.

The Second Innings.

N. W. Abraham and G. R. M. Phillips opened Monmouthshire's second innings against the bowling of Busk and Harrison. The batsmen soon settled down, and runs came steadily. At 20 a change was made in the bowling—Cummins went on for Busk—and the rate of scoring decreased. At 29 Abraham was run out, and his place was taken by Hugh Jones. Phillips batted attractively, and, with a pull to leg, he took the score to 65, and thus wiped out the deficit. The 50 went up in the same number of minutes, and just afterwards Hugh Jones got under a ball from Harrison. Busk ran under it, caught it, and turned a complete somersault, but he retained possession, and Jones was out. It was a really fine catch. K. C. Raikes then went in and immediately pulled Cummins for four. Without any further scoring Phillips was out leg before to Harrison who was bowling splendidly. His place was taken by Boughton. The bowlers continued to hold the mastery, and eight maidens were bowled before Raikes drove Cummins to leg for four.

Chances Missed.

After lunch the batsmen got about the bowling in good style, and Raikes hit two boundaries, and Boughton one, in the first two overs. After that, for a period both enjoyed a charmed existence, for no fewer than five chances were given between them in three overs, and each time they were missed.

MONMOUTHSHIRE.—First Innings.	
N. W. Abraham run out	10
K. C. Raikes c Elderton b Cummins	19
Hugh Jones c Bower b Cummins	31
R. M. Phillips b Harrison	42
E. A. Boughton c Jones b Cummins	4
T. B. Williams c Busk b Harrison	38
H. Jenkins c Jowett b Busk	6
A. B. Stokes b Harrison	4
Pickthall b Harrison	2
Wilcox c Bower b Harrison	12
Harris not out	0
Extras	2
Total	178

MONMOUTHSHIRE.—Second Innings.	
N. W. Abraham run out	10
R. M. Phillips lbw b Harrison	22
Hugh Jones c Busk b Harrison	12
K. C. Raikes c Jones b Busk	44
E. A. Boughton c Jones b Harrison	27
T. B. Williams c Jowett b Busk	10
H. Jenkins c Jones b Busk	1
A. B. Stokes run out	5
Wilcox c Chadwick b Busk	12
Pickthall b Busk	16
Harris not out	2
Extras	7
Total	178

DORSET.—First Innings.	
R. M. Chadwick lbw b Pickthall	9
Knight b Raikes	14
M. B. Elderton c Abraham b Pickthall	0
Capt. R. D. Busk c Raikes b Pickthall	105
M. B. B. Bower at Wilcox b Pickthall	0
G. L. Jones run out	9
M. Weld b Harris	7
R. Finney b Harris	5
F. J. Cummins at Wilcox b Harris	9
C. P. Jowett b Harris	27
A. M. Harrison not out	16
Extras	17
Total	223

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Monmouthshire.—First Innings.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
A. M. Harrison	35	15	62	5
Captain R. Busk	19	2	47	1
F. T. Cummins	24	3	69	3

Monmouthshire.—Second Innings.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
R. D. Busk	10	3	31	5
A. M. Harrison	14	13	79	3
F. J. Cummins	20	5	28	0
C. P. Jowett	1	0	1	0

Dorset.—First Innings.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Pickthall	33	2	84	4
K. C. Raikes	19	1	24	1
Harris	23	5	69	4
H. Jenkins	2	0	10	0

MINOR COUNTIES CRICKET.

MONMOUTHSHIRE'S DRAWN MATCH WITH DORSET.

THE LAST MATCH OF THE SEASON.

