Bedfordshire Players 1927

A.R. Alston	Beds Club and Ground
E.M. Borrill	
J.H. Buckley	Three Counties Mental Hospital
J.H. Craig	
H. Davidson	
E.F. Davison	
E.C. Drew	Leighton
J.O. Fuller	Three Counties Mental Hospital
E.A. Fryer	Luton Town
R. Fowler	Leighton
L.W. Hodge	~~Luton Town~~
E.D. Hersee	Ignorant
H. Holdstock	Luton Town
R.C. Keen	
R. Kellett	RMA, Woolwich
W.H. Johnson	
R. Manyweathers	Ampthill
E. Page	Three Counties Mental Hospital
T. Plant	Beds Club and Ground
A.B. Poole	Beds Club and Ground
F. Rawlins	Beds Club and Ground
C.N. Reed	
W.A. Sime	Bedford School
L.G. Stevens	Keysoe
D. Turnbull	
C.H. Williams	Bedford Modern School
A.J. Worboys	Luton Town

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP – 1927
BEDFORDSHIRE BOWLING

NAME	CAMBS A	LINCS A	OXON A	LINCS H	OXON H	HERTS H	CAMBS A
STEVENS, L.G.	19 3 51 4 9 2 22 2	5 1 11 0 - - - -		12 3 31 0	10 1 39 3 8 2 15 1	12 1 40 1 - - - -	4 0 10 1
HOLDSTOCK, H.	23 5 59 3 9 4 21 3	17·5 7 27 3 3·2 2 5 1	30 12 52 5		30 10 36 3 18 6 43 1	30 10 63 0 - - - -	41 23 47 4
HERSEE, E.D.	10 3 27 2 1 0 1 0	17 4 38 6 3 0 10 0	34 0 21 0	12 1 48 1			
RAWLINS, F.	0·1 0 0 1 0·5 0 8 0	- - - - - - - -	- - - -	- - - -	1 1 0 0 - - - -	8 2 15 1 - - - -	
WORBOYS, A.J.	11 1 38 0 - - - -	8 1 26 1 - - - -					
DAVISON, E.F.	2 0 10 0 - - - -	- - - - - - - -					
BUCKLEY, J.H.			12 5 37 0		7 1 10 0 10 1 25 3		11·5 6 15 1
KELLETT, R.			9 1 21 0	7 3 16 0	- - - - - - - -	4 1 15 0 - - - -	
BOVILL, E.M.			15 3 40 3	20 8 29 3	28 11 35 4 20·5 8 39 5	34 7 80 1 4·2 1 12 0	39 20 44 3
SIME, W.A.			1 0 9 0	- - - -	- - - - - - - -	13 2 46 3 - - - -	5 0 27 0
CRAIG, J.H.				13 0 46 3			
WILLIAMS, C.H.						14·3 2 52 2 4 1 6 1	
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STEVENS, L.G.	79 13 219 12 18·25	-	-	4-51
HOLDSTOCK, H.	202·1 79 353 23 ~~11·00~~ 15·34	1	-	5-52
HERSEE, E.D.	46·4 8 145 9 16·11	1	-	6-38
RAWLINS, F.	10 3 23 2 11·50	-	-	1-0
WORBOYS, A.J.	19 2 64 1 64·00	-	-	1-26
DAVISON, E.F.	2 0 10 0 —	-	-	—
BUCKLEY, J.H.	~~40·5~~ 13 87 4 21·75	-	-	3-25
KELLETT, R.	20 5 52 0 —	-	-	—
BOVILL, E.M.	161·1 58 279 19 14·68	1	-	5-39
SIME, W.A.	19 2 82 3 27·33	-	-	3-46
CRAIG, J.H.	13 0 46 3 15·33	-	-	3-46
WILLIAMS, C.H.	18·3 3 58 3 19·33	-	-	2-52
EXTRAS	— - 107 3 —	-	-	—
TOTAL	631·2 186 1,525 82 18·59	3	-	6-38

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Bedfordshire Times: Friday 29 April 1927

CRICKET COMMENCES.

One swallow does not make a summer, but when you meet Mr. George Wharmby in Bedford you may be sure that the cricket season is not far off. The old Bedford County professional is here again to coach the boys of Bedford School. The old colours who returned to School on Wednesday were R. D. Stewart, C. A. B. McVittie, W. A. Sime, N. F. Reed, T. P. Moll, D. E. Tite, and T. Brown. Stewart, a sound all round cricketer, succeeds R. Kellett in the captaincy, and Sime is the new Secretary.

The County Club.

The County Club get off the mark tomorrow afternoon with a practice game between teams captained by Mr. L. W. Wilson, the new skipper of the Club and Ground XI, and Mr. A. W. H. Poole, captain of the Extra XI. Mr. Wilson, who came to Bedford from Yorkshire about two years ago, is a very live and keen cricketer, and an able wicket-keeper, and the Club and Ground XI should have a pleasant season under his leadership. Net practice has been proceeding this week, and will be continued on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings. A new feature of the Club and Ground organization is the appointment of a team secretary, Mr. P. Woodland, a master at Bedford School, undertaking these onerous duties.

The prospects of the County XI are very shadowy at present. Capt. Denis Turnbull will again lead the side, but he will miss the services of C. N. Reed, who is going abroad; E. D. Dynes, who is in Shanghai; and W. H. Childs, who has broken a wrist. S. V. Graham has also notified the authorities that he will be unable to spare the time for county matches from his new business venture, but he may change his mind when the time of battle gets nearer. Dilley has not yet recovered from his broken leg, and has had to decline the Club's invitation to resume as "professional".

On the credit side there are several promising young players who won their spurs last season, including F. Rawlins, who will be available. T. Shaw, the Howard's Works C.C. professional and coach, has completed the two years' residence necessary for him to qualify for Bedfordshire, and if he plays he will greatly strengthen the attack. He came from Eastwood, Nottinghamshire. A. R. Alston, the Bedford School master, has also completed his residential qualifying period, and will strengthen the batting. For the rest much will depend on what the Whitsuntide match between the County and the Bedfordshire Leagues' team discloses. It is hoped to make this game an attractive substitute for the Kent match.

Queen's Works Hopeful.

The Queen's Engineering Works' Cricket Club are expecting a very successful season again this year. All the last year's members are again playing, and several new members who have played in very good class cricket have joined the Club. The accident to W. H. Childs last week-end reported in another column, will deprive the Club of his valuable services for some time. Fortunately it is his left wrist which is broken, and his bowling is not likely to be affected. The ground at the Allen Park is in excellent condition, and all the playing pitches are looking perfect. Net practice began on 19th April in preparation for to-morrow's opening games.

Three senior teams are again being put into the field. The 1st XI, under the captaincy of Mr. T. Golding, have a very formidable fixture list, which includes R.A.F. (Henlow), Wolverton, Trinity (Cambridge), St. Albans, Bedfordshire Club and Ground, Rushden, Howard's, Kettering, Northampton "Saints", Bedford Clarence, and Bedford Ramblers. All last season's team are available.

The "A" XI, under the captaincy of Mr. A. Gilbert, have a complete card, which includes Clophill, Bedford School 2nd, Waterlow's, Aspley Guise, Bedford Modern School 2nd, etc. The "B" XI, under the captaincy of Mr. A. Hailstone, has also a complete card, which includes Bedford Argus, Bromham, Biddenham, R.A.W. (Cardington), Silsoe, Weston Underwood, etc. This XI will have nearly all last year's members available.

Meltis Optimistic.

The cricket section of the Meltis Social and Sports Club have every reason to view the approaching season with optimism, for the Hon. Secretary (Mr. R. A. Taylor) has secured a splendid list of fixtures, which commences on Saturday with a practice game. The team will be under the enthusiastic leadership of Mr. R. H. Ansley, with Mr. H. Copperwheat as vice-captain. Unfortunately, two of last year's regular players will be absent, but their places will be filled by promising youngsters, who are splendily responding to careful coaching. A good wicket has been prepared (probably one of the best in the county), and there will be the same facilities for obtaining refreshments on the ground as in other years.

Biggleswade Begins.

The Biggleswade Club begin operations to-morrow. The first team are to meet St. Neots on the ground of the Huntingdonshire Club. Most of last year's players are available. The "A" team are visiting Ashwell. A hut for storing cricket kit has been erected at Fairfield, and the work of preparing the table has been done by groundsman Chas. Cox. A considerable sum has been spent this winter on the outfield, which will greatly benefit the fielders, though probably more runs will be scored from hits along the grass. A full fixture list for both teams has been obtained by Mr. L. H. Collings, the Hon. Secretary.

With the Village Clubs.

Owing to the pressing and immediate demands of football there has been no time for preparations for cricket at Wootton, but there is no reason why the Hall End should not be as successful as in other years. They will have the services of all their last season's first team under the same popular captain, Gordon Burraway, and in addition there are several likely youngsters coming along. It is hoped to run a series of evening games with Forder's Pillinge C.C. and the Blue Cross. These games have their own special attraction and are fought out very keenly.

The Harrold Club's Committee organized a successful dance in aid of Club funds in the Institute Hall on 21st April. The "Ideal Trio" supplied the music, and Mr. F. Pettit was the M.C. Thus do our sports clubs combine social service with utilitarian purposes.

The Dean Club also held a dance in aid of their funds on 20th April, this being a single men's effort for the club. It was a great success. Mrs. Lilley ably managed the catering, and the young men on the Cricket Club Committee acted as M.C.'s. A meeting of the Club was held on Monday, when the balance sheet was again presented, this time showing a balance of £2, as the result of the two efforts, one by the married men, and the other by those who have yet to be married, to liquidate the debt reported at the annual meeting.

Maulden Cricket Club commence their season to-morrow with a home match against Silsoe. All of last season's players are available, and a successful season is anticipated. The following will represent Maulden on Saturday: N. Taylor (capt.), F. Blackaby, S. Willmer, A. Page, W. Newman, A. Sharp, T. Olney, R. Huckle, E. Sanders, H. Sharp, A. White, A. Atkins (twelfth man).

East Bedfordshire League.

The East Bedfordshire League get off the mark next Saturday, 7th May, with four matches in Division I, all the teams being engaged, Shefford, Stotfold Athletic, A.R.S. (Henlow), and Beeston being at home to Caldecote, Meppershall, Eaton Socon, and Woodbury respectively.

The 2nd Division is composed of Potton 2nd, Stotfold Athletic 2nd, Caldecote, Sandy, Langford, Eaton Socon 2nd, Ickwell, and Wrestlingworth; and Division III comprises Beeston Athletic 2nd, Meppershall 2nd, Edworth, Ickwell 2nd, Langford 2nd, Broom, Sandy 2nd, Old Warden 2nd, and Campton. The 2nd Division have a full list of fixtures until 27th August, and the 3rd Division until 3rd September inclusive.

Flitwick Ramblers' Cricket Club want matches: Saturdays, 21st May, 16th July, 6th August, 10th September.—H. Gazeley, Secretary. ap29

Bedfordshire Times: Friday 3 June 1927-1

CRICKET NOTES.

Personal.

R. Kellett (O.B.) has been awarded his cricket colours at R.M.A. (Woolwich).

Hugh Davidson (O.B.), who has left Cambridge University, made a good beginning last week by knocking up 48 runs for King's College Hospital in their first match.

Bedford School's Attack.

The outstanding feature of the Bedford School match with the Cryptics on Saturday was the high individual scoring on both sides. For the Cryptics the two Bedford School masters, A. R. Alston and F. T. Cummins, were the star performers with the bat, in a sixth wicket stand which added 129 runs. Alston's was the more stylish innings, and he made his runs by free cricket all round the wicket, but there was a rugged determination in the hard hitting of his colleague which also had its attraction. The fielding of the schoolboys, and especially that of Tite, whose two catches included one of the difficult running variety in the outfield, was very smart.

The School attack has improved remarkably since the season opened. With the loss of its last year's bowlers it was feared that the attack would be weak, but Murray and Rylands have come along rapidly, and Murray particularly promises to train on into one of the best bowlers the School have possessed for some years. He keeps a splendid length, and brings the ball off the pitch at a varying and disconcerting pace. Lately he has added a good slow ball and an off-break to his armoury, and with a little more skill in "mixing 'em", which will come with practice and experience, he will still further improve. His last Saturday's record of 6 for 53 against a side like the Cryptics was quite a good performance. Rylands, who also sends down some good balls, is rather erratic at present.

T. C. Longfield, the Cambridge Blue, was bowling a hundred per cent better than he did for Kent 2nd against Bedfordshire last season, and it was a fine achievement for Stewart and McVittie to keep the first wicket going at all, and it was not surprising that at first runs came very slowly. Nine of the first 12 overs were maidens. The batsmen then began to score more freely, Stewart scoring the faster, but McVittie playing equally good cricket, though he made only 24 of the 118 scored during the stand. Their principal scoring hits were good drives. Stewart went on to score his second century of the season, the first being the 111 he made against St. John's College, Oxford.

Free Hitting.

The charge of dullness could not lie against cricket if there were more of that venturesome spirit which animated the Shire Hall batsmen against the Cambridge County Hall staff in Bedford Park last Thursday. The Bedfordshire batsmen were set to get 132 in 90 minutes, and they got 180 for the loss of 6 wickets, or 24 runs per minute. Most of the runs came in a rollicking association of that promising young pair of Old Modernians, A. B. Poole and R. L. Keens, who scored rapidly all round the wicket in a partnership that realized 129 for the second wicket.

A "Times" Century.

Some delightfully free hitting was witnessed in Bedford Park on Tuesday evening, in the match between The Martlets and "The Bedfordshire Times". The Martlets had made 106 for five wickets when their time was up, "George" Curtis hitting with rare power for his 39 not out, which included nine fours. "The Times" began at a great pace, and quickly passed their opponents' total. At the close of their hour's batting they had made 163 for 4. L. F. Elderkin was severe on all the bowlers in making 103 before being run out, and his best hits were two sixes and fourteen fours. He was splendidly caught by Brace when in his sixties, but the fieldsman took the catch when over the boundary, and the hit was therefore a six.

Another Century in Bedford Park.

Some more big hitting was seen in Bedford Park on Wednesday night, in the match between Bromham Road Wesleyans and Howard Church. A. J. Bailey contributed a hard-hit 61 to the Howard's total of 103 for three wickets, and "Jack" Howard, the Igranic Works' tall left-hander, smote 103 not out of the 132 for four wickets, made by Bromham Road. Howard's best hits included two huge drives for six, and sixteen fours.

Free Church Thursday XI.

The Bedford Free Church Cricket League have extended their activities to Thursday afternoon cricket, and Mr. W. Brace (hon. sec., pro. tem.) is compiling an excellent fixture list. Matches have been arranged with The Martins, The Casuals, and The Post Office, and the secretary is endeavouring to arrange fixtures with Ampthill, the Biedfs. and Herts. Depot, the Borough Police, and Biggleswade. Fourteen regular players have signed on, under the captaincy of H. G. Carter.

Sandy Cricket Club.

It is stated that this Club has this year no shortage of players, and having formed a 1st, 2nd, and Thursday team, it was found that there were a number of players who had no chance of a game. Therefore the Committee have decided to form a third team, that will play evening matches occasionally for the purpose of finding new talent and providing a game for the above mentioned players. This venture began on Thursday, 26th May, when the 3rd XI entertained their own Thursday team, and won by 4 runs.

Ampthill Cricket Improving.

We are glad to hear that cricket in Ampthill is on the upgrade. There is a good deal of enthusiasm amongst the members of the Ampthill Club, which is proved by the fact that for the first time for many seasons two complete elevens were turned out on Saturday, one team visiting Woburn and the other team entertaining Bedford Gas Works in the Park.

Low Scoring at Ridgmont.

When the local club had dismissed Forder's for 31 runs on Saturday the crowd naturally expected a big win for their lads. The bowling of Evans and Everett, backed by very keen fielding on the part of the "Brickkys", was too good, however, and the visitors won on a bumpy wicket by 11 runs. Ridgmont, scenting a chance of victory, decided to claim the four hours' play, and put Forder's in again, only for them to collar the bowling and pile up 80 runs. They were helped in this result by some loose fielding.

"DICK" ROGERS BENEFIT MATCH.

The benefit match arranged in connexion with the "Dick" Rogers Testimonial Fund being raised by the Old Modernians, will be played on the Modern School ground next Thursday. Oxford City, with which the Rogers family has always been closely associated, are sending a strong side to meet the Old Modernian XI, their team including several of the Oxford County XI.

The Old Modernian side will be selected from: Col. H. C. Potter, W. E. King, H. Willett, C. H. Williams, B. A. Babb, S. V. Graham, F. C. W. Newman, the Rev. A. Raley, B. L. Rogers, F. G. Driver, A. B. Poole, T. Plant, and B. A. Field. Admission (including tax) is 1/-, and reserved enclosure 2/-.

BEDFORD SCHOOL v. THE CRYPTICS.

On the School ground on Saturday, Bedford School drew with the Cryptics C.C. The visitors scored 234, leaving the School rather more than three hours in which to make their runs. Stewart, the School captain, and McVittie opened the School reply, and between them scored 118 before McVittie was caught. These runs were made very slowly against some remarkably good bowling; of the first twelve overs nine were maidens. Sime joined Stewart after McVittie's dismissal, and Stewart just beat the clock for his century before stumps were drawn, with the School's total at 161 for 1 wicket. For the School Murray bowled finely and took 6 wickets for 53 runs. Scores:

The Cryptics.

T. C. Longfield c Moll b Rylands	2
J. T. Badham c Moll b Forrester	29
A. M. Whiteley b Murray	15
C. W. Edwards c McVittie b Murray	14
A. R. Alston c Brown b Rylands	81
F. T. Cummins c Murray b Rylands	58
W. Bovell-Jones c and b Murray	4
E. D. Swanton c Tite b Murray	6
A. Blomfield c Tite b Murray	0
E. Collis-Brown not out	8
Capt. D. Turnbull b Murray	5
Extras	13
Total	234

Bedford School.

E. D. Stewart not out	100
C. A. B. McVittie c Badham b Cummins	24
W. A. Sime not out	11
Extras	26
Total (for 1 wicket)	161

T. P. Moll, T. Brown, A. L. Brown, N. F. Reed, D. E. Tite, S. S. Murray, B. P. F. Forrester, J. E. Rylands did not bat.

NEXT WEEK'S BIG MATCH.

A CHANCE FOR YOUNG TALENT.

The Selection Committee of the Bedfordshire County Cricket Club wisely made the giving of the young players of the county a chance to prove their talent the guiding principle in their choice of the County XI to meet the Bedford League XI on Monday and Tuesday, on the Goldington Road ground. For this reason, Hugh Davidson, O.B., was invited to skipper the XI, but an examination compelled him to withdraw yesterday, and it is expected that the side will now be in the charge of the County captain, Capt. Denis Turnbull.

The two XI's will be as follows:—

Bedfordshire County XI: Capt. Turnbull (capt.), I. O. Fuller, E. Page, E. Drew, A. R. Alston, F. Rawlins, C. Rawlins, T. Plant, A. B. Poole, R. Fowler, and A. Manyweathers. Umpire, Mr. M. J. Hime; Scorer, Mr. H. A. Hime.

The Bedford League XI: W. Dawson (capt.), C. F. Sabey (Conservative Club), H. Hersee, G. W. Howard (Igranic Works), C. E. Dickens, H. M. Alcock (Bedford Clarence), L. Stevens (Keysoe), J. Minns (Elstow Road), G. Tuffnell, T. Litchfield, H. P. Cocking (Forder's Works). Reserves: F. Coleman (Conservative Club), R. Ives (Bedford Clarence), W. Ratcliffe (Forder's Works), A. G. Barcock (Bedford Clarence). Umpire: Mr. W. Wright. Scorer: Mr. H. Ball.

E. Drew and R. Fowler belong to the Leighton Buzzard Club. Drew made a nice 83 against the Club and Ground last week, and Fowler played for the County against Leicestershire II last summer. The County wicket-keeper, E. Page, comes from the Three Counties Mental Hospital, and Fuller is the son of the Medical Officer of that institution, and a good bat. R. Manyweathers, of Ampthill, gets a trial for his bowling. The brothers Rawlins played for the County last summer. Plant and Poole have both made centuries this week, and Alston has been playing bright cricket. Altogether, it is a side of distinct possibilities, and will no doubt give the strong League XI a good match.

BEDS. CLUB AND GROUND v. HOWARD'S WORKS.

As a result, of some good bowling and fielding on the Goldington Road ground on Saturday, Howard's Works, who were without Jaggar, were dismissed for 84. C. W. Rawlins took 4 for 16. When the Club and Ground went in runs were at first very difficult to get owing to some very smart fielding by Howard's. After the tea interval Maxey and Plant (the third wicket pair) stayed until the runs were obtained. Plant, who was missed before he had scored, went on to make a very bright century. He was the second of the Whit-Monday County side to make a century during the week. For the County Rawlings was the most successful bowler, with four wickets for 16 runs, and Whitbread did best for the Works' team with three for 38. Scores:

Howard's Works.

F. Marshall b C. W. Rawlins	2
W. H. Whitbread b C. W. Rawlins	10
V. Wells c Maxey b F. Rawlins	9
F. Harrison st Wilson b Quarry	30
Shaw run out	0
A. Harvey b F. Rawlins	2
A. Tysoe b Penstone	5
E. Wilson c Quarry b C. W. Rawlins	2
R. Brown c Burke b C. W. Rawlins	3
G. H. Griffiths b Quarry	7
S. Allen not out	0
Extras	14
Total	84

Beds. Club and Ground.

P. Burke c Shaw b Marshall	7
L. W. Wilson b Marshall	1
H. Maxey c and b Whitbread	31
P. Plant not out	100
C. W. Rawlins c Wilson b Whitbread	6
F. Rawlins lbw b Whitbread	1
A. B. Poole b Shaw	10
P. Woodland not out	32
Extras	29
Total (for 6 wickets)	217

BEDFORD MODERN SCHOOL v. MILL HILL SCHOOL.

On Saturday the Bedford Modern School boys visited Mill Hill, anticipating a hard fight, as Mill Hill had a strong side and had not been beaten for two years. Their anticipations were realized, for it was a fight all the way, the Bedford School winning eventually by 9 runs, largely through a magnificent innings by Williams, who, in carrying through his bat for 86 made his highest score for the School. He made only one mistake, a difficult chance at mid-on when he had scored 22.

Mill Hill opened with their two strongest batsmen, Powell and Carris, who started to hit freely and with great determination. This pair batted well for over half an hour until Carris was caught by Riddiford, after having made 34 runs. Lawther made another stand with Powell, and showed plenty of confidence before he was caught by Riddiford, who was showing good form in his fielding. The next two men were dismissed soon after Lawther, and Powell was caught by Riddiford at extra cover after a fine innings of 35. Mayes soon followed Powell, but Mill Hill had a tail which wagged, for Grimsdell made 26 before he was bowled by Sowman. At lunch the score was 134 for 7 wickets, and the side was out half an hour after lunch for 155.

The Modern School began with the usual pair, Williams and Davis. Williams hit with some freedom from the start, but Davis was content with slower methods, the first wicket yielding only 11 runs in 40 minutes, when Davis was parted from his partner sooner than usual. At 26, and with his own individual score at 22, Williams should have been caught at mid-on. There was now a sudden collapse and things certainly did not look very hopeful for the School, but when Ashwell came in he managed to help Bedford to recover. At tea-time Williams and Ashwell were still together, Williams having made 41 and Ashwell 25, the total being 84 for 4 wickets. Williams and Ashwell continued to bat steadily until Ashwell was well caught in the slips for a successful innings of 38. The rest of the batsmen did not show good form, but they managed to add enough runs to pass the Mill Hill total by 9 runs, and to enable their School to achieve a notable victory. Scores:

Mill Hill School.

A. P. Powell c Riddiford b Williams	35
C. E. Carris c Riddiford b Williams	34
T. H. B. Lawther c Riddiford b Williams	21
S. Abden lbw b Davis	0
T. Jones b Williams	13
C. S. Mayes c Ryan b Sowman	4
A. D. Wills b Davis	26
T. H. M. Grimsdell b Sowman	2
L. H. Collison run out	4
A. R. M. Carter b Sowman	8
J. G. Hilton not out	8
Extras	8
Total	155

Bedford Modern School.

C. H. Williams not out	86
W. L. Davis c Carris b Abden	0
H. A. Southgate b Abden	0
E. C. W. Sowman c Mayes b Lawther	10
H. H. Cowley c Hilton b Lawther	6
L. G. Ashwell c Lawther b Carris	36
A. Riddiford c Carter b Wills	1
D. H. Shepherd run out	3
H. C. Ryan b Lawther	3
I. H. McNicol c Powell b Lawther	0
M. W. Bingham c Abden b Lawther	15
Extras	15
Total	164

BEDS. CLUB AND GROUND v. LEIGHTON BUZZARD.

At Bedford on a perfect wicket, on 26th May, Leighton Buzzard declared with 310 for 6 wickets, Hawkins (52), Drew (83), and Arnold (62) all played attractive cricket. The innings of Drew, who is quite a youngster, was particularly gratifying in view of his selection for the County XI for the Whit-Monday match. The Club and Ground tried a new bowler, Manyweathers, of Ampthill. He bowled very well, but will probably do better on sticky wickets. The Club and Ground fielding was, on the whole, very poor. Alston made a brilliant century for the Club and Ground. His 105 included thirteen fours and two sixes, and he gave no chance until after passing the 100. Stileman-Gibbard (not out 23) assisted Alston to put on 61 for the 5th wicket, and the game was drawn with 3 wickets in hand. Hawkins, for Leighton Buzzard, took 5 for 54. Scores:

Leighton Buzzard.

F. Hawkins c F. Rawlins b C. W. Rawlins	52
E. E. Drew c Alston b Davison	83
F. S. Pickard b Manyweathers	6
J. E. Arnold b Alston	62
F. Smith c Wilson b Davison	2
G. White b Alston	22
R. Fowler not out	25
J. Watling not out	26
Extras	32
Total (for 6 wickets)	310

Beds. Club and Ground.

F. Rawlins c Arnold b Hawkins	9
C. H. Humphreys c and b Hawkins	17
H. A. A. Beale c Watling b Hawkins	0
A. R. Alston c Hawkins b Drew	105
F. F. Davison c Hawkins b Smith	5
L. G. Stileman-Gibbard not out	23
C. W. Rawlins b Hawkins	1
R. Manyweathers b Hawkins	5
W. H. Hills not out	0
Extras	9
Total (for 7 wickets)	174

Queen's Works v. St. Albans.

On Saturday the Queen's visited St. Albans, a draw resulting after an interesting game. The Works won the toss and batted first, but found runs hard to get, as the wicket was difficult after the heavy rains the previous day. They, however, made a useful score of 164 for nine wickets declared, the top scores being Keech 49, Harris 35, Rateliff 25, and Pacey 24. St. Albans were left with just under two hours to get the necessary runs, but at the call of time had only scored 72 for the loss of eight wickets. Scores:—

Queen's Works.

J. Ratcliff c Orton b Bland	25
T. Golding c and b Barnes	0
A. Pacey lbw b Dumbleton	24
S. P. Keech c Rabone b Barnes	49
H. Faulkner run out	6
S. Harris c Bland b Barnes	35
J. Lazenby b Rabone	0
G. Goodwin c Parker b Barnes	5
G. Morrison c Dumbleton b Barnes	2
J. Smith not out	3
J. Wheatley not out	4
Extras	11
Total (for nine wickets dec.)	164

St. Albans.

J. G. Bland c Harris b Pacey	19
C. H. Rabone c Smith b Keech	9
A. J. Adams b Keech	1
A. J. Barnes lbw b Faulkner	3
C. Dumbleton c Goodwin b Keech	0
B. J. Cudge c Wheatley b Harris	13
J. Prunell c Lazenby b Wheatley	0
G. Wagon b Harris	4
R. Heams not out	1
E. Parker not out	7
Extras	15
Total (for eight wickets)	72

BEDFORD & DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Division I.

Bedford Clarence v. Everton.

After a close game at Everton on Saturday, the home team lost by 4 runs. Scores:

Bedford Clarence: C. Dickens c Tott b Gurney 0, G. Barcock b A. Barnett 6, F. Williamson b R. Gurney 6, H. Alcock c Tott b Usher 23, G. Reid c H. Barnett b A. Barnett 0, E. Barker c H. Gurney b A. Barnett 0, O. Maynard b Usher 0, F. Field b A. Barnett 6, S. Williamson b R. Gurney 18, R. Ives lbw b Usher 0, M. Wells not out 0, extras 0, total 59.

Everton: H. Darlow b F. Williamson 7, A. Barnett run out 0, T. Tott st Wells b Ives 8, H. Barnett lbw b F. Williamson 0, H. Gurney run out 1, C. Gurney c Wells b F. Williamson 8, H. Usher b F. Williamson 7, F. Baldock b Ives 2, W. Smith c F. Williamson b Ives 8, R. Gurney b Ives 0, C. Giles not out 12, extras 2, total 55.

Forder's Works v. Sharnbrook.

Played at Wootton Pillinge on Saturday. The pitch suited the bowling, for wickets began to fall very quickly, 6 being down for 42. The tail came to the rescue, and carried the score to 88, C. Lowe being responsible for 19 of the best, just when they were wanted. Sharnbrook also found the wicket tricky, for they were all out for 47, of which H. Pacey contributed 20, the highest score of the match. Scores:—

Forder's: C. Tuffnell c Ingram b Cooper 7, Rev. T. Litchfield b Cooper 6, H. P. Cocking b Howe 7, W. Ratcliffe c P. Allen b Howe 12, J. Hillson b Cooper 1, H. Brown run out 3, A. Meredith b Howe 7, A. Beard c Barcock b Cooper 9, F. Tuffnell c and b Cooper 7, C. Lowe c Rich b Howe 19, G. Faulkner not out 0, extras 5, total 88.

Sharnbrook: W. Howe lbw b Cocking 8, H. Rich b Cocking 2, H. Pacey b Beard 20, F. Allen c F. Tuffnell b Beard 2, H. Boyles c Cocking b G. Tuffnell 7, L. Cooper b Beard 0, P. Allen c and b Beard 0, F. Barcock c Brown b G. Tuffnell 4, H. Butcher c Brown b G. Tuffnell 0, R. C. Allen b Rev. T. Litchfield 0, H. Ingram not out 2, extras 2, total 47.

Biddenham v. Conservative Club.

After a most exciting game, thanks to some good bowling by West (5 for 10) and Green (4 for 19), and a hard hit 25 by Green, Biddenham registered their first victory of the season. Coleman (7 for 19) bowled well for the Clubmen. Scores:—

Conservative Club: W. Dawson b West 14, F. Sabey b Green 11, C. Day st Gudgin b Green 9, Fisher c Frossell b West 1, Coleman c Frossell b Green 7, Sargent b Green 0, Thompson lbw b Baden 1, Laughton not out 10, Parker c Baden b West 1, Geary c Baden b West 0, Rayner c Baden b West 0, extras 4, total 58.

Biddenham: Frossell c Thompson b Coleman 1, Burton run out 2, Baden c and b Coleman 9, Webb c Coleman b Geary 4, Gudgin c Geary b Coleman 3, Pell b Coleman 2, Frossell b Coleman 0, Green b Thompson 25, Holland b Coleman 4, Gudgin c Dawson b Coleman 4, West not out 0, extras 7, total 61.

Marston v. Renhold.

This match was played at Marston on Saturday and a pleasant game resulted in a comfortable win for the visitors. Renhold won the toss, and by good batting on the part of O. L. Boyes, J. H. Joyce, P. Harlow, and F. Redman, the useful total of 103 was reached. The Marston batsmen were not very comfortable against the bowling of O. L. Boyes and F. Redman, who each captured five wickets, for 26 and 18 runs respectively. The former should have had a better average, as chances of stumping and a catch went begging. Scores:—

Renhold: W. Harlow run out 1, E. Constant c and b Faulkner 0, O. L. Boyes c Copperwheat b Faulkner 21, P. Joyce, st Magenty b Faulkner 3, J. H. Joyce b Brinsley 12, P. Harlow b Brinsley 20, E. Vincent b Knight 8, F. E. Harlow b Faulkner 6, H. Harlow c Copperwheat b Knight 0, C. Allen c Magenty b Copperwheat 4, F. Redman not out 21, extras 7, total 103.

Marston: H. Faulkner b Redman 3, E. Magenty c C. Allen b Redman 1, H. Odell b Boyes 1, J. Whitbread c W. Harlow b Boyes 4, R. Copperwheat b Redman 1, A. Burridge c P. Harlow b Boyes 2, P. Faulkner c P. Joyce b Boyes 15, F. Hillson c and b Boyes 11, A. Brinsley c D. Harlow b Redman 1, C. Copperwheat not out 13, V. Knight c W. Harlow b Redman 1, extras 6, total 59.

Division II (North).

Queen's Works League XI. v. Thurleigh.

Played on "Allen Park" on Saturday, when F. H. Knight took 7 wickets for 19 runs, and helped considerably towards the Works' easy victory. Scores:—

Queen's Works: F. D. Knight c H. Thompson b Hart 13, A. Swales c Wagstaff b R. Thorne 19, F. H. Knight run out 16, S. West b Hart 0, W. Millard b Webster 8, J. Corby, b R. Thorne 2, G. Freame c Thorne b Hart 14, T. Morris lbw b Hart 8, R. Swales not out 8, A. McCullough b R. Thorne 2, C. Johnson b R. Thorne 0, extras 7, total 97.

Thurleigh: F. Payne b F. D. Knight 1, H. G. Thompson b F. H. Knight 4, W. Ross c A. Swales b F. H. Knight 0, R. Thorne lbw b Freame 14, A. Wagstaff b F. H. Knight 5, H. Payne, b F. H. Knight 0, H. Hart b F. H. Knight 7, J. Thorne b F. H. Knight 8, F. Hart not out 0, A. Swepston b Freame 0, H. Swepston b F. H. Knight 3, extras 0, total 42.

Stevington v. Bedford Clarence 2nd.

Stevington are unable to secure a pitch this season, and they are having to play all their matches away. The match with Bedford Clarence was played in Bedford Park on Saturday, and resulted in a win for Stevington by 12 runs. Thorogood took four wickets for 6 runs and King four for 13. Scores:—

Stevington: T. Ruffhead 36, H. Woolston 17, P. Stapleton 5, W. Bowyer 0, A. Cox 6, R. Field 5, C. Cox 2, W. Field 5, H. Field 0, G. Jeffries not out 4, extras 2, total 82.

Bedford Clarence 2nd: Millman 3, Beechey 23, Taylor 3, King 5, Mears 0, Dennis 1, Wild 10, Ward 11, Huckle 0, Childs 2, Thorogood not out 5, extras 7, total 70.

Keysoe Brook End v. Blunham 2nd.

After a close game at Keysoe on Saturday, Keysoe Brook End defeated Blunham 2nd by 8 runs. For the homesters H. Stapleton was top scorer, with 19 runs, and for the visitors F. Joyce, with 17. Scores:—

Keysoe Brook End: G. Seth 8, F. Braybrooks 2, H. Seth 10, E. Stapleton 9, F. Stapleton 0, B. Stapleton 19, H. Filsell 7, R. Filsell 3, L. Goodward not out 3, H. Horsford 0, J. Franklin 2, extras 9, total 77.

Blunham 2nd: C. Saunders 3, R. Ashwell 6, C. Simms 11, C. Cullip 0, J. Battison 0, R. Cullip 3, T. Cullip 9, J. Simms 2, F. Joyce 17, H. Harman 5, G. Rolls not out 0, extras 13, total 69.

Division II (South).

Ridgmont v. Forder's 2nd.

Both teams were very keen, and appeared to be evenly matched, so that the scoring in the first two innings was kept very low. The visitors could muster only 32. Ridgmont seemed to have the game at their mercy, but when they commenced to bat they found the wicket was making the ball perform all sorts of tricks, and to their consternation they were all out for 21. T. Woods for Ridgmont took 6 for 15, whilst W. Evans for Forder's took 7 for 13.

Continuing on for the 4 hours' cricket, the Works batted again, but this time they got on top of the bowling and played the time nearly out for a score of 80, B. Beard being highest scorer with 19, and W. Mepham next with 14. Scores:—

Forder's: P. Milton b T. Woods 6, A. Robinson b T. Woods 0, B. Beard lbw b T. Woods 4, A. Moore b F. Fisher 2, E. Hutchings b T. Woods 1, W. Mepham b F. Fisher 6, T. Burroway c Sims b T. Woods 1, J. Lowe b F. Fisher 2, K. Reeves b T. Woods 0, S. Everett c James b F. Fisher 10, W. Evans not out 1, extras 3, total 32.

Ridgmont: A. Attack b S. Everett 3, J. Jones c Lowe b W. Evans 3, T. Woods b S. Everett 1, R. Simms b W. Evans 1, G. Walker c Moore b W. Evans 0, W. Hurdle lbw b W. Evans 0, A. James b W. Evans 0, T. Miller c Moore b W. Evans 6, R. Wright b W. Evans 4, F. Fisher run out 0, C. McGregor not out 1, extras 2, total 21.

Lidlington v. Haynes.

A pleasant match at Lidlington on Saturday, in which the visitors proved victorious. S. Henman bowled and batted well for the home team. For Lidlington the chief scorer was S. Henman (17), and for Haynes S. Francis (13), S. Cooper (12), and G. Barber (12). Scores:—

Haynes: S. Rook 1, S. Francis 13, A. Cox 4, A. Brittain 9, H. Bass 0, F. Green 9, B. Burnage 0, S. Cooper 12, G. Barber 12, G. Potter 0, H. Cox 0, extras 7, total 67.

Lidlington: T. Mead 0, A. Tansley 1, A. Cook 6, A. Mole 0, F. Cook 3, S. Henman 17, M. Cook 3, H. Bennett 0, L. Taylor 4, G. Caves 0, C. Hudson 4, extras 6, total 44.

Forder's Elstow Works v. Kempston.

This League game was played at Elstow on Saturday, and ended in an easy victory for the visitors by two wickets and 28 runs. With the exception of the opening batsmen Forder's could do little with the visitors' bowling, which was backed up by good work in the field. With 60 runs on the board for 5 wickets the home team had prospects of a decent score, but the last 5 wickets added only 2 runs. "Drummer" Pestell was the most successful bowler, his 4 wickets costing only 12 runs. Cooper took 4 for 23 runs. The visitors found run-getting easier, no less than four of the nine men who batted reaching double figures. Curtis quickly rattled up 18 of the best, whilst G. Cooper was the top scorer with 23 not out. Turner took 4 for 39. Scores:—

Forder's Elstow Works: S. Turner c White b Chambers 4, W. Goldsmith b Cooper 20, G. Darlow b Pestell 11, R. Reeves c Pestell b Cooper 7, G. Beard run out 2, C. Haynes c Porter b Pestell 4, F. Wadsworth c Draper b Pestell 7, F. Lowe b Cooper 0, A. Thompson b Cooper, 0, F. Faulkner c Curtis b Pestell 2, R. Proctor not out 0, extras 5, total 62.

Kempston: S. Eames run out 5, R. Porter st Reeves b Turner 21, A. White b Turner 2, T. C. Curtis b Turner 12, W. Draper b Turner 0, N. Chambers b Haynes 5, G. Cooper not out 23, W. Houghton lbw b Haynes 4, A. Spavins b Thompson 10, extras 2, total 90 (for 8 wickets).

Division II (East).

Great Barford v. Tempsford.

Great Barford were defeated on Saturday at home by 32 runs. Scores:—

Great Barford: J. Norman 0, H. Lees 2, A. V. Draper 8, S. Logsdon 6, Wal. Robinson 8, F. Bennett 4, P. Skevington 5, A. W. Pym 18, F. Robinson 9, S. Smith 1, J. Browning 5, extras 1, total 67.

Tempsford: F. Hull 3, R. Barley 1, M. Hedge 12, G. Spiers 41, C. Jackson 0, J. Gentle 1, S. Wilson 4, P. Stocker 4, H. Harvey 20, F. Battle 3, W. Linger 7, extras 3, total 99.

Division III (East).

Stagsden v. Cryselco.

This match was played at Stagsden, the home team winning by 79 runs to 25. Stagsden batted well, especially H. Defraine (20) and P. Bazley (14). P. Bazley took six of the Cryselco wickets for 12 runs. Scores:—

Cryselco: L. Barker 8, L. Webb 3, E. Emery 0, R. Billingham 3, G. Turff 1, L. Brealy 1, D. Napp 0, Joe Hutchings 3, Jim Hutchings 2, J. Thompson 3, extras 1, total 25.

Stagsden: A. Beard 9, J. Glidewell 0, L. Smith 9, P. Bazley 14, B. Newman 4, E. Flute 11, W. Linger 3, H. Defraine 20, F. Beard 3, C. Cooper 0, J. Ellis not out 0, extras 6, total 79.

Clapham v. Biddenham 2nd.

Good cricket was seen at Clapham on Saturday. The Village team began in good form, H. Faulkner bowling well, taking 6 for 9, and with the bat made 41. J. Newell took 3 for 9. Clapham won easily by 35 runs. Scores:—

Biddenham: A. Hyde 4, G. Jackson 0, P. Shaw 4, L. Williams 3, L. Poole 0, J. Elkins 2, L. Dudley 5, F. Booth 0, N. Morris 0, L. Dowler 0, V. Harper not out 0, extras 1, total 19.

Clapham: C. Tysoe 2, P. Swales 7, H. Faulkner 41, E. Newell 11, A. Payne 3, J. Newell 6, A. Peacock 11, W. Prentice 7, W. Armstrong 3, D. Towns 0, H. Peacock 2, extras 11, total 104.

Division III (South).

Haynes 2nd v. Marston 2nd.

Haynes 2nd secured a welcome win on Saturday at the expense of Marston. F. Burnage bowled well for Haynes, taking 6 wickets for 7 runs. Scores:—

Marston 2nd: S. Odell 2, R. Nicholls 4, S. Knight 2, C. Granby 8, J. Whittington 0, G. Milton 0, J. Adams 4, F. Denton 1, C. Hudson 1, W. Odell 1, G. Copperwheat 3, extras 5, total 31.

Haynes 2nd: F. Joy 10, S. Joy 2, A. Joy 0, F. Burnage 6, H. Herbert 11, D. L. Simms 5, M. Oliver 3, F. Simms 6, F. Cox 1, G. Herbert 0, G. Bass 0, extras 3, total 47.

Houghton Conquest v. Elstow Road 2nd.

Played at Houghton, a pleasant game ending in a win for the visitors by 25 runs. Russell, for the visitors, was in good form, scoring 24 runs and taking six wickets for 11 runs; Geary took four wickets for 17 runs. C. Brinklow bowled well for Houghton, taking six for 25, and E. Penwright three for 25. J. Gadsden was Houghton's only batsman to reach double figures, scoring 10 runs.

Elstow 2nd: Geary 0, Russell 24, Webb 3, Richardson 0, Northcote 10, Everett 1, Lumbes 14, Harrison 0, Cowley not out 5, Fogg 2, Pope 0, extras 4, total 62.

Houghton Conquest: W. Dunkley 0, F. Day 4, K. Gilbert 0, C. Penwright 0, C. Brinklow 8, J. Gadsden 10, L. Gillett 2, J. Webb 1, J. Odell 3, W. Huckle not out 0, F. Huckle 0, extras 9, total 37.

NORTH BEDFORDSHIRE SCHOOL SPORTS LEAGUE.

Results of matches played on Friday:—

Cricket: Sharnbrook 14, Riseley 61; Keysoe 74 Clapham 60.

Netball: Sharnbrook 21, Riseley 2; Keysoe 9, Clapham 14.

BEDFORD FREE CHURCH LEAGUE.

Bunyan v. St. Paul's Wesleyans.

Played on 27th May and won by Bunyan, the scores being: Bunyan 100 (H. Neate 37 and R. Brumwell 47); St. Paul's Wesleyans 73 (W. H. Piper 26, A. Barnes 23, and H. Brown 16). For Bunyan J. Bates took four for 33.

Hassett Street and Park Road P.M. v. Kempston East Wesleyans.

Played on 27th May, when Kempston again beat the Primitive Methodists. Scores: Primitive Methodist 55 (B. Catlin 15 and C. Dickens 11); Kempston 121 (M. Adams 45 not out and E. Bell 35). Faulkner took six wickets for 28 runs.

Bromham Rd. Wes. & Moravian v. Howard.

Played on 1st June and won by Bromham Road. Of the Howard total of 103 A. J. Bailey scored a splendid 61 not out, and out of Bromham Road's 132 J. Howard hit up 102 not out. This is a record score for the Free Church League, and included two 6's and 16 4's.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS LEAGUE.

Quite a number of matches have been played recently, and, at last, with the season half over, one team has got clear of the rest. This is Goldington Road. Three of their last four matches have been won quite comfortably. They skittled Goldington, Clapham Road, and Harper Trust out for 26, 20, and 15 runs respectively, and each time more than doubled their opponents' score. Their most important game, however, was against Queen's Park, when they won by one run. They have a good batting side that punishes the loose ball well, and Taylor, who plays well on the off and is a fair bowler, must have an average of 20.

Goldington Village have fallen back a little, for they were beaten in a close game by Ampthill Road, who have second place. Ampthill Road are a steady team, with a very steady pair of opening bowlers, Downing and Robinson. Against Goldington and Harper Trust they bowled practically unchanged for a long time with hardly a loose ball. They have the great merit of pitching the ball well up, and the former varies his bowling cleverly.

There was a tremendously exciting struggle at the bottom rungs of the ladder last Tuesday, the scoring being worthy of comment. Batting first, Harper Trust had 5 wickets down for 5 runs (byes 4), but a vigorous tail-wag raised the score to 35. Clapham Village started off with 21 runs before a wicket fell; their last nine batsmen notched but one run between them. It was a game of contrasts.

There were three fine bowling performances, Harlow (Goldington) taking nine wickets for 10 runs and 9 wickets for 18 runs, and Lumley (Queen's Park) 8 wickets for 10 runs.

Results of matches:

Goldington Road 63 (Taylor 22, Hills 18), Clapham Road 20 (Taylor 7 for 11 runs).

Goldington Village 26 (A. Colburt 10, Taylor 6 wickets for 9), Goldington Road 53 (Taylor 25, Thompston 13, Morris 5 for 26, Colburt 3 wickets for 2).

Goldington Road 67 (Taylor 29, Bunn 14, Jarvis 6 for 14), Harper Trust 15 (Taylor 7 for 7).

Queen's Park 32 (Leadbeater 13, Lumley 9, Taylor 4 for 22), Goldington Road 33 (Thompston 19, Lumley 8 for 10).

Harper Trust 30 (Robinson 5 for 11, Downing 3 for 12), Ampthill Road 67 (Robinson 16, Downing 11, Chandler 14).

Queen's Park 43 (Harlow 9 for 18), Goldington Village 78 (Royal Colburt 19, C. Harlow 15, Reggie Colburt 13).

Clapham Village v. Goldington Village.

This match was played in Bedford Park on 25th May, when Goldington won by 90 runs to 30. Filsell was their top scorer with 24, and Gammon got 11. Dawson played throughout the Clapham innings for 8 not out. Scores:—

Goldington Village: L. Stonebridge 6, L. Gammons 11, Royle Colburt 0, F. Harlow 4, A. Colburt 0, R. Colburt 0, J. Morris 7, Filsell 24, Tompkins 5, Hills 0, Bushell not out 4, extras 9, total 70.

Clapham Village: C. Dawson not out 8, F. Dawson 0, C. Turner 5, P. Scrivener 3, R. Brimley 0, J. Hulme 2, S. Dawson 3, A. Wooding 1, W. Hodby 4, D. Mawson 0, C. Harrison 1, extras 3, total 30.

Goldington Village v. Ampthill Road.

This match was played on Goldington Green on 26th May, when the Bedford boys won. Jim Morris (not out 14) and Royle Colburt batted sturdily for the villagers, while Chandler was chief scorer for Ampthill Road. F. Harlow took nine wickets for 10 runs. Scores:—

Goldington Village: Gammons 0, Royle Colburt 10, Stonebridge 0, F. Harlow 0, Filsell 0, A. Colburt 2, R. Colburt 4, J. Morris not out 14, C. Harlow 0, T. Bushell 0, E. Hills 1, extras 4, total 35.

Ampthill Road: Wilson 0, Robinson 4, Scutchings 3, Gnapp 0, Downing 3, Goodman 0, Laughton 7, Litchfield 2, Chandler 12, Mann 2, Peacock not out 0, extras 13, total 46.

LEAGUE TABLE (up to Tuesday).

	P.	w.	d.	l.	pts.
Goldington Road	7	6	0	1	12
Ampthill Road	7	4	0	3	8
Goldington Village	6	3	1	2	7
Clapham Road	7	3	1	3	7
Queen's Park	6	3	0	3	6
Kempston	5	2	0	3	4
Harper Trust	6	2	0	4	4
Clapham Village	6	1	0	5	2

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EAST BEDFORDSHIRE LEAGUE.

Division I.

Stotfold Athletic v. Shefford.

Shefford visited Stotfold on Saturday, and were badly beaten by 124 runs. J. Bushby took six wickets for 13 for Stotfold. Scores: Stotfold Athletic: B. J. Jeffs 23, W. D. Jeffs 27, F. J. Kitchener 14, J. Devereux 16, G. Sanders 14, A. Mayes 0, H. Ansell 12, H. Favell 12, M. Payne 7, J. Bushby 11, J. H. Bruce not out 6, extras 16, total 159.

Shefford: V. L. Edwards 5, C. Knight 0, H. Vickers 0, W. Godfrey 4, C. Squire 3, G. Thorogood 3, W. Coutts 6, A. Taylor 2, W. Squire 0, A. Squire 2, L. Clark not out 1, extras 9, total 35.

Caldecote v. Woodbury.

For Woodbury E. H. Roberts took in all twelve wickets for 26 runs. Scores: Caldecote 39 and 36, Woodbury 45 and 35 for six wickets.

Eaton Socon v. Beeston Athletic.

The newcomers into the League ran up a score of 116 runs against Beeston on Saturday, who were all out for 66, giving the homesters the victory by 50 runs.

Meppershall v. A.R.S. (Henlow).

The Airmen won by an innings with 4 runs to spare at Meppershall. Scores: Meppershall 23 and 16, A.R.S. (Henlow) 43. There was some remarkable bowling on both sides: for A.R.S. F. H. Glover took eleven for 21, and R. Passum nine for 14, and for Meppershall F. Aylott captured six wickets for 22 runs.

Division II.

Sandy v. Eaton Socon 2nd.

C. Finding, with 36 and F. Udell with 23 were the chief contributors for Sandy, who made 139 against Eaton Socon 2nd XI's modest total of 35 runs. For the losers H. Dean took six for 45, and for Sandy S. J. Cooper four for 6.

Langford v. Caldecote 2nd.

There was a close finish in this league match, Langford winning by 6 runs, although J. Newall took six wickets for 16 for Caldecote. Scores: Langford 39, Caldecote 2nd 33.

Ickwell v. Potton 2nd.

Potton's second string outplayed Ickwell on Saturday, and won by 36 runs. E. Reynolds took five for 17 and C. Blane scored 20 for the victors, and for Ickwell A. Marsom bowled well and took five wickets for 30. Scores: Ickwell 25, Potton 2nd 61.

Wrestlingworth 59, Stotfold Athletic 37.

Division III.

Edworth v. Sandy 2nd.

Sandy 2nd ran up a score of 82 at Edworth and got the homesters out for 16. A. Finding taking five wickets for 5 runs. For Edworth H. Bryant captured six for 26 runs.

Beeston Athletic 2nd v. Langford 2nd.

For Beeston J. Blackwell took five wickets for 7 runs, and for Langford G. Rogers four for 6 and E. Smith three for 0. Scores: Beeston Athletic 2nd 26, Langford 2nd 30.

Broom v. Ickwell 2nd.

Broom won by an innings, A. Swain taking 14 wickets in Ickwell's two innings for 12 runs, and for Ickwell 2nd F. Wright took six for 18. Scores: Broom 36 and 4 for no wicket, Ickwell 2nd 26 and 12.

Campton 41, Old Warden 46.

MID-BEDFORDSHIRE LEAGUE.

Division I.

Harlington v. Leagrave.

At Harlington on Saturday the home team entertained Leagrave, and a fairly evenly contested game resulted in a win for the visitors by 8 runs, the scores being: Harlington 53, Leagrave 61.

Division II.

Steppingley v. Westoning.

Played at Westoning. Scores: Steppingley 70 (E. Putman 21, G. Knowles 10, A. Holmes 9), Westoning 38 (W. Haynes 9). For Steppingley A. Scott took three for 14 and G. Knowles who secured the hat trick, six for 20. For Westoning H. Wormbald obtained seven for 25, and R. Stringer two for 4.

Wingfield v. Harlington 2nd.

At Wingfield on Saturday the home team gave Harlington 2nd XI a sound thrashing by beating them by 63 runs. S. Harvey was in splendid batting form for Wingfield, knocking up 48 in a very short space of time, including several 6's and 4's. The best bowling performances were those of F. Edwards (Wingfield) two wickets for 2 runs, and H. Baker (Harlington) six wickets for 24 runs. Scores: Wingfield 93, Harlington 30.

OTHER MATCHES.

Bedfordshire Club and Ground (Extra) v. Conservative Club.

Played on the Goldington Road ground on the evenings of the 30th and 31st May, and resulted in a win for the Club and Ground. T. Plant (34) and A. B. Poole (24) put on 49 for the first wicket before Poole was caught, and another good stand was made by C. J. Churchill (43) and A. W. H. Poole (62), who put on 74 for the fourth wicket when the former was well caught by F. Potter off his own bowling. C. J. Churchill made some powerful drives, and A. W. H. Poole batted well. The Club and Ground declared with 218 for 7 wickets. The Conservative Club were dismissed for 84 F. Potter being top scorer with 22. Their dismissal was principally due to the fine bowling of W. H. Hills, his analysis being 7.5 overs, 7 wickets, 17 runs, average per wicket, 2.4 runs. Scores:—

Beds. Club and Ground (Extra): T. Plant b F. Coleman 34, A. B. Poole c F. Sabey b F. Coleman 24, H. Maxey b F. Coleman 11, C. J. Churchill c and b F. Potter 43, A. W. H. Poole, lbw b F. Coleman 62, H. R. Neate c F. Sabey b F. Potter 16, W. H. Hills not out 6, C. P. Bennett run out 0, F. C. Read not out 1, extras 21, total (for 7 wickets declared) 218.

Conservative Club: W. Dawson c H. R. Neate b W. H. Hills 18, F. Sabey c C. P. Bennett b C. H. Quarry 12, N. Timmins b L. W. Dixon 15, F. Potter b W. H. Hills 22, F. Coleman c F. C. Read b W. H. Hills 9, H. Sargent lbw b W. H. Hills 1, E. Fisher b W. H. Hills 2, F. Bonfield run out 0, C. Laughton b W. H. Hills 0, R. Geary b W. H. Hills 0, F. T. Johns not out 1, extras 4, total 84.

Bedford School 2nd v. Beds. Club and Ground (Extra).

This enjoyable game was played under ideal conditions on the Bedford School Ground on Saturday, and resulted in a win for the Beds. Club and Ground. The School side made 181 for 7 wickets and declared. R. H. Moll, the captain, played a very useful innings of 64; Field knocked up a quick 37, and C. Gall (24) and Rumboll (21) batted well for their runs. The Club and Ground scored 189 runs for the loss of 5 wickets, the winning hit being made in the last over. R. L. Keens (49) and A. F. Beagle (46) put on 79 runs for the 2nd wicket, and scored at a great pace.

Bedford School 2nd: R. H. Moll lbw b Humphreys 64; R. H. McMinn b Dixon 11, Smith b Dixon 0, C. Gall b Hills 24; Sinclair b Hills 4; Rumboll c Read b Stileman-Gibbard 21; Field c Neate b Beagle 37, Courtenay not out 10, Beckett not out 4, extras 6, total (for 7 wickets declared) 181. Gideon and Clover did not bat.

Beds. Club and Ground (Extra): H. R. Neate c Clover b Field 8, R. L. Keens c Sinclair b Gideon 49, A. F. Beagle c Rumboll b Courtenay 48, C. H. Poole not out 39, A. W. H. Poole c Field b Smith 12, L. Stileman-Gibbard b Rumboll 7, W. H. Hills not out 22, extras 6, total (for 5 wickets) 139. C. H. Humphreys, F. C. Read, L. W. Dixon, and M. Burke did not bat.

Shire Hall v. Cambridge County Hall.

Brisk hitting was the order of the day in this match, played on a batsman's wicket in Bedford Park on 26th May. Cambridge compiled a good total of 134, C. W. Bishop being top scorer with 29 runs.

With 80 minutes to bat, some hard hitting was witnessed, A. B. Poole (83) and R. L. Keens (52) scoring freely all round the wicket in a partnership of 129 for the second wicket. The former hit 10 fours and a six in his innings, which included some beautifully-timed drives. Marshall (4 for 36) was the Shire Hall's most successful bowler. Scores:—

Cambridge County Hall: Ayres b Marshall 13, Beasley c Lynn b Marshall 16, Chapman c Brunwell b Marshall 8, Fenton b Marshall 9, Bishop run out 29, Ayes b C. H. Poole 2, Kirbyshire c Smallwood b Long 18, Tevesham not out 16, Galpin b Long 0, Short b A. B. Poole 8, Stearn c Lynn b A. B. Poole 5, extras 10, total 134.

Shire Hall: A. B. Poole c Short b Chapman 83, E. Smallwood b Ayres 0, R. L. Keens c Short b Beasley 52, A. Marshall b Chapman 6, A. W. H. Poole b Beasley 8, C. H. Poole c Ayres b Chapman 13, F. Richardson not out 11, extras 7, total (for 6 wickets) 180. A. Long, S. W. Lynn, R. C. Brunwell, and L. Markham did not bat.

Queen's Works "A" v. Luton Davis's Works.

Played at Luton on Saturday, this match resulted in a win for the Queen's, thanks to the batting of W. Poulter and A. Barnes, the latter going in seventh wicket down and helping to take the score from 38 for 7 to 85 for 8. Scores:—

Luton (Davis's): Murphin b Poulter 16, Hood c Pearce b Poulter 18, Hoar, lbw b Gilbert 15, Murray, c Barnes b Poulter 0, Brown c Barnes b Poulter 0, Gower c and b Poulter 7, Wilson b Gilbert 0, Short b Gilbert 12, Barth c and b Poulter 3, Grunday c King b Poulter 2, Hawley not out 1, extras 4, total 78.

Queen's "A": H. Pearce c Murray b Short 17, F. King c Barth b Short 0, F. Hill retired hurt 2, M. Adams b Short 5, H. Warren b Brown 0, J. Luddington b Short 2, W. Poulter not out 11, H. Tingey b Grunday 7, P. Gilbert c and b Grunday 0, A. Barnes b Brown 40, extras 1, total 85.

Bedford Clarence v. R.A.F. (Henlow) "A".

This game in Bedford Park on 26th May produced an exciting finish, the visitors winning by two runs. Scores:—

R.A.F. (Henlow) "A": L/A/C Craig 28, A/C Walker 21, Sgt. Williams 2, L/A/C Young 3, Sgt. Smith 5, L/A/C Bugg 5, A/C Langley 20, L/A/C Fuller 0, A/C Harman 0, A/C Hawtin 16, A/C Haynes not out 8, extras 9, total 117.

Bedford Clarence: Neate 6, Pedley 0, Barcock 2, Linger 15, Kimp 2, Godsall 4, Payne 62, Smallwood 5, Dickenson 4, Keans not out 0, Goff 1, extras 14, total 115.

Howard's 2nd v. R.A.F. (Henlow).

At Henlow on Saturday, Howard's 2nd won comfortably by 5 wickets, A. Keech making 70 not out, and MacKillop 21. For the Airmen L/A/C Bugg, with 51, L/A/C Young, with 28, and Sergt. Smith, with 23, were the highest scorers. Scores:—

R.A.F. (Henlow): A/C Walker 2, Sergt. Smith 23, L/A/C Bugg 51, L/A/C Young 28, P/O Rodgers 0, A/C Langley 0, A/C Haynes 5, L/A Powderham 0, A/C Harman 7, L/A/C Fuller 1, A/C Hanley not out 17, extras 3, total 136.

Howard's 2nd: D. C. MacKillop 21, A. Keech not out 70, E. Bell 6, P. Inskip 5, W. Lunley 10, A. Emery 10, B. King not out 7, extras 20, total (for 5 wickets) 149.

Northampton Borough Police v. Bedfordshire County Police.

The Bedfordshire Police cricketers had a pleasant afternoon's sport with their confreres of Northampton at that town on Friday, but were unable to force a definite issue, the home police having two wickets in hand and being 68 runs behind at the close of play. C. J. Churchill brought off a fine all-round performance, topping the half-century and taking four wickets for 31 runs. Scores:

Bedfordshire County Police: P.c. Sandell b Lovell 20, P.c. Smith b Lovell 0, P.c. Blight c Clipstone b Lovell 29, P.c. Churchill b Pratt 54, P.c. Hare b Collins 5, P.c. Francis not out 0, P.c. Crossman run out 6, P.c. Martin c Watling b Pratt 7, P.c. Underwood b Clipstone 16, P.c. Norman run out 0, P.c. Barron b Clipstone 0, extras 16, total 153.

Northampton Borough Police made 85.

B.M.S. 2nd v. Mill Hill School 2nd.

Played on the Clarendon Road ground on Saturday, the School XI. losing by 30 runs to 125 for 5.

Bedford Adult School v. Biggleswade Wesleyans.

Bedford Adult School entertained the Biggleswade Wesleyans on the Cosmic ground, Ampthill Road, on Saturday, and defeated the visitors by 33 runs. The Wesleyans batted first, and G. Reid took 6 wickets for 14 and L. Rose 3 for 13, and the visitors' score was 39 runs. For the Adult School A. White carried his bat for 25 runs, and B. Catlin made 12 and F. Catlin 11 of the home total of 72. A. H. Wood had the best analysis for the Wesleyans, taking five wickets for 25 runs.

Goldington 2nd v. R.A.W.

This match at Goldington on Saturday was won easily by the homesters by 110 to 39. For the homesters Tom Brown hit out well for 30, and Cotchin (10), McLellan (21), and E. Fingham showed up well. C. Taylor took five wickets.

Meltis v. Bedford Ramblers.

Meltis were at home to Bedford Ramblers, and won a splendid game by 164 runs to 97. After Meltis had lost three wickets for 25, they settled down to a long partnership by Taylor and Robinson, who made 52 and 31 respectively. Burley made a fine catch at long leg, and King secured the last wickets very cheaply.

The Ramblers lost Burley in the first over, by a smart catch by Nicholson behind the stumps, and Cole accounted for Hodge, who had been playing in forceful style, by a splendid catch on the boundary. Stevens was bowling well until Whitemore began to hit out freely for 26. Cole, however, came on bowling again, and the tenth wicket fell at 97. Scores:—

Meltis: Knapp 16, Lovegrove 2, Taylor 52, Nicholson 4, Robinson 31, Copperwheat 8, Stevens 16, Cole 9, Bellamy 5, Young 7, Ivett 7, extras 7, total 164.

Ramblers: Burley 2, Cooper 14, Potter 8, Hodge 22, King 9, Warton 1, Bennett 1, Whitemore 26, Jones 10, Burton 0, Chambers 1, extras 3, total 97.

"Bedfordshire Times" v. Brayfield.

Played in Bedford Park on Saturday. The visitors compiled 115, H. Clarke (24) and T. Kitchener (23) being the principal scorers. The "Times" opened with L. Elderkin and F. Sharp, the latter being dismissed by Clarke with the score at 27. C. Lees joined Elderkin, and this pair carried the score to 94, Lees being caught when he had scored 37. The "Times" total was 127 for 5.

"Bedfordshire Times" v. The Martlets.

Played in Bedford Park on Tuesday evening, the "Times" winning by 57 runs. The Martlets met with early disaster, losing four wickets for 36 runs, but Clarke and Curtis made a useful stand, scoring 30 and 39 (not out) respectively, and bringing the total to 106 for five wickets. The "Times" scored freely from the commencement, and 67 was on the board when the first wicket fell. Elderkin played one of the best innings seen in the Park for some time, and scored fourteen fours and two sixes in his brilliant innings of 103. Leigh had a bright knock, scoring six boundaries in his 29. Scores:—

Martlets: L. Potter 9, Brace 6, Robinson 9, Gilbert 5, Clarke 30, Curtis 39 not out, Ibbott 6 not out, extras 11, total (for five wickets) 106.

"Bedfordshire Times": L. F. Elderkin 103, H. Shotbolt 18, S. Leigh 29, S. Stevens 4, extras 9, total (for four wickets) 163.

R.A.F. (Henlow) v. Trinity Tom Tits (Cambridge).

The Trinity College touring side were the visitors at the Aerodrome on the 25th May, for an all-day game. The Service declared with 288 runs for 8 wickets. With the exception of Kemp-Welch, who batted brilliantly in making 84, the visitors were fighting hard against well-varied bowling, backed up by good fielding, no fewer than 7 catches being accepted, and were dismissed for 150. R.A.F. made 288.

Letchworth Town v. R.A.F. (Henlow) "A".

With a depleted side owing to the calls of the first eleven, the Depot "A" team put up a good performance at Letchworth Corner on 25th May, when they were defeated for the first time this season by seven runs. The visitors compiled 126, of which total Bugg made 34. An even display by the home batsmen, enabled them to win by seven runs.

Harrold v. Bedford Ramblers.

At Harrold the Bedford Ramblers rambled out too quickly on Saturday, only Fergusson making anything of a stay at the wicket. Consequently they were dismissed for 40 runs, 24 short of the villagers' total. Scores:—

Harrold: S. Brooks 2, F. Chambers 6, S. Askham 1, L. Thew 17, B. J. Clayson 0, S. Swannell 13, J. Le Fevre 2, A. Pettit 0, L. Taylor 15, A. Larkins 5, H. Skevington not out 0, extras 3, total 64.

Bedford Ramblers: White 1, Patton 6, Carter 0, Ford 1, Howard 3, Fergusson 14, Goldsmith 0, Freshwater 0, Welland 8, Hulett 2, Young not out 3, extras 2, total 40

Gamlingay v. Little Gransden.

Gamlingay entertained Little Gransden on the Green End ground on Saturday, and scoring 64 (L. Brown 18, M. Norman 14, G. Abbott 13) to 52 (B. Hart 13, A. Chambers 11) won by 12 runs on the first innings.

Milton Ernest v. Harrold 2nd.

Played at Milton on Saturday, and resulting in a win for Milton. Harrold were dismissed for 25, and Milton replied with 49. Going in a second time, Harrold scored 35 and Milton 31 for 2 wickets.

Bedford Gas Athletic v. Ampthill.

Played at Ampthill on Saturday, this game resulted in an easy victory for the Gas Athletic. Scores:—

Ampthill: Fasey 9, Thompson, jun. 1, Sharpe 0, Cook 3, Stanbridge 3, Cunliffe 16, Putman not out 1, Quartermaine 10, Pepper 0, Thompson, sen. 2, Webber 0, extras 5, total 50.

Gas Athletic: Payne 13, Young 1, Cole 3, Plumb 11, Colburt 0, Southgate 11, Smith 15, Dear not out 23, Sewell 10, Worsley 13, Woods 3, extras 11, total 114.

Eversholt v. Westoning.

Eversholt entertained Westoning on the Recreation Ground on Saturday. Westoning were dismissed for 33 runs, an excellent bowling performance by the brothers Fleet being responsible for this. J. Fleet took 6 wickets for 10 runs, and F. Fleet 4 for 16. Eversholt responded with 68 runs. S. Long (21), and F. Impey (14) were most successful with the bat. Hubert Short captured 6 wickets for 30 runs. Westoning went in a second time, and had scored 52 for 3 wickets when stumps were drawn.

Westoning: Hub. Short 5, G. Gringer 1, A. Short 1, A. Harris 0, T. Anderson 0, R. Gazeley 0, Rev. Roberts not out 9, Herb. Short 0, R. Baker 1, G. Lummas 6, G. Cadsen 3, extras 7, total 33.

Eversholt: S. Long 21, T. Shaw 4, F. Impey 14, J. Bacher 2, J. Fleet 2, F. Fleet 6, T. Jarvis 4, B. Oakley 0, W. Bacher 2, H. Dalton not out 9, A. Cox 1, extras 3, total 68.

Jesus College (Cambridge) v. R.A.F. (Henlow).

An enjoyable game in the College Close on Monday resulted in a win for the College. Scores: Jesus College (Cambridge) 242 (F. A. Fawns 46, F. H. R. Woodd 53, and R. J. C. Howes 88), R.A.F. (Henlow) 168 (Sergt. Higgins 26, L/A/C Greenslade 51, F/O Croome 20, and L/A/C Slater 32).

Welwyn v. R.A.F. (Henlow).

At Welwyn on Saturday the Henlow Depot team beat Welwyn by a large margin. Scores: R.A.F. (Henlow) 202 (Cpl. Mottershead 20, F/Lt. Leder 56, Sergt. Higgins 45, L.A.C. Greenslade 29, and L/A/C Craig not out 26), Welwyn 77 (T. Down 18, A. F. Illingworth 19, and P. Sherston 23).

Clophill v. Lilley.

Played on the Common on Saturday. Bertie Webb, who has recently returned from Australia, took four wickets, and T. Bradshaw was responsible for 5. Scores:—

Lilley: S. Payne 8, K. Boddy 4, H. Birmingham 1, J. Read 17, W. James 1, W. Miller 0, A. Adams 2, S. Girling 0, J. W. Forsythe 1, E. Flecknow 2, V. Aylott 2, extras 2, total 40.

Clophill: J. Bushby 7, S. Titmas 19, B. Webb 8, W. E. Seabrook 23, H. Bushby 2, H. Whittamore 5, T. Bradshaw 12, R. Pearson 20, A. Whittamore not out 16, H. Gibson 1, A. B. Cole 0, extras 3, total 114.

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CRICKET.

Bedfordshire v. Bedford and District League XI.

The rain during Sunday night had very little effect on the Goldington road wicket when two well represented sides of Bedfordshire and the Bedford and District League opened in combat on Monday morning. This two-days match attracted fairly large crowds of people, who during the days saw plenty of good displays with ball and bat. "Sonny" Alcock captained the League side in place of W. Dawson, who sustained an injury during last week, and beat C. Rawlins (the County skipper) at the spin of the coin, electing to bat first. C. F. Sabey and C. Dickens opened the League's innings to the bowling of Hodge (fast-medium) and Manyweathers (left-hand slow) on, to all appearances, a good wicket. The pair had taken the score to 11 when, in Hodge's second over, Sabey was taken at the wicket. Joining Dickens, Hersee compiled 16 in good style, hitting very hard until he put one up to mid off. Meanwhile Dickens was batting quietly, but confidently, and twice found the ropes from the left-hander. Williamson did not stay long, and Alcock, who followed, was soon out, falling a second victim to Davison, who was troubling the batsmen in no little manner with a medium pace ball. Howard banged the leather into the Rugby pitch for 6, though Davison had him taken at first slip with his next delivery. Dickens left at 81, caught and bowled by the same bowler, having played splendid cricket all round the wicket and hitting five 4's. With Litchfield and Stevens together, the 100 was passed, and just later the former hit over a delivery from Manyweathers and was clean bowled. Coleman stopped but a short time, and at lunch Stevens and Ractliffe were together.

Davison's success in capturing six wickets before the interval was not continued on resuming, and in his first over Ractliffe hit him over into the Workhouse gardens, whilst Hodge was put to the ropes twice by Stevens, who completed his 50 with a beautiful leg glide. Ractliffe was hitting strongly, and after being missed in the long field by Alston, sent a ball into the Goldington-avenue gardens, from Davison. At 186, however, Rawlins got past his defence, and he was stumped. The pair had added 75 in great style, Ractliffe having hit two 6's and three 4's. This brought Cocking and Stevens together, and a close run brought the 200 up. Cocking was missed twice at point, and at 202 Stevens' fine knock came to a conclusion, a sharp rising ball from Drew hitting the shoulder of his bat, and he was taken at first slip. His 63 included eleven 4's, being compiled by perfect strokes all round. The 12th man, Minns, went out, and with Cocking, added 13 runs, the innings concluding at 215.

For the Beds. team Drew and Poole opened sedately to the bowling of Williams and Howard, and half an hour of careful cricket realised only 20 runs. At 22 Drew was smartly run out, and Alston going in, immediately saw Poole taken at the wicket with no addition to the score. This brought Plant and Alston together, the latter placing Alcock over the ropes on the leg side. Cocking went on for Howard, who had been paid the utmost respect, bowling eight overs for seven runs. At the other end Alcock gave way to Stevens, whose first ball was sent to the boundary by Alston. With the score at 64 Plant put his leg in front of a straight one from Stevens. Fuller replaced him, and he and Alston hit strongly until the tea interval came, with the score at 88.

On resuming, Fuller pulled Howard twice to the leg boundary, and a single from Alston sent up the century. The left-hander broke through Fuller's defence at 107, and in Hersee's next over Alston left, after a hard-hit 44, in which he had two "lives." Fowler joined Rawlins, but Howard soon disposed of him. Rawlins, batting quietly, was joined by Keens, but before he had scored Hersee hit his stumps. The score then stood at 119 when Hodge went out to join Rawlins and the pair carried the score to 145, Hersee receiving punishment from both. Then Howard, who was keeping the batsmen playing, made Rawlins put up a catch to short leg. Hodge, with Davison as his partner, put Howard to the off boundary, and both batsmen progressed steadily until Hodge gave cover point an easy catch. His was a sound innings. Then followed Page, to see Davison send Coleman twice over the ropes with beautiful drives, the pair being together when stumps were drawn, the score standing at 199 for 8. The Bedfordshire innings came to a conclusion after a dozen more runs to their over-night score had been added on Tuesday morning, the League thus establishing a lead of four runs.

Dickens and Sabey opened the League's second venture, and the pair compiled 41 runs before Sabey was well held by Plant, he having made 31 in convincing style, finding the ropes on five occasions. At lunch Hersee and Minns were unseparated, the score standing at 80 for 2. Great hitting by Hersee after luncheon caused the score to mount rapidly, and he compiled a brilliant century. Minns and Stevens also hit gloriously, and the League declared with the score at 311 and 6 wicket down.

Poole and Drew opened the second innings for the County, and at the tea interval the score was 43. Poole did not stay long after the resumption, and a fine innings came to a close after hitting six 4's in a safe 62. Short stays were made by Alston and Plant, and Fuller found the ropes four times in getting 19 runs. The score stood at 152 at this point, and Drew and Rawlins were together. In face of some attractive strokes by both batsmen the cricket slowed down, and several changes of the bowlers made no impression on them. However, Rawlins twice sought the boundary on the off, and the 200 point was reached with another off shot from Rawlins. Drew meanwhile was playing quietly, but a leg 4 from him caused Cocking to give way to Howard, and, passing the 60 stage, his rate of scoring increased. Howard three times passed Rawlins' defence, but no separation was brought about. Drew, in a perfect display of batting, hit nine 4's and never gave a chance; Rawlins provided attractive if slow cricket, and hit four 4's. The game was thus left drawn, the County wanting 91 more runs for victory. Cocking took 3 wickets for 53 runs, Howard 1 for 20, and Litchfield 1 for 19. Full scores:—

Bedford and District League.—1st Innings.

C. Dickens, c and b Davison	44
C. F. Sabey, c Page, b Hodge	4
E. D. Hersee, c Poole, b Davison	16
F. Williamson, c Hodge, b Davison	2
H. Alcock, c Poole, b Davison	2
G. Howard, c Plant, b Davison	6
L. Stevens, c Plant, b Drew	63
Rev. T. Litchfield, b Manyweathers	8
F. Coleman, st Page, b Davison	1
W. Ractliffe, st Page, b Rawlins	37
H. P. Cocking, not out	12
J. Minns, lbw., b Hodge	5
Extras	15
Total	215

Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hodge	14.5	2	54	2
Manyweathers	8	1	30	1
Davison	14	—	76	16
F. Rawlins	10	3	14	1
Drew	9	2	26	1

Bedfordshire.—1st Innings.

E. Drew, run out	8
A. B. Poole, b Hersee	4
A. R. Alston, b Hersee	44
T. Plant, lbw, b Stevens	10
J. O. Fuller, b Howard	26
F. Rawlins, c Hersee, b Howard	20
R. Fowler, lbw, b Howard	5
R. C. Keens, b Hersee	0
L. W. Hodge, c Sabey, b Stevens	31
F. E. Page, lbw, b Howard	6
E. F. Davison, not out	27
R. Manyweathers, c Stevens, b Williamson	2
Extras	22
Total	211

Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
F. Williamson	7.1	—	21	1
G. Howard	24	10	41	4
H. Alcock	4	—	24	1
H. P. Cocking	7	2	11	0
L. Stevens	12	3	34	2
E. D. Hersee	11	4	26	2
F. Coleman	8	0	32	0

Bedford and District League.—2nd Innings.

C. Dickens, c Manyweathers, b Alston	16
C. F. Sabey, c Plant, b Davison	31
E. D. Hersee, not out	126
J. Minns, c Hodge, b Alston	43
H. Alcock, c Page, b Manyweathers	5
L. Stevens, st Page, b Fowler	60
F. Williamson, c Davison, b Fowler	24
Extras	6
Total (for 6 wkts., dec.)	311

Bedfordshire.—2nd Innings.

C. Drew, not out	84
A. B. Poole, c Alcock, b Cocking	62
A. R. Alston, b Cocking	2
T. Plant, b Litchfield	6
J. O. Fuller, b Howard	19
F. Rawlins, not out	35
Extras	17
Total (for 4 wkts.)	225

The League players, and clubs to which they belong, were as follows:—C. Dickens (Clarence), C. F. Sabey (Conservative Club), E. D. Hersee (Igranic), F. Williamson (Clarence), H. Alcock (Clarence), G. Howard (Igranic), L. Stevens (Keysoe), Rev. T. Litchfield (Forder's Works), H. P. Cocking (Forder's Works), W. Ractliffe (Forder's Works), F. Coleman (Conservative Club), J. Minns (Elstow Road).

BEDFORD SCHOOL v. CAMBRIDGE CRUSADERS.

Played on the School ground on Saturday, when a very even game ended in a draw. Scores:—

Cambridge Crusaders.

T. C. Longfield, c Rylands, b Murray 18
E. H. Dodson, b Rylands 0
A. R. Alston, b Forrester 83
W. A. Soboy, c Moll, b Forrester ... 27
B. W. V. Robins, c T. Brown, b Murray 23
E. T. L. Haywood, st McVittie, b Sime 28
M. J. Allom, st McVittie, b Sime ... 1
F. J. Cummins, not out 31
C. H. Schwind, lbw, b Forrester 16
M. Collis Brown, not out 2
Extras 17

Total (for 8 wkts., dec.) 246

C. A. Rowland did not bat.

Bedford School.

R. D. Stuart, run out 13
C. A. B. McVittie, c Cummins, b Schwind 41
W. A. Sime, not out 44
T. Brown, st Brown, b Cummins ... 17
T. P. Moll, not out 11
Extras 5

Total (for 3 wkts.) 131

E. A. Rumboll, S. S. Murray, A. L. Brown, N. F. Reed, J. E. Rylands, and B. P. Forrester did not bat.

BEDFORD MODERN SCHOOL v. M.C.C.

In this match, played on the School ground on Saturday, the Modern School acquitted themselves excellently. They got rid of a good M.C.C. team (including Titchmarsh, who made 73) for 238, their bowling and fielding being very steady, and on going in they made 143 for 5, the game ending in a draw. Scores:—

M.C.C.

E. A. Bennett, lbw, b Williams 9
Capt. T. E. Brinckman, b Wolliams 4
A. C. Raphael, b Sowman 7
A. K. Judd, b Williams 58
C. H. Titchmarsh, c Southgate, b Ashwell 73
W. R. Collins, lbw, b Ashwell 42
J. T. Thorley, b Sowman 6
J. B. S. Tyler, b Sowman 0
W. H. Rowland, b Sowman 14
D. W. Sellar, b Williams 7
D. Neil-Keith, not out 0
Extras 15

Total 238

Bedford Modern School.

C. H. Williams, c Sellar, b Raphael 12
W. L. Davis, c Bennett, b Titchmarsh 43
H. A. Southgate, b Thorley 12
L. G. Ashwell, not out 28
A. Riddiford, c Judd, b Titchmarsh 0
E. C. Sowman, c Judd, b Bennett ... 20
H. H. Cowley, not out 11
Extras 17

Total (for 5 wkts.) 145

BEDFORD & DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Division II. (Northern Section).

Goldington v. Bedford Clarence 2nd.

Played on Goldington Green on Saturday, the home team winning by 19 runs. Scores:

Clarence 2nd.—R. Millman 5; P. Beechy 8; F. Mears 0; H. Dennis 0; H. Wild 0; Ward 3; A. Lockley 5; H. Childs 0; Edwards 5 (not out); Dennis 0; Gell 6; extras 5; total 37.

Godington.—J. Hulatt 9; G. Cotchin 1; A. Odell 8; L. Lack 0; A. Stocker 10; H. Kinch 0; A. Brace 4; C. Rawlings 4; F. Purser 8 (not out); G. Emberton 1; J. Stevens 4; total 55.

Keysoe v. Stevington.

Played at Keysoe on Saturday, the home team winning by 50 runs. Scores:—

Keysoe.—W. Wagstaff 16; S. Stapleton 7; G. Payne 4; L. Stevens 3; J. Jordan 1; J. Hartop 0; H. Skevington 34; W. Hawkings 1; T. Freeman 14; G. Truphet 20; B. Hartop 0 (not out); extras 4; total 104.

Stevington.—P. Stapleton 1; H. Woolston 0; R. Mackness 0; W. Bowyer 5; A. Cox 7; R. Field 0; H. Field 5; S. Cox 6; W. Field 4; G. Jeffries 11; G. Cox 10; extras 5; total 54.

Division II. (Southern Section).

Kempston v. Lidlington.

Played at "Springfield" on Saturday, and ended in an easy win for Kempston. Scores:

Kempston.—S. Eames c Henman b Taylor 17; R. Porter b Taylor 7; E. Tanner b Taylor 0; T. C. Curtis c Tansley b Henman 5; N. Chambers lbw b Moule 17; G. Cooper c Taylor b Moule 11; A. Spavins b Moule 0; A. White, not out, 56; W. Draper c T. Mead b Cook 2; W. Houghton not out 4; extras 7; total (for 8 wickets, declared) 124. E. Pestell did not bat.

Lidlington.—T. Mead b Chambers 0; A. Tansley b Chambers 1; A. Cook c Chambers b Cooper 7; J. Mead b Cooper 5; L. Taylor c Pestell b Cooper 4; P. Addison c Tanner b Chambers 3; A. Moule not out 17; S. Henman c Curtis b Tanner 10; M. Cook b Tanner 0; F. Cook c and b Chambers 25; W. Jackson b Chambers 0; extras 9; total 81.

Division II. (Eastern Section).

Great Barford v. Bolnhurst.

