

COUNTY CRICKET MATCH

DURHAM'S EASY VICTORY.

This holiday match was played on Whit Monday and Tuesday, and drew together a large number of ardent spectators. Rain fell for some time on the Monday morning, but this did not affect the attendance at the opening hour, and as the day progressed the weather gradually improved until in the afternoon players and spectators alike sweltered under the rays of a powerful sun.

The composition of the teams was very interesting. Two changes were made in both elevens from those which did duty last season, the Dunelmians bringing in J. G. Askew and Sadler, Durham City players, and the Northumbrians introducing the youthful Tynemouth all-rounder, Horace Lee, and G. S. Tuck, a County Club player who has had much experience as a Royal Navy batsman.

Durham won the toss and, playing on a perfect wicket, compiled 219, which, however, was not a very extraordinary total in view of the advantage they derived from playing first on a wicket which had not had an opportunity of setting hard. Northumberland made a disastrous start from which they never recovered, and only managed to scrape together the mediocre total of 89 runs.

An excellent batting display was given by Morris Nichol, of Eppleton, whose style and execution were outstanding. He stood up to the bowling with a firmness and confidence that betokened a born cricketer, and his footwork and timing were a pleasure to watch. His work on the leg side drew forth much applause from the spectators. He went in at the fall of the first Durham wicket, with the score at 44, and was the sixth to leave, the total being then 170. He had scored 88 in 93 minutes, but he fell when attempting a hearty drive at one of Maconachie's fast deliveries, his total including 14 4's and three 3's.

H. C. Ferens, yorked in the first ball of Maconachie's fourth over, made 28 out of 44 put on by the first wicket in 64 minutes. He was all but bowled by the first ball of Milne's fourth over, and might have been bowled or stumped with a bailer from Hetherton when the total was 16, while very shortly afterwards he should have been run out. There were other close calls for him and Askew (who survived a confident appeal for a catch at the wicket when 10). Ferens scored neatly all round the wicket, and Askew, who played over a ball from Maconachie at 51, had some nice leg shots.

Misunderstanding between Gibbon and Nichol caused the former to be run out at 91, when the third partnership had produced 40 in 28 minutes, while soon after lunch Dobson played on a swinger from Milne, and Cook, obviously dissatisfied with the decision, was given out l.b.w. to Maconachie.

Half the side were then out for 119, but Hubert Brooks helped Nichol to take the score to 170 before Maconachie bowled the last named. Of the later batsmen, Carr, quite restrained, made 11, and Sadler, who "went" for the bowling

right away, hit a 6 and a couple of 4's while putting on 16.

The Northumberland captain tried numerous bowling changes with an attack limited to four by reason of an injury which young Lee met with to his hand in stopping a shot early in the game. Lee returned to field after having his hand bandaged, but evidently could not bowl with a finger fork split. Maconachie, judiciously laured by his skipper, came out with splendid bowling figures, but Milne was often troublesome, and he was only hit for 13 runs in his first 12 overs.

A risky run, and a smart piece of fielding by Nichol, cost Mackay his wicket with only one run scored. Pritchard helped to take the score to 36 by useful cutting and a couple of leg hits, and then followed a dreary period in which Tuck stayed with Bruce while 17 runs were added in 35 minutes. Tuck played cricket of a purely defensive type, and his footwork was not of the kind which helps to make runs behind the wicket. Ultimately he was out to a splendid catch, off a Brooks "googly," by Sadler, running back from mid-off.

Lee next joined Bruce, and soon turned a couple neatly for 2's, besides an-driving for 4. Then Bruce was out in most unlucky fashion. Howell, brought back vice Sadler, had a ball snicked back by Bruce just wide on the off-side. Ferens dived for the ball, held it with the right hand in the act of falling, and then dropped it. The umpire did not see the ball drop, and Bruce did not demur. It was doubtful, in any case, if the ball was held long enough to constitute a catch. Bruce might have been caught and bowled by Brooks when 22, otherwise he batted with judgment for 90 minutes, and had three 4's in his 29.

Lee, quite a stylish young bat, was well beaten by Dobson, half the side being out for 71, and the next five wickets produced only 18 runs, Maconachie being beaten by a ball from Carr that whipped back, and Howell clean bowled a couple. The innings lasted two hours and 20 minutes as against Durham's three hours and 25 minutes at the wicket, and there was little suggestion of increased batting power.

The Durham bowling figures explain themselves, but it must be said that Sadler deserved a wicket, and that Dobson used his fighting skill to good purpose. Howell proved most successful in his last spell.

The attendance was in the neighbourhood of 5,000, and the receipts £219.

Durham.—1st innings.

H. C. Ferens, b Maconachie ...	28
J. G. Askew, b Maconachie ...	15
M. Nichol, b Maconachie ...	88
H. Gibbon, run out ...	13
T. K. Dobson, b Milne ...	1
Cook, lbw, b Maconachie ...	4
H. Brooks, c and b Hetherton ...	33
W. H. R. Alderson, c Pritchard, b Maconachie ...	0
Carr, c Mackay, b Hetherton ...	11
Sadler, c Craig, b Milne ...	16
Howell, not out ...	2

Extras 8; total ... 219

Fall of wickets: 1-44, 2-51, 3-94, 4-100, 5-119, 6-170, 7-172, 8-188, 9-211, 10-219.

Northumberland.—1st innings.

W. G. Mackay, run out ...	1
J. B. Bruce, c Ferens, b Howell ...	29
H. B. Pritchard, c Brooks, b Dobson ...	13
G. S. Tuck, c Sadler, b Brooks ...	8
H. C. Lee, b Dobson ...	10
C. F. Stanger-Leathes, c Carr, b Howell ...	6
I. C. Maconachie, b Carr ...	1
Towler, b Howell ...	1
Hetherton, c and b Carr ...	7
J. K. Craig, b Howell ...	2
Milne, not out ...	1

Extras 10; total ... 89

Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-36, 3-53, 4-71, 5-71, 6-77, 7-78, 8-81, 9-83, 10-89.

Bowling Analysis.

Durham.—1st innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Milne ...	37	11	79	2
Hetherton ...	22.3	4	79	2
Towler ...	11	0	33	0
Maconachie ...	15	8	20	5

5 byes, 1 leg bye, 2 no-balls.

Northumberland.—1st innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell ...	43	6	12	4
Cook ...	5	2	8	0
Sadler ...	7	2	14	0
Dobson ...	18	9	16	2
Carr ...	10	4	12	2
Brooks ...	3	0	17	1

5 byes, 5 leg byes.

Northumberland's Up-hill Task.

A difficult task confronted Northumberland when the match recommenced on Tuesday, for they had to score 130 runs if they were to avert an innings defeat. The task proved too much for them, the Dunelmians in the early afternoon running out winners by an innings and 18 runs. The attendance was much smaller than on Monday.

Northumberland's start was a disastrous one, their first two wickets producing but four runs. W. G. Mackay was clean bowled by the fifth ball of J. Howell's opening over, without having broken his "duck." Incidentally, his contribution in the first innings was but a single. J. B. Bruce was the next disappointment. He made the best stand of his side on Monday, but on Tuesday he had not had time to open his account when he spoiled a leg ball from Cook into Alderson's hands at short leg. Tuck was the next batsman to succumb to the Durham bowlers without having contributed to his side's total. It was a bowler's wicket and up to this point the bowlers had had all their own way. Northumberland then improved a little, the next man in, H. C. Lee, compiling 14 before returning to the pavilion. This batsman got Cook away for a couple of fours off successive balls. Although his total score was not an outstanding one, it was interesting to watch how this young cricketer handled his bat. Unfortunately his performance in this holiday match was marred by a split finger which affected his bowling even more than his batting. Forty minutes' play produced 28 runs, and at this stage Sadler relieved Cook. Lee was fortunate that on two occasions when he failed to hit deliveries from the new bowler his stumps remained untouched. Up to this point the bowler at the other end, Howell, had sent down nine overs and taken two wickets for 13 runs. Carr was given a trial with the ball in his stead.

An exceptionally speedy delivery from Sadler brought about Leo's dismissal, the ball displacing his off-stump. Pritchard and Stanger-Leathes were now together, and they made a 40 minutes stand against the Durham bowling which was changed several times without effect. They compiled 29 runs between them. A delivery from Cook brought about the end of the partnership. The ball was stopped by Stanger-Leathes, but he stopped backwards and broke his wicket in an endeavour to prevent it rolling. Soon afterwards Pritchard failed to hit a difficult ball from Sadler, who found his off stump. This was the sixth wicket down for 84 runs. Pritchard had done valuable work for his side, having knocked up 38 runs in the 110 minutes he had batted, his total including four 4's. His was not a brilliant display, but his batting was always safe and steady.

Following the luncheon interval Towler and Maconachie faced the bowlers, the former getting two boundaries off Howell in one over. He was but a short time at the wicket, however, being dismissed by a catch behind the wicket when the total was only one off the century. Two more wickets fell without any addition to the score, Maconachie succumbing to a catch at second slip by Sadler, and Towler's successor, Hetherton, being clean bowled by Cook with the first ball he faced. A cut by Milne through the slips produced a single which brought the score to three figures. The innings had then been in progress two hours and 25 minutes. A catch given at mid-off by Craig, who was partnering Milne, was taken by Sadler, and brought the match to a conclusion.

It was obvious from the beginning to the end of the match, that Durham were much the superior side from all stand points, and particularly in the attack; Northumberland managed to compile a bigger total in the second innings than in the first, but this was largely due to the resistance offered by Pritchard and Stanger-Leathes at the fifth wicket.

Northumberland.—2nd innings.

W. G. Mackay, b Howell	...	...	0
J. B. Bruce, c Alderson, b Cook	...	...	0
G. S. Tuck, b Howell	...	...	0
H. C. Lee, b Sadler	...	...	14
H. B. Pritchard, b Sadler	...	...	33
C. F. Stanger-Leathes, hit wkt., b Cook	...	...	19
I. C. Maconachie, c Sadler, b Howell	...	...	9
Towler, c Ferens, b Howell	...	...	12
Hetherton, b Cook	...	...	1
J. K. Craig, c Sadler, b Cook	...	...	7
Milne, not out	...	...	5

Extras 7; total ... 112

Bowling Analysis.

Northumberland.—2nd innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	
Howell	...	19	6	43	4
Cook	...	17.3	11	19	4
Sadler	...	10	4	16	2
Carr	...	8	1	14	0
Dobson	...	7	2	14	0

DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE.

Chester-le-Street v. Philadelphia.

Chester-le-Street entertained Philadelphia on Saturday under ideal weather conditions. Winning the toss, Chester-le-Street sent in C. F. Gowland and G. S. Bewick to face the bowling of Weight and Walton. The first wicket fell to the third ball of the first over, when Gowland was declared l.b.w. to Weight's bowling. Swinhoe followed in, and Weight found his middle stump when only 9 runs were shown on the board. Carr became companion to Bewick, who was caught smartly at slip by Wilson, with only 12 runs on the board. Wheatley was caught by Lee at short-leg, from Weight's bowling, and Carr was dismissed l.b.w. after making only 4.

The outlook for Chester-le-Street was very black, there being five wickets down for only 36 runs. Crichton and Robson became partners, and the latter played a steady game but had to yield to Weight's bowling and was dismissed for 31 runs. His score contained three boundaries and six 2's. J. B. Wright joined Crichton, and sent the first ball to the boundary, thus making a good opening. At the next ball, Weight took Crichton's wicket for 2, making the fall of the wickets 7 for 56, after 60 minutes' play. A well deserved cheer was raised when Wright struck a three into the longfield, followed by several singles. The situation showed signs of improvement when Wright secured another boundary, followed by a two, but this success was short-lived, for at 68 Ward's wicket fell to Weight's straight bowling. Hedley followed in, when Wilson took the bowling in place of Walton. Wright struck a smart ball to leg, adding 3 and bringing the score to 70. The crowd cheered as Wright struck another three. He was temporarily knocked out by a ball which struck him in the side. Crichton came to his assistance by running for him, and the crowd gave him an encouraging cheer. After making 19, Wright was bowled by Wilson, with the total score at 74. Robinson followed in, and from an excellent leg ball he opened his account with a 3, followed by a boundary and several singles, which brought the telegraph to 80. Weight missed Hedley at short slip, being the only chance of the game. For Hedley a hearty cheer was raised as he struck a four into the longfield. This was followed by Robinson lifting a four and a three in fine style. After playing an hour and 40 minutes, 100 was announced. Robinson continued to strike out and had made three 3's and two 4's when the score stood at 107. He was caught at slip by Wilson, from Little's ball. Chester-le-Street's innings ended for 107.

Philadelphia Innings.

After tea, Philadelphia batted, sending in J. Heath and Weight. Carr and Robson opened the bowling. Philadelphia's first wicket fell when Weight was clean bowled by Robson, after only scoring a single. Jones followed in, and after an over or two, Heath was caught in the longfield by Robinson, from Robson's bowling. He had contributed 6

to the total of 9. At 23, the visitors' third wicket fell to Bewick, who was caught behind the wicket by Wheatley, from Carr's ball, after scoring 5.

