

CRICKET.

CHESHIRE'S OPENING MATCH AGAINST LANCASHIRE II,

GOOD BOWLING AND BRILLIANT FIELDING.

RAIN CAUSES ABANDONMENT.

Cheshire opened their fixtures in the Minor Counties Cricket Championship on Wednesday by opposing Lancs. II. at Warrington. Unfortunately, play was restricted to three hours, and in that time Lancashire, who batted first, scored 130 for the loss of six wickets.

The wicket appeared to be fairly easy, but from the outset Cheshire bowlers tied up the Lancashire batsmen. The scoring was rather slow, but the bowling had to be treated with the greatest respect. Lancashire opened with Holliday and Hopwood, who played the bowling of Dennis (Stalybridge) and E. H. Steventon (Nantwich), with the greatest respect. As a matter of fact, it took them 40 minutes in which to score the first ten runs. The batsmen certainly lacked enterprise, and there were occasions when half volleys should have been sent to the boundary. Holliday was the first to go, and Astle's catch was one of the features of the game. Holliday hit up a high catch, and Astle had to sprint 30 yards in order to get under the ball. P. L. V. Astle is particularly well known in the Stockport arena. He is a good cricketer, but is an even better lacrosse player, and it is probable that he will be chosen to represent England in the Olympic games. Hopwood was unfortunate in not reaching his half century, but with his score at 46, he was brilliantly taken behind the wicket by Spearing. It was a magnificent catch, for the ball was travelling well on the leg side. Of the other players, Payton, with 33, was the only one to cause any serious trouble.

The Cheshire bowling was shared by L. N. Jones, W. E. Jones, and Dennis. The match was abandoned on Thursday. There was no play owing to rain. Scores:—

LANCASHIRE II.

First Innings.

Holliday c Astle b L. N. Jones	9
Hopwood c Spearing b Dennis	46
Housman c Steventon b Dennis	15
Payton c Hodgson b L. N. Jones	33
Howidge c Spearing b W. E. Jones	12
Chadwick c W. Jones b L. N. Jones	4
Freston not out	2
Rushton not out	5
Extras	4

Total (6 wkts)

130
To bat—Dr. J. B. Holmes, Hokroyd, and Tipping (captain).

Cheshire.—W. E. Jones (Boughton Hall), L. N. Jones (Boughton Hall), R. P. Fisk (New Brighton), P. L. V. Astle (Stockport), E. H. Steventon (Nantwich), E. M. Entyso (Walsley), G. W. Tiplady (Walsley), J. P. Hodgson (Birkenhead Park), J. K. Edmondson (Huyton) and Dennis (Stalybridge).

CHESHIRE TEAM FOR NORTHERN TOUR.

The Cheshire county cricket team to meet Durham, at Gateshead on Monday and Tuesday week, and against Northumberland at Newcastle on the following Wednesday and Thursday, is as follows: W. E. Jones (Boughton Hall) (captain), L. N. Jones (Boughton Hall), H. W. Hodgson (Birkenhead Park), J. P. Hodgson (Birkenhead Park), S. M. H. Spearing (New Brighton), R. W. Fisk (New Brighton), P. L. V. Astle (Stockport), E. H. Steventon (Nantwich), T. B. Woodcock (Winnington Park), Wilson (Macclesfield), and Dennis (Stalybridge).

BOUGHTON HALL'S REMARKABLE WIN.

WALLASEY LOSE IN LAST OVER.

W. E. JONES BATS BRILLIANTLY.

Boughton Hall gained a very fine win in a close finish at Wallasey on Saturday, when they won by 106 runs. The game will long be remembered by those who were present, for the Chester side won with the last over of the match. In winning, Boughton Hall gained their revenge for the previous week's defeat. The match was greatly interfered with by stoppages through rain, but Boughton Hall, who batted first, scored so consistently that at 6.20 they were able to declare with their score at 185 for two wickets.

W. E. Jones and G. A. Pratt opened the visitors' innings, and were able to score 75 for the first wicket partnership. At the outset Pratt scored at a faster rate, but gradually W. E. Jones came into his own. However, with the score at 75, Pratt, who had scored 45 as a result of forceful batting, fell a victim to W. N. Jones. L. C. Hales, who continued to be out of luck, contributed 11, and also fell a victim to Jones.

L. N. Jones joined his brother with the score at 87, and once more they figured in a productive partnership, adding 50. With the score at 135 for two wickets, Frost declared. W. E. Jones, who is in excellent form this season, scored 37 not out, included in which were eleven 4s. L. N. Jones, who also did well, got 40 not out, hitting one six and four 4s.

During the Boughton Hall innings J. Abel, one of the Wallasey players, met with a rather serious accident. The ball had been hit into an adjoining field, Abel, attempting to climb some railings with a view to recovering the ball, unfortunately slipped and fell on a spike. He was immediately conveyed to receive medical attention. It was unfortunate that he was unable to return, for it meant Wallasey batted one short, and lost the game.

Wallasey were unable to make any headway against the Boughton Hall bowling, and with only four runs scored, W. N. Jones was caught by W. E. Jones off L. N. Jones. A. McEntyre and K. McEntyre at one period looked like saving the game, and carried the score to 57. Both players played restrained cricket, but following their dismissal, a rut set in.

A. McEntyre got 25, and his brother 37. However, the last six wickets fell for the addition of 22 runs. It was an exciting finish, and though Wallasey deserve sympathy in view of the fact that Abel could not bat, nevertheless Boughton Hall's victory was a very fine performance.

For Boughton Hall, L. N. Jones had three wickets for 18, W. E. Jones three for 20, and J. Lewis three for 17. Scores—

BOUGHTON HALL.

W. E. Jones not out	80
G. A. Pratt b W. N. Jones	45
L. C. Hales b W. N. Jones	11
L. N. Jones not out	40
Extras	9

Total (8 wickets) 185

J. Pratt, R. Frost, L. Hales, H. R. Parry, H. D. Roberts, F. Hack and J. Lewis did not bat.

WALLASEY.

A. McEntyre c J. Pratt b W. E. Jones	25
W. N. Jones c W. E. Jones b L. N. Jones	2
K. McEntyre lbw b W. E. Jones	37
G. A. McEntyre c L. Jones b J. Lewis	0
T. Parks b J. Lewis	5
H. R. Parry b J. Lewis	0
L. McEntyre lbw b L. N. Jones	2
F. Foster c and b L. N. Jones	0
C. Tipplady not out	0
D. Rebecca at Roberts b W. E. Jones	0
J. Abel (absent hurt)	0
Extras	8

Total 79

BOWLING ANALYSIS. BOUGHTON HALL.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
L. N. Jones	11	2	38	4
R. Frost	6	1	16	0
W. E. Jones	12	2	30	3
J. Lewis	7	2	17	3

WALLASEY.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hoop	12	3	41	0
W. N. Jones	14	1	51	2
C. Tipplady	15	2	52	0
J. Parks	5	1	13	0
F. Foster	6	0	25	0

BOUGHTON HALL II. LOSE TO WALLASEY II.

A TALE OF MISSED CHANCES.

Wallasey II. gained an easy victory at Boughton Hall on Saturday, winning by 30 runs. The game was spoilt to a certain extent by rain, and the stoppages were numerous. Wallasey, however, only won in the closing minutes of the match.

Wallasey batted first, but did not open too well, and lost their first wicket with a single scored. However, Le Hurray and Groves took the score to 22, but the third wicket fell at 35. Then came a stand between W. H. Groves and J. N. Jones, which carried the score from 35 to 129. This laid the foundations of their victory.

When these two men were batting there were several stoppages through rain. The Boughton Hall fielding was very poor, and both men were dropped on several occasions. They batted well, and flogged the bowling, and during the match

Boughton Hall skipper tries no less than six bowlers.

Wallasey declared with the score at 181 for eight wickets, and in response Boughton Hall scored 151. The top scorers for Boughton Hall were H. Pratt (37) and A. R. Slater (37). These two players carried the score from 68 to 157, and at one time it appeared as if they would save the game, but the later players failed sadly. A feature of the game was the excellent wicket-keeping of Capt. Nelson, who did not give away a single extra. Scores—

WALLASEY.

S. A. Bromley b A. R. Slater	0
Le Hurray c Linaker b Slater	19
W. H. Groves c H. Pratt	58
McCurdy b Greening	3
J. N. Jones c Griffiths b Greening	55
W. Gibson c Richmond b Pratt	4
P. Cain b Pratt	23
P. N. Osborne not out	8
P. Cain b A. R. Slater	4
Ernesty and Williams did not bat.	—

Total (8 wickets) 181

BOUGHTON HALL.

T. O. Linaker b Osborne	10
W. W. Blake c Cain b Osborne	16
J. Greening b Williams	7
H. Pratt b Ernesty	37
J. I. Warburton b Osborne	7
J. R. Richmond b Ernesty	10
A. R. Slater c Cain b Ernesty	37
E. Griffiths c Gibson b Williams	0
Capt. Nelson b Williams	0
H. Hack not out	2
T. A. Clegg lbw Ernesty	6
Extras	4

Total 151

BOWLING ANALYSIS. BOUGHTON HALL.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
J. Greening	17	2	66	2
A. R. Slater	12.5	1	50	3
H. Hack	5	0	17	0
Blake	5	0	15	0
Linaker	3	0	10	0
Pratt	8	0	12	0

BOUGHTON HALL II, AGAIN DEFEATED.

OXTON WIN LOW SCORING GAME.

Boughton Hall II. were defeated in a low scoring match by Oxtou II. at Chester on Wednesday. The wicket was dead, and it was difficult to get the ball away to the boundary, and as a consequence runs did not come easily. Boughton Hall batted first and scored 30. The two most prominent players were J. Pratt (20), and Col. Musson (24). The former is having a good season, and has run up some useful scores for the senior team. Col. Musson is also running into form; he is a sound bat, who should collect a lot of runs on a dry wicket. As it was, he got the ball to the boundary on four occasions.

Oxtou won as a result of a sound first wicket stand by Ford (48) and Gates (29), who were not separated before they scored 67. Both players showed the value of experience. They played with restraint, but the wicket was not slow. Then came a collapse, and Oxtou lost a further six wickets for the addition of 20 runs. It was not until the eighth wicket partnership that the runs were hit off. W. Griffiths, who went for the bowling in a hearty manner, got 22 by merry-slogging. His tactics were certainly right in view of the position of the game. In the end Oxtou were dismissed for 114. It was pleasing to note that H. Pratt met with success in bowling, and got five wickets in nine overs for a cost of 14 runs. Boughton Hall II. are short of bowlers, and if Pratt can continue to show such excellent form he will be a great asset in strengthening a department which is very weak. Slater bowled far better than his figure of three wickets for 47 runs indicate. He has a pleasing action, and if he could only "mix" them more frequently would do far better. Scores—

Boughton Hall II.—H. Hack at Williams b Rylance 6, J. Pratt c McGill b Griffiths 20, H. Pratt c and b Rylance 4, E. Griffiths b Griffiths 11, Capt. Nelson c Wood b Rylance 1, Col. Musson c Ford b McGill 24, A. R. Slater c Williams b Griffiths 0, J. Greening c Wild b Griffiths 11, H. Richmond b McGill 6, J. Lewis not out 2, T. A. Clegg c Griffiths b McGill 2, extras 3; total 90.

Oxtou.—Ford c and b Lewis 42, Gates c Slater b Hack 29, F. Williams b Pratt 8, I. Graham b Slater 2, M. Wild b Pratt 0, C. Woods b Slater 2, W. Griffiths c Hack b Pratt, H. Rarr b Pratt 0, C. Thompson b Slater 6, S. McGill not out 1, Rylance b Pratt 0, extras 3; total 114.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Boughton Hall.—Greening, 70. Om. 16r. Ov.; Slater, 19c. 5m. 47r. w.; Lewis, 5c. Om. 37r. 1w.; H. Hack c. 1m. 7r. 1w. H. Pratt, 9c. 1m. 14r. 5w.

Oxtou.—Griffiths, 19c. 5m. 53r. 4w.; Rylance, 13c. 1b. 49r. 3w.; McGill, 4.3c. 1m. 5r. 3w.

NESTON DEFEATED BY SEFTON.

ALL OUT FOR 72.

Bowlers came into their own at Parkgate on Saturday, where the sunshine and rain affected the wicket and helped Sefton to a capital win over Neston. Davies was the hero of the game with seven wickets for 20. His performance was outstanding, as he hit the wickets six times. Neston were apparently fascinated

with the idea of getting runs, but they stood little chance against the deadly bowling of Davies. J. M. Swift and Wainwright did fairly well, but with their departure the Neston batting went to pieces, the whole side being disposed of in seventy minutes for 72 runs.

Sefton's total reached 132, a figure that would hardly have inspired confidence under ordinary conditions. Runs, however, were always hard to get, and the half-century took well over an hour, both F. Miller and Smith finding difficulty with scoring shots. The first partnership, which realised 53, was the best of the day, and throughout the game only ten 4s were registered, although Coomer drove a ball out of the ground for 6. Both F. Miller and T. W. Miller did well, while Smith, who made his first appearance with the senior side, was the chief scorer with 37. H. P. Swift took three wickets for 24, J. M. Swift three for 30, and Wood two for 52. Scores—

Sefton.—F. Miller c Tomlinson b J. M. Swift 29, G. O. Smith c and b Wood 37, J. Howard b J. M. Swift 0, G. Miller c J. M. Swift b H. P. Swift 0, T. W. Miller c and b H. P. Swift 24, Roy J. M. Swift c and b Wood 11, L. T. Mackinson b H. P. Swift 15, G. M. Coomer not out 11, A. Dalton run out 3, Davies b J. M. Swift 0, E. Clare run out 2, extras 0; total 132.

Neston.—J. M. Swift b Swift b Davies 17, Natier c Coomer b Swift 3, R. O. Wainwright b Davies 19, J. H. Sullivan b Davies 2, A. N. Robinson b Davies 5, F. J. Griffiths c Davies b Clare 5, R. A. Barrett b Davies 1, H. P. Swift run out 7, H. E. Anderson b Davies 4, H. E. Tomlinson not out 0, L. W. Wood b Davies 0, extras 9; total 72.

A DRAWN GAME AT EATON PARK.

UNINTERESTING PLAY.

SIX WICKETS FALL FOR COLONEL LYON TO GOP.

(By "Chronicle.")

Uninteresting is the only adequate description of the cricket at Eaton Park on Saturday, when Alvanley were the victors. The weather was not too good, and the wicket was far from dry but the cricket was even more depressing than the conditions. The game ended in a draw, Eaton Park playing a six wicket innings. The previous Saturday Eaton Park, happy in the strength of Browns and I'Anson, played cricket that was shot through and through with grace, skill and consistency. On Saturday their display was troubled, dark, unhappy. Probably it is the only shred of defence—they made the best of a bad job. The celebrities of yesterday became the nonentities of to-day. Colonel Lyon was again away, and I am wondering whether his absence is permanent. It is rumoured that he has taken up welfare work at Port Sunlight, and will probably sever his connection with the team. Mr. Crane, in response to an enquiry at the beginning of the week, could not throw any light on the matter. The possible departure of Colonel Lyon is a gloomy thought best jostled aside by brighter hopes. He is the good-humoured stalwart of the team, and his altruism in the cricket field has earned for himself and the team a good name. It is a pity he was not playing on Saturday. He could not have altered the course of the game, because that depended upon the spin of the coin, but he would have supported I'Anson with his skillful bat, and lifted Eaton Park out of their six wicket rut. A glance at the scores will reveal the poorness of the play. Browns, batsman newly-blossomed was dismissed ignominiously for five by a hand possessing some of his own cunning; Thomas was laid low for four, the Rev. F. J. Okell for four, Fearnall for five, whilst Colonel Priestman bit the dust for all. It is a very different story from that of previous weeks. I'Anson, of all, was not off colour. He piled up 29 and laid a concrete foundation for an Eaton Park edifice which was visualised, at the outset, storeys high. It reared itself just another storey—solitary brick by solitary brick—then toppled. It is only just, I think, to plead for cricket—the game that we have seen displayed at Eaton Park so well before—just a little more indulgence, just a little more skill, and the Colonel Lyon-bail-fellow-well-met air, and we would have it restored again to its old pitch.

I will not attempt to describe the play. All the commendation goes to the visitors, with just a morsel for the Eaton Park fielding. Although the match was drawn and the home team concluded the match at the fall of the sixth wicket, the visitors were the better players throughout. Alvanley batted first and scored consistently. Runs were frequent. H. S. Wright knocked up 25, and A. Boyle played brilliantly, carrying his bat for 46. Their last wicket fell for a total of 151. Alvanley brought with them some good "specialists"—Boyle appears to have been their star batsman and Britland their star bowler. Eaton Park played a very ragged fragment of a game. They provided many loopholes for criticism, but there was one redeeming feature—the fielding. Moss, Gude, Kingman and Browns made some useful catches in the field. Capt. Sykes, not having the opportunity to bat, contented himself with bowling.

Alvanley.—H. S. Wright c Browns b Capt Sykes 25, F. P. Leech c Moss b Capt Sykes 3, F. Lloyd c Moss b Capt Sykes 7, F. Leech lbw b Priestman 1, A. Boyle b H. Fearnall 46, F. Britland c Kingman b Capt Sykes 12, J. E. Leech b Priestman 26, W. Dugdale c Browns 3, F. Britland c Gude b Fearnall 22, W. Fitch b Priestman 0, E. E. Atkinson not out 1, extras 5; total 151.

Eaton Park.—J. I'Anson not out 29, F. Thomas b Britland 4, H. Browns b Britland 5, F. J. Okell b F. Leech 4, H. Fearnall lbw b Britland 5, Col. Priestman c J. E. Leech b F. Leech 0, W. Gude c Britland b F. P. Leech 8, extras 6; total (6 wickets) 81.

LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT COMPETITION.

Positions of the clubs to date are as follows:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
Onton	11	7	3	1	7
Ormskirk	8	4	0	4	4
Formby	9	4	2	3	4
Sefton	10	4	2	4	4
Liverpool	8	3	1	4	3
Hightown	9	3	3	3	3
Wallasey	9	3	3	3	3
Now Brighton	11	3	3	3	3
Birkenhead Park	9	2	3	4	2
Bootle	9	2	3	4	2
Huyton	9	2	5	2	2
Neston	9	2	6	1	2
Roughington Hall	5	1	2	2	1
Southport	6	1	3	2	1
Northern	8	1	3	4	1

HELSEBY 1st v. CHEYSTER ST. JOHN'S.
 Played at Chester on Saturday. Helseby won by 18 runs. For Helseby, T. Nield took eight wickets for 14 runs, and J. Antrobus two for 13. For St. John's, F. Atkin took five for 23, and J. H. Armitage two for 23. Scores:—
 Helseby.—K. L. Wilde b Armitage 1, S. Boyle lbw b Atkin 0, F. F. rshaw o Lipsham b Atkin 5, K. Maddock o Plant b Armitage 5, W. Ward b Armitage 3, A. Fitch b Armitage 2, T. Nield run out 3, J. Antrobus c Williams b Atkin 6, E. Jones c Green b Atkin 12, F. Harris b Atkin 0, G. Roshon not out 7, extras 2, total 48.
 Chester St. John's.—F. Atkin b T. Nield 1, J. Jopson c and b T. Nield 0, W. J. Breakwell b T. Nield 0, G. Williams not out 9, J. H. Armitage b J. Antrobus 1, M. Evans b T. Nield 3, R. W. Griffiths b T. Nield 1, W. Green c Forshaw b T. Nield 4, J. Lipsham c Wilde b T. Nield 5, T. Plant b T. Nield 1, C. Cope b J. Antrobus 1, extras 4, total 30.

HELSEBY 2nd v. CHESTER ST. JOHN'S.
 Played at Helseby on Saturday. Chester St. John's.—W. Arkin b L. Williams 12, D. Reynolds lbw b H. Ellams 11, H. Mason c Basley b Threlfall 18, L. W. Johnson b N. Threlfall 0, B. Sinclair b N. Threlfall 1, F. Catherall lbw b N. Threlfall 4, B. Harding b N. Threlfall 1, E. Chambers b N. Threlfall 0, H. Roberts not out 1, F. Mansley b N. Threlfall 0, F. Burdett b N. Threlfall 0, extras 2; total 50. For Helseby, N. Threlfall took 8 wickets for 8 runs, L. Williams 1 for 4, H. Ellams 1, for 16.
 Helseby.—S. Ravenscroft b Reynolds 0, E. Boyle run out 6, S. Williams b Chambers 13, J. Lockett c Catherall b Reynolds 0, J. Williams c Catherall b Chambers 3, A. Hibbert b Reynolds 2, C. Millichamp b Reynolds 0, H. Basley b Chambers 0, N. Threlfall c Sinclair b Chambers 5, A. Cowap lbw b Reynolds 1, H. Ellams not out 0, extras 3; total 35.
 St. John's won by 15 runs.

CONNAN'S QUAY v. BARROW.
 Connah's Quay visited Barrow on Saturday. The home team opened with V. A. Arnold to the bowling of W. Evans and Hampson. The first wicket fell for three runs. H. Beech was next and when Jeffs had also been dismissed for 2, Houlbrook (C) and Beech formed an excellent partnership, the former registering 18, and the latter 22. All four batsmen had been caught, two falling to Hampson and two to Grimshaw. J. Beech scored freely, and despite frequent changes of the visiting bowlers, he knocked up 25, which only included 7 singles; F. Houlbrook was caught out for a "duck," but the score was further advanced by an excellent innings by S. Woodcock, who was up 34. Darlington scored 10 not out, when R. Ratcliffe was run out as a result of a smart return from the field. With seven extras a declaration was made of 128 for the loss of eight wickets.

A change took place when the visitors went in to bat, and the innings was marred by frequent retreats to the pavilion owing to rain. This disorganized affairs, and the pitch did not help the batsmen much. Opening, with not help the batsmen scored 9. Gould and Grimshaw, each batsman scored 9, but Williams and Freme, who followed, failed to make any contribution to the score, which was now 19 for four wickets. Scholes, the Quay captain, endeavoured to pull the game round, and four hits, he made, brought 11, but then he was caught by Jeffs. J. Cooper was the highest scorer of the innings with 14, for which figure he carried his bat, and Griffiths recorded six. With four extras, the total for Connah's Quay was 59, so that Barrow had an easy victory.

BARROW: Arnold c, Forber b Hampson 2, M. Jeffs c Cooper b Hampson 2, H. Beech c Allin b Grimshaw 18, C. Houlbrook c Cooper b Grimshaw 22, J. Beech b Hampson 25, F. Houlbrook c Grimshaw b Freme 0, S. Woodcock b Evans 34, Darlington not out 10, Ratcliffe run out 6, extras 7; total for 8 wickets 128.

CONNAN'S QUAY: W. Gould c Houlbrook b Woodcock 9, Grimshaw run out 9, Williams c Ratcliffe b Beech 0, E. W. Freme c Houlbrook b Beech 0, Scholes c Jeffs b Beech 11, Evans run out 3, Hampson c Houlbrook b Woodcock 0, Cooper not out 14, Forber run out 1, Allin b Beech 2, Griffiths b Platt 0, extras 4; total 59.

BROWN'S (CHESTER) v. GROVE PARK SCHOOL, WREXHAM.
 Played at Chester on Saturday. Scores:—Grove Park School.—E. R. Jones c Mathison b Hoop 16, D. G. Frank b Hoop 42, A. I. Webb run out 3, D. H. Williams b MacDermott 34,

Harris b Evans 1, C. P. Williams b Evans 3, K. G. Wilson b MacDermott 2, P. Hoop c Hoop b Evans 4, Webb not out 6, Davies retired hurt 4, A. G. Thomas not out 1; total 141.
 Brown's.—Mathison run out 17, Griffiths c E. R. Jones b Davies 3, Hoop b Davies 7, Hoop b D. H. Williams 14, E. A. Williams c Thomas b Davies 9, MacDermott b Thomas 20, Portridge b D. H. Williams 5, H. A. Williams b Thomas 0, D. Evans not out 6, Griffiths run out 2, Dentith b Thomas 2, extras 15; total 100.

WHITCHURCH KNOCK-OUT (OPEN).
WHITCHURCH v. ASTON.
 At Whitchurch on Wednesday night, before a fair crowd. Scores:—
 Aston.—W. Wright b Read 2, R. Willey c Davies b Read 14, H. Williams lbw b Houlding 6, F. Borton b Houlding 2, J. Cartledge c Slater b Read 0, A. Young b Read 6, J. J. Fother b Read 2, J. Williams lbw b Houlding 0, V. Williams b Houlding 9, F. Smith b Read 7, C. Beech not out 16, extras 13; total 76.
 Read took 6 for 38, Houlding 4 for 25.
 Whitchurch.—G. O'Leary run out 19, J. Lennon c Furber b V. Williams 14, A. Davies c Willey b J. Williams 34, E. J. Slater c Young b H. Williams 9, J. Houlding c Beech b J. Williams 13, H. Oakley b J. Williams 1, A. Read not out 13, H. Prince c H. Williams b J. Williams 3, T. B. Richardson not out 5, P. Lloyd and G. Roberts did not bat, extras 2; total 110. J. Williams took 4 for 33.

NANTWICH OPEN KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION.
TRANSPORTS v. BUNBURY.
 On Monday. Transports.—Sproston b Davies 15, R. King run out 5, P. Williams b Dodd 1, H. Dudley c Parson b Dodd 5, H. Smith b Davies 0, H. Mayer c Parson b Dodd 6, Banks not out 19, G. Milner b Davies 3, G. Charlesworth run out 2, A. Hinton not out 8, T. W. Doig did not bat, extras 5; total 69.
 Bunbury.—F. Large b Charlesworth 17, T. Parson b Wilbraham 2, L. Dodd b Wilbraham 0, J. Eowarth b Wilbraham 6, P. Frodsham run out 1, J. Davies b Charlesworth 0, Boden c Charlesworth b Wilbraham 1, Hopley b Wilbraham 3, E. Davies b Charlesworth 5, Parker lbw b Charlesworth 0, Thomson b Wilbraham 0, extras 3; total 38.

NEXT WEEK'S MATCHES.
 Monday, 6.30 p.m.—Victorians v. Whitchurch.
 Wednesday, 6.30 p.m.—E. H. Steventon's XI. v. Glendale.

CHESTER AND DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE.
 (By "Captain.")

	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
Llay Main	3	2	0	1	5
Pontblyddyn	2	2	0	0	4
Rivertown	3	1	1	1	3
Shotton	3	0	3	0	0
Ellesmere Port Cement	1	0	1	0	0

There was only one game down for decision on Saturday. Ellesmere Port Cement met Pontblyddyn. The meetings of these clubs in previous games has provided some thrilling finishes, usually the winning side only securing the points by an odd run or two. The game was originally arranged to be played at Ellesmere Port, but by arrangement it was transferred to Pontblyddyn, and the return game on June 30 will be played at Ellesmere Port. The visitors were without J. H. Davies, who has put up some splendid performances with the ball when playing against the home club. They had J. Sheard in the field. This player two years ago carried off the chief bowling honours of the league, and last year made few appearances. The Cement team hit up 48, E. Lason (14) and E. Robinson (12) being the only batsmen to reach double figures. So well did the home stumper do his work that "Mr. Extras" did not contribute to the score. This was a marked feature of Pontblyddyn's work in the field last season, too. E. Hughes caught three men, and A. Bellis took three wickets for 12 runs. H. Ackroyd took four wickets for 20, H. Cunnah two for 4, and J. Hayes one for 9. The three less wickets fell at the same total.
 Pontblyddyn had scored 54 for six wickets when stumps were drawn. E. H. Cunnah scored 14, and H. Williams followed up his good work of the previous Saturday, and scored 14, and was undefeated. In twelve overs J. Sheard secured four wickets for 13, H. Bradshaw took one for 18, and E. Lason had 20 runs hit off him without securing a wicket.

The meeting called for last week to consider the request to replay the Rivertown-Llay Main match had to be postponed. The assistant secretary's wife met with an accident just previous to the time of holding the meeting. Mr. Barton is writing to the secretaries to ask their views regarding a replay.

There is only one game down for to-day, and this will be played at Ellesmere Port, when the Cement team will be opposed to Rivertown for the first time.

FIXTURE FOR TO-DAY.
 Ellesmere Port Cement v. Rivertown.—Messrs. E. Garston and A. Hibbert.

PONTBLYDDYN v. ELLESMERE PORT CEMENT.
 Ellesmere Port Cement.—R. Eason c R. Hughes b Ackroyd 14, R. Robinson c R. Hughes b Hayes 12, A. Evans c Trevor b Ackroyd 1, J. Sheard c R. Hughes b Bellis 5, J. H. Hand c H. Williams b Bellis 1, H. Bull b Bellis 7, E. Middleditch b Ackroyd 1, H. Bradshaw b Ackroyd 0, A. Kelling not out 4, W. Buist b H. Cunnah 0, S. Mitchelmore b H. Cunnah 0; total 45.
 Pontblyddyn.—J. E. Hughes b Sheard 2, H. H. Cunnah b Sheard 14, H. L. Cunnah c Eason b Bradshaw 0, J. Hayes run out 7, R. Hughes b Sheard 2, G. Trevor b Sheard 1, H. Williams not out 1, A. Bellis not out 5, extras 3; total (6 wks) 54.
 L. Probert, E. Jones and H. Ackroyd did not bat.

YOUNG FARMERS DEFEAT TATTENHALL.
BRILLIANT BOWLING BY FEARNALL.
 Chester Young Farmers' cricket team gained a fine victory over Tattenhall on Monday. Tattenhall were not at full strength, but even so, were expected to win. Tattenhall batted first, but were dismissed for 39. This was due to remarkable bowling by H. Fearnall, who took nine wickets for 17 runs. It was a fine performance, in view of the fact that he hit the wickets on six occasions.

Seven players failed to score; three players, Corbett, Frost and Hughes, scored 11 each, and Pritchard with 4 was the only player to score.
 In reply, the Young Farmers scored 56. Radcliffe got 14 and so did Gillam. There was some good bowling for Pritchard had three wickets for 5, and Welch one for 5. Corbett got two for 21, and Harding two for 17.
 Tattenhall.—G. Corbett b Fearnall 11, L. Pritchard b Fearnall 4, W. Bond b Fearnall 0, H. Welch lbw b Fearnall 0, B. H. Welch b Fearnall 0, G. Salt c Peacock b Fearnall 0, L. Harding b Fearnall 0, G. Frost c Peacock b Radcliffe 11, T. Hughes b Fearnall 11, R. Stockton not out 0, F. Dutton c Evans b Fearnall 0, extras 2; total 39.
 Chester Young Farmers.—F. Houlbrooke b Harding 5, H. Fearnall b Corbett 6, Radcliffe run out 14, J. Gheers b Harding 0, Parry b Corbett 3, Gillam b Pritchard 14, B. Evans run out 0, F. Worrall not out 5, R. Peacock b Pritchard 0, A. Denson b Welch 0, F. Denson b Pritchard 0, extras 9; total 56.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
 Young Farmers.—Fearnall 8.40. 2m. 17r. 9w.; Radcliffe, 80. 1m. 20r. 1w.
 Tattenhall.—Corbett, 80. 1m. 21r. 2w.; Harding, 80. 1m. 17r. 2w.; Pritchard, 30. 0m. 5r. 3w.; Welch, 20. 0m. 5r. 1w.

CAMELL LAIRDS v. BUCKLEY.
 Played at Rock Ferry on Saturday. The home team scored an easy victory. Going in first, they put up a total of 161, before they were dismissed. Ackroyd with 52, was top scorer for the visitors. Rowlands captured four wickets for 29 runs, and Astbury four for 45. Hayes scored two for 23. Buckley made a feeble response, for five of their batsmen failed to score and only one reached double figures (Beavan with 15). The whole eleven were out for 47. Phillips took four wickets for two runs in the two overs he bowled, and Richards five for 26.—Scores:—
 Cammell Laird: Rumbles c Ratcliffe b Astbury 5, Tenare c Rowlands b Astbury 28, Allen c Williamson b Astbury 11, Ackroyd b Hayes 52, Faulkner not out 26, Phillips b Rowlands 19, Bell b Hayes 4, Varley b Rowland 0, McVilvie c and b Rowland 3, Richards c Rowlands b Astbury 8, Bath b Rowlands 0, extras 8; total 161.
 Buckley: Griffiths b McVilvie 8, Williamson b Richards 6, Beavan c Bell b Richards 15, Peters lbw b Richards 7, Roberts b Phillips 6, Radcliffe b Phillips 0, Rowlands b Rumbles b Richards 0, Edwards c Rumbles b Phillips 4, Millington c Phillips b Richards 0, Hayes not out 0, Asprey b Phillips 0, extras 1; total 47.

MR. DAVIES'S XI. v. BUCKLEY CONGREGATIONALIST.
 Played at Chester on Saturday. Only one run divided the teams at the end, Chester claiming the victory. For the visitors, Lewis and Kelly bowled unchanged, and dismissed the home eleven in a dozen overs. Joe Lewis claimed five wickets for 10 runs, and Kelly the other five for 18 runs. Chester were all out for 33 runs. The Congregationalists were longer at the wicket than the home team, for they stayed whilst twenty overs and three balls were sent down, and they actually made more runs off the bat than their opponents, whose total was augmented by five extras. The visitors had no assistance from extras. N. Owen was the most successful bowler for Chester, taking five wickets for 18. Scores:—
 Mr. Davies's XI.—H. Livingside b Kelly 1, F. Sumpter b Lewis 1, W. Crossley b Kelly 6, J. Davies c Lewis b Kelly 1, J. Powell b Lewis 3, H. Owen b Kelly 3, B. Tittle b Kelly 12, B. Talbot b Kelly 0, L. Darlington b Kelly 0, E. Stephens b Kelly 1, W. Pinches not out 0, extras 5, total 33.
 Buckley Congregationalists.—E. Hobson run out 0, T. Cropper c Titchler b Owen 7, J. Kelly lbw b Owen 10, J. Lewis c Sumpter b Darlington 3,

J. Roberts not out, A. G. Kelly c Liverage b Owen 4, G. Humphreys run out, 3, H. Bolla b Rowell 6, C. Bellis b Crossley 0, A. Brown c Talbot b Owen 1, E. Bolton run out 1, total 32.

WHITCHURCH v. BRYMBO.

At Whitchurch on Saturday. Scores—Brymbo.—G. M. Jones c Wright b Done 10, E. Bickley b Colley 6, E. Mathias c Prince b Colley 15, S. Swinerton c Oakley b Prince 18, J. H. Lloyd c Oakley b Colley 9, J. O. Mathias c Goodwin b Done 1, P. G. Griffiths b Done 0, W. R. Lloyd b Prince 7, J. Dodd lbw b Colley 7, S. Owen not out 10, A. E. Jones at Richardson b Prince 4, extras 10; total 97.

Whitchurch.—G. W. Colley b Dodd 39, J. Lennon b Jones 31, A. Davies c Bickley, b Dodd 21, J. Wright not out 19, D. Goodwin c J. L. Mathias b Dodd 13, K. J. Slater b Bickley 0, S. Done c Mathias b Bickley 2, H. Prince not out 1, W. H. Smith, H. Oakley, and T. B. Richardson did not bat, extras 5; total (6 wks) 131.

CHRISTLETON v. BROOK HIRST.

At Christleton on Saturday. Scores—Brook Hirst.—E. Weaver b Griffiths 4, J. Dolan b Griffiths 1, E. Taylor run out 0, A. Jones b Ennion 6, E. Whitworth b Solloway b Ennion 0, G. Bictall lbw Ennion 1, W. Pearson b Ennion 0, G. Corbin c Fleet b Solloway 3, H. Fletcher not out 0, J. Kelly c Fleet b Solloway 7, E. Watkin c Tapley b Ennion 1, extras 7, total 30.

Christleton.—J. Albiston b Corbin 21, T. Solloway b Jones 5, H. Griffiths c Delany b Jones 0, E. Tapley b Weaver 8, J. Selby b Weaver 0, A. Tilston c Bictall b Weaver 0, G. Ennion c Watkin b Corbin 11, E. Fleet c Selby b Jones 3, P. Gagan b Jones 1, J. Selby c Bictall b Jones 0, V. Smith not out 1, extras 5, total 66. Majority for Christleton 36. Tea was provided through the kindness of Colonel and Mrs. Heuley, Christleton Hall.

DODDESTON v. THE RELIANCE.

Doddeston entertained Reliance on Saturday, and proved to be too good for the visitors, scoring 64 runs for seven wickets, as against their opponents' total of 33. Hitchens and Cliffe opened cautiously for the Reliance, but Cliffe opened cautiously for the Reliance, but Cliffe was caught by J. Hughes in the first over when only three runs were recorded. C. Gillham and J. Hughes bowled exceptionally well, while G. Gillham, who only had 3.16 overs, obtained three wickets. Shawcroft, with 12 runs, was the only one on the visitors' side to get double figures. C. Gillham and P. Wainwright opened the Reliance innings and scored freely. They were separated when 16 runs were recorded, G. Gillham being out to a catch by Hitchens. J. Hughes joined F. Wainwright, but after three runs were added, the latter was dismissed with a catch by McNally, and G. Case, joining Hughes, was out after scoring a single. J. Hughes was then out to a particularly fine catch by Saban with the score standing at 27, and C. Gillham was bowled by Howcroft without this score being improved upon. W. Wainwright obtained 15 before he was caught by Humphreys, while Hitchens caught Willis before he was able to open his account. J. Tilston and S. Beckett obtained twenty between them, and were not out. Scores—

Reliance.—R. Hitchens c S. Beckett b Hughes 4, P. Cliffe c Hughes b Gillham 1, E. Humphreys b C. Gillham 9, A. Shawcroft b Gillham 12, J. Howcroft c Wainwright b Gillham 4, W. Salisbury b Hughes 0, C. Saban b Gillham 0, T. White b Gillham 1, J. McNally b G. Gillham 0, W. Williams not out 4, C. Lewis c Wainwright b G. Gillham 0, extras 2, total 33.

Doddeston.—G. Gillham c Hitchens b Howcroft 3, F. Wainwright c McNally b Howcroft 15, J. Hughes c Saban b Cliffe 6, G. Case b Cliffe 1, C. Gillham b Howcroft 0, W. Wainwright c Humphreys b Shawcroft 15, L. Willis c Hitchens b Cliffe 6, J. Tilston not out 13, S. Beckett not out 7, extras 4, total (7 wks) 64.

CREWE WEDGWOOD v. TARPORLEY.

In contrast to the conditions at Crewe, heavy rain greeted the Wedgwood team on their visit to Tarporley. No matter what the weather, an enjoyable afternoon's cricket can always be obtained on such a beautiful ground as it is the good fortune of the Tarporley club to possess. The Wedgwood, batting first, compiled a useful 90, of which four double figure innings were the chief features. Tarporley could not withstand the Wedgwood bowling, the whole side being dismissed for 19. Credit is due to the home team, who braved the rain while in the field, a handicap which the Wedgwood did not suffer. For the Wedgwood, G. Young took six wickets for seven runs, and P. Edwards four for eleven. Scores—

Crewe Wedgwood: G. Young b Cross 14, S. Whitton b Cross 21, G. Foster b Fitton 7, E. T. Case not out 13, P. Edwards b Fitton 3, W. Harrison c Coppack 16, H. Thompson b Coppack 0, C. Willett b Reiss 3, E. Hadfield b Reiss 6, S. Alldock b Hinde 1, A. Roberts at Page b Hinde 3, extras 4; total 90.

Tarporley: Coppack c Edwards b Young 0, W. Wright b Edwards 1, Page b Young 0, Fitton c Edwards b Young 4, Hinde c Foster b Edwards 0, Reiss b Young 0, Cook b Young 4, Cross lbw b Edwards 1, Rowland b Young 8, Vernon not out 0, H. Coppack b Edwards 0, extras 1; total 19.

ALVANLEY v. HELSBY.

A match much looked forward to as a week night fixture, was the visit of the ex-servicemen of Helsby, which took place on Wednesday. The ex-servicemen batted first, making 62. The brothers Jones contributing 20 and 19, and J. E. Leech 14. The Alvanley score at the close of play was six wickets for 52, of which J. Leech made 20 not out. A. Boyle scoring 14. A collection was taken in aid of the ex-servicemen's club.

Helsby Ex-servicemen: H. D. Roberts c F. K. Britland b F. Leech 3, A. Fitch b F. Britland 7, G. M. Foster b F. Leech 8, J. E. Leech c H. S. Wright b F. K. Britland 14, Col. R. Stead b F. Leech 3, B. Jones b F. K. Britland 20, E. Jones c F. P. Leech b F. Britland 14, F. A. Davies c F. Britland b F. P. Leech 0, J. E. Evans b F. Leech 0, W. Wright b F. Britland 4, H. Morris not out 4, extras 5; total 62.

Alvanley: F. P. Leech b H. D. Roberts 6, F. Lloyd b A. Fitch 7, P. Ainsworth c A. Jones 1, F. Leech not out 28, A. Boyle b A. Fitch 14, Fred Britland c Morris b B. Jones 1, Frank Britland c J. E. Leech b B. Jones 4, extras 1; total for six wickets 62.

COUNTY SCHOOL OLD BOYS GAIN EASY WIN.

COUNTY OFFICERS FARE BADLY. BROWNE BATS AND BOWLS WELL.

(By "Wanderer.")

The County School Old Boys gained one of the easiest wins in the first round of the Boughton Hall Knock-out Competition on Monday, when they defeated the County Officers.

It was one of the tamest matches of the round, due to the one-sidedness of the match. The County School Old Boys have gained a reputation as a team of fighters, and they demonstrated that they have again collected a useful side.

It would not be wise to judge them on this performance, in view of the character of the opposition. Still, the Old Boys showed promise, and they should do well. They played quite an entertaining game, and scored at a fast rate. Their bowling was consistent, and their fielding above the average. The County Officers are unable to get in a great deal of practice, and from the outset, gave one the impression of being a scratch side. Their bowling was erratic and at times, came in for severe handling, but their fielding was the weakest point, and a number of easy chances were dropped. There was one exception, and that was Thomas, who brought off two good catches.

The Old Boys took first knock, and despite heavy rain, the wicket was by no means dead. A fair breeze and the sun had dried the wicket, and a slow spin bowler would have doubtless been in his glory. The Old Boys opened with two Boughton Hall players, F. Hack (who captained the side) and T. A. Clegg. These players scored at a fast rate, and snatched many singles. However, with the score at 53, Clegg was caught by Thomas, and his own contribution was 29. F. Hack was joined by H. T. Brown (who usually plays with Eaton Park), and both players batted delightfully. Hack found difficulty in timing Plant, who appeared to be swinging away to leg. Hack got his leg in front of a straight one, and was given out with his score at 23. H. T. Brown continues to play sound cricket, but he was finally bowled by Davies after compiling 30, included in which was a delightful stroke on the leg side which brought him six. Brown, who bats left-handed, gave ample proof that he is a very difficult man to dislodge. He has a sound defence, and yet scores at a fast rate, chiefly as a result of delightfully executed off strokes. The Old Boys had a strong side, and a potential match winner in Brown.

Of the later players, H. Hack, who collected 10 not out, was the most enterprising. Another heavy contributor to the scores was "Extras," which amounted to 16. The County Officers' bowling was very poor, and at no time offered serious opposition to the batsmen.

The County Officers began badly and gave an inglorious display. They opened with H. E. Parry (of Boughton Hall) and F. W. Thomas (of Eaton Park), players expected to do well, but neither gave trouble. Both were bowled by Watkins after scoring six. The cricket was slow and uninteresting, and few of the players realised they were playing knock-out cricket. Nichols 11 and E. Davies not out 17, were the only players to reach double figures. Why players insist upon adopting afternoon tactics in knock-out cricket is beyond comprehension. By doing so they cause interest to wane, and it is even more puzzling in view of the fact that in the majority of cases runs are generally needed.

Both Browne and Watkins bowled splendidly, and the former caused a lot of trouble with his in "swingers." A feature of the innings was that no less than eight players were bowled, and the other two were run out.

COUNTY SCHOOL OLD BOYS.

F. Hack lbw b Plant	29
T. A. Clegg c Thomas b Nicholls	29
H. T. Brown b Davies	30
H. Pratt c Thomas b Plant	18
K. Wilde b Davies	8
H. Hack not out	25
Parsonage not out	3
Extras	16
Total (for 5 wickets)	133

Kent, Thompson, Hall and Watkins did not bat.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

H. E. Parry b Watkins	6
F. W. Thomas b Watkins	6
E. J. Nichols b Watkins	11
T. Plant b Browne	17
F. J. Adams b Browne	11
H. Mason b Browne	12
F. Davies not out	17
J. Swinerton b Browne	0
F. J. Ogden run out	16
J. Stringer run out	2
J. E. V. Carter b Browne	2
Extras	13
Total	57

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

County Officers.			
O. M. R. W.			
Thomas	4	0	20
Davies	10	1	44
Nichols	3	0	20
Plant	3	0	25
Parry	2	0	8

County School Old Boys.

O. M. R. W.			
Thomas	9.4	1	29
Browne	9	1	26
Watkins	9	1	26

SAUGHALL (VERNON INSTITUTE) v. GROSVENOR WORKINGMEN'S CLUB.

At Saughall on Saturday. Grosvenor Workingmen's Club: H. Wooley b Rigby b Cairns 14, T. Morris b A. Brayne 4, R. Cunningham b A. Brayne 0, W. Norbury c E. Brayne b R. Hughes 0, T. Weaver b Cairns 27, G. Garrett b Summers 12, H. Smith b Brayne 2, E. Millington b Brayne 1, J. Ellison b Venables 7, T. Wright not out 6, W. Yates c Venables b Brayne 5, extras 5; total 79. Saughall: A. Brayne b Norbery 5, J. Rigby c Morris b Smith 1, G. Cairns c Weaver b Brayne c Norbery b Smith 0, H. Venables Norbery 5, R. Hughes c Morris b Smith 3, E. c Millington b Smith 10, S. Minshall b Smith 16, R. Venables c Norbury b Smith 1, O. Shopperd b Garrett 8, G. Mills not out 0, M. Summers b Garrett 0, extras 2; total 51.

FROST'S ATHLETIC v. RIGBY'S

Frost's were at home on Saturday to Rigby's under the auspices of the Mersey-side Flour Millers League. The home side batted first to score 70, of which T. Herd contributed 27, and C. Andrews 18. Rigby's were all out for 47. With the ball White and Gorman bowled unchanged, the former taking six wickets for 17 runs, and the latter four for 19.

Frost's S. Walker b Johnson 0, H. White b Johnson 0, F. Lowe c Lewis b Byrne 2, T. Herd c Lewis b Morton 27, W. Cooke c McLoughlin b Johnson 0, R. Darbyshire c Johnson b Byrne 0, C. Andrews b Mackie 18, H. Chew b Morton 1, R. Gorman not out 7, J. Nicholas b Mackie 1, W. Maddocks b Mackie 2, extras 5; total 70.

Rigby's: W. Johnson b White 5, W. McLoughlin b Gorman 2, E. Morrell c Darbyshire b White 2, H. Byrne c White b Gorman 4, W. Lewis c Lowe b White 0, C. Olliphant b Gorman 2, J. Holland c Darbyshire b White 6, P. Cross c and b White 2, G. Mackie b Gorman 0, D. Morton b White 12, W. Temple not out 1, extras 1; total 37.

BLACON C.C. v. UPTON 2nd XI.

Played at Blacon on Saturday. Having won the toss, Blacon batted first. The wickets fell very cheaply, and the best score was made by S. Hughes, who made nine runs, being eventually caught at hard on. Garner's bowling for Upton was fine, taking six wickets for 13 runs. Upton did not fare much better, being at one time seven wickets down for 23 runs. C. Griffiths, however, came to the rescue, scoring 11 runs, and was finally run out. A. Wadsworth had the best bowling average for Blacon, taking two wickets for three runs. Result: Upton 45, Blacon 42.

COUNTY SCHOOL'S GOOD WIN.

The Chester City and County School secured a good win on their ground on Saturday, when they beat the Holt Secondary School, Liverpool, by seven runs. Apart from brilliant catches by Hutt and Thompson, the Chester fielding was bad, Cawley, Miller and Speakman missing easy chances. The wicket did not favour high scoring. Holt, with six wickets down for 12 runs, looked to be beaten, but good play by Blackie and Charlton improved matters. White came out with the remarkable analysis of eight wickets for 11 runs. Southern having the remaining two for 19 runs. At 21 for four Chester appeared to have the game well in hand, but only a determined stand for the seventh wicket by White and Spencer made the game safe. Charlton and Harris bowled unchanged and had the analysis of three for 17 and six for 25, respectively. Despite the conditions, the game was quite enjoyable. Chester completed the double against Holt for the first time. Scores—

Holt School: Hanson b White 4, Hardy lbw b Southern 0, Linfoot b Southern 0, Bradford b White 8, Harris c Hutt b White 0, Ellwood b White 1, Evans c Thompson b White 0, Blackie c and b White 7, Charlton c Thompson b White 6, Deyes not out 3, Brow c and b White 0, extras 7; total 36.

C. and C. School: Cawley c Blackie b Harris 7, Thompson run out 3, Hutt c Linfoot b Harris 0, Southern b Harris 7, Burrows b Charlton 3, Miller b Harris 0, Spencer c and b Charlton 4, White b Harris 13, Speakman c Ellwood b Harris 4, Howes b Charlton 0, Dandy not out 0, extras 2; total 45.

RAIN SAVES CHESHIRE

A Collapse Against Durham

Lossing first innings points to Durham in the Minor Counties match at Gateshead, on Tuesday, Cheshire had to bat on a wicket which was chopped up, as a result of heavy rain.

Rain greatly interfered with the progress of the match on Monday, but there was much interesting play in the two and a half hours permitted. Durham were chiefly indebted to a fine innings by Gibbon for a score of 168 for nine wickets. He stayed just over two hours for 52, hitting six 4's. Dennis and Wilson bowled splendidly for Cheshire, and getting a wicket each with only six runs scored, appeared likely to carry all before them. The later batsmen all made useful efforts. Sadler's 20 in fifteen minutes, including four lusty boundaries. The Cheshire fielding was splendid, and W. Jones made a remarkable catch at short square leg, holding a terrific drive by Carr.

Continuing their first innings, Durham totalled 177, Dennis bowling Ellison after Howell had hooked 9 from his opening over. Cheshire made a bad start, and though the brothers Jones and Woodcock took the score to 75 for three wickets, the side collapsed after lunch, and were all out for 120. W. Jones' 63 was the result of attractive batting for two and quarter hours. Woodcock and Steventon both received hard knocks on the fingers, and the latter retired during the eighth wicket partnership with Wilson, but came back at the fall of the ninth wicket.

With over three hours remaining for play, there seemed a prospect of a keen finish, as Durham came in for their second innings with the obvious intention of getting quick runs, and attempting to again dismiss the visitors on the crumbling wicket. After scoring 39 for 3, however, rain started, and at four o'clock the match was abandoned.

DURHAM.

First Innings.

H. C. Ferens c Spearing b Dennis	4
J. C. Asken c L. N. Jones b Wilson	2
M. Nichol b Wilson	18
H. Gibbon b Dennis	52
C. L. Adamson b L. N. Jones	9
Carr c W. E. Jones b L. N. Jones	0
Sadler c Spearing b Dennis	20
H. Brooks b Dennis	13
Cook c W. E. Jones b Wilson	5
Howell not out	24
Ellison b Dennis	9
Extras	21
Total	177

Second Innings.

H. C. Ferens c W. Jones b L. Jones	15
J. C. Asken c Dennis b Wilson	9
M. Nichol not out	0
H. Gibbon st Spearing b L. Jones	4
C. L. Adamson not out	4
Extras	2
Total (for 3 wickets)	30

CHESHIRE.

First Innings.

H. W. Hodgson c Brooks b Cook	1
W. E. Jones c Carr b Cook	63
T. B. Woodcock b Carr	21
L. N. Jones c Brooks b Carr	9
E. P. Fisk b Cook	0
J. P. Hodgson lbw b Carr	1
K. M'Entyre lbw b Cook	2
Wilson not out	7
E. H. Steventon b Carr	8
S. M. N. Spearing lbw b Carr	0
Dennis b Carr	4
Extras	5
Total	120

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
 Durham.—1st innings: Wilson 3 for 61, Dennis 5 for 51, L. N. Jones 2 for 22, Steventon 0 for 17, H. W. Hodgson 0 for 3. 2nd innings: Wilson 1 for 14, L. N. Jones 3 for 13, Dennis 0 for 11.
 Cheshire.—1st innings: Carr 6 for 40, Cook 4 for 27, Howell 0 for 7, Ellison 0 for 11, Sadler 0 for 23, Brooks 0 for 7.

CHESHIRE AT NEWCASTLE.

Northumberland Win by An Innings.

In the Minor Counties game at Newcastle, on Wednesday, Northumberland had five wickets to fall, and held a lead over Cheshire of 81 on the first innings. Cheshire batted with caution, and took 2 hours 35 minutes to score 112. The first wicket realised 45, but later there was a struggle for runs, W. E. Jones and H. W. Hodgson being the most troublesome batsmen. It must be conceded that following the fall of the second wicket bowlers received assistance from the pitch. Cheshire had the first Northumberland wicket down for 7, but they did not reap further success, despite many bowling changes, until the score board showed 72. Previous to this Woodcock had injured his hand while fielding, and a substitute was called out for the rest of the day's play. Pritchard hit one 6 and a 5, and nine 4's. Maconachie brightened matters near the close. Spearing, the wicket-keeper, has been awarded his county cap.

When the match was continued on Thursday, Northumberland's innings closed for 251. In the second innings, Cheshire fared badly, and were all out for 63, thus giving the home county the victory by an innings and one run. W. E. Jones was the highest scorer with 24. Dennis, in two overs and one ball, took four wickets for three runs. Scores:—

CHESHIRE.

First Innings.

H. W. Hodgson c Craig b Hetherton	39
W. E. Jones b Allan	22
T. B. Woodcock c Craig b Maconachie	8
L. N. Jones c Mackay b Maconachie	5
E. P. Fisk c Lee b Milne	19
J. P. Hodgson b Maconachie	1
K. M'Entyre b Lee	1
Wilson c Taylor b Hetherton	6
E. H. Steventon c Lee b Hetherton	0
S. M. Spearing not out	0
Dennis c Wade b Milne	0
Extras	15
Total	112

Second Innings.

H. W. Hodgson b Hetherton	4
W. E. Jones run out	24
T. B. Woodward absent hurt	0
L. N. Jones b Allan	1
E. P. Fisk b Maconachie	1
J. P. Hodgson c Allan b Hetherton	23
K. M'Entyre b Allan	1
Wilson b Allan	9
E. H. Steventon c Lee b Allan	10
S. M. Spearing not out	9
Dennis c sub b Hetherton	5
Extras	4
Total	68

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
 Cheshire.—1st inn.: Hetherton 3 for 39, Maconachie 3 for 9, Milne 2 for 24, Allan 1 for 11, Lee 1 for 14.

NORTH WALES v. STAFFORDSHIRE.
MATCH ABANDONED.
 North Wales met Staffordshire at Wolverhampton on Wednesday. North Wales, who batted first, lost two wickets cheaply, but V. Metcalfe and O. A. Rowlands mastered the bowling and scored 103 and 119 respectively before being disposed of. The innings closed at 133. Staffs. replied with 403 for eight, when the match was abandoned owing to rain.

Liverpool and District Competition.

Positions of the clubs to date are as follow:

	P	W	L	D	PTS
Orton	14	10	3	1	10
Ormskirk	10	6	1	4	6
Sefton	12	5	3	4	5
Liverpool	10	4	3	4	4
Formby	11	4	3	4	4
Wallasey	11	4	4	3	4
Huyton	11	4	5	2	4
New Brighton	13	4	4	5	4
Birkenhead Park	12	3	4	5	3
Hightown	11	3	5	3	3
Boughton Hall	6	2	2	2	2
Southport	8	2	3	3	2
Bootle	11	2	4	5	2
Neston	12	2	8	2	2
Northern	10	1	4	5	1

ANOTHER BOUGHTON HALL VICTORY.

Neston Trounced.

A 103 RUNS' MARGIN.
W. E. AND L. N. AGAIN.

As a contrast from the defeat sustained at the hands of Neston by the Boughton Hall side, the premier side scored an easy victory over Neston at Boughton Hall on Saturday. The weather, though somewhat cold at times, kept fine for a change, and some very fine cricket was witnessed on a wicket which may be said to be easy. There was only a small attendance. The game was rather a walk-over for the home eleven, as is instanced by the disparity between the scores. Boughton Hall compiled 213, to which Neston replied with 110, the home side thus winning by 103 runs. W. E. and L. N. Jones were again in the limelight, for the former was the highest scorer for his side, and the latter took five Neston wickets at a cost of just over six runs per wicket. L. Hales and R. Frost batted excellently, the latter's hitting being one of the most pleasing features of the afternoon's cricket.

Boughton Hall batted first, and opened with W. E. Jones and L. Hales, Nutter and L. Wood sharing the bowling. Although both batsmen opened rather cautiously, runs came steadily off the bat of Jones, while Hales punished anything that it was possible to hit. Gradually the bowling was completely mastered, and the 50 was sent up without either batsmen giving a chance. The score was well on to the 100 before Hales was caught by Wood off Bowler. The outgoing batsman's contribution was 38, which included four 4's and four 2's. The board read 87-1-38. There were only ten more runs added to the score before further success attended the efforts of the bowlers, for with the total at 88 J. Pratt drove one back to Swift, and had to go. The century was hoisted, and 112 registered, and then W. E. Jones' fine effort came to a close with the Cheshire captain one short of his 50. Included among his scoring strokes were five 4's, a 3 and two 2's. Things now turned in favour of the attack, for they did well to dispose of that useful batsman, L. N. Jones, for the comparatively moderate total of 16. "L. N." has been making a habit of passing the 30 mark, but in attempting to play a rising ball he was smartly caught by Tomlinson behind the wicket. Swift was the bowler. Three wickets had now fallen for 38 runs. At 124 E. H. Darby was caught and bowled beautifully by Swift, after making three. Then we were entertained to some fine hitting by R. Frost, and five successive scoring strokes produced 2's, which was followed by a great drive to the boundary for 4. Just after this he had a life, when the Neston captain failed to hold a skyer. Frost collected three more 4's and a well-run 3 before being cleverly caught by Robinson off Swift. He left at 108 for six, with his score at 55. A well-hit 25 by H. R. Parry was the only other batting performance of note, and the innings closed for 113. T. Swift took four wickets for 42, J. Bowler three for 36, and L. Wood three for 84.

Neston did not set about their formidable task in very inspiring manner, for T. Swift, who opened with Nutter, fell to a catch at the wicket off W. E. Jones' bowling at the third ball he received. The score was 6-1-0. Double figures were reached with T. H. Sullivan in, but the visitors were three runs short of 20 when W. E. Jones got another victim, Nutter being clean bowled for 12. H. F. Anderson and Sullivan made things look brighter for Neston, and after Anderson had left for 13, A. N. Robinson stayed to make 22. Sullivan, who hit up 54 before being caught by Roberts off L. N. Jones, made his side's score look respectable. His scoring strokes included a 6 and four 4's. The "tail" did not give much trouble, and after the first five batsmen the others only got six between them. Scores:-

BOUGHTON HALL.