Played at Great Barford on Saturday, the visitors winning by 20 runs. Scores:—

Bolnhurst.—H. Swepston b Logsdon 0; W. Flute run out 14; H. N. Topham b Logsdon 1; B. Whaley b Smith 10; S. Lack b Smith 0; W. Swales c Bennett b Robinson 0; H. Hardwick b Robinson 6; H. Whitmore c Norman b Lee 14; H. Wagstaff run out 6; H. Bowyer b Smith 0; L. Harper not out 2; extras 5; total 58.

Great Barford.—J. Norman b Swepston 5; B. Lee c Topham b Lack 11; W. Robinson c Hardwick b Swepston 4; P. Skevington b Swepston 0; A. V. Draper b Lack 3; S. Logsdon b Swepston 1; F. Bennett b Swepston 0; L. Lees c Topham b Lack 0; F. Robinson c Swales b Swepston 8; S. Smith not out 3; M. Cooper b Lack 1; extras 2; total 38.

Division III. (Eastern Section).

Biddenham 2nd v. Igranic Works 2nd.

Played at Biddenham on Saturday, the Igranic winning by 10 runs. Scores:—

Biddenham 2nd.—Hyde 1; Jackson 1; Frossell 2; Pell 0; Williams 2; Church 1; Elkins 22; Shaw 5 (not out); Dudley 0; Johnson 1; Lomas 2; extras 6; total 43.

Igranic 2nd.—Garner 5; Wickson 11; Charidge 3; Cooper 21; Seer 2; Campion 1; Cambers 6; Steele 0; Burr 0; Wiseman 2; Pain 0; extras 2; total 53.

BEDFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS' LEAGUE.

Goldington v. Kempston.

This Schools' match was played in Russell Park on Thursday, and turned out a very exciting one in a tie of 40 runs each. Kempston had first knock, and Langley gave a capital display for 19. F. Harlow took 6 of the wickets for 19 runs, Morris 3 fod 13, and Colburt 1 for 5. For Goldington, F. Harlow was top scorer for 14, and when the last boy went in they wanted 12 runs to win, but Hills played well for 9 not out, and Tompkins getting 2, the game ended in a tie. Draper took 8 wickets for 18 runs. Scores:—

Kempston.—Ashpole 0; Lumbis 0; Langley 19; Hutchings 5; Proctor 0; Draper 2; Newman 1; Lee 4; Wall 3; Cox 0; White 4 (not out); extras 3; total 40.

Goldington.—L. Gammons 4; Filsell 0; Royle Colburt 0; F. Harlow 14; A. Colburt 5; R. Colburt 0; J. Morris 4; C. Harlow 0; Tompkins 2; T. Bushell 0; Hills 9 (not out); extras 2; total 40.

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COUNTY XI v. BEDFORD LEAGUE.

INTERESTING TWO-DAYS' MATCH.

The new fixture, a County XI v. the Bedford League, provided an interesting two-days' cricket at the Goldington Road ground in lieu of the Kent II match, on Monday and Tuesday. At the end honours were even, for after the League had led by four runs on the first innings they scored 311 before declaring with seven wickets down, and then saw the County reply with 225 for four wickets.

The County XI was rather deficient in bowling. A curious accident deprived the side of the services of C. Rawlins, who broke a blood vessel in his heel at Arlesey on Saturday after sending down four overs, and Hugh Davison's absence through an examination weakened the batting. The League team turned out as chosen, and was a well-balanced side of all-rounders. On Monday it was decided to play twelve a-side.

There was some attractive batting before lunch on Monday in a second wicket partnership between Dickens and Hersee, with Dickens the predominant partner. Sabey had left at 11, the victim of a smart catch at the wickets, but Dickens maintained an aggressive attitude and displayed a special liking for the young Ampthill bowler and in 40 minutes the score was taken to 62, when Hersee left to an easy catch at mid-off. When Davison and Rawlins went on to bowl for Hodge and Manyweathers runs came more slowly and wickets more quickly, and lunch was taken with the score at 138 for 8 wickets.

Afterwards came the brightest hitting of the day in a fine partnership between Stevens and the twelfth man, Ratcliffe, the young Forder's Works batsman. Both went for the bowling, and in 15 minutes they carried the score to 186, when Ratcliffe had the ill-luck to have his left wicket hit by the ball bouncing hard back from Page's pads. His 37 was the glorious knock of a care-free youngster, and it included two 6's and three 4's. Stevens was out ten minutes later to a catch behind the wicket, his 63 having taken him rather more than an hour to make. Meantime, he had sent the 200 up as the result of 2¼ hours' play, and the innings closed for 215 soon after he left.

Davison's six wickets cost 76 runs

There was little for comment in the County XI's reply. The bowling was maintained at too high a level for the batsmen to take liberties, and even Alston, in his excellent knock for 44, did not score so freely as usual, though he made some clever shots all round the wicket. The County had a stroke of ill-fortune at the beginning, when Drew, usually a very difficult man to displace, had his wicket upset by a ball which he hit on to the stumper's pads, and which cannoned back. It was a fine catch by Minns on the leg side which disposed of Poole soon afterwards. F. Rawlins batted with his customary steadiness at a stage when affairs were not going well for his side, and his stand with Hodge was invaluable and primarily responsible for the County side leaving on on Monday on equal terms with their opponents. Hodge was eventually out to a poor stroke after playing sound cricket for his 31. Towards the end of the day Coleman had an eventful over, when Mr. Hime no-balled him twice and Davison drove him twice to the football pitch for sixes. When stumps were drawn the County had made 199 for 9 wickets, Davison being 18 not out.

The County finished their innings in four overs on Tuesday morning four runs in arrears.

Sabey and Dickens re-opened for the League in an attractive partnership. Dickens did not score so freely as on Monday. Sabey soon took measure of the bowling, but he left at 41 to a hard catch in the slips by Plant, who was "winded" in his effort. Dickens left at 50 through a wonderful left-handed catch in the slips by Manyweathers. Hersee and Minns then became associated in a brilliant partnership, both driving with great power and freedom and adding a hundred runs in half-an-hour. Minns was the first to leave, Hodge accepting an easy catch in the slips, and Hersee went on to complete a brilliant century with Stevens as partner. Stevens had another bright knock and the innings was declared about 4 o'clock at 311 for 6 wickets.

At the tea interval Drew and Poole had scored 43 without loss. After tea they carried the total to 107 before Poole, who batted well for his 62 runs, was caught by Alcock. Only 8 had been added when Alston was bowled by Cocking. At 125 T. Plant was sent back for 6 and I. O. Fuller joined Drew. This pair carried on until 152 was reached, when Fuller was bowled by Howard, his 19 including four fours. F. Rawlins then partnered Drew and they were together when stumps were drawn with the total at 225 runs for 4 wickets, Rawlins having collected a useful 35 not out. Drew carried his bat for 84.

Bedford League.

C. Dickens c & b Davison	44
C. F. Sabey c Page b Hodge	4
E. D. Hersee c Poole b Davison	16
F. Williamson c Hodge b Davison	2
H. Alcock c Poole b Davison	2
G. Howard c Plant b Davison	6
L. Stevens c Plant b Drew	63
Rev. T. Litchfield b Manyweathers	8
F. H. Coleman c Page b Davison	1
W. Ratcliffe st Page b Rawlins	37
H. P. Cocking not out	12
J. Minns lbw b Hodge	5
Extras	15
Total	215

Second Innings.

C. F. Sabey c Plant b Davison	31
C. Dickens c Manyweathers b Alston	16
E. D. Hersee not out	126
J. Minns c Hodge b Alston	43
H. Alcock c Page b Manyweathers	5
L. Stevens st Page b Fowler	60
F. Williamson c Dawson b Fowler	24
Extras	6
Total (for 6 wkts. dec.)	311

The County XI.

E. Drew run out	8
A. B. Poole c Minns b Alcock	10
A. R. Alston b Hersee	44
T. Plant lbw b Stevens	10
I. O. Fuller b Howard	26
F. Rawlins c Hersee b Howard	20
R. Fowler lbw b Howard	5
R. L. Keens b Hersee	0
L. W. Hodge c Sabey b Stevens	31
E. F. Davison not out	18
E. Page lbw b Howard	6
R. Manyweathers cStevens b Williamson	2
Extras	22
Total	211

Second Innings.

E. Drew not out	84
A. B. Poole c Alcock b Cocking	62
A. R. Alston b Cocking	2
T. Plant b Litchfield	6
I. O. Fuller b Howard	19
F. Rawlins not out	35
Extras	17
Total (for 4 wickets)	225

E. F. Davison, L. W. Hodge, R. Fowler, R. L. Keens, E. Page, and R. C. Manyweathers did not bat.

CRICKET NOTES.

Playing Fields.

Some of the facts brought out in support of the appeal for more playing fields seem hardly credible. In no country in the world does one see more games being played, and yet apparently there are 4,000,000 boys and girls who are without proper playing fields, and the statement is even made that some cities with populations running into the hundreds of thousands do not possess a single public football or cricket pitch. This is the position at Kempston, where the only field available to the boys is the private sports ground of the Howards' Works' Club, kindly placed at their disposal during certain hours by the management of that Club. The town of Bedford can show a very good record in these matters, thanks very largely to the public-spirited lead of such men as Mr. Samuel Whitbread and Mr. Joshua Hawkins forty years ago.

These notes have always stressed the need for more opportunities for the would-be athlete, cricketer, and footballer, and we hope that this great movement to provide what is obviously a national need, will be handsomely supported in this town and county, and that to-morrow afternoon's meeting at the Town Hall will give the proposed County Association a good send-off. Every sporting club and association should contribute according to its means to assist a movement which cannot but work infinite good to sport and to the nation. The country needs young men of all stations in life who have learned "to play the game", and how shall they learn that if they have no opportunity of playing it?

Some Quick Scoring.

Over 600 runs were scored in the Bedfordshire Club and Ground v. Three Counties Hospital match at Arlesey on Saturday in about five hours, the Club and Ground making 364 and the Hospital staff replying with 244 for three wickets. To the Club's big total T. Plant contributed 81, F. Rawlins 89, and W. H. Hills 99 not out, the latter being unlucky not to complete his century. Buckley bowled splendidly for the Hospital in taking seven wickets for 84 runs. Afterwards the home side, although they had hardly a chance of obtaining the runs, showed their ability to do so by obtaining two-thirds of them for the loss of only three wickets. Buckley and Vine gave them a splendid start of 80 for the first wicket. Vine and Fuller then carried the score along until the former was run out after a meritorious innings of 84. Fuller's total at the close of play was 65 not out, his innings showing brilliant form.

Bedford School Notes.

M. Vittie batted in more like his normal form on Saturday against the Cambridge Crusaders, when he had settled down. His forward shots were very good and he made some excellent cuts off Robins, who was bowling very fast. Most of his 41 runs, however, came from his forward drives, and though he has made more runs it was his best display of the season. Stewart was batting soundly when he was run out through hesitation between the wickets, and Sime's was an excellent knock for 44 not out. He made splendid use of the opening on the off side, and got most of his runs in front of the wicket. The School fielding on the whole was good, and the bowling steady.

For the Crusaders A. R. Alston played another bright innings against the School, his 83 runs all being made well. He has a number of good scoring shots all round the wicket, but he is particularly good on the off side, and anything short gets the treatment it deserves.

Hobbs's Bat for Goldington Boy.

F. Harlow, aged 13, of Goldington School, who took nine wickets for 10 runs against Ampthill Road School in the Elementary Schools League, has won an autographed Hobbs's bat offered by *The Star* for the best bowling performance by boys up to the age of 14 in an elementary or preparatory school in the country.

Still Running.

The day of the under-arm bowler is not yet done and holiday cricket generally sees a revival of him in some village game or another. On Monday he re-appeared at Harlington, where that fine old veteran, J. J. Harris, took three wickets with his under-arm deliveries against Flitton.

Forder's Works 2nd improved their League status during the week-end by good victories over Ridgmont and Wootton Hall End. For both successes they were largely indebted to the bowling of S. Everett, who on Monday against Ridgmont captured eight wickets for 18 runs, and on Saturday against the Hall End secured six wickets for 22 runs. After dismissing Ridgmont for 41 the Works proceeded to "rub it in" by passing the century before the fall of the first wicket, G. Hutchings batting finely for his 51 not out.

Tempsford's New Pavilion.

The new cricket pavilion in Tempsford Park was opened on Monday by Mrs. J. Sydney Biss. Later a match was played between the Tempsford ex-Service men and the local cricket club, in which victory rested with the ex-Service men by 13 runs. Between the innings Mrs. Biss entertained the teams and others to tea, and Mr. John Ream voiced thanks to her for opening the pavilion and providing such enjoyable entertainment and to Miss E. Biss for helping at the tables. The scores on this memorable occasion were:—

The Village Club: P. Stocker 0, C. Quince 5, L. Wilson 17, W. Linger 4, J. Gentle 26, J. Ream 2, H. Harvey 3, E. Musk 25, H. Musk 3, J. George 1, P. Gosling 0, J. Beaumont 0, John Beaumont 1, T. Kidman 0, extras 7, total 92.

The ex-Service men: C. Bowering 0, J. Fields 0, F. Battle 1, C. Sims 4, H. Barnes 9, C. Jackson 27, W. Urquhart 1, F. Hull 22, M. Hedge 17, Geo. Spires 12, W. Rook 1, C. Jones 3, W. Jackson 0, W. A. Jackson 0, Sidney Jackson 2, total 105.

East Bedfordshire Cricket League.

Mr. R. H. Higginson presided on Saturday at the Executive meeting of the East Bedfordshire Cricket League. Mr. W. A. Birkett reported that Caldecote claimed 4/6 from Biggleswade and ground expenses for non-fulfilment of fixture last season. The Biggleswade secretary stated that Caldecote were notified on the previous Friday. The Caldecote secretary admitted this and the groundsman stated that he did not mark out the ground until the Saturday morning. The Committee considered the Caldecote secretary had plenty of time to prevent the marking of the ground, and the claim could not be upheld. Broom protested against the result of their recent league match at Edworth as the umpire was not registered, and their permission was not asked for him to act. A long discussion ensued, and it was decided that the onus is on any club not playing a registered umpire to notify their opponents and get their agreement to a substitute acting. The protest was therefore upheld, and the match ordered to be replayed.

BEDFORD SCHOOL v. CAMBRIDGE CRUSADERS.

After their two good wins Bedford School seem to be experiencing a series of draws, and on Saturday in their match with the Cambridge Crusaders both sides played unfinished innings. There was an absence of anything of particular interest. A. R. Alston's breezy 83 for the Crusaders was the biggest batting effort of the game. The scores were:—

Cambridge Crusaders.

T. C. Longfield c Rylands b Murray	18
E. H. Dodson b Rylands	0
A. R. Alston b Forrester	83
W. A. Robey c Moll b Rylands	27
R. W. V. Robins c T. Brown b Murray	23
F. T. L. Haywood st McVittie b Sime	28
M. T. C. Allom st McVittie b Sime	1
F. T. Cummins not out	31
C. H. Schwind lbw b Forrester	16
M. Collis-Browne not out	2
Extras	17
Total (for 9 wickets dec.)	246

C. A. Rowland did not bat.

Bedford School.

R. D. Stewart run out	13
C. A. B. McVittie c Cummins b Schwind	41
W. A. Sime not out	44
T. Brown st Browne b Cummins	17
T. P. Moll not out	11
Extras	5
Total (for 3 wickets)	131

E. A. Rumboll, S. S. Murray, A. L. Brown, N. F. Reed, J. E. Rylands, B. P. F. Forrester did not bat.

BEDS CLUB & GROUND v. NORTHANTS AMATEURS.

Northants Amateurs brought a good batting side to Bedford on Thursday, including A. P. R. Hawtin. The latter, W. Adams, and Humphrey batted in a very attractive manner. Humphrey's 85 included eight 6's. He obtained 32 in one over after having been caught off two successive balls, one over the boundary and the other off a no-ball.

The Club and Ground, however, managed to make a draw, Stileman Gibbard staying in for 31 not out. C. H. Poole, the last man in, kept up his end well for 15 minutes. Scores:—

Northants Amateurs.

A. P. R. Hawtin st Wilson b Stileman Gibbard	70
W. Adams c Wilson b Stileman Gibbard	100
F. Whiting c C. H. Poole b Stileman Gibbard	8
S. H. G. Humphrey c A. B. Poole b C. H. Poole	85
W. Hardy c Humphreys b C. H. Poole	17
F. Adams c Stileman Gibbard b C. H. Poole	1
W. C. Brown not out	24
H. A. Bennett c Hill b Stileman Gibbard	1
W. H. Hills not out	12
Extras	14
Total (for 7 wkts. dec.)	332

Beds Club and Ground.

C. H. Humphreys b J. Whiting	11
L. W. Wilson b Bakewell	30
A. B. Poole b J. Whiting	6
A. R. Alston c F. Adams b Humphrey	28
R. Pedraza b J. Whiting	1
F. Rawlins c Humphrey b Hardy	18
L. G. Stileman Gibbard not out	31
P. J. Potter c Bakewell b Hardy	4
A. W. H. Poole c Bennett b Hardy	4
H. G. Hill b Hardy	0
C. H. Poole not out	4
Extras	22
Total (for 9 wkts.)	159

THREE COUNTIES HOSPITAL v. BEDS CLUB & GROUND.

At Arlesey on a hard wicket the Club and Ground put up a big score of 364. After a poor start (53 for 4 wickets) Plant and F. Rawlins, in a fine partnership, laid the foundation of a big total. Hills followed with 99 not out, which included 18 fours. With F. Rawlins he put on 109 for the eighth wicket and, with Penstone, 74 for the last wicket. In spite of the heavy score Buckley finished with 7 wickets for 84. The Hospital replied with 244 for 3 wickets. Buckley, Vine, and Fuller all batted well and obtained runs at a rapid rate. Unfortunately for the Club and Ground C. W. Rawlins broke a blood-vessel in his foot and had to retire. Scores:—

Beds Club & Ground.

L. W. Wilson c Goddard b Buckley	0
A. B. Poole c Ward b Buckley	11
R. Pedraza c Saunders b Buckley	29
T. Plant c Saunders b Champion	81
C. W. Rawlins b Buckley	0
F. Rawlins b Buckley	89
A. S. Holiday c Albon b R. Robinson	20
H. G. Hill b Champion	0
W. H. Hills not out	99
L. W. Hodge st Page b Buckley	4
E. G. Penstone c P. Robinson b Buckley	26
Extras	6
Total	364

Three Counties Hospital.

J. H. Buckley c & b Hodge	46
J. Vine run out	84
L. O. Fuller not out	65
L. G. Albon c Hodge b F. Rawlins	19
H. B. Goddard not out	19
Extras	11
Total (for 3 wkts.)	244

BEDFORD MODERN SCHOOL v. M.C.C.

The premier club sent down a strong XI for their annual match with Bedford Modern School on Saturday, and the boys did well to play them to an even draw. Except during a bright partnership between Judd and Titchmarsh, the Harpenden wonder, the M.C.C. batsmen gave the School bowling little trouble, Sowman and Williams bowling with remarkable success. Davis played a very steady innings which was invaluable under the circumstances, and received excellent support from Ashwell. Scores:—

M.C.C.

E. A. Bennett lbw b Williams	9
Capt. T. E. W. Brinckman b Williams	4
A. C. Raphael b Sowman	7
A. K. Judd b Williams	58
C. H. Titchmarsh c Southgate b Ashwell	73
W. R. Collins lbw b Ashwell	42
J. J. Thorley b Sowman	6
J. E. S. Tyler b Sowman	0
W. H. Rowland b Sowman	14
D. W. Sellar b Williams	7
D. Neil-Keith not out	0
Extras	18
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Bedford Modern School.

C. H. Williams c Sellar b Raphael	12
W. L. Davis c Bennett b Titchmarsh	43
H. A. Southgate b Thorley	12
L. G. Ashwell not out	28
A. Riddiford c Judd b Titchmarsh	0
E. C. Sowman c Judd b Bennett	20
H. H. Cowley not out	11
Extras	17
Total (for 5 wkts.)	143

F. W. Manning, A. C. Ryan, I. H. McNicol, and H. W. Bingham did not bat.

HOWARD'S WORKS v. QUEEN'S WORKS.

At Allen Park on Saturday Howards visited Queen's Works, whom they defeated rather easily by four wickets, thanks chiefly to a splendid 64 by Whitbread. Scores:—

Queen's Works.

J. Ratcliff b Shaw	1
A. Pacey b Marshall	5
F. King b Shaw	13
H. Faulkner b Marshall	0
S. Harris b Brown	23
F. Golding c & b Shaw	0
G. Goodwin c Marshall b Shaw	6
M. Adams b Marshall	31
H. Beale c Tysoe b Shaw	38
W. Poulter c Brown b Shaw	2
J. Smith not out	4
Extras	14
Total	136

Howard's Works.

F. Marshall c Smith b King	26
W. Whitbread b Faulkner	64
S. Allen b Goodwin	5
A. Peacock c & b Harris	15
Shaw T. b Harris	13
D. MacKillop b Faulkner	4
A. Tysoe not out	3
Extras	8
Total (for 6 wkts.)	138

A. Keech, F. Harrison, R. Brown, and H. Griffiths did not bat.

HOWARD'S WORKS v. DODDRIDGE MEMORIAL (NORTHAMPTON).

At Kempston on Monday Howard's were defeated by 50 runs by Doddridge Memorial. Peacock (24) and Wilson (19) were the chief scorers for Howard's, Shaw obtaining 7 wickets for 62 runs. Scores:—

Doddridge Memorial.

W. Sabin b Shaw	5
T. Wilcox b Marshall	12
W. Juffkins st Wilson b Shaw	17
F. Wright c & b Shaw	10
H. G. Lewis lbw b Marshall	14
S. Wiggins b Shaw	13
L. Chambers c Emery b Shaw	19
W. King b Harrison	7
W. Thomason c Richardson b Shaw	4
F. Harrison not out	3
E. Watts b Shaw	2
Extras	14
Total	120

Howard's Works.

F. Marshall b Watts	4
E. Wilson c Lewis b Thomason	19
P. Inskip run out	2
A. Peacock b Harrison	24
Shaw T. lbw b King	8
F. Harrison b Harrison	0
A. Emery lbw b Harrison	1
S. Allen b Harrison	2
A. Ross c Juffkins b King	1
T. Dix not out	1
Extras	1
Total	70

BEDFORD & DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Division I.

Sharnbrook v. Bedford Clarence.

Played at Sharnbrook on Saturday, the Clarence winning by 33 runs. Scores:—

Clarence: E. Barcock b Howe 4, F. G. King c and b Howe 0, F. Williamson b Howe 5, H. Alcock c Allen b S. Gibbard 15, G. Reid c Barcock b S. Gibbard 0, E. Barker lbw 4, B. Maynard run out 3, F. Field c Newell b Gibbard 0, S. Williamson c Ingram b Howe 20, R. Ives c Howe b Gibbard 4, M. Wells not out 1, extras 2, total 58.

Sharnbrook: W. Howe b Ives 2, A. Rich c Williamson b Alcock 3, F. Allen b Alcock 7, A. Boyles b Alcock 0, R. Newell b Alcock 2, L. G. Stileman Gibbard b Ives 1, P. Allen lbw b Alcock 2, A. Butcher b Alcock 1, F. Barcock b Alcock 1, A. Ingram c Barker b Alcock 0, R. C. Allen not out 3, extras 5, total 25.

Conservative Club v. Wootton.

A meeting of these two teams on Saturday provided one of the most exciting matches in the Park for some time, the Clubmen eventually winning by 13 runs and at the same time laying the bogey that they could never beat Wootton. Geary disposed of Tuffnell with his second ball. The Rev. T. Latchfield was well caught off Coleman, and with Brown being run out, three wickets were down for 6 runs. The Clubmen were fielding remarkably well, and three more wickets fell in succession to "run outs". Ratcliffe proved a sticker and compiled a useful 23. With the exception of Cocking (11) none of the remaining batsmen reached double figures, and the innings closed for 62. Potter bowled well, taking three for 12.

The Clubmen opened their innings cautiously, but with 2 runs scored Perry was bowled with a beauty by Lowe. The total had reached 16 when Potter was out to a catch off Lowe, and with three more wickets falling for an additional 2 runs, the Clubmen's chances of victory began to fade. Coleman and Thompson, however, stopped the rot, both playing confidently, Thompson getting Lowe away for two 6's. The score had reached 44 when Coleman left, but at the fall of the ninth wicket 4 runs were still required. Geary then joined Laughton and a wag remarked "Everyone can be heard holding their breath." These two played "tip and run" for three singles, and then Laughton got Lowe away for 4 and the match was won. Before Laughton was bowled Geary had to have a "go" at Lowe and hit him for 6. Coleman's innings was invaluable just at a time when the remaining batsmen required a lead, and no doubt had a lot to do with his side's ultimate victory. Scores:—

Wootton: The Rev. T. Litchfield c Timmins b Coleman 2, G. Tuffnell b Geary 0, H. Brown run out 3, W. Ratcliffe run out 23, J. Hillson 7, H. P. Cocking b Geary 0, A. Meredith b Potter 11, A. Beard not out 6, A. Moore b Potter 4, C. Lowe b Bonfield 5, G. Faulkner b Potter 0, extras 3, total 62.

Conservative Club: H. Perry b Lowe 0, F. C. Sabey lbw b Lowe 13, P. Potter c Moore b Lowe 1, Timmins c Meredith b Cocking 0, H. A. Sargent b Cocking 0, F. Coleman b Lowe 12, W. Thompson c Faulkner b Beard 16, J. Bonfield b Beard 11, Ed. Fisher b Lowe 3, C. Laughton b Lowe 8, R. C. Geary not out 9, extras 2, total 75.

Division II (North).

Goldington v. Clarence 2nd.

Played on Goldington Green on Saturday, the homesters winning by 56 to 37.

Clarence 2nd: R. Millman 5, P. Beechy 8, F. Mears 0, H. Dennis 0, H. Wild 0, Ward 3, A. Lockley 5, H. Childs 0, Edwards not out 5, Dennis 0, Gell 6, extras 5, total 37.

Goldington: J. Hulatt 9, G. Cotchin 1, A. Odell 8, L. Lack 0, A. Stocker 10, H. Kinch 0, A. Brace 4, C. Rawlings 4, F. Purser not out 8, G. Emberton 1, J. Stevens 4, extras 7, total 56.

Keysoe v. Stevington.

This match, played at Keysoe, resulted in an easy win for the homesters, Keysoe making 104 and Stevington replying with 54. The best bowling achievement of the afternoon was T. Freeman's six for 27 for Keysoe. Scores:—

Keysoe: W. Wagstaff 16, S. Stapleton 7, G. Payne 4, L. Stevens 3, J. Jordan 1, J. Hartop 0, H. Skevington 34, W. Hawkins 1, T. Freeman 14, G. Truphet 20, B. Hartop not out 0, total 104.

Stevington: P. Stapleton 1, H. Woolston 0, R. Mackness 0, W. Bowyer 5, A. Cox 7, R. Field 0, H. Field 5, C. Cox 6, W. Field 4, G. Jefferies not out 11, G. Cox 10, total 54.

Division II (South).

Kempston v. Lidlington.

This League game was played at Springfield on Saturday and ended in an easy win for the home team. Thanks to a breezy bit of batting by White, supported by useful contributions from Eames, Cooper, and Chambers, the home skipper was able to declare the innings closed with the score 124 for eight wickets. The visitors fared rather disastrously at the wickets, losing six men for only 21 runs. A fine piece of stonewalling by Moule, who batted over an hour for 17 runs, aided by F. Cooke, who is of the hit or miss variety of batsman, helped to bring the score up to a respectable total, but the visitors had to admit defeat by 43 runs. Scores:

Kempston: S. Eames c Henman b Taylor 17, R. Porter b Taylor 7, E. Tanner b Taylor 0, T. C. Curtis c Tansley b Henman 5, N. Chambers lbw b Moule 17, G. Cooper c Taylor b Moule 11, A. Spavins b Moule 0, A. White not out 56, W. Draper c T. Mead b Cook 2, W. Houghton not out 4, extras 7, total for eight wickets declared 124. E. Pestell did not bat.

Lidlington: T. Mead b Chambers 0, A. Tansley b Chambers 1, A. Cook c Chambers b Cooper 7, J. Mead b Cooper 5, L. Taylor c Pestell b Cooper 4, P. Addison c Tanner b Chambers 3, A. Moule not out 17, S. Henman c Curtis b Tanner 10, M. Cook b Tanner 0, F. Cook c and b Chambers 25, W. Jackson b Chambers 0, extras 9, total 81.

Forder's Elstow Works v. Railway Ath.

Played at Elstow, the Athletic winning by 3 runs. Scores:—

Forder's Elstow Works: G. Turner 15, W. Goldsmith 19, G. Darlow 7, G. Beard 3, R. Reeves 1, C. Haynes not out 14, F. Wadsworth 0, A. Thompson 0, F. Lowe 0, F. Faulkner 0, R. Proctor 1, extras 10, total 61.

Railway Athletic: C. Brittain 6, F. J. Wright 3, F. Holmes 1, V. Phillips 8, O. Bowyer 3, L. Ivett 3, G. E. Woods 9, F. Bone 19, F. Bartram 0, C. Pearce not out 4, extras 8, total 64.

Forder's 2nd v. Ridgmont.

Played on Monday at Wootton Pillinge before a goodly number of spectators. Ridgmont were all out for 41, S. Everett taking eight wickets for 18 runs. The Works' batsmen proved much too strong for the Ridgmont bowling, for 101 was compiled for the loss of only one wicket, E. Hutchings totalling 51 not out, whilst E. Nicholls came next with 28 not out. Scores:—

Ridgmont: R. Attack 3, W. Hurdle 4, C. Macgregor 1, T. Fisher 0, A. James 16, J. Fisher 6, E. Bevington 2, R. Simms 1, R. Williamson 0, R. Cook 0, F. Fisher not out 0, extras 8, total 41.

Forder's Works 2nd: P. Milton 15, E. Hutchings not out 51, E. Nicholls not out 28, extras 7, total for one wicket 101.

Forder's 2nd v. Wootton Hall End.

Played on Saturday at Wootton Pillinge. The Works put up the respectable score of 118, E. Nicholls being highest scorer with 44. Wootton could reply with only 51, the highest individual effort being 11 by J. Hutchings. The bowling of S. Everett for Forder's contributed in no small measure to the winning of the match, he taking six wickets for 22 runs. Scores:—

Forder's Works 2nd: P. Milton 15, A. Robinson 8, B. Beard 0, E. Hutchings 5, T. Burraway 1, E. Nicholls 44, L. Odell 13, W. Evans 0, J. Lowe 19, K. Jeeves 11, S. Everett not out 0, extras 8, total 118.

Wootton Hall End: P. Wadsworth 0, J. Burraway 1, L. Milton 9, J. Hutchings 11, H. Hutchings 0, C. Gilbert 2, B. Copperwheat 5, C. Burraway 6, J. Beard 0, G. Burraway not out 2, W. Hutchings 1, extras 14, total 51.

Haynes v. Ridgmont.

Played at Haynes on Saturday, Ridgmont winning by 13 runs. Scores:—

Haynes: S. Brook 5, A. Keens 1, S. Francis 7, G. Barber 14, S. Cooper 1, F. Green 5, A. Brittain 1, B. Burnage 0, G. Potter 7, A. Cox not out 10, H. Cox 1, extras 4, total 56.

Ridgmont: R. Attack 2, W. Hirdle 14, S. Fisher 9, J. Fisher 3, R. Simms 0, T. Miller not out 23, R. Cook 0, F. Fisher 0, F. Wright 0, E. Bevington 7, C. Macgregor 8, extras 3, total 69.

Division II (East).

Great Barford v. Bolnhurst.

On Saturday Great Barford was visited by Bolnhurst. The visitors won easily by 20 runs. Scores:—

Great Barford: J. Norman 5, B. Lee 11, W. Robinson 4, P. Skevington 0, A. V. Draper 3, S. Logsdon 1, F. Bennett 0, H. Lees 0, F. Robinson 8, S. Smith not out 3, M. Cooper 1, extras 2, total 38.

Bolnhurst: H. Swepstone 0, W. Flute 14, H. N. Topham 1, B. Whalev 10, S. Lack 0, W. Swales 0, H. Hardwick 6, H. Bowyer 0, H. Whitmore 14, H. Wagstaff 6, H. Harpour not out 2, extras 5, total 58.

Biddenham 2nd v. Igranic 2nd.

At Biddenham on Saturday the Igranic 2nd gained their third consecutive victory. The home team, who were sent in to bat, were disposed of for 43 runs. The only man to give trouble was Elkins, who hit hard for his 22, which proved to be the highest score of the match. Cambers, who bowled unchanged, took six wickets for 11 runs. The Igranic started rather badly, but Cooper and Wickson batted steadily and the Biddenham score was passed for the loss of five wickets. The innings closed for 53, Cooper carrying his bat for 21. Scores:—

Biddenham 2nd: Hyde 1, Jackson 1, Frossell 2, Pell 0, Williams 2, Church 1, Elkins 22, Shaw 5 not out, Dudley 0, Johnson 1, Lomax 2, extras 6, total 43.

Igranic 2nd: Garner 5, Wickson 11, Claridge 3, Cooper 21, Seer 2, Campion 1, Cambers 6, Steele 0, Burr 0, Wiseman 2, Pain 0, extras 2, total 53.

Division III (North).

Keysoe Brookend v. Renhold.

This match, played at Keysoe Brookend on Saturday, was won by the homesters, who passed the visitors' total before the fall of the fourth wicket, B. Stapleton again being top scorer. Scores:—

Renhold: L. Ware 3, H. Norman 3, C. Constant 0, H. Locke 0, O. Harlow 1, R. Valentine 0, A. Norman 7, W. Wootton 0, P. Swan 7, C. Kirby 3, F. Rabbit 4, extras 2, total 30.

Keysoe Brookend: G. Seth 13, A. George 8, H. Seth 4, W. Filsell 4, E. Stapleton 3, O. Stapleton 0, B. Stapleton 20, W. Gell 0, R. Filsell 2, J. Franklin 7, A. Stapleton 4, extras 6, total 71.

Division III (East).

Clapham v. Stagsden.

In a low scoring game on Saturday Clapham beat Stagsden by 4 runs. None of the batsmen succeeded in reaching double figures, although Clapham's extras amounted to 15. Scores:—

Clapham: H. Faulkner 0, E. Tysoe 3, A. Smith 0, J. Newell 2, A. Peacock 3, T. Newell 0, T. Peacock 4, A. Payne 7, P. Swales 0, W. Prentice 0, J. Walker not out 0, extras 15, total 34.

Stagsden: J. Beard 3, P. Bayley 4, S. Smith 2, L. Glidewell 0, H. Defraine 0, E. Flute 2, B. Newman 4, W. Linger 1, F. Beard 7, C. Cooper 2, G. Newman not out 1, extras 4, total 30.

Division III (South).

Houghton Conquest v. Haynes 2nd.

Played at Houghton, Haynes winning by 60 runs to 47.

QUEEN'S WORKS INTER-SHOP LEAGUE.

Results of matches played on 30th May: Electrical Dept. (131 for six wickets) beat Biddenham Shops (128 for nine wickets). Pacey scored 77 not out for Electrical, and Swales 50 not out for Biddenham.

Works Staff (122) beat Machine and Fitting Shop (24). Faulkner made 31 for Works Staff, and Wheatley took six wickets for 53 runs for Machine and Fitting Shop.

Works Staff and Oil Engine Dept. (138 runs for seven wickets) beat Electrical Dept. (130 runs). Pacey got 66 for Electrical Dept., and Goodwin 47 and Dodd 22 for Works Staff and Oil Engine Dept. Hatton bowled right through the Electrical Dept. innings, taking nine wickets for 45 runs.

Biddenham Shops (94 for five wickets) beat General Stores (71), Pope making 21 for General Stores and Munt 23 not out for Biddenham Shops.

Office Staff (87 for nine wickets) beat Machine Shop and Fitting Shop (77), Golding making 26 for the winners.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS LEAGUE.

Goldington v. Kempston.

These teams met in Russell Park on the 2nd June, an exciting match ending in a tie of 40 runs each. For Kempston Langley was top scorer with 19. F. Harlow took six of the wickets for 19 and knocked up 14, and with the last boy coming in Goldington wanted 12 to win. Hills did very well and got 9 not out, and Tompkins getting 2, made the scores equal. Scores:—

Kempston: Ashpole 0, Lumbis 0, Langley 19, Hutchings 5, roctor 0, Draper 2, Newman 1, Lee 4, Wall 2, Cox 0, White not out 4, extras 3, total 40.

Goldington: L. Gammons 4, Filsell 0, Royle Colburt 0, F. Harlow 14, A. Colburt 5, R. Colburt 0, J. Morris 4, C. Harlow 0, Tompkins 2, T. Bushell 0, Hills not out 9, extras 2, total 40.

EAST BEDFORDSHIRE LEAGUE.

Division I.

A.R.S. (R.A.F., Henlow) v. Stotfold.

Aeroplane Repair Section entertained Stotfold last Saturday, and were beaten by 102 runs. Busby took 6 wickets for 15 runs for Stotfold, and B. J. Jeffs batted well for a faultless 48. Scores: A.R.S. 39, Stotfold 141 (B. J. Jeffs 48, Kitchener 26, Saunders 19).

Caldecote v. Eaton Socon.

Eaton did well to defeat Caldecote, which was largely due to R. Ayres, who took 8 wickets for 12 runs, and W. Jefferies, who scored 17. The scores were: Caldecote 44 and 57 for 5 wickets, Eaton Socon 52 and 53 for 4 wickets.

Division II.

Potton 2nd v. Wrestlingworth.

Potton made no mistake at home on Saturday and won by 32 runs, J. Brown capturing 5 wickets for 21 runs for the winners. H. Kitchiner (19), C. Blane (15), and H. Albone (15) were chief scorers. For Wrestlingworth A. Brim took 6 for 24. Scores: Potton 2nd 89, Wrestlingworth 57.

Stotfold Ath. 2nd v. Ickwell.

Stotfold Athletic 2nd 81 (A. Skelton 5 for 40), Ickwell 40.

Eaton Socon 2nd v. Caldecote 2nd.

Eaton Socon second string defeated Caldecote 2nd by 19 runs on Saturday. Scores: Eaton Socon 2nd 27 and 44, Caldecote 2nd 15, and 37. For Eaton Socon H. Dean captured 7 for 5, and J. Newell took 9 for 11 for Caldecote.

Division III.

Broom vv. Langford 2nd.

The Broom eleven scored highly on Saturday, and ran up a total of 122, W. Rook (not out 31) and F. Rook (26), being chief scorers, and F. Rook secured 3 for 15. Langford could muster only 45 runs, V. Potton getting 19 not out. G. Rogers took 5 for 25 for the losers.

Beeston Ath. 2nd v. Sandy 2nd.

The Sandy 2nd XI won easily by 50 runs on Saturday at Beeston, although R. Dent took 8 wickets for 25 runs for the homesters. A. Finding secured 7 for 8 for Sandy 2nd. Scores: Beeston Ath. 2nd 25, Sandy 2nd 75.

Meppershall 2nd v. Campton.

Campton beat Meppershall 2nd by 13 runs on Saturday. Scores: Meppershall 2nd 41, Campton 54. For Meppershall 2nd H. Harris took 6 wickets for 14 runs, and for Campton B. Carter took 4 for 12, and H. Burnage scored 17 runs.

Shefford v. Meppershall.

Played at Shefford Hardwicke on Saturday. After two innings Shefford won by 9 runs. For Shefford S. Glover took 7 wickets for 7 runs and W. Squires 2 for 0, and for Meppershall F. Aylott secured 5 for 25. Scores: Meppershall 38 and 73 for 5 dec. (P. Millard 43); Shefford 66 and 54 for 5 (S. Glover 16, G. Thorogood 11 not out).

MID-BEDFORDSHIRE LEAGUE.

Division II.

Steppingley v. Barton II.

Played at Steppingley on Saturday. Scores: Steppingley 37 (H. A. Farmer 16, T. Clark 7 for 13); Barton II (H. Gutterridge 30, S. Brazier 21).

At Steppingley on Monday, in a Married *v.* Single match, the scores were: Married 76 (E. Phillips 50, A. Scott 5 for 25, A. Redman 3 for 0); Single 99 (H. Rogers 33 rtd., H. A. Farmer 23 rtd; W. Battams 4 for 15).

Harlington II v. Flitton.

At Harlington on Saturday an exciting game resulted in a win for the visitors by 11 runs. T. Halfpenny was right on the target for Flitton, taking 6 wickets for 7 runs, and other good bowling performances were those of A. W. Mann (Flitton) 3 for 27, and H. Baker (Harlington) 4 for 17. The top scorers for Harlington were F. Webb (14) and H. Baker (14), and those for Flitton were J. Hyde (13) and G. Northwood (10). The veteran J. J. Harris turned out for Harlington and took 3 wickets with his under-arm bowling. The scores were: Harlington 2nd 39, Flitton 50.

SHELTON & DISTRICT LEAGUE.

	p.	w.	d.	l.	pts.
Hargrave	6	4	0	2	8
Keystone	6	4	0	2	8
Tillbrook	6	4	0	2	8
Chelveston	6	4	0	2	8
Dean	6	3	0	3	6
Little Staughton	6	3	0	3	6
Melchbourne	6	1	0	5	2
Pertenhall	6	1	0	5	2

BEDFORD FREE CHURCH LEAGUE.

Kempston East Wesleyans v. Bunyan.

Played in Bedford Park on 1st June. Scores: Kempston 64 (L. Barker 18, S. Eames 26); Bunyan 100 (W. H. Brown 28, S. Summerfield 13, W. G. Brumwell 14, J. E. Charnley 20).

Bromham Road Wesleyan & Moravian v. Hassett Street.

Played in Bedford Park on 3rd June. Scores: Bromham Road Wesleyan 133 (G. Howard 25, J. Craig 21, L. Dixon not out 65, C. Loveday 15); Hassett Street 116 (C. Rogers 26, C. Dickens 45, L. Gilbert 20).

OTHER MATCHES.

Queen's Works "B" v. Bromham.

Played at Bromham on Saturday, this match resulted in an easy win for the Works "B". Scores:

Bromham: L. Rideout c Archer b Lewis 6, J. Bartholomew b Clarke 2, A. Everest b Lewis 1, L. White lbw b Clarke 0, J. Smith b Lewis 2, L. Tysoe b Clarke 4, J. Buckby b Lewis 1, E. Freeman b Lewis 0, R. Bruty b Lewis 1, H. Freeman b Clarke 0, A. Freeman not out 0, extras 4, total 21.

Queen's Works "B": S. Dodd not out 37, J. Laing b E. Freeman 10, E. Archer b E. Freeman 0, A. Manning c Bruty b E. Freeman 2, T. E. Lewis c Rideout b White 32, R. Tingey b White 0, J. Mitchell run out 1, A. W. Clarke not out 1, A. Rayson b Rideout 1, extras 6, total for seven wickets 90. A. Hailstone and A. N. Mercier did not bat.

Bedford Modern School v. Queen's "A".

Played in Allen Park on Saturday, the Queen's winning by 40 runs, mainly due to the batting of H. Tingey (52), W. Gibbons (32), and C. Trueman (30 not out). Seven of the Queen's wickets were down for 71, but Tingey and Trueman just doubled that score before they were parted. For the School Hood, Tickner and Kingdom batted well, Tickner and Kingdom taking the score from 67 to 114. Scores:—

Bedford Modern School: Sheppard 3, Thorogood 0, Wheeler 10, Flint 0, Hood 17, Young 9, Tickner 24, Pryor 11, Greenshields 0, Kingdom not out 13, Tolliman 0, extras 17, total 114.

Queen's "A": W. Gibbons 32, A. Gilbert 14, H. Warren 2, A. Lockyer 3, J. Luddington 0, A. Barnes 0, R. Tingey 52, G. Manning 1, C. Trueman not out 30, W. Brecley run out 1, N. Covington 3, extras 6, total 154.

B.M.S. 2nd v. Queen's Works "A."

Played at Allen Park on Saturday. Scores:—B.M.S. 2nd 114, Queen's Works "A" 154.

Bedford Banks v. Borough Police.

The Banks played a match against the Borough Police on 2nd June, in Bedford Park. The Banks declared at 192 for three, Craig and Williams putting on 167 for the second wicket—Williams then being bowled with his score at 60. Craig retired in the over after he reached his century, after batting for a little over the hour—a very fine performance. The Police were dismissed for 106, Commins giving a sparkling display in scoring 51. Thornton took six wickets for 25 runs. Scores:—

Bedford Banks: Williams b Leutchford 60, Challis run out 0, Craig retired 104, Cotton c Chambers b Burgoyne 19, Pearson not out 1, extras 8, total 192 for three wickets declared. Dear, Thornton, Barringer, Frost, Pettit, and McCunn did not bat.

Borough Police: Cox b Thornton 0, Single run out 6, Commins c McCunn b Thornton 51, Marks run out 3, Burgoyne c Thornton b Cotton 15, Leutchford c Barringer b Thornton 0, Jennings b Thornton 1, Chambers c Barringer b Thornton 0, Cope c Williams b Cotton 10, Cooke c Barringer b Thornton 4, Standing not out 10, extras 6, total 106.

Bedford Banks v. Bedford School 2nd.

A match was played between the Bedford Banks and the Bedford School 2nd XI on the School ground on the evenings of 30th and 31st May. The School declared at 158 for 7—Sinclair's 69 being made without giving a chance. On going in to bat the Banks had 1 hour and 20 minutes to score their runs, but the School bowling and fielding proved too good. Scores:

Bedford School 2nd: Moll c Challis b Dear 15, Sinclair b Craig 69, B. Smith c Challis b Dobson 18, McMinn c Kitchener b Thornton 11, C. Gell c Barringer b Thornton 14, Field b Dobson 0, Rumboll not out 6, Wardell b Thornton 8, extras 17, total 158 for seven wickets declared.

Bedford Banks: Challis run out 24, Chignell st Clover b Smith 4, Craig c Gideon 23, Cotton b Gideon 27, Dobson c Wardell b McMinn 10, Dear b Gideon 3, Kitchener c McMinn b Gideon 3, Frost b Gideon 0, Thornton b Field 10, Carter b Gideon 0, Barringer not out 0, extras 4, total 103.

Shire Hall v. Bedford Banks.

This match was played in Bedford Park on Wednesday, and resulted in a win for the Shire Hall. C. J. Churchill took eight wickets for 30 runs. Scores:—

Shire Hall: A. B. Poole 28, A. W. H. Poole not out 41, F. C. Davis 5, A. Long 0, C. H. Poole 7, C. J. Churchill 20, L. Markham not out 0, extras 13, total for five wickets 114.

Bedford Banks: Challis 1, Cotton 1, Craig 2, Dobson 11, Pearson 4, Archer 21, Mairs 14, Thornton 0, Kitchener 0, Pettit 0, Barringer not out 0, extras 12, total 66.

Melchbourne v. Dean.

At Melchbourne on Saturday Dean won easily by 38 runs. For the winners W. Cade got 18, and H. C. Hart 16, and for the home team C. Hales was top scorer with 10. Scores:—

Melchbourne: C. Hales 10, H. Stringer 4, W. Hales 0, D. Sawford 0, C. Hale 5, C. Saunders 0, J. Turner 7, G. Russell 1, F. Gammon 0, H. Clark not out 4, F. Roberts 1, extras 7, total 39.

Dean: V. Horsford 1, W. Cade 18, W. Lilley 6, J. Lilley 0, F. Carrington 0, H. C. Hart 16, C. Horsford 5, F. E. Horsford 10, G. Tuffnail 3, Dickerson not out 4, S. Nicholson 6, extras 14, total 77.

Woodbury v. Gamlingay.

At Woodbury on Saturday Gamlingay found the home team far too strong for them, and after Woodbury had made 98 (G. Peck 35, E. Roberts 24), Gamlingay were dismissed for the low total of 11 runs. At their second attempt Gamlingay made 29.

At Hemingford Park on Saturday last several Gamlingay players were assisting Waresley, and did much towards gaining an easy victory. Of a total of 178 by Waresley two Gamlingay players made good scores, namely, H. H. Hall 57, and R. Jakes 28. Hemingford Park made a total of 73.

Biggleswade Wesleyan v. Newnham.

The Biggleswade Wesleyans did exceedingly well with the bat and ball on Saturday at Holme Grove and defeated Newnham by an innings and 5 runs. In Newnham's first innings F. W. Western captured 6 wickets for 6 runs, and A. H. Wood 4 for 5, and the villagers were all dismissed for 13 runs. The Wesleyans obtained 60 runs, B. Covington and A. E. Grummitt getting double figures. In their second innings Newnham made 42 runs, A. H. Wood taking 3 for 4 and F. W. Western 4 for 19.

Biggleswade v. St. Neots.

B. A. Field and G. H. Thompson bowled unchanged on Saturday at Fairfield against St. Neots, who were disposed of for 59 runs, the former taking 5 for 32 and the latter 5 for 23 runs. E. Lovett obtained 16 for St. Neots, and C. Lovett 13. For St. Neots A. Rowland bowled finely and captured 7 wickets for 24 runs. Biggleswade's score was 86, J. K. Thompson 25, G. H. Thompson 16, and B. A. Field 15 being the chief contributors. The scores were: St. Neots, C. Lovett 13, P. Brawn 0, E. Trimmings 8, E. Lovett 16, D. Lovett 1, F. Lovett 2, E. Squire 0, K. Colville junr. 8, A. Rowland 0, S. Atbury 0, K. Colville senr. 7, extras 4, total 59; Biggleswade, B. A. Field 15, C. Stapleton 7, A. O. Brown 1, G. H. Thompson 16, S. H. Hammond 3, G. Albone 5, J. K. Thomason 25, F. Rogers 3, A. H. Scott 1, W. A. Birkett 1, F. A. Underwood not out 5, extras 4, total 86.

Letchworth S. & D. Sports v. Biggleswade 'A'.

Biggleswade 'A' gave a good exhibition on Saturday at Letchworth against the S. and D. Sports XI and won by 78 runs. For the winners B. Vincent and C. Green scored 34 each, F. Baines 16, and L. H. Collings 14. The homesters were soon dismissed, E. James with 11 alone reaching double figures. For Biggleswade A. P. Bowles took 4 for 12, J. Radford 3 for 14, and J. Rowley 3 for 6. Scores: Biggleswade 'A' 121, Letchworth S. and D. Sports 43.

Biggleswade Thursday v. Flitwick Ramblers.

Flitwick Ramblers visited Fairfield on 2nd June and won easily by 91 runs and 2 wickets. D. Deacon scored 56 and J. Stringer retired hurt when he had obtained 29. G. Gazeley carried out his bat for 16 and J. Godfrey obtained 10 for the visitors, whose score was 134 for 8 wickets. Biggleswade Thursday fared badly before R. Manyweathers, who took 6 wickets for 19 runs, and were all out for 43 runs, A. Godfrey getting 13 of these. For Biggleswade Thursday A. Crossman captured 4 for 45 runs.

Biggleswade v. Lloyd's Park, London.

Twelve a side were played in this match on Monday at Fairfield, when a team from Lloyd's Park, London, paid another visit to the town. W. J. Brown made 52 not out, A. O. Brown 34, and F. Males 25 not out, the home team's total being 139 for 6 wickets, when the captain declared. Lloyd's Park made 123. Biggleswade thus won by 16 runs. W. J. Brown took 7 wickets for 55 runs.

Aspley Guise v. Abbots Langley.

This full day's match was played on Monday, the visitors winning easily. Scores:—

Aspley Guise: C. W. Davies 26, E. G. Taylor 22, S. Cook 25, G. Griffin 3, C. Lees 23, S. A. Eagles 2, C. A. Barnwell 9, G. Woolcott 0, J. Armsden 0, T. Casey 2, G. S. Barnwell not out 0, extras 15, total 127.

Abbots Langley: Parker 92, Booker 0, S. Van Largenberg 0, G. Simons 13, W. Cooper 27, A. East 10, R. Crackshank 8, E. J. Pascoe 14, M. Flint not out 23, B. Cooper 2, T. Woolridge 6, extras 18, total 221.

Salmon's, Newport Pagnell v. Aspley Guise.

Played at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, the visitors winning by 15 runs. Scores:—

Aspley Guise: E. G. Taylor 8, C. W. Davis 8, J. Brangwynn 0, S. Cook 36, S. Parren 0, H. Checkley 7, J. MacGuire 5, C. Broom 2, J. Daniels 2, B. Turner 2, G. S. Barnwell not out 1, extras 8, total 79.

Salmons' Works made 64, G. S. Barnwell taking 6 wickets for 26 runs.

Flitwick v. Silsoe.

Flitwick, at home, were badly beaten by Silsoe on Saturday. Scores: Flitwick 13 (T. Strickland not out 6), Silsoe 35 (J. Lowings 9). For the visitors Wildsmith captured 7 for 3, and for Flitwick S. D. Pepper took 6 for 7.

Flitwick Ramblers v. "The Bedfordshire Times".

Played at Flitwick on Saturday, the home side winning by 25 runs. Howard Gazeley (24) was the most successful home batsman, J. Bates secured nine of the Ramblers' wickets for 31 runs. Scores:—

Flitwick Ramblers: J. Godfrey 1, J. Giles 0, Herbert Gazeley 8, B. Deacon 0, Howard Gazeley 24, G. Gazeley 16, H. Giles 3, L. Jeeves 4, J. Warr 10, G. Harris 10, M. Gazeley not out 0, extras 11, total 87.

"Bedfordshire Times": J. Bates 7, F. Sharp 4, J. Morley 0, C. Lees 21, H. Shotbolt 0, H. Page 8, H. Dutton 14, S. Leigh 1, B. Arnold 0, P. Keep 0, N. Lowis not out 0, extras 7, total 62.

Sandy 3rd v. Sandy Thursday.

Played at Sandy on 2nd June, when Sandy Thursday reversed last week's defeat by a 30 runs' victory. Some good batting was shown by Gill (21) and Crisp (17), of the Thursday, and bowling by R. Brown and C. Truin of Sandy 3rd. Scores: Sandy Thursday 71, Sandy 3rd 41.

Eversholt v. Eggington.

Played at Eversholt on Saturday and resulting in a win for the home team by 36 runs. For the winners the chief contributors were F. Impey (18), A. Oakley (15), and Ben Oakley (11). A. Oakley took 6 wickets for 11 runs. F. Fleet took the remaining 4 for 17. Scores:—

Eversholt: F. Fleet 6, A. Nursall 1, S. Long 3, F. Impey 18, A. Oakley 15, T. Jarvis 0, J. Bodsworth 0, M. Dalton 5, B. Oakley 11, D. Oakley 0, A. Cox not out 4, extras 4, total 67.

Eggington: C. Day 9, A. King 1, D. Jackman 1, J. Duddington 5, E. Higgs 3, R. Hadley 0, F. Turner 0, R. Higgs 4, P. Lathwell not out 2, T. Gurney 3, G. Sear 0, extras 3, total 31.

Clophill v. A. Bedford School XI.

A team from Bedford School visited Clophill on Saturday and gave the spectators a good exhibition of fielding. Clophill declared at 153 for 4 wickets. Scores:—

Clophill: J. Bushby 47, S. Titmas 15, B. Webb 12, W. E. Seabrook 40, H. Bushby 30, H. Whittamore 5, extras 4, total (for 4 wkts. dec.) 153.

Bedford: Benn 0, McKie 11, Gammel 9, Carlton 0, Armitage 14, Denby 0, Foster not out 21, Brownrigg 16, Childs 7, Fraser not out 4, extras 3, total (for 8 wkts.) 65.

Silsoe v. Clophill.

This match has become a Whit-Monday "Derby", and attracted a large number of spectators to Wrest Park. Clophill made 87, the chief contributors being W. Seabrook 20, R. Webb 18, Perkins 15, and H. Whittemore 13. Silsoe lost two wickets for 12 runs, the third wicket adding 70 runs before H. Gale left after making 41 in an attractive style. The other batsmen to reach double figures were Wildsmith 35, and G. Mann 10, the first innings closing for 113. Clophill, in their second innings, declared with 70 runs for 6 wickets, leaving Silsoe 45 to get in 35 minutes. Silsoe rose to the occasion and for 5 wickets made 46, with four minutes to spare.

Great Barford v. Elstow Road.

An all-day friendly match was played at Great Barford on Monday, Elstow Road winning by twelve runs. For Great Barford J. Browning was top scorer with 20 and 9, and for the winners T. Minns topped the list with 16 in the first innings and J. Frost with 11 in the second. Scores:—

Great Barford: P. Skevington 5 0, W. Robinson 8 0, V. Draper 0 0, B. Lee 0 4, J. Browning 20 9, C. Robinson 2 3, F. Bennett 8 3, S. Sabey 2 1 not out, R. Cooper 2 0, S. Smith 1 not out 4, W. Albone 0 1, Fredk. Robinson 0 0, extras 5 3, totals 53 27.

Elstow Road: Harrison 1 0, Tagg 6 0, T. Minns 16 8, W. G. Ward 1 7, P. Minns 6 1, P. Dobson 1 1, F. Russell 1 6 not out, R. Geary 1 3, J. Frost 5 11, F. Fagg 2 11, Pope 0, Crane 0 not out, extras 2, totals 43, 50 (for 9 wkts.).

Woburn v. Bedford Gas Works.

Played at Woburn on Monday, the home team winning on the first innings by eight runs. In their second venture the visitors put up the decent score of 85. Woburn's fielding was smart, and Edwards took 6 wickets for 16 runs. Newbury, the Woburn wicket-keeper, unfortunately sustained a nasty cut on the cheek. Scores:—

Woburn: B. Edwards 5, L. Champkin 4, C. Cook 0, C. Rowe 1, A. Champkin 9, W. Robinson 2, C. Woollard 0, W. Brown 0, A. Newbury 8, B. Walker 2, J. Cook not out 2, total 33.

Bedford Gas Works: Payne 3 4, Young 0 0, Plumb 6 0, Craddock 0 1, Dear 3 2, Holloway 0 19, Sewell 2 21 not out, Colburt 6 0, Worsley 0 14, Edmunds not out 3 16, Warner 1 4, extras 1 4, totals 25 85.

Milton Ernest v. Felmersham.

Played in Milton Park on Monday. The visitors were out for 51. Milton made a poor start but the tail wagged quite doggedly and only failed by 5 runs to win the match, scoring 47.

Maulden 1st v. Maulden 2nd.

As the Henlow Gymnasium team scratched with Maulden on Saturday a game was arranged between the first and second teams. After an exciting game the result was a draw, each side scoring 70 runs. Scores:—

First Eleven: A. Atkins 2, A. White 1, S. Willmer 1, W. King 1, N. Taylor 9, F. Blackaby 4, A. Sharp not out 29, W. Newman 7, H. Sharp 8, B. Inskip 0, G. Fisher 7, extras 1, total 70.

Second Eleven: S. Blackaby 7, J. Banby 0, W. Squires 12, C. Kilby not out 28, A. Sinfield 4, C. Stanford 2, F. King 0, F. Arnold 0, C. Stanbridge 0, C. Banby 2, A. Sibley 11, extras 6, total 70.

Shefford Wednesday v. Letchworth.

At Letchworth on 1st June, Shefford were defeated by 24 runs. The best Shefford bowling was done by W. Taylor who captured 7 wickets for 45 runs. Scores:—

Letchworth: J. Kay 13, W. P. Westell 5, L. E. Garling 1, H. Stark 4, W. Dean 17, A. Cox 12, A. Hodkinson 0, P. Stalley 6, R. Alston 1, S. Smith 9, A. Wardman not out 0, extras 7, total 75.

Shefford Wednesday: A. Gale 0, F. Thurgood 7, C. Taylor 0, H. Bryant 0, W. Gubbins 0, Rev. T. W. Kingsnorth 3, E. Hazelden 0, L. V. Edwards not out 12, A. J. Purfield 17, W. Godfrey 0, W. Taylor 11, extras 1, total 51.

Keysoe v. Great Staughton.

This friendly on Monday at Great Staughton resulted in a win for Keysoe by 75 runs, four of Keysoe's men reaching double figures. Scores:—

Keysoe: W. Wagstaff 8, S. Stapleton 17, G. Payne 1, H. Skevington 2, H. Seth 13, R. Hartop 2, J. Jordan 7, G. Trupher 14, F. Freeman 31, A. Stapleton 8, E. George 3, total 111.

Great Staughton: W. Day 0, W. Bosworth 15, W. Davison 0, W. Mayes 6, A. Hacket 0, H. Bosworth 1, G. Fensome 5, A. Housdan 2, T. Bruce 0, H. Franklin 0, R. Pell 2, total 31.

Harrold v. Wellingborough Priory.

At Harrold on Monday Wellingborough Priory won easily by 67 runs. For Wellingborough Blunt was chiefly responsible for the big total with his 47 not out. Scores:—

Harrold: C. H. Humphrey 0, F. Chambers 0, L. Thew 7, J. F. Le Fevre 3, S. Swannell 8, J. Gildewell 2, B. Parris not out 6, D. Parker 0, A. Larkins 2, J. Noble 7, R. Markham 0, total 27.

Wellingborough: W. G. Blunt not out 47, Negus 6, Freeman 2, Hancock 17, Mumford 4, Elliott 0, Orton 1, Panter not out 4, Abbott 8, C. Blunt 1, Carr 1, extras 7, total 94.

R.A.F. (Henlow) v. R.A.F. (Halton).

Henlow entertained Halton last week, Halton winning by 5 wickets. For Halton Flt./Lt. Fulljames obtained 4 wickets for 53 runs, and batted splendidly for 82 not out, but the innings of C. L. Brown was the feature of the game. He scored 33 in less than ten minutes, when runs were badly needed. Scores: R.A.F. (Henlow) 178 for 9 wkts. dec. (Cpl. Mottershead 32, Flt./Lt. L. de L. Lefer 61); R. A. F. (Halton) 186 for 5 wkts. (Flt. Lt. Fulljames not out 84, P.O Shapcott 45, C. L. Brown 33).

A.R.S. (R.A.F., Henlow) v. Gravenhurst.

On Monday at the Aerodrome Gravenhurst beat the Aeroplane Repair Section by 44 runs. Against the Airmen Fripp took 8 wickets for 18 runs. Scores: Gravenhurst 127 (Beverly 15, M. Fripp 23, Flint 27, Turton not out 18); A.R.S. 43 (Ray 22, McDonough not out 11).

Shefford Council School v. Clophill School.

Played at Shefford Hardwicke on the 2nd June, the homesters winning by 21 runs. Scores: Shefford C.S. 42, Clophill 21.

St. Francis Home, Shefford, v. St. Michael's College, Hitchin.

This all-day match, played at Shefford on Monday, resulted in an exciting win for the home side by 33 runs. Scores: St. Michael's College 45 (F. March 5 for 21), and 91 (Myers 47, J. Mattock 8 for 39); St. Francis Home 64 (E. Bent 27), and 105 for 6 wkts. dec. (G. Chandler 64).

Henlow 2nd v. Arlesey "Rose & Crown".

Henlow 2nd XI played Arlesey "Rose and Crown" at Henlow on Saturday in a friendly match. Scores: Henlow 92 (L. Lynn 40, F. Watts 10, L. Avison 4 for 36, H. Reynolds 3 for 3); Arlesey 58 (E. Archer 30, R. Watts 7 for 12, S. Mabbitt 3 for 12).

Luton P.O. v. Bedford Adult School.

On Monday at Luton the Bedford Adult School beat Luton P.O. by 4 runs. For the School L. Rose took 6 wickets for 19, and Reid was top scorer with 17. Scores: Luton P.O. 87, Bedford Adult School 91 (Reid 17, White 12).

Bedford Gas Works v. Adult School.

On Saturday the Gas Works beat the Adult School by 22 runs. C. Lewis took 5 wickets for 12 for the School and G. Dear 5 for 27 for the Gas Works. Scores: Gas Works 71 (Plumb 19, Dear 12), Adult School 49.

South End v. Bunyan Meeting.

This match, played in Bedford Park on 2nd June, resulted in a win for South End by 3 wickets. For South End G. Chance played a good game, obtaining 6 for 20 and scoring 40 runs before being stumped by R. Brumwell. For Bunyan R. Spyers played a careful innings, being unbeaten with 25 at the close. Scores: Bedford South End 71, Bunyan Meeting 64.

Barton v. Houghton.

Without their captain, D. Horsler, Barton would have fared badly on Saturday in their home game with Houghton. Of a total of 63 he contributed 38. For bowling he had the splendid average of 6 for 8, Houghton being dismissed for 18.

CRICKET MATCHES.

Cambridgeshire v. Beds.

Home Team Win by 5 Wickets.

In this match, at Wisbech, on Monday and Tuesday, Captain Turnbull won the toss for the visiting county. It seemed possible that the wicket would play easy for a time, and Beds. skipper elected to bat. The players mostly relied upon, however, failed to come off, and it was left to the youngsters of the team to take the score to a respectable total. L. Stevens (34), A. J. Worboys (23 not out), and A. B. Poole (20) all showed good form. Covill bowled remarkably well for Cambs., taking six wickets for 45 runs. Peculiarly enough, the big batsmen of the home XI., G. Carnegie-Brown and A. S. Ling, did nothing, but a sound innings of 40 by H. B. Hart gave Cambs. an advantage, and a surprisingly fine half-century at the tail end by J. W. Daisley carried Cambs. into what eventually proved a winning position. Stevens (4 for 41), Haldstock (3 for 59), and Hersee (2 for 27) bowled well.

Beds. again opened indifferently, only Hugh Davidson (19) of the earlier batsmen doing anything of note. Stevens came along later with a nicely-played innings of 15, and Eric Davison (19) and Worboys (29) both batted well, with the result that Beds totalled 123. It was here that Cambs. found the advantage of their 70 runs' lead on the first innings, for they were always struggling hard against steady bowling by Holdstock and Stevens, and capital fielding by the visitors. Before they had gathered the 59 runs necessary to win, Cambs. had lost five wickets, Holdstock taking 3 for 21 and Stevens 2 for 22. Scores:

Bedfordshire.—1st Innings.

Holdstock, b Ling, b Covill	2
H. Davidson, c Carnegie-Brown, b Covill	10
E. Drew, c Johnson, b Covill	2
A. B. Poole, c Carnegie-Brown, b Daisley	20
E. D. Hersee, c Cockle, b Smith	1
F. Rawlins, b Covill	14
L. Stevens, b Covill	34
D. Turnbull, c Carnegie-Brown, b Smith	1
E. Davison, c Johnson, b Covill	9
A. J. Worboys, not out	23
* E. Page, b Smith	0
Extras	14
Total	126

Bowling.—Covill, 6 for 45; Smith, 3 for 46; J. W. Daisley, 1 for 10.

Cambridgeshire. 1st Innings.

Johnson, b Holdstock	12
A. B. Hart, c Hersee, b Stevens	40
G. Carnegie-Brown, c & b Holdstock	0
F. W. Parfitt, b Stevens	2
A. S. Ling, b Hersee	4
F. A. Ridgion, c Page, b Holdstock	2
Smith, b Hersee	5
R. Edwards, c Poole, b Stevens	24
J. W. Daisley, not out	52
Covill, b Stevens	7
W. Cockell, c Holdstock, b Rawlins	8
Extras	11
Total	196

Bowling.—L. Stevens, 4 for 51; Holdstock, 3 for 59; E. D. Hersee, 2 for 27; F. Rawlins, 1 for 0.

Bedfordshire, 2nd Innings.—Holdstock, 6; H. Davidson, 16; E. Drew, 9; A. B. Poole, 1; E. D. Hersee, 4; F. Rawlins, 5; L. Stevens, 15; D. Turnbull, 9; E. Davison, 19; A. J. Worboys, 25; E. Page (not out), 2; extras, 17; total, 128.

In their second venture Cambs. lost 5 wickets for 59 runs, and thus won by 5 wickets.

BEDFORD & DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Division II. (Southern Section).

Haynes v. Railway Athletic.

Played at Haynes on Saturday, and resulted in a tie. Scores:—

Haynes.—A. E. Brittain 7; G. Potter 5; G. Barber 4; S. Francis 10; F. Green 0; S. Rook 0; H. Herbert 1; B. Burnage 9 (not out); S. Cooper 0; A. Cox 0; F. Burnage 0; total 36.

Railway Athletic.—G. Emmerson 0; V. Phillips 7; L. Ivett 0; J. Wright 16; E. Mann 0; G. Booth 6; F. Nadin 1; G. Woods 4; C. Sills 0; E. Gilbert 0 (not out); extras 1; total 36.

Division III. (Northern Section).

Blunham 2nd v. Renhold 2nd.

Played at Blunham on Saturday, a very close game resulting in a win for the visitors by 4 runs. Scores:—

Blunham 2nd.—C. Sims 5; R. Ashwell 0; C. Cullip 10; T. Cullip 0; J. Batterson 3; F. Sims 5; B. Daniels 10; G. Chapman 3; R. Cullip 0; T. Joyce 9 (not out); G. Rowles 13; extras 4; total 62.

Renhold 2nd.—H. Norman 0; P. Swan 1; C. Constant 6; W. Wootton 27; H. Locke 1; C. Harlow 12; A. Norman 3; L. Ware 2; Rabbitt 5; Kirby 0; H. Lovell 6 (not out); extras 3; total 66.

BEDFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS' LEAGUE.

Goldington Road (71) v. **Clapham Village** (14).

Pack (21) and Riches (14) did best with the bat for Goldington Road, whilst Taylor took 7 of the Clapham wickets for only 9 runs.

Kempston (25) v. **Goldington Road** (18).

The bowling of Newman and Draper were chiefly responsible for the defeat of Goldington Road in this game, sharing the wickets for 4 and 12 runs respectively. For Goldington Road, Taylor also did well with the ball, taking 4 wickets for 13 runs.

Goldington Road (34) v. **Queen's Park** (19).

Taylor, with 6 wickets for 9 runs, and Stock with 4 for 8, soon disposed of the Queen's Park team for 19 runs.

Queen's Park (72) v. **Clapham Road** (59).

An interesting game between the above Schools was won by Queen's Park by 13 runs.

Harpur Trust (67) v. **Clapham Village** (17).

Smith (19), Jackman (10) and Chapman (10) did well with the bat for the winners, whilst Jackman (3 wickets for 4 runs), Collison (3 for 4) and Chapman (2 for 4) did best with the ball.

Harpur Trust (40) v. **Kempston** (40).

This game provided a very exciting finish, Harpur Trust requiring one run when their last batsman went in. For the winners, Chapman played an invaluable innings of 24, and Newman bowled well for Kempston, taking 5 wickets for 25 runs, and with the bat he also hit up 11 and Langley 9.

LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	PTS.
Goldington Road	11	8	0	3	16
Ampthill Road	10	7	0	3	14
Clapham Road	11	5	1	5	11
Queen's Park	9	5	0	4	10
Harpur Trust	11	5	0	6	10
Kempston	9	4	1	4	9
Goldington	9	3	2	4	8
Clapham	10	1	0	9	2

MERITORIOUS PERFORMANCES

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* Not out.

Bowling.

C. Lowe, Forder's Works v. Igranic Works	8 for 20
F. Simms, Goldington 2nd v. Igranic Works 2nd	7 for 15
L. Stevens, Keysoe v. Bedford Clarence 2nd	7 for 19
P.c. Burgoyne, Bedford Borough Police v. Luton Borough Police	6 for 8
E. Farey, Edworth v. Meppershall	6 for 9
C. Pettifar, Meppershall 2nd v. Edworth	6 for 10
A. Cardell, Stotfold Athletic 2nd v. Sandy	6 for 12
H. Alcock, Bedford Clarence v. Marston	6 for 13
E. Gilbert, Railway Athletic v. Haynes	6 for 14
F. Vendy, Goldington 2nd v. Igranic Works 2nd	6 for 14
A. Peck, Everton 2nd v. Biggleswade Wesleyans	6 for 15
G. Hinde, North End Club v. Tempsford	6 for 17
C. Brinklow, Houghton Conquest v. Cranfield	6 for 18
E. D. Hersee, Bedfordshire v. Lincolnshire (first innings)	6 for 36
H. Newell, Caldecote v. Shefford	5 for 8
C. Reynolds, Potton 2nd v. Caldecote 2nd	5 for 9
H. Leonard, Sandy 2nd v. Broom	5 for 14
C. Taylor, Shefford v. Caldecote	5 for 22
S. Everett, Forder's Works 2nd v. Kempston	5 for 29
W. Evans, Forder's Works 2nd v. Kempston	5 for 29

EAST BEDS. LEAGUE.

Following are brief results in the East Beds. League:—

Division I.

Woodbury, 55; Beeston Athletic, 68.
Caldecote, 45; Shefford, 27.
Meppershall v. Stotfold Athletic and Eaton Socon v. A.R.S. (Henlow), scratched.

Division II.

Stotfold Athletic 2nd, 65; Sandy, 104.
Potton 2nd, 33; Caldecote 2nd, 22.
Ickell v. Langford, scratched.

Division III.

Sandy 2nd, 103; Broom, 51.
Edworth, 16; Meppershall 2nd, 29.
Langford 2nd v. Ickwell 2nd, scratched.

SCHOOLS SECTION.

Biggleswade Council, 19; Southill, 26.
Potton Council, 52; Biggleswade Council, 34.

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CRICKET NOTES.

By "Westerner."

The First County Match.

Although Bedfordshire lost their first match of the season, that against Cambridgeshire, at Wisbech, on Monday and Tuesday, by 5 wickets, the display was not without its redeeming features. The County was not able to play anything like its full strength, and this is evident by the fact that none of the following players who will be available for the Bedford Cricket Week, the return match with Cambridgeshire at Luton, and the game against the New Zealanders, were taking part: Maurice Boxill, C. N. Reed and Ross Kellett (Old Bedfordians), W. A. Sime (Bedford School), S. V. Graham (Old Modernian), C. H. Williams (Bedford Modern School), A. R. Alston, T. Plant (Old Modernian) and J. H. Buckley. H. Maxey is another player who is missed both at the crease and in the field.

L. Stevens' Promising Debût.

One has come to expect runs from Hugh Davidson and Fred Rawlins, both century-makers in County cricket, for an aggregate of 26 and 19 respectively by no means fully represents their capabilities. It was pleasing, however, to note the form displayed by some of the younger members of the XI., and, notably, L. Stevens, who did splendidly in the trial game at Whitsuntide, and proved the most valuable member of the side at Wisbech. A sterling innings of 34 at the first attempt, 15 at the second, and bowling records of 4 wickets for 51 runs and 2 for 23 completes an achievement in his initial County game, of which the Keysoe boy has every reason to be proud.

Other Young Players Do Well.

A. J. Worboys, the Luton Town youth, also did wonderfully well, scoring respectively 28 (not out) and 25, both valuable efforts near the finish of Bedfordshire's innings. A. B. Poole, another young member of the team, was associated with Rawlins and Stevens at a very critical period of the visitors' first innings, and his steadily-played and correct innings of 20 did much to lead the side round. E. D. Hersee, the Igranic all-rounder, who compiled a brilliant century in the trial game, failed to get going with the bat, and the Leighton Buzzard boy, E. Drew, who usually makes a lot of runs, also was unable to reach double figures on either occasion, but Eric Davison, the Old Bedfordian from Sandy, put together 19 in capital style at the second attempt. The veteran Holdstock took 6 wickets for 80 in the match.

Igranic Bowler Does Well.

At Gainsborough on Wednesday, Lincolnshire provided the opposition to the County XI. for the first time. Lincolnshire won the toss and batted first, but against the bowling of E. D. Hersee, the Igranic all-rounder, who claimed 6 victims for 38 runs, and Holdstock, 3 for 27, only collected the moderate total of 110 in their first innings.

Bedford School Draw with St. Paul's.

The wicket at Bedford School on Saturday was heavy and scarcely conducive to free run-getting. There was no play possible until after the luncheon interval. The home side won the toss, and W. A. Sime, after making 16 of the first 20 runs, lost his wicket. R. D. Stewart collected a steady 20, and McVittie helped to make the start a good one with a soundly-played innings of 32. Three wickets then fell quickly, and D. S. Gideon put a better complexion on the game.

Promising West Indian Batsman.

This young West Indian, who was appearing in the XI. for the second time, faced the attack with confidence. His play, especially on the leg side, was particularly attractive, and in his innings of 39 not out he displayed many of the qualities which go to the make-up of a first-class batsman. Bedford declared with the score at 133 runs for 9 wickets.

St. Paul's Struggle for Runs.

Landells, usually a very reliable bat, left early on St. Paul's School going to the crease, but R. Felton and J. S. Oliffe, although finding the bowling difficult to get away, offered a stern resistance, and 60 runs were on the board when the third wicket fell. Sime was bowling well at this period, and the fielding good, Smith bringing off two fine catches at point, but time did not allow of a definite decision being arrived at. When stumps were drawn, with three wickets in hand, St. Paul's were still 52 runs behind.

Modern School Score Heavily.

Bedford Modern School, to all appearances, had the game with Oakham School on Saturday well in hand, when the rain, which ruined so much week-end cricket throughout the country, brought the match to a premature close. It was 3 o'clock before a start was possible and, having won the toss, the home School opened with the usual pair, C. H. Williams and W. L. Davis.

Fine First Wicket Stand.

Whilst Williams hit all round the wicket with splendid vigour, Davis was content to hold his end up, and when Jones at last broke through his defence 93 runs had been scored, of which he claimed a modest but exceedingly valuable 19. With the score at 103 for 2 wickets, and Williams not out for a brilliant innings of 73, the closure was put in force.

Oakham Wickets Fall Fast.

Oakham fared disastrously when they went to the wicket, Sowman and Cowley keeping the batsmen very subdued. D. G. Allen steadily accumulated 11 runs before Cowley beat and bowled him, and Sowman captured three more wickets, the score standing at 21 with four men out when the game came to a conclusion.

League Leaders Maintain Their Record.

Bedford Clarence, last season's champions and the present leaders of the Bedford and District League, visited Marston on Saturday. The village team, batting first, could only raise 34 runs against the bowling of H. Alcock (6 wickets for 13 runs) and Williamson (3 for 5), H. Faulkner being top scorer with 8. The Clarence replied with 51 runs for 4 wickets, stumps then being drawn, F. Millman being top scorer with 28 not out. This player has been rather unfortunate so far this season with the Clarence, but he gave a glimpse of his old form on Saturday, as his score included some really brilliant shots off the Marston bowlers, who, by the way, bowled exceptionally well, hardly a ball being bowled that was anything but a perfect length. This performance, when one takes into consideration the bad state of the outfield at Marston, is to be commended, as the ball has to be hit very hard indeed if runs are to be scored without lifting. This makes the seventh victory for the Clarence this season, having won every match with the exception of last week against Ke... when they were rather unlucky in drawing owing to time being played.

Igranic Lose to the "Brickmakers."

In Bedford Park on Saturday, on rather a wet wicket, the meeting between Igranic Works and Forder's Works proved a most enjoyable one. The home side, winning the toss, put Forder's in to bat, no doubt expecting to get them out rather cheaply owing to the state of the ground, but, contrary to expectations, the "Brickmakers" put up the fine total of 147 runs, W. Whitbread batting finely for his 39, the highest individual score, whilst H. Brown was a good second with 25. After the interval, the Igranic commenced their innings with runs coming slowly, both Bean and Hersee playing a defensive game, whilst the bowling wanted very careful watching, as it was quite good. The total made was only 61, of which Hersee contributed 31 and carried his bat right through. Charlie Lowe, for Forder's, was again in great form with the ball; he bowled 18 overs and took 8 wickets for 20 runs.

Borough Police at Luton.

The Bedford Borough Police, who are carrying all before them this season, gained an overwhelming victory at Luton last Thursday: Bedford, on a slow wicket, scored 129 (Cook 28, Steele 26 not out, Ball 17, Cope 17 and Single 14). The Luton Police cut up badly against the bowling of P.c. Burgoyne and P.s. Jenning, who dismissed them for 29 runs, the former getting 6 wickets for 8 runs and the latter 3 for 20.

Forder's 2nd Still Winning.

Forder's Works 2nd XI. were entertained at Kempston on Saturday, when the home captain, winning the toss, put the visitors in to bat. This proved rather doubtful tactics, as the score of the "Brickmakers" reached 112, P. Milton being highest scorer with 29, whilst S. Everett came a good second with 27 not out. Kempston could only reply with 59 runs, the top score being 12 by W. Tipton. Forder's bowlers, S. Everett and W. Evans, each took 5 wickets for 29 runs. Forder's second team have not lost a match yet this season, but they shared points with Haynes on a tie in the first match, being a man short on that occasion.

Haynes Tie with the Railwaymen.

Railway Athletic were the visitors t Haynes on Saturday, and a very exciting game ended with the teams on level pegging. Haynes went to the wicket first and knocked up the modest total of 36 run, t... which S. Francis contributed 10 and L. Burnage was not out with 9. For the railway men, E. Gilbert took 6 wickets for 14 runs. The visitors just managed to tie the Haynes total, J. Wright being the outstanding bats man with 16 runs.

Keysoe's Win at Bedford.

Visiting Bedford Park on Saturday, Keysoe got the better of the Clarence second eleven by 22 runs. Chiefly through the batting efforts of H. Skevington and G. Payne, who collected 35 and 19 runs respectively, the villagers compiled a total of 91. Against the bowling of L. Stevens, who has taken his place in both the County games this week and has met with marked success) the Clarence could do little with the exception of Dennis (13) and Barcock (25), and were all out for 69 runs. Stevens had the remarkable analysis of 10 overs, 2 maidens, 7 wickets, 19 runs.

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BEDFORDSHIRE LOSE AT WISBECH.

FINAL GALLANT EFFORT.

Bedfordshire opened their season in the Minor Counties Competition on Monday with an away engagement with Cambs at Wisbech. A fortnight's showers and thunderstorms had left the wicket very soft, and the outfield slow. Runs were therefore at a premium and the bowlers came into their own, the game concluding rather early on Tuesday in a five wickets' victory for the home county.

Bedfordshire won the toss and decided to bat, Holdstock and H. Davidson opening against the bowling of Covill and Smith. With only 12 runs on the board Ling caught Holdstock off Covill, and with another added Davidson (10) was caught by Carnegie-Brown. Against some excellent bowling scoring was very slow. Poole joined Drew and at 16 Ridgeon relieved Smith. The third wicket fell at 28, Johnson catching Drew at leg. The batsmen could make little headway, and at lunch eight were out for 84. With Stevens and Worboys together after lunch scoring was brisk, and the 100 was sent up before they were separated. Then Stevens left after an admirable first innings for his county for 34 runs, and Page, the stumper, giving little trouble, the innings ended at 126.

Cambs beat this effort by 70 runs, and when stumps were drawn Davidson and Drew had made 12 without loss in Bedfordshire's second venture. At one time during Cambridgeshire's innings Bedfordshire had a good chance of obtaining a first-innings lead for Carnegie-Brown, Ling, and other leading batsmen failed. Hart, who opened the innings with Johnson, batted splendidly, although he gave a chance when 20. When he was joined by Parfitt scoring became brisk, but afterwards there was a collapse. It was then that Bedfordshire's prospects were at their best, but when Edwards and Daisley made a long stand for the eighth wicket they put another aspect upon the game. Stevens took four wickets for 51 runs, and Holdstock three for 59.