Wilson joined Jones, and after making 7, he was smartly bowled by Carr, with the score at 37. Lee and Jones batted together with Carr and Robson still bowling. Both batsmen were left-handed. W. Lee put up a beautiful catch to Swinhoe at cover-point which he secured, Lee made six and raised the score to 52 after an hour's play. N. Lee joined Jones and steady scoring followed till 70 was telegraphed. Ward relieved Carr at bowling, with Robson at the other end. At 78 Lee was stumped by Wheatley after adding nine to the total. E. Little joined Jones and was challenged for lbw, but this was disallowed. Jones made several splendid drives to the boundary which raised hearty cheers from his many supporters. Carr again replaced Ward at bowling, but scoring was steadily maintained until 95 was reached at which figure Little was caught by Ward from Carr's ball, having added eight to the total. J. Pow followed in, and Jones reached his 50, which included six boundaries. When the score reached 101 Jones was declared lbw, from Carr's bowling, and he was deservedly cheered as he walked to the pavilion with 52 to his credit. T. Noble was run out for a duck. P. Walton joined Pow with seven runs required to win the match. Walton made the stroke which gave Philadelphia the victory.

Chester-le-Street.

C. F. Gowland, lbw, b Weight	...	0
G. S. Bewick, c Wilson, b Weight	...	0
T. W. Swinhoe, b Weight	...	9
H. Robson, b Weight	...	31
Carr, lbw, b Weight	...	4
S. Wheatley, c Lee, b Weight	...	2
G. L. Crichton, b Weight	...	2
J. B. Wright, b Wilson	...	19
J. Ward, b Weight	...	1
W. Hedley, not out	...	16
R. Robinson, c Wilson, b Little	...	20

Extras, 3; total ... 107

Runs for wickets: 1-0, 2-9, 3-12, 4-16, 5-36, 6-49, 7-56, 8-68, 9-74, 10-107.

Philadelphia.

J. Heath, c Robinson, b Robson	...	6
Weight b Robson	...	1
W. Jones, lbw, b Carr	...	52
H. Bewick, c Wheatley, b Carr	...	5
M. Wilson, b Carr	...	7
W. Lee, c Swinhoe, b Robson	...	6
N. Lee, st Wheatley, b Robson	...	9
E. Little, c Ward, b Carr	...	8
J. Pow, not out	...	5
T. Noble, run out	...	0
P. Walton, not out	...	5

Extras 5; total (9 wkts) ... 109

Runs for wickets: 1-8, 2-9, 3-23, 4-37, 5-52, 6-78, 7-95, 8-101, 9-109.

Bowling:

Chester-le-Street Innings.

	O.	M.	W.	R.	
Weight	...	1	7	8	49
Walton	...	13	1	0	32
Wilson	...	6	2	1	18
Little	...	1.1	0	1	2
H. Bewick	...	1	0	0	3

Philadelphia Innings.

	O.	M.	W.	R.	
Carr	...	17	2	4	55
H. Robson	...	20	1	4	40
Ward	...	3	1	0	9

Burnmoor v. Durham City.

Burnmoor were the victors on the City ground on Saturday, after the home team had declared with a score of 201 for 8 wickets.

For their fine success, Burnmoor were indebted to a great seventh wicket partnership by T. Hardy and J. W. Bell, who in little more than half an hour put on 89 runs. They each exceeded the half century without giving a chance, and were undefeated at the close. This was Burnmoor's first win of the season, and Durham's first defeat, and after making allowance for the fact that the City bowlers were handicapped through light rain, which fell throughout Burnmoor's innings, the success of the bottom club was deserved. The winning runs were scored five minutes from the close of an exciting game.

Durham City.

H. C. Ferens, c Lowerson, b Gelson	41
J. G. Askew, c Gibboney, b Lowerson	12
C. L. Adamson, run out	28
F. A. Youngman, c Bell, b Baxter	37
Sadler, b Lowerson	13
W. E. Wilson, b Gelson	5
R. Smeddle, b Baxter	15
C. R. Milam, run out	20
E. S. Smith, not out	11
C. E. Meikle, not out	7

Extras 12; total (8 wkts) ... 201

J. Cowan did not bat.

Innings declared closed.

Bowling: Baxter, 2 for 54; Gelson, 2 for 46; Lowerson, 2 for 39.

Burnmoor.

C. Fairbairn, c Ferens, b Smeddle	22
J. Taylor, b Sadler	2
Baxter, b Cowan	3
T. Lowerson, c Smith, b Milam	31
J. G. Rutherford, c Askew, b Sadler	18
E. Clark, b Milam	0
T. Hardy, not out	61
J. W. Bell, not out	55

Extras 10; total (6 wkts) ... 202

R. Combey, J. Gelson and A. Gibboney did not bat.

Bowling: Sadler, 2 for 55; Cowan, 1 for 51; Smeddle, 1 for 32; Milam, 2 for 42; Youngman, 0 for 12.

Eppleton v. Chester-le-Street.

Eppleton at home on Monday had a very easy win. Ward of Chester-le-Street took nine wickets for 51, and the Eppleton bowler, Ellis took 8 for 17.

Eppleton.

F. Hall, lbw, b Ward	29
Ellis, b Ward	42
R. Nichol, b Ritson	7
D. Glen, b Ward	0
W. Andrews, b Ward	0
J. Watson, c Wheatley, b Ward	3
J. Hall, lbw, b Ward	8
J. Ambler, c Wheatley, b Ward	20
V. Gibbon, c Hedley, b Ward	0
A. N. Other, b Ward	4
Rev. W. L. M. Law, not out	2

Extras 1; total ... 122

Chester-le-Street.

C. F. Gowland, b Ellis...	10
G. S. Bewick, c Andrew, b Ellis...	6
T. W. Swinhoe, b Ellis...	3
H. Robson, b Ellis...	4
W. Hedley, c Gibbon, b Andrews...	9
R. Robinson, b Ellis...	0
S. Wheatley, c Watson, b Andrews...	6
G. L. Crichton, c Gibbon, b Ellis...	2
A. Ward, b Ellis...	0
J. Ward, c Nichol, b Ellis...	2
J. Ritson, not out...	7

Extras 4; total ... 53

Philadelphia v. Sunderland.

Sunderland beat Philadelphia by three wickets on Monday. Weight, 63, and E. S. Levy, 53, batted well for their respective sides, and Ellison took four Philadelphia wickets for 61.

Philadelphia.

J. Heath, c Robinson, b Ellison...	3
Weight, c Levy, b Grierson...	63
W. Jones, lbw, b E. L. Squance...	20
H. Bewick, lbw, b Ellison...	3
J. Blackbird, b Hopper...	1
M. Wilson, c Gillis, b Grierson...	31
N. Lee, c Ellison, b Grierson...	10
E. Liddle, b Grierson...	3
J. Pow, c E. L. Squance, b Ellison...	1
T. Noble, not out...	3
P. Walton, c and b Ellison...	4

Extras 10; total ... 151

Sunderland.

B. Fairbrove, b Wilson...	21
E. S. Levy, b Wilson...	53
E. L. Squance, b Liddle...	1
J. Kelsall, b Liddle...	0
B. Grierson, c Noble, b Liddle...	2
J. M. Russell, c Bewick, b Lee...	29
J. Robinson, b Liddle...	9
Ellison, not out...	10
W. H. Hopper, not out...	11

Extras 16; total (7 wkts) ... 152

DURHAM SECOND TEAMS LEAGUE.

Burnmoor II v. Hendon II.

At Burnmoor.

Burnmoor II.

C. Bell, b Fall...	10
R. Yellowley, c Hope, b Allison...	7
J. Fennell, run out...	2
R. H. Elliott, c Emmerson, b Fall...	9
R. Burt, b Love...	8
R. Wintrip, c Cosham, b Randle...	10
J. R. Steele, c Cairns, b Love...	13
R. Ramshaw, b Cairns...	14
J. McDermott, b Fall...	13
E. Howe, not out...	1
J. Elliott, c and b Fall...	1

Extras 11; total ... 99

Hendon II.

J. Cairns, b Burt...	62
A. C. Cosham, b Ramshaw...	3
G. Love, c Yellowley, b Ramshaw...	6
R. Randle, run out...	2
T. P. Fall, b Burt...	7
S. Emmerson, lbw, b Burt...	0
G. Gibson, lbw, b Ramshaw...	2
A. Hope, c Howe, b Burt...	2
J. Turnbull, not out...	12
M. English, not out...	6

Extras 4; total (8 wkts) ... 106

Burnmoor II v. Durham City II.

At Burnmoor.

Durham City II.

T. Darling, b Elliott...	26
P. G. McLaren, b Elliott...	32
S. H. Nichol, b Wintrip...	9
G. H. R. Wilson, c and b Wintrip...	6
H. Proudfoot, lbw, b Elliott...	6
T. Wilson, c and b Elliott...	1
W. Seed, c Howe, b Elliott...	5
G. H. Harrison, not out...	13
E. W. White, b Wintrip...	6
R. Swan, lbw, b Wintrip...	0
L. G. Oldham, c Fennell, b Wintrip...	0

Extras 7; total ... 111

Burnmoor II.

C. Bell, c G. Wilson, b Swan...	8
J. Fennell, b Oldham...	7
R. Burt, b Swan...	1
R. Yellowley, b Oldham...	9
R. H. Elliott, b Oldham...	6
J. R. Steele, b Oldham...	0
R. Wintrip, b Swan...	1
J. McDermott, b Oldham...	6
R. Ramshaw, b Swan...	6
J. Elliott, b Oldham...	0
E. Howe, not out...	0

Extras 9; total ... 53

NORTH DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE.

Pelton Fell Institute v. Springwell.

Played at Pelton Fell on Saturday.

Pelton Fell: C. Webster, 5; R. Moist, 1; R. Wrangham, 6; W. Pigg, 0; R. Thompson, 21; G. McKercher, 3; J. Allsopp, 15; J. Pack, 8; S. Middleton, 2; M. Hepple, 3; R. Days, not out, 5; extras, 9. Total, 78.

Springwell: F. Wilts, 15; W. Dawson, 6; T. Watson, 3; R. Lowden, 5; T. Bell, 1; G. Bell, 0; C. Watson, 9; G. Robinson, 10; T. Marley, 8; T. B. Graham, 9; P. Ryle, 0; extras, 4. Total, 69.

Bowling: R. Day, 6 for 10; R. Wrangham, 6 for 32; S. Middleton, 4 for 23.

Whickham v. Pelton Fell Institute.

Played at Whickham on Monday.

Whickham: S. M. Hewison, 0; J. Wardle, 12; H. Muncaster, 3; T. Pyle, 0; F. Henderson, 11; H. Gardener, 0; T. Hutchinson, 5; R. Mitchell, 6; W. Cruthers, 0; G. Foster, 2; T. Barr, 6; extras, 0. Total, 45.

Pelton Fell: R. Wrangham, 44; G. McKercher, 1; R. Thompson, 1; J. Pack, 3; R. Days, 11; S. Middleton, 33; R. Liddle, 1; J. Allsopp, 1; M. Hepple, 1; D. Richardson, not out, 0; extras, 2. Total, 98.

Bowling: R. Wrangham, 4 for 30; S. Middleton, 6 for 13.

NORTH-WEST DURHAM LEAGUE.

Craghead v. Burnhope.

Craghead.

R. Coulson, hit wkt, b W. Thompson	2
J. Richardson, b H. Hovvells...	1
H. Turnbull, c G. Dobson, b W. Hovvells...	31
W. Hepburn, b W. Thompson...	26
E. Bugla, b H. Hovvells...	30
O. Jefferson, b W. Thompson...	1
T. Stainthorpe, lbw, b W. C. Hovvells	7
H. Armstrong, b H. Hovvells...	2
J. Hunter, c T. Pattison, b G. Dobson	3
G. Burnett, not out...	1
T. Jefferson, b G. Dobson...	1

Extras 12; total ... 117

Burnhope.

E. Dobson, c J. Hunter, b G. Burnett	1
J. Lumley, c H. Turnbull, b T. Jefferson	0
G. Dobson, c W. Hepburn, b T. Jefferson	5
W. C. Hovvells, lbw, b J. Hunter...	4
W. Holt, b J. Hunter...	54
T. Pattison, b T. Jefferson...	10
J. Mitchell, c H. Armstrong, b G. Jefferson...	3
J. Perryman, b T. Jefferson...	3
J. Casson, b T. Jefferson...	8
W. Thompson, b J. Hunter...	6
H. Hovvells, not out...	9

Extras 12; total ... 109

Birtley v. Langley Park.

At Birtley, on Saturday, the home team winning.

Birtley.

O. Richardson, c Alsdon, b J. Penny	3
J. Knox, c Calvert, b Alsdon...	15
W. Adamson, run out...	3
J. Anderson, c Alsdon, b Shaw...	49
T. W. Jobling, b J. Tobin...	0
W. Dixon, st Kindred, b Tobin...	2
T. Weddle, b Penny...	6
J. Arke, lbw, b Penny...	0
J. Strong, c Stockdale, b Penny...	4
W. Towers, not out...	3
J. Finlay, lbw, b Penny...	5

Extras 6; total ... 101

Langley Park.