Monmouthshire's last match of the season with Dorset on Newport Athletic Grounds ended in disappointment on Thursday, for when time came play was in a highly interesting position. Monmouthshire, in their second venture, thanks to steady batting by K. C. Raikes (46), scored 175, and this set Dorset with 131 to win in one and three-quarter hours. The visitors opened quietly, and took the score to 60 for one wicket, when they collapsed against brilliant bowling by Harris, who kept an admirable length. Seven wickets fell for 39 runs, and then H. Penney and C. F. Jowett came together, and stayed till the call of time. The score was taken to 110-11 behind Monmouthshire—and the match was drawn. One of the features of the match was the fine all-round display of Capt. R. D. Busk for Dorset. In addition to scoring a century in the first innings, he bowled splendidly, and took altogether six wickets for 78, while his fielding was excellent. For Monmouthshire Harris bowled admirably, but he received poor support from the rest of the team, whose fielding left much to be desired.

LYSAGHTS' PRO. PLAYS FOR DORSET.

Knight, the Lysaghts' professional, appeared for Dorset against Monmouthshire, but did little of note. In the first innings he was bowled by K. C. Raikes for 14, and in the second innings he had the misfortune to be run out at three.

Ross Captain's 1,000 Runs.

In the match between Ross and Pontypool at Ross, which Pontypool won by three wickets, R. W. P. Ross, the Ross skipper and Monmouthshire batsman, completed his 1,000 runs in club cricket only this season. His score of 33 brought his total to 1,022.

CRICKET.

PONTYPOOL THURSDAYS v. NEWPORT THURSDAYS.

At Pontypool Park. Match abandoned owing to rain. Scores:—
Pontypool: H. Poulson b Plummer 4, Weyer lbw b Hutchings 10, F. Owen c Wreford b Plummer 24, H. Fawdry b Hutchings 3, H. Preston c Charles b Plummer 26, T. Bushby at Wreford b Plummer 11, E. Martin b Plummer 1, H. G. Sperry not out 0, E. Harmsden b Plummer 0, T. Ruther c Wreford b Plummer 1, C. Snell run out 0, extras 6; total 66.
Newport: G. Hutchings b Snell 1, A. Gwatkin not out 8, L. Charles not out 1, extras 6; total (for one wkt.) 16.

G.P.O. MESSENGERS v. EVESWELL JUNRS.

At Kimberley Park. G.P.O. Messengers won by six runs. Scores:—
G.P.O. Messengers: C. T. Howinson c Mabley b Morgan 0, G. D. Thomas c Mabley b North 12, A. R. Smith c Brimble b Morgan 2, H. D. Bellow b North 2, F. W. Crowther b Morgan 1, F. J. Smith b North 0, D. Hart c Powell b Morgan 5, B. Humphreys not out 1, F. Dibley b North 0, W. A. Beighton c Brimble b North 0, T. Devery c Mabley b Phillips 0, extras 1; total 23.
Eveswell Juniors: J. F. Noyes b Thomas 0, A. G. Brimble st Humphreys b Thomas 4, C. Morgan b Thomas 0, A. S. North b Thomas 0, B. Powell b Howinson 3, R. Jacques c and b Thomas 0, E. Morgan run out 3, G. Mabley b Thomas 5, K. Phillips b Howinson 0, A. Hall b Howinson 0, A. Preston not out 0, extras 3; total 18.
G. D. Thomas took six wkt. for four runs, and C. T. Howinson three for two.

MONMOUTHSHIRE V. DORSET.
 Batting first on a damp wicket at Newport on Wednesday the Monmouthshire side were occasionally in difficulty, but, nevertheless, compiled the fairly creditable total of 179.

When Dorset went in it looked as if the home bowlers were going to have a field day for the first two wickets fell at very small cost, indeed, but Knight and Capt. R. W. Busk made a fine stand, which sent the score well ahead and diminished Monmouthshire's chances of a first innings lead. Eventually Raikes clean bowled Knight, whose individual contribution was only 14, Capt. Busk having taken the initiative in the matter of run-getting. Succeeding batsmen did not last long, Harris being the successful bowler, and it was left to Capt. Busk to push the score further ahead.