A sharp shower, followed by a strong wind, made the pitch tricky when Bedfordshire resumed their second innings on Tuesday morning. Covill, Smith, and Ridgeon bowled well, and the batsmen could make little headway. Six wickets were down for 57, and when the eighth fell Bedfordshire had avoided an innings' defeat and were eight runs on. Warboys and Davison made a fine ninth wicket stand, and put on 42 before Warboys was caught by Carnegie-Brown. With Page in the innings closed at lunch for 128, Cambridgeshire requiring 59 to win. Covill took four wickets for 33 runs. Ridgeon four for 36, and Smith two for 30.

Cambridgeshire made a disastrous start, although faced with a comparatively easy task. Hart and Johnson were again the opening pair, but the latter was dismissed at eight, and five runs later Carnegie-Brown was caught near the boundary edge. Parfitt was caught and bowled at 22, Ling had a short stay, being dismissed at 29, and when Hart left at 33 half the side were out, and 26 runs still required. Some steady batting by Ridgeon and Smith, however, stopped the rot, and the pair were together when the winning hit was made.

Scores:—

Bedfordshire—1st Innings.

Holdstock c Ling b Covill	2
H. Davidson c Carnegie-Brown b Covill	10
E. Drew c Johnston b Covill	2
A. B. Poole c Carnegie-Brown b Daisley	20
E. D. Hersee c Cockle b Smith	1
F. Rawlins b Covill	14
L. Stevens b Covill	34
D. Turnbull c Carnegie-Brown b Smith	1
E. Davison c Johnston b Covill	0
A. J. Worboys not out	28
E. Page b Smith	0
Extras	14
	126

Cambridgeshire—1st Innings.

Johnston b Holdstock	12
H. B. Hart c Hersee b Stevens	40
G. Carnegie-Brown c & b Holdstock	0
F. W. Parfitt b Stevens	21
A. S. Ling b Hersee	4
F. A. Ridgeon c Page b Holdstock	12
Smith b Hersee	5
R. Edwards c Poole b Stevens	24
I. W. Daisley not out	52
Covill b Stevens	7
W. Cockell c Holdstock b Rawlins	8
Extras	11
Total	196

L. Stevens 4 for 51, Holdstock 3 for 69, E. D. Hersee 2 for 27, F. Rawlins 1 for 0.

Bedfordshire—2nd Innings.

H. Davidson c Cockell b Covill	16
E. Drew c Cockell b Smith	9
Holdstock b Ridgeon	6
A. Poole c Edwards b Covill	4
F. Rawlins b Smith	5
L. Stevens ht wkt b Covill	15
E. Hersee b Covill	1
D. Turnbull c Carnegie-Brown b Ridgeon	9
E. Davison b Ridgeon	19
A. J. Warboys c Carnegie-Brown b Ridgeon	25
E. Page not out	2
Extras	17
Total	128

Cambridgeshire—2nd Innings.

H. B. Hart c Page b Holdstock	18
Johnson b Stevens	1
G. Carnegie-Brown c Poole b Holdstock	4
F. W. Parfitt c & b Holdstock	1
A. S. Ling c Hersee b Stevens	1
F. A. Ridgeon not out	13
Smith not out	14
Extras	9
Total (5 wkts.)	61

FIRST MATCH WITH LINCOLNSHIRE.

RAIN PREVENTS PLAY YESTERDAY.

Bedfordshire invaded new territory on Wednesday when they visited Gainsborough to play their first match against Lincolnshire. Glorious weather prevailed, and although the wicket was in excellent trim the honours went to the bowlers, and both counties concluded their initial innings on the first day. Bashforth and Searby gave Lincolnshire a useful start, by a first-wicket partnership of 45, but although Bashforth continued to bat soundly for an hour and three-quarters the remaining players failed to make much of a show against Bedfordshire's slow bowlers. Hersee was particularly successful, obtaining 6 wickets for 27 runs before lunch, at which juncture Lincolnshire had lost 8 wickets for 97 runs. Half-an-hour after lunch sufficed to bring the home county's innings to a close for 107.

Bedfordshire made slow progress at the outset against some good-lengthed bowling, and nearly two hours had passed before the first 50 runs were hoisted at the cost of two wickets, of which number Holdstock had scored a painstaking 36 in 75 minutes. After tea, however, Bedfordshire collapsed against a fine spell of bowling by Major Wilson and the Rev. H. Mack, the remaining eight wickets falling for another 41 runs.

Lincolnshire had made 15 runs for one wicket when play closed for the day.

During Wednesday night and Thursday morning there were many hours of continuous rainfall, and at an early hour yesterday it was agreed that no further play was possible on the deluged wicket.

Scores:—

Lincolnshire.

B. A. Bashforth c & b Holdstock	43
J. E. Searby b Hersee	17
F. E. Frearson b Worboys	1
A. R. Turner lbw b Hersee	13
Rev. H. Mack b Hersee	0
W. Brocksom ht wkt b Hersee	14
J. W. Day c & b Hersee	8
A. Brown c Turnbull b Hersee	0
Major Wilson b Holdstock	0
G. Shaw b Holdstock	0
G. H. Wright not out	3
Extras	8
Total	107

Bedfordshire.

Holdstock b Wilson	36
H. Davidson b Wright	2
E. Drew run out	14
A. B. Poole c Bashforth b Wright	2
E. Hersee b Wilson	1
F. Rawlins b Mack	1
L. Stevens b Wilson	11
D. Turnbull c Turner b Wilson	3
E. Davison b Wilson	4
A. J. Worboys b Mack	1
E. Page not out	0
Extras	16
Total	91

CRICKET NOTES.

Games Cancelled.

The saturated condition of the wicket on the Goldington Road ground compelled the scratching of the interesting match with the Queen's Works on Saturday. A like fate befell many other games in the Bedford and Biggleswade districts.

Bedford School Draw.

Rain spoilt cricket throughout the district on Saturday, and Bedford School suffered with the rest. The rain made the ground sodden before lunch, but afterwards the sun struggled through the clouds, and play began. The School batsmen did well on the soft wicket to collect 133 runs for nine wickets before declaring. The highest score fell to Gideon, who was making his second appearance in first eleven games, and whose 39 not out were well made. McVittie, the next highest scorer, has been a consistent hitter this season. Only three times has he failed to reach double figures. Stewart was the only other Bedford batsman to reach the 20 mark.

Hugh Davison, O.B., has been selected to play for the Eastern Counties against the New Zealanders to-morrow, Monday, and Tuesday. This is the first time, we believe, that a Bedfordshire player has been included in an Eastern Counties XI.

Playing Fields.

Interest in the National Playing Fields campaign to provide the nation's youth with more playing fields is well maintained. Among the further gifts announced it is interesting to note contributions from several public schools, who, appreciating the value of ample playing accommodation, are assisting to provide similar benefits for those not so favourably placed. Mill Hill School have taken up the movement with such keenness that they have sent a fourth donation of £34/13/6. Last week's donations included sums from ten other Schools, and Mr. F. Ransom, of Hitchin, gave 10 acres of land, valued at £1,250. Money and land are still needed, and donations should be sent to Mr. Noel Curtis-Bennett, 166 Piccadilly, W., or to the Midland Bank, 5 Threadneedle Street, E.C.2.

County Season Opens.

Bedfordshire opened their Minor Counties Championship campaign on Monday with a match against Cambridgeshire at Wisbech. They went on from Wisbech to Gainsborough for the Lincolnshire match. The trip right through was made by motor-coach, which left Bedford on Sunday afternoon. The railway facilities in East Anglia are notoriously inadequate, and the motor-coach had the double advantage of making our travellers independent of irksome time-tables, and of affording opportunities for cultivating that social and team spirit among the players which is necessary if the team is to do its best on the field.

The twelve players to make the journey were: D. Turnbull (captain), H. Holdstock, F. Rawlins, E. Page, H. Davidson, L. Stevens, E. D. Hersee, E. Drew, A. B. Poole, A. J. Worboys, E. Davison, and R. Fowler. T. Plant, H. Maxey, and S. V. Graham, unfortunately, were unable to accept invitations to play. It was also found, after he had been asked to play, that Cockland, of Dunstable, a fine bat, had broken his Bedfordshire qualification by going to reside in Hertfordshire.

The Bedford League had two excellent representatives with Stevens and Hersee in the side. Both won the right to consideration in the Colts' trial match at Whitsuntide, and their selection was all the more welcome because it invests future similar trial games with an atmosphere of reality they have not formerly possessed. All followers of League cricket will be delighted that both so admirably justified their selection.

Bedfordshire made a gallant effort at Wisbech to save their first match of the season, but it came too late. Cambridgeshire had been set too easy a task in their second innings, and it required only one brief stand to obliterate Bedfordshire's improving chances. With only 59 to obtain the home county appeared to have matters all their own way, but Holdstock and Stevens met with such success that half the Cambridgeshire team were out for 33, and 28 runs were still required. The stand by Ridgeon and Smith, however, put things right for the batting side. But Bedfordshire's little flutter was well worth while, and proved that to a side of triers, like Bedfordshire's young side, a game is never lost until it is won.

A striking feature of the match was the failure of the big batsmen on both sides. Carnegie-Brown and Ling on the one hand, and Holdstock and Davidson on the other, gave the bowlers the minimum of trouble. And in all four innings it was the tail which wagged the dog. A more promising feature for Bedfordshire, however, was the successful debut of Stevens in county cricket. He made a capital 34 in the first innings and 15 in the second before he was forced back upon his wicket. But what was perhaps even more important, in view of the county's poverty in bowlers and the failure of the regular attack, was his success with the ball.

Like Bedford, Cambridgeshire have had to experiment with young players during the past two seasons, and they were pleased with the success of their young men. One who came through his first ordeal of Minor Counties cricket with credit was J. W. Dainley, whose stand for the seventh wicket on Monday was really the turning point in the game. He batted extremely well, and made the top score of the match. Ridgeon, another young player, was responsible, with Smith, for stopping the rot in the second innings. Ling, the captain, and Carnegie-Brown, the Old Leys School captain, usually the mainstays of Cambridgeshire batting, had an off-match, Ling getting five and Carnegie-Brown four in the double innings.

E. D. Hersee was the outstanding Bedfordshire success at Gainsborough on Wednesday. The deceptive flight of the ball, helped by a tricky wind, puzzled the Lincolnshire batsmen greatly, and at lunch-time he had the flattering average of six wickets for 7 runs. After the short interval Holdstock took the remaining wickets at very small cost, and Hersee's record read finally six wickets for 38 runs.

A Former County Professional.

Mr. E. Kenyon (O.B.) writes from Liverpool: "Whilst touring in the West of England last week I was watching a match on the beautiful Gloucester Town ground, 'The Spa Ground', between Gloucester and Northern, one of the leading Liverpool teams who were finishing a week's tour, and had the pleasure of again meeting Frank Pestell, the old Beds County professional, who was assisting Northern. I was pleased to see him bowling better than ever. Frank, who was as brown as an Indian, looked hardly a day older than he did as a boy of 17, when he first turned out for the county under Mr. H. R. Orr. From the conversation of the players I gathered that he had bowled through a week's cricket unchanged, v. Coventry, Tewkesbury, Winchcombe, Stroud, and Gloucester, taking 25 wickets and getting runs as an opening batsman. For Wallasey in 1924 and 1925 he captured 100 wickets each season in the best Liverpool cricket, and Frank's only regret seemed to be, that dear old George Wharmby was not there to see him. For to use Pestell's own words, 'George was father to me on the cricket field, and taught me all I know.'"

Fine Bowling Performance.

That fine bowling combination, S. T. Jaggar, the Cambridge Blue, and T. Shaw, the Howard's Works coach, made mincemeat of the Works' visitors to the Kempston sports field on Saturday, Jaggar obtaining eight wickets for 7 runs, and Shaw the remainder for 12. This was after the Works' batsmen had compiled a modest but sufficient 123 on a rather heavy wicket. Blackstone's will have reason to remember their otherwise very pleasant visit to Kempston.

"Stars" at Henlow.

For the all-day game at Henlow on Sunday, the R.A.F. team will receive a visit from H. G. W. Cox's XI. The visiting side will be selected from the following 13 players: H. G. W. Cox (Captain of Leighton Buzzard C.C.), E. P. Hendren (Middlesex and England); J. Durston (Middlesex and England), G. Hart (Middlesex), H. Cutler (Middlesex), J. North (Middlesex), Hawkins (Captain of Ealing Dean), B. Bailey, E. House, and S. T. Ingram (Ealing Dean), E. Boyd (King's College and Boston Park), and D. MacDonald (Boston Park and Ealing Dean). Given fine weather, a thoroughly enjoyable game should result, and provide local enthusiasts with the chance of seeing some of the big guns in action.

Bedford League.

Bedford Clarence won their seventh victory of the season on Saturday with convincing championship thoroughness. Marston, on their own pitch, altogether failed to time the bowling of Alcock and Williamson, and the Clarence batsmen had only 34 to beat when they commenced their innings. When they had made 51 for four wickets play was concluded. F. Millman, who has been rather unfortunate this year with the Clarence, displayed some of his old form, and his score included some brilliant shots. The home team were strongest in the bowling department, their bowlers maintaining a perfect length, and the Clarence batsmen had to play for every run. Their performance, therefore, when one takes into consideration the bad state of the outfield at Marston, was quite good, as the ball has to be hit very hard if runs are to be scored without lifting the ball.

The All-Conquering Brickmakers.

Forder's first team also had a successful day, defeating the Igranic in Bedford Park by 86 runs. Again they have to thank the veteran "Charlie" Lowe for a remarkable bowling performance. No doubt the sticky wicket helped him, but on any pitch eight wickets for 20 runs in 18 overs would be an achievement worth noting. Hersee had some excellent defensive practice for his county debut on Monday, carrying his bat through the innings for a fine steady 31. Whitbread (39) batted finely for Forder's, and it was his excellent second wicket stand with H. Brown which laid the foundation of the Works' comfortable score and their ultimate victory.

Forder's 2nd obtained another convincing victory in the 2nd Division of the Bedford League on Saturday, when Kempston, at home, went under on a sticky wicket by 53 runs. Everett and Evans were again the leading operators, and this time they equally divided the wickets for 29 runs each. Everett was also very much alive in the batting department with 27 no out. Forder's have not yet lost a match this season. The only point they have dropped was one with Haynes, with whom they shared a tie in the opening game of the season.

Free Church Championship.

Interest in the Free Church Cricket League will reach its zenith to-night, when Kempston Wesleyans (last year's champions and at present second in the League) meet Bromham Road Wesleyans, who head the table at the moment. If Bromham Road win this match they win the Championship.

Police at Play.

The Bedfordshire County Police side which went down in Ampthill Park on Monday to the Cambridge Borough police was not at full strength owing to the prior claims of duty. The Webber Cup, in the second round of which competition the match was played, was presented for competition amongst police teams by Mr. Webber, a Cambridgeshire magistrate, last year. Cambridge Borough won by 101 to 68, P.c. Anniwell finishing off the Cambridge innings with the hat trick.

BEDFORD SCHOOL v. ST. PAUL'S.

Bedford School played their fourth inter-School match on Saturday on the School ground. The opposition was provided by their old rivals, St. Paul's School. The game suffered through inclement weather and play could not begin until after midday, and the match was left drawn with the scores as follows:—

Bedford School.

E. D. Stewart c Maclean b Joseph	20
W. A. Sime b Burt	16
C. A. B. McVittie b Joseph	32
E. F. C. Smith c Landells b Martinson	2
J. G. Cook c Burt b Maclean	6
N. F. Reed c & b Maclean	2
D. S. Gideon not out	39
S. S. Murray b Felton	1
A. L. Brown b Joseph	4
T. P. Moll lbw b Maclean	8
D. E. Tite not out	0
Extras	4
Total (for 9 wkts. dec.)	133

St. Paul's School.

P. Landells st McVittie b Sime	9
R. Felton run out	25
J. S. Olliff lbw b Murray	27
J. R. Colville c Smith b Brown	3
E. J. Weston c Brown b Sime	8
N. C. Burt not out	6
C. J. Patterson c & b Sime	0
G. M. Smith c Smith b Sime	0
Extras	3
Total (for 7 wkts.)	81

V. Martinson, F. D. Maclean, and E. A. Joseph did not bat.

BEDFORD MODERN SCHOOL v. OAKHAM SCHOOL.

This match, played on the Clarendon Street Ground on Saturday, was spoilt by the weather. Play did not begin until three o'clock, when Williams and Davis opened for the School. They gave the School an excellent send-off, Davis being the first to

leave with the score at 95. The School declared with the score at 103 for 2, C. H. Williams having scored 73 not out. Oakham began badly, losing 4 wickets for 21 runs. Stumps were then drawn, the weather having spoilt what might have been an interesting match. Scores:

Bedford Modern School.

C. H. Williams not out	73
W. L. Davis b Jones	19
H. A. Southgate c Ferrier b Jones	6
L. G. Ashwell not out	0
E. C. W. Sowman, H. H. Cowley, A. C. Ryan, F. W. Manning, A. Riddiford, I. H. McNicol, and H. W. Bingham did not bat.	
Extras	5
Total (for 2 wkts. dec.)	103

Oakham School.

D. G. Allen b Cowley	11
W. J. B. Johnson c Riddiford b Sowman	3
M. H. Jones not out	5
C. C. Ferrier b Sowman	1
J. S. Brown c Ryan b Sowman	0
H. K. Eady not out	0
G. Chatterton, A. C. Martin, P. Vaulkhard, R. B. Marshall, and T. S. R. Fisher did not bat.	
Extras	1
Total (for 4 wkts.)	21

BEDFORD MODERN SCHOOL v. NORTHANTS. AMATEURS.

On the Modern School ground on Wednesday the School drew with honours even with a strong Northants Amateur side which included the brothers Whiting, formerly Bucks County players. The Amateurs' first pair, Wright and Bull, put on 94 for the first wicket, Bull scoring 55. The score reached 193 for 6, and was then taken by Dunn and Hardy to 262, Dunn scoring 58 not out. The Northants Amateurs then declared, leaving the School about two hours to get the runs.

Williams and Davis gave the School a splendid start, Williams not being out until the score reached 96. Scores:—

Northants Amateurs.

R. C. B. Wright b Williams	41
A. H. Bull c Bingham b Ashwell	55
W. C. Brown lbw b Williams	22
F. Whiting c Riddiford b Cowley	33
F. Beers b Davis	6
W. H. S. Dunn not out	58
H. G. Lewis b Sowman	0
D. Hardy not out	30
Extras	17
Total (for 6 wkts. dec.)	262

J. Whiting, H. Clayson, J. Craddock did not bat.

Bedford Modern School.

C. H. Williams b Whiting	68
W. L. Davis b Whiting	23
H. A. Southgate not out	2
L. G. Ashwell not out	0
Extras	11
Total (for 2 wkts.)	104

WEBBER POLICE CUP.

Second Round.

Bedfordshire County Police v. Cambridge Borough Police.

The Cambridge Police gained a comfortable victory over the Bedfordshire Force in the second round of the Webber Police Cup at Ampthill Park on Monday.

Bedfordshire batted first, but were all dismissed for 68, only two batsmen reaching double figures. Christmas took 3 for 27 runs, F. G. Lilley 3 for 32, and Stanton 3 for 3.

Cambridge lost Christmas and Mansfield with only 14 runs in the book, but the brothers Lilley put on 54 and equalled the home team's score before they were parted. F. G. Lilley hit up the best score of the day (45), which included a 6 and two 4's. Anniwell finished off the innings by accomplising the "hat trick", Johnson, Jacobs, and Woolf being dismissed with successive balls. Anniwell took 5 wickets for 32 runs and Blight 3 for 11. Scores:—

Bedfordshire Police.

P.c. Turner c Stanton b Christmas	2
P.c. Hare run out	8
P.c. Folkes b F. G. Lilley	10
P.c. Blight st A. E. Lilley b F. G. Lilley	11
P.c. Sandell b Christmas	4
P.c. J. Sandell b Christmas	4
P.c. Brunt b Stanton	6
P.c. Martin not out	8
P.c. Underwood b Stanton	0
P.c. Anniwell c Rogerson b Stanton	4
P.c. Jacquest c Johnson b Lilley	0
Extras	6
Total	68

Cambridge Borough Police.

P.c. F. G. Lilley c Martin b R. Sandell	45
P.c. Christmas lbw b Anniwell	1
P.c. Mansfield b Anniwell	4
P.s. A. E. Lilley c J. Sandell b Blight	14
P.c. Self c R. Sandell b Brunt	7
P.c. Stanton c J. Sandell b Blight	7
P.c. Tasker, c Martin b Blight	10
P.c. Johnson c Brunt b Anniwell	4
P.c. Rogerson not out	0
P.c. Jacobs b Anniwell	0
P.c. Woolf c Brunt b Anniwell	0
Extras	9
Total	101

BEDFORD & DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Division I.

Igranic Works v. Forder's Works.

Played at Bedford Park on Saturday on rather a wet wicket, this game proved a most enjoyable one. The home side, winning the toss, put Forder's in—no doubt expecting to get them out rather cheaply owing to the state of the ground. Contrary to expectations Forder's put up the fine total of 147. W. Whitbread batted finely for his 39, the highest individual score, whilst H. Brown was a good second with 25. After the interval the Igranic's runs came slowly, both Bean and Hersee playing a defensive game, the bowling wanting very careful watching. The total made was only 61, Hersee contributing 31 and carrying his bat through. Charlie Lowe, for Forder's, bowled 13 overs and took eight wickets for 20 runs. Scores:—

Forder's Works: G. Tuffnell b Howard 6, W. Whitbread c Hersee b Howard 39, H. Brown b Martin 25, the Rev. T. Litchfield b Hersee 13, W. Ractliffe c Martin b Hersee 12, J. Hillson b Bean 7, H. P. Cocking b Howard 16, A. Beard b Hersee 1, A. Robinson run out 10, C. Lowe b Howard 12, G. Faulkner not out 1, extras 5, total 147.

Igranic: J. H. Bean b Lowe 6, F. D. Hersee not out 31, M. S. Langford b Lowe 6, G. W. Howard c Hillson b Lowe 6, W. Martin b Cocking 4, H. A. Bushby b Lowe 3, O. L. Lloyd, lbw b Lowe 0, S. T. Wickson b Lowe 0, L. Claridge b Lowe 0, S. O. Spicer b Beard 0, R. Burr b Lowe 1, extras 4, total 61.

Bedford Clarence v. Marston.

At Marston on Saturday the village team, batting first, could raise only 34 runs against the bowling of Alcock (six for 13) and Williamson (three for 5), H. Faulkner being top scorer with 8. The Clarence replied with 51 for four wickets, stumps then being drawn, F. Millman being top scorer with 28 not out. This makes the seventh victory for the Clarence this year, they having won every match, with the exception of last week's against Ronhold. Scores:—

Marston: E. Magenty b Alcock 6, H. Faulkner b Williamson 8, R. Copperwheat run out 4, A. Brinsley lbw b Alcock 0, F. Hillson b Alcock 4, A. Burridge c King b Alcock 4, P. Faulkner b Williamson 1, J. Whitbread b Alcock 0, H. Odell not out 1, R. Nichols b Alcock 0, S. V. Knight b Williamson 1, extras 5, total 34.

Bedford Clarence: C. Dickens lbw b Magenty 5, F. Millman not out 28, F. Williamson b Magenty 4, H. Alcock c Burridge b Faulkner 8, F. King c Magenty b Hillson 4, extras 2, total for four wickets 51. E. Barker, G. Read, O. Maynard, F. Field, R. Ives, and M. Wells did not bat.

Division II (North).

Queen's Works v. Stevington.

In Allen Park on Saturday. The Queen's scored 133, G. Freame being top scorer with 40. For Stevington S. Glidle and W. Bowyer batted well, recording 18 and 19 respectively. The best bowling was by Millard 3 wickets for 7 runs, Freame 3 for 20, and F. D. Knight 2 for 6. Scores:—

Queen's: F. D. Knight b W. Field 6, A. Swales b W. Field 5, W. Millard b W. Field 20, R. Swales c A. Cox b W. Bowyer 21, L. Wellington c Mackness b W. Bowyer 4, T. Morris b A. Cox 11, G. Freame b Woolston 40, W. Chester b Woolston 16, J. Corby not out 6, A. McCullough b Woolston 2, C. Johnson b Woolston 0, extras 2, total 133.

Stevington: T. Ruffhead c Freame b C. Johnson 10, P. Stapleton c A. Swales b G. Freame 0, H. Woolston c & b F. D. Knight 7, S. Glidle c Swales b Millard 18, W. Bowyer c McCullough b Freame 19, A. Cox c & b Freame 2, R. Field b Millard 3, W. Field b Millard 3, C. Cox run out 1, J. Jeffries b F. D. Knight 1, Mackness not out 1, extras 4, total 69.

Division II (South).

Kempston v. Forder's Works 2nd.

Kempston entertained Forder's Works 2nd on Saturday, and winning the toss put the visitors in. This proved rather doubtful tactics, as the score of the brickmakers reached 112. P. Milton was highest scorer with 29, whilst S. Everett came a good second with 27 not out. Kempston could only reply with 59, the top score being 12 by W. Tipton. Forder's bowlers, S. Everett and W. Evans, each took five wickets for 29 runs. Scores:—

Forder's Works 2nd: P. Milton run out 29, E. Nicholls c Curtis b E. Pestell 9, E. Hutchings c Porter b W. Tipton 10, B. Beard lbw b W. Tipton 16, A. Moore c Flinders b E. Pestell 4, S. Odell b E. Pestell 5, W. Mepham c Flinders b E. Pestell 5, S. Everett not out 27, J. Lowe c Pestell b E. Pestell 0, W. Evans b N. Chambers 1, extras 5, total 112.

Kempston: S. Eames b Everett 2, A. C. Riddy b W. Evans 1, A. Porter c Milton b W. Evans 11, A. White c Lowe b W. Evans 11, N. Chambers c Lowe b Everett 5, T. C. Curtiss c Hutchings b Everett 1, W. Houghton b Everett 1, W. Tipton c Odell b Evans 12, A. Shavins b Everett 0, E. Pestell c Jeeves b Evans 8, C. Flinders not out 0, extras 1, total 59.

Forder's (Elstow) Works v. Ridgmont.

This match was played at Elstow on Saturday, and well won by the visitors by 53 runs. Scores:—

Ridgmont: R. Attack b Haynes 17, R. Barrett b Proctor 32, W. Hirdle c Wadsworth b Turner 1, J. Fisher c Turner b Thompson 18, C. MacGregor c Thompson b Proctor 13, J. Scotney c Haynes b Proctor 0, R. Simms b Braybrooks 4, T. Miller b Braybrooks 0, F. Fisher b Braybrooks 6, R. Cook not out 9, A. Williamson run out 5, extras 9, total 114.

Forder's: W. Goldsmith b J. Fisher 0, F. Faulkner b F. Fisher 13, S. Turner c R. Cook b MacGregor 8, C. Haynes c Attack b F. Fisher 6, R. Reeves c Barrett b F. Fisher 0, A. Braybrooks run out 9, G. Darlow c Miller b F. Fisher 0, F. Wadsworth b Cook 4, G. Beard b Attack 1, A. Thompson c J. Fisher b Simms 12, R. Proctor not out 0, extras 3, total 61.

Haynes v. Railway Athletic.

The home side were all out for 36, and though the Athletic, for whom E. Gilbert took six wickets for 14 runs, had scored this number before the eighth wicket fell, the game ended in a tie amidst great excitement. Scores:—

Haynes: A. E. Brittain 7, G. Potter 5, S. Francis 10, G. Barber 4, F. Green 0, S. Rook 0, H. Herbert 1, B. Burnage not out 9, S. Cooper 0, A. Cox 0, F. Burnage 0, extras 0, total 36.

Railway Athletic: G. Emmison 0, V. Phillips 7, L. Ivett 0, J. Wright 16, E. Mann 0, G. Booth 1, E. Holmes 6, Nadin 1, G. Woods 4, C. Sills 0, E. Gilbert not out 0, extras 1, total 36.

Division II (East).

North End Club v. Tempsford.

At Bedford on Saturday North End Club won easily. Scores:—

North End Club: E. Hinde 0, G. Hinde 1, J. Barker 1, L. Jones 68, J. Swannel 7, T. Sims 19, Gilbert 0, W. Hinde 12, J. Hinde 4, B. Hinde 5, Billingham 0, extras 1, total 118.

Tempsford: Geo. Spiers 4, W. Linger 1, M. Edge 0, H. Harvey 13, R. Barley 3, H. Barnes 5, F. Hull 2, S. Wilson 8, F. Battle 3, C. Quince 0, C. Jackson 0, total 39.

Division III (South).

Houghton Conquest v. Cranfield.

Played at Houghton on Saturday, this match resulted in a win by 35 runs for Houghton Conquest, for whom C. Brinklow took six wickets for 19 runs, and W. Dunkley three for 13, and L. Gillett (19), F. Day (14), and C. Brightman (14) were the chief scorers. For Cranfield T. Sanders (11) was the only batsman to reach double figures, but B. Sanders took four wickets for 29 runs, and L. Sanders obtained three for 0. Scores:—

Cranfield: L. Sanders 4, L. White 4, B. Sanders 4, V. North 0, B. Minards 0, F. Minards 1, E. Malsher 5, T. Sanders not out 11, B. Linnell 2, J. Rust 3, extras 3, total 37.

Houghton Conquest: W. Dunkley 2, F. Day 14, J. Webb 2, L. Gillett 19, C. Brinklow 2, C. Brightman 14, F. Chappell 7, J. Odell 4, F. Huckle 7, S. Simpson not out 0, W. Brightman 0, extras 1, total 72.

Division III (East).

Goldington 2nd v. Igranic 2nd.

This match was played at Goldington on Saturday and resulted in a win for the homesters by an innings and 61 runs. The Igranic batted first and scored 24, Bush taking four wickets for 17, and Sims four for 5. Goldington gave a bright display, with Tom Brown top scorer with 51, his innings including 8 fours. Bush and J. Denton made over 20 apiece, and the side totalled 141. The Works' second innings realized 29 runs, Vendy taking six for 14, and Sims three for 11. Scores: Igranic 2nd: A. Garner 0 0 not out, W. Cambers 4 0, A. Campion 2 0, R. Sear 3 4, C. Cooper 7 5, A. Steele 1 4, R. Deamer 0 0, W. Paine 1 0, R. Worsley 2 4 not out, W. Rushton 2 8, extras 2 4, total 24 29.

Goldington 2nd: J. Denton 26, F. Berwick 1, F. Vendy 2, C. McLellan 9, F. Simms 8, A. Bush 20, Tom Brown 51, E. Fingham 13, S. Tompkins not out 4, W. Endersby 1, extras 9, total 141.

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EAST BEDFORDSHIRE LEAGUE.

Division I.

Shefford v. Caldecote.

Played at Caldecote on Saturday, Shefford being beaten by 18 runs. For Caldecote the bowlers were G. Bygraves (three for 9), H. Newell (five for 8), and W. Bygraves (one for 9); for Shefford, C. Taylor (five for 22), and W. Squire (four for 13). Scores:—

Shefford: L. Kempson 15, H. Vickers 1, J. Coutts 1, C. Taylor 0, G. Squire 0, G. Thorogood 1, W. Squire 0, L. Clarke 0, J. Gavin 5, R. Vintner not out 1, D. Ladds 2, extras 1, total 27.

Caldecote: F. Godfrey 1, E. Bygraves 15, H. Newell 0, W. Bygraves 14, A. Bowles 5, G. Darnell 1, H. V. Stacey 0, J. Milton 1, A. G. Bygraves 0, G. Bygraves not out 4, C. H. Penson 2, extras 2, total 45.

Woodbury v. Beeston Athletic.

Beeston did well to defeat Woodbury with 13 runs to spare on their own ground. For Woodbury, who scored 55 runs, E. Roberts made 23 runs and captured six wickets for 34 runs. For Beeston Athletic, whose total was 68, S. Richardson scored 27, B. Skinner 15, and H. Single took four wickets for 19 runs.

Division II.

Stotfold Athletic 2nd v. Sandy.

Sandy were in good form with the bat on Saturday, and made 104 runs against 65 scored by the 2nd XI at Stotfold. For Stotfold A. Cardell bowled remarkably well, his six wickets being obtained for 12 runs. For the winners C. Finding 26, F. Jeeves 23, and W. Fifding 18, were the chief batsmen.

Potton 2nd v. Caldecote 2nd.

Low scoring was the order on a wet wicket at Potton, where the homesters won by 11 runs. Scores: Potton 2nd 33, Caldecote 22. For Potton 2nd C. Reynolds captured five wickets for 9 runs, and for Caldecote H. Watts four for 11.

Division III.

Sandy 2nd v. Broom.

Sandy's second string also topped the century against Broom, and won by 52 runs. Sandy 2nd made 103, of which number H. Jarvis made 27, and H. Jarvis took five wickets for 14 runs. Broom's innings reached 51, H. Rook carrying out his bat for 21 runs.

Edworth v. Meppershall 2nd.

C. Pettifar bowled well for Meppershall's 2nd XI at Edworth, and took six for 10, the homesters' total reaching only 10. Meppershall scored 29 runs, E. Carey obtaining six wickets for Edworth for 9 runs.

Old Warden 2nd v. Campton.

Old Warden batted well at home, and made 72 runs, H. Bean 27, and G. Berridge 25 contributing the highest scores. Campton obtained 39, of which number H. Burnage made 13. For Old Warden G. Berridge took six wickets for 19, and for Campton K. Stamp six for 22.

School Section.

Biggleswade Council v. Southill.

For Biggleswade A. Humberstone took five wickets for 14 runs, and for Southill C. Faulkner six for 9. Scores: Biggleswade Council 19, Southill 26.

Potton v. Biggleswade Council.

For Potton K. J. Seward captured five wickets for 21 runs, and for Biggleswade E. Huckle took six for 22. Scores: Potton 52, Biggleswade Council 34.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS LEAGUE.

Goldington Road 71 (Pack 21, Riches 14); Clapham Village 14 (Taylor 7 wkts. for 9 runs).

Kempston 25 (Taylor 4 wkts. for 13); Goldington Road 18 (Newman 5 wkts. for 4, Draper 5 for 12).

Goldington Road 34; Queen's Park 19 (Taylor 6 for 9, Stock 4 for 8).

Queen's Park 72; Clapham Road 59.

Harper Trust 67 (Smith 19, Jackman 10, Chapman 10); Clapham Village 17 (Jackman 3 for 4, Collison 3 for 4, Chapman 2 for 4).

Harper Trust 46 (Chapman played an invaluable innings for 20, Newman bowled well, 5 for 15); Kempston 40 (Newman 11, Langley 9). Very exciting finish, the winners requiring one run when their last batsman went in.

	p.	w.	d.	l.	pts.
Goldington Road	11	8	0	3	16
Ampthill Road	10	7	0	3	14
Clapham Road	11	5	1	5	11
Queen's Park	9	5	0	4	10
Harper Trust	11	5	0	6	10
Kempston	9	4	1	4	9
Goldington	9	3	2	4	8
Clapham	10	1	0	9	2

OTHER MATCHES.

Howard's C.C. v. Blackstone's C. C.

Howard's entertained Blackstone's at Kempston on Saturday and won easily by 101 runs, the visitors scoring only 22 runs against the bowling of Jagger, who took 7 wickets for 8 runs, and of Shaw, who obtained the others for 12 runs. R. Brown hit up a fine 37, and A. Keech got 24, the only other players to reach double figures being Marshall (13) and Tysoe (10). Scores:

Howard's: F. Marshall b Ellis 13, S. T. Jagger c Baines b Bentham 5, V. Wells b Bentham 8, A. Tysoe c Hatton b Gilbert 10, R. Brown c & b Gilbert 37, A. Harvey b Bentham 1, W. H. Rowland c Hatton b Bentham 1, Shaw T. c Brown b Gilbert 9, A. Keech lbw b Brown 24, E. Bell run out 4, D. McKillop not out 1, extras 10, total 123.

Blackstone's: J. Tomms c Tysoe b Jagger 0, H. Brown b Shaw 3, F. Blades b Jagger 1, C. Bentham c Bell b Shaw 14, P. Ryan c McKillop b Jagger 0, E. Body st Rowland b Jagger 0, W. Ellis b Shaw 1, W. Hatton b Jagger 0, H. Gilbert not out 0, T. Askew c Keech b Jagger 1, F. Baines b Jagger 0, extras 2, total 22.

Cold Brayfield v. "Bedfordshire Times".

Cold Brayfield is pleasant enough to think about on a warm July day, but on Saturday morning the thoughts of it brought a shiver. However the rain cleared at mid-day, and the "Bedfordshire Times" enjoyed a keen game with the local team in warm sunshine. The ball invariably beat the bat, and the "Times" were all out for 64. F. Sharp (19) being the only player to reach double figures against good bowling by H. Clarke, C. Berrill, and L. Church. Brayfield were early in difficulties, and could do little with the bowling of J. Bates and L. F. Elderkin. Bates had most of the home batsmen guessing with his off-breaks, and with Elderkin keeping a good length the villagers were all out for 45. Both sides were generously entertained to tea by Major D. H. Farrar. Scores:—

"Bedfordshire Times": J. Bates b H. Clarke 1, H. Smallwood c Millward b H. Clarke 6, L. Elderkin b C. Berrill 4, F. Sharp b Church 19, J. Morley run out 5, C. Lees c & b H. Clarke 4, H. Shotbolt c H. Clarke b Church 0, S. Leigh b H. Clarke 8, H. Page b Kitchener b Church 2, C. Sharpe not out 2, P. Keep c E. Clarke b Church, 7, extras 6, total 64.

Brayfield: E. Berrill b Bates 0, T. Kitchener lbw b Bates 5, F. Tompkins b Bates 4, F. Clarke b Bates 0, H. Clarke st Sharp b Bates 7, L. Church c Morley b Bates 10, J. Panter b Elderkin 2, E. Clarke b Bates 8, A. Reeves b Elderkin 4, A. Clarke b Elderkin 4, C. Millward not out 0, extras 1, total 45.

Gravenhurst v. Pirton.

At Gravenhurst on Saturday. The highest scorers for Gravenhurst were M. Fripp, senior 19, M. Fripp, junior 23, and F. Dennis 11. Scores: Gravenhurst 71, Pirton 73.

Beds Club & Ground (Extra) v. Ramblers.

This match was played on Goldington Road ground on the evenings of the 4th and 5th July, and resulted in a win for the Ramblers by 27 runs. The wicket afforded every assistance to the bowlers, who made the best use of it. The Club were dismissed for 44 runs, P. J. Potter taking four wickets for 1 run. The Ramblers were dismissed for 71 runs, W. Bovell-Jones being top scorer with 17. R. D. Cotton took three wickets for 22 runs, and L. Wheeler six for 46. Scores:—

Beds Club and Ground (Extra): H. R. Neate c Cooper b Hodge 8, W. W. Corfield c Whitemore b Hodge 1, L. Wheeler b Wharton 0, T. Plant c and b Wharton 8, C. H. Humphreys not out 8, R. D. Cotton c Cooper b Wharton 0, A. W. H. Poole c Hodge b Whitemore 6, D. Davidson c Whitemore b Potter 6, F. T. Johns b Potter 3, F. C. Read c Perry b Potter 1, L. W. Dixon b Potter 0, extras 3, total 44.

Ramblers: H. M. Perry b Cotton 7, L. W. Hodge b Cotton 2, A. E. Burley st Poole b Wheeler 2, W. Bovell-Jones b Cotton 17, H. T. King c Humphreys b Wheeler 11, P. T. Potter not out 11, S. Wharton st Poole b Wheeler 16, S. G. Whitemore st Poole b Wheeler 0, H. T. Cooper run out 2, W. C. Carter c Humphreys b Wheeler 0, C. Basin c Read b Wheeler 0, extras 3, total 71.

Bedford Borough Police v. Luton Borough Police.

Played at Luton and won by the visitors by a hundred runs. Burgoyne took 6 wickets for 8 runs, and Jennings 3 for 20. Scores:—

Bedford: Single c Skelton b Peck 14, Cope b Peck 17, Burgoyne b Peck 4, Commins b Peck 0, Cox b Sears 10, Jennings c Carter b Peck 2, Chambers c Causebrook b Peck 0, Cooke c Fuller b Woods 28, Marks c Sears b Peck 6, Steele not out 26, Ball b Woods 17, extras 5, total 129.

Luton: Vass b Burgoyne 0, Carter c Jennings b Burgoyne 0, Causebrook b Burgoyne 18, Peck b Burgoyne 0, Fuller run out 3, Sears c Cox b Burgoyne 0, Woods c Chambers b Jennings 1, Blackwell c & b Jennings 1, Janes c Jennings b Burgoyne 5, Skelton c Ball b Jennings 0, Goss not out 0, extras 1, total 29.

Marston Wesleyans v. Kempston East Wes.

This match, played at Marston on Monday between Marston Wes. and Kempston East Wes. resulted in an easy win for Marston. Owing to some good bowling by L. Taylor and A. Brinsley, Kempston were dismissed for the low total of 18 runs, Marston replying with 46. For Kempston H. Faulkner bowled throughout the innings and was their most successful bowler, taking six wickets for 18 runs.

Pulloxhill v. A London XI.

A friendly match was played at Pulloxhill on Saturday between Pulloxhill and some London visitors. Pulloxhill won the toss, but as the Londoners had travelled from afar they were given the preference to bat. F. Dollimore took six wickets for 15 runs, and C. Hedges four for 10, and London were all out for 27 runs. Pulloxhill replied with 105, of which F. Dollimore, junior, made 54.

Aspley Guise v. Stony Stratford.

This match was played at Aspley Guise on Saturday, and ended in an easy and sensational win for the home club. The visitors batted first, and after losing four wickets for 2 runs, were all out for 11. Eagles (a first season man) took seven wickets for 6 runs and G. S. Barnwell two for 5. Scores:—

Stony Stratford 11.

Aspley Guise: C. W. Davis 18, S. Parren 8, S. Cook 0, A. Hobly 0, G. Woollcott 6, G. Griffin 10, A. Eagles 0, C. Stone not out 11, J. Armsden 0, G. S. Barnwell 0, E. Dolling 2, extras 5, total 60.

Toddington v. Willesden Locos.

On Saturday Toddington entertained Willesden Locos. at Toddington, but owing to the wet state of the ground the game was unable to proceed until 4.30. Despite this, however, it was an enjoyable and keenly contested game. Thanks to some brilliant batting by G. Humphreys (50) and W. Coles (32), Toddington compiled a round century. G. Humphreys hit three 6's and several 4's in his fifty. Afterwards he took two wickets for 13 runs, and W. Coles Junior took one for 14. For the visitors S. Judge scored 58 and F. Bence 12, while S. Judge took six wickets for 34 runs, and A. Hill took three for 36. Scores: Toddington 100, Willesden Locos. 94.

Milton Bryan v. Eversholt.

At Milton Bryan on Saturday. After a good game Eversholt proved victorious by 29 runs. Milton ran up 62 runs, thanks mainly to W. Creamer, who played splendidly for 31. Willsher and C. Sanders also batted well for 11 and 10 respectively. Eversholt lost four wickets for 16, but A. Nursall 24, F. Fleet 18, and A. Cox 19, soon put a different complexion on the game, and the Eversholt total reached 91.

Milton Ernest v. Pavenham.

This was a low scoring match. The bowlers seemed to do much as they pleased on a wet pitch. Milton were soon out, for 20 runs. Pavenham seemed to have a rosy chance, but Hart and Dunkley trundled them out for 15. Milton went in again and scored 29 for five and declared, and then dismissed Pavenham for 13.

R.A.F. (Henlow) v. Hertfordshire Wanderers.

At the Aerodrome on 29th June this game was played on a pitch damaged with rain and bowlers had something of a "field day". The Wanderers could do little with the deliveries of Mottershead, who claimed six victims for 31 runs, the innings closing for 68. The home side did little better when they commenced their reply, but a timely knock of 26 by Squadron Leader Wambeek enabled the Service side to muster 78 (Corpl. Mottershead 13, S/Ldr. Wambeek 26, L/A/C Oates 17, F/Lt. Thompson 11).

Gravenhurst v. A.R.S. (Henlow).

At Gravenhurst the Airmen won a close game by 10 runs. The scores were low, the wet condition of the ground making runs very difficult to get. The Airmen made 51 runs, of which L/A/C Cooper was responsible for 14 and A/C Shellis 10. Fripps took three wickets for 17 runs, and Jepps three for 22. Gravenhurst scored 41 runs, of which Morton (15) and E. Fripp (14) were the only batsmen to show any confidence. Cooper took six wickets for 25 runs and Ray four for 15. Scores: A.R.S. (Henlow) 51, Gravenhurst 41.

Melchbourne v. Keystone.

Played at Melchbourne on Saturday, resulting in a win for Melchbourne by 9 runs. Saunders (11) and Eaton (10) for Melchbourne, and Small (10) for Keystone, were the only players to reach double figures in a low scoring game. Scores:—

Melchbourne: F. Roberts 0, C. Hales 0, H. Stringer 5, C. Hale 4, R. Sawford 3, W. Hales 6, C. Saunders 11, F. Eaton 10, A. Stringer 1, G. Bushby 1, J. Turner not out 2, extras 3, total 46.

Keystone: G. Small 10, W. Dickson 0, A. Gilbert 2, L. Measures 0, R. Goodfellow 0, Y. Nibbs 3, H. Harriss 9, E. Goodfellow 1, E. Harriss not out 0, W. Burling 1, J. Lilley 2, extras 3, total 37.

Shefford Council School v. St. Francis's Home, Shefford.

Played at Shefford Hardwicke on the 1st July, the home boys swamping the School, making 76 (E. Bent 51) to 6. J. Bent and E. Bent were the Home's deadly bowlers.

Shefford Wednesday v. Stevenage.

Played at Stevenage on the 29th June. Shefford made 121, J. Folkes batting finely for 72. G. Briars captured 3 wickets for 19 runs, P. Jones 3 for 36, and B. Smeeton 3 for 33. Stevenage got 15 runs without a wicket falling, when rain stopped play. Scores: Shefford Wednesday 121 (J. Folkes 72, H. Bryant 10, W. Taylor 12); Stevenage 15 (for 0 wkts.).

"Bedfordshire Times" v. Casuals.

An enjoyable game was witnessed in Bedford Park on Tuesday evening between these teams. The Casuals were dismissed for 53, due mainly to good bowling by C. Lees (4 for 6) and J. Bates (4 for 25). The "Times" fared none too well, losing seven wickets before getting the necessary runs. F. Redman bowled exceedingly well, taking 7 wickets for 24 runs. Scores: -

Casuals: A. Hall c & b Shotbolt 6, E. J. Neate b Shotbolt 1, H. Timmins b J. Bates 1, J. Cox c Keep b J. Bates 0, F. Redman b C. Lees 17, F. Stoodley c Page b J. Bates 1, S. Wrench b C. Lees 10, F. Lamb b C. Lees 10, H. Sprague not out 3, A. Westcott b C. Lees 1, G. H. Thomas b J. Bates 2, extras 1, total 53.

"Times": F. R. Sharp b Timmins 22, H. Shotbolt b Thomas 4, N. Lowis b Redman 0, J. Bates b Redman 16, J. Morley c & b Redman 2, S. Pamps b Redman 4, F. Perkins c Sprague b Redman 0, S. Leigh b Redman 15, P. Keep b H. Sprague 0, C. Lees not out 0, H. Page b Redman 0, extras 10, total 73.

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CRICKET.

Lincolnshire v. Bedfordshire.

Rain Causes a Drawn Game.

Bedfordshire commenced the second match of their East Anglian tour on Wednesday, at Grimsborough, when Lincolnshire were met. Lincolnshire won the toss and decided to bat, on a good wicket. B. A. Bashforth and Searby opened, and batted freely to the bowling of Holdstock and Stevens. Worboys gave Stevens a rest. At 67 Stevens went on again for one over, then Holdstock went on at the other end. Two overs later Hersee took the ball from Holdstock, and in his third over bowled Searby with a full toss, with the score at 45 for 1. Worboys clean bowled Frearson, with the score at 46 for 2. Turner scored freely until he put his leg in the way of a straight one from Hersee (71 for 3). Hersee, in his next over, clean bowled Mack for a "duck." After this, Bashforth and Broksom treated the bowling with respect. The Bedfordshire bowling at this stage was very good, and runs came slowly, but with the score at 92 Holdstock caught and bowled Bashforth, who had batted very steadily for his 43 runs. In his following over Hersee caught and bowled Day for 1 (86 for 6). He followed this up by getting Brown caught by Turnbull at mid-off for a "duck" (96 for 7, and with the first ball of his next over Broxom, in attempting a late cut, hit his wicket, after he had scored 14. At the lunch interval the score stood at 97 for 8. Holdstock, in his first over after lunch, bowled Wilson for a "duck," and in his next over clean bowled Shaw, who had hit Hersee for two 4's. The innings closed with the score at 110. The Bedfordshire fielding was grand throughout.

At 2.30 Holdstock and Davidson opened the Bedfordshire innings to the bowling of Wright and Wilson. Holdstock settled down straight away, but Davidson was not so comfortable, and was clean bowled by Wright for 2 (12 for 1). Day then went on in place of Wilson, and with the score at 35 Mack went on to give Wright a rest. Holdstock and Drew played good steady cricket, and at 43 Wilson gave Day a rest. Runs came very slowly now and Holdstock, in attempting to hit a loose ball off Wilson, was caught in the slips by Wright. He had batted very soundly for his 36, the score being 50 for 2, in 1 hour 15 minutes. At this point there were nine maiden overs bowled in succession. Drew then scored 1 off Wilson, amid applause. A double bowling change was then made, Brown going on in place of Wilson and Wright for Mack. Poole was in 20 minutes before scoring, the bowling keeping unusually low. He was then out to a brilliant catch in the gully by Bashforth, off Wright. Tea was then taken, the score being 59 for 3. Drew was very unfortunate in being run out. Rawlins drove a ball from Wilson to cover, and Drew, who had backed up well, called, but Rawlins sent him back, to be run out. He had played very steady cricket for 14. Turnbull was next out to a fine catch by Turner at short leg, off Wilson, for 3, the score being 85 for 8. Davison did not stay long, being clean bowled by Wilson for 4. Worboys was bowled by Mack without any addition to the score, and the innings, which lasted only 2 hours 55 minutes, closed for 91. The Lincolnshire fielding was all that could be desired. Only three of the Beds. side were caught, but all were brilliant catches. Wilson and Mack both kept the Beds. batsmen on the defensive. Lincolnshire had 15 minutes to bat, and at the close had lost Searby's wicket for 15 runs.

Rain commenced to fall heavily about midnight, and continued until 11.45 on Thursday. The wicket had naturally became in such a state as to render recovery almost impossible, and at noon it was decided that further play was impossible. Lincolnshire thus take points on the first innings. Wednesday was a glorious day, and there were about 1,500 spectators, the gate exceeding £30. Scores:—

Lincolnshire.—1st Innings.

B. A. Bashforth, c and b Holdstock	43
J. E. Searby, b Hersee	17
R. E. Frearson, b Worboys	1
A. R. Turner, lbw., b Hersee	13
Rev. H. Mack, b Hersee	0
W. G. Broksom, hit wkt., b Hersee	14
J. W. Day, c and b Hersee	1
A Brown, c Turnbull, b Hersee	0
C Wilson, b Holdstock	0
G Shaw, b Holdstock	10
G H. Wright, not out	3
Extras	8
Total	110

Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Holdstock	17.5	7	27	3
L. Stevens	5	1	11	0
A. J. Worboys	8	1	26	1
E. D. Hersee	17	4	38	6

Bedfordshire.—1st Innings.

Holdstock, c Wright, b Wilson	36
H. Davidson, b Wright	2
E. Drew, run out	14
A B. Poole, c Bashforth, b Wright	2
E. D. Hersee, b Wilson	1
F. Rawlins, b Mack	1
L. Stevens, b Wilson	11
D. Turnbull, c Turner, b Wilson	3
E. Davison, b Wilson	4
A J. Worboys, b Mack	1
E Page, not out	0
Extras	16
Total	91

Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
G. H. Wright	14	4	24	2
C. Wilson	21	13	16	5
J. W. Day	9	3	12	1
Rev. H. Mack	25.5	15	22	2
A. Brown	2	1	1	0

Lincolnshire.—2nd Innings.

B. A. Bashforth, not out	8
J. E. Searby, c Page, b Holdstock	7
Extras	0
Total (for 1 wkt.)	15

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

Matches to be played to-day (Saturday) on ground of first-named club:—

Beds. Club and Ground v. Rushden. (Goldington-road ground).
Queen's Works v. St. Albans (at Allen Park).
Leys School v. Bedford School. (At Cambridge).
Bedford School 2nd XI. v. Queen's Works "A" XI. (Bedford School ground).
Bedford Modern School v. Magdalen College School (Clarendon-road ground).
Castle Ashby C.C. v. Bedford Modern School 2nd XI.
Weston Underwood v. Queen's Works "B."
Aspley Guise v. Woburn.
Three Counties Mental Hospital v. Biggleswade (on Hospital ground at Arsleey).
Biggleswade "A" v. S. & D. Sports, Letchworth (on "Fairfield" ground, Biggleswade)

Bedford & District League.

Division I.

Bedford Clarence v. Biddenham.
Igranic Works v. Renhold.
Everton v. Elstow Road.
Sharnbrook v. Conservative Club.
Marston v. Forder's Works.

Division II. (Northern).

Queen's Works XI. v. Bedford Clarence 2nd.
Keysoe v. Thurleigh.
Felmersham v. Goldington.

Division II (Southern Section).

Railway Athletic v. Forder's Works 2nd.
Wootton Hall End v. Haynes.
Ridgmont v. Kempston.
Lidlington v. Forder's Elstow Works.

Division II. (Eastern).

North End Club v. Blunham.
Colesden v. Bolnhurst.
Tempsford v. Great Barford.

Division III. (Northern).

Renhold 2nd v. Roxton.
Blunham 2nd v. Everton 2nd.

Division III. (Southern)

Cranfield v. Elstow Road 2nd.
Marston Pillinge v. Forder's Elstow Wk. 2nd

Division III. (Eastern).

Goldington 2nd v. Clapham.
Cryselco v. Bedford Clarence 3rd.
Stagsden v. Biddenham 2nd.

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CRICKET.

HERTFORDSHIRE v. BEDFORDSHIRE.

When Bedfordshire arrived at Clarence Park, St. Albans, for the Minor Counties Championship match with Hertfordshire on Wednesday they found the ground in a saturated condition. Play was not possible before 2.45 p.m. and then Bedfordshire, having won the toss, and batting first on a wicket that was still very wet, made a very poor start.

Holdstock and Davidson opened the innings, but, after a maiden over from Fordham played by Holdstock, Davidson was smartly snapped behind the wicket by Arthur Grimsdell, the Spurs' international footballer, off the last ball of Redhouse's opening over. The loss of a wicket for no score was only the first of a series of disasters which befel Bedfordshire. Holdstock played cautiously, but his successive partners, E. Drew, A. B. Poole, and E. A. Fryer, were quickly dismissed, Bedfordshire having four wickets down for 15 runs. At that period Redhouse had taken 3 wickets for 5 runs.

The collapse was stopped when E. D. Hersee joined Holdstock. That pair were associated in a partnership which in nearly two hours yielded 99 runs before Hersee, who made 44, was bowled by Evans with the total at 114. Holdstock, tempted out by Lismore, was stumped by Grimsdell six runs later. The stand was invaluable. With the bowlers making the ball turn awkwardly, both showed fine defence and excellent judgment in selecting the right balls to hit, but runs could only be collected slowly, the outfield being very dead. In his 68, Holdstock found the boundary very few ones they are at Clarence Park—only once, and Hersee hit only two fours.

The seventh Bedfordshire wicket went down just before the close of play, Grimsdell taking Stevens to claim his fourth victim of the afternoon.

Rain fell heavily during Wednesday night, and as the wicket was under water on Thursday morning when play should have been resumed the game was abandoned. The score then stood as follows:

Bedfordshire.

H. Holdstock st Grimsdell b Lismore	68
H. Davidson c Grimsdell b Redhouse	0
E. Drew c Grimsdell b Redhouse	1
A. B. Poole c Reid b Redhouse	1
E. A. Fryer b Burton	0
E. D. Hersee b Evans	44
F. Rawlins not out	4
J. Stevens c Grimsdell b Lismore	1
D. Turnbuli not out	0
Extras	3
Total (for 7 wkts.)	122

A. J. Worboys and W. H. Johnson did not bat.

Bedford Modern School v. Magdalen College School.

In this game the School batted first and as stumps had to be drawn at 5.10 the batsmen tried to score faster than usual. Wickets fell rather quickly and the School declared with the score at 102 for 9. Magdalen College School had 70 minutes in which to make the runs. They made a disastrous start, losing five wickets in the first two overs without scoring a run, Sowman taking three wickets and Williams one, and one run out. The innings lasted 45 minutes for 16 runs, the School winning by 86 runs. Scores:—

Bedford Modern School.

C. H. Williams c Cullis b Mayne	23
W. L. Davis c Cullis b Mayne	10
E. C. W. Sowman c Lunn b England	0
A. C. Ryan c Lunn b Lee	14
H. H. Cowley c Higgs b England	17
H. A. Southgate c Lee b Higgs	7
L. G. Ashwell c & b Lee	15
A. Riddiford b England	0
F. W. Manning not out	7
I. H. McNicol b Lee	0
H. W. Bingham not out	1
Extras	8
Total (for 9 wkts. dec.)	102

Magdalen College School.

W. H. Cullis c McNicol b Williams	0
T. G. England run out	0
H. W. Lee lbw b Sowman	0
E. D. C. Higgs c Ryan b Davis	3
L. K. Gilling c Cowley b Sowman	0
D. P. McKeown c Bingham b Sowman	0
I. C. C. Rigby run out	0
G. A. Turner b Sowman	1
H. W. Mayne c Riddiford b Davis	0
R. W. Pritchard not out	3
E. J. A. Lunn c McNicol b Davis	0
Extras	9
Total	16

Beds Club & Ground v. Rushden.

On Saturday, on the Goldington Road ground, Rushden won easily, though C. Rawlins took seven of their wickets for 38 runs. Scores:—

Rushden.

W. H. Denton c Cummins b C. Rawlins	37
J. S. Denton c Wilson b C. Rawlins	8
C. Catlow b C. Rawlins	9
J. Capell c Holiday b C. Rawlins	5
E. F. Tomkins b Cummins	18
C. Partridge b Cummins	3
W. Simmonds c F. Rawlins b Cummins	2
H. Groome b C. Rawlins	0
A. D. Denton b C. Rawlins	0
J. J. Wright b C. Rawlins	9
J. W. Reynolds not out	5
Extras	12
Total	111

Beds Club & Ground.

P. Burke lbw b Reynolds	11
A. B. Poole b Reynolds	0
A. Wesley b Reynolds	7
R. Pedraza st Partridge b J. S. Denton	1
F. J. Cummins lbw b J. S. Denton	1
F. Rawlins lbw b J. S. Denton	12
P. Woodland not out	19
C. Rawlins b Reynolds	2
A. S. Holiday b Reynolds	0
S. J. Walton c Groome b J. S. Denton	0
L. W. Wilson c W. H. Denton b Reynolds	4
Extras	1
Total	58

DICK ROGERS'S TESTIMONIAL.

A presentation "on account" of the testimonial which the Old Modernians are promoting for the old School coach and groundsman will be made to Dick Rogers during the tea interval at the Old Modernians v. School match on Friday, 22nd July.

The presentation will be made by Mr. J. O. Anderson, who was in the School XI with A. O. Jones in the years 1888, 1889, and 1890. Afterwards Mr. Anderson played a lot of cricket for Hertfordshire and the M.C.C., and has been very prominent in sporting circles in the Argentine.

The testimonial to Rogers will not be closed until about December, and the fund is still open to any Old Boys or friends of Rogers who care to subscribe.

BEDFORD FREE CHURCH LEAGUE.

THE NEW CHAMPIONS.

Sportsmanship and fellowship were much in evidence in Bedford Park on Friday night, when the Bedford Free Church League were in possession with three fine games. Pride of place must be given to the match between Kempston Wesleyans and Bromham Road Wesleyans and Moravian, for upon this match depended the championship of the League. It was a delightful game, and the fielding was very keen, but in the end Bromham Road reversed the decision of last year, and became the new Champions. Scores:

Kempston (East) Wesleyans: H. Faulkner b Howard 2, L. W. Barker b Howard 1, S. Eames c Howard b Wheatley 4, M. Adams b Howard 0, D. C. Ruddy c & b Wheatley 20, E. Bell c Wheatley b Howard 6, W. Bennion c J. Wheatley b Wheatley 0, R. Felts b Howard 4, A. Billingham not out 2, E. Harris b Howard 2, A. Walker b Howard 0, extras 5, total 46.

Bromham Road Wesleyan and Moravian: F. R. Sharp c Adams b Faulkner 15, G. W. Howard c Faulkner b Barker 8, J. H. Craig b Faulkner 12, J. Wheatley c & b Barker 6, E. D. Martell b Bell 7, L. W. Dixon lbw b Bell 2, Rev. W. G. Findlay b Faulkner 11, F. R. Booth st Adams b Faulkner 0, R. E. W. Snowell st Adams b Faulkner 13, J. Wheatley b Faulkner 1, S. Marriott not out 1, extras 1, total 77.

CRICKET NOTES.

Another Wash-out.

At St. Albans yesterday for the second time this season Bedfordshire were deprived of their second day's play in their county match. As at Gainsborough the previous week rain descended in the night so copiously that when the teams came to renew play the wicket was under water, and there was no alternative to abandoning the match. So far as play went only Holdstock and Hersee had saved Bedfordshire from an inglorious display on a soddened wicket, their stand for the sixth wicket having put on 99 of the 122 runs scored. Bedfordshire complete their away programme on 27th and 28th July at Oxford, when it is to be hoped the weather will have mended its ways.

H. Davidson, O.B., the Bedfordshire County bat, was unable to accept the invitation to play for the Eastern Counties against the New Zealanders this week.

A pleasant trip to Cambridge.

The Bedford School cricket team travelled to Cambridge on Saturday to play their fixture with the Leys School. When they arrived they found the ground was unfit for play, and they came home having had a nice outing without anything to do!

Another Record?

There was a match on Saturday on the Clarendon Road ground which is likely to be remembered for a life-time by all who took part in it. The Modern School were entertaining Magdalen College School, and after making rather more than a century declared, leaving the visiting School rather more than an hour to bat. The hours of play had been cut down owing to the Oxford boys having to catch their train, but they sufficed.

At the end of the first half an hour the scoring board read 0, 6, 0, which being interpreted meant that six wickets were down and no runs had been scored. The bowlers were Williams and Sowman, Williams having taken one wicket, and Sowman three, and two boys having been run out in their eagerness to break the succession of "ducks". Then there came a boundary, but they were byes. At this stage Williams lost a heel of a boot and while he was off getting re-shod Davis took up the attack. There came a second boundary and again they were byes. Finally the side was dismissed for 16, nine of which were byes, just in time for the Modern School to win and the visitors to catch their train.

Unbeaten.

The Modern School team is unbeaten this summer, and there remains only the Old Boys' match. Unfortunately, Old Boys have a way of upsetting School unbeaten records but we shall see. Much of the School success has been due to the captain, C. H. Williams. Williams, with the experience of five years in the first XI, is probably one of the most seasoned schoolboy players in the country, and he is a very capable all round cricketer. He has a batting average of about 60, and about equally divides the bowling honours with Sowman. Moreover, he is an excellent leader of his team.

The feature of the School batting has been the many good first wicket stands by Williams and W. L. Davis. Davis has two seasons yet at School, and during that period will probably develop the physique necessary for him to reap the full reward of his cricketing ability. He has an average of about 20, and is a very useful change bowler. Ashwell is also a useful bowler as well as bat (he has an average of about 24) in fact the strength of the team, outside the batting of the first pair and Cowley and Ashwell, has been its varied and efficient attack. The fielding has also reached a very high standard.

Compensation.

Following the recent loss of A. Clare the Bedford Banks Cricket Club have P. W. Tebbutt back. Tebbutt has for the last two seasons been playing for Aylesbury Town. His average with the bat this year so far for Aylesbury is 46, and it is hoped that he will continue the good work for his old team. For years before his transfer to Aylesbury he was the backbone of the Bank's batting strength, and he is second to none in the field—mid-on being his speciality. The Banks are lucky indeed to reclaim the services of such a cricketer.

Renhold's Victory.

After their narrow victory over the Igrane in their return match in Bedford Park Renhold can boast of having taken points from all the top teams in the Bedford League. This is a very satisfactory record for their first season in the premier divison. In a low-scoring game O. C. Boyes's eight wickets for 22 runs stands out as the best performance of a very interesting struggle.

Short Runs.

The art of running between wickets has often to be acquired at some sacrifice, but Biddenham seem to be paying rather above the usual premium for their experience. On Saturday three of their batsmen were run out in attempting short runs. This should make them a little more wary against good fielding sides like the Clarence. When they met the Bedford League Champions before, on their own ground, they lost four of their best men by being run out in attempting difficult runs. This was at a time when the game was running much in their favour: in fact it was the only occasion this season upon which the Champions looked like losing.

Too Defensive.

Defensive cricket does not always pay, in fact a close scrutiny of experience would probably prove that the only game that really pays in cricket, as in other varieties of sport, is the natural game. Marston made this discovery on Saturday, when, in the usual "needle" match with their nearest neighbours, Forder's Works, they sat on the splice so tenaciously that they fretted their own supporters and fell an easy prey to the Works' bowlers, Beard, Whitbread, and Tuffnell, who all had flattering analyses. The result was that Forder's won comfortably.

On Saturday N. Munns batted through Woodbury's second innings of 50 minutes without scoring a run! The others made 17. They lost!

Good Bowling.

Last week end R. Procter of the Forder's (Elstow) Works, brought off two more good bowling performances and materially helped his side to win two more victories. His Saturday's achievement, that against Lidlington, was much the better one, even after allowing for the difficult wicket and the long grass in the outfield. In that game he bowled 10 overs, and took 7 wickets for 7 runs, in an innings which totalled 27.

S. Everett had another good afternoon for Forder's second team, his tally this week being six wickets for 8 runs. His splendid bowling was the chief cause of the Railway batsmen's failure and his side's victory by 109—17.

George Dear, of the Gas Athletic C.C., put up yet another fine bowling performance in Bedford Park on Saturday against the Bedford Argus. In eight overs he captured eight wickets for 8 runs, the last four with four successive balls. In ten matches this season he has taken 57 wickets at an average cost of 3.9 runs per wicket.

In his last four matches for C. of E. school, C. Young, of Sandy, has taken 28 wickets for 44 runs.

East Bedfordshire Cricket League.

At the General Committee meeting of the East Bedfordshire Cricket League on Friday correspondence with the Bedfordshire club and Ground and the Bedfordshire League, re the game on Whit-Monday and Whit Tuesday, was read by the Hon. Secretary, who was thanked for the interest he had taken in the matter. It was decided to provide runners-up medals in all the Divisions of the League, and one set of medals for the Schools' Section.

At the Executive Committee later the same evening, A.R.S. protested against the result of their game with Caldecote on the following grounds (1) Laws of Cricket 30 (viz., obstructing the field); (2) General conduct at Caldecote umpire. Representatives of both clubs and the Caldecote umpire were examined, and the Caldecote secretary and umpire both admitted that the batsman did attempt to play the ball as alleged by A.R.S. The Committee therefore decided that the match be replayed on neutral ground and with neutral umpires, and the Hon. Secretary was instructed to see if Fairfield was available on a week evening.

Sandy Feast Cricket.

Mr. W. H. Birkett is captaining a Biggleswade team against Sandy on the Tuesday evening in Feast Week (19th July) at Sandy. Messrs. Odell and Davison are appearing in the home side.

Two Players Hurt.

Clophill cricketers journeyed to Hexton on Saturday and made a "draw". Two of the Clophill team, H. Russell and H. Gibson were hurt and had to retire.

BEDFORD & DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Division I.

Igranic v. Renhold.

This match was played in Bedford Park on Saturday, the village team winning an enjoyable game by 7 runs. The previous game between the teams was won easily by the Igranic. The wicket was very much to the liking of O. L. Boyes, who completely puzzled the Igranic batsmen, and captured eight wickets for 22 runs. The whole team was dismissed for 58. Renhold were a long time in getting off the mark, and runs came very slowly until the appearance of F. Redman, who very quickly knocked up 15 runs, and with J. H. Joyce getting 14, the match was won with seven wickets down. Scores:—

Igranic: E. D. Hersee c Redman b Boyes 13, H. Bean b Boyes 5, M. Langford c H. Harlow b Boyes 0, Howard c Redman b H. Harlow 13, Martin c P. Harlow b Boyes 0, Page lbw b H. Harlow 2, Bushby c C. Allen b Boyes 0, Lloyd not out 11, Harris b Boyes 2, Wickson b Boyes 0, Cambers b Boyes 0, extras, 7 total 58.

Renhold: W. Harlow b Hersee 11, E. Constant b Hersee 0, O. L. Boyes c Hersee b Howard 4, P. Joyce c Howard b Hersee 7, J. H. Joyce b Martin 14, F. E. Harlow lbw b Bean 1, F. Redman c Harris b Howard 15, W. Wootton c Howard b Hersee 4, P. Harlow c Cambers b Martin 0, H. Harlow b Hersee 2, C. Allen not out 1, extras 6, total 65.

Bedford Clarence v. Biddenham.

Biddenham could do little against the Clarence bowling on Saturday, Burton being the only man to reach double figures, and they were all out for 26, Ives taking three wickets for 8 runs, F. Williamson three for 5, and S. Williamson two for 3. The fielding of the Clarence was very good, three of the Biddenham men being run out in attempting short runs. The Clarence scored with 101 for five wickets declared, Alcock being top scorer with 47, which included some very hard hitting, and quite a number of runs were allowed to slide because they entailed running for, Alcock being content to trouble only about boundary hits. Millman scored a consistent 34 not out, not giving a chance, and was undefeated at the end. Scores:—

Biddenham: H. Burton c Dickens b S. Williamson 10, T. Baden run out 4, B. Gascoigne c Wells b F. Williamson 1, Capt. Harrell b Ives 0, R. Poole b Ives 0, F. Green run out 3, H. Frossell c Alcock b F. Williamson 0, A. Gudgin run out 0, R. Holland b F. Williamson 3, F. Peel b S. Williamson 0, R. West not out 1, extras 4, total 26.

Bedford Clarence: M. Wells lbw b West 0, R. Ives c Burton b West 1, O. Maynard lbw b Baden 4, F. Field c and b West 0, E. Millman not out 34, H. Alcock c Green b West 47, F. King not out 12, extras 3, total for five wickets declared 101. C. Dickens, S. Williamson, F. Williamson, and E. Barker did not bat.

Everton v. Elstow Road.

This match was played at Everton on Saturday, when the ex-champions beat the newcomers by 27 runs, thanks chiefly to some fine bowling by Usher. T. Minns bowled well for the Bedford team. Scores:

Everton: H. Gurney 13, T. Tott 2, H. Barnett 13, A. Barnett 0, H. Darlow 6, C. Gurney 8, H. Usher 4, W. Smith 2, F. Gurney 2, E. Giles 11, H. Gurney not out 0, extras 5, total 71.

Elstow Road: J. Minns 3, J. Wooding 11, P. Dobson 1, R. Minns 0, O. Minns 6, T. Minns 6, J. Tagg 0, H. Webb 2, W. Ward 9, S. Frost 1, G. Goodwin not out 0, extras 5, total 44.

Marston v. Forder's Works.

This game, although looked upon as a local "Derby", failed to provide any of the thrills expected, in fact it was quite a tame affair. The home side played on the defensive which, from the spectators' point of view, meant very slow cricket indeed, the team being all out for 41. Forder's replied with 65 for seven wickets, their top scorer being H. Brown, who made 28, whilst R. Copperwheat was highest for Marston, with 15 not out. Whitbread took five wickets for 15 runs. Scores:—

Marston: H. Odell b Beard 5, H. Faulkner c Ractliffe b Beard 4, A. Odell b Beard 3, R. Copperwheat not out 15, A. Burridge lbw b Tuffnell 1, A. Brinsley c G. Tuffnell b Whitbread 2, P. Faulkner c Lowe b Whitbread 1, J. Whitbread b Tuffnell 0, L. Adams c G. Tuffnell b Whitbread 2, J. Copperwheat c Lowe b Whitbread 1, R. Nicholls b Whitbread 0, extras 7, total 41.

Forder's Works: G. Tuffnell c H. Faulkner b Adams 7, W. Whitbread b Brinsley 0, H. Brown b Brinsley 28, J. Hillson c H. Odell b H. Faulkner 4, W. Ractliffe b H. Faulkner 1, the Rev. T. Litchfield not out 15, A. Beard c Odell b Brinsley 1, F. Tuffnell b Copperwheat 1, extras 3, total for seven wickets 65.

Division II (North).

Keysoe v. Thurleigh.

On Saturday a keen and exciting game took place between the neighbouring villages of Keysoe and Thurleigh. In the first match this season Keysoe were defeated by 11 runs. On Saturday Thurleigh scored 60, and T. Freeman took seven wickets for 23—a really good performance. The first Keysoe batsmen, Guy Payne and John Jordon, began well, putting on 25 runs before being parted. Others to help were O. Whitlock (not out 17) and Stanley Stapleton (16). But the best batting performance was by T. Freeman, who made 44. Scores:—

Thurleigh: F. Payne 0, A. H. Hart 0, W. D. Ross 13, R. Thorne 11, A. G. Thompson 12, P. Brown 7, A. Wagstaff 1, H. Payne 13, J. Thorne 2, A. W. Swepstone not out 4, T. Butcher 5, extras 12, total 80.

Keysoe: J. Jordon 12, G. Payne 18, H. Skevington 2, E. Freeman 2, S. Stapleton 16, F. Freeman 44, L. Stevens 9, O. Whitlock not out 17, G. Truphett 3, B. Hartop 3, H. George 1, extras 10, total 142.

Division II (South).

Wootton Hall End v. Haynes.

Played at Hall End on Saturday. The home team won a closely contested game by 6 runs. Both sides showed bad judgment in running between the wickets, and Haynes lost three wickets as a result. The visitors did well for a time. H. Bass contributed 16 before returning a simple one to the bowler, but they struck a bad patch until G. Potter and H. Herbert became associated, and largely as a result of their partnership the visitors reached a total of 60. H. Curtis was Hall End's most destructive trundler, with three wickets for 9. For a time the home team looked like running up a good score, J. Burraway being credited with 19 before being run out, but after this wickets fell cheaply until J. Hutchings and B. Haddow made an invaluable stand for the sixth wicket and passed the visitors' total. Scores:—

Haynes: S. Francis 6, S. Cooper 0, H. Bass 16, H. Brittain 5, F. Green 1, T. Rook 0, G. Barber 2, G. Potter 10, H. Herbert 16, B. Burnage 1, H. Cox 0, extras 3, total 60.

Hall End: Burraway 19, L. Milton 7, J. Hutchings [illegible] H. Hutchings 3, C. [illegible] bert 1, W. [illegible]chings 3, P. W[illegible] B. Haddow [illegible] A. Curtis 4, J. Beard 1, [illegible] Tysoe 0, extras 5, total 66.

Ridgmont v. Kempston.

At Ridgmont on Saturday the [illegible] won easily by the visitors, [illegible] Postell took four wickets for 9 runs, [illegible] Bennion two for 0. For Ridgmont Rose Cook took seven for 10. Scores:—

Kempston: S. Eames 10, R. Porter 33, [illegible] C. Liddy 6, L. Bennion 1, F. Pannot [illegible] N. Chambers 0, A. Spavins 3, A. White 5, W. Tipton 4, E. Postell 0, W. Houghton not out 0, extras 1, total 51.

Ridgmont: R. Barrett 0, A. James 2, J. Fisher 5, W. Hirdle 7, C. MacGregor 5, T. Fisher 5, R. Simms 7, F. Fisher 0, T. Miller 0, S. Cook 0, R. Wright not out 0, extras 7, total 29.

Railway Athletic v. Forder's Works 2nd

Played at Bedford Park on Saturday, the result being an easy win for the Works' team. Forder's set the respectable score of 109. W. Mepham, being in fine form, was responsible for a sparkling 42, which included five 4's and three 3's. E. Hutchings coming next with 30. The Railway men found the bowling much too strong for them, for they were all out for 17. S. Everett again bowled splendidly for Forder's, taking six wickets for 8 runs, and W. Evans came a good second with four for 5. Scores:—

Forder's Works 2nd: P. Milton 3, F. Nicholls 3, F. [illegible] 35, B. Beard 5, A. [illegible] 4, [illegible] 1, W. Mepham 42, S. Everett 0, J. [illegible] 0, K. Jeeves 8, W. [illegible] not out 5, extras 3, total 109.

Railway Athletic: G. Bertram [illegible] Holmes 3, J. Wright 0, E. Mar[illegible] 7, G. Emmerson 1, G. [illegible] 0, G. Beech 1, E. Gilbert 2, I. Ivetts not out 0, [illegible] 1, total 17.

Lidlington v. Forder's Elstow Works.

Played at Lidlington on Saturday, and won by the visitors by 26 runs. The sun came out on the soft wicket and made it difficult to get runs, especially as the grass on the outfield was long. The Elstonians opened badly, three men being out for 17 runs. Haynes was then joined by Reeves, and while they were together the brightest bit of batting of the game was seen. Twenty runs were put on by this pair before Reeves (15) was bowled. Haynes (14) was not long after him, and 53 was a very good total considering the ground. Lidlington could do nothing with Procter's bowling. He was unplayable, and there were seven "ducks" in the team. S. Henman played well for his eleven. The side were dismissed for 27, and eight of them were byes. Procter took seven wickets for 7 runs. Scores:—

Lidlington: A. Cook 0, A. Tansley 1, S. Henman 11, A. White 0, T. Mead 4, F. Cook 0, L. Taylor 3, H. Bennett 0, A. Newell 0, W. Henman 0, W. Jackson not out 0, extras 8, total 27.

Forder's Elstow Works: C. Haynes 14, G. Beard 0, S. Turner 6, W. Goldsmith 3, R. Reeves 15, G. Darlow 0, F. Faulkner 2, A. Braybrooks 2, F. Wadsworth 1, A. Thompson 5, R. Procter not out 0, extras 5, total 53.

Division II (East).

Tempsford v. Great Barford.

Played at Tempsford Park on Saturday, the home team winning easily. Scores:—

Great Barford: W. Robinson 0, J. Norman 7, V. Draper 10, J. Lee 2, S. Logsdon 6, W. Pettit 0, P. Skevington 8, F. Robinson 4, S. Smith 0, S. Sabey 4, W. Albone 0, extras 1, total 42.

Tempsford: George Spiers 13, F. Hull 9, R. Barley 3, H. Harvey 17, S. Wilson 13, P. Stocker 2, M. Hedge 2, H. Barnes 4, F. Battle 3, W. Linger 6, C. Jackson 1, extras 3, total 78.

Division III (North).

Renhold 2nd v. Roxton.

Renhold 2nd had their section leaders to visit them on Saturday and inflicted their first defeat of the season upon them by 2 runs. A. Norman, for Renhold, was in form with the ball and did exceedingly well to capture six wickets for 11 runs. Roxton insisted on the home team batting a second time, but with a score of 79 put up against them, gave it up and retired. Scores:—

Renhold 2nd: H. Norman 0, C. Kirby 0, P. Swann 3, J. Conquest 9, C. Constant 2, J. Fensome 10, L. Dare 1, H. Lovell 4, O. Harlow 1, A. Norman not out 3, F. Rabbit 0, extras 3, total 36.

Roxton: H. Gilbert 10, W. Jefferies 6, W. Gadsden 4, J. Smith 1, T. Gilbert 1, D. Minney 0, F. Brace 2, T. Sugars 1, J. King 4, W. Hackwell 2, T. Livett not out 0, extras 3, total 34.

Division III (South).

Marston Pillinge v. Forder's Elstow Works 2nd.

This match was played at Marston on Saturday, and was won by the visitors by 26 runs. Marston batted first, on a soft wicket, but could do nothing with the bowling of Bridge, who had the fine records of nine wickets for 12 runs. On the Works going in to bat Bellamy did very well to get 21, and we played very good cricket. C. Gillett bowled well for the home team, taking three for 6. Scores:—

Marston Pillinge: R. Wardman 0, R. Gillett 3, C. Gillett 0, J. Bunker 8, C. Rowe 0, G. Goodman 0, W. Wright 1, J. Wright 6, G. Goodman 5, E. Mederoft 1, E. Stapleton not out 2, extras 2, total 33.

Forder's Elstow Works 2nd: A. Bellamy 21, S. Breed 2, L. Huckle 0, S. Lincoln 6, F. Bridges 7, C. Chapman 8, R. Brightman 8, G. Burr 0, A. Turner not out 2, R. Jones 4, H. Clark 0, extras 1, total 59.

Division III (East).

Stagsden v. Biddenham.

Played at Stagsden on Saturday, the home team winning by 53 runs to 43. W. Linger made 19 runs for Stagsden. Scores:—

Stagsden: A. Beard 5, B. Beard 1, J. Glidewell 1, B. Newman 4, E. Flute 3, W. Linger 19, P. Bazley 5, G. Newman 1, J. Beard 0, H. Defraine 4, F. Beard 4, extras 6, total 53.

Biddenham: A. Hyde 10, A. Johnson 1, R. Chapman 5, P. Shaw 3, A. Church 1, S. Frossell 2, G. Jackson 1, J. Elkins 3, R. Morris 6, A. Dudley 3, Dowler 2, extras 6, total 43.

OTHER MATCHES.

R.A.F. (Henlow) v. H. G. W. Cox's XI.

Jack Durston Delights a Record Crowd.

A record crowd, which numbered well over a thousand in the afternoon, gathered at the Aerodrome on Sunday for this game, which was favoured by perfect weather conditions. There was disappointment when it became known that "Patsy" Hendren had been unable to make the journey, but this was amply compensated for later by some irresistible bowling by the ever-popular Jack Durston, who had a cheery word for many local friends.

The home side were dismissed before lunch for 75, Durston and Cutler (the Dulwich College coach) taking five wickets each for 39 and 30 runs respectively. Consistent bowling, backed up by accurate fielding, kept the visitors fighting for runs, the innings realizing 145, of which E. House claimed 59 as the result of sound batting. Going in again the home team fared badly against Durston, six wickets falling for 15 runs: then came a good partnership between S/Ldr. Wandbeck and L/A/C Bugg, which realized 60 runs. Unbeaten at the end, with 70 to his credit, Bugg played a patient innings which lasted over an hour when things were going badly. Set to get 50 runs to win, the visitors knocked these off for the loss of two wickets, Durston hitting merrily for 19 before being caught off the last ball of the match. Scores: R.A.F. (Henlow) made 75 and 93, and H. G. W. Cox's XI made 143 and 47 for three wickets.