A. Alsdon, b W. Adamson...	3
Curbert, b Adamson...	2
J. Tobin, c Anderson, b Richardson	2
M. Shaw, b Adamson...	1
J. Graham, st Jobling, b Richardson	11
J. Penny, b Richardson...	14
R. Stockdale, b Adamson...	12
T. Turner, b Adamson...	2
J. Harron, c Weddle, b Knox...	11
J. Mitchell, not out...	18
M. Kindred, lbw, b Adamson...	4

Extras 12; total ... 92

Durham's Uneven Batting. AN INVALUABLE 52.

Play at the North Durham ground in the opening day of the Durham and Cheshire game was interrupted by rain, which stopped proceedings altogether after four o'clock yesterday. In the actual playing period Durham made 168 for nine after a most depressing start, so that there is an outside chance of a decision being arrived at to-day if the weather and wicket is favourable.

A series of early disasters almost made it appear that the Durham captain had erred in deciding to take first knock. The wicket throughout the day was never too easy, nor perhaps was it difficult enough to excuse some of the bad strokes which cost Durham valuable wickets.

Early Troubles.

The first hint of trouble came when Dennis had Ferens caught behind the wicket. With two runs added Askew was splendidly taken in the slips by L. N. Jones, off Wilson. Nichol and Gibbon stopped the rot and carried the total into the forties when the former mistimed a slow ball from Wilson.

The half-century was reached with Gibbon and Adamson together for the fourth wicket after an hour's play. L. N. Jones had then displaced Dennis, and with 72 on the board he bowled Adamson. With the next ball sent down Carr was dismissed, the Chester-le-Street professional playing a delivery from L. N. Jones into the hands of W. E. Jones.

Gibbon was still keeping up his end, and fortunately he found a useful partner in his captain, the pair putting on 14 before lunch was taken, when they were still together.

Sadler's Merry Spell.

Rain delayed the resumption until 2.45, and when a start was made Wilson and Dennis had again taken up the attack. With his first ball Dennis broke the partnership, bowling Brooks with the score at 90. Cook left for the addition of nine, and then Sadler had a short and forceful innings of 15 minutes, in which time he hit four 4's, a 3, and a single in making 20.

Gibbon Out.

Going in at the fall of the second wicket, Gibbon was the ninth to leave, two runs after he had completed his 50. In all he was at the wicket 116 minutes, and, though never brilliant, his was a patient and painstaking innings and one of inestimable value to his side. His hits included six 4's. Ellison, the Sunderland professional, who is playing in this match as an amateur, then joined Howell for the last wicket. Scores:—

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

H. C. Ferens, c Spearing, b Dennis	4
J. G. Askew, 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	15
S. Ellison, not out	9
Extras, 21; total (for 9 wickets)	168

CHESHIRE: W. E. Jones, L. N. Jones, H. W. Hodgson, J. P. Hodgson, T. B. Woodcock, R. P. Fisk, S. M. H. Spearing, E. H. Steventon, K. McEntyre, Wilson, Dennis.

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CHESHIRE BEATEN ON FIRST INNINGS.

Carr in Bowling Form.

An interesting situation in the match at Gateshead between Durham and Cheshire was brought to a disappointing conclusion owing to rain yesterday. In the second day's play the players were forced to retire early in the afternoon, and although an early tea interval was decided upon in view of the possibility of the rain ceasing, the conditions grew worse rather than better, and the match was ultimately abandoned, with Durham leading on the first innings and three wickets down for 39 runs on the second.

Less than three overs sufficed to finish off the Durham innings in the morning, for the addition of nine runs, the innings closing for 177. Dennis was the most successful bowler. The fielding of the visitors had been very keen, the work of W. E. Jones, at point, being especially smart.

An Early Wicket.

Cheshire naturally concentrated on topping the Durham total to gain the points for a lead on the first innings. With only one run scored, however, Cook got H. W. Hodgson taken at slip.

W. E. Jones was then joined by Woodcock, and the pair were not separated until the total had reached 52. Woodcock was at the wicket 55 minutes for his 21. The Cheshire captain and L. N. Jones were together at the luncheon interval, with the score at 69, 40 of which were to the credit of W. E. Jones.

With the wicket drying there were prospects on resuming of a keen struggle for the points lead. Carr and Cook again shared the attack, and the former soon got rid of N. L. Jones, while the fourth wicket fell with only five more runs added.

W. E. Jones, however, continued to face the bowling with confidence, and he completed his 50 at the end of 106 minutes. The 100 was reached at the end of 140 minutes, and without any addition to the score W. E. Jones was caught out after a painstaking innings, in which were included eight 4's. The last four wickets only produced 20 runs, Steventon, who had earlier retired with an injured finger, coming back to help Wilson to put on eight for their last wicket.

Carr, after lunch, bowled 21 overs, 12 of which were maidens, to take five wickets for 31 runs. He had six for 40 in the innings. Scores:—

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

H. C. Ferens, c Spearing, b Dennis	4
J. G. Ferens, 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	15
S. Ellison, not out	9
Extras, 21; total	177

CHESHIRE.—1st 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 Cook, b Carr	8
R. P. Fisk, b Cook	0
J. P. Hodgson, lbw, b Carr	1
K. McEntyre, lbw, b Cook	2
Wilson, not out	7
E. T. Steventon, b Carr	8
S. M. H. Spearing, lbw, b Carr	0
Dennis, b Carr	4
Extras, 5; total	120

DURHAM.—2nd Innings.

H. C. Ferens, c W. E. Jones, b L. N. Jones	15
J. G. Askew, c Dennis, b Wilson	9
H. Gibbon, st Spearing, b L. N. Jones	4
C. L. Adamson, not out	4
M. Nichol, not out	5
Extras, 2; total (for three wickets)	39

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

DURHAM.—1st Innings.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Wilson	21	7	61	3
Dennis	19.2	7	51	5
L. N. Jones	10	3	22	2
Steventon	5	1	17	0
H. W. Hodgson	4	1	5	0
CHESHIRE.—1st Innings.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Cook	30	16	27	4
Howell	7	4	7	0
Sadler	9	0	23	0
Ellison	6	2	11	0
Brooks	4	0	7	0
Carr	27.5	17	40	6
DURHAM.—2nd Innings.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Wilson	6	3	14	1
Dennis	3	1	11	0
L. N. Jones	3	1	12	2

T. D. OLVER IN DURHAM TEAM.

H. Brooks, captain of the Durham County C.C., is unable to play against Lancashire II. at South Shields to-day and to-morrow, owing to having injured his back in the match with Cheshire yesterday. In his absence H. C. Ferens leads the side. The vacant place will be filled by T. D. Olver, of Stockton, who batted in such stylish fashion against Northumberland II. at Ashington.

DURHAM v. LANCASHIRE II.

Home County's Substantial Lead.

In the match at South Shields, yesterday, between Durham and Lancashire II., the home eleven had gained a substantial advantage over their opponents when the day's play ended. Lancashire II., who batted first, were all disposed of for 139 runs, and in response Durham had compiled 183 for the loss of four wickets when stumps were drawn.

Howell's Wickets.

Paynter and Houseman were the first batsmen for Lancashire, facing the bowling of Howell and Cook. In his third over Howell bowled Paynter when he had made only a single. The South Shields professional next bowled and caught Houseman when the latter had made eight, and the third wicket also fell to one of his deliveries, F. R. Smith being clean bowled by him for 22, and the three wickets producing only 36 runs.

The best partnership of the innings was that of Rushton and Holroyd, who carried the score from 102 to 139.

Of the Durham bowlers Howell was the most successful, his record being five wickets for 59 runs.

Productive Partnership.

When Durham went in to bat at 3.15 runs came very slowly for some time. H. C. Ferens and Askew opened, and the former was caught by Tipping off Rushton when he had scored 8 out of 10 runs in a quarter of an hour. Ten minutes later Askew was caught by Holroyd off Preston, with only four added, and then M. Nichol and H. Gibbon started a productive partnership, and carried the score to 88, when Gibbon, who had made 37, including one 6 and four 4's, was bowled by Preston.

Nichol, who was joined by C. T. Adamson, scored freely, and his was by far the best batting display of the day. He was at the wickets for nearly two and a half hours for 85, which included four 4's and three 3's. Both he and Gibbon had narrow escapes from being caught, the former at 57 and the latter at 20.

Their contributions, together with that of Adamson (33 not out), gave Durham the commanding lead they possessed at the close of play. Scores:—

LANCASHIRE II.—1st Innings.	
Paynter, b Howell	1
Houseman, c and b Howell	8
F. R. Smith, b Howell	22
F. D. Beattie, c and b Carr	8
P. Higson, c Sadler, b Howell	20
Chadwick, b Sadler	8
Horridge, b Carr	17
Preston, b Howell	2
Rushton, c Sadler, b Ellison	26
Holroyd, b Cook	17
Tipping, not out	0
Extras, 10; total	139
DURHAM.—1st Innings.	
H. C. Ferens, c Tipping, b Rushton	8
J. G. Askew, c Holroyd, b Preston	3
M. Nichol, c Chadwick	85
H. Gibbon, c Preston	37
C. T. Adamson, not out	33
T. D. Oliver, not out	5
Extras, 9; total (for four wickets)	183
Carr, Sadler, Cook, Howell, and S. Ellison to bat.	

BOWLING ANALYSIS.			
LANCASHIRE.—1st Innings.			
O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell	23	7	59
Cook	14	4	25
Carr	15	7	25
Sadler	3	1	5
Ellison	5	1	15

Durham Only Gain First Innings Points.

RAIN SPOILS PLAY.

The match between Durham and Lancashire II. concluded at South Shields yesterday evening in a drawn game, Durham taking three points for the first innings lead.

When play finished on Wednesday Lancashire II. had made 139 in their first innings, and Durham had responded with 183 for the loss of four wickets.

The not outs, Adamson (33) and Oliver (5) continued their partnership, but after half an hour's play a heavy and prolonged shower necessitated a suspension of the game.

THREE HOURS LOST.

Just before this, Adamson, who had carried his score to 45, was bowled by Rushton, and Oliver had been joined by Carr. Owing to the rain, play could not be resumed until 2.30—three hours later.

Carr hit out vigorously, but was caught after 35 minutes' batting, his score of 44 including seven 4's.

Oliver continued to bat in steady fashion, and was undefeated, with 58 to his credit, when the innings was declared closed. During the innings Preston, who had been bowling well, injured his knee, and had to retire.

With 181 to get to save an innings defeat, Lancashire opened their second venture with Houseman and F. R. Smith. The batsmen played carefully, and at 6.45 five wickets had fallen for 127, stumps then being pulled up and the game left drawn. Scores:—

LANCASHIRE II.—1st Innings, 139.			
DURHAM.—1st Innings.			
H. C. Ferens, c Tipping, b Rushton	8		
J. G. Askew, c Holroyd, b Preston	3		
M. Nichol, c Chadwick	85		
H. Gibbon, b Preston	37		
C. T. Adamson, b Rushton	45		
T. D. Oliver, not out	58		
Carr, c Paynter, b Rushton	44		
Sadler, c Tipping, b Smith	13		
Cook, st Tipping, b Holroyd	15		
Extras, 12; total (for 8 wickets)	320		
Innings declared closed.			
Howell and S. Ellison did not bat.			
LANCASHIRE II.—2nd Innings.			
Houseman, c Sadler, b Cook	15		
F. R. Smith, c Adamson, b Howell	10		
Paynter, b w, b Cook	12		
Horridge, not out	45		
P. Higson, c and b Ellison	10		
F. D. Beattie, c Ferens, b Howell	9		
Chadwick, not out	17		
Extras, 9; total (for 6 wickets)	137		
MATCH DRAWN.			
BOWLING ANALYSIS.			
LANCASHIRE.—1st Innings.			
O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell	23	7	59
Cook	14	4	25
Carr	15	7	25
Sadler	3	1	5
Ellison	5	1	15
DURHAM.—1st Innings.			
O.	M.	R.	W.
Preston	27	6	52
Rushton	37	8	102
Holroyd	14	1	37
Chadwick	15	3	54
Horridge	7	0	31
Higson	2	0	6
Smith	5	0	24
LANCASHIRE.—2nd Innings.			
O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell	22	6	58
Cook	17	0	27
Ellison	7	3	0
Sadler	3	3	0
Carr	9	3	13
Gibbon	3	0	4

Century Batsman at Darlington.

DURHAM v. YORKSHIRE II.

Although the first County game which has been played at Darlington for several years, there was only a small crowd of spectators at Feethams, yesterday, for the first day's play in the Minor Counties' game between Durham and Yorkshire II.

Delightful, sunny weather prevailed, but a boisterous wind blew across the pitch. It was a perfect wicket from the batsmen's point of view, and the Yorkshire captain, Major Chichester-Constable, winning the toss, put in his side to bat.

A Fine Partnership.