W. E. Jones c and b Wood	40
L. Hales c Wood b J. Bowler	38
J. Pratt c and b Swift	11
L. N. Jones c Tomlinson b Swift	16
E. H. Darby c and b Swift	3
R. Frost c Robinson b Swift	35
H. R. Parry b Wood	25
L. G. Hales c Tomlinson b Wood	9
N. D. Roberts b Bowler	4
F. Hack not out	8
J. Lewis c Nutter b Bowler	7
Extras	8
Total	213

NESTON.

T. Swift c Roberts b W. E. Jones	0
Nutter b W. E. Jones	12
T. H. Sullivan c Robinson b L. N. Jones	54
H. F. Anderson c Darby b W. E. Jones	13
A. N. Robinson c Darby b Lewis	22
T. Griffiths c and b L. N. Jones	1
F. Cone b L. N. Jones	0
T. Bowler b L. N. Jones	0
H. Swift b Lewis	2
L. W. Wood b L. N. Jones	2
H. Tomlinson not out	1
Extras	3
Total	110

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Boughton Hall.	
Nutter, 150, 1m, 37r, 0w.	
L. Wood, 140, 0m, 54r, 3w.	
J. Swift, 150, 7m, 42r, 4w.	
T. Bowler, 150, 2m, 26r, 3w.	
Neston.	
L. N. Jones, 140, 4m, 32r, 5w.	
W. E. Jones, 150, 4m, 25r, 5w.	
R. Frost, 40, 0m, 14r, 0w.	
E. H. Darby, 40, 1m, 10r, 0w.	
F. Lewis, 70, 1m, 16r, 2w.	
FALL OF WICKETS.	
Boughton Hall: 1-87, 2-83, 3-112, 4-119, 5-124, 6-168, 7-193, 8-198, 9-190, 10-213.	
Neston: 1-6, 2-17, 3-41, 4-91, 5-102, 6-104, 7-104, 8-107, 9-107, 10-110.	

CRICKET PICTURES.

SATURDAY, JUNE 30th.

Boughton Hall 1st XI. v. Huyton, at Huyton.
Boughton Hall 2nd XI. v. Huyton, at Boughton Hall.
Eaton Park v. Odynsey, at Eaton Park.
Chester St. John's v. Melsby, at Melsby.
Tattenhall 1st XI. v. R.A.F., at Tattenhall.
Upton 1st XI. v. Alvanley, at Alvanley.
Upton 2nd XI. v. Seilance, at Upton.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 4th.
Boughton Hall Extra XI. v. R.A.F., at Boughton Hall.

BOUGHTON HALL BEAT FORMBY.

THREE WICKETS IN FOUR BALLS.

Some remarkable bowling by J. O. Marshall, who took three Boughton Hall wickets with four successive balls, provided an exciting finish to the match between Boughton Hall and Formby at Boughton Hall on Wednesday. Formby, who batted first, compiled 68, and Boughton Hall only just managed to win by six runs. The fielding and bowling of both sides was excellent, and this no doubt accounts for the low scoring. R. Frost and J. Lewis bowled so well against Formby that the batsmen experienced great difficulty in getting the ball away. E. P. Heywood with 13 was the highest scorer. J. B. Barton 11 and Duckham 10 were the only other batsmen to reach double figures.

Boughton Hall compiled 74 before being all out, but here again there was no prolific run-getting. J. Pratt's 19 being top score. G. H. Pratt made 16 and R. Frost 11. Scores:-

FORMBY.

E. P. Heywood b Lewis	15
Duckham c E. M. Dutton b Lewis	10
E. Duke c Frost b Lewis	0
J. H. Savin b Frost	2
W. L. Holden c J. Pratt b Lewis	6
J. H. Bowker c J. Pratt b Frost	6
J. A. Logue c H. Pratt b Lewis	2
B. E. E. Wainley b Frost	0
J. E. Barton b Frost	11
J. E. Marshall not out	0
Maddocks c Dutton b Frost	2
Extras	0
Total	68

BOUGHTON HALL.

G. A. Pratt b Duckham	16
F. Hack lbw b Duckham	4
J. Pratt lbw b Duckham	17
E. Frost b Duckham	11
E. M. Dutton b Duckham	5
H. D. Roberts b Marshall	2
H. Pratt c Barton b Marshall	2
T. O. S. Linaker b Duckham	2
E. T. Griffiths b Marshall	0
G. Greening b Marshall	0
G. Lewis not out	0
Extras	8
Total	74

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

FORMBY.

R. Frost, 15.50, 2m, 31r, 5w.
J. Lewis, 15.50, 5m, 29r, 5w.

BOUGHTON HALL.

Duckham, 13.50, 4m, 32r, 6w.
J. H. Savin, 30, 0m, 8r, 0w.
J. A. Logue, 30, 0m, 5r, 0w.
E. Duke, 40, 0m, 11r, 0w.
J. E. Marshall, 40, 1m, 10r, 4w.

FALL OF WICKETS.

Formby, 1-23, 2-23, 3-26, 4-28, 5-37, 6-39, 7-39, 8-57, 9-60, 10-68.
Boughton Hall, 1-4, 2-40, 3-51, 4-56, 5-63, 6-63, 7-74, 8-74, 9-74, 10-74.

BOUGHTON HALL 2nd XI. LOSE TO NESTON.

Boughton Hall 2nd eleven were defeated by 20 runs by Neston and District second eleven, at Parkgate on Saturday. Bating first, Boughton Hall were dismissed for 96 runs. A. R. Slater with 23 runs being the only batsman to appear comfortable with the bowling. H. Hack and Capt. Neilson gave the visitors a good start, for 36 runs were on the board before the first wicket fell. Then three men were disposed of in quick succession for the addition of only two runs. After this Boughton improved their position somewhat, but never looked like making a big score. Capt. Neilson compiled 16 and H. Hack 12. E. Griffiths was the only other batsman to reach double figures.

Neston made a very poor start, R. A. Barrett falling a victim of Greening in the fourth over of the innings. At this stage Neston had seven runs on the board. F. N. Smith and J. B. W. Hughes improved matters, and the score was advanced to 36 before the bowlers had further success. Smith went on to score 25 before he was stumped by Neilson off the bowling of A. S. Dagger. He had made a useful stand and put his side well on the way to victory. Hughes scored 18, A. I. Witter 19, O. R. Hibert 16, and Readman 10. The innings closed for 116. Scores:-

BOUGHTON HALL.

H. Hack c Hibert b Huddleston	12
Capt. Neilson run out	16
H. Pratt lbw b Hibert	8
E. Griffiths c Smith b Readman	11
A. Dagger b Huddleston	0
H. I. Richmond b Huddleston	0
A. R. Slater c Hughes b Huddleston	23
J. L. Warburton c Barrett b Readman	1
T. A. Clegg b Huddleston	3
R. Jones not out	0
J. Greening b Witter	9
Extras	12
Total	96

NESTON.

J. B. W. Hughes b Greening	18
R. A. Barrett b Greening	3
F. N. Smith c Neilson b Dagger	25
A. I. Witter b H. Hack	19
J. Henderson b R. Slater	0
L. H. Wright c H. Hack b H. Pratt	3
G. W. Glavan b A. R. Slater	7
G. Readman c Warburton b Dagger	10
O. R. Hibert b Dagger	16
Huddleston c R. Jones b Slater	4
R. J. Smith not out	0
Extras	11
Total	116

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Neston.	
J. Greening, 80, 2m, 19r, 2w.	
A. R. Slater, 11.30, 4m, 28r, 3w.	
H. Pratt, 100, 2m, 36r, 1w.	
H. Hack, 40, 1m, 10r, 1w.	
A. S. Dagger, 80, 2m, 14r, 3w.	
FALL OF WICKETS.	
Boughton Hall: 1-36, 2-40, 3-51, 4-58, 5-62, 6-78, 7-81, 8-87, 9-87, 10-96.	
Neston: 1-7, 2-35, 3-62, 4-67, 5-82, 6-90, 7-108, 8-114, 9-114, 10-116.	

EATON PARK AND SEFTON DRAW.

FINE BATTING BY H. BROWNE.

The match between Eaton Park and Sefton Park, at Eaton Park on Saturday, resulted in a draw. The visitors were rather late in arriving, and this curtailment of the time for play made it impossible to complete the game. Sefton Park secured 123, and Eaton Park, with 85 for the loss of three wickets, were well on the road to victory when stumps were drawn. There was some bright cricket, for the Sefton Park eleven set about the bowling in dashing fashion. B. S. Butler was top scorer for the visitors with a well-hit 59, which was secured with strokes all round the wicket. He received valuable assistance from F. E. Borall, who hit up 30 before being c and b by Priestman. L. Anderson (15) and G. E. Hall (10) were the only other batsmen to reach double figures, there being four "ducks" in the Sefton total.

Eaton Park opened with J. I'Anson and Capt. Sykes, but made a very poor start, the first two wickets falling for 21 runs. H. Browne made things look better with a very fine innings of 54 not out. He played confident cricket throughout. Scores:-

SEFTON PARK.

B. S. Buttler c and b Sykes	59
G. Cliffe b Browne	1
H. S. Brown b Browne	1
C. E. Hall b Sykes	10
F. E. Borall c and b Priestman	30
W. G. Milne c Richards b Browne	6
A. D. Milne b Priestman	0
L. Anderson c and b Browne	15
O. McNicoll c Priestman b Thomas	0
F. N. Walsh b Browne	0
G. K. Lunt not out	0
Extras	6
Total	123

EATON PARK.

J. l'Anson c Walsh b Anderson	11
Capt. Sykes c Walsh b Anderson	3
H. Browne not out	54
W. Gude b Walsh	1
F. Thomas not out	10
Extras	6
Total (for 3 wks)	85

L. Watkins, Col. Priestman, A. Moss, F. Tomlinson, A. E. Richards and T. Pace did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSES.

J. l'Anson, 110, 3m, 24r, 0w.
H. Browne, 110, 4m, 15r, 5w.
Capt. Sykes, 130, 4m, 59r, 2w.
Col. Priestman, 100, 1m, 24r, 2w.
F. Thomas, 40, 1m, 5r, 1w.

FALL OF WICKETS.
Sefton Park: 1-8, 2-10, 3-40, 4-53, 5-107, 6-102, 7-124, 8-127, 9-127, 10-128.
Eaton Park: 1-14, 2-21, 3-50.

HANDBRIDGE v. PORT SUNLIGHT IV.

At Port Sunlight. Scores:—
Handbridge.—A. G. Kent c Bather b Cross 19, G. Jones b Repton 42, L. Keys c Andus b Cross 3, E. A. Yates lbw b King 26, R. Keys b Cross 3, F. Davies c Hilton b Cross 12, S. Swinnerton not out 11, H. Law not out 13, extras 12, total (6 wks) 141. A. Blake and G. Temple did not bat.
Port Sunlight IV.—R. Sherpe lbw b Jones 2, W. Rhodes b Davies 1, C. King b Jones 17, J. Cross b Davies 1, R. Bather b Jones 14, R. Hilton b Jones 11, E. Darlington b Jones 3, E. Haspey lbw b Yates 4, W. Repton not out 1, Z. Andus c Blake b Jones 4, extras 16, total 73.

BARROW v. CHESTER ST. JOHN'S.

Barrow entertained Chester St. John's on Saturday. The home side batted first. V. A. Arnold and M. Jeffs being the opening pair. Runs came steadily, and the score had reached 45 before Arnold was caught and bowled by Atkin. H. Beech joined Jeffs, and 18 runs were added before the latter left. J. Beech and S. Woodcock gave little trouble, but with F. W. Darlington playing steadily, Beech hit out in great style, and reached his century with a magnificent hit for six, which cleared the boundary. The closure was applied directly afterwards, with the score at 163. The Barrow secretary thus gains the distinction of hitting the first 100 made on the new ground.

After tea St. John's commenced their innings with J. E. Lipsham and F. Atkin to the bowling of M. Jeffs and S. Woodcock. A poor start was made, the first four wickets falling for ten runs. J. Jepson (11) and W. Green (17) improved matters, but they were the only batsmen to reach double figures, and the innings closed for 55. M. Jeffs took 4 for 14, S. Woodcock 3 for 15, and H. Beech 2 for 15. Scores:—

BARROW.

V. A. Arnold c and b Atkin	16
M. Jeffs c Lipsham b Armitage	17
H. Beech not out	104
J. Beech c Armitage b Atkin	1
S. Woodcock b Atkin	0
F. W. Darlington not out	21
F. Houlbrook, T. Batcliffe, J. Okell, H. Beech and the Rev. T. Jenkins did not bat.	
Extras	3
Total (for 4 wks, ins. dec.)	163

CHESTER ST. JOHN'S.

J. E. Lipsham c Jeffs b Woodcock	4
F. Atkin run out	1
G. Williams c Jenkins b Jeffs	0
J. H. Armitage c J. Beech b Woodcock	0
J. Jepson b H. Beech	11
W. Green b Jeffs	17
W. Jones c Darlington b Woodcock	4
T. Plant c Woodcock b H. Beech	5
M. Evans b Jeffs	5
H. Harding not out	0
W. Langford c Jenkins b Jeffs	0
Extras	11
Total	55

BARROW 2nd v. CHESTER ST. JOHN'S 2nd.
The 2nd XI. visited St. John's 2nd on Saturday, a pleasant game ending in a win for the home side by 14 runs. Barrow won the toss and elected to bat. G. Stanyer made several good strokes, and hit the only four of the match, but it was left to the last pair to make the only stand of the innings. St. John's lost 8 wickets for 21, and it looked odds on a Barrow victory, but F. Mansley batted very steadily and had the satisfaction of placing his side ahead. The innings closed for 46, J. Platt taking 6 wickets for 26 runs. Scores:—

BARROW 2nd.

H. Woodcock c Sinclair b Reynolds	3
J. Platt c Pope b Reynolds	0
G. Stanyer b Chambers	10
W. S. Harpur c Johnson b Chambers	2
R. S. Darlington b Chambers	1
J. Loveasy b Reynolds	1
H. Shallcross b Reynolds	1
O. W. Hawkins c Reynolds b Chambers	0
W. Wright c Chambers b Reynolds	1
P. Ruscoe not out	9
C. Steele b Chambers	3
Extra	1
Total	32

CHESTER ST. JOHN'S 2nd.

W. Askin run out	1
Reynolds lbw b Woodcock	5
O. Oatherall b J. Platt	1
F. Burdett b J. Platt	0
H. Roberts b J. Platt	0
L. W. Johnson c W. Wright b J. Platt	0
B. Sinclair lbw b J. Platt	0
E. Chambers b Woodcock	2
C. Pope lbw b J. Platt	2
F. Mansley c Steele b Hawkins	17
G. Davies not out	4
Extra	1
Total	46

THORNTON HOUGH v. NEW BRIGHTON III.

Thornton Hough entertained New Brighton 117 at Thornton Manor Ground on Saturday last, and were defeated for the fourth time in succession, by ten runs, after an exciting finish. Hinde again won the toss for Thornton, and opened the innings with Shakeshaft. The pair lasted but one over, during which Shakeshaft hit three successive fours. Hinde took one off the first ball of the second, but Shakeshaft was bowled by the next delivery. Edwards was sent back by the fourth ball with one to his credit. After this, Hinde and Brennan exercised extreme care, and the partnership was productive. Both fell in the same over, and later some quick hitting by Waring and Riding brightened the cricket considerably. Waring hit a six into the Manor Park. The "tail" batsman again failed to impress, and the whole side was out for a meagre 65. After tea the visitors set about their task forcefully, the first four batsmen all scoring freely. Unfortunately the others failed miserably, and only by a big effort by Rothery were the runs knocked off, the visitors eventually winning by ten runs. Scores:—

Thornton Hough.—S. N. Hinde b Williams 4, T. Shafeshaft b Ludlam 12, T. Edwards c Travis b Ludlam 1, J. Brennan b Ludlam 12, G. Waring b Phillips 15, W. Ridding c and b Phillips 10, F. J. Clarke c Davies b Smith 2, A. S. Clarke run out 2, E. Hamilton b Parsons 4, J. S. Ford not out 1, H. Saint c and b Parsons 0, extras 2, total 65.
New Brighton III.—R. Bruce b Shakeshaft 21, H. G. Phillips b Shakeshaft 13, J. O. Parsons c Waring b Shakeshaft 24, G. C. Smith b Edwards 11, H. J. C. Davies b Edwards 0, L. R. Ludlam c Waring b Hinde 0, G. M. Williams run out 2, F. J. Friens b Hinde 0, A. Rothery c Clarke b Hinde 4, H. Jones b Shakeshaft 0, R. G. Travis not out 2, extra 1, total 75.
Bowling.—Thornton Hough: Williams 1 for 18, Ludlam 3 for 23, Phillips 2 for 5, Smith 1 for 9, Parsons 2 for 1, New Brighton: Hinde 3 for 37, Shakeshaft 4 for 25, Edwards 2 for 12.

SAUGHALL (VERNON INSTITUTE) v. UPTON

Played on Saturday at Upton. Scores:—
Upton.—H. Whaley b A. Brayne c F. Hewitt c Brayne b Cox 3, C. Smethurst c Jones b Cox 3, H. Schofield c Cox b A. Brayne 7, H. Griffiths c Venables b Cox 3, L. Wright c Cox b Brayne 0, J. Davies c Hughes b Brayne 0, E. H. Hewart b Brayne 0, W. Davies b Brayne 0, A. Randsel c and b Cox 6, J. Schofield not out 0, total 21.
Saughall.—E. Shepherd b Griffiths 24, F. Hughes c Hewitt b Schofield 1, E. Brayne c J. Davies b Schofield 6, R. Hughes lbw b Schofield 4, H. Venables lbw b Schofield 5, A. Brayne c Schofield b Griffiths 6, W. Jones b Griffiths 1, G. Cox b Griffiths 1, S. Minshall c Smethurst b Griffiths 2, J. Smith b Schofield 1, E. Venables not out 1, total 59.

OSWESTRY v. OVERTON.

At Oswestry, on Saturday. Scores:—
Overton: T. S. A. Davies lbw b Bailey 5, O. E. Hassal c Roberts b Gough 0, T. Gough c Jones b Gough 11, Capt. Ross c Rogers b Goff 8, F. Tibbett c Marshall b Bailey 26, R. E. Taylor b Bailey 0, Capt. Jackson b Gough 0, N. Marless b Bailey 2, J. H. Jones b Goff 8, J. Woolley b Goff 0, S. Lewis not out 3, extras 6; total 51.
Oswestry: W. Rogers b Lewis 39, Rev. D. E. W. Marland hit wicket b Jones 3, J. E. Stewart retired 60, R. B. Stewart c Hassal b Jones 0, Rev. A. C. Roberts not out 11, extras 8; total (4 wickets), 117. H. Gough, N. Bailey, J. P. Thompson, W. Goff, E. N. Jones, and T. Marshall did not bat.

Overton XI. 213, Oswestry XI. 121.

Chester and District League.

Team	F	W	L	D	P
Pontblyddyn	3	3	0	0	4
Llay Main	3	2	0	0	4
Rivertown	4	2	2	0	4
Ellesmere Port Cement	3	1	2	0	4
Shotton	4	0	3	1	1

Two matches were played on Saturday. Pontblyddyn had Shotton for visitors, and the game finished in a draw, the home team hitting up 107 for nine before applying the closure, and had taken seven wickets for 44 when "time" was called. Herbert Cunhah was top scorer for Pontblyddyn with 25, and for the same side H. E. Aokroyd secured four wickets for 9 runs, and J. E. Hughes took two for 9. J. A. Evans was top batsman for the visitors, with 17, and N. Clough had the best bowling figures with three for 19. J. Lawton took four for 39, and Allcock one for 19.
Rivertown were visited by their conquerors of the previous week, when Ellesmere Port Cement put in an appearance. Mr. Burton was a spectator, and was given a hearty welcome after his very serious illness. The chairman and vice-chairman were also present. Were they spotting players for the inter-league match?

There was a large number of spectators, who were delighted at the good cricket shown by both teams. Cement fielded in their best form, and this made run-getting difficult. On the other hand the batsmanship of the home side was one of the best displays I have seen by any league club. Rivertown batted first and lost their first two wickets for 7 runs. Washbrook was run out in attempting a second run from an overthrow. Darbey hit one to leg, and the selder, in returning it, hit the wicket and the ball travelled on. The batsmen tried for another run, but before Washbrook could get to his crease the wicket was put down. H. Evans, the home skipper, forced the pace a little, but gave a chance in the slips. The selder could not hold the ball owing to the spin on it. E. Roberts, going in at the fall of the third wicket, carried his bat for 56, the highest score of the season. G. Guest also contributed 15. J. H. Davies had the best bowling figures for the visitors, with 3 for 45. H. Bradshaw took two for 37 and R. Eason two for 38.

The Cement team were dismissed for 68. R. Eason, J. H. Davies and H. Bull scored 11 each, and no other player reached double figures. H. Washbrook took two wickets for 6 runs. S. Norwood three for 16, S. Hill two for 12, while Evans had 21 hit of him without securing a wicket. E. Roberts took one wicket without any runs being scored from him.

The rule regarding replays has been deleted for this season, and clubs are allowed to mutually re-arrange a game if it has been stopped by rain. This alteration should be appreciated now we are having a lot of bad weather. The Rivertown-Llay Main match will now be replayed.

The selection committee are sending out invitations for the inter-league match, and it is hoped all who accept will put in an appearance on Bank Holiday.

Two matches are down for decision to-day (Saturday). Pontblyddyn make the journey to Ellesmere Port to meet the Cement, and Llay Main will have Rivertown for visitors.

FIXTURES FOR TO-DAY (SATURDAY).

Ellesmere Port Cement v. Pontblyddyn; Messrs. L. Jones and J. T. Poole.

Llay Main v. Rivertown; Messrs. A. Hibbert and J. Mountford.

RIVERTOWN v. ELLESMERE PORT CEMENT.

Rivertown.—L. Darbey c and b Bradshaw 7, T. Mallett b Davies 0, H. Washbrook run out 3, H. Evans b Bradshaw 13, E. Roberts not out 56, E. Nicholls b Davies 1, C. Hewitt run out 2, A. Forber b Eason 0, S. Hill b Eason 12, O. Guest c Robinson b Davies 35, S. Norwood not out 0, extras 3; total (for 9 wks, ins. dec.) 135.

Ellesmere Port Cement.—R. Eason run out 11, E. Robinson b Norwood 0, J. H. Davies b Norwood 11, H. Bull c Guest b Norwood 11, J. Hand b Washbrook 0, H. Bradshaw b Forber 5, E. Middleditch b Washbrook 6, W. Buest b Hill 4, A. Keeling b Hill 9, S. Carter b Roberts 3, F. Michelmore not out 0, extras 8; total 68.

PONTBLYDDYN v. SHOTTON.

Pontblyddyn.—R. Hughes run out 2, G. Trevor c Charlesworth b Allcock 9, H. Cunhah b Lawton 12, J. W. Hayes b Lawton 1, H. Cunhah b Clough 23, J. E. Hughes c and b Clough 22, H. Williams lbw b Clough 2, A. Bellis b Lawton 2, L. Probert b Lawton 13, H. E. Aokroyd not out 14, E. Jones not out 4, extras 3; total (for 9 wks, ins. dec.) 107.

Shotton.—J. A. Evans not out 17, H. Jones run out 5, L. Williams b J. Hughes 16, J. Lawton c Hayes b J. Hughes 2, G. Allcock b Aokroyd 0, W. Williams c Williams b Aokroyd 1, W. Evans b Aokroyd 0, J. Norbury b Aokroyd 0, T. Batho not out 0, N. Clough and O. Charlesworth did not bat, extras 3; total (for 7 wks) 44.

RUNCORN SECONDARY SCHOOL v. CHESTER CITY AND COUNTY SCHOOL.

Played at Runcorn on Saturday, Chester City and County School reached a hundred runs in their match at Runcorn for the first time this season, and their batsmen were in good form. Runcorn owed much to their later batsmen, Reeves, Brown and Connell, who did a lot of good work in raising the total from 23 for 6 to 58. The innings lasted longer than was expected, and were eventually finished by a good catch by Miller, who thus atoned for a previous error. Burrows was the most successful bowler, obtaining 6 for 22. For Chester, Cawley, Thompson and Nutt batted well, but were troubled by slow bowlers. Thorpe was unlucky to be run out, the ball being thrown from 40 yards and hitting the wicket direct. When Miller was batting an unfortunate incident occurred, Yates, at point, being struck on the head by a powerful punch to the off. The player showed excellent spirit in returning to field after five minutes.

Scores:— Runcorn.—Jones b Southern 9, Howard b Burrows 8, Yates b Southern 0, Turner 0, Southern b Burrows 4, Powell b Burrows 0, Hyde b Burrows 2, Reeves b Thompson 8, Brown b Burrows 9, Connell not out 11, Collins b Burrows 0, Gleave c Miller b Cragg 2, extras 11; total 58. Chester.—Cawley b Howard 6, Thompson b Hyde 24, Nutt c Turner b Hyde 8, Southern b Connell 4, Thorpe run out 7, Spencer b Jones 11, Burrows c Yates b Howard 6, Speakman b Howard 0, Miller not out 8, Dandy run out 6, Cragg b Powell 5, extras 16; total 101.

SHOTTON v. BRYMBO.

At Shotton, on Saturday. Scores:— Shotton: Hall c Morris b Dodd 20, C. P. Jones hit wicket b Jones 5, E. Higham c Swinnerton b Jones 1, B. Williams b Jones 17, W. Roberts b Jones 0, T. Morris c and b Todd 4, A. Sheargold b Jones 0, J. Clarkson c and b Dodd 6, J. Taylor not out 3, H. Ledward c Morris b Jones 7, G. Jones b Dodd 0; total 63. Brymbo: G. M. Jones lbw b Hall 4, E. Bickley c Roberts b Williams 27, S. Swinnerton run out 7, E. Matthias b Hall 0, J. H. Lloyd b Hall 1, J. Matthias c and b Tall 0, J. Dodd b Hall 0, R. Lloyd b Hall 1, E. Morris b Hall 7, A. E. Jones not out 11, P. Griffiths b Williams 0, extras 3; total 61.

PONTBLYDDYN v. SHOTTON II.

At Pontblyddyn, on Saturday. Scores:— Pontblyddyn: G. Trevor c Charlesworth b Alcock 9, H. Cunnah b Lawton 12, J. Hayes b Lawton 1, E. Hughes run out 2, H. Cunnah b Clough 23, J. E. Hughes c and b Clough 22, H. Williams lbw 2, A. Ellis b Lawton 2, Llew Probert b Lawton 13, H. E. Ackroyd not out 14, E. Jones not out 4, extras 3; total 107. Shotton: J. Evans not out 17, H. Jones run out 5, L. Williams b J. Hughes 16, J. Lawton c Hayes b Ackroyd 3, G. Alcock b Ackroyd 0, W. Williams b Williams b Ackroyd 0, W. Evans b Ackroyd 0, T. Butler not out 0, J. Norbury b Ackroyd 0, extras 3; total (for 7 wickets), 44. M. Gough and C. Charleswood did not bat.

TILSTONE LODGE v. TARPORLEY.

Played at Tilstone, on Wednesday. Tilstone won by 2 wickets and 21 runs. Scores:— Tilstone Lodge: F. Cross b Cross 0, W. Cadman c and b Fitton 0, H. Howarth not out 37, F. Buckley c Burton b Cross 6, W. Ryan b Cross 0, B. Sprackling c Burton b Cross 0, L. Hopkins b Bowland 3, G. Harding at Page b Cross 5, G. A. Hughes b Cross 0, S. Jones not out 3, G. Waterhouse did not bat, extras 7; total (for 8 wickets) 60. Tarpорley: G. Page c Hughes b Cross 0, E. Rowland b Cross 0, W. Wright c and b Buckley 3, E. Cross b Buckley 0, W. Cork c Cadman b Howarth 7, H. Fitton b Cross 0, F. Coppack b Howarth 6, G. Burton b Cross 2, W. Vernon b Cross 1, E. Lovatt not out 2, W. Woodward b Cross 2, extras 8; total 39.

GRESFORD v. TILSTONE LODGE.

Tilstone could make little impression on Gresford in the return match at Gresford on Saturday. On an excellent wicket Gresford put up a score of 123, thanks mainly to a splendid innings of 69 not out by W. A. Roberts. Obates (25), Morris (15) and Platt (10) were other notable contributors. Gresford were without three of their regular bowlers, T. H. Jones, F. Roberts and J. Percival, but nevertheless made short work of the Tilstone team, Captain Taylor and Harry Roberts dismissing the entire side for 38. F. Cross was top scorer with 12 for Tilstone.

HAWARDEN PARK v. WEST WIRRAL.

This match, played at Hawarden on Saturday, resulted in a win for West Wirral by 25 runs for 24.

DODLESTON v. HAWARDEN PARK.

The visit of Hawarden Park to Dodelston was favoured with glorious weather, and after an excellent game Dodelston won by 54 runs, scoring 75 to their opponents' meagre total of 19. Scores:— Hawarden Park: G. Catherall c Bennett b Hughes 2, F. Jones b C. Gillham 0, H. Davison b C. Gillham 0, B. Jones c W. Wainwright b C. Gillham 0, S. Hewitt c Bennett b J. Hughes, F. Reilly b C. Gillham 1, H. Davies b J. Hughes 0, T. Catterall c and b C. Gillham, S. Hopwood c G. Gillham b C. Gillham 0, W. Wyatt b Hughes 1, E. Davies not out 9, extras 1; total 19.

Dodelston: G. Gillham b Hewitt 13, F. Wainwright b Hewitt 0, J. Hughes c Bellis b Hewitt 13, C. Gillham c and b Davison 5, W. Wainwright b Bellis 2, G. Case b Hewitt 3, J. Tilton b Davison 4, L. Willis b Davison 12, S. Beckett c Hewitt b Jones 13, C. Bennett c Catherall b Jones 5, L. Bellon not out 0, extras 3; total 75. Christleton will be the visitors to Dodelston to-day (Saturday), when an excellent game is anticipated.

CONNAN'S QUAY v. COURTAULDS.

A very exciting and closely contested game was played at Flint on Saturday, when Connan's Quay won by the narrow margin of one run, and the issue remained in doubt until the end. Scores:— Courtaulds.—J. Haslem b Grimshaw 10, S. H. Jewitt c Scholes b Freme 32, F. Marsh b Grimshaw 2, J. Bradley c Scholes b Freme 10, M. Postock b Grimshaw 9, T. Millington b Grimshaw 7, H. Bishop b Ferguson 21, J. C. Thomas b Grimshaw 5, L. Johnson not out 4, G. Garbutt c Hughes b Spencer 3, H. Jones b Spencer 0, extras 12, total 116. Connan's Quay.—Grimshaw c Garbutt b Haslem 5, Hughes b Bradley 17, F. Brindle c Jewitt b Haslem 5, S. W. P. Freme by Haslem 14, T. C. Scholes c Thomas b Bishop 11, W. Evans c Bradley b Haslem 0, J. Ll. Williams b Bishop 21, J. Cooper c Thomas b Bishop 17, P. Hampson c and b Bishop 0, Spencer c Bradley b Bishop 15, A. Ferguson not out 1, extras 11; total 117.

WHITCHURCH v. HOLMES CHAPEL.

At Whitechurch, on Saturday. Scores:— Whitechurch: F. Clayton b Hillsden 9, A. Steele b B. Steele 0, R. Done lbw b Hillsden 4, W. S. Price b Steele 3, H. Oakley b Hillsden 0, G. Reeves b Gater 7, B. H. Steele c Moody b Hillsden 5, H. Prince c Hillsden b Gater 10, J. Harding b Bolshaw 0, E. Jones b Gater 1, G. Roberts not out 0, extras 2; total 41. Holmes Chapel: H. Bolshaw lbw b Steele 1, P. Moody b Steele 6, E. Broughton c Reeves b Roberts 41, B. Steele run out 0, A. Gater c Jones b Done 0, S. Dale c Clayton b Price 23, H. Stubbs hit wicket 1, W. Hillsden c Reeves b Roberts 6, G. Hardwick b Price 0, P. Brown st Jones b Price 0, C. Moody not out 9, extras 3; total 90.

Deeside Notes

By a remarkable stroke of fortune, last week's County Match was played on a brilliant summer's day, and to cap it last Saturday was also a good specimen of the days one would expect from "The month of roses." So far as the County match is concerned, it is most satisfactory to Flintshire folk to note the continued improvement of their County eleven, and to note also the large amount of cricketering talent in the county. The selection committee must find it difficult to field a side without giving offence either to individuals or clubs. They can only choose eleven players (reserves), and there are more than twice that number who have shown capabilities which merit recognition in a representative side. It is significant of the progress made in this county that a few years ago Denbighshire could always be counted on to beat Flintshire, but the story is quite different nowadays. Last Wednesday was a demonstration of the superiority of the Flintshire play and players. A further match in this series is to take place on Wednesday, and is to be played on the Hawarden Park Cricket Club's ground, by permission of Mr. H. N. Gladstone. This is the first occasion for many years that this ground has been so used, and the Hawarden Park Club (represented by Mr. Ratcliffe) is determined to make it a successful venture. The ground is delightfully situated, and the wicket is to have special attention for this match. It is centrally situated, and there is no difficulty in reaching it from all directions.

One of the most remarkable matches that have been played on the Shotton-dams ground took place on Saturday, when Brymbo fulfilled an engagement with Shotton's first side. Chiefly owing to the bowling of Hall, the Shotton professional, Brymbo were dismissed for the small score of 61, and it seemed that such a small total would lead to an easy beating by a side who have been doing great things this season. Shotton, however, won by the margin of two runs only, their total being 63. Higham, the home side's hope, was returned with a score under two figures. C. P. Jones, one of the home's opening pair, stepped back and broke his own wicket. The last two batsmen, G. Jones and J. Taylor, were left to make the last few vital hits. Luckily a loose ball or two helped them to find the winning runs, but the match was played with tremendous keenness, both sides having to fight their way inch by inch.

Rivertown put up a particularly fine performance on Saturday in their league game with Ellesmere Port, the score being Ellesmere Port 68 all out and Rivertown 131 for 9 wickets. Of these E. Roberts made 56 not out, and Guest 24. Rivertown relied on a constant change of bowling to secure the Port wickets, and honours were fairly shared between Washbrook, Norwood, Forber and Hill. The Rivertown scoring was unusually slow at first, and in the course of 30 overs only 25 runs were scored.

Knutsford (Hawarden) Test School were no match for Courtauld's in their second round knock-out contest, although, if keenness had counted, Knutsford would have won handsomely.

Progress is being made with the new season's football arrangements, and the enthusiasm being shown over a wide area is something quite new for these districts. It is expected that New Brighton will come to Des Park ground to open the new venue on August 25th. Other special features are being considered to mark the opening of a new phase in football in these areas.

CRICKET.

CHESHIRE'S NORTHERN TOUR.

RAIN SPOILS MATCH WITH DURHAM.

NORTHERNERS WIN ON FIRST INNINGS.
W. E. JONES BATS FINELY.

Rain greatly interfered with the progress of the Minor Counties Championship match at Gateshead on Monday, when Durham entertained Cheshire.

Cheshire have taken quite a strong side on tour, and it is a pity rain curtailed play on Monday.

Durham batted first, and in two and a half hours scored 168 for the loss of nine wickets. Durham were chiefly indebted to H. Gibbon, who contributed 53. Gibbon played a great innings, and stayed just over two hours for his 53, included in which were six fours.

Dennis and Wilson bowled splendidly for Cheshire, and with only six runs scored, had each got a wicket. At this period, they looked like carrying all before them, but M. Nicholl, who got 14, and Gibbon, offered resistance. After their dismissal Adamson and Carr were soon out, but later Sadler with 20, and H. Brooks with 14, helped to increase the total. Sadler was only batting 15 minutes, and included in his score were four boundaries.

The Cheshire fielding was particularly good, and W. E. Jones, the Cheshire captain, brought off a remarkable catch at short square leg, holding a terrific drive from Carr.

The match was resumed on Tuesday, and Durham carried off points for a first innings lead.

The Durham innings closed for 177—not a formidable total, but sufficient to give Durham the points.

Cheshire had to bat on a wicket which was stopped as a result of heavy rain.

Cheshire opened with H. W. Hodgson and W. E. Jones, but the Birkenhead Park man was soon out after scoring a single. W. E. Jones was joined by T. B. Woodcock (Winnington Park), and they made the only stand of the day. Woodcock was hit on the hand by a rising ball, and had to retire, but was able to resume later. He scored 21, and was the second highest scorer in the side.

W. E. Jones gave a really fine display. The wicket was not easy, but he played exceptionally well. He was batting for two and a quarter hours, and his 43 was the highest score of the match.

H. H. Steventon also received a knock when batting, and had to retire, but was able to resume at the fall of the ninth wicket.

Cheshire collapsed badly after lunch, and after scoring 75 for three wickets, were all out for 120. W. E. Jones and T. B. Woodcock were the only players to reach double figures.

With only three hours to play, there seemed a prospect of a keen finish, as Durham began with the obvious contention of getting quick runs, and attempting to again dismiss the visitors on the crumbling wicket. After scoring 39 for three, rain started to fall, and at four o'clock the match was abandoned.

In Durham's first innings, Wilson had three wickets for 61, Dennis five for 51, and L. N. Jones two for 21.

DURHAM.	
First Innings.	
H. O. Foreman c Spearing b Dennis	4
J. G. Ashaw c L. N. Jones b Wilson	2
M. Nichol b Wilson	18
H. Gibbon b Dennis	53
G. L. Adamson b L. N. Jones	9
Carr c W. E. Jones b L. N. Jones	8
Sadler c Spearing b Dennis	20
H. Brooks b Dennis	13
Cook c W. E. Jones b Wilson	5
Howell not out	24
Wilson b Dennis	61
Extras	11
Total	177
Second Innings.	
H. O. Foreman c W. Jones b L. Jones	15
J. G. Ashaw c Dennis b Wilson	9
M. Nichol not out	5
H. Gibbon c Spearing b L. Jones	4
G. L. Adamson not out	4
Extras	3
Total (3 wickets)	39

CHESHIRE	
First Innings.	
H. W. Hodgson c Brooks b Cook	1
W. E. Jones c Carr b Cook	63
T. B. Woodcock b Carr	21
L. N. Jones c Brooks b Carr	8
R. P. Fisk c Cook	0
J. P. Hodgson lbw b Carr	1
K. M'Entyre lbw b Cook	2
Wilson not out	7
H. H. Steventon b Carr	8
S. M. H. Spearing lbw b Carr	0
Dennis b Carr	4
Extras	5
Total	120

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
Durham—1st Innings: Wilson 3 for 61, Dennis 5 for 51, L. N. Jones 2 for 22, Steventon 0 for 17, H. W. Hodgson 0 for 5. 2nd Innings: Wilson 1 for 14, L. N. Jones 2 for 12, Dennis 0 for 11.
Cheshire—1st Innings: Carr 6 for 40, Cook 4 for 17, Howell 0 for 7, Ellison 0 for 4, Sadler 0 for 21, Brooks 0 for 7.

CHESHIRE BADLY BEATEN BY NORTHUMBERLAND.

COLLAPSE LEADS TO INNINGS DEFEAT.

In the Minor Counties game at Newcastle, on Wednesday, Northumberland had five wickets to fall and held a lead over Cheshire of 81 on the first innings. Cheshire batted with caution, and took 2 hours 35 minutes to score 112. The first wicket realised 45, but later there was a struggle for runs, W. E. Jones and H. W. Hodgson being the most troublesome batsmen. It must be conceded that following the fall of the second wicket bowlers received assistance from the pitch. Cheshire had the first Northumberland wicket down for seven, but that did not reap further success, despite many bowling changes, until the score board showed 72. Previous to this Woodcock had injured his hand while fielding, and a substitute was called out for the rest of the day's play. Pritchard hit one 6 and a 5, and five 4's. Macconachie brightened matters near the close. Spearing, the wicket-keeper, has been awarded his county cap.

The game was quickly fought to a conclusion on Thursday. Northumberland were dismissed for 201. The feature of the innings play was the bowling of Dennis, of Cheshire, who took four wickets for three runs, the five outstanding wickets falling for eight runs in 25 minutes. Cheshire began their second innings 99 in arrears. W. E. Jones again did well and got 24. Rain delayed play, but Cheshire scored 35 before lunch for the loss of two wickets. Afterwards Allan took two wickets without a run being scored, and in all took five wickets for 24. Cheshire were all dismissed for 88.

T. B. Woodcock, who was injured on Wednesday, was unable to bat. Scores:

CHESHIRE.—First Innings.	
H. W. Hodgson c Craig b Hetherington	29
W. E. Jones b Allan	22
T. B. Woodward c Craig b Macconachie	5
L. N. Jones c Mackay b Macconachie	5
R. P. Fisk c Lee b Milne	19
J. P. Hodgson b Macconachie	1
K. M'Entyre b Lee	1
Wilson c Taylor b Hetherington	6
H. H. Steventon c Lee b Hetherington	0
S. M. Spearing not out	6
Dennis c O. Wade b Milne	0
Extras	15
Total	112

Second Innings:	
H. W. Hodgson b Hetherington	24
W. E. Jones run out	4
T. B. Woodward absent hurt	0
L. N. Jones b Allan	2
R. P. Fisk b Macconachie	1
J. P. Hodgson c Allan b Hetherington	22
K. M'Entyre b Allan	1
Wilson b Allan	0
H. H. Steventon c Lee b Allan	10
S. M. Spearing not out	0
Dennis c sub b Hetherington	3
Extras	4
Total	88

NORTHUMBERLAND.

First Innings.	
J. B. Bruce b Dennis	6
W. G. Mackay c H. Hodgson b W. Jones	40
H. B. Pritchard c sub b J. P. Hodgson	75
H. G. Lee b Dennis	10
G. O. Taylor c L. Jones b Wilson	5
L. C. Macconachie c Spearing b Dennis	34
W. G. Wade c Wilson b Dennis	34
J. L. Allan b Wilson	4
Hetherington lbw b Dennis	0
J. K. Craig c L. N. Jones b Dennis	0
Milne not out	0
Extras	10
Total	201

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
Cheshire—1st Innings: Hetherington 3 for 39, Macconachie 3 for 9, Milne 3 for 24, Allan 1 for 14, Lee 1 for 14. 2nd Innings: Macconachie 3 for 22, Hetherington 5 for 22, Milne 0 for 12, Allan 4 for 14.
Northumberland—1st Innings: Wilson 3 for 34, Dennis 6 for 29, Steventon 0 for 29, L. N. Jones 5 for 24, H. W. E. Jones 1 for 18, H. W. Hodgson 0 for 24, J. P. Hodgson 1 for 22.

BOUGHTON HALL DEFEAT NESTON.

A SOUND FIRST WICKET PARTNERSHIP.
W. E. JONES, L. HALES AND R. FROST
SHINE.
 (By "Wanderer.")

The joys of Saturday afternoon cricket were fully manifest when Boughton Hall gained a somewhat easy victory over Neston. It was care-free cricket, played under a glorious sun, and on a wicket which hardened as the game advanced. It was peaceful, yet interesting, and what is lacking in excitement was compensated for in gracefulness. It was all typical of English club cricket at its best. Players came and went, and yet each phase of the game seemed to hold some particular incident which added colour to what was already a gay picture.

Neston have not fared well this season. They are a team capable of rising to good heights, but of late they have been dwelling on the plain. They occasionally raise hopes by winning in a really sensational manner—as for instance when they trounced Liverpool—but even so their inconsistency is so great that they are frequently classified with the "lowly." On Saturday they showed a certain amount of promise, and if the bowling was not particularly strong, the fielding was keen and clean. But despite much keenness it was not sufficient to prevent Boughton Hall building up a score of 213, which always appeared to be the zenith of the day's cricket.

Neston were unable to play the Boughton Hall bowling with confidence, and a collapse in the middle of the innings was both ignominious and unexpected. If any bowler gained assistance from the pitch it was Neston's, who at the beginning of the innings, must have been able to make the ball turn a little. But Neston made a poor fight when it came to gathering runs, and at no period did they show the enterprise necessary to win, or the resistance which might have led to a draw.

Boughton Hall owed a lot to their opening batsmen, W. E. Jones and L. Hales, who added 87 for the first wicket. They depressed the bowlers, but added zest to the game by scoring at a fast rate. It was pleasing to find Hales running back to form. He has not had a particularly good season, but his driving was again prominent. His running was an example to some of the younger members. He was out to a very poor shot, and Wood was presented with the easiest of catches.

W. E. Jones was again in the limelight, and just failed to reach his half century. His influence on his colleagues is great. If he does well it seems to act as a stimulant, and invariably other members of the team do well. He was graceful and his actions reminded one of a delicate piece of machinery. He gave an all-round display and exhibited a large number of scoring strokes. Strong on the leg, he was even stronger on the off, and when he cut the ball just point and cover the bat came well on top of the ball. He was out to a splendid "caught and bowled" off Wood. He seemed to intend to drive the ball over the bowler's head. He failed to get hold of it, and Wood brought off a low catch.

When the Cheshire captain returned to the pavilion he was cheered by his own side, who seriously informed him that he was out to a rotten shot, and should have kept the ball on the ground. Both J. Pratt and L. N. Jones failed to get going. L. N. began in his usual aggressive manner, and immediately hit a boundary. Hardly as classical as his brother, he is always aggressive, and it is rarely dull while he is batting.

E. H. Darby reappeared after a few weeks' absence. He was out by the catch which Swift made was one of the features of the match. Darby went out to drive, and as the ball was soaring over Swift's head, he made a superhuman leap, and with both arms outstretched, succeeded in holding the ball as it passed over his head. It was a spectacular catch, and one which lent interest to the game.

The most interesting period of the game came when Frost and Parry were associated. Frost gave a display of hard and free hitting. His game was short, but he scored at a very fast rate and ran up 35. Frost is a player who immediately attacks the bowling with the light-heartedness of a schoolboy. He brings the full force of his wrists into action. He rarely practices; he takes the game as a joke, but is one of the strongest personalities in the club. Parry got 25, and if his running was more virile, would have got more runs. L. G. Hales was out as a result of his impetuosity. He has not had a good season, but maybe his luck will change.

Neston started badly, and Swift failed to get hold of a ball from W. E. Jones, and was caught behind the wicket by Roberts. Nutter, always a good batsman, began promisingly, but with his total at 12, fell a victim to the wiles of W. E. Jones. The only two players to shine were J. H. Sullivan (54) and A. N. Robinson (28). Sullivan showed patience, but was always looking out for loose balls. The partnership between Sullivan and Robinson added forty runs. Neston had five wickets down for 102, and the whole side was out for 110. L. N. Jones and Lewis being responsible for the collapse. Scores:

BOUGHTON HALL.

W. E. Jones o and b Wood	40
L. Hales o Wood b Bowler	35
J. Pratt c and b Swift	11
L. N. Jones c Tomlinson b Swift	16
E. H. Darby c and b Swift	3
R. Frost c Robinson b Swift	35
E. H. Parry b Wood	23
L. G. Hales c Tomlinson b Wood	9
H. D. Roberts b Bowler	4
F. Hack not out	8
J. Lewis o Nutter b Bowler	7
Extras	8
Total	213

NESTON.

J. Swift o Roberts b W. E. Jones	0
Nutter b W. E. Jones	12
J. H. Sullivan c Roberts b L. N. Jones	54
H. E. Anderson c Darby b W. E. Jones	13
A. N. Robinson c Darby b Lewis	23
F. Griffiths c and b L. N. Jones	1
F. Coope b L. N. Jones	0
J. Bowler b L. N. Jones	0
H. Swift b Lewis	2
L. W. Wood b L. N. Jones	2
H. Tomlinson not out	1
Extras	3
Total	110

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
Boughton Hall.

O.	M.	R.	W.
L. N. Jones	14	4	32
W. E. Jones	15	4	26
R. Frost	4	0	14
E. H. Darby	4	1	19
J. Lewis	7	1	16

Neston.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Nutter	13	1	37
Wood	14	0	54
J. Swift	15	4	42
J. Bowler	15	7	42
J. H. Sullivan	6	2	16

BOUGHTON HALL, II. LOSE AT NESTON.

Boughton Hall II. were defeated at Parkgate on Saturday by Neston II. Boughton Hall were dismissed for 86, of which A. R. Slater claimed 23. H. Hack 12, Capt. Neilson 16, and E. Griffiths 17.

The first wicket partnership carried the total to 36, but five wickets were down for 52. The seventh, eighth and ninth wickets fell with the total at 87, and the innings closed for the moderate total of 86.

Neston in reply, ran up a total of 116, but lost six wickets before getting the necessary runs. F. M. Smith was chief scorer with 25, and he had good assistance from A. L. Witter, who scored 19. Scores:

Boughton Hall II.—H Hack o Hibert b Huddleston 12, Capt. Neilson run out 16, H Pratt lbw Hibert 6, E Griffiths o Smith b Readman 11, A S Dagger b Huddleston 7, L H I Richmond b Huddleston 4, A R Slater c Hughes b Huddleston 23, J L Warburton c Barratt b Readman 1, T A Clegg b Huddleston 3, R Jones not out 0, J Greening b Witter 9, extras 12, total 86.

Neston.—J B W Hughes b Greening 18, R A Barrett b Greening 3, F N Smith st Neilson b Dagger 25, A L Witter b Hack 19, J Henderson b Slater 0, L H Wright c Hack b Pratt 3, J N Glavas b Slater 7, Readman o Warburton b Dagger 10, R Hibert b Dagger 16, Huddleston o Jones b Slater 4, R J Smith not out 0, extras 11, total 116.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
Boughton Hall.—Greening 6, 2, 19, 2; Slater 11.5, 4, 23, 3; Pratt 10, 2, 36, 1; H Hack 4, 1, 10, 1; Dagger 8, 2, 14, 3.

GENTLEMEN OF CHESHIRE V. CRYPTICS.

ADD GENTLEMEN OF FORNES v Cryptics
 Owing to rain, on Thursday, at Cholford, no further play was possible in this two-day match, and the game was abandoned. Scores:—

CHESHIRE GENTLEMEN.—1st Inn.

J Tow b Whitcombe	59
A. Casdagli run out	23
R. Crummaek b Whitcombe	8
T. Walsley b Whitcombe	0
H. Bronley-Davenport o Smith b Whitcombe	16
L. Lees o Wright b Laver	27
J. Greenwell o Castle b Laver	43
G. Begley o Whitcombe b Laver	25
P. Sheldermine b Dobson	20
J. Reiss c and b Laver	20
A. Hinchliffe not out	4
Extras	6
Total	256

CRYPTICS.—1st Inn.

G. Robatham b Walsley	9
L. Castle b Lees	4
A. Lavo b Begley	15
H. Wright o Hinchliffe b Walsley	1
E. Leigo b Walsley	12
H. Brice o Smith b Begley	8
D. Morrison Jones c Casdagli b Hinchliffe	18
P. Whitcombe c Casdagli b Begley	39
N. Corner not out	3
R. Goulay not out	9
Extras	14
Total (6 wickets)	116

BOUGHTON HALL JUST GET HOME.

GOOD BOWLING BY FROST AND LEWIS.

FORMBY BOWLER ALSO SHINES.
 There was a capital finish to the match between Boughton Hall and Formby, which was played at Chester on Wednesday. The scores were low, but Boughton Hall, who fielded a rather weak side, did well to win—even though the margin was by only six runs.

Formby batted first, but in the early stages it was apparent that the wicket was difficult. However, R. P. Heywood and Duckham put on 23 runs for the first wicket. But after this Lewis and Frost, who bowled throughout, did exceptionally well, and Formby were dismissed for 63. The fielding was exceptionally good, and it was pleasing to find Lewis meet with success, his five wickets being obtained for 29 runs. Lewis has shown considerable promise in recent matches. He bowls well, and comes off the pitch at a fast speed. He bowls one ball which goes away from the wicket, but on some occasions he is rather impetuous, and attempts to send down this particular ball before he has found his length. Frost also did well, and his five wickets only cost 31.

Boughton Hall began badly, and F. Hack was out with the score at 4. G. A. Pratt (16) and J. Pratt (17) carried the score to 40 before they were separated. Later Frost added 11, but he was the only other player to reach double figures. Boughton Hall lost five wickets for 63, and the last four wickets fell with the total at 74. The collapse was due to some brilliant bowling by J. E. Marshall, who took four wickets in four overs (including one maiden) for 10. He took three wickets in four balls.

It is gratifying to find that R. Moore Dutton has returned to assist Boughton Hall. He is a sound all-rounder, and if he can find his true form he will be a great asset.

FORMBY.

R B Heywood b Lewis	13
Duckham c R M Dutton b Lewis	10
E Duke c Frost b Lewis	0
T H Savin b Pratt	2
W L Holden c J Pratt b Lewis	6
J A Bowker c J Pratt b Frost	6
J A Legue c H Pratt b Lewis	2
S R E Walsley b Frost	0
J R Barton b Frost	11
J E Marshall not out	8
Maddocks c Dutton b Frost	2
Extras	8
Total	68

BOUGHTON HALL.

G A Pratt b Duckham	16
F Hack lbw b Duckham	4
J Pratt lbw b Duckham	17
R Frost b Duckham	11
R M Dutton lbw b Duckham	5
H D Roberts b Marshall	2
H Pratt c Barton b Marshall	2
T O S Linaker b Duckham	9
E T Griffiths b Marshall	0
J Greening b Marshall	0
J Lewis not out	0
Extras	8
Total	74

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
BOUGHTON HALL.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Frost	15	5	31
Lewis	15	5	29

FORMBY.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Duckham	13	4	32
J H Savin	3	0	8
J A Legue	3	0	5
E Duke	4	0	11
J E Marshall	4	1	10

FIREWORKS AT EATON PARK. BROWNE TAKES FIVE WICKETS FOR 15 RUNS AND SCORES HALF A CENTURY.
 (By "Chronicle.")

Colonel Lyon has been missed for three successive matches, and Mr. Crane said on Monday "It looks as if we are not to have him back." That is unofficial, so we can live in hope of a possible, if not probable, return of Colonel Lyon to the pitch. Despite the loss of an experienced cricketer, young blood still triumphs and holds the field at Eaton Park. Capt. Bykes has assumed the vice-captainship, and Browne, bowler and bats with decent skill—out of Browne more anon! Eaton Park, the most formidable antagonists this season, were the victors on Saturday. They arrived half an hour late and a brilliant game, although protracted, ended in a disappointing draw. The whole game was dominated by Browne, and Eaton Park were outwitted by both his batting and bowling. The eye was held by the skill and craftmanship of Browne. He has a way with him; he is entirely individual in his cricket outlook. There is no greater delight than to watch the movement of a tall, agile bowler with a style of his own. Style denotes personality. During one part of the game Browne had bowled an over without a single run being scored. The batsman—H. B. Butler—had grown wily of the bowling and stolidly withstood the armed attack—for Browne virtually converts a cricket ball into a cannon ball—with "block" strokes. Someone among the spectators—the word "crowd" would be ironical—shouted "Give him a slow 'un," apparently enjoining the bowler to alter his tactics and deliver a slow ball. That spectator committed a psychological, as well as a technical, error. Browne is a fast bowler, and a fast bowler is no ordinary bowler, but a speed king of the craft. Browne could deliver a slow ball, but what a lifeline, tragic thing it would be! A pace might as well turn from verse to ballad-mongering. Speed, strength, length, eye, determination, and an individualistic tendency are best expressed by Browne in a fast ball—a de-

vaunting ball; and it would be bad to see him stand waiting for the batsman to knock to the boundary a hopelessly slow ball. There was a real fireworks display on Saturday, and Brown was responsible for most of it. He took five wickets for 15 runs. Of all the Sefton Park players, only Butler could counteract his bowling.

Sefton batted first, and batsman after batsman returned to the pavilion, while Butler, the only consistent player, remained at the wicket defying the bowling of Brown and Thomas. He was eventually caught and bowled by Capt. Sykes for 59. I doubt whether he would have fallen to a clean ball, for an hour at the wicket is enough to master any bowling. F. Eborall gained a good 50. The rest—with the possible exception of L. Anderson—were ineffectual, and failed to withstand Brown. Sefton Park were all out for 123.

Eaton Park had a glorious chance, and played up to it, but what a crisis opportunity when time flies faster than the ball! Brown knocked up runs from a glancing bat. His was a hectic innings; he played with the bowlers and batted swiftly in the manner of his bowling. A four, innumerable ones, another four, another, and yet another, a six, a two, and so on in one triumphant slog to more than half a century. That is the tale of his score. Scores:—

SEFTON PARK.	
B. S. Butler c and b Sykes	59
G. Cuffs b Browne	1
H. S. Brown b Browne	1
G. E. Hall b Sykes	10
F. Eborall c and b Priestman	30
W. G. Milne c Richards b Browne	6
H. D. Anderson c and b Browne	0
C. McNicoll c Priestman b Thomas	15
V. N. Walsh b Browne	0
G. K. Lund not out	10
Extras	8
Total	123

EATON PARK.	
J. P. Anson c Walsh b Anderson	11
Capt. Sykes c Walsh b Anderson	3
H. Browne not out	54
W. Gude b Walsh	1
F. Thomas not out	10
Extras	6
Total	85

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
Eaton Park.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
P. Anson	11	3	24	0
Browne	11	4	15	6
Sykes	13	4	59	2
Priestman	10	1	34	2
Thomas	4	1	4	1

HARRY BEECH'S CENTURY FOR BARROW.

ST. JOHN'S BADLY BEATEN.
Barrow put up their best performance of the season on Saturday, when they defeated St. John's (Chester) by 108 runs.

Barrow batted first and declared at 163 for four wickets. The feature of the game was a sound batting display by H. Beech, who scored 106 not out. Beech has had a rather poor season, but this performance should restore his confidence. Included in his score were fifteen boundaries.

F. W. Darlington got 21 not out, V. A. Arnold got 15, and M. Jeffs 17. St. John's lost four wickets in eight overs for 10 runs. They were dismissed for 55, and only W. Green (17) and J. Jepson (11) reached double figures.

Barrow.—V. A. Arnold c and b Athin 15, M. Jeffs c Lipham b Armitage 17, H. Beech not out 106, J. Beech c Armitage b Athin 1, S. Woodcock b Athin 9, F. W. Darlington not out 21, B. Houlbrook, T. Radcliffe, J. Okell, E. Beech, and Rav T. Jenkins did not bat; extras 8; total (4 wkts) 163. Innings declared.
St. John's.—J. R. Lipham c Jeffs b Woodcock 4, F. Athin run out 1, G. Williams c Jenkins b Jeffs 0, J. H. Armitage c J. Beech b Woodcock 0, J. Jepson b H. Beech 11, W. Green b Jeffs 17, W. Jones c Darlington b Woodcock 4, T. Plant c Woodcock b H. Beech 5, M. Evans b Jeffs 3, H. Harding not out 0, W. Langford c Jenkins b Jeffs 0, extras 11; total 55.