Howard's Works "A" v. R.A.F. (Henlow) "A".

At Bedford on Saturday the Depot "A" team won a close game by 11 runs. Walker and Craven-Griffiths both batted well for the visitors, who had first knock and totalled 90. The home team commenced badly, and were then always fighting an uphill battle. Scores:—

R.A.F. (Henlow) "A": 90.

Howard's Works "A": C. A. Rowland b Powderham 17, E. Wilson b Powderham 1, G. Cooper run out 0, S. Allen b Hawtin 12, R. Endersby b Young 0, D. C. Macllop b Powderham 7, T. Blyth b Young 14, W. Lumley b Haynes 5, P. Inskip c Young b Hawtin 3, H. Sharp b Haynes 5, E. Two not out 6, extras 9, total 79.

Queen's 'A' v. Bedford School 2nd.

Played on the School ground. The Works scored 173, Pearce, King, Luddington, and Tingey batting well. The School replied with 73 for 3 wickets. A. C. Courtenay bowled well for the School, and in his first three overs he took three wickets for no runs. Scores:—

Queen's 'A': H. Pearce b Fields 31, W. Poulter [illegible] bold 0, F. King c Moll [illegible] 30, [illegible] c Daniels b Rumbold [illegible] James b Courtenay 1, W. Truebrook Courtenay 0, H. Warren run out 5, J. Luddington b Courtenay 38, H. Tingey st Brown b Rumbold 29, A. [illegible] not out 9, W. Covington c Field b Rumbold 3, extras 4, total 173.

Bedford School 2nd: R. H. Moll b Poulter 2, T. Brown lbw b Poulter 16, R. N. McMin not out 26, C. M. Carlyle b Warren 22, D. B. Sinclair not out 1, A. C. Courtenay, E. A. Rumbold, D. B. D. Field, C. C. G. Daniels, H. W. Wardell, R. W. Burkitt did not bat, extras 9, total (for 3 wkts.) 78.

The Adult School v. "Bedfordshire Times.

It has frequently been said in these days of huge scores and doctored pitches: "Let us get back to natural grass wickets." "The Bedfordshire Times" found one of these "natural" grass wickets on Saturday in Russell Park. Grass there was in plenty, and more than grass in parts, with the result that "Jack" Bates made the ball do all kind of tricks, and the Adult School were all out for 33. Bates claiming 8 for 26. "The Times" fared none too well at first, four wickets being down for 17, but F. R. Sharp (17) and L. F. Elderkin (16) made the issue safe and "The Times" went on to get 79. Scores:—

Adult School: H. Jones 2, R. Jones 3, L. [illegible] E. Catlin 2, G. Reid 0, G. Chance 0, [illegible] Wolte 4, C. Lewin 5, L. Hostler 5, R. [illegible]ersley 0, A. Brown not out 0, extras 4, total 33.

"Bedfordshire Times": H. Smallwood 9, J. Morley 3, H. Page 0, F. Sharp 17, J. Bates 0, L. Elderkin 16, H. Stothard 6, S. [illegible]s 4, P. [illegible] C. [illegible] out 8, B. [illegible] 6, [illegible] total 79.

Queen's Works "B" v. Weston Underwood.

Played at Weston Underwood. This was one of the best outings the Queen's have had this season. They could do nothing against the bowling of R. Hilton, T. Bacon, and B. Adams, and were dismissed for 29 runs, only W. Poole (13) and G. Frost (11), making double figures. Weston Underwood knocked off the runs for the loss of one wicket, Captain Bowyer (46), and A. Peters (22) batted well. The fielding of the Queen's was poor at first, several catches being dropped, but it improved later. Scores:

Queen's Works "B": S. Dodd 0, R. Corby 1, K. Taylor 1, F. Williams 1, T. E. Lewis 0, W. Poole 13, G. Frost 11, A. Hailstone not out 0, W. Valentine 2, A. Manning 0, R. Tingey 0, total 29.

Weston Underwood: Capt. Bowyer 40, R. Hilton 2, A. Peters 22, T. Bacon 4, E. Field [illegible], J. F. Bowyer 1, B. Adams 0, R. McCulloch 7, B. Perkins not out 10, E. Perkins not out 0, extras 2, total for eight wickets 100. J. Wells did not bat.

Bedford Borough Police v. County Police.

Played at Bedford Park, the Borough men just gaining the verdict by three runs after a very hard fight all the way. Scores:

Bedford Borough: Single c Folkes b Anniwell 6, Standing run out 2, Cooke b Anniwell 4, Commins b Sandell 2, Burgoyne b Anniwell 5, Cope b Sandell 18, Elliston c Pulley b Sandell 0, Chambers not out 27, Ball st Smith b Sandell 11, Cox b Shenton 3, Marks run out 6, extras 6, total 96.

County: Turner c Single b Burgoyne 0, Shenton c Standing b Cope 26, Folkes c Standing b Cope 39, Sandell b Cope 13, Smith (55) c Burgoyne b Cope 1, Smith (105) st Commins b Chambers 1, Anniwell st Cox b Chambers 7, Whitemore b Chambers 1, Pulley not out 2, Dennis c & b Cope 0, Wells be Chambers 1, extras 2, total 93.

Bromham v. Igranic 2nd.

On Saturday at Bromham play was steady at first. C. Cooper for the visitors scored 22. W. Wisenden, Claridge, and Garner also played well. The best batting for the home team was L. White (14), L. Kidcout (12), and E. Freeman (11). White and Freeman between them also took nine wickets. Bromham won by 10 runs. Scores: Igranic 2nd 43, Bromham 53.

Wootton Hall End v. Elstow Works.

This match was played at Hall End on Wednesday and Thursday evenings of last week. The Works were soon in difficulties and half their wickets were down for 16 runs, but F. Wadsworth (13) and W. Goldsmith (13) brought their total to 51. A. Curtis was Hall End's most successful bowler with five for 21. Hall End also experienced considerable trouble in making runs, and at the close of the evening's play had lost five wickets for 21. Resuming on Thursday the game fluctuated considerably, but after reaching 46 for eight, the last wickets failed to add to that score, Haynes claiming three wickets for 3 runs. Scores:—

Elstow Works: E. Haynes 5, S. Turner 4, G. Beard 3, F. Faulkner 0, R. Proctor 3, F. Wadsworth 13, G. Darlow 1, W. Goldsmith 13, A. Thompson 0, A. Braybrooks 5, R. Reeves 1, extras 3, total 51.

Hall End: P. Wadsworth 0, H. C. Gilbert 3, J. Hutchings 19, H. Hutchings 8, J. Burraway 0, J. Beard 3, E. Moore 1, W. Hutchings 1, C. Burraway 0, C. G. Burraway 6, A. Curtis 0, extras 5, total 46.

Roxton v. Biggleswade.

Played in Roxton Park on Saturday, the visitors winning by one run. B. Bambridge took eight wickets for 10 runs for Roxton. Scores:—

Biggleswade: W. Northwood 12, H. Pressland 1, A. Grummett 3, F. Lancaster 2, S. Skilleter 0, F. W. Western 4, A. H. Woods 0, B. Covington 0, E. Smith 4, F. Emery not out 2, M. C. Pates 0, extras 1, total 29.

Roxton: H. Livett 1, M. Cooper 2, F. Robinson 6, B. Bambridge 6, G. Jefferies 2, T. Smith 2, T. Jarvis 1, I. Bone 6, B. Holden 0, S. Gadsen 1, A. Simcoe not out 0, extras 1, total 28.

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Casuals v. Shire Hall.

This match was played in Bedford Park, and resulted in a win for the Shire Hall, for whom C. J. Churchill (23) and A. Markham (22) were top scorers. Sabey, who was the only player to reach double figures for the Casuals, batted well for his 54 not out. Scores:—

Shire Hall: F. C. Davis 14, W. P. Gaunt 5, C. H. Poole 5, A. Long 17, C. J. Churchill 23, A. Markham 22, F. Richardson not out 0, L. Markham not out 0, extras 1, total (for 6 wkts.) 87.

Casuals: F. Sabey not out 54, B. Gilbert 4, H. Sprague 2, A. Foster 1, H. Timmins 4, B. Poulter 1, E. Valentine 0, H. Lamb 2, A. Hall not out 2, extras 8, total (for 7 wkts.) 78.

Houghton Conquest v. Kempston Hardwicke.

Played at Houghton on Monday. For Kempston Hardwicke W. Whitbread took five wickets for 19 runs, and for Houghton W. Dunkley captured eight for 18. Scores:—

Houghton Conquest: W. Dunkley 2, F. Day 10, I. Webb 19, C. Brinklow 1, L. Gillett 4, R. Huckle 4, F. Chappell 12, F. Huckle not out 3, S. Simpkins 2, H. Webb 1, C. Carr 0, total 65.

Kempston Hardwicke: W. Everett 1, C. Baldock 9, A. Grummitt 2, G. Church 1, S. Saville 7, H. Richardson 4, W. Whitbread 9, A. Whitbread 0, F. Bail 0, H. Burridge 0, W. Bavington 0, total 33.

Eversholt v. Greenfield.

Greenfield were the visitors to the Recreation Ground on Saturday, and suffered a crushing defeat by 94 runs, the scores being, Eversholt 115, Greenfield 19. Against weak bowling Ben Oakley scored 29, T. Jarvis 30, J. Racher 16, F. Tropey 15, T. Shaw 11, and E. Smith 10. Greenfield fared badly at the crease against the bowling of A. Oakley and E. Smith, the former taking six wickets for 9 runs, and the latter three for 10. Greenfield went in a second time, and thanks to a good batting display by C. Arnold, who scored 20, R. Weston 9, J. Downing 7, the total reached 55.

Woburn v. Leighton Wesley Guild.

Played at Woburn Park on Saturday and resulting in a win for the visitors by 9 runs. Scores:—

Leighton Wesley Guild: C. Whittaker 3, W. Whittaker 6, Thompson 3, Brantom 3, J. Whittaker 7, W. Cherry 10, H. Blundell 1, H. Merry 1, H. Griffin 2, P. Heady not out 1, S. Scar 3, extras 2, total 42.

Woburn: Redding 7, Teagle 9, Robinson 2, Janes not out 5, West 7, Rutland 1, Pearse 0, Bodsworth 0, Summerfield 0, Hunt 0, Rowe 1, extras 1, total 33.

Aspley Guise v. Woburn Town.

This match was played at Aspley Guise on Saturday, and won by the home club. Scores:—

Aspley Guise: A. R. Sinfield 33, E. G. Taylor 2, C. W. Davis 5, J. W. Rickey 0, Captain J. H. Courage 10, W. G. Day 6, S. Parren 2, C. Stone 9, S. A. Eagles 4, C. A. Barnwell not out 6, G. S. Barnwell 3, extras 2, total 82.

Woburn: B. Edwards 3, A. Short 1, A. Champkin 4, J. Pearson 0, W. Brown 12, C. Cook 9, J. Gilks 2, A. Newberry 11, J. Cook 2, C. Woolard 0, F. Waldock 0, extras 1, total 50.

Flitwick v. Maulden.

Maulden visited Flitwick on Saturday and gained an overwhelming victory by 61 runs. For Maulden A. Page took five wickets for 11 runs. Scores:

Maulden: F. Blackaby 13, A. Sinfield 4, J. Bandy 0, A. Sharp 1, H. Sharp 11, A. Page 4, W. Squires 0, A. White 1, N. Taylor not out 14, C. Stanford 13, E. Sanders not out 32, extras 10, total for nine wickets declared 103.

Flitwick: M. Tookey 0, L. Washington 1, W. Olivers 5, P. Dawson 0, W. Sharpe 5, Rol. Carr 6, C. Crisp 1, D. Pepper 3, R. Carr 0, C. Gillett not out 0, F. Harris 8, extras 5, total 32.

Bedford Banks v. R.A.F. (Henlow).

The Banks entertained the R.A.F. (Henlow) on Goldington Road on 7th July. They declared at 159 runs for nine wickets, Craig once again getting over the 50 mark with a well played 55. Henlow replied with 125. Walker, Brigg, and Oatts batted very well for their runs of 29, 25, and 26 respectively. Scores:

Bedford Banks: Williams 1, Tebbutt 19, Craig 55, Cotton 25, Challis 15, Chignell 2, Pearson not out 20, Pettit 6, Dear 2, Thornton 6, extras 9, total for nine wickets declared 159.

R.A.F. (Henlow): Craig 0, Walker 29, Brigg 25, Oatts 26, Griffiths 3, Smith 13, Young 6, Rogers 0, Powderham 15, Davies 3, Haynes 3, extras 4, total 125.

Shefford Wednesday v. St. Michael College, Hitchin.

Played at Shefford Hardwicke on the 6th July. Shefford were much too big and experienced for the "boys", and they won easily by 93 runs after declaring with five wickets down. Scores:—

Shefford Wednesday: F. Thorogood 13, W. Taylor 1, H. Bryant retired 62, L. V. Edwards 0, J. Godfrey 13, A. J. Parfield not out 11, the Rev. T. W. Kingsmorth 2, extras 15, total for five wickets declared 126.

St. Michael's made 35.

Shefford Council School v. Meppershall School.

Played at Meppershall on the 6th July, Shefford winning by 14 runs. Scores: Shefford C.S. 32 (R. Allen 16 not out), Meppershall School 18.

Melchbourne v. Hargrave.

Played at Melchbourne on Saturday, when the home side scrambled home by one run. Scores:—

Melchbourne: F. Roberts 2, J. Turner 12, H. Stringer 0, C. Hall 6, D. Sawford 16, W. Hales 0, C. Hales 1, C. Saunders 1, F. Eaton 5, A. Stringer not out 0, G. Burley 0, extras 4, total 47.

Hargrave: A. Nicholson 0, E. Gates 3, R. Green 13, G. Nicholson 6, the Rev. W. Castle 3, S. Yorke 0, T. Corn 2, H. Nicholson not out 6, J. Dix 0, W. Bettles 0, Bates 3, extras 5, total 46.

Biggleswade Thursday v. Royston.

Royston fared badly before the good bowling of Walter J. Brown (five for 32) and W. Dobson, the son of a former Governor of Bedford Prison (four for 18) on the 7th July, at Fairfield, and the visitors were all out for 53 runs. W. J. Brown also batted in good style, hitting 23 of Biggleswade Thursday's total of 66 runs. The homesters thus won by 13 runs. For Royston C. Shepherd captured six wickets for 23 runs.

Biggleswade "A" v. S. and D. Sports, Letchworth.

Biggleswade "A" won this game on Saturday at Fairfield by 36 runs. Scores: Biggleswade "A" 95, S. and D. Sports, Letchworth 59. For the winners F. Baines made 36 and A. E. Vincent 24, and for the visitors A. Stratton scored 26. For Biggleswade A. P. Bowles captured four wickets for 22 runs.

Harrold v. Milton Ernest.

At Harrold on Saturday the home eleven had a comfortable win over Milton Ernest by 32 runs. Askham's knock of 32 for the winners was the best performance of the day, other batsmen to obtain double figures being Chambers, of Harrold, with 19, and Green and Bonham, of Milton Ernest, with 14 and 13 respectively. Scores:

Harrold: S. Brooks 9, F. Chambers 19, G. Cockings 4, S. Askham 32, L. Taylor 0, J. Glidewell 1, A. Pettit 6, J. Noble 3, P. Larkins not out 8, Rev. G. H. Stuart 0, H. Horn 2, extras 3, total 87.

Milton Ernest: W. Hewlett 5, E. Green 14, A. Barker 13, T. Bonham 3, D. Purser 2, T. Dunkley not out 6, B. Kinch 4, G. Church 2, K. Freeman 0, J. Purser 3, G. Bull 1, extras 2, total 55.

Henlow v. King's Walden.

King's Walden were the visitors on the Henlow Park ground on Saturday and were dismissed for 25 runs, the wicket obviously being difficult. The home side fared little better, and gave their supporters some anxious moments before the winning hit was made, their innings realizing 32. In taking 5 for 6 Lymn bowled well for Henlow.

Roxton v. Biggleswade Wesleyans.

There was a good finish to this match at Roxton on Saturday, when the Biggleswade Wesleyans won by one run. Biggleswade Wesleyans 29, Roxton 28. The bowlers asserted the upper hand, F. W. Western getting 7 wickets for 9 runs for the Biggleswade Wesleyans, and H. Bambridge 8 for 10 for Roxton.

St. Francis's Home, Shefford, v Biggleswade Early Closers.

Played at Shefford Hardwicke on the 7th July after a heavy rain. The Home youths played well and won by 31 runs. Scores: St. Francis's 53, Biggleswade 22.

EAST BEDFORDSHIRE LEAGUE.

Division I.

Stotfold Ath. v. Eaton Socon.

Eaton Socon easily defeated Stotfold on Saturday. W. Waterland got 32 of their total of 72 runs, and W. H. Swords took 6 wickets for 11 runs for them. Stotfold were all out for 28 runs. For Stotfold A. Mayes captured 7 wickets for 22 runs.

A.R.S. (Henlow) v. Woodbury.

The Airmen defeated Woodbury after losing on the first innings, A. W. Ray getting 40 not out in the second innings. For the soldiers B. W. Payne took 5 wickets for 2 runs and A. W. Ray 6 for 13. C. Campling made 16 runs for Woodbury and took 5 wickets for 16 runs. Munns batted through Woodbury's second innings for 50 minutes without scoring. Scores: A.R.S. (Henlow) 24 and 79 for 9, Woodbury 41 and 17.

Meppershall v. Beeston Ath.

Meppershall were defeated at home by 28 runs. Scores: Meppershall 34 (P. Millard 18), Beeston Ath. 62 (W. Freeman 16). For Meppershall E. Cooper captured 4 for 9, and J. Pettifar 4 for 12 runs.

Division II.

Langford v. Potton 2nd.

Langford, after a close finish, won both points by four runs, their success being largely due to good bowling by A. Wright (6 for 9). J. Brown captured 7 wickets for 15 for Potton 2nd. Scores: Langford 30, Potton 2nd 26.

Eaton Socon 2nd v. Stotfold 2nd.

Eaton did well to win so easily over their opponents. Scores: Eaton Socon 64 and 46, Stotfold Ath. 2nd 24 and 37 for 2. For Eaton Socon R. Barber scored 25, and M. Smith took 7 wickets for 7 runs. For Stotfold A. Payne captured 5 wickets for 20 runs.

Caldecote 2nd v. Ickwell.

Ickwell gave Caldecote 2nd a good drubbing and won by an innings and 29 runs, A. Shelton taking 6 for 3. J. Newell trundled well for Caldecote and took 8 wickets for 21 runs. Caldecote 15 and 14, Ickwell 51.

Sandy v. Wrestlingworth.

Sandy won easily by 26 runs. Sandy 53 (A. Stewart 16), Wrestlingworth 27. For Sandy W. Finding took 4 wickets for 8 runs.

Division III.

Edworth v. Langford.

Scores: Edworth 30, Langford 77 for 6 (A. Longhurst 27 and C. Rogers 22).

Beeston Ath. 2nd v. Meppershall 2nd.

G. Woods scored 46 for Beeston and J. Blackwell captured 6 for 3 and R. Dent 4 for 6. For Meppershall H. Harris obtained 6 wickets for 11 runs. Scores: Beeston Ath. 2nd 82, Meppershall 2nd 11.

Old Warden 2nd v. Sandy 2nd.

For Sandy H. Leonard bowled excellently and took 6 for 4, and A. Barnes made 25. Scores: Old Warden 13, Sandy 80.

Ickwell 2nd v. Campton.

For Ickwell G. Parrish captured 8 for 16, and for Campton R. Rutland 11 for 22 in the two innings. Scores: Ickwell 2nd 16 and 31, Campton 28 and 25.

School Section.

Sandy C. of E. 52, Potton 17.

Sandy C. of E. 34, Biggleswade Council 26.

SHELTON & DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Chelveston v. Dean.

The League leaders visited Dean on Saturday and lost by four runs. Great excitement was caused by the interesting positions in the League. For Dean H. F. Horsford and G. Tuffnail put on 24 runs for the seventh wicket. W. Cade took 4 wickets for 11 runs, and W. Lilley 5 for 13. R. Baxter and W. Hanwell batted well for Chelveston. Scores:

Dean: V. Horsford 7, C. Horsford 4, W. Lilley 1, W. Cade 9, J. Lilley 5, H. C. R. Hart 2, G. Tuffnail 16, H. E. Horsford 10, F. Dickerson 0, Walt. Tuffnail not out 0, Wm. Tuffnail 2, extras 3, total 59.

Chelveston: W. Hanwell 7, A. Baxter 0, A. Moore 4, S. Watts 3, R. Heady 0, A. Robinson 0, F. Ealy 6, J. Rayment 4, R. Baxter not out 7, A. Wagstaff 3, O. Holyoak 5, extras 6, total 43.

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'ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS' CHAMPIONS.

GOLDINGTON ROAD SCHOOL'S SPLENDID ACHIEVEMENT.

Goldington Road School have had a wonderful sports year, for in addition to winning the Football and Hockey Cups their Cricket XI has won the Arnold Whitchurch Shield. It is indeed a fine achievement. They began the season with a team that anticipated being nearer the bottom than the top of the League table, and their transformation into a steady and determined match-winning team is all the more remarkable. Their improvement has been very marked as match after match was played, and only at one time, with their best bat and bowler away through illness, did they strike a bad patch.

It must be confessed that the general standard of play in the League cannot be compared with that of past years. There are no players really prominent in either batting or bowling. There has been but one innings of 100 runs, but the rain seriously interfered with enjoyable cricket during the past month. The new champions have been, however, the most consistent of the teams, especially in the latter half of the season, when their batsmen have not failed to retrieve a bad start. It is interesting to recall that Goldington Road School were the first winners of the Shield in 1921 the full list of champions being: 1921, Goldington Road School; 1922, Ampthill Road School; 1923, Harper Trust School; 1924, Clapham Road School; 1925, Harper Trust School; 1926, Harper Trust School; 1927, Goldington Road School.

It is expected that the usual Champions v. Rest of the League game will be played in Bedford Park next week.

Harper Trust v. Goldington Road.

Goldington Road began disastrously, their first five wickets falling for seven runs, Jackman's leg breaks deceiving the batsmen. Thompson, after being missed first ball, helped Taylor and Riches, the three batsmen scoring 13, 13, and 9 not out respectively. Jackman took 4 wickets for 21 runs. Harper Trust, with the exception of Chapman (12), were unable to cope with the accurate slows of Stock, who, keeping a perfect length, took 5 wickets for 7 runs. Scores: Harper Trust 19, Goldington Road 45.

Harper Trust v. Clapham Road.

Clapham Road had no difficulty in obtaining their revenge last Monday. Their batsmen never seemed troubled by the Harper bowlers, and had the honour of being the first team to reach the hundred mark this season. Tompkins (28) especially, and Goodman (18), Richardson (12), and Wilkinson (11), hit with freedom and confidence. Chapman took 5 wickets for 32 runs. Only once did Clapham Road have an anxious time, rain stopping play for a time. Then on resuming the bowlers could not hold the ball, and Ward and Cowley put on 32 runs for the fifth wicket. The former scored 14 not out, and the latter 23. Middleton (10) being the only other batsman to resist the bowling. Richardson bowled remarkably well, his slight off break being very disconcerting. Scores: Harper Trust 71, Clapham Road 101.

Ampthill Road v. Goldington.

This return was won by Ampthill Road by 20 runs. Scores: Ampthill Road 37, Goldington 17.

Ampthill Road v. Kempston.

This was a sensational match. Kempston were soon dismissed for only 20 runs, Downing getting 6 wickets for 14 runs and Robinson 4 for 6. To this Ampthill Road could reply with only 10 runs, Newman taking 6 for 4 and Draper 4 for 6. The pitch played in a most disconcerting manner at times, many batsmen on both sides being bowled by "shooters". Kempston's fielding, however, was superb, Lee on the leg side making three catches himself, and Newman bringing off a fine one-handed catch at long stop. Scores: Ampthill Road 10, Kempston 20.

Ampthill Road v. Goldington Road.

This was the most important match of the season, Goldington Road requiring only one point to be assured of the Shield. They began disastrously, losing 5 wickets for 3 runs, a worse state of affairs than against Harper Trust the Friday before. Riches and Taylor (24) again came to the rescue and the "tail" wagged above the horizontal so that the respectable sum of 57 runs was made. Downing secured 4 wickets for 23 runs and Minns 3 for 12. Ampthill Road replied with 34, of which Slaughter scored 13. Taylor was in fine form with the ball, taking 8 wickets for 13 runs. Scores: Ampthill Road 34, Goldington Road 57.

Kempston v. Queen's Park.

Kempston won this return game, Newman being chief scorer with 22. Scores: Kempston 48, Queen's Park 19.

Clapham Village v. Clapham Road.

Clapham Road have beaten every team in the League this season with the exception of Clapham Village who, last week beat them for the second time. Turner scored 20 for the winners, and Smith 14 for the losers. Scores: Clapham Village 50, Clapham Road 34.

Goldington v. Queen's Park.

This return match was played on Goldington Green on Monday and ended in a win for Queen's Park by 11 runs. Batting first they totalled 41, of which E. Wilson scored 20 not out after playing through the innings, and Hillyard got 10. F. Harlow took 5 wickets for 17 runs, and R. Colburt 4 for 8. Goldington replied with 30, of which F. Harlow got 10, Lumley and Wilson each taking 5 wickets. Scores:—

Queen's Park: G. Wilson 20 not out, Lumley 2, Hillyard 10, Loxley 2, Leadbeater 1, Spring 0, Giles 3, Kimble 1, Batt 0, Lawrence 0, Hayes 0, extras 2, total 41.

Goldington: L. Gammans 8, E. Hills 1, Royle Colburt 0, F. Harlow 10, A. Colburt 3, F. Filsell 0, J. Morris, 2 R. Colbert 1, C. Tompkins 0, Tom Bushell not out 1, L. Spavins 3, extras 1, total 30.

	p.	w.	d.	l.	pts.
Goldington Road	14	11	0	3	22
Ampthill Road	13	8	0	5	16
Kempston	11	6	1	4	13
Clapham Road	13	6	1	6	13
Queen's Park	10	5	0	5	10
Harper Trust	13	5	0	8	10
Goldington	12	3	2	7	8
Clapham	11	2	0	9	4

NORTH BEDFORDSHIRE SCHOOL SPORTS LEAGUE.

Keysoe First Cricket Champions.

The results of cricket matches played on Friday, 8th July were:

Riseley, 25, Sharnbrook 59.

Clapham 29, Keysoe 39.

By winning against Clapham Keysoe now secure the championship. They have won five out of the six matches to be played.

Sharnbrook registered their first win at Riseley, on a very wet wicket, H. Taylor (12), F. Barker (9), F. Hale (7), and Extras (13) being their chief contributors. C. Roberts (3) was the only Riseley player to offer any resistance to the bowling of H. Taylor and H. Boyles, who took four and five wickets respectively.

The fielding of the boys is already showing a marked improvement, but batting generally is weak, the temptation to "swipe" at straight balls and "poke" at those off the wickets being the cause of many "ducks".

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OXFORDSHIRE v. BEDFORDSHIRE.

BEDFORDSHIRE LOSE ON FIRST INNINGS.

Bedfordshire were unfortunate in striking an unfavourable day for their Minor Counties fixture at Oxford on Wednesday. In another sense perhaps they were fortunate, as they won the toss, and in the uncertain state of the weather runs in hand are proverbially of more value than those "in the bush". Only half-an-hour's play was possible before lunch and in this period there were a couple of interruptions from showers. Holdstock and R. Kellett (O.B.) were thus entitled to some considerable credit for keeping their wickets intact in this period, during which they scored 26 runs. After lunch the weather cleared and the pitch dried so that the bowlers were able to get some life out of it and take advantage of the "spots". Holdstock left at 36 well taken at mid-off to a running catch. The ball rose sharply as Holdstock hit it and it flew into the air. Alston came in and with Kellett took the score to 61, when the latter was easily taken in the slips. It was obvious by this time that a waiting, defensive policy was of little avail, as the ball did unexpected things. Quite rightly, therefore, the batsmen went for the bowling, and if they had some luck they deserved it. Alston, who was missed three or four times, kept up his end for an hour and he was ultimately out to a skier. Sime's stay was brief, but Hersee and Rawlins, coming together when four were out for 91, played the right game in the circumstances and kept up their ends till the tea interval. As soon as the players came in for tea rain fell so heavily that further play was out of the question. Bedford, so far, had done quite well, as the pitch was far from good and the bowling very steady.

The game was resumed in fine weather on Thursday morning, and the pitch quickly dried under the influence of sun and wind. It was still in favour of the bowlers, who took the fullest advantage of the conditions. Hersee and Rawlins added seven more runs when the latter was caught. Turnbull tried to force the game, but was smartly stumped. The last four wickets fell for 12 runs, Hersee being left to carry out his bat for a patient 25. Walters was the most successful bowler, taking six wickets for 38.

The wicket was still on the queer side when Oxfordshire went in, and Holdstock soon got to work. With six on the board Walker was caught at the wicket and Barmby was caught at mid-on. Holdstock took two further wickets before lunch, when the score was four for 42.

On the resumption G. Walker and Walters made a fine stand and took the score to 140.

The Bedfordshire bowlers then met with more successes, and at 180 eight wickets were down. At 189, only 27 runs on, the Oxford skipper declared. At five o'clock Bedfordshire had made 10 runs without loss, and when the game ended they had scored 74 for two wickets. Oxfordshire therefore take the points for their first innings lead.

Bedfordshire first innings, 162 (Holdstock 11, Kellett 31, Alston 33, Hersee 25, Rawlins 23).

Oxfordshire, 189 for 8 wickets declared (Lewendon 24, Rogers 30, Walker 28).

Holdstock captured five wickets for 52 runs.

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CRICKET NOTES.

Bedford Cricket Week.

Bedfordshire have a full county programme for the Bedford Cricket Week which opens on the Bedford School ground on Monday. Lincolnshire pay their first visit to Bedfordshire since the war. Oxfordshire and Hertfordshire, who complete the bill, are old friends. Weather kindly permitting, these three counties should provide Bedford with a pleasant week's cricket. So far this season the performances of the young Bedfordshire XI can best be described as promising. They have done fairly well on foreign soil, and now they have to play before their own people they should gather in some of the spoils.

It is not expected that the Bedfordshire teams will vary much from the eleven which visited Oxfordshire this week. The side was strengthened by the inclusion of R. Kellett, E. M. Bovill, and W. A. Sime, and next week C. N. Reed also comes in. Holdstock will not be available for the Lincolnshire game, being detained in Luton by his annual benefit match at Wardown Park. The Lincolnshire XI, like Bedford's, will be entirely amateur, as follows: Major C. Wilson, R. E. Frearson, A. R. Turner, Rev. H. Mack, J. E. Searby, T. E. Drakes, E. Lee, A. Holt, W. A. Sutton, G. Shaw, R. Flatters.

The home county's teams for the Week will be:—

Against Lincolnshire: Capt. D. Turnbull (capt.), E. Page, C. N. Reed, E. M. Bovill, Ross Kellett, F. Rawlins, A. R. Alston, J. H. Buckley, E. D. Hersee, W. A. Sime, and L. Stevens.

Against Oxfordshire and Hertfordshire: Capt. D. Turnbull (capt.), E. Page, Holdstock, C. N. Reed, E. M. Bovill, A. R. Alston, J. H. Buckley, L. Stevens, W. A. Sime, F. Rawlins, and Ross Kellett.

Presentation to Wilfrid King.

After luncheon on Wednesday an opportunity is being made to present Mr. Wilfrid King with an English Westminster 4-chime clock and two solid silver candlesticks, in acknowledgment of the services the Old Modernian gave to the club as captain of the county eleven for four years and as a player for many more, and of the wonderful regard in which he was and is held by members of the club. Mr. S. H. Whitbread, the President of the Club, will make the presentation from the steps of the Pavilion at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Wilfrid King succeeded Mr. Henry Grierson as captain of the county eleven in 1922 and retired at the end of the 1925 season, when, on forsaking farming, he left the county of his birth for the beautiful Hertfordshire village of Hexton. He was for twenty years a member of the County XI, playing his first game for the county in 1905 against Northumberland on the Dunstable School ground. In that match he scored 12 and 55, and justified those who had been urging his claims for a trial at a time when Bedfordshire was particularly rich in cricketing ability. Those were the halcyon days of George Warmby, H. J. Hodgkins, Pollitt, R. W. Rice, L. C. Thring, H. R. Orr, Tom Brown, E. E. Apthorp, to give them their order of batting in the Durham match of that year, and an aspirant to county honours in those days had to be very good indeed.

Wilfrid further substantiated his claim to selection in his fourth match, which was against Staffordshire, when he chastized the all-England bowler, Sidney Barnes, then at the peak of his form, for 83 runs. At the end of that season he had made 1,233 runs and taken 118 wickets in all matches. The next year was the best of his career, for he scored 1,603 runs and captured 151 wickets.

A Great Record.

From 1908 up to the war year Wilfrid King each year completed the double event of the thousand runs and hundred wickets. In the earlier years centuries rolled from his bat in Hobbs' like fashion, no less than nineteen centuries standing to his credit between 1904 and 1911. Memory still lingers over those perfectly-timed drives which seemed to come with such ease. The visiting captains all knew him, and immediately upon his arrival at the crease the field was thrown far out, and men posted on the off and on boundaries. Whether it was the cares of captaincy, lack of practice, or the loss of the aggressiveness of youth, somehow Wilfrid never seemed really to capture his pre-war form after the war, though he played an occasional very fine innings, to wit his 54 against Norfolk in July, 1923, and 82 against the Northants Club and Ground, and 70 not out against West Herts in the same year.

As an intrepid, forcing bat, and a man for an emergency, he was peerless among his fellows. You always felt that big things might happen when he went to the wickets. If the emergency required fearless hitting he was the man for it; equally well he could play a defensive role, foreign though that was to his nature and his style. Once, against Hertfordshire on the Bedford School ground, in the days of Coleman and Shelford, he rattled up a century in exactly 50 minutes. Titchmarsh was tried as a last resort, and his first five balls went for 6, 4, 4, 6, and 4. In despair Titchmarsh bowled the last one wide, but King went out after it and drove it over the boundary for another six! In that century there were only eight singles.

Two Great Bowling Feats.

As a bowler, however, King was of even more value to the side probably. He could take wickets on any pitch, but on a sticky wicket his left-hand slows were at times absolutely unplayable. The best instance of this was in a Club and Ground match in 1913 against Bedford School, when in a 12 a-side game he took all eleven wickets. Another memorable occasion was when he turned impending defeat by Bucks into a great victory. The match was played during the Bedford Cricket Week on the Bedford School ground, and he finished off the match by taking seven wickets for six runs. The players showed their delight by shouldering King off the field to the same pavilion steps from which he will receive on Wednesday his richly-deserved gift.

Great Soldier Athlete.

It would be impossible within the limits of a single paragraph to do justice to the all-round achievements of that fine athlete, F. W. H. Nicholas, who was thirty-four yesterday. When a captain in the Bedfordshire Regiment he was practically capable of "sweeping the board", whilst at cricket, though he did not secure a "Blue" at Oxford, he rendered valuable service for Bedfordshire and Essex, being a batsman of the dashing type who could speedily change the fortunes of his side, a fine outfield, and more than useful wicket-keeper. At Oxford, as a speedy wing soccer forward, he figured against Cambridge in the last two meetings prior to the war, assisted the Army and Corinthians, and has represented England in four amateur internationals, likewise in the Olympic Games at Antwerp in the August of 1920. He is a son of a former Bedford Town Councillor.

Bedford School's Record.

Bedford School have come through this season without losing a match. By beating the Old Boys on the first innings in Friday and Saturday's match they completed their term successfully. Their record reads as follows: Played 11, won 5, drawn 6, and lost 0. One match, that with The Leys, Cambridge, is not included in the above, as the ground was in such a poor condition that only a friendly game of "tip-and-run" could be played, each side having the same time in which to bat.

Stewart and McVittie are the only two batsmen who have made centuries. Stewart has two to his credit, 111 against St. John's College, Cambridge, and 100 not out against the Crypties. McVittie made 101 not out against the masters. Other best scores included: Sime (79) v. the O.B's., Reed (72*) v. Oundle, Smith (44) v. the O.B's., and Tite (44) v. Oundle. (*not out.)

Another Banks Century.

One of the best performances this week was that of T. Williams, of Bedford Banks, in the all-day match at Henlow Aerodrome on Friday against the R.A.F. "A". Batting well and with a nice style, Williams set about the Airmen's bowling and had just reached the century mark when he was bowled. In the match against Queen's Works on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week Williams made 55 not out out of the Banks' total of 100 runs, and against Aylesbury Town on 14th July he scored 57.

Swan Songs.

"Dick" Rogers sang his swan song when he replied to the presentation of a cheque at Bedford Modern School field. At 74 he is still hale and hearty and as good an umpire as you could wish for. Mr. A. W. Allen was singing a swan song too. Mr. J. O. Anderson's picture of "Kipper" as a fresh young man dashing through the ruck with a rugger ball under his arm was quite new not only to the boys of the School but to Old Modernians of as much as twenty years standing. "Kipper" has been a great sportsman and Old Modernians will wish him well.

J. O. Anderson was three years in the Modern School team in the early 'eighties and never achieved the dignity of captaincy. He was "fortunate" said Mr. A. W. Allen, to be in the team during the same three years as A. O. Jones. Whether fortunate is quite the right word others may judge. J. O. was a great cricketer until he became, as he puts it, incapacitated. He played for twenty-four years for Hertfordshire and many times appeared on his old school field in a good innings for his county. But, which is very much more, he taught the Argentine how to play cricket.

A Promising Lad.

During last week, F. Harlow, the left hand bowler of Goldington School, put up some wonderful bowling performances. Against Sandy School he took 8 wickets for 7 runs, Clapham six for 19, and Eaton Socon, in the first innings eight for 3, and second innings six for 4, a total of 28 wickets for 35 runs.

Appreciative.

A happy state of affairs at Kimbolton Grammar School is reflected in the following extract we are pleased to quote from "The Kimboltonian Magazine", the School magazine. After referring to the victory the School obtained over the Bedfordshire Club and Ground team on the 16th June, the note proceeds: "*The Bedfordshire Times* kindly expressed the appreciation of the players for the warm hospitality shown by the Head, and added that 'the true spirit of cricket prevails in the School.' We should like also to add our own sentiments of gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Ingram for the generosity with which they provide for the entertainment of visiting teams on all occasions. Parents and masters, as well as senior boys, wish to be associated with this expression of thanks. It is an important factor in the programme of sport which we enjoy, that all our visitors leave us with the hope that they may come again, and the happy associations which we have built up on the field of play are due to the generous thought and careful arrangements for which the Head contrives, somehow, to find time."

A Good Performance.

Although Shefford's home game with Stotfold Athletic on Saturday was far from being a one-man match, A. Mayes, of Shefford, had the satisfaction of securing nine of the Athletic's wickets for five runs, and of making 35 runs with the bat, 13 runs more than his opponents' total score of 22.

Biggleswade School Section.

Sandy C. of E. School have won the championship and the shield. Lady Delia Peel presented the shield and medals after the winners had met the Rest of the League on Wednesday at Sandy.

OLD BEDFORDIANS' CRICKET WEEK

Cricket matches of the Week were well attended by Old Boys. This was especially so for the time-honoured match with the School. Although the School did not equal the record of 600 runs against the "Past", they piled up a well-made 325, to which the O.B.'s replied with 280.

O.B.'s v. Incogniti.

This match was delayed by rain and ended in a draw, the Old Boys collecting 243 for the loss of eight wickets. The visitors obtained 134 for two, S. A. Block making 67. Scores:—

Old Boys.

R. Kellett c Collymore b Wilkinson	0
H. Davidson c Malden b Wilkinson	5
C. W. Ripon c Bell b Abrams	24
E. J. R. Mitchell run out	61
H. Grierson b Malden	37
Capt. D. Turnbull lbw b Abrams	56
N. S. Robinson b Wilkinson	13
H. K. G. Nash not out	31
C. L. K. Peel b Wilkinson	0
Rev. F. J. Howard not out	11
Extras	7
Total (for 8 wkts. dec.)	243

E. M. Bovill did not bat.

Incogniti.

S. A. Block c Peel b Grierson	67
P. S. Frazer c Peel b Howard	20
W. J. Malden not out	23
G. W. Pomeroy not out	19
Extras	5
Total (for 2 wkts.)	134

H. C. D. Abrams, V. Croome, E. C. Colly-Dewar, and K. W. Wilkinson did not bat.

O.B.'s v. The School.

This annual two-days' match was played on Friday and Saturday and provided a fine conclusion to the School's season. The boys made an excellent display, especially Sime and McVittie, whose 79 and 85 respectively in the first wicket stand gave the School a splendid start. Smith, Cook, Reed, and Moll followed with scores of 44, 35, 25, and 24, and the total of 323 was the School's highest total score this season. For the Old Boys N. S. Robinson made a capital 92 and Capt. D. Turnbull and C. L. K. Peel passed the 50 mark.

The School took nearly the whole of the first day to score their runs, the O.B.'s getting only five minutes at the crease. Scores:—

The School.

W. A. Sime c Bovill b Kellett	79
C. A. B. McVittie c & b Bovill	85
R. D. Stewart lbw b Kellett	4
E. F. C. Smith lbw b Peel	44
J. G. Cook lbw b Howard	35
D. S. Gideon lbw b Kellett	1
T. P. Moll b Kellett	24
D. E. Tite st Robinson b Howard	0
N. F. Reed not out	25
S. S. Murray c Turnbull b Grierson	2
J. E. Rylands c Turnbull b Kellett	0
Extras	24
Total	323

Old Boys.

C. L. K. Peel b Sime	55
N. S. Robinson c Smith b Sime	92
R. Kellett c Tite b Sime	10
C. W. Rippon b Smith	5
E. J. R. Mitchell c Moll b Sime	0
Capt. D. Turnbull c & b Sime	55
H. Greirson b Moll	13
H. Davison c & b Moll	6
H. K. G. Nash c Sime b Rylands	23
Rev. F. J. Howard not out	5
E. M. Bovill b Sime	0
Extras	14
Total	280

Queen's Works v. Britannia Works.

This match was played on Messrs. Howards' ground on Saturday, the result being a fairly easy win for the Queen's. Britannia Works, with the exception of Brown (25) and Peacock (12), could do very little against excellent bowling by Harris and Faulkner, and were all out for 101. The Queen's passed this score for the loss of five wickets, the innings eventually closing for 139, of which Harris (32), Faulkner (35), and Ratcliff (28) were the chief contributors. For Howard's Shaw kept an excellent length and took seven wickets. Scores:—

Howard's Works.

F. Harrison lbw b Harris	1
A. Peacock c Pacey b Harris	12
Shaw T. b Keech	4
F. Marshall b Faulkner	12
R. Brown b Wheatley	25
A. Harvey c Harris b Faulkner	0
A. Tysoe c & b Wheatley	4
A. Keech b Faulkner	9
V. Wells c Hatton b Harris	13
D. MacKillop b Harris	4
G. Cooper not out	0
Extras	17
Total	101

Queen's Works.

J. Ratcliff b Marshall	28
T. Golding b Shaw	0
A. Pacey b Shaw	19
S. P. Keech lbw b Shaw	5
S. Harris b Shaw	32
A. W. Settles c Cooper b Shaw	4
H. Faulkner c Shaw b Cooper	35
G. Goodwin lbw b Shaw	1
J. Hatton b Cooper	3
J. Wheatley not out	7
J. Smith c Tysoe b Shaw	0
Extras	5
Total	139

OLD MODERNIANS' CRICKET WEEK.

OLD MODERNIANS TROUNCED.

It was sad indeed that on such an auspicious occasion as that provided by this year's Old Boys' match at Bedford Modern School field, when "Dick" Rogers was presented with a cheque for over £300 from Old Modernians, that the Old Boys of the School could not field a better eleven, and that they had to call upon the School second eleven for help. But that fact in no way detracts from the School's glory in writing "finis" to a season in which they had not been beaten, with something of a flourish. It was only by the "skin of their teeth" that the Old Modernians staved off an innings defeat and made a draw.

The School batted first, but Thursday week was not a very pleasant day for cricket and runs came slowly. The innings was completed next morning and ran to 239, Williams, Davis, and Southgate just missing the half-century. D. H. Shepherd was the most successful bowler, taking five wickets for 31.

By tea-time on Friday, when the presentation took place, the Old Boys were all out in the first innings for 110, the chief scorer having been F. F. Allen (31), and the most successful bowler Davis with three wickets for 14 runs. They followed on after tea and by the time stumps were drawn had seven wickets down for 112, 35 of which were contributed by the Rev. A. Raley. Williams for the School took six of these seven wickets for 67 runs. Scores:—

Bedford Modern School.

C. H. Williams b Ward	45
W. L. Davis c Allen b Raley	49
H. A. Southgate c Raley b Shepherd	49
L. G. Ashwell b Raley	0
E. C. W. Sowman c Allen b Shepherd	10
F. W. Manning b Allen	12
H. W. Bingham c Raley b Shepherd	25
H. H. Cowley b Shepherd	1
A. C. Ryan b Shepherd	0
A. Riddiford c Shepherd b Raley	34
I. H. McNicol not out	0
Extras	14
Total	239

Old Modernians—1st Innings.

E. J. Cooper run out	10
L. H. Woman c Ryan b Davis	8
C. P. Bennett b Williams	5
F. F. Allen b Sowman	31
Rev. A. Rayley b Williams	4
C. H. J. Ward b Williams	2
G. Read c Cowley b Davis	15
M. E. Kingdon c Southgate b Sowman	14
D. H. Shepherd b Sowman	6
W. F. Russell not out	2
H. E. Bristowe b Davis	5
Extras	8
Total	110

Second Innings.

E. J. Cooper c McNicol b Williams	8
L. H. Worman ht wkt b Williams	0
C. P. Bennett c Southgate b Williams	0
F. F. Allen b Williams	9
Rev. A. Raley b Williams	35
C. H. J. Ward b Williams	16
G. Read not out	18
M. E. Kingdon b Ashwell	5
D. H. Shepherd not out	12
Extras	9
Total	112

W. F. Russell and H. E. Bristowe did not bat.

O.B.Ms. v. Huntingdonshire Gentlemen.

The match on Monday ended in a draw the O.B.Ms. having collected 194 and the visitors 137 for three. F. Rawlins headed the O.B.M. score with 66. Scores:—

O.B.Ms.

T. Plant lbw b Maurice	21
S. Bruce b Davies	32
A. B. Poole b Davies	19
J. H. Craig c Goodliff b Davies	5
F. Rawlins b Goodliff	66
G. Read c Ingram b Davies	11
A. Raley c Clapham b Chapman	0
L. G. Ashwell c Baldwin b Ingram	13
A. W. Rawlins b Ingram	0
L. H. Worman c Gifford b Goodliff	15
W. F. Russell not out	6
Extras	7
Total	194

Huntingdonshire Gentlemen's XI.

G. Gifford b Bruce	37
E. C. L. Davies not out	68
J. Clapham b G. Reed	11
T. H. Astell b A. W. Rawlins	4
S. Smalley not out	8
Extras	22
Total (for three wickets)	137

O.B.Ms. v. Bedfordshire Club and Ground.

This match produced another draw. The Club and Ground declared after the loss of eight wickets for 238 runs, of which F. Rawlins made 73. The O.B.Ms. replied with 150 for eight wickets, T. Plant scoring 45. Scores:—

Bedfordshire Club and Ground.

R. Kellett run out	19
W. A. Sime b Rogers	40
A. R. Alston b Bruce	12
R. Pedraza b Riddihough	31
F. Rawlins not out	73
Capt. Turnbull c Day b Riddihough	1
F. F. C. Smith c Bristowe b Rogers	21
W. H. Hills c Day b Bruce	13
P. Woodland b Ashwell	7
Extras	21
Total (for eight wickets dec)	238

A. D. Holiday and L. W. Willson did not bat.

O.B.Ms.

S. Bruce c Kellett b Turnbull	34
T. Plant c Holiday b Turnbull	45
H. L. V. Day b Smith	25
C. Rogers c Smith b Turnbull	5
L. G. Ashwell not out	14
H. A. Southgate c Willson b Smith	1
J. E. Riddihough b Turnbull	1
A. Raley c Holiday b Turnbull	2
L. H. Worman c Holiday b Turnbull	8
W. F. Russell not out	0
Extras	15
Total (for eight wickets)	150

H. E. Bristowe did not bat.

O.B.Ms. v. Northamptonshire Amateurs.

This match was played on Wednesday between the showers, and ended in a draw. H. L. V. Day's 49 was the only outstanding feature of the O.B.Ms.' batting. Scores:—

Northamptonshire Amateurs.

A. H. Bull c A. B. Poole b Allen	0
S. F. Hodges c Ashwell b Riddihough	44
G. H. Johnson b Bruce	0
J. C. Craddock b Riddihough	29
J. Whiting c Raley b Riddihough	3
E. G. Watts st A. W. H. Poole b Riddihough	5
E. F. C. Smith c Worman b Allen	13
L. E. Hawtin c A. B. Poole b Allen	9
F. C. Hawtin c A. B. Poole b Allen	4
D. Hardy c Allen b Riddihough	13
W. H. S. Dunn not out	4
Extras	4
Total	128

O.B.Ms.

H. L. V. Day c Smith b Craddock	49
S. Bruce c Johnson b Whiting	7
T. Plant c Hodges b Whiting	1
A. B. Poole b Craddock	2
F. F. Allen b Whiting	17
L. H. Worman b Whiting	3
L. G. Ashwell c F. C. Hawtin b Craddock	0
A. Raley st Johnson b Whitney	14
A. W. H. Poole not out	9
J. E. Riddihough not out	8
Extras	8
Total (for eight wickets)	118

W. F. Russell did not bat.

O.B.Ms. v. L. W. Wilson's XI.

This match was played yesterday and was not finished at the time of going to press. The visiting XI had made 90 and the O.B.Ms. 148 for 4 wickets at the tea interval. Tea interval scores:—

L. W. Wilson's XI.

H. Maxey lbw b C. Rawlins	30
C. H. Humphreys c Bruce b C. Rawlins	14
R. Pedraza b C. Rawlins	0
F. F. C. Smith c Russell b Allen	8
C. Stevens not out	18
C. Rawlins lbw b Allen	0
L. H. Hills c Raley b Allen	7
P. Woodland b Riddihough	7
K. L. Gammell st A. B. Poole b Riddihough	1
F. I. Dewarson b Riddihough	0
L. W. Wilson st A. B. Poole b Riddihough	0
Extras	5
Total	90

O.B.Ms.

T. Plant st Willson b Hills	33
S. Bruce run out	55
A. B. Poole lbw b Hills	2
F. F. Allen not out	23
L. H. Norman c C. Rawlins b Hills	19
Extras	16
Total (for 4 wkts.)	148

A. Raley, J. E. Riddihough, L. G. Ashwell, C. W. Rawlins, H. E. Southgate, and W. F. Russell to bat.

The Old Bedfordians' Week.

From all points of view the Old Bedfordians' Week has been its usual success, and many Old Bedfordians have once again visited the town of their schooldays. They have, on the whole, enjoyed good weather for most of their sporting fixtures and have come out comparatively well in them. At cricket, out of their five matches, they have won one, lost three, and drawn one. This compares favourably with the last year's record.

BEDFORD & DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Division I.

Conservative Club v. Everton.

This match was played at Everton on Saturday. Sabey batted well for his 22, but five wickets were down for 42. On Valentine joining Coleman, however, the score mounted rapidly. Valentine brought off some big hits, including a six and 4 fours, and before he left the score had been doubled. Thompson also hit out merrily and the whole side were out for 116. Barnett was the most successful bowler, claiming seven victims. Everton commenced slowly and scored 46 for 3, out of which Darlow compiled 32. C. Gurney and Tott carried the total to 72 and then wickets fell cheaply for a time. When the last over was called the last pair were in and they kept the wicket intact, the game ending in a draw. Bonfield captured 4 for 26 and Geary 4 for 33. Scores:

Conservative Club: W. Dawson c Tott b H. Gurney 0, F. Sabey c Darlow b Barnett 22, C. Laughton run out 8, F. H. Coleman b Barnett 19, H. Sargent c Smith b Barnett 4, E. Fisher lbw b Barnett 0, E. Valentine c Baldock b Barnett 35, J. Bonfield b H. Gurney 4, W. Thompson c F. Gurney b Barnett 16, F. Parker b Barnett 1, R. Geary not out 2, extras 5, total 116.

Everton: H. Gurney c Sabey b Bonfield 3, H. Darlow c Sabey b Bonfield 32, A. Barnett b Bonfield 5, T. Tott c Parker b Bonfield 13, C. Gurney b Geary 16, W. Darlow b Geary 2, W. Smith b Geary 2, F. Baldock b Geary 7, F. Gurney not out 2, S. Wisson run out 1, H. Gurney not out 3, extras 8, total (for 9 wkts.) 94.

Division II (North).

Bedford Clarence 2nd v. Goldington.

Played in Bedford Park on Saturday, this proved a very exciting game, the Clarence winning by 3 runs. They mustered 102 against some good bowling and keen fielding. Beechy, who batted well for his 33, was well supported by Millman and Wild with 22 and 20 respectively. Taylor was the only other batsman to reach double figures, with 11 runs. J. Hulatt and E. Harlow made a good stand for Goldington. J. Hulatt, who hit merrily for his 37 was splendidly caught by Wild at point. Harlow was bowled by Millman for 17. Goldington's innings closed for 99, leaving the Clarence victors by 3 runs. Scores:—

Clarence 2nd: Beechy 33, Barcock 2, Taylor 11, Millman 22, Wild not out 20, Edwards 1, Field 0, Mears 2, Huckle 3, Thorogood 0, Childs 3, extras 5, total 102.

Goldington: J. Hulatt 37, A. Odell 5, E. Harlow 17, F. Vendy 5, G. Cotchin 6, L. Lack 7, Stocker 5, Brace 1, Purser 0, Kinch 3, Emmerton 0, extras 13, total 99.

Stevington v. Keysoe.

Played at Keysoe because Stevington have no pitch. A good, clean game resulted in a win for Stevington by 27 runs. R. Field scored 31 for them and L. Stevens 23 for Keysoe. Scores:—

Stevington: Stapleton 1, Ruffhead 8, Woolston 0, C. Cox 0, W. Field 1, A. Cox 0, Bowyer 19, Raymond Field 31, Jeffries 5, Roland Field not out 5, Mackness 2, extras 10, total 82.

Keysoe: Payne 2, Jordan 1, Skevington 0, Freeman 3, L. Stevens 23, S. Stapleton 3, Hawkins 3, Wagstaff 8, Truphat 7, A. Stapleton 1, Hartop not out 0, extras 4, total 55.

Division II (South).

Ridgmont v. Haynes.

This game was played at Ridgmont on Saturday, when the home club suffered another heavy defeat. Batting first they could only make 23 against the bowling of the visitors' trio. The game was slow and uninteresting until the home club's figures were passed. The fielding of both sides was good. Francis took four wickets for 4 runs and Potter the same number for 16 runs. Scores:—

Ridgmont: R. Attack 3, R. Barrett 2, J. Fisher 1, A. James 2, C. MacGregor 4, R. Simms 2, W. Hirdle 0, T. Miller 5, T. Fisher 1, F. Fisher 0, B. Pilgrim not out 3, total 23.

Haynes: S. Francis 7, T. Green 4, A. Keens 1, G. Potter 3, H. Herbert 16, G. Barber 9, F. Cooper 2, S. Bass 3, S. Rook 1, F. Burnage 3, H. Cox not out 4, extras 1, total 54.

Division II (East).

Tempsford v. North End Club.

Played at Tempsford on Saturday. Scores:—

Tempsford: G. Spires 3, F. Hull 2, P. Stocker 1, R. Barley 1, M. Hedge 3, C. Quince 1, W. Linger 4, S. Wilson 0, F. Battle 1, H. Barnes 6, C. Jackson 3, total 25.

North End Club: C. Hinde 17, G. Hinde 3, C. Barker 2, L. Jones 6, J. Judd 4, T. Sims 16, G. Sims 6, W. Hinde 8, J. Hinde 9, P. Hinde 2, D. Gilbert 0, extras 9, total 84.

Division III (South).

Houghton Conquest v. Elstow Road II.

Played in Bedford Park on Saturday, when, bowling for Elstow Road, H. Russell took 6 wickets for 37 runs, and C. Brinklow for Houghton Conquest captured a like number for 33 runs. Scores:—

Houghton: C. Brinklow 10, C. Penwright 4, K. Gilbert 10, J. Webb 11, F. Day 13, W. Dunkley 0, J. Gadsden 11, J. Odell 0, F. Chappell 20, F. Huckle not out 6, S. Simpkins 0, extras 5, total 96.

Elstow Road II: R. Geary 0, F. Fagg 8, Moore 31, T. Fagg 6, Northcott 5, Everett 13, H. Russell 0, Harrison 0, Richardson 1, Pope 14, Cowly not out 17, extras 5, total 104.

EAST BEDFORDSHIRE LEAGUE.

Division I.

Shefford v. Stotfold Athletic.

The Shefford team fared badly at home on Saturday against A. Mayes's bowling for Stotfold, who captured nine wickets for 5 runs. This versatile player also got 35 runs and J. Devereux 25. For Shefford C. Taylor took five wickets for 32. Scores: Shefford 22, Stotfold Athletic 95.

A.R.S. (Henlow) v. Meppershall.

R. A. Flossum bowled well for the A.R.S. on Saturday, and took eight wickets for 12 runs, and H. Lane scored 19 out of their total of 72 runs. Meppershall were all out for 33 (J. Pettifer 12). C. Dilley, for the losers, took four wickets for 16.

Beeston Athletic v. Eaton Socon.

Eaton Socon secured the points at Beeston on Saturday by 29 runs. The scores were: Beeston Athletic 33 (S. Buck 14), Eaton Socon 62 (R. Bentham 15). For Eaton Socon R. Ayres captured six wickets for 18 runs, and for Beeston S. Buck took four for 21, and H. Single four for 22.

Woodbury v. Caldecote.

There was an exciting finish in this league game, Woodbury winning by 4 runs, large due to a good innings by G. Gore, who claimed 32 out of their total of 70 runs. Caldecote's score was 66 (F. Godfrey 15). For Caldecote W. Bygraves obtained four wickets for 20 runs.

Division II.

Ickwell v. Langford.

Langford did well to defeat Ickwell by 30 runs and three wickets on Saturday. The scores were: Ickwell 24, Langford 54 for seven wickets. For the winners A. Wright took six wickets for 13 runs.

Stotfold Athletic 2nd v. Wrestlingworth.

For Stotfold H. Woods took five for 7, and for Wrestlingworth J. Pett five for 13. Scores: Stotfold Ath. 2nd 29, Wrestlingworth 51.

Sandy v. Ickwell.

For Sandy F. Wolfe trundled skilfully and took six wickets for 15, and J. Allison made 20 out of their total of 44. Ickwell could muster only 35, and so lost by 9 runs. For the losers J. Law captured six wickets for 13.

Caldecote 2nd v. Langford.

Langford beat Caldecote's second string by 30 runs, S. Smith taking five for 16 runs. Scores: Caldecote 2nd 56, Langford 86.

Division III.

Langford 2nd v. Ickwell 2nd.

For Ickwell J. Parrish obtained five wickets for 11 runs. Scores: Langford 2nd 45, Ickwell 2nd 52.

Ickwell 2nd v. Sandy 2nd.

For Ickwell G. Parrish obtained six for 9 and for Sandy 2nd H. Leonard seven for 4. Scores: Ickwell 2nd 14, Sandy 2nd 39.

Cardington v. Beeston 2nd.

For Beeston, who won by 18 runs on the first innings, R. Dent took five for 9, and scored 15 runs. Scores: Campton 22 and 29 for eight, Beeston 2nd 40 and 19.

Langford 2nd v. Meppershall 2nd.

Scores: Langford 2nd 53 for five wickets declared, Meppershall 2nd 31.

Edworth v. Old Warden 2nd.

For Old Warden A. Cooper made 20 runs and G. Berridge captured five wickets for 16 runs. Scores: Edworth 36, Old Warden 2nd 63 for nine wickets.

SHELTON & DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Dean v. Melchbourne.

Dean played their return match with Melchbourne at home on Saturday. Dean compiled 70 runs. H. E. Horsford 24, C. Horsford 13, and V. Horsford 11, were the chief scorers. For Melchbourne Hales batted soundly for 1 hr. 20 min. for 22 runs and remained undefeated. The match was left drawn. This leaves Chelveston League Champions. Scores:—

Dean: V. Horsford 11, C. Horsford 13, W. Cade 1, W. Lilley 0, J. Lilley 2, H. C. R Hart 9, G. Tuffnail 0, H. E. Horsford 24, F. Carrington 2, W. Tuffnail 2, F. Dickerson not out 4, extras 2, total 70.

Melchbourne: C. Hales 6, F. Roberts 0, H. Stringer 0, Charlie Hales not out 22, R. Sawford 1, H. Clark 1, W. Hales 18, F. Eaton 2, C. Saunders 4, A. Stringer 2, G. Burley did not bat, extras 5, total (for 9 wkts.) 62.

	p.	w.	d.	l.	pts.
Chelveston	13	10	0	3	20
Dean	13	8	1	4	17
Hargrave	13	7	0	6	14
Keystone	13	7	0	6	14
Melchbourne	13	6	1	6	13
Tillbrook	13	6	0	7	12
Little Staughton	13	5	0	8	10
Pertenhall	13	2	0	11	4

MID-BEDFORDSHIRE LEAGUE.

Division II.

Flitton v. Harlington II.

Played at Flitton on Saturday. Scores: Flitton 29, Harlington 36.

OTHER MATCHES.

Luton 2nd v. Bedfordshire Club and Ground (Extra).

The Bedfordshire Club and Ground (Extra) played their return game at Wardown Park, Luton, on Saturday. Luton won easily. The Extras easily beat them at Bedford earlier in the season, so honours are even. Rain stopped play on several occasions. Luton had five wickets down for 46 runs. Then R. Tomlinson, who made 25 and F. Chapman (36), put up a good stand for the sixth wicket, which fell at 99. Luton declared with 118 for eight wickets. L. Stileman Gibbard took four wickets for 36 runs. The Bedfordshire Club and Ground (extra) fared badly against the fast deliveries of W. H. Kirby, who took six wickets for 18 runs, and J. Booth took three wickets for 9 runs. The side was all out for 29. W. H. Kirby made the ball kick awkwardly, but the side should have made a better show. Scores:

Luton 2nd: A. Vass c Humphreys b Stileman Gibbard 16, J. Webdale c Dixon b Gibbard 16, W. H. Kirby b Gibbard 4, W. Rumbles b Gibbard 0, R. Tomlinson b Hills 25, M. J. Hunt b Humphreys 1, F. Chapman b Hills 36, H. R. Gayler not out 7, G. Hartop run out 4, J. Booth not out 6, extras 3, total for eight wickets declared 118.

Bedfordshire Club and Ground (Extra): L. Stileman Gibbard b W. H. Kirby 0, F. T. Johns run out 0, W. H. Hills b W. H. Kirby 3, R. L. Keens c Tomlinson b Booth 7, A. W. H. Poole c Booth b W. H. Kirby 9, C. H. Humphreys c Tomlinson b Booth 2, H. R. Neate b W. H. Kirby 1, C. P. Bennett c Chapman b W. H. Kirby 2, F. C. Read c Chapman b W. H. Kirby 1, L. W. Dixon c Tomlinson b Booth 1, C. H. Quarry not out 1, extras 2, total 29.

R.A.F. (Henlow) "A" v. Bedford Casuals.

The Airmen won the match against the Casuals on Saturday rather easily, after a very enjoyable game. A/C Walker played a fine innings for 74 runs, which included one six and five fours. The innings closed for 171 runs, Redman taking four wickets for 49. The Casuals' innings opened very badly, four wickets being down for 17 runs. A good effort by Finding (32), however, helped matters, but the innings came to an end with the score at 79, the Airmen winning by a big margin. L/A/C Young bowled exceedingly well, having 18 runs knocked off him for four wickets. Scores:—

R.A.F. (Henlow): Sergt. Smith 5, L/A/C Craig 3, L/A/C Walker 74, L/A/C Bugg 10, L/A/C Young 2, L/A/C Griffiths 1, L/A/C Fowderham 3, L/A/C Slater 22, L/A/C Ray 25, L/A/C Hayward 11, L/A/C Hawley not out 4, extras 3, total 171.

Bedford Casuals: Gilbert 0, Redman 4, Timmins 2, Sprague 4, Thomas 12, Finding 32, Poulter 2, Stedley 6, Stratton 0, Hall not out 4, Neate 2, extras 11, total 79.

Queen's Works v. Bedford Banks.

This match was played in Allen Park on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, 19th and 20th July, resulting in an easy victory for the Queen's. The Banks, with the exception of Williams (55) and Cotton (20), faired badly against good bowling and were all out for 100. As there were 20 minutes left for batting on the first night Queen's commenced their innings in failing light and lost four wickets for 18 runs. However, they had no difficulty in knocking off the required number on the second night, Harris giving a brilliant display in scoring 114, including 15 fours. The innings eventually closed at 198. Scores:—

Bedford Banks: T. Williams not out 55, P. W. Tebbutt b Keech 13, J. A. Craig c & b Faulkner 1, R. J. Cotton c Faulkner b Wheatley 20, J. Challis b Wheatley 1, E. G. Mairs c Allen b Wheatley 6, C. S. Arch lbw b Harris 0, T. Pearson b Harris 0, W. Dobson c Wheatley b Harris 0, H. A. Pettitt lbw b Harris 0, E. A. Thornton c Harris b Keech 0, extras 4, total 100.

Queen's Works: G. Goodwin b Dobson 1, H. Faulkner b Dobson 11, T. Golding b Williams b Craig 13, S. Harris c Cotton b Dobson 114, H. Tingey b Dobson 0, J. Wheatley lbw b Dobson 0, J. Ratcliff c Williams b Cotton 5, S. P. Keech c & b Arch 25, J. Lazenby not out 24, J. Allen b Craig 1, J. Hatton c Mairs b Craig 2, extras 2, total 198.

R.A.F. (Henlow) "A" v. Bedford Banks.

At Henlow Aerodrome on Sunday, the Airmen entertained Bedford Banks in an all-day game. The R.A.F. batted first, and made a very shaky beginning, five wickets being down for 42 runs. A good stand by Flight Lieut. Rippon (25), and Craven Griffiths (57) raised the total to 128 for six wickets, and the innings closed for 156 runs, Craig taking four wickets for 29 runs. The batting of the Banks' side was very good, Williams making a fine century, and Challis a hard-hitting 65. Reeves bowled very well, taking five wickets for 41 runs. Scores:—

R.A.F. (Henlow): Walker 15, Greenslade 1, Oates 11, Craig 0, F/L Rippon 25, C.-Griffiths 57, Reeves 10, F/O Rogers not out 3, Powderham 2, Hawtin 22, Ridge 2, extras 9, total 156.

Bedford Banks: Williams 100, King 9, Craig 14, Cotton 2, Walton 21, Thomas 7, Challis 65, Dobson 13, Chignell 0, Pettit not out 5, Thornton 0, extras 15, total 259.

R.A.F. (Henlow) made 115 for four wickets in the second innings.

Maulden v. Pulloxhill.

This match was played at Maulden on Saturday, when some exciting cricket was seen. Pulloxhill were soon in difficulties, losing five wickets for 5 runs, but they managed to finish with a total of 38. Maulden made 14 runs before the first wicket fell, but six wickets were down for 19 runs, and things looked bad for the home team. The tail, however, wagged to some purpose, and the innings closed for 46 runs. For Pulloxhill P. Martin bowled well, taking six wickets for 14 runs, and for Maulden W. Newman, with his tantalizing "slows", took six for 16. Scores:—

Pulloxhill: P. Martin 0, F. Dollimore, junior 0, F. Parker 4, C. Vass 0, C. Hedges 0, F. Dollimore, senior 6, C. White 12, C. Hands not out 10, C. Ward 0, C. Stanford 1, E. King 1, extras 4, total 38.

Maulden: F. W. Blackaby 8, N. A. Taylor 2, A. Sharp 0, A. S. White 3, A. Page 1, W. Squires 0, E. W. Sanders 5, H. Sharp 7, A. V. Sinfield 2, W. King 6, W. Newman not out 0, extras 12, total 46.

Huntingdonshire Police v. Northamptonshire Police.

The police of Huntingdonshire met the police of Northamptonshire in a match at Kimbolton on 21st July. Thanks to the effective bowling of P.c. Staughton (Buckden), who secured nine wickets for 22 runs, Northamptonshire were dismissed for 53 runs. Huntingdonshire compiled 169, P.c. Staughton, the last man in making 60 runs; Insp. Afford knocked up 36, and P.c. Bushby 30. The teams were entertained to tea by Col. Simpson, Magistrates' Clerk for Wellingborough.

Foundry v. Ampthill Town.

The Foundry entertained Ampthill Town on Allen Park on Saturday. The pitch played easily, although runs came very slowly in the early stages. The Foundry won the toss and batted first. They lost C. Munt and Warrington in the fourth over, Warrington being caught by Underwood. Runs came very slowly until R. Knight and C. Johnson came together. Knight made six before being bowled by a good break ball from Merryweathers, and C. Johnson batted with great care, making 17 runs in fine style. Swales followed Johnson and completely mastered the Ampthill bowling, making 25 before being caught by D. Quartermain at the wicket. The play became quite lively when G. Freame batted. Hitting in good style he made 24, the innings finally closing for 98 runs.

Ampthill Town spent rather a disastrous time at the wicket. G. Freame and C. Knight were at the top of their form and dismissed the Town for 14 runs, G. Freame taking five wickets for 8 runs in five overs, and C. Knight four for 5 in five overs. Scores:—

Foundry United: C. Munt 2, S. Warrington 3, C. Dimmock 11, H. Pote 1, C. Knight 6, C. Johnson 17, W. Hartwell 4, Swales 25, G. Freame 24, W. Millyard 1, H. Harvey 2, total 98.

Ampthill Town: T. Rollins 1, C. Gaylor 5, T. Bradshaw 1, T. Haptroft 0, R. Underwood 0, H. Everett 4, D. Quartermain 0, G. Millishap 0, F. Pressland 2, G. Elmore 0, R. Merryweathers 0, extras 1, total 14.

Meltis v. Railway Athletic.

The Meltis lost three wickets for 19 runs, and it was only the efforts of the tail men that enabled them to reach the total of 119. The scoring was very slow, and consequently the Athletic had very little time in which to get the runs. Wright and Emerson made a good partnership which contributed 50 runs, and at the close of play the score had amounted to 72 for three wickets.

Toddington v. Farr's Athletic.

On 20th July Toddington entertained Farr's Athletic, whom they beat by 90 runs. Toddington scored 106 for four wickets, and skittled the visitors out for 16 runs. For Toddington H. Fletcher scored 37 not out, J. Harris 24, W. Coles, junior 24, while W. Coles, senior, took seven wickets for 5 runs, and C. P. Hobbs took three for 11.

Toddington v. Hockliffe.

Despite the wet state of the wicket an excellent game was seen at Toddington on Saturday, when the home team entertained Hockliffe and beat them by 33 runs. Hockliffe scored 104, of which R. Giltrow scored 35, A. Wing 28, and R. Wing 19. There did not seem to be much hope for Toddington, but G. Humphreys—who was asked to play at the eleventh hour—batted brilliantly for 70 runs. In one over he hit three 6's and one 4. In addition to this Alg. Muckleston made a steady 31. For the home team W. Coles, junior, took five wickets for 22 runs.

Henlow v. Cricklewood General Omnibus Company.

Played at Henlow on Saturday. Scores: Henlow 63 runs. Cricklewood 13 and 44.

Henlow 2nd v. Garden City Press.

Played at Letchworth on Saturday. Scores: Henlow 35, Letchworth 32.

Goldington School v. Eaton Socon School.

This match was played on Goldington Green on Thursday, when the home boys won by 8 wickets and 27 runs. In the visitors' first innings they totalled 15, Harlow taking 8 wickets for 3 runs. The homesters replied with 35. In the second innings Eaton Socon were all out for 9, (Harlow 6 for 4 and Morris 2 for 4).

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Eaton Socon: W. Smith 0 0, F. Eggling 0 1, Eggraves 6 0, F. Godby 1 0, T. Hemings 0 0, S. Tuckwell 0 0, A. Lovell 0 3, G. Smith 4 0, C. Ashwell not out 1 3, F. Howard 0 0, A. Darrington 3 1 not out, extras 0 1, totals 15 9.

Goldington: F. Harlow 1 6, L. Gammons not out 11 0, Royal Colburt 0 5, J. Morris not out 1 10, Filsell 6, E. Hills 4, R. Colburt 5, C. Tompkins 5, T. Bushell 0, L. Spavins 4, P. Denton not out 0, extras 0 4, totals 35 26 (for 2 wkts.)

Clophill v. Walton.

Clophill journeyed to Hertfordshire on Saturday for the return match with Walton, and were again well beaten, being dismissed for 27 runs to Walton's 125.

Bromham v. Stagsden.

A moderate game, Stagsden winning by 14 runs. B. Newman, for Stagsden, captured seven wickets for 3 runs. Scores:—

Bromham: Bruty 5, A. White [illegible] G. Gough 0, E. Freeman 1, Everest 1, Stickman 4, Rideout 3, H. Freeman 3, A. Freeman 0, Bartholomew 0, W. Gough 0, extras 6, total 24.

Stagsden: F. Beard 4, Flute 2, G. Newman 1, J. Beard 0, Glidewell 3, Bazeley 10, B. Newman 7, A. Beard 1, Welch 0, Smith 7, Cooper 0, extras 3, total 38.

Shire Hall v. Bedford Argus.

Played in Bedford Park on Saturday, and resulted in a win for the Shire Hall by 25 runs. For the Shires F. Richardson batted well for top score of 38 not out, and with the ball C. J. Churchill and F. Richardson came off best, capturing five wickets for 18 and five wickets for 33 runs respectively. For the Argus G. Curtis batted well for 31. Scores:—

Argus: G. Curtis 31, W. Brace 1, H. Nutting 2, S. Clark 9, L. Potter 0, S. Summerfield 3, J. Smith 0, K. Robinson 2, S. Shawcroft 3, H. Craddock 0, T. Hulatt not out 0, extras 5, total 56.

Shire Hall: E. Smallwood 8, F. Richardson 38, A. Markham 0, C. J. Churchill 8, S. Hall 0, D. H. Purcell 4, F. Jackson 5, T. J. Emmings 2, F. C. Davis 4, R. H. Burge 2, J. C. Wilks 0, extras 10, total 81.

Eggington v. Eversholt.

Eversholt visited Eggington on Saturday, and after a low-scoring game returned home victorious by 19 runs. Eversholt reached 30, J. Nacher being top scorer with 10, and King the most successful bowler with eight wickets. Eggington fared disastrously against the excellent bowling of A. Oakley, who took five wickets for 4 runs, and E. Smith who obtained five for 12. Scores: Eversholt 30, Eggington 20.

Silsoe v. Flitwick.

This match was played in Wrest Park on Saturday. Flitwick compiled 31, and Silsoe could not reach even that small total, scoring only 27. Crisp was the only player to reach double figures, scoring 11 for Flitwick. For Silsoe Wildsmith took seven wickets for 8 runs.

Silsoe v. Pulloxhill.

This game was played in Wrest Park on Wednesday, Silsoe scoring 63 against Pulloxhill's 54. For Silsoe J. Bushby scored 15, Wildsmith 12, and Olney 10, and J. White was the only batsman to arrive at double figures for Pulloxhill. F. Olney took eight wickets for 24 runs for Silsoe.

St. Paul's Wesleyans v. Cosmic.

This match was played on the Ampthill Road ground on Tuesday, the Wesleyans winning by 32 runs. Scores:—

St. Paul's Wesleyans: H. R. Brown 4, C. E. Nichols 2, L. F. Elderkin 13, A. F. Barnes not out 71, R. Sprague 13, H. G. Carter 5, W. Valentine 12, C. H. Studman not out 2, extras 11, total 133.

Cosmic: W. Whitbread 6, W. Bichener 0, F. Bell 4, H. Brown 2, F. Tuffnell 24, P. Pocock 16, J. Allen 3, W. Ellis 30, J. Pritchett 5, A. Shilett not out 7, J. Wilkson 0, extras 4, total 101.

St. Paul's Wesleyans v. Shire Hall.

This match was played in Bedford Park on Wednesday. The Shire Hall scored 85 for six, and the Wesleyans had made 69 for three when rain closed play. Scores:—

Shire Hall: C. J. Churchill 23, F. C. Davis 16, F. R. Richardson 16, F. Smallwood 10, A. Markham 11, extras 9, total 85.

St. Paul's Wesleyans: R. Sprague 22, W. Brace not out 21, A. F. Barnes 16, C. H. Studman 1, C. E. Nichols not out 1, extras 8, total 69.

Northampton County Hall v. Bedford Shire Hall.

Played at Weston Favell on 21st July, this match resulted in a closely contested draw. The Shire Hall made 102 runs for 3 wickets declared, F. Richardson and A. B. Poole batting well for 40 and 33 respectively. The Northampton side, after making 98 runs for 2 wickets, required five runs to win when the last over was called. Amidst great excitement A. B. Poole clean bowled, without addition to the score, the next three batsmen who came out determined to risk their wickets in the endeavour to make a hit to win the match. H. Willett (50) and S. C. Adams (40) batted confidently for the home side. Scores:—

Shire Hall: A. B. Poole c Lee b Mann 33, F. Richardson b Chamberlain 40, R. L. Keeves b Mann 0, A. W. H. Poole not out 16, C. H. Poole not out 10, extras 3, total (for 3 wkts. dec.) 102. F. C. Davis, E. Smallwood, A. Markham, W. P. Gaunt, F. Jackson, and D. H. Purcell did not bat.

Northampton County Hall: H. Willett c A. B. Poole b C. H. Poole 50, S. C. Adams b A. B. Poole 40, H. C. Banks not out 1, T. Lee b A. B. Poo[illegible] 0, A. Cave b A. B. Poole 0, E. V. Mann b A. B. Poole 0, extras 1, total (for 5 wkts.) 98.

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Queen's Works 'A' v. Aspley Guise.

Played in Allen Park on Saturday, the match resulting in a draw. The Queen's made 193 and the visitors replied with 57 for 6 wickets. Luddington (55 retired), Warren (42), and Gibbons (21), batted well for the Queen's, and for Aspley Sinfield, Davies (29), and Brangwyn (35), were in the picture. G. Barnwell bowled well for the visitors, taking six wickets. Scores:—

Queen's: H. Pearce b Barnwell 7, W. Gibbons b L. Cook 21, F. King b Barnwell 1, M. Adams b Barnwell 0, W. Poulter b Stone 15, H. Warren lbw b Barnwell 0, P. Gilbert c Stone b Barnwell 4, J. Luddington rtd 55, A. Barnes lbw b Barnwell 1, A. Tingey b Brangwyn 16, C. Trueman not out 4, extras 10, total 193.

Aspley: A. B. Sinfield run out 28, Courage run out 0, C. Davies b Warren 35, J. Brangwyn c Gibbons b Warren 35, Day b King 4, A. Hobby not out 4, Cook b Luddington 12, S. Parren not out 0, C. Stone, G. Woolcott, and G. Barnwell did not bat, extras 6, total (for 6 wkts.) 113.

Queen's Works 'B' v. Northampton Gas Co.

Played at Allen Park on Saturday. A very pleasant game. Northampton scored 115, Berridge (38) and Spokes (29), hitting well. The best bowlers for Queen's were F. Knight and R. Tingey (three wickets each). Queen's replied with 62, S. Dodd (17), and A. Hailstone being the leading contributors. Spokes bowled well for Northampton, taking five wickets. Scores:—

Northampton Gas Co.: T. R. Berridge c Knight b Valentine 38, W. Floyd c Hailstone b Tingey 11, G. Hambleton b Tingey 4, P. Quince b Knight 2, H. Spokes run out 29, H. Parker lbw b Corby 0, F. Walker b Knight 16, J. Hill b Knight 0, A. Quimmell c Dodd b Valentine 8, J. Moore c Dodd b Tingey 4, F. Allen not out 0, extras 5, total 115.

Queen's Works 'B': J. Allen b Spokes 1, R. Corby c Hill b Spokes 5, F. Williams run out 1, S. Dodd run out 17, K. Taylor c Berridge b Spokes 0, J. Frost c Moore b Allen 7, F. Knight b Spokes 0, W. Valentine b Spokes 6, A. Hailstone c Quince b Quimmell 12, R. King lbw b Quimmell 5, R. Tingey not out 2, extras 6, total 62.

Biggleswade Thursday v. Bedford Free Church League.

Bedford Free Church League visited Pulfield on the 21st July and were beaten by 55 runs. For Biggleswade Thursday W. J. Birkett scored 30 runs and took 5 wickets for 22 runs, and W. J. Brown took 4 for 14. For Bedford Free Church H. C. Carter captured 7 wickets for 26 runs. Scores:—

Bedford F.C.: E. Smith 16, W. Brace 20, R. J. Wills 7, E. Chambers 0, H. C. Carter 6, H. C. Piper 1, W. D. Devey 4, G. Ibbitt not out 0, R. Taylor 0, G. Bowles absent, W. Boness 0, extras 3, total 58.

Biggleswade Thursday: W. J. Brown 1, H. Smith 19, W. A. Birkett 30, A. H. Endersby 15, A. Walby 4, J. Downs 12, F. W. Miller 1, L. H. Collings 11, S. R. Collings 0, H. Endersby 11, C. York not out 2, extras 5, total 111.

Stotfold Wesleyans v. Biggleswade Wesleyans.

The Biggleswade Wesleyans won their return match with Stotfold Wesleyans on Saturday by six runs, C. Tookey taking 5 wickets for 16 runs. Stotfold opened badly, losing three wickets for one run, and their last wicket fell for 28 runs, F. Lancaster capturing 5 wickets for 12. Biggleswade declared when they had made 46 for 5 and Stotfold replied with 13 for 4 wickets.

Wimpole v. Biggleswade 'A'.

Biggleswade second eleven fared badly at Wimpole on Saturday and were beaten by 29 runs, largely owing to some good bowling by J. Bullen who took 8 wickets for 17 runs. J. K. Thomason was top scorer for Biggleswade with 14 runs. Scores: Biggleswade 37 and 22 for 8 wkts., Wimpole 66. For Biggleswade P. Bowles took 3 wickets for 19 runs, and J. Rowley 3 for 14.

Shefford Wednesday v. Pulloxhill.

Played at Shefford Hardwicke on the 20th July, the home eleven winning by 79 runs. G. Simkins captured 4 wickets for 45 runs and C. Hedges 4 for 22 for Pulloxhill, and H. Bryant 6 for 22 and W. Taylor 3 for 2 for Shefford. The chief batsmen for the winners were Thorogood (28), Folkes (37), and Hazelden (19); for the losers Simkins, with 11, was the only one to reach double figures. Scores: Shefford Wednesday 123, Pulloxhill 44.