The most interesting and fruitful partnership of the innings was that between Shackleton, of Keighley, and Fisher, of East Leeds. They carried the score from 129 to 210 for Fisher to be run out as Shackleton got his 100th run. Shackleton was given l.b.w. at 106, which he compiled in three hours and a quarter. A stylish batsman with a variety of strokes, Shackleton was never in difficulty. His total included eight 4's.

Fisher knocked up his half century in an hour and five minutes, and in his total of 55 were seven 4's.

Yorkshire's innings extended over four hours and forty-five minutes for a total of 272.

DURHAM'S RESPONSE.

Durham batted for forty minutes for a total of 56, when stumps were drawn. H. N. Moon (Darlington) and Gibbon (Eppleton) opened the innings to the bowling of Douglas and Hall. Moon was missed in the slips at 10, when he retired with a slightly injured shoulder. It is expected that he will resume his innings this morning. Scores:—

YORKSHIRE II.—1st Innings.

Whitehead, c Cook, b Sadler	25
Bedford, b Sadler	21
Turner, b Cook	2
Shackleton, l.b.w. b Dobson	106
J. Speak, c Nichol, b Cook	20
Spicer, c Ferens, b Dobson	5
Fisher, run out	55
Major R. Chichester-Constable, b Sadler	2
McReynolds, not out	6
Hall, b Sadler	0
Douglas, b Howell	13

Extras, 17; total—272

FALL OF THE WICKETS.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
27	38	62	100	129	240	240	258	256	272

Bowling: Howell, 1-54; Cook, 2-58; Sadler, 4-65; Ellison, 0-17; Gibbon, 0-10; Dobson, 2-34; Brooks, 0-17.

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

H. N. Moon, retired hurt	10
H. Gibbon, not out	20
M. Nichol, not out	18
Extras, 8; total (for no wicket)	56

C. L. Adamson, T. K. Dobson, H. Brooks, H. C. Ferens, Sadler, Howell, Cook, and Ellison to bat.

DURHAM DRAW AGAIN.

Huge Score Against Yorkshiremen.

The Durham v. Yorkshire II. match at Feethams, Darlington, yesterday, was left drawn, the home county taking first innings points for the third match in succession. At the close Yorkshire II. were five runs on with seven wickets in hand.

Durham put up a really splendid display when they resumed their innings yesterday morning. Their overnight score was 56, and by the lunch interval they had passed the Yorkshire total of 272 for the loss of only three wickets. Durham declared with a total of 452 for seven wickets, this being one of the biggest aggregates in the County's history. It also represented a score which Yorkshire II. have not had put up against them for at least ten years.

Moon and Dobson.

Two players, H. N. Moon (Darlington) and T. K. Dobson (Whitburn) topped the century. In their partnership, which was the feature of the innings, Moon and Dobson added 160 runs in 80 minutes.

The partnership was broken when Moon was caught by Douglas at slip. His total of 142 included no fewer than 23 4's and he reached 100 in 105 minutes. Altogether Moon was at the wickets 155 minutes and did not give a real chance, although he edged one or two near to hand at slip. Dobson then went on to reach 102 in 95 minutes before being caught at square leg, fifth out, with the total at 350. He hit 12 4's.

Bowlers Subdued.

Other notable scores were those of H. Gibbon (Eppleton), who knocked off 54 in 85 minutes, with nine 4's to his credit; and Sadler (the Durham professional), who was just three short of his half-century when clean bowled by Bedford. Durham batted for four hours and a quarter.

In their second innings Yorkshire compiled a total of 185 for the loss of three wickets. They batted for just short of two hours and three-quarters. Scores:—

YORKSHIRE II.—1st Innings.

Whitehead, c Cook, b Sadler	25
Bedford, b Sadler	21
Turner, b Cook	2
Shackleton, l.b.w. b Dobson	106
J. Speak, c Nichol, b Cook	20
Spicer, c Ferens, b Dobson	5
Fisher, run out	55
Major R. Chichester-Constable, b Sadler	2
McReynolds, not out	6
Hall, b Sadler	0
Douglas, b Howell	13

Extras, 17; total—272

FALL OF THE WICKETS.

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DURHAM.—1st Innings.

H. N. Moon, c Douglas, b Turner	142
H. Gibbons, b Fisher	54
M. Nichol, b Hall	27
C. L. Adamson, c Shackleton, b Fisher	2
T. K. Dobson, c Turner, b Hall	102
H. C. Ferens, b Bedford	14
Sadler, b Bedford	47
H. Brooks, not out	22
Cook, not out	14

Extras, 10; total (for seven wickets)—452

Innings declared closed. Howell and Ellison did not bat.

Bowling: Hall, 2-114; Douglas, 0-53; Shackleton, 0-49; Fisher, 2-132; Turner, 1-40; Bedford, 2-36.

FALL OF THE WICKETS.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
67	145	105	325	350	382	423

YORKSHIRE.—2nd Innings.

Whitehead, b Gibbon	47
Bedford, b Brooks	66
Turner, not out	39
Shackleton, run out	19
Extras, 14; total (for three wickets)	185

Bowling: Howell, 0-47; Cook, 0-5; Sadler, 0-15; Gibbon, 1-32; Brooks, 1-22; Dobson, 0-12; Ellison, 0-38.

FALL OF THE WICKETS.

1	2	3
80	145	185

MATCH DRAWN.

First Class Players at Chester-le-Street.

The Durham team to play against Mr H. D. G. Leveson-Gower's XI. at Chester-le-Street, to-day and to-morrow, is identical with that which opposed Yorkshire II. at Darlington, Carr still being on the injured list.

Hobbs, who has not played since the Test trial match, when he strained a leg muscle, is certain to play, according to the Durham County authorities, while we understand there is also a possibility of D. R. Jardine, the famous Surrey and England trial batsman, playing. With Hobbs, Hendren, Sandham, Ducat, Shepherd, Nigel Haig and D. R. Jardine in the side there should be a batting feast for the spectators. Teams:

H. D. G. LEVESON-GOWER'S XI. (from): H. D. G. Leveson-Gower (capt.), D. R. Jardine (Surrey), C. D. McIver, T. Arnott (Glamorgan), N. Haig (Middlesex), Hobbs, Shepherd, Peach, Ducat, Sandham (Surrey), Hendren and Birston (Middlesex).

DURHAM: H. Brooks (capt.), H. C. Ferens, G. L. Adamson, M. Nichol, H. Gibbon, T. K. Dobson, H. N. Moon, Howell, Sadler, Cook, and Ellison. Play commences at 12 to-day.

Northumberland Team Changes.

LLOYD BAXTER'S RETURN.

In addition to W. D. Wade (North Durham), whose inability to get away for the Northumberland v. Yorkshire II. match was exclusively announced in Monday's *Journal* and *North Star*, H. C. Leo (Tynemouth) and George Milne (Ashington) have had to cry off for the Minor Counties' Championship match to be played at the County Ground, Jesmond, to-day and to-morrow. It was hoped that G. D. Milne (Benwell), nephew of the famous left arm slow bowler, would make his County debut, but he is at present on holiday, and the vacancies will be filled by C. H. Saunders (Benwell Hill), Lloyd Baxter (Burnmoor) and J. D. Ord (Backworth).

Only on results is it possible to see if the team has been weakened by these changes. It is a pity that Wade is not available, on account of his strong defensive batting, while Leo's absence is regrettable because he is such a useful all-rounder. It is very rare indeed that George Milne does not play at Jesmond in a County game, and it will be interesting to see how Northumberland fare without him.

All Three Bowlers.

Really, on paper, the side is not particularly weakened, for all three newcomers are bowlers, while Baxter and Ord are recognized batsmen. Baxter, it will be recalled, when a Benwell Hill amateur, was awarded his County cap after batting so well in his debutant match, against Durham, at Chester-le-Street. In the following season he turned professional, and has done quite well with Burnmoor as an all-rounder. The experience he has gained in Durham Senior League cricket as a right-arm medium-paced bowler should stand him in good stead to-day and to-morrow.

Ord is a left-hander of promise, and Saunders a young right arm fast bowler and useful bat. Both will be making their first appearance for Northumberland in a Minor Counties' match.

The Northumberland side includes no fewer than six recognized bowlers. Teams:—

NORTHUMBERLAND: I. C. Maconachie (capt.), H. B. Pritchard (County), J. K. Craig (Backworth), J. B. Bruce (Armstrong-Whitworth), W. G. Mackay (Backworth), C. H. Saunders (Benwell Hill), J. D. Ord (Backworth), G. C. Taylor (Ashington), J. L. Allan (Tynedale), Hedderley (Tynedale), Baxter (Burnmoor).

YORKSHIRE II.: Major R. Chichester-Constable (capt.), J. Speak, Whitehead, Bedford, Turner, Shackleton, Spicer, Fisher, McReynolds, Hall and Douglas.

Play commences at 11.30 this morning and at 11.0 to-morrow.

DURHAM'S GOOD WORK.

Test Team Batsmen at Chester-le-Street.

MOON'S SECOND CENTURY.

The beautifully situated ground at Chester-le-Street was well lined with spectators yesterday when the Durham County team entertained H. D. G. Leveson-Gower's XI.

Unfortunately, Hobbs was unable to play, but the team was well-balanced with half a dozen first-class batsmen and a strong quota of bowlers.

Brooks won the toss, and sent in Moon and Gibbon to open against the Middlesex bowlers, N. Haig and Durston.

Quick Scoring.

Runs came quickly at the start, the half-century being signalled after 25 minutes' play. Twelve runs later Gibbon was taken in the slips for a useful and ornamental contribution of 34.

Moon's share of the total included some resolute shots, but he was inclined to edge the ball, and he scored three boundaries without knowing much about them.

He and Nichol, however, put on runs at a steady pace, and when the latter was taken at the wicket, T. K. Dobson helped the Darlington amateur to hold the fort until lunch, when the score stood at 126 for two. Moon's share of this was 58, made from bowling which was remarkably steady without being brilliant.

A Fine Feat.

A quiet spell followed the interval, and then Moon set about the bowling more resolutely. He collected boundaries impartially from all the bowlers. Two beautifully-timed shots to the ropes brought him to his second century in two days. With the score at 185, however, he was caught at the wicket off Peach.

Brooks and Ferens played steadily, and the score mounted slowly mostly by means of couples and singles. When Gregory came on with his slowness, the Durham captain showed a disposition to have a go. Before he could see more of this bowler, however, he fell into a short leg trap set by Durston.

Sadler followed in. From the start he went for Gregory's slowness, but after collecting a couple of 4's and a single, he mis-timed one which begged to be hit, and was caught at cover.

Carr joined Ferens, who had been quietly putting on runs, chiefly by means of square cuts.

After nibbling at rising balls from Durston, Carr put one taming into the hands of Ducat in the slips.

A quiet period followed, and then Cook helped himself resolutely to a couple of 4's off successive balls from Gregory. Ferens was out in the next over, and soon after the end came with the score at 251.

Durston's was the best of the bowling averages, his four wickets having cost 48 runs.

Sandham and Daily were the opening pair in the visitors' innings against Howell and Cook.

Sandham's Effort.

The Surrey star commenced confidently, paying particular attention to anything in the way of loose balls. With the score at 17 Daily was well bowled by Howell. Ducat followed in—and out—Ferens taking a lightning snick off Howell.

Hendren joined Sandham when the total stood at 19, and the pair proceeded to find some work for the field. The Surrey man's shots on the leg side were beautifully timed.

Sadler displaced Howell and Carr took over from Cook. Carr steadied the pace of run-getting, but the total was carried from 19 to 90 before Sandham was brilliantly caught at mid-on by T. K. Dobson, who took the ball high-up with his right hand.

The outgoing batsman's 56 included nine 4's. He was missed at 47 by Dobson, but his was a very sound contribution.

With one run added, Nigel Haig's wickets were wrecked by Carr. Then Shepherd helped Hendren to take the score along to 135 when the former was well caught at the wicket.

Hendren's innings came to an end a few minutes after his 50 had been signalled. It lacked enterprise, but it was a valuable aid to his side.

When stumps were drawn the visitors were 88 runs behind with three wickets in hand. Scores:

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

H. N. Moon, c Melver, b Peach	100
H. Gibbon, c Shepherd, b Peach	54
T. K. Dobson, c Melver, b Peach	15
M. Nichol, c Melver, b Shepherd	17
C. L. Adamson, c Hendren, b Peach	4
H. Brooks, c Daily, b Durston	15
H. C. Ferens, c Hendren, b Durston	20
Sadler, c Shepherd, b Gregory	9
Carr, c Ducat, b Durston	1
Cook, b Durston	16
Howell, not out	0
Extras, 8; total	251

MR. H. D. G. LEVESON-GOWER'S XI.—1st Innings.