At the close of play Dorset were only 17 behind with two wickets to fall, and of this total Capt. Busk claimed 74 (not out). His batting was the most attractive feature of the day's play. Details:—

MONMOUTHSHIRE.—First Innings.	
N. W. Abraham, run out	19
K. C. Raikes, c Elderton, b Cummins	19
Hugh Jones, c Bowen, b Cummins	31
R. M. Phillips, b Harrison	42
E. A. Boughton, c Jones, b Cummins	4
T. B. Williams, c Busk, b Harrison	38
H. Jenkins, c Jowitt, b Busk	6
A. B. Stokes, b Harrison	2
Wilcox, c Bowen, b Harrison	12
Pickthall, b Harrison	2
Harris, not out	0
Extras	2
Total	179

DORSET.—First Innings.	
R. M. Chadwick, lbw, b Pickthall	9
Knight, b Raikes	14
M. D. Elderton, c Abraham, b Pickthall	0
Capt. R. D. Busk, not out	74
M. B. S. Bower, st Wilcox, b Pickthall	6
E. Weld, b Harris	7
E. L. Jones, st Wilcox, b Harris	9
R. Pinney, b Harris	5
E. J. Cummins, st Wilcox, b Harris	9
C. P. Jowitt, not out	10
Extras	17
Total (for eight wickets)	160

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

MONMOUTHSHIRE.—First Innings.

O.	M.	R.	W.	
A. M. Harrison	55	15	62	6
Capt. R. Busk	19	2	47	1
E. T. Cummins	24	5	68	3

MONMOUTHSHIRE DRAW WITH DORSET.

Time probably saved Monmouthshire from defeat at the hands of Dorset at Newport on Thursday. With a lead of 45 on the first innings the visiting county were able to get Monmouthshire out for four runs less than their first innings total of 179, K. C. Raikes, the captain, being the only batsman to get really comfortable. He scored 46 in a well-played innings.

On going in a second time, however, Dorset did not do nearly so well. Harris, the Abercarn bowler, who "twisted their tail" on the first day, met with an early success, and was also able to obtain the wicket of the redoubtable Capt. Busk before he got set. Capt. Busk scored 105 in his first innings. His second effort, however, was short-lived, Harris clean bowling him when he had just scored 4.

Harris continued to do good work with the ball, and eight wickets were down for 119. Even so, Dorset only required twelve to win when stumps were drawn. Scores:—

MONMOUTHSHIRE.		DORSET.	
First Innings.	Second Innings.	First Innings.	Second Innings.
N. W. Abraham, run out	19	run out	15
K. C. Raikes, c Elderton, b Cummins	19	c Jones, b Busk	46
Hugh Jones, c Bowen, b Cummins	31	c Busk, b Harrison	12
R. M. Phillips, b Harrison	42	lbw, b Harrison	24
E. A. Boughton, c Jones, b Cummins	4	c Busk, b Harrison	27
T. B. Williams, c Busk, b Harrison	38	c Jowitt, b Busk	10
H. Jenkins, c Jowitt, b Busk	6	c Jones, b Busk	1
A. B. Stokes, b Harrison	2	run out	3
Wilcox, c Bowen, b Harrison	12	c Chadwick, b Harrison	12
Pickthall, b Harrison	2	b Busk	16
Harris, not out	0	not out	2
Extras	2	Extras	7
Total	179	Total	175

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

MONMOUTHSHIRE.—First Innings.

O.	M.	R.	W.	
A. M. Harrison	55	15	62	6
Capt. R. Busk	19	2	47	1
E. T. Cummins	24	5	68	3

MONMOUTHSHIRE.—Second Innings.

O.	M.	R.	W.
R. M. Chadwick, lbw, b Pickthall	9		39
Knight, b Raikes	14		3
M. D. Elderton, c Abraham, b Pickthall	0	b Raikes	23
Capt. R. D. Busk, c Raikes, b Pickthall	105	b Harris	4
M. B. S. Bower, st Wilcox, b Pickthall	6	b Raikes	3
E. Weld, b Harris	7	b Harris	7
E. L. Jones, run out	9	c Boughton, b Harris	1
R. Pinney, b Harris	5	not out	14
F. J. Cummins, st Wilcox, b Harris	9	st Wilcox, b Harris	7
C. P. Jowitt, b Harris	27	not out	10
A. M. Harrison, not out	16		10
Extras	17	Extras	8
Total	224	Total (8)	119

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

MONMOUTHSHIRE.—First Innings.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Harrison, 5 for 62; Cummins, 3 for 68; Busk, 1 for 47.			