R.A.F. (Henlow) v. Y.M.C.A. (Cambridge).

The R.A.F. entertained a team from Cambridge University on Saturday, and after an even game won by 9 runs. K. R. Saxon batted well for the visitors and scored 65 not out. L A C Oates 64, and F/O Crooms 35, batted confidently for the Airmen, and G. Abbs took 4 wickets for 24 runs. Y.M.C.A. (Cambridge) made 176 (for 6 wkts. dec.) R.A.F (Henlow) 185.

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CRICKET.

Beds. v. Oxfordshire.

Holdstock's Fine Bowling.

Bedfordshire's match with Oxfordshire commenced on Wednesday, at Oxford, as stated in our last issue, when the first day's play closed for 124 runs for 4 wickets to the visitors' credit. So much time was lost on Wednesday that there was never any real possibility of the game being completed. Long before the end the vital question was, which side would get the lead on the first innings, and as this point was not settled till the tea interval on Thursday, the crowd and the players had something to grow keen about. The game was resumed with Beds. having lost four wickets. There had been further rain in the night, but the morning broke fine and the sun and wind soon dried the pitch, so that it was found possible to commence punctually. It was obvious from the beginning that the pitch favoured the bowlers, and that the remaining Beds. batsmen would have to exercise a great deal of resource and ingenuity. Hersee and Rawlins, who had sat on 33 overnight, only added a further seven runs when the latter was caught at short leg. Except that Hersee kept up his end and Rawlins tried to force the pace, there is little to be said for the remainder of the batting, the last four wickets going down for 12 runs. It was Walters who did the damage, and he came out with the creditable analysis of 6 for 38, four of which were obtained on Thursday morning for 12 runs. A total of 162 was not at all bad, although in the absence of further rain, the pitch was likely to roll out better, and subsequent events proved this to be so. Oxfordshire, however, did very badly up to the luncheon interval, when they had lost four wickets for 12 runs. Holdstock took all four for 12 runs, and he bowled very steady and with much craft. After lunch the veteran also kept a good length, but, on the improving pitch, seemed less difficult. None of the other bowlers were of the same calibre, and the consequence was that Walters and G. Walker were able to make a stand which went a long way towards putting Oxfordshire in front on the first innings. The pair put on 75 before they were parted, Bovill, who had just come on, bowling Walker at 134. The outgoing batsman gave two possible chances to Bovill at square leg, but the fieldsmen in each case was slow in moving to the ball. There was destined to be a few more anxious moments for the home county ere they passed the Beds. total. Thomas was bowled at 144, and four runs later Walters' fine innings came to an end, seven being out for 143, or 15 required, with three wickets to fall. Had Oxon. lost another wicket anything might have happened, but Alington and Coppock kept up their ends and passed the Beds. total. With Alington's dismissal at 178 the Oxon. innings was declared, and Beds. were sent in a second time. At a quarter to 6, there being no possibility of the game being finished, stumps were drawn, leaving Oxfordshire with the five points for first innings lead. Buckley played very well indeed for his 42 not out, and the Oxon. bowlers never looked like getting him out. Scores and analysis:—

Bedfordshire. 1st Innings.

Holdstock, c Walters, b Hatt	11
R. Kellett, c Barmby, b Thomas	31
A. R. Alston, c Hatt, b Walters	33
W. A. Sime, b Walters	6
E. D. Hersee, not out	25
F. Rawlins, c Rogers, b Thomas	25
Capt. D. Turnbull, st. Coppock, b Walters	13
H. Davidson, b Thomas	1
J. H. Buckley, b Walters	3
E. Page, b Walters	5
E. M. Bovill, b Walters	0
Extras	9
Total	162

Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Thomas	35	16	47	3
Walters	21.2	9	38	6
Alington	3	2	1	0
Hatt	12	1	41	1
Barmby	7	1	16	0
Rogers	4	1	10	0

Oxfordshire.—1st Innings.

H. Walker, c Page, b Holdstock	1
H. Lewendon, b Holdstock	24
J. Barmby, c Sime, b Holdstock	0
Rogers, c Hersee, b Holdstock	30
G. Walker, b Bovill	28
Walters, b Holdstock	45
Thomas, b Bovill	10
A. F. Alington, c Holdstock, b Bovill	53
G. Coppock, not out	16
B. J. Henry, not out	6
Extras	9
Total (for 8 wkts., dec.)	189

T. M. D. Hatt did not bat.

Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Buckley	12	5	37	0
Holdstock	30	11	52	5
Hersee	3.4	0	21	0
Kellett	9	1	21	0
Bovill	15	3	40	3
Sime	1	0	9	0

Bovill 2 no balls.

Bedfordshire.—2nd Innings.

R. Kellett, b Thomas	8
J. H. Buckley, not out	42
A. R. Alston, b Walters	11
W. A. Sime, not out	11
Extras	2
Total (for 3 wkts.)	73

Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Thomas	8	1	30	1
Hatt	3	0	12	0
H. Walker	2	0	11	0
Walters	7	2	10	1
G. Walker	2	1	1	0
Barmby	4	0	18	0
Rogers	2	2	0	0

BEDFORD & DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Division I.

Bedford Conservative Club v. Biddenham.

Played in Bedford Park on Saturday, and won by Biddenham by 34 runs. Scores:—

Biddenham.—H. A. Southgate c and b Bonfield 10; A. Burton b Bonfield 0; R. Brown b F. Coleman 17; T. W. Manning b Geary 3; F. Green c Valentine b Bonfield 22; S. Reid b Coleman 11; F. Holland b Thompson 5; R. West not out 8; R. Poole c Geary b Thompson 0; A. Johnson run out 0; G. Jackson c Coleman b Thompson 4; extras 2; total 106.

Conservative Club.—W. Dawson lbw b Burton 14; R. Keens b Burton 0; G. Laughton b Burton 0; F. H. Coleman, not out 30; E. Fisher c Southgate b Burton 0; H. Day c Porter b West 1; E. Valentine lbw b Burton 8; W. Thompson c Brown b West 3; H. Sargent b Burton 0; J. Bonfield b Porter 2; R. Geary b Burton 2; extras 6; total 66.

OTHER MATCHES.

Queen's Works v. Bedford Ramblers.

At Allen Park on Saturday Queen's Works gained a splendid victory over Bedford Ramblers by 10 runs. The game was one of the most interesting played on the ground this season. The Ramblers had first knock, and, thanks to some fine batting by H. N. Perry (45), H. T. Cooper (46), and W. B. Jones (45), they were in a position to declare, scoring 186 runs for the loss of 4 wickets. Only 1¼ hours' play remained when the Works opened their innings, T. Golding and H. Faulkner being the first pair. The latter did not have a long stay, only scoring 6, and S. Harris also scored a similar number, but when S. Keech joined Golding runs came quickly. Keech scored ten boundaries, and his total reached 80—his best batting display of the season. Golding scored 53, and the partnership realised over 130 runs. W. A. H. Childs made 27 not out, and H. Warren 12 not out, and with two minutes to spare the Works secured the victory. Scores:—

Ramblers.—H. N. Perry c Keech b Faulkner 45; H. T. Cooper lbw b Warren 46; W. B. Jones b Knight 45; S. Bruce b Knight 13; A. E. Burley not out 4; H. T. King not out 10; extras 23; total (for 4 wkts., declared) 186. S. Wharton, L. H. Howard, C. Basen, H. White, F. S. Jones did not bat.

Queen's Works.—T. Golding b Bruce 53; H. Faulkner c Wharton b Jones 6; S. Harris c King b Jones 6; S. Keech c Bruce b Jones 80; W. A. H. Childs not out 27; A. W. Settles c White b Jones 1; H. Warren not out 12; extras 11; total (for 5 wickets), 196. F. Knight, H. Tingey, F. Williams, and J. Smith did not bat.

St. Paul's Wesleyan v. Conservative Club.

Played in Bedford Park on Friday, and won by the Conservative Club. Scores:—

St. Paul's Wesleyan.—R. Sprague c Warton b Bonfield 0; A. F. Barnes c Warton b Bonfield 30; G. Jackson b Bonfield 0; H. R. Brown b Warton 7; W. Brace lbw b Bonfield 2; C. H. Studman c Bonfield b Geary 9; W. Valentine b Geary 0; P. E. Miller run out 19; H. C. Piper not out 4; E. H. L. Stonebanks b Warton 0; L. G. Ashwell lbw b Coleman 14; extras 5; total 90.

Conservative Club.—R. Keens b Studman 1; C. Laughton b Ashwell 33; F. H. Coleman b Valentine 28; H. King c Jackson b Valentine 3; S. Warton c Ashwell b Valentine 1; E. Valentine b Valentine 4; H. Day not out 18; extras 3; total (for 6 wickets) 91. E. Fisher, J. Bonfield, W. Thompson and R. Geary did not bat.

Royston v. Biggleswade Thursday.

Biggleswade Thursday fared badly at Royston on Thursday, where they were defeated by an innings and 14 runs. The scores were: Biggleswade Thursday, 27 and 83 runs; Royston, 134 for 8 wickets (declared). For Royston H. Poole took 7 wickets for 12 runs, and for Biggleswade Thursday J. Dobsin 5 for 32.

Three Counties Mental Hospital v. Biggleswade.

The Biggleswade 1st XI. visited the Three Counties' Mental Hospital on Saturday, and were very heavily defeated. Six bowlers were tried by the visiting captain, B. A. Field, who got two wickets for 66 runs. H. G. Goddard played a magnificent innings and carried out his bat for 134. J. H. Buckley was also undefeated with 37. J. O. Fuller but well for 46, F. J. Allaine made 24, and J. Vine 17 and P. Robinson 8. The home captain declared when 303 runs had been scored for the fall of four wickets. Biggleswade opened fairly well, before B. A. Field ran himself out for 17. F. Males was the chief scorer, with 45, W. A. Birkett hit hard for 25 runs, and A. O. Brown and J. Roach had each obtained 22, and F. Rogers and C. Appleton 14 each. Biggleswade's total was 170, and thus lost by 133 runs.

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COUNTY CRICKET WEEK.

1st Match—v. Lincolnshire.

First Innings Points for Visitors.

The Bedford Cricket Week opened on Monday under most depressing circumstances. Everything possible had been done to make the annual festival a success; three good Minor Counties' Championship matches were arranged, the beautiful ground of Bedford School was never in better condition, and the comfort of visitors had been well catered for. But there is one thing that no human agency can control, and that is the weather, and this on Bank Holiday was in its most atrocious mood. The morning opened with quite fair promise, but just before the time for starting the game between Bedfordshire and Lincolnshire a slight drizzle of rain reminded spectators and players alike of the vagaries of our climate. However, cheerful optimism prevailed, unfortunately not justified by subsequent events, and Capt. Dennis Turnbull having won the toss for Bedfordshire, and elected to bat, the Lincolnshire captain led his team out on to the field punctually to time. There was one change in the home side from that previously announced, Buckley, the Three Counties player, being absent, and "Johnny" Craig, who has been scoring centuries for the Banks XI., taking his place. The Bedford pair were Capt. Turnbull and R. Kellett, but disaster quickly overtook the home side, the last-named being out in an unusual manner. He had missed a fast delivery from Drakes, and, as the wicket-keeper was standing well back, made little effort to keep within his crease. The stumper, seeing the position, promptly threw the wicket down, and Kellett had to retire. Turnbull quickly followed, clean bowled, but there was an improvement when A. R. Alston and C. N. Reed became partners. Both played good cricket, and 30 additional runs were steadily collected, but just when the batsmen appeared likely to settle down, the drizzle, which had been continuous, developed into quite a substantial rainfall, and, as events turned out, continued more or less throughout the day, making further play impossible. There was, considering the conditions, quite a fair attendance, which gave promise, had the weather remained favourable, of the presence of a good-sized crowd

THE SECOND DAY.

The second day's play opened in brilliant sunshine, but under a by no means cloudless sky. After Monday's rain, it was evident that the Lincolnshire captain did not anticipate run getting would be an easy matter, for he had no outfields either to Drakes (fast) or Wilson (medium). The policy appeared justified; for five overs were bowled before a run was scored, and in the meantime Alston had played too late to one of Drake's expresses, and had seen his middle stump go down. He had contributed 14 useful runs to the small total. Notwithstanding that 10 overs had been sent down for five runs, and not one had been scored from Drakes, the latter was taken off in favour of Holt, another medium-paced bowler, but a separation came from the other end, F. Rawlins being taken behind the wicket by Shaw, off Wilson. This brought Hersee and Reed together, and the old Bedfordian put Holt neatly away to leg for three, bringing up the half-century. He next cut Wilson to the ropes, and his partner glided Holt to leg for a trio. Reed, however, was let off at square-leg by Sutton with his score at 29. The mistake was the first blemish in the fielding of the visitors, which to this point had been keen and clean. At 70 Mack (slow left-hand) took the ball from Milson, and Reed gathered six from his first over. Sutton went on for Holt, and atoned for his mistake in the field by bowling Reed with a good-length ball. The out-going batsman had scored 45, and had played cricket of a somewhat steadier type than is his wont. Still, he had made a number of nice strokes, and it was in endeavouring to hasten the rate of scoring that he lost his wicket. Sime went to the crease, but quickly lost Hersee, who failed to negotiate an almost impossible run, and the School boy also failed to get going, Mack bowling him. Seven wickets were thus down for 89 runs. Play ruled very slow, only four runs being scored in 12 overs, and then Craig was badly run out after being in a quarter of an hour for a single. Page followed, and was caught at the wicket. Bovill, last in, sent the 100 up with a pull to the stand boundary, but the end quickly came. Stevens drove a ball hard back to Mack, who partly stopped it, and it fell into the hands of Wilson.

The Visitors' First Innings.

R. E. Frearson and E. Lee opened Lincolnshire's innings to Bovill and Hersee, and quietly gathered six runs, all off Hersee, before Bovill, with a beautiful length ball, which came across from the off, beat and bowled Lee. Frearn put one up dangerously near to square leg off the same bowler. At 14 Craig (slow-right) took the ball from Hersee, and Scarby, the new comer, survived a confident appeal for l.b.w. The pair, however, remained together until the luncheon interval, when the score was 23 for 1 wicket.

When the game was resumed, before a fair attendance, Frearson and Scarby batted with some freedom, Frearson three times finding the boundary before he was finally forced back on to his wicket by Hersee. He had played an excellent innings of 33. A. R. Turner followed, and had reached 13 before Bovill broke through his defence with the total at 71. The Rev. H. Mack followed, and shaped with confidence, the score mounting to 87. At this stage Scarby's innings came to an end, Page taking him smartly at the wicket off Bovill. His 22 had been patiently obtained, and he had assisted to take much of the sting out of the attack. Holt joined Mack, and after a couple of hours' batting the century was hoisted. Another 20 was quickly added, and then Craig enticed Mack to hit, with the result that he put up a ball simply into the hands of Sime. Bovill had nearly all the time been bowling consistently well at the school end, eight of the 20 overs he had delivered being maidens, and the total obtained at his expense being only 29. Stevens then took up the attack, but Flatters, who had joined Holt, laid about him in fine style, and after sending both bowlers to the boundary, lifted Craig over the ropes in front of the pavilion for six. The Banks' bowler, however, was quickly revenged, for in trying another big hit Flatters put his leg in front of a straight ball, and was given out l.b.w. 150—6—23. A dozen runs later Holt was taken at mid-on, Craig again being the bowler. He had displayed enterprise during his innings of 34. Shaw made one or two big hits, but he was dropped from the easiest of catches by Bovill when he had made 12, Craig being the bowler to suffer. When the players went in to tea the score was 194 for 8 wickets, and the visiting captain decided to close at this total, giving Lincolnshire a possible two hours in which to endeavour to get Bedfordshire out a second time.

Bedfordshire's Second Venture.

Kellett and Alston opened Bedfordshire's second venture to the bowling of Drakes and Wilson. The left-hander was never comfortable with Drakes, and a fast ball from him sent the off stump spinning with the score at 3. Alston added a run with Sime as his partner, and then Sime left, without scoring. Reed was bowled by Drakes, after glancing him to leg for 4. Rawlins joined Alston, and the pair carried the score to 42 by fairly enterprising cricket, when Alston fell into a leg trap after a well-played 18. Craig and Rawlins came together, and an invaluable stand followed, the former playing carefully, though often "tied up" with Mack's slow left-hand deliveries. His partner was more enterprising, off-driving Wilson to the ropes and then again finding the boundary from Mack. The score had been taken to 75 when Craig played back to Mack and was bowled. Hersee went out, and Rawlins put Beds. ahead with a nice late cut, and Hersee sent the 100 up after 1¾ hours' batting. Close on time for drawing stumps, Rawlins reached the half-century mark with a leg drive. He had batted safely all round the wicket, and hit three 4's and eight 3's. The match was thus left drawn, with Beds. 20 runs on and five wickets to fall. Complete score and analyses:

Bedfordshire.—1st Innings.

Capt. D. Turnbull, b Drakes	5
R. Kellett, st. Shaw, b Drakes	1
A. R. Alston, b Drakes	14
C. N. Reed, b Sutton	45
C. Rawlins, c Shaw, b Wilson	4
E. D. Hersee, run out	8
W. A. Sime, b Mack	0
J. H. Craig, run out	1
L. Stevens, c Wilson, b Mack	3
E. Page, c Shaw, b Sutton	0
E. M. Bovill, not out	7
Extras	15
Total	100

Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Drakes	12	6	14	3
Holt	10	1	31	0
Mack	12.5	6	16	3
Wilson	8	3	15	1
Sutton	9	5	9	2

Lincolnshire.—1st Innings.

A. E. Frearson, hit wicket, b Hersee	33
E. Lee, b Bovill	4
G. E. Scarby, c Page, b Bovill	22
A. R. Turner, b Bovill	13
Rev. H. Mack, c Sime, b Craig	19
T. E. Drakes, not out	9
A. Holt, c Stevens, b Craig	34
R. Flatters, lbw, b Craig	23
F. Shaw, not out	13
Extras	14
Total (for 7 wkts., dec.)	184

C. Wilson and W. A. Sutton did not bat.

Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bovill	20	8	29	3
Hersee	12	1	48	1
Craig	13	0	46	3
Stevens	12.3	3	31	0
Kellett	7	3	16	0

Bedfordshire.—2nd Innings.

R. Kellett, b Drakes	1
A. R. Alston, c Turner, b Frearson	18
W. A. Sime, c Drakes, b Wilson	0
C. N. Reed, b Drakes	6
C. Rawlins, not out	52
J. H. Craig, b Mack	3
E. D. Hersee, not out	7
Extras	16
Total (for 5 wkts.)	103

Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Drakes	12	5	17	2
Wilson	13	3	29	1
Holt	6	1	19	0
Frearson	3	1	11	1
Mack	4	1	11	1

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COUNTY CRICKET WEEK.

2nd Match—v. Oxfordshire.

Home County's Big Score.

The weather was fine when Turnbull won the toss on Wednesday morning for Beds., who were opposed to Oxfordshire, and, on a good wicket, Buckley, the Arlesey man, with Holdstock, opened the Beds. innings. The opposing county's bowlers were Howells and Thomas, the former in his opening overs troubling Buckley. The batsmen, however gradually got on top, and at 20 Howells gave way to Hatt, who at first received scanty respect from Buckley, who sent him to the on boundary and later to the screen. Walters was keeping a good length, as was Rogers, but runs came steadily from the batsmen. Buckley using his late cut to much advantage, whilst beautifully off-driving the footballer for three. The half century was reached in an hour by Holdstock. The fielding of the visitors was very indifferent, Buckley presenting first slip with a hard chance, which was not accepted. Holdstock placed a ball from Thomas to the leg boundary, and a hard drive to the off ropes from Buckley was a feature of some bright batting. Holdstock placed 80 on the board with the best shot of the morning, a sweeping stroke that sent the ball to the leg boundary like a shot. Play was quiet as Holdstock approached his half-century, the fielding having become very keen. Walters made a big effort to take a hard drive from Buckley off his own bowling, and then Holdstock completed his 50 amid cheers. Buckley continued to gather runs steadily off an attack that was of consistently good length, but it was Holdstock who achieved the distinction of sending the century up, with a straight drive off Walters, after the game had been in progress for one and three quarter hours. Immediately afterwards Buckley aroused applause by reaching a half century, and then grandly drove Walters to the screen at the School end. Frequent changes in the bowling were tried, and Walker (slow left-hand) took a turn, and nearly succeeded in getting the Luton professional stumped, the wicket-keeper failing to knock the bails off when he was out of his ground. Rogers also tried his hand with the ball, but there had been no separation at the luncheon interval, Bedfordshire having made a great start, and placed on the score board 125 runs without outs claiming as follows:—Holdstock 80, Buckley 58.

The bowling of Howells and Thomas did not seem to trouble the batsmen on resuming, and Hatt went on for the former at 149. Buckley immediately placed him to the leg boundary, and a three to the off put his score in front of the Luton professional's, who had been leading slightly all through. At 165 the partnership at last came to an end, Thomas holding a hard return from the Arlesey batsman, who had batted soundly for two and a half hours. Scoring with beautifully timed shots all round the wicket, Buckley hit those 4's and seven 3's, and though unfortunately in difficulties with the bowling, he got up the finest first-wicket stand, with Holdstock, that has befallen the lot of Beds. in recent years. Alston went to the wicket, and Holdstock continued on his way towards his century. Before he reached that number, however, Alston, with a fine drive to the boundary, brought the total to 200, obtained in a little over three hours. Holdstock also found the ropes with a glorious hit off Howells, but with his score at 98 he lost his partner, who called for a sharp run and failed to reach the crease before Walters threw the wicket down. Alston had again played good cricket, and was unfortunate to lose his wicket in this way. 213—2—22. With such a score on the board the joy of hitting at once appealed to C. N Reed, and twice in the over he smote Alington hard in front of the wicket to the boundary. Hatt went on, and Holdstock, after standing still for 15 minutes, thrust him away to mid-on for three, and brought his individual score to 100, which he had taken 3 hours and 20 minutes to compile. He was loudly cheered from the stand and ropes. The rate of scoring increased, Reed sweeping Hatt round to leg for 4, and Holdstock quickly increased his score by 13. Reed had some luck, twice escaping being caught from sharp chances in the slips and at the wicket. He was paying scant attention to defence, however, and drove Hatt to the score board. 250 appeared, and Holdstock pulled Thomas to the ring and hit him for 3 and 2 in the same over. Then he turned his attention to G. Walker, getting a quartette from cuts and leaves, and his partner served Hatt in similar fashion. At 286 Holdstock's long innings came to an end, Walters safely holding him at deep mid-on. The Lutonian had scored 138 without having given the semblance of a chance, and a really brilliant innings contained scarcely a blemish. He was strongly armed at all points against an attack which never flagged, cutting, driving, and leg glancing alike excellently. His shots included nine 4's and 10 3's. At the tea interval Reed was not out 36, and the total 291 for three wickets.

Fred Rawlins did not stay long, being taken by Coppock at the wicket, and it was Kellett who sent up the third hundred, after four hours and a half's batting. He was, however, bowled by Walters, and half the home wickets were down. Sime followed, only to see Reed bowled by Thomas for 41. He had made some good hits, but it was not one of the Old Bedfordian's best efforts. Sime's ill luck clung to him, for before he could open his scoring account Rogers took him in the slips, and Stevens soon followed him to the pavilion. Turnbull made one fine drive to the screen by way of variety to the fall of wickets, and he had scored 19 when he put his leg in front of a straight one from Thomas. Page made a couple of nice strokes to leg before Bovell was bowled by Walters, and the innings closed for 335. A collection on the ground for Holdstock realised seven guineas, which was raised to about £10 by subsequent donations.

THE VISITORS' INNINGS.

Oxfordshire had a little under half-an-hour's batting before the close of play, and commenced indifferently, Lewendon, in turning a ball to leg, falling to a magnificent catch by Stevens, off Holdstock. It looked impossible for the fielder to get to the ball, but, pitching forward nearly on to his face, he took the ball close to the ground. No other wicket fell, and at the close of play the score was 14 for one wicket.

Bovill and Holdstock opened the Beds. attack on Thursday morning to G. and H. Walker, and both were kept on the defensive by irreproachable bowling. In Holdstock's second over, Buckley, in the slips, failed to hold a catch from G. Walker, who had been missed twice overnight. Runs came very slowly, only 13 being registered after half-an-hour, and then H. Walker late-cut Bovill to the ropes, but his partner was out in the left-hand bowler's next over, playing on to his wicket, with the score at 35. Rogers went out, to stop one ball, but the next he gave Stevens, at square leg, an easy catch. Walker was joined by Walters, and though they appeared fairly at ease, runs were difficult to get, and only 43 resulted from 32 overs (including over-night play). Holdstock, having bowled steadily for an hour, gave way to Buckley (right-hand medium), whilst Bovill, who had bowled 20 overs for 26 runs, was relieved by the Keysoe man. Stevens, who enticed Walters to send a hard chance to Turnbull at mid off. In Stevens next over Walters got him away to the screen, and then to the off boundary with a beautiful drive. Walker meanwhile was batting quietly, and had carried his score patiently to 40, when he "nibbled" at an off ball from Stevens, and was well caught in the slips by Holdstock. Coppock was clean bowled by the left-hander before scoring, and with Thomas as his partner, Walters was brilliantly caught and bowled by Holdstock. The hundred appeared on the board after two hours' play, and then Stevens clean bowled Henry. Thomas batted attractively, there being a deal of power behind his strokes, but at 17 he fell a victim to Holdstock. Howells followed in—and out—easily taken at slip by Buckley, off Bovill, and the last man went to the wicket ten minutes before the luncheon interval, with the total at 123. The pair managed to survive, and the players came in with the score at 129 for 9 wickets.

After luncheon, Alington quickly fell a victim to the combination of Buckley and Bovill, and the innings closed for 137. Captain Turnbull had utilised his bowling very judiciously, and Bovill, Holdstock and Stevens responded well.

Allowing for the tea interval, Bedfordshire were given five minutes' over the four hours in which to endeavour to dispose of Oxfordshire a second time. The home County commenced the task well, for with 13 runs on the board both Alington and Lavendon had been disposed of. Twenty overs only produced 29 runs, but Rozers livened up matters, finding the boundary on three occasions. 50 went up on the board as the result of an hour's play, but at 57 Walker, who had batted very steadily, was clean bowled by Buckley, who had taken the ball from Holdstock. Almost immediately, Stevens, who had replaced Bovill, got Rogers splendidly caught in the long field by Reed, and when the Arlesey bowler got G. Walker caught at the wicket at 60, half the side were out, and Bedfordshire had got a good grip on the game. This was strengthened when Buckley beat and bowled Walters a run later. Coppock and Rogers carried the score to 81, when the tea interval arrived.

The first innings' scores and bowling analysis were as follows:—

Bedfordshire—1st Innings.

Holdstock, c Walters, b Hatt	138
J. H. Buckley, c and b Thomas	78
A. R. Alston, run out	22
C. N. Reed, b Thomas	41
F. Rawlins, c Coppock, b Thomas	6
R. Kellett, b Walters	3
Capt. D. Turnbull, lbw., b Thomas	19
L. Stevens, c Hatt, b Walters	4
W. A. Sime, c Rogers, b Thomas	0
E. Page, not out	5
E. H. Bovill, b Walters	0
Extras	19
Total	335

Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howells	16	3	53	1
Thomas	41	11	74	5
Walters	29.5	10	64	3
Hatt	12	6	3	0
Rogers	13	1	34	0
Alington	6	2	16	0
H. Walker	2	0	5	0
G. Walker	2	0	11	0

Oxfordshire.—1st Innings.

H. Walker, c Holdstock, b Stevens	40
H. Lewendon, c Stevens, b Holdstock	6
G. Walker, b Bovill	10
L. Rogers, c Stevens, b Bovill	0
G. Walters, c and b Holdstock	33
G. Coppock, b Stevens	0
R. P. Thomas, b Holdstock	27
B. J. Henry, b Stevens	2
J. A. Howells, c Buckley, b Bovill	1
A. F. Alington, c Buckley, b Bovill	13
T. M. D. Hatt, not out	4
Extras	17
Total	157

Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bovill	28	11	35	4
Holdstock	30	10	36	3
Rawlins	1	1	0	0
Buckley	7	1	10	0
Stevens	10	1	39	3

Bedfordshire won the match by an innings and 67 runs.

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CRICKET WEEK.

INTERESTING PLAY AT BEDFORD.

FINE FIRST WICKET STAND.

The Bedford Cricket Week suffered with the rest of Bank Holiday events on Monday, and only an hour's play was possible, and that before lunch. Since then, the Week has been favoured with glorious sunshine and some interesting cricket has been witnessed by rather smaller attendances than usual. Pepall has again prepared a set of perfect wickets and the beautiful playing field of Bedford School has never looked better. Mr. F. Crompton, Hon. Secretary of the County Cricket Club, is responsible for the excellent arrangements.

LINCOLNSHIRE'S FIRST VISIT.

There was a very bad light when Turnbull and Kellett left the pavilion to open the Bedfordshire innings against Lincolnshire on Monday morning, and Bedfordshire's opening was almost as dismal as the weather. Kellett made Lincolnshire a present of his wicket when only one run had been scored, and Turnbull was beaten by the fast bowler at 8. Kellett's manner of dismissal was very curious. After missing a ball from Drakes he stood for quite a time with his foot just on the crease. Then the wicket-keeper, who was standing well back to fast bowling, noticed his position, and, shying at the wicket, broke it, the umpire promptly giving Kellett out. It was now a case for extreme caution, and in an increasingly bad light A. R. Alston and Cyril Reed played the right game. Alston got through the well placed field with a couple of beautiful carpet drives to the off ropes, but generally the cricket was very slow. The light became worse and a thin drizzle set in. Exactly at the end of the first hour a conference between wickets resulted in a retirement to the pavilion just in time for batsmen and fielders to escape the first heavy downpour. The score then stood at 38 for two wickets.

Under the influence of bright sunshine the wicket was very difficult when Alston and Reed resumed on Tuesday morning. Both men played with extreme caution and the first five overs were maidens. In the third Alston played back to a ball which wanted smothering, and was bowled. Rawlins kept the wicket going for twenty minutes, and was caught off the first ball he really hit. Hersee and Reed then settled down to a good stand, in which the Old Bedfordian made runs cleverly all round the wicket. The wicket appeared to be getting easier, and it was a bad shot at an easy ball which ended the partnership and sent Reed back. His only chance in a well-made 45 was a sitter to leg at 37. Five for 85.

A FATAL COLLAPSE.

After this fine stand Bedfordshire began to give their wickets away. Sime pulled over a straight ball and was bowled at the same total. Hersee was run out in answering a call for an impossible run two runs later, and with only five added Craig lost his wicket in a similar way. Off the next ball Page was taken at the wicket. Bovill's third ball hit his stumps without dislodging the bails and he went on to make seven of the last little stand which carried the score from 92 to the century.

The Bedfordshire attack met with an early success when Bovill bowled Lee at 6. This steadied the visiting batsmen, the famous pair, Frearson and Searby, playing quietly the remainder of the half-hour before lunch for 34 runs. At 49 Hersee forced Frearson back upon his wickets, and he had made 33 in very attractive style. The wicket was now quite easy, and hadn't enough bone in it for Bovill, but soon after going on a second time he hit Turner's off stump, three wickets being down for 71 runs. Searby was batting very quietly, but having made 22 in a hundred minutes he was beautifully taken at the wickets off Bovill.

The feature of the latter half of the innings was the success of Johnnie Craig, the Banks' bowler. At 121 Mack put one from him into Sime's hands at mid-on. Twenty-nine runs later he got rid of another troublesome batsman, Flatters, by an lbw decision, and at 163, Holt, who at one time had scored 18 consecutive singles, fell to an easy catch at mid-on. Shaw should have provided him with his fourth victim at 173, but Bovill at leg missed a sitter. The tea interval arrived with the score at 184, and on the way in the Lincolnshire captain declared.

Bovill, with three wickets for 29 runs, came out with the best average. Like Stevens, he made the ball swerve a lot, and kept Page busy taking balls on the leg side. Craig's three cost him 46 runs.

FINE EFFORT TO SAVE DEFEAT.

Bedfordshire began their effort to save the odd point at 4.45. With the wicket still playing quite easily there should have been no question as to their ability to accomplish this, but when Kellett was bowled by a wonderfully good ball when he had made the only run scored (it pitched on the leg side and took his off stump), Sime was caught off another good ball at 6, and Reed was bowled by one that broke right across the wicket at 13, a full defeat was by no means a remote contingency.

But fortune began to smile again, and ere long even beamed. Off the next ball Holt, fielding in the slips, allowed the ball to slip through his hands and to hit him below the chest with the full force of a hard cut. It proved a calamitous mistake for Lincolnshire, for Rawlins, the lucky batsman, proceeded with Alston to make the first stand, and for twenty precious minutes this pair kept the bowlers, who now had their tails well up, working hard. Rawlins was content to play an almost passive rôle while Alston got in some pretty shots. Finally, however, he fell into Frearson's leg trap, and put the ball straight into Turner's hands. Four for 42. With Craig as partner the Old Wellingborough School boy began to hit out while Craig in his turn kept the wicket going, the Banks man getting his third single through the slips after 15 minutes' batting. Rawlins off-drove and square-cut with power, while Craig, obedient to instructions, restrained his natural tendency to hit out, but after a partnership of half-an-hour, which added 33 runs, he was bowled by a ball which beat him all the way. Though his contribution was only three it will probably be many a day before he plays a more valuable innings.

Bedfordshire had made 83—one short of the arrears—when the normal time arrived and the visiting captain decided to claim the extra half-hour in the hope that again the tide would turn in his favour. Rawlins immediately cleared off the arrears with a three and carried his individual score into the 40's. Shortly afterwards a leg drive for three sent up Rawlins's 50, and at 6.45 Lincolnshire gave up their fruitless but sporting quest for the odd points, Bedfordshire then being 19 on with five wickets in hand. Rawlins had a big and well-deserved reception as he returned to the pavilion, for not only had he been chiefly instrumental in saving the game, but he had given quite the most sparkling exhibition of batting of the match. Scores:—

Bedfordshire—1st Innings.

Capt. D. Turnbull b Drakes	5
R. Kellett st Shaw b Drakes	1
A. R. Alston b Drakes	11
C. N. Reed b Sutton	45
F. Rawlins c Shaw b Wilson	4
E. D. Hersee run out	8
W. A. Sime b Mack	0
J. H. Craig run out	1
L. Stevens c Wilson b Mack	3
F. Page c Shaw b Sutton	0
E. M. Bovill not out	7
Extras	15
Total	100

Bedfordshire—2nd Innings.

R. Kellett b Drakes	1
A. R. Alston c Turner b Frearson	18
W. A. Sime c Drakes b Wilson	0
C. N. Reed b Drakes	6
F. Rawlins not out	52
J. H. Craig b Mack	3
E. D. Hersee not out	7
Extras	16
Total (for 5 wkts.)	103

Lincolnshire.

R. F. Frearson, lbw wkt b Hersee	33
F. Lee b Bovill	4
J. Searby c Page b Bovill	22
A. R. Turner b Bovill	13
Rev. H. Mack c Sime b Craig	19
A. Holt c Stevens b Craig	34
R. Flatters lbw b Craig	23
G. Shaw not out	13
T. E. Drakes not out	0
Extras	18
Total (for 7 wkts. dec.)	184

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BEDFORDSHIRE'S FIRST VICTORY FOR TWO YEARS.

OXFORDSHIRE BEATEN BY AN INNINGS.

The Oxfordshire XI came along on Tuesday afternoon and were interested spectators of Bedfordshire's spirited and successful defence of their one wee point. On Wednesday morning they were the spectators of another fine effort by Bedfordshire, and this time their interest was more personal. Capt. Turnbull was again fortunate enough to win the toss, and sent in Holdstock and Buckley, neither of whom could play against Lincolnshire, to open the innings on a perfect and easy wicket. Neither seemed to be troubled by the bowling, and after a quiet opening Holdstock began to score the more freely. Despite repeated changes of good bowling the batsmen kept the game moving, both obtaining most of their runs in front of the wickets, and Holdstock getting an occasional scoring shot between the wickets and pretty glances to the leg. They stood on the same mark at 22, but then the Luton professional went ahead again, and he completed his 50 out of 90 at one o'clock. Before this Buckley had given a chance in the slips to Rogers, and before he made his 50 Watkins dropped a hot return from him. The luncheon interval, however, found them still together, the total being 126, and Holdstock's score 60 and Buckley's 58.

The separation came at 163, Thomas holding a hot return from Buckley. For some time the batsmen had been running neck and neck, the lead continually changing hands, and when the end came Buckley was three in front at 78. In his long stay of 2½ hours he hit only three fours—an indication in part of the steadiness of his play, but also due in part to the slowness of the outfield.

Alston, who quickly got off the mark and was soon scoring twice as fast as Holdstock, sent up the second century with a crisp off drive to the seats. With a lovely clean drive to the off boundary Holdstock brought his score to within three of the century. Before he could reach this mark, however, he lost Alston, who was run out in attempting a short run, and it was twenty minutes later when, with a pretty shot past mid-on, he achieved his object. His century had been 3 hours 20 minutes in the making, and his best shots were five boundaries and seven threes.

Reed, the stylist of the side, got in some pretty shots in collecting his first ten, but he was most certainly in special favour with the gods, when, before he reached his 20, he was twice dropped off hard chances in the slips and once by the wicket-keeper, standing well back to the fast bowler.

Holdstock's long innings came to a close shortly before the tea adjournment, Walters taking him easily at deep mid-on. His 138 included eight fours and 11 threes, and until his fatal stroke he gave nothing resembling a chance in his four hours' stay at the wickets. The score was then 268 for 3.

Tea time brought its proverbial luck to the fielding side. Rawlins was smartly taken at the wicket at 299 and three runs later Kellett and Reed were bowled. The latter's 41 included four lovely boundaries. Sime was caught at point before opening his account—his third "duck" of the Week. Stevens promised something better, but he had made only four when he offered Hatt an easy catch at silly short leg. Three for 286—eight for 320! It was now Turnbull's policy to hit out and take risks, but at 330 he was out to an lbw decision, and the end came with Bovill's dismissal at 335.

Oxfordshire had about half-an-hour's batting on Wednesday, Bovill and Holdstock leading off the attack. With the score at 8 Stevens brought off a great catch at leg which dismissed Lewendon before he had scored. Stevens dived for the ball and took it almost from off the ground. H. Walker and G. Walker then played out time, the score standing at 14 for one wicket.

BEDFORDSHIRE BOWLERS' GOOD DAY.

On Thursday morning the teams settled down to a grim struggle for the first innings lead, a definite conclusion on such a plumb and easy wicket seeming highly improbable. The two Walkers batted very steadily but the Bedfordshire bowlers met with two very gratifying early successes, G. Walker being bowled by Bovill at 36, and getting Rogers caught by Stevens at short leg at the same total. Walters and Coppock made half an hour's stand and added 41 runs before Coppock was beaten by Stevens's slow ball. Two magnificent catches by Holdstock—one low down in the slips at 91, and the other a low left-handed acceptance of a hot return from Walters in the next over—put Bedfordshire's star in the ascendant, six good wickets being down for 97 runs. Henry, who had not shaped at all well, played on to Stevens at 104, and at lunch time there were nine wicket down for 128. The end of the innings came at 2.30, when Alington cut one into the safe hands of Buckley.

Bovill's four wickets cost 35 runs, Holdstock's three 36, and Stevens's three 39.

198 runs behind, Oxfordshire followed on at 2.40. The opening pair played very cautiously, but before the first ten appeared Alington was bowled by one of Holdstock's breaking balls. At 13 Lewenson failed to stop one from Bovill which swung across from leg and hit the stumps.

For half-an-hour Rogers, nephew of "Dick" of that ilk, and H. Walker played the bowling with confidence until Turnbull made a double change which brought on Stevens and Buckley, the Arlesey veteran getting his first turn with the ball. In his second over he bowled Walker, and at the same total (57) Stevens got rid of Rogers through a catch by Reed. Three runs later another dangerous bat was dismissed, Walters, the Hotspur pro, giving Buckley his second wicket. Buckley got his third victim with only one run added, Page taking G. Walker at the wicket. Tea was taken with the score at 72 for 6 wickets. It had risen to 91 when the next bowling success came. Bovill, who, after a welcome rest, had relieved Stevens, and was making the ball break back quickly from the off, bowled Coppock and Henry in the same over at 91. There was now a merry interlude of hard hitting by Thomas and Howells before Kellett accepted a hot catch at mid-on which closed Thomas's enterprising venture at 120. The end came soon afterwards at 131, leaving Bedfordshire victorious by an innings and 67 runs. This was the home county's first full win for two seasons.

Bovill bowled 21 overs for 39 runs and five wickets. Buckley's three cost 25, and Stevens's one 15. Scores:—

Bedfordshire 1st Innings.

Holdstock c Walters b Hatt	138
J. H. Buckley c & b Thomas	78
A. R. Alston run out	22
C. N. Reed b Thomas	41
F. Rawlins c Coppock b Thomas	6
R. Kellett b Walters	3
Capt. D. Turnbull lbw b Thomas	19
W. A. Sime c Rogers b Thomas	0
L. Stevens c Hatt b Walters	4
E. Page not out	5
E. M. Bovill b Walters	0
Extras	19
Total	335

Oxfordshire—1st Innings.

H. Walker c Holdstock b Stevens	40
H. Lewendon c Stevens b Holdstock	0
G. Walker b Bovill	10
Rogers c Stevens b Bovill	0
Walters c & b Holdstock	33
G. Coppock b Stevens	0
R. Thomas b Holdstock	17
B. J. Henry b Stevens	2
A. F. Alington c Buckley b Bovill	13
J. A. Howells c Buckley b Bovill	1
T. M. D. Watt not out	4
Extras	17
Total	137

Oxfordshire 2nd Innings.

A. F. Alington b Holdstock	3
H. Lewendon b Bovill	10
H. Walker b Buckley	13
Rogers c Reed b Stevens	28
Walters b Buckley	3
G. Walker c Page b Buckley	0
G. Coppock b Bovill	12
R. P. Thomas c Kellett b Bovill	28
B. J. Henry b Bovill	0
J. Howells b Bovill	18
T. M. D. Hatt not out	7
Extras	10
Total	131

CRICKET NOTES.

Bedford Cricket Week.

Bedford Cricket Week created a new record on Monday by having its first day practically "washed out" by the rain. Generally the opening day of the Week has been favoured with good weather, and though sometimes there have been showers the hours of sunshine have always predominated. This misbehaviour of the weather is all the more unfortunate for the County Club for it deprived them of by far their best gate of the season.

The leading events of the Week at the time of writing have been (in their order of happening) the Bedfordshire collapse on Tuesday morning, and Holdstock's century and the first-wicket stand and the presentation to Wilfrid King on Wednesday. The collapse was all the more enigmatical because Bedfordshire had come creditably through the worst period of the wicket, and had 80 up for the loss of four wickets. Then came the collapse, and all the side were out for 100. Two foolish run-outs materially helped to bring about the debacle.

The bowling of Craig and Bovill, and the batting of Rawlins in the second innings, provided a welcome relief to this failure. Both made the ball swerve in from the off—and Page, the stumper, afterwards said he had never before had so much work to do on the leg side as he had on Tuesday. Craig's maiden bowling effort was extremely valuable, but it was eclipsed by his stand with Rawlins afterwards which helped to save the full defeat. True, Craig made only three singles in that critical half-hour, but he kept the wicket going for Rawlins, and that was all his captain asked of him.

Wednesday's big first innings' partnership was all the more noteworthy from being made by veterans whose joint ages topped the century. Holdstock's century, the first for the County this season, was much the sounder innings. Both he and Buckley played steadily all through, obtaining practically all their runs in front of the wicket, but Buckley gave one easy chance, and on several occasions narrowly missed being bowled. Still, it was a great display for a man over 50 who gets little County cricket nowadays. A collection on the ground when Holdstock reached his century added over £7 to the popular Luton professional's talent money.

Another old County player to do well this week was H. G. Goddard, the Three Counties' Hospital attendant. He scored a dashing 134 not out against Biggleswade, his driving being particularly good.

Bank Holiday Cricket at Southill.

Whilst the county and other matches in and around Bedford were almost "washed out" by the rain the Conservative Club and Southill teams managed to have a good day in Southill Park, scoring 407 runs for 11 wickets, although play was limited by the rain. One of the chief contributors to the Club's fine total of 267 for four wickets was was W. Bovell-Jones, the Old Bedfordian and County player, who hit up 61, other big scorers for the Club being S. Hodge (O.B.M.) (74 not out), N. Timmins (59 not out), whilst for Southill F. C. Finch was unbeaten at the end with 54 runs to his credit.

A Worthy Successor.

From the Bedford Modern School averages it would appear that W. L. Davis has well prepared himself for the mantle of C. H. Williams next season. He is second to Williams in the batting averages and heads the bowling statistics, although, of course, Sowman and Williams have been the mainstay of the attack. Davis has had three seasons in the first XI and has two more in front of him in the ordinary course of events. Wilfrid Davis is Bedford-born, and, like another Wilfrid from the Modern School who is this week again in the public eye, he should be able to give his county long and honourable service in the cricket field.

"Freddy" Millman's Brilliant Batting.

The Clarence again proved what a strong combination they really are, when they easily defeated Everton in Bedford Park on Saturday before a large holiday crowd. Everton again lived up to their reputation for real solid and defensive batting, but it was noticeable how many balls were left alone that could have been scored off had some of their batsmen been more enterprising. The Clarence opened confidently against Everton's score of 97, and passed this total before their first wicket fell. "Freddy" Millman's batting was delightful to watch. He reached his 50 while his partner's score stood at 6, and he retired eventually for 68.

Championship Form.

Another outstanding feature of this match was the fine all round performance of Barcock for the Clarence. After capturing seven of the villagers' wickets for 27 runs, he was the other of the Clarence's opening batsmen who passed their opponents' total of 94 before they were separated. Barcock made 25. When the Clarence opened their innings Millman set about the bowling and in 35 minutes scored 68 without giving a chance. Everton tried eight bowlers, but they were all treated the same. No matter what style of ball was bowled if it was at all possible to hit it this pair did, and hit it hard. The first 70 runs came in 25 minutes!

Defeated at Last.

A season's record was smashed at Pillinge on Saturday, when the previously undefeated Wootton Pillinge 2nd team were well beaten by their fellow workers and near neighbours, Forder's Elstow Works. The latter are one of the youngest and most improved teams in the League, and on Saturday they achieved one of their greatest ambitions by winning this match against the Pillinge 2nd. For Elstow A. Braybrooks (28), and F. Faulkner (29) topped the batting list, while S. Turner was in great form and, besides hitting up 15, took six wickets for 18 runs. Wootton were dismissed for 50, their lowest total this season.

Free Church League Final Game.

Many of the "big guns" of the Bedford Free Church League were on view on Wednesday and Thursday last week in Bedford Park for the annual match between the Champions and the Rest of the League. It was hoped that the match would be played in the mellow sunshine of these late July evenings, but spoil-sport July lived up to its reputation, and it rained heavily twice on the first evening (when The Rest were batting) and made it difficult for the Bromham Road bowlers to control the ball.

Faulkner's Brilliant Century.

H. Faulkner and L. F. Elderkin opened the batting for The Rest, and they both took time to settle down, each offering chances, but the fielders were finding the wet ball difficult to hold. The score mounted steadily, however, Elderkin in particular making several delightful cuts. The first wicket fell at 90, Howard getting Elderkin caught for a well played 35. With A. J. Bailey in, Faulkner continued to bat splendidly and at a fast pace, making the majority of his runs on the leg side. His leg pulls and leg glances were especially pretty to watch, but we should have liked to see more of that flashing square cut which he produces on too few occasions. The innings was declared on Faulkner reaching his century, and he fully deserved his ovation.

The weather was much more pleasant on the next night, and it was expected that the Champions would find runs hard to get against The Rest's array of bowlers. G. W. Howard and F. Sharp were in a subdued mood, but the runs came gradually, both players giving a fine display of real dogged batting. After "Jack" Howard lost his wicke for a steady 29, J. Wheatley and F. Sharp made another stand, Sharp being caught by H. Brown for a sound 49. When time was called the Champions had made 125 for the loss of only two wickets.

A Goldington Prodigy.

On Friday before the children broke up for their summer holidays, Fred Harlow, captain of the cricket team, was presented with an inscribed medal and a book on cricket, a member of the school team's supporters being desirous of giving practical expression of their appreciation of his splendid bowling performances during the season. He took 108 wickets for 183 runs, average 1.7. In league cricket his 63 wickets cost 132 runs, average 1.9, and in friendly games 40 for 56, average 1.4. Mrs. Gotliffe made the presentation and Harlow was loudly cheered by his schoolmates.

Queen's Works v. Bedford Ramblers.

This match was played in Allen Park on Saturday and resulted in a very interesting game. On a very easy wicket Perry and Cooper gave the Ramblers a good start by putting on 87 for the first wicket, Perry being caught in the slips for 45. Bovdl-Jones then joined Cooper, and the score was taken to 136 when Cooper was lbw to Warren. At 186 for 4 wickets the innings was declared closed, leaving the Queen's 1½ hours in which to obtain the necessary runs. This was accomplished with about two minutes to spare, the chief scorers being Keech (80), Golding (53), and Childs (27 not out). Scores:—

Bedford Ramblers.

H. N. Perry c Keech b Faulkner	45
H. T. Cooper, lbw b Warren	46
W. Bovell-Jones b Knight	45
S. Bruce b Knight	13
A. E. Burley not out	4
H. T. King not out	10
Extras	23
Total (for 4 wkts. dec.)	186

S. Wharton, L. H. Howard, C. Basen, H. White, and F. Jones did not bat.

Queen's Works.

T. Golding b Bruce	53
H. Faulkner c Wharton b Jones	6
S. Harris c King b Jones	6
S. Keech c Bruce b Jones	80
W. A. H. Childs not out	27
A. W. Settles c White b Jones	1
H. Warren not out	12
Extras	11
Total (for 5 wkts.)	196

F. Knight, H. Tingey, F. William, and J. Smith did not bat.

BEDFORD & DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Division I.

Bedford Clarence v. Everton.

Played at Bedford Park on Saturday, when the Champions' opening pair passed the villagers' total of 94 before they were separated. Barcock also captured seven wickets for 27 runs. Scores :—

Everton :H. Gurney c Wells b Barcock 9, H. Darlow b Ives 0, A. Barnett b Ives 8, T. Tott c Barker b Alcock 27, S. Wisson b Barcock 23, C. Gurney c Millman b Barcock 1, F. Gurney c Wells b Barcock 3, W. Smith b Barcock 0, F. Baldock b Barcock 6, S. Wissin not out 3, H. Gurney st Wells, b Barcock 0, extras 14, total 94.

Bedford Clarence : F. Millman not out 68, S. Barcock b Tott 25, H. Alcock st Smith b Tott 1, F. King not out 6, G. Read c C. Gurney b Wisson 7; extras 6, total 113 for three wickets declared. E. Barker, O. Maynard, S. Williamson, F. Field, R. Ives, and M. Wells did not bat.

Renhold v. Marston.

At Renhold on Saturday the home team had no difficulty in beating Marston, thanks to a fine score of 53 not out by J. H. Joyce, and to F. E. Harlow, who took seven wickets for 14 runs H. Franklin took four wickets for 24 for the losers. Scores :

Renhold : W. Harlow 0, P. Harlow 9, P. Joyce 3, O. L. Boyes 15, J. H. Joyce not out 53, E. Constant 2, F. E. Harlow 1, H. Harlow 1, W. Wootton 1, C. Allen 13, J. Fensome not out 3, extras 13, total for nine wickets declared 114.

Marston : H. Odell 2, H. Faulkner 9, E. Magenty 5, A. Brinsley 0, R. Copperwheat 5, P. Faulkner 1, A. Burridge 0, S. Gillett 0, L. Adams 0, S. Knight not out 4, H. Faulkner 1, extras 5, total 32.

Biddenham v. Conservative Club.

This match was played in Bedford Park on Saturday, when Biddenham gained an easy victory. The visitors were strengthened by the inclusion of Southgate and Manning. They lost Burton before a run had been scored, but by consistent scoring afterwards the century was reached, five batsmen obtaining double figures. Manning (23) and Green (22) were top scorers. Thompson obtained 3 wickets for 9 runs and Bonfield 3 for 40. On the Club going in to bat they made a poor show on what appeared to be a perfect batsman's wicket. Keens and Laughton were soon bowled by Burton, and Dawson left when 15 were registered. Then came a regular procession, F. H. Coleman alone being able to stay. He carried out his bat for 3 Burton seemed to get all the batsmen guessing and captured 8 wickets for 30 runs, a fine performance on a good wicket. Scores:

Biddenham: H. A. Southgate c & b Bonfield 10, A. Burton b Bonfield 0, R. Brown b F. H. Coleman 17, T. W. Manning b Geary 23, F. Green c Valentine b Bonfield 22, S. Frossell b F. H. Coleman 11, R. Holland b Thompson 3, R. West not out 8, R. Poole c Geary b Thompson 0, A. Johnson run out 0, G. Jackson c Coleman b Thompson 4, extras 2, total 100.

Conservative Club: W. Dawson lbw b Burton 14, R. Keens b Burton 0, C. Laughton b Burton 0, F. H. Coleman not out 30, E. Fisher c Southgate b Burton 0, H. Day c Burton b West 1, E. Valentine lbw b Burton 8, W. Thompson c Brown b West 3, H. Sargent b Burton 0, J. Bonfield b Burton 2, R. Geary b Burton 2 extras 6, total 66.

Division II (South).

Kempston v. Haynes.

This return league game was played at Springfield. Thanks to a bright display of batting by S. Francis (59), the visitors ran up 105. Francis was lucky, as ere he had scored he was caught at the wicket by Eames, but the umpire being unsighted, gave the batsman the benefit of his decision. The home skipper varied his order of batting, and although at the end it worked out trumps, at one period it looked black enough. With seven wickets down for 39 runs the match seemed as good as over, but Eames played one of the best innings seen on the ground this season, and with Benyon put on 40 runs for the eighth wicket, and in partnership with Tipton 30 for the ninth. The excitement was intense, as the issue was in doubt up to the last moment. Eames just missed his 50 by two runs. Scores :—

Haynes : S. Francis 59, A. Keens 4, F. Green 6, H. Bass 8, A. Brittain 3, G. Potter 10, G. Barber 1, H. Herbert 6, H. Cox not out 4, A. Cox 1, extras 3, total 105.

Kempston : R. Porter 3, C. Flinders 6, A. Spavins 6, E. Pestell 4, N. Chambers 4, S. Eeams 48, T. C. Curtis 2, E. Green-Emmott 1, W. Bennion 14, W. Tipton 16, W. Houghton not out 1, extras 5, total 110.

Wootton Pillinge 2nd v. Forder's Elstow Works.

At Wootton Pillinge on Saturday this match proved a real local "Derby". Pillinge 2nd had previously not been beaten this season, but the Elstow Works' team brought off a splendid victory Turner was a painful thorn in the side of the Wootton bowlers and batsmen, for besides hitting up 15, he took six wickets for 18 runs. For Pillinge S. Everitt took four wickets for 0 runs. Scores :—

Wootton Pillinge 2nd : E. Nicholls 2, W. Mepham 2, E. Hutchings 8, B. Beard 6, A. Moore 2, S. Odell 10, S. Everitt 9, W. Ellis 0, S. Smith not out 3, K. Jeeves 0, W. Evans 0, extras 8, total 50.

Forder's Elstow Works : S. Turner 15, C. Haynes 10, G. Beard 1, R. Reeves 11, A. Braybrooks 28, W. Goldsmith 10, F. Wadsworth 1, F. Faulkner 29, G. Darlow 1, R. Proctor not out 0, S. Breed 4, extras 5, total 115.

Lidlington v. Railway Athletic.

Played at Lidlington. S. Henman made 20 runs for his side, and L. Taylor took 6 wickets for 8 runs. Scores :—

Lidlington : J. Rowe 0, A. Tansley 0, A. Cook 6, F. Cook 1, S. Henman 20, L. Taylor 1, G. Caves 1, W. Henman 2, C. Hudson 1, A. Cook 3, H. Bennett 6, extras 14, total 55.

Railway Athletic : G. Emmerson 1, F. Bone 1, C. Sills 1, F. Holmes 6, V. Phillips 2, E. Mann 0, G. Woods 1, G. Brittain 12, E. Gilbert 0, L. Ivett 2, A. E. Lumbey 0, extras 7, total 32.

Ridgmont v. Wootton Hall End.

This match was played at Ridgmont on Saturday and won rather easily by the visitors. Wootton batted first, and after C. Burraway had lost his wicket for 2, G. Hutchings and B. Copperwheat made 30. The innings closed for 75, mainly through the bowling of Simms, who went on late and captured five wickets for 11 runs. The home side were all out for 36. W. Hutchings (six wickets for 13), and Copperwheat (four for 6) proved almost unplayable on a wicket which bumped badly. Scores :—

Wootton Hall End : C. Burraway 2, B. Copperwheat 16, G. Hutchings 26, B. Haddow 7, P. Wadsworth 1, W. Hutchings 5, H. Hutchings 0, J. Burraway 0, J. Beard 1, A. Curtis not out 6, E. Gilbert 3, extras 5, total 75.

Ridgmont : C. MacGregor 10, R. Barrett 4, W. Hirdle 1, T. Fisher 0, T. Miller 9, J. Scotney 2, R. Simms 0, A. Williamson 0, B. Pilgrim 0, R. Cook 5, R. Wright not out 9, extras 5, total 36.

Division III (South).

Haynes 2nd v. Houghton Conquest.

At Haynes on Saturday the home eleven narrowly missed defeat by Houghton Conquest, the latter, when time was called in the second innings, wanting only 9 runs to win, with only one wicket down. Scores :—

Haynes 2nd : F. Joy 2 1, F. Burnage 0 11, C. Thorogood 5 10, G. Herbert 2 3, D. L. Simms 3 0, F. Simms not out 6 8, S. Cooper 5 0, R. Francis 0 9, S. Joy 0 1, A. Joy 0 1, F. Cox 0 0 not out, extras 1 3, totals 24 and 47.

Houghton Conquest : L. Gillett 0, F. Day 2 1, W. Gilbert 14 21 not out, J. Webb 3 15 not out, W. Dunkley 1, F. Huckle 0, J. Odell 2, G. White 0, W. Brightman 0, A. White 0, J. Chapman not out 0, extras 0 4, totals 22 and 41 for one wicket.

MID-BEDFORDSHIRE LEAGUE.

Division II.

Steppingley v. Houghton Regis 2nd.

Played at Steppingley on 30th July. Scores: Houghton Regis 43 (J. Mitcham 12, R. Hill 7, G. Evett 7, W. Rowe 6); Steppingley 53 (A. Scott 14, P. Saunders 9).

Sundon v. Harlington 2nd.

At Sundon on Saturday the homesters beat Harlington II by 32 runs. Harlington's top scorers were P. Avory (16), and W. Justice (8). For Sundon L. Billington topped the list with 19, H. Everitt getting 16, C. Hull 10, P. Timms 8, and F. Hull 8 not out. For Harlington P. Avory also took 4 wickets for 8 runs, and for Sundon R. Hull 3 for 7, L. Billington 4 for 27, and C. Hull 2 for 2. Scores: Sundon 74, Harlington 2nd 42.

EAST BEDFORDSHIRE LEAGUE.

Division I.

Woodbury v. Stotfold Ath.

On their own ground on Saturday Woodbury were beaten by Stotfold by five runs. For the winners C. Campling captured 7 wickets for 21 runs, and E. Peters hit up twelve; for Stotfold H. G. Ansell made 22 runs and A. Mayes took 4 for 28.

Division II.

Langford v. Sandy.

Sandy managed to get the points at Langford on Saturday by two runs. For Langford B. Rogers batted well and made 34 runs, but E. Standon was the only Sandy player to reach double figures. Scores: Langford 70, Sandy 72.

Division III.

Beeston Ath. v. Broom.

There was some sensational bowling in this league game on Saturday. For Beeston R. Dent obtained 7 wickets for 16 runs, and for Broom F. Rook took 5 for 13. Scores: Beeston 42, Broom 46.

Sandy 2nd v. Langford 2nd.

The Sandonians' second string nearly topped the century on Saturday and won very easily against Langford 2nd. For the winners H. Leonard made 25 runs and took 4 wickets for 18, and for Langford A. Whiteman claimed 4 for 24. Scores: Sandy 97, Langford 2nd 49.

Edworth v. Ickwell.

Ickwell 2nd won by 7 runs, G. Parish getting 6 wickets for 8 runs, and G. Berridge scoring 16. For Edworth E. Farey captured 5 wickets for 16 runs. Scores: Edworth 33, Ickwell 2nd 40.

Broom v. Meppershall 2nd.

Broom gave Meppershall's 2nd XI plenty of running about on Saturday, and only failed to reach the century mark by three runs. For Broom A. Swain captured 6 for 8 and scored 19 runs, and H. Rook hit up 36. Scores: Broom 95, Meppershall 2nd 26.

Beeston Ath. 2nd v. Old Warden 2nd.

Old Warden made the highest score in the League on Saturday, when their total was 126 runs, of which number G. Berridge made 32, and A. Cooper 29. G. Berridge also captured 4 wickets for 18 runs. Scores: Beeston Ath. 2nd 31, Old Warden 2nd 126.

OTHER MATCHES.

Gas Athletic v. North End Club.

Played in Bedford Park, the Gas Athletic winning by 44 runs, thanks in the main to the effective bowling of G. Dear (five for 18), and Young (three for 26). Scores :—

North End Club : Dillingham c Edmond b G. Dear 5, C. Hinde c Warner b Young 3, Dove b Young 10, Jones b Young 17, J. Hinde b G. Dear 1, A. Dear b G. Dear 6, Simms b G. Dear 8, Poole b G. Dear 0, Litchfield not out 2, extras 1, total for eight wickets 53. Barcock and Freeman did not bat.

Gas Athletic : Payne lbw b Jones 20, Cole b Jones 1, Young b C. Hinde 15, G. Dear b C. Hinde 1, Colburt lbw b Jones 1, Worsley c Litchfield b Jones 4, Sewell not out 24, Warner not out 26, extras 5, total for six wickets 97. Mowe, Edmond, and Lewis did not bat.

St. Paul's Wesleyan v. Conservative Club.

This game was played in Bedford Park on Friday evening. St. Paul's took first knock but lost two wickets for no score. Barnes and Brown improved matters, putting on 40 of which Barnes claimed 30. The whole side were out for 90. Bonfield bowled well, capturing 4 wickets for 31 runs. The Conservatives lost Keens for three, but Coleman and Laughton made a good stand and put on half a century before being parted. Then Day batted well and the game was won at the fall of the sixth wicket. W. Valentine bowled well, claiming four wickets. Scores:—

St. Paul's Wesleyans: R. Sprague c Warton b Bonfield 0, A. F. Barnes c Warton b Bonfield 30, G. Jackson b Bonfield 0, H. R. Brown b Warton 7, W. Bruce lbw b Bonfield 2, C. H. Studman c Bonfield b Geary 9, W. Valentine b Geary 0, P. E. Miller run out 19, H. C. Piper not out 4, E. H. L. Stonebanks b Warton 0, L. G. Ashwell lbw b Coleman 14, extras 5, total 90.

Conservative Club: R. Keens b Studman 1, C. Laughton b Ashwell 33, F. H. Coleman b Valentine 28, H. King c Jackson b Valentine 3, S. Warton c Ashwell b Valentine 1, E. Valentine b Valentine 4, H. Day 18, extras 5, total (for 6 wkts.) 91. E. Fisher, J. Bonfield, W. Thompson, and R. Geary did not bat.

Conservative Club v. Southill.

This game was played at Southill Park on Bank Holiday. Owing to rain play was limited. The visitors, by consistent scoring, reached 267 for 4 wickets—Jones, Timmins and Hodge topping the half-century. The homesters scored 140 for 7, mainly through the fine batting of Finch, who carried out his bat for 54. Scores :—

Conservative Club : H. King 12, E. Fisher 34, W. Bovell-Jones 61, S. Keech 20, N. Timmins not out 59, S. Hodge not out 74, extras 7, total (4 wickets) 267. S. Warton, H. Sargent H. Day, T. Pearson, and R. Geary did not bat.

Southill : H. Sherman 21, L. Sherman 13, L. Brown 4, F. C. Finch not out 54, G. Dilley 9, H. Bryant 10, H. Litford 9, C. Brown 5, H. Bass 6, extras 9, total (7 wickets) 140. D. Faulkner and C. Bush did not bat.

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Southill v. Bedfordshire Club and Ground (Extra).

This match was played at Southill on the 30th July, and resulted in a draw in favour of the Club and Ground. The Club and Ground made 177, of which R. Sprague (39), H. G. Hill (30), and A. S. Holiday (23) all played useful innings. Southill replied with 118 runs for 9 wickets. L. Brown batted well for his 50, including 9 boundaries. L. Stileman-Gibbard took 4 wickets for 42 runs. Scores:—

Bedfordshire Club and Ground (Extra): A. F. Beagle c C. Brown b L. Brown 17, W. H. Hills b L. Brown 19, L. W. Dixon c Knight b L. Brown 0, R. Sprague c sub b L. Brown 39, H. G. Hill b E. Longhurst 30, F. P. Denison b F. Finch 7, L. Stileman-Gibbard run out 8, A. S. Holiday c Finch b Longhurst 23, C. Rawlins b Finch 15, Cook-Yarborough c Sherman b Finch 19, A. N. Other not out 0, extras 2, total 177.

Southill: F. Finch c Dixon b Beagle 17, L. Brown c C. Rawlins b Stileman-Gibbard 50, C. Knight st Denison b Stileman-Gibbard 15, F. Ballurd b Stileman-Gibbard 2, L. Sherman c Dixon b W. H. Hills 5, C. Brown b Dixon 0, A. Crispen run out 12, W. Faulkner c H. G. Hill b Stileman-Gibbard 1, E. Longhurst not out 10, W. Cairns c Sprague b H. G. Hill 0, W. Harris not out 1, extras 5, total (for 9 wickets) 118.

Three Counties Mental Hospital v. Biggleswade.

Biggleswade had plenty of leather-hunting on Saturday, when the Three Counties Mental Hospital team declared when 303 had been scored for the fall of 4 wickets. H. G. Goddard played a very fine innings of 134 not out, his driving being greatly admired. Biggleswade scored 170 runs. F. Moles making 45 by patient cricket, and W. A. Birkett hit six fours in his score of 25 runs. Scores:—

Three Counties Mental Hospital: J. Vine 17, P. Robinson 35, J. O. Fuller 46, E. J. Albon 24, H. G. Goddard 134 not out, J. H. Buckley 37 notout, extras 10, total (for 4 wickets declared) 303.

Biggleswade: B. A. Field 17, C. Stapleton 14, G. H. Thompson 5, A. O. Brown 22, J. Rowchford 22, F. Moles 45, J. K. Thomason 0, F. Rogers 14, W. A. Birkett 25, C. Green 0, L. H. Collings not out 1, extras 5, total 170.

Aspley Guise v. Queen's Works.

At Aspley on Tuesday the villagers won this pleasant game by 108 runs, thanks to some clever bowling by G. Barnwell (5 for 15) and L. Wheeler (4 for 24). Scores:—

Aspley Guise: A. R. Sinfield 7, L. S. Shenton 0, E. G. Taylor 54, L. Wheeler 15, Capt. J. H. Courage 34, W. G. Day 3, S. A. Eagles 4, S. Parren 11, C. Stone 0, G. Bromage 0, G. S. Barnwell not out 6, extras 17, total 149.

Queen's Works: H. Pearce 3, H. Tingey 6, Trueman 0, Knight 1, Millard 1, Barnes 7, Gilbert 9, Smith 4, Tingey 2, Loveday 0, Covington not out 1, extras 2, total 41.

Bedford Adult School v. R.A.W., Cardington.

This match was played on Saturday in Bedford Park. The R.A.W. were dismissed for 80, Reid bowling throughout and taking 6 for 18. The Adult School's innings realized 188, of which Sharp scored a splendid 66. Scores:—

R.A.W.: Moore 13, Harper 20, Potton 8, Johnson 0, Ashby 6, Chandler 14, Brumwell 1, Southwell 0, Rust 7, Logan 5, Jones 0, extras 6, total 80.

Adult School: N. Wright 4, F. Sharp 66, R. Swales 33, W. Hartwell 0, W. Trueman 32, F. Panter 3, R. Cowper 3, G. Reid 21, L. Rose not out 3, extras 23, total (for 8 declared) 188.

Kempston East Wesleyans v. Adult School.

Played in Russell Park. Kempston East Wesleyans 21 (Wright 5 for 7, Rose 4 for 9). Adult School 125 (Rose 34 not out, White 21, B. Catlin 22).

Bedford Casuals v. The Martins.

The second meeting of these teams this season in Bedford Park on 28th July ended in a win for the Casuals by 57 runs. The Martins scored 35, being evidently somewhat disturbed by the bowling of Redman, Thomas, and Timmins. The opening batsmen for the Casuals were soon dismissed, and it looked as if the game might be close, until a sixth wicket stand of 45 decided the issue. Scores:—

The Martins 35 (Timmins 12, Linger 12). The Casuals 92 (Stoodley 23, Westcott 29, Draper 15).

Igranic v. Cryselco.

This game, played in the Park on Saturday, resulted in a win for the Cryselco by 6 wickets. The Igranic made 159, Cambers being top scorer with 85. The Cryselco had no difficulty in passing this good total for the loss of 4 wickets. Scores:—

Igranic: Wickson 4, Martin 7, Panter 0, Lloyd 22, Worsley 0, Cambers 85, Claridge 6, Campion 2, Diemer 0, Rushton not out 4, Steele 16, extras 13, total 159.

Cryselco: L. Barker 11, G. Turff 62, F. Cambers 61, R. Billingham not out 23, H. Draper 0, H. Brealey not out 1, extras 5, total (for 4 wkts.) 163.

Bromham v. Igranic 2nd.

Played in Bedford Park on 28th July. Scores: Igranic 2nd 115 (Panther 37, Thoyd 35, F. Cambers 12), Bromham 89 (A. Hyde 16, V. Wells 14, L. Rideout 11, E. Flute 11).

Bromham v. Meltis.

Played on the Meltis ground, where, after a splendid game, Meltis left winners by 9 runs. Cole played sterling cricket, carrying out his bat from the 4th wicket for 86. The best performances for Bromham were A. Freeman (24), H. Freeman (18), L. Rideout (16), and A. Everest (16). Bellamy and Cole bowled well for the Meltis, and White (2 for 23), Freeman (3 for 52), and Rideout (3 for 16), for Bromham. Scores:—

Bromham: L. White 7, R. Bruty 4, J. Buckby 11, E. Freeman 0, A. Everest 16, G. Gough 1, L. Rideout 16, H. Freeman 18, A. Freeman 24, F. Bartholomew 8, R. Waller 0, extras 16, total 121.

Meltis: Young 0, Lovegrove 11, Bellamy 0, Simms 10, Cole 86, Hutchins 0, Ivett 0, Stockwell 0, Harris 1, Makelann 9, Robinson 4, extras 9, total 130.

Ampthill Town v. Highgate Albion.

This annual match was played in Ampthill Park on Monday, when the home team won by 61 runs. For Ampthill Cook, Skinner, and Stearn batted well, whilst Underwood (5 for 26) and F. Pressland (5 for 17) did well with the ball. Scores:—

Ampthill: R. Underwood 0, H. A. Newman 5, J. W. Cook 22, R. Skinner 24, R. Stearn 24, F. Stanbridge 6, P. Saunders 3, J. Hoptroff 5, E. Pressland 1, P. Woods not out 2, F. Pressland 1, extras 21, total 111.

Highgate Albion made 50.

Toddington v. Westoning.

On Saturday Toddington entertained Westoning at home and beat them by 97 runs. Westoning knocked up 36. R. V. Hobbs, who has played for Durham County, took 6 wickets for 18 runs. Toddington batted in fine style for 133 runs, of which R. V. Hobbs made 54 (including four sixes and several fours), and W. Coles junr. 27.

Willesden v. Toddington.

On Monday Toddington visited Willesden. Play was restricted owing to rain. Toddington scored 83 runs, out of which W. Coles senr. made 29 and A. Muckleston senr. 24. Willesden had batted for a short time, scoring 10 runs for 1 wicket, when rain stopped play.

Bedford Free Church Thursday XI v. Post Office.

Played in Bedford Park on 28th July, and resulting in a tie of 110 each. Scores:—

Free Church Thursday: W. Brace 21, E. Smith 11, B. Poulter 5, J. E. Charnley 26, H. G. Carter 14, J. R. Wills, 4, H. C. Piper 10, H. D. Devey 0, R. R. Steele 7, P. Miller not out 0, Robinson 2, extras 10, total 110.

Post Office: F. Millman 17, W. Ratcliffe 1, Archer 2, G. A. Pilgrim 26, Goodey 0, R. Keens 5, J. C. Bayes 7, F. Fountain 43, C. Rogers 2, D. Butler 0, R. Burrows not out 2, extras 5, total 110.

Pavenham v. New Wharf.

Played at Pavenham on Saturday, the scores being:

Pavenham: J. Riseley 4, S. Smith 8, W. Robinson 7, A. Wesley 76, G. U. A. Read 30, S. Glidle not out 39, L. Clare not out 4, extras 3, total (for 5 wkts.) 171.

New Wharf made 35, Wesley and G. U. A. Read taking most of the wickets.

Gravenhurst v Maulden.

At Gravenhurst on Saturday Maulden had to admit defeat by 9 runs. For Gravenhurst M. Fripp took 6 wickets for 15 runs and for Maulden A. Page obtained 4 for 12 and W. Newman 4 for 18. Scores:—

Gravenhurst: J. Cook 5, B. Peck 2, B. Womwell 7, F. Dennis 13, M. Fripp 0, N. Martin 3, H. Jepps 4, L. Halls 3, E. Flint 0, N. Fisher not out 1, A. Austin 1, extras 11, total 50.

Maulden: R. Huckle 4, N. Taylor 10, A. Sharp 3, A. White 0, A. Page 5, C. Stanford 0, H. Sharp 4, W. Newman 5, A. Atkins 4, C. Kilby 2, W. Squires not out 0, extras 4, total 41.

Maulden 2nd v. Streatley.

Maulden 2nd entertained Streathley on Saturday, when the visitors won by 32 runs. Scores: Maulden 2nd 32 (J. Fisher 14), Streatley 62.

Pulloxhill v. Shefford Wednesday.

Played at Pulloxhill on the 27th July, Shefford winning by 12 runs. W. Taylor took three wickets for 3 runs, and H. Bryant 7 for 14, for Shefford. Scores: Pulloxhill 20, Shefford 32.

Henlow v. Regent's Athletic.

Henlow entertained this London team of cricketers on the Park ground on Monday. The weather considerably curtailed play, but each side completed an innings. Henlow compiled 83 and the visitors responded with 92, their innings being completed in a downpour of rain.

Clophill v. Silsoe.

This match was played on the Common on Saturday. Whittamore took 5 wickets for 5 runs, and Webb 4 for 6. G. Mann, for Silsoe, bowled well, and accounted for 7 wickets for 20 runs. Scores:—

Clophill: J. Bushby 4, S. Titmas 7, B. J. Webb 8 12 not out, W. E. Seabrook 13, H. Whittamore 1 11 not out, A. Whittamore 15, H. Bushby 1, R. Pearson 12, H. Gibson 0, A. B. Cole 0, M. Young 0, extras 4, totals 65 23.

Silsoe: A. Wildsmith 0 3, J. Lowings 0 9, E. Eady 0 8, A. King 0 0, G. Mann 5 4, T. Halfpenny 1 8, B. Mason 0 9, R. Izzard 0 13, E. Hall 1 5, C. Whiffin 0 10, L. Mann 4 4, extras 1 6, totals 12 79.

Old Warden v. Northampton Vallance.

On Monday Old Warden entertained Northampton Vallance and despite the wretched weather three hours' cricket was played. The visitors compiled 87 runs. The homesters had made 43 for 3 wickets when stumps were drawn.

SATURDAY'S CRICKET FIXTURES.

Bedford & District League.

Bedford Clarence v. Biddenham.
Sharnbrook v. Conservative Club.
Everton v. Elstow Road.
Marston v. Forder's Works.
Igranic Works v. Renhold.

SECOND DIVISION.
Northern Section.

Keysoe v. Thurleigh.
A Queen's Works XI v. Bedford Clarence 2nd.
Felmersham v. Goldington.

Southern Section.

Railway Athletic v. Forder's Works 2nd.
Wootton Hall End v. Haynes.
Ridgmont v. Kempston.
Lidlington v. Forder's Elstow Works.

Eastern Section.

North End Club v. Blunham.
Colesden v. Bolnhurst.
Tempsford v. Great Barford.

THIRD DIVISION.
Northern Section.

Renhold 2nd v. Roxton.
Blunham 2nd v. Everton 2nd.

Southern Section.

Cranfield v. Elstow Road 2nd.
Marston Pillinge v. Forder's Elstow Works 2nd.

Eastern Section.

Stagsden v. Biddenham 2nd.
Cryselco v. Bedford Clarence 3rd.
Goldington 2nd v. Clapham.

T. Plant, O.B.M., won the 100 Yards at Biddenham on Monday in fine style, and R. Blakeman ran third in the 220 Yards.

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CRICKET.

COUNTY WEEK.

Bedfordshire's First Win for Two Years.

DEFEAT BY HERTS.

The Bedfordshire cricket week, which closed on the Bedford School ground on Saturday, was made notable by the fact that on Thursday the home county achieved, at the expense of Oxfordshire, their first win for two years, to which Bert Holdstock, the Luton Town "pro," contributed the only century made for Beds. this season. This fine form was not maintained against Hertfordshire in the concluding match of the week, a dismal collapse by Beds. on Saturday afternoon giving Herts. the easiest of victories.

AN INNINGS VICTORY.

The most successful match of the week, from a Bedfordshire standpoint, was the second, ending on Thursday in the defeat of Oxfordshire by an innings and 67 runs. On the first day the visitors had lost one wicket to Holdstock for 14 in reply to Beds.' total of 335. Next morning two more wickets fell for an addition of 22. The fourth partnership yielded 41, but two magnificent catches by Holdstock, one low down in the slips, and the other a left-handed acceptance of a hot return, brought the eighth man in before the century was hoisted. The last pair carried on until after the luncheon interval, and made the total up to 137. Bovill took 4 wickets for 35, Holdstock 3 for 36, and Stevens 3 for 39.

With four hours left for play, Oxfordshire lost six wickets for 61, and although the next pair added 30, and were not dismissed until after tea, eight were down for 91. The ninth wicket pair strove hard to retrieve the fortunes of their side with some breezy hitting, but the end came at 131. Bovill took 5 wickets for 39, and Buckley 3 for 25.

The way to Bedfordshire's success was paved by a first wicket partnership by Holdstock and J. H. Buckley, which produced 163. Holdstock batted four hours for 138, hitting nine 4's and ten 3's, and giving nothing like a chance. A collection for him on the ground yielded seven guineas, and was made up by donations to about £10.

BEDFORDSHIRE 335; OXFORDSHIRE 137 and 131.

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For the fifth consecutive match, Captain Turnbull was right with the spin of the coin on Friday, and Holdstock and Ross Kellett opened so comfortably on an excellent batting wicket and in genial sunshine, that visions were conjured up of another great innings by the Luton player. With 33 on the board, however, a delivery from Burton came through too fast for him, and he was bowled for 18. Kellett took the next 18 runs before Alston was given out caught at the wicket, and Kellett was another of Burton's victims at 62, having batted 70 minutes.

THREE SHORT.

The partnership of Rawlins and C. N. Reed was productive of delightful cricket, and the score was only three short of the century when Titchmarsh, with a clever low catch at point, sent the former back. The hundred appeared after rather more than a hundred minutes' play, and Reed ran to his half century before lunch, when the score stood at 134 for 4.

Burton secured his fourth wicket at the expense of Williams 18 runs later, and Roberts, the Harpenden bowler, followed with his second, capturing the Beds. skipper with another nine added. Sime provided Reed with a useful partner, and 36 were put on before the latter's fine innings was brought to a close. A terrific drive for four brought him to 97, but in attempting to repeat the feat off the next ball, he misjudged the flight and was bowled by Roberts. He was batting 2 hours and 25 minutes for his 97, and saw 146 runs added. He hit nine 4's and seven 3's, and gave only one chance, a hard return to the bowler when he had made 44.

There was little life in the batting after Reed's departure, and the innings was finished off for 206.

"TICH'S" SHORT SHRIFT.

Herts opened with P. G. T. Kingsley, the Winchester School captain, who earlier in the week captained the Public Schools' XI. against the Army at Lords, and was making his first appearance for the County, and Walker, and put on 112 before the former was taken at the wicket for a most attractive 55. Walker followed at 145, and C. H. Titchmarsh had only had time to get one to the boundary when rain put an end to the day's play.

On Saturday, Titchmarsh had his career cut short after making another four, but another 47 were added before L. J. Reed, the Herts. captain, was got rid of by a magnificent catch low down at leg. The Beds. total was passed before another beautifully-made catch brought the fifth wicket, and the sixth was also due to a capital catch.

C. H. Rabone and Fordham put on 68 for the seventh wicket, the eighth added 39, and the ninth 22, and the innings closed soon after lunch for 331.

BEDS. COLLAPSE.

During the luncheon interval, Bedford caught the fringe of a heavy storm, and although the rainfall was of only about five minutes' duration, the sun's influence made the wicket play queer pranks. Holdstock and Kellett again opened for Beds. in a bad light. The Luton "pro" was obviously suffering from the effects of a hand injury which caused his retirement from the field before lunch, and after Kellett had been taken at 38, Holdstock followed six later, returning an easy catch to Burton from a kicking delivery.

Worse was in store for the home county. Four more wickets fell for an addition of five runs, and another would have been added only that the umpire was unsighted when Sime was caught at the wicket, and gave the batsman not out. This enabled Sime and Turnbull to put on 53, but six runs were still required to save the innings' defeat when the eighth wicket fell. This might not have been accomplished, but that Stevens, who had three lives in making four in the first innings, had two more in this merry venture, and appeared to enjoy them as much as anybody.

Still Herts were left with only 21 to win, and looked like managing their task without the loss of a wicket, but in an effort to make the winning hit, Grimsdell trod on his wicket, with the result that Burton had to come out padless to let Kingsley make the necessary run.

BEDFORDSHIRE (1st innings).

Holdstock b Burton	17
Ross Kellett b Burton	35
A. R. Alston c Grimsdell b Burton	0
C. N. Reed b Roberts	97
F. Rawlins c Titchmarsh b Roberts	13
C. H. Williams b Burton	13
Capt. D. Turnbull (capt.) lbw b Roberts	1
W. A. Sime c Fordham b Halsey	21
L. Stevens b Roberts	4
E. Page lbw b Halsey	1
M. Bovill not out	0
Extras	3
Total	206

Bowling.—Burton 25—5—48—4; Halsey 21.3—7—61—2; Roberts 23—1—70—4.