Sandham, c Dobson, b Sadler	50
Daily, b Howell	6
Ducat, c Ferens, b Howell	2
Hendren, at Ferens, b Brooks	52
N. Haig, b Carr	1
Shepherd, c Ferens, b Brooks	23
Gregory, lbw, b Howell	2
Peach, not out	13
H. D. G. Leveson-Gower, not out	3
Extras, 7; total (for 7 wickets)	163

C. D. MELVER AND DURSTON TO BAT.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
N. Haig	9	1	40	0
Durston	15.5	1	49	4
Shepherd	13	3	35	1
Peach	20	3	67	4
Gregory	14	2	53	1

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DURHAM RECOVER.

Splendid Innings by H. C. Ferens.

DRAWN MATCH AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.

Durham County acquitted themselves very well in forcing a draw against the powerful team of first-class cricketers brought North by that excellent sportsman, Mr H. D. G. Leveson-Gower.

At the close of the two-days' play at Chester-le-Street last evening, the visitors required 53 runs to win, and had five wickets in hand.

Durham, who had scored 251 in their first innings, declared with 216 for eight wickets, leaving the visitors to get 181 runs to win.

When play restarted yesterday morning, the not-out batsmen, Leveson-Gower and Peach, went for the bowling from the opening over. Peach was especially aggressive, and in a short period he added 30 hard-hit runs before being caught.

Amateurs Force the Pace.

C. D. Melver joined his captain, and the pair had quite a cheerful time at the expense of the Durham team. Eventually the innings closed for 283, Leveson-Gower's share being 49 and Melver's 44. This put the home team 31 runs in arrears.

Moon and Gibbon again opened for Durham to the bowling of Peach and Nigel Haig. Gibbon seemed confident, and Moon, with a couple of centuries in successive days behind him and a clear-cut light in front took full toll of the only loose ball sent down in the first few overs. One late cut was a delight to see, and the captain of the visiting side joined in the applause which greeted the shot.

After scoring a dozen, Gibbon late cut a rising ball into the outstretched right hand of Peach. In the next over Moon, having survived a confident appeal for l.b.w., went across to the next ball from Peach and paid the penalty.

Further disaster came when Dobson was well bowled by Peach, and two runs later Nichol was caught at the wicket off Haig.

Bowlers on Top.

Sadler wiped off the arrears with a square cut, but little could be done with the bowling. Haig, having sent down eight overs for 12 runs for two wickets, gave way to Shepherd.

Hitting out at Peach, Sadler skied a ball to Durston at cover.

Adamson livened matters up with a fine off-drive to the ropes and followed with a well-timed hook. Trouble came immediately afterwards when, attempting a three from a leg-gance, the Durham amateur was run out.

Brooks and Ferens stayed the rot, and runs came steadily until Brooks set out on a risky journey, in which Ferens declined to join, and the Durham captain was run out.

Carr, who followed in, had a quiet time at the other end of the pitch whilst Ferens was scoring fairly briskly. Then he decided to take a hand himself, and did so so thoroughly that in one over from Shepherd he collected a six and three 4's.

50 in 15 Minutes.

Fifty runs were added in 15 minutes and, later, when Gregory displaced the well-punished Shepherd, the Chester professional smashed one ball to the top of the boundary boards, and the next one over into the garden.

A few minutes later, after having displaced the spectators and shaken the boards a few times, he hit one to the boundary, where Hendry brought off a one-handed catch.

It had been an exhilarating 20 minutes and Carr deserved the ovation he received on returning. His 47 included two glorious 6's and five 4's.

By this time an apparently hopeless position—38 runs for five wickets—had been splendidly retrieved, largely owing to the steadiness of Ferens at a critical period.

The latter saw the 200 signalled and a minute later the City man reached his 50.

The innings was declared at 4.35 with the score at 216 for eight. Ferens was not out 55 and Howell 23.

The visitors had an hour and three-quarters in which to get the 180 runs required. From the start they never seemed likely to secure them, so keen was the bowling and fielding.

Hendren Hits Out.

Sandham was finely bowled by Cook, Ducat snapped at the wicket, and Nigel Haig sent back in fairly quick time. Hendren, however, presented quite another problem.

At the beginning of the innings he played with the same restraint he had shown on Wednesday, but as the time wore on and there seemed little prospect of the match being finished, he hit out resolutely, and at the close of the match was 60 not out. Scores:—

DURHAM.—1st Innings, 251.

MR. H. D. G. LEVESON-GOWER'S XI.—1st Innings.

Sandham, c Dobson, b Sadler	50
Daily, b Howell	6
Ducat, c Ferens, b Howell	2
Hendren, at Ferens, b Brooks	52
N. Haig, b Carr	1
Shepherd, c Ferens, b Brooks	23
Gregory, lbw, b Howell	2
Peach, c Brooks, b Howell	30
H. D. G. Leveson-Gower, c Brooks, b Carr	49
C. D. Melver, c Ferens, b Sadler	44
Durston, not out	0
Extras, 15; total	282

DURHAM.—2nd Innings.

H. N. Moon, lbw, b Peach	10
H. Gibbon, c Peach, b Haig	12
M. Nichol, c Melver, b Haig	0
T. K. Dobson, b Peach	1
C. L. Adamson, run out	1
Sadler, c Durston, b Peach	2
H. Brooks, run out	31
H. C. Ferens, not out	55
Carr, c Hendren, b Gregory	47
Howell, not out	23
Extras, 18; total (for 8 wickets)	216

Innings declared closed.

MR. H. D. G. LEVESON-GOWER'S XI.—2nd Innings.

Sandham, b Cook	14
Daily, c Cook, b Howell	10
Ducat, c Ferens, b Peach	12
Hendren, not out	60
N. Haig, c Dobson, b Howell	4
Shepherd, c and b Sadler	12
Gregory, not out	0
Extras, 14; total (for 5 wickets)	126

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

LEVESON-GOWER'S XI.—1st Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell	20	2	84	4
Cook	14	3	35	0
Carr	21	4	59	2
Brooks	9	2	30	2
Sadler	12.1	0	33	2
Dobson	5	0	13	0
Gibbon	3	0	13	0

DURHAM.—2nd Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Haig	10	4	17	2
Peach	18	3	55	3
Durston	10	2	42	0
Shepherd	12	2	58	0
Gregory	0	1	26	1

LEVESON-GOWER'S XI.—2nd Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell	12	5	28	3
Cook	12	3	30	1
Sadler	6	0	17	1
Carr	6	0	31	1

TEST MATCH PLAYERS AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.

DURHAM'S GOOD START.

Hobbs an Absentee.

Glorious weather favoured the opening of the two-days match between Durham County and H. D. G. Leveson-Gower's XI at Chester-le-Street on Wednesday, the ground being well-lined with spectators. Unfortunately Jack Hobbs, was unable to put in an appearance, but nevertheless the team included five Test match players.

Durham had first chance on a perfect wicket, and ran up the respectable total of 251 in three hours and five minutes, to which the visitors replied with 163 for 7 in two hours and ten minutes, so that at the close of the day's play the latter were in arrears of 88 with three wickets outstanding.

To have dismissed the greater part of so strong a batting side for such a score on what appeared to be a batsman's paradise, was an extremely creditable achievement on the part of the Dunelmians.

Runs came quickly at the start, the half-century being signalled after 26 minutes' play. Twelve runs later Gibbon was taken in the slips for a useful and ornamental contribution of 34.

Moon's share of the total included some resolute shots, but he was inclined to edge the ball, and he scored three boundaries without knowing much about them.

He and Nichol, however, put on runs at a steady pace, and when the latter was taken at the wicket, T. K. Dobson helped the Darlington amateur to hold the fort until lunch, when the score stood at 126 for two. Moon's share of this was 56, made from bowling which was remarkably steady without being brilliant.

A quiet spell followed the interval, and then Moon set about the bowling more resolutely. He collected boundaries impartially from all the bowlers. Two beautifully-timed shots to the ropes brought him to his second century in two days. With the score at 185, however, he was caught at the wicket off Peach.

Brooks and Ferens played steadily, and the score mounted slowly, mostly by means of couples and singles. When Gregory came on with his slows, the Durham captain showed a disposition to have a go. Before he could see more of this bowler, however, he fell into a short leg trap set by Durston.

Sadler followed in. From the start he went for Gregory's slows, but after collecting a couple of 4's and a single, he mis-timed one which begged to be hit, and was caught at cover.

Carr joined Ferens, who had been quietly putting on runs, chiefly by means square cuts. After nibbling at 15 six balls from Durston, Carr put one tamely into the hands of Ducat in the slips.

A quiet period followed, and then Cook helped himself to a couple of fours off successive balls from Gregory. Ferens was out in the next over, and soon after the end came with the score at 251.

Durston's was the best of the bowling averages, his four wickets having cost 46 runs.

Visitors at the Crease.

Durham met with two early successes when the visitors went in to bat, Daily being bowled by Howell at 17, and Ducat smartly taken behind the wicket off the same bowler two runs later. Then, however, followed the most profitable partnership of the innings so far—that of Sandham and Hendren—which put on 71 runs. Hendren had a lucky escape when he had scored six. When attempting a short run he was sent back by Sandham, but stumbled halfway down the pitch on endeavouring to regain his crease, and it was fortunate for him that Cook failed to pick up the ball.

Sandham was missed by Dobson at mid-on when 47, but the Whitburn player made amends shortly afterwards by brilliantly catching him in the same position. The Surrey player hit nine fours in a delightful exhibition.

Thursday's Game.

The match was resumed in glorious weather on Thursday when the visitors were 88 in arrears with three wickets in hand. The overnight not outs, Leveson-Gower and Peach, continued their innings to the bowling of Howell and Cook. Peach sent Howell three times to the boundary off consecutive balls. He mis-timed the last delivery of the same over, however, and spoiled the ball to Brooks at backward point. He had hit six fours in his innings and when he left there were 187 runs on the board.

Leveson-Gower earned a round of applause for a neat glance to leg off Howell, but should have been out in Cook's next over, Carr dropping a catch at fine leg. A snick by the visiting captain, from Cook, sent up the 200 when the innings had been in progress two hours and 38 minutes.

The ninth wicket partnership offered a stubborn resistance and realised 91 runs. During the course of it a double bowling change was made. Sadler and Carr taking charge of the attack. The score continued to mount, however, Leveson-Gower getting both bowlers to the boundary twice in successive overs. With 240 runs on the board Brooks relieved Sadler, but still the partnership remained intact and when it had produced 57 runs, Durham's total was exceeded. Eventually Brooks took a one-handed catch to dismiss Leveson-Gower, who had batted gallantly for 49 and had been concerned in the most profitable partnership of the innings.

In the next over Ferens smartly took a catch behind the wicket, and this ended the innings.

Durham opened their second innings 31 in arrears with Gibbon and Moon facing the bowling of Nigel Haig. The Eppleton player got a straight drive for four off Peach and he just failed to clear the rails with a big hit from one of Haig's deliveries. He was dismissed as the result of touching a ball from Haig, Peach making a neat one-handed catch in the slips. Immediately afterwards Moon was out l.b.w. to Peach after surviving a confident appeal for a catch at the wicket from the preceding ball. Further disaster befell the Dunelmians when Dobson was clean bowled by Peach with but 24 runs on the board. This was in striking contrast to the confident manner in which Durham had opened their first innings, yet the wicket still

looked full of runs. Durham's next reverse was when Nichol was snapped behind the wicket off Haig's bowling with the addition of but four runs.

The innings had been in progress three-quarters of an hour, before the arrears were wiped off and at this stage Shepherd took the ball from Haig, who had sent down eight overs for twelve runs and two wickets.

Sadler was the next to be dismissed, the Durham City professional skying a ball to Durston at coverpoint.

Adamson hit a couple of good fours from Peach, but sacrificed his wicket in attempting a third run when he appeared comfortably set. It was a good return by Haig, but under the circumstances the third run should never have been attempted. Even so Adamson would have got home but for hesitancy at the end of the second run.

Ferens and Brooks steadily took the score to 97, when a most unfortunate misunderstanding led to the dismissal of Brooks, Ferens not responding to a call for a quick single. Brooks had batted very well for 31. A late cut by Ferens for four caused the century to be hoisted when the innings had been in progress 95 minutes. The rate of scoring increased with Ferens in association with Carr, the last-named having a very lively over from Shepherd which produced 18 runs. He drove him out of the field for a six and followed with three fours off successive deliveries.

About this time the 150 was sent up, the last 50 having been obtained in a quarter of an hour. Carr continued to bat with great vigour, sending an off drive to the rails, off Durston's bowling, and then lifted Gregory over the sight board for another six. His innings came to a close with a brilliant one-handed running catch by Hendren just in front of the screen. He was only at the crease for 25 minutes and had two sixes and five fours as his chief scoring strokes.

Durham.—1st innings.

H. Gibbon, c Shepherd, b Peach ...	34
H. N. Moon, c McIver, b Peach ...	100
T. K. Dobson, c McIver, b Peach ...	15
M. Nichol, c McIver, b Shepherd ...	17
C. L. Adamson, b Hendren, b Peach ...	4
H. Brooks, c Daily, b Durston ...	15
H. C. Ferens, c Hendren, b Durston ...	26
Sadler, c Shepherd, b Gregory ...	9
Carr, c Ducat, b Durston ...	1
Cook, b Durston ...	10
Howell, not out ...	6

Extras 8; total ... 251

Bowling: Haig, 0 for 40; Durston, 4 for 48; Shepherd, 1 for 35; Peach, 4 for 67; Gregory, 1 for 53.