MONMOUTHSHIRE.—Second Innings.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Busk, 5 for 31; Harrison, 3 for 78; Cummins, 0 for 38; Jowitt, 0 for 3.			

DORSET.—First Innings.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Pickthall, 4 for 84; Harris, 4 for 89; Raikes, 1 for 24; H. Jenkins, 0 for 10.			

DORSET.—Second Innings.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Pickthall, 0 for 39; K. C. Raikes, 2 for 14; Harris, 3 for 58.			

NEATH & SWANSEA DRAW

The friendly match between Neath and Swansea at Neath on Thursday was left drawn. Scores:—

SWANSEA.	
A. L. Perkins, b Dyson	30
J. H. Telf, b R. Maddocks	28
C. Lloyd, b G. Reason	42
P. Morgan, not out	22
A. Davies, c Beddoe, b Dyson	5
J. Bailey, c Michael, b G. Reason	2
I. Gray, b R. Maddocks	0
Extras	5
Total (six wickets)	132

Innings declared closed.
 W. Thomas, R. Andrews, W. Evans, and Creber did not bat.

NEATH.	
C. Michael, b W. Thomas	0
Dyson, c Perkins, b Creber	22
T. Walters, c Bailey, b Lloyd	18
Hubbun Reagen, lbw, b Lloyd	31
H. Maddocks, not out	16
C. Walters, not out	6
Extras	1
Total (four wickets)	94

Arthur Morgan, G. Evans, E. Beddoe, J. Walters, and W. Arnold did not bat.

PONTYPOOL THURSDAYS V. NEWPORT THURSDAYS.

At Pontypool Park. Rain stopped play. Scores:—

Pontypool Thursdays: H. Paulson, b Plummer, 4; Weyer, lbw, b Hutchings, 10; F. Owen, c Wreford, b Plummer, 24; R. Fawdry, b Hutchings, 3; H. Preston, c Charles, b Plummer, 26; T. Bushby, st Wreford, b Plummer, 11; E. Martin, b Plummer, 1; H. G. Spary, not out, 0; E. Harmston, b Plummer, 0; T. Ruther, c Wreford, b Plummer, 1; C. Snell, run out, 0; extras, 6—total, 86.

Newport Thursdays: G. Hutchings, b Snell, 1; H. Gwatkin, not out, 8; L. Charles, not out, 1; extras, 6—total (for one wicket), 16.

OSWESTRY V. PUBLIC SCHOOLS XI.

At Oswestry. Scores:—
 Oswestry: W. Rogers, c J. H. Arbuthnot, b Thursby-Pelham, 10; H. C. Robson, c Davies, b Thursby-Pelham, 15; R. M. Williams, c Davies, b R. C. Arbuthnot, 56; T. Roberts, c Thursby-Pelham, b Arbuthnot, 24; H. Gough, c Caldwell, b Arbuthnot, 3; S. Pritchard, not out, 22; A. H. Rigby, b Arbuthnot, 9; extras, 8—total (six wickets), 145. Innings declared.

Public Schools XI: J. H. Arbuthnot, run out, 43; R. Nottaway, b Williams, 9; J. H. Caldwell, b Gough, 10; G. D. Wedd, b Williams, 4; W. Thursby-Pelham, b Gough, 15; R. C. Arbuthnot, c Rogers, b Gough, 2; J. S. Underhill, b Williams, 10; V. Howe, c Rogers, b Gough, 2; F. French Davies, c Rigby, b Gough, 0; T. Moor, b Williams, 0; T. F. Arbuthnot, not out, 1; extras, 7—total, 103.