GRESFORD v. TILSTONE LODGE.

Tilstone could make little impression on Gresford in the return match at Gresford on Saturday. On an excellent wicket, Gresford put up a score of 123, thanks mainly to a splendid innings of 60 not out by W. A. Roberts. Coates (25), Morris (15) and Platt (10) were other notable contributors. Gresford were without three of their regular bowlers, T. H. Jones, F. Roberts and J. Percival, but nevertheless, made short work of the Tilstone team. Captain Taylor and Harry Roberts dismissed the entire side for 58. F. Cross was top scorer with 12 for Tilstone. Scores:—
Gresford.—G. H. Morris c Howarth b Dodd 15, F. Roberts c Hopkins b Cross 1, A. Coates c Brayne b Taylor 25, E. Bowers c Holland b Howarth 0, A. Roberts b Taylor 0, W. A. Roberts not out 60, Capt. A. C. Taylor b Dodd 0, B. White c and b Taylor 3, T. Dutton run out 1, G. Parry c Howarth b Dodd 8, T. Platt b Cross 10, extras 6, total 123.

Tilstone Lodge.—F. Cross b Roberts 12, L. G. Dodd b Taylor 6, J. Taylor c White b Roberts 7, R. Mossford b Taylor 4, A. Holland b Taylor 1, H. Howarth b Roberts 1, W. Cadman not out 3, J. E. Palmer c A. Roberts b H. Roberts 0, L. Hopkins b Roberts 2, J. Cadman b Roberts 0, M. J. Brayne b Roberts 0, extras 2, total 58.

ALVANLEY v. ASHTON HAYES.

Alvanley was at home to Ashton Hayes on Saturday, and were easy victors, the score being 112 to 59. The captain, H. S. Wright, gave a lovely exhibition of batting, scoring 55. He played all through the innings, going in first wicket. He also took two wickets for 6 runs, A. Boyle taking three for 17, W. Dugdale two for 6, F. Leech one for 6, F. P. Leech one for 3, and Fk. Britland one for 4. Scores:—

Alvanley.—H. S. Wright c Rimmer b Astbury 55, F. P. Leech c Parsonage b Robinson 1, F. Leech b Astbury 0, Fred Britland c Parsonage b Astbury 2, A. Boyle c Dykes b Robinson 0, J. E. Leech c Astbury b Rimmer 11, Fk. Britland b Robinson 12, P. Atherton c Parsonage b Robinson 13, R. Atkinson not out 5, P. Ainsworth c Hewitt b Parsonage 0, W. Dugdale lbw b Parsonage 7, extras 6; total 112.

Ashton Hayes.—N. Rimmer b Boyle 7, H. Parsonage c Wright b Boyle 10, O. Robinson b Boyle 2, P. Gregory c Boyle b F. P. Leech 1, J. Astbury lbw b Wright 4, T. Rimmer c Atherton b Wright 0, P. Summey c F. Leech b Fk. Britland 12, R. Blythe c Boyle b Dugdale 5, E. Hewitt c Fd. Britland b Dugdale 2, F. Dykes b F. Leech 16, O. Astbury not out 0; total 59.

SAUGHALL (VERNON INSTITUTE) v. UPTON.

Played at Upton on Saturday.
Upton.—H. Whaley b A. Brayne 0, F. Hewitt c Brayne b Cox 3, C. Smethurst c Jones b Cox 3, H. Echofield c Cox b A. Brayne 7, H. Griffiths c Venables b Cox 2, L. Wright c Cox b Brayne 0, J. Davies c Hughes b Brayne 0, E. H. Hewart b Brayne 0, W. Davies b Brayne 0, H. Randles c and b Cox 6, G. Schofield not out 0, extras 0; total 21.

Saughall.—E. Shepherd b Griffith 24, F. Hughes c Hewitt b Schofield 1, E. Brayne c J. Davies b Schofield 5, R. Hughes lbw b Schofield 4, H. Venables lbw b Schofield 5, A. Brayne c Schofield b Griffiths 5, W. Jones b Griffiths 1, G. Cox b Griffiths 1, S. Minshull c Smethurst b Griffiths 2, J. Smith b Schofield 1, R. Venables not out 1, extras 0; total 50.

BLACON v. DAVIES'S C.C.

On Thursday week Blacon C.C. met Davies's C.C. at Bumper's-lane. Davies's batted first, and were soon out for a total of 28. J. Davies made top score with 6 runs. Stubbs, who bowled in the absence of Hill, had the best average, taking four wickets for 6 runs. Blacon had five players run out. Nevertheless they won the match by 14 runs. Smith, who opened the innings with Stubbs, scored 15, carrying his bat. Powell had the best bowling average for Davies's, taking four wickets for 15 runs. Result: Davies's 28, Blacon 42.

THIS WEEK'S KNOCK-OUTS.

MONDAY:
HAWARDEN v. WAVERTON.

TUESDAY:
ST. JOHN'S v. R.A.F.

THURSDAY:
COUNTY SCHOOL OLD BOYS v. TATTENHALL.

Full Reports of these matches will appear in next week's "CHRONICLE."

BLACON C.C. v. THE CRESCENT C.C.

Played at Blacon on Saturday. The Crescent batted first, and were out for 28 runs. Nolan made the top score with 8 runs. Hill had the best bowling average, taking seven for 15 runs. Blacon were quickly out for 22 runs. A. Wadsworth was top scorer with 9. He was run out. Bennett took three wickets for 4 runs. Result: Blacon 22, The Crescent 28.

ALVANLEY v. EX-SERVICE MEN.

Played at Alvanley on Tuesday.
Alvanley.—H. S. Wright c J. E. Evans b A. Fitch 0, F. Lloyd c Foster b Roberts 6, Fd. Britland b Roberts 1, A. Boyle c Morris b Fitch 7, Fk. Britland c E. Jones b Roberts 0, F. Ainsworth c Evans b Fitch 2, H. Dugdale c and b Fitch 7, H. Fitch b Roberts 2, R. Atkinson b Fitch 3, W. Dugdale not out 1, extras 4; total 37.

Ex-Service Men.—J. E. Leech c and b H. Dugdale 4, P. Atherton b H. Dugdale 1, G. M. Forster c Boyle b H. Dugdale 0, A. Fitch c Lloyd b H. Dugdale 1, H. D. Roberts b F. P. Leech 6, B. Jones c and b Fd. Britland 8, E. Jones b F. P. Leech 6, W. Wright b F. P. Leech 1, F. H. Davies not out 0, J. E. Evans b F. P. Leech 0, H. S. Morris b F. P. Leech 2, extras 8; total 37.

TILSTONE LODGE v. TARPORLEY.

Played at Tilstone on Saturday. Tilstone won by two wickets and 21 runs. Scores:—
Tilstone Lodge.—F. Cross b Cross 0, W. Cadman

c and b Filton 0, H. Howarth not out 37, F. Buckley c Burton b Cross 6, W. Ryan b Cross 0, B. Sprackling c Burton b Cross 0, L. Hopkins b Rowland 3, G. Harding at Page b Cross 5, G. A. Hughes b Cross 0, S. Jones not out 2, extras 7; total (8 wkts) 60.
G. Waterhouse did not bat.

Tarpорley.—G. Page c Hughes b Cross 0, R. Rowland b Cross 8, W. Wright c and b Buckley 3, E. Cross b Buckley 0, W. Cork c Cadman b Howarth 7, H. Filton b Cross 0, F. Coppack b Howarth 6, C. Burton b Cross 2, W. Vernon b Cross 1, E. Lovatt not out 2, W. Woodward b Cross 2, extras 8; total 39.

BARROW II. v. CHESTER ST. JOHN'S II.

Played at Chester on Saturday.
Barrow II.—H. Woodcock c Sinclair b Reynolds 3, J. Platt c Pope b Reynolds 0, G. Stanger b Chambers 10, W. S. Harpur c Johnson b Chambers 2, R. S. Darlington b Chambers 1, J. Lovesay b Reynolds 1, H. Shallcross b Reynolds 1, C. W. Hawkins c Reynolds b Chambers 0, W. Wright c Chambers b Reynolds 1, P. Ruscoe not out 9, C. Steele b Chambers 3, extras 1; total 32.
St. John's II.—W. Atkin run out 1, Reynolds lbw b Woodcock 5, C. Catherall b J. Platt 1, F. Burdett b J. Platt 5, H. Roberts b J. Platt 8, L. W. Johnson c Wright b J. Platt 0, B. Sinclair lbw b J. Platt 0, E. Chambers b Woodcock 2, C. Pope lbw b J. Platt 2, F. Mansley c Steele b Hawkins 17, G. Davies not out 4, extras 1; total 46.

CASINER KELLNER'S (RUNCORN) v. HELSBY.

Played at Helsby. For Casiner's, Victor Kirkham took seven wickets for 22 runs and L. B. Rylance two for 8. Kirkham secured the last six wickets with only 1 run off his bowling. Scores:—

Helsby.—K. L. Wilde c Kirkham b Rylance 33, S. Boyle b Kirkham 2, H. Maddock b Hyde 40, T. Wilde b Kirkham 4, A. Fitch lbw b Kirkham 0, L. Yates b Kirkham 1, T. Neild b Kirkham 0, R. Cowap c O. Hyde b Kirkham 0, W. Ward b Rylance 1, C. Jones not out 0, F. Forshaw b Kirkham 0, extras 4; total 85.

Casiner Kellner's.—R. L. Howard c and b Fitch 6, D. Wright lbw b Neild 1, C. Hyde c Jones b Fitch 21, C. Pacey b Maddock 23, J. A. Mitchell c Wilde b Neild 5, F. T. Airey b Wilde 22, A. D. Wright c Neild b Wilde 15, J. Bayle not out 15, V. Kirkham lbw b Wilde 18, G. B. Hyde and L. B. Rylance did not bat, extras 7; total 133.

CASINER KELLNER II. v. HELSBY II.

At Weston Point, Runcorn. Scores:—
Casiner Kellner II.—S. J. Brooks lbw b Ravenscroft 8, T. Holloway lbw b Ellams 19, T. Price run out 13, A. Holloway c Ellams b Threlfall 4, W. Peacock b S. Williams 0, H. Griffiths b Threlfall 8, F. G. Crowden b Threlfall 2, G. W. Crowden run out 9, J. Edmonds run out 10, L. R. Cobb run out 5, E. M. Jones not out 3, extras 4; total 85.

Helsby II.—S. Ravenscroft c Edmonds b G. Crowden 5, E. Boyle c Edmonds b Peacock 6, S. Williams c Edmonds b G. Crowden 10, T. Wild b Peacock 5, N. Threlfall hit wkt b Peacock 2, J. Williams c F. Crowden b G. Crowden 0, F. B. Bassey b Peacock 1, E. Milligan not out 12, J. Locket not out 20, extras 7; total (for 7 wkts) 68.
F. B. Ellams and H. Wild did not bat.

RUNCORN SECONDARY SCHOOL v. CHESTER O. AND C. SCHOOL.

Played at Runcorn. For Chester, Burrows took six wickets for 22 runs, and Southern two for 5. Howard, for Runcorn, claimed three wickets for 24 runs.

Runcorn.—Jones b Southern 9, Howard b Burrows 2, Yates b Southern 0, Turner c Southern b Burrows 4, Powell b Burrows 0, Hyde b Burrows 4, Reeves b Thompson 9, Brown b Burrows 9, Connell not out 12, Collins b Burrows 0, Gleave c Millar b Cragg 2, extras 7; total 58.

Chester.—Thompson b Hyde 24, Cawley b Howard 6, Hutt c Turner b Hyde 8, Southern b Connell 4, Thorpe run out 7, Spencer b Jones 11, Burrows c Yates b Howard 5, Speakman not out 8, Millar b Howard 0, Dandy run out 6, Cragg b Powell 5, extras 16; total 102.

HANDBRIDGE (CHESTER) v. PORT SUNLIGHT IV.

At Port Sunlight. Scores:—
Handbridge.—A. G. Kent c Bathie b Cross 19, G. Jones b Repton 42, L. Keys c Andus b Cross 3, E. A. Yates lbw b King 26, R. Keys b Cross 3, F. Davies c Hilton b Cross 12, S. Swinerton not out 11, H. Law not out 13, extras 12; total (for 6 wkts) 141. A. Blake and G. Temple did not bat.

Port Sunlight IV.—R. Sharpe lbw b Jones 2, W. Rhodes b Davies 1, C. King b Jones 17, J. Cross b Davies 1, R. Bathie b Jones 14, R. Hilton b Jones 11, E. Darlington b Jones 6, E. Haspey lbw b Yates 4, W. Repton not out 7, Z. Andus c Blake b Jones 4, extras 16; total 109.

OSWESTRY v. OVERTON.

At Oswestry. Scores:—
Overton.—T. S. A. Davies lbw b Bailey 5, O. E. Hassel c Roberts b Gough 0, T. Gough c Jones b Gough 11, Capt. Ross c Rogers b Goff, 8, F. Tibbett c Marshall b Bailey 36, B. R. Taylor b Bailey 0, Capt. Jackson b Gough 0, N. Murrice b Bailey 2, J. H. Jones b Goff 8, J. Woolly b Goff 0, S. Lewis not out 5, extras 6; total 61.

DODLESTON v. HAWARDEN PARK.

The visit of Hawarden Park to Dodleston was favoured with glorious weather, and after an excellent game Dodleston won by 54 runs, scoring 75 to their opponents' 19. Hawarden sent G. Catherall and F. Jones in to bat first, but they were separated with the last ball of C. Gillham's initial over, when F. Jones was bowled. H. Davison joined Catherall, but did not survive long, being bowled by C. Gillham. W. Wainwright caught H. Jones off the bowling of C. Gillham, and the score board read 0-3-0. After Catherall had made two, he was dismissed by a catch by Bennett, and S. Hewitt suffered similarly, being caught by the same player off the bowling of J. Hughes, with the score standing at four. E. Davies joined Bellis, and was top scorer on the visiting side. The remaining batsmen were unable to do anything with the bowling of Jack Hughes and C. Gillham. G. Gillham and F. Wainwright opened the Dodleston innings, but F. Wainwright was bowled by Hewitt when only a single had been scored. J. Hughes joined G. Gillham, and the score was advanced to 25 before Hughes was bowled by Hewitt. The remaining home batsmen were fairly consistent. Scores:

Hawarden Park: G Catherall c Bennett b Hughes 2, F Jones b C Gillham 0, H Davison b C Gillham 0, E Jones c W Wainwright b C Gillham 0, S Hewitt c Bennett b J. Hughes, F Bellis b C Gillham 1, H Davies b J Hughes 0, T. Catherall c and b C Gillham, S Hopwood c G Gillham b C Gillham 0, W Wyatt b Hughes 1, E Davies not out 9, extras 1; total 19.

Dodleston: G Gillham b Hewitt 15, F Wainwright b Hewitt 0, J Hughes c Bellis b Hewitt 13, C Gillham c and b Davison 5, W Wainwright b Bellis 2, G Case b Hewitt 3, J Thlston b Davison 4, L Willis b Davison 17, S Beckett c Hewitt b Jones 13, C Bennett c Catherall b Jones 5, L Bilton not out 0, extras 2; total 75.

**WHITCHURCH KNOCK-OUT
CHOLMONDELEY v. LORD HILL.**

At Whitchurch on Wednesday night.
Cholmondeley.—E Woodhall b Eveson 17, C Coffin b Gough 19, B Battarbee b Gough 11, E Johnson lbw b Edwards 15, S Done run out 4, N Timmis c Rogers b Hesp 12, T Johnson run out 2, W Mennill b Hesp 7, G Stokes not out 1, J Done b Hesp 0, F Ridgway st Jackson b Hesp 2, extras 11; total 101.

Lord Hill.—W Rogers b Woodhall 2, S Jackson b Coffin 9, J B Stewart b Coffin 7, C E Hassall b Coffin 14, J Turner c and b Coffin 8, R T Gough c E Johnson b Woodhall 1, J Eveson c Ridgway b Coffin 4, F Clayton b Coffin 10, J Drury not out 12, C Hesp b Woodhall 1, N Edwards b Woodhall 0, extras 4; total 70.

MINOR COUNTIES CRICKET

Cheshire v. Lancashire II.

LOW SCORING.

There was only a moderate attendance on the Crewe Alexandra Athletic ground on Monday, when Cheshire entertained the Lancashire second eleven.

Cheshire batted first. W. E. Jones (captain) and D. Bumphrey opened the innings against the bowling of Booth and Holroyd. The Cheshire captain was never safe against the bowling of either, and with the score at eight he was well bowled by Booth after scoring one. F. Walker (the Crewe player), who was given a rousing reception, was next at the wicket, but he was caught by Rushton, off Holroyd, for a single. L. N. Jones, the third man in, was bowled by Booth one run later. Cheshire had lost three wickets for 10 runs.

Bumphrey and McIntyre carried the score to 25 for the fourth wicket before the former was well caught by Paynter off Rushton. Bumphrey's contribution was 16, which included two boundaries. Wilson was not long before he was stumped by Elliott. He, too, failed to score. J. Abel, the sixth man in, stayed at the wicket for half an hour. His score, however, was only five. E. H. Steventon (Nantwich) next joined McIntyre, and he signalled his appearance by hitting a beautiful two to leg, off Holroyd. Having sent down 10 overs, 10 of which were maidens, Holroyd was taken off the bowling, Booth going on at his end. At this period Holroyd had taken two wickets for 11 runs.

Booth met with immediate success at this end, for in his second over he captured Steventon's wicket. The Nantwich player's score was two. Cheshire had lost seven wickets for 38 runs.

R. Dutton joined McIntyre, and he scored three in his first over off Rushton. With the score at 47, Booth was taken off again, and Holroyd put on the bowling. With his first ball he took Dutton's wicket, Elliott making a fine catch behind the wicket. The Lancashire bowlers were having an easy time of it. After scoring three Guthrie was bowled by Booth.

Dennis, the last man in, hit a four off Booth with the first ball he met, but after adding a two and a single he was stumped by Elliott. Cheshire's innings closed for 59.

Commencing their innings with Halliday and Taylor, Lancashire, too, opened badly. With only six runs on the board, Taylor was admirably caught by W. E. Jones off Dennis. Horridge joined Halliday, but he was dismissed by Dennis after scoring a single, another brilliant patch by W. E. Jones putting finis to his innings. The score for the fall of the second wicket was 16. Six runs later Halliday was given out lbw to Wilson, and one run later Butworth was run out.

M. Smith and Booth next became associated, and they treated the bowling more confidently. They carried the score to 40 for the fall of the fifth wicket, Booth being bowled by Wilson. Without any addition to the score, Smith fell a victim to a good ball from L. N. Jones. Lancashire's eighth wicket fell at 45, Wilson bowling both Higson and Holroyd with consecutive balls. However, a ninth wicket stand added 19 runs, and Lancashire succeeded in passing Cheshire's total.

Brilliant batting by Elliott, the Lancashire stumper, enabled the visitors to take the lead on the first innings. He batted confidently throughout, and together with Paynter was responsible for carrying the score to 86 for the last wicket. Elliott was the hero of the day, for he scored 31, which included three boundaries.

THE SECOND DAY'S PLAY.

Continuing their second effort on Tuesday, W. E. Jones and Wilson only increased their score from 92 to 94 before the latter was caught behind the wicket by Elliott off Booth. Jones' total of 29 was Cheshire's second highest individual score. Following his dismissal wickets began to fall rapidly, and seven were down for 96. Twelve runs were added by Abel and Dutton, and the innings terminated at 117. Cheshire's collapse was due to the excellent bowling of Holroyd and Rushton. The latter's five wickets cost only twenty runs, and Holroyd captured three for 40. Lancashire II. were thus left to get 91 runs to win.

Halliday and Butterworth, opening the Lancashire second innings, scored 27 for the first wicket, the latter being bowled by Wilson after contributing two. Six runs later Horridge, too, fell a victim to Wilson. He was given out lbw. Taylor, the fourth man in, scored only two before Wilson claimed his wicket. Smith was caught by W. E. Jones off Wilson without any addition to the scoring, and Lancashire had four wickets down for 35. Of this total Halliday, Lancashire's first batsman, had scored 25.

Booth joined Halliday, and runs began to come more freely. Twice the bowling was changed, but the score steadily increased. At lunch Lancashire had reached 82 for the loss of four wickets, Booth and Halliday having between them added 47 runs at the break. However, a quarter of an hour after lunch sufficed

to see Lancashire secure an easy victory by six wickets. Booth and Halliday took a prominent part in Lancashire's victory. Booth scored 32 not out, and Halliday carried his bat for 47. Wilson was Cheshire's most successful bowler in Lancashire's second innings, taking four wickets at a cost of only ten runs each. The other bowlers failed to take a wicket. Scores:

CHESHIRE.

First Innings.

W. E. Jones b Booth	1
D. Bumphrey c Paynter b Rushton	16
F. S. Walker c Rushton b Holroyd	1
L. N. Jones b Booth	0
K. McIntyre not out	15
Wilson st Elliott b Holroyd	0
J. Abel b Rushton	5
E. H. Steventon c N. Smith b Booth	2
R. Dutton c Elliott b Holroyd	3
A. H. Guthrie b Booth	3
Dennis st Elliott b Booth	7
Extras	6
Total	59

Second Innings.

W. E. Jones c Elliott b Booth	29
D. Bumphrey c Elliott b Rushton	17
F. F. Walker b Rushton	2
L. N. Jones b Rushton	41
A. McIntyre c Elliott b Booth	3
Wilson c Rushton b Holroyd	2
J. Abel c Horridge b Rushton	10
E. H. Steventon b Holroyd	0
R. Dutton st Elliott b Holroyd	7
A. H. Guthrie not out	5
Dennis c and b Rushton	0
Extras	1
Total	117

LANCASHIRE II.

First Innings.

Halliday lbw b Wilson	15
Taylor c W. E. Jones b Dennis	2
Horridge lbw b Wilson	0
E. R. W. Butterworth run out	1
M. Smith b L. N. Jones	6
Booth b Wilson	7
G. Higson b Wilson	4
Rushton lbw b Wilson	3
Holroyd b Wilson	0
Elliott c F. Walker b Steventon	31
Paynter not out	2
Extras	12
Total	86

Second Innings.

Halliday not out	47
E. R. W. Butterworth b Wilson	8
Horridge lbw b Wilson	0
Taylor b Wilson	2
M. Smith c W. E. Jones b Wilson	0
Booth not out	23
Extras	9
Total (for 4 wickets)	92

Lancashire won by six wickets.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Lancashire II. (First Innings).

Wilson, 25, 12m, 25r, 5w.
Dennis, 14, 6m, 17r, 2w.
L. N. Jones, 10, 2m, 26r, 1w.
E. H. Steventon, 2, 2m, 0r, 1w.
W. E. Jones, 1, 0m, 6r, 0w.

Cheshire (First Innings).

Booth, 18, 5m, 29r, 4w.
Holroyd, 21, 11m, 16r, 4w.
Rushton, 11, 5m, 8r, 2w.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Cheshire.—2nd Innings.

Holroyd, 25, 11m, 40r, 3w.
Booth, 16, 4m, 46r, 2w.
Rushton, 14, 1, 4m, 20r, 5w.
N. Smith, 6, 1m, 10r, 0w.

Lancashire II.—2nd Innings.

Wilson, 18, 6m, 40r, 4w.
Dennis, 8, 2m, 16r, 0w.
Steventon, 12, 6m, 18r, 0w.
W. E. Jones, 4, 1m, 8r, 0w.

Cheshire Gentlemen at Warrington.

The opening match of the cricket week at the Penitular Barracks, Warrington, was played on Monday, when the regimental eleven met the Gentlemen of Cheshire. The P.W.V. fielded a strong side, including Captain Howard, the former Lancashire captain, who compiled a dashing century. The Rev. George Woodcock was also in a vigorous humour, and his 50 was made in less than half an hour. There was an unfortunate accident when the Cheshire side were fielding, R. W. Crummack and J. Bigley colliding heavily, and both players were unable to bat. Scores:—

P.W.V.	
Captain Williams b Walmsley	0
Captain Howard c M'wood b Hinchcliffe 111	111
Major Ireland Blackburn b Walmsley	3
Rev. G. Woodcock c Pugh b Walmsley 50	50
Corpl. Burgess c Midwood b Begley	1
Col. Charlton c Thompson b Walmsley 5	5
Mr. A. Young not out	66
C. Sgt.-Maj. Williams c Thwaites b Lees 12	12
Capt. Ward c Lees b Hinchcliffe	1
Sergt. Jesse not out	5
Capt. Mirehouse did not bat	—
Extras	15
Total (for 8 wkts.)	269

CHESHIRE GENTLEMEN.	
D. W. Midwood c Williams b Mirehouse 78	78
J. E. Tew b Howard	1
M. A. Pugh run out	12
T. Walmsley b Mirehouse	8
I. Lees b Charlton	2
E. H. J. C. Leigh b Howard	0
J. Thwaites c Jesse b Charlton	4
L. Thompson lbw b Howard	2
A. H. S. Hinchcliffe not out	7
R. W. Crummack ret. hurt	0
J. Bigley ret. hurt	0
Extras	5
Total	119

A Draw at Boughton Hall.

BOUGHTON HALL 2nd v. HUXTON.

The Boughton Hall 2nd XI. entertained Huxton 2nd XI. at Boughton Hall on Saturday, when the game ended in a draw. Boughton Hall made 153 for the loss of five wickets, and Huxton replied with 80 for eight. The visitors arrived late, and consequently the start of the game was delayed for nearly an hour.

Boughton Hall made a very poor start, for with only a single recorded, T. A. Clegg, who opened with Capt. Neilson, fell a victim of a good length ball from W. G. Withers. Fourteen were added with J. Greening at the wicket, and then after scoring 18 he was caught and bowled by Withers. H. Haek did not stay long, and three wickets were down for 39. There was then a fine stand between Capt. Neilson, who had held up one end from the commencement of the innings, and R. Jones. Both batsmen seemed to make unnecessary difficulty with the bowling, for most of it appeared very simple stuff. At 81 Capt. Neilson's innings was brought to a close by a fine catch by F. J. Cook of his own bowling. He had made 24 with very slow cricket. H. Pratt and A. S. Dagger were together until the innings was declared closed for 153.

Wickets fell quickly when Huxton took their innings, but they had two wickets standing with 80 on the board when the stumps were drawn. O. L. Moore played a great innings of 31. Scores:—

BOUGHTON HALL.	
Capt. Neilson c and b F. J. Cook	24
T. A. Clegg b W. J. Withers	0
J. Greening c F. L. Beckett b Withers	12
H. J. Haek lbw b Withers	8
E. Jones b F. G. Cook	28
H. Pratt not out	36
A. S. Dagger not out	30
E. Griffiths, H. W. Day, G. E. Oates and W. B. Nolan did not bat	—
Extras	15
Total (for 5 wkts.)	153

HUXTON.	
E. Lewis b H. Haek	4
A. Richard c and b H. Haek	13
J. O. Sharpe run out	2
E. E. Woods c and b H. Haek	0
O. L. Moore c H. Pratt b H. Haek	31
E. Maagborg c Greening b A. S. Dagger	4
W. G. Withers b H. Haek	18
F. J. Cook not out	1
N. Barker c Griffiths b H. Haek	6
J. L. D. Lewis not out	0
Extras	1
Total (for 8 wkts.)	60

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

HUXTON.	
J. Greening, 16o. 1m. 16r. 0w.	
H. Haek, 13o. 4m. 20r. 6w.	
H. Pratt 4o. 0m. 9r. 0w.	
A. S. Dagger, 4o. 0m. 17r. 1w.	
T. A. Clegg, 3o. 0m. 9r. 0w.	
E. Jones, 2o. 0m. 6r. 0w.	

FALL OF WICKETS.	
Boughton Hall, 1-1, 2-16, 3-29, 4-31, 5-35.	
Huxton, 1-9, 2-16, 3-19, 4-21, 5-37, 6-69, 7-78, 8-80	

LIVERPOOL II. v. NESTON II.

At Parkgate on Saturday. Scores:—	
NESTON.	
J. W. B. Hughes c Wethered b Frank	13
R. A. Barrett c Paton b Frank	2
F. N. Smith b Frank	14
A. L. Witter b Crompton	38
D. F. Redmond c Paton b Frank	0
J. W. Long st Paton b Wethered	43
L. H. Wright run out	7
J. N. O. Cavan lbw b Leather	5
J. M. Culverwell b Leather	3
W. Main not out	3
J. Henderson lbw b Leather	5
Extras	4
Total	137

LIVERPOOL.	
L. W. T. Wethered b Redmond	25
A. Young c Henderson b Redmond	8
A. B. Leather b Redmond	24
J. B. Thornely b Main	2
B. J. Langford b Long	8
J. H. C. Pattinson b Main	7
G. W. Paton c Culverwell b Long	2
E. C. Candlen run out	4
R. Crompton c Hughes b Long	38
W. J. B. Fitzgerald v Long	12
G. A. Frank not out	3
Extras	4
Total	139

Boughton Hall v. R.A.F.

LEWIS' CENTURY.

It was unfortunate that the match between Boughton Hall extra eleven and R.A.F. should have to be abandoned, as a result of the sudden rain, because the game was full of good batmanship, and there was promise of an interesting finish. Boughton Hall went in first, and J. Lewis, the third man in, distinguished himself by scoring 102 before he was cleverly caught by Hops. McGregor hit up 42, and the six men who batted, together hit up the creditable total of 182, this despite good bowling by Greenwood.

The R.A.F. batsmen met with success, which was equally as satisfying, Harrison and Strudwick knocking up 63 between them, and this made the postponement all the more exasperating. Scores:—

BOUGHTON HALL.	
Capt. Neilson lbw b Greenwood	9
McGregor c and b Greenwood	42
J. Lewis c Hope b Greenwood	102
C. Houldsbrough not out	16
Longster b A. C. Maeken	0
S. Kendrick c Beale b Maeken	3
F. Henshall not out	2
E. Griffiths, R. D. Nicklin, H. W. Day and Chadwick did not bat	—
Extras	8
Total (for 5 wkts.)	182

R.A.F.	
D. M. Harrison b Houldsbrough	29
F. Sergt. Strudwick not out	34
T. R. Hope not out	9
Rest did not bat	—
Extras	4
Total	76

HELSEBY 1st v. CHESTER ST. JOHN'S.

Played at Helsby, on Saturday. Scores:—

HELSEBY.	
K. L. Wilde c Collins b Armitage	1
S. Boyle c Griffiths b Atkin	10
G. M. Forster c Breakwell b Atkin	2
A. Fitch b Atkin	0
T. Nield c Collins b Atkin	2
F. Forshaw b Atkin	5
E. Jones run out	4
B. Jones b Atkin	5
T. Wilde b Atkin	1
F. Harris c Breakwell b Atkin	2
W. Stanway not out	1
Extras	3
Total	36

CHESTER ST. JOHN'S.	
J. Jephson c Forshaw b Fitch	1
F. Atkin run out	0
W. Green c and b Fitch	10
W. Jones lbw b Fitch	2
G. Williams lbw b Nield	1
J. H. Armitage c Jones b Nield	9
W. J. Breakwell run out	4
J. R. Lipsham c Harris b Nield	0
R. W. Griffiths not out	1
H. Collins at Stanway b Nield	20
H. Mason did not bat	—
Extras	6
Total	64

CHESTER ST. JOHN'S 2nd v. HELSEBY 2nd.

St. John's played their third successive home game, when beating Helsby, at Saughall-road, by 17 runs. St. John's opened with Reynolds and Catherall, but runs did not come at any pace, and five wickets had fallen for only 17 runs, but Johnson, the home captain, pulled the game round by quickly scoring 11 runs. The Saints' innings closed for 35 runs. Helsby fared badly before the bowling of Chambers and Reynolds, for the latter had quickly secured four wickets, only one being hit off him, and the remaining batsman could only total 18, Reynolds having a great average of seven wickets for 7 runs. Scores:—

St. John's.—D. Reynolds c J. Williams b S. Williams 1, E. Catherall b Ravenscroft 0, T. Plant c S. Williams b Ravenscroft 2, B. Sinclair lbw b S. Williams 3, H. Harding run	
--	--

out 2, L. Johnson c Higham b Ravenscroft 11, F. Burdett c Lockett b Ravenscroft 3, H. Roberts run out 0, F. Mansley c Williams b Ravenscroft 2, E. Chambers c Boyle b Wilde 2, W. Askin not out 4, extras 5—total 35.

Helsby.—S. Ravenscroft b Reynolds 1, E. Boyle b Reynolds 1, S. Williams c Chambers b Reynolds 2, W. Ward c Johnson b Reynolds 0, T. Wilde not out 8, J. Lockett (junior) b Chambers 2, H. Bayley c Johnson b Chambers 2, J. Williams b Reynolds 1, J. Lockett (senior) c Catherall b Reynolds 0, E. Noden at Johnson b Reynolds 0, S. Higham run out 1—total 18.

BARROW v. BROOKHIRST.

Barrow journeyed to Long-lane, Upton, to meet their old "knock-out" rivals, Brookhirst, on Saturday, and won easily by 63 runs. F. Houlbrook and T. Radcliffe opened the batting, being opposed by Lanceley and Greatorex. F. Houlbrook left at 5, but his brother Charlie took root and was not dismissed until 43 were on the board, towards which his contribution was 25. V. A. Arnold (12) and M. Jeffs (19 not out) also played well. The innings closed for 92, the last wicket having put on 16 runs. In reply, Brookhirst made a feeble resistance to the bowling of H. Beech and S. Woodcock. Scores:—

Barrow.—F. Houlbrook c and b Lanceley 4, T. Radcliffe b Greatorex 4, C. Houlbrook c Hughes b Greatorex 25, H. Beech b Lanceley 6, J. Beech c Dixon b Greatorex 4, V. A. Arnold lbw b Greatorex 12, J. Okell b Greatorex 3, M. Jeffs not out 19, S. Woodcock b Greatorex 0, F. W. Darlington c Thompson b Lanceley 2, Rev. T. Jenkins b Kidd 6, extras 7—total 92.

Brookhirst.—R. Wilson b Woodcock 4, R. Ruscoe c Darlington b Woodcock 3, A. Kidd c and b H. Beech 8, W. Greatorex b H. Beech 2, C. Lanceley b Woodcock 3, J. Thompson c Woodcock b H. Beech 2, A. C. Livesey b Woodcock 0, T. Meakin b H. Beech 0, J. Hughes not out 2, M. L. Dixon run out 1, E. L. Wilson b H. Beech 4—total 29.

BARROW 2nd v. CHESTER Y.M.C.A.

The second XI. had an enjoyable game with the Y.M.C.A. on Saturday, in spite of the showers, the game ending in a draw. Winning the toss, the home side took first knock, H. Woodcock and J. Platt being the opening batsmen. The former at once commenced to force the game, but lost Platt at 24. W. S. Harpur came in, and the score was taken to 78 before Woodcock was out, his contribution being 40. W. S. Harpur (30), H. Shallcross (19), and W. Wright (16), all batted well, and the score reached 134 before the last wicket fell. Y.M.C.A. commenced their innings with J. Darlington and E. Thomas, to the bowling of J. Chesters and G. Platt. Thomas left in the second over, but although the home skipper tried six bowlers, he was unable to force a win, and stumps were drawn with 79 on the board for six wickets. Scores:—

Barrow 2nd.—H. Woodcock b Constance 40, J. Platt c Sheriff b Thomas 6, W. S. Harpur c Gray b Thomas 30, W. Wright b Constance 16, E. Beech b Constance 1, G. Platt b Thomas 4, J. Chesters run out 0, P. Ruscoe b Constance 4, G. Stanyer not out 7, H. Shallcross c Juler b Gray 18, H. Langford c Constance b Gray 1, extras 7—total 134.

Chester Y.M.C.A.—J. Darlington c Harpur b J. Platt 16, E. Thomas b Chesters 2, C. Constance c Chesters b Harpur 23, R. Juler b J. Platt 15, G. Sheriff b Woodcock 9, J. G. Lewis c Chesters b Woodcock 7, W. Gray not out 4, A. Hughes not out 3, Warburton, C. Steele and G. Fannon did not bat—total (for 6 wkts.) 79.

DODLESTON v. CHRISTLETON.

An interesting match was witnessed at Dogleston on Saturday, when Christleton were the visitors. The meeting of these teams was not favoured with ideal weather, and the pitch itself was in a very soft condition from the excessive rainfall recorded during the two days prior to the match. In addition, rain hindered play during the innings of both sides, but fortunately between the showers, they were able to complete the match. The home team compiled a total of 71 runs against their opponents' 48, thus winning by 23 runs. G. Gillham was instrumental in inflicting this defeat on the visitors, being responsible for 42 of the Dogleston runs, as well as taking two wickets in his two overs. The home team batted first, but their opening pair were separated when 17 runs were recorded, F. Wainwright being caught by Griffiths. The Dogleston batsmen, with the exception of G. Gillham, experienced a difficulty in scoring on the "dead" pitch, as was evident from the fact that during the whole course of their innings only two boundary hits were obtained. Christleton showed that they are not short of bowlers, as their 39 overs were shared by Griffiths, Gagan, Meacock, Tapley, Solloway and Fleet. After the tea interval Christleton commenced their innings, compiling 43 runs, half of these being obtained by Tapley and Griffiths. The early Christleton batsmen were soon in difficulties with the bowling of Jack Hughes and G. Gillham, and wickets fell cheaply, the first six of the visitors being dismissed for only 12 runs. J. Hughes was most successful of the home bowlers, being responsible for the dismissal of five batsmen, while G. Gillham and G. Gillham obtained three and two wickets respectively. Scores:—

Dogleston.—G. Gillham c Fleet b Tapley 42, F. Wainwright c Griffiths b Meacock 13, J. Hughes c and b Solloway 0, C. Gillham b Solloway 6, G. Case lbw b Griffiths 2, W. Wainwright lbw b Griffiths 4, L. Willis b Fleet 2, J. Tilston c Griffiths b Tapley 0, S. Beckett b Tapley 1, L. Bilton b Tapley 0, T. Hughes not out 3, extras 4—total 71.

Christleton.—J. Solloway b C. Gillham 7, J. Albiston lbw b C. Gillham 1, E. Tapley at Willis b G. Gillham 13, R. Griffiths b C. Gillham 0, Birtwhistle b J. Hughes 2, S. Meacock b J. Hughes 0, Griffiths b J. Hughes 11, Stevenson b J. Hughes 1, A. Tilston b J. Hughes 3, Fleet b G. Gillham 2, Gagan not out 7, extras 4—total 44.

Boughton Hall Knock-Out Competition.

HAWARDEN BRIDGE WIN AGAIN.

Hawarden Bridge continued on their victorious way on Monday, in their Boughton Hall knock-out fixture with Waverton. Batting first, Waverton compiled 53, and then put up a great fight in the field. Slater and Meacock bowling so well, that Hawarden Bridge were all dismissed for 68 runs. Ten more than their opponents.

G. A. Pratt and A. R. Slater, the Boughton Hall players, opened for Waverton, and were expected to give their side a fair start. This was not to be, however, for after scoring a single and with the total score at four, Pratt was clean bowled by Sheargold. Things continued to go badly with the Waverton batsmen, and there were only eight recorded when another wicket fell. C. Walker with 13 and S. Meacock with 14 improved matters a little, but no other batsman reached double figures, and they were all out for 53. B. Williams took three wickets for 23, A. Sheargold two for 30, and W. Evans three for 2.

Hawarden did not start much better than their opponents, two wickets falling with the total at 9. E. Higham hit 21 before being smartly caught by Rowland off Fearnall, and with a good innings by B. Williams 19 improved the total, and eventually won the game for Hawarden. W. Roberts (10) was the only other batsman to give the bowlers much trouble. Scores:—

WAVERTON.

G. A. Pratt b Sheargold	1
A. R. Slater c R. Peters b Williams ..	7
H. Fearnall b Sheargold	7
C. Walker b Williams	13
R. W. Davies run out	0
S. Meacock c R. Peters b Williams ..	14
H. Burley run out	2
A. Redfern not out	3
F. Rowland b Evans	6
H. Bowker b Evans	0
H. Rowland b Evans	2
Extras	3
Total	58

HAWARDEN BRIDGE.

J. Dowell b Slater	7
W. Hughes c Bowker b Meacock	1
E. Higham c H. Rowland b Fearnall ..	21
G. S. Summers c Bowker b Meacock ..	0
A. Sheargold b Slater	7
H. F. Beavan c F. Rowland b Meacock ..	0
B. Williams c Burley b Meacock	19
W. Roberts c and b Meacock	10
H. Sidward b Fearnall	0
W. Evans not out	0
R. Peters b Fearnall	1
Extras	2
Total	58

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Waverton.

B. Williams, 80. 1m. 23r. 3w.
A. Sheargold, 70. 1m. 30r. 2w.
W. Evans, 50. 0m. 3r. 3w.

Hawarden Bridge.

A. R. Slater, 70. 1m. 27r. 2w.
S. Meacock, 100. 0m. 37r. 5w.
H. Fearnall, 330. 1m. 11r. 3w.

FALL OF WICKETS.

Waverton: 1-4, 2-9, 3-23, 4-27, 5-34, 6-38, 7-46, 8-56, 9-56, 10-58.
Hawarden Bridge: 1-9, 2-9, 3-20, 4-30, 5-31, 6-43, 7-57, 8-67, 9-67, 10-68.

ST. JOHN'S BEAT R.A.F. BY ONE RUN.

TENSE MOMENTS.

The Boughton Hall knock-out—St. John's v. R.A.F. (Sealand)—has at long last been played to a conclusion. Three times rain intervened and prevented the match taking place, but those who have waited anxiously to see this game were rewarded to the full on Tuesday, for in a tensely exciting finish St. John's won by the very narrow margin of one run. Fine bowling and fielding was a feature of the work of both sides, and this is evidenced by the comparatively low scores—56—55. To no small degree St. John's have some remarkably fine bowling by F. Atkin to thank for their victory. He took six wickets for 11 runs and sent down the last R.A.F. wicket when the Airmen only required one to make a draw and two to win. These were tense moments. The last man was in, the 22nd over was partly bowled, and two runs were necessary to give the R.A.F. victory. Atkin waited patiently while Bishop took his cent, and then delivered the ball. The batsman jumped across. "How's that?" was the confident shout all round the field. A chafe of the head from the umpire and the bowler runs down to the wicket again. This was a real beauty, and Bishop knew nothing about it until

"crack," and the off stump lay flat. It was one of the most thrilling bits of cricket seen at Boughton Hall in this competition this year, and the appreciation of a good crowd was demonstrated by a rousing cheer for St. John's, who had put up a dour fight against a side with a fine reputation. St. John's victory was quite unexpected, for last year's holders were favourites in most quarters.

St. John's took first knock, opening with J. Jepson and F. Atkin to the bowling of P.O. Hope and P.O. Bishop. They made a disastrous start, Jepson being bowled by Hope without a run having been scored. Atkin left for 8, W. Breakwell for 7, and then the next three batsmen did better. P. Gerrard hit up 10, W. Green 11, and C. W. Williams 14, and the total was carried to 22. The wickets tumbled down rapidly, and the whole side were out for the addition of 18 runs.

The R.A.F. fared much worse than St. John's at the start, for three wickets fell for 11 runs. Then good batting of P.O. Nicholay (16) and P.O. Hope (12) brought the Airmen's score within easy distance of their opponents' total. Wickets continued to fall, however, and the last man went out with two runs still required for victory. Amid tense excitement Atkin bowled Bishop and thus the game was won for St. John's. Scores:—

ST. JOHN'S.

J. Jepson b Hope	8
F. Atkin b Bishop	0
W. Breakwell b Bishop	7
P. Gerrard c Harrison b Hope	10
W. Green b Hope	11
G. Williams c Mills b Hope	14
J. H. Armitage c Grosvalde b Hope ..	0
W. N. Jones c Cotton b Bishop	2
R. Griffiths c Grosvalde b Bishop ..	0
J. Lipsham not out	2
H. Collins b Bishop	2
Total	56

R.A.F.

P.O. Cotton c Breakwell b Armitage ..	3
P.O. Harrison b Gerrard	0
P.O. Nicholay c Green b Gerrard	16
P.O. Williams b Gerrard	2
P.O. Mills b Atkin	5
P.O. Hope c Green b Atkin	12
Flight-Sergt. Strudwich not out	6
A.C. Hoole c Armitage b Atkin	2
A.C. Spooner c Breakwell b Atkin	2
A.C. Grosvalde b Atkin	0
P.O. Bishop b Atkin	0
Extras	6
Total	56

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

St. John's.

P.O. Hope, 80. 1m. 26r. 5w.
P.O. Bishop, 830. 1m. 31r. 5w.

R.A.F.

P. Gerrard, 110. 2m. 23r. 5w.
J. H. Armitage, 40. 1m. 17r. 1w.
F. Atkin, 680. 2m. 11r. 6w.

FALL OF WICKETS.

St. John's: 1-0, 2-12, 3-15, 4-31, 5-22, 6-38, 7-41, 8-47, 9-52, 10-56.
R.A.F.: 1-4, 2-4, 3-11, 4-22, 5-32, 6-46, 7-49, 8-48, 9-53, 10-54.

TATTENHALL GO OUT. COUNTY SCHOOL OLD BOYS' GREAT WIN. ANOTHER UNEXPECTED RESULT.

There was another exciting and unexpected finish in the Boughton Hall knock-out competition on Thursday, when the County School Old Boys passed on into the next round at the expense of Tattenhall. Tattenhall were defeated on overs, being unable to pass their opponents' total of 98 in the 24 overs allowed. At the 23rd over Tattenhall required 13 runs to win, with nine wickets down. A few singles and ten were necessary, with only six balls to go. Excellent fielding reduced four to ones, and things became more and more thrilling. F. V. Cooke, who was in partnership with B. Welch, got a good pull to the boundary for four, and five were required for victory. The batsmen could not get the ball away, however, and the last ball was sent down with Tattenhall short of the County Boys' total by three runs.

The County School Old Boys took first innings, and did not start any too promisingly, for 13 proved unlucky for F. Hack, who was caught by Cooke off Harding at this figure, with his individual total at seven. T. A. Clegg, however, was in fine form, and got runs all round the wicket before being unluckily run out for 50. His chief scoring strokes included four 4's, four 3's and three 2's. Without this effort the score would have been a very poor one, for with the exception of H. Pratt, who compiled 19, the other batsmen did not give much trouble, sharing eight runs between them. Mr. Extras accounted for 14. The innings closed at the 24th over with only six wickets down. Tattenhall fielded excellently throughout. L. N. Jones took three wickets for 48 runs, L. Harding one for 16 and G. W. Corbett two for 20. On opening with L. N. Jones and E. V. Deane to the bowling of H. T. Browne and L. Watkins, it appeared that Tattenhall would secure an easy victory, for 28 was on the board before Deane fell a victim of a good ball from L. Watkins. L. N. Jones was giving an excellent exhibition, and H. Pratt was brought into the attack but Jones signalled

the appearance of the new bowler with a beautiful hit for six into the tennis courts. With his score at 47 he tried to hit Pratt out of the ground again, but was caught on the boundary by Clegg. His dismissal was followed by a collapse of the Tattenhall batting, and when the 24 overs had been bowled they had secured 96 for nine wickets. L. N. Jones included a 6, five 4's and four 2's in his total. L. Watkins had the best bowling analysis with five wickets for 38 runs. H. Pratt took three for 25. Scores:—

COUNTY SCHOOL OLD BOYS.

F. Hack c F. V. Cooke b Harding	7
T. A. Clegg run out	50
H. T. Browne b L. N. Jones	8
H. Pratt c and b Corbett	19
K. L. Wilde c Dutton b L. N. Jones ..	1
H. J. Hack b Corbett	2
L. Watkins c Dutton b L. N. Jones ..	0
H. Parsonage not out	2
A. G. Kent not out	1
Extras	14
Total (for 6 wkts)	98

TATTENHALL.

L. N. Jones c Clegg b H. Pratt	47
E. V. Deane b L. Watkins	8
L. Harding b L. Watkins	7
J. Day b H. Pratt	1
F. Pritchard lbw b L. Watkins	3
T. W. Pritchard run out	1
F. Moore Dutton b L. Watkins	2
G. Corbett not out	17
L. Pritchard b H. Pratt	0
F. V. Cooke b L. Watkins	5
B. Welch not out	3
Extras	2
Total (for 9 wkts)	96

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

County School Old Boys.

L. N. Jones, 120. 0m. 48r. 3w.
L. Harding, 50. 0m. 16r. 1w.
G. N. Corbett, 70. 1m. 20r. 2w.

TATTENHALL.

H. T. Browne, 60. 1m. 30r. 0w.
L. Watkins, 120. 2m. 38r. 5w.
H. Pratt, 60. 0m. 25r. 3w.

CHESTER COLLEGE v. PENYFFORDD.

At Chester on Saturday. Scores:— Penyffordd.—S. Bellis not out 31, T. W. Dyas b Johnston 7, R. L. Higgins b Bloxham 2, F. P. Griffiths b Williams 8, R. G. Egerton b Johnston 2, H. V. Parker b Williams 7, W. Griffiths b Lawson 17, T. A. Dorricott not out 1, extras 14, total (6 wkts., declared) 89. Chester College.—W. Boustead run out 6, A. Gaunt not out 9, A. W. Bloxham c Parker b Higgins 0, W. G. Lawson not out 4, extras 5, total (2 wkts) 24. For Penyffordd, F. A. Dyas, W. W. Wynne and R. Turner did not bat. For Chester College, J. W. Broadbent, W. G. Johnston, C. F. Clarke, H. G. Horns, G. Worthington, R. Wilde and F. H. Williams did not bat.

PENYFFORDD II. v. CHESTER COLLEGE II.

At Penyffordd on Saturday. Scores:— Chester College II.—W. Stone b Walton 27, R. E. Jones b Porter 0, J. W. Morter lbw b Porter 4, A. J. Parkinson b Walton 8, F. W. Davies b Walton 8, N. G. Crosby run out 9, E. Whalley not out 11, F. Griffiths not out 5, extras 3, total (for 6 wkts., innings declared) 75. Penyffordd II.—W. A. Griffiths b Kendall 12, L. Globe b Stone 3, N. R. Lee c Warne b Stone 10, H. Walton c Warne b Kendall 0, A. Dove b Morter 6, J. Davies b Kendall 0, S. Lewis not out 3, W. B. Porter c Glossey b Morter 0, J. Hibbert b Morter 3, J. Arnold not out 4, extras 9, total (for 8 wkts) 50. For Chester College II., Kendall, Warne and Glossey did not bat, and for Penyffordd II., O. Willis did not bat.

SAUGHALL v. CRESCENT.

This match was played at Saughall, on Saturday, and resulted in a win for Crescent. Chief honours on the Crescent side went to G. Bridges and J. Boswell, who scored 32 and 22 respectively, and, along with Bennion, were responsible for the dismissal of the majority of the home team's batsmen. Good fielding by both sides kept the scores down, one catch by C. Evans, off Boswell's bowling, being particularly smart. The brothers Hughes were the highest scorers for Saughall, their total contribution being 30 runs. Scores:— Saughall (Vernon Institute).—E. Shepherd lbw b Bennion 1, S. Minshull run out 0, R. Venables b Bennion 0, R. Hughes b Bridges 20, H. Venables b Bridges 5, E. Brayne lbw b Bridges 0, F. Hughes not out 10, G. Cox b Bennion 7, G. Mills c Bridges b Boswell 1, A. Jones c Evans b Boswell 1, G. Harley b Boswell 0, extras 0, total 51. Crescent.—G. Jones c D. Hughes b Shepherd 4, E. Thomson b Shepherd 0, F. Bennion c Minshull b Shepherd 0, G. Bridges 32, J. Walley b Cox 1, J. Laity c Mills b D. Hughes 12, J. Stowe b Shepherd 0, E. Boswell retired 22, W. Hague b Venables 1, H. Tite not out 0, S. Evans did not bat, extras 2—total (for nine wkts.) 74.

LLANDUDNO v. CHESTER L.M.S.

At Llandudno on Saturday. Scores:—
 Chester L.M.S.—D. Wales c Davies b Ellison 6, S. Jones c Davies b Ellison 16, S. D. Clarke b Schofield 4, J. W. Dryland b Davies 21, G. E. Curtis b Schofield 0, H. H. Lee c Davies b Ellison 5, W. H. Weeks b Davies 0, R. Davies c Griffith b Schofield 12, H. Fennah b Stoker 16, D. Williams b Schofield 3, J. W. Soowercroft not out 0, extras 12, total 95.
 Llandudno "A."—T. Stuart not out 72, M. Griffiths b Jones 21, J. Schofield retired 25, E. M. Jones c Curtis b Weeks 0, C. Spencer c Dryland b Weeks 0, extras 12, total (for 3 wks) 130. A. G. Davies, G. Ellison, D. Quinn, C. Evans and N. James did not bat.

WHITCHURCH v. RUABON.

At Whitchurch on Saturday. For Whitchurch, G. Colley took six wickets for 17 runs. Scores:—
 Whitchurch.—J. Lennon b Saunders 39, G. Colley b Saunders 37, A. Davies b Tyler 49, P. Goodwin c J. H. Jones b Tyler 16, F. Clayton c and b Tyler 10, T. B. Richardson lbw b Brown 2, H. Prince c J. H. Jones b T. Jones 10, S. Done b Brown 27, W. H. Smith not out 9, A. Read not out 9, extras 6, total (8 wks) 214. W. Price did not bat.
 Ruabon.—W. O. Hackett c Colley b Read 6, W. H. Mostyn b Read 7, J. Brown b Read 6, G. Davies b Colley 2, W. Tyler c Price b Colley 5, J. Nicholas c Davies b Colley 5, E. Saunders c and b Colley 8, W. E. Jones not out 2, T. Jones b Read 0, E. Williams c Price b Colley 1, J. H. Jones c Price b Colley 1, J. H. Jones c Price b Colley 4, extras 7, total 53.

EASTHAM v. NORTHOPE HALL.

At Eastham on Saturday. Northope Hall won by 35 runs just on time. For Eastham, Southwood took four wickets for 39 runs, Pritchard two for 10, and Sturgeon three for 10, while for Northope Hall, Bartley took five for 18 and Parker four for 31. Scores:—
 Northope Hall.—B. Millington b Harden 0, T. Groves b Southwood 1, J. Parker b Southwood 22, W. Hughes b Pritchard 17, J. Platt b Southwood 9, R. H. Hughes b Southwood 7, T. J. Bartley b Sturgeon 11, J. Peers lbw b Sturgeon 0, P. Roberts b Pritchard 3, J. W. Stanley c Harden b Sturgeon 3, L. Roberts not out 8, extras 6, total 67.
 Eastham.—J. Horne b Bartley 2, J. D. Price b J. Parker 2, H. Pidgeon run out 2, Rev. W. Davies c L. Roberts b Bartley 11, H. Harden b J. Parker 0, J. Southwood b Bartley 11, J. Darward c Platt b J. Parker 4, L. Garson c Groves b Bartley 5, A. Shelmerdine not out 0, E. Pritchard c Barclay b J. Parker 1, extras 2, total 62.

Chester and District League.

	P	W	L	D	F
Pontblyddyn	3	2	0	1	5
Llay Main	2	2	0	0	4
Rivertown	4	2	2	0	4
Ellesmere Port Cement	3	1	2	0	3
Shotton	4	0	3	1	1

Both the matches down for last Saturday had to be cancelled owing to the heavy rains during the week flooding the pitches on both the home teams' grounds, and the matches have now to be rearranged. Llay Main and Rivertown have arranged to play their match on July 21st at Llay Main, and to replay the match which was stopped through rain in May on Rivertown's ground on Aug. 25th. There is one match down for to-day, and this will be played at Ellesmere Port, when the Cement will have Shotton for visitors. These teams should have played at Shotton, but there was no play owing to rain.

FIXTURES FOR JULY.

- July 7th, Ellesmere Port Cement v. Shotton; Messrs. J. Mountford and J. T. Poole.
- July 14th, Shotton v. Rivertown; Messrs. W. H. Ham and T. Jones. Ellesmere Port Cement v. Llay Main.
- July 21st, Llay Main v. Rivertown; Messrs. J. Mountford and H. F. Holloway.
- July 28th, Rivertown v. Pontblyddyn; Messrs. W. H. Ham and A. Hibbert.

Deeside Notes

Recent weeks have turned out so many peculiar results that new interest is looked for almost at each match. On Saturday a new sensation was provided by the batting of W. Roberts, who knocked up a 66 total, during which he found 13 boundaries, including seven in succession, and on Tuesday evening, during a Shotton knock-out, only three runs divided the winners from the losers.

The final match in this second round of the knock-out was to be played yesterday (Friday), between Hawarden Park and Connah's Quay.

The new Football Club hope to show a balance of over £50 as a result of last Saturday's Rose Quoen ceremony, which, in spite of the wretched weather, was a very popular attraction. The enthusiasm for the new arrangements is very wide and causing much satisfaction to the ruling body.

The final ballot for the Management Committee of the Connah's Quay and Shotton F.C. was taken on Monday evening, and the members are now: President, Mr. W. M. Fitzpatrick; chairman, Mr. Connell; vice-chairman, Mr. Geo. J. Jones (Messrs. Bradbury and Jones); treasurer, Mr. R. E. Jones; Messrs. A. Prince, T. B. Roberts (Wepre Hall), Brown, W. F. Lidbury and Knowles.

FLINTSHIRE v. ANGLESEY.

At Hawarden Park, on Wednesday, Flintshire declared at 194 for eight wickets. Anglesey compiled 84 for nine, but managed to last out until the time of closure at 6, the game thus ending in a draw. Hall, the Shotton professional, took four wickets for 33, and Astbury had a good average of three for 17. With five minutes to go Anglesey's last man took his position at the wicket and managed to defend his wicket until time was called. During an interval the two teams and officials were entertained at luncheon given by Mr. H. N. and Mrs. Gladstone. Mr. W. G. Binding, Mr. Gladstone's secretary, welcomed the two teams in the unavoidable absence of the host. Scores:—
 Flintshire.—W. Hall b M'Nabb 19, C. Jones b M'Nabb 12, E. Higham c Spencer b M'Nabb 41, J. B. Davies b Green 2, C. Peters c Fletcher b Green 5, L. E. Shallcroft c Spencer b M'Nabb 32, B. Bebbington b Hardaker 7, R. Cooper not out 36, A. Ratcliffe not out 26, A. E. Astbury b Green 10, A. H. Reidford did not bat, extras 4; total (8 wks, inns. dec.) 194.
 Anglesey.—G. Horridge c Astbury b Hall 11, J. Soars b Reidford 0, L. J. Walker c Reidford b Astbury 1, Capt. G. Williams b Astbury 36, A. H. Green b Astbury 5, Col. Williams b Higham 13, M. M'Nabb not out 3, B. R. Hardaker b Hall 6, A. Malam b Hall 0, T. Spencer at Ratcliffe b Hall 0, F. Fletcher not out 1, extras 8; total (9 wks) 84.