H. D. G. Leveson-Gower's XI.—

1st innings.

Sandham, c Dobson, b Sadler ...	56
Daily, b Howell ...	5
Ducat, c Ferens, b Howell ...	2
Hendren, st Ferens, b Brooks ...	52
N. Haig, b Carr ...	1
Shepherd, c Ferens, b Brooks ...	22
Gregory, lbw, b Howell ...	2
Peach, c Brooks, b Howell ...	30
H. D. G. Leveson-Gower, c Brooks, b Carr ...	49
C. D. McIver, c Ferens, b Sadler ...	44
Durston, not out ...	4

Extras 15; total ... 282

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell	20	2	84	4
Cook	14	3	35	0
Carr	21	4	59	2
Sadler	12.1	0	33	2
H. Brooks	9	2	30	2
T. K. Dobson	5	0	13	0
H. Gibbon	3	0	13	0

Byes 6, leg byes 3.

Durham.—2nd innings.

H. N. Moon, lbw, b Peach ...	10
H. Gibbon, c Peach, b Haig...	12
T. K. Dobson, b Peach...	1
M. Nichol, c McIver, b Haig...	0
Sadler, c Durston, b Peach ...	2
C. L. Adamson, run out ...	17
H. Brooks, run out ...	31
Carr, c Hendren, b Gregory...	47
H. C. Ferens, not out...	55
Howell, not out ...	23

Extras 18; total (8 wkts) ... 216

Innings declared closed.

Cook did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
N. Haig	10	4	17	2
Peach	18	3	55	3
Durston	10	2	42	0
Shepherd	12	2	58	0
Gregory	6	1	26	1

16 byes, 1 leg bye, 1 no-ball.

H. D. G.^s Leveson-Gower's XI.—

2nd innings.

A. Sandham, b Cook ...	14
C. Daily, c Cook, b Howell...	10
A. Ducat, c Ferens, b Howell ...	12
E. Hendren, not out ...	60
N. Haig, c Dobson, b Howell ...	4
T. F. Shepherd, c and b Sadler ...	12
R. G. Gregory, not out...	0

Extras 14; total (5 wkts) ... 126

Game drawn.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell	12	5	28	3
Cook	12	3	36	1
Sadler	6	0	17	0
Carr	6	0	31	0

YORKSHIRE WINNERS IN ALL BUT FACT.

Amazing Finish to Ashbrooke Game.

A remarkable result—probably unique in the annals of modern cricket—provided an exciting finale for 3,000 spectators at Ashbrooke, Sunderland, last night, when Durham were credited with a draw, though Yorkshire were winners in all but actual fact.

The aggregate of two Durham innings, 411, exactly equalled that of Yorkshire's first innings declared total.

Now Yorkshire in order that their players could get away to their homes last night had agreed to draw stumps at 6.30, or 6.15 if there was no prospect of a definite result. What happened was that Durham's innings extended to 6.23, and Yorkshire with only seven minutes remaining and a ten minutes interval being necessary between innings, had not time even to go in again and get the orphan run needed for victory!

Even with the extra half-hour it is possible that rain, which commenced to fall heavily after 6.30, might have prevented a resumption, and again, Jack Carr, last man to go, would no doubt have done anything but attempt to drive a ball from Rhodes—and be caught out as was actually the case—had he not been aware that Durham could not be beaten.

Durham's Record.

Yorkshire must be regarded as moral winners, of course, but Durham, in their records for this season, can still show the county unbeaten in seven first-class and Minor Championship games.

At four o'clock Wilfred Rhodes declared the Yorkshire innings at 411 with six wickets down, setting Durham the not too formidable task of securing 141 runs to avoid a single innings defeat.

Durham opened in disastrous fashion. Oliver was run out at 8 in most unfortunate manner, when trying for a third run with Moon; five runs later the last-named was caught high up at the wicket at 13, after having given a sharp chance to backward point in the previous over; and at 17 Gibbon, presumably saving himself from injury when a ball from Dennis got up awkwardly, skied it with a one-hand hold on the bat, for Holmes to make a catch at slip by merely stepping back.

Dennis and Wood.

The situation looked bad indeed for Durham, but Dobson and Adamson stopped the departures by adding 31 before the City man fell a victim to the combination of Dennis's fast bowling and the expert wicket-keeping of Wood.

However, Dobson was dismissed through the same agency with but one run added. Sandler had a merry ten minutes, during which he hit up 14, before skying a ball back to third slip, but seven wickets were down for 79, with an hour still to go, when Ferens provided Wood with his fourth catch at the wicket.

At this point Hubert Brooks joined Howell, and the eighth wicket pair fared so well that 46 came from their partnership in 39 minutes before the Durham skipper, who had four boundaries in his 23, returned a ball to Leyland.

The Last Minutes.

It was 6.12 when Carr joined Howell for the ninth wicket and Yorkshire had to get the last two batsmen out quickly if they were to win. Carr, who might have been run out before he scored, opened with a six to the leg boundary while Howell drove with power. The score had been advanced to 139 when Howell, in off driving Rhodes, was splendidly caught by Leyland who repeated the performance in dismissing the last man. Carr, two runs later, it was quite a thrilling wind-up to an interesting day's play.

Howell's First Dismissal.

Howell, out for the first time this season, batted well for 69 minutes while making 41 of the 90 runs scored in that time. He certainly demonstrated that his general position in the batting order is a false one and justified his promotion of last night brought about by the rearrangement of the Durham batting order. He had six 4's in his innings, and drove in fine style, particularly when facing Rhodes.

The feature of the Durham innings was not the batting of the home county men so much as the bowling of Dennis, who, in a spell of 90 minutes, took four wickets, all through back catches. Bowling faster last night than at any other time since he became a Yorkshire senior, Dennis generally was so consistent that the balls he sent down had to be played, and Wood took every advantage of the chances which came his way from snicks and back cuts.

All in Vain.

His most remarkable catch—from a sideways drive, at the end of which he finished upside down—was disallowed, and he seemed amazed, on "coming up for air," to find that the batsman (Adamson) was still at the wicket. Dennis, by the way, twice secured wickets with no balls, but in each case he had a hand in the subsequent dismissal of the batsmen concerned—Adamson and Sandler.

Earlier in the day Oldroyd had taken his overnight not out 47 to 116 in an hour and 50 minutes. Altogether he was at the wickets three hours and five minutes, and helped to increase Yorkshire's total by 234 runs. With Sutcliffe he made 80 in 50 minutes for the second wicket, and in the fourth partnership, with Mitchell, put on 117 in a hundred minutes. His best hits were 12 4's, all but two from leg shots. When 62 he chopped a Howell ball from the off stick and almost played on from Carr at 78; otherwise he made no mistake in scoring his third successive century, the other two having been against Notts and Essex.

Mitchell's Improvement.

Mitchell, much improved by association with first-class cricket, played a delightful innings of 78, made out of 154 in 135 minutes. He played forward to most of the balls and scored many runs with clean driving. He had a six from a pull and seven 4's, and did not give a chance to hand, though he had an uncomfortable Gibbon over before lunch and was almost run out when 60.

Barber scored with a variety of strokes, but, as may be expected from a youngster eager to win his spurs, was careful to excess at times. He had eight 4's in his 61—made out of 146 in 110 minutes—and helped Rhodes to add 91 in an unfinished seventh wicket partnership of 146 minutes' duration. Rhodes, who had 20 singles in his 40, simply played the ball, chiefly on the leg side. With the exception of Robinson, the Yorkshiremen all kept the ball down, and furnished an object-lesson in the art of quick-running between wickets and clever placing to mind-wicket and on the square leg side. Scores:—

DURHAM.—1st Innings.			
H. C. Ferens, b Macaulay	5		
H. N. Moon, b Robinson	14		
H. Gibbon, c Holmes, b Rhodes	108		
T. K. Dobson, hit wicket, b Rhodes	69		
T. D. Oliver, b Rhodes	0		
C. L. Adamson, b Macaulay	38		
H. Brooks, b Dennis	0		
Sandler, b Macaulay	41		
Carr, b Macaulay	0		
Howell, not out	19		
Cook, b Leyland	3		
Extras: 9; total—300			
FALL OF WICKETS.			
1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
9	10		
8	52	162	192
193	261	291	300
YORKSHIRE.—1st Innings.			
Sutcliffe, b Cook	61		
Holmes, run out	28		
Oldroyd, c and b Carr	116		
Leyland, c and b Howell	23		
Mitchell, lbw, b Brooks	78		
Barber, not out	61		
Robinson, c Moon, b Brooks	12		

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Rhodes, not out ... 40
Extras, 19; total (for 6 wickets)—441
Innings declared closed.

Macaulay, Wood and Dennis did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
91	141	178	295	352	350				

DURHAM.—2nd Innings.
H. N. Moon, c Wood, b Macaulay ... 11
T. D. Oliver, run out ... 2
H. Gibbon, c Holmes, b Dennis ... 3
T. K. Dobson, c Wood, b Dennis ... 16
C. L. Adamson, c Wood, b Dennis ... 15
Sandler, c Dennis, b Macaulay ... 14
Howell, c Leyland, b Rhodes ... 41
H. C. Ferens, c Wood, b Dennis ... 1
H. Brooks, c and b Leyland ... 23
Carr, c Leyland, b Rhodes ... 8
Cook, not out ... 1
Extras, 6; total—141

FALL OF WICKETS.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
8 13 17 48 49 65 79 125 139 141

MATCH DRAWN.
BOWLING ANALYSIS.
DURHAM.—1st Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Robinson	14	1	63	1
Macaulay	29	1	84	4
Dennis	13	0	55	1
Rhodes	16	3	63	3
Leyland	9	1	25	1
5 leg byes, Dennis 3 no balls, Macaulay 1 no ball.				

YORKSHIRE.—1st Innings.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell	24	3	88	1
Cook	31	5	89	1
Carr	39	5	77	1
Sandler	13	2	67	0
Brooks	13	0	55	2
Dobson	19	4	47	0
Gibbon	3	0	8	0
11 byes, 8 leg byes.				

DURHAM.—2nd Innings.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Dennis	16	2	48	4
Macaulay	12	2	32	2
Rhodes	8	4	38	2
Leyland	5	1	17	1
3 byes, Dennis 3 no balls.				

ASHBROOKE "GATE" RECEIPTS.

Three thousand people attended the second day's play in the Durham v. Yorkshire match at Ashbrooke, Sunderland, yesterday, the total number of spectators for the game being over 10,000. The receipts amounted to £417.

DURHAM DO WELL.

Gibbon's Century Against Yorkshire.

Visiting Sunderland for the first time since 1891 Yorkshire's Senior side received an enthusiastic welcome from 7,000 spectators at Ashbrooke, yesterday, where Durham, one of the strongest of the Minor Counties, were faced by the best team which the Tykes have placed in the field this season. The supporters of the home side had therefore all the more cause to feel well satisfied with Durham's batting display, though Yorkshire's response rather altered the situation, comparatively speaking.

On a batsman's wicket Durham made 300 in 220 minutes and Yorkshire, for the loss of Sutcliffe and Holmes, scored 159 in 130 minutes, leaving off 141 behind with eight wickets to fall.

Four Players.

Four players were almost wholly responsible for Durham's big total against a first-class attack, and Harry Gibbon had the distinction of making his first century for Durham. Tom Dobson, who has twice topped the hundred mark for the county this season, shared with Gibbon in a splendid third wicket partnership, and a City pair, Charles Adamson and Sadler, were together in a lively seventh wicket stand. These two partnerships produced 201 in the aggregate, while those for the second, fourth, and ninth wickets collectively, increased the total by 81 runs.

The opening Durham pair did not inspire confidence, and Macaulay soon claimed the wicket of Ferens. Moon staved until 32 runs had been scored, and then was beaten by a break back from Robinson, which he made no attempt to play other than with his pads.

Costly Misses.

Then came the turning point in the innings. Gibbon, who had opened with a leg boundary off Robinson, and then hit a ball from Macaulay just off his stumps, was dropped by the wicket-keeper off the fifth ball in Robinson's third over. He gained in confidence after this life, and with Dobson began to score fairly freely. The partnership, however, should have been dissolved when the Whitburn man was 16, for Holmes, at slip, dropped a snick from the fast bowling of Dennis, who had made Dobson creak the previous ball up dangerously near to short leg.

Having each been let off, the third wicket pair drove and hit to leg with so much power that they sent up the 100 in eighty minutes, and were together at lunch. Both attacked the bowling after the interval, Gibbon showing a distinct partiality for Rhodes's bowling.

Dobson Out.

Not until the third wicket partnership had realized 130 in 97 minutes was a reprieve—at 162—brought about. Dobson then hitting his wicket in playing back to Rhodes. Dobson, who reached 52 out of 97 in 80 minutes and was out after increasing his score by eight, had eight 4's, two 3's, and three 2's in his score, and drove splendidly to the off besides cutting thrice to the boundary.