ROSS CAPTAIN'S FEAT.

R. W. P. ROFF'S 1,000 RUNS IN CLUB GAMES THIS SEASON.

In the match between Ross and Pontypool at Ross, which Pontypool won by three wickets, R. W. P. Roff, the Ross skipper, completed his 1,000 runs in club cricket only this season, his score of 38 bringing his total to 1,002. For Pontypool R. Fawdry and Weyer put on 87 for the first wicket. Scores:—

Ross: W. F. Jackson, b Harmston, 22; H. E. Meredith, b Spary, 11; H. West, c Penberwood, b Spary, 7; R. W. P. Roff, b Spary, 38; R. L. Abbott, b Snell, 1; P. S. Morgan, b Spary, 7; A. W. Maxted, lbw, b Snell, 20; E. E. Ellis, b Snell, 5; A. J. Wilken, not out, 11; C. Penches, c Harmston, b Snell, 0; N. L. Shaw, b Martin, 5; extras, 31—total, 154.

Pontypool: R. Fawdry, c Maxted, b Morgan, 45; Weyer, c Maxted, b Morgan, 56; F. Owen, lbw, b Maxted, 6; E. Martin, st West, b Morgan, 1; E. George, b Maxted, 4; C. Snell, c Roff, b Morgan, 9; A. Penberwood, b Ellis, 9; H. Preston, not out, 27; H. G. Spary, not out, 10; extras, 13—total (7 wickets), 158. T. Ruther and E. J. Harmston did not bat.

BRITON FERRY TOWN V. SWANSEA.

With the exception that A. E. Thomas returns to the side in place of W. Prosser, the Briton Ferry Town team to meet Swansea at St. Helen's in a league match on Saturday will be the same as that which did so well against Cardiff last week, and will be as follows:—T. S. Johns (captain), A. E. Thomas, H. Tomlinson, P. C. Morris, C. Prosser, E. Hutchinson, R. Matthews, E. Francis, A. Shea, Smart, and Jones.

ON THE CRICKET FIELD.

PICKTHALL'S GREAT BOWLING AT PANTEG.

SIDDALL'S CLEVER INNINGS.

Newport played their last game on Saturday at Panteg. The match was for the benefit of the Panteg pro's, Wilcox and Smith. A good crowd were present when Rust and Abraham opened the Newport innings. Rust was bowled without scoring with one on the board. Abraham left at seven, and Webb at 16. Siddall joined Boughton, but scoring was slow, for the bowlers kept a fine length. Boughton was finely caught by Hugh Jones at 50. Siddall continued batting confidently, despite good bowling. Newport had lost eight wickets for 86, when Dolman joined Siddall, and quickly compiled 32, including seven 4's (six in eight balls). The score had been taken to 124 when Siddall was caught for a well played 66, and the innings closed for 136. Panteg started badly, and five wickets were down for 60, when Wilcox and Dr. Jenkins hit out merrily, and carried the score to 109. Both then left. Wilcox's 42 included nine 4's, and Jenkins' 29 six 4's. The last five wickets fell for 6 runs, and Panteg were all out 115. Newport thus won by 21 runs. Pickthall, on a wicket suited to him, took the first nine wickets, and Raikes secured the last. Pickthall's analysis reads:—

28 overs	5 maidens	52 runs	9 wickets.
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NEWPORT	
N. W. Abraham c Harry b Bassett	4
J. F. Rust b R. Thomas	0
G. A. Webb b R. Thomas	0
E. A. Boughton c H. Jones b Phillips	14
H. R. Siddall c H. Jones b Bassett	66
K. C. Raikes c Evans b Phillips	0
R. C. E. Plummer b R. Bassett	1
A. Brown c Thomas b Phillips	0
J. L. Charles run out	1
F. C. Dolman run out	23
Pickthall not out	0
Extras	5
Total	180

PANTEG	
J. K. Evans c and b Pickthall	0
G. W. Smith b Pickthall	7
H. Jones b Pickthall	22
B. Phillips c Siddall b Pickthall	45
A. Phillips c and b Pickthall	5
R. T. Harry b Pickthall	2
Dr. Jenkins c Dolman b Pickthall	29
J. L. Jones not out	2
G. Phillips b Pickthall	1
N. Bassett c Webb b Pickthall	2
F. Thomas c Webb b Raikes	2
Extras	2
Total	115

MALPAS v. ABERTILLERY.