HAWARDEN COUNTY SCHOOL 1st XI. v. MOLD ALUN COUNTY SCHOOL 1st XI.

Played at Hawarden, on Saturday, when the game resulted in a win for Hawarden by 38 runs and one wicket. Scores:—
 Hawarden C.S. 1st XI.—J. H. Davies c Lloyd b Evans 1, A. Jones b R. T. Jones 1, L. Millington run out 5, C. H. Savage lbw b R. T. Jones 0, C. Evans c Roberts b R. T. Jones 1, S. Dakin b R. T. Jones 0, N. Ratcliffe c Astbury b V. Evans 5, J. McD. Tilston c Rogers b Crawford 26, J. Evans b R. T. Jones 0, G. H. Dawson not out 22, A. Johnson not out 0, extras 13—total (for 9 wks.) 75.
 Mold Alun C.S. 1st XI.—S. R. Jones b I. Evans 5, Crawford b I. Evans 5, V. Evans b I. Evans 13, R. T. Jones c Millington b Ratcliffe 3, Garson b Ratcliffe 1, W. Astbury b I. Evans 4, M. Jones b Ratcliffe 0, F. Roberts c Tilston b Ratcliffe 0, Bletcher b Ratcliffe 2, F. Rogers not out 0, R. Lloyd b I. Evans 0, extras 4—total 37.

SHOTTON DEFEATED.

Manchester District Cricket Team visited Shotton on Monday and inflicted a defeat upon the Shotton side. Shotton batted first and were 50 all out. Manchester district players were in good form and knocked up 149 for the loss of nine wickets. It was an interesting, if rather one-sided, game.

WOMAN BATS THROUGH.

At Sale, on Tuesday, the touring team of the Women's Cricket Association defeated a joint team of Lancashire and Cheshire women. The tourists scored 113. Miss Pinkard (Wilmslow), who is also a hockey and lawn tennis player, carried her bat through for a dashing 62, which included nine 4's. Miss Allau took four wickets for 10 runs. The county team applied with 25, the principal scorers being Miss Longson (36) and Miss Kerr (29 not out).

COUNTY CRICKET AT CREWE.

CHESHIRE v. LANCASHIRE II.

Cheshire entertained the Lancashire County second eleven in the Minor Counties' Championship at Crewe on Monday and Tuesday. The match was favoured with capital cricket weather, but the bowlers generally held the upper hand. The Cheshire side included F. Walker, the Crewe player, who this season has performed several good feats with the bat, including three half centuries. It was his first appearance for his county, and it was unfortunate that he should have to face such good bowlers as Holroyd, Rushton and Booth. In his first innings he succeeded in breaking his "duck," and on the second occasion he went one better by securing a couple of singles.

At the conclusion of the first day's play both sides had been dismissed, and Cheshire also lost four wickets in their second innings. They were, however, more productive than in their initial attempt, and 92 runs were recorded when stumps were drawn. The wicket at the commencement was drying nicely under a strong breeze, and this favoured the bowlers. Although it was expected that Cheshire, who elected to bat first, would only be able to secure runs slowly, they would also be able to lay a solid foundation before lunch. They made a none too promising start, however, and lost three wickets with only 10 runs scored. The opening batsmen, W. E. Jones and D. Bounphrey, carried the score to 8 against the bowling of Booth and Holroyd before the Cheshire captain was dismissed by Booth. Walker met with no better success. He hit a single off Booth, but after facing a couple of deliveries from Holroyd he presented Rushton with an easy catch. His place was taken by L. N. Jones, who succeeded in staying out of Holroyd's over. Bounphrey, who scored 6, hit Booth's next delivery for a single, but Jones could not stand up against the Lancashire fast bowler, and was beaten with the third ball of the over. The pace of scoring was very slow, mainly owing to the excellent length maintained by Holroyd, whose first eleven overs included eight maidens. Rushton disposed Booth after an hour's play, the score then standing at 23. A change speedily took effect. In Rushton's second over Bounphrey, whose contribution was 16, was caught by Poynter practically on the boundary. The Lancashire fielder fell on his shoulder in making the catch, injuring his thumb rather severely. Wilson, who followed Bounphrey, was unable to stop the procession, and with only one run added to the total he was stumped by Elliott. McIntyre, by cautious play, succeeded in keeping his end up, and with Abel as his partner they added seven singles. At 33, however, Rushton clean bowled Abel. His place was filled by E. H. Steventon, but his life was also short. He made a hit for 2 off Rushton, but facing Booth, who was giving Holroyd a rest from the ball, the Nantwich man sent an easy catch to N. Smith. Dutton and Guthrie contributed 3 each and Dennis 7, and the innings closed for the meagre total of 61 exactly at the luncheon hour.

THE LANCASHIRE INNINGS.

Lancashire commenced their innings after lunch. Halliday and Taylor opened to the bowling of Wilson and Dennis, but the partnership was of brief duration, only 6 runs having been scored when Taylor was smartly caught by W. E. Jones. In the next over Halliday sent Wilson to the rails—the first boundary of the innings. Horridge joined Halliday, and both batsmen exercised great care. Nevertheless he made a faulty stroke in endeavouring to protect his wickets from a fast swerving ball by Dennis, and provided the Cheshire captain with an easy catch. Dennis was putting tremendous speed behind his deliveries, and his first seven overs included four maidens. The Cheshire fielding was keen, and the Lancashire batsmen found runs difficult to get. At the end of 40 minutes the score had only reached 22. Immediately afterwards Halliday was given out lbw to Wilson. Further disaster befell the visitors the fourth wicket falling with the addition of one run only. Butterworth had cut Dennis to leg, and when he attempted a second run his wicket was thrown down by W. E. Jones from forty yards range. N. Smith and Booth showed promise, and the Cheshire captain decided to change the bowling. L. N. Jones relieving Dennis. By steady batting the score was carried to 40, when Booth was bowled by Wilson. From this point the Lancashire batting collapsed entirely. Smith fell a victim to Jones in the next over, and then Wilson dismissed Rushton and Holroyd with successive balls, the former being given out lbw. The eighth wicket fell at 45, but during the ninth wicket Lancashire experienced extraordinary luck, three simple catches being dropped by Steventon, Guthrie and Bounphrey. Both Higson and Elliott profited by these mistakes. A first innings lead had appeared possible for Cheshire, but the batsmen mentioned hit out with confidence, and the rate of scoring was quicker than at any previous period of the day. The Cheshire total was passed in an hour and three-quarters, but at 64 Higson was bowled by Wilson. Elliott, who was badly missed by Steventon early in his innings, was presented with two more "lives," and he made the top score of the innings. In this he was assisted by Poynter, who seeing the necessity for runs, pluckily went to the crease. Although he was only able to "stone wall," he kept his end up, and it was a capital catch by Walker from Elliott that brought the innings to a close at 86. With an hour and a quarter left Cheshire went to the crease again, the opening batsmen being the same as in the first innings—W. E. Jones and D. Bounphrey. Jones lost Bounphrey with the score at 28, and he also saw Walker re-

turned to the pavilion at 34. Accompanied by his brother, L. N. Jones, the best partnership of the day was witnessed. Both playing cautiously at first, they soon were able to do practically all they desired with the bowlers, who were changed frequently. L. N. Jones was the bigger hitter, and it was due to the large number of boundary hits (he secured six 4's and one 6, the latter going in the tennis court), fifty runs were added in half an hour. When they were separated at 52, "L. N." being bowled by Rushton, W. E. Jones had contributed 23. McIntyre, who carried his bat for 15 in the first innings, was well caught behind the wicket by Elliott for the fourth wicket. Wilson had joined Jones when time was called, but the former had then to open his account.

On the second day the Lancashire bowlers, Holroyd, Booth and Rushton, immediately took the upper hand, and after W. E. Jones had been dismissed, only two runs having been added to the overnight total, Holroyd accounted for Wilson and Steventon, and the seventh wicket fell at 95. It was not until Dutton and Abel became associated that the century was passed. At 108 Rushton went on to bowl at Booth's end, and he met with immediate success, his first ball causing Abel to be caught by Horridge at 159. Accompanied by Guthrie, Dutton made a bold effort to prolong the innings, and although he was successful to a degree, runs were scarce. Rushton and Holroyd bowled as well as they did on the previous day, and it was the latter who tempted Dutton to step out and meet a ball while Elliott nipped his balls off. Holroyd's three wickets cost him twelve runs. The innings closed after three quarters of an hour's play for 117, when Dennis returned an easy catch to Rushton. Lancashire thus only wanted 91 to record a win and they were very confident.

The opening partnership between Halliday and Butterworth produced 27 runs, of which Halliday contributed 25, against the bowling of Wilson, Dennis and Steventon, the latter taking the ball after Dennis had delivered two overs. Wilson was responsible for Butterworth's dismissal, and in the next three overs he accounted for a wicket in each, the fourth falling for 35. Halliday, however, was still at the crease, and while he exercised every precaution, he scored at every available opportunity, and runs were recorded at practically one a minute. When he was joined by Booth, Dennis again took charge of the bowling at Steventon's end, but he could not bring about a separation. Booth drove Wilson to the boundary for four, and immediately afterwards he made a capital stroke to the leg for three off the same bowler. After the 50 mark had been passed the pace of scoring slowed down, and the Cheshire fielding was seen to advantage. At 67 a double change of bowling was made, Steventon again displacing Dennis and W. E. Jones taking charge of the other end, but the batsmen warded off all attacks. Halliday survived an appeal for lbw by Steventon, and they still continued to hit out. With the score at 82, Guthrie should have stumped Booth, but he slipped in his attempt and the batsman got back to the crease. Immediately after this incident the game was adjourned for lunch. Lancashire only needed nine for victory.

On the resumption against the bowling of Wilson and Dennis, Halliday and Booth succeeded in overtaking the Cheshire total, and Lancashire closed the game with the score at 92, thus winning by six wickets. Scores:—

CHESHIRE.—First Innings.

W E Jones b Booth	1
D Bounphrey c Poynter b Rushton	16
F S Walker c Rushton b Holroyd	1
L N Jones b Booth	0
K McIntyre not out	15
Wilson c Elliott b Holroyd	0
J Abel b Rushton	0
E H Steventon c Smith b Booth	2
R Dutton c Elliott b Holroyd	3
A Guthrie b Booth	7
Dennis at Elliott b Holroyd	7
Extras	1
Total	59

LANCASHIRE II.—First Innings.

Halliday lbw b Wilson	17
Taylor c W E Jones b Dennis	2
Horridge c W E Jones b Dennis	3
R R W Butterworth run out	1
N Smith b L N Jones	6
Booth b Wilson	7
P Higson b Wilson	4
Rushton lbw b Wilson	8
Holroyd b Wilson	0
Elliott c Walker b Steventon	31
Paynter not out	2
Extras	12
Total	86

FALL OF WICKETS.

Cheshire.—First Innings.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10	16	23	28	33	38	47	53	59	59

Lancashire.—First Innings.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
6	16	22	23	40	40	45	45	64	86

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Cheshire.—First Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Booth	18	5	31	4
Holroyd	23	11	14	4
Rushton	11	5	8	2

Lancashire.—First Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Wilson	25	12	25	5
Dennis	14	6	17	2
L. N. Jones	10	2	26	1
Steventon	2	2	0	1
W. E. Jones	3	0	0	0

CHESHIRE.—Second Innings.

W E Jones c Elliott b Booth	29
D Bounphrey c Elliott b Rushton	17
F Walker b Rushton	2
L N Jones b Rushton	41
K McIntyre c Elliott b Booth	3
Wilson c Rushton b Holroyd	2
J Abel c Horridge b Rushton	10
E H Steventon b Holroyd	0
R Dutton at Elliott b Holroyd	7
A H Guthrie not out	5
Dennis c and b Rushton	0
Extras	1
Total	117

FALL OF WICKETS.

Cheshire.—Second Innings.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
26	34	82	92	94	96	108	114	117	117

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Cheshire.—Second Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Holroyd	25	11	40	3
Booth	16	4	46	2
N. Smith	6	1	10	0
Rushton	14	4	20	5

LANCASHIRE.—Second Innings.

Halliday not out	47
H R Butterworth b Wilson	4
Horridge lbw b Wilson	0
Taylor b Wilson	4
Booth not out	32
Extras	9
Total (for 4 wkts.)	92

FALL OF WICKETS.

1	2	3	4
27	33	35	35

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Lancashire.—Second Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Wilson	18	6	40	4
Dennis	9.2	2	16	0
E. H. Steventon	12	6	18	0
W. E. Jones	4	1	9	0

SIX YEARS OF GOOD WICKET KEEPING.

MR. HENRY TOLLEMACHE MAKES A PRESENTATION.

Nantwich Cricket Club—players and other members—presented a hunter gold watch to F. E. Hough on Saturday when signalling their appreciation of six years' services he had rendered to the club and to Nantwich cricket. It was the last appearance of the wicket keeper in Nantwich cricket for a time at least. Mr. Hough accepted some time ago an engineering appointment in India, and the presentation, intended to express esteem of personal qualities and appreciation of valuable services, was made on the eve of Mr. Hough's departure for India. The presentation took place at the conclusion of the Nantwich and Bignall End match, and was made from the pavilion steps by Mr. Henry Tollemache, president of the club.

Mr. W. Ormes, chairman of the club, voicing briefly his personal opinion of Mr. Hough's services, said they had been magnificent, and were recognised in that light, not only by the Nantwich Club, but by other clubs in the league.

Mr. Tollemache, making the presentation, having shaken hands with Mr. Hough, remarked that cricket was a noble game, although probably the crowd thought more of it on different occasions—aluding, amid laughter, to the team's defeat during the afternoon. However, they had to take the rough and the smooth, and all they could do was to go home and digest the events of the day with whatever appetites they could. (Renewed laughter.) Mr. Tollemache, proceeding, said he had been asked to make the presentation to Mr. Hough upon his leaving the Nantwich cricket field, in which he had secured so many triumphs, and where he had had only admirers for the wonderful exhibition of wicket keeping he had shown during the last half dozen years. He did not think anyone would differ when he said that his wicket keeping had been, in many matches, the chief feature of Nantwich cricket. (Hear, hear.) He had never failed in that position. He himself (Mr. Tollemache) kept wicket at one time—(hear, hear)—in a humble way—(“No, no”)—and it had been a pleasure to him to come there and see the splendid exhibition of wicket keeping which Mr. Hough had invariably given. (Applause.) He had often brought to the matches two young nephews—school boys—and always on those occasions they had looked forward to Mr. Hough keeping wicket. The younger one had himself taken to wicket keeping, and he had done so well that he had been made captain of his private school team. He (Mr. Tollemache) heard only the previous day that he had stumped three boys and caught another in one over, and had thereby greatly assisted his school in winning the match. (Applause.) Some of that proficiency he thought must have been acquired by his nephew watching Mr. Hough keep wicket at Nantwich. (Hear, hear.) In India he was sure Mr. Hough, if he played cricket there, would not forget the prowess he had shown at Nantwich. He was quite certain when a “chance” was given him there would be no “fooling” behind the wicket. (Applause.) While his only regret was that that was the last occasion they would see him behind the wicket at Nantwich, Mr. Hough would go away knowing that he had the esteem of all of them, not only for the prowess he had shown, but for the way he had played the game. (Applause.) He had never heard him make an unfair appeal, and that was a great thing in cricket. (Hear, hear.) His conduct in the field had been a splendid example to all young men. (Hear, hear.) Making the presentation of the gold watch Mr. Tollemache said: “I offer you this as a token of our esteem and regards as well as admiration for your wicket keeping from many of your friends in Nantwich. I hope it will bring to your mind in future the good wishes you carry with you from all friends at Nantwich, and remind you of the esteem in which you are held, and of the pleasant afternoons you have spent on the old pleasant ground on Kingsley Fields.” (Applause.)

MR. HOUGH'S REPLY.

Mr. Hough said it was with very great pleasure he accepted that handsome watch. Knowing the spirit in which it was given, he should always treasure it, not only for its actual, but for its symbolic value. (Applause.) He realised that with it went the best wishes of many friends he had known at Nantwich during the happiest of six years, which had been among the happiest he had spent. (Applause.) A promise had been made that he should be informed as to how they had progressed in their future matches, and when at the end of the season he saw that Nantwich had again won the championship no one would be more pleased than he. (Applause.) He was glad to hear from Mr. Tollemache and Mr. Ormes that his services had been appreciated. Looking back over the past six years he felt he must congratulate members of the team upon the splendid team spirit which had prevailed in both teams, which had contributed so much to the cricketing success of the club. (Applause.) “I say good-bye now, but I hope I shall then do my utmost to come over in the cricket season, and I want my successor he had better keep his hat on, as then he should make every effort to win back his place.” (Laughter and applause.) Mr. Hough, concluding, mentioned an incident—a gift to him during the tea interval from friends. This presentation

had greatly touched him, and he thanked them, although many of them he did not know. (Applause.)

The crowd at the end of Mr. Hough's speech sang “For he's a jolly good fellow,” and three cheers were given for Mr. and Mrs. Hough.

Mr. Mayer, the captain of the Bignall End Club, joined in the congratulations, and wished him on behalf of his club every success.

Mr. E. G. Steventon proposed a resolution “tendering our best thanks to our worthy and esteemed friend and president, Mr. Tollemache,” and for his interest in the club. Mr. Steventon, as an old player, added his appreciation of the splendid services which Mr. Hough had rendered to the club, and said all his friends at Nantwich would follow his career in India, and would welcome home again upon his return. (Applause.) Mr. Tollemache signified his appreciation of the thanks conveyed.

CONGLETON SPORTS AND PASTIMES,

CRICKET.

CONGLETON V. HARTFORD.
CONGLETON v. HARTFORD.

At Congleton Saturday. Congleton were the first to bat, and scored 231. George Broadhurst played a vigorous innings for his 90, which included 15 fours. Joe Preston and M. Harper, junr., also produced sound cricket. The visitors fielded well. Of the five bowlers given a trial by Hartford J. Maddock got the best average with six wickets for 81 runs, whilst G. Hatton captured two for 42 runs. Responding with the bat, the Hartford contingent had registered 175 runs for nine wickets, when “time” was declared. W. Hitchens played admirable cricket for his 55. C. Allman and A. Walker played stylishly. Five bowlers were introduced by the Congleton skipper, G. Broadhurst attaining the best average with four wickets for 37 runs. G. C. Biggs took three for 85, J. W. Elkin one for 14, and G. E. Cooper one for 23 runs. Scores:—

CONGLETON.

Joe Preston b Hatton	39
G C Biggs c Howlett b Maddock	15
G E Cooper run out	5
G Broadhurst c Gibson b Meddock	60
R Reynolds lbw b Maddock	7
M Harper, junr. b Maddock	25
J Hancock b Maddock	14
Syd Clarke run out	17
J W Elkin b Maddock	5
R Gee not out	5
H Goodall lbw b Hatton	9
Extras	9
Total	231

HARTFORD.

A Walker b Biggs	29
W Hitchens c Biggs b Broadhurst	55
J B Fimblott b Cooper	2
C Allman c Hancock b Broadhurst	43
H Howard b Elkin	1
G Hatton c Hancock b Biggs	12
L Pearson lbw b Broadhurst	7
W Gibson not out	13
W Howlett b Biggs	9
G Vernon b Broadhurst	1
J Maddock not out	8
Extras	4
Total (for 9 wks.)	175

To-day (Saturday) the Congleton first eleven journey to Trentham, whilst the respective second teams try conclusions on the Congleton enclosure.

HARTFORD II. v. CONGLETON II.

The Congleton second eleven journeyed to Hartford on Saturday. The home contingent batted first, and mainly through the fine batting of W. Harper, W. Roberts and W. Sinclair they made 104 runs. For Congleton II. A. Elkin took six wickets for 28 runs, J. Reynolds three for 27, and R. Hackney one for 11. After a disastrous opening the visitors ran up a total of 78. B. McArdle, A. Elkin and J. Reynolds each defended creditably. W. Warner took six wickets for 29, W. Frith one for 9, and H. Plant two for 22 for the home team, who won by 28 runs.

Hartford II.—A Hitchens b Elkin 0, J Stevies c Duncalf b Elkin 3, W Frith c Hackney b Reynolds 3, W Harper b Reynolds 41, H Prout c Hackney b Elkin 4, H Stockton b Elkin 0, A L Pendrey b Hackney 5, W Roberts c Standeven b Elkin 20, G Warner b Reynolds 0, W Sinclair not out 18, R Moores c Lewis b Elkin 0, extras 8; total 104.

Congleton II.—H Hackney c Moore b Warner 1, A Ames c Hitchen b Warner 5, E J Ward c Hitchen b Warner 1, A Elkin c Harper b Warner 19, J Reynolds b Warner 13, J Standeven b Prout 5, B McArdle b Frith 20, R O Duncalf b Prout 0, B Lewis b Warner 3, A Woodhouse b Harper 8, T Champ not out 2, extras 2; total 79.

SANDBACH SPORTS AND PASTIMES,

A DRAW WITH CREWE P.W.

The first eleven's match with Crewe P.W. on Saturday was an extraordinary game. At one period Crewe were in a “sorry mess,” but out of this they proudly climbed to grace the telegraph with a score of 135. Sandbach, after the tea interval, gave better promise, but the

fates were against them in the closing stages in rather an unfortunate manner. The side were dismissed for 130, which was later discovered to be incorrect, as a no ball had not been recorded, and in addition two had been put down instead of four (a boundary), which the visiting umpire signalled after confirmation from the responsible fielder, and which was not noticed in the score book. So strictly both sides made 133 each, thus constituting a draw.

Trueman and Dean attacked at the commencement of the Crewe innings, and four defenders had been turned away for eleven. W. Sproston was lbw to Trueman for 1, L. Fleet was run out for a “duck.” J. H. Barratt was caught by Hilditch for one, and S. Wichall was clean bowled by Trueman for nothing. J. A. Barratt, the left-hand batsman, made an improvement, and for a short while hit out merrily, W. H. Morris being his partner. As Dean was being punished, Stonier was brought in, and with his first delivery took Barratt's leg stump with an excellent ball. Barratt had subscribed 22. H. Dudley joined Morris, and both defenders rattled away. Gotsell bowled vice Stonier, and the former soon had the batsmen in difficulties. He took the middle stump of Morris, who departed with 23, which included five boundaries. Dudley added 13, being smartly caught at point by Orme. Fast bright scoring was seen between L. Hodgkinson and E. Riding, the former carrying his bat for 28, and the latter contributed 36. Trueman took 5 for 24.

H. P. Rigby was speedily deprived of the partnership of Ramsell and Stonier, and for a total of only seven. When Cooke took his stand the bowling was particularly good, necessitating great caution on the part of the batsmen. Eventually they began to open their shoulders, placing finely between the fielders. At twenty-one, Rigby was adjudged to have offended the lbw rule. With Orme, Cooke gave a capital batting display, his placings being superb, especially his cuts through the slips. Having compiled 57 he was caught by J. H. Barratt. Orme was bowled by Moon for 14. Both Maskelyne and Gotsell failed to make a run. After reaching the boundary four times, Trueman skied the ball for Morris to catch. J. W. Hilditch had a similar fate for 12. Rossion and Dean added one each.

SANDBACH SECOND.

Poor fielding by the Sandbach second eleven lost them Saturday's match against the P.W. team. Sandbach completed the innings with 132, but Crewe replied with 134 for eight, the winning hit being made from the last ball of the final over when a stump would have been drawn. Brereton and Riley started the Sandbach innings, the former being caught by Hemmings off James for 15. With 32, Riley was lbw to James. Bayes added six, T. Heathcote seven, but R. Riddell did exceedingly well by compiling a score of 38. After C. Salmon had contributed four, the feat was held by G. Bates and G. Faulkner. It was a capital last effort. Parkes putting on a useful 17 runs, and Faulkner 12. It is the first time that Faulkner has played for a long while. His return, if sufficiently recovered, would be welcomed. On Crewe going in to bat, the first wicket was down for six, but the second increased it to 49. The biggest surprise of the match was the bowling of Brereton, who was successful to the extent of three wickets for 17 runs. It was his first attempt as a match bowler, and he should be tried again. Goodwin took two for 55, Riley two for 35.

WHEELLOCK BROTHERHOOD.

Entertaining Crewe Wedgwood on Saturday, Wheelock Brotherhood won by 81 runs to 28. The Crewe innings was surprisingly short, by reason of the fitness of the attack. Hatton claimed four wickets for ten runs, H. Cooke 3 for 10, and S. Davies 3 for 8. The Wheelock first wicket produced 28, and the second 41. G. Guildford contributed 9, A. Tatton 20, W. Davies, junr., 10, H. Cooke 9, S. Davies 9, J. Ayres 6, J. Clowes 11, A. Bourne 9, W. Davies, sen., 2, and J. Cooke not out 1. Seven of the side succumbed to catches.

NORTON v. CREWE ALEXANDRA.

Norton.—I Waterfall lbw b Sedgwick 9, P. Massey c Wood b Sedgwick 0, E. Mayer b Sedgwick 17, S. Smith c Sedgwick b Norman 10, R. Tatton b Norman 13, D. Worthington run out 0, J. Smith b Sedgwick 7, A. Wright b Sedgwick 7, A. G. Evans b Sedgwick 0, E. Payne not out 5, A. Reynolds lbw b Sedgwick 0, extras 7; total 75.

Crewe.—J. Holland b Evans 4, H. Hope lbw b Mayer 7, F. Walker b Mayer 25, M. Walker b Evans 0, H. Norman b Mayer 0, H. Sedgwick b Reynolds 17, J. Jennings run out 7, C. Coffin not out 23, J. Prince b Payne 0, J. Dickinson c Worthington b Smith 5, R. Wood b Reynolds 0, extras 8; total 96.

SECOND TEAM'S BIG DEFEAT.

Crewe's second team were well defeated by Norton in the Junior Section of the League. Norton have only been defeated twice this season, and they will give Silverdale a good run for championship honours. Crewe, who had first knock on a wicket that fairly had the batsmen guessing, were only able to gather 72 runs. Their opening five batsmen were unable to do anything against the bowling of Higgins and Baguley, who, with the exception of one over, bowled throughout the innings. The fifth wicket fell with

only 28 on the board, and of these P. Wilbraham secured 17 in a first wicket partnership with Corbett. J. B. Knowles (10) and H. D. Chesters (21) made a good effort to save the game, but Knowles succumbed to a smart piece of fielding and was run out. Chesters went on with W. Davies as a partner, but Higgins was in deadly form, and he had accounted for them both when 80 was registered. Davies was caught by Bishop, the Norton fielder making a capital catch on the boundary after having run several yards. Higgins brought the innings to a close by taking Sylvester lbw and bowling Lowndes in two successive overs. Higgins took seven wickets for 33 runs, and his 16 overs produced six maidens.

Norton soon overtook the Crewe total, and had not rain interfered would undoubtedly have run up a big score, for they appeared to be at their ease batting against the Crewe attack. Their first wicket fell at one, and the second at 18, but when R. J. Bishop (not out 30) and J. Martin (39) became associated the Crewe total was quickly left behind. W. Davies took two wickets for 24 runs. Wilbraham and Sherwin accounted for the other two at a cost of 15 runs and 20 runs respectively.

Crewe Alexandra.—P. Wilbraham & Davies b Baguley 17, J. Corbett b Higgins 8, W. Sherwin b Higgins 0, R. Kerratt b Higgins 2, J. B. Knowles run out 10, W. A. Lea & Martin b Baguley 0, H. D. Chesters b Higgins 21, W. Davies c Bishop b Higgins 5, F. Sylvester lbw b Higgins 1, F. McMaans not out 7, F. Lowndes b Higgins 1, extras 0; total 72.

Norton.—W. Martin c Sylvester b Sherwin 8, E. Waterfall c Davies b Wilbraham 1, R. J. Bishop not out 20, J. Martin c Sherwin b Davies 30, A. Smith c McMaans b Davies 5, S. Dawson not out 0, extras 9; total (4 wks) 98.

SANDBACH v. CREWE PERMANENT WAY.

An exciting game at Sandbach ended in favour of the visitors by the narrow margin of three runs. For Crewe E. Cooke played well for 55. For Crewe E. Riding batted well for 26, and showed some of his old form. H. Morris, J. A. Barratt and L. Hodgkinson hit all round one wicket for 23, 22, and 28 not out, respectively. For Crewe, H. Morris took five wickets for a little over 11 runs each, and W. Charlesworth four wickets for nine runs each wicket. Scores.—

Crewe M.W.D.—W. J. Sprout lbw b Trueman 1, L. Fleet run out 0, J. H. Barratt c Hinditch b Dean 1, S. Wichal b Trueman 0, J. A. Barratt b Stonier 22, H. Morris b Gotsell 23, H. Dudley c Orme b Maekyns 13, L. Hodgkinson not out 28, E. Riding lbw b Trueman 36, W. Charlesworth st. Trueman 2, E. Charlesworth b Trueman 5, extras 4; total 133.

Sandbach.—H. P. Rigby lbw J. H. Barratt 21, E. Ramsell c Morris b Morris 3, E. Stonier c J. A. Barratt b Morris 0, W. E. Cooke c J. A. Barratt b W. Charlesworth 55, A. Orme b Morris 14, F. Maekyns b Charlesworth 0, R. Gotsell lbw b Charlesworth 0, H. Trueman c Fleet b Morris 16, J. W. Hinditch c Sprout b Morris 12, W. J. Rossin c J. A. Barratt b Charlesworth 1, H. Dean not out 1, extras 7; total 177.

CREWE v. SANDBACH 2nd.

A very interesting game ended in a victory for Crewe by two wickets on time. Scores.—Sandbach 2nd.—M. Broxton c Hemmings b James 15, T. Riley lbw b James 22, B. D. Hayes b James 7, R. Lunt b James 0, T. Heathcote c James b Garrett 7, J. Leese b Garrett 0, R. Riddell c James b Hemmings 26, C. Salmon lbw b James 4, A. Gowwin b Battams 3, C. Parkes c James b Pointon 17, J. Faulkner not out 12, extras 2; total 132.

Crewe P.W. 2nd.—R. Bobington c Leese b Goodwin 41, F. Battams lbw b Riley 6, E. Pointon c Salmon b Riley 16, A. Webb c Faulkner b Leese 6, E. D. Stragg b Goodwin 19, N. H. James c and b Goodwin 18, J. Marsden c Salmon b Broxton 0, R. Ward hit wkt b Broxton 0, W. Fleet not out 11, C. Hemmings not out 12, J. Garrett did not bat, extras 5; total for 8 134.

FORGE v. GENERAL OFFICES.

Forge.—J. Jennings not out 80, G. Proppett b Kirk 4, F. Stoddard run out 14, T. Breeze c and b Jones 21, A. Parsonage b Beach 0, J. Lightfoot run out 4, G. Newton not out 1, extras 9; total (for 5 wks) 133.

General Offices.—F. Cooper c Breeze b Jennings 9, R. Ikin c Stoddard b Jennings 1, J. Young b Breeze 1, T. Hodgkinson c and b Breeze 15, H. Jones b Breeze 1, A. Cope b Breeze 1, W. Beech b Breeze 19, C. B. Corneil not out 11, H. H. Griffiths run out 2, Waudby run out 0, extras 7; total (for 9 wks) 67.

NEXT WEEK'S MATCHES.

Monday, July 9, Stores Dept. v. Goods Dept. Tuesday, July 10, Station v. Tender Shop. Wednesday, July 11, Steel Foundry v. Erecting Shop North.

AUDLEY v. BETLEY.

Betley.—J. Ampe c Jim McEllin b H. McEllin 1, F. Lynch b Darlington 3, O. Johnson c Jim McEllin b Colley 29, C. Jones run out 25, E. Apin c Colley b Proctor 6, T. Dean b H. McEllin 0, W. Smith b H. McEllin 4, J. Moore c Jim McEllin b Proctor 2, G. Apin b Proctor 2, F. Sutton b H. McEllin 0, J. Brookshaw not out 0, extras 13; total 85.

Audley.—A. J. Colley b Brookshaw 28, A. Broadbent c Apin b Brookshaw 4, R. Peacock c Johnson b Smith 2, R. Batley b Sutton 27, F. Beaman b Brookshaw 0, F. Bennett lbw b Sutton 0, J. C. McEllin not out 9, Jim McEllin b Araps 13, F. Jarvis b Araps 0, H. McEllin not out 0, extras 8; total (for 8 wks) 83.

BETLEY v. AUDLEY.

Betley.—R. Ikin c Sprout b Shaker 8, M. Jones hit wkt b Taylor 3, T. Whitty b Taylor 3, T. Burgess c Sprout b Taylor 1, G. Mainwaring b Taylor 5, F. Maddock b Shaker 2, Reg Ikin c Batley b Shaker 0, A. Batley c Sprout b Shaker 4, J. Carter c Briggs b Shaker 7, G. Burgess c and b McEllin 2, F. Brooks not out 5, extra 1; total 41.

Audley.—G. Taylor c Ikin b Whitty 1, J. Beaman b Whitty 3, F. McEllin b Carter 1, H. Sprout c Burgess b Carter 3, G. Leese b Carter 0, C. McEllin c Batley b Whitty 0, J. Shaker c Carter 0, W. Smith b Jones 11, T. Sprout c Burgess b Carter 4, H. Timmis b Burgess 0, E. Fowler not out 0; total 34.

MARKET DRAYTON v. TRENTHAM.

At Market Drayton. For the home club. Lees took six wickets for 20 runs, and Wilson four for four runs. Scores.—

Trentham.—J. Drake b Lees 0, A. Bentley b Lees 9, A. Gregon b Lees 1, G. Sergeant c Lees b Wilson 9, S. G. Pease c O'Brien b Lees 6, W. G. Bourne c Davies b Wilson 5, A. Walker c Wilson b Lees 3, W. Hemmings b Wilson 2, E. Adams b Wilson 0, R. Lewis b Lees 0, V. Holmes not out 0, total 40.

Market Drayton.—Captain G. Clifford b Holmes 46, O. T. Barnes c Bentley b Watkin 6, M. Sutcliffe c Drake b Sergeant 64, R. V. Bardley b Sergeant 4, R. O'Brien c Bentley b Sergeant 31, Major A. C. Lees not out 47, R. S. Hill c Lewis b Sergeant 11, E. Davies not out 23, J. Doughty, J. J. Con and J. S. Wilson did not bat, extras 15, total 232.

WELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL v. MARKET DRAYTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Wellington.—H. Hemmings lbw b Preston 8, W. Briscoe run out 21, D. Darrall b Preston 0, T. Arthur b Preston 0, L. Woolham b Preston 0, W. Poole b Preston 2, F. Arkininstall b Preston 20, F. Fellows not out 2, S. Painter, H. Francis and W. Hemmings did not bat, extras 11, total 64.

Market Drayton.—R. Tompkins run out 5, E. O. Beeton b Russo c, G. Preston c Francis b Darrall 11, N. Hensbach b Briscoe 15, J. Ratcliffe lbw b Darrall 1, W. Phillips c Hemmings b Darrall 0, R. Hardy c Hemmings b Briscoe 0, W. Cooke not out, F. Cooch c H. Hemmings b Darrall 0, A. Middleton b Darrall 0, E. Williams c and b Darrall 1, extras 2, total 39.

TRENTHAM II. v. MARKET DRAYTON II.

For Trentham Seltou took seven wickets for 27 runs. Scores.—Trentham.—E. C. Jones c Hollins b Greenall 2, F. D. Jones b Percival 2, D. Hoskins run out 6, W. T. Jackson hit wicket b Ridgway 18, W. H. Seltou b Percival 17, F. Boulmer run out 4, W. Whitehall lbw b Percival 0, H. E. Watson b Wood 17, S. Baenbridge b Greenall 6, G. Taylor not out 4, C. Jackson b Wood 5, extras 7, total 38.

Market Drayton.—A. Wood b Boulmer 14, F. Lowe b F. Jones 2, C. Ridgway c F. Jones b Seltou 10, W. Greenall b Seltou 18, W. Percival b Seltou 1, B. Simpson b Seltou 4, J. Hollins b F. Jones 3, J. Manning b Seltou 5, J. Henley b Seltou 0, W. Shaker b Seltou 2, T. Platt not out 1, extras 7, total 67.

P.W.V. v. CHESHIRE GENTLEMEN.

The opening match of the cricket week at the Peninsular Barracks, Warrington, was played on Monday, when the regimental eleven met the Gentlemen of Cheshire. There was an unfortunate accident when the Cheshire side were fielding. R. W. Crumack and J. Bigley colliding heavily, and both players were unable to bat. Scores.—

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Capt. Williams b Walsley 0, Capt. Howard c Midwood b Hinchcliffe 111, Maj. Ireland Blackburn b Walsley 3, Rev. C. Woodcock c Pugh b Walsley 50, Corp. Burgess c Midwood b Begley 1, Colonel Charlton c Thompson b Walsley 5, Mr. A. Young not out 66, C. Sgt.-Maj. Williams c Thwaites b Lees 12, Capt. Ward c Lees b Hinchcliffe 1, Sergt. Jones not out 15, Extras 5, Total (8 wks.) 269, Capt. Mirehouse did not bat.

CHESHIRE GENTLEMEN.

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. D. W. Midwood c Williams b Mirehouse 78, J. E. Tew b Howard 1, M. A. Pugh run out 12, T. Walsley b Mirehouse 8, L. Lees b Charlton 2, E. H. J. C. Lough b Howard 0, J. Thwaites c Jones b Charlton 4, L. Thompson lbw b Howard 2, A. H. S. Hinchcliffe not out 7, R. W. Crumack ret. hurt 0, J. Bigley ret. hurt 0, Extras 5, Total 119.

NANTWICH CRICKET NOTES.

FIRST TEAM LOSE TO BIGNALL END. It was a disappointment to the supporters of the Nantwich team that they were unable to meet with good batting the bowling of Bignall End. In their away match, Nantwich scored against the Staffordshire team, but at Nantwich Bignall End were the stronger all round team. While a rapidly drying wicket favoured the bowlers rather than the batsmen, Bignall End put up a good display in both departments of the game. Four of their batsmen put

on 91 runs, and their success was the backbone of the innings, for they were all out for 115. J. B. Swindale, of Nantwich, made 15, but there was a collapse of the remainder of the team, and the team were all out for 52. There was the redeeming fact that there was success in the bowling, although too late to stem the rising fortunes of the Bignall End innings. Going on when the visitors had made 70, L. Haighton took five wickets for 19 runs. J. J. Dale's average was even better than this, the Bignall End bowler had five wickets for 17 runs, and seven maidens in 13 overs. Scores:

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. J. H. Mayer b E. H. Stevenson 2, L. McEllin c J. E. Smith b E. H. Stevenson 25, S. Hassall b Maybury 18, F. J. Dale st Hough b Haighton 24, A. E. Brathy c Gidman b Haighton 3, W. Beech b Maybury 12, J. Wareham b Haighton 2, D. White b Haighton 0, F. Nixon b Maybury 4, E. Colclough not out 5, W. White b Haighton 1, Extras 8, Total 115.

NANTWICH.

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. L. E. Norton lbw b Dale 6, J. B. Swindale c and b Dale 13, T. W. Stevenson b White 6, E. H. Stevenson c Brathy b White 6, W. T. Maybury b White 2, J. E. Smith c Mayer b White 4, A. Hinde b White 4, H. Gidman b Dale 0, H. Smith c Hassall b White 4, F. E. Hough b Dale 0, L. Haighton not out 3, Extras 3, Total 53.

OVERTON I. v. ELLESMERE COLLEGE I.

Ellesmere College I. played their return match at Overton on Saturday. It was thought the visitors would put up a stiffer fight than they did, as they had been going very strong lately. Anyhow, they were worthy foemen. For Overton, the youthful Gough was in fine form with the bat, his contribution of 50 being the result of some sound cricket. Tibbott was again to the front. He soon knocked up 31. By contributing 19 runs, Capt. Ross showed that he had far from lost his old cunning. The three players just mentioned scored in the aggregate 110 of 145, the total Overton score. The College did little with the bowling of Frank Williams and J. Hilton Jones, the former taking five wickets for 33 runs, and the latter five for 39. The only College men to make some sort of a stand were A. H. Finlayson (29) and De Gregory (25 not out). Wells bowled well for the College, his average panning out six wickets for 62 runs. Scores.—

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Ellesmere College.—J. V. Kidd st Gough b J. H. Jones 2, S. T. Lidgate c Lewis b J. H. Jones 0, J. T. Hope b F. Williams 2, Brockwell c Jackson b F. Williams 7, J. C. Wiggins c Lewis b F. Williams 0, T. H. Phillips b J. H. Jones 8, J. H. Wells b F. Williams 2, F. A. Henley c Woolley b J. H. Jones 9, A. H. Finlayson c Lewis b F. Williams 25, De Gregory not out 25, J. C. Sutton st Gough b J. H. Jones 0, extras 4, total 88.

Overton.—E. Gough b De Gregory 60, R. R. Taylor c Finlayson b J. H. Wells 10, Capt. Ross b J. H. Wells 19, J. O'Brien c Phillips b Brockwell 4, T. S. A. Davies c Henley b J. H. Wells 13, F. Tibbott b J. H. Wells 31, F. Williams b J. H. Wells 0, J. H. Jones c Henley b Wells 0, E. W. Jackson not out 4, extras 2, total 145.

WHITCHURCH v. RUABON.

At Whitchurch on Saturday. Whitechurch.—J. Lennon b Saunders 39, G. Colley b Saunders 37, A. Davies b Tyler 49, D. Goodwin c J. H. Jones b Tyler 16, F. Clayton lbw b Brown 10, T. B. Richardson c and b Tyler 2, H. Prince c J. H. Jones b T. Jones 10, S. Done b Brown 27, W. H. Smith not out 9, A. Read not out 9, W. Price did not bat, extras 6; total (8 wks) 214. Ruabon.—W. O. Hackett c Colley b Read 6, W. H. Mostyn b Read 7, J. Brown b Read 6, C. Davies b Colley 2, W. Tyler c Price b Colley 5, J. Nicholas c Davies b Colley 5, E. Saunders c and b Colley 8, W. E. Jones not out 2, T. Jones b Read 0, E. Williams c Price b Colley 1, J. H. Jones c Price b Colley 4, extras 7; total 83.

WHITCHURCH KNOCK-OUT.

CIVIL SERVICE v. HAMMER AND ISOYD. On Monday night. Scores.—Hammer and Isoyd: Capt. O. Hodgson b Read 5, F. W. Foulkes b Welch 4, J. H. Stimcock c CHY b Welch 0, E. V. Kitching b Read 1, Sir Edward Hammer b Welch 10, L. Middleton b Read 14, B. Morris b Read 4, J. Pritchard run out 11, extras 4; total 53. A. Read took four wickets for 17.

Civil Service: S. Done c Pritchard b Morris 1, S. Styles b Kitching 8, E. Jones b Kitching 4, W. Welch c Middleton b Morris 3, N. Edwards b Kitching 2, A. Read c Stimcock b Morris 0, A. W. CHY b Kitching 3, T. Paddington b Kitching 12, extras 11; total 42.

H. V. Kitching took five wickets for 13, E. Morris three for 17.

CRICKET.
Cheshire v. Staffordshire.

INTERESTING TWO DAYS' MATCH AT MACCLESFIELD.

Cheshire's home engagement with Staffordshire opened at the Victoria Road ground, Macclesfield, on Wednesday. Ten days' bright sunshine gave way in the morning to a leaden sky, and at times there was even a likelihood of rain.

Both counties fielded depleted sides, a notable absentee from the Staffs' eleven being S. F. Barnes, the ex-England player. The homesters included Wilson, the Macclesfield professional, and Cook, the Bollington "pro," while the visitors also had in their team Boon, the ex-Macclesfield fast bowler.

A MEAGRE "GATE."

Staffordshire won the toss and opened with McEllin and Crump to the bowling of Wilson and Dennis, and when the former sent down his first ball there would barely be a score of spectators.

Play was mostly on the slow side, the first boundary coming when McEllin glided Dennis beautifully to leg. The second ball of Wilson's fourth over proved the undoing of McEllin, for he was completely beaten by a ball that broke in from the off and took his off stump, his contribution being only six. G. A. Fitton now partnered Crump, but half an hour's play only realised 18 runs.

A BRILLIANT CATCH.

With a few more added Crump was brilliantly caught by L. N. Jones off Dennis' bowling, in the slips, he having scored 4.

A. W. Ikin then joined Fitton, and the score was raised from 18 to 95 before the luncheon interval arrived, though Fitton's batting display was painfully cautious and slow.

Cheshire's fielding was very smart, particularly that of Max Woosnam at cover point, from which he sent in some brilliant returns.

FATAL HESITATION.

Dennis and Wilson opened the Cheshire attack after lunch and a separation was soon effected, Fitton played a ball from the former bowler to cover, and after hesitating both batsmen made an attempt to run a single. Woosnam, however, made a brilliant return and threw Ikin's wicket down. Lockett then joined Ikin, and the century was hoisted without further loss. With the score at 119, Cook was substituted for Dennis, but Lockett caused the total to be increased by 11 in that over, all off the Bollington player. Since lunch Fitton and Lockett put on 43 runs in 35 minutes, 33 having been scored by Lockett. L. N. Jones displaced Wilson, and in his first over got Fitton caught behind the wicket. He had been batting two hours and 20 minutes, and his 46 runs had been obtained very patiently. With only an addition of one to the total Lockett was run out. Heath and Hardy then became associated, and with the score at the same total there was a confident appeal for lbw against Hardy off Cook, the umpire ruling it aside. Cook, however, bowled him a couple of overs later and thereby took his first wicket, the sixth wicket falling at 157. Sedgwick, the new comer, was nearly out the first over, as he skied one to Dennis, who, however, just failed to reach it.

The seventh wicket fell at 163, Cook bowling Sedgwick's middle stump with his total at four. Mayer then obtained two delightful boundary shots, one between point and cover and the other a leg glide. Heath was then disposed of, Woosnam catching him at cover-point. There were then two lapses in the field, L. N. Jones dropping Boon, and his brother, W. E. Jones, missing Mayer. These slips, however, made little or no difference, as Boon was caught by Wilson at point off Cook's bowling, and Beddows was bowled by the latter with no addition to the score.

CHESHIRE'S FIRST INNINGS.

EARLY DISASTERS.

W. E. Jones and J. L. Abel opened the Cheshire innings at 4-10. The former received the bowling of Sedgwick, but the second ball proved disastrous to Abel, as he was given out lbw. With only 4 added W. E. Jones was clean bowled by Sedgwick, and his brother, L. N., filled the vacancy. He signalled his appearance by scoring a boundary past mid-on, and raised the score to ten. The rout, however, continued, for Battersby was caught by Mayer at square leg off Lockett, and the score board now read 11-3-2.

After the tea interval Spearing accompanied L. N. Jones to the wicket and was bowled by Lockett's second ball with the score still the same.

Another disaster befel the home team, as Jones was taken behind the wicket by Beadows off Sedgwick. The state of the game was truly sensational at this period. Sedgwick had bowled four overs one being a maiden for six runs, and had taken three wickets, while Lockett's analysis read 3-1-4-2.

A SAVING PARTNERSHIP.

Max Woosnam and Wilson then became partners and some really fine cricket was witnessed. Both batsmen seemed to have a perfect understanding, and some rather risk running was indulged in between the wickets. The 50 was hoisted in as many minutes. When 80 had been hoisted Wilson was caught by Hardy at short leg off Lockett's bowling. The partnership had realised 69. J. Pratt, who then joined Woosnam, did not cause any trouble, as he was bowled the second ball he received from Lockett. Dutton, who had joined Woosnam, made several nice leg strokes, two beautifully placed glides reached the boundary, thereby raising the score to 100. When 44, Woosnam was missed in the slips by Mayer, but the next ball he received from Sedgwick he was bowled middle peg by a ball that broke in from the off, the eighth wicket falling at 106. Dutton and Cook then gave a bright display, the former making a delightful 31, including five 4's. The first ball of Sedgwick's next over bowled Cook, the innings closing for 130.

SECOND DAY'S PLAY.

The sun was endeavouring to break through when McEllin and Crump opened Staffordshire's second innings yesterday (Thursday), to the bowling of Wilson and Dennis. So well did these two batsmen resist the Cheshire attack that the 50 was raised in 55 minutes without a separation, McEllin having made 26 while Crump had collected 19. When the score had reached 72 McEllin was dismissed by a fine catch taken by L. N. Jones in the slips off Dutton. Ikin then joined Crump, who did not cause as much trouble as he did on Wednesday, being caught at cover point by Woosnam in attempting to drive. Dutton was again the successful bowler, and thus had taken two wickets for 14 runs. Lockett gave a hard chance to Dutton at mid-off at the expense of Wilson, and then narrowly missed being run out. The hundred was hoisted after nearly two hours' play. The third wicket fell at 103, when Crump cocked one up to W. E. Jones at short leg. An addition of 4 saw the dismissal of Fitton, well caught by Battersby. Lockett and Heath then became associated, and raised the score to 137 before the latter skied one of Cook's deliveries to W. E. Jones at mid-off and was caught. A few balls later Dennis should have caught Lockett, but he dropped what appeared to be a "sitter."

SOME LIVELY BATTING.

Continuing after luncheon, Lockett and Hardy treated the Cheshire attack lightly and heartily, putting on 50 in twenty minutes. Lockett was particularly forceful, and in that short time had collected six fours, making in all twelve fours. W. E. Jones then made a wies change in displacing Cook for Wilson, for the Macclesfield pro. got Hardy lbw with his second delivery.

After three hours batting the 200 appeared, Lockett having obtained 79. At 217 Wilson bowled Sedgwick with a ball that took the batsman's off-stump, this being the first wicket broken. Cook took the ball off Dutton, and though his first two balls were punished by Lockett for two fours, his next over saw the dismissal of the Old Hall player when the latter appeared set for his century. His 94, which included seventeen fours, was a delightful accomplishment, obtained with a variety of strokes all round the wicket. With the score at 230 the Staffordshire innings was declared.

CHESHIRE'S SECOND INNINGS.

Opening with J. L. Abel and W. E. Jones, the Cheshire captain was missed in the slips off the third ball sent down by Boon. The first wicket fell at 15, when Abel mistimed a ball from Boon, which rose very sharply, and was caught behind the wicket.

LOCKETT IN FORM.

A further four to the score saw Battersby defeated by Boon, and then came a short stand by the Jones brothers, but in his first over after a bowling change Lockett caught L. N. off his own bowling when the batsman had scored 19, and with the total one short of the half-century. W. E. Jones also fell a victim to the wiles of Lockett, the ball breaking in from the off.

After tea Woosnam joined Spearing, but after 15 had been added the latter was well beaten by a great ball from Lockett after scoring 21. Wilson left early, and perhaps unfortunately, for he was caught out on the leg boundary after a beautifully executed stroke, Lockett being again the bowler. The latter had so far taken for wickets' for 11. Woosnam was far from comfortable with Lockett, and after making 12 was well beaten with a ball that completely mystified him. By two good drives to the off boundary Pratt raised the total to 103, and with another 18 on the board was caught in the slips. Then Dutton went, being lbw to Sedgwick.

USEFUL LAST PARTNERSHIP.

The last wicket partnership between Cook and Dennis produced the liveliest cricket and the best co-operation of the innings. By some really good hitting and clever running between the wickets they raised the score from 124 to 172 before Dennis was caught at mid-off. Scores:—

Staffordshire.	
L. C. McEllin b Wilson	6
L. H. Crump c L. N. Jones b Dennis	4
G. A. Fitten c Spearing b Jones	46
A. W. Ikin run out	51
A. Lockett run out	37
J. S. Heath c Woosnam b Cook	13
R. S. A. Hardy b Cook	1
Sedgwick b Cook	4
E. Meyer not out	24
Boon c Wilson b Cook	6
W. Beddows b Cook	0
Extras	8
Total	200

Staffordshire.—Second Innings.	
L. H. Crump c W. E. Jones b Cook	26
L. C. McEllin c L. N. Jones b Dutton	45
A. W. Ikin c Woosnam b Dutton	0
H. Lockett c Battersby b Wilson	94
G. A. Fitten c Battersby b Cook	4
J. S. Heath c W. E. Jones b Cook	7
R. S. A. Hardy lbw b Wilson	18
Sedgwick b Wilson	13
E. Meyer not out	2
Boon not out	0
Extras	21
Total (for 8 wickets)	230
Innings declared.	

Cheshire.	
W. E. Jones b Sedgwick	2
J. L. Abel lbw b Sedgwick	0
J. L. Battersby c Mayer b Lockett	2
L. N. Jones c Beddows b Sedgwick	5
S. M. H. Spearing b Lockett	0
Max Woosnam b Sedgwick	44
Wilson c Hardy b Lockett	34
J. Pratt b Lockett	0
R. M. Dutton b Lockett	31
Cook b Sedgwick	9
Dennis not out	0
Extras	3
Total	130

Cheshire.—2nd innings.

W. E. Jones b Lockett	31
J. L. Abel c Beddows b Boon	7
J. L. Battersby b Boon	0
L. N. Jones c and b Lockett	19
S. M. H. Spearing b Lockett	21
Max Woosnam b Lockett	12
Wilson c Crump b Lockett	0
R. M. Dutton lbw b Sedgwick	14
J. Pratt c McAllin b Sedgwick	13
Cook not out	16
Dennis c Heath b Hardy	31
Extras	9
Total	172

Staffordshire won by 127.

Bowling Analysis.

Staffordshire.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Wilson	25	8	61	1
Dennis	19	8	21	1
L. N. Jones	11	0	50	1
Cook	24	9	47	5
Dutton	5	1	9	0
W. E. Jones	3	1	4	0

Second Innings.

Wilson	20	6	41	3
Dennis	14	4	45	0
Cook	20	4	59	3
L. N. Jones	6	2	11	0
Dutton	17	3	53	2

Cheshire.

Sedgwick	18	2	64	4
Lockett	19	3	53	5
Mayer	3.2	0	10	1

Cheshire.—2nd Inns.

Boon	11	4	26	2
Hardy	11.2	0	33	1
Mayer	9	2	31	0
Lockett	17	8	51	5
Sedgwick	9.	2	23	2

ASTLE PARK v. ALDERLEY PARK.

Played at Astle Park on Saturday. Astle Park found the visitors much too strong, and they could do nothing with the bowling of Williams, who took eight wickets for six runs.

Alderley Park.

R. West lbw b Sheldon 35, John Burgess Street 3, F. Godley c Hough b Garstang 43, W. Telling b Street 0, L. R. J. Williams b Street 32, A. Ollerenshaw c Street b Sheldon 0, G. Walker c Brodrick b Sheldon 0, H. Patterson b Sheldon 6, Street b Sheldon 22, Austin not out 4, P. Wright run out 2, extras 7, total 156.

Astle Park.

F. Hough c and b Burgess 3, E. Brodrick lbw b Williams 1, W. Brodrick b Williams 0, J. Street at West b Williams 4, Garstang at West b Williams 2, C. Crossley lbw b Williams 1, C. A. Gibb lbw b Williams 6, P. Crossley b Williams 0, Sheldon b Williams 0, W. Gibb c Telling b Williams 0, Callwood not out 0, extras 4, total 22.

ST. PHILIP'S S.S. v. HEYES LANE TENNIS CLUB.

An interesting match between the above teams played on the Ryley's Cricket ground, by kind permission of Messrs North and Lake, resulted in a victory for the School. Scores:—

St. Philip's Sunday School.

W. Gravel c and b Johnson 2, W. Gaiger b Howie 9, C. Jackson run out 13, C. Davies b Wood 23, G. Maesey lbw b Howie 14, E. Jackson not out 2, A. Vaughn c Wood b Howie 1, N. Ellwood b Wood 1, R. Edgar b Howie 2, C. Allen not out 4, extras 10, total (for 8 wickets declared) 51. G. Griffiths did not bat.

Heyes Lane Tennis Club.

W. Morris c and b Davies 19, R. Hargreaves b R. Jackson 10, A. Howie b R. Jackson 0, G. Johnson b E. Jackson 12, R. Wood b Davies 2, J. Tinker c Vaughn b E. Jackson 1, C. Whittaker c Vaughn b Davies 0, H. Curshley b G. Jackson 4, H. Hayden b Davies 0, E. Welch run out 0, T. Atherton not out 0, extras 2, total 50.

LINDOW v. SANDBACH.

This popular fixture at Lindow on Saturday in hot weather resulted in favour of the home team, H. Burgess in his last three overs taking 3 wickets for no runs, and being top scorer with 32 runs:—

Lindow.

L. Mackay c, Rouen b Dean 3, Hatton b Dean 4, Ross b Dean 7, H. Burgess lbw b Goodwin 32, C. Burgess c, Hilditch b Maskelene 6, E. Bayley b Maskelene 2, W. Boughey b Norris 7, F. Boughey b Norris 4, Mottram b Faulkner 11, Newell c Faulkner b Maskelene 3, G. Bayley not out 14, extras 15, total 108.

Sandbach.

Hilditch b F. Boughey 2, H. W. Cook b b F. Boughey 8, Risson b C. Burgess 25, kelene c H. Burgess b F. Boughey 1, Riddell b F. Boughey 5, Risson c C. Burgess 25, Faulkner b C. Burgess 0, Norris c and b C. Burgess 8, Goodwin c Ross b H. Burgess 13, Dean not out 1, Ryder b H. Burgess 0, extras 8, total 86.

LINDOW CRICKET CLUB SECOND TEAM ACCIDENT TO THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

Lindow on Saturday paid a visit to Toft, a club name of ancient standing, and on the way Arthur Acton, jun., of Moor Lane, was on his bicycle with the cricket bag, and coming on to the Ollerton Road was run into by a motor, and thrown many yards, falling upon his head, the bicycle was smashed and the motor car damaged, which may have saved a worse accident. Fortunately the occupant of the motor was a doctor, and attended to Acton, who was conveyed home by Mr Arkell, the Lindow representative of the Peover Cup contests and Cottage Hospital Benefit. Acton was attended to later by Dr Platt, and is progressing favourably, though suffering from shock. Scores:—

Toft.

Hobbs b Allan 8, A. Beswick b Ostick 2, G. Williams c Allan b Sutton 29, J. Williams b Ostick 0, Lea b Allan 0, G. Williams c and b Allan 0, J. Beswick b Allan 0, Rowley c sub b Ostick 10, Greaves b Ostick 2, Royle b Sutton 18, Clarke not out 0, extras 15, total 78.

Lindow.

C. Hobbs b Beswick 12, Allan c Clark b Beswick 15, Sutton b Rowley 0, Harrop b Rowley 3, Fildes c Greaves b Rowley 0, Ostick c Lea b Beswick 1, Gibbons b Lea 15, Preston c Beswick b Rowley 0, Battersby c Lea b Rowley 3, Middleton not out 2, Arkell b Rowley 0, extras 8, total 59.

CRICKET.

CHESHIRE TROUNCED BY STAFFORDSHIRE.

WEAK BATTING BRINGS DEFEAT.

BOUGHTON HALL PLAYERS DO MODERATELY.