The fourth wicket stand of 20 minutes was a peculiar one, for Gibbon scored all of the 30 runs which it produced, Oliver getting very little of the bowling which his partner cleverly manoeuvred during a successful endeavour to reach his hundred. Gibbon achieved his ambition after bating two hours and ten minutes, and needless to say he got a great ovation.

Greater Scoring Power.

Gibbon pulled Rhodes for six, and then, in trying to off-drive the left-hander for another, was well caught near the boundary by Holmes off the next ball. Gibbon made his 108 runs out of 184 in two hours and 15 minutes and showed much greater scoring power than hitherto. He attacked Rhodes in first-class style, while he also drove Robinson splendidly. Apart from the chance mentioned Gibbon made no serious mistake, though in the 60's he lofted a ball near to hand and survived an appeal for l.b.w. His chief hits were a six and fifteen 4's, made chiefly in front of the wicket, with crisp off-drives and cuts.

With his departure came a decided reaction, Oliver making no attempt to play an in-swing from Rhodes and Brooks playing inside a fast offside ball from Dennis. Sadler then joined Adamson and introduced forcing methods straightaway; and with so much success that 71 came from the seventh wicket pair in 35 minutes to put Durham on top again.

Sadler's Scoring

There seemed every prospect of Sadler being the third Durham player to pass 50—and incidentally, beat his best county score—when he had made 41 in a little over half-an-hour; but he played across a ball from Macaulay and had his wickets disturbed. Sadler had only 18 scoring strokes and they included eight 4's, four of them in a row. He started by placing to leg for two, and had another leg shot or so before becoming partial to the drive from fast bowling. His innings was the brightest in the day's play and his understanding with Adamson quite a feature.

Macaulay took Carr's wicket with the second ball following that which had bented Sadler, but Adamson and Howell put on 27 for the ninth wicket in 20 minutes, before the amateur fell in attempting to drive Macaulay. At the wickets for an hour, Adamson made his 38 runs out of 99 in a quiet way, although he hooked twice to the boundary, had another four from a leg shot and a couple with late cuts. Howell, who has yet to be dismissed this season in a County game, had a couple of 4's in his 19.

Rhodes changed his five bowlers with some frequency, but all were scored from freely, though Macaulay generally looked more likely to get wickets than the others. It seemed as if Redford would have been useful as the second slow bowler.

Sedate Sutcliffe.

Sutcliffe and Holmes, batting in sedate fashion and placing the ball cleverly, put on 50 in under 40 minutes when Yorkshire opened their innings after tea, and there seemed little prospect of a separation until Holmes threw his wicket away after placing a ball to mid-on. The score was then 61 and Holmes had made 28 of the runs in 55 minutes, with quick off shots for singles and four 4's from leg hits.

Sutcliffe went on at a leisurely pace, and, in company with Oldroyd, reached 50 out of 112 in 90 minutes. He should have been stumped a run later, however, but eventually played on from Cook after his stay of an hour and three-quarters had produced 64 out of 141. Sutcliffe's shots were invariably well placed and along the bottom. He actually had 37 singles, and but four 4's, and did not get a boundary while advancing his score from 12 to 54—a tribute to the Durham bowling and fielding.

Oldroyd, very strong on the leg side, had made 47 when stumps were drawn, and so far has hit seven 4's. He will resume the Yorkshire innings with Leyland at 11.30 this morning.

Carr and Cook were both difficult to score from, the first-named conceding only 19 in 10 overs at one stage. Scores:

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

H. O. Ferens, b Macaulay	5
H. N. Moon, b Robinson	34
H. Gibbon, c Holmes, b Rhodes	108
T. K. Dobson, hit wicket, b Rhodes	52
T. D. Oliver, b Rhodes	0
C. L. Adamson, b Macaulay	38
H. Brooks, b Dennis	0
Sadler, b Macaulay	44
Carr, b Macaulay	0
Howell, not out	19
Lock, b Leyland	3
Extras	0
Total	300

FALL OF WICKETS.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8	32	162	192	192	193	251	261	291	300

YORKSHIRE.—1st Innings.

Sutcliffe, b Cook	54
Holmes, run out	28
Oldroyd, not out	47
Leyland, not out	13
Extras	7
Total (for two wickets)	149

Mitchell, Barber, Robinson, Rhodes, Macaulay, Wood and Dennis to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS.

1	2
61	141

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Robinson	11	1	63	1
Macaulay	26	1	84	4
Dennis	13	0	55	1
Rhodes	16	3	63	3
Leyland	9	2	26	1

5 leg bays, Dennis 3 no balls, Macaulay 1 no ball.

Pictures on Pages 5 and 12.

Northumbrians for Tour.

FOUR TEAM CHANGES.

The Northumberland team to go on tour next week, when Lancashire are to be met at Old Trafford on July 30 and 31, and Cheshire at Chester on August 1 and 2, was completed yesterday, and shows four changes from that which defeated Yorkshire II at Jesmond the other week.

Jan Maconachie is unable to travel on account of business, C. H. Saunders is retained as fast bowler, while C. F. Stanger-Leathes returns to skipper the side. H. C. Lee and W. W. Wade are also available again and displace Lloyd Baxter and G. C. Taylor, while George Milne likewise resumes after an absence from one game. J. D. Ord is the player to stand down in this case. Team:

C. F. Stanger-Leathes (Capt.), H. B. Pritchard (County), W. G. McKay (Backworth), J. B. Bruce (Armstrong, Whitworth), J. K. Craig (Backworth), H. C. Lee (Tynemouth), W. D. Wade (North Durham), J. L. Allan (Tynedale), C. H. Saunders (Benwell Hill), Hetherington (Tynedale), and Milne (Ashington).

It is expected that Maconachie will be available for the August Bank Holiday match with Durham.

Northumberland II. Win Handsomely.

CENTURY BY RIDLEY RHIND.

Northumberland II. gained a handsome win over the Alnwick and District League team at Lynemouth, near Ashington, yesterday. They declared at 317 for seven and then dismissed the League for 54. Alnwick and District had another hour's knock and lost three wickets for 83.

Features of the Northumberland innings were the batting of Ridley Rhind, W. H. Fenwick, and J. D. Ord. The first named had a fine net out century, including a six and 15 4's. His shots through the covers were particularly good. Fenwick's defence was very sound and Ord scored in good style, while Gibbin and Atkinson proved excellent partners for Rhind.

Against the bowling of Ord, R. Fenwick and Atkinson, the Alnwick League batsmen fared badly, in strong contrast to the form some of them displayed at Jesmond in the earlier fixture. Lock gave two useful displays, however, and Snowball made 20 of the first innings total of 54. Scores:

NORTHUMBERLAND II.

J. McKinnell, c Lock, b Redpath	11
W. H. Fenwick, b Brown	103
Joseph H. Davison, b Brown	0
J. Mutch, b Carse	14
J. D. Ord, c Snowball, b Brown	38
C. B. Gillespie, c J. Atkinson	17
R. B. Rhind, not out	108
E. Gibbin, c Redpath, c Tully	28
T. A. Atkinson, not out	34
Extras	32
Total (for 7 wickets)	317

Innings declared closed. R. Fenwick and A. L. D. Skinner did not bat. Bowling: Brown, 9-49; Redpath, 1-54; Carse, 1-50; Tully, 1-53; Green, 0-28; Simpson, 0-12; J. Atkinson, 1-46.

ALNICK AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

J. P. Brown, b T. A. Atkinson	1
H. Lock, b R. Fenwick	12
E. Tully, b J. D. Ord	12
H. S. Green, run out	4
E. Carse, c Rhind, b R. Fenwick	0
J. Taylor, c Skinner, b Ord	6
O. Redpath, b R. Fenwick	1
R. S. Snowball, c Ord, b T. A. Atkinson	20
J. Simpson, c Rhind, b Ord	2
J. Atkinson, not out	1
W. Meakin, c Rhind, b Ord	0
Extras	6
Total	54

Bowling: T. A. Atkinson, 2-12; Ord, 4-16; Rhind, 0-12; R. Fenwick, 3-7.

ALNICK AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.—2nd Innings.

J. P. Brown, c Atkinson, b Mutch, 91; H. S. Green, b Skinner, 57; H. Lock, not out, 48; E. Tully, b W. H. Fenwick, 0; extras, 3; total (for 3 wickets), 83.

Bowling: Mutch, 1-11; R. Fenwick, 0-6; Gillespie, 0-28; Skinner, 1-15; Davison, 0-18; W. H. Fenwick, 1-2.

£237 "GATE."

The "gate" receipts at Sunderland yesterday amounted to £247 11s 3d, and a collection for Percy Holmes, who takes his benefit shortly, realized £35 10s.

DURHAM IN A STRONG POSITION.

Howell's First County 50.

Durham, after a moderate start, went on to score 270 against Yorkshire II. at York yesterday in three hours and three-quarters, and at the close of play, which was prolonged until seven o'clock, they had seven of the Yorkshire side out for 138. They may thus be in a position to enforce the follow-on this morning.

Fine Recovery.

Durham won the toss, and, batting first, did not make a very good start, Oliver, Askew, Gibbon, and Dobson all being out for 87. Adamson and Howell, promoted in the batting order, made a splendid stand. Hall and Bedford kept them on the defensive for a long time, but Howell went on to reach his first 50 for the county. He was first out after the partnership had realized 113. Howell hit one 6 and three 4's, and batted 85 minutes.

Five were out for 200. Sadler and Brooks fell with five added, but Carr and Adamson added 38. Carr hit a 6 and three 4's. Then Cook helped Adamson to put on 34, when Adamson hit a 5 (4 overthrow) and six 4's in a stay of two hours and twenty minutes. Both he and Howell played fine cricket.

Dobson: Two for None.

Howell and Cook started the bowling for Durham, and Cook got the first wicket at 11. When the score was 29, Dobson replaced Howell, and got two wickets for no runs. Turner found useful partners in Speak and Fisher, and 92 were added for the next two wickets. Scores:—

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

J. G. Askew, c C. Constable, b Hall	21
T. D. Oliver, c Speak, b Hall	20
H. Gibbon, b Fisher	11
T. K. Dobson, c Whitehead, b Hall	21
C. L. Adamson, c Fisher, b Hall	76
Howell, lbw, b Whitehead	59
Sadler, c Goulder, b Fisher	1
H. Brooks, b Fisher	1
Carr, b Bedford	24
Cook, c Speak, b Bedford	18
G. W. Howgate, not out	0
Extras, 30; total	270

YORKSHIRE II.—1st Innings.

Bedford, c Cook, b Dobson	14
Whitehead, lbw, b Cook	8
Turner, lbw, b Howell	43
Shackleton, lbw, b Dobson	0
J. Speak, b Carr	20
Fisher, lbw, b Brooks	32
W. Harbord, not out	5
Boyes, b Sadler	1
Extras, 15; total (for seven wickets)	138
Major R. C. Chichester, Constable, Hall, and Goulder to bat.	

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

DURHAM.—1st Innings.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hall	23	4	56	4
Fisher	21	4	62	3
Bedford	27.3	8	66	2
Goulder	6	1	23	0
Harbord	5	0	24	0
Whitehead	4	1	19	1

DURHAM'S FINE WIN.

Cook Bowls Well at Critical Time.

At York yesterday, Durham, after making a very sporting declaration, beat Yorkshire II. by 26 runs, with 15 minutes to spare.

Despite Durham's keen bowling and fielding, Yorkshire saved the follow-on, their three outstanding wickets adding 54 runs.

Durham, with a lead of 87, started well, Oliver and Askew putting on 47 in 45 minutes, their running between the wickets being very smart. Askew got the same score as in the first innings, and Oliver, who gave a sound display, was third out at 68.

Sadler was out three runs later; Carr, fifth out at 93, again hit merrily, having four boundaries in his 18.

Durham Declare.

Howell and Dobson batted well, and later their free scoring enabled Brooks to declare with the total at 144 for five. This left Yorkshire II. to get 232 to win; and including the tea interval, and adding the extra half-hour on, they had three hours and ten minutes actual batting time.

They lost their first three wickets for 50. Then Turner and Speak, by sparkling cricket, took the score to 123 before Turner was out. Speak, next to go at 140, hit one 6 and 11 4's. He was missed by Adamson and Oliver.

Five for Cook.

With 200 on the board and eight wickets down it was getting too close to be comfortable for Durham, but Cook quickly got the last two wickets, to give him five in the innings at a cost of 43 runs—one of his best performances for the county. Scores:—

DURHAM.—1st Innings, 270.

YORKSHIRE II.—1st Innings.

Bedford, c Cook, b Dobson	14
Whitehead, lbw, b Cook	8
Turner, lbw, b Howell	43
Shackleton, lbw, b Dobson	0
J. Speak, b Carr	20
Fisher, lbw, b Brooks	32
W. Harbord, not out	5
Boyes, b Sadler	1
Major R. C. Chichester, Constable, c Sadler, b Carr	10
Hall, run out	0
Goulder, b Cook	7
Extras, 17; total	192

DURHAM.—2nd Innings.