HERTFORDSHIRE (1st innings).

P. G. T. Kingsley stp Page b Sime	55
G. R. Walker b Sime	56
L. J. Reid c Alston b Stevens	40
C. H. Titchmarsh b Bovill	8
T. Halsey c Sime b Williams	25
C. B. Fordham run out	62
G. M. Crossman c and b Williams	2
C. H. Rabone stp Page b Sime	41
A. Grimsdell c Stevens b Rawlins	6
Roberts (E.) run out	15
Burton (F.) not out	1
Extras	20
Total	331

Bowling.—Bovill 36—7—80—1; Holdstock 30—10—63—0; Stevens 12—1—40—1; Williams 14.3—2—52—2; Sime 13—2—46—3; Rawlins 8—2—15—1.

BEDFORDSHIRE (2nd innings).

Holdstock c and b Roberts	21
Ross Kellett c Crossman b Burton	19
A. R. Alston b Burton	4
C. N. Reed b Burton	1
F. Rawlins c Grimsdell b Roberts	1
C. H. Williams b Burton	1
W. A. Sime b Burton	23
Capt. D. Turnbull b Burton	30
L. Stevens c Walker b Roberts	28
E. Page not out	10
M. Bovill c Halsey b Burton	0
Extras	8
Total	145

Bowling.—Burton 21.5—5—42—7; Roberts 20—3—61—3.

HERTFORDSHIRE (2nd innings).

P. G. T. Kingsley not out	12
A. G. Grimsdell hit wicket b Williams	6
Burton (F.) not out	2
Extras	3
Total (for one wicket)	23

LUTON TOWN LOSE.

At Wardown Park on Saturday LUTON TOWN suffered defeat, HARPENDEN gaining a meritorious victory by 6 runs. Both sides were below full strength, but the game was keenly fought, and full of interest. Against the bowling of Walthew and Marsh, who found a pitch exactly to their liking, the Town made a poor start, and lost 7 wickets for 47 runs, but a stand by Knight and Worboys, and good resistance by Johnson, doubled the score, and the century was reached before the last wicket fell.

Harpenden lost three wickets for 37, but the win was registered with six wickets down. Then the last three wickets fell without addition to the score. Pigott batted splendidly for the visitors, and Jackson gave a lively display that was all too short. Watkins was in fine form with the ball for the Town.

LUTON TOWN.

W. Brown b F. S. Walthew	18
Major Maunder b W. H. Marsh	5
F. Watkins st Wingfield b F. S. Walthew	16
A. Fryer b F. S. Walthew	0
G. R. Taylor b F. S. Walthew	0
G. Wilkes b W. H. Marsh	0
L. Coulson c Hines b F. S. Walthew	10
H. Pedrick b W. H. Marsh	0
H. Knight c Mole b F. S. Walthew	16
A. Worboys c Miller b F. S. Walthew	23
W. Johnson not out	9
Extras	3
Total	100

Bowling.—F. S. Walthew 7 for 47; W. H. Marsh 3 for 36.

HARPENDEN.

B. Soole c Johnson b F. Watkins	0
A. Wingfield c Coulson b H. Knight	4
H. F. Pigott c Coulson b F. Watkins	38
W. Jackson c Knight b A. Fryer	23
F. S. Walthew b F. Watkins	18
P. C. Gladwin b H. Knight	1
W. H. Marsh c Knight b A. Worboys	8
A. H. Miller c Fryer b F. Watkins	4
H. J. Lines b F. Watkins	0
R. O. Miller b F. Watkins	0
S. P. Mole not out	1
Extras	9
Total	106

Bowling.—H. Knight 2 for 44; F. Watkins 6 for 35; A. Fryer 1 for 10; A. Worboys 1 for 8.

GOOD SCORING AT HARPENDEN.

Visiting HARPENDEN on Saturday LUTON TOWN II. won by 46 runs after a good game, Tomlinson's 71 included half-a-dozen boundary strokes, and Webdale and Kay also each sent the ball past the flags three times. Kimber played a splendid innings for the home side, especially when things were going badly at the start. He found the boundary five times. Wren gave him good support, and Dunham and Pellant in less degree.

LUTON II.—W. Winter b W. Freeman 12; J. A. Webdale run out 30; P. Bird lbw b W. Freeman 2; C. V. Colling lbw b W. Freeman 27; F. Chapman c Kimber b G. Hunt 17; R. Tomlinson c Howard b W. E. Kimber 71; J. E. Kay b W. Freeman 23; A. D. Short not out 10; A. F. Waller not out 3; extras 5. Total (for 7 wkts.) 260. Innings declared closed. J. Booth and T. Caldwell did not bat.

Bowling.—G. Hunt 1 for 23; W. Freeman 4 for 73; W. E. Kimber 1 for 31.

HARPENDEN II.—W. E. Kimber b Chapman 52; C. Dunham c and b Booth 18; J. Freeman b Booth 0; H. E. Darvill b Caldwell 1; J. Wren lbw b Booth 36; W. Freeman lbw b Short 3; D. W. Sillar b Short 0; G. Hunt b Chapman 6; E. Pellant not out 13; H. Howard b Booth 3; R. J. Pigott c Waller b Booth 3; extras 18. Total 154.

Bowling.—Booth 5 for 27; Caldwell 1 for 47; Short 2 for 17; Chapman 2 for 35.

MARKYATE WIN WELL.

At MARKYATE on Saturday the villagers and HARPENDEN N.C.H. had a most enjoyable game on a good wicket in perfect weather. Markyate won the toss and elected to bat first. H. Archer (14) and B. Norris (23) gave them a good start, and 22 was on the board when the first wicket fell. The changes were rung on the bowling, but the score continued to mount up. C. Breed (27) gave a good display of lusty hitting, his score including two 6's. A. Palmer (20, including two 6's) and N. C. Skeggs (10) carried on the good work, and the score reached 118. W. Speight (3 for 17), J. C. Wilson (2 for 23) and G. Carr (2 for 26) were the most successful bowlers.

It was anticipated that there would be a close finish to the game, as only a few days before the N.C.H. opening pair had put on 255 for 1 wicket. However, this fine performance was not to be repeated, L. Glover having his leg stump uprooted in Culver's first over. Two further wickets fell cheaply, and three wickets were down for two runs. W. Speight (38) and D. Clark (12) then became associated, and the next wicket fell at 53. W. Speight played fine cricket, and should have a splendid future. The only other batsman to reach double figures was H. Lewis (12), and despite a stout resistance the remaining wickets only put on 22 runs, the innings closing for 78, leaving Markyate winners by 40 runs. The Markyate bowlers were S. Culver (1 for 24), A. Palmer (6 for 31) and W. L. Turney (3 for 9).

MARKYATE 118; HARPENDEN N.C.H. 78.

DUNSTABLE TOWN DRAW.

DUNSTABLE TOWN visited ST. ANDREW'S HOSPITAL (Northampton) on Saturday, but rain delayed the start until 4.40. Dunstable won the toss and batted first. Bunker was run out with only 10 up, but Sparks and Cockland batted splendidly and took the score to 115 before Cockland was caught in the long field. He had scored a splendid 72, which contained 11 fours and a six. Two wickets then fell cheaply, but Gardom and Sparks put on 49 before the innings was declared closed for 173 for 4, Sparks (not out 66) showing fine form both in defence and in straight driving. St. Andrew's had 85 minutes to get the runs, but were content to play for safety, and the match was left a draw. Rawlins bowled well for Dunstable, 7 overs out of 12 being maidens.

DUNSTABLE.—R. Sparks not out 66; W. Bunker run out 4; L. Cockland c Norris b S. Rowbotham 72; N. Crookes c J. Rowbotham b C. Baker 2; G. Thorne c Norman b Rowbotham 2; J. Gardom not out 18; extras 10; total (for 4 wkts. declared) 173.

C. Rawlins, B. Gray, J. Dickin, E. Moor, and H. Gravestock did not bat.

Bowling.—Rawlins, 1 for 16.

ST. ANDREW'S.—C. Baker not out 40; E. Hutchins c Gravestock b B. Rawlins 5; Dr. Fitzgerald b Gardom 15; E. Smethurst not out 3; extras 8; total (for 2 wkts.) 71. S. Barron, B. Pickerill, R. Rowbotham, H. Clark, E. Norman, G. Cooper, J. Witfield did not bat.

LAST WICKET STAND.

At Hatfield Park on Saturday, H. Gunnell and A. Cherry made a record last wicket stand for LUTON HOO against HATFIELD ESTATE by adding 41 runs. Stumps were drawn at an interesting stage of the game.

LUTON HOO.—G. H. Herring c Cracknell b Ayres 8; J. R. Knight b Moore 8; A. R. Oliver c Cracknell b Hancock 25; H. D. Newman c and b Ayres 12; W. A. Hockley c Moore b Ayres 0; S. Field b Hancock 28; W. J. Jeffery c Cracknell b Hancock 0; H. Gunnell c Cracknell b Ayres 39; E. Edwards b Hancock 1; W. Warren b Hancock 0; A. Cherry not out 20; extras 4; total 146.

Bowling.—F. Moore, 1 for 41; H. Ayres, 4 for 35; S. Hancock, 5 for 25.

HATFIELD ESTATE.—S. Hancock c Newman b Cherry 15; L. Hickson run out 2; W. Mitchell b Gunnell 13; H. Ayres not out 41; T. Hickson run out 6; L. Buckingham not out 0, extras 3; total (4 wkts.) 80. F. Cracknell, A. Johnson, A. Cow, A. Lawrence, and F. Moore did not bat.

Bowling.—A. Cherry, 1 for 10; H. Gunnell, 1 for 18.

DILLINGHAM'S DOWN.

In a Luton and District League match DILLINGHAM'S went down heavily to EATON BRAY at Eaton Bray on Saturday, compiling only 21, of which eight were extras, against the homesters' 89. The villagers batted first, their big hitters being G. A. Miles (21), G. Brinklow (15), D. Maunders (14 not out), and Jesse Thorne (12). For Dillingham's every man but H. Woods (8) was dismissed either for a duck or a single. G. Brown (4 for 4), A. Miles (3 for 2), and K. Pratt (2 for 2) bowled for Eaton Bray, and Dillingham's bowlers were J. Barratt (4 for 30), J. East (4 for 38), and A. Collier (2 for 17).

EATON BRAY 89; DILLINGHAM'S 21.

STEPPINGLEY INVINCIBLE.

STEPPINGLEY were in winning mood last week. Entertaining RIDGMONT in a friendly at Bickering's Park on Thursday they won with 43 runs to 32. For the home side H. Rogers (14) was the only double-figure scorer, and for the visitors W. Hirdle and W. Ford got 11 each. For Steppingley G. Knowles took 6 wickets for 12 runs, and A. Scott 3 for 15, and for Ridgmont W. Ford 4 for 3, was the best bowler.

As the result of Saturday's win at HARLINGTON, STEPPINGLEY now tie with Barton for first place in the Mid Beds. League (Division II.), and there is only one more match to decide the issue. Steppingley's score of 72 was largely due to E. Putman's fine innings of 33, the only other double figure score being G. Knowles (13). Harlington II. realised an unlucky total of 13, towards which seven men contributed "ducks," two singles, and A. Harris and C. Harris 5 and 6 respectively. For the visitors G. Knowles took 5 wickets for 7 runs, A. Scott 2 for 6, and G. Warner 3 for 1.

STEPPINGLEY 72, HARLINGTON 13.

GRAVENHURST BEAT GREENFIELD.

At GRAVENHURST on Saturday, B. Peck (11) was top scorer in the home team's 29, and of GREENFIELD'S 23, G. Arnold was top scorer with 7. M. Fripp (5 for 8) and H. Jeffs (3 for 10) were the bowlers for the winners.

GRAVENHURST 29; GREENFIELD 23.

STUDHAM SUCCESS.

STUDHAM batted first in their home game with BOXMOOR WORKING MEN'S CLUB, and were all out for 43, of which A. Bates made 16 before being run out, G. Allen 13, and F. Foskett 6. The Club replied with 28, B. Hay (18) and H. Holloway (6) doing best. E. Morgan (3 for 2) and K. Waters (5 for 7) bowled well for the winners.

STUDHAM 43; BOXMOOR W.M.C. 28.

WOBURN WIN.

WOBURN went over to BROMHAM, and won by 28 runs on Saturday. B. Edwards (19), D. A. Newbury (17) and A. Champkin (10) batted well in a score of 61, and J. Gilks and W. Brown got the home side out for 33, of which Everett (12) and L. Rideout (10) made the best scores.

WOBURN 61; BROMHAM 33.

FORESTERS JUST HOME.

Entertaining STEWKLEY at Page's Park on Saturday, LEIGHTON FORESTERS won a keenly contested game by four runs. Stewkley went in first, and made 87, the highest scorers being F. Clarke (25), Sid Willis (21), H. Dickens (11), and "Mr. Extras" (12). H. Whitney, the Foresters' left-hander, bowled well for the homesters, taking 8 for 16 on a very fast wicket. The homesters made 91, thanks chiefly to A. Tofield (19), E. Salmon (17), and W. Denton (14). Stewkley's most successful bowler was F. Clarke, who captured six wickets.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD FORESTERS 91; STEWKLEY 87.

LEIGHTON'S BLANK.

Leighton Town were expecting to entertain a team from London Hospital on Saturday, but the match had to be cancelled owing to the visitors being unable to raise a side.

BISCOT'S BEST.

BISCOT CHURCH won their home match with MARKYATE II. by 39 runs. The wicket was in an atrocious state. S. Archer (13) and F. Lacey (12) were the only Markyate players to reach double figures, and the innings realised 44. A. Worsley (2 for 13), E. Wilding (2 for 10), C. Newton (1 for 8), J. Randall (3 for 6) and H. Henry (2 for 3) took the wickets. C. Newton (43) won the game for Biscot, though he should have been caught after scoring four, and E. Wilding (11) was the only other player to reach double figures. The wickets were shared by R. Allen (3 for 24), A. Hare (2 for 16), W. James (4 for 29) and C. Cutler (1 for 1).

BISCOT CHURCH 83; MARKYATE II. 44.

FLAMSTEAD'S FORTUNE.

On Saturday FLAMSTEAD were at home to BUSH HOUSE, a London club, and scraped home by one run. They made 60, to which F. Smith (21), B. Hayes (15) and B. Papworth (9) were the principal scorers. W. Odell (3 for 7), G. Sargent (5 for 25), and M. Lawless (2 for 20) bowled for the Bushmen. The visitors made a poor start in their innings, but M. Lawlers (38) altered the outlook and they scored 59 for 7 wickets, and the match seemed to be in their hands. However, Papworth took two wickets without further addition to the score, and amidst excitement the last wicket fell without scoring, one of the batsmen being run out. B. Papworth (4 for 21), A. How (3 for 33) and B. Hayes (1 for 0) bowled for the home team.

After the match the teams were entertained to tea by Mr. Peck, the head of Bush House.

FLAMSTEAD 60; BUSH HOUSE 59.

MAULDEN OVERCOME EVERSHOLT.

MAULDEN met EVERSHOLT on Saturday, and the home team won by the narrow margin of 9 runs. It was a bowlers' day, only N. Taylor (13), of Maulden, reaching double figures. For Eversholt A. Oakley took 7 wickets for 22 runs, and for Maulden W. Newman took 5 for 15 runs, and A. Page 5 for 16 runs.

MAULDEN, 46; EVERSHOLT 36.

GOLF.

LEIGHTON KNOCK-OUT.

The final match in a ladies' knock-out competition for members of Leighton Golf Club was played on Sunday, when Mrs. Hedges beat Miss N. Saunderson (2 up).

SPORTS DIARY.

AUGUST 13th.

CRICKET.

Luton Town v. Wolverton.
Hitchin Blue Cross v. Luton Town II.
Harpenden v. Stevenage.
Hexton v. Harpenden II.
Vauxhall v. Luton Hoo.
King's Langley v. Leighton Town.
Leighton II. v. King's Langley II.
Aylesbury Town v. Leighton Foresters.
Clophill v. Toddington.
Hockliffe v. Toddington II.
Leighton Wesley Guild v. Waterlow's.
Waterlow's v. Friern Barnet Ex-Service Men.
Sandridge v. Lawrence End.
Woburn v. Maulden.

LUTON AND DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE

Christ Church v. Cocoa Works, No. 1 Bell Close. W. Saville and G. Hyde.
Comfier Cars v. Central Mission, No. 2 Bell Close. W. Goymer and H. Higgs.
Brown & Green's v. Kent's A.C.C. F. Shaw and A. Armitage.
Laporte's v. Dillingham's. W. Euinton and W. Abrahams.
Davis Athletic v. Wilson's. F. Brown and A. Fletcher.
Cardigan-street Primitives v. St. Mary's. B. Hills and G. Squires.

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CRICKET.

COUNTY CRICKET WEEK.

3rd Match—v. Hertfordshire.

Visitors Win Comfortably.

In facing Hertfordshire, in the final match of the Bedfordshire Cricket Week, the home county was tackling a formidable proposition, and Capt Dennis Turnbull did his side a good turn when he won the toss for the fifth time in succession. Beds. made one change in the team which defeated Oxfordshire, Buckley being unable to play, and the Modern School captain, C. H. Williams, took his place. The game ended in a comfortable victory for the visitors by nine wickets.

Ross Kellett and Holdstock opened the innings, against Fordham and Burton, and runs came at a fair pace. Both batsmen scored boundaries, and 33 runs were gathered before Holdstock, who had contributed 17, played too late to a good ball from Burton. With Alston as his partner, Kellett monopolised the scoring, making a couple off 4's in each of two overs, off Halsey, who had taken the ball from Fordham. In just over half an hour's play 50 appeared on the scoring board, but with one run added, Alston was taken at the wicket. C. N. Reed followed in, and steadily carried the total to 62, but at this stage Burton beat and bowled Kellett. His excellently played 36 contained five 4's. Two neat cuts added six to Reed's score, and the total was 70 when Roberts went to to bowl in place of Halsey. The Old Bedfordian's partner F. Rawlins cut Burton for 3 and drove to the off for 4 and 2, bringing on another bowling change, Halsey taking up the attack in place of Burton. A grand hit to the on by Reed travelled fast to the boundary, and he supplemented the stroke by hitting Halsey away to the ropes on the leg side. With the hundred well in sight, however, Rawlins was cleverly caught by Titchmarsh, off Halsey, the fielder taking the ball from a hard cut very close to the ground. The outgoing batsman had contributed 13, and appeared to be settling down well. With Williams as a partner, Reed sent the 100 up, to the accompaniment of applause. He next got a fine drive between a couple of fielders to the ring, off Roberts, both he and Williams repeatedly going forward to meet the bowler's left-hand slows. Four, all run, was Reed's next contribution, but he narrowly missed being caught and bowled by Roberts, with his individual score at 44. Rabone was given a turn with the ball, and Williams secured double figures by turning him to leg, whilst at the other end Reed completed a half-century with a great hit to the flags on the Chapel side. When the players went in to luncheon the score was 134 for 4 wickets.

Reed hit a ball hard to first slip off Burton, but just later he sent him to near the boundary for a hard-run four. The Old Bedfordian, however, soon lost his partner, Burton bowling him, after a creditable batting effort, with a leg break at 152. Reed continued to score with beautiful off drives from Burton and Roberts, but Turnbull, who followed Williams, soon fell a victim to the left-hander with only a single to his credit. Sime followed, to score his first run of the week, through the slips, whilst Reed continued batting attractively. The Bedford School boy appeared to be gaining confidence, and in one over from Roberts found the off boundary with a pretty drive, and then to the hopes past mid on. Reed, in his nineties, went right out for the bowling, and with a smashing hit to the on boundary he brought his score to within three of the coveted century. But he was not destined to reach it, for in going out for another big hit he mistimed the ball, and was bowled by Roberts. Except for a hard chance of c. and b., the Old Bedfordian had batted faultlessly for two-and-a-quarter hours, and had hit nine 4's and seven 3's. His defence was sound and his scoring strokes on both sides of the wicket were executed in masterly style, whilst he punished anything loose that came down relentlessly. Sime soon followed, having contributed a useful score of 22—a gratifying success after his failures with the bat in the previous two games. Stevens gave three chances in making four runs, and the end came with the score at 206. Scores:

VISITORS AT THE CREASE.

Hertfordshire opened to the bowling of Holdstock and Bovill, with P. T. G. Kingsley and G. R. Walker, and the latter put the Luton bowler away to long-leg for four, all run. But the cricket for a time was very slow, the first 15 overs producing only 20 runs. Then Kingsley cut Bovill for four, and lifted Holdstock to the on for a similar number, the tea interval score being 30 for no wicket.

Stevens bowled vice Bovill on the resumption, and Kingsley at once hit him to the on boundary. Williams took the school end, and Kingsley swept his third delivery to leg for a trio, and also turned him to the boundary. A couple off Stevens sent the 50 up, and a four on the leg side were also credited to the account of Walker, his partner meanwhile gathering runs by twos and singles. Twice Page failed to stop fast swerves from Bovill, and a cleanly-hit boundary came from Kingsley's bat. Williams and Kellett were applauded for good fielding. Runs were coming fast at this period off both Holdstock and Bovill, who had resumed, a grand off drive by Kingsley reaching the tennis courts boundary. Kingsley put another in the same place, and the hundred loomed in sight, Walker sending up three figures with a single through the slips, after he had smacked Holdstock for four. Sime went on for the first time during the week, and from his second ball, which was driven to the Chapel flags, Walker passed his 50 mark. This young batsman had played a beautiful innings, and had hit six 4's. In the same over, however, he jumped out to Sime, missed the ball, and Page easily stumped him. L. J. Reid was next in, Kellett taking up the attack at Bovill's end, nine runs coming from the first over. With a couple off Sime, Kingsley reached his 50, and Reid commenced to hit freely. At 145 Kingsley's patient innings of an hour-and-three-quarters' duration came to an end. He turned right round to hit a delivery from Sime to leg, missed it, and was clean bowled, the ball evidently turning considerably. Kingsley had batted solidly and well, and had occasionally put plenty of force into his strokes.

Bedfordshire opened the attack on Saturday morning with Holdstock (at the School end) and Bovill, the batsmen being L. J. Reid (17 not out, overnight) and C. H. Titchmarsh (4 not out). The little batsman began by pulling Bovill round to the mid-wicket boundary, but a ball later he chopped on to his own wicket. This let in Halsey, and with Reid the score mounted steadily, the latter smashing Holdstock to the screen, and Williams, who went on for him, was beautifully square-cut by the same batsman. The 200 mark was reached, but with one run added, Alston brilliantly caught Reid at square leg, from Stevens. Fordham followed and put the Herts. score past that of Bedfordshire by driving a full toss to the ropes. His partner, Halsey, who had been batting confidently for 29, was out in trying to hit a ball from Williams round to leg. The ball went up, and Sime running back splendidly judged the flight and held it. Crossman did not stay long, Williams holding a hard return high up. Fordham was joined by Rabone, and the runs came fairly quickly, Fordham driving well in front of the wicket, whilst Rabone caned the Modern School bowler hard to the ropes past mid-off. This caused Holdstock to take the ball again, whilst Bovill went on for Stevens, and the score had been taken to 271 by enterprising cricket when Sime, at forward point, went full length in attempting to hold a shot from Fordham, but just failed. Runs came fast, the batsmen scoring with a variety of strokes, off-driving being a speciality. At 286 Sime came on to bowl, and immediately met with success, Rabone being tempted to come out and hit. The break away beat him, and Page whipped the bails off before he could get back. Rabone had played sound cricket for his 41, his innings including three 4's. Fordham, still playing confidently, was joined by the old 'Spurs captain, Grimsdell, and just later completed his fifty by pulling Rawlins to the on boundary. Grimsdell's stay at the wicket was brief, and lunch came with the total at 305.

During the three quarters-of-an-hour interval a short but heavy rain storm came on, which, judging by the display of the Beds. early batsmen, somewhat affected the wicket.

The Herts. innings came to an end when they had added 26 runs, Fordham having given a sound display, never offering a semblance of a chance. Roberts had a useful knock, and Bedfordshire were left with 125 to wipe off.

BEDFORDSHIRE'S SECOND INNINGS.

Holdstock and Kellett gave their side an invaluable start, paying great respect to the bowling of Fordham and Burton, until Kellett found the ropes twice, but was out just after. Then followed a collapse. Fordham gave way to the slow left-hand merchant, Roberts, and Holdstock, in playing a ball, hit it on to his boot, and then went up, to give the bowler an easy catch. Alston and Reed came together for a brief stay, Burton breaking through the defence of the schoolmaster, with the total still at 44. Rawlins, who followed, was missed at first slip, off the first ball he received. This made little difference to Herts., as the same batsman, without scoring, was caught at the wicket, off a ball from Roberts that beat him easily. Reed, in view of his splendid innings the day before, naturally was expected to pull Beds. round, but, with only a single against his name, was "yorked" out at 46. Williams, who had replaced Rawlins, quickly succumbed to another almost full tossed ball from Burton, at 47. After such an indifferent exhibition, young Sime, with Capt. Turnbull, made an invaluable stand, the former playing [illegible] with the utmost confidence, whilst Turnbull, although being nearly bowled several times, opened his shoulders, and once hit the right-hand trundler to the screen, sending the 100 up with a drive by mid-off. His confidence specialised in off-driving, meeting Roberts "hard and often," but the score was still at the 100 mark when Turnbull, evidently with the intention of placing a ball from Burton on the safe side of the screen, was bowled. His stand with Sime was invaluable, helping not only to give the score board a more cheerful aspect (from a Beds. point of view), but also setting an example to the few batsmen to follow. Stevens hurried matters up, going boldly out to Roberts, and luck, for him, repeated itself, Rabone missing a perfect "sitter" at backward mid-off. He lost his partner, Sime, just after, Burton, who had been bowling at a splendid length all through, again finding the stumps with a fast "yorker." The fact that Sime had been successful with the willow again met with general appreciation, and his fine innings of 23 showed that "nerves," which in all probability had been the cause of his previous failure, had vanished. Doubtless he will be more than a useful all-rounder to the Beds. side. Stevens continued to hit merrily, whilst Page was applauded for leg-glides off Roberts' bowling. At last the enterprise of Stevens concluded, he having hit at the slow bowler and been caught. Bovill was out before he could score, and the Bedfordshire innings had realised 145, leaving their opponents only 21 runs to get for victory.

Grimsdell and Kingsley went out to execute this easy task. Though the former lost his wicket at 19, Kingsley soon claimed the necessary two runs, the home county thus losing by nine wickets. Burton was in no small way responsible for this, his seven wickets in the second innings costing him only 42 runs. Full scores and analyses:—

Bedfordshire.—1st Innings.

Holdstock, b Burton	17
R. Kellett, b Burton	36
A. R. Alston, c Grimsdell, b Burton	0
C. N. Reed, b Roberts	97
F. Rawlins, c Titchmarsh, b Roberts	13
C. H. Williams, b Burton	13
Capt. Turnbull, lbw., b Roberts	1
W. A. Sime, c Fordham, b Halsey	21
L. Stevens, b Roberts	4
E. Page, lbw., b Halsey	1
E. M. Bovill, not out	0
Extras	3
Extras	206

Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Fordham	4	1	14	0
Burton	25	5	48	4
Halsey	21.3	7	61	2
Roberts	23	1	70	4
Rabone	2	0	10	0

Hertfordshire.—2nd Innings.

P. G. T. Kingsley, st Page, b Sime	55
G. R. Walker, b Sime	56
L. J. Reid, c Alston, b Stevens	40
C. H. Titchmarsh, b Bovill	8
T. E. Halsey, c Sime, b Williams	25
C. E. Fordham, run out	62
G. M. Crossman, c and b Williams	2
C. H. Rabone, st Page, b Sime	41
A. Grimsdell, c Stevens, b Rawlins	6
Roberts, not out	15
Burton, run out	1
Extras	20
Total	331

Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bovill	34	7	80	1
Holdstock	30	10	63	0
Stevens	12	1	40	1
Williams	14.3	0	52	2
Sime	13	2	46	3
Kellett	4	1	15	0
Rawlins	2	2	15	1

Bedfordshire.—2nd Innings.

Holdstock, c and b Roberts	21
R. Kellett, c Crossman, b Burton	19
A. R. Alston, b Burton	4
C. N. Reed, b Burton	1
F. Rawlins, c Grimsdell, b Roberts	0
C. H. Williams, b Burton	1
W. A. Sime, b Burton	23
Capt. D. Turnbull, b Burton	30
L. Stevens, c Walker, b Roberts	28
E. Page, not out	10
E. M. Bovill, c Halsey, b Burton	0
Extras	8
Total	145

Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Fordham	5	0	26	0
Burton	21.5	5	42	7
Roberts	20	3	61	3
Halsey	3	0	8	0

Hertfordshire.—2nd Innings.

P. G. T. Kingsley, not out	12
A. Grimsdell, hit wkt., b Williams	6
Burton, not out	0
Extras	3
Total (for 1 wkt.)	21

MERITORIOUS PERFORMANCES.

Batting.

C. N. Reed (Old Bedfordian), Bedfordshire v. Hertfordshire (1st innings)	97
G. Partridge, Old Warden 2nd v. Ickwell	45
H. Alcock, Bedford Clarence v. Sharnbrook	43
F. Allen, Sharnbrook v. Bedford Clarence	41

Bowling.

H. P. Cocking, Forder's v. Conservative Club	7 for 36
A. W. Dobson, Biggleswade "A" v. Henlow 2nd	6 for 9
W. P. Finding, Sandy v. Caldecote 2nd	6 for 11
A. Swain, Broom v. Campton	6 for 22
A. B. Poole, Shire Hall v. Southill	6 for 32
A. Bass, Wrestlingworth v. Ickwell	5 for 10
H. Gilbert, Roxton v. Great Barford 2nd	5 for 11
E. Pestell, Kempston v. Lidlington	5 for 11
R. Ayres, Eaton Socon v. Shefford	5 for 16
G. Berridge, Old Warden v. Ickwell	5 for 21

MINOR COUNTIES' TABLE.

Results to August 7th.

	Pld.	Won.	Won on 1st ins.	Lost on 1st ins.	Percentage.
Staffordshire	7	6	0	1	88.57
Notts. II.	5	4	0	0	80.00
Durham	6	3	2	1	73.33
Buckinghamshire	4	2	1	0	65.00
Devonshire	6	4	2	2	62.22
Wiltshire	4	2	0	2	60.00
Monmouthshire	6	2	2	1	56.66
Surrey II.	6	1	4	0	56.66
Hertfordshire	10	3	3	3	54.00
Lancashire II.	8	1	3	1	37.50
Leicestershire II.	7	1	2	0	37.14
Oxfordshire	6	0	3	2	36.66
Norfolk	6	0	3	2	36.66
Yorkshire II.	7	2	0	2	34.28
Lincolnshire	6	0	3	1	33.33
Northumberland	5	1	1	0	32.00
Dorset	4	1	0	1	30.00
Berkshire	6	0	2	3	30.00
Kent II.	5	0	2	1	28.00
Bedfordshire	6	1	0	3	26.00
Cambridgeshire	5	1	0	1	24.00
Cornwall	6	0	1	4	23.33
Cheshire	3	0	0	1	6.66

CRICKET NOTES.

By "Westerner."

The County Cricket Week.

Another Bedfordshire County Cricket Week has come and gone, this time with a small measure of success, the heavy defeat inflicted by Herts. and the indifferent display against Lincolnshire somewhat casting a shadow on their great victory over Oxfordshire. Doubtless the great start made by Holdstock and Buckley was the foundation of the side's ultimate success, and so thoroughly did they master the bowling that a win seemed to loom in sight even before the pair were parted. Oxfordshire have had for several seasons past a fine array of bowlers. Howells has rattled through a Beds. team very cheaply before now, whilst Thomas and "Charlie" Walters have been very troublesome with the ball on occasions. But the same combination, to say nothing of an excellent bowler in Rogers, in addition, certainly met their match when Buckley and Holdstock were at the wicket.

Bedfordshire's Good Start.

Repeatedly bowling changes were made, but all with no effect, until a really great first-wicket partnership had been established. Buckley, almost a newcomer to County cricket, lived well up to the reputation he has gained at Arlesey, where half-centuries and over have been made by him in nearly every innings of his this season. Of course, Holdstock, the popular Luton professional, is too well known for any special comment on his playing capabilities. He is one of those batsmen who, when once set, seem impossible to get out, and his century on Wednesday proved him to be as safe with the willow as ever he was. Alston, Reed and Turnbull each contributed valuable innings, but young Sime was apparently still suffering from an attack of "nerves," and, as in the first match, failed to score. However, his turn came in the Hertfordshire match.

The Oxfordshire Batting.

In view of Oxfordshire's batting strength (for ever highly estimated in Minor Counties cricket), it appeared that Bedfordshire would have some difficulty in getting them out under their own score, and the wicket was still good. This was not to be the case, and to "run through" them for 193 runs less than the home county's total spoke volumes for the bowling of Bovill, Holdstock, and Stevens, and it was indeed the Lutonian's match, his bowling being paid the greatest respect by the visitors in claiming 3 wickets for 36 runs in 30 overs. H. Walker and Walters were the only batsmen to cope properly with the Bedfordshire bowling. Both are very sound bats and prolific scorers, the former last season making over 2,000 runs, whilst "Charlie" has developed a habit of "coming off" with the willow against Bedfordshire. Thomas gave one the impression that he was a hard hitter whilst at the crease, but, apart from the efforts of the aforementioned, it was a poor display for a county side.

The Second Innings.

Following on, the Oxfordshire men again could not resist their opponents' attack, and even failed to reach their first innings score. This time, Buckley played a large part in getting them out, and his county's hopes ran high when he found the stumps of Walters, whose score was a paltry 3. H. Walker did not rise to the occasion, and the only batsmen to give much trouble were Rogers and Thomas. To defeat such a side by an innings was a meritorious performance.

The Hertfordshire Match.

The visit of Hertfordshire on Friday and Saturday evoked much interest. The faces of C. H. Titchmarsh, Burton, C. J. Reid, Grimsdell, and others, are indeed familiar ones in this town, though one misses the happy-go-lucky "Jack" Meyer of two or three seasons ago. Again, Captain Turnbull was fortunate enough to win the toss, and sent his side in on a perfect wicket. Reed's innings of 97 was the one outstanding feature of an otherwise indifferent show on the part of Bedfordshire, and was a really brilliant performance from a "class" batsman. It was a pity that he succumbed to the temptation of "having a go," with such a result, being bowled by Roberts, a young professional whose action and mannerisms are highly reminiscent of Charles Parker the famous Gloucestershire trundler. Kellett and Holdstock laid a sound foundation, which was not well responded to.

Sime's Success.

But Sime's stay at the wicket was a redeeming feature, after his earlier failures. Self-assurance seemed to come to Sime on opening his score, and from then on he had no fears for the high quality of the Herts. bowling. His second innings was an invaluable attempt to compensate for the early batsmen's failure, when Beds. were faced with the task of knocking off a deficit of 125 runs, and scarcely looked like doing it. The wicket must have been seriously affected by the rain storm which came during lunch, and, in face of this, the Bedford School boy's stand with Turnbull showed that he has exactly the right temperament for County cricket. It is the opinion of many that he will make a useful bowler, and certainly at the commencement of the Herts. first innings he was the only one to trouble the batsman. His ability with the ball on Friday evening earned him the wickets of Kingsley and Walker, who both reached the half century mark at ease against the other County trundlers.

Burton Succeeds with the Ball.

Having obtained four wickets in the Beds. first innings, Burton proceeded to rattle through the side on their second visit to the crease, and, specialising in "yorkers," emerged with seven wickets to his credit for only 42 runs. His unusual action in the movement of his arms when bowling is a characteristic feature of a popular figure in Bedford and its surrounding cricket circles, but, apart from this, he must be among the finest bowlers in the Minor Counties' Championship Competition.

Hertfordshire's Easy Victory.

The batting of the visitors was often slow, nevertheless, full of polish, and Kingsley, who is said to be a coming first-class bat, gave a display good enough to justify that statement. There was "class" about the whole side, and Bedfordshire's defeat by 9 wickets is not so bad as it looks on paper, if only considering they had to bat a second time on, perhaps, an ideal wicket for bowlers of the Burton and Roberts type.

E. D. Dynes Going Strong in Shanghai.

In the recent "Test" match, Shanghai v. United Services, Lieut. E. D. Dynes, O.B.M., was to the fore again. Although he only made 19 runs, he took six wickets. He did better with the bat in the second innings, and scored 37. "For two hours, under most trying conditions, the heat being terrific, Dynes defied the bowling, and although by no means the largest scorer of the match, his batting carried greater credit than any other effort and his ultimate dismissal by a shooter from Wilson was unfortunate," says the "Shanghai Times." Dynes again did well against the Navy, and scored 55, and the following day, in the second innings, he scored 54 and took seven wickets for 45.

Bedford School Batsman at Lords.

Playing for the Young Amateurs against the Young Professionals at Lords on Friday, C. A. B. McVittie, of Bedford School, contributed 42 runs in very good style towards his side's total of 278 for 8 wickets. The London "Times" says:—"McVittie was rather unlucky to give the bowler an easy return catch from a ball that kicked a little and caused him to mis-time his stroke. He always looked quite safe and made some good strokes in front of the wicket."—T. E. Drakes, of Stamford, who bowled so well for Lincolnshire against Bedfordshire, was also playing for the Young Amateurs.

Forder's Beat The Conservatives.

Playing at Wootton on Saturday, Forder's Works and Conservative Club met in their return match, a most enjoyable game resulting. Forder's, batting first, put up a total of 123, the highest individual effort being 22 by J. Hillson, H. Brown being next with 18. After tea, the Conservatives commenced their innings, being one man short. Batting steadily, they equalled the Works score at 5 for 60. After this, their wickets began to fall more cheaply, until they were all out for 93. R. Keens made top score of the match with 33, whilst J. Bonfield contributed a sparkling 21 not out. A feature of the match was the fielding of C. W. Gillett, who, acting as "sub" for the Conservative Club, returned the ball very smartly, saving many runs and succeeding in getting Hersee run out. H. P. Cocking secured 7 wickets for 36 runs for the winners.

An Exciting Game.

The "Local Derby" game between Wootton Hall End and Forder's 2nd provided quite a thrill on Saturday, when Wootton came within an ace of defeating the Works team. Again the "glorious uncertainty" of cricket asserted itself, for the Works team, after having 5 wickets down for 6 runs, began to wag its tail, and obtained the desired number of runs, with a few to spare, thus winning the game. Batting first, Wootton totalled 41 (W. Hutchings 14). The Works replied with 59, S. Odell contributing 22 just when they were wanted, A. Meredith being next with 11. A real good exciting game.

Cricketer's Death in Africa.

Both teams of Forder's Works wore mourning armlets whilst playing their matches on Saturday, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Cyril M. Stewart, whose death took place at the end of July in Africa. Mr. Stewart, whilst at the Pillinge Works, played for the 1st XI., and would be known to many of the Bedford and District League players as a good all-round cricketer and a sportsman who was respected by all ranks. His early death will be regretted. He was the eldest son of Mr. P. M. Stewart, Chairman of London Brick Company and Forder's, Ltd., to whom the sympathy of all Bedford cricketers will be extended.

Sharnbrook Give Clarence a Fright.

Many of the Clarence followers wore somewhat anxious faces, and most of Sharnbrook's supporters were preparing to kick their heels in the air, when, owing to the excellent batting of the villagers' opening pair, they compiled 52 before being separated, F. Allen being responsible for a hard-hit 41 before being caught off Millman. The veteran cricketer of Bedfordshire held his own with the bowling for 1¼ hours, during which time he contributed a valuable 13, despite the fact that several rising balls hit him hard enough to have sent the majority of youngsters off the field. When these two were separated, however, a slump set in, and, with the exception of H. Boyles (13), W. Howe (13), and R. Allen (10) none of the other batsmen did much, and the whole side was out for 106.

Clarence Recover and Win.

The Clarence were left just under two hours in which to pass this total, but they showed true championship form, and their skipper, H. Alcock, showed how to obtain quick runs, as he hit an exceptionally hard 43, which included two 6's, before he fell to the first ball of L. Stileman-Gibbard, surely the current old cricketer in the world. Barcock played a splendid game, as he opened the innings and was undefeated at the close, when they had reached 119 for 6 wickets. These successive victories when the odds seem against them merely go to show what a formidable combination the Clarence are when up against it.

A Low-Scoring Game at Lidlington.

This return game, between Kempston and Lidlington, was played at Lidlington on Saturday, and a very low-scoring game ended in a win for the visitors by 10 runs. Kempston batted first on a veritable bowlers' paradise, no fewer than 10 men in the two teams failing to trouble the scorers. Every run had to be fought for, and of the visitors' 34, Porter and Green-Emmott made 26 between them, the biggest hit only being a 2. The innings was noteworthy for a sporting action on the part of Chambers, who, thinking that the umpire had made an error in a run-out decision, stood aside and allowed Taylor to bowl down his stumps. The home team found the Kempston bowlers too good for them, and only managed to total 24. N. Chambers (4 for 11) and E. Pestell (5 for 11) were the destructive agents for the winners, and Taylor took 4 for 13 for the losers.

Victory for Forder's Elstow Works.

At the beginning of the season the Railway Athletic were victorious against Forder's Elstow Works by the narrow margin of two runs. On Saturday, in Bedford Park, the Works were victorious. Seven Railway batsmen were out for 25 runs, but F. Bone (28) and Woods (20) put on 44 between them, and brought their total to 69. Haynes (26) and Peard (21) batted well for the Elstow team, and, later in the innings, F. Faulkner (10) and F. Wadsworth (13 not out) enabled the Elstow lads to score another victory, for 43 runs. H. Mann (3 for 18), F. Bone (3 for 9), and F. Mann (3 for 29) were the Athletic's best bowlers, and R. Procter (4 for 27), S. Turner (3 for 18), and A. Thompson (2 for 1) for the winners.

Meltis Win an Interesting Game.

A very interesting game between Meltis and Weston Underwood, on the Meltis ground, resulted in a win for the home side by 17 runs. Batting first, the Meltis opened well with Knapp (25) and Nicholson (39), but lost the last five wickets for four runs. Capt. Powyer, with 41, was the chief scorer for the visitors, who were not at all comfortable with the deliveries of Cole and Bellamy, the latter securing 4 wickets with 5 balls. Scores: Meltis 103, Weston Underwood 86.

Thunderstorm Stops Matches.

Owing to a rather bad and prolonged thunderstorm, soon after dinner on Saturday, at Biggleswade, the friendly cricket matches that had been arranged at Fairfield, with the 1st XI. and Wardley, and at Holme Grove between the Biggleswade Wesleyans and Langford, had to be abandoned.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES.

Matches fixed for to-morrow (Saturday), on ground of first-named club:—

Biggleswade Wesleyans' v. Biggleswade "A."

Bedford & District League.

Division I.

Conservative Club v. Marston.
Biddenham v. Everton.
Renhold v. Sharnbrook.
Elstow Road v. Forder's Works.
Igranic Works v. Bedford Clarence.

Division II. (Northern Section).

A Queen's Works XI. v. Keysoe.
Felmersham v. Stevington.
Goldington v. Thurleigh.

Division II (Southern Section).

Haynes v. Forder's Elstow Works.
Wootton Hall End v. Kempston.
Railway Athletic v. Ridgmont.

Division III. (Northern).

Everton 2nd v. Keysoe Brook End.

Division III. (Southern)

Marston 2nd v. Marston Pillinge.
Forder's Elstow Works 2nd v. Haynes 2nd.

Division III. (Eastern).

Clapham v. Igranic Works 2nd.
Stagsden v. Goldington 2nd.
Bedford Clarence 3rd v. Biddenham 2nd.

East Beds. League.

Division I.

Beeston Athletic v. Caldecote.
Eaton Socon v. Woodbury.
Meppershall v. Stotfold Athletic.

Division II.

Ickwell v. Eaton Socon 2nd.
Langford v. Wrestlingworth.
Stotfold Athletic 2nd v. Potton 2nd.

Division III.

Campton v. Ickwell 2nd.
Meppershall 2nd v. Langford 2nd.
Sandy 2nd v. Beeston Athletic 2nd.
Broom v. Edworth.
Biggleswade v. Beds. Club and Ground.

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BEDFORD & DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Division I.

Bedford Clarence v. Sharnbrook.

Played at Bedford Park on Saturday, and won by the Clarence. Scores:—

Sharnbrook.—F. Allen c King b Millman 41; L. Stileman Gibbard lbw b Millman 13; H. Royles b Alcock 13; H. Riche b Barcock 1; W. Howe run out 13; F. Fountaine c Wells b King 4; H. Butcher b Alcock 0; P. Allen not out 3; R. Allen c Millman b Alcock 10; H. Ingram c Alcock b King 4; T. Hilton b Alcock 0; extras 4; total 106.

Bedford Clarence.—F. Millman b Howe 4; H. Barcock not out 31; E. Barker c F. Allen b Hilton 2; H. Alcock c and b Gibbard 43; F. King b Gibbard 3; O. Maynard c P. Allen b Riche 4; S. Williamson c F. Allen b Hilton, 29; extras 3; total (for 6 wickets) 119. G. Read, F. Field, R. Ives and M. Wells did not bat.

Conservative Club v. Forder's.

Played on Saturday, and won by Forder's by 35 runs. Scores:—

Conservative Club.—E. Fisher c Robinson b Cocking 8; R. Keens b Cocking 33; C. Laughton c Litchfield b Cocking 5; H. Timmins c Faulkner b Cocking 2; F. Coleman c and b Hersee 9; W. Thompson b Hersee 7; E. Valentine c Hillson b Cocking 0; J. Bonfield not out 21; H. Day b Cocking 4; R. Geary c and b Cocking 0; extras 4; total 93.

Forder's.—E. D. Hersee run out 11; Rev. T. Litchfield c Day b Keens 13; H. Brown c Geary b Keens 18; G. Tuffnell c Timmins b Keens 5; J. Hillson b Thompson 22; A. Beard b Keens 8; A. Robinson b Coleman 3; H. P. Cocking b Geary 15; T. Burraway run out 2; C. Lowe b Geary 13; G. Faulkner not out 8; extras 10; total 128.

Division II. (Southern Section).

Wootton Hall End v. Forder's Works 2nd.

Played at Wootton on Saturday, when a low-scoring game ended in a victory for the Works by 18 runs. Scores:—

Wootton Hall End.—C. Gilbert b Everett 0; J. Burraway b Everett 1; G. Hutchings c and b Evans 8; H. Hutchings b Evans 1; P. Wadsworth b Evans 2; W. Hutchings run out 14; G. Burraway lbw b Everett 0; J. Beard b Mepham 3; C. Burraway b Mepham 2; H. Tysoe b Mepham 4; A. Curtis not out 0; extras 6; total 41.

Forder's 2nd.—E. Nicholls c Gilbert b Hutchings 1; A. Moore b Hutchings 0; B. Beard lbw b Curtis 0; E. Hutchings c Burraway b Hutchings 1; W. Mepham b Curtis 2; S. Odell c Gilbert b Burraway 22; A. Meredith c Gilbert b Curtis 11; S. Everett lbw b Burraway 1; J. Lowe b Burraway 6; K. Jeeves c Hutchings b Burraway 10; W. Evans not out 1; extras 4; total 59.

Lidlington v. Kempston.

Played at Lidlington on Saturday, and won by the visitors by 10 runs. Scores:—

Kempston.—R. Porter run out 14; E. Pestell b Henman 3; W. Riddy b Taylor 1; S. Eames b Taylor 0; N. Chambers b Taylor 1; T. C. Curtis b Taylor 0; G. Green-Emmott c Roe b Hudson 12; W. Tipton b Cook 0; W. Bennion b Hudson 0; A. Spavins b Hudson 0; W. Houghton not out 0; extras 3; total 34.

Lidlington.—M. Cook c Curtis b Chambers 0; A. Newell c Houghton b Pestell 6; J. Mead c Eames b Pestell 0; A. Cook b Pestell 9; S. Henman run out 1; L. Taylor b Chambers 2; D. Addison b Pestell 1; J. Roe not out 2; H. Bennett b Pestell 2; G. Hudson b Chambers 0; W. Bartlett b Chambers 0; extras 2; total 24.

Railway Athletic v. Forder's Elstow Works.

Played in Bedford Park on Saturday, and won by Elstow Works by 43 runs. Scores:

Railway Athletic.—J. Wright 3; V. Phillips 0; F. Holmes 8; A. P. Hunter 0; F. Nadin 0; E. Mann 0; F. Bone 23; H. Mann 3; G. Woods 20; C. Sills 0; G. Booth (not out) 0; extras 7; total 69.

Forder's Elstow Works.—C. Haynes 26; S. Turner 0; G. Beard 21; R. Reeves 7; A. Braybrooks 6; F. Faulkner 10; R. Procter 0; W. Goldsmith 5; F. Wadsworth (not out) 13; A. Thompson 5; G. Darlow 8; extras 11; total 112.

Division III. (Northern Section).

Great Barford 2nd v. Roxton.

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

Great Barford 2nd.—F. Robinson 0; C. Croft 1; R. Sims 7; P. Skevington 0; S. Sabey 6; J. Norman 2; W. Albone 0; M. Cooper 3; Frank Robinson 0; F. Sims (not out) 1; R. Cooper 1; extras 0; total 21.

Roxton.—H. Gilbert 9; J. Smith 6; A. Hobbs 28; T. Gilbert 18; W. Gadsden 2; F. Brace 7; J. King 2; L. Livett 0; A. Minney (not out) 2; J. Sugars 5; K. Fox 0; extras 5; total 84.

EAST BEDS. LEAGUE.

Following are brief results in the East Beds. League:—

Division I.

Shefford 38, Eaton Socon 46 (for 5 wickets).

Division II.

Sandy 32 (for 5 wickets), Caldecote 2nd 27.
Wrestlingworth 74, Ickwell 23.

Division III.

Ickwell 2nd 42, Old Warden 2nd 93.
Edworth 17, Langford 2nd 59 (for 9 wickets).
Campton 65, Broom 37.

OTHER MATCHES.

Southill v. Shire Hall.

This match was played at Southill on Saturday, and after an enjoyable game resulted in a win for the home side by 23 runs. Scores:—

Shire Hall.—F. Richardson b L. Brown 15; C. H. Poole c D. Brown b L. Brown 13; A. W. H. Poole c Dilley b L. Brown 10; A. B. Poole (capt.) run out 5; F. C. Davis c H. Sherman b Finch 26; E. Smallwood not out 24; A. Long, b Finch 1; A. Markham c L. Sherman b C. Brown 4; D. H. Purcell c L. Sherman b C. Brown 4; F. Jackson b Finch 0; S. Hall c Knight b Finch 0; extras 2; total 109.

Southill.—H. Sherman run out 18; L. Sherman b F. C. Davis 3; C. Knight st A. W. Poole b A. B. Poole 18; F. Finch run out 25; L. Brown b Davis 25; D. Brown st A. W. Poole b A. B. Poole 17; H. Bass b A. B. Poole 0; C. Brown not out 11; J. Watson lbw b A. B. Poole 7; E. Dilley c sub. b A. B. Poole 0; W. Faulkner c and b A. B. Poole 0; extras 12; total 137.

Clophill v. Beds. Club and Ground (Extra).

Ideal weather prevailed on Saturday afternoon for the match on the Common with Beds. Club and Ground (Extra) XI. The home team won by 32 runs. Scores:—

Clophill.—J. Bushby 1; S. Titmas 15; L. A. M. Pugg 6; L. A. M. Oates 18; W. Seabrook 1; H. Whittamore 33; A. Whittamore 25; R. Pearson 4; H. Bushby 0; A. C. Cole 2; H. Gibson 0; extras 9; total 114.

Beds. C. & G.—Humphriss 8; Rawlins 12; Yarlo 12; Cook-Yardborough 13; Holiday 6; Sprague 0; Lowe 9; Dixon 0; Thornton 9; Massey 2; extras 11; total 82

Woburn v. Bromham.

Played at Bromham on Saturday, resulting in a win for the visiting team. Scores:—

Woburn.—B. Edwards 19; A. Short 0; W. Brown 0; A. Newbury 17; C. Woollard 0; L. Champkin 0; C. Cook 4; A. Pullen 2; A. Champkin 10; J. Gilks 1; J. Cook 1; extras 7; total 61.

Bromham.—R. Bruty 0; L. White 0; L. Rideout 10; Wells 4; Longhurst 1; Smith 3; Everest 12; Tysoe 0; E. Freeman 0; G. Gough 1; A. Freeman 1; extras 1; total 33.

Henlow 2nd XI. v. Biggleswade "A."

Biggleswade "A" team were late in arriving at Henlow, but registered a good win by 51 runs over the village 2nd XI. The homesters' score was only 25, P. Tompkins being chief scorer with 8. Biggleswade "A" obtained 76 runs (A. E. Vincent 21, and F. Rogers 21 retired). For Biggleswade A. W. Dobson captured 6 wickets for 9 runs, and P. Bowles 4 for 11. B. S. Bywater took 4 wickets for 25 runs for Henlow.

Sandy Thursday v. Biggleswade Thursday.

Sandy were easily defeated, at home, on the 4th inst., by the Biggleswade Thursday XI. The homesters were all out for 34 runs, Webb getting 11 of these. Biggleswade replied with 64 for 5 wickets, A. E. Vincent being undefeated with 27 runs as his contribution. For Biggleswade Thursday L. H. Collings captured 4 wickets for 15 runs, and J. Dobson 4 for 16.

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HERTFORDSHIRE'S VICTORY.

A THUNDER SHOWER AND ITS SEQUEL.

Our neighbours and oldest rivals, Hertfordshire, were Bedford's opponents for the final match of the Week. The visitors, who have missed R. O. Meyer, the Clophill-born Cambridge Blue, and have not done nearly so well as in recent summers, were able to bring their best team of the season. The side included for the first time P. G. T. Kingsley, the Winchester School Captain, who on the days immediately prior to this game was captaining the Public Schools' XI against the Army at Lords. The Winchester boy proved a great asset, his smart fielding being in brilliant contrast to the general mediocrity of his colleagues' work in the field and his innings on Friday afternoon ranking next to C. N. Reed's great display as the choicest piece of batting of the whole match.

BEDFORDSHIRE OPEN QUIETLY.

There was a quiet morning's cricket on Friday. Capt. Turnbull's luck with the coin held out and for the third time during the Week and for the fifth time in succession he won the toss. Holdstock and Kellett, though taking no risks, seemed quite comfortable until, with the score at 33, Holdstock was too late for a ball from Burton, and was bowled. Kellett took 18 runs off two overs from Halsey before Alston was given out lbw ere he had opened his account, and then he quietened down again. C. N. Reed scored steadily, but Kellett was obviously uneasy with Burton, who beat him with one ball and with the next hit his off stump. The score was now 62 for three wickets, Burton having taken all three, as the result of 70 minutes' play.

Halsey, the Navy player, after being heavily punished by Kellett in his first three overs, had now found his length, and sent down several maidens, but, in the absence of wickets, he had to give way to Roberts. Rawlins had a narrow escape of being caught in the slips off a ball he hit on to his pads and which bounced off and just cleared the heads of first and second slips, who both made a grab for it. Rawlins was putting some beef behind his strokes, but found it difficult to get the ball past Halsey who was fielding brilliantly at mid-off and covering a lot of ground. However, one lovely shot reached the boundary, and he made three more runs in that over. Having sent down 16 overs with scarcely a loose ball Burton took a rest. Halsey, who went on for him, was driven fast to the ropes by Reed in his first over. The batsmen were now giving a delightful exhibition of clean, crisp batting, and the century went up for rather more than a hundred minutes' play. Just before this, however, a clever low catch at point by Titchmarsh caused Rawlins to make way for C. H. Williams. Shortly before luncheon Reed reached his half-century with a great drive to the on boundary, and when the adjournment was made Bedfordshire had scored 134 for four wickets.

This score had been advanced to 152 (70 of which belonged to Reed), when the Modern School captain, having reached the unlucky number, provided Burton with his fourth wicket, Williams failing to time his faster ball. Turnbull never shaped like staying, and Reed made eight of the nine runs made during the brief partnership. An encouraging round of applause when Sime cut his first ball through the slips for a single signified the crowd's sympathy with the School boy in his run of bad luck during the Week. Sime ran into double figures with two beautiful boundary drives off Rabone's slows. Meantime interest was centering in Reed's approach towards his century. Turning Halsey prettily to leg for three he passed into the nineties. Having beaten his previous best for the County this season, Sime made an uppish stroke, but the fielder at mid-off carried too much flesh to get to the ball. Still in the nineties, Reed suddenly seemed to put on a spurt. A terrific drive for four brought his total to 97, but in attempting to repeat the stroke off the next ball he misjudged its flight, and was bowled. Going in when two wickets were down for 51, he made 97 of the 145 scored during his stay of two hours and 25 minutes by faultless cricket, his only chance being a hard return to the bowler when he had made 44. He employed a great variety of strokes, hitting hard all round the wicket, and exhibiting a masterly defence. He made nine 4's and seven 3's.

With Reed's departure at 196 the back of the Bedfordshire batting was broken.

Stevens, who was in a smiting mood, had two lives in the country before Sime was smartly taken off a hard cut in the slips at 204, and Halsey nearly got to Stevens's third lofty stroke before Roberts bowled him. During the next over Halsey secured an lbw decision against Page, and the innings closed for 206.

Burton took four wickets for 48 runs, Roberts four for 70, and Halsey two for 61.

A GREAT PARTNERSHIP.

Hertfordshire had forty minutes' batting before tea. Kingston and Walker opened against Holdstock and Bovill. Walker put Holdstock round for four in the first over, but the batsmen were obviously in no hurry, and the first 15 overs produced only 20 runs. Holdstock and Bovill were keeping a fine length and the fielding admitted of no liberties. At the interval Kingsley had made 17 and Walker 10 of the total of 30.

After tea Kingsley continued the more fluent batsman, and he made some beautiful shots all round the wicket, though most of both players' scoring strokes were in front of the wicket or square cuts. Neither forced the pace, yet the cricket was by no means slow, and the hundred went up at 5.30. At 106 Sime came on for the first time during the Week and Kingsley completed his 50 off the Bedford School boy's second ball with a choice drive to the boundary. The third ball he hit for two. The fourth he went out to smash unmercifully, but he only partially got hold of it, and Page easily took him at the wickets. It was a most attractive knock, with delicate cutting and forceful driving its main features. Sime all but brought off a great c and b which would have cut short Reid's life at 115. Shortly before six o'clock Walker completed his half-century with a square cut for three. When he had added six more he tried to pull Sime round to leg, as he had done just before, but this time the ball came straight on and bowled him. Walker's effort suffered in comparison with the more easy grace of his partner, but his batting was sound and he gave no chances. The score had been advanced to 149 for two (Reid 17 and Titchmarsh 4) when rain brought play to a close for the day at 6.10.

Bedfordshire had the gratification of seeing the back of Titchmarsh early on Saturday when the little Harpenden man played on to Bovill with nine runs added. Considering their advantageous position Hertfordshire batted very slowly at first. Holdstock just failed to hold a difficult return from Halsey when he had made only one. Halsey went on to score much faster than his captain, though Reid had an occasional nice square cut to the boundary and sent up the second century ten minutes before noon.

THREE MAGNIFICENT CATCHES.

Stevens was now the bowler and off his first delivery with the new ball Alston brought off a magnificent catch low down at leg which sent Reid back for a well-made if quiet 40. With a single off Williams Halsey gave his county the lead. The next ball was obviously meant for the on boundary, but Halsey only half got hold of it and Sime made a beautifully-judged running away catch. The Bedfordshire fielding all round at this stage was wonderfully good and Crossman had made only two when Williams accepted a hard return from him which seemed well away over the bowler's head. After this the rate of scoring again dropped appreciably and it was quite an event when Rabone pulled a short one from Williams for three. After a while, with Holdstock bowling for Williams, the batsmen became more enterprising, and made several nice shots at the professional's expense. Sime had hard luck when, having taken Fordham smartly low down at short leg, he dropped the ball in rolling over. Having added 68 for the seventh wicket the partnership was dissolved by Page stumping Rabone. Grimsdell helped Fordham to add 39 for the eighth wicket, and Roberts made 15 of the ninth wicket stand which carried the score to 329.

BEDFORD'S BAD PATCH ON PATCHY WICKET.

During the luncheon break Bedford caught the fringe of the storm which apparently had centred over London earlier in the day, and though the actual visitation was confined to a five minutes' sharp shower the after-effects were more permanent. About three o'clock, under the influence of the sun, it began to play the queerest tricks. Sometimes a ball, finding one of the softer patches, cut straight through, though losing pace off the pitch; at other times it came through like a decent ball might be expected to do, and at others shot off at most disconcerting angles and pace.

The thunder was still reverberating among the hills when Bedfordshire began their second innings with Holdstock and Kellett. The light was bad and runs came slowly—mostly in singles—but steadily until after forty minutes at 38 Kellett was caught at silly leg. The score had been advanced only to 49 when Holdstock returned a kicking ball to Burton, who held an easy catch. Alston was bowled in Burton's next over without altering the score. Bedfordshire were right up against it, for, with 3½ hours remaining for play they needed 82 runs to save the innings' defeat. Matters were not mended when Rawlins, after being given a life through a missed catch at second slip at Burton's end, was taken at the wicket in the next over at the other. But worse was in store, for Burton yorked Williams at 46, and the best batting half of the side was out. Reed, who had seen three men leave without himself getting a stroke, was too late at one from Burton and was yorked at 47. Really, to those who like to hear the rattle of wickets, this was getting as exciting as the Saturday afternoon league cricket in the Park near by. Bedfordshire's one piece of good fortune in this dismal half-hour came when Sime was caught at the wicket, but was rightly given not out by the umpire, who was unsighted by the bowler.

This incident seemed to mark the turning point. The effects of the shower bath were rapidly passing away under the influence of a drying sun, and Turnbull and Sime proceeded to play the bowling with a confidence which seemed impossible a few overs before. Turnbull, taking the ball well in the middle of the blade, got past the field with several nice drives. Sime was more than keeping his end going, and when the tea rest arrived the stand had taken the score from 47 to 88, the captain's share being 23 and the School boy's 12. Turnbull sent the century up at 5 o'clock, but had his leg stump upset directly afterwards. The stand had added 53, and though not affecting the ultimate result, it put a much better complexion on the score. With Stevens as partner, Sime continued to bat soundly, making all his runs well, until he played over Burton's fatal yorker.

Six runs were still required to save the innings defeat. Stevens got three of these and Page two. Then Stevens lifted the ball behind the bowler and Walker dropped an easy catch, a two being run. Page hooked a couple of shots round to leg for two's before Stevens put up another easy catch, this time to Rabone, at mid-on, and much to the delight of the crowd, who were vastly enjoying Stevens's sporting knock. Rabone dropped it. Stevens joined in the general merriment, rolling on the ground with laughter. Stevens gave his third and last chance when this merry stand had added 22 runs, Walker this time accepting an easy catch at mid-off. Page had made ten when Bovill fell to a catch at mid-off at 145.

Hertfordshire thus had 21 to make for victory. There was ample time, and Kingsley and Grimsdell, to whom were allotted the task, were taking no risks. Kingsley sent several pretty shots through the slips and to leg. At the end of 20 minutes, in making the winning stroke (as he thought) Grimsdell trod on his wicket. He ran only to find on arrival at the other end that the umpire was signalling his dismissal, and the padless Burton had to come out to enable Kingsley to make the necessary run. Scores:—

Bedfordshire—1st Innings.

Holdstock b Burton	17
R. Kellett b Burton	36
A. R. Alston c Grimsdell b Burton	0
C. N. Reed b Roberts	97
F. Rawlins c Titchmarsh b Roberts	13
C. H. Williams b Burton	13
Capt. D. Turnbull lbw b Roberts	1
W. A. Sime c Fordham b Halsey	21
L. Stevens b Roberts	4
E. Page lbw b Halsey	1
E. M. Bovill not out	0
Extras	3
Total	206

Hertfordshire—1st Innings.

P. G. T. Kingsley c Page b Sime	55
G. R. Walker b Sime	56
L. J. Reid c Alston b Stevens	40
C. H. Titchmarsh b Bovill	8
T. E. Halsey c Sime b Williams	25
C. B. Fordham run out	63
G. M. Crossman c & b Williams	2
C. H. Rabone st Page b Sime	41
A. Grimsdell c Stevens b Rawlins	6
Roberts run out	15
Burton not out	1
Extras	20
Total	331

Bedfordshire—2nd Innings.

Holdstock c & b Roberts	21
R. Kellett c Crossman b Burton	19
A. R. Alston b Burton	4
C. N. Reed b Burton	1
F. Rawlins c Grimsdell b Roberts	0
C. H. Williams b Burton	1
W. A. Sime b Burton	23
D. Turnbull b Burton	30
L. Stevens c Walker b Roberts	28
E. Page not out	10
E. M. Bovill c Halsey b Roberts	0
Extras	8
Total	145

Hertfordshire—2nd Innings.

P. G. T. Kingsley not out	12
A. Grimsdell bt wkt b Williams	6
Burton not out	0
Extras	3
Total (for 1 wkt.)	21

CRICKET NOTES.

Personal.

H. L. V. Day, O.B.M., is playing for Hampshire again now the School vacation is here, and against Somerset last week-end he made 15 and 6.

C. A. B. McVittie, of the Bedford School XI, made a neat 42 for the Young Amateurs of England against the Young Professionals in the annual match last week-end. "McVittie," states *The Times*, "was rather unlucky to give the bowler an easy return catch from a ball that kicked a little and caused him to mis-time his stroke. He always looked quite safe, and made some good strokes in front of the wicket."

R. V. Hobbs, of Toddington, who has played for Durham County, has been making some big scores for his native village recently. On Saturday he retired after compiling a brisk 132. Last week a quick innings of 54 included four 6's and several 4's.

The New Zealanders.

With the near approach of 24th and 25th August interest is quickening in the visit to Bedford of the New Zealand cricketers. If there is one certainty in this game of uncertainties it is that the Bedford spectators are in for a feast of good batting. Bedfordshire bowlers will be personally interested in the fact that of the only three amateur batsmen in first class cricket who had an average of more than 40 run up to Saturday, two were New Zealanders. At a dinner given in their honour by the Surrey Club on 4th August, Mr. T. C. Lowry (the captain) said the team had done far better than they or anyone in New Zealand anticipated at the outset of the tour, and there is no doubt that the side can meet any county team in England with a fair prospect of success.

C. Stuart Dempster, one of the team, who has reached the top of his form, scoring 178 against Durham, 180 against Warwickshire, 167 against Glamorgan, and 101 against Surrey, is called "Stewie". Originally playing for the Boys' Institute team in Wellington, he later went to Wanganui from Wellington, and holds the record number of runs scored in a season, 762.

The team to represent Bedfordshire in the New Zealand match, and also in the last county game of the season, which is being played against Cambridgeshire at Luton next Wednesday and Thursday, will be selected from Capt. Turnbull, Holdstock, J. H. Buckley, A. R. Alston, E. A. Fryer, R. Kellett, W. A. Sime, L. Stevens, E. Page, E. M. Bovill, and E. D. Hersee.

Bedford Cricket Week.

An innings victory, a defeat by nine wickets, and a loss on the first innings, with an aggregate of six points of a possible fifteen, some interesting if variable cricket, and small attendances, succinctly sum up Bedford Cricket Week. After being saved on the Tuesday by Rawlins's great innings from an inglorious defeat by Lincolnshire, Bedfordshire administered a sound beating to Oxfordshire by an innings and 67 runs, and then gave evidence of the unreliable nature of their recovery of form by accepting a nine wickets defeat from Hertfordshire, at the moment a weaker team.

The home batting was brilliant and feeble in patches, and the quality of the bowling variable, the only department in which the side showed any consistency being their work in the field. And this was consistently good. It used to be said that Bedfordshire suffered from a permanent epidemic and it was not catching. The reproach veiled in that feeble attempt at a joke cannot be applied to the present team after last week's able display in the field. At times it reached real brilliance, and apart from the runs it saved and the support it gave to moderate bowling it was delightful to watch.

Those privileged to see the three magnificent catches on Saturday which dismissed Kingsley, Reid, and Halsey are not likely to forget them for many a day. It is very seldom that three spectacular catches like them succeed one another so quickly, and their immediate effect was to sober down the Hertfordshire batsmen and to lend the home bowling a respect which was rather more than its due.

There was general regret when Cyril Reed, in his over-eagerness to complete his century, was bowled in lashing out at Roberts, the young Harpenden professional. This is the second time this season Reed has been dismissed when attempting to complete his century. In its attractiveness the Old Bedfordian's innings was challenged only by Kingsley's graceful batting later in the day. He showed a command of a great variety of scoring strokes.

It is remarkable how many Hertfordshire players have had Bedfordshire connexions. The more recent instances include R. O. Meyer, who was born at Clophill Rectory; T. E. Halsey, who is the son of Sir Lionel Halsey; and G. M. Crossman, who is a nephew of Mr. J. W. Crossman. Arthur Grimsdell, the Tottenham Hotspur captain and Hertfordshire wicket-keeper, was telling a good story of Meyer on the Pavilion Terrace on Saturday. Hertfordshire was playing Cambridgeshire in the Minor Counties Championship, and as usual Meyer opened the Hertfordshire attack, Grimsdell being behind the wickets. The first delivery was "smashed", literally, by the Cambridgeshire batsman, and its pieces flew about him in all directions. Meyer had sent down a lemon.

Bedfordshire's G.O.M.

Interest in cricket in Bedford's beautiful Park on Saturday was enhanced by the presence of Mr. L. Stileman Gibbard, who was assisting Sharnbrook against Bedford Clarence in a first league engagement. The Champions, so far undefeated this season, received a bit of a shock when, after dismissing the villagers for 106, two of their best batsmen were out for less than 20, but some big hitting by Alcock and Williamson eventually pulled the game round and the runs were obtained for the loss of six wickets.

Interesting as the game was, it was in Bedfordshire's wonderful veteran, his steady and serene batting, his slow break bowling, and above all his wonderful carriage in the field, that the greatest interest centered. Those for whom cricket holds little interest, as a rule, could not help but stand and admire this commanding personality, and young players marvelled at his perpetual youth.

Mr. Gibbard assisted in a first wicket partnership of over 50, batting steadily while his partner hit with refreshing vigour. Later Alcock and Barcock became associated in a prolific partnership for the Clarence, "Sonny" making some rare big hits, which included two sixes. The score rose to 60 before Stileman Gibbard took over the bowling, and the crowd were given a thrill when, with his first ball he caught and bowled Alcock. The crowd were naturally sorry to see "Sonny's" dashing innings come to a close, but they could not suppress their delight that the G.O.M. had taken a wicket with his first ball.

Still Going Strong.

Another player who is passing into the veteran stage, and seems as good as ever, is H. P. Cocking, the Old Elstonian. Cocking played for the County XI in former days, and there are many good judges who regard him even now as the best bowler in the county. His seven wickets for 32 last week for Forder's Works against the Conservative Club is only one of many fine performances this season.

The Harlequins at Ickwell Bury.

The influence of our old friend H. V. Brodie can be traced in the annual visit of the Harlequins to play a friendly match at Ickwell Bury with a local team raised by Mr. J. S. Marsom. The third of these matches was played at the School (where H. V. Brodie is sports master) on Thursday week, and although Brodie himself made 83 runs and took four wickets the village team won by one run. After the match the Harlequins invited their opponents to a good supper that had been prepared at the Crown Inn, Northill, by Mrs. J. S. Marsom, and a very pleasant evening was spent by both teams until 10 o'clock. Then "good bye" until next year.

A Mark of Respect.

Both cricket teams of Forder's Works wore mourning armlets whilst playing their matches on Saturday, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Cyril M. Stewart, whose death took place at the end of July in Africa. Mr. Stewart, whilst at the Pillinge Works, played for the first eleven, and was known to many of the Bedford League players as a good all-round cricketer and sportsman, who was respected by all ranks. His early death will be regretted. He was the eldest son of Mr. P. M. Stewart, Chairman of the London Brick Company and Forders Limited, to whom the sympathy of all Bedford cricketers will be extended.

An Exciting Game.

That was an exciting game at Wootton on Saturday, when, in one of the "local Derbys" which abound in that neighbourhood of keen cricket elevens, the Hall End were robbed of a sensational victory by a no less sensational "tail" effort of the Works' 2nd team. Against a score of 41 the Works had lost half their wickets for six runs when Meredith and Everett came together. They brought their side's total gradually to within reach of the End's total, and the subsequent batsmen did the rest.

The Ridgmont Secretary writes: "An error crept into your excellent notes on league cricket last week. Forders (Wootton) 2nd XI were all out for 32 when they came to us early in the season. We have done rather badly this season, and I am certain you will give us credit for that little achievement."

Thunderstorm Stops Cricket.

A very heavy thunderstorm, accompanied by torrential rain, came on between 1 and 2 p.m. on Saturday, and continued for some time, so that the cricket matches between Biggleswade 1st XI and Waresley, and Biggleswade Wesleyans and Langford, could not be played.

The Bedfordshire Club and Ground pay their annual visit to Biggleswade to-morrow, and on the Fairfield ground they will be met by the following XI: G. Albone (capt.), G. H. Thompson, A. O. Brown, F. Males, J. Ronchford, S. H. Hammond, F. Rogers, J. K. Thomason, W. Dobson, C. Stapleton, and J. Radford.

MINOR COUNTIES' COMPETITION.

(Not including this week's games.)

	Pld.	Pos. Pts.	Pts. Obt.	Petg.
Staffordshire	7	35	31	88.57
Notts II	5	25	20	80.00
Durham	6	30	22	73.33
Buckinghamshire	4	20	13	65.00
Devonshire	9	45	28	62.22
Wiltshire	4	20	12	60.00
Monmouthshire	6	30	17	56.66
Surrey II	6	30	17	56.66
Hertfordshire	10	50	27	54.00
Lancashire II	8	40	15	37.50
Leicestershire II	7	35	13	37.14
Oxfordshire	6	30	11	36.66
Norfolk		30	11	36.66
Yorkshire II	7	35	12	34.28
Lincolnshire		30	10	33.33
Northumberland	5	25	8	32.00
Dorset	4	20	6	30.00
Berkshire	6	30	9	30.00
Kent II	5	25	7	28.00
Bedfordshire	7	30	8	26.66
Cambridgeshire	5	25	6	24.00
Cornwall		30	7	23.33
Cheshire	3	15	1	6.66

Surrey II v. Monmouthshire abandoned on account of rain.

Kettering v. Queen's Works.

Played at Kettering on Saturday, resulting in a very easy win for the home team. Owing to heavy rain the match was not begun until 4.30 p.m. and then under bad conditions. Kettering made a total of 191 for six wickets declared, mainly through the efforts of B. L. Wright who hit 85 in a very short time. Included in this score were three 6's and eleven 4's. The Queen's fared very badly, only Bruce (21), Childs (18), Tingey (18), and Williams (12 not out)) reaching double figures. Scores:—

Kettering.

W. Cawston c Ratcliff b Keech	25
W. Farnsworth c Tingey b Harris	2
B. L. Wright c Rogers b Bruce	85
J. H. Johnson lbw b Keech	18
S. Wright c Bruce b Faulkner	14
F. Thomson not out	32
H. J. Parker not out	11
F. Norman run out	0
Extras	9
Total (for 6 wkts. dec.)	191

Queen's Works.

J. Ratcliff lbw b B. Wright	2
H. Faulkner b Parker	5
S. Bruce c Johnson b Parker	21
S. P. Keech b Wright	0
W. H. A. Childs c Preston b Carter	18
S. Harris c S. Wright b B. Wright	3
C. Rogers c Preston b Carter	0
T. Golding c Wright b Carter	7
H. Tingey c Wright b Preston	18
F. Williams not out	12
J. Smith run out	1
Extras	9
Total	96

BEDFORD & DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Division I.

Bedford Clarence v. Sharnbrook.

On Saturday, in Bedford Park, many of the Clarence followers wore somewhat anxious faces and most of Sharnbrook's supporters were preparing to kick their heels in the air when, owing to excellent batting, the villagers' opening pair compiled 52 before being separated, F. Allen being responsible for a hard-hit 41 before being caught off Millman. The veteran cricketer of Bedfordshire held his own with the bowling for 1¼ hours, during which time he contributed a valuable 13, despite the fact that several rising balls hit him hard enough to send the majority of youngsters off the field. When these two were separated, however, a slump set in, and with the exception of H. Boyles (13), W. Howe (13), and R. Allen (10), none of the other batsmen did much, and the whole side was out for 106.

The Clarence were given under two hours in which to pass this rather imposing total, but they showed true championship form. The skipper showed how to obtain quick runs, as he hit an exceptionally hard 41, which included two 6's, before he fell to the first ball of that wily old cricketer, L. Stileman Gibbard. Barcock played a splendid game in opening the innings, and was undefeated when the champions declared when they had reached 119 for 6 wickets. He did not give a chance, but batted consistently the whole time, and was never in the least difficulty. A successful cricket career can be confidently expected of this youngster. S. Williamson then very quickly hit up 29, and the game was over in time to allow the villagers ample time to catch their train, which, in the earlier stages of the game appeared impossible. These successive victories, when the odds seem against them, merely go to show what a very formidable combination the Clarence are when up against it. Scores:—

Sharnbrook: F. Allen c King b Millman 41, L. T. Stileman Gibbard lbw b Millman 13, H. Boyles b Alcock 13, H. Riche b Barcock 1, W. Howe run out 13, F. Fountaine c Wells b King 4, H. Butcher b Alcock 0, P. Allen not out 3, R. Allen c Millman b Alcock 10, H. Ingram c Alcock b King 4, T. Hilton b Alcock 0, extras 4, total 106.

Bedford Clarence: F. Millman b Howe 4, H. Barcock not out 31, E. Barker c F. Allen b Hilton 2, H. Alcock c & b Gibbard 43, F. King b Gibbard 3, O. Maynard c P. Allen b Riche 4, S. Williamson c F. Allen b Hilton 29, extras 3, total (for 6 wkts.) 119. G. Read, F. Field, R. Ives, and M. Wells did not bat.

Forder's Works v. Conservative Club.

At Wootton Pillinge on Saturday these teams met in their return match, a most enjoyable game resulting. Forder's put up a total of 128, the highest individual effort being 22 by J. Hillson, H. Brown being next with 18. After tea the Conservatives began their innings with one man short. Batting steadily they had collected 60 for the loss of five wickets, but after this their wickets began to fall more cheaply, until they were all out for 93. R. Keens made top score of the match with 33, whilst J. Bonfield contributed a sparkling 21 not out. A feature of the match was the fielding of C. W. Gillett, who, acting as "sub" for the Conservative Club, returned the ball very smartly, saving many runs, and succeeding in getting Hersee run out. H. P. Cocking took seven wickets for 32 runs, and Hersee two for 32. Scores:—

Forder's: D. Hersee run out 11, the Rev. T. Litchfield c Day b Bonfield 13, H. Brown c Geary b Keens 18, G. Tuffnell c Timmins b Keens 5, J. Hillson b Thompson 22, A. Beard b Keens 8, A. Robinson b Coleman 3, H. P. Cocking b Geary 15, T. Burraway run out 2, C. Lowe b Geary 13, G. Faulkner not out 8, extras 10, total 128.

Conservative Club: E. Fisher c Robinson b Cocking 8, R. Keens b Cocking 33, C. Laughton c Litchfield b Cocking 5, H. Timmins c Faulkner b Cocking 2, F. Coleman c and b Hersee 9, W. Thompson b Hersee 7, E. Valentine c Hillson b Cocking 0, J. Bonfield not out 21, H. Day b Cocking 4, R. Geary c and b Cocking 0, extras 4, total 93.

Division II (South).

Lidlington v. Kempston.

This return game was played at Lidlington, where a low scoring game ended in a win for the visitors by 10 runs. Kempston elected to bat on a veritable bowlers' paradise, as is witnessed by the scores, no less than ten men in the two teams failing to trouble the scorers. Every run had to be fought for, and of the visitors' 34 Porter and Green-Emmott made 26, the biggest hit being a two. The innings was noteworthy for the action on the part of Chambers, who, thinking that the umpire had made an error in a run-out decision, stood aside and allowed Taylor to bowl down his stumps. The home team thought after their victory of the previous week over the Railway Athletic that they were going to repeat the performance, but they found the Kempston bowlers too good for them, and managed to total only 24. They were naturally very disappointed, and this disappointment found very audible expression amongst the spectators, which marred what would otherwise have been a pleasant game. Scores:—

Kempston: R. Porter run out 14, E. Pestell b Henman 3, W. Riddy b Taylor 1, S. Eames b Taylor 0, N. Chambers b Taylor 1, F. C. Curtis b Taylor 0, G. Green-Emmott c Roe b Hudson 12, W. Tipton b Cook 0, W. Bennion b Hudson 0, A. Spavins b Hudson 0, W. Houghton not out 0, extras 3, total 34.

Lidlington: M. Cook c Curtis b Chambers 0, A. Newel c Houghton b Pestell 6, J. Mead c Eames b Pestell 0, A. Cook b Pestell 9, S. Henman run out 1, L. Taylor b Chambers 2, D. Addison b Pestell 1, J. Roe not out 2, H. Bennett b Pestell 1, G. Hudson b Chambers 0, W. Bartlett b Chambers 0, extras 2, total 24.

Wootton Hall End v. Forder's 2nd.

This "local Derby" game provided quite a thrill on Saturday, when Wootton came within an ace of defeating the Works' team. In fact, at one time it appeared that the Works would get a proper "mustard plaster". Again the "glorious uncertainty" asserted itself, for the Works, after having 5 wickets down for six runs, began to wag its tail, and, after a magnificent effort, obtained the desired number of runs with a few to spare, and thus won the game. Wootton totalled 41, W. Hutchings being highest with 14. The Works replied with 59, S. Odell contributing 22 just when they were wanted, A. Meredith being next with 11. Scores:

Wootton Hall End: C. Gilbert 0, J. Burraway 1, G. Hutchings 8, H. Hutchings 1, P. Wadsworth 2, W. Hutchings 14, G. Burraway 0, Beard 3, C. Burraway 2, H. Tysoe 4, A. Curtis not out 0, extras 6, total 41.

Forder's Works 2nd: E. Nicholls 1, A. Moore 0, B. Beard 0, E. Hutchings 1, W. Mepham 2, S. Odell 22, A. Meredith 11, S. Everett 1, J. Lowe 6, K. Jeeves 10, W. Evans not out 1, extras 4, total 59.

Railway Ath. v. Forder's (Elstow) Works.