With arrears of 70 on the first innings on Wednesday, Cheshire were in an unenviable position in the minor counties match at Macclesfield. Staffordshire batted first and totalled 300, A. W. Ikin being the top scorer with 51. Cheshire made a bad start, losing half the side for 11, but Max Woosnam and Wilson took the score to 50 before the latter was dismissed. Woosnam played a fine innings for 44.

Cheshire were defeated by 127 runs. Staffordshire declared their second venture with eight wickets down for 230, setting Cheshire a difficult task. A. Lockett was the visitors' chief scorer, including seventeen 4's in his contribution of 94. Cheshire were dismissed for 173, a feature being the last wicket partnership between Cook and Dennis, which realised 49.

STAFFORDSHIRE.

First Innings.

L. C. M'Elland b Wilson	6
L. H. Crump c L. N. Jones b Dennis ..	4
G. A. Fitton c Spearing b L. N. Jones ..	46
A. W. Ikin run out	51
H. Lockett run out	47
J. S. Heath c Woosnam b Cook	13
R. S. A. Hardy b Cook	1
Sedgwick b Cook	4
E. Meyer not out	24
Boon c Wilson b Cook	6
W. Beddowes b Cook	0
Extras	8
Total	300

Second Innings.

L. C. M'Elland c L. N. Jones b Dutton	45
L. H. Crump c W. E. Jones b Cook ..	26
G. A. Fitton c Battersby b Cook ..	4
A. W. Ikin c Woosnam b Dutton	0
H. Lockett c Battersby b Wilson	94
J. S. Heath c W. Jones b Cook	7
R. S. A. Hardy lbw b Wilson	18
Sedgwick b Wilson	13
E. Meyer not out	2
Boon not out	0
Extras	21
Total (8 wickets)	*220

*Innings declared.

CHESHIRE.

First Innings.

J. L. Abel lbw b Sedgwick	0
W. E. Jones b Sedgwick	3
J. L. Battersby c Meyer b Lockett ..	2
L. N. Jones c Beddowes b Sedgwick ..	5
E. M. Spearing b Lockett	0
M. Woosnam b Sedgwick	44
Wilson c Hardy b Lockett	24
J. Pratt b Lockett	0
R. M. Dutton b Lockett	31
Cook b Meyer	9
Dennis not out	0
Extras	8
Total	180

Second Innings.

J. L. Abel c Beddowes b Boon	7
W. E. Jones b Lockett	31
J. L. Battersby b Boon	0
L. N. Jones c and b Lockett	19
E. M. Spearing b Lockett	21
M. Woosnam b Lockett	12
Wilson c Crump b Lockett	0
J. Pratt c M'Elland b Sedgwick ..	15
R. M. Dutton lbw b Sedgwick	14
Cook not out	16
Dennis c Heath b Hardy	31
Extras	9
Total	173

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Staffordshire.—First Innings: Wilson one for 6, Dennis one for 21, L. N. Jones one for 50, Dutton 0 for 2, Cook five for 47, W. E. Jones 0 for 4.

Second Innings.—Wilson 3 for 41, Dennis 0 for 45, Cook 3 for 50, L. N. Jones 0 for 11, Dutton 2 for 53.

Cheshire.—First Innings: Sedgwick four for 64, Lockett five for 53, Meyer one for 10.

Second Innings.—Boon 2 for 26, Hardy 1 for 33, Meyer 0 for 31, Lockett 0 for 51, Sedgwick 2 for 23.

BOUGHTON HALL'S CONSISTENT BATTING.
TEN PLAYERS REACH DOUBLE FIGURES
NORTHERN'S CALLANT FIGHT AGAINST ODDS.

(By "Wanderer.")
 Consistency in batting was the keynote of Boughton Hall's victory over Northern on Saturday. The Chester side gained a fairly easy victory, scoring 190, to which the visitors replied with 122.

Boughton Hall batted first on probably the fastest wicket of the season, under a blazing sun, which wrought havoc with those who were unable to stay the course. The match cannot be regarded as a classic example, but it was interesting, and if there were no brilliant displays of craftsmanship (if one excludes the batting of E. M. Weld) there were some flashes which held interest, and there was always a certain amount of glamour in the fact that plenty of runs were being scored—and what was more important to the spectators—were being got at a fairly fast rate.

Boughton Hall's batting was the last word in consistency—no less than ten players reached double figures, and the scores varied from five not out to 25. The innings closed with the score at 190, a useful total, but on such a wicket it could not be regarded as a winning score. The first wicket partnership was one of contrasts. H. R. Parry opened with W. E. Jones; the former was in his happiest vein. He treated us to some delightful cricket—scored at a fast rate, and when bowled by Weld had contributed 24 out of a total of 30. W. E. Jones battled with the heat, and some good bowling, for an hour and a quarter, but though his defensive work was perfect, he hardly appeared to be happy, and finally he was well taken in the slips by Scott of Thompson. His score of 15 cannot be compared with some of his other innings. J. Pratt was able, as a result of an overthrow to claim a five in his score. The later players smote the bowling with zest. Frost, as usual, was forceful. L. G. Hales gracefully, L. N. Jones vigorously, H. D. Moore virile, R. Moore dutiful, F. Hack and J. Lewis adventurous, while the veteran of the side, E. M. Weld (who is now in his 24th season with the club) had the satisfaction of stealing some delightful short runs, and of compiling the highest score of the day.

Northern's batting was rather a sorry picture—and to an extent overshadowed by E. M. Weld's effort. Weld, who got 50, was the only player to face the bowling with confidence. W. D. F. Scott (16), the Rev. S. Woodcock (12), and J. A. Foulds (13) were the only other players to reach double figures. The last four wickets fell for 20 runs. Unfortunately H. Cook was taken ill during the game, and was unable to bat.

The veteran, F. G. Thompson, who is in his 31st season with the club, needed but three wickets when the game began to complete his 1,200 wickets for the club. He claimed two victims, but the third was as elusive as the scarlet pimpernel, but Thompson will probably claim his victim to-morrow. He did not have the best of luck, and had two catches dropped in the slips. Northern's slip and ground fielding was in need of improvement. Scores:—

BOUGHTON HALL.

W E Jones c Scott b Thompson	15
H R Parry b Weld	24
L O Hales b Weld	13
L N Jones c O Watson b Thompson	17
J Pratt lbw b Woodcock	17
R Frost c Woodcock b Weld	18
R Moore Dutton b Batehelder	22
L Hales r Watson b Batehelder	25
H D Roberts b Scott	20
F Hack b Scott	10
J Lewis not out	5
Extras	4
Total	190

NORTHERN.

W D F Scott c Hales b W E Jones	16
E M Weld b L N Jones	50
F C Harrison c Moore Dutton b Jones	1
Rev. S Woodcock b W E Jones	12
J A Foulds b L N Jones	13
F G Thompson run out	7
G G Craddock Watson not out	8
J W C Slater c Moore Dutton b W E Jones	1
W M Batehelder c L O Hales b W E Jones	0
C Stogden b L N Jones	6
H Cook absent ill	0
Extras	11
Total	122

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
 Boughton Hall.

O. M. R. W.	
L N Jones	16.5 2 54 4
R. Moore Dutton	6 1 12 0
W E Jones	10 1 42 4

Northern.

R. W.	
Woodcock	30 1 8 0
Scott	56 2 5 0
Weld	25 3 0 0
Balter	17 0 0 0
Thompson	59 2 0 0
Batehelder	26 3 0 0

BOUGHTON HALL EXTRA
TROUNCE BROWN'S.
CAPT. NIELSON AND MCGREGOR GET RUNS.
LEWIS TAKES FIVE WICKETS.

Boughton Hall Extra gained their easiest win of the season on Wednesday, when they defeated Brown's by 187 to 44. The home side opened with the two veterans, R. D. Nicklin and H. W. Day. They did not make a good start, and five wickets were down for 58. However, Day did well and got 27, and Captain Nielson was also to the fore with a polished 53. The Boughton Hall tail wagged in no uncertain manner, and 73 runs were added for the eighth wicket. McGregor again came out of his shell, and after contributing 53 retired. A. Pickett also reached double figures, and was not out with 15. With the total at 187 for nine wickets Nicklin declared.

Brown's made a sorry show against the Boughton Hall bowlers, and the whole side were dismissed for 44, out of which total J. Lewis claimed 21. No less than four players failed to score. Lewis caused most of the trouble, and took five wickets for 15, and H. Hack had four for 26. Scores:—

Boughton Hall.—R D Nicklin c Smith b Heap 4, H W Day b Longster 27, Capt Nielson c Lewis b Partridge 53, H Hack b Heap 6, F G Roberts b Heap 2, J Lewis c Smith b Heap 1, G Bowdon c Taylor b Longster 10, E Griffiths b Longster 0, G McGregor retired 52, A Pickett not out 15, K T Nicklin not out 4; extras 13; total (for 9 wks) 187.

Brown's.—J Lewis b Hack 21, A C Taylor at Nielson b Lewis 1, E McDermott b Hack 0, B W Heap b Lewis 4, E C Longster c Nicklin b Lewis 0, S H Smith c Sub b Hack 4, E A Williams run out 9, Hardy c Day b Hack 4, Partridge b Lewis 0, Bury b Lewis 0, S Griffiths not out 1; total 44.

GENTLEMEN OF CHESHIRE
NORTHERN NOMADS.

This two-day match at Chelford ended on Tuesday, Nomads winning by nine wickets. Scores:—

CHESHIRE GENTLEMEN.

First Innings.

A Bromley-Davenport c Miller b Bowler	2
E Leech b Farthing	2
J Tew c Broadbent b Bowler	13
L Lees c Pearson b Farthing	67
T Griffiths b Bowler	1
Sergt Leese b Bowler	1
V Renshaw b Farthing	31
A Hinchliffe c Miller b Pearson	1
J Reiss b Pearson	4
L Thompson not out	6
P Shelmardine c and b Farthing	2
Extras	5
Total	125

Second Innings.

A Bromley-Davenport b Bowler	21
E Leech b Bowler	5
J Tew b Bowler	0
L Lees b Bowler	3
T Griffiths c Bowler b Farthing	4
Sergt Leese b Bowler	47
V Renshaw b Bowler	7
A Hinchliffe c Bowler b Farthing	11
J Reiss not out	9
L Thompson c Bowler b Shelmardine	21
P Shelmardine b Farthing	37
Extras	13
Total	178

NORTHERN NOMADS.

First Innings.

A Caedagil lbw b Hinchliffe	5
F Broadbent c Davenport b Lees	21
R Ainsworth c Tew b Reiss	35
E Hawkins run out	26
W Percival b Hinchliffe	30
E Miller c Shelmardine b Lees	27
T Pearson Lees	21
G Farthing c and b Reiss	3
J Bowler c Hinchliffe b Reiss	3
G Wright not out	3
Extras	35
Total	244

Second Innings.

A Caedagil not out	32
W Percival not out	15
G Wright b Reiss	14
Extras	3
Total (5 wkt)	164

BARROW v. UPTON.
 Played at Barrow on Saturday. These teams had already met twice this season at Upton. On the first occasion Upton won; the second was spoiled by rain. This time, however, Barrow made no mistake, and won by the substantial margin of 63 runs. Winning the toss, the home side opened with M. Jeffs and C. Houlbrook. Three wickets were down for 19 runs, but Jeffs and F. Houlbrook took the score to 63 before the former was caught for an excellent innings of 35. A feature of the innings was the partnership of T. Radcliffe and J. Okell for the seventh wicket, which realised 62 runs. The former had six boundary strokes in his contribution of 39,

and the home captain obtained 34 before being caught, the innings closing for 156. Upton commenced their innings with L. Wright and H. Whaley to the bowling of H. Beech and C. Houlbrook. The first wicket fell at 18. L. Wright being caught for 9. Whaley had the misfortune to be struck by a ball from C. Houlbrook, but pluckily continued at a later stage of the innings, and was top scorer for his side with 28. A. Bennett (15) and H. Griffiths (16) also reached double figures. Scores:—

Barrow.—M Jeffs c W Davies b Griffiths 35, C Houlbrook lbw b Griffiths 2, H Beech b Griffiths 1, V A Arnold c and b J W R Crompton 0, F Houlbrook b J W R Crompton 22, J Beech b J W R Crompton 2, J Okell c Wright b Smethurst 34, T Radcliffe b Smethurst 39, F W Darlington b Smethurst 0, J Platt b Whaley 1, Rev T Jenkins not out 2, extras 18; total 156.

Upton.—L Wright c Jenkins b H Beech 9, A Whaley b Jeffs 28, F Hewitt b C Houlbrook 0, J W R Crompton b H Beech 0, N Bennett c Jenkins b C Houlbrook 15, H Griffiths c H Beech b Jeffs 16, L Chadwick b H Beech 0, C Smethurst c Jenkins b Jeffs 3, A Randall at Jenkins b Jeffs 2, J Davies not out 4, W Davies b H Beech 1, extras 17; total 93.

BARROW 2nd v. UPTON 2nd.
 Played at Upton on Saturday. Barrow batted first, and made 60 towards which E. Shallcross (14) and E. Stanyer (9) were the principal contributors, while extras helped with 10. For Upton B. Schofield batted well for 17 not out, but received poor support. H. Woodcock (Barrow) took eight wickets for 10 runs. Scores:—

Barrow 1st.—E Woodcock c Clarke b S Schofield 4, R Ruscoe c Garner b Griffiths 4, W S Harpur b S Schofield 3, G Stanyer b Garner 9, C W Hawkins b Morris 2, J Lovejoy run out 2, H Langford c and b Garner 1, H Shallcross not out 14, P Ruscoe b S Schofield 0, G Platt c Rowland b Griffiths 2, E H Webster c Garner b Griffiths 0, extras 19; total 60.

Upton 1st.—W Morris b H Woodcock 0, F Rowland b H Woodcock 10, E Clarke b H Woodcock 1, T Garner b Stanyer 1, S Schofield not out 17, W Griffiths b H Woodcock 5, E Morris c Lovejoy b H Woodcock 2, J Rowland b H Woodcock 0, C Griffiths b H Woodcock 0, J Williams b H Woodcock 0, S Dutton c H Woodcock b Stanyer 1, extras 6; total 43.

EASTHAM v. CAMELL LAIRD.
 At Eastham on Saturday. Scores:—
Cammell Laird.—J E Ycare b Harden 26, S T Jones c Pidgeon b Harden 5, E Faulkner c Horne b Phillips 57, H Ackroyd b Southwood 1, A E Phillips b Southwood 19, G E Bell c Pidgeon b Harden 7, G Wilkinson b Harden 0, H Allen lbw b Harden 0, O Varley b Harden 0, R N Melville b Southwood 0, W Richards not out 7, extras 14; total 132.

Eastham.—J Horne c Bell b Melville 4, H B Pidgeon b Phillips 0, Rev J Wright-Davies c and b Phillips 7, J Dorward jun b Phillips 12, B Harden b Richards 16, N Southwood c Bell b Melville 10, W N Vernon lbw b Phillips 4, A N Shelmardine not out 12, Dr. J. Carson b Richards 0, H Phillips c Ackroyd b Phillips 5, J Dorward sen. b Phillips 0, extras 8, total 78.

HELSDY II v. MANCHESTER SHIP CANAL.
 Played at Ellesmere Port on Saturday. Helsdy—T Wilde b Brice 3, E Boyle b Collier 30, T A Ravenscroft b Sandbach 12, W Ward b Hirst 4, J Lockett jun. c Blain b Brice 1, H Bayley hit wkt b Collier 9, J Lockett sen. c Broad b Collier 8, N Threlfall b Broad 3, A Hibbert at Wright 1, H Ellams not out 2, S Higham b Broad 0, extras 3; total 76.

M.S.C.—J Mallalieu b T Wilde 0, R Hirst c Basley b Trefall 5, J Sandach c Lockett b Threlfall 0, B Bain run out 1, P Hulme b Threlfall 1, T Broad c Hibbert b T Wilde 0, C Collier c Ravenscroft b T Wilde 7, A Wright not out 5, G Johnston b T Wilde 7, H Brice b T Wilde 0, W Kemp c Ellams b T Wilde 1, extra 1; total 28.

For Helsdy, T. Wilde took six wickets for nine runs, and N. Threlfall three for 10.

LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT COMPETITION.

Positions to date.

Orton	17	11	5	1	11
Ormakirk	13	7	1	5	7
Sefton	15	6	4	5	6
Wallasey	16	6	7	3	6
Boughton Hall	9	6	2	2	6
Hirkenhead Park	16	5	4	7	3
New Brighton	16	5	4	7	5
Huyton	14	5	7	2	5
Formby	18	5	7	6	5
Liverpool	13	4	3	6	4
Bootle	14	4	4	6	4
Hightown	14	4	6	4	4
Southport	12	3	5	4	2
Northern	14	2	6	6	2
Neasden	15	2	9	2	2

EATON PARK DEFEATED.

A TRIUMPH FOR BOUGHTON HALL II.

Eaton Park gave a very poor display on Saturday, when they were easily beaten by Boughton Hall II. Eaton Park batted first and were all out for 74, whilst Boughton Hall II. claimed 120 for the loss of eight wickets.

H. Pratt and Hack bowled well; Pratt took three wickets for 11, and Hack two wickets for 12 runs. Greening also bowled well. Slater took three wickets for 31 runs. The Eaton Park bowling was off colour. Browne took four wickets for 26, and that was the best analysis.

The meeting of Eaton Park and Boughton Hall 2nd has long been a subject of discussion at Eaton Park. Speculation and discussion have now been cut short. Boughton Hall 2nd have again proved their supremacy. Scores: Eaton Park: J. L'Anson c Hack b Slater 1, Capt. Sykes lbw b Slater 2, P. Thomas b Greening 11, H. Browne b H. Pratt 23, G. Kingman b H. Pratt 1, Rev. F. Okell run out 11, Col. Priestman lbw b H. Pratt 1, H. Fearnall b H. Hack 0, L. Watkins c Nelson b H. Hack 11, J. Tomlinson not out 1, A. E. Richards c Hack b Slater 1, extras 11; total 74.

Boughton Hall II: H. Hack lbw b Capt. Sykes 12, W. W. Blake b Browne 1, H. Pratt lbw b Browne 4, Capt. Nielson c Kingman b Sykes 19, J. Greening b Browne 12, A. R. Slater c Sykes b Priestman 8, R. Jones lbw b Fearnall 15, E. Griffith b Sykes 1, T. A. Clegg not out 23, T. A. Clegg not out 23, J. L. Warburton not out 17, extras 8; total (for 8 wkts.) 120.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Eaton Park.			
	O.	M.	R. W.
L'Anson	6	1	20 0
Browne	10	3	26 4
Priestman	5	0	10 1
Sykes	9	1	17 3
Fearnall	4	0	14 1
Watkins	2	0	9 0
Thomas	2	0	10 0

Boughton Hall II.

	O.	M.	R. W.
J. Greening	9	2	9 1
A. R. Slater	8	1	31 3
Pratt	8	1	11 3
H. Hack	11	3	12 2

SAUGHALL (VERNON INSTITUTE) v. HAWARDEN TEST SCHOOL.

Played at Saughall on Saturday. Hawarden Test School.—Harrison c R Venables b Shepherd 0, Jaggs b Shepherd 1, Crane run out b Shepherd 0, Pugh b Shepherd 8, Henshaw lbw b Jones 2, Hammersley c and b E. Bryane 4, Gubbings c Bryane 12, Owen c Hughes b Shepherd 12, Gibb b Hughes 5, Jones b Shepherd 2, Pugh not out 4, extras 8; total 64.

Saughall.—E. Shepherd lbw b Owen 6, E. Bryane b Gubbings 15, F. Hughes b Gubbings 3, R. Hughes c Jones b Owen 28, H. Venables b Harrison 2, A. Bryane c Crane b Owen 0, S. Minshull c Hammersley b Crane 6, W. Jones not out 5, R. Venables, J. Rigby, and G. Venables did not bat, extras 3; total (7 wkts) 68.

LLANDUDNO "A" v. CHESTER L.M.S.

At Llandudno on Saturday. Scores:—Chester L.M.S.—J. W. Dryland b Schofield 0, S. E. Curtis c A. N. Roberts b Bennett 13, J. B. Thornhill, b Bennett 55, S. D. Clarke c Stuart b Bennett 15, D. Williams c O. Jones b Schofield 10, S. Meacock c O. Jones b Schofield 0, R. W. Davies b Bennett 2, H. H. Lee c Backhouse b Schofield 0, F.enna b Bennett 0, W. H. Wecken not out 1, M. Scawcroft c O. Jones b Bennett 8, extras 15; total 117. Llandudno "A".—T. Stuart b Meacock 44, G. Davies b Meacock 4, W. Schofield b Meacock 3, H. Linderman b Meacock 28, G. Fowler b Meacock 7, J. E. Bennett c Clarke b Thornhill 2, Owen Jones not out 11, N. Williams not out 14, extras 10, total (6 wickets) 123. A. Roberts, C. P. Backhouse, and G. Spencer did not bat.

HELSEBY v. ALVANLEY.

This match attracted a good attendance. Helseby, batting first, obtained a firm hold of the bowling, and frequently changes of the bowlers were of little avail. Wilde, Maddock, Jones, and Neild helped to make a nice total of 160, when the innings was declared, but sufficient time was left to get the visitors out, Wright and Leach proving a stubborn pair.

Helseby.—K. L. Wilde not out 67, S. Boyle b F. Britland 3, F. Forshaw b F. Leach 4, M. Maddock b H. S. Wright 35, A. Fitch b F. Britland 8, T. Neild b F. Leach 19, E. Jones c A. Boyle b H. S. Wright 20, T. Wildo b F. Leach 6, F. Harris not out 6, G. R. Cowap and G. Rushton did not bat, extras 12; total 160 (for 7 wickets).

Alvanley.—H. S. Wright b T. Neild 29, F. P. Leach not out 38, F. Lloyd b T. Neild 0, F. K. Britland b A. Fitch 0, A. Boyle not out 3, F. Leach b Britland, P. Atherton, W. Dugdale, P. Ainsworth, R. Atkinson, did not bat, extras 3; total 78 (for 3 wickets). Match drawn.

CHESTER & DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE.

(By "CAPTAIN.")

	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
Ellesmere Port Cement	5	3	2	0	6
Rivertown	5	3	2	0	6
Pontblyddyn	3	2	0	1	5
Llay Main	3	2	1	0	4
Shotton	6	0	5	1	1

Two games were played on Saturday. Llay Main had Ellesmere Port Cement for visitors, and the match was set aside for the benefit of the home club's groundman, J. Llay Main, who were without J. Owen, batted first. The opening was rather sensational, as three wickets had fallen for only one run, E. Roberts, Martin and E. Jones all being dismissed. Walkden and P. Parry brought the score to double figures, when the former was well taken in the long field by Bull. W. Roberts started off with a boundary hit—the only one of the game—but was then bowled by J. Davies. This latter player was getting a lot of work on the ball, and at this stage had taken four wickets for 10 runs. Eight wickets fell for but 25, and the last two wickets brought the score to 28. Parry, going in first, carried his bat throughout the innings for 12. Both the Cement bowlers had the same percentage per wicket with 2.5; J. H. Davies took 6 wickets for 15, and J. Sheard 4 for 10. Davies and his club captain have taken 15 wickets for 89 runs during the season. Cement opened with Enson and Robinson, and 13 was on the board before they were separated. The score was brought to 28 when the ninth wicket fell. The last pair, however, put on a further eight runs, and the Cement won by that margin. Well as the visitors had bowled, they were surpassed by W. Roberts, who secured six wickets for 11 runs. Emlyn Jones took three for 18.

There was some heavy scoring in the local Derby at Shotton, where Rivertown provided the opposition. Rivertown batted first, and they had nine wickets down for 81, but the last wicket added a further 67 runs. L. Darbey scored 33, and A. Forber going in at the fall of the sixth wicket carried his bat for 45. S. Norwood, who helped in the last wicket partnership, hit up 23. J. Cotterill had the best bowling figures for Shotton with four for 28; J. Lawton took three for 61, A. Hampton one for none, and N. Clough one for 18; while W. Williams and A. Allcock had 18 and 10 respectively hit off them without securing a wicket. Shotton had eight wickets down for 105, but the last two wickets could only produce a further ten runs, and the whole side were dismissed for 33 runs less than Rivertown. J. Lawton batted best for Shotton with 32 not out. A. Hampton also hit up 21.

There are two matches down for to-day (Saturday), and both are full of interest. Llay Main are to meet Rivertown on the former's ground, and Pontblyddyn are to pay Ellesmere Port Cement a return visit. Only two players have been invited at present to take part in the inter-league match at Liverpool on Bank Holiday. The selection committee are anxious to put their very best team in the field, as the Liverpool League are a very strong combination and have between thirty and forty clubs to choose from.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

Llay Main v. Rivertown (Messrs. J. Mountford and H. F. Holloway).
Ellesmere Port Cement v. Pontblyddyn (Messrs. J. T. Poole and L. Jones).

LLAY MAIN v. ELLESMERE PORT CEMENT.

Llay Main.—F. Parry not out 12, E. Roberts b J. Davies 0, J. Martin b Sheard 0, E. Jones c Bull b Davis 0, W. Walkden b J. Davies 3, W. Roberts b J. Davies 4, T. P. Jones c Bull b Sheard 2, J. Rogers c Enson b J. Davies 2, J. Roberts b J. Davies 0, I. Sankey b Sheard 1, J. Footitt b Sheard 1, extras 3; total 28. Ellesmere Port Cement.—R. Enson c Rogers b E. Jones 6, R. Robinson lbw b W. Roberts 6, J. H. Davies b E. Jones 2, H. Bull b W. Roberts 1, L. Davies b W. Roberts 0, J. Hand b W. Roberts 1, J. Sheard not out 5, W. Buiat b W. Roberts 4, A. Keeling b W. Roberts 0, L. Carter c Parry b E. Jones 7, S. Mitchellmore run out 2, extras 9; total 33.

SHOTTON v. RIVERTOWN.

Rivertown.—S. Darbey c Norbury b Cotterill 53, G. Hewitt c Norbury b Clough 12, H. Washbrook b Cotterill 14, E. Evans b Lawton 4, E. Nicholls run out 0, E. Roberts b Lawton 2, C. Guest c Norbury b Cotterill 0, A. Forber not out 48, R. Jones lbw b Lawton 0, O. Hewitt c Norbury b Cotterill 0, S. Norwood b Hampton 23, extras 15; total 148.

Shotton.—E. Beaven b Darbey b Evans 6, G. Allcock b Darbey b Washbrook 10, A. Hampton c Forber b Evans 21, T. Butler c Darbey b Roberts 10, J. Cotterill b Washbrook 0, J. Norbury b Washbrook 1, N. Clough lbw b Washbrook 14, J. Lewton not out 32, W. Williams b Evans 6, S. Williams b Washbrook 1, O. Charlesworth c Guest b Washbrook 1, extras 13; total 116.

LEAGUE HONOURS LIST.

BATTING.

A. Forber (Rivertown)	45
L. Darbey (Rivertown)	33
J. Lawton (Shotton)	32
S. Norwood (Rivertown)	23
A. Hampton (Shotton)	21

*Signifies not out.

BOWLING.

W. Roberts (Llay Main)	6 for 11
J. H. Davies (Ellesmere Port Cement)	6 for 15
H. Washbrook (Rivertown)	6 for 22

HELSEBY AND DISTRICT v. RUNCORN AND DISTRICT.

At Helseby on Monday and Tuesday.—Helseby and District.—H. S. Wright b V. Kirkham 24, F. P. Leach lbw b F. Withington 2, K. L. Wilde b V. Kirkham 0, H. Maddock c O. Passey b Withington 45, O. Davies b V. Kirkham 4, A. Boyle c O. Hyde b J. Parry 7, A. Fitch c L. Yates c O. Hyde 8, J. E. Leach lbw b O. Hyde 0, T. Neild not out 6, J. Antrobus c O. Passey b F. Withington 1, J. Forshaw c W. Boyes b F. Withington 0, extras 9, total 106.

Runcorn and District.—R. Howard b T. Neild 0, J. Lowe b J. Antrobus 0, T. Hewitt b J. Antrobus 5, L. Yates c J. Antrobus b F. P. Leach 35, O. Hyde c A. Boyle b H. Maddock 51, O. Passey b H. Maddock 18, W. Boyes b F. P. Leach 0, G. B. Hyde did not bat 0, J. Parry not out 4, V. Kirkham c O. Davies b T. Neild 24, F. Withington did not bat, extras 4; total (for 8 wickets) 141.

For Runcorn, F. Withington took four wickets for 18 runs, V. Kirkham three for 32, and C. Hyde two for 15. For Helseby, F. P. Leach took two for 19, J. Antrobus two for 22, H. Maddock two for 37, and T. Neild two for 49. At the conclusion of the match a 16 overs knock-out match took place between the teams. Helseby scored 80 for six wickets, and Runcorn 73 for six wickets. H. S. Wright 23 was the top score for Helseby, and T. Hewitt 24 was top score for Runcorn.

MERSEYSIDE MILLERS' LEAGUE.

FROST'S C.C. v. RIGBY'S C.C.

Frost's visited Walton Hall Avenue on Saturday, where they met and defeated Rigby's after a good game. Scores:—

Rigby's.—Morrell c Lowe b Keefe 26, Lewis run out 2, Johnson b White 8, Byrne at Herd b Keefe 33, McNaughton c Herd b Keefe 1, Cross c Andrews b Keefe 6, Mackie c White b Keefe 0, Temple b Keefe 0, Morton not out 4, Washington b Keefe 0, Baker c White b Keefe 0, extras 7; total 88.

Frost's C.C.—T. Herd run out 38, A. Keefe c McNaughton b Byrne 5, F. Lowe not out 26, H. White b Johnson 20, extras 7; total (for 3 wkts) 98.

SAUGHALL II. v. BLACON.

Played at Blacon on Wednesday. Scores:—Saughall.—L. Mercer c 2, M. Summers 0, G. Shepherd c 2, G. Mills lbw 11, G. Harley c 0, J. Griffiths 2, A. Mills run out 3, F. Griffiths 1, A. Shepherd c 0, R. Venables lbw 0, R. Summers not out 2, extras 15; total 38. A. Wadsworth took four wickets for 10 and A. G. Hill five for 13.

Blacon.—R. Stafford run out 9, V. Carter lbw 11, A. Wadsworth 1, C. Carter 0, A. G. Hill not out 17, H. Jones lbw 1, S. Hughes run out 6, G. Matthews lbw 0, W. F. Wadsworth 0, L. Tenynson 1, E. Mitchell run out 0, extras 5; total 51. G. Mills took three wickets for 14 runs, M. Summers two for 18, G. Venables two for 18.

CHRISTLETON v. HAWARDEN PARK.

Played on Saturday at Christleton. The home team claimed an easy victory over Hawarden Park by forty three runs. Special mention should be made of the batting of three home players, C. Ennion (19), G. Ennion (18), and J. Albiston (15). The home side obtained a total of 70 runs, while Hawarden only made a modest 25. Tea was provided through the generosity of Mr. F. Finch. Scores:—

Christleton.—J. Albiston c Jones b Phillips 15, S. Solloway b Phillips 0, G. Ennion c Williams b Phillips 18, E. Tapley c Wyatt 5, Wyatt 7, G. Ennion not out 19, Bob Griffiths b Wyatt 0, Bess Griffiths b Phillips 1, J. Birtwistle b Phillips 0, R. Griffiths c Catherall b Phillips 4, A. Tyleton c Phillips b Wyatt 2, T. Meacock c Wyatt b Phillips 2, extras 2; total 70.

Hawarden Park.—H. Davison b C. Ennion 2, F. Jones b Griffiths 1, E. Davies lbw b G. Ennion 4, T. Catherall c C. Ennion b Ennion 2, W. Wyatt b C. Ennion 0, J. Phillips c Tyleton b Griffiths 3, F. Shalecroft b G. Ennion 1, G. Catherall c S. Meacock b Griffiths 2, H. Davies c Griffiths b Ennion 0, C. Williams not out 7, J. Williams b Griffiths 3, extras 0; total 25.

FROST'S C.C. v. INCE C.C.

Played at Ince on Wednesday, the home side gaining a victory by the narrow margin of two runs. Scores:—
 Ince.—H Proffitt b Lowe 3, W Jones c and b Lowe 6, L Littler c Darbyshire b Gorman 21, J White b Lowe 0, J Nield c Herd b Lowe 9, J Hughes c and b Gorman 4, T Littler run out 1, W Greenway b Gorman 2, J Tranter obstruction 2, A Parker lbw b Gorman 2, A Parker lbw b Gorman 2, T Weldon not out 0, extras 0; total 50.
 Frost's.—F Lowe b Nield 0, S Walker b Tranter 0, R Darbyshire run out 0, T Herd lbw b Nield 13, C Andrews b Hughes 7, A Keeffe b Tranter 21, R Gorman lbw b Hughes 0, E Chew b Tranter 4, J Hand b Tranter 0, A Cooper run out 0, W Jones not out 0; total 48.

BOUGHTON HALL KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION.

The Final will be played on THURSDAY between:—
COUNTY SCHOOL OLD BOYS
 v.
HAWARDEN BRIDGE.

Full Report in NEXT WEEK'S CHRONICLE.

BLACON v. GWERSYLLT.

Gwersyllt and Blacon played at Blacon on Saturday. Scores:—
 Blacon.—E Stubbs 7, O Carter 2, R Stafford 1, A Wadsworth 0, O Carter 7, O G Hill 7, S Hughes 11, E Parker 3, W A Vaughan 2, A Crispin 0, O Matthews not out; extras 2, total 42.
 Gwersyllt.—H Thomas 1, T Bellis 9, Len Williams 0, W H Roberts 0, N Williams 4, M Bellis 6, L Williams 25, F Owens 0, T Tilstone 4, H Bateman 0, J R Williams not out 5; total 54.
 Blacon bowling analysis was: A Wadsworth 6 for 14; A G Hill 4 for 23. Gwersyllt bowling was as follows: Thomas 3 for 11, W H Roberts 3 for 26, M Bellis 2 for 3 and L Williams 1 for 0.

WHITCHURCH-II. v. ASH.

At Ash on Saturday. Scores:—
 Ash: A Jackson b Corbett 22, A Hollowood c R Jones b Roberts 4, S Jackson c E Jones b Corbett 6, S Hollowood c and b Harding 6, H Allen b Harding 4, H Stockley c Steele 0, C Harding 0, W Chatterton c and b Steele 0, C Sheasby b Harding 8, H Lewis c Hunt b Price 6, W Hockenbush not out 9, J Dickenson b Price 0, extras 5; total 72.
 Whitchurch: J P Corbett c Sheasby b A Hollowood 13, G Reeves b A Hollowood 0, W Price c A Hollowood b S Hollowood 0, H Steele b S Hollowood 7, P Smith b S Hollowood 0, W Rochelle b A Hollowood 0, F Hunt b A Hollowood 5, E Jones c Lewis b A Hollowood 0, G Harding not out 0, E South b A Hollowood 4, G Roberts b A Hollowood 0, extras 1; total 30.

WHITCHURCH KNOCK-OUT.

PRESSES v. SMITH'S UNITED No. 1.

At Whitchurch on Monday. Scores:—
 Presses: E T Fowles c W H Smith b Madeley 2, A Fox run out 0, W Ashton c R O Smith b Madeley 70, F Ashworth b Steele 4, H Batkin b Steele 10, E Mallock b Steele 0, J Batho run out 2, G Fox c Price b Steele 1, extras 3; total 91.
 Smith's United: E O Smith b Ashworth 3, O Ridgway run out 6, W Price c Ashworth b Batho 24, A Steele b Ashworth 10, H Madeley b Ashworth 0, T Wharton b Batho 9, Capt. O S Smith run out 4, W H Smith not out 43, extras 9; total 108.

WHITCHURCH v. CHOLMONDELEY.

At Whitchurch on Wednesday. Scores:—
 Whitchurch: J Lennon run out 71, Geo. Colley c Mennill b Battarbee 38, A Davies run out 1, A Read b Johnson 0, H Prince run out 3, K J Slater c S Done b Battarbee 1, G Roberts b Battarbee 1, H Oakley c Phillips b Coffin 1, F Lloyd not out 2, T B Richardson b Coffin 0, J P Corbett did not bat, extras 4; total 123.
 Cholmondeley: O Coffin c Oakley b Colley 61, J Done c Lloyd b Colley 2, E Woodhall c Richardson b Read 3, E Johns run out 5, M Done b Read 1, N Timmis c and b Read 6, B Battarbee c Corbett b Colley 8, L Dawson b Read 0, O Phillips run out 14, W Mennill

BOUGHTON HALL KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION.

HAWARDEN BRIDGE REACH FINAL.

CHRISTLETON'S BATTING FAILURE. UNFORTUNATE INJURY TO TAPLEY.

Hawarden Bridge, as was anticipated, gained an easy passage to the final of the Boughton Hall Knock-out Competition on Monday, defeating Christleton by 108 runs to 44. The match lost much of its interest as a result of its one-sidedness. But Christleton did not have the best of luck, as an unfortunate accident to E. Tapley, who severely injured a finger when fielding, did not improve their chances. Hawarden Bridge batted first on a fast wicket, and though they won, and won with ease, their display was not convincing. They were opposed to some very indifferent bowling, but at no time showed themselves to be complete masters of the situation.

Christleton met with an early succession, Dowswell being run out with the score at 6. W. Roberts (23) and E. Higham (21) improved the position, and when a separation was brought about the score was 46 for two wickets. Of the later players W. Hughes (19) was the most aggressive. The innings closed at 106 for the loss of eight wickets.

When Tapley was injured Hawarden Bridge sent out a sub to field, but there was one occasion when the crowd resented his attitude towards a possible catch.

Christleton fared badly, and not a single player reached double figures. Pratt was out to an exceptionally good catch by G. Breedon. But at no time did the Christleton players face the bowling with confidence. Scores:—

HAWARDEN BRIDGE.

W Roberts c and b Ennion	23
J Dowswell run out	6
E Higham c Pratt b Griffiths	21
A Parrish st Pratt b Ennion	0
H Sheargold b Griffiths	0
W Hughes c Pratt b Griffiths	19
H P Beavan st Pratt b Ennion	8
J Taylor run out	9
W Evans not out	1
E Peters not out	6
Extras	8
Total (8 wkts)	106

H Breedon did not bat.

CHRISTLETON.

J Pratt c Breedin b Beavan	7
O Rawlinson b Sheargold	3
F Steventon b Sheargold	5
R Griffiths b Beavan	0
G Ennion b Sheargold	7
R Griffiths b Beavan b Sheargold ..	4
C Ennion c Breedin b Sheargold ..	8
T Solloway b Beavan	1
J Birtwhistle c Beavan b Sheargold	0
A Tilston not out	0
E Tapley absent hurt	0
Extras	9
Total	44

BOWLING ANALYSIS. CHRISTLETON.

E Griffiths	O.	M.	R.	W.
G Ennion	10	0	44	3
Rawlinson	12	1	40	3
.....	2	0	14	0

HAWARDEN BRIDGE.

H Beavan	O.	M.	R.	W.
A Sheargold	7	5	2	8

COUNTY SCHOOL OLD BOYS REACH FINAL.

ST. JOHN'S SOUNDLY BEATEN. A FINE ALL-ROUND DISPLAY.
(By "Austin.")

The match on Thursday between the County School Old Boys and St. John's was tame because of the apparent superiority of the one team over the other. The County School Old Boys, by reason of their victory over St. John's qualified to meet Hawarden Bridge in the final of the competition next Thursday. St. John's, who batted first, compiled 72 runs, but the County School Old Boys passed this total for the loss of only two wickets. The winners were more clever, both in fielding and batting. With the Old Boys in the field, St. John's found runs exceedingly hard to get. The losers opened fairly well, and after losing the first wicket for 18 they carried the score to 48 for four wickets. They lost the remaining six wickets for a mere 24 runs, the tail lagging instead of wagging. Both Griffiths and Atkin batted nicely for their respective 12 and 16, but they were the only two to show any real batting ability. W. N. Jones and Collins added ten runs for the last wicket, the former getting eleven runs. St. John's were made to look a moderate batting side, not really because of any ability, but rather because of the superb fielding of their opponents. The field was well set out, and all showed a safe pair of hands. Hack and Pratt both effected two spectacular catches. Browne and Watkins bowled exceedingly well throughout the innings, and the former, an Eaton Park player, and a left-hander, was exceedingly hard to punish.

Clegg and Hack opened the innings for the Old Boys, and twenty was soon hoisted up without loss. Both were responsible for some good hits. The partnership was broken with the score at 26, when T. A. Clegg fell rather easily to Armitage after he had scored 18. The play brightened up considerably with the arrival of Browne. The field was set out for the left-hander, but all to no purpose. He gave a clever display, being far too canny for St. John's. With the field a good distance out he was content with singles, which he scored frequently. With the score at 53 Hack was bowled by Gerrard. Hack had batted steadily and well for his 23. Browne was pained by Pratt, and by a series of delightful "snicks" both were able to carry the score within five runs off victory. Atkins, a break bowler, had come on at the city end, and his first over was a maiden. He was hard to hit, but Browne lifted him over the trees for a six, to bring the score to 74. Thus the Old Boys had won in 18 overs for the loss of only two wickets. Browne was caught and bowled by Atkin off his second ball. He had scored 22 by sound batting. The game ended when the Old Boys score stood at 99 for five wickets. H. Pratt carried his bat for 18 runs.

ST. JOHN'S.

R D Griffiths c F Hack b Browne ..	12
F Atkin c F Hack b Browne	16
P Gerrard b Browne	5
W Green c H Pratt b Browne	4
W Brakewell at Bell b Watkins	11
G Williams c H Pratt b Browne ..	1
J H Armitage run out	2
J Lipham c Bell b Browne	0
W N Jones b Watkins	11
J Jeppon b Watkins	4
H Collins not out	1
Extras	5
Total	72

COUNTY SCHOOL OLD BOYS.

F Hack b Gerrard	23
T A Clegg b Armitage	18
H T Browne c and b Atkin	22
H Pratt not out	18
A J Kent b Atkin	6
H Parsonage at Collins & Armitage	3
T Earlam not out	2
Extras	7
Total (for 4 wkts)	99

BOWLING ANALYSIS. OLD BOYS.

H T Browne	O.	M.	R.	W.
L Watkins	10	0	31	6
.....	10	1	36	3

ST. JOHN'S.

P Gerrard	O.	M.	R.	W.
J Armitage	10	0	45	1
F Atkins	6	0	24	2
.....	8	1	23	2

MRS. W. E. JONES TO PRESENT TROPHY.

The final will be played on Thursday between County School Boys and Hawarden Bridge. The match promises to be a keenly contested one, and cricket fans should not miss the opportunity of seeing it. At the end of the game the trophy will be presented by Mrs. W. E. Jones.

**COUNTY CRICKET AT
MACCLESFIELD.**

CHESHIRE v. STAFFORDSHIRE.

The Victoria Road Ground, Macclesfield, was the selected venue for the annual Minor-Counties Cricket match between Cheshire and Staffordshire, which was contested on Wednesday and Thursday. Both sides lacked the service of several of their regular players, Staffordshire being without the assistance of Barnes, who was playing for his club, Castleton Moor, in a cup final. That all-round sportsman, Max Woosnam, figured in the Cheshire eleven for the first time.

FIRST DAY'S PLAY.

Batting first on a splendid wicket, McEllen and Crump opposed the bowling of Wilson and Dennis, but they did not play the Cheshire attack with confidence, Wilson frequently having the batsmen guessing. Wilson delivered the first blow at Staffordshire by taking McEllen's wicket with only eight runs on the board, the ball breaking in from the off and completely beating the batsman. G. A. Fitton then partnered Crump in an endeavour to retrieve a poor start. When the score had been advanced to 16 there was a change in the bowling, L. N. Jones going on in place of Dennis, who was put on at the other end. In the following over Wilson went on at the pavilion end and the batsmen became subdued. Dennis maintained considerable pace and kept good length, but off this bowler Spearing gave Crump a life by dropping a catch behind the wicket.

It was in Dennis's next over that L. N. Jones made up for Spearing's mistake by holding a fast travelling ball in the slips off the bat of Crump.

With the score having been taken to 70 in an hour and a half Cook was distinctly unfortunate in not securing Ikin's wicket. A leg shot travelled fast to W. E. Jones, who was fielding at square leg, but the home player failed to retain his hold on the ball.

Ikin, who throughout his innings had shown a disposition to hit out, was run out immediately after the game was resumed after lunch. Max Woosnam cleverly and clearly fielded the ball at fine leg and threw Ikin's wicket down.

Lockett went in to indulge in some attractive hitting, quickly putting Wilson twice to the boundary. Fitton, who, during earlier play, had adopted the right tactics of wearing down the bowling, continued to play with restraint.

With the score at 119 Cook was substituted for Dennis.

After being at the wicket for 2 hours and 20 minutes Fitton was smartly taken behind the wicket by Spearing. Heath had gone in to make a single when a sparkling exhibition of batting was brought to a close by the dismissal of Lockett, who was the second player to be run out. Hardy, the Oxford University player, remained only sufficiently long to make a single when Cook disposed of him by taking his middle stump. Both Sedgwick and Heath attempted some hard hitting, but keen fielding kept the rate of scoring low. Sedgwick's stay at the wicket, however, was of short duration, for after putting on four Cook got through his defence and for the second time claimed the middle peg.

The bowlers maintained such accurate attack that the last three wickets fell for 14 runs.

Cook, who howled extremely well took 5 wickets for 47.

Cheshire commenced their innings at 4.10 and with the second ball down Sedgwick had Abel out l.b.w. and with only five runs on the board W. E. Jones was bowled by Sedgwick, who took two wickets for two runs.

Further disaster followed, for as a result of some fine howling by Sedgwick and Lockett half the Cheshire side were out for the meagre total of 11 runs.

A timely stand by Wilson and Max Woosnam pulled the game round somewhat, the partnership putting on a valuable 69 before Wilson was dismissed. These two

batsmen gave by far the best batting display of the day, both scoring freely with a variety of strokes all round the wicket. The only other player to accomplish anything of note was Dutton, who batted soundly for 31. The following were the scores:—

Staffordshire (first innings).

L. McEllen b Wilson	6
L. H. Crump c L. N. Jones b Dennis	8
G. A. Fitton c Spearing b L. N. Jones	46
A. W. Iken run out	51
A. Lockett run out	47
J. S. Heath c Woosnam b Cook	1
R. S. A. Hardy b Cook	4
Sedgwick b Cook	24
E. Mayer not out	24
Boon c and b Wilson	6
W. Beddows b Cook	6
Extras	—
Total	200

Cheshire (first innings).

W. E. Jones b Sedgwick	2
J. L. Abel l.b.w. b Sedgwick	0
J. L. Battersby c Mayer b Lockett	2
L. N. Jones c Beddows b Sedgwick	5
S. M. H. Spearing b Lockett	0
Max Woosnam b Sedgwick	44
Wilson c Hardy b Lockett	34
J. Pratt b Lockett	6
R. M. Dutton b Lockett	21
Dennis not out	0
Cook b Mayers	9
Extras	3
Total	130

Bowling Analysis.

Staffordshire.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Wilson	25	8	61	1
Dennis	19	8	21	1
L. N. Jones	11	0	50	1
Cook	24	9	47	5
Dutton	5	1	9	0
W. E. Jones	3	1	4	0

Cheshire.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Sedgwick	14	2	64	4
Lockett	19	3	53	5
Mayer	3.2	0	10	1

SECOND DAY'S PLAY.

Crump and McEllen commenced Staffordshire's second innings, Wilson and Dennis opening the attack. An early change was made in the bowling when Cook displaced Dennis, but runs came with fair frequency even though the cricket was by no means exhilarating. After Jones had bowled four overs Dutton went on and Crump found him difficult to play, but McEllen showed an impartiality towards Cook's deliveries by occasionally sending him to the rails. Both batsmen became enterprising as occasion demanded and 50 was sent up in 55 minutes. McEllen took his score to 45 before he was taken in the slips by L. N. Jones. Ikin's stay at the wicket was of the briefest duration for he was smartly taken by Woosnam at point. With Lockett as his partner Crump continued to score at a steady pace. The partnership was broken when the score had been taken to 103, Crump spooning a ball and giving W. E. Jones one of the simplest catches at short leg.

Fitton, the left-handed bat, went in to make one stroke to the boundary before being caught at mid-off by Battersby. On going in Heath put his bat hard to the ball, but many strokes of both batsmen worthy of boundaries were smartly fielded. Cheshire's work in the field was both clean and keen, Woosnam undoubtedly being the outstanding fielder. Heath at length skied a delivery by Cook and was caught at mid-off.

Lockett's 50 was obtained by admirable timing and great hitting powers. Hardy wielded the bat in polished style and some superb strokes saw him put on 18. Twenty minutes' batting produced 50 runs, and with the total at 187 Hardy was dismissed for obstruction. Lockett maintained his form after the departure of Sedgwick, who was clean bowled. He twice drove Cook the full distance, but when a century appeared almost certain—his score was 94—he skied a ball to first slip and was easily caught by Battersby. Mayer was at the wicket when Lockett was dismissed and on Boon going

in the Staffordshire captain declared with the score 230, setting Cheshire to get 301 to win.

Cheshire went out to bat at 3.15 when W. E. Jones and J. L. Abel faced the attack of Boon and Hardy and made fairly quick progress, fourteen runs being put on in ten minutes, both batsmen registering a rather lucky boundary. Many of the deliveries were played with caution for the bowlers were accurate. Abel's stay at the wicket was a short-lived affair. Mistiming a ball which rose from Boon he skied it into the waiting hands of the wicket keeper, Beddows. No sooner had Battersby got to the wicket than he was returned clean bowled by Boon. W. E. Jones was then partnered by his brother, L. N. Jones, and it remained to be seen whether they could retrieve anything but a flattering start. So far W. E. Jones had put on 12, but after scoring a single L. N. Jones gave Heath a difficult chance at mid-on, a quickly travelling ball going away from him whilst on the run.

Both batsmen hit out with determination when opportunity was presented and with the score taken to 40 Mayer went on to displace Boon, W. E. Jones promptly dispatching him to the rails. Lockett was brought on in place of Hardy and in his first over L. N. Jones was caught and bowled by Lockett, who injured his finger in making the catch, but was able to resume.

Pratt and Abel added 13 and 7 respectively to Cheshire's score before both were caught out. Dennis was dismissed in a like manner at 31 when Cook had registered 16, the match concluding with Cheshire still in the minority.

The following were the scores:—

Staffordshire (second innings).

L. McEllen c L. N. Jones b Dutton	45
L. H. Crump c W. E. Jones b Cook	26
G. A. Fitton c Battersby b Cook	4
A. W. Iken c Woosnam b Dutton	0
A. Lockett c Battersby b Wilson	94
J. S. Heath c W. E. Jones b Cook	7
R. S. A. Hardy l.b.w. b Wilson	18
Sedgwick b Wilson	13
E. Mayer not out	2
Boon not out	0
W. Beddows did not bat.	—
Extras	21
Total for 8 wickets	230

Innings declared.

Cheshire (second innings).

W. E. Jones b Lockett	31
S. M. Spearing b Lockett	21
M. Woosnam b Lockett	12
Wilson c Crump b Lockett	0
R. M. Dutton l.b.w. b Sedgwick	14
L. N. Jones b Lockett	19
J. L. Battersby b Boon	0
J. Pratt c McEllen b Sedgwick	13
J. L. Abel c Beddows b Boon	7
Dennis c Heath b Hardy	21
Cook not out	16
Extras	9
Total	173

Bowling Analysis.

Staffordshire (second innings).

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Wilson	20	6	41	3
Dennis	14	4	45	0
Cook	20	4	59	3
L. N. Jones	6	2	11	0
R. M. Dutton	17	3	53	2

Cheshire (second innings).

Boon	11	4	23	2
Hardy	11.2	0	33	1
Mayer	9	3	31	0
Lockett	17	8	51	7
Sedgwick	9	2	23	1

COUNTY CRICKET AT CHESTER.

Cheshire's First Win.

REMARKABLE BOWLING BY L. N. JONES.

RUNS SCARCE ON TRICKY WICKET.

(By R. A. H.)

The annual County Cricket fixture, at Chester, opened on Wednesday at the Boughton Hall Cricket Ground, under adverse weather conditions. Cheshire were opposed to Northumberland, who brought a strong side. The Chester fixture seems to be fated, and for the last seven years, or at least one day out of the two allotted to the match, it has rained. Wednesday was no exception, and following heavy rain over night, there was a continual drizzle in the morning. Although the wicket had been covered, it was found impossible to start play before a quarter past two.

The unfavourable outlook undoubtedly prevented many people from passing through the gates, but even so, I was surprised at the meagre attendance, when it was definitely decided to play. There were no more spectators than at an ordinary Saturday afternoon Boughton Hall XI. fixture. No wonder the County Club's finances are not so satisfactory as desired. Those who attended certainly had their money's worth. As may be imagined, the pitch cut up badly after the first thirty minutes, and developed into a real bowler's wicket. L. N. Jones made the fullest possible use of it, and Northumberland, who took first innings, were put out for 102. Jones was practically unplayable, scoring eight wickets for 17 runs—an average of a little over two runs per wicket—which included the "hat-trick." He came on when the total had reached 50 without loss, took the first wicket, and later gathered in four victims with five balls. It was a great bowling display and a treat to watch.

The Northumberland bowlers were even more successful when Cheshire went to the wicket, for when an appeal by the home county against the light was made, at 5.30, they had lost eight wickets for the small total of 47. The collapse commenced when W. E. Jones was well taken in the slips before a run had been scored, and after that it was a procession to and from the wicket. R. P. Fisk and L. N. Jones were the only batsmen to reach double figures. During the day eighteen wickets fell for 149 runs.

Half an hour sufficed to complete Cheshire's first innings on Thursday morning, which closed for 60. The Northumberland team's second venture produced 122 runs, which left the home county with 145 to get to win. A fine stand by W. E. Jones and R. P. Fisk gave Cheshire a good start, and then L. N. Jones hit 28 in dashing style, the visitors' total being passed for the loss of six wickets only.

THE GAME.

Northumberland won the toss, and at 2.15 Cheshire took the field, the visitors having decided to bat. The wicket was soft. J. B. Bruce and W. G. Mackay were the opening pair, and were opposed to the bowling of Cooke and Dennis. Both batsmen opened cautiously against good length bowling, the first fifteen minutes producing ten runs only. The batting livened up somewhat after this, and 20 was recorded in half the time taken in reaching double figures. At this point the Cheshire captain made his first bowling change, R. M. Dutton replacing Dennis at the tennis courts' end. Runs continued to come fairly easily, the batsmen bringing off some fine pulls to the leg boundary, and both bowlers suffered punishment. With a single off Dutton, Bruce hoisted the 40. The opening pair appeared quite at home with the attack, and in an endeavour to bring about a separation, L. N. Jones was called upon to take up the attack. The change was soon apparent in the rate of scoring, for "L. N." was making the ball rise sharply off a pitch which was already showing signs of wear. The first over he bowled was a maiden, Bruce being in difficulties all the time. After just under 45 minutes' play 60 appeared on the board, but with five added, L. N. Jones brought off a fine catch, to send back Mackay. Neither batsmen had been comfortable with the new bowler, and this early success was not unexpected. The outgoing man had 22 to his credit, which included five 4's. His runs were scored with cleverly executed strokes all round the wicket, but he was particularly strong on the leg side. With H. P. Pritchard filling the vacancy, runs came very slowly, for Jones was proving extremely effective in keeping the batsmen subdued.

REMARKABLE BOWLING.

At 60 W. E. Jones made another bowling change, Cooke going on vice Dutton, who had not given the batsmen much trouble. The total was slowly advanced to 63, and then Bruce got his legs in front of one from Cooke, and had to go for 21. Bruce had played confident cricket for his runs and assisted in giving his side a useful start. H. O. Lee and Pritchard carried the score to 76 by means of careful batting, before another wicket fell, Lee being clean bowled by L. N. Jones after scoring 7. We were now entertained to a rare bowling display, for with his next two deliveries the Boughton Hall bowler disarranged C. F. Stanger Leath's stumps with a ball which broke sharply, and sent back W. D. Wade, clean bowled. The "hat-trick" was signalled with a great ovation from the spectators. At this point his bowling figures were:

O.	M.	R.	W.
8	4	7	3

More was to follow. Off the second ball of his next over, Jones successfully appealed for lbw against J. R. Craig, and had taken four wickets with five balls. Such excellent and successful bowling had not been seen at Boughton Hall for many years. Another 11 runs were put on with G. L. Allan in partnership with Pritchard, before further success attended the efforts of the bowlers, but at 89 Jones claimed another victim in Pritchard, who was out lbw. W. Hetherton and Allan left at 96, Cooke securing the former and Jones the latter. "L. N.'s" analysis was now seven wickets for 16 runs. The 100 was sent up after Northumberland's innings had lasted 95 minutes. Two runs later C. H. Saunders was lbw to Jones, and the innings closed for the moderate total of 102. L. N. Jones had the unusual bowling figures of eight wickets for 17 runs. Cooke took two for 34.

In a failing light and on a badly damaged wicket, Cheshire opened with W. E. Jones and R. P. Fisk. W. Hetherton and J. L. Allan were the bowlers. Disaster quickly befel the home county, for before their account had been opened, the captain touched a rising ball from Hetherton, and was smartly taken in the slips by Pritchard, the score 0—1—0 was bad, but worse was to follow, for with only a single recorded, McIntyre fell to a smart catch at the wicket off Allan. L. N. Jones and Fisk slowly advanced the total to 10, and then the Boughtonian got the first 4 of the innings with a great drive to the far boundary. In attempting to repeat the stroke, however, he was bowled by Hetherton. During the short time he was at the wicket, he hit up 11. The board now read 20—3—11. The batsmen could do nothing with the bowling, and T. W. Jefferson, F. S. Walker and R. M. Dutton left for an addition of 12 runs. A. W. Midgley was disposed of at 47, and at the same total, Fisk, who had played valuable cricket, was caught by Allan off Hetherton. With A. R. Crooke and Cooke together, an appeal by the Cheshire batsmen against the light was upheld, and the game was abandoned for the day at 5.30.

THE SECOND DAY.

The sun was shining brightly when Cook and Crooke, the overnight batsmen, continued the Cheshire innings this morning. The wicket was easier.

In the second over of the day's play, Cook got Allan to the leg boundary to put the score up to 60. The bowling and fielding at this time was excellent, and the first ten minutes only produced four runs. Another four by Cook, before he was caught by Lee off Allan's ball, brought the total to 66, and the outgoing batsmen had produced eight. Batting was cautious, and singles were the order for a time, but Dennis opened his shoulders to a loose ball by Hetherton, which landed on the tennis courts for 6. This improved things considerably. The score was carried to 80, and then Dennis asked one from Hetherton, which was well held by Bruce, the innings thus closing at 11.30, with 23 runs short of the Northumberland total.

VISITORS' SECOND VENTURE.