At Malpas. Abertillery won by 4 runs. Scores:—
 Abertillery: D. Marsh c Short b Watkins O, H. Hughes lbw b Martin 10, A. Rudge c Watkins b Martin 32, C. Powell lbw b Watkins O, W. Sparke b Watkins 11, W. Robbins b Watkins b, B. Vincent lbw b Watkins O, G. Powell c Perchard b Watkins O, J. Baker not out 18, G. Paul b Martin O, A. E. Sutton b Watkins O, extras 7, total, 80.
 Watkins took seven wickets for 23 runs, and did the hat-trick.
 Malpas: P. Clarke lbw b Vincent 19, G. Garrett c Paul b Vincent 1, T. Mason c Sutton b Vincent 4, J. Martin b Sutton O, C. Watkins run out 6, J. Perchard c Paul b Vincent 10, R. Brown c Vincent b Powell 2, E. P. Steer c Marsh b Sutton O, S. Jenkins b Sutton 25, F. Short not out 6, J. Kendall b Sutton 5, extras 8; total, 88.

MALPAS II. v. ABERTILLERY II.

At Abertillery. Match drawn. Scores:—
 Abertillery: T. L. Davies c and b R. Elson 14, W. Davies b R. Elson 27, H. Edwards b R. Jenkins O, L. Parnell run out 10, P. Singer b A. Fowler 4, M. Athay st. Dowdall b A. Fowler 21, L. Richards b R. Elson O, W. Powell b E. Hill 5, J. Rees b E. Hill O, P. Davies b A. Fowler 3, L. Davies not out O, extras 3, total 99.
 Malpas II.: T. Palfrey c P. Davies b L. Davies 8, A. Fowler c K. Davies b L. Richards 3, G. West c P. Davies b W. Powell 7, M. Capper c K. Davies b L. Davies 7, E. Elson b L. Davies O, R. Leonard b L. Richards 1, P. E. Jones run out 4, A. Jeremiah not out 4, R. Jenkins not out 14, extras 6, total (for 7 wickets), 54. E. Hill and W. E. Dowdall did not bat.
 Malpas II. thus retained an invincible record.

PONTNEWYDD DRUMON v. MALPAS-ROAD PRESBYTERIANS.

At Pontnewydd. Pontnewydd won by 42 runs. Scores:—
 Pontnewydd Church: W. Tucker c sub. b

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NEWPORT CRICKET.

THE BATTING AND BOWLING HONOURS.

SIDDALL AND PICKTHALL LEAD.

Below are given the averages of Newport's cricket eleven. The honours in batting go to H. R. Siddall, who, by scoring a magnificent 66 at Panteg on Saturday, beats T. B. Williams by 16. The bowling honours have again been secured by Pickthall, the Club's professional, who secured 87 scalps at an average of 12 runs each. He also heads the bowling for League matches, with 40 wickets, at a cost of 15.3 each. T. B. Williams heads the League batting with an average of 43.00, and H. R. Siddall is second with 39.70.

BATTING.					
	Runs.	Inns.	Score.	Not out.	Aver.
H. R. Siddall	217	14	48	5	39.22
T. B. Williams	208	12	62	8	38.66
E. A. Boughton	170	20	111	2	28.44
A. P. Hodges	171	19	64	1	29.61
N. W. Abraham	115	13	57	0	16.55
K. C. Raikes	150	15	24	4	14.18
Pickthall	110	14	25	6	14.6
J. L. Charles	212	10	45	3	18.23
E. G. Dolman	145	14	32	0	12.27
J. F. Rust	142	18	20	1	8.41
J. W. Shore	38	7	11	2	7.60
G. A. Webb	47	11	18	0	4.27

Also batted: E. C. Dale, 110 runs in five innings; J. E. Dunn, 67-8; R. Plummer, 52-3; V. M. Griffiths, 54-2; H. F. Hallan, 47-4; A. B. Stokes, 23-3; L. M. Jones, 7-8; N. Fairclough, 3-4.