This pleasant match took place in Bedford Park on Saturday and was won by the visitors by 43 runs. At the beginning of the season the Railwaymen were victorious by two runs. On Saturday it was a different story. The Athletic had their first seven batsmen out for 25 runs. Then F. Bone (28), and Woods (20) hit out and put on 44 between them for the ninth wicket. Haynes (26), and Beard (21) batted well for the Elstow team. For the Athletic H. Mann, Bone, and E. Mann each took three wickets for 18, 9, and 27 runs respectively, and for Forders R. Proctor captured four for 27, S. Turner three for 18, and Thompson two for one. Scores:—

Railway Athletic: J. Wright 3, J. Phillips 0, F. Holmes 8, A. P. Hunter 0, F. Nadin 0, E. Mann 0, F. Bone 28, H. Mann 3, G. Woods 20, C. Sills 0, G. Booth not out 0, extras 7, total 69.

Forders (Elstow) Works: C. Haynes 26, S. Turner 0, G. Beard 21, R. Reeves 7, A. Braybrooks 6, F. Faulkner 10, R. Procter 0, W. Goldsmith 5, F. Wadsworth not out 13, A. Thompson 5, G. Darlow 8, extras 11, total 112.

Division III (North).

Great Barford 2nd v. Roxton.

This match was played at Roxton on Saturday and was won by the home side rather easily. Batting first Barford were soon all out for 21 runs against some good bowling of the cousins Gilbert and Brace, H. Gilbert securing the best bowling average with 5 wickets for 11 runs. Roxton replied with 84 runs, their chief scorers being A. Hobbs (28) and T. Gilbert (18). Scores:—

Great Barford: Fd. Robinson 0, C. Croft 1, R. Sims 7, P. Skevington 0, S. Sabey 6, J. Norman 2, W. Albone 0, M. Cooper 3, Fk. Robinson 0, F. Sims not out 1, R. Cooper 1, extras 0, total 21.

Roxton: H. Gilbert 9, J. Smith 6, A. Hobbs 28, T. Gilbert 18, W. Gadsden 2, F. Brace 7, J. King 2, L. Livett 0, A. Minney not out 2, J. Sugars 5, K. Fox 0, extras 5, total 84.

Division III (South).

Haynes 2nd v. Cranfield.

Played at Haynes on 6th August. Haynes were chiefly indebted to G. Potter for their fairly easy victory over Cranfield on Saturday, for in addition to scoring a well-played innings of 39 not out he took 3 wickets for 11 runs. His colleagues, R. Francis and G. Herbert, also bowled well, taking 3 for 11 and 2 for 3 respectively. Scores:—

Haynes: F. Thorogood 3, C. Thorogood 9, F. Simms 0, G. Potter not out 39, G. Barber 7, H. Herbert 6, D. L. Simms 1, G. Herbert 4, J. Allen 1, R. Francis 2, F. Cox 0, extras 5, total 77.

Cranfield: R. Evans 3, W. Johnson 5, A. Howe 9, T. Lovesey 0, C. Linham 3, E. Malsher 5, R. Linnell 0, L. Saunders 2, S. Sanders 2, F. Minards 0, W. Harper not out 1, extras 0, total 30.

Division III (East).

Bedford Clarence 3rd v. Stagsden.

Played in Bedford Park and resulted in a win for the Clarence by 26 runs. This is the first league win for the Clarence 3rd XI this season. Linger hit well for Stagsden, scoring 32 runs out of a total of 70. D. Meadows bowled well for the Clarence, taking 5 wickets for 38 runs. Scores:—

Bedford Clarence 3rd: H. Chamberlain 8, D. Meadows 16, A. Darlow 1, P. Spindler 26, W. Clarke 11, H. Ives 2, R. Griggs 3, H. Dennis not out 11, R. Burrows 3, G. Gell 4, S. Chamberlain 2, extras 9, total 96.

Stagsden: A. Beard 6, B. Beard 4, J. Glidewell 1, P. Bazley 2, W. Linger 32, C. Smith 5, B. Newman 0, E. Flute 13, F. Beard 0, J. Beard 5, G. Newman not out 2, total 70.

EAST BEDFORDSHIRE LEAGUE.

Division I.

Shefford v. Eaton Socon.

Shefford fared badly at home on Saturday, Eaton Socon winning by 8 runs and five wickets. R. Ayres captured five wickets for 14 runs, and W. Jefferies three for 8 for Eaton Socon, and R. Rainbow three for 8 for Shefford. Scores:—

Shefford: A. Burnage 2, L. Kempson 4, P. Millard 2, R. Rainbow 0, W. Godfrey 12, E. Cooper 0, C. Dilley 0, W. Devereux 1, L. Clark not out 8 W. Cakebread 0, E. Knight 3, extras 6, total 38.

Eaton Socon: Bentham 1, W. H. Waterland not out 7, W. H. Swords 9, R. Bentham 10, W. Jefferies 9, G. Cropley 6, extras 4, total for five wickets 46. W. Smith, R. Ayres, H. Abbott, C. Nash, and P. Addington did not bat.

Division II.

Henlow 2nd v. Biggleswade 'A'.

Biggleswade 'A' were late in arriving at Henlow owing to a heavy storm in the town, but later learnt there had been very little rain at Henlow, and proceeded to the ground to defeat the second string by 51 runs. The scores were: Henlow 2nd 25, Biggleswade 'A' 76. For Biggleswade W. Dobson took 6 wickets for 5 runs, and P. Bowles 4 for 11; F. Rogers retired when he had scored 21 runs, and A. E. Vincent also hit 21 for the winners.

Sandy v. Caldecote 2nd.

Sandy won by 5 wickets and 5 runs at home on Saturday. Dr. Stewart got 12 runs out of their total of 32 for 5 wickets. Caldecote's second eleven were all out for 27, W. Finding taking 6 wickets for 11 runs.

Wrestlingworth v. Ickwell.

Ickwell made a poor stand at Wrestlingworth and were all out for 23 runs. Wrestlingworth obtained 74 runs, J. Pett getting 17. For Wrestlingworth A. Brion took 5 wickets for 10, and for Ickwell J. Law 4 for 22.

Division III.

Ickwell 2nd v. Old Warden 2nd.

G. Berridge with 45 and H. King not out 20 were the chief scorers for Old Warden, who nearly topped the century mark. Berridge also took 5 wickets for 21 runs for Ickwell. Scores: Ickwell 2nd 42, Old Warden 98.

Langford 2nd v. Edworth.

Langford's second string obtained 59 for 9 wickets and got their opponents out for 17 runs. Scores: Langford 2nd 59 for 9 wickets, Edworth 17.

Campton v. Broom.

Although A. Swain took 6 wickets for 22 runs for Broom his side were easily beaten on Saturday. For Campton S. Whittemore scored 21 and R. Stamp 20. Scores: Campton 65, Broom 37.

MID-BEDFORDSHIRE LEAGUE.

Division II.

Harlington 2nd v. Steppingley.

At Harlington on Saturday Steppingley were the visitors, and had an easy task in beating the homesters by 59 runs. G. Putman scored 30 for the visitors. Scores: Harlington 2nd 13, Steppingley 72.

SHELTON & DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Final Table.

	p.	w.	d.	l.	pts.
Chelveston	14	10	0	4	20
Dean	14	9	1	4	19
Keystone	14	8	0	6	16
Melchbourne	14	7	1	6	15
Hargrave	14	7	0	7	14
Tillbrook	14	6	0	8	12
Little Staughton	14	6	0	8	12
Pertenhall	14	2	0	12	4

OTHER MATCHES.

Harlequins R.U.F.C. v. J. S. Marsom's XI.

The third annual match between members of the famous Harlequins' Rugby Club and a Mr. J. S. Marsom's XI was played on the 4th August at Ickwell Bury School. The home team won by one run. The scores were:—

Harlequins: B. A. Gregory b J. Bennett 3, B. F. Slaybury c A. Gale b Bennett 5, F. T. Davies c C. Shelton b Bennett 11, H. V. Brodie c H. Wilkins b O. Brown 33, H. E. Hill b A. E. Shelton 5, L. Douglas lbw b A. E. Shelton 1, G. Hope b C. Shelton 2, J. Dobson b C. Shelton 6, Peasefewe c & b O. Brown 2, W. Brodie b O. Brown 2, J. Marsom not out 0, extras 5, total 125.

J. S. Marsom's XI: O. Brown c Slaybury b Gregory 21, A. Marsom c & b H. Brodie 10, A. Gale c Brodie b Gregory 5, J. Bennett c Dobson b Gregory 8, C. Shelton b Brodie 17, W. A. Birkett lbw b Dobson 6, T. Woodward c Peasefewe b Dobson 13, J. Radford b Brodie 9, H. Wilkins not out 3, A. Shelton b Brodie 15, A. E. Shelton b Dobson 13, extras 3, total 125.

Meltis v. Weston Underwood.

An interesting game on the Meltis ground resulted in a win for the home side by 17 runs. The Meltis opened well with Knapp 25 and Nicholson 39, but lost the last five men for 4 runs. Comdr. Bowyer with 41 was the best scorer for the visitors, who were not at all comfortable with the deliveries of Cole and Bellamy, the latter securing four wickets with five balls. Scores: Meltis 103, Weston Underwood 86.

Beds. Club & Ground (Extra) v. Clophill.

This match was played at Clophill on Saturday and resulted in a win for Clophill by 32 runs. Scores:—

Clophill: J. Bushby c Lowe b Thornton 1, S. Titmas b Humphries 15, L. A. M. Bugg b Thornton 6, L. Oates c Rawlins b Thornton 18, W. Seabrooks b Dixon 1, H. Whitamore c Massey b Holiday 33, A. Whitamore c Rawlins b Dixon 25, R. Pearson c Dixon b Humphries 4, H. Bushby lbw b Thornton 0, A. B. Cole not out 2, H. Ridson c & b Humphries 0, extras 9, total 114.

Club and Ground (Extra): C. H. Humphries c Pearson b Titmas 8, C. Rawlins b Bugg 12, B. C. Yarde c H. Bushby b Oates 12, C. Yarborough b Titmas 13, A. S. Holiday b Oates 6, R. Sprague lbw b Titmas 0, C. J. Lowe run out 9, L. W. Dixon c Cole b Oates 0, E. Thornton not out 8, W. Massey c Ridson b Oates 2, extras 12, total 82.

Wolverton Town v. Bedford Ramblers.

A high scoring game was witnessed between these clubs on Saturday, and Wolverton's total of 284 for four wickets was their largest this season. L. Faulkner made a fine 130, carrying his bat through the innings. This individual total included 24 boundary hits. He and L. N. Smith made the fine stand of 137 for Wolverton's fourth wicket, Smith in his 65 including three 6's. C. Piper topped the half-century mark with his 52 not out. Full scores were:—

Bedford Ramblers: L. W. Hodge b Leadley 2, H. T. Cooper b Leadley 23, H. W. Perry b Leadley 5, W. B. Jones b Leadley 5, A. E. Burley st Piper b Davis 59, S. Warton st Piper b Brown 0, H. T. King run out 8, P. Fergusson b Brown 3, L. H. Howard b Davis 0, F. S. Claridge not out 15, S. White not out 1, extras 29, total for nine wickets 150.

Wolverton Town: E. T. Brocklehurst b Warton 15, L. Faulkner not out 130, F. Brown st Burley b Warton 0, D. L. Mackey c and b Warton 2, L. N. Smith st Burley b Ferguson 65, C. Piper not out 32, extras 20, total for four wickets 284. R. Moth, W. Wootton, J. Davis, R. Leadley, and D. Kemp did not bat.

Bedford Adult School v. Beeston Ath.

Played at Bedford Park on Saturday, the School, for whom Reid took six wickets for 12 runs, winning by 9 runs. Scores:—

Beeston Ath.: J. Turnbull b Reid 0, W. Freeman b Reid 11, H. Single c Jones b Wright 10, B. Skinner b Reid 7, C. Underwood b Cambers 8, E. Truin b Reid 5, W. Minns b Wright 0, S. Richardson b Reid 0, P. C. Single not out 0, R. Richardson b Reid 1, Buck b Cambers 0, extras 5, total 47.

Bedford Adult School: F. Sharp b Buck 7, G. Reid b Buck 0, A. White b Buck 0, A. Barnes b Buck 27, F. Panter c Richardson b Buck 15, N. Wright b Single 0, R. Jones c Buck b Truin 0, H. Faulkner b Buck 5, H. Robinson b Single 1, F. Cambers not out 0, L. Rose c and b Single 0, extras 1, total 56.

Southill v. Shire Hall.

This match was played at Southill on Saturday, and after an enjoyable game, resulted in a win for the home side by 28 runs. F. C. Davis (26) and E. Smallwood (24) were the chief scorers for the Shire Hall, and F. Finch (26) and C. Brown (25) for Southill. For the former A. B. Poole took six wickets for 32 runs. Scores:—

Shire Hall: F. Richardson b L. Brown 15, C. H. Poole c D. Brown b L. Brown 18, A. W. H. Poole c Dilley b L. Brown 10, A. B. Poole run out 5, F. C. Davis c H. Sherman b Finch 26, E. Smallwood not out 24, A. Long b Finch 1, A. Markham c L. Sherman b C. Brown 4, D. H. Purcell c L. Sherman b C. Brown 4, F. Jackson b Finch 0, S. Hall c Knight b Finch 0, extras 2, total 109.

Southill: H. Sherman run out 18, L. Sherman b F. C. Davis 3, C. Knight st A. W. H. Poole b A. B. Poole 18, F. Finch run out 26, L. Brown b F. C. Davis 25, D. Brown st A. W. H. Poole b A. B. Poole 17, H. Bass b A. B. Poole 0, C. Brown not out 11, J. Watson lbw b A. B. Poole 7, E. Dilley c sub. b A. B. Poole 0, W. Faulkner c and b A. B. Poole 0, extras 12, total 137.

Bedford Free Church Thursday XI v. Ampthill.

Played in Bedford Park on 4th August, when the Free Churchmen made a very creditable draw, thanks to a good stand by Barnes (40) and W. Brace (11). Scores:—

Ampthill: W. Thompson b Ashwell 14, J. Cook b Dear 3, J. Manyweathers b Ashwell 52, R. Stearn lbw b Ashwell 20, J. Hoptroff run out 2, F. Stanbridge b Ashwell 11, R. Skinner b Brace 13, H. Everitt lbw b Ashwell 8, O. Lewin not out 4, P. Elmore b Dear 1, J. Webber b Ashwell 0, extras 5, total 133.

Free Church Thursday: A. F. Barnes not out 40, J. E. Charnley b Skinner 13, L. G. Ashwell b Skinner 0, W. Brace not out 11, extras 1, total for two wickets 65. F. R. Sharp, R. Brown, S. A. Smith, R. K. Steele, H. D. Davey, G. Dear, and H. C. Piper did not bat.

Aspley Guise v. Capt. J. H. Courage's XI.

The full day's match played on Saturday on the Common proved a great attraction, and a big crowd watched a pleasant and interesting game. The Captain had secured a good side that included Fowler, a County player, and the Rev. W. Rashleigh, the old Kent amateur. The players were entertained to luncheon at "The Holt", and to tea on the ground by Captain and Mrs. Courage. Scores:—

Aspley Guise: A. R. Sinfield 15, E. G. Taylor 1, J. Brangwynne 37, L. Shenton 19, A. Hobley 6 13, W. G. Day 6, S. Cook 6 1, S. A. Eagles 3, S. Parren 2 5, Stone 9 9, G. Woolcut 1 8, G. S. Barnwell not out 1, extras 13 2, totals 119 and 38 for five wickets.

Captain Courage's XI: C. Hands 4 0, Fowler 4 10, G. Hammond 8, G. Judge 1, E. K. Hildery 8 61 not out, J. H. Courage 0 0, R. Walker 0, W. Rashleigh 9 1, J. Rashleigh 6 5 not out, A. H. Polhill not out 3 20, S. Sinfield 1, J. H. Ramsey 0 4, extras 1 3, totals 45 and 104 for six wickets declared.

Silsoe v. Ampthill.

On Saturday Silsoe had Ampthill as their visitors at Wrest Park, and a very poor display was given. Ampthill compiled a total of 53, Manyweathers contributing 32, and Silsoe could muster only 36, none of their team reaching double figures. Silsoe thus lost by 17 runs.

Hexton v. Toddington.

On Saturday Toddington visited Hexton with a fairly strong team, and beat the home team by 168 runs. Hexton scored 30 runs. Toddington made 198, of which R. V. Hobbs scored 132 (retired), W. Coles, junior (27 not out), C. P. Hobbs (21), and H. Russell (10). Hexton then had a second knock and scored 25 for six wickets.

Woburn v. Bromham.

Played at Bromham on 6th August, this game resulted in a win for the visiting team by 61 to 33. Scores:—

Woburn: B. Edwards 19, A. Short 0, W. Brown 0, A. Newbury 17, C. Woollard 0, L. Champkin 0, C. Cook 4, A. Pullen 2, A. Champkin 10, J. Gilks not out 1, J. Cook 1, extras 7, total 61.

Bromham: R. Bruty 0, L. White 0, L. Rideout 10, Wills 4, Longhurst 1, Smith 3, Everest 12, Tysoe 0, E. Freeman 0, G. Gough not out 1, A. Freeman 1, extras 1, total 33.

Maulden v. Eversholt.

Maulden entertained Eversholt on Saturday and won by 9 runs. It was a bowler's day and only N. Taylor, of Maulden, reached double figures. For Eversholt A. Oakley took 7 wickets for 22 runs, and for Maulden W. Newman captured 5 for 15, and A. Page 5 for 16. Scores:—

Maulden: F. Blackaby 0, S. Wilmer 7, R. Huckle 0, A. Sharp 3, H. Sharp 7, A. Page 0, N. Taylor 13, A. White 9, A. Atkins 2, A. Sinfield 0, W. Newman not out 0, extras 4, total 45.

Eversholt: A. Nursal 2, J. Racher 7, A. Oakley 0, E. Smith 5, F. Impey 5, J. Fleet 0, T. Jarvis 6, H. Dolton 0, A. Cox 1, W. Sumner 7, S. Norris not out 0, extras 3, total 36.

Steppingley v. Harlington 2nd.

Steppingley met Harlington 2nd on Saturday at Harlington, and were easy victors in a low-scoring game. The visitors, who secured 72 runs, were well served by E. Putman (32) and G. Knowles (13). Harlington could not pass the fateful 13, and seven of their batsmen failed to score. C. Harris was top scorer with 6 runs. Bowling for Steppingley G. Knowles took five wickets for 7 runs, A. Scott two for 5, and G. Warner three for 1. For Harlington H. Baker took four for 35, A. Harris three for 15, and C. Harris three for 8.

Gravenhurst v. Greenfield.

Gravenhurst were at home to Greenfield on Saturday, and won a match in which the bowlers always had the upper hand, by 6 runs. The best score for the winners was obtained by B. Peck (11), and for Greenfield by G. Arnold (7). In the bowling M. Fripp took five wickets for 8 runs, and H. Jepps three for 10.

Bedford Clarence 3rd v. Shortstown.

This friendly fixture was played in Bedford Park on Saturday, when the Clarence won easily. Shortstown put up a score of 64. D. Meadows again came out with the best bowling figures, taking four wickets for 21 runs. Clarence soon lost a wicket, but A. Darlow and D. Meadows set about the bowling in fine style and soon knocked off the runs after they had put on 81. D. Meadows was bowled for a well-played 36. A. Darlow played fine cricket for 46 not out. Scores: Shortstown 64, Clarence 3rd 86 for 2 wickets declared.

Gamlingay v. Woodbury.

Playing at Gamlingay on Saturday the homesters were defeated by their near neighbours, Woodbury, by 19 runs. Gamlingay made 44 (E. Wale 21) to Woodbury's 63 (E. Peters 16, C. Campling 14). For Gamlingay B. Paine took six wickets for 7 runs, and for Woodbury E. Peters six for 20.

Sandy Thursday v. Biggleswade Thursday.

The Biggleswade Thursday XI defeated Sandy Thursday by 5 wickets and 30 runs on the 4th August, the game being played on the Sandy ground. Scores: Sandy Thursday 34, Biggleswade Thursday 64 (for 5 wkts., For the winners J. Dobson took 4 wickets for 16 runs, and L. H. Collings 4 for 15. A. F. Vincent carrying out his bat for 27. Webb was the only member of the Sandy team to reach double figures, his total being 11.

Shefford Wednesday v. Pulloxhill.

This twelve-a-side game was played at Shefford Hardwicke on the 3rd August. Excellent bowling and keen fielding on either side induced low scores, Shefford winning by 15 runs. For Shefford W. Taylor took five wickets for 20 runs, and H. Bryant 4 for 9; and for Pulloxhill E. Fripp 8 for 28. Scores:

Pulloxhill: G. Turner 0, P. Parker 2, N. Martin 6, E. Fripp 5, E. R. Hedges 2, H. Kingham 1, M. Fripp senr. 2, M. Fripp junr. 4, F. Dollimore 3, J. Cook not out 1, J. Hulls 3, A. Ward 0, extras 15, total 44.

Shefford Wednesday: F. Thorogood 17, L. Kempson 1, J. Oates 2, J. Folkes 0, H. Bryant 4, W. Bugg 8, E. Hazelden 9, C. Thorogood 5, A. J. Purfield 0, C. Taylor 7, Rev. T. W. Kingsnorth 0, W. Taylor not out 0, extras 6, total 59.

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BEDFORD MODERN SCHOOL AVERAGES.

Runs for, 1,401 for 67 wickets.
Runs against, 1,372 for 86 wickets.

BATTING.

	No. of Inns.	Not out.	Runs.	Highest score.	Av.
C. H. Williams ...	10	2	462	86*	57.75
W. L. Davis	10	0	206	49	20.6
L. G. Ashwell ...	10	4	120	38	20.0
F. W. Manning .	3	1	37	18	18.5
H. A. Southgate .	10	2	123	49	15.4
H. W. Bingham .	5	2	40	25	13.3
H. H. Cowley ...	8	2	66	32*	11.0
A. C. Ryan... ...	5	0	52	30	10.4
A. Riddiford ...	7	1	60	34	10.0
I. H. McNicoll ...	5	2	26	15*	8.7
E. C. W. Sowman	8	0	58	20	7.25

Also batted: D. H. Shepherd.
* Not out.

BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
W. L. Davis	55	5	147	13	11.3
E. C. W. Sowman	152	28	394	28	14.1
C. H. Williams .	170	35	481	32	15.1
L. G. Ashwell ...	20	3	61	4	15.5
H. H. Cowley ...	44	2	137	3	45.6
F. W. Manning .	6	1	21	0	–
A. C. Ryan	3	0	26	0	–

CATCHES.

A. Riddiford (6), A. C. Ryan (5), I. H. McNicoll (4), H. A. Southgate (3), H. W. Bingham, H. H. Cowley, W. L. Davis (2 each), E. C. W. Sowman (1).

SATURDAY'S CRICKET FIXTURES.

Bedford & District Leagues.

FIRST DIVISION.

Conservative Club v. Marston.
Biddenham v. Everton.
Renhold v. Sharnbrook.
Elstow Road v. Forder's Works.
Igranic Works v. Bedford Clarence.

SECOND DIVISION.

Northern Section.

A Queen's Works XI v. Keysoe.
Felmersham v. Stevington.
Goldington v. Thurleigh.

Southern Section.

Haynes v. Forder's Elstow Works.
Wootton Hall End v. Kempston.
Railway Athletic v. Ridgmont.

THIRD DIVISION.

Northern Section.

Everton 2nd v. Keysoe Brook End.

Southern Section.

Marston 2nd v. Marston Pillinge.
Forder's Elstow Works 2nd v. Haynes 2nd.

Eastern Section.

Clapham v. Igranic Works 2nd.
Stagsden v. Goldington 2nd.
Bedford Clarence v. Biddenham 2nd.

BEDFORDSHIRE'S LAST COUNTY MATCH.

ONE DAY'S PLAY AT LUTON.

Although the Minor Counties' Championship had been won—and lost—the preceding Friday, when Staffordshire secured the honour by defeating Lincolnshire by seven wickets at Frodingham, considerable interest was centred in Bedfordshire's return match against Cambridgeshire in Wardown Park, Luton, on Wednesday and Thursday. For previous to this game Bedfordshire stood twentieth in the Minor Counties' Competition, Cambridgeshire being one place below them in the table. The two Counties' respective records were as follows:—

	Pld.	Pos. Pts.	Obt.	Pctg.
Bedfordshire	7	30	8	26.66
Cambridgeshire	5	25	6	24.00

The position above these two teams was occupied by Kent 2nd with a percentage of 28.00, and below Cambridgeshire came Cornwall with a percentage of 23.33, whilst Cheshire occupied the next and bottom position in the League with a percentage of 6.66. Thus, keen competition has been aroused among the bottom Counties for the higher position in the lower part of the table.

With the exception of C. N. Reed and the addition of F. Rawlins, Bedfordshire fielded the team on which they are relying against the New Zealanders next week. Cambridgeshire were weakened by the absence of their regular captain, A. S. Ling, and of two of their best bowlers, but they managed to field a fairly strong and representative eleven. In the absence of Ling H. B. Hart captained the team, which included G. Carnegie-Brown, the Old Leys School captain, and Smith, the young professional.

A QUIET DAY'S CRICKET.

There was a quiet morning's cricket on Wednesday, for although the weather was fine and the sun was gracious enough to show his face for occasional periods, threatening clouds hung over the ground and the pitch, owing to the heavy overnight rains, was soft and tricky. According to one of the ground officials, at seven o'clock the previous evening it was doubtful whether it would be possible to play the match on the pitch. Capt. Turnbull broke his run of good luck with the coin, and after five successes made the wrong call. H. B. Hart put Bedfordshire in to bat, a decision which the day's play justified. Holdstock and J. H. Buckley were Bedfordshire's opening pair, and for a time played cautiously. Off Smith's fourth ball Holdstock lifted a two for the first hit of the match. At the other end F. A. Ridgeon, the young fast bowler, did not trouble the batsmen so much, and Buckley put a nice single through the slips off his first ball, whilst a little later a no ball from Ridgeon went to the boundary.

Cambridgeshire were fielding very well and were giving away no chances. Caution was still the order of the day, but the batsmen were not allowed to settle down, and with the score at 15 Smith dismissed Buckley for 3 with a neat c and b. A. R. Alston joined Holdstock, but runs were still few and far between. Alston made several attempts to swing Smith round to leg, but he could not time the ball. Although only three runs had been hit off him Ridgeon was not troubling the batsmen seriously, and before the twenty was reached he was relieved by H. J. Rose. Off the latter's first ball Holdstock patted up an easy catch and was allowed to get away with it.

Forty minutes of slow cricket had produced only twenty runs. Things then began to brighten up, Alston getting Rose away to leg for the first boundary. Smith was still bowling well, and sent up three maiden overs in succession. His average at this stage was 8 overs, 5 maiden overs, 9 runs, 1 wicket. At the other end Rose was not meeting with much success, and at 36 he was displaced by P. S. Morton. The bowlers continued to rule the game and runs came slowly. When he had made 21 out of the total of 39 Holdstock put up an easy catch off Mortimer, and Saxon made no mistake. Batting for a little over an hour Holdstock gave a good exhibition of cautious play.

R. Kellett, who joined Alston, also adopted defensive tactics. After a while he snicked Morton through the slips to the boundary to break his duck. With the score at 48 Smith, who had bowled eight maiden overs out of fourteen, was given a rest, and R. Edwards came on. Kellett sent up the 50 after an hour and a quarter's play with a single off Mortimer. The first really big hit of the match came just after 60 had been passed, Kellett getting Edwards away for a six.

Towards the luncheon interval the play became faster, and the 80 was safely reached. At 81, however, the partnership, which had yielded 42 runs, was broken, Alston, with 23 to his credit, being beaten by a fast ball from Smith which whipped off the leg bail. Kellett had been scoring more rapidly than his partner, and at the fall of the third wicket had scored 26. By the interval Kellett and Rawlins had carried the score to 86, of which the former claimed 28 and the latter 3.

A BOWLER'S GAME.

Play opened quietly after lunch, the first big hit coming from Rawlins, who got Smith away to the boundary in the second over. Shortly afterwards Kellett sent up the hundred with a single off Morton. Over after over followed monotonously, with a single here and there, interspersed with a bigger hit, and then, with the score at 113, Kellett, who was within six of the half-century, misjudged a straight ball from Ridgeon and was clean bowled. Always the faster scorer, Kellett batted well for his 44, exhibiting a masterly defence and a good variety of strokes. With the addition of only one run to the total A. E. Fryer was sent back to the pavilion, being bowled for 1 by a good ball from Smith, who was keeping a good length. W. A. Sime joined Rawlins, and for a time they remained on the defensive. Sime, who was shaping well, sent up the 120 with a hard boundary drive off Ridgeon.

The partnership had put on 20 before Smith met with further success, clean bowling Sime for 8, with the score at 134. Capt. Turnbull joined Rawlins, who was playing a magnificent defensive game. However, only four runs had been added when Rawlins succumbed to a fine running-back catch by Saxon off a tricky ball from Rose. L. Stevens was soon dismissed by Smith, without any addition to the score. Turnbull and E. Page had added five runs when Turnbull was given a life, Parfitt dropping a catch off Smith. However, as luck would have it, Turnbull only survived one more ball, and then he was dismissed by Smith for 7. With E. M. Bovill as his partner for the last wicket, Page got Morton away for two with an excellent shot. Bovill opened his scoring with a risky two, and, after being missed by Parfitt, opened his shoulders and sent the 150 up with a mighty hit to the boundary. This proved to be the last hit of the innings, for Bovill was bowled by Smith with the next ball, and the whole team were out for 151.

Smith, who, with a short rest, had bowled splendidly throughout the innings, claimed seven of the wickets for 50 runs, having sent up 17 maiden overs out of 36. Ridgeon and Morton each took one wicket for 23 runs, and Rose obtained one for 18.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE OPEN DISASTROUSLY.

H. J. Rose and K. R. J. Saxon opened quietly for Cambridgeshire, against the bowling of Bovill and Holdstock. Off the last ball of the first over Saxon slipped Bovill away for the first run. Disaster soon overtook Cambridgeshire, for with only 10 on the board Stevens made sure of a chance which Saxon gave off Bovill. R. Edwards joined Rose, but had only made one when he unfortunately hit his wicket in playing an awkward ball from Holdstock, and two wickets were down for eleven runs. G. Carnegie Brown, the brilliant batsman who has been doing so well this season, and Rose maintained a dogged defence, and at the tea interval were unseparated, with the score at 32. Only three runs were added after tea before Rose was beaten by a good ball from Bovill. He had played a good game, and his 16 included three fours.

Brown and F. A. Ridgeon batted cautiously. The former did most of the scoring, Ridgeon being content to play for safety. Brown frequently found the boundary, and soon after the half-century had been reached through a single from Ridgeon, he sent up the 60 with a mighty hit for four off a loose ball from Sime. Ten runs later Brown got hold of another ball from Sime, which he sent soaring away for six. Shortly before this Bedfordshire had been deprived of the services of Holdstock, who hurt his arm when stopping a hard drive by Brown back to the wicket, and had to retire for about half an hour, reappearing on the field with a bandaged wrist.

The two batsmen had now dug themselves in, and appeared to have taken root. Soon after eighty had been passed Brown reached his half-century, but before he could make any improvement on this score he succumbed to a simple catch by Turnbull off Stevens's bowling. His 50 included one 6 and seven 4's. The total now stood at 88 for 4 wickets, Ridgeon having scored 13. After Brown's departure Ridgeon was joined by H. B. Hart, and the rate of scoring, which had quickened while Brown was at the wicket, slowed down again. A nice stroke for three from Hart sent up the hundred. Holdstock had another turn with the ball, and with the last delivery of his first over, despite his damaged wrist, he caught a hard drive back to the wickets from Hart, dismissing the Cambridgeshire captain for 10. With the addition of only 4 runs, and before he had opened his individual score, Smith skied up a ball from Holdstock and Fryer brought off a fine running catch. F. W. Parfitt joined Ridgeon, and there being now only about ten minutes left for play, this pair proceeded to play out time. At the close of play the Cambridgeshire total stood at 109 for 6 wickets. Ridgeon, who had been playing an excellent and patient game, remained unbeaten with 22 to his credit, and Parfitt was 1 not out.

Rain prevented play on Thursday. The match will therefore be ignored in the Minor Counties' Championship Table.

The scores were:—

Bedfordshire—1st Innings.

Holdstock c Saxon b Mortimer	21
J. H. Buckley c and b Smith	3
A. R. Alston b Smith	23
F. Rawlins c Saxon b Rose	25
R. Kellett b Ridgeon	44
A. E. Fryer b Smith	1
W. A. Sime b Smith	8
Capt. Turnbull b Smith	7
L. Stevens c Saxon b Rose	0
E. Page not out	3
E. M. Bovill b Smith	6
Extras	10
Total	151

Cambridgeshire—1st Innings.

H. J. Rose b Bovill	16
K. R. J. Saxon c Stevens b Bovill	4
R. Edwards hit wicket b Holdstock	1
G. Carnegie-Brown c Turnbull b Stevens	50
F. A. Ridgeon not out	22
H. B. Hart c and b Holdstock	10
Smith c Fryer b Holdstock	0
F. W. Parfitt not out	1
Extras	5
Total (for six wickets)	109

BOWLING.

Bedfordshire—1st Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Smith	36	17	50	7
F. A. Ridgeon	12	2	23	1
H. J. Rose	10	2	18	1
P. S. Morton	12	3	23	1
R. Edwards	4	1	16	0
K. R. J. Saxon	3	0	7	0
E. Hobbs	2	0	4	0

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CRICKET NOTES.

The Last County Match.

For the last match in the Minor Counties Championship on Wednesday and Thursday Bedfordshire had as visitors at Wardown Park, Luton, their old neighbours and rivals, Cambridgeshire, who stood one point below them in the league table. But besides the possibility of improving their position in the table Bedfordshire had an old score to settle, for in their first match of the season they were beaten by Cambs at Wisbech by five wickets.

The opening day's wicket on Wednesday was deadly dull. Play was very slow, but for this the blame can be laid at the door of the Clerk of the Weather, as the wicket was in a terrible state after the heavy rains of the previous day. The pitch was very soft and almost unplayable, and the outfield dead. Runs were therefore at a premium and the bowlers came into their own. Runs were made at an average rate of about one in two minutes, and only an occasional sparkle, when one or another of the batsmen became more venturesome, served to liven up the otherwise dull proceedings. Of the 79 overs bowled during the Bedfordshire innings 25 were maidens.

A. R. Alston inadvertently spoilt a fine shot of Holdstock's when these two Bedfordshire batsmen were setting up a second-wicket partnership. Holdstock sent back a hard drive from Rose's bowling, but the ball hit his colleague's bat. They managed to get one run, however, before the ball was returned.

Another Half-century for Carnegie-Brown.

G. Carnegie-Brown, the old Leys School captain, who has been doing so well this season, furnished the one really bright feature of the day's play in his sparkling half-century. Going in when the first two Cambs wickets were down for 11 runs, he quickly played himself in, and obtained runs more quickly than any other batsman during the day. His 50 included one 6 and seven 4's, and he appeared to be well set for the century, when he put up a sitter to Turnbull off Stevens's bowling. Brown has been doing great things this season, one of his best performances being his 131 not out for Cambs against Herts at Stevenage on the 19th July. When he went in against Bedfordshire on Wednesday he wanted 149 runs to complete his 2,000 runs this season.

A Bowlers' Paradise.

Cambs seemed to be a team of bowlers, although runs were scarce, for no fewer than seven men had a turn with the ball. None of them, however, met with much success except Smith, the young professional, who bowled consistently well and claimed seven wickets for fifty runs. Of the 36 overs which he bowled 17 were maidens. Bedfordshire also tried out five bowlers during Cambridgeshire's innings on Wednesday, the most successful of whom was Holdstock, despite his injury.

Accident to Holdstock.

An hour before the close of play on Wednesday Holdstock met with a nasty accident while bowling. G. Carnegie-Brown drove back the ball at a terrific pace and Holdstock made a valiant attempt to hold it, but the ball was travelling too fast. Holdstock's arm was temporarily put out of action and he was forced to retire. Re-appearing after about half-an-hour with a bandaged wrist, he took another turn with the ball, and with the last ball of his first over he caught a hard drive back from the Cambridgeshire captain. The game stood in a very interesting position when stumps were drawn on Wednesday, but unfortunately no play was possible on Thursday.

Still Unbeaten.

The Bedford Clarence preserved their unbeaten record in the "big local Derby" with the Igranic Works on Saturday in Bedford Park. The Igranic scored 115, but the Clarence obtained the necessary runs for the loss of only three wickets, H. Barcock's steadiness and "Sonny" Alcock's big hitting again being valuable assets to the champions.

Personal.

H. L. V. Day, O.B.M., who was twenty nine on Friday, enjoyed a remarkable entry into first-class cricket in the summer of 1922. He opened his county career with 56 and 91 against Kent, and at the close claimed a four-figure aggregate, an average of 40.07, and a century against Warwickshire at Southampton. He fell away in 1923, but recovered the next year, when he put together 142 v. Somerset at Bath.

Adieu King Willow.

Forder's Elstow Works won the last match of the season very easily on Saturday at Haynes, beating the local team by five runs and eight wickets. The Works have had a good season, having won nine matches and lost five, and beaten all the top teams. They are now eagerly looking forward to the "big ball" of the winter game, according to our correspondent.

Ridgmont were away for their last league fixture on Saturday and won a welcome victory over the Railway Athletic. This was largely due to the excellent innings of Reg. Attack (32) and to Aubrey James (16). The latter, who finished schooling at the Bedford Modern School this season, is developing into a capital bat and gives promise of even better things. The village club has on the whole had an indifferent season as far as league cricket is concerned, the batting being exceptionally weak.

Six for 0.

Chelveston, the new champions of the Shelton League, which caters for teams in the far north of the county, had rather a rude shock on Saturday when, in the Champions v. Rest match they lost their first six wickets before a run was scored. They had some consolation later when at the "Cat and Mustard Pot" the company drank their health.

Biggleswade were not at full strength on Saturday at Fairfield, and were heavily defeated by the Bedfordshire Club and Ground Extra XI, who won by 5 wickets and 64 runs. B. A. Field (O.B.M.) was badly missed by the homesters with bat and ball. The home bowling was very weak, but their batting was also made to look very poor stuff by W. H. Hills's bowling, his eight wickets costing only 19 runs. T. Shaw, the Howard's Works' professional, also bowled well for his two wickets for a like number of runs.

East Bedfordshire League.

The Committee of the East Bedfordshire Cricket League met on Friday, and there was a large attendance. Mr. R. H. Higginson presided, and he was supported by Mr. Geo. Trum (Sandy), and Mr. W. A. Birkett (Hon. Sec.). A large number of uncompleted fixtures were dealt with, and the following decisions were made: Eaton Socon v. A.R.S., Henlow, when play was stopped owing to bad light (one point each); A.R.S., Henlow, v. Beeston Athletic and Stotfold Athletic v. A.R.S., Henlow, games not played owing to A.R.S. being on leave (clubs allowed seven days in which mutually to arrange, and A.R.S. asked to make a second journey to Beeston if the match has to be played on a week-evening); Ickwell v. Eaton Socon 2nd (7 days to re-arrange); Potton 2nd v. Eaton Socon 2nd, Potton failed to turn out, after Eaton Socon had made the journey (points to Eaton Socon 2nd); Caldecote v. Meppershall (7 days to re-arrange or 1 point each); Meppershall 2nd v. Sandy 2nd, Meppershall failed to turn out after Sandy had made the journey (Sandy awarded points, but expenses not allowed). The Hon. Secretary stated that the Division II Championship match would be played at Sandy on 20th August, and the Division I game on 27th August at Eaton Socon.

The Executive met the same evening, when Mr. Birkett reported that the game ordered by the Committee between Caldecote and A.R.S., to be played on neutral ground, had not been played, although arrangements had been made for the match at Fairfield. Caldecote refused to play, and the Committee therefore awarded the points to A.R.S.—Broom complained that owing to their late arrival at Campton, owing to the heavy storm, Campton refused to play any more after the first innings, and drew stumps. Under Rule 2 Broom asked for the match to be re-played. The Committee ordered the game to be replayed at Campton at 6 p.m. on 18th August.

Leighton Buzzard v. Bedfordshire Club and Ground.

This match was played at Leighton Buzzard on the 11st August, and resulted in an easy win for the Bedfordshire Club and Ground. Leighton Buzzard were dismissed for 138 runs. E. Drew was bowled round his legs by A. B. Poole for 16, R. Fowler (17) fell to a good ball from Sime, F. Smith, the old Northamptonshire County player, knocked up a useful 20, and F. S. Pickard played a good innings for his 46, being well caught by C. H. Poole, near the boundary, off Sime. A. W. H. Poole gave no extras behind the sticks. W. A. Sime, the Bedford School boy, bowled effectively, taking seven wickets for 69 runs. The Bedfordshire Club and Ground had made 229 for 3 wickets when stumps were drawn. L. Stileman Gibbard batted well for 30, W. A. Sime played steadily for 26, Capt. Turnbull made some good shots in his 35, and F. C. Arnold hit well for his 31 (he made the winning hit with only five wickets down). Capt. Turnbull and F. C. Arnold put on 46 for the sixth wicket, and Clifford Rawlings and A. W. H. Poole 58 for the eighth. The latter was then bowled for a useful innings of 20, the former carrying his bat for a good knock of 46 not out, which included seven boundaries. Scores:

Leighton Buzzard.

E. Drew b A. B. Poole	16
J. W. Thompson c C. Rawlins b Sime	7
F. Smith c Turnbull b Sime	20
R. Fowler b Sime	17
F. S. Pickard c C. H. Poole b Sime	46
J. Arnold c F. Rawlins b Williams	2
J. Watling c Turnbull b Sime	0
G. Costin lbw b Williams	9
C. Birks b Sime	8
B. A. Rogers b Sime	3
H. E. W. Cox not out	10
Extras	0
Total	138

Beds Club & Ground.

L. G. Stileman Gibbard c Arnold b Smith	30
A. B. Poole b Arnold	3
W. A. Sime c & b Pickard	26
F. Rawlings c Drew b Smith	10
C. H. Williams st Drew b Smith	15
Capt. D. Turnbull c Smith b Watling	35
F. C. Arnold b Cox	31
C. Rawlings not out	46
A. W. H. Poole b J. Arnold	20
C. H. Humphreys not out	6
Extras	7
Total (for 8 wkts.)	229

Club & Ground v. Aspley Guise.

Played on the Goldington Road ground on Saturday. Scores:—

Aspley Guise.

A. R. Sinfield c Reed b Penstone	81
E. G. Taylor lbw b Sime	1
J. Brangwyn b C. W. Rawlins	50
Capt. J. H. Courage c Reed b Stileman Gibbard	40
A. Hobley b Smith	10
W. G. Way b Stileman Gibbard	7
S. Cook c Clover b Stileman Gibbard	2
S. Parren not out	4
S. A. Eagles c Clover b Smith	1
G. Woolcott c Reed b Stileman Gibbard	3
G. S. Barnwell c & b Smith	0
Extras	10
Total	209

Club & Ground.

F. Rawlins b Barnwell	106
W. A. Sime c Brangwyn b Barnwell	67
T. Plant not out	24
C. H. Williams not out	5
Extras	20
Total (for 2 wkts.)	222

Queen's Works v. Northampton Saints.

This match was played on the Allen Park on Saturday, and won easily by the visitors. With the exception of Lazenby (19) and Keech (18) the Queen's could do very little with the bowling of Bennett and Barlow, and were all out for the small total of 64. The Saints knocked these off for the loss of two wickets, rain eventually putting an end to play with the score at 90 for three wickets. Scores:—

Queen's Works.

J. Ratcliff lbw b Bennett	2
H. Faulkner b Barlow	2
S. Keech c & b Bennett	18
S. Harris b Bennett	2
A. W. Settles c Liddle b Barlow	5
T. Golding c Liddle b Barlow	0
J. Lazenby b Bennett	19
J. Allen c Liddle b Barlow	6
J. Wheatley not out	8
J. Hatton c Liddle b Barlow	0
Extras	2
Total	64

Northampton Saints.

F. K. Thornton b Faulkner	29
H. Metcalfe b Keech	28
A. G. Liddle c Harris b Faulkner	8
A. P. Hawtin not out	16
W. S. Liddle not out	2
Extras	7
Total (for 3 wkts.)	90

BEDFORD & DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Division I.

Igranic Works v. Clarence.

The long-delayed match between Igranic Works and the Clarence took place on Saturday in the Park. The Clarence won the toss and Alcock put the Igranic in first, Bailey and Howard opening the innings. They carried the score to 21 before Howard was well caught by Wells behind the stumps, off a fast ball from F. Williamson. After this Langford joined Bailey and this pair reached 65, both batsmen hitting well, before Langford suffered the same fate as Howard, caught behind the wickets by the keeper. No other batsman did anything worthy of note with the exception of Martin, who compiled a valuable 19. S. Williamson, for the Clarence, was the most deadly of their bowlers, taking four wickets for 4 runs. A score of 115 seems rather a formidable total, the more so when Dickens and Millman were dismissed for 8 and 9 respectively. Then Alcock and Barcock took the score to 44 before Barcock was bowled by Howard. Alcock was joined by F. Williamson, and they proceeded to show how quickly runs could be obtained, as a steady drizzle had set in and both teams were wet through. They carried the score past the Works' total and immediately declared. Alcock's score included two sixes and seven fours, whilst Williamson had one six and five threes. For an example of hard hitting their display would be hard to beat, and "Sonny" Alcock just hit everything. The skipper of a team is usually the man one looks to when the side is in danger. It is safe to state that the Clarence never look to Alcock in vain, and for a man to pull his side out of a hole "Sonny" must be incomparable in this class of cricket. Scores:—

Igranic: A. J. Bailey c F. Williamson b King 30, J. Howard c Wells b F. Williamson 11, S. Cambers b Ives 10, M. Langford c Wells b Alcock 19, W. Martin b S. Williamson 19, S. Poge b F. Williamson 1, C. Cooper b S. Williamson 1, F. Wickson b S. Williamson 5, H. Campion b S. Williamson 2, H. Barker c Barker b S. Williamson 7, Clafidge not out 1, extras 9, total 115.

Bedford Clarence: C. Dickens b Cambers 8, F. Millman b Howard 9, H. Barcock b Howard 16, H. Alcock not out 53, F. Williamson not out 26, extras 5, total 117 (for 3 wickets declared). E. Barker, F. King, O. Maynard, S. Williamson, R. Ives, M. Wells did not bat.

Biddenham v. Everton.

In this match at Biddenham on Saturday Biddenham batted first, and, thanks to a fine innings of 68 by Southgate, who was at the crease for an hour and three-quarters, made 120. Everton could only manage 55 against some good bowling by Capt. Hurrell (5 for 10) and Turvey (4 for 21). Southgate's 68 is the highest score made on the Biddenham ground since the war, and considering that all of them had to be run out, it was a much better performance than appears at first sight. Scores:—

Biddenham: E. Frossell b A. Barnet 1, H. Southgate c Smith b F. Gurney 68, T. Baden c Smith b H. Gurney 9, R. Brown lbw b F. Gurney 5, A. Turvey c and b F. Gurney 4, Capt. Hurrell b H. Gurney 1, F. Green c Smith b F. Gurney 1, H. Burton b F. Gurney 2, R. West c Wisson b H. Gurney 5, R. Holland not out 12, A. Gudgin lbw b Usher 0, extras 12, total 120.

Everton: H. Darlow c Baden b Turvey 7, H. Gurney b Hurrell 5, H. Barnet b Turvey 0, A. Barnet lbw b Hurrell 12, C. Gurney b Hurrell 7, W. Smith b Hurrell 12, H. Usher c Hurrell b Turvey 0, H. Preedy c Hurrell b Turvey 0, F. Gurney b West 2, S. Wisson b Hurrell 2, H. Gurney not out 1, extras 7, total 55.

Conservative Club v. Marston.

On Saturday, in Bedford Park, the Conservatives were able to claim something more than a moral victory, for after declaring with 8 wickets down for 167 runs, they dismissed the village team for 55. For the Club Bonfield took 7 wickets for 19 runs. Scores:—

Conservative Club: W. Dawson b Magenty 15, C. F. Sabey run out 44, C. Laughton b Knight 27, N. Timmins b Copperwheat 1, P. Potter run out 0, S. Warton b Knight 18, E. Valentine b Brinsley 7, H. King not out 17, E. Fisher run out 19, J. Bonfield not out 11, R. C. Geary did not bat, extras 8, total (for 8 wkts. dec.) 167.

Marston: A. Burridge b Bonfield 7, E. Magenty c Dawson b Geary 10, A. Odell c Sabey b Bonfield 0, A. Brinsley b Geary 7, R. Copperwheat b Bonfield 5, P. Faulkner c Timmins b Bonfield 0, H. Odell b Bonfield 2, A. Whitbread b Bonfield 0, J. Copperwheat b Warton 7, S. V. Knight b Bonfield 10, H. Faulkner not out 2, extras 5, total 55.

Renhold v. Sharnbrook.

At Renhold on Saturday the home eleven beat Sharnbrook somewhat easily by 52 runs. None of the visiting batsmen obtained double figures, and a good deal of credit for Renhold's victory must go to J. H. Joyce, the old County player, who hit up 33 runs in good style. E. Constant scored 12. For the winners Ware took 4 wickets for 9 runs and Harlow 3 for 10, and for Sharnbrook Howe obtained 6 for 23. Scores:—

Renhold: W. Harlow b Howe 2, P. Harlow b Howe 0, O. L. Boyes b Howe 5, P. Joyce b Rich 2, J. H. Joyce c Newell b F. Allen 38, E. Constant b Howe 12, C. Allen b Howe 2, W. Wootton b F. Allen 8, L. Ware b Howe 1, H. Harlow b F. Allen 2, J. Bensome not out 1, extras 11, total 84.

Sharnbrook: F. Fountaine b Ware 4, F. Allen b Ware 0, H. Boyles b W. Harlow 0, W. Howe b W. Harlow 5, H. Rich b Ware 0, R. Newell b W. Harlow 0, H. Butcher c Joyce b Ware 3, J. Pacey c Allen b J. H. Joyce 9, P. Allen c Ware b Boyes 7, C. Allen b J. H. Joyce 0, H. Ingram not out 0, extras 4, total 32.

Elstow Road v. Forder's.

This match was played in the Bedford Park on Saturday under miserable conditions, as rain fell during the greater part of the game. Elstow Road team proved no match for the Brickmakers. Forder's put together a total of 130, the highest individual scorer being G. Tuffnell (35), H. Whitbread coming second with 27. Elstow Road could do very little against the bowling of Whitbread and Cocking, the whole side being out for the small score of 30, R. Minns being the only batsman to reach double figures. For Forder's H. Whitbread took 5 wickets for 7 runs, and B. Cocking 4 for 11, and for Elstow Road R. Geary (4 for 13) and Wolverson (3 for 34) were the chief bowlers. The feature of the match was the splendid fielding of the Elstow Road team. Scores:

Forder's: E. D. Hersee b Wolverson 14, W. Whitbread run out 27, G. Tuffnell c Frost b R. Minns 35, J. Hillson b R. Geary 0, H. P. Cocking c R. Minns b R. Geary 4, S. Smith b R. Geary 8, A. Beard st b R. Minns 3, A. Robinson b Wolverson 0, C. Lowe c J. Minns b Wolverson 8, H. Brown not out 20, G. Faulkner c J. Minns b R. Geary 7, extras 4, total 130.

Elstow Road: J. Minns c Hersee b Cocking 6, R. Minns c Hersee b W. Whitbread 11, J. Frost run out 4, R. Geary b Cocking 0, T. Minns lbw b Cocking 0, G. Minns b W. Whitbread 1, F. Webb st b W. Whitbread 7, C. Moore lbw b Cocking 0, P. Wolverson c Tuffnell b W. Whitbread 0, F. Russell not out 1, J. Norcot b W. Whitbread 0, total 30.

Division II (North).

Goldington v. Thurleigh.

This match was played on Goldington Green on Saturday, when the visitors found the home bowling much too good for them. Hulatt and Stocker were in fine form, the former taking 4 wickets for 5 runs and the latter 5 for 4. Thompson and Thorne were top scorers with three apiece and there were six "ducks", and the total score was 10. Goldington lost two wickets before passing their opponents' score, and the side totalled 55, Cotchin and Lack getting 13 each, and Hulatt 12. Thompson took 3 for 1 and Swepston 3 for 15. Scores:

Thurleigh: F. Payne 1, T. Thorne 1, W. P. Ross 1, R. Thorne 3, A. C. Thompson 3, P. Brown 0, A. Wagstaff 0, H. Payne 0, A. H. Hart 0 not out, E. Asque 0, W. Swepston 0, extras 1, total 10.

Goldington: J. Hulatt 12, E. Harlow 4, A. Odell 0, Vendy 2, G. Cotchin 13, A. Stocker 2, L. Lack 13, F. Purser 2, Emmerton not out 2, extras 3, total 55.

A Queen's Works XI v. Keysoe.

This match was played in Allen Park, and by winning it the Queen's secure the 2nd Division Championship of the Bedford League. Having won the 3rd Division last year, this is the first year they have competed in the 2nd Division, and they are to be congratulated on their achievement in winning this division at the first attempt. Keysoe had the assistance of Stevens, the County bowler. The Queen's batted first, L. Wellington being top scorer with 47. For Keysoe T. Payne (37) and S. Stapleton (16) were the only batsmen to reach double figures. Scores:—

Queen's Works: F. D. Knight b Skevington 20, A. Swales c Whitlock b Stevens 1, W. Millard c and b Jordan 2, R. Swales lbw b Stevens 9, L. Wellington b Jordan 47, G. Freame lbw b George 24, F. H. Knight b Freeman 5, A. McCullough b Stevens 22, T. Morris b Stevens 13, J. Corby not out 4, C. Johnson b Skevington 0, extras 16, total 163.

Keysoe: T. Payne run out 37, J. Jordan b F. H. Knight 2, H. Skevington c Swales b F. H. Knight 2, L. Stevens lbw b F. H. Knight 1, O. B. Whitlock b F. D. Knight 3, S. Stapleton run out 16, H. Bristowe b Millard 4, E. Freeman c Swales b Knight 3, G. Truphett lbw b Johnson 2, H. George b Johnson 0, B. Hartop not out 0, extras 3, total 73.

Division II (South).

Haynes v. Forder's Elstow Works.

This match was played at Haynes on Saturday, when the Elstow cricketers won easily by five runs and eight wickets, on an extremely bad wicket. The visitors won the toss and put Haynes in to bat. Only one of the home players reached double figures (S. Francis, 17), but he was not supported, and the whole side were out for 46. On the Brickies going in, Haynes and Turner put on 41 before they were parted. When the 50 was reached it started to rain, and the match was terminated. Scores:—

Haynes: G. Potter 0, C. Thorogood 2, S. Francis 17, F. Simms 1, F. Thorogood 7, H. Herbert 7, A. Brittain 2, A. Keens 2, F. Burnage not out 2, A. Cox 0, D. Simms 0, extras 6, total 46.

Forder's Elstow Works: C. Haynes not out 24, S. Turner 19, G. Beard 1, R. Reeves not out 4, extras 3, total (for 2 wickets) 51. A. Braybrooks, F. Faulkner, R. Procter, W. Goldsmith, F. Wadsworth, A. Thompson, G. Darlow did not bat.

Wootton v. Kempston.

This return game was played at Hall End and produced a keen and pleasant game, with no "end of the season" slackness. The visitors won the toss and elected to bat, but found run-getting no easy task against some accurate bowling backed up by good work in the field, and were dismissed for 38 runs. These, with the exception of three hits, were all singles, the long outfield being very dead. The home team felt confident of victory with such a small score against them, but they fared badly on going in to bat, "Drummer" Pestell being in deadly form with the ball and being ably supported in the field. They totalled only 31 runs, all singles with the exception of one two, and the visitors therefore finished their away games with a win. Their only remaining game is at Springfield against the Railway Athletic on 27th August, but whatever the result of this game they are assured of second place in the league table. E. H. Pestell took 7 wickets for 16 runs and N. Chambers 2 for 9 for the visitors. Scores:—

Kempston: R. Porter run out 12, A. White b Curtis 0, W. Houghton b Curtis 4, N. Chambers lbw b Milton 7, S. Eames b Burraway 12, G. V. Green-Emmott c Haddow b Curtis 1, W. Tipton c Wadsworth b Burraway 0, W. Bennion b Burraway 0, E. Pestell c & b Milton 1, A. Spavins not out 1, W. Riddy c Hutchings b Milton 0, total 38.

Wootton: C. Gilbert b Chambers 6, J. Burraway c Chambers b Pestell 2, J. Hutchings b Pestell 1, S. Milton lbw b Pestell 8, B. Haddow b Pestell 0, H. Hutchings c Houghton b Pestell 0, P. Wadsworth c Spavins b Pestell 0, A. Curtis b Chambers 0, W. Hutchings c Houghton b Pestell 0, P. Wadsworth c Spavins b Pestell 0, A. Curtis b Chambers 0, W. Hutchings b Pestell 2, G. Burraway not out 7, L. Beard run out 4, extras 1, total 31.

Division III (South).

Houghton Conquest v. Marston 2nd.

Played at Marston on Saturday, a pleasant game ending in an easy win for the visitors by 46 runs, thanks to some good batting by W. Dunkley (39), S. Simpkins (16 not out), and K. Gilbert (15). For Marston only S. Knight reached double figures, scoring 12. Scores:—

Houghton Conquest: F. Day 1, K. Gilbert 15, J. Webb 3, C. Penwright 2, W. Dunkley 30, L. Gillett 5, F. Chappell 6, J. Odell 2, F. Huckle 1, S. Simpkins not out 16, W. Brightman 0, extras 5, total 86.

Marston: B. Ford 1, W. Odell 0, S. Odell 1, S. Knight 12, R. Nicholls 3, J. Whittington 2, L. Adams 3, G. Milton not out 5, F. Robinson 7, F. Denton 3, C. Hudson 0, extras 3, total 40.

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EAST BEDFORDSHIRE LEAGUE.

Division I.

Beeston Ath. v. Caldecote.

Caldecote were in a hitting mood on Saturday, and topped the century against Beeston. W. Bygrove obtained 39 runs and H. Newell 36, and W. Bygrove captured 5 wickets for 17 runs for the winners. Scores: Beeston Ath. 45, Caldecote [illegible]

Eaton Socon v. Woodbury.

Woodbury came a heavy cropper at Eaton Socon, and lost by an innings and 45 runs. For Eaton Ayres captured 12 wickets for 16 in the two innings, and C. Campling took 6 for 40 for Woodbury. For Eaton Socon B. Bentham was top scorer with 31, and W. Jefferies made 14. Scores: Eaton Socon 80, Woodbury 16 and 19.

Division II.

Stotfold Ath. 2nd v. Potton 2nd.

Stotfold's second string won easily at home by 53 runs. A. Payne obtaining 5 wickets for 17, and C. Millard 4 for 7. The scores were: Stotfold Ath. 2nd 88, Potton 2nd 35.

Ickwell v. Eaton Socon 2nd.

There was an exciting finish at Ickwell Green, when the homesters won by a couple of runs. For Ickwell C. Shelton captured 6 for 20, and for Eaton Socon 2nd W. Barber took 5 for 12. Scores: Ickwell 46, Eaton Socon 2nd 44.

Wrestlingworth v. Langford.

Langford were in good form with bat and ball against Wrestlingworth, N. Christian taking 7 wickets for 17, and making 27 runs. Scores: Wrestlingworth 48, Langford 82.

Division III.

There was some sensational bowling on both sides, R. Stamp, for Campton, taking 7 for 9, and for Ickwell C. Little captured 6 for 14. Scores: Campton 37, Ickwell 2nd 27.

Sandy 2nd v. Beeston Ath.

Beeston gave Sandy second string a fright and obtained 2 more than their opponents in their first innings, but Sandy won by 3 wickets and 15 runs, E. Spring making 36 not out. Scores: Sandy 2nd 40 and 56 for 7 wickets, Beeston Ath. 2nd 42 and 39.

SHELTON & DISTRICT LEAGUE.

League Champions v. The Rest.

Chelveston met the Rest of the League at Shelton on Saturday, and sent in the Rest to bat. Mr. S. Shelton captained the Rest. The Rest were dismissed for the moderate total of 58, J. Robins and L. Deighton being chief scorers. Chelveston commenced their innings by losing six wickets for no runs, and were all sent back for 18, R. Eady making 13.

Mr. Whitehead, in presenting the cup to Chelveston, said he was pleased to be at his annual cricket match, and welcomed Chelveston as the new Champions.

Mr. Hollyoak, vice-captain of Chelveston, thanked Mr. Whitehead for presenting the cup.

The company drank the usual health of the winners at the "Cat and Custard Pot".

OTHER MATCHES.

Biggleswade v. Bedfordshire Club and Ground (Extra).

This match was played on the Fairfield Sports Ground, Biggleswade, on Saturday, and resulted in an easy win for the Bedfordshire Club and Ground (Extra). Biggleswade were dismissed for 42 runs, for 16 of which F. Males played well. Their quick dismissal was principally due to the fine bowling of W. H. Hills, who must be congratulated on his analysis, viz.: 13 overs, 4 maidens, 8 wickets, 19 runs, average per wicket 2.375 runs. T. Shaw also bowled well, taking 2 wickets for 19 runs. The Bedfordshire Club and Ground (Extra) lost one wicket for 12 runs. Then T. Shaw joined C. H. Humphreys. The former was bowled by a shooter for a well-played 39, the second wicket falling at 70 runs. C. H. Humphreys played a most useful innings of 36 before being run out. Scores:—

Biggleswade: A. O. Brown b Shaw 3, C. Stapleton b Hills 3, F. Males not out 16, F. Rogers c Shaw b Hills 0, S. H. Hammond b Hills 2, W. Dobson b Shaw 0, J. K. Thompson c A. W. H. Poole b Hills 0, G. Albone b Hills 0, F. Roberts b Hills 1, J. Rawlings b Hills 13, F. Miller b Hills 0, extras 4, total 42.

Bedfordshire Club and Ground (Extra): C. H. Humphreys run out 36, C. H. Poole lbw b Dobson 5, T. Shaw b Rawlings 39, R. Sprague not out 9, C. J. Lowe b Brown 6, E. H. Thornton b Roberts 0, L. W. Dixon not out 4, extras 7, total (for 5 wickets) 106. A. W. H. Poole, W. H. Hills, F. P. Denison, and D. Davidson did not bat.

Queen's Works "A" v. Northampton Saints 2nd.

This match was played at Northampton on Saturday. The home team could only score 40 runs, Gilbert and Warren bowling unchanged, the former taking four wickets for 17 and Warren five for 21. The Queen's passed the home team's score with only one wicket down, and when the score had reached 64 for 4 rain stopped play. Scores:

Northampton Saints 2nd: R. Walker b Gilbert 1, H. Abrahams c Pearce b Warren 6, W. F. Mould b Warren 12, A. Burton b Gilbert 2, H. Peach c Pearce b Warren 0, S. Bott, b Warren 8, R. Jones run out 0, W. Ridgway b Gilbert 2, I. Cooper b Gilbert 1, J. Pearson not out 4, F. Harris c Tingey b Warren 2, extras 2, total 40.

Queen's Works "A": H. Pearce c Ridgway b Peach 14, H. Tingey c Burton b Bott 25, A. Barnes b Abraham 7, M. Adams not out 3, J. Luddington b Peach 10, extras 5, total 64. H. Warren, C. Trueman, A. Gilgert, and R. Tingey did not bat.

"The Bedfordshire Times" v. The Argus.

Russell Park rejoices in a fine bowling green and some charming and attractive flower gardens, but a good cricket pitch is not yet one of its proud possessions. The Argus and "The Times" found this to their cost on Saturday, when most of the bowlers could seldom get the ball to do what they wanted. More often it did what was not expected of it, and this, coupled with the unpleasant climatic conditions, spoilt what looked like being an interesting game. "Jesse" Smith, the Argus skipper, was continually puzzling the "Times" batsmen, and only L. F. Elderkin (52) and J. Bates (14) reached double figures. The Argus lost a few wickets cheaply, but good stands by J. Clarke and L. Potter, and W. Amos and Potter, enabled them to win comfortably. The youthful Potter batted stylishly for his 51 not out, some of his off strokes being especially pleasing. J. Smith (6 for 38) and S. Stevens (4 for 36) were the most successful bowlers. Scores:—

"The Bedfordshire Times": L. F. Elderkin c Nutting b J. Smith 52, F. R. Sharp b Smith 7, C. Lees b Smith 8, J. Bates b Clarke 14, B. Arnold b Clarke 0, H. Dutton c Robinson b Clarke 0, C. H. Sharp b Smith 0, S. Leigh c Beasley b Clarke 7, S. Stevens not out 0, H. Shotbolt b Smith 1, P. E. Keep b Smith 0, extras 24, total 113.

The Argus: G. Curtis b J. Bates 8, J. Beasley b Stevens 10, B. Nutting b Stevens 2, J. Clarke b Stevens 29, L. Potter not out 51, W. Amos b Elderkin 26, S. Summerfield c C. H. Sharp b Elderkin 6, K. E. Robinson hit wicket b Stevens 0, extras 22, total (for 7 wickets) 154. H. Craddock, H. Nutting and J. Smith did not bat.

Shire Hall v. Meltis.

This match was played on the Meltis ground and after an enjoyable game resulted in a win for the "Shires". For the winners A. B. Poole batted well for 44 runs, and the bowling of C. J. Churchill and A. Marshall, assisted by smart fielding, materially affected the result. Churchill captured 4 wickets for 20 runs, and Marshall 6 for 37. Scores:—

Meltis: Nicholson lbw b Marshall 9, Knapp c Smallwood b Marshall 9, Lovegrove b Marshall 1, Cole c Davis b Marshall 0, Robinson not out 15, Crossman b Churchill 7, Stevens b Churchill 1, Copperwheat c A. B. Poole b Churchill 12, Young c Markham b Churchill 3, Bellamy b Marshall 0, Jackwood lbw b Marshall 0, extras 8, total 65.

Shire Hall: A. B. Poole c Copperwheat b Cole 44, F. C. Davis c Lovegrove b Bellamy 1, F. Richardson b Stevens 18, E. Smallwood b Stevens 0, A. Marshall b Crossman 9, A. Markham st Nicholson b Bellamy 4, S. W. Lynn not out 12, D. H. Purcell b Cole 8, T. J. Emmings b Copperwheat 11, extras 11, total 118. C. J. Churchill and F. J. Nutting did not bat.

Silsoe v. Luton Clarendon.

This friendly game was played in Wrest Park on Saturday and resulted in a win for Luton Clarendon by 43 against 25 for Silsoe. The visitors lost five wickets for 15 runs, and were all out for 45, of which H. Worboys made 36. Silsoe began a little better and lost three wickets for 17 runs. Then five more wickets fell for an additional one, Worboys taking four wickets with successive balls, and Silsoe lost by 16 runs.

Houghton Regis v. Harlington.

For the last league match of the season Houghton Regis were at home to Harlington, and won comfortably. The weather was far from ideal for cricket, and consequently, as it was raining when Houghton, with 7 wickets down, had passed the visitors' score, they declared. W. Hawkins made 13 for the homesters, H. Robinson being next best with 8. H. Baker and J. Lane were top scorers for Harlington, with 7 each, L. Bushby following with 5. Harlington's bowling was: H. Chambers 2 for 14 and C. Harris 5 for 17, while Houghton's was: B. Celcott 4 for 11, F. Celcott 1 for 13, and W. Tomkins 3 for 7. Scores: Houghton Regis 32 (for 7 wickets), Harlington 31.

Bedfordshire Police v. Cambridgeshire Police.

Visiting St. John's ground, Cambridge, on Tuesday, Bedfordshire County Police went down very badly to Cambridgeshire County Police, largely owing to the success of P.c. Sussum with both bat and ball.

Bedfordshire went in first, but only P.s. Folkes made any stand, and they were all out for 55, Sussum taking 7 wickets for 21 runs. Cambridge were able to declare with their score at 206 for three wickets, towards which Sussum contributed 102 not out.

On their second venture Bedfordshire did better, Folkes finding a good partner in P.c. Blight, but the innings closed for 154, so they narrowly avoided an innings' defeat. Scores:—

Bedfordshire—1st innings.

P.s. Folkes c Unwin b Sussum	31
P.c. Blight b Sussum	5
P.c. R. Sandell b Sussum	1
P.c. J. Sandell b Sussum	2
P.c. Martin b Sussu m	1
P.c. Smith b Sussum	3
P.c. Martin b Sussum	1
P.c. Halls c Bell b Brooks	0
P.c. Underwood b Brooks	6
P.s. Shenton not	3
P.c. Brunt b Brooks	2
Extras	1
Total	55

Bedfordshire—2nd innings.

P.c. Brunt run out	10
P.s. Shenton c Brooks b Ellwood	12
P.c. Underwood b Ellwood	1
P.s. Folkes st b Brooks	52
P.c. Blight st b Brooks	50
P.c. J. Sandell b Brooks	0
P.c. Halls b Sussum	3
P.c. R. Sandell c Sussum b Brooks	10
P.c. Martin run out	7
P.c. Whitemore b Sussum	0
P.c. Smith not out	0
Extras	9
Total	154

Cambridgeshire.

P.c. Newell c Folkes b Blight	39
P.c. Unwin run out	2
P.s. Sussum not out	102
P.s. Smith b Blight	19
P.c. Brooks not out	32
Extras	12
Total (for 3 wkts. dec.)	206

P.c. Ellwood, P.c. Martin, P.s. Woolsey, P.c. Bullen, P.c. Drewery, P.c. Bell did not bat.

SATURDAY'S CRICKET FIXTURES.

Bedford & District League.

Division I.

Bedford Clarence v. Elstow Road.
Forder's Works v. Renhold.
Everton v. Marston.
Sharnbrook v. Biddenham.
Igranic Works v. Conservative Club.

Division II—Southern Section.

Lidlington v. Forder's Works 2nd.

Division III—Northern Section.

Keysoe Brook End v. Everton 2nd.

Division III—Southern Section.

Marston 2nd v. Houghton Conquest.
Haynes 2nd v. Marston Pillinge.

Division III—Eastern Section.

Biddenham 2nd v. Cryselco.
Stagsden v. Clapham.

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Greenfield v. Eversholt.

Eversholt journeyed to Greenfield on Saturday to play the return match and returned conquerors by a bigger margin than in the home match. The scores were Eversholt 74, Greenfield 18, compared with Eversholt 55, Greenfield 19. For Eversholt three batsmen reached double figures, S. Long 16, J. Racher 15, E. Smith 12, all batted well. Greenfield cut up badly against the bowling of E. Smith and A. Oakley, the former taking 5 wickets for 6 runs and A. Oakley 4 for 8. Scores:—

Eversholt: A. Nursall 2, J. Racher 15, T. Jarvis 0, E. Smith 12, S. Long 16, F. Impey 6, A. Oakley 1, W. Summers 0, J. Fleet 5, B. Cox 8, A. Garner 7, extras 2, total 74.

Greenfield: D. Palmer 1, G. Arnold 6, A. Palmer 4, L. Burrows 0, W. Cherry 4, B. Willsher 0, C. Cherry 1, E. Lane 0, T. Arnold 0, D. Dudley 0, G. Browning 1, extras 1, total 18.

Woburn v. Maulden.

Played at Woburn Park on Saturday, a keen and close game resulting in a win for the visitors by 2 runs. For Woburn L. Champkin took 6 wickets for 17 runs. Scores:—

Maulden: F. Blackaby b Gilks 8, S. Willmer b Champkin 14, A. Page b Gilks 1, A. Sharp c Pearston b Champkin 6, H. Sharp b Champkin 9, A. Taylor b Champkin 1, A. White c Short b H. Newbury 0, A. Aktins c A. Newbury b Champkin 1, C. Stanford not out 4, R. Tuckle c A. Newbury b Champkin 0, W. Newman b Edwards 9, extras 1, total 62.

Woburn: B. Edwards b Newman 7, C. Cook c Newman b Page 3, H. Newbury b Newman 0, J. Pearston c Sharp b Newman 10, L. Champkin not out 16, A. Newbury b Page 1, J. Gilks c Sharpe b Page 2, S. Redding c White b Page 4, A. Short b Page 0, A. Champkin c Sharp 1, C. Woollard c Page 5, extras 1, total 60.

Clophill v. Toddington.

At Clophill on Saturday, the opposing batsmen failed to score, only one reaching double figures. A. Whittamore took 5 wickets for 16, and B. J. Webb 3 for 17. The fielding was excellent. After the Toddington score was passed rain caused the game to end, Clophill winning by 8 wickets. Scores:—

Toddington: W. Cole 1, C. P. Hobbs 10, G. Humphreys 8, H. Fletcher 5, W. Wright 1, S. Grazier 2, C. Randall 0, W. Cole, jun. 2, A. Muckleston 0, H. Russell 0, F. Russell 4, extras 2, total 35.

Clophill: J. Bushby 0, S. Titmus not out 21, B. J. Webb 6, L/A/C Oates not out 4, extras 7, total 40.

Flitwick v. Luton P.O. Engineers.

At Flitwick on Saturday, rain prevented a finish. Scores: Luton P.O. Engineers 50 (R. McArcher 10, R. Taylor 8, B. Wright 8), Flitwick 23 for 3 wickets (L. Washington 7 not out). Wickets for home team: Rol. Carr 4 for 20, H. R. Gailer 4 for 9.

St. Francis's Home, Shefford v. Sandy Thursday Juniors.

This match was played at Shefford Hardwicke on the 11th August, and resulted in a further victory for the Home by six runs. Scores: The Home 48 (G. E. Chandler 18, Webb 8 for 16), Sandy 42 (G. E. Chandler 5 for 12).

Ampthill v. Shefford Wednesday.

Played at Ampthill on the 10th August, and drawn, in favour of the visitors. J. Godfrey took seven wickets for 66 runs, and J. Sandell 2 for 35, for Ampthill, and W. Taylor 3 for 26, H. Bryant 2 for 35, and T. W. Kingsnorth 1 for 7, for Shefford. Scores:—

Shefford Wednesday: F. Thorogood c Thompson b Godfrey 2, C. Thorogood c Stanbridge b Sandell 32, J. Folkes b Godfrey 8, H. Bryant, b Godfrey 56, N. Martin b Godfrey 3, L. Kempson c Pulley b Godfrey 5, E. Hazelden b Sandell 3, W. Godfrey b Godfrey 1, Rev. T. W. Kingsnorth not out 26, W. Taylor b Godfrey 16, P. Gailer b Sandell 9, extras 5, total 165.

Ampthill: J. Godfrey c C. Thorogood b Bryant 14, W. Thompson b Bryant 2, J. Nicholls c Gailer b Taylor 4, J. Meerweather not out 17, R. Stearn b Taylor 1, F. Stanbridge b Taylor 6, J. Hoptroff c and b Kingsnorth 11, J. Sandell not out 13, extras 3, total (for 6 wickets) 73.

Bedford Clarence Thursday v. Biggleswade Thursday.

A weak team from Biggleswade Thursday was defeated by 61 runs by Bedford Clarence on the 11th August at Bedford. The visitors were all out for 47 runs, A. E. Vincent getting 20 of these, Kemp taking 4 wickets for 5 runs and Linger 3 for 16. The Bedford Clarence topped the century, Dickens being chief scorer with 22. Ruffhead made 21 and Palmer not out 20. For Biggleswade Thursday H. Rawlings took 5 wickets for 45 runs. Scores: Biggleswade Thursday 47, Bedford Clarence Thursday 108.

Biggleswade Wesleyans v. Biggleswade "A."

A local derby at Holme Grove on Sunday resulted in an easy win for Biggleswade "A". The Wesleyans were not at full strength, Mr. F. W. Western being unable to play, and their fielding was not up to standard. The Wesleyans were all out for 33 runs, of which E. Smith obtained 13. The "A" team's total was 71, P. Bowler being top scorer with 33 and L. H. Collings undefeated with 22. A. Vincent hit 12. For the Wesleyans F. Emery took 4 for 14 and S. Skilleter 4 for 18. P. Bowler and J. Rowley also bowled well for the winners.

St. Francis' Home, Shefford v. Sandy

waether not out 17, R. Stearn b Taylor 6, and b Kingsworth 11, J. Sandell not out 10, frey b Godfrey 1, Rev. T. W. Kingsworth

Harrold v. Bozeat.

Played at Harrold on Saturday, the home team winning by 31 runs. The teams wore black armlets as a mark of respect to the late Fredk. A. Chambers who was drowned last week. Scores:—

Harrold: S. Brooks 3, R. Chambers 0, D. Pakes 2, S. Swannell 5, G. Jarvis 5, H. Stapleton 2, G. Cockings 19, A. Pettit 1, B. Markham 2, F. Scarlett 27, A. Larkins 4, total 70.

Bozeat: W. Bryant 9, F. Drage 3, H. Partridge 1, F. Tomkins 4, S. Tomkins 1, W. Davis 5, B. Dunmore 6, P. Drage 10, G. Smith 0, S. Dunmore 0, H. Pettit 0, total 39.

Free Church League Thursday XI v. The Martins.

Played at Bedford Park on 11th August, when the Thursday side beat the Martins by 10 runs after declaring with 8 wickets down. Scores:—

Free Church Thursday: E. Smith b King don 28, W. Brace run out 10, J. Smith b Linger 3, P. J. Potter lbw b Linger 1, J. E. Charnley c G. Barker b Linger 1, F. T. Johns c N. F. Reed b T. Barker 11, H. R. Neate c N. F. Reed, b Kingdon 27, R. R. Steele b G. Barker 6, H. C. Piper not out 19, H. D. Devey not out 0, G. Turff did not bat, extras 10, total (for 8 wkts. dec.) 118.

Martins: N. F. Reed b Turff 31, H. Southgate b Potter 35, P. Kingdon run out 0, F. Linger c Charnley b Potter 8, F. Savage b Potter 0, C. Hunter c Brace b Turff 0, G. Barker lbw b Turff 2, R. France b Potter 1 T. Barker not out 15, W. Whiffin c Steele b Potter 6, C. Sharpe absent 0, extras 10, total 108.

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DRAMATIC WIN.

How Beds Beat Cambs at Luton.

Brilliant Bowling.

(By "CRUSADER").

In a dramatic finish on Thursday evening, Bedfordshire just managed to beat Cambridgeshire for first innings points, in their Minor Counties' Competition game at Wardown Park. It was a tense struggle, and Captain D. Turnbull said he had twenty more grey hairs as a result of the last twenty minutes of the game.

On Wednesday evening the state of the game was interesting. Beds. had been dismissed for the comparatively low score of 151, after having been put in to bat by the visiting captain. Against the bowling of Bovill and Holdstock, the visitors could make little headway for a time, and lost 3 wickets for 35. The next wicket put on 45 runs, and then the century was passed. With a strong batting side, Cambridge seemed to be in clover, but brilliant catches by Holdstock and Fryer, both off the former's bowling, put a different complexion on the game, and, slow though it had been, the Cambridge batting became funereal, and at the close of play their score stood at 109 for 6 wickets.

It had been a full day's cricket, but during the night torrential rain seemed to make any idea of play quite hopeless on Thursday morning. At eleven o'clock the sky had become fairly clear, however, there was a good drying breeze, and the sun held out possibilities on such a quick-recovering ground as Wardown. The report of the umpires was that play might be possible at tea-time if there was no more rain. So the weather was fine. There were further inspections after lunch, and at four o'clock it was decided to take tea, and, if the rain held off, to make a start at 4.45.

Many people thought it was not worth while paying for the little cricket to be seen, but those who could not resist, got value for the money, not because of the attractive cricket, but in the struggle between bat and ball, and the excitement of the finish.

Bovill and Holdstock took the bowling, and Ridgeon gave a sharp chance in the slips off Holdstock's third over. Fifteen minutes were occupied in getting eight runs, and eventually Ridgeon took a swipe at a ball that is seldom sent down by Holdstock, almost a yorker. He missed, and his middle stump went back. He had plodded a long time for his runs—117—7—27. Thirty-five minutes were occupied in getting ten runs, and then Hobbs played a ball to backward point, and started for a run, but Sime fielded and threw in smartly, and Page whipped off the bails very quickly while both batsmen were in the middle of the wicket. Hobbs was walking to the dressing-room, when the umpire re-called him, and gave Parfitt out, the latter having crossed and then retraced his steps—119—8—6. At this period, 24 overs had been bowled, and 16 were maidens. Holdstock bowled nine consecutive overs for one run, and only 14 runs came in 65 minutes' batting. Eventually, Holdstock sent up a "ticer" or two, and Hobbs got one to the boundary—a lofty drive. Off the first ball of the next over from Bovill, however, Hobbs gently spooned one into the safe left hand of Kellett at silly mid-on—129—9—8. The last pair batted steadily, and the score mounted slowly. Cockell held up his end, and Morton got most of the runs, and at 148 Buckley went on for Bovill. Cockell got a couple to leg, and every ball was watched with keenest tension. Holdstock's fortieth over was a maiden to Morton, and the fieldsmen were almost on top of the batsmen when Buckley bowled to Cockell, and this over also was a maiden. Three balls of Holdstock's next over almost shaved Morton's stumps, and the over was a maiden. Cockell again faced Buckley, and with the fifth ball he stepped in front, missed the ball, and there was a unanimous appeal for obstruction. The umpire's finger went up, and Beds. had won by one run!

It was a great disappointment to the Cambridge players, who had thought success would be easy, then felt that it was impossible, and afterwards had the pleasure of seeing the score rise, and all the wiles of the bowlers overcome by sheer stolidity or good fortune, and finally come so close to victory—only to lose. Holdstock and Bovill bowled magnificently, but while the latter's left hand action imparted a natural difficulty, Holdstock's was real brain work. His length was perfect, and if an apparently loose ball came up, it was a planned temptation to get the batsmen to hit. More than half of the overs he and Bovill sent down were maidens, and Holdstock bowled six maidens in succession, and Bovill five.

During the closing hour, almost every run was cheered. Page kept wicket cleverly, his "takes" on the leg side off Bovill being very fine indeed, and he is also developing as a batsman. The fielding of the Beds. players was very good also, the ground work being very clean.

BEDS.

Holdstock c Saxon b Morton	21
J. H. Buckley c and b Smith	3
A. R. Alston b Smith	23
R. Kellett b Ridgeon	44
F. Rawlins c Saxon b Rose	25
A. E. Fryer b Smith	1
W. A. Sime b Smith	8
D. Turnbull b Smith	7
L. Stevens b Smith	0
E. Page not out	3
E. M. Bovill b Smith	6
Extras	10
Total	151

Fall of wickets—1 for 15; 2 for 39; 3 for 81; 4 for 113; 5 for 114; 6 for 134; 7 for 139; 8 for 138; 9 for 145; 10 for 151.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Smith	36	17	50	7
Ridgeon	12	2	23	1
Morton	12	3	23	1
Rose	10	2	18	1

CAMBRIDGE.