Bruce and Mackay were opposed to Cook and L. N. Jones, when Northumberland commenced their second venture. At the start runs came fairly quickly, the 20 being put on the board after the innings had been in progress fifteen minutes. The Cheshire captain took the ball at this point and was almost at once successful, bowling Bruce with his second ball, which looked very simple. W. E. was imparting considerable spin to the sphere, and it was fatal for the batsmen to take liberties. Mackay and Pritchard slowly advanced the total to 26, and then Jones secured another wicket, Mackay being out lbw for the second time in the match. His individual contribution was 17 obtained with several gracefully executed strokes. Jones had now taken two wickets for as many runs, but with Lee and Pritchard together, the latter punished him considerably, the score being advanced to 40 before a smart bit of work behind the wicket by Cooke sent Lee back to the pavilion for 8. Pritchard was treating all the bowlers alike, and although there was nothing aggressive about his batting, he was never in difficulties, and never failed to treat a loose ball as it deserved. The attack, however, was sound, and it was not often that the batsmen were given the opportunity of hitting out. At 67 W. E. Jones came off and R. M. Dutton took up the attack, and Dennis replaced Cooke at the other end. The change proved disastrous for Northumberland, for with his second delivery Dennis hit Stanger

Leath's leg stump. Pritchard and Wade then stayed together until lunch, when the total was 99 for four.

When the game re-started, three were added to hoist the hundred, and then Pritchard hit one back to L. N. Jones and had to leave. The outgoing batsman was particularly unfortunate in not getting his 50, for he only required four to reach that coveted total. He had played a confident and patient innings against bowling which was of the first water. Cheshire captured two more wickets at 110, Craig and Wade being run out, while Hetherton and Milne left at 122, when the innings closed.

CHESHIRE'S SECOND INNINGS.

When Cheshire went to the wicket for the second time, they required 145 runs to win, and taking into consideration the state of the pitch and the excellent bowling to which they were opposed, it seemed quite a formidable task. W. E. Jones and Fisk, however, started confidently, and with two 4's in succession, Fisk put 20 on the score board. The batsmen were well on top of the bowling when the Northumberland skipper made a double bowling change—Milne coming on for Hetherton, and Hetherton taking Allan's place at the other end. Fisk had a life when Allan dropped a simple catch, while a few minutes later he had another narrow escape, the ball dropping just out of Hetherton's reach. Both men were cautious, and scoring strokes were few and far between. A four and a three from Fisk put 40 up, and then he survived an appeal for leg before by Hetherton. An hour's play and the half-century was passed. Seven runs later, however, Fisk fell to a good catch by Pritchard off Lee, when his individual contribution had reached 39. Jefferson was quickly disposed of, and then W. E. and L. N. Jones were associated in another useful partnership. The brothers livened things up considerably, "L. N." getting two quick fours off Milne, but with the total at 109, he asked a ball from Milne to be well taken at point by Mackay. His was a merry innings for 23, which left nothing to be desired. McIntyre left at 120, Walker at 124, and with four men out, Cheshire required 21 to win. Before the required runs were secured, however, W. E. Jones was bowled by Hetherton for 45. The Cheshire captain played a great innings, and but for his effort, it is doubtful if Cheshire would have gained the verdict. The cricket was painfully slow at the close, but R. M. Dutton and Crooke stayed together until the runs were obtained. Scores:—

NORTHUMBERLAND.

First innings.

J. B. Bruce lbw b Cooke	21
W. G. Mackay c and b L. N. Jones	32
H. P. Pritchard lbw b L. N. Jones	10
H. O. Lee b L. N. Jones	7
C. F. Stanger Leath b L. N. Jones	0
W. D. Wade b L. N. Jones	0
J. R. Craig lbw b L. N. Jones	0
J. L. Allan b L. N. Jones	3
W. Hetherton b Cooke	5
G. T. Milne not out	2
C. H. Saunders lbw b L. N. Jones	4
Extras	20
Total	102

Second Innings.

J. G. Bruce b W. E. Jones	4
W. Mackay lbw b W. E. Jones	11
H. C. Lee c Crooke b W. E. Jones	8
H. B. Pritchard c and b L. N. Jones	46
C. F. Stanger Leath b Dennis	9
W. D. Wade run out	10
J. K. Craig run out	3
J. L. Allan c L. N. Jones b Cooke	3
W. Hetherton lbw b L. N. Jones	6
G. T. Milne c Midgley b Cooke	2
C. H. Saunders not out	0
Extras	14
Total	122

CHESHIRE.

First Innings.

W. E. Jones c Pritchard b Hetherton	0
R. P. Fisk c Allan b Hetherton	24
K. H. McIntyre c Craig b Allan	0
L. N. Jones b Hetherton	11
T. W. Jefferson c and b Hetherton	4
F. S. Walker b Allan	0
R. M. Dutton c Pritchard b Hetherton	0
A. W. Midgley c Stanger Leath b Allan	7
A. E. Crooke not out	1
Cook c Lee b Allan	8
Dennis c Bruce b Hetherton	24
Extras	1
Total	80

Second Innings.

W. E. Jones b Hetherton	45
R. P. Fisk c Pritchard b Lee	39
T. W. Jefferson c Craig b Milne	3
L. N. Jones c Mackay b Milne	28
K. H. McIntyre b Milne	4
F. S. Walker c Hetherton b Milne	3
R. M. Dutton not out	11
A. E. Crooke not out	4
Extras	9
Total (for 6 wickets)	146

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Northumberland (1st Innings).
L. N. Jones, 15.40. 5m. 17r. 8w.
Dennis, 50. 1m. 8r. 0w.
Cooke, 170. 6m. 34r. 2w.
R. M. Dutton, 60. 6m. 23r. 0w.

Second innings.
Cook, 17.40. 3m. 30r. 2w.
L. N. Jones, 170. 3m. 37r. 2w.
W. E. Jones, 110. 3m. 23r. 3w.
R. N. Dutton, 70. 3m. 10r. 0w.
Dennis, 60. 2m. 8r. 1w.

Cheshire (1st innings).
Hetherington, 16.30. 8m. 35r. 6w.
Allan, 160. 2m. 44r. 4w.

Second innings.
Milne, 330. 12m. 58r. 4w.
Hetherington, 31.20. 15m. 57r. 1w.
J. L. Allan, 40. 1m. 13r. 0w.
H. C. Lee, 30. 0m. 8r. 1w.

FALL OF WICKETS.
Northumberland (1st innings): 1-55, 2-63, 3-76, 4-76, 5-76, 6-78, 7-89, 8-96, 9-96, 10-102.

Second innings: 1-23, 2-26, 3-40, 4-57, 5-102, 6-110, 7-111, 8-112, 9-122, 10-122.

Cheshire (1st innings): 1-0, 2-1, 3-20, 4-26, 5-27, 6-32, 7-47, 8-47, 9-55, 10-80.

Second innings: 1-57, 2-66, 3-109, 4-120, 5-124, 6-132.

Welsh Rivalry

CAERNARVONSHIRE BEAT FLINTSHIRE ON THE STROKE OF TIME.

Flintshire and Caernarvonshire were in opposition at Shotton on Wednesday. Batting first on a soft wicket, Flintshire made 152, the chief scorers being T. Davies (29), Grimshaw (23), Tom Roberts (23), Ratcliffe (22), and Asbury (21). For Caernarvonshire, Hubbard took seven wickets for 63 runs.

Captain Lloyd (Llandudno) and D. Owen (Bangor) opened for Caernarvonshire, and sent up three figures before Owen was bowled for 32. Captain Lloyd went on to make 71 (not out).

The game ended in an exciting manner. Caernarvonshire had seven minutes in which to make 22 runs to win, after Metcalfe had hit up 35, and Captain Lloyd got the winning run on the stroke of time, Caernarvonshire finishing at 154 for two wickets.

Liverpool and District Competition.

Positions of the clubs to date are as follows:

	P	W	L	D	PTS
Oxton	20	12	5	3	13
Ormskirk	15	9	1	5	9
Sefton	19	8	4	7	8
Wallasey	18	7	7	4	7
Boughton Hall	11	7	2	2	7
Formby	20	7	7	6	7
Hightown	18	4	7	5	6
Birkenhead Park	18	5	6	7	5
New Brighton	18	5	5	8	5
Huyton	17	6	10	2	5
Bootle	18	5	4	7	5
Liverpool	16	4	4	8	4
Southport	15	4	5	6	4
Northern	18	2	10	6	2
Neston	17	2	11	4	2

Boughton Hall Tounce Neston Masterly Batting by W. E. and L. N. Jones. Two Centuries.

Masterly batting by the brothers Jones was the chief feature of an exciting game at Parkgate, on Saturday, when the Boughton Hall let XI thoroughly tounced Neston and won by 141 runs. Both W. E. and L. N. Jones scored centuries off the Neston bowlers, the former getting 111, and the latter 140 not out. Rarely has such hurricane hitting been seen on Neston's enclosure, for both batsmen played brilliantly throughout. The visitors had all the best of the conditions, however, for Neston played most of their innings in the rain. It was this sporting action on the part of the home team which gave Boughton Hall the game, for they would have been quite justified in waiting for better conditions. As it was, the rain threatened to balk Boughton Hall of their win, as a break which came after the fall of the first Neston wicket gave them little over an hour in which to get the remaining batsmen out. The issue was in doubt right up to the last moment, but Neston could only make 156 in reply to Boughton Hall's 206 for five.

Boughton Hall opened with W. E. Jones and R. Frost, to the bowling of H. P. Swift and Nutter. Frost did not last long, however, for with the total at six he was bowled by a good ball from Swift for 4. F. Hack assisted W. E. Jones to carry the total to 65, and then fell a victim of L. W. Wood, who caught him off his own bowling. Hack had 21 to his credit. Then "L. N." joined his brother, and things became merry. Both batsmen set about the bowling in such a fierce manner, that the score mounted by leaps and bounds. The 200 mark was passed and 237 cent up before W. E. was dismissed, after batting just on two hours for his 111. This score included sixteen 4's and eight 2's. L. N. Jones was even more forceful,

and hit three 6's and nineteen 4's in his 140 not out. J. Pratt made 7 and R. M. Dutton 11. The score board read: 236-5-11 when the innings was declared closed.

The wet ball appeared to have little effect on the bowling when Neston went to the wickets, but a foothold was difficult. M. C. Wainwright and J. M. Swift provided a stout opposition to the attack, getting 32 and 30, respectively, before being dismissed. Then J. M. Sullivan 29 and P. J. Griffiths with 28 carried the score along. The slow bowling of W. E. Jones, however, was too much for the majority of the batsmen, and the innings closed for 155. W. E. Jones took six wickets for 46 runs. Scores:—

BOUGHTON HALL.

W. E. Jones c H. P. Swift b Nutter	111
R. Frost b H. P. Swift	4
F. Hack c and b Wood	21
L. N. Jones not out	140
J. Pratt c J. M. Swift b Nutter	7
R. M. Dutton c and b J. M. Swift	11
Extras	2
Total (for 5 wkts. inn. dec.)	296

For Boughton Hall, L. Hale, H. D. Roberts, W. A. V. Churton, L. C. Hales, and J. Lewis did not bat.

NESTON AND DISTRICT.

R. A. Barratt run out	5
L. K. Gilling c W. E. Jones b Frost	1
M. C. Wainwright b W. E. Jones	32
Nutter c Hack b L. N. Jones	14
J. M. Swift c Hales b W. E. Jones	30
J. H. B. Sullivan st Roberts b W. E. J.	29
F. B. Cope st Roberts b W. E. Jones	3
F. J. Griffiths b L. N. Jones	28
J. Henderson b W. E. Jones	4
L. W. Wood b W. E. Jones	1
H. P. Swift not out	1
Extras	7
Total	155

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
Neston.
R. Frost, 80. 2m. 22r. 1w.
L. N. Jones, 140. 1m. 62r. 2w.
W. E. Jones 150. 0m. 46r. 6w.
R. M. Dutton, 70. 1m. 18r. 0w.

FALL OF WICKETS.
Boughton Hall: 1-6, 2-65, 3-237, 4-259, 5-296.
Neston: 1-6, 2-15, 3-40, 4-70, 5-101, 6-114, 7-128, 8-156, 9-154, 10-155.

BOUGHTON HALL 2nd XI.

An Easy Win.

A. S. DAGGER'S FINE STAND.

Boughton Hall second eleven entertained Neston second eleven on Saturday. Rain marred the play, but Boughton were able to pass their opponents' total before the rain prevented further play. Neston were brought out for 122 runs, and Boughton Hall made 129 for two wickets. The visitors batted first, and the first wicket fell for three runs. Witter and Tanner faced the bowling, and between them knocked up 21 runs, of which the former contributed 20. F. N. Smith was well caught by A. R. Slater for 3, and Greening held a hard drive from Gilling, who made 15. The best stand for Neston was made by J. B. W. Hughes, who was fairly confident at the wicket, and had made a first-class 40 before he was caught by Warburton. L. H. Wright was unfortunate in not opening his score, being stumped by H. W. Day. D. F. Redmond faced but little better, making only five, and P. H. Hudderton was another unfortunate one. O. R. H. Herbert was better, and contributed a useful 32. A. Cross made 4, and Wain did not open his score.

Boughton Hall's victory was mainly due to the fine innings by A. S. Dagger, who hit up 69 (not out). Dagger and H. J. Hack opened the innings, and the latter made 10 runs. H. Pratt was caught and bowled by Witter for 20, and J. Gunnery hit up 12 not out. For Boughton Hall, Greening took two wickets for 27 runs, A. S. Dagger four for 44, H. Hack two for 15, and A. R. Slater one for 25. Scores:—

NESTON.

A. L. Witter b J. Greening	20
J. B. Tanner c Greening b Slater	1
F. N. Smith c Slater b Greening	3
J. H. Gilling c Greening b Dagger	15
J. S. W. Hughes c Warburton b Hack	40
L. H. Wright st Day b Dagger	0
D. F. Richmond c Hack b Dagger	5
P. Hudderton run out	0
O. R. Hibbert not out	32
A. Cross b A. S. Dagger	4
M. Wain hit wkt b Hack	0
Extras	2
Total	122

BOUGHTON HALL.

A. S. Dagger not out	69
H. J. Hack run out	10
H. Pratt c and b Witter	20
J. Greening not out	12
Extras	18
Total (for 2 wkts.)	129

R. Jones, N. W. Birkin, A. R. Slater, F. A. Clegg, J. L. Warburton, E. Griffiths and H. W. Day did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Neston.
J. Greening, 80. 0m. 27r. 2w.
A. R. Slater, 110. 0m. 25r. 1w.
A. S. Dagger, 40. 1m. 44r. 4w.
H. Hack 6.50. 0m. 15r. 2w.

FALL OF WICKETS.

Neston: 1-3, 2-14, 3-29, 4-63, 5-63, 6-74, 7-74, 8-97, 9-111, 10-112.
Boughton Hall: 1-36, 2-109.

A WIN FOR EATON PARK.

BOOTLE DEFEATED.

P. A. JONES RETIRES HURT.

On Saturday, Eaton Park met and defeated Bootle Extra XI in a fairly interesting game. The Eaton Park Club is attracting more spectators, and local interest is being aroused in the success of the team. Rain interfered somewhat with the game on Saturday, but, nevertheless, the onlookers were treated to some good cricket.

P. A. Jones, who batted first for Eaton Park, was injured after obtaining 33 runs, and was forced to retire.

Bootle batted first, and sent in H. Baucher and T. W. Stubbs, who between them made 22 runs—not a promising opening against such a strong side. Emerson only made three runs, but L. S. Collis improved matters considerably with a well-gathered 32, and A. Merton played good cricket in making 28. W. Aislewood made 17 and W. Brown 18, while R. H. Kelly scored 7 not out. The remaining members of the side: Williams, Lacy and Cooper, did not score. With thirteen extras, Bootle's total was 140, and Eaton Park went to the wicket and surpassed that total by 12, making 152 for five wickets.

The best scorers were P. A. Jones (33), who, had he not been injured, might have doubled that total, the Rev. F. J. Okell, who was run out for 46, and H. T. Browne (34). H. Fearnall hit up 10, and Gude 1. Watson contributed 11 runs and Col. Priestman 1. A. Moss scored 9 not out.

For Eaton Park, Priestman took six wickets for 35 runs, and Browns two for 32. Scores:—

BOOTLE.

H. Baucher c and b Priestman	7
T. W. Stubbs b Browne	15
J. E. Emerson c Browne b Priestman	3
L. S. Collis b Watkins	32
A. Merton c Kingman b Fearnall	28
W. Aislewood c Moss b Browne	17
W. Brown b Priestman	18
R. H. Kelly not out	7
P. Williams b Priestman	0
A. P. Lacy b Priestman	0
W. L. Cooper c Browne b Priestman	0
Extras	13
Total	140

EATON PARK.

P. A. Jones retired hurt	33
Rev. F. J. Okell run out	46
H. T. Browne c Brown b Williams	34
H. Fearnall b Williams	10
W. Gude c and b Lacy	1
L. Watkins b Lacy	1
Col. Priestman not out	1
A. Moss not out	9
Extras	7
Total (for 5 wkts.)	152

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
Bootle innings.
Priestman, 14.10. 3m. 35r. 6w.
Browne, 150. 5m. 32r. 2w.
Fearnall, 60. 0m. 30r. 1w.
Watkins, 60. 1m. 27r. 1w.

FALL OF WICKETS.
Bootle: 1-21, 2-25, 3-35, 4-82, 5-110, 6-131, 7-131, 8-140, 9-140, 10-140.
Eaton Park: 1-117, 2-117, 3-118, 4-138, 5-140.

CHESTER ST. JOHN'S v. MORETON.

St. John's entertained Moreton on Saturday at Saughall-road, each side playing 12 men. The Saints won the toss, and decided to bat. Opening with Atkin and Catherall, runs came very slowly at the commencement, but with Collins joining Atkin, runs came at a quicker pace. Collins went for the bowling, and quickly made his ten runs. Atkin in the meantime was scoring off the bowling with comparative ease. No other batsman gave trouble, and the innings closed for 61 runs.

Moreton opened with Wikeley and Botherham to the bowling of Chambers and Plant. The former secured the first wicket by bowling Wikeley. Botherham was unfortunate in being hit in the face by a ball from Plant. Atkin took Plant's place, for he was bowling short. Success came to the Saints' bowlers, for they had 8 wickets down for 36 runs. There was very little in the game, for St. John's only managed to win by 8 runs. Chambers took 7 wickets for 26 for St. John's, and Woods 6 wickets for 24 for the visitors. Scores:—

ST. JOHN'S.

F. Atkin b Woods	25
E. Catherall lbw b Wikeley	0
B. Collins b Woods	0
B. Harding b Wikeley	10
J. R. Lipham c Lee b Wikeley	11
L. W. Johnson b Woods	1
P. Plant c Lee b Wikeley	4
W. H. Jones b Woods	5

E. Chambers c and b Wikeley	0
F. Burdett b Woods	1
H. Langford not out	1
Extras	2
Total	61

MORETON.

J. Wikeley b Chambers	14
R. Rotherham retired hurt	2
H. Wikeley run out	1
W. H. Saunders b Atkin	7
H. Woods b Chambers	4
W. Lawson c Collins b Chambers	0
J. Rotherham b Chambers	3
W. Jackman b Chambers	0
J. Lee b Atkin	9
J. Knight b Chambers	0
J. W. Hall not out	5
O. Wikeley b Chambers	4
Extras	4
Total	53

WHITCHURCH v. HOLMES CHAPEL.
At Whitechurch on Saturday. Scores:—

WHITCHURCH.

G. Colley b Burton	17
F. Clayton c and b Edes	17
A. Davies b Sutton	56
J. Wright c H. Jackson b Sankey	16
D. Goodwin lbw b Entwistle	25
K. J. Slater run out	7
S. Done c Pemberton b Entwistle	0
W. H. Smith b Sutton	3
R. Oakley c and b Entwistle	10
J. Corbett not out	7
R. Done b Sutton	4
Extras	10
Total	172

HOLMES CHAPEL.

A. Jackson b Colley	9
H. Jackson b Colley	82
E. Eden c Clayton b Colley	4
O. Pemberton b R. Done	11
E. Entwistle b Colley	3
H. Sankey b R. Done	18
H. Henshaw c Davies b R. Done	8
R. Sutton not out	7
Extras	7
Total (for 7 wks.)	159

For Holmes Chapel, C. Hough, B. Steele and T. Burton did not bat.

THORNTON HOUGH v. OXTON III.

Played at Thornton Manor on Saturday. The game was marred by heavy rain and had to be abandoned. The visitors batted first on a dry wicket, and Burrell and McLean made an excellent start. The pair were together for one and a half hours before McLean was bowled by Hinde with the score at 52, his share being 25. Tattersall offered a stubborn resistance, but eventually fell to a brilliant catch by Roper, a promising young cricketer, of Calday Grange Grammar School. Burrell was next out at 80, after a patient innings of 24. Prescott showed confidence, and hit up runs, but with the score at 86 he was stumped. Thompson gave little resistance, but there followed a great stand of 57 runs between Woodward and Baker, both batsmen being undefeated when at 151 for five wickets the innings was declared. Left with only 75 minutes to bat after tea, Thornton started disastrously, for Edwards was out to a superb piece of stumping by Prescott at seven. Waring afterwards hit hard, and before collecting 17 he secured a magnificent six into the Manor Park, and also two fours. Rain interrupted, and the game was abandoned as a draw. Scores:—

Oxton III.—D. Burrell c sub b Clarke 24, J. W. McLean b Hinde 26, C. Tattersall c Roper b Clarke 9, H. G. Prescott st Waring b Clarke 10, C. S. Woodward not out 22, C. H. Thompson c Edwards b Clarke 6, D. R. Baker not out 39, extras 15, total (5 wks) 151. H. C. Davies, H. Wylie, D. J. W. Wallace and E. C. Rylands did not bat.

Thornton Hough.—T. Edwards at Prescott b Rylands 1, G. Waring lbw b Burrell 17, S. N. Hinde not out 0, T. Shakeshaft not out 0, extras 7, total (2 wks) 25. J. T. Roper, F. J. Clark, N. J. Owen, G. Clark, W. Hamilton and H. J. Roberts did not bat.

Bowling.—Oxton III.: Shakeshaft 0 for 46, Hinde 1 for 29, Edwards 0 for 24, Clarke 4 for 28, Roper 0 for 10. Thornton Hough: Rylands 1 for 4, Burrell 1 for 14.

Chester and District League.

(By "MID-OFF.")

	F	W	L	D	P
Rivertown	7	5	2	0	10
Ellesmere Port Cement	6	4	2	0	8
Pontblyddyn	5	2	2	1	5
Llay Main	4	2	2	0	4
Shotton	6	0	5	1	1

The batsmen in the opening of the Rivertown-Pontblyddyn match commenced cautiously. The first ten overs only produced 12 runs and the bowling and fielding was so good that the batsmen were not inclined to risk runs with 15 on the board. Mallet got his leg in the front of a straight one, with six added. Washbrook was bowled by Ackroyd, who was bowling splendidly and often had the batsmen in difficulties. Darbey was bowled for 27. Hallows Nicholls put E. T.

Jones to the boundary, and Evans was bowled at 32. Hallows Nicholls left at 34, when six wickets were down. E. Roberts and C. Guest by forceful cricket brought the score to 71 before Hayes bowled the latter. During the partnership there was an unusual happening. Roberts drove to leg and the batsmen ran one. The fielder returned the ball hard to the wicket, and the fielders at the wicket could not stop it. The batsmen ran again, while the ball travelled to the boundary, and the one was turned into a six. Hill and Roberts brought the score to 105 before the former was caught by Ackroyd. Nine wickets were down for 111, and the last two batsmen raised the score to 171 before the innings was declared. E. Roberts made the highest score of the season with 78 (not out). The previous highest score was 56 (not out), which was also compiled by Roberts. This player has scored 143 runs in four completed innings, giving him an average of 35.75 per innings. Guest hit up 25 and found the boundary four times. This is the second time Rivertown's last batsmen have put on 60 runs. Pontblyddyn tried seven bowlers, the most successful being H. E. Ackroyd with four for 34. H. L. Cunnah took two for 27, R. T. Jones two for 28, and J. Hayes one for 26. J. E. Hughes, H. A. Cunnah and A. Bellis had 18, 8 and 15 respectively hit off them without securing a wicket. The players several times had to seek shelter from the rain.

Pontblyddyn commenced badly by losing their first two wickets for 7 runs. Seven were down for 82 and the last three men were out for a further nine runs. In their anxiety to force a win Pontblyddyn lost three wickets "run out." Robert Hughes broke his long run of bad luck and scored 22. J. Hayes, G. Trevor and R. T. Jones also reached double figures. This victory puts Rivertown at the top of the chart this week. S. Norwood secured four wickets for 32, H. Washbrook one for 5, H. Evans one for 12, L. Hill one for 15 and E. Roberts had 11 hit off his bowling.

The following players have accepted the invitation of the Liverpool League to a match on Monday:—E. Middlewich, captain (Ellesmere Port Cement), L. Darby A. Forber and H. Washbrook (Rivertown), P. Parry (Llay Main), R. Eason and J. H. Davies (Ellesmere Port Cement), J. Lawton and N. Clough (Shotton), H. L. Cunnah and H. A. Cunnah (Pontblyddyn). I understand a team from the Garden City, Queen's Ferry, is to be entered in the league for next season. What about Reliance, Courtauld's, Gwersyllt and Mersey Ironworks? They would all be given a hearty welcome by the other clubs.

There is only one match down for to-day (Saturday), when Pontblyddyn have their neighbours, Llay Main, for visitors. This will be a great attraction.

All the players and reserve who take part in the inter-league match are to be given caps to mark the occasion.

FIXTURE FOR TO-DAY (SATURDAY).

Pontblyddyn v. Llay Main; Messrs. J. Mountford and W. H. Ham.

FIXTURE FOR MONDAY.

Liverpool League v. Chester League, at Green-lane, Old Swan, Liverpool.

RIVERTOWN v. PONTBLYDDYN.

Rivertown.—L. Darbey b R. Jones 7, T. Mallet lbw b Ackroyd 13, H. Washbrook b Ackroyd 2, A. Forber c Hayes b Ackroyd 0, E. Nicholls c H. Cunnah b R. Jones 8, H. Evans b Ackroyd 1, E. Roberts not out 78, C. Guest b Hayes 25, L. Hill c Ackroyd b H. L. Cunnah 14, C. Hewitt lbw b H. L. Cunnah 2, S. Norwood not out 9, extras 12; total (for 9 wks, inns. dec.) 171.

Pontblyddyn.—H. L. Cunnah c Evans b Norwood 3, H. A. Cunnah run out 1, L. Probert b Norwood 6, J. Hayes b Hill 12, J. Hughes run out 5, R. Hughes c Forber b Evans 22, G. Trevor b Washbrook 10, A. Williams run out 0, R. Jones c Evans b Norwood 10, A. Ackroyd c Washbrook b Norwood 1, A. Bellis not out 5, extras 16; total 91.

FIXTURES FOR AUGUST.

August 4th.—Pontblyddyn v. Llay Main; Messrs. Mountford and Ham.

August 6th.—Liverpool League v. Chester League; at Green-lane Old Swan, Liverpool.

August 11th.—Shotton v. Ellesmere Port Cement; Messrs. J. Mountford and H. Williams.

August 11th.—Llay Main v. Pontblyddyn; Messrs. Ham and Hibbert.

August 18th.—Ellesmere Port Cement v. Llay Main; Messrs. J. Mountford and L. Jones.

Aug. 25th.—Shotton v. Pontblyddyn; Messrs. E. Garston and H. F. Holloway.

August 25th.—Rivertown v. Llay Main; Messrs. Ham and Mountford.

DODLESTON v. HANDBRIDGE.

Dodleston retained their first home defeat of the season on Saturday, when Handbridge provided the opposition. The home side batted first, accumulating a total of 58 runs, Hughes being the most successful batsman, with a not-out aggregate of 29 runs. The visitors replied with a total of 78 runs for 9 wickets,

W. Knott being their highest scorer with 21 runs. The score was kept down, to a large extent by the consistently good bowling of F. Davies and W. Weaver, and the keen fielding of the Handbridge eleven generally. The scores were:—

Dodleston: G. Gillam b Davies 0, F. Wainwright c Knott b Weaver 1, Jack Hughes not out 22, C. Gillham c Keyes b Davies 0, G. Case c Yates b Weaver 4, W. Wainwright b Davies 2, T. Hughes lbw b Davies 0, L. Willis c and b Davies 5, J. Tilston c and b Davies 5, S. Beckett b Davies 2, C. Bennett run out 2, extras 10, total 59.

Handbridge: G. Jones run out 9, E. Yates c Willis b Hughes 0, L. Keyes c Case b Hughes 3, W. Knott retired 21, R. Keyes b Hughes 2, F. Weaver c Bennett b Case 18, H. Law c G. Gillham b Case 8, J. Swinerton not out 0, F. Davies run out 1, E. Gardner b Gillham 0, T. Dickinson c and b Gillham 9, extras 10, total 76.

BARROW 2nd v. CHESTER Y.M.C.A.

Played at Sealand-road on Saturday. Winning the toss and batting first, the home side were all dismissed for 59, towards which J. Darlington contributed 17. J. Platt bowled steadily, and took seven wickets for 17, hitting the stumps six times. Barrow knocked off the runs for the loss of five wickets, J. Platt being top scorer with 28. Scores:—Chester Y.M.C.A.—J. Darlington c Shallice b Stanyer 17, C. Constance c Stanyer b H. Woodcock 7, R. Britnell b J. Platt 3, L. Guest b J. Platt 0, R. C. Juler b J. Platt 2, J. Sheriff b J. Platt 6, E. W. Thomas c Webster b Stanyer 2, W. Gray b J. Platt 0, C. Lloyd not out 7, T. Smith c Ruscoe b J. Platt 6, P. Williams b J. Platt 0, extras 9; total 59.

Barrow 2nd.—H. Woodcock c Thomas b Britnell 10, J. Platt b Constance 28, H. Shallice b Lloyd 4, G. Stanyer c Smith b Thomas 5, E. Beech b Constance 10, C. W. Hawkins not out 5, J. Chesters not out 1, extras 6; total (for 5 wks) 69. R. Ruscoe, W. Wright, G. Platt and E. H. Webster did not bat.

CHRISTLETON v. MR. DOLPHIN'S XI.

At Christleton, on Saturday. The game resulted in a win for Christleton by 45 runs. Scores:—

Christleton: S. Solloway c halley b Richmond 22, J. Albiston c Stockley b Richmond 19, G. Ennion c O. Heywood b G. Heywood 8, C. Walker c Stockley b G. Heywood 3, B. Griffiths b G. Heywood 5, F. Steventon st Whalley b Richmond 8, A. Tilston not out 26, J. Fleet b Stockley 14, J. Ireland b Stockley 0, C. Ennion st Whalley b Richmond 0, L. Gillham b C. Heywood 1, extras 5; total 121.

Mr. Dolphin's XI.: O. Heywood b Solloway 20, B. G. Parker b Solloway 0, A. Williams b Solloway 7, J. Richmond c Walker b C. Ennion 7, J. Dolphin run out 5, G. Heywood b G. Ennion 4, H. E. Dolphin b G. Ennion 2, G. Richmond b G. Ennion 2, H. Whalley not out 1, C. Stockley c Steventon b Solloway 2, J. Elliot b Solloway 0, extras 26; total 76.

RHOS v. BUCKLEY.

At Johnstown, on Saturday. Scores:—Buckley: H. Rowlands b Davies 7, A. Phillipson b Vaughan 0, H. Parker b Vaughan 0, A. E. Piercy c Griffiths b Davies 0, T. Parry run out 1, H. Griffiths c Davies b Vaughan 3, G. Dawson not out 1, R. Peters b Davies 8, W. Hannaby c Aspinall b Davies 0, H. Evans run out 2, S. Parry b Davies 0, extras 3; total 25.

Rhos: A. Davies c Parker b Hannaby 3, J. Vaughan b Parry 8, J. Phoenix b Parry 2, S. Eslick c Rowlands b Dawson 15, F. Griffiths b Peters 12, F. Aspinall c and b Peters 0, W. Parrish c Phillipson b Peters 0, J. Rogers b E. Peters 4, E. Prodder b Dawson 5, J. M. Jones c Peters b Parry 7, N. Goodair not out 12, extras 13; total 82.

TATTENHALL v. CASTNER KELLNER'S (BUNCORN).

At Tattenhall, on Saturday. Rain stopped play. Scores:—

Tattenhall: F. M. Dutton b Kirkham 7, L. Harding b Kirkham 4, T. W. Pritchard c Mitchell b Peacock 1, F. Pritchard c O. Hyde b Peacock 32, J. Deay b Kirkham 4, L. Pritchard b Peacock 15, S. B. Brooke b Kirkham 0, G. Cross b Kirkham 5, J. Cliffe c Wright c O. Hyde 17, J. Hughes not out 1, D. Welsh c Airey b O. Hyde 1, extras 19; total 106.

Castner Kellner's (Buncorn): B. Howard b Dutton 0, D. Wright not out 20, O. Hyde b Harding 0, F. T. Airey lbw b Harding 14, J. A. Mitchell not out 13, extras 4; total (3 wickets) 49. C. E. Hibbert, J. Bayle, G. B. Hyde, T. Richards, V. Kirkham, and W. Peacock did not bat.

TARPORLEY HOSPITAL CUP. DRAW FOR SECOND ROUND.

The draw for the second round of the Tarporley Hospital Cup Cricket Competition took place on Friday last in the Tilstone Church Rooms, and resulted as follows:—Tilstone (Mr. Howarth's team) v. Oulton Park, at Tilstone on Wednesday, August 1st; Alraham (Mr. Hitchen's team) v. Tarporley, at Tilstone on Friday, August 3rd. Wickets pitched at 6.30. Tiverton and Otebrook "A." byes.

Tilstone (Mr. Howarth's team) met Oulton Park on the Tilstone ground on Wednesday evening, in the second round of this competition. There was an excellent gate, and a prospect of the most evenly-contested game thus far in the series. Oulton batted first and put on a total of 70, thanks to good innings by Large, Smith, Harding and Dean. Tilstone replied with 61 for five wickets, at which juncture there was a unanimous appeal from both sides on account of the light, which had failed suddenly. The match was abandoned, and will be re-played on the same ground on Wednesday next, at 6.30. Scores:—

Oulton Park.—C. Hopley lbw b Howarth 0, F. Large b Lowe 16, F. Smith c Lowe b Howarth 16, F. Harding b Howarth 13, G. Dean c Ryan b Hinde 11, J. Gordon b Hinde 6, S. Corwell b Hinde 0, J. Booth b Howarth 6, extras 2, total 70.

Tilstone.—L. Hopkins c and b Smith 1, W. Cadman b Smith 21, J. Hinde b Smith 0, J. A. Dewhurst b Hopley 10, H. Howarth not out 8, Rev. E. P. Comber b Smith 2, A. Lowe not out 11, W. Ryan did not bat, extras 8, total (for 5 wks) 61.

FRODSHAM v. DAVENHAM.

The Frodsham first team fulfilled their engagement with Davenham on Saturday, on the latter's picturesque enclosure, and but for the rain would doubtless have added one more to their long list of victories. The visitors took first turn at the wicket, but made a disastrous start, C. Jones, the most promising of the younger of local batsmen, being clean bowled by Dickets before a run had been scored. T. Gorst, who has proved such a fine acquisition to the eleven since he has again taken such an active part, batted confidently and attractively, and made some fine hits before his partner, F. Worrall, was clean bowled for a well-played dozen. Several wickets now fell very cheaply, and eight were down for a modest 47. Don Davies, the genial skipper, stepped into the breach, and he and Gorst by dint of good cricket raised the score to 73. Both were clean bowled, Gorst claiming 33, the top score of the match, and Davies 24. The innings realised 77. No fewer than eight men were clean bowled, Dickens and Swindles keeping excellent lengths throughout. The home contingent emulated the bad start of their opponents, Swindles being well caught for a single. Kydd and Jones were bowling splendidly, and wickets fell rapidly, half the side being out for 10. Smith livened matters up with a useful 12, and eight wickets were down for 30 when rain stopped play. Kydd had the splendid analysis of six wickets for 10 runs.

ASTON v. MIDDLEWICH.

At Middlewich. For Aston, J. Williams took 5 wickets for 30 runs. Scores:—

Aston: W. Wright c Rowley b Bowden 10, J. Furber c and b Egerton 1, H. Williams c Shepherd b Bowden 7, T. Johnson b Bowden 3, C. Beech c Morris b Bowden 4, J. Williams b Rowley 21, G. Stokes lbw b Bowden 3, H. Bower c Shepherd b Robinson 0, V. Williams not out 15, W. Borton b Rowley 0, P. Sumner c Robinson b Bowden 6, extras 6; total 76.

Middlewich: Morris c Beech b V. Williams 21, Goodwright b J. Williams 26, Bowden b J. Williams 0, Robinson lbw b J. Williams 10, Brown not out 10, Rowley b J. Williams 0, Shepherd b J. Williams 11, Egerton not out 12, extras 7; total (6 wickets), 98. Sheldon, Hewitt, and Downing, did not bat.

B.A.F. (SEALAND) v. PRESTATYN.

At Sealand, on Saturday. For Prestatyn Massey took five wickets for 23 runs, and Clarke four for 34. Scores:—

Prestatyn: G. Clarke b Greswolde 7, F. J. Nicholas b Greswolde 34, G. Massey b Greswolde 50, S. B. Roberts c Welsh b Newbolt 55, G. Bell not out 27, N. Davies b Greswolde 7, L. Lucas b Greswolde 6, H. Sinclair not out 6, extras 9; total (6 wickets), 201. Innings declared.

Royal Air Force: D. Harrison b Massey 0, T. Maskew b Clarke 0, E. Welsh b Massey 29, T. Bull b Massey 0, E. Jones b Clarke 6, A. Island b Massey 6, C. King b Massey 0, E. Quadling b Clarke 16, P. Greswolde not out 1, N. Newbould b Clarke 5, L. Bishop run out 0, extras 5; total 62.

BARROW v. WAVERTON.

Waverton were the visitors to Barrow on Wednesday. Owing to the bad light it was decided to play a "knock-out" game of 20 overs each. Barrow batted first, M. Jeffs and C. Houlbrook opening to the bowling of S. Mencock and G. Ennon. Houlbrook soon hit up 50, when he retired. Good scores were also made by G. Stanyer (26), H. Beech (22), F. Houlbrook (22), and M. Jeffs (19). Waverton were all dismissed in eight overs for 32 runs, H. Woodcock taking six wickets for three runs. Scores:—

Barrow.—M. Jeffs b F. Rowland 19, C. Houlbrook retired 50, G. Stanyer c S. Woodcock b H. Rowland (26), H. Beech b H. Rowland 22, F. Houlbrook not out 22, L. Darlington run out 0, E. Beech not out 7, extras 8, total 154. H. Woodcock, W. Wright and C. M. Hawkins did not bat.

Waverton.—J. Pratt b Stanyer 15, H. Rowland c Hawkins b Stanyer 1, G. Ennon c and b H. Woodcock 0, S. Mencock b H. Woodcock 2, R. W. Davies b H. Woodcock 0, F. Rowland b H. Woodcock 0, R. Walker b H. Woodcock 4, W. Joseph b Stanyer 2, F. W. Darlington b Stanyer 0, S. Woodcock c Jeffs b H. Woodcock 5, W. Cliff not out 0, extras 3, total 32.

MINOR COUNTIES CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP.

CHESHIRE'S GREAT VICTORY. NORTHUMBERLAND DEFEATED BY FOUR WICKETS.

SENSATIONAL CRICKET AT CHESTER. L. N. JONES DOES HAT TRICK.

(By "Borderer.")

A Minor Counties Championship match between Cheshire and Northumberland was staged at the Boughton Hall Cricket Club's ground, Chester, on Wednesday and (to-day) Thursday. For the seventh successive year this fixture was marred by unfavourable weather. On the opening day (Wednesday) no play was possible until after an early lunch. Heavy rain had fallen overnight, and at about ten o'clock in the morning a drizzle—not particularly heavy, but of a penetrating and "netting" quality—fell. This made a particularly bad surface, and although the wicket had been covered, the rival captains and the umpires could not see their way to make a start until 2.15 p.m. There were few spectators to begin, but some criticism of the delay was offered in the morning, when the opinion was expressed that first class cricket had been played under even less favourable conditions. Whether the ground was fit or not is, however, a matter of opinion. It is understood, by the way, that Northumberland were really the unwilling party. Anyhow, by the afternoon the drizzle "blew out," and the prospect was bright. How the batsmen would fare remained to be seen and the score, with its low figures and abundance of ducks, needs very little comment. The pitch "cut up" early, and few of the batsmen could face the bowling with any confidence. Still, if it is any consolation, the wicket would have been even more tricky and difficult had the sun burst through the clouds. As it was, the sun did not shine, but hid shamefacedly behind the thick clouds.

FIRST DAY'S PLAY AND SCORES.

Winning the toss, Northumberland decided to bat, and J. B. Bruce and W. G. Mackay faced the bowling of Coore and Dennis. The batsmen opened with caution against good length bowling, and the game was 15 minutes old when the score of ten was sent up. Following this, runs were scored far more freely. At the score of 30, the Cheshire captain made a change in the bowling, putting Dutton in place of Dennis. Several boundaries were made by the batsmen, chiefly off Coore's bowling, and a single by Bruce, off Dutton, took the score to 40. Dutton was punished by Mackay, who added to the score with neatly executed drives. Runs were being piled up too freely, so L. N. Jones displaced Coore in the bowling. This move checked the scoring considerably. Bruce received the first over from L. N. Jones without hitting the ball, although he made splendid attempts to hit him to leg boundary. L. N. Jones separated the partnership at 55 by catching Mackay off his own bowling. It was obvious that the batsmen were treating L. N. Jones's bowling with the greatest respect. In making his contribution of 33, Mackay hit 5 fours with slowly produced strokes. With H. P. Pritchard installed in Mackay's place, runs were obtained very slowly. At 60, W. E. Jones, the Cheshire captain, made another bowling change. Coore replaced Dutton. Both bowlers then outbided the batsmen, and Bruce was given out when his contribution had reached 31. H. O. Lee and Pritchard took the score to 75 by means of cautious methods then.

L. N. JONES'S BRADLY BOWLING

accounted for Lee, who was clean bowled, after an innings of seven. Off his next ball, L. N. Jones caused a sensation by bowling the Northumberland captain, G. F. Stanger-Leathes. This was with a fine break ball. Thus four wickets were down for 76. Cheshire supporters were jubilant. As if that were not sensation enough, L. N. Jones, with the very next ball, did the "hat-trick" by piercing W. D. Wade's defence and sending the balls flying. The batsman who the bowler received was commensurate with the excellence of his performance. It was sheer gallant bowling which did the trick. This was "Brighter Cricket" indeed, and it assisted in livening up a game which partly because of the weather, lacked the animation necessary to make cricket the enjoyable game it can be.

But that was not all. Off the second ball of his next over, L. N. Jones appealed successfully for lbw against J. E. Craig, and excitement ran high indeed. The bowler had dismissed

FOUR BATSMEN FOR FIVE RUNS!

The tail end of the Northumberland attack set itself seriously to work to stop the rot. Another eleven runs were put in with G. L. Allen partnering Pritchard. Jones claimed another victim in Pritchard, who was out lbw. This stand was a useful one and successful in its way. The turn things had taken, made runs valuable. With 76 on the score-board, W. Hetherington was bowled by Cook for 5 and just later took Cook himself by G. L. Allen off L. N. Jones. This was an escape for the visitors, but did not prove of too much advantage, as he was bowled three balls later. L. N. Jones's analysis showed 7 wickets for 10 runs. The hundred was hoisted after one and three-quarters of an hour's play and then, two minutes later, L. N. Jones contrived to get G. H. Saunders lbw. for 4. The innings closed for the modest score of 102. The bowling analysis was L. N. Jones 8 wickets for 17 runs and Cook 2 wickets for 34 runs.

CHESHIRE'S FIRST INNINGS.

After a brief tea interval, Cheshire went in to bat, W. E. Jones, the Cheshire captain, partnering R. P. Fisk. The wicket had not improved in drying. W. E. Jones and Fisk opened the batting against the bowling of W. Hetherington and Allen. The batsmen were soon in difficulties, and before one run had been scored, W. E. Jones lifted a ball from Hetherington into the air, where Pritchard made a comfortable catch. Whether this shook Cheshire's confidence or not, the rot which Northumberland were affected with seemed to infect the Cheshire side. One run later, McEntyre, the incoming batsman, fell a victim to a catch by Craig off Allen. With L. N. Jones and Fisk in partnership, there was a free flow of runs for a while, and Jones, with a drive to the boundary, added to his score. A few minutes later he opened his shoulders to a ball from Hetherington and sent it to the boundary. In attempting a similar stroke he was bowled.

The collapse continued and T. W. Jefferson, P. B. Walker and R. M. Dutton were out for the addition of 12 runs. A. W. Midgeley was caught at 47 by Stanger-Leathes off a ball from Allen and the latter caught Fisk who had knocked up the best score of the innings.

FAILING LIGHT.

Soon after 4.30 p.m., when A. R. Crooke and Cook were together an appeal was made against the light. Low, moisture-laden clouds were passing over, and the light certainly was bad. The umpires allowed the appeal without hesitation, although it had been an even poorer light ten minutes before. Asked why the game was not stopped when the light was poorest, the umpire replied that no appeal was made at the time. The game was held up for another wait in the hope that the light would improve sufficiently to allow play to continue. There was a perceptible improvement, but at 6.20 p.m. stamps were drawn for the day, Cheshire leaving left to continue the innings to-day (Thursday).

CHESHIRE'S SPLENDID VICTORY.

A punctual start was made this (Thursday) morning. The sun shone hotly and the atmosphere was "clear." The wicket was still soft, though quite favourable for the batsmen. A. R. Crooke and Cook, the overnight batsmen, continued their partnership. The first over was a maiden, but in the second over Cook hit Allen to the leg boundary to take the score to 50. The Northumberland fielders were very alert, and they never for an instant relaxed their effort. Gradually, however, Crooke and Cook got the measure of the bowling and began smothering one's and two's. Cook obtained another four, and then he smothered a ball up for Lee to catch off Allen. The total was 55 and the outgoing batsman had concentrated eight. The finest effort so far was made by Dennis, which dropped into the tea tin. This hit altered the position and prospects of Cheshire, and raised the score to 75. When the score had reached 80, Dennis lifted a high ball to the top of the pitch from the first ball in the first over at 11.30 a.m. Cheshire having made 80 less than Northumberland's Hetherington took six for 25, and Allen four for 44.

NORTHUMBERLAND'S SECOND INNINGS.

Bruce and Mackay opened for Northumberland, but Lee and L. N. Jones being the bowlers. The score was taken to 20 in 15 minutes, at which stage W. E. Jones replaced Cook, and with his second ball sent back Bruce clean bowled with four runs in his credit. The captain's early success heartened the Cheshire side, and further success rewarded W. E. Jones's efforts five runs later, when he got Mackay lbw for 17. A. R. Lee was stamped by Crooke off W. E. Jones's ball when the score was 40. Cheshire again changed their bowling, Dutton first replacing W. E. Jones, and Dennis being substituted for Cook. The Northumberland captain, G. F. Stanger-Leathes, was bowled with Dennis's second ball at 67, and when the captain had added but nine, Stanger-Leathes having contrived to get out for a "duck" in the first innings and for only nine in the second, will remember Cheshire as being no happy hunting ground for him as far as runs are concerned. By very cautious but shifty batting and by giving nothing away, Northumberland managed to reach the interval with a score of just one under the hundred for four wickets. W. D. Wade, a young player of small physique, and H. P. Pritchard were wary batsmen, but not averse to depart from "stone-walling" methods to pull a ball either way, or to open their shoulders and hit out as the occasion demanded. One Pritchard was nearly stamped, when he had to turn back after venturing up the pitch. The appeal for lbw was, however, rightly disallowed.

H. B. Pritchard was distinctly unfortunate in not being allowed to survive until he could complete half a century. As it was, when the score board read 102, he lifted a ball from L. N. Jones back down the pitch, and the bowler had no difficulty in catching. Craig was the unwilling victim of a misunderstanding over the making of a run. He started late and got run out after contributing three runs. This was at 110, and W. D. Wade survived only a few balls. He, thinking to snatch a run, started off, but turned back. He was too late for the ball was returned from the field by McEntyre so surely as to hit the wicket. Wade made but 11 and took a deal of time over it. J. L. Allen was caught neatly by L. N. Jones off Cook's bowling, and the total was 122 when Hetherington was given lbw. off L. N. Jones's bowling. G. T. Milne was soon out. Fourteen extras contributed to the "all out" total of 122.

CHESHIRE FACED WITH 145 TO WIN.

Cheshire went in with every confidence to try to secure 145 to win. W. E. Jones and Fisk constituted the first wicket partnership against Allan and Hetherington. The prospect was by no means hopeless, and by forceful cricket the batsmen started in a bright manner. Fisk collected four for a boundary, and W. E. Jones and he were on the "qui vive" for any possible chance of piling up their scores. The crowd was not allowed to become lethargic; on the contrary, they were aroused to quite a pitch of enthusiasm. The visitors made a double change in their bowling. Milne, the medium left-hander coming on in place of Hetherington at the tennis courts end, and Hetherington displaced Allan at the other end. Fisk gave Allan a fine chance, but the ball slipped through the folder's fingers. Fisk made another slip when he pushed a high ball back to the bowler's end. This, strange to say, was not taken advantage of, and Fisk lived to give a possible chance of another catch. Fortunately, the ball was well placed or, most certainly, he would have been sent back to the pavilion. It was a catch that eventually got Fisk out, but not until 57 had been sent up and he had made one under forty. Jefferson, a forceful bat, joined W. E. Jones, but when the score was 65 and he had made 3, he was out for a catch by Craig off Milne.

W. E. AND L. N. JONES IN COMPANY.

L. N. Jones then made a fine stand with his partner, W. E. Jones. Runs came with great frequency, and the partnership was one which produced brisk cricket. The fielders were given a lively time, as both batsmen knew the way to take advantage of all openings. L. N. Jones made one 6. He was eventually caught out as the result of a stroke that was practically a mis-hit, his contribution being 28. The Jones' partnership amassed 44. It became evident that the finish was to be close, especially when with five wickets down 21 runs were needed to win. Excitement was intense when W. E. Jones returned to the pavilion, having been bowled by Hetherington. The score was 132 and six wickets were down. Only 14 to win!

W. E. Jones was vociferously cheered as he left the ground.

R. M. Dutton hit one 4 and one 3 to place the score within three runs of a win for Cheshire.

Great cheering broke out when Crooke hit a boundary off Hetherington for a 4.

Cheshire won by four wickets. Scores—

FIRST INNINGS.

NORTHUMBERLAND.

J. B. Bruce lbw b Cook	21
W. G. Mackay c and b L. N. Jones	32
H. B. Pritchard lbw b L. N. Jones	10
H. O. Lee b L. N. Jones	7
C. F. Stanger-Leathes b L. N. Jones	0
W. D. Wade b L. N. Jones	0
J. R. Craig lbw b L. N. Jones	0
J. L. Allen c L. N. Jones b Cook	5
W. Hetherington b Cook	3
G. T. Milne not out	2
C. H. Saunders lbw b L. N. Jones	4
Extras	20

Total 102
Bowling analysis: L. N. Jones 8 wickets for 17 runs, Cook 2 wickets for 25 runs.

CHESHIRE.

W. E. Jones c Pritchard b Hetherington	0
R. P. Fisk c Allen b Hetherington	24
K. H. McEntyre c Craig b Allen	0
L. N. Jones b Hetherington	11
T. W. Jefferson c and b Hetherington	4
P. B. Walker b Allen	0
R. M. Dutton c Pritchard b Hetherington	0
A. W. Midgeley c Stanger-Leathes b Hetherington	7
A. R. Crooke not out	1
Cook c Lee b Allen	8
Dennis c Bruce b Hetherington	24
Extras	1

Total 80

SECOND INNINGS.

NORTHUMBERLAND.

J. G. Bruce b W. E. Jones	4
W. G. Mackay lbw b W. E. Jones	17
H. B. Pritchard c and b L. N. Jones	46
H. O. Lee st Crooke b W. E. Jones	8
C. F. Stanger-Leathes b Dennis	9
W. D. Wade run out	10
J. R. Craig run out	3
J. L. Allen c L. N. Jones b Cook	3
W. Hetherington lbw b L. N. Jones	8
G. T. Milne c Midgeley b Cook	8
C. H. Saunders not out	0
Extras	14

Total 122

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Cook	17	4	30	1
L. N. Jones	17	3	37	2
W. E. Jones	11	3	33	3
Dutton	7	3	10	0
Dennis	6	2	8	1

CHESHIRE.

W. E. Jones b Hetherington	45
R. P. Fisk c Pritchard b Lee	39
K. H. McEntyre b Milne	4
L. N. Jones c Mackay b Milne	28
T. W. Jefferson c Craig b Milne	3
P. B. Walker c Hetherington b Milne	3
R. M. Dutton not out	11
H. B. Crooke not out	4
Extras	9

Total 146

A. W. Midgeley, Cook and Dennis did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	
Hetherington	31	2	15	67	1
Allen	4	1	13	0	4
Milne	43	12	53	4	0
Lee	3	0	9	1	2

**BOUGHTON HALL'S
BRILLIANT WIN.**

**W. E. AND L. N. JONES GET
CENTURIES.**

NESTON FARE BADLY.

Neston received a severe trouncing from Boughton Hall at Parkgate on Saturday, where centuries were scored by both W. E. and L. N. Jones, the former in addition carrying all before him with the ball. Boughton had ideal conditions for batting, but Neston played a great part of their innings in the rain, a very sporting action on their part that enabled the Chester team to win by 141 runs, barely five minutes of time.

The Neston ground has rarely seen such hurricane batting as that indulged in by the brothers Jones. Coming together at 65, they took the total to 237 for the third wicket by brilliant hitting before W. E. was dismissed after brilliant just on two hours for his 111. His total included sixteen 4's. L. N. Jones was even more forceful. He hit three 6's and nineteen 4's in his 140, and was not out at the close of the innings, the declaration being made at 298 for five wickets.

A long interruption through rain threatened to balk Boughton Hall of their expected win, as the break, coming after the fall of the first wicket left them with little over an hour and a half to dismiss the remaining batsmen. The wet ball appeared to trouble the bowlers very little, but a foothold was difficult, and Wainwright and J. M. Swift, and then Sullivan and Griffiths provided a stout opposition. The bowling of W. E. Jones, however, was too much for them, and provided great excitement during the closing stages, the issue being doubtful right to the end. He finished with six wickets for 48 runs. Scores:

BOUGHTON HALL.

W E Jones c H P Swift b Nutter	111
R Frost b H P Swift	4
F Hack c and b Wood	21
L N Jones not out	140
J Pratt c J M Swift b Nutter	7
B M Dutton c and b J M Swift	11
Extras	2
Total (5 wks)	298
Innings declared.	

NESTON AND DISTRICT.

R A Barrett run out	5
L K Gilling c W E Jones b Frost	1
M G Wainwright b W E Jones	32
Nutter c Hack b L N Jones	14
J M Swift c Hales b W E Jones	30
J H B Sullivan at Roberts b W E Jones	23
F B Cope at Roberts b W E Jones	3
F J Griffiths b L N Jones	28
J Henderson b W E Jones	4
L W Wood b W E Jones	1
H P Swift not out	7
Extras	7
Total	155

For Boughton Hall L Hales, R D Roberts, W A V Churton, L G Hales and J Lewis did not bat.

**BOUGHTON HALL II. DEFEAT
NESTON II.**

A. S. DAGGER SCORES 69.

Boughton Hall second gained an easy win over Neston on Saturday. Neston fared badly, and on a fast wicket were dismissed for 122. A. L. Witter (20), J. S. W. Hughes (40) and A. E. Hibbert (32) were the chief contributors to the score.

Boughton Hall batted in the rain, but even with the wicket assisting the bowlers they scored at a fast rate, and won by eight wickets. A. S. Dagger gave a bright and breezy display, and carried his bat for 69, included in which were ten boundaries. He and H. Pratt (who got 20) carried the score from 35 to 109 for the second wicket.

NESTON II.

A L Witter b Greening	20
J S Tanner c Greening b Slater	1
F N Smith c Slater b Greening	3
J H Gilling c Greening b Dagger	15
J S W Hughes c Warburton b Hack	40
L H Wright at Day b Dagger	0
D F Redmond c Hack b Dagger	5
P Huddleston run out	0
A R Hibbert not out	32
A Cross b Dagger	4
W Main hit wkt b Hack	0
Extras	2
Total	122

BOUGHTON HALL II.

A S Dagger not out	69
H J Hack run out	10
H Pratt c and b Witter	20
J Greening not out	12
Extras	19
Total (2 wks)	129

E Jones, W W Blake, A E Slater, T A Clegg, J L Warburton, E Griffith and H W Day did not bat.

**BOWLING ANALYSIS
BOUGHTON HALL.**

J Greening	O. M. E. W.	9	0	27	2
A E Slater		11	0	25	1
A S Dagger		9	1	44	4
H Hack		8.60	15	2	

**NESTON DRAW WITH
BIRKENHEAD PARK.**

**GOOD STAND BY OPENING
BATSMEN.**

"After two and a half hours" batting Neston, on Wednesday night, responded with 193 runs for the loss of eight wickets, in reply to the Park's four-wickets score of 197 the previous evening, the game being drawn. Nutter and J. M. Swift made a first wicket stand, which realised 90 runs. For the first forty-five minutes their batting was stubborn and only 39 runs were gathered. They showed courage later on and administered severe punishment. Nutter arrived a chance when 29, but remained at the crease an hour and twenty-five minutes and hit four 6's. Swift took ten minutes longer to collect 51 out of 102, reaching the boundary on five occasions. The remaining batsmen carried the score to 165. Hughes took two wickets for 57, Hodgson and Cole two each for 21 and 20 respectively. Scores:—

Birkenhead Park.—R P Bloor b Hibbert 51, H W Hodgson b Nutter 3, A H Crooks c Wood b Hibbert 48, G A Emmerson b H P Swift 45, G H Ferns not out 18, extras 23; total (4 wks) 197. **Innings declared.**
Neston.—Nutter c Cole b Hughes 48, J M Swift c and b Hughes 51, J H B Sullivan b Hughes 24, R A Barrett c Emmerson b Tilby 2, J W B Hughes b Hodgson 6, D G Mayer c Crooks b Cole 6, H P Swift not out 10, O R Hibbert b Hodgson 0, A L Whitely c Ferns b Cole 14, extras 4; total (8 wks) 163.
For Birkenhead Park.—A. Brettargh, W. Hughes, F. C. Cooke, J. T. Tilby, L. J. Hillstar, and Cole did not bat.
For Neston.—L. W. Wood and H. H. Tomlinson did not bat.

EATON PARK DEFEAT BOOTLE.