BOWLING.					
	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average
Pickthall	394	89	1044	87	12.00
K. C. Raikes	225	83	651	40	16.29
E. G. Dolman	67	15	249	15	16.60
L. M. Jones	39	14	60	8	18.60
J. W. Shore	54	8	102	5	20.40
A. E. Hodges	120.3	21	272	15	24.80

Also bowled: N. Fairclough 5 for 63; R. Dixon 1 for 0; E. C. Dale, 2-52; D. J. Griffiths, 1-24; G. A. Webb, 1-23; J. E. Dunn, 1-11; T. Reed, 3-60.

AVERAGES IN THE LEAGUE.					
BATTING.					
	Runs.	Inns.	Score.	Not out.	Aver.
T. B. Williams	219	8	62	3	43.80
H. R. Siddall	215	9	48	2	39.70
E. A. Boughton	355	14	111	2	27.75
A. P. Hodges	248	12	66	1	22.50
N. W. Abraham	247	15	43	0	16.50
K. C. Raikes	110	9	24	2	15.70
J. L. Charles	104	10	41	3	14.84
Pickthall	59	7	22	3	14.5
E. G. Dolman	40	8	22	0	11.12
J. F. Rust	67	11	20	1	9.70
G. A. Webb	56	6	18	0	6.00

BOWLING.					
	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average
Pickthall	281.8	57	754	49	15.39
K. C. Raikes	178.5	45	608	32	18.97
E. G. Dolman	54	11	219	11	19.9
L. M. Jones	23	10	65	8	21.68
J. W. Shore	40	8	118	5	23.60
A. E. Hodges	72.8	10	253	8	31.62

The teams record was:

P.	Aban.	W.	L.	D.
27	3	11	5	8

The League team was:

P.	Aban.	W.	L.	D.
16	4	6	3	3

REWARD FOR TRAINING.

ABERTILLERY PLAYERS PRESENTED WITH CLUB BLAZERS.

A pleasing incident took place in Abertillery players' dressing room prior to the game with Llanbilleth, on Saturday, when Mr. Lionel W. Thomas, Chairman of Abertillery Rugby Club, presented Club blazers, subscribed for by certain members of the Committee, to several players in recognition of regular training throughout last season. The players honoured were Messrs. Will Morris (capt.), I. Porter, J. O'Neill, H. Mabbutt and J. Fear.

Mr. M. Moses, Machen, a member of the Welsh Rugby Union, said he was pleased to see what the Abertillery Committee were doing to encourage players to train. He hoped to see Abertillery maintain the high standard of football set last season, and the time would come when some of their players would be recognised. In Will Morris they had a splendid personality as captain, and he was sure Abertillery could be ranked in the same class as Newport, Cardiff, Swansea, Llanelli, or any other club in South Wales.

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Bryant 7, W. J. Slade b Dixie 15, H. Evans b Dixie 14, G. Robins b Bryant 1, T. Rogers not out 16, R. Watkins b Dixie 8, W. Aaton c and b Dixie 1, L. Llewellyn b Dixie 0, C. Slade c James b Dewbury 1, T. Gay b Dewbury 1, A. Edwards b Bryant 4, extras 1, total 63.
 Malpas-road Presbyterians: Bryant b Slade 11, Richards c Watkins b Slade 0, Scusa b Watkins O, Dewbury b Slade 0, Hughes b Watkins O, Morgan c Aaton b Slade 4, Rollinson b Watkins 2, Dixie b Watkins O, Smith c and b Watkins 3, Howells not out 0, extras 7, total 27.