H. J. Rose b Bovill	16
K. R. J. Saxon c Stevens b Bovill	4
R. Edwards hit wicket b Holdstock	1
G. Carnegie Brown c Turnbull b Stevens	60
F. A. Ridgeon b Holdstock	27
F. W. Parfitt run out	5
E. Hobbs c Kellett b Bovill	8
P. S. Morton not out	14
W. Cockell lbw b Buckley	7
Extras	7
Total	150

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bovill	39	20	44	3
Holdstock	41	23	47	4
Buckley	11.5	6	15	1
Stevens	4	0	10	1

Fall of wickets.—1 for 10; 2 for 11; 3 for 35; 4 for 88; 5 for 103; 6 for 107; 7 for 117; 8 for 119; 9 for 129; 10 for 150.

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CHARITY CRICKET.

Luton Police Visit Bedford Police.

Luton Police make a football match on the Town ground the basis of their annual charity effort, and are annually visited on this occasion by the Bedford Borough Police, who are afterwards hospitably entertained. They pay a return visit to Bedford for a charity cricket match, and on the occasion of the last football match at Luton it was stated that although other teams had sought invitations to Bedford for the charity match, but as long as Luton cared to continue taking part in the fixture, no other team would have a chance.

THE NEW ZEALAND PITCH.

Thursday was Bedford's day, and although in the morning cricket seemed impossible, owing to the downpour of rain, play was possible later in the afternoon. The match was played on the Grammar School ground, where the New Zealanders will be entertained next week. Owing to the soaking the ground had received, play on the same wicket could not be permitted, but another pitch was selected, and play started at three o'clock. Scores:

LUTON BOROUGH POLICE.—P.c. Vass 30, P.c. Sear 3, P.c. Causebrook 2, P.c. Peck 17, P.c. Finch 0, P.c. Fuller 5, P.s. Carter 12, Det. Wood 0, P.c. W. Wright not out 0, P.c. Gillespie 1, P.c. O. Wright 0, extras 2, total 72.

BEDFORD BOROUGH POLICE.—Cope 1, Standing 20, Cummins 22, Burgoyne 0, Single not out 27, Kenzie not out 2, extras 1, total (for 4 wickets) 73.

WHERE THE MONEY GOES.

Before the match, the Chief Constable of Bedford (Mr. F. Timbrell) presided at lunch in Bedford School Pavilion, and was supported by Mr. R. Carter (Headmaster of Bedford School), Messrs. W. H. Allport, E. H. Tickner, F. R. Hockliffe, M. Lamb, H. Burridge, H. N. Tebbs (Clerk to the Magistrates), H Kishere, Inspectors Woodward and Hall, the members of the teams, and others.

The Chief Constable said he was very sorry that the weather was precarious. The match was played for local charities, and as the result of the fixture last year, they were able to send to the Provincial Police Orphanage at Redhill the sum of £50, and to the County Hospital £31 10s., while the balance of over £37 was devoted to the purchase of boots for poor children at Christmas. That balance was augmented from various sources by friends and Societies to £55 12s. 1d., which was spent on 137 pairs of boots. In conclusion, the Chief Constable returned thanks to the public for the way in which they had taken up the tickets. The match seemed now to be well established in Bedford, and if some people had been accosted once or twice, the police made no apology—(laughter)—the money was for a good cause. He welcomed the Luton team, and regretted the absence of Luton's Chief Constable. He hoped that after all they would have a very enjoyable afternoon, and some good cricket.

Detective Wood, Secretary of the Luton Borough Police Athletic Club, responded to the hearty welcome extended to the Luton team from the Chief Constable, saying that they had looked forward to the day as a red-letter day, and had come to Bedford full of "pep," hoping to give Bedford Borough a good game. They had taken a hiding at Luton, and they hoped that day to be able to turn the tables.

Referring to the Chief Constable's remarks concerning public support, Detective Wood said that they found very much the same thing at Luton with regard to the football match, when they played with the Bedford Police. This match had nearly grown to be an annual affair, and was well-supported, bringing in a good amount of money to the Luton Police Boot Fund. So far as the Luton men were concerned, they were only too pleased to accept an invitation of this kind, and on behalf of the Luton Police Athletic Club, he thanked the Chief Constable and the members of the Bedford Borough Police Cricket Club for their invitation.

POSTALS DRAW.

At Wardown Sports Ground on Wednesday, LUTON POSTALS, favoured with a fine day, entertained FLITWICK RAMBLERS. The Ramblers, winning the toss, elected to bat first, knocking up a useful score of 170 for 6 wickets. Herb. Gazeley, W. Harris, and G. Humphrey batted well, the latter hitting 2 sixes and 3 fours in making 36. The most successful bowler was G. Haddon with 3 for 38.

The Postals managed to get 75 for 6 wickets on the board, when time brought the game to a close.

FLITWICK RAMBLERS.—J. Godfrey c Thurley b Evans 2; J. Stringer c R. McArthur b Haddon 12; G. Humphreys c R. McArthur b Haddon 36; Herb. Gazeley b Haddon 32; B. Deacon c Smith b R. McArthur 18; H. Fletcher c Evans b Thurley 20; W. Harris not out 34; H. Giles not out 12; H. W. Gazeley, J. Warr and G. Harris did not bat; extras 4; total (for 6 wickets) innings declared closed, 170.

Bowling.—R. McArthur 1 for 51; W. Evans 1 for 34; G. Haddon 3 for 38; R. Thurley 1 for 21.

LUTON POSTALS.—R. Thurley c Deacon b Humphrey 9; J. S. Devey b Godfrey 9; C. Smith c Harris b Gazeley 19; W. Evans b Godfrey 4; R. McArthur b Gazeley 8; B. Parsons c and b Giles 17; K. McArthur not out 5; H. L. Williams not out 0; G. Varnam, G. Haddon and W. Young did not bat; extras 4; total (for 6 wickets) 75.

Bowling.—J. Godfrey 2 for 12; H. W. Gazeley 2 for 25; G. Humphrey 1 for 23; H. Giles 1 for 2.

MID-BEDS CRICKET LEAGUE.

DIVISION I.

	P.	W.	L.	P.
Barton	8	7	1	14
Houghton Regis	7	5	2	10
Leagrave	7	5	2	10
Pulloxhill	8	2	6	4
Harlington	8	0	8	0

DIVISION II.

Barton II.	14	12	2	24
Steppingley	13	11	2	22
Houghton Regis	14	9	5	18
Chalgrave	14	8	6	16
Sundon	12	7	5	14
Harlington II.	14	3	11	6
Westoning	12	2	10	4
Flitton	13	1	12	2

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CRICKET.

Beds. v. Cambridgeshire.

Beds. Thrilling Victory by One Run.

The return match between Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire commenced in fine weather on the 17th inst. The game, as stated in our last issue, was left in an interesting state on Wednesday, when Cambridgeshire had scored 109 for 6 wickets in reply to Bedfordshire's total of 151.

Unfortunately, the next day the weather changed again, and rain, which fell in torrents, turned the pitch into a mud flat, and it seemed as if the match would have to be abandoned. At noon, however, the sun broke through the heavy clouds, and after several inspections of the pitch, it was deided to wait until tea time. At 4.45 p.m. the pitch had sufficiently recovered to allow play to be resumed, and the two "not outs," Ridgeon and Parfitt, continued their innings. Both men played very cautiously, and the cricket was extremely tedious to watch. Maiden over succeeded maiden over, and the rate of scoring was painfully slow. Holdstock penetrated Ridgeon's defence after he had added 5 to his overnight's score, and the score-board read 117--7--27. With the addition of 2 more Parfitt was run out, and the prospects of Beds. taking first innings points seemed very bright. Hobbs, who followed, was brilliantly caught by Kellett with the left hand, and thus 3 wickets had fallen for the addition of 20 runs after 75 minutes' play. The last man, Cockell, who joined Morton, played a sound defensive game, and waited patiently for any loose ball which might come along. Slowly, but surely, the score increased, until 150 was signalled, when it seemed a "dead certainty" that Cambs. must win. Four maiden overs were sent down, and then Cockell put his legs in front of a straight one from Buckley, and Bedfordshire had won a well-earned victory by a single run. Holdstock bowled unchanged during the second day, but of a total of 100 5 overs during the innings no less than 40 were maidens. Full scores and analyses:—

Bedfordshire.—1st Innings.

Holdstock c Saxon b Morton	21
J. H. Buckley c and b Smith	3
A. R. Alston b Smith	23
R. Kellett b Ridgeon	44
F. Rawlins c Saxon b Rose	25
A. E. Fryer b Smith	1
W. A. Sime b Smith	8
Capt. D. Turnbull b Smith	7
L. Stevens b Smith	0
E. Page not out	3
E. M. Bovill b Smith	6
Extras	10
Total	151

Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Smith	36	17	50	7
Morton	12	3	23	1
Ridgeon	12	2	23	1
Rose	10	2	18	1
Edwards	4	1	16	0
Saxon	3	0	7	0
Hobbs	2	0	4	0

Cambridgeshire—1st Innings.

H. T. Rose b Bovill	19
H. R. J. Saxon c Stevens b Bovill	4
R. Edwards hit wkt. b Holdstock	1
G. Carnegie Brown c Turnbull b Stevens	50
F. A. Ridgeon b Holdstock	27
H. B. Hart c and b Holdstock	10
Smith, c Fryer b Holdstock	0
F. W. Parfitt run out	6
E. Hobbs c Kellett b Bovill	0
P. S. Morton not out	14
W. Cockell lbw b Buckley	7
Extras	7
Total	160

Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
E. M. Bovill	39	20	44	3
Holdstock	41	23	47	4
W. A. Sime	5	0	27	0
J. H. Buckley	11.5	6	15	1
L. Stevens	4	0	10	2

MINOR COUNTIES' CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE.

RESULTS TO AUGUST 21ST.

	Pld.	Won.	Won on 1st ins.	Lost on 1st ins.	Percentage.
Staffordshire	8	7	0	1	90.00
Notts. II.	6	5	0	0	83.33
Buckinghamshire	6	4	1	0	76.66
Durham	7	3	2	2	65.42
Devonshire	13	5	3	3	56.92
Surrey II.	8	1	5	0	50.00
Wiltshire	6	2	1	2	50.00
Monmouthshire	7	2	2	1	48.57
Berkshire	8	2	2	3	47.50
Hertfordshire	13	3	3	4	43.07
Cornwall	8	2	1	4	42.50
Norfolk	8	1	3	3	42.50
Oxfordshire	7	0	4	2	40.00
Northumberland	7	1	2	1	34.27
Lancashire II.	9	1	3	1	33.33
Leicestershire II.	8	1	2	2	32.50
Bedfordshire	7	1	1	3	31.42
Yorkshire II.	8	2	0	2	30.00
Dorset	7	1	1	2	28.57
Lincolnshire	7	0	3	1	28.57
Kent II.	5	0	2	1	28.57
Cheshire	6	0	2	2	25.66
Cambridgeshire	7	1	0	3	22.57

Surrey II. v. Monmouth (abandoned on account of rain) and Wiltshire v. Kent II. not included. The challenge match between Nottinghamshire II. and Staffordshire will be played on September 5, 6, and 7, on a ground to be chosen by the latter.

BEDFORD POLICE CHARITY CRICKET MATCH.

The Weather Intervenes.

A beautiful Wednesday—an indescribably horrible Thursday morning. The Clerk of the Weather has become fickle-hearted; holiday makers were blessed with a radiant sun on Wednesday, and doubtless the members of the Bedford Borough Police Athletic Club chirped about their annual cricket match, with the Luton Borough Police, on the Bedford School ground on the day following being made twice as enjoyable by the benevolent smile and glowing cheerfulness of the heavens above. Their optimism was somewhat crushed on waking on Thursday morning (those who were not so unfortunate as to be on duty all night) when they found the sky weeping for all it was worth. Until late in the morning the rain continued. Just after 1 o'clock, luncheon, excellently served by Mr. A. W. Powell, was partaken of in the School Pavilion, and during this time the sun strove hard to break through the clouds in order to catch a glimpse of the eatables, and eventually succeeded.

The Chief Constable (Mr. F. Timbrell) presided, supported by Mr. Reginald Carter, M.A. (Headmaster of Bedford School), Messrs. W. H. Allport, F. R. Hockliffe, E. H. Tickner, M. Lamb, H. Burridge, H. N. Tebbs, H. Kishere, and Inspectors Woodward and Hall and P.C. Roberts (Hon. Secretary of the Bedford Borough Police Sports' Club). The cold collation having been done justice to,

The Chief Constable said he was very sorry the weather was so precarious, and that the Chief Constable of Luton (Mr. Scott) was not present. This event was held annually for local charities and the Provincial Police Orphanage Fund, and as a result of the fixture last year he had been able to send the sum of £50 to that Orphanage, and to the Bedford County Hospital £31 10s. The balance left in hand (£37) was devoted to the local Police Boot Fund. This amount was somewhat augmented by donations from friends and societies, and in the end £51 12s. 1d. was put to the buying of boots. He would like to thank the public for the way in which they had taken up the tickets for the match, and they had come to look upon the fixture as an established event. It was for a good cause—to help those of their friends in distress. The speaker thanked those who had accepted the invitation to the dinner; it was holiday time, and many friends who might have been with them were away, including His Worship the Mayor. He heartily welcomed the Luton team, and hoped it would be an enjoyable afternoon and they would have some good cricket.

On behalf of the Luton Borough Police Athletic Club, Detective-Constable Wood said he was sure the Luton men had looked forward to that day as a "red-letter" one. The Bedford Police had given them a good hiding at Luton, but they hoped to turn the tables on them that day. The Chief Constable had referred to the generosity of the Bedford public, and he was sure he could say the same of Luton. Their charity match always met with a ready response from the Luton people, and they were able to place a good amount of money to their own Boot Fund. He thanked the Bedford Police for the welcome they had extended to the Luton Police.

In spite of the heavy rain, Mr. Peppall (groundsman), though naturally declining to allow teams to play on the wicket originally designed for them, found a spot which could be utilised. It was certainly a case of any port (or wicket) in a storm, and at 3 o'clock the local Police came out to field. The wicket proved almost a bowler's paradise, and the Luton constabulary could only reach the modest total of 72 runs. Chambers had the "tail" guessing with "dollydrops," and took 3 wickets for 4 runs. Cope claimed 2 victims at a cost of 2 runs, thanks to a couple of splendid catches in the long field. Luetchford had 3 wickets for 26, and Jennings 1 for 26. Vass was unfortunate to be run out after playing himself in well, contributing a valuable 30 to his side's total; Carter, Peck and he seemed the only ones able to cope with the Bedford bowling.

The home side started disastrously, Cope leaving with his score at 1, but when Single and Standing came together matters improved, the former playing confident cricket for his 40 runs, and the latter also gave a good account of himself. Cummins and Kenzie carried on the good work, and eventually the excellent total of 114 for 5 wickets was reached, the local constabulary thus easily winning an enjoyable encounter. Scores:—

Luton Borough Police.

Vass run out	30
Sear b Luetchford	3
Causebrook c Cope b Luetchford	2
Peck, b Luetchford	17
Finch c Cook b Jennings	0
Fuller c Cummins b Cope	5
Carter lbw b Chambers	12
Wood c Cummins b Cope	0
Wright not out	0
Gillespie b Chambers	1
C. Wright c Cummins b Chambers	0
Extras	2
Total	72

Bedford Borough Police.

Cope c Finch b Peck	1
Standing c Fuller b Wright	20
Single b Causebrook	40
Cummins lbw b Fuller	22
Burgoyne lbw b Fuller	0
Kenzie not out	21
Chambers not out	3
Extras	7
Total (for 5 wkts.)	114

Cooke, Jennings, Cox and Luetchford did not bat.

WOBURN v. BROMHAM.

Played at Woburn Park on Saturday, on a sodden pitch, resulting in a win for the visitors by 17 runs. Scores:—

Bromham.—R. Bruty c Edwards b Pearston 26; L. Rideout lbw b Brown 1; J. Gough b Brown 0; S. Tysoe b Pearston 28; A. Everest c and b Pearston 1; E. Freeman b Pearston 1; L. Strickland b Edwards 1; L. White c Holland b Edwards 0; B. Freeman not out 8; A. Freeman b Edwards 0; A. Bartholomew b Pearston 0; extras 6; total 72.

Woburn.—B. Edwards b Tysoe 11; E. Taylor b Rideout 1; J. Gilks b Rideout 10; A. Short b Rideout 0; J. Pearston c and b Tysoe 2; A. Newbury b Tysoe 0; W. Brown c Freeman b E. Freeman 12; F. Walduck c and b Bruty 3; L. West c Tysoe b Freeman 5; C. Woollard not out 7; F. Teagle c Freeman b White 1; extras 3; total 55.

EAST BEDS. LEAGUE.

BRIEF RESULTS.

No less than eight games in the three Divisions of the East Beds. League had to be cancelled on Saturday owing to the torrential rain. This included the Sandy v. Rest of the League game in Division II., which was postponed until to-morrow (Saturday), and will be played on the Sandy ground.

Division I.

Caldecote, 104; A.R.S. (Henlow), 33. For Caldecote, G. Bygraves captured 4 wickets for 13 runs).

Division II.

Wrestlingworth, 49; Caldecote 2nd, 21. For Wrestlingworth, H. Whiteman took 5 wickets for 11 runs, and for Caldecote J. Newell took 6 for 13.

Division III.

Old Warden 2nd, 54; Broom, 33. For Broom, A. Swain took 7 wickets for 16, and for Old Warden 2nd G. Berridge took 5 for 10.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES.

Matches fixed for to-morrow (Saturday), on ground of first-named club:—

Queen's Works v. Beds. Club and Ground (at Allen Park, Biddenham).
Beds. Club and Ground "Extra" XI. v. Henlow.
Howard's Works v. Biggleswade 1st XI. (at Kempston).

Queen's Works "A" v. Bedford Shire Hall C.C. (at Allen Park).
Woburn v. Harlington.
Biggleswade "A" v. Ashwell.

Bedford & District League.

Division I.

Igranic Works v. Everton.
Elstow Road v. Conservative Club.
Biddenham v. Forder's Works.
Marston v. Sharnbrook.
Renhold v. Bedford Clarence.

Division II. (Southern).

Lidlington v. Kempston.

Division III. (Southern).

Houghton Conquest v. Marston Pillinge.
Forder's Elstow Works 2nd v. Marston 2nd.

East Beds. League.

Division I.

Eaton Socon v. Rest of the League.

Division II.

Sandy v. Rest of Division.

Division III.

Langford 2nd v. Old Warden 2nd.
Broom v. Campton.
Beeston Athletic 2nd v. Ickwell 2nd.
Sandy 2nd v. Meppershall 2nd.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Bedford Thursday F C.

Ensuing Season's Fixtures.

At the meeting, held recently, of the Bedford Thursday Rugby Football Club, in the Scrum Hall on the Goldington road ground, the hope was expressed that better support from the public would be forthcoming in the 1927-28 season. The prospects are bright, and the fixture list is much stronger than in previous seasons; all the players of last season are available again, and altogether a successful time is anticipated. The Hon. Secretary's (Mr. H. C. Wrench) report stated that the Club experienced a very satisfactory 1926-27 season, from a playing point of view; 24 games were played, 16 won and 8 lost, the points scored for the Club being 515, against 218. Although they had a balance in hand last season, the financial side was still a perplexing problem.

The officers for the season were elected as follows:—Captain, J. Craig; Vice-Captain, J. White; Hon. Secretary, H. C. Wrench; Hon. Treasurer, A. Gell; Committee, Messrs. Gribble, Jarden, Williams, Roe, H. Lansberry and Linger.

FIXTURES, 1927-27.

Sept.	1.	Trials	Home
,,	8.	Igranic R.F.C.	Home
,,	15.	Bedford "A"	Home
,,	22.	Old Modernians	Home
,,	29.	—	
Oct.	6.	R.A.F., Henlow	Home
,,	13.	Leicester Thursday R.F.C.	Home
,,	20.	Westminster Bank, Lond.	Away
,,	27.	Guy's "A"	Home
Nov.	3.	St. Catherine's College	Home
,,	10.	Bedford Modern School	Home
,,	17.	Royal Veterinary College	Home
,,	24.	King's College, Cambridge	Home
Dec.	1.	Trinity Hall, Cambridge	Home
,,	8.	St. John's Coll., Cambridge	Home
,,	15.	Cambridge Town R.F.C.	Away
,,	22.	—	
,,	29.	—	
Jan.	5.	United Schools, Past and Present	Home
,,	12.	Blackheath "A"	Home
,,	19.	Bedford School 2nd XV.	Home
,,	26.	St. Mary's Hospital	Home
Feb.	2.	Royal Veterinary College	Home
,,	9.	Cambridge Town R.F.C.	Home
,,	16.	Trinity Hall, Cambridge	Away
,,	23.	Pembroke Coll., Cambridge	Away
Mar.	1.	Old Northamptonians	Home
,,	8.	Leicester Thursday R.F.C.	Away
,,	15.	Life Guards' R.F.C.	Home
,,	22.	Old Northamptonians	Away
,,	29.	R.A.F., Henlow	Home

Bedford "A" XV. Fixtures.

Sept.	3.	Trials	Home
,,	10.	Igranic R.F.C.	Home
,,	15.	Bedford Thursday R.F.C.	Home
,,	17.	—	
,,	24.	Wellingborough	Home
Oct.	1.	Bedford School 2nd XV.	Away
,,	8.	R.A.F., Henlow	Home
,,	15.	Queen's Works R.F.C.	Away
,,	22.	—	
,,	29.	Northampton "A"	Home
Nov.	5.	Bedford Athletic R.F.C.	Home
,,	12.	Standard Bank of S. Africa	Away
,,	19.	Bedford Modern School	Away
,,	26.	Trinity Hall, Cambridge	Away
Dec.	6.	Downing College, Cambridge	Away
,,	10.	Queen's Works R.F.C.	Home
,,	17.	Igranic R.F.C.	Away
,,	24.	Letchworth	Home
,,	31.	Blackheath "A"	Away
Jan.	7.	—	
,,	14.	London Hospital "A"	Home
,,	21.	Cambridge	Away
,,	28.	Letchworth	Away
Feb.	4.	Trinity Hall, Cambridge	Home
,,	11.	Downing Coll., Cambridge	Home
,,	18.	Bedford School 2nd XV.	Home
,,	25.	Northampton "A"	Away
Mar.	3.	London Welsh "A"	Home
,,	10.	Wellingborough	Away
,,	17.	—	
,,	24.	—	
,,	31.	Blackheath "A"	Home
Apr.	7.	Bedford Athletic R.F.C.	Away
,,	14.	R.A.F., Henlow	Away

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THE NEW ZEALAND MATCH.

RAIN SAVES BEDFORDSHIRE.

The long-awaited New Zealand match has come and gone, and save for ninety minutes' play on Wednesday, a sparkling performance by C. N. Reed, the Bedford School boy, and a sample of Merritt's deadly slow bowling, Bedfordshire is little the wiser as to their methods. Experts in the pavilion were agreed, after it was decided to abandon the match at lunch time yesterday, that they had never seen the School ground in such a sodden condition, and the County has had to suffer a loss of £80 on the game. We must offer our sympathies to Mr. Crompton and his Committee, who have worked and laboured for months, only to see the match abandoned without a possible chance of further play, whilst there was still a heavy loss on the game to be covered. Over 600 had paid for admission to the ground on Wednesday, when play was held up, and tickets sold in addition brought the gate-money up to the £100 which had been guaranteed to the Tourists. It is certain that on the basis of takings on Wednesday great interest had been aroused in the game throughout the county, and that, given fine weather, it would have undoubtedly paid for itself. In addition, the crowds who were turned away on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday contained many Americans and New Zealanders up from London, and many spectators from St. Albans and Cambridge.

DETAILS OF PLAY.

Capt. Turnbull, who lost the toss last week at Luton after winning five times in succession, regained his prowess with the coin, and it was announced that he had won the toss, and would put the County in, as a sharp burst of rain drenched the ground. Holdstock opened for Bedfordshire with Buckley, and secured an easy single through the slips off Bernau. They changed over, and Buckley stopped the rest of the over, being troubled by the New Zealander's third ball. McGirr took the ball at the other end, and Holdstock secured another single. In the next over he got two further singles off Bernau, who was bowling at a medium pace, getting the bowler's fifth ball away for a pretty leg glide. With the total at 12 Holdstock secured a splendid two off Bernau's last ball. In the next over Buckley was beaten by McGirr's last ball, and put up an easy catch behind the wicket, which was missed, however. Holdstock was hitting steadily, most of his strokes being behind the wicket. The batsmen had been in half an hour before the 20 mark was reached, 7 being extras, and Buckley then opened out a little.

SLOW BOWLERS TAKE CHARGE.

With the score at 25 McGirr (the left-hander) was taken off for Merritt, and the change was early justified, for his fifth delivery, a full toss, was put up to Allcott at mid-on by Holdstock for an easy catch, his total being 12. Merritt (slow right-hander) got Alston's middle stump with the third ball of his second over, before the batsman had opened an account.

Allcott, a slow left-hander, came on for Bernau at 28, the New Zealand captain having realized the value of a slow bowler on the sticky wicket. Buckley was Merritt's next victim, a slow ball tempting him out and completely beating him with his score at 8. Merritt's analysis at this stage was three wickets for four runs in three overs. Fred Rawlins and Reed now got together, but save for a nice two by the latter, the batsmen were taking no chances with the bowlers. Reed took the score on to 38 before Rawlins opened his tally with a well-placed two off Merritt. In the next over Reed drove Allcott to the off for two, and followed with the first three, to long on, which brought his score to 15, and the side's to 46.

RAIN INTERVENES.

A sharp shower at 12.45 held up play for eight minutes, there being a rush for the pavilion. The New Zealanders took the field again, however, as soon as rain ceased. Runs would not come, and a smart piece of work behind the stumps nearly got Rawlins, who was out next ball to Merritt, clean bowled. R. Kellett took his place and hoisted the fifty with his first hit, being out next ball to Merritt, with an easy catch at mid-off by Allcott. Merritt had here taken 5 for 13, and half the side were out for 50. Capt. Turnbull came in and put an easy catch up to Merritt's next ball; it was missed, and Bedford took another breath. Reed by this time was playing some very fine cricket, and a two off Merritt took his score to 19; he was, in fact, the only batsman who could do anything with the right-hander. Rain came on again at this point, and it was decided to make an early lunch adjournment, after only 90 minutes' play. This stoppage, with the score at 55, was followed by a heavy downpour at 2 p.m., and play had to be abandoned for the day, with the wicket in a very sodden condition.

Both sides assembled on the ground on Thursday, but after frequent visits to the crease by the umpires during the morning, it was finally decided to abandon the game before lunch, and the Tourists left for Norwich by motor-'bus for their game to-morrow with Norfolk. The score when play was abandoned was as follows:—

Bedfordshire—1st innings.

Holdstock c Allcott b Merritt	12
J. H. Buckley b Merritt	9
A. R. Alston b Merritt	0
C. N. Reed not out	19
F. Rawlins b Merritt	4
R. Kellett c Allcott b Merritt	2
Capt. D. Turnbull not out	2
Extras	7
Total (5 wickets)	55

E. M. Bovill, W. A. Sime, E. Page, and E. D. Hersee did not bat.

New Zealanders.

T. C. Lowry, C. E. W. Allcott, C. S. Dempster, R. C. Blunt, M. L. Page, W. Cunningham, C. Oliver, W. E. Merritt, K. C. James, H. M. McGirr, and E. H. L. Bernau.

THE LAST COUNTY MATCH.

UNCERTAIN WEATHER GIVES BEDFORDSHIRE A NARROW VICTORY.

The uncertainty of the weather and an unexpected resumption late in the game on a wicket which downpours of rain had reduced to a quagmire, combined to give Bedfordshire an unexpected victory over Cambridgeshire in their last County match, played in Wardown Park, Luton, on Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

The game was left in a very interesting position on Wednesday, Bedfordshire had scored 151 runs, and Cambridgeshire had lost six wickets for 109 runs. However, over-night torrential downpours turned the pitch into a mud-flat. The heavy rain continued on Thursday morning, and there certainly seemed no possibility of the match being finished that day, the general assumption being that it would be abandoned forthwith. But about five o'clock, rain having ceased, play was resumed, although the pitch was still in a terrible state. Some idea of the conditions under which the players laboured can be gathered from the fact that the first hour and a quarter's play produced only twenty runs.

Cautious tactics brought the score up to 150, with the last two men at the wickets. Cambridgeshire now needed only two runs to win, and it seemed all over bar the shouting. Their luck seemed dead out, however, for the next four overs were unproductive of a single run. Then, just on time, Cockell, perhaps over-eager, got his leg in front of a straight ball from Buckley, and Bedfordshire had deservedly won a hard fought game in a sensational and highly unexpected manner.

THE COUNTY CRICKET SEASON.

SUMMARY AND AVERAGES.

The season's record for the County Cricket Club in connexion with the Minor Counties Competition is not very inspiring. It reads as follows:—

4th and 5th July, v. Cambridge, at Wisbech. Bedfordshire 1st innings 126, 2nd innings 128; Cambridgeshire 1st innings 196, 2nd innings 61 for 5 wickets. Cambridgeshire won by 5 wickets.

6th and 7th July, v. Lincolnshire, at Gainsborough. Lincolnshire 1st innings 110, 2nd innings 15 for 1; Bedfordshire 91; rain stopped play. Match drawn: Lincs won by 19 runs on 1st innings.

13th and 14th July, v. Hertfordshire, at St. Albans. Bedfordshire 1st innings 122 for 7 wkts.; abandoned owing to rain. No result.

27th and 28th July, v. Oxfordshire, at Merton College Ground, Oxford. Bedfordshire 1st innings 162, 2nd innings 74 for 2 wkts.; Oxfordshire 1st innings 189 (for 8 wkts. dec.). Match drawn; Oxfordshire won by 27 runs on 1st innings.

1st and 2nd August, v. Lincolnshire, at Bedford School. Bedfordshire 1st innings 100, 2nd innings 103 for 5 wkts.; Lincolnshire 1st innings 184 (for 7 wkts. dec.). Match drawn: Lincs won by 84 runs on 1st innings.

3rd and 4th August, v. Oxfordshire, at Bedford School. Bedfordshire 1st innings 335; Oxfordshire 1st innings 137, 2nd innings 131. Bedfordshire won by an innings and 67 runs.

5th and 6th August, v. Hertfordshire, at Bedford School. Bedfordshire 1st innings 206, 2nd innings 145; Hertfordshire 1st innings 331, 2nd innings 21 for 1 wkt. Hertfordshire won by 9 wickets.

17th and 18th August, v. Cambridgeshire, at Luton. Bedfordshire 1st innings 151; Cambridgeshire 1st innings 150; rain delayed start. Bedfordshire won on 1st innings by one run.

Summary: Played 7, won 1, lost 2; won on 1st innings 1, lost on 1st innings 3; possible points 36, points obtained 11; percentage 31.44.

THE AVERAGES.

BATTING.

Qualification four innings.

	inns.	runs	highest score	n.o.	ave.
J. H. Buckley ...	4	126	78	1	42.00
C. N. Reed	5	190	97	0	38.00
Holdstock	9	320	138	0	35.55
E. D. Hersee	7	90	44	2	18.00
R. Kellett	8	143	44	0	17.87
F. Rawlins	11	149	52*	2	16.55
A. R. Alston	8	122	33	0	15.25
L. Stevens	9	100	34	0	11.11
W. A. Sime	8	69	23	1	9.85
Capt. D. Turnbull	10	88	30	1	9.77
E. Page	9	26	10*	5	6.50
E. Drew	4	26	14	0	6.50
A. B. Poole	4	24	20	0	6.00
H. Davidson	5	29	16	0	5.80
E. M. Bovill	6	13	7	2	3.25

* Signifies not out.

The following also batted:—

A. J. Worboys ...	3	54	28	1	27.00
E. Davison	3	23	19	0	7.66
C. H. Williams ...	2	14	13	0	7.00
J. H. Craig	2	4	3	0	2.00
E. A. Fryer	2	1	1	0	0.5

BOWLING.

	o.	m.	r.	w.	ave.
E. M. Bovill ...	161.1	58	279	19	14.68
Holdstock	202.1	80	353	23	15.34
E. D. Hersee ...	46.4	7	145	9	16.11
L. Stevens	79	13	219	12	18.25

Also bowled:—

	o.	m.	r.	w.	ave.
F. Rawlins	10.5	3	23	2	11.5
J. H. Craig	13	0	46	3	15.3
C. H. Williams	18.3	3	58	3	19.3
J. H. Buckley ..	40.5	13	87	4	21.75
W. A. Sime ...	19	2	82	3	27.33
A. J. Worboys ..	19	2	64	1	64.00
E. Davison	2	0	10	0	——
R. Kellett	20	5	52	0	——

CRICKET NOTES.

The New Zealand Match.

Capt. Turnbull's luck with the coin will soon be proverbial in Bedford, for in seven successive games he has won the toss on six occasions out of the seven. He was not lucky enough to guide the "Clerk of the Weather", however, and in addition to a start delayed by forty minutes, there was an eight-minute break at 12.45 p.m., and the County had to adjourn at 1.15 p.m. for the day. Torrential rain began to fall as the game was due to re-start, and this effectually put a closure on the day's play.

We congratulate Mr. T. C. Lowry, the New Zealanders' sporting captain, on the smartness with which he took his men into the field again on Wednesday morning, after the lunch-time shower, and we strongly deprecate the conduct of a few young men near the School bowling screen who objected to the second adjournment for lunch.

It is interesting to quote Capt. H. Hine, the Bedford umpire, on the weather in South Africa. His brother, Mr. Scorer Hine, told a select gathering in the stand that Capt. Hine was wont to allude to his senior partner in connexion with his work. On being asked who his senior partner was, he replied: "The sun". Bedfordshire might follow the gallant captain's lead, and secure a similar partner.

The School pitch was in the possession of the rain and the worms when a *Bedfordshire Times* representative viewed it on Wednesday night, and after carefully raising the corners of various sacks and prodding the pitch in the orthodox manner, he came to the rapid conclusion that bowlers were in for a joy day if the sun shone and play became possible at all. The ground was sodden with the wet, and both popping creases were in a terrible state.

George Pepall must have added his tears to the heavens' when he looked at the result of his weeks of patient labour after only ninety minutes' cricket.

W. E. Merritt was the outstanding figure in the New Zealand side, his slow right-hand bowling early showing the wisdom of Mr. Lowry's change from fast bowling. Seven extras in 18 runs must have caused the New Zealand skipper to make the change. A maiden and three wickets for four runs in three overs certainly justified it.

Lacking in Confidence.

C. N. Reed, the Bedford School captain, was the only batsman who appeared at all confident, and in his usual bright manner he managed to score a few off Merritt. On the whole the bowling was only medium, and Bedfordshire's batsmen failed more through uneasiness than for any other reason.

Some doubts have been aroused in the minds of the critics as to the wisdom of dropping Stevens for Hersee; but the fact that the latter was a slow bowler and the weather likely to be wet evidently guided the selectors.

The New Zealanders, who are said to have lost £3,000 on their tour, were entertained privately by Bedfordshire on Wednesday evening, and to lunch on Thursday, before their departure by omnibus for Norwich. They commented on the splendid play of C. N. Reed, and said that he was the only batsman in the country whom they had come up against as yet, who could handle Merritt successfully. They also expressed deep regret at not being able to play the game to its conclusion.

Bedford G.O.M.'s 50th Wicket.

Mr. L. G. Stileman Gibbard, who has well earned the title of Bedfordshire's Grand Old Man of Cricket, was very prominent in the School Pavilion on Wednesday, during the New Zealand match. It was with real pleasure that his many friends learnt of his taking his fiftieth wicket this season on Tuesday. He says that his best performance is about 65 to 70 wickets, so that in his veteran days he can have deteriorated little.

Washed Out.

Bedford Park presented a dismal picture on Saturday afternoon, when, instead of flannelled figures and the usual Saturday afternoon crowds, one solitary figure (the park attendant) was visible at three o'clock. August is doing its best to beat spoil-sport July, for everywhere it was the same tale "No play to-day". Russell Park, where the Argus had an attractive fixture with the Shire Hall—washed out. The Meltis, who were entertaining Aspley Guise—ground under water. Carlton Training School, where "The Bedfordshire Times" were due—ground waterlogged; and so on.

The very heavy rains on Friday and Saturday caused the Biggleswade first XI v. Southill match to be cancelled, and the Biggleswade Wesleyan v. Letchworth S. and D. Sports match was also scratched. The R.A. Works (Cardington) scratched earlier with the Biggleswade second eleven, so there was no cricket in Biggleswade on Saturday.

A telegram arrived at Bromham cancelling the Woburn match three minutes after the team had started off. The Woburn team, taken by surprise, rallied well and gave their visitors a very good game and hospitality.

Sandy's All-rounder.

"Plonk" Odell, the Sandy cricketer-footballer, was playing in Chelsea's first trial game on 18th August. Odell recently took nine wickets for Chelsea in the "Evening News" Competition.

Without a Run.

A team playing in the Coventry and District Church Institutes Cricket League, last week, were dismissed for nothing. The first nine men were clean bowled, and the tenth run out in attempting the first run. Two bowlers shared the honours.

Thirty-Seven Years Cricket.

Mr. W. H. Marsh, the Harpenden cricketer who has taken his 5,000th wicket since starting to play cricket 37 years ago, has appeared in the Herts County eleven for the last 27 years against Bedfordshire, playing well in each match against the County.

East Bedfordshire League.

Eight games were abandoned in the East Bedfordshire Cricket League on Saturday owing to bad weather. This included Sandy v. The Rest of the League in Division II. The game will be played next Saturday, if possible, at Sandy. Eaton Socon, who have won the Championship of Division I, meet the Rest of the League on the 27th August.

BEDFORD & DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Division I.

Forder's v. Renhold.

Played at Wootton Pillinge on Saturday last, and resulted in an easy win for the Brickmakers. A. Robinson was the highest scorer for the home team, making 22 not out. S. Smith being second highest scorer with 21. For Renhold J. H. Joyce carried his bat for 22 not out, out of a total of 34. C. Lowe (5 wickets for 10 runs) and W. Whitbread (3 for 9) shared the bowling for Forder's. Scores:—

Forder's: E. D. Hersee c and b Harlow 3, W. Whitbread b Ware 10, G. Tuffnell c A. Lucke b Ware 6, H. Brown c Allen b Ware 16, S. Smith c Fensome b Constant 21, J. Hillson c Harlow b Constant 9, H. P. Cocking c Ware b Constant 1, A. Beard run out 7, A. Robinson not out 22, C. Lowe c Lock b Ware 2, G. Faulkner b Ware 2, extras 9, total 108.

Renhold: W. Harlow c A. Robinson b Lowe 0, P. Harlow b Lowe 0, P. Joyce b Cocking 3, J. H. Joyce not out 22, E. Constant b Lowe 0, R. Allen c J. Hillson b W. Whitbread 4, J. Fensome b Lowe 2, W. Wootton b Lowe 0, H. Locke b Whitbread 0, L. Ware c and b Whitbread 2, C. Kirly c G. Tuffnell b Beard 0, extras 1, total 34.

EAST BEDFORDSHIRE LEAGUE.

Division I.

Caldecote v. A.R.S. (Henlow).

On Saturday Caldecote topped the century against the A.R.S.. A. Boness obtaining 16 and G. Darnell 15 out of their total of 104 runs. The A.R.S. were all out for 33, the homesters thus winning by 71 runs. For Caldecote G. Bygraves captured 4 wickets 13 runs.

Division II.

Wrestlingworth v. Caldecote 2nd.

Wrestlingworth easily defeated Caldecote's second string. The scores were: Wrestlingworth 49, of which number J. Humberstone knocked up 27, and Caldecote 2nd 21. For Wrestlingworth H. Whiteman took 5 wickets for 11 runs, and for Caldecote 2nd J. Newell 6 for 13.

Division III.

Old Warden 2nd v. Broom.

Old Warden won by 21 runs, largely due to G. Berridge obtaining 22 runs, and taking 5 wickets for 10 runs. For Broom A. Swain bowled well and took 7 wickets for 16 runs. Scores: Old Warden 2nd 54 runs, Broom 33.

OTHER MATCHES.

Woburn v. Bromham.

Playing at Woburn on Saturday, Bromham beat the homesters by 16 runs. For Bromham Bruty (26) and Tysoe (28), did well with the bat, whilst Rideout 3 wickets for 12 runs and Tysoe 3 for 21 were in form with the ball. Brown (12), Edwards (11), Gilks (10), batted well for Woburn, Pearson 5 for 15 and Edwards 3 for 6, sharing the bowling honours. Scores:—

Woburn: Edwards 11, Taylor 1, Gilks 10, Short 0, Pearson 2, Newbury 0, Brown 12, Walduck 3, West 5, Woollard 7, Teagle 1, extras 3, total 55.

Bromham: Bruty 26, Rideout 1, Gough 0, Tysoe 28, Everest 1, E. Freeman 1, Sticklan 1, White 0, H. Freeman 8, A. Freeman 0, A. Batholomew 0, extras 6, total 72.

R.A.F. (Henlow) v. A. W. H. Poole's XI.

Playing at the Aerodrome on Sunday the Airmen were beaten by six wickets. They won the toss and batted first, but all the side were out before lunch, with the total of 101. The visitors scored at a very slow pace, taking two hours and fifty minutes to get a hundred runs, the bowling of the Airmen being very accurate. A. B. Poole scored 26 and Challess 30 not out for the visitors. Bugg took 3 wickets for 29 runs for the home team, and C. Rawlings 5 wickets for 31 runs for Mr. Poole's eleven. Scores:—

R.A.F. (Henlow): F/O Croome c & b Craig 14, Cpl. Mottershead b A. B. Poole 25, L/A/C Oates c Read b J. H. Craig 0, F/O King-Lewis c Read b C. Rawlings 0, F/O Carter b C. Rawlings 18, L/A/C Greenslade b C. Rawlings 8, L/A/C Bugg c Shelless b W. Cotton 14, L/A/C Walker c A. B. Poole b C. Rawlings 7, L/A/C Craig b C. Rawlings 2, L/A/C Slater c & b A. B. Poole 0, F/O Bennett not out 0, extras 13, total 101.

Mr. A. W. H. Poole's XI: A. B. Poole c & b Bugg 26, T. Plant c Croome b Bugg 15, J. H. Craig c Slater b Bennett 13, T. E. K. Williams b Bugg 9, C. J. Chelless not out 30, A. W. H. Poole not out 10, extras 8, (total (for 4 wkts.) 111.

Henlow v. Mr. C. W. Gurney's XI.

A match of some local interest was played on the Henlow Park ground on 20th August, when the village team were opposed by an eleven got together by Mr. C. W. Gurney, of Henlow Grange. The heavy downpour of rain prevented a commencement until after luncheon, but a fine afternoon permitted of the game being played to a finish.

Batting first Mr. Gurney's XI lost 8 wickets for less than 40 runs, of which G. Cave secured 17, but the association of the captain, Mr. C. W. Gurney (25) and Col. Hoare (11 not out), by good batting took the score to 74. F. Harris was in good form with the ball, his slows frequently having the batsmen in difficulties on the soft wicket. For the club W. Jerdan (24) played fine defensive cricket, and was unfortunate in not carrying out his bat. B. Mabbit (14) was the only other bat to secure double figures.

The end proved exciting, for when the village team required but 4 runs to win, Lynn was caught by Musgrave from a magnificent drive near the longfield boundary, the fieldsman judging the ball finely and giving his side the victory by 3 runs. By the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Gurney the teams were entertained to luncheon at the Grange.

The scores were: Mr. C. W. Gurney's XI 74, Henlow 71.

St. Neots. v. Roxton.

At St. Neots on Saturday Roxton gained a victory by 13 runs. Scores:—

St. Neots: E. Lovitt 0, G. Bass 19, A. Trolly 5, E. Pashley 0, G. Roberts 6, W. J. Abraham not out 6, H. Newbould 0, W. Butler 2, H. Bass 4, W. Tassell 2, H. Peacock 2, extras 4, total 50.

Roxton: H. Gilbert 10, J. Smith 3, W. Robinson 5, A. Hobbs 3, T. Gilbert 11, J. King 13, F. Brace 8, J. Sugars 1, L. Livett 1, D. Minney 0, T. Smith 1, extras 2, total 63.

CRICKET FIXTURES.

Division I.

Biddenham v. Forder's Works.
Marston v. Sharnbrook.
Renhold v. Bedford Clarence.
Igranic Works v. Everton.
Elstow Road v. Conservative Club.

Division II—Southern Section.

Forder's Works 2nd v. Forder's Elstow Works.
Lidlington v. Kempston.

Division III—Southern Section.

Houghton Conquest v. Marston Pillinge.
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BEDS. COUNTY C.C.

Season's Averages and Record.

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Davidson, H.	5	29	16	0	5.80
Boyill, E. M.	6	13	7	2	3.25

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Bedfordshire won on 1st innings by 1 run.

CRICKET.

BEDFORD & DISTRICT LEAGUE.

CONSERVATIVE CLUB v. ELSTOW ROAD.

The First Division game in Bedford Park on Saturday, a low scoring game resulting in a win for the Conservative Club, who batted a man short, by 4 runs. J. Wooding, for Elstow Road, batted splendidly; opening the innings, he was still undefeated at the end. The fielding of the Clubmen was exceptionally good; out of 34 overs bowled no less than 15 were maidens, Geary taking 3 wickets for 15 runs and Bonfield 6 for 19. Scores:—

Conservative Club.—W. Dawson c Brown b R. Minns 2; C. F. Sabey c Minns b J. Minns 25; R. Keens b Wooding 0; H. N. Perry b Wooding 7; N. Timmins b Wooding 0; E. Fisher c Minns b Brown 6; J. Bonfield b Brown 0; H. A. Sargent c J. Minns b R. Minns 1; R. C. Geary not out 1; H. Ball b R. Minns 0; extras 3; total 45.

Elstow Road.—Minns run out 1; J. Wooding not out 22; P. Dobson b Bonfield 2; G. Ward b Geary 0; P. Minns b Bonfield 0; V. Brown c Timmins b Bonfield 0; R. Minns c Dawson b Bonfield 3; P. Minns b Geary 0; C. Moore b Geary 0; F. Russell b Bonfield 6; J. Frost b Bonfield 0; extras 7; total 41.

FORDER'S WORKS v. BIDDENHAM.

This First Division match was played at Wootton Pillinge on Saturday last, under ideal weather conditions, the home team winning rather easily. Batting first, Biddenham could only total 23 runs, the highest individual scorer being J. Baden with 6. After tea, Forder's commenced their innings and batted well, compiling 106 for the loss of 9 wickets, the top score of 28 being made by H. Brown, with 23 by A. Robinson next. For the winners, C. Lowe took 3 wickets for 9 runs, W. Whitbread 3 for 7, A. Beard 3 for 2, and Hersee 1 for 6. Scores:—

Biddenham.—H. Southgate b Lowe 1; M. Frossell b Whitbread 2; H. Burton c Smith b Whitbread 3; T. Baden b Lowe 6; A. Turvey b Lowe 4; R. Chapman b Whitbread 0; S. Frossell c Hillson b Beard 0; A. Johnson c Smith b Hersee 1; R. West b Beard 3; A. Gudgin b Beard 0; P. Shaw not out 4; extras 4; total 23.

Forder's Works.—W. Whitbread lbw b Burton 19; E. D. Hersee lbw b West 1; H. Brown b Burton 28; S. Smith lbw b Burton 10; A. Robinson c Burton b West 23; T. Burraway c and b Turvey 4; J. Hillson not out 6; H. P. Cocking c Stroud b West 3; A. Beard b Johnson 1; C. Lowe b West 8; extras 3; total (for 9 wickets) 106. G. Faulkner did not bat.

OTHER MATCHES.

QUEEN'S WORKS v. BEDS. CLUB & GROUND.

Notwithstanding the recent heavy rains, the pitch at Allen Park was in excellent condition on Saturday. Neither side were able to make very big scores, but the visitors gained a comfortable victory by 51 runs. Wheeler bowled well for them, and took 8 wickets for 53 runs. C. W. Rawlins (47) and C. H. Williams (44) both batted well. S. Harris (27 not out) did best for the Works. Scores:—

Beds. Club and Ground.

L. G. Stileman-Gibbard, c Adams, b Harris	9
L. Wheeler, b Harris	1
T. Plant, lbw, b Faulkner	5
C. P. Bennett, lbw, b Pacey	8
C. H. Williams, c Goodwin, b Faulkner	44
W. H. Hills, c Goodwin, b Harris	10
C. Rawlins, c Pacey, b Faulkner	6
C. W. Rawlins, b Ratcliffe	47
H. Presland, b Keech	3
C. J. Lowe, b Faulkner	0
C. H. Quarry, not out	5
Extras	7
Total	142

Queen's Works.

J. Ratcliffe, st. Presland, b Wheeler	17
A. Pacey, lbw, b Rawlins	1
H. Faulkner, c Quarry, b Wheeler	5
S. Keech, lbw, b Wheeler	14
S. Harris, not out	27
A. W. Settles, c Presland, b Wheeler	1
J. Lasenby, st. Presland, b Wheeler	0
G. Goodwin, b Wheeler	0
M. Adams, b Wheeler	7
F. King, c Hills, b Wheeler	8
J. Smith, run out	1
Extras	10
Total	91

HOWARD'S WORKS v. BIGGLESWADE.

Biggleswade made a sorry show at Kempston on Saturday against Howard's Works, and were heavily beaten by 3 wickets and 103 runs. Neither B. A. Field (O.B.M.) or G. H. Thompson were able to turn out for the visitors, and were much missed. Shaw and Jagger bowled splendidly for Howard's, the latter getting 6 wickets for 14 runs, and Shaw obtained 4 for 8. Shaw, F. Marshall and W. H. Rowland played good cricket for the home team, the latter being undefeated with 33 to his credit. The weakness of the visitors' bowling was very marked; seven bowlers were tried, and five of them secured a wicket each. Harrison retired hurt before scoring. Scores:—

Biggleswade.—A. O. Brown b Shaw 1; C. Stapleton c Tysoe b Jagger 1; F. Males not out 4; R. Lynam c Marshall b Shaw 4; G. Albone b Jagger 0; S. H. Hammond b Jagger 4; J. K. Thomason b Jagger 2; W. Dobson c Harrison b Shaw 0; A. Godfrey c Rowland b Shaw 6; J. Rowley b Jagger 0; J. Radford b Jagger 0; extras 4; total 26.

Howard's Works.—T. Shaw c Hammond b Radford 23; F. Marshall c Males b Dobson 17; F. Harrison retired hurt 0; W. H. Rowland not out 33; S. T. Jagger b Thomason 13; A. Harvey run out 11; A. Tysoe c Thomason b Albone 0; R. Brown c Thomason b Brown 10; extras 14; total (for 7 wickets) 129. V. Wells, E. Wilson and D. McKillop did not bat.

BIGGLESWADE "A" v. CALDECOTE.

Caldecote provided a game for the Biggleswade second team on Saturday at "Fairfield," as Ashwell scratched their fixture. The visitors won by 47 runs, the scores being: Biggleswade "A," 39 (J. V. Bennett 15 not out); Caldecote, 86 (W. Huckle 35). For Caldecote, G. Bygraves captured 5 wickets for 23 runs and W. Huckle 4 for 16, and for Biggleswade, F. Roberts 5 for 22.

WOBURN v. EVERSHOLT.

This local "Derby" was played in Woburn Park on Saturday, a good game resulting in a win for the home team on the first innings by 10 runs. For Eversholt, F. Fleet took 7 wickets for 19 runs, in addition to making 16 runs not out. Scores:—

Woburn.—B. Edwards c Impey b F. Fleet 11; A. Crimpkin c and b F. Fleet 0; J. Gilks run out 0; J. Pearston c Woods b J. Fleet 2; A. Newbury c Impey b J. Fleet 8; C. James lbw b F. Fleet 0; W. Brown c Nursall b Jarvis 6; J. Cook b F. Fleet 2; A. Pullen b F. Fleet 5; C. Woollard b F. Fleet 0; F. Walduck not out 0; extras 6; total 49.

Eversholt.—J. Racher c and b Gilks 0; A. Nursall run out 4; T. Jarvis b Gilks 0; F. Impey c Woollard b Brown 5; F. Fleet not out 16; A. Sherwood run out 0; J. Woods c Jarvis b Gilks 4; J. Fleet c Walduck b Gilks 2; J. Bodsworth c Pearston b Edwards 2; A. Garner c Walduck b Gilks 3; A. Cox b Brown 3; total 39.

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In the second venture, Woburn made 26 runs for 3 wickets, and Eversholt 31 for 6 wickets.

EVERTON 2nd v. BIGGLESWADE WESLEYANS.

The Biggleswade Wesleyans finished their fixture list on Saturday, when they visited Everton, and the village 2nd XI. won by an innings and one run. Everton batted first and obtained 70 runs, of which number W. Webb scored 30 and F. Baldock 14. The Wesleyan scores were 23 and 41. For Biggleswade Wesleyans S. Skilliter captured 7 wickets for 26, and for Everton W. Webb 5 for 3 and E. Peck 5 for 7 runs.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES.

Matches fixed for to-morrow (Saturday), on ground of first-named club:—

Queen's Works v. Rushden (at Allen Park, Biddenham).
Southill v. Biggleswade (at Southill Park).

Bedford & District League.

Division I.

Conservative Club v. Renhold.
Bedford Clarence v. Marston.
Forder's Works v. Igranic Works.
Biddenham v. Elstow Road.
Everton v. Sharnbrook.

Division III. (Southern)

Wootton Hall End v. Lidlington.

Division III. (Southern).

Forder's Elstow Works 2nd v. Haynes 2nd.
Elstow Road 2nd v. Marston 2nd.

East Beds. League.

Division III.

Broom v. Sandy 2nd (at Caldecote).

A BEDFORD SPORTSMAN.

Chinese Paper's Tribute to Old Modernian's Prowess.

The following appeared in the "North China Daily Mail":—

ARMY SPORTING PERSONALITIES.

LIEUT. E. D. DYNES, R.A.S.C.

Of the many Army cricketers that have played on the Shanghai Cricket Club ground this season, none has impressed, for consistent and all-round play, more than Mr. Dynes. He has been the most successful of the Army bowlers, and has certainly been one of their most reliable batsmen, scoring freely in practically every match in which he has taken part. His great fight with the bat for the United Services, on the occasion of the first "Test" match on July 9th and 10th, will not easily be forgotten by those who were present. He is brilliant in the field, especially at first and second slip, and is as energetic and tireless at the end of a day's hard fielding as at the beginning.

In England, he has played cricket for Bedfordshire, for which County last year he had a batting average of 17.18 and a bowling average of 22.00 (22 wickets). He has been on a representative cricket side of the Aldershot Command on many occasions. He played "Rugger" for Bedford, Leicester and Richmond, and the British Army; and has also been a member of some of the best English hockey teams. Educated at Bedford Modern School, where he gained his football and cricket colours, and probably one of the finest all-round players turned out from the School since the late A. O. Jones.

It may be mentioned, in conclusion, that by no means all the above information was secured from Mr. Dynes himself, who is just as uncommunicative as any of the other Army officers who have been included in our sporting gallery, when it comes to giving facts about themselves.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

QUEEN'S WORKS RUGBY FIXTURES.

1st XV.

Sept.	17.—Camelot Club	away
,,	25.—Igranic R.F.C.	home
Oct.	1.—	
,,	8.—Bedford School 2nd XV. ...	away
,,	15.—Bedford "A"	home
,,	22.—Leys School (Cambridge) ...	away
,,	29.—Middlesex Hospital "A" ...	home
Nov.	5.—Bedford School 2nd XV. ...	home
,,	12.—St. George's Sc. (Harpenden)	away
,,	19.—Bedford Athletic R.F.C. ...	home
,,	26.—Wasps 2nd XV.	away
Dec.	3.—Guy's Hospital Nomads ...	home
,,	10.—Bedford "A"	away
,,	17.—Upper Clapton	home
,,	31.—British Broadcasting Corp.	away
Jan.	7.—Igranic R.F.C.	home
,,	14.—Old Northamptonians	away
,,	21.—Twickenham	home
,,	28.—Luton	away
Feb.	4.—Wasps 2nd XV.	home
,,	11.—Bedford Athletic R.F.C. ...	away
,,	18.—Twickenham	away
,,	25.—Letchworth	home
Mar.	3.—City & Guilds Eng. College	home
,,	10.—Old Northamptonians	home
,,	17.—Letchworth	away
,,	24.—	
,,	31.—British Broadcasting Corp.	home
Apr.	7 (Easter Saturday).—Brighton "A"	away
,,	9 (Easter Monday).—	away
,,	14.—Luton	home
,,	21.—Camelot Club	home

2nd XV.

Sept.	17.—R.A.F. (Henlow) "A"	home
,,	24.—Bedford Igranic "A"	home
Oct.	1.—Cedars School (Leighton Buzzard), Past & Present XV.	home
,,	8.—Bedford School "Colts" XV.	home
,,	15.—R.A.W. (Cardington)	away
,,	22.—Old Northamptonians "A" .	home
,,	29.—Bedford School "Colts" XV.	away
Nov.	5.—Alexandra Park (North'pton)	away
,,	12.—Kettering Grammar School .	home
,,	19.—Bedford Athletic "A" ...	away
,,	26.—Bedford Igranic "A"	home
Dec.	3.—Cedars School (Leighton Buzzard) Past & Present XV.	away
,,	10.—Bedford School 3rd XV. ...	home
,,	17.—Doddridge Memorial (N'ton.)	away
,,	31.—Old Dunstablians	home
Jan.	7.—Old Dunstablians	away
,,	14.—Northampton Unitarian ...	home
,,	21. Kettering Grammar School .	away
,,	28.—Luton "A"	home
Feb.	4.—Bedford School 3rd XV. ...	away
,,	11.—Bedford Athletic "A" ...	home
,,	18.—Doddridge Memorial (N'ton.)	home
,,	25.—R.A.F. (Henlow) "A"	away
Mar.	3.—R.A.W. (Cardington)	away
,,	10.—Northampton Unitarian) ...	away
,,	17.—City & Guilds Eng. Coll. 'A'	home
,,	24.—Old Northamptonians "A"	away
,,	31.—Luton "A"	away
Apr.	7 (Easter Saturday).—	home
,,	9 (Easter Monday).—Alexandra Park (Northampton)	home

CRICKET.

Queen's Works v. Beds Club & Ground

Played on the Allen Park on Saturday last, and resulting in an easy win for the Club and Ground. Batting first, the visitors made 142 chiefly through the efforts of Williams 44 and C. W. Rawlins 47 not out. In reply the Queen's gave a very poor display against the bowling of Wheeler, and only Harris (27), Ratcliff (17), and Keech (14), reached double figures. Wheeler obtained 8 wickets for 53 runs. Scores:—

Beds Club & Ground.

L. G. Stileman Gibbard Adams b Harris	9
L. Wheeler b Harris	1
T. Plant lbw b Faulkner	3
C. P. Bennett lbw b Pacey	8
C. H. Williams c Goodwin b Faulkner	44
W. H. Hills c Goodwin b Harris	10
Cliff Rawlins c Pacey b Faulkner	6
C. W. Rawlins b Ratcliff	47
H. Presland b Keech	2
C. J. Lowe b Faulkner	0
C. H. Quarry not out	5
Extras	7
Total	142

Queen's Works

J. Ratcliff st Presland b Wheeler	17
A. Pacey lbw b Rawlins	1
H. Faulkner c Quarry b Wheeler	5
S. Keech lbw b Wheeler	14
S. Harris not out	27
A. W. Settles c Presland b Wheeler	1
J. Lazenby st Presland b Wheeler	0
G. Goodwin b Wheeler	4
M. Adams b Wheeler	7
F. King c Hills b Wheeler	8
J. Smith run out	1
Extras	10
Total	91

Howard's Works v. Biggleswade.

A very depleted Biggleswade team journeyed to Kempston on Saturday to play a friendly cricket match with Howard's Works and were badly beaten by 3 wickets and 103 runs. The Biggleswade team were all out for 26, Jagger taking 6 wickets for 14 runs and Shaw 4 for 8. Howard's Works' score was 129 for 7 wickets. The visitors tried seven bowlers out, but Field and G. H. Thompson were badly missed with the ball. Scores:—

Biggleswade.

A. O. Brown b Shaw	1
C. Stapleton c Tysoe b Jagger	1
F. Males not out	4
R. Lymm c Marshall b Shaw	4
G. Albone b Jagger	0
S. H. Hammond b Jagger	4
J. K. Thomason b Jagger	2
W. Dobson c Harrison b Shaw	0
A. Godfrey c Rowland b Shaw	6
J. Rowley b Jagger	0
J. Radford b Jagger	0
Extras	4
Total	26

Howard's Works.

F. Shaw c Howard b Radford	28
F. Marshall c Miles b Dobson	17
F. Harrison rtd hurt	0
W. H. Rowland not out	33
S. T. Jagger b Thomason	13
A. Harvey run out	11
A. Tysoe c Thomason b Albone	0
R. Brown c Thomason b Brown	10
Extras	14
Total (for 7 wkts.)	129

V. Wells, E. Wilson, and D. McKillop did not bat.

BEDFORD & DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Division I.

Forder's Works v. Biddenham.

Played at Wootton Pillinge on Saturday under ideal weather conditions, the home team winning rather easily by 78 runs and one wicket. Batting first, Biddenham could total only 28, the highest individual scorer being J. Baden with six. After tea Forders, batting well, compiled 106 for 9 wickets, the top score being made by H. Brown (28), with A. Robinson (23) next. For Forders C. Lowe took 3 wickets for 9 runs, Whitbread 3 for 7, and A. Beard 3 for 2. Scores:—

Biddenham: H. Southgate 1, M. Frossell 2, H. Burton 3, T. Baden 6, A. Turvey 4, R. Chapman 0, S. Frossell 0, A. Johnson 1, R. West 3, A. Gudgin 0, P. Shaw not out 4, extras 4, total 28.

Forders Works: W. Whitbread 19, T. Hersee 1, H. Brown 28, S. Smith 10, A. Robinson 23, T. Burraway 4, J. Hillson not out 6, H. P. Cocking 3, A. Beard 1, C. Lowe 8, G. Faulkner did not bat, extras 3, total (for 9 wkts.) 106.

Conservative Club v. Elstow Road.

Played in Bedford Park on Saturday, and won by the Conservatives by four runs. In 34 overs bowled, no less than 15 were maidens, Geary taking 3 for 15, and Bonfield 6 for 19 for the Clubmen. Wooding, for Elstow Road, batted splendidly for 22, and opening the innings, he was still undefeated at the close. Scores:—

Conservative Club: W. Dawson 2, C. T. Sabey 25, R. Krens 0, H. W. Perry 7, W. Timmins 0, E. Fisher 6, J. Bonfield 0, H. A. Sargent 1, R. C. Geary not out 1, H. Ball 0, extras 3, total 45.

Elstow Road: J. Minns 1, J. Wooding 22, P. Dobson 2, G. Ward 0, P. Minns 0, V. Brown 0, R. Minns 3, P. Minns 0, C. Moore 0, F. Russell 6, J. Frost 0, extras 7, total 41.

Renhold v. Bedford Clarence.

Hopes ran high among the villagers at Renhold on Saturday, and they took the field confident of at least taking one more point from the champions. "Fergie" Williamson was captain of the Clarence as Alcock was away on holiday, and remembering the last match with Renhold put them in first on winning the toss. It proved sound policy, as the village team by dint of stonewalling batted two hours and twenty minutes before the champions could get them all out for 70. Dickens and the skipper opened for the Clarence, and Williamson set about the bowling in earnest, hitting everything, with the result that in 20 minutes they had scored 50. When the score stood at 52 Williamson was rather tamely caught by F. Harlow off Boyce, and at the end of just under an hour's play the Clarence passed the village total, declaring at 76 for the loss of six wickets. Scores:—

Renhold: W. Harlow 11, E. Constant 0, O. L. Boyes 3, P. Joyce 11, F. Redman 0, F. Harlow not out 17, H. Harlow 0, C. Allen 12, C. Constant 1, L. Ware 3, J. H. Joyce 2, extras 10, total 70.

Bedford Clarence: C. Dickens 24, F. Williamson 32, H. Barcock 1, E. Barker 0, S. Williamson 8, F. King not out 9, O. Maynard 0, F. Field, R. Ives, Edwards, and M. Wells did not bat; extras 2, total (for 6 wkts. dec) 76.

Division II (South).

Kempston v. Railway Athletic.

Kempston brought their league fixtures to an end, by a convincing victory over the railwaymen at Springfield, and by so doing amply atoned for their defeat earlier in the season. The visitors took first knock but made a poor show, only Mann and Woods troubling the bowlers to any extent, they between them accounting for 30 of the runs. This was mainly due to some good bowling by Emmott (5 for 14), backed up by keen fielding. They totalled only 43 runs. The home team made light of this score and passed it for the loss of three wickets. The feature of the innings was a masterful display by Green-Emmott (30) ably assisted by Porter (20), Curtis (19 not out), and Eames (10). The innings closed for 99 runs. Wright was the most successful of the bowlers, taking 6 for 19, including the hat-trick.

Huntingdon v. St. Neots.

In a cricket match at Huntingdon on Saturday, Huntingdon scored 106 (Lord Maldon 39, E. Afford 23). St. Neots replied with 65 for 8 wickets (C. W. Lovitt 13), and G. Peck 13).

BEDFORD AND DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE.

SEVERAL CLOSE FINISHES.

Cricket in the Bedford and District League is not content to go out like a lamb, with the result that there will be several needle matches played off on Saturday. In the first division Bedford Clarence are sure of the championship with Forder's Works an easy second. There are, however, several games to be played off. Division II, Eastern and Northern sections are concluded, North End Club winning the former, and Queen's Works being easy winners in the latter. In the third division, Everton II and Roxton are level with 16 points each and they well play off tomorrow (Saturday) in Bedford Park. In the Eastern Section of this division an interesting and close finish looks likely between Clapham, Goldington, and Cyselco and it is highly probable that they will finish level on points. The second division (Southern Section) has been won by Forder's II, and the 3rd division (Southern Section) by Elstow Road II.

Placings up to Saturday 27th August are:

Division I.

	p.	w.	d.	l.	pts.
Bedford Clarence	14	13	1	0	27
Forder's Works	16	12	1	3	25
Igranic Works	15	9	0	6	18
Renhold	16	7	3	6	17
Everton	15	6	1	8	13
Conservative Club	15	5	2	8	12
Sharnbrook	16	5	2	9	12
Elstow Road	15	4	2	9	10
Biddenham	16	5	0	11	10
Marston	16	5	0	11	10

Division II (North).

	p.	w.	d.	l.	pts.
A Queen's Works XI	10	8	1	1	17
Thurleigh	10	5	2	3	12
Goldington	10	5	0	5	10
Keysoe	10	5	0	5	10
Stevington	10	4	0	6	8
Clarence II	10	2	1	7	5

Division II (East).

	p.	w.	d.	l.	pts.
North End Club	10	7	0	3	14
Tempsford	10	6	0	4	12
Blunham	10	6	0	4	12
Great Barford	10	5	0	5	10
Bolnhurst	10	4	0	6	8
Colesden	10	2	0	8	4

Division III (North).

	p.	w.	d.	l.	pts.
Everton II	10	8	0	2	16
Roxton	10	8	0	2	16
Blunham II	10	5	0	5	10
Keysoe Brookend	10	4	0	6	8
Renhold II	10	3	0	7	6
Great Barford II	10	2	0	8	4

Division III (East).

	p.	w.	d.	l.	pts.
Clapham	11	9	0	2	18
Goldington II	11	8	0	3	16
Stagsden	12	8	0	4	16
Cryselco	10	7	0	3	14
Igranic II	12	3	0	9	6
Biddenham	11	2	0	9	4
Clarence III	11	2	0	9	4

EAST BEDFORDSHIRE LEAGUE.

Division I.

Stotfold Athletic v. A.R.S. (Henlow).

J. Bushby bowled well for Stotfold and took 6 wickets for 12 runs, and A/C Coleman captured 5 for 7 for the Airmen on Saturday. Scores: Stotfold Athletic 33, A.R.S. (Henlow) 30, the former thus winning by the narrow margin of three runs.

Division II.

Sandy v. Rest of League.

Sandy did remarkably well on Saturday in the championship game at home, when they defeated the Rest of the League in Division II by an innings and six runs. For Sandy E. Stagsden scored 24 and S. J. Cooper 21 runs, and F. Odell captured 6 wickets for 10 runs and W. P. Finding 4 for 15. For the Rest of the League, captained by S. Clark, of Langford, J. Newell obtained 5 wickets for 2 runs. Scores: Sandy 69 runs, the Rest of the League 34 and 29 runs.

Division III.

Langford 2nd v. Old Warden 2nd.

Old Warden 2nd only mustered 11 runs against Langford 2nd on Saturday against the latter's total of 54 runs. For Old Warden G. Mayes captured 4 wickets for 21 runs, and for Langford E. Whiteman 4 for 7 and G. Rogers 3 for 4.

Meppershall 2nd scratched to Sandy 2nd and Campton scratched to Broom.

Everton 2nd v. Biggleswade Wesleyans.

A depleted team of the Biggleswade Wesleyans visited Everton on Saturday and lost by an innings and one run to the village club's second string. The game was a very pleasant one, and the scores were: Everton 2nd 70, W. Webb getting 30 of the home total, and Biggleswade Wesleyans 28 and 41. For the Wesleyans S. Skilliter took 7 wickets for 26 runs, and for Everton 2nd W. Webb 5 for 3, and E. Peck 5 for 7. This was the Wesleyans' concluding fixture for the season.

MID-BEDFORDSHIRE LEAGUE.

Steppingley v. Barton II.

Play-off for Cup.

As a result of being with Barton II for top place in the Second Division of the Mid-Beds League, the Steppingley Club journeyed to Sundon on Saturday where, on neutral ground, the clubs met to decide who would be cup-holders for the season.

Batting first on a tricky wicket, Steppingley found runs hard to get, H. Wilson 18 and H. Farmer 6, being the most successful, and they were dismissed for 37. When Barton batted they also found runs would not come, losing nine wickets for 32. The last batsmen, however, managed to take the score to 39. H. Gutteridge (21) was the only player to make a show, and he gave four chances. The Steppingley bowling was: G. Knowles 5 for 16, A. Scott 4 for 18, and G. Warner 1 for 4.

After the match both teams were entertained to tea by the League President, Mr. Thomas, at the "Carpenters' Arms", Harlington.

OTHER MATCHES.

Ampthill v. Maulden.

Maulden concluded their cricket season on Saturday, when they played their return match with Ampthill. There were some remarkable bowling feats and no player secured double figures, Ampthill being dismissed for eight. W. Newman took 5 wickets for 2 runs, and A. Page 5 for 6. Maulden replied with 23, R. Manyweathers securing 8 wickets for 7 runs. Scores:—

Ampthill: R. Manyweathers 0, J. Thomson 2, P. Pollard 0, J. Garter 1, R. Underwood 0, R. Skinner 1, A. Hoptroff 0, J. Tidy 4, H. Sharpe 0, A. Facey 0, T. Pressland not out 0, extras 0, total 8.

Maulden: N. Taylor 3, S. Willmer 0, F. Blackaby 0, A. Page 0, H. Sharp 0, A. Sharp 4, A. Whittamore not out 7, A. White 5, W. King 0, A. Sinfield 1, W. Newman 0, extras 3, total 23.

R.A.F. (Henlow) v. Royston.

This game was transferred from Royston to Henlow, as the Heath was still suffering from the effects of the recent rain. The home side were very weakly represented, only one first eleven "cap" being available. In the circumstances the visitors were not fully extended and won by 37 runs in a low scoring game. The best innings of the day was one of 40 by Evans, the Herts colt. Scores: Royston 107, R.A.F. (Henlow) 70.

Great Brickhill v. Aspley Guise.

This match was made notable by a fine innings of 60 by A. R. Smfield, a further incident being the fact that the visitors allowed the home club to win by playing on after time had been passed. Scores:—

Aspley Guise: A. R. Smfield 60, E. G. Taylor 2, L. C. Shenton 17, W. E. Rashleigh 2, A. Hobley 1, W. G. Day not out 7, S. Parren 0, S. Cook 0, S. E. Eagles 0, C. Stone 0, G. S. Bromwell 0, extras 5, total 94.

Great Brickhill: W. King 24, W. Tooth 2, C. Toffield 3, B. Tooth 36, A. Bone 14, S. Tooth 0, H. King not out 14, A. Bates not out 0, H. Gibbons, J. Franklin, and G. Levisby did not bat, extras 2, total 95.

Woburn v. Eversholt.

This local "Derby" was played in Woburn Park on Saturday, a good game resulting in a win for the home team on the first innings by ten runs. For the visitors F. Fleet took 7 wickets for 19 runs in addition to making 16 not out. Scores:—

Woburn: B. Edwards 11, A. Champkin 9, J. Gilks 0, J. Pearston 2, A. Newbury 8, C. Janes 0, W. Brown 6, J. Cook 2, A. Pullen 5, C. Woollard 0, F. Walduck not out 0, extras 6, total 49.

Eversholt: J. Racher 0, A. Nursall 4, T. Jarvis 0, F. Impey 5, F. Fleet not out 16, A. Sherwood 0, J. Woods 4, J. Fleet 2, J. Bodsworth 2, A. Garner 3, A. Cox 3, total 39.

In the second innings Woburn made 26 for 8, and Eversholt 31 for 6 wkts. dec.

Biggleswade 'A' v. Caldecote.

The Biggleswade 'A' team met Caldecote at Fairfield in a friendly game on Saturday, as Ashwell scratched to the former. Biggleswade 'A' were all out for 39, J. Bennett obtaining 15 not out. For Caldecote W. Huckle scored 33 out of a total of 86 runs, giving them the victory by 47 runs. For Biggleswade 'A' F. Roberts captured 5 wickets for 22 runs, and for Caldecote G. Bygraves 5 for 25 and W. Huckle 4 for 16.

BEDFORDSHIRE CLUB AND GROUND.

AVERAGES FOR 1927.

The Bedfordshire Club and Ground played several good games during the 1927 season, the averages being as follows:—

BATTING.

	No. of inns.	Runs.	Times not out.	Highest score.	Average.
T. Plant	11	314	4	100*	44.85
F. Rawlins	20	582	6	106	41.57
H. Maxey	7	240	1	81*	40.00
A. R. Alston	6	199	0	105	33.16
W. H. Hills	11	231	3	99*	28.87
L. Stileman-Gibbard	6	111	2	31*	27.75
P. Woodland	10	155	4	32*	25.83
A. W. H. Poole	5	58	2	28*	19.33
R. Pedraza	13	238	0	57	18.30
E. G. Penstone	4	70	0	25	17.50
A. B. Poole	16	278	0	68	17.37
C. H. Humphreys	5	63	1	17	15.75
F. J. Cummins	5	64	0	28	12.80
C. W. Rawlins	14	151	1	47	11.61
L. W. Wilson	15	95	2	30	7.30

*denotes not out.

The following also batted: W. A. Sime, 2 innings, 93 runs, 0 not out, 67 highest score; C. H. Williams, 3, 64, 1, 44; Clifford Rawlins, 3, 52, 1, 46; Capt. D. Turnbull, 3, 74, 0, 38.

BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Aver.
E. F. Smith	14.4	4	23	5	4.60
Capt. D. Turnbull	13.0	3	42	6	7.00
L. Stileman-Gibbard	33.0	2	117	10	11.70
L. Wheeler	41.4	4	171	14	12.21
F. Cummins	60.0	8	203	13	15.61
W. A. Sime	47.1	3	154	8	19.25
C. Rawlins	184.0	31	649	30	21.63
E. G. Penstone	75.0	21	248	10	24.80
F. Rawlins	142.4	31	480	18	26.66
A. B. Poole	37.5	5	197	6	32.83

The following also bowled: A. W. H. Poole, 3 3, 0, 23, 2; H. Maxey, 23, 6, 72, 4; E. Bovill, 11, 4, 18, 1; R. Pedraza, 4, 0, 31, 2; F. Davison, 22, 2, 93, 4; A. R. Alston, 16, 0, 55, 2; Holdstock, 20, 0, 60, 2; C. H. Williams, 30, 4, 73, 2; W. H. Hills, 30, 5, 96, 1; A. Wesley, 5, 1, 9, 0.

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BEDFORD COUNTY CRICKET CLUB.

NEW ZEALAND MATCH LOSS MET BY THE DUKE OF BEDFORD.

With the notice for the annual meeting of the Bedford County C.C. on Thursday at the Shire Hall, Mr. F. Crompton has issued a comprehensive report of the club's activities last summer.

Reviewing the County matches Mr. Crompton points out that of the 8 matches played in the Minor Counties' Championship Bedfordshire won 1, drew 4, and lost 2. In the remaining match there was no result. In the Championship Table the County were placed fifth from the bottom, a slightly less favourable position than in 1926, although the percentage of points gained was higher than in the previous year.

The persistently bad weather which prevailed throughout the season affected the play enormously, and prevented the County XI from showing their best form. The results of the matches therefore should not be taken as a fair example of the County's capabilities. Indeed, with one exception, rain upset the play in every match.

During the past season the Bedfordshire Club and Ground XI, under the captaincy of Mr. L. W. Wilson, played 20 matches. They won 5, lost 7, and drew 8. The Club and Ground Extra XI, under the captaincy of Mr. A. W. H. Poole, played 18 games. Of these they won 9, lost 5, and drew 4.

Captain M. J. Hime, Mr. A. J. Ashton, and Mr. A. H. Neate again acted as Honorary Umpires, and Mr. Humphrey Hime and Mr. A. J. B. Middleton as Honorary Scorers.

The membership had degreased from 400 to 364. Twenty-one members of the Club had not paid their subscriptions for 1927 although repeated applications had been made to them for payment. "The necessity for increased membership," says Mr. Crompton, "cannot be too greatly emphasized, and I appeal once more for the loyal co-operation of existing members in securing a greatly increased membership. The Club very largely relies upon the members for financial support and if the income from subscriptions and donations can be greatly augmented the Club will then be fortified against the ravages of the weather."

SEASON SPOILT BY RAIN.

On Whit Monday and Tuesday the experimental fixture with the Bedford and District League XI proved to be a success from a cricket point of view. Arising out of the match two Bedford League representatives were selected to play for the County side in the competition matches, and both fully justified their selection. There is every reason to hope that the services of the young players in the side will be retained, and the prospects for next season are therefore very hopeful. Holdstock was placed third in the batting averages and second in the bowling averages, and his consistently good play was a source of great satisfaction, not only to ourselves but to our opponents as well. His first wicket stand with J. H. Buckley in the match against Oxfordshire at Bedford on the 3rd and 4th August was an outstanding performance. The fielding of the XI was brilliant. Probably the most interesting match of the season was that against Cambridgeshire at Luton on the 17th and 18th August, when Bedfordshire won on the first innings by one run. The home matches, owing to the bad weather, were poorly patronized, and as a result there was a reduction in gate receipts of £60.

The New Zealand fixture was completely spoilt by the rain, there being only one hour's play. It was very disappointing to the organizers and especially to those whose financial assistance made the fixture possible. Judging by the huge numbers of people who flocked into the town on 24th and 25th August, had fine weather prevailed there would have been a substantial profit. The gate receipts on 24th August amounted to only £20/11/4, but the sale of tickets beforehand considerably minimized the loss. The New Zealand Cricket Council were compelled to demand payment of the sum of £100 towards their own expenses, and the deficiency on the match was met by the Patron of the Club, the Duke of Bedford. Everyone would very greatly appreciate his very generous assistance.

TEST MATCH PROFITS KEEP CLUB SOLVENT.

In submitting a statement of income and expenditure for the year ended 30th November, together with statements in relation to the New Zealand match, and Mr. Wilfred King's Testimonial, Mr. Crompton says the ordinary income for the year as compared with 1926 was reduced by approximately £90. This was accounted for by a reduction of £60 in gate receipts, £15 reduction in subscriptions and donations, and £15 in miscellaneous receipts. But for the share of the 1926 Australian Test Match receipts the Club would have been in financial difficulties. There was an increase in expenditure compared with 1926 of approximately £34. This represented the cost of provision of new practice nets (£18/9/9) and the Club's contribution of £15 which they were required to make to the Minor Counties' Cricket Association Match Fund.

The accounts show that the Club received £196/2/9 as its share of the Australian tour profits, and that £8/4/0 had been received in donations towards the loss of money stolen in the Shire Hall burglary. The year began with a debit balance of £8/2/4, and concluded with a balance in hand of £90/4/0.

FIXTURES FOR 1928.

County fixtures for 1928 have been arranged with Cambridgeshire, Lincolnshire, Oxfordshire, and Hertfordshire. A trial match between the Bedfordshire Leagues' XI and the Rest of the County, is being arranged for Whit-Monday and Tuesday, to be played on the Goldington Road ground, and by kind permission of the Head Master of the Dunstable Grammar School a trial match between North and South Bedfordshire will be played on the School ground at Dunstable on Saturday, 2nd June.

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BEDS. COUNTY CRICKET CLUB.

Annual Meeting Yesterday.

The annual meeting of the members of the Bedfordshire County Cricket Club was held in the Committee Room at the Shire Hall, Bedford, yesterday afternoon. Present: Mr. L. G. Stileman-Gibbard (Chairman), Sir Percy E. Cox, Captain Turnbull, M.C., Dr. Welch, Dr. Cedric Bower, Messrs. R. W. Rice, E. G. Penstone, J. H. Twamley, M. Lamb, S. Woodhead, W. H. Corfield, H. R. Neate, and A. W. H. Poole; with the Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. Crompton.

Hon. Secretary's Report.

In submitting the Hon. Secretary's report (which appears in full on page 6 of this issue), the Chairman said he was pleased to see such a satisfactory reference to Holdstock, who, although he was becoming quite a veteran at cricket, rendered such excellent service to the County last season. The weather during the season was deplorable, and particularly so during the fixture with the New Zealanders, and had it not been for the generosity of His Grace the Duke of Bedford, the guarantors would have been called upon. It was a most disappointing season, after all the preparations that had been made by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Crompton, whose services were so highly appreciated by the General Committee that they had voted him an honorarium of £30 to show how thoroughly they appreciated his management of the affairs of the Club. The report was an admirable one, but he suggested that in future the averages might be included.

The report was unanimously adopted.

The Duke of Bedford Thanked.

It was proposed by Dr. Welch, seconded by Captain Turnbull, and carried unanimously, that an expression of gratitude, and a hearty vote of thanks, be sent to His Grace the Duke of Bedford for his generosity in paying off the deficit incurred through the New Zealand match.

Election of Officials.

The Duke of Bedford, K.G., was re-elected Patron of the Club, and the Lord Lieutenant of the County (Mr. S. Howard Whitbread) President. The whole of the existing Vice-Presidents were re-elected, with the addition of Brigadier-General Thornton, Dr. Welch, Dr. Cedric Bower, Mr. H. Grierson, Mr. Wilfred King, Mr. F. W. Pym, Mr. Phillips (Luton), and Mr. J. H. Twamley.

Mr. Frank Crompton was unanimously re-elected Honorary Secretary, and Capt. Denis Turnbull Captain of the XI.

The Committee was re-elected en bloc, with the addition of Dr. Fuller.