P. A. JONES' UNFORTUNATE INJURY.

Eaton Park entertained Bootle on Saturday. Bootle batted first, and were all out for 140. S. Collis and A. Morton together knocked up half a century. Colonel Priestman dismissed three players for a trio of "ducks." The Eaton Park fielding was remarkably good, and they are to be congratulated on the fine catches by Kingman, Moss and Brown. When Eaton Park went to the wicket several surprises were in store. P. A. Jones, who occasionally plays for his old team, was scoring quickly when, after reaching 33, he was unfortunately hit by the ball and had to retire. The Rev. F. J. Okell wielded his bat with an altogether unusual power, and was eventually run out for 48. Brown played well and scored 34. Eaton Park closed their innings at the fall of the fifth wicket, when the score was at 152.

Bootle.—H Baucher c and b Priestman 7, T W Stubbs b Brown 18, Emmerson c Brown b Priestman 3, L S Collis b Watkins 32, A Morton c Kingman b Fearnall 28, Aulewood c Moss b Brown 17, W Brown b Priestman 18, R H Kelly not out 7, P Williams b Priestman 0, A F Lacy b Priestman 0, W L Cooper c Brown b Priestman 0, extras 13; total 143.
Eaton Park.—P A Jones, retired hurt 33, Rev F J Okell run out 48, H T Brown b Brown b Williams 34, H Fearnall b Williams 10, W Gude c and b Lacy 1, H Watkins b Lacy 11, Colonel Priestman not out 1, A Moss not out 9, extras 7; total (5 wks) 152.

H Tomlinson, G Kingman and A E Richards did not bat.

TARPORLEY HOSPITAL CUP.

SECOND ROUND.

Tilstone (Mr. Howarth's team) met Oulton Park on the Tilstone ground on Wednesday in the second round of this competition. There was an excellent gate, and a prospect of the most evenly contested game thus far in the series. Oulton batted first, and put on a total of 70, thanks to good innings by Large, Smith, Harding and Dean. Tilstone replied with 61 for five wickets, at which juncture there was a unanimous appeal from both sides on account of the light, which had failed. The match was abandoned, and will be re-played on the same ground on Wednesday at 6.30.

Oulton Park.—C Hopley lbw b Howarth 0, F Lays b Lowe 16, F Smith c Lowe b Howarth 18, F Harding b Howarth 13, G Dean c Ryan b Hinde 11, J Gordon b Hinde 6, S Corwell b Hinde 0, J Booth b Howarth 6, extras 2; total 70.
Tilstone.—L Hopkins c and b Smith 1, W Cadman b Smith 21, J Hinde b Smith 0, J A Dewhurst b Hopley 10, H Howarth not out 8, Rev E P Comber b Smith 2, A Lowe not out 11, extras 8; total (5 wks) 61.
W Ryan did not bat.

**LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT
COMPETITION.**

	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
Orton	20	12	5	2	12
Crosshall	15	9	3	5	9
Sutton	19	0	4	7	8
Wallasey	10	7	7	4	7
Boughton Hall	11	7	2	8	7
Formby	20	7	7	6	7
Highlights	18	6	7	5	0
Birkenhead Park	18	5	6	7	5
New Brighton	18	5	8	0	5
Huyton	17	5	10	2	5
Bootle	16	5	4	7	5
Liverpool	16	4	4	8	4
Southport	15	4	5	8	4
Northern	18	2	10	6	2
Neston	17	2	11	4	8

BALCON v. THE CRESCENT.

The Crescent C.C. visited Balcon on Saturday and proved victors. Balcon were hand-capped owing to a number of players being absent, harvesting or holiday-making. Boswell, for the Crescent, took 6 wickets for 13, and G. Bridges 4 for 8. Scores:—Balcon 22, The Crescent 44.

FRODSHAM v. DAVENHAM.

The first eleven played Davenham on Saturday on the latter's enclosure, and but for the rain would doubtless have added one more to their list of victories. The visitors took first turn at the wicket, but made a disastrous start, C. Jones being bowled by Dickens. T. Gorst batted confidently and attractively, and made some fine strokes before his partner, F. Worrall, was bowled for a well-played dozen. Several wickets fell sharply and eight were down for 47. D. Davies, the genial skipper, stepped into the breach, and he and Gorst by dint of good cricket raised the score to 73. Both were bowled, Gorst claiming 33, the top score of the match, and Davies 24. The innings realised 77. No fewer than eight men were bowled. Dickens and Swindles kept an excellent length throughout. The home contingent emulated the bad start of their opponents, Swindles being caught for a single. Kydd and Jones were bowling splendidly and wickets fell rapidly, half the side being out for 10. Smith lived matters up with a very useful dozen, and eight wickets were down for 30 when rain stopped play. Kydd had the splendid analysis of six wickets for 10 runs.

BARROW 2nd v. CHESTER Y.M.C.A.

For their victory over the Y.M.C.A. at Sealand-road on Saturday Barrow were mainly indebted to J. Platt, who made 28 runs and took 7 wickets for 17. Winning the toss, the Y.M.C.A. batted first on an easy wicket, and were all dismissed for 59 runs, towards which J. Darlington contributed 17. A heavy shower during the tea interval somewhat handicapped the Y.M.C.A. bowlers. Barrow hit off the runs for the loss of five wickets. Scores:—
Y.M.C.A.—J. Darlington c Shallcross b Stanyer 17, C Constance c Stanyer b H Woodcock 7, R Brittain b J Platt 3, L Guest b J Platt 0, R C Juler b J Platt 2, J Sherriff b J Platt 6, E W Thomas c Webster b Stanyer 2, W Gray b J Platt 0, C Lloyd not out 7, T Smith c Rucooc b J Platt 8, P Williams b J Platt 0, extras 9; total 59.
Barrow.—H Woodcock c Thomas b Brittain 10, J Platt b Constance 8, H Shallcross b Lloyd 4, G Stanyer c Smith b Thomas 5, E Beech b Constance 10, C W Hawkins not out 3, J Chesters not out 1, R Rucooc, W Wright, G Platt, and E H Webster did not bat; extras 6; total (5 wks) 69.

ALVANLEY v. INCE.

Alvanley were at home to Ince on Saturday and suffered their second defeat of the season. Scores:—
Alvanley.—H S Wright b J Franter 4, F Leach c F W Greenway b J Tranter 4, F Lloyd c Proffitt b J Franter 6, A Boyle not out 30, F Britland b J Hughes 3, J E Leach c Nield b J Hughes 0, F Britland b Hughes 0, P Atherton b J Hughes 1, B Ellams run out 1, H Fitch run out 2, R Atkinson b J Hughes 3, extras 1; total 55.
Ince.—W Jones c Atkinson b Wright 12, J Nield b F A Britland 0, C Greenway run out 21, L Riding c Boyle b F Leach 5, T Littler not out 5, W Greenway not out 7; J Suttrall, J Hughes, H Proffitt, J Franter, and R Parker did not bat; extras 7; total (4 wks) 57.

**CHESTER ANGLO-AMERICAN OIL CO. v.
STOKE AND CREWE.**

The Anglo-American Oil Co. (Chester) played the Stoke-on-Trent and Crewe sides at Crewe on Wednesday. Scores:—
Stoke and Crewe.—E O Jones b Owen 2, C I Sheldon b Slette b E O Jones 2, S Owen lbw F B Jones 3, Withinshaw c Palmer b E B Jones 3, Watkins not out 6, Powell c Sheldon b F B Jones 0, Rees lbw b F B Jones 0, Tomlinson b F B Jones 0, Meacher c Palmer b F B Jones 0, H Jones c Palmer b F B Jones 8, extras 2, total 39.
Chester.—Heathcote b F B Jones 8, Shepherd c Sheldon b E B Jones 5, Slette b E O Jones 2, S Owen lbw F B Jones 3, Withinshaw c Palmer b E B Jones 3, Watkins not out 6, Powell c Sheldon b F B Jones 0, Rees lbw b F B Jones 0, Tomlinson b F B Jones 0, Meacher c Palmer b F B Jones 0, H Jones c Palmer b F B Jones 8, extras 2, total 39.

**TATTENHALL v. CASTNER KELLNER'S
(RUNCORN).**

Played at Tattenhall on Saturday.
Tattenhall.—F M Dutton b Kirkham 7, L Harding b Kirkham 4, T W Pritchard c Mitchell b Peacock 1, F Pritchard c O Hyde b Peacock 32, J Deay b Kirkham 4, L Pritchard b Peacock 15, S B Brooke b Kirkham 0, G Cross b Kirkham 5, J Cliffe c Wright b O Hyde 17, J Hughes not out 1, D Welsh c Airey b O Hyde 1, extras 9; total 106.
Castner, Kellner's (Runcorn).—R Howard b Dutton 0, D Wright not out 20, O Hyde b Harding 0, F T Airey lbw b Harding 14, J A Mitchell, not out 11, O H Hibbert, J Sayle, G B Hyde, T Richards, V Kirkham; W Peacock did not bat, extras 4; total 49. Rain stopped play.

HELSEBY ATHLETIC v. RYLANDS REC.
 Played at Helsby on Saturday. Scores:—
 Rylands Rec.—H Ashton run out 1, P Lilly c Basley b Ravenscroft 0, A Rathbone c Millichamp b Threlfall 20, W Sharrman b Threlfall 5, F Hughes c Ravenscroft b Threlfall 4, A Gilroy b Threlfall 34, T Archer c Basley b Ravenscroft 75, R Holcroft lbw b Threlfall 2, W Massey b Threlfall 4, R Emery c and b Ravenscroft 4, F Potter not out 10, extras 2, total 117.
 For Helsby, N. Threlfall took 6 wickets for 54 runs, and S. Ravenscroft 3 for 28.
Holsby.—S A Ravenscroft c Rathbone b Ashton 0, E Boyle c Potter b Rathbone 0, J Williams c Lilly b Rathbone 10, N Basley c Ashton b Massey 20, J Lockett c and b Massey 0, A Hibbard c Emery b Massey 2, O Millichamp b Massey 23, N Threlfall c Sharrman b Ashton 2, E Noden run out 8, S Higham not out 2, L Wilde c Ashton b Rathbone 1, extras 5; total 73.

R.A.F. (SEALAND) v. PRESTATYN.
 At Sealand, on Saturday. For Prestatyn Massey took five wickets for 23 runs and Clarke four for 34. Scores:—
 Prestatyn.—G Clarke b Greenwoide 7, F J Nicholas b Greenwoide 34, G Massey b Greenwoide 50, S B Roberts c Welsh b Newboat 55, O Bell not out 27, N Davies b Greenwoide 7, L Lucas b Greenwoide 6, H Sinclair not out 6, extras 9; *total (six wickets) 201. *Innings declared.
 Royal Air Force.—D Harrison b Massey 0, J Maskey b Clarke 0, R Welsh b Massey 23, T Bull b Massey 0, R Jones b Clarke 0, A Island b Massey 6, C King b Massey 0, K Quaiding b Clark 16, P Greenwoide not out 1, N Newbould b Clarke 5, L Bishop run out 0, extras 5; total 62.

WEM v. CHIRK.
 At Wem on Saturday. Scores:—
 Chirk.—C Morris c Simpson b Strong 25, W Owen c Jacob b Smith 39, G Owen not out 50, W Butler b Clayton 33, H Roberts c Jacob b Simpson 7, A Unwin c Ralphs b Smith 0, A E Bancroft, R Davies, C Edwards, B Edwards and S. Edwards did not bat, extras 21; total (for 5 wks) 176.
 Wem.—R Rolfe c B Edwards b O'Edwards 10, A Smith b O'Edwards 2, Capt. H. R. Makin c B Edwards c O'Edwards 12, C E Hassall c O'Edwards b B Edwards 4, C P O'Dea c B Edwards b O'Edwards 10, G Ashton b Bancroft 10, W J Simpson b Edwards 0, H O Rogers b O'Edwards 21, S Jacob b Bancroft 38, R J Clayton not out 7, H Strong c O'Edwards b Bancroft 5, extras 5; total 124.

M'ALPINE CUP SEMI-FINAL.
GAME ABANDONED.
 The semi-final tie in the M'Alpine cup competition, which had been postponed from Monday owing to a water-logged wicket, was played at Wrexham on Tuesday, but abandoned in semi-darkness. The light had been bad throughout, but before 8 o'clock it became difficult to see the ball, and wickets were drawn with the tie undecided. The game will be replayed to-morrow. Scores:—

Marchwiel.—W H Tindal c Jones b Dodd 0, J Cano lbw b Dodd 54, A J M'Alpine c Morris b Dodd 46, J R Davies c Luck b Jones 15, E Swainson c E Matthias b Dodd 4, G Startup not out 11, H Holmes b Jones 1, N Hughes not out 4, extras 6; total (7 wks) 146.
Brymbo.—C N Jones b Latham 1, E Bickley b A J M'Alpine 0, S Swinerton b Latham 15, T H Lloyd b Latham 6, J Dodd not out 1, extras 3; total (4 wks) 25.
 *Innings declared.

For Marchwiel, H Smith and F. Latham did not bat.
 For Brymbo, E. Matthias, E. E. Morris, R. O. Griffith, F. O. Matthias, J. S. Williams, and Luck did not bat.

BARROW v. WAVERTON.
 At Barrow on Wednesday. It was arranged to play a "knock-out" match of 20 overs owing to a late start and bad light. The home side hit up 154 runs, the principal contributors being C. Houlbrook (50), G. Stanyer (28), M. Jeffs (19), H. Beech (22) and F. Houlbrook (22). With the exception of J. Pratt (15) Waverton quite failed to cope with the bowling of G. Stanyer and H. Woodcock, and were all out for 32.
Barrow.—M Jeffs b F Rowland 19, O Houlbrook retired 50, G Stanyer c S Woodcock b H Rowland 28, H Beech c F Rowland 22, F Houlbrook not out 22, L Darlington run out 0, E Beech not out 7, extras 8; total 154.
 H Woodcock, H Wright and C W Hawkins did not bat.
Waverton.—J Pratt b Stanyer 15, H Rowland c Hawkins b Stanyer 1, G Emmon c and b H Woodcock 0, S Meacock b H Woodcock 2, R W Davies b H Woodcock 0, F Rowland b H Woodcock 0, R Walker b H Woodcock 4, W Joseph b Stanyer 2, F W Darlington b Stanyer 0, S Woodcock c Jeffs b H Woodcock 5, W Cliff not out 0, extras 3; total 32.

DODDLESTON v. HANDBRIDGE.
 At Dodleston on Saturday:—
Dodleston.—G Gillham b Davies 0, F Wainwright c Knott b Weaver 1, Jack Hughes not out 22, G Gillham c Kyles b Davies 0, G Case c Yates b Weaver 4, W Wainwright c Davies 2, T Hughes lbw b Davies 0, L Willis c and b Davies 5, J Tiston c and b Davies 5, S Beckett b Davies 2, O Bennett run out 2, extras 10; total 53.

Handbridge.—G Jones run out 9, E Yates c Willis b Hughes 0, L Kyles c Case b Hughes 2, W Knott retired 21, R Kyles b Hughes 2, F Weaver c Bennett b Case 18, H Law c G Gillham b Case 3, J Swinerton not out 0, F Davies run out 1, E Gardner b Gillham 0, T Dickinson c and b Guitman 9, extras 10, total 76.

MARCHWIEL v. GRESFORD.
 Marchwiel had Gresford for visitors on Saturday, and in a game that resulted in a draw, the batting proved much too good for the bowling. Going in first for Gresford, H. Roberts carried out his bat for 57, and F. Roberts did not quit until he had run up a score of 49. When the total had reached 148 Gresford declared. Marchwiel responded gamely, thanks to J. Cano and J. R. Davies, and close on 80 runs had been scored before they were separated. J. R. Davies, when well set, was unfortunately run out. Swainson played a fine innings of 31. For Marchwiel, Latham bowled one wicket for 21 runs, Swainson one for 18, A. D. McAlpine two for 25, Startup one for 19, and Finley 0 for 42, and for Gresford F. Roberts three for 24, Percival 0 for 28, H. Roberts 0 for 46, and A. O. Taylor 0 for 18.
Gresford: H Roberts not out 57, J Morris c Smith b Swainson 4, T Jones c Latham b Startup 20, T Williams b Latham 0, F Roberts at Smith b A. D. McAlpine 49, A O Taylor c Holmes b A. D. McAlpine 5, J Percival, A Roberts, J Parry, E Cartwright and P Powell did not bat, extras 13; total (for 5 wks.) 148. Innings declared.
Marchwiel: J. Cano b F Roberts 38, J R Davies run out 34, E Swainson run out 31, G Startup b F Roberts 5, A D McAlpine b F Roberts 4, W S Finley not out 4, H Holmes, N Hughes, F Latham, H Smith and L Hughes did not bat, extras 6; total (for 5 wks.) 122.

OVERTON v. PENYFFORDD.
 Penyffordd journeyed to Overton on Saturday, but were badly beaten. In his innings of 71, T. S. A. Davies played brilliantly. W. Bloxham again proved his worth by contributing a sterling innings of 69. For Overton, J. H. Jones captured three wickets for 20 runs, F. Tibbott two for 10, and J. O'Brien three for 9, and E. W. Jackson two for 7. There was something sadly wrong with the Penyffordd team, for they were very much out of joint and incapable of doing themselves justice, with the exception of T. W. Dyas two for 54, R. L. Higgins one for 71, F. A. Dyas 0 for 10, B. Bellis 0 for 25, and N. B. Lea one for 12. Scores:—
Overton: E. W. Jackson b Dyas 12, E Gough b Higgins 21, W Bloxham c Walton b Lea 67, T S A Davies c Bellis b Dyas 71, F Tibbott retired hurt 2, N Murless not out 1, J R Jones, R Taylor, G Cockburn, H Bailey, J O'Brien did not bat, extras 13; total (for 4 wks.) 189. Innings declared.
Penyffordd: E V Parker c Bloxham b Tibbott 6, A Bellis b Tibbott 2, L Higgins b J O'Brien 9, H Davies c Gough b J H Jones 0, R G Egerton b J H Jones 0, T W Dyas c Gough b Jackson 24, J W Bellis b E W Jackson 0, W W Wynne c Murless b J O'Brien 7, F A Dyas b J O'Brien 6, H Walter not out 4, N R Lea c O'Brien b J H Jones 6, extras 11; total 57.

WHITCHURCH II. v. COTON.
 At Coton on Saturday. Scores:—
Coton.—A Bodington c Hunt b Steele 3, J Bridge c Price b Harding 4, F Huntbach c Rochello b Roberts 2, J Houlding c Richardson b Steele 1, E Lewis c and b Steele 13, J Brankin b Steele 7, H Jones c Rochello b Steele 1, T Partington b Steele 1, J Madeley not out 3, A Lewis c Richardson b Steele 4, H Hinton c Richardson b Steele 0, extras 2; total 41. Steele took six for 23.
Whitchurch.—W S Price c Paddington b Lewis 4, T B Richardson c Brankin b Jones 30, A H Steele c Bridge b Jones 13, G Reeves b Jones 0, P Smith b Houlding 11, A Steele c Lewis b Jones 27, W Rochello b Lewis 9, J F Hunt b Houlding 1, R Jones c Huntbach b Houlding 0, F G Harding b Houlding 6, G Roberts not out 0, extras 4; total 107.

ASH v. WEM.
 At Ash on Saturday. Scores:—
Wem.—P Williams b A Hollowood 10, F Strong c Chatterton b Hollowood 20, A Simpson c S Jackson b Madeley 12, H Fletcher c Chatterton b Madeley 21, M Hiden b Madeley 12, T Cooke c and b S Jackson 4, H E Keeble b A Hollowood 16, E W Parker c S Jackson b Hollowood 0, Capt. F S Butters c S Hollowood b A Hollowood 8, A G Rutter not out 5, O J Croyke c S Jackson b A Hollowood 0, extras 10, total 118.
Ash.—A Jackson b Strong 1, H Madeley b Strong 4, S Jackson c Rutter b Simpson 64, A Hollowood lbw b Simpson 6, S Hollowood b Strong 24, J Dodd b Strong 4, T Sheehy not out 9, F Lewis c Rutter b Strong 0, H Stockley not out 0, W Chatterton and P. Wright did not bat, extras 7, total (7 wks.) 121.

WEM KNOCK-OUT.
FARMERS v. PREES.
 At Wem on Friday. Scores:—
Farmers.—H Strong c and b Houlding 15, P Swain c Mullock b Ashton 50, T Cooke b Ashworth 3, Capt. H R Makin not out 80, E H Ikin b Ashworth 3, E W Parker b Ashton 3, N Ikin not out 2, E Fox did not bat, extras 3, total 128.
Prees.—G Houlding b Strong 4, J Morris b E H Ikin 3, W Ashton c N Ikin b E H Ikin 45, E Fox c Swain b Strong 13, F Ashworth run out 7, E Mullock run out 1, J Batho run out 2, E Fox c N Ikin b E H Ikin 35, extras 6, total 127.

CHESTER & DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE.
 (By "Captain.")

	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
Rivertown	7	5	2	0	10
Ellesmere Port C.	6	4	2	0	8
Pontblyddyn	5	2	2	1	5
Llay Main	4	2	2	0	4
Shotton	6	0	5	1	1

There was only one game played on Saturday. This was at Rivertown, where Pontblyddyn were the visitors. The home team batted first, and the first ten overs only produced 12 runs. Fifteen runs were scored before Mallett got his leg in front of a straight one from Ackroyd. Washbrook left at 21, and A. Forber (a brother of George Forber, who played for Rivertown when they won the cup), skied a ball at the same total. "Hallowa" Nichols, a Lancashire youth, left after finding the boundary twice, and L. Darbey was fourth wicket to fall at 27. Evans was bowled at 32. Six wickets were down for 34, but a good stand was made by E. Roberts and C. Guest. The rate of scoring improved. Roberts is the first left-handed batsman I have seen in the Rivertown ranks. Rain caused several interruptions, but Guest brought the sixty up with a boundary hit. Guest left at 71, after contributing 25, and Hill helped Roberts to bring the score to 105 before he was caught. Norwood and Roberts later added 60 to the total before the closure was applied. In making 78, E. Roberts beat his own and the league's record for the season.

Pontblyddyn tried seven bowlers. H. E. Ackroyd was the most successful with four for 34, H. L. Cunnah took two for 27, R. T. Jones two for 28, and J. Hayes one for 26. J. E. Hughes, A. H. Cunnah, and A. Bellis had 18, 6, and 15, respectively hit off them without securing a wicket.
 The two Cunnahs opened for Pontblyddyn, and two wickets fell for seven runs, seven were down for 82, and the last three batsmen could only add nine to the score. R. Hughes broke his spell of ill luck, and scored 22, J. Hayes, George Trevor, and R. T. Jones also reached double figures.

Rivertown tried five bowlers, S. Norwood took four for 32, A. Washbrook one for 5, H. Evans one for 12, L. Hill one for 15, and E. Roberts had eleven hit off him without capturing a wicket.

LEAGUE TEAM CHOSEN.
 The team to represent the Chester League in the inter-league match against the Liverpool League on Monday is as follows:—
 E. Middleditch (capt.), Ellesmere Port C.; L. Darbey, H. Washbrook, A. Forber, Rivertown; R. Eason, J. H. Davies, Ellesmere Port C.; J. Lawton, N. Clough, Shotton; R. Parry, Llay Main; H. L. Cunnah; H. A. Cunnah, Pontblyddyn.

E. Roberts, of Rivertown, has been asked to accompany the team.
 The game is to be played on the London and North Western Recreation C.C. ground, at Green-lane, Old Swan, Liverpool. The Chester players will meet at the entrance to James-street Station, Liverpool, at 2 o'clock.

The Chester League are to give caps to all their players, and reserve, who take part in the inter-league game.
 There is one game down for Saturday, and this is at Pontblyddyn, where their neighbours, Llay Main, will provide the opposition.

FIXTURE FOR TO-DAY (SATURDAY).
 Pontblyddyn v. Llay Main.
 Messrs. W. H. Ham and J. Mountford.

FIXTURE FOR MONDAY.
 Liverpool League v. Chester League, at Green-lane, Old Swan, Liverpool.

RIVERTOWN v. PONTBLYDDYN.
 Rivertown.—L. Darbey b R Jones 7, T Mallett lbw b Ackroyd 13, H Washbrook b Ackroyd 2, A Forber c Hayes b Ackroyd 0, E. Nichols c H Cunnah b R Jones 8, H Evans b Ackroyd 1, E Roberts not out 78, C Guest b Hayes 25, L Hill c Ackroyd b H L Cunnah 14, C Hewitt lbw b H L Cunnah 2, S Norwood not out 9, extras 12; total (for 9 wks.) 171.

Pontblyddyn.—H L Cunnah c Evans b Norwood 3, H A Cunnah run out 1, L Roberts b Norwood 6, F Hayes b Hill 12, J Hughes run out 5, R Hughes c Forber b Evans 22, G Trevor b Washbrook 10, A Williams run out 0, R Jones c Evans b Norwood 10, H Ackroyd c Washbrook b Norwood 1, A Bellis not out 5, extras 16; total 91.

FIXTURES FOR AUGUST.
 August 4th: Pontblyddyn v. Llay Main.—Messrs. J. Mountford and W. H. Ham.
 August 6th: Liverpool League v. Chester League.—At Green-lane, Old Swan, Liverpool.
 August 11th: Shotton v. Ellesmere Port C.—Messrs. J. Mountford and H. Williams. Llay Main v. Pontblyddyn.—Messrs. W. H. Ham and A. Hibbert.
 August 18th: Ellesmere Port C. v. Llay Main.—Messrs. J. Mountford and W. H. Ham.
 August 25th: Shotton v. Pontblyddyn.—Messrs. E. Carston and H. F. Holloway.
 Rivertown v. Llay Main.—Messrs. W. H. Ham and J. Mountford.

COUNTY CRICKET. Staffordshire v. Cheshire. A Poor Display.

Rain caused considerable interference with play in the minor counties match between Staffordshire and Cheshire, at Porthill Park, Stoke-on-Trent, on Monday. The players were four times driven to the pavilion in the first sixty minutes, and just before the luncheon interval a thunderstorm broke. Water afterwards lay in pools on the field, and it was 3.45 before play was resumed. Cheshire at that time had scored 54 without loss, and on an easy wicket runs for some time came freely. Bumphrey showed enterprise, but some of his knocks through the slips were fortunate. He obtained his 54 in sixty-five minutes. After his departure (at 75) the drying wicket became difficult, and the side was out for 153. Barnes took seven wickets for 42 runs. Staffordshire replied on the second day with a total of 163. The Cheshire batsmen fared badly against the bowling of Barnes, being dismissed for the meagre total of 67 runs, the home county gaining the victory by eight wickets.

Scores:—

CHESHIRE.	
First innings.	
D. Bumphrey lbw b Lockett	54
W. E. Jones o Bickerton b Lockett	21
L. N. Jones o Crump b Barnes	12
T. W. Jefferson o Cross b Barnes	12
J. A. McEntyre b Lockett	8
Wilson o Bickerton b Barnes	6
E. N. Dutton b Barnes	11
W. R. Steering o Crump b Barnes	5
E. S. Stevenson not out	12
J. A. Pratt b Barnes	2
Dennis o Meelin b Barnes	4
Extras	4
Total	153
Second innings.	
D. Bumphrey o Crump b Barnes	11
W. E. Jones lbw b Barnes	19
L. N. Jones o Day b Barnes	8
T. W. Jefferson b Barnes	6
J. A. McEntyre o Crump b Barnes	2
Wilson o Bickerton b Barnes	0
E. N. Dutton o Day b Lockett	13
W. R. Steering o White b Lockett	0
E. S. Stevenson o Day b Lockett	12
J. A. Pratt o White b Lockett	0
Dennis not out	0
Extras	6
Total	67
STAFFORDSHIRE.	
First innings.	
A. Bickerton o Dutton b Stevenson	53
L. H. Crump b Stevenson	21
L. McElin o L. N. Jones b Stevenson	30
Barnes o Jefferson b Dennis	3
Lockett o W. E. Jones b Wilson	27
Jay o L. N. Jones b Dennis	6
J. S. Heath b L. N. Jones	3
E. S. A. Hardy b L. N. Jones	0
E. P. Cross o W. E. Jones b L. N. Jones	2
Boon b L. N. Jones	17
D. L. White not out	0
Extras	6
Total	163
Second innings.	
A. Bickerton o Jefferson b L. N. Jones	0
L. McElin not out	4
Lockett not out	51
D. L. White o Steering b L. N. Jones	18
Extras	3
Total (for 8 wickets)	40

Cheshire Beaten Again. DURHAM FIND WICKETS CHEAP, AND WIN BY 55 RUNS. FINE BOWLING BY TIPLADY AND HODGSON.

(By R.A.H.)
Cheshire entered upon their last fixture of the season on the Wallasey cricket ground on Wednesday, when they entertained Durham. There were several changes in the home side from that which was defeated by eight wickets by Staffordshire, at Porthill, on Tuesday. Durham came fresh from a great fight against Lancashire II., who could only defeat them by the extremely narrow margin of one run. The torrential rain, which fell incessantly during the night, made the wicket soft on top, but it looked in fine fettle otherwise. The visitors were late in arriving, and a start was not made until 12 o'clock. The sun was shining brightly, and the conditions were ideal for cricket, when Cheshire, having lost the toss, came on to the field. Right from the start it was evident that it was a bowler's wicket and that runs would be scarce. So it proved, for fine bowling by L. N. Jones and Wilson put Durham out for 77, and then Cook and Dobson came into their own and sent the whole Cheshire side back for 61, sixteen short of the Durham total. H. W. Hodgson and C. W. Tiplady were the only batsmen to reach double figures. **SECOND DAY.** Durham collapsed for the second time in sensational fashion after tea, and Tiplady and Hodgson bowled so well, that they were all out for 112, after looking good for a useful total. Before play closed on Wednesday, W. E. Jones and Crooke put on 14 without being separated. More heavy rain early on Thursday morning did not improve the wicket, and under the influence of a bright sun soon began to play tricks, when Cheshire continued their innings at the advertised time. No batsman gave the bowlers much trouble, and the side were all out at 1 o'clock for 73. Durham thus won by 55 runs.

THE GAME. In winning the toss the Durham captain elected to bat, and the game quickly developed considerable interest. Wilson and L. N. Jones opened the attack against H. Gibbon and E. L. Ferens. The wicket, which had been excellently prepared, was soft. Then came the sensational opening, for Wilson commenced with a maiden over, but L. N. Jones had his net delivery pulled to the leg boundary by means of a. The next ball, however, got up sharply, and the batsman, touching it with his glove, was well taken behind the wicket by Crooke. The score board read 4-1-4 when M. Nichol went out to fill the vacancy. Gibbon was not by any means at his ease with the bowling, and with only a single added to the total, he fell a victim to a good ball from L. N. Jones without having opened his account. The third wicket went at 12, when E. E. Deane put one up to W. E. Jones, who sent the ball low down in the slips, off Wilson's bowling. Things were looking bad for the batsmen, and it was evident that the bowlers were well on top of the bat. The wicket, which was very soft on top, was playing all manner of tricks, and all the batsmen were having a very unhappy time. The end from which L. N. Jones was bowling was already cutting up badly. The twenty went up after about 30 minutes' play and singles were the order until 27 was reached, when M. Nichol, who had been the only man so far to play the bowling with any confidence, was well caught by H. W. Hodgson off Wilson. His individual contribution of 16 was of extreme value under the circumstances. Cheshire were fortunate in securing his dismissal, for he appeared good for fifty at one time. Two runs later further success attended the efforts of the Cheshire bowlers. Howell drove L. N. Jones, but R. M. Dutton was quickly after the ball and returned smartly, with the result that Howell, who was after his second run, had his wicket broken when he was well out of his ground. 29-5-2 was poor going for Durham, but their troubles were not over, and the collapse continued steadily, three more wickets falling for the addition of 13 runs. Sadler and H. Brooks, the Durham captain, were clean bowled by Wilson, who also got C. L. Adamson caught by Jefferson. Carr and Cook improved matters with some hearty hitting. Carr was particularly aggressive, and in one over he took three successive 4's off Wilson to send up the 50 after the game had been in progress 90 minutes. Carr's spirited attack on the bowling sent the score mounting more quickly than at any other period of the innings, for he treated everything alike. Many of his strokes were risky ones, but what was most important, they got the runs. When lunch was taken the score board read 68-8-9.

After the interval L. N. Jones resumed the attack to Carr, who got two and a four before L. N. Jones got his off stump with a good ball. Carr had a useful 24 to his credit, and although there was nothing artistic about his batting, he had played the right game at the right time, and put a much brighter look on the game

from Durham's point of view. The eighth wicket had put on thirty runs in as many minutes. W. Howgate and Cook did not stay together long, for with five more added to the total Cook attempted an impossible run and was run out, the innings closing at 2.15 for the poor total of 77 runs.

Wilson had the best bowling analysis, taking five wickets for 21, an average of just over four runs per wicket. L. N. Jones, who bowled with Wilson unchanged, took three wickets for 42.

CHESHIRE'S REPLY. D. Bumphrey and H. W. Hodgson opened for Cheshire to the bowling of Cook and T. K. Dobson. They began operations in no more confident manner than Durham had done, but they managed to collect 16 before Bumphrey got his leg in front of one from Dobson and had to go. Sixteen for one was little better than the visitors' effort, but worse was to follow, for with only two more added to the total, Jefferson, who had been very uncomfortable during the short time he had been at the wicket, was easily beaten by Dobson. Disaster followed on disaster. L. N. Jones, who is usually good for a bright knock of fifty or so, failed to play a sharply rising ball from Cook, and was bowled after making three. Three were now down for 29, but Hodgson was batting with ease and was driving and pulling excellently. With W. E. Jones as partner, the spectators had hopes that the run would be stopped. Also for these fond hopes, the thirty had just been raised when Hodgson was bowled by Cook after securing 21. The Cheshire captain was the next to go, being bowled by Cook, and five wickets were down for 33; still 44 runs short of the Durham total. Cook was keeping an excellent length, and was well supported by a keen field. Two more runs from McEntyre's bat, and then another wicket dropped, for the Wallasey player got his legs in front of a straight ball from Dobson and six had fallen for 35, just four better than the visiting county. The cricket was painfully slow as far as run-getting was concerned, and R. M. Dutton had at this point been at the wicket fifteen minutes without scoring a run. Wilson was disposed of by Dobson with the total at 35, and R. M. Dutton went at 40, but C. W. Tiplady and Crooke improved matters, for the former was hitting out lustily at anything of a loose nature. It was Tiplady that sent up the half-century with a hard drive to the boundary. This pair put on 21 before being separated, carrying the score from 40 to 61 before Crooke was bowled for six. Dennis did not give much trouble, and the innings closed for 61. Cheshire were thus 16 behind on the first innings. Dobson had the fine bowling figures of five for 23. Cook took five for 34.

DURHAM'S SECOND INNINGS. The wicket was much easier when Durham entered upon their second venture, and the opening batsmen, although not scoring very quickly, kept the runs moving upwards, and the total was carried to 41 when tea was taken without a separation being brought about. Soon after the interval, however, R. M. Dutton bowled Gibbon with the total at 42, and then six runs later, further success attended this bowler's efforts, Ferens being given out lbw. Gibbon's contribution was 20 and Ferens' 21. With M. Nichol and C. L. Adamson together the batting brightened up somewhat, both R. M. Dutton and Dennis coming in for regular punishment. The Cheshire captain made a double bowling change in an effort to break up the partnership, going on himself in place of Dennis and putting Tiplady vice Dutton at the other end. This policy soon brought favourable results, for with 76 recorded Nichol fell a victim of a good ball from Tiplady. The partnership had yielded 27 runs, of which Nichol collected 10. C. L. Adamson and T. K. Dobson advanced the score to 91, and then Hodgson bowled the former for 23. There was another sensational collapse in the Durham second innings, for after having 92 on the board for the loss of five wickets the remaining batsmen were "skittled" out for an addition of 20 runs. C. W. Tiplady and H. M. Hodgson were the bowlers that did the damage, they taking four wickets for 14 and four for 13 respectively. In the 20 minutes left for play Cheshire made 14 without loss, and required 115 to win when play closed for the day.

CHESHIRE SKITTLED AGAIN. W. E. Jones (3) and A. R. Crooke (7), the overnight batsmen, found runs hard to get, when they continued the Cheshire second innings on Thursday morning. In consequence the cricket was painfully slow, for it was but rarely that the batsmen got more than a single at a time. The previous day's score of 14 was carried cautiously to 24, and then a good ball from Cook, which kept low, sent the Cheshire captain back to the pavilion. A few minutes later D. Bumphrey had a knock at one from Dobson and was beautifully taken at mid-off by Ferens. The ball was travelling at a terrific speed when the catch was taken, and the Durham amateur hurt his hands so badly that he had to leave the field. W. E. Hodgson and Crooke stayed together for a time, but at 49 the Birkenhead Park man had to leave, being

lbw to Dobson. L. N. Jones never looked like staying, while C. W. Tiplady, R. M. Dutton and K. H. McEntyre were all disposed of for the addition of ten runs.
A feature of the innings up to this point had been the stolid game played by Crooke. He kept one end intact right up to the end, when he failed to judge one from Carr and was last out for 81. Scores:-

DURHAM.
First Innings.

H. C. Ferens c Crooke b L. N. Jones	0
H. Gibbon b L. N. Jones	4
M. Nichol c Hodgson b Wilson	6
T. K. Dobson c W. E. Jones b Wilson	1
O. L. Adamson c Jefferson b Wilson	9
Howell run out	2
Sadler b Wilson	2
H. Brooks b Wilson	4
Carr b L. N. Jones	24
Cook run out	6
W. Howgate not out	1
Extras	8
Total	77

Second Innings.

H. C. Ferens lbw b Dutton	21
H. Gibbon b Dutton	20
M. Nichol b Tiplady	10
T. K. Dobson b Tiplady	6
O. L. Adamson b Hodgson	23
Howell b Hodgson	2
Sadler c W. Jones b Hodgson	13
H. Brooks lbw b Hodgson	0
Carr b Tiplady	0
Cook lbw b Tiplady	2
Howgate not out	0
Extras	15
Total	112

CHESHIRE.
First Innings.

D. Boumphrey lbw b Dobson	5
H. W. Hodgson b Cook	21
T. W. Jefferson b Dobson	1
L. N. Jones c Sadler b Cook	5
W. E. Jones b Cook	2
K. H. McEntyre lbw b Dobson	0
R. M. Dutton c Cook b Dobson	0
Wilson b Dobson	18
O. W. Tiplady not out	6
Crooke b Cook	0
Dennis b Cook	4
Extras	4
Total	61

Second Innings.

D. Boumphrey c Ferens b Dobson	8
H. W. Hodgson lbw b Dobson	12
T. W. Jefferson b Carr	0
L. N. Jones b Carr	1
W. E. Jones b Cook	9
K. H. McEntyre b Carr	4
E. N. Dutton c Howgate b Dobson	9
Wilson b Carr	0
O. W. Tiplady lbw b Carr	3
A. E. Crooke b Carr	11
Dennis not out	4
Extras	14
Total	78

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
Durham (First Innings).
Wilson, 15o. 2m. 21r. 5w.
L. N. Jones, 14.5o. 4m. 43r. 3w.
Durham 2nd Innings.
Wilson 6o, 2m, 11r. 0w.
L. N. Jones 3o, 0m, 13r. 0w.
Tiplady 16o, 0m, 15r. 4w.
R. M. Dutton 8o, 1m, 35r. 3w.
Hodgson 4.5o, 0m, 13r. 4w.
Dennis 6o, 4m, 2r. 0w.
W. E. Jones 6o, 1m, 16r. 0w.

FALL OF WICKETS.
Durham (first Innings): 1-4, 2-5, 3-12, 4-27, 5-31, 6-31, 7-41, 8-42, 9-72, 10-77.
Durham (second Innings): 1-42, 2-42, 3-75, 4-91, 5-92, 6-108, 7-108, 8-112, 10-112.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
Cheshire (First Innings).
Cook, 16o. 7m. 34r. 5w.
T. K. Dobson, 15o. 5m. 22r. 5w.
Cheshire (second Innings).
Cook, 20o. 13m. 11r. 1w.
Carr, 12.2o. 3m. 22r. 6w.
Howell, 2o. 0m. 3r. 0w.
Sadler, 4o. 2m. 5r. 0w.
Dobson, 20o. 8m. 18r. 3w.

FALL OF WICKETS.
Cheshire (first Innings): 1-16, 2-18, 3-29, 4-32, 5-33, 6-35, 7-35, 8-40, 9-61, 10-61.
Cheshire (second Innings): 1-24, 2-31, 3-49, 4-50, 5-54, 6-55, 7-60, 8-60, 9-62, 10-73.

GENTLEMEN OF CHESHIRE v. NEW COLLEGE (OXFORD) NOMADS.
This two-days' match at Chelford took place on Monday and Tuesday. Scores:-

NEW COLLEGE NOMADS.
First Innings.

M. D. B. Farmiloe c Parks b Reiss	14
T. O. Mallett c Leigh b Reiss	10
C. W. Haworth b Reiss	17
C. W. Thring hit wkt. b Parks	42

H. B. Taylor b Reiss	1
F. How c Love b Parks	16
M. C. C. Daniel c Parks b Love	34
H. Wilson Willey lbw b Parks	37
C. H. Duveen not out	3
F. A. Haworth (unr.) c Parks b Love	0
S. Revill b Parks	0
Extras	8
Total	161

Second Innings.

M. Farmiloe c Ekersley b Reiss	125
T. Mallett c Hilton b Parkes	59
C. W. Haworth c Tow b Reiss	76
H. Taylor not out	72
M. Daniel c Parkes b Reiss	0
F. A. Haworth not out	13
Extras	12
Total (for 4 wickets)	371

GENTLEMEN OF CHESHIRE.
First Innings.

P. L. Wright run out	2
R. Skelton c Mallett b C. Haworth	41
Dr. Love lbw b Thring	6
P. T. Ekersley c and b Daniel	19
J. E. Tew c Daniel b Tring	26
J. A. Hilton b Thring	14
H. H. Cornwall Leigh b C. Haworth	0
P. A. Skelmerdine v How b Daniel	23
H. Greenwell b Thring	6
J. A. Reiss c Farmiloe b Thring	3
W. F. Parks not out	0
Extras	7
Total	161

Second Innings.

R. Skelton run out	51
P. Wright c Farmiloe b Daniel	9
Dr. Love b Willey	33
P. Ekersley not out	41
J. Tew not out	41
Extras	6
Total (for 3 wickets)	181

GENTLEMEN OF CHESHIRE v. ETON RAMBLERS.

This two-day match at Chelford began on Wednesday. Scores:-

ETON RAMBLERS—First Innings.

W. E. Harbord c Greenwell b Parks	29
H. T. Foley c Daniel b Reiss	4
G. W. Norris c Parks b Daniel	36
G. H. M. Cartwright c Thring b Daniel	17
J. E. Tew c Haworth b Parks	0
E. L. Trevor c Daniel b Parks	17
H. H. de Monk c Shelmardine b Daniel	0
A. Forbes c Ekersley b Daniel	0
J. E. Bradish Ellames c S'aine b Reiss	41
G. Dobson b Daniel	22
Sir John Dixon not out	17
Extras	17
Total	190

ETON RAMBLERS.
Second Innings.

W. Harbord b Daniel	4
H. Foley not out	105
G. Norris c Parks b Daniel	9
G. Cartwright run out	6
J. Tew c Sullivan b Parks	23
S. Trevor b Parks	13
H. Monk c Ekersley b Parks	0
A. Forbes c and b Parks	0
J. Bradish Ellames b Daniel	4
G. Dobson b Daniel	0
Sir John Dixon c Daniel b Parks	19
Extras	15
Total	201

CHESHIRE GENTLEMEN.
First Innings.

O. W. Haworth c Cartwright b Norris	56
L. Oliver c Cartwright b Forbes	0
P. T. Ekersley b Forbes	26
C. W. Thring b Norris	1
J. Hilton b Forbes	31
W. R. Parks b Norris	4
G. H. Greenwell b Norris	4
P. A. Shelmardine b Norris	10
J. Sillavan b Norris	3
M. C. Daniel c Trevor b Forbes	0
J. Reiss not out	17
Extras	10
Total	162

Second Innings.

O. Haworth run out	31
L. Oliver c Forbes b Norris	25
P. T. Ekersley b Norris	42
C. Thring not out	6
J. Hilton c Foley b Harbord	0
W. Parks c Ellames b Forbes	3
G. Greenwell run out	4
P. Shelmardine b Harbord	18
J. Sillavan c and b Harbord	6
M. Daniel b Forbes	14
J. Reiss not out	35
Extras	30
Total (for 9 wickets)	219

CHESTER AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.
(By "MID-OFF.")

The local "Dorby" between Llay Main and Pontblyddyn was played on the former's ground in glorious weather. Pontblyddyn were without H. L. Cunnah, and the home team included the well-known all-round athlete, E. N. Pryce. Pontblyddyn won the toss and put Llay Main in to bat. Martin was taken behind the wicket with only one on the board, and Enoch Roberts was missed at the same total of Aokroyd. Emlyn Jones filled the breach and got Aokroyd away for a single. He also got a three off the same bowler. Hayes relieved Aokroyd at the road end, and H. Owen was dismissed at 19 by a smart catch in the slips. Two runs later Roberts was also taken by Cunnah in the slips. J. Owen got a couple off R. T. Jones, and Emlyn Jones took six off Hayes. J. E. Hughes was then given the ball at the road end, and with the score at 45 J. Owen was stumped after making 12. Trevor was put on at the top end, and the rate of scoring decreased. Pryce turned Trevor to leg for a couple. At 54 Pryce was taken in the slips by Cunnah. This was Cunnah's third victim. There was an appeal for obstruction against Emlyn Jones, but this was negated by the umpire. W. Roberts was bowled by a full pitched ball by Trevor. Parry next put in appearance, but before scoring he put one in the slips to be well taken by Hayes. E. Jones hit Trevor to leg for four, which were all run, as there were no boundaries. This was the only four recorded in the game. Emlyn Jones, who was batting well, then brought 66 up, but one run later Rogers was bowled by J. E. Hughes. This bowler then beat E. Jones and the innings closed for 61. Jones went in at the fall of the second wicket, and was the last man to leave after hitting 25. J. E. Hughes in six overs secured four wickets for six runs. E. T. Jones took three for 15, George Trevor two for 15 and H. E. Aokroyd one for 12. J. Hayes had ten hit of him without taking a wicket.

Pontblyddyn altered their usual order of going in. J. E. Hughes and R. T. Jones, the opening pair, were opposed by W. Roberts and Enoch Roberts. The latter had Hughes caught with five on the board. L. Roberts was caught at point at the same total. R. T. Jones was bowled after contributing six to the score of ten, and G. Trevor and R. Hughes both left at the same total. The former was out to a fine catch at point. H. A. Cunnah played on at 11, and H. Williams got Enoch Roberts through the covers for a single and later to leg for another one. Hayes was bowled at 19, and W. L. Roberts, a youth from the reserve team, was taken by H. Owen at point. This was Owen's third success. Enoch Roberts took the two outstanding wickets, and the innings closed for 28. H. Williams going in at the fall of the sixth wicket, was undefeated with seven to his credit. Pontblyddyn helped to their own undoing by their pit-pat methods. W. Roberts secured five wickets for eight runs in twelve overs, and Enoch Roberts took five for 14.

Llay Main has now to meet the two top clubs, Eivertown and Ellesmere Port Cement, and should they win these two games the championship will be theirs. Last season they tied with Reliance for second position. There is only one match down for this weekend. Ellesmere Port Cement finish their fixtures with a visit from Llay Main, and much depends on the result of this game.

LLAY MAIN v. PONTBLYDDYN.
Llay Main.—E. Roberts b Aokroyd 2, J. Martin c Williams b R. T. Jones 0, H. Owen c Cunnah b R. T. Jones 3, E. Jones b J. Hughes 35, R. Probert c Cunnah b R. T. Jones 8, J. Owen c Williams b J. Hughes 12, E. N. Pryce c Cunnah b Trevor 3, W. Roberts b Trevor 6, P. Parry c Hayes b J. Hughes 0, J. R. Rogers b J. Hughes 0, E. L. Footitt not out 0, extras 4; total 63.
Pontblyddyn.—J. E. Hughes c Jones b E. Roberts 2, R. T. Jones b W. Roberts 6, L. Probert c H. Owen b W. Roberts 0, G. Trevor c H. Owen b E. Roberts 1, R. Hughes b W. Roberts 0, H. A. Cunnah b W. Roberts 0, J. Roberts b E. Roberts 3, H. Williams not out 7, W. L. Roberts c H. Owen b W. Roberts 1, E. J. Evans b E. Roberts 0, H. E. Aokroyd b E. Roberts 0, extras 7; total 28.

FIXTURE FOR SATURDAY.

Ellesmere Port Cement v. Llay Main; Messrs. J. Mountford and L. Jones.
SHOTTON v. ELLESMERE PORT CEMENT.
Shotton.—R. Bevan c Mitchelmore b Sheard 9, A. Hampton lbw b Sheard 59, W. Williams c Hand b J. Davies 6, W. Roberts b Sheard 7, G. Alcock b Sheard 11, T. Norbury b L. Davies 6, W. Breverton b J. Davies 10, N. Clough c Buist b Sheard 3, H. Jones c L. Davies b Eason 8, T. Butler not out 2, S. Williams lbw b Sheard 4, extras 5—total 130.
Ellesmere Port Cement.—R. Eason b Butler 29, R. Robinson run out 27, J. H. Davies c Norbury b Jones 8, J. Hand b Jones 0, L. Davies b Jones 0, J. Sheard b Roberts 19, R. Derbyshire not out 26, A. Keeling b Roberts 0, W. Buist not out 8, extras 17—total (for 7 wickets) 134. F. Mitchelmore and J. D. Kington did not bat.

LEAGUE AVERAGES.

BATTING.

	Inns.	N.O.	R.	A'gs
E. Roberts (Rivertown) ...	6	2	143	35.75
P. Parry (Llay Main)	6	1	99	19.10
A. Hampton (Shotton)	6	0	107	17.83
L. Darbey (Rivertown)	7	1	105	17.50
J. Owen (Llay Main)	4	0	64	16.00
T. Mallett (Rivertown)	5	1	59	14.75
R. Eason (E. Port Cement) ..	7	0	87	12.42
C. Guest (Rivertown)	6	0	70	11.58

BOWLING.

	Buns.	Wkts.	A'gs.
W. Roberts (Llay Main)	25	42	3.02
E. Roberts (Llay Main)	10	22	4.20
H. Washbrook (Rivertown) ..	19	81	4.27
J. Sheard (E. Port Cement) ..	19	88	4.83
J. H. Davies (E. Port Cement) ..	22	117	5.31
R. Eason (E. Port Cement)	16	116	7.25
H. Evans (Rivertown)	14	105	7.50
N. Clough (Shotton)	11	85	7.63
H. E. Adroyd (Pontblydyddyn) ..	17	140	8.23
S. Norwood (Rivertown)	15	141	8.31
J. Hayes (Pontblydyddyn)	10	90	9.00
E. Jones (Llay Main)	11	110	10.00

LEAGUE HONOURS LIST.

Batting.

A. Hampton (Shotton) 59
E. Jones (Llay Main) 35
R. Eason (E. Port Cement) 29
R. Robinson (E. Port Cement) 27
R. Darbyshire (E. Port Cement) 25

Bowling.

J. Sheard (E. Port Cement) six for 36
W. Roberts (Llay Main) five for 8
E. Roberts (Llay Main) five for 14

Liverpool and District Competition.

Positions of the clubs to date are as follow:

	P	W	L	D	PTS
Oxton	23	15	5	3	15
Ormskirk	19	9	1	8	9
Sefton	22	10	5	7	10
Boughton Hall	14	9	3	2	9
Wallasey	21	8	8	5	8
Formby	23	9	7	7	9
Hightown	21	8	8	5	8
Huyton	20	9	11	3	6
Bootle	19	8	4	9	6
New Brighton	22	5	7	10	5
Birkenhead Park	21	7	8	8	5
Liverpool	19	4	6	9	4
Southport	16	4	6	6	4
Northern	21	6	11	7	3
Neston	20	4	12	6	3

McGREGOR'S BENEFIT

Boughton Hall Beaten at Home Oxton Victorious

On Saturday the match between Boughton Hall and Oxton, at Boughton, constituted McGregor's (the groundsmen's) benefit. Everyone with even the remotest connection with Boughton Hall Cricket Club, knows that genial and yet awe-inspiring personality, Mr. McGregor. He is deservedly universally popular, and is always ready to give a helping hand or some really sound advice. But woe betide the unhappy reporter who neglects to return a score book, for "Mac," as he is affectionately termed, can, when the occasion demands, make the offender feel very sorry for himself. But there is not a spectator of any description at Boughton Hall who has not a genuine regard for "Mac." He is fully deserving of all the thanks the club can give him, for during the six years he has been attached to the Boughtonians, the wicket has been perfect. McGregor is a severe critic, and nothing but the best is good enough for him. He spends hours in transforming the pitch from good to better, and he is constantly being praised, both by visiting and home teams, for the excellent playing conditions. "Mac" has a first-class knowledge of the game he loves, having played a great deal in England, South Africa, and Hong Kong, where he was in the Royal Engineers. On occasions, he turns out for the Boughton Hall Wednesday team, and will long be remembered for the 70 odd runs he made for that side some weeks ago. He is always interested in the progress of young cricketers, and is ever ready to assist them in their training and practice. He always acts as umpire to the Boughton premier team, in whose success he naturally takes the greatest interest. We offer our congratulations to "Mac," and thanks for his willing assistance to the Press, and hope that for many years to come he will be responsible for the velvet-like wicket at Boughton Hall.

The game was most interesting, and the crowd who were present to support the "benefit" witnessed a great deal of good batting. Boughton Hall, however, sustained a defeat, their batting being less consistent than that of Oxton. The latter team batted first, and hit up 177. Boughton fell short of that total, scoring 157. Of the home team's innings, special reference should be made of the fine batting of W. E. Jones, who opened with G. A. Pratt. "W. E." obtained a magnificent 68, compiled in his customary stylish fashion. He was quite at ease with the bowling, and

his score included four splendid boundaries. Mr. Jones was at the wicket a considerable time, but never did the interest wane, so consistent and masterly was his batting. Oxton sent in E. C. G. Oates and T. W. Jefferson to open their innings, and both were out for a total of 33. Oates scoring 31. Then the spectators were treated to a spectacular display by R. T. Symond, who made 63 runs in lively fashion. Symond treated the bowling with contempt, but Dutton eventually broke through his defence with a finely directed ball. After Parker was bowled by Frost for 0, O. Danson, who later distinguished himself as a bowler, went in and added a useful 30. This was followed up by J. G. Williams with 23. The remaining batsmen contented themselves with small totals. W. E. Jones and G. A. Pratt were both in good form, although the latter was caught by Scott for 14. Mr. Jones, however, remained at the wicket, and made the remarkable score of 62. R. M. Dutton contributed a well gathered 24, and L. N. Jones surprised everyone by being bowled for one run. J. Pratt added 9, and K. E. B. Lucking 11. R. Frost, Col. W. A. Vere Churton and H. D. Roberts one each, L. Hales 2, and F. Haek 1. Boughton Hall's bowling honours were shared by R. M. Dutton, who took 3 wickets for 33, W. E. Jones 5 for 61, and R. Frost 3 for 23.

For Oxton, Tyldesley took 4 for 60, G. Danson 5 for 40, and W. A. Milne 1 for 9. Scores—

Oxton.

E. C. G. Oates b Frost	31
T. W. Jefferson b Dutton	11
E. G. Symond b Dutton	65
E. G. Parker b Frost	9
O. Danson b W. E. Jones	30
J. G. Williams c L. N. Jones b W. Jones ..	23
E. C. Scott c Dutton b W. E. Jones ..	1
E. W. G. Scott b W. E. Jones	9
Tyldesley c Lucking b Frost	1
W. A. Milne not out	9
J. L. Gregory at Roberts b W. E. Jones ..	1
Extras	17
Total	177

Boughton Hall.

W. E. Jones b Danson	62
G. A. Pratt c Scott b Tyldesley	24
R. M. Dutton c and b Milne	24
L. N. Jones b Tyldesley	1
J. Pratt b Danson	9
K. E. B. Lucking lbw b Danson	11
E. Frost b Tyldesley	1
L. Hales lbw b Danson	2
W. A. V. Churton b Danson	1
H. D. Roberts lbw b Tyldesley	1
F. Haek not out	1
Extras	8
Total	137

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Oxton.

L. N. Jones 140, 3m, 43r, 0w
R. M. Dutton 150, 3m, 23r, 1w
W. E. Jones 140, 0m, 61r, 5w
R. Frost 150, 1m, 23r, 3w

Boughton Hall.

Tyldesley 330, 3m, 60r, 4w
O. Danson 180, 10m, 40r, 5w
W. A. Milne 40, 1m, 9r, 1w

FALL OF WICKETS.

Oxton: 1-16, 2-68, 3-61, 4-110, 5-150, 6-155, 7-164, 8-174, 9-174, 10-177.

Boughton Hall: 1-19, 2-58, 3-83, 4-96, 5-120, 6-124, 7-131, 8-133, 9-133, 10-137.

BOUGHTON HALL 2nd XI v. OXTON.

KEEN GAME MARRED BY RAIN.

Played at Oxton, on Saturday. Boughton Hall batted first, and made the excellent total of 223 runs. Six Oxton wickets had fallen when rain stopped play. The game was keen, and, as the total suggests, there were several outstanding scores. Capt. Neilson made 49, and A. Dagger, who opened the match with the former, 41. E. Griffiths cautiously hit 16, and J. Greening was the hero of the afternoon with a perfect innings of 53. W. W. Blake also distinguished himself with 47. J. L. Warburton added a useful 13. L. G. Ford was bowled by Greening for 11, E. B. Hodgson by Slater for 25. G. A. Gower hit the highest score of his side, 31 (not out). E. S. Bonniwell made 11. The visitors would have undoubtedly been victorious, for their opponents could not have approached their formidable total. All members of the Boughton team, and particularly those who did so well, batted fearlessly, and their innings was most entertaining.

Boughton Hall deserve congratulations for their success at the wicket. The scoring was rapid, and no fewer than five batsmen made large totals. The visitors were also keen in the field, and were all in excellent form. Neilson and Dagger, who opened the innings, scored runs quickly, and were at the wicket together for some time.

J. Greening, for Boughton Hall, took one wicket for 65, Slater 3 for 84, Haek 1 for 29, and A. S. Dagger 3 for 39. Scores—

Boughton Hall.

Capt. Neilson lbw b F. Wild	49
A. S. Dagger c Largoy b W. Griffiths ..	41
E. Griffiths c Hodgson b McGill	16
J. Greening c Gower b Griffiths	53
W. W. Blake c Smart b Wild	47
A. E. Slater b Wild	1
T. A. Clegg b Griffiths	0
R. L. Wild lbw b Griffiths	0
J. L. Warburton c Largoy b Griffiths ..	13
T. Eariam not out	1
G. B. Oates b Griffiths	0
Extras	8
Total	223

Oxton.

L. G. Ford b Greening	11
E. B. Hodgson b Slater	25
G. A. Gower not out	31
H. T. Wild c Greening b Eariam	1
W. Griffiths b Eariam	2
H. S. Bonniwell b Dagger	11
J. F. Largoy at Neilson	4
Extras	5
Total (for 6 wickets)	88

For Oxton, G. O. Woods, C. Guild, A. H. Smart, and G. P. McGill did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Oxton.

J. Greening 60, 1m, 23r, 1w
A. B. Slater 120, 3m, 23r, 1w
T. Eariam 70, 1m, 26r, 6w
A. S. Dagger 250, 0m, 8r, 3w

NESTON v. BIRKENHEAD PARK.

RAIN STOPS PLAY.

Neston met Birkenhead Park on Saturday, and the game appeared to be going in favour of the latter club when Neston were saved by a steady downpour of rain, half an hour from the close. Birkenhead had obtained the total of 197 for 6 wickets, and Neston stood at 104 for seven when the rain intervened.

For Neston, Sullivan and J. M. Swift gave Neston an unusually good start with 69 runs, the former was caught beautifully by Hughes off the bowling of Rogers, and in a really commendable innings of 35 he obtained five 4's. J. M. Swift also did well with his 37, scoring a similar number of boundaries. Neston failed to take advantage of this auspicious start, sacrificing valuable wickets cheaply. Nutter, although never at ease against Rogers and Hughes, was batting steadily, but getting little or no support. Hughes captured four wickets for 37 and Rogers 3 for 19. Scores:

Birkenhead Park.

J. P. Hodgson c sub b J. M. Swift	30
H. W. Hodgson c and b Sullivan	40
B. L. R. Dowse c and b H. P. Swift	34
N. Carter c Long b Sullivan	9
J. H. Rogers b Nutter	24
E. P. Bloor b H. P. Swift	0
N. Hughes c H. Swift b J. M. Swift	2
A. Brettargh b H. P. Swift	0
A. R. Crooke not out	2
Cole not out	15
Extras	13
Total (for 8 wickets)	197

Innings declared.

J. C. G. Tilby did not bat.

NESTON.

J. H. B. Sullivan c Hughes b Rogers ..	35
J. M. Swift b Hughes	37
Nutter not out	14
E. K. Marsh c Tilby b Rogers	7
F. B. Cope b Hughes	0
A. N. Robinson c Bloor b Rogers	0
H. E. Anderson b Hughes	1
H. P. Swift b Hughes	2
J. W. Long not out	1
Extras	6
Total (for 7 wickets)	104

A. Witter and J. Henderson did not bat.

EATON PARK v. CHOLMONDELEY.

Eaton Park entertained Cholmondeley on Saturday, and were unable to exceed the score knocked up by their opponents. The game was, on the whole, interesting, and Cholmondeley, who batted first, scored 143. The scoring was not particularly outstanding, but was most consistent, and mounted up steadily. They sent in Dawson and Timmie to open the innings, and the former obtained a boundary and four singles. Timmie produced a higher score, making 34 excellent runs, which included no fewer than six boundaries. B. Batterbee was caught and bowled by I'Anson for 11, and E. Johnson added four runs to the score. R. Ince's stay at the wicket was brief, but he obtained a useful 8, and W. Mennall was dismissed without opening his score. C. Phillips fared much better, making 15 runs, and Done hit 8. G. Stokes came out for 5. A fine stand was made both by F. Ridgeway and J. Coffin. The former surprised the spectators by making a vigorous 29, and Coffin contributed 15 (not out). J. I'Anson and Thomas batted first for Eaton Park. The former has had bad luck lately, since his magnificent stand against Barrow earlier in the season, but on Saturday was in good fighting form, and was merciless with the Cholmondeley bowling. He scored 31 runs, which included three 4's, a 3 and three 2's. Thomas made 12 and H. F. Browne was only able to contribute 3 runs before being caught by Dawson. W. Gude did not score, and M. Keer and the Rev. F. J. Okell each made 12 runs. Col. Priestman and G. Kingman made one run each. A. E. Richards was caught by Batterbee for 5. G. Smith and F. Jones both did not open their score. Eaton's total was 84. I'Anson took four wickets for 24, and brought off several good catches. Scores—

Cholmondeley.

I. Dawson c Thomas b Browne	8
A. Timmie c and b I'Anson	24
B. Batterbee c and b I'Anson	11
E. Johnson c and b I'Anson	4
R. Ince c Smith b I'Anson	8
W. Mennall run out	0
C. Phillips c Browne b Thomas	15
J. Done lbw b I'Anson	8
G. Stokes b Browne	5
F. Ridgeway lbw b Priestman	29
J. Coffin not out	15
Extras	6
Total	143

EATON PARK.

J. T'Anson o Johnson b Batterbee	31
F. Thomas o and b Johnson	12
H. P. Browne o Dawson b Johnson	3
W. Gude b Batterbee	0
M. Kerr b Johnson	12
F. J. Okell lbw b Batterbee	12
Col. Priestman o Done b Johnson	1
G. Kingman o Phillips b Batterbee	1
A. E. Richards o Batterbee b Johnson	6
G. Smith o Timmis b Johnson	0
F. Jones not out	0
Extras	7
Total	84

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
Cholmondeley.

T'Anson, 15c. 4m. 24r. 4w.
Browne, 8c. 1m. 50r. 2w.
Priestman, 12c. 0m. 33r. 1w.
Thomas, 8c. 1m. 27r. 1w.

FALL OF WICKETS.
Cholmondeley: 1-17, 2-35, 3-54, 4-63, 5-66, 6-79, 7-85, 8-85, 9-103, 10-143.
Eaton Park: 1-35, 2-39, 3-40, 4-61, 5-71, 6-75, 7-77, 8-84, 9-84, 10-84.

BARROW v. ST. JOHN'S.
Played at Raughall-road on Saturday. The visitors batted first. M. Jeffs and F. Houlbrook were opposed by J. H. Arncliffe and F. Atkin. The first wicket fell at 15, Jeffs being caught by Langford in Atkin's second over. H. Beech showed his partiality for St. John's bowling by hitting up 70, including a huge hit for six out of the ground. V. A. Arnold (26) and F. Houlbrook (28) also batted well, and the visiting skipper was able to declare with the score at 186 for five wickets.

St. John's made a bad start against the bowling of S. Woodcock and M. Jeffs, the former securing four wickets in his first five overs. W. Green played steadily for 11, but with the exception of H. Forsyth, who secured 21 and was last out, no other batsman reached double figures, and the innings closed for 87, the visitors thus winning handsomely. S. Woodcock had eight wickets for 25 runs, making his bag 18 for three matches played during the week. Scores:—

BARROW.

M. Jeffs o Langford b Atkin	4
F. Houlbrook o Forsyth b Atkin	23
H. Beech b Williams	70
V. A. Arnold o Atkin b Williams	26
P. C. Fletcher o Collins b Forsyth	1
J. Beech not out	5
T. Radcliffe not out	10
Extras	12
Total (for 5 wks. inns. dec.)	155

J. Keel, S. Woodcock, A. N. Astbury, and the Rev. T. Jenkins did not bat.

ST. JOHN'S.

F. Atkin o Jenkins b Woodcock	5
J. E. Lipsham b Woodcock	2
G. Williams o H. Beech b Woodcock	0
W. Green b Woodcock	11
J. H. Arncliffe o Houlbrook b Woodcock	8
B. W. Griffiths o Houlbrook b Woodcock	6
H. Collins b H. Beech	9
H. Forsyth o Radcliffe b H. Beech	21
O. Pope b Woodcock	7
T. Plant o Arnold b Woodcock	2
W. Langford not out	0
Extras	2
Total	67

BARROW 2nd v. CHESTER ST. JOHN'S 2nd.
These teams met at Barrow on Saturday, and the home side had a big win. The chief feature of the game was a big innings by F. W. Darlington, who made 128 and was unbeaten when stumps were drawn. His chief scoring stroke was a straight drive, and he found the boundary 21 times.

St. John's won the toss and elected to bat, W. Askin and E. Catherall being the opening batsmen. The latter was unfortunate in being caught off his glove from the first ball sent down, and Askin was bowled by Cheaters with only five runs scored. The same bowler had two more wickets in his next over, and half the side were out for 14. L. W. Johnson and E. Mansley made an effort to improve the position, but with G. Ruscoe taking up the bowling the remaining wickets fell rapidly, the innings closing for 45. Barrow also started badly, losing H. Woodcock and W. S. Harpur for five runs, but J. Cheaters and F. W. Darlington took the score to 39 before the former was bowled. St. John's tried six bowlers, of whom Reynolds was the most successful, while Chambers bowled well, but was unlucky. Stumps were drawn with the score board showing 187 for nine wickets. Scores:—

Chester St. John's 2nd.—

W. Askin o A. Fletcher b Cheaters	5
E. Catherall o Cheaters b H. Woodcock	0
R. Reynolds b H. Woodcock	7
H. Harding o Hawkins b Cheaters	2
B. Sinclair b Cheaters	4
E. Chambers o Beech b Cheaters	0
L. W. Johnson o Harpur b G. Cheaters	15
F. Mansley b Harpur	8
G. Davies o Harpur b G. Ruscoe	0
W. Foden not out	2
G. Ruscoe o Harpur	1
Extras	6
Total	45

Barrow 2nd.—

H. Woodcock o Mansley b Chambers	5
J. Cheaters b Williams	15
W. S. Harpur b Reynolds	2
F. W. Darlington not out	128
G. Ruscoe lbw b Sinclair	12
O. W. Hawkins o Mansley b Sinclair	1
M. Beech o Johnson b Reynolds	6
A. Fletcher o Chambers b Reynolds	5
W. Wright o Catherall b Askin	0
P. Gamon b Askin	4
E. Fletcher not out	7
Extras	9
Total (for 9 wks.)	167

CRESCENT C.C. v. CHESTER Y.M.C.A.
Played at Sealand-road ground, on Saturday, in perfect weather. Y.M.C.A. batted first, and were dismissed for 35. C. Flood being top scorer with 17, including a splendid 6. The Crescent started badly, the first four wickets falling for 5 runs. A useful 24 by G. Bridges won the game. H. Tickle did well by scoring 12. The final score was 61 for nine in favour of the Crescent. The Y.M.C.A. tried eight bowlers. Stokes being their best with three for 14. G. Bridges took six wickets for 8 runs, W. Nolan two for 3, and E. Doxwell none for 17. Scores:—

Y.M.C.A.—

Darlington run out	1
R. Britnell run out	1
C. Constance b Bridges	4
F. Stokes b Bridges	1
S. Sherriff b Bridges	7
C. Flood b Nolan	17
R. Juler b Bridges	0
W. Gray b Nolan	2
T. Snaith not out	3
H. Hutchinson o Stowe b Bridges	0
L. Staring b Bridges	0
Total	35

Crescent C.C.—

G. Jones run out	2
J. Walley b Stokes	1
S. Evans o and b Constance	1
W. Nolan o Flood b Stokes	1
G. Bridges o Snaith b Hutchinson	24
W. Hague b Constance	5
J. Stowe retired	8
E. Doxwell lbw b Stokes	2
H. Tickle b Snaith	12
E. Thomson o Sherriff b Snaith	1
W. Boswell not out	0
Extras	4
Total	61

HAWARDEN PARK v. DENBIGH.
Played at Denbigh. Scores:—
Hawarden Park.—J. Dowwell b Williams 1, H. Johnson b Williams 14, L. Williamson run out 3, J. Day lbw b Williams 2, A. Reidford b Williams 10, L. Shalacroft o Higginson b Williams 0, H. Barnes b Williams 4, T. B. Weigh o Pierce b Williams 0, J. Hayes b Williams 2, E. Owen o Lightening b Williams 0, G. Reidford not out 0, extras 3—total 44.

Denbigh.—G. Williams o Shalacroft b Reidford 0, T. W. Vaughan hit wkt. b Barnes 24, R. Swayne o and b Reidford 4, G. Higginson o Day b Barnes 1, D. E. Williams b Barnes 0, C. Lightening o Owen b Reidford 0, D. L. Pierce o Williamson b Reidford 0, A. Smith o Day b Barnes 2, L. Nott o Day b Reidford 0, J. R. Williams run out 0, W. Smallis not out 0, extras 4—total 41.

TILSTONE LODGE v. BUNBURY.
Played at Tilstone on Saturday. The home team were quickly dismissed for the small total of 34, mainly owing to the excellent bowling of Stanley Vickers, who took six wickets at small cost. Bunbury met with little more success when they went to the crease, six men being out before the home total was passed. Dodd had three wickets for 19, Cross three for 20, and Howarth claimed the remaining four at the end of the innings for only three runs. Scores:—

Tilstone Lodge:—

F. Cross o J. Davies	8
S. Vickers o L. J. Dodd	3
H. Howarth b S. Vickers	1
R. E. P. Lommet b S. Vickers	0
R. Mossford b S. Vickers	3
A. Holland b F. Davies	3
E. Craine b S. Vickers	2
E. F. Buckley not out	8
W. Ryan b F. Davies	0
W. Cadman b S. Vickers	0
L. Hopkins b F. Davies	6
Extras	8
Total	34

Bunbury:—

F. Large b Cross	11
S. Vickers b Cross	2
F. Davies b Dodd	4
J. Davies b Cross	7
J. J. Boden o Holland b Dodd	0
C. Hopley o Mossford b Dodd	6
F. Boden o Cross b Howarth	3
P. Frodham lbw b Howarth	7
B. Sprackling not out	2
J. Bolt b Howarth	0
E. Harding b Howarth	0
Extras	2
Total	44

RHOE v. GRESFORD.
At Johnstown on Saturday. Scores:—
Rhoe.—A. Davies b Dutton 3, O. Rogers o Powell b Dutton 5, J. H. Simpson b Hulmeaton —, H. Pritchard o Powell b Dutton 13, W. Bowler b Dutton 1, J. Vaughan b Powell 7, J. Rogers b Bowers 8, D. D. Goodair o Randall b Bowers 2, J. M. Jones b Bowers 1, W. Parish not out 3, Prodder o Hulmeaton b Bowers 1, extras 2; total 49.

Gresford.—H. Bowers o Prodder b Simpson 4, D. Hulmeaton o A. Simpson b Davies 0, B. White o Prodder b Simpson 3, R. Powell b Simpson 0, T. Dutton o Vaughan b Davies 1, A. Lee run out 0, J. Powell o and b Simpson 15, F. Davies o Pritchard b Simpson 1, J. W. Randrew b Simpson 1, J. Lee not out 1, S. Powell b Simpson 0, extras 3; total 29.

WHITCOURCH v. WELSHPOOL.
At Whitcourch on Saturday. Scores:—
Welshpool.—H. Carr not out 29, A. M. Ward b Colley 0, H. Hallmark o Harding b Colley 2, J. A. Jenkins b Corbett 0, J. M. Roberts o Wright b Corbett 5, H. D. Jones o Slater b Colley —, W. Perry b Corbett 1, F. H. Ikin run out —, E. Heath o Wright b Colley 10, D. Jones b Colley 0, P. J. Lloyd lbw b Colley 0, extras 5; total 32.

Whitcourch.—G. Colley b Jones 15, F. Clayton o Jenkins b Jones 11, A. Davies o Jones b Hallmark 1, J. Wright o and b Jones 16, D. Goodwin o Perry b Hallmark 0, R. J. Slater lbw b Hallmark —, S. Done o Lloyd b Jones 25, H. Prince o Jenkins b Hallmark 2, T. B. Richardson not out 18, J. Corbett o and b Hallmark 1, F. G. Harding b Hallmark 1, extras 7; total 107.

DODLESTON v. HAWARDEN.
Doddleston provided the opposition at Hawarden Park, on Saturday, where ideal weather prevailed, and the game resulted in a win for the visitors by 38 runs, Doddleston obtaining 92 as against their opponents' 54. Scores:—
Hawarden.—S. Hewitt o Gillham b Hughes 7, F. Jones b Hughes 0, W. Wyatt o Belle b Gillham 0, S. Shalacroft o Hughes b Gillham 6,

E. Davies b Hughes 0, J. Phillips b Gillham 27, S. Hopwood o G. Gillham b Hughes 0, N. Ratcliffe o F. Wainwright b Hughes 0, H. Davies b Gillham 0, G. Catherall o Willis 1, N. Evans not out 6, extras 7—total 54.
Doddleston.—G. Gillham b Wyatt 5, F. Wainwright o Phillips b Wyatt 19, J. Hughes b Wyatt 11, G. Cass at Davies 1, G. Gillham b Shalacroft 24, L. Willis o Wyatt b Shalacroft 11, J. Tilton b Wyatt 1, F. Belle not out 5, L. Hilton b Wyatt 0, C. Bennett lbw 0, F. Beckett b Shalacroft 0, extras 5—total 92.

NORTHOP HALL II. v. WHITEFIELD II.
At Northop, on Saturday. For Whitefield, Pratt took seven wickets for 16 runs. Scores:—
Northop Hall.—J. Hughes o Vance b Mills 14, H. Williams at Hudson b Pratt 42, F. Roberts o Watson b Pratt 8, S. Millington b Pratt 10, T. E. Hughes o Huntley b Mills 0, John Roberts o Huntley b Pratt 0, J. W. Stanley o Huntley b Pratt 0, S. Read o Pratt b Mills 0, W. Williams b Pratt 0, R. Roberts o Vance b Pratt 0, A. Parry not out 0, extras 10—total 84.

Whitefield.—J. Mills b T. Hughes 1, F. Huntley o Hughes b T. Hughes 5, E. Vance b F. Roberts 76, T. Watson run out 18, W. Parkinson lbw b Read 29, E. Hudson o Stanley b F. Roberts 0, W. Gleave o Millington b Read 14, J. Brown o Stanley b Millington 1, F. Pottee o Stanley b Millington 0, W. Prescott not out 1, extras 17—total (for 9 wks.) 161.
E. W. Pratt did not bat.

CRICKET.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP.

CHESHIRE DEFEATED BY STAFFORDSHIRE.

BARNES TAKES 13 WICKETS FOR 67. CHESHIRE BATSMEN FARE BADLY.

Cheshire were engaged in a Minor Counties cricket match with Staffordshire at Porthill Park, Stoke-on-Trent, on Monday and Tuesday, but fared badly and were defeated by eight wickets.

On Monday rain caused considerable interference to play, and in the first ninety minutes the players were driven to the pavilion on four occasions. Just before the luncheon interval a thunderstorm broke. Water lay in pools on the field, and it was 3.45 before play was resumed. Cheshire had at that time scored 34 without loss on an easy wicket. Donald Boumphrey, the Lyda master, who opened with the skipper, W. E. Jones, showed enterprise, but some of his snicks through the slips were rather fortunate. He scored 54 in sixty-four minutes. After his departure at 75, the drying wicket became difficult, and that great English veteran, Sidney Barnes, came into his own and took seven wickets for 42 runs. The Cheshire total of 133 was hardly sufficient to inspire confidence.

Staffordshire commenced their innings on Wednesday, but they also found the wicket difficult, and but for a splendid innings of 53 by Bickerton would have been in "Queer-street." The innings closed at 163—thus giving them a lead of 30.

In their second venture Cheshire fared badly and not a single member of the side was able to play the cunning deliveries of Barnes. It was a case of a total collapse and the innings closed for 67.

Staffordshire scored the necessary runs for the loss of two wickets. Barnes took eight wickets for 25 runs, and came out with a total record of 11 wickets for 67 runs. Scores:—

CHESHIRE.

First Innings.

D. Boumphrey lbw b Lockett	54
W. E. Jones c Bickerton b Lockett	21
L. N. Jones c Crump b Barnes	1
T. W. Jefferson c Cross b Barnes	12
J. A. McEntyre b Lockett	2
Wilson c Bickerton b Barnes	5
R. M. Dutton b Barnes	11
W. R. Steering c Crump b Barnes	5
E. S. Stevenson not out	12
J. Pratt b Barnes	2
Dennis c Meelin b Barnes	4
Extras	4
Total	133

Second Innings.

D. Boumphrey c Crump b Barnes	11
W. E. Jones lbw b Barnes	10
L. N. Jones c Day b Barnes	8
T. W. Jefferson b Barnes	0
J. A. McEntyre c Crump b Barnes	2
Wilson c Bickerton b Barnes	0
R. M. Dutton c Day b Lockett	12
W. R. Steering c White b Lockett	0
E. S. Stevenson c Day b Lockett	12
J. Pratt c White b Lockett	0
Dennis not out	0
Extras	6
Total	67

STAFFORDSHIRE.

First Innings.

A. Bickerton c Dutton b Steventon	53
L. H. Crump b Steventon	21
L. McEllin c L. N. Jones b Steventon	30
Barnes c Jefferson b Dennis	3
Lockett c W. E. Jones b Wilson	27
Jay c L. N. Jones b Dennis	0
J. S. Heath b L. N. Jones	2
R. S. A. Hardy b L. N. Jones	0
E. P. Cross c W. E. Jones b L. N. Jones	2
Boon b L. N. Jones	17
D. L. White not out	0
Extras	8
Total	163

Second Innings.

A. Bickerton c Jefferson b L. N. Jones	0
L. McEllin not out	4
Lockett not out	21
D. L. White c Steering b L. N. Jones	12
Extras	3
Total (for 2 wkts)	40

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Cheshire.—1st inn: Barnes 7 for 42, Lockett 8 for 53, Boon 0 for 34, 2nd inn: Barnes 8 for 25, Lockett 8 for 36.
Staffordshire.—1st inn: Wilson 1 for 30, Steventon 3 for 45, Dutton 0 for 15, L. N. Jones 4 for 40, Dennis 2 for 37, 2nd inn: Wilson 0 for 20, L. N. Jones 2 for 17.

SENSATIONAL CRICKET AT WALLASEY.

CHESHIRE AND DURHAM IN GREAT FIGHT.

BOWLERS SUPREME OVER BATSMEN.

The honours of Wednesday's play in this Minor Counties game at Claremont-road, Wallasey, went entirely to the bowlers, thirty wickets falling for a total of 254 runs. Although a lot of rain had fallen overnight the wicket was never really difficult, and it was lack of enterprise that led to the downfall of the majority of the batsmen. The bold policy paid was exemplified late on in the first innings by Carr for Durham and C. W. Tiplady for Cheshire. The former batsman hit five 4's in his 24, while Tiplady was always master of the bowling and undefeated at the close.

It was rather surprising, as the score showed, that Tiplady, who went in ninth wicket, should be so low down on the batting list, especially as on this, his home ground, he usually opens the innings. All the bowlers came out with good averages, L. N. Jones and Wilson (of Macleesfield) bowling unchanged for the home county and Cook and Dobson for Durham.

In Durham's second venture Ferrans and Gibbon gave the northern side a good send-off, but apart from these two, only Adamson batted with any confidence, and he was top scorer with 23. Of the seven bowlers tried Hodgson, of Birkenhead Park, and Tiplady, of the home club, came out with the good averages of four for 13 and four for 16 respectively. Scores:—

DURHAM.

1st Innings.

H. C. Ferrans c Crook b L. N. Jones	4
H. Gibbon b L. N. Jones	0
M. Nichol c H. W. Hodgson b Wilson	18
T. K. Dobson c W. E. Jones b Wilson	1
C. A. Adamson c W. E. Jones b Wilson	9
Howell run out	2
Sadler b Wilson	2
H. Brooker b Wilson	4
Carr b L. N. Jones	24
Cook run out	6
W. Howgate not out	1
Extras	5
Total	77

2nd Innings.

H. C. Ferrans lbw b Dutton	21
H. Gibbon b Dutton	20
M. Nichol b Tiplady	10
T. K. Dobson b Tiplady	8
C. A. Adamson b Hodgson	23
Howell b Hodgson	2
Sadler c W. E. Jones b Hodgson	2
H. Brooker lbw b Hodgson	13
Carr b Tiplady	0
Cook b Tiplady	2
W. Howgate not out	0
Extras	15
Total	112

CHESHIRE.

1st Innings.

D. Boumphrey lbw b Dobson	5
H. W. Hodgson b Cook	21
T. Jefferson b Dobson	1
L. N. Jones c Sadler b Cook	3
W. E. Jones b Cook	1
K. H. McIntyre lbw b Dobson	0
R. M. Dutton c Cook b Dobson	0
Wilson b Dobson	0
C. W. Tiplady not out	18
A. R. Crooke b Cook	0
Dennis b Cook	0
Extras	4
Total	61

CHESHIRE.

Second Innings.

D. Boumphrey c Ferrans b Dobson	3
H. W. Hodgson lbw b Dobson	13
T. Jefferson b Carr	1
L. N. Jones b Carr	0
W. E. Jones b Cook	9
K. H. McIntyre b Carr	4
R. M. Dutton c Howgate b Dobson	0
Wilson b Carr	0
C. W. Tiplady lbw b Carr	2
A. R. Crooke b Carr	4
Dennis not out	1
Extras	14
Total	71

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Durham.—1st inn: L. N. Jones 3 for 48, Wilson 5 for 21, 2nd inn: Wilson 0 for 13, L. N. Jones 0 for 14, Tiplady 4 for 16, Dutton 2 for 25, W. E. Jones 0 for 16, Hodgson 4 for 13.
Cheshire.—1st inn: Cook 5 for 34, Dobson 5 for 23.

OXTON DEFEAT BOUGHTON HALL.

W. E. JONES AND R. T. SYMONDS DO WELL.

BOUGHTON HALL TAIL FAILS TO WAG.
Oxton proved too good for Boughton Hall on Saturday in a game which was full of interest—and with rivalry at a high pitch. By winning Oxton gained a "double" over the Boughtonians, for earlier in the season they had gained a narrow victory over their Chester rivals.

On Saturday the wicket was fast and true, yet neither side (though both are regarded as strong in batting) were able to run up a large score. Boughton Hall were beaten by forty runs, but there were two factors which materially contributed to their defeat. The first was the "dropping" of R. T. Symonds by G. A. Pratt in the early stages of his innings, and this player went on to score 65—rather an expensive let-off. The second, and perhaps the most important factor, was the inability of the Boughton Hall tail to wag. Their collapse was the sensation of the match.

Oxton batted first, and runs came at a fair pace, but at no time did the batsmen strike me as being either particularly brilliant or possessing those qualities generally associated with real individualism. They played a style of cricket which one expects from public schoolmen, but with due regard to Oxton, they gave few indications of being the "great talented team"—which they are regarded as on the Merseyside. Their cricket was good, but fell far short of being brilliant. In batting, they are a strong side, who will always profit by mistakes in the field.

The outstanding performance was that of R. T. Symonds, an aggressive bat, who was misused off an easy chance by G. A. Pratt at seven, and then proceeded to "rattle up" 65. He was adventurous, and got most of his runs with a series of well-executed cuts. There were times when he drove smartly along the ground, but the boundaries were frequently saved by F. Hack, whose fielding was graceful and enterprising. Hack is worth his place in any side for his ground fielding. It would be difficult to find a more unassuming player, but the crowd were always ready to appreciate the carrying out of the finer arts of the game. Both he and J. Pratt came in for well merited applause as a result of some smart fielding.

The most productive partnership was that between R. T. Symonds and C. Danson—the latter is a believer in taking his time, and as a consequence the rate of run-getting slowed down. Danson, however, achieved his purpose, and got 30, eventually falling a victim to the wiles of W. E. Jones.

Of the other players, T. G. Williams played refreshingly in enough as with the impetuosity of youth he attacked the bowling with real gusto. He was out to a peculiar catch in the slips, and from where he was sitting it appeared as if the ball hit the back of his bat. The later Oxton wickets fell for the addition of but a few runs, and with the score at 177, it appeared as if they were in an unenviable position.

The "glorious uncertainty of cricket" was again illustrated, for after a sound start Boughton Hall collapsed with a suddenness which occasioned great surprise. The redeeming feature of their innings was a "typical" innings of W. E. Jones, who scored 62. By this, I mean it was W. E. at his best, and that is saying a lot. He combines a sound defence with gracefulness, and it is on rare occasions that he is dull. Throughout every innings there is the keynote of enterprise, and we betide the bowler who sends down a loose ball!

G. A. Pratt opened with the county skipper, and they did fairly well. R. Moore Dutton followed with 24, but of the others, Lucking with eleven was the only player to reach double figures. It was a sorry and sore tail which failed to rise to the occasion. Tyldesley had four wickets for 80, and Danson five for 40.

Scores:—

OXTON.	
E. C. Oates b Frost	21
T. W. Jefferson b Dutton	11
R. T. Symonds b Dutton	65
E. C. Parker b Frost	0
C. Danson b W. E. Jones	30
T. G. Williams o L. N. Jones b W. E. Jones	25
R. P. C. Scott o Dutton b W. E. Jones	9
R. W. G. Scott b W. E. Jones	8
Tyldesley o Lucking b Frost	2
W. A. Milne not out	0
T. C. Gregory st Roberts b W. E. Jones	5
Extras	5
Total	177

BOUGHTON HALL.

G. A. Pratt b Danson	62
W. E. Jones b R. F. Scott b Tyldesley	14
R. M. Dutton o and b Milne	24
L. N. Jones c Tyldesley	19
J. Pratt b Danson	9
K. S. B. Lucking lbw b Danson	11
R. Frost b Tyldesley	1
L. Hales lbw b Danson	2
W. A. V. Churton b Danson	1
H. D. Roberts lbw b Tyldesley	3
F. Hack not out	8
Extras	8
Total	137

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

BOUGHTON HALL.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
L. N. Jones	14	3	43	0
R. M. Dutton	15	3	38	2
W. E. Jones	14	0	61	8
R. Frost	15	1	28	3

OXTON.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Tyldesley	33	9	80	4
Danson	28	10	40	5
Milne	4	1	9	0

BOUGHTON HALL II. DRAW AT OXTON.

SOUND BATTING AND LARGE TOTAL. RAIN PREVENTS FINISH.

Boughton Hall II. were in a strong position at Oxtun, when rain caused the game to be abandoned. Boughton Hall batted first, and as a result of consistent batting, ran up a total of 223. J. Greening got 53, Capt. Nielson 40, W. W. Blake 47, and A. S. Dagger 41. The first four wickets put on 28, the remaining six falling for eight runs.

When rain came on they had scored 83 for six wickets, to which G. B. Gowar contributed 31 not out, and H. R. Hodson 25. Dagger, who had just commenced to bowl, took two wickets for two runs. Scores:—
Boughton Hall II.—Capt. Nielson lbw Wild 40, A. S. Dagger o Large b Griffiths 41, E. Griffiths o Hodgson b McGill 16, J. Greening o Gowar b Griffiths 53, W. W. Blake o Smart b Wilde 47, A. R. Slater o Wild 1, T. A. Clegg b Griffiths 0, K. L. Wild lbw Griffiths 2, J. L. Warburton o Large b Griffiths 13, T. Earlam not out 1, G. B. Oates b Griffiths 0, extras 3, total 223.

Oxtun.—L. J. Ford b Greening 11, H. R. Hodson b Slater 23, G. B. Gowar not out 31, H. T. Wild o Greening b Earlam 1, W. Griffiths b Earlam 9, Bonnell b Dagger 11, J. F. Largey st Nielson b Dagger 4, C. C. Wooda not out 0, extras 3, total (6 wks) 83. O. Guild, A. H. Smart and S. P. McGill did not bat.
Bowling analysis.—Greening, 8-1-23-1; Slater, 12-2-2-1; Earlam, 7-1-25-2; Dagger, 2-0-5-2.

BIRKENHEAD PARK DRAW WITH NESTON.

RAIN SPOILS INTERESTING FINISH.

Birkenhead Park were in a fairly strong position to force a win on Saturday when rain interrupted the proceedings half an hour from the close. At this point Neston had 104 runs on the board. In reply to the Park's score of 187, but with only three wickets standing, to gather 93 runs in thirty minutes. Batting first, the brothers Hodgson scored 64 before J. F. left after hitting three 4's in his 33. H. W. Hodgson and Dowse carried on the good work so well established, with the result that 112 runs were on the board before the former fell a double victim to Sullivan, his 40 including three 4's. Dowse, profiting by four missed catches, went on to score 64, and hit seven 4's during his stay of an hour and twenty-five minutes. Rogers gave a polished display, and hit one 6 and two 4's in his 24. After occupying the crease for two hours and forty minutes the Park declared, leaving Neston two hours and twenty minutes to respond. H. F. Swift secured three wickets for 48 and Sullivan and J. M. Swift two each for 20 and 57, runs respectively.

Sullivan and J. M. Swift gave Neston an engaging start with 89 runs, the former at this juncture being brilliantly held by Hughes off Rogers, and in a flawless innings of 36 he hit five 4's. J. M. Swift got a similar number of boundaries in his score of 37. Neston failed to take advantage of this auspicious start, sacrificing valuable wickets cheaply. Nutter, although never at ease against Rogers and Hughes, was betting steadily, but getting little or no support. Hughes captured four wickets for 37 and Rogers three for 19. Scores:—

Birkenhead Park.—J. P. Hodgson o sub b J. M. Swift 36, H. W. Hodgson o and b Sullivan 40, B. L. Dowse o and b H. F. Swift 34, N. Carter o Long b Sullivan 9, J. H. Rogers b Nutter 94, R. F. Bloor b H. F. Swift 0, M. Hughes o H. Swift b J. M. Swift 3, A. Brettingham b H. F. Swift 0, A. R. Crook not out 2, Cole not out 15, extras 13; total (6 wks) 197.

Neston.—J. H. E. Sullivan o Hughes b Rogers 36, J. M. Swift b Hughes 37, Nutter not out 14, L. N. Marah o Tilly b Rogers 7, T. B. Cope b Hughes 0, A. N. Robinson o Bloor b Rogers 1, H. E. Anderson b Hughes 0, H. F. Swift b Hughes 2, J. W. Long not out 1, extras 6; total (7 wks) 104.

For Birkenhead Park J. O. G. Tilly did not bat. For Neston A. Witter and J. Henderson did not bat.

DOBLESTON v. HAWARDEN.

Played at Hawarden on Saturday. Scores:—
Hawarden.—S. Hewitt o Gillham a Hughes 7, F. Jones b Hughes 0, W. Wyatt o Bellis b Gillham 0, S. Shalloroff o Hughes b Gillham 6, E. Davies b Hughes 0, J. Phillips b Gillham 6, E. Hopwood o G. Gillham b Hughes 0, N. Radcliffe o F. Wainwright b Hughes 0, E. Davies o Gillham 0, G. Catherall at Willis 1, N. Evans not out 6, extras 7; total 54.
Dobleston.—G. Gillham b Wyatt 5, F. Wainwright o Phillips b Wyatt 19, J. Hughes b Wyatt 11, G. Case at Davies 1, G. Gillham b Shalloroff 34, I. Willis o Wyatt b Shalloroff 11, J. Tilton b Wyatt 1, S. Bellis not out 5, L. Bilton b Wyatt 0, C. Bonnett lbw 0, F. Beckett b Shalloroff 0, extras 6; total 62.

BARROW v. CHESTER ST. JOHN'S.

Played at Chester on Saturday. Barrow won easily by 89 runs. The visitors batted first, and knocked up 166 for five wickets, when a declaration was made. H. Beech, who had earlier in the season scored a century against the same bowling at Barrow, hit up 70 before being bowled by Williams. F. Houlbrook and V. A. Arnold also batted well for 28 and 26 respectively. St. John's started badly, losing F. Atkin, G. Williams and J. R. Lipsham for 9 runs. W. Green (11) and H. Forsyth (21) tried hard to pull the game round, but the remaining batsmen did little, and the innings closed for 67. S. Woodcock taking eight wickets for 26 runs, and H. Beech two for 18. Scores:—

Barrow.—M. Jeffs o Langford b Atkin 4, F. Houlbrook o Forsyth b Atkin 28, H. Beech b Williams 70, V. A. Arnold o Atkin b Williams 26, P. C. Fletcher o Collins b Forsyth 1, J. Beech not out 5, T. Radcliffe not out 10, extras 12; total (6 wks) 166.
J. O'Hall, S. Woodcock, A. N. Atbury and Rev

T. Jenkins did not bat.
Chester St. John's.—F. Atkin o Jenkins b Woodcock 5, J. R. Lipsham b Woodcock 2, G. Williams o H. Beech b Woodcock 0, W. Green b Woodcock 11, J. H. Armitage b Woodcock 8, R. W. Griffiths b Houlbrook b Woodcock 6, H. Collins b H. Beech 9, H. Forsyth o Radcliffe b H. Beech 21, G. Pope b Woodcock 2, T. Platt o Arnold b Woodcock 2, W. Langford not out 0, extras 2; total 67.

BARROW II. v. CHESTER ST. JOHN'S II.

Played at Barrow on Saturday. The visitors batted first, but could only muster 45. L. W. Johnson and F. Mansley making 13 and 8 respectively. Barrow replied with 187 for nine wickets, the chief contributor being F. W. Darlington, who hit up 123, chiefly by straight driving, and is to be congratulated upon a fine display. He also gave one chance, and was undefeated when stumps were drawn. Scores:—

Chester St. John's II.—W. Atkin o A. Fletcher b Chesters 2, E. Catherall o Chesters b H. Woodcock 0, R. Reynolds b H. Woodcock 7, H. Harding o Hawkins b Chesters 2, B. Sinclair b Chesters 4, E. Chambers o Beech b Chesters 0, L. W. Johnson o Sarpur b G. Ruscoe 13, F. Mansley b Harpur 6, G. Davies o Harpur b G. Ruscoe 0, W. Foden not out 2, W. Williams b G. Ruscoe 1, extras 6; total 45.

Barrow II.—H. Woodcock o Mansley b Chambers 2, J. Chesters b Williams 13, W. S. Harpur b Reynolds 3, F. W. Darlington not out 123, G. Ruscoe lbw b Sinclair 12, C. W. Hawkins o Mansley 6, A. Fletcher o Chambers b Reynolds 6, A. Fletcher o Chambers b Reynolds 2, W. Wright o Catherall b Atkin 0, P. Garon b Atkin 4, E. Fletcher not out 7, extras 9; total (9 wks) 187.

TILSTONE LODGE v. BUNBURY.

Played at Tilstone on Saturday. The home team were quickly dismissed for the small total of 34, mainly due to the excellent bowling of S. Vickers, who took six wickets at a small cost. Bunbury met with little more success when they went to the crease, six men being out before the home total was passed. Dodd had three wickets for 19, Cross three for 20, and Howarth claimed the remaining four at the end of the innings for only three runs. Scores:—

Bunbury.—F. Large b Cross 11, S. Vickers b Cross 2, F. Davies b Dodd 4, J. Davies b Cross 7, J. Boden o Holland b Dodd 0, C. Hopley o Mossford b Dodd 6, F. Boden o Cross b Howarth 3, P. Frodham lbw b Howarth 7, B. Sprackling not out 2, J. Bolt b Howarth 0, E. Harding b Howarth 0, extras 2; total 44.

Tilstone Lodge.—F. Cross o J. Davies b S. Vickers 0, L. J. Dodd b S. Vickers 3, H. Vickers b S. Vickers 1, Rev. E. P. Comber b S. Vickers 0, R. Mossford b S. Vickers 3, A. Holland o Davies 3, E. Crain b S. Vickers 2, F. Buckley not out 8, W. Ryan b F. Davies 0, W. Cadman b S. Vickers 0, L. Hopkins b F. Davies 6, extras 8; total 34.

HELSEBY v. BROOKHIRST.

Played at Helsby on Saturday. Scores:—
Helsby.—G. R. Cowan at Wilson b Maddock o A. Fitch b Greatorex 7, H. Maddock o J. Tilton b Greatorex 10, T. Wildo, jun. o A. Kidd b O. Lancelley 6, T. Nield b Greatorex 1, T. Wilde, sen. o Lancelley b Greatorex 0, F. Harris o Lancelley b Greatorex 4, B. Jones b Kidd 47, E. Jones b Greatorex 2, J. Antrobus b Kidd 1, F. Forshaw not out 4, extras 5; total 87.

Brookhirst.—A. Kidd o R. Cowp b Maddock 26, T. Meakin run out 13, M. S. Dixon b Maddock 5, W. Greatorex o F. Forshaw b Maddock 34, R. Wilson b J. Antrobus 5, C. Lancelley o B. Jones b Antrobus 1, J. Hughes o T. Wilde, sen. b Maddock 15, E. Taylor b J. Antrobus 0, H. Godwin not out 0, D. Forster b Maddock 4, extras 10. H. G. Greatorex took 7 wickets for 36 runs. For Helsby, H. Maddock took 5 for 29, and J. Antrobus 4 for 31.

WEM 1st v. OVERTON 1st.

Overtun journeyed to Wem on Saturday to attempt to wipe out their defeat by the latter in their previous encounter at home, but were beaten instead, Wem running up a total of 143 against the visitors' 84. Much of this success was due to H. R. Makin with the total of 49 to his credit, and A. Smith who contributed 23. The highest scorer for Overtun was Captain Ross, who with a nice display of batting ran up a score of 20, being unfortunately run out. J. O'Brien bowled well for Overtun, taking five wickets for 32 runs.

Wem.—C. P. O'Dea b F. Williams 6, C. E. Hassall b J. H. Jones 7, J. R. Clayton b F. Williams 13, H. R. Makin b J. O'Brien 49, E. W. Ileswood o F. W. Jackson b J. Jeffcott 9, H. Strong b J. O'Brien 2, S. Jacobs o J. H. Jones b J. O'Brien 14, T. Cooke b J. O'Brien 5, C. Grady o J. O'Brien b J. H. Jones 1, N. Ikin not out 6, A. Smith b J. O'Brien 23, extras 8; total 143.

Overtun.—E. W. Jackson o Smith b H. Strong 15, T. S. A. Davies o Smith b H. Strong 0, W. Bloxham b H. Strong 18, Capt. Ross run out 20, J. H. Jones b A. Smith 0, R. R. Taylor o and b A. Smith 9, J. Jeffcott o Clayton b N. Ikin 13, N. Murrells b Ikin 1, W. Kingston o Ikin b A. Smith 0, F. Williams not out 2, J. O'Brien lbw b N. Ikin 6, extras 2; total 94.

OVERTON 2nd v. WEM 2nd.

A good match was witnessed at Overtun on Saturday. Both teams played twelve men a-side. The visitors hoped to get their revenge for the defeat they sustained at home by the Overtun team in their previous encounter. It looked as if Wem (who batted first) were going to accomplish their desire, as their score totalled 141 at the end of the innings, of which H. Fletcher contributed the most with a nice innings of 62, and A. G. Rutter scored 26. Overtun had a stiff task in front

of them, but they set about it with great determination and were rewarded with another victory over their opponents, making a total of 165. H. Bailey made a good stand with 44, and J. Hughes 30. The best bowlers were, for Overton, J. Bailey for 44 runs, A. S. Broad 3 for 47 and E. Gough 3 for 24. For Wem, F. Strong (capt.) took 7 wickets for 71. A. Simpson 3 for 56, and E. W. Parker 1 for 7.

Wem.—H. Fletcher o Fisher b A S Broad 62, J Bycott b H Bailey 11, P Williams o Mumford b Bailey 0, A Simpson b H Bailey 1, A E Birch b Bailey 0, F Strong (capt) o R B Allen b Bailey 13, A G Rutter b E Gough 26, E W Parker o and b E Gough 6, M Hiden b A S Broad 0, E Evans b A S Broad 1, J H Ikin o Lewis b E Gough 2, C H Lowe not out 17, extras 4; total 141.

Overton 2nd.—A S Broad b F Strong 19, L Lewis b F Strong 0, J E Williams b F Strong 10, E Gough lbw b F Strong 13, H Bailey o J H Ikin b F Strong 44, F Hughes o J H Ikin b F Strong 0, J Hughes o and b E W Parker 30, R B Allen (capt) lbw b A Simpson 18, P H Howard b F Strong 17, J Woolley b A Simpson 0, L Mumford not out 1, J Fisher o A Simpson b F Strong 5, extras 8; total 165.

WHITCHURCH v. WELSPPOOL.

At Whitchurch on Saturday. Scores:—Welshpool: H Carr not out 59, A M Ward b Colley 0, H Hallmark o Harding b Colley 29, J A Jenkins b Corbett 0, J M Roberts o Wright b Corbett 5, H D Jones o Slater b Colley 9, W Perry b Corbett 1, E H Ikin run out 5, E Heath o Wright b Colley 10, D Jones b Colley 0, F J Lloyd lbw b Colley 0, extras 3; total 93.

Colley took six for 41, Corbett three for 26.

Whitchurch: G Colley b Jones 15, F Clayton o Jenkins b Jones 41, A Davies o Jones b Hallmark 1, J Wright o and b Jones 16, D Goodwin o Perry b Hallmark 0, K J Slater lbw b Hallmark 0, B Done o Lloyd b Jones 35, H Prince o Jenkins b Hallmark 4, T B Richardson not out 18, J P Corbett o and b Hallmark 1, F G Harding b Hallmark 1, extras 7; total 107.

CHARITY CRICKET MATCH AT OXTON.

The charity cricket match between Mr. Harry Makepeace's Lancashire XI, and Mr. Leo H. Wright's Merseyside XI, will take place on the ground of the Oxtou Cricket Club on Thursday, 6th September. The proceeds from the match, which is under the patronage of the Earl of Derby, Lord Birkenhead, Viscount Leverhulme, the Lord Mayor of Liverpool, the Mayors of Birkenhead, Bootle, Wallasey and Chester, and other prominent local citizens) will be devoted to assist the excellent work carried on by the Liverpool Cancer, Birkenhead and Wirral Children's and the Birkenhead General Hospitals.

CHESHIRE GENTLEMEN v. NEW COLLEGE NOMADS, OXFORD.

This two days' match on Monday and Tuesday was drawn, play being abandoned through rain. M. Farmiloe included seventeen 4's in his 25. Scores:—

First Innings.—M Farmiloe c Parks b Nomads 14, T Mallett o Leigh b Reiss 10, C W Haworth b Parks 17, C W Thring hit wicket b Parks 42, H Taylor b Reiss 1, F How o Love b Parks 16, M Daniel o Parks b Love 34, H Wilson Wiley lbw b Parks 37, O Duveen not out 3, F A Haworth o Parks b Love 2, S Revill b Parks o, extras 5, total 181.

Second Innings.—M Farmiloe c Ekersley b Reiss 125, T Mallett o Hilton b Parks 59, C W Haworth o Tew b Reiss 76, H Taylor not out 73, M Daniel o Parks b Reiss 0, F A Haworth not out 25, extras 13, total (4 wks.) 371. Innings declared.

Cheshire Gentlemen.—First Innings.—R Skelton o Mallett b O Haworth 41, P Wright run out 2, Dr. Love lbw b Thring 6, P Ekersley o and b Daniel 19, J Tew o Daniel b Thring 36, J Hilton o P Sheldermine o How b Daniel 23, E Greenwell b Thring 5, J Reiss o Farmiloe b Thring 8, W Parks not out 0, extras 7, total 161.

Second Innings.—R Skelton run out 51, P Wright o Farmiloe b Daniel 9, Dr. Love b Wiley 33, P Ekersley not out 41, J Tew not out 41, extras 6, total (3 wks.) 161.

GENTLEMEN OF CHESHIRE v. ETON RAMBLERS.

A two-day match between these two sides began at Cheltenham on Wednesday. Scores:—Eton Ramblers.—First Innings: W Harbord o Greenwell b Parks 3, H Foley o Daniel b Reiss 6, G Norris o Parks b Daniel 38, G Cartwright o Thring b Daniel 17, J Tew o Haworth b Parks 0, S Trevor o Daniel b Parks 17, H Monk o Sheldermine b Daniel 1, A Forbes o Ekersley b Daniel 0, J Bradish, Ellams o Sheldermine b Reiss 41, G Dobson b Daniel 22, Sir John Dixon not out 4, extras 17; total 190.

Cheshire Gentlemen.—First Innings: C Haworth o Cartwright b Norris 56, L Oliver o Cartwright b Forbes 0, P T Ekersley b Forbes 26, C Thring b Norris 1, J Hilton not out 18, W Parks b Norris 4, G Greenwell b Norris 5, P Sheldermine b Norris 10, J Sullivan b Norris 2, M Daniel o Trevor b Forbes 0, P Reiss not out 9; total (6 wks) 133.

BALCON v. BUCKLEY CONGREGATIONALS.

Played at Balcon on Saturday. For Balcon, A. G. Hills took three wickets for 22 runs, and A. Wadsworth four for 15 runs. Scores:—Buckley Congregationals.—J Kelly b Wadsworth 4, T Cropper run out 10, E Hobson o Smith 5, J Roberts o Wadsworth 0, D Griffiths run out 1, J Lewis lbw 2, A Thompson o Hill 0, G Kelly o Barton 2, H Bellis o V Carter

11, D Bellis run out 1, K Jones not out 1, extras 3; total 40.

Balcon.—T Smith b Lewis 1, V Carter b J Kelly 3, R Stafford b Thompson 24, A G Hill o Thompson 0, H Jones o and b J Kelly 1, C Carter b Griffiths 6, A Wadsworth b Griffiths 3, E Parker b Griffiths 0, E Swain b Thompson 1, S Hughes not out 4, H P Barton b Griffiths 0, extras 4; total 47.

TARPORLEY HOSPITAL CUP. COTEBOOK v. TIVERTON.

(Semi-Final.)

The first semi-final was played on Friday week on Mr. Spelgoberg's pretty little ground at Cotebook, the contestants being Cotebook and Tiverton. Cup-ties, either in cricket or football, often produce unexpected results, and this was no exception, for Tiverton were confidently expected to have a fairly easy task as they have one of the best bowling sides of any in the competition. As it turned out, however, Cotebook were easy winners by 6 wickets and six runs, the totals being: Tiverton 44, Cotebook 50 for 5. W. Moss was mainly responsible, for he took five Tiverton wickets at small cost. Scores:—

Tiverton.—E Fleet b Moss 8, J Taylor run out 3, A Holland o Walton b Cubbon 3, F Cross b Moss 6, L J Dodd b Moss 2, R Mosford b Moss 10, C Stockton b Moss 4, L Young run out 3, extras 5; total 44.

Cotebook.—W Moss b Cross 4, T Walton b Cross 20, B Cubbon b Cross 5, A Coppack not out 14, G Fletcher not out 7, extras 3; total (for 3 wickets) 50. B Cubbon, T Walker and J Done did not bat.

WHITCHURCH KNOCK-OUT SEMI-FINAL. CHEESE FACTORS AND FARMERS v. BRITISH LEGION.

On Monday night.—

Factors and Farmers.—G Colley b Anthony 0, L E Norton not out 50, H Williams o Bridge b Edge 8, D Goodwin o Clayton b Edge 58, W Wright, P Smith, F Smith, J J Furber did not bat, extras 3; total (3 wks.) 121.

British Legion.—F Clayton b Williams 3, T B Richardson at F Smith b Colley 11, K J Slater b Williams 0, J T Edge b Williams 18, R Done b Coey 0, F G Anthony o Colley b Williams 6, P Woodward o P Smith b Williams 12, extras 3; total 56.

H. Williamson took five for 32, Colley three for 18.

CHESTER & DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE.

(By "Captain.")

	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
Rivertown	7	5	2	0	10
Ellesmere Port Cement	7	5	2	0	10
Llay Main	6	4	2	0	8
Pontblyddyn	7	2	4	1	5
Shotton	7	0	6	1	1

I am told that in addition to the team from the Garden City (Queensferry) there is to be a team entered next season from the Saltney (Chester) district. The organiser of this team is Mr. A. Roberts, who was the captain of the Kaleyards and Saltney teams. Should they enter, I expect they will figure among the top clubs.

Llay Main improved their position at the expense of Pontblyddyn, and now have a good chance of becoming champions. Last year they tied with Reliance for second place. Their two outstanding matches are both away, against two top clubs. In the event of two clubs finishing with an equal number of points, they will have to meet in a championship match.

The Llay Main match with Pontblyddyn was played on the former's ground. Pontblyddyn won the toss, and put the home club in to take first knock. Enoch Roberts and J. Martin were opposed by the bowling of R. T. Jones and H. E. Ackroyd, and both were dismissed with only five on the board. H. Owen was smartly taken by H. A. Cunnah in the slips at 19. Hayes superseded Ackroyd, and with the score at 21, Cunnah brought off his second catch and dismissed Probert. Emyln Jones hit Hayes for three twos in the next over, and J. Owen helped him to bring his score to 45 before he was run out. Hayes turned Trevor to leg for a couple, but left at 54. Trevor bowled W. Roberts with a full pitched ball, and P. Parry was taken in the slips before scoring. Emyln Jones hit Trevor to leg for four (the only boundary of the afternoon). Rogers was bowled by J. E. Hughes, and with the score at 62 Emyln Jones was bowled, and the innings closed. Emyln Jones, going in at the fall of the second wicket, was last out scoring 36. He gave no chance, and hit one four, one three, and six two's. J. E. Hughes had the best bowling figures with four wickets for six runs. R. T. Jones took three for 15, and G. Trevor took two for 15, and Ackroyd one for 12.

Like their opponents, Pontblyddyn had two wickets down for five runs, both J. E. Hughes and L. Probert, were dismissed at that total. R. T. Jones was bowled at 10, Trevor was smartly taken by Owen with the total unaltered, and R. Hughes was bowled without scoring. H. A. Cunnah played on, A. Williams and Hayes then made a short stay, but Hayes was beaten by E. Roberts at 19. W. L. Roberts left at 22 after scoring two singles, H. Williams hit Roberts to the long field for a couple, and R. J. Evans and H. E. Ackroyd were bowled with successive balls, and the innings concluded.

The batting was not up to the usual standard. All the players, with the exception of H. Williams, altered their style of play, and suffered in consequence. W. Roberts, in taking five wickets for eight runs, now heads the bowling averages; E. Roberts followed five for 14.

Ellesmere Port Cement defeated Shotton on the latter's ground by three wickets. Shotton led off with 130, towards which A. Hampton scored 59 in good style. Ellesmere Port Cement replied with 134 for seven wickets. R. Eason was top score, with 59; R. Robinson made 27, and R. Darbyshire was not out with 26. For the Cement, J. Sheard secured six wickets for 38. L. Davies two for 50, J. H. Davies one for 12, and R. Eason one for 27. For Shotton, H. Jones secured three for 23. W. Roberts two for 40, and T. Butler one for 20.

Llay Main have to meet the two top clubs in their remaining fixtures, which are both away. They meet Ellesmere Port Cement today at Ellesmere Port. This is the Cement's closing fixture, and on Saturday Rivertown will have Llay Main as visitors.

FIXTURE FOR TODAY (SATURDAY):
Ellesmere Port Cem. v. Llay Main.—Messrs. J. Mountford and L. Jones.

LEAGUE AVERAGES.
(Up to and including August 11.)

BATTING.

	Inns.	Not out	Runs	Avg.
E. Roberts (Rivertown)	6	2	143	35.75
P. Parry (Llay Main)	6	1	99	19.10
A. Hampton (Shotton)	6	0	107	17.83
L. Darby (Rivertown)	7	1	105	17.50
J. Owen (Llay Main)	4	0	64	16.00
F. Mallett (Rivertown)	5	1	59	14.75
R. Eason (Ellesmere P. C.)	0	0	87	12.42
C. Guest (Rivertown)	6	0	70	11.58

BOWLING.

	Wkts.	Rns.	Avg.
W. Roberts (Llay Main)	26	82	3.02
E. Roberts (Llay Main)	10	42	3.05
H. Washbrook (Rivertown)	19	63	3.27
J. Sheard (Ellesmere Port C.)	18	68	4.59
J. H. Davies (Ellesmere P. C.)	22	117	5.31
R. Eason (Ellesmere Port C.)	16	116	7.25
H. Evans (Rivertown)	14	105	7.60
N. Clough (Shotton)	11	85	7.63
J. Hayes (Pontblyddyn)	10	80	8.00
H. E. Ackroyd (Pontblyddyn)	17	140	8.24
S. Norwood (Rivertown)	16	141	8.81
E. Jones (Llay Main)	11	110	10.00

L-LAY MAIN v. PONTBLYDDYN.

Llay Main.—E. Roberts b Ackroyd 2, J. Martin o Williams b R T Jones 0, H Owen o Cunnah b R T Jones 3, E Jones b J Hughes 36, R Probert o Cunnah b R T Jones 2, J Owen at Williams b J Hughes 12, R N Pryce o Cunnah b Trevor 3, W Roberts b Trevor 0, P Parry o Hayes b J Hughes 0, J R Rogers b J Hughes 0, R L Footitt not out 0, extras 4, total 28.

Pontblyddyn.—J. E. Hughes o Jones b E Roberts 2, R T Jones b W Roberts 4, L. Probert o H Owen b W Roberts 0, G Trevor o H Owen b E Roberts 1, R Hughes b W Roberts 0, H A Cunnah b W Roberts 0, J Hayes b E Roberts 3, H Williams not out 7, W L Roberts o H Owen b W Roberts 2, R J Evans b E Roberts 0, H E Ackroyd b E Roberts 0, extras 7, total 23.

SHOTTON v. ELLESMERE PORT CEMENT.

Shotton.—R. Levan o Mitchelmore b Sheard 9, A Hampton lbw b Sheard 59, W Williams o Hand b J Davies 6, W Roberts b Sheard 7, G Alcock b Sheard 11, T Norbury b L Davies 6, W Drexton b J Davies 10, N Clough o Buist b Sheard 3, H Jones o L Davies b Eason 8, T Butler not out 2, S Williams lbw b Sheard 4, extras 5, total 130.

Ellesmere Port Cement.—R. Eason b Butler 23, R Robinson run out 27, J H Davies o Norbury b Jones 3, J E and b Jones 0, L Davies b Jones 0, J Sheard b Roberts 13, R Darbyshire not out 20, A Keeling b Roberts 0, W Buist not out 8, extras 17, total (7 wks.) 134. F Mitchelmore and J D Kingdon did not bat.

LEAGUE HONOURS LIST.

BATTING.

A Hampton (Shotton) 59
E Jones (Llay Main) 36
R Eason (Ellesmere Port Cement) 23
R Robinson (Ellesmere Port Cement) 27
R Darbyshire (Ellesmere Port Cement) 26 (not out).

BOWLING.

W. Roberts (Llay Main) 5 for 4
E. Roberts (Llay Main) 6 for 14
J. Sheard (Ellesmere Port C.) 6 for 36.

LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT COMBINATION.

Positions To Date.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
Oulton	23	15	5	3	16
Boston	22	10	5	7	10
Ormskirk	18	9	1	8	9
Roughden Hill	14	9	3	2	9
Wallasey	21	8	6	5	8
Ponaby	23	9	7	7	8
Hightown	21	8	5	8	8
Hayles	20	6	11	3	6
Booth	19	6	4	9	6
New Brighton	22	5	7	10	5
Birkenhead Park	21	5	8	8	5
Liverpool	19	4	6	9	4
Southport	15	4	6	4	4
Northern	21	3	11	7	3
Nelson	20	2	12	6	2