T. D. Oliver, b Fisher	20
J. G. Askew, c Speak, b Fisher	21
H. Gibbon, b Bedford	7
T. K. Dobson, not out	88
Sadler, b Bedford	2
Carr, b Bedford	18
Howell, not out	17
Extras, 12; total (for five wickets)	144
Innings declared closed.	

YORKSHIRE II.—2nd Innings.

Bedford, st Howgate, b Howell	0
Whitehead, b Cook	23
Turner, c Brooks, b Sadler	29
Shackleton, c Brooks, b Dobson	13
J. Speak, c Gibbon, b Cook	74
Fisher, lbw, b Dobson	5
W. E. Harbord, not out	14
Boyes, b Cook	17
Major R. C. Chichester, Constable, c Cook, b Howell	15
Hall, b Cook	1
Goulder, b Cook	1
Extras, 6; total	205

DURHAM won by 26 runs.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

YORKSHIRE II.—1st Innings.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell	10	8	33	1
Cook	13.4	4	31	2
Dobson	11	4	10	2
Carr	17	5	43	2
Sadler	10	5	45	1
Brooks	5	2	7	1

DURHAM.—2nd Innings.

DURHAM.—2nd Innings.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hall	7	2	26	0
Fisher	17	2	47	2
Bedford	13	0	59	3

YORKSHIRE.—2nd Innings.

YORKSHIRE.—2nd Innings.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell	14	1	41	2
Cook	21.1	6	43	5
Dobson	10	2	51	2
Sadler	5	0	33	1
Carr	1	0	9	0
Brooks	4	0	22	0

NORTH-EAST COUNTIES' RECORDS.

As a result of yesterday's Minor County Championship matches the north-east teams' records are as follows:—

	1st Inns.	Points.	P.	W.	L.	Pos.	Obt.	P'gts.
Durham	5	2	0	3	0	25	19	76.00
Northumberland	5	2	2	1	0	25	13	52.00

DURHAM ON WAY TO VICTORY.

Dobson's Great Bowling at Blackpool.

MOON AND NICHOL IN BATTING FORM.

(From Our Own Representative.)

BLACKPOOL, Monday.

Durham, meeting Lancashire II. in a most important Minor Counties championship match here to-day, fared exceedingly well, and given ordinary luck should win to-morrow. They scored 193, dismissed Lancashire II. for 72, made the home side follow on, and then got rid of three batsmen for 29, so that the Lancastrians still want 92 to avert defeat by an innings and have only seven wickets in hand.

The batting of Moon, Nichol, and Adamson, and great bowling by Dobson gave Durham their pronounced advantage over a very strong side.

Moon's Fine Opening.

Heavy rain late last night and early this morning rendered the wicket on the soft side. Hubert Brooks fortunately won the toss, and naturally elected to bat. Cecil Ferens, slightly indisposed, stood down from the Durham side, and Moon, the Darlington batsman, filled the vacancy.

Moon opened the innings with Gibbon, and started by hitting Rushton for two 4's in his first over, later driving him for a fine six. Gibbon fell at 26.

Nichol then proved an admirable partner for Moon. This pair took the score to 84, when Moon was caught from his first poor stroke. He was only batting 50 minutes, and hit one 6 and seven 4's in his capital innings of 55.

Best Partnership.

Nichol and Dobson added 26, and then Adamson and Nichol joined in the best partnership, putting on 68 for the fourth wicket. They both played fine cricket, especially considering that the wicket had now become very difficult.

Nichol, who was 90 minutes in reaching 50, was next out, at 178. Batting altogether two hours and ten minutes he hit ten 4's in his polished display.

A startling collapse now set in. Horridge and Booth, taking full advantage of the state of the wicket, took the last six wickets for 15 runs, Horridge having four for three. Altogether 16 runs were hit off him.

Adamson, last out, batted skilfully for 90 minutes, and the innings lasted three hours and a quarter.

Two for None.

Lancashire II. started disastrously, two wickets being down for none, 3 for 9, and 5 for 19. Taylor was the only batsman to play the bowling with any confidence.

Dobson went on for Sadler at 9, and bowled with such effect that he secured seven out of the last nine wickets at a cost of 34 runs. Cook took the bowling at the other end, and the pair only had 21 runs scored off them. Taylor hit four 4's and batted 90 minutes, and the innings lasted an hour and three-quarters, realizing but 72 runs.

Lancashire II., 121 behind, followed on, and again started badly. Cook claiming the wickets of Halliday and Faynter with only 10 runs on the board. Scores:—

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

H. N. Moon, c Preston, b Holroyd ...	55
H. Gibbon, lbw, b Booth ...	26
M. Nichol, c Holroyd, b Booth ...	84
T. R. Dobson, b Holroyd ...	11
C. L. Adamson, b Horridge ...	34
Howell, c Taylor, b Horridge ...	1
Sadler, c Preston, b Booth ...	7
H. Brooks, c Farrimond, b Horridge ...	2
Carr, c Taylor, b Booth ...	0
Cook, b Horridge ...	0
G. W. W. Howgate, not out ...	0

Extras, 9; total—193

LANCASHIRE II.—1st Innings.

P. D. Beattie, c Adamson, b Sadler ...	0
Halliday, c Howgate, b Dobson ...	4
Faynter, run out ...	0
Taylor, lbw, b Dobson ...	41
Booth, st Howgate, b Dobson ...	1
P. Henson, c Moon, b Dobson ...	0
Horridge, lbw, b Dobson ...	6
Farrimond, lbw, b Carr ...	1
Rushton, not out ...	6
Preston, b Dobson ...	0
Holroyd, c Adamson, b Dobson ...	0

Extras, 12; total—72

LANCASHIRE II.—2nd Innings.

Halliday, c Howgate, b Cook ...	3
Taylor, not out ...	6
Faynter, b Cook ...	1
Booth, c Sadler, b Dobson ...	7
P. D. Beattie, not out ...	0

Extras, 10, total (for 3 wickets)—20

DURHAM BEATEN BY ONE RUN.

Sensational Second Innings.

LANCASHIRE ON WAY TO CHAMPIONSHIP "DOUBLE."

(From Our Own Representative.)

BLACKPOOL, Tuesday.

Durham's chances of finishing at the top of the Minor Counties' Championship table were destroyed at Blackpool this evening when Lancashire II. won a thrilling game by one run.

Following as it does upon their sensational success over Staffordshire this triumph places the Lancastrians well in the running for the title and enhances the prospects of a Red Rose "double"—first class and minor championships in one season.

Heroic Adamson.

The wicket having turned easy, quite contrary to expectations, Lancashire II, thanks entirely to a fine sixth wicket stand, recovered well in their second innings. But they only set Durham to get 111 runs for victory. The Durham innings opened at 3.25; 62 runs were on for four, and 63 for six. Then Adamson, who had played an heroic innings—he had also batted well at a critical time in the first innings—helped Brooks to carry the score to 92.

A Great Finish.

Thus 19 runs were needed with three wickets still to fall. Carr was out at 105, caught at extra cover; Adamson was taken at mid-off with the total unaltered; and the last pair, Cook and Howgate, came together. Each hit a two, and then—at 109—Preston made a one-handed catch in the slips to dispose of Howgate and finish off a great game.

Rushton had five wickets in the innings at 6.5 runs apiece after failing to take a wicket on Monday, while Horridge's match record was six for 36 and Booth's five for 61.

Half Team Out for 36.

There had been some rain overnight, but the weather was fine this morning when Howell and Cook opened out against the not outs, Beattie and Taylor. Howell got both these batsmen's wickets with only seven runs added, and with five wickets down for 36 the position looked splendid for Durham.

Then, however, came a great stand by Horridge and Farrimond to completely change the outlook. This pair actually put on 114 in two hours, Gibbon, in his first over, effecting a separation by getting Horridge lbw. There were two 6's (off Brooks in one over) and six 4's in Horridge's innings of 63.

As Usual.

Farrimond, the wicket-keeper, who invariably does well against Durham, remained to complete a capital 70, over which he occupied two hours and fifty minutes and hit seven 4's. The last four wickets put on 81, and the innings lasted four hours and a quarter.

The Durham bowling was good, but they had several confident appeals turned down. At the same time it seemed as if Gibbon should have been brought on earlier than was actually the case and kept on longer. Dobson could not repeat his bowling success of the first innings, yet had eight for 89 in the match. Both Cook and Howell (not tried in the first innings) did well, and Gibbon had a wicket for nothing in 18 balls. Scores:

DURHAM.—1st Innings, 193.

LANCASHIRE II.—1st Innings, 72.

LANCASHIRE II.—2nd Innings.

Halliday, c Howgate, b Cook ...	3
Taylor, b Howell ...	6
Faynter, b Cook ...	1
Booth, c Sadler, b Dobson ...	7
P. D. Beattie, c Howgate, b Howell ...	0
Horridge, lbw, b Gibbon ...	63
Farrimond, b Cook ...	70
Rushton, b Howell ...	91
P. Henson, lbw, b Sadler ...	17
Preston, b Howgate, b Cook ...	4
Holroyd, not out ...	6

Extras, 84; total—231

DURHAM.—2nd Innings.

H. N. Moon, c Horridge, b Holroyd ...	5
H. Gibbon, c Taylor, b Horridge ...	20
M. Nichol, lbw, b Horridge ...	12
C. L. Adamson, c Halliday, b Rushton ...	27
T. K. Dobson, b Booth ...	10
Howell, b Rushton ...	1
Sadler, b Rushton ...	0
H. Brooks, c Rushton, b Holroyd ...	17
Carr, c Paynter, b Rushton ...	11
Cook, not out ...	2
G. W. W. Howgate, c Preston, b Rushton ...	2

Extras, 2; total—109

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

LANCASHIRE II.—2nd Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Dobson ...	24	9	33	1
Cook ...	31	11	51	4
Howell ...	20	4	49	3
Carr ...	12	4	16	0
Brooks ...	1	0	13	0
Sadler ...	5.1	0	13	1
Gibbon ...	3	8	0	1

DURHAM.—2nd Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Preston ...	4	0	11	0
Rushton ...	15	2	29	5
Horridge ...	12	1	20	2
Holroyd ...	10	4	38	2
Booth ...	6	2	5	1

DURHAM'S AMAZING MATCH.

Thirty Wickets Fall for 250 Runs.

(From Our Own Representative.)
WALLASEY, Wednesday.
 The cricket at Wallasey to-day was of an extraordinary character, no fewer than 30 wickets falling for an aggregate of 250 runs and Durham being twice dismissed for 180.

Tonight play finished with Cheshire requiring 115 runs for victory with all their wickets in hand.

The wicket was soft owing to the heavy rain overnight, and Hubert Brooks, on winning the toss, decided to bat first. Ferens replaced Moon in the side which lost to Lancashire yesterday, and he and Gibbons were out for five.

Carr Hits Out.

With Wilson Jones bowling well, Durham had a bad time. Eight men were out for 43 when Carr came in to hit 24 in 19 minutes, including five 4's. Adamson batted 45 minutes for his nine runs, and the innings lasted only 85 minutes. It was Durham's lowest score, and the first time they had been dismissed for less than 100.

Cheshire fared no better when they went in, Hodgson, fourth out at 32 claiming 21 of these. Eight men were out for 40. Then McIntyre and Crooke added 21. Cook got the last two wickets, thus sharing the ten with Dobson. The pair bowled exceedingly well.

A Fine Start.

Durham, with a lead of 10, started off well in their second innings, Gibbon and Ferens scoring 42 for the first wicket. Four batsmen, however, were out for 91. Then some excellent bowling by Tiplady and Hodgson got the six remaining wickets for the addition of only 21, the last four only adding four runs.

Cheshire, requiring 129 to win, had 25 minutes batting, and scored 14 without loss. Play was continued until 7.15, as a start was not made until 12.15 owing to the Durham team's late arrival from Blackpool yesterday morning. Scores:

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

H. C. Ferens, c Crook, b L. N. Jones...	4
H. Gibbon, b L. N. Jones...	0
M. Nichol, c H. W. Hodgson, b Wilson...	10
T. K. Dobson, c W. E. Jones, b Wilson...	1
G. L. Adamson, c W. E. Jones, 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
G. W. W. Howgate, not out...	0
Extras, 8; total—	77

CHESHIRE.—1st Innings.

D. Boumpfrey, lbw, b Dobson...	5
H. W. Hodgson, b Cook...	21
T. W. Jefferson, b Dobson...	1
L. N. Jones, c Sadler, b Cook...	3
W. E. Jones, b Cook...	1
K. H. McIntyre, b Dobson...	2
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—	41

DURHAM.—2nd Innings.

H. C. Ferens, lbw, b Dutton...	21
H. Gibbon, b Dutton...	20
M. Nichol, b Tiplady...	10
G. L. Adamson, b Hodgson...	23
T. K. Dobson, b Tiplady...	8
Howell, b Hodgson...	3
Sadler, c W. E. Jones, b Hodgson...	13
Carr, b Tiplady...	0
H. Brooks, lbw, b Hodgson...	0
Cook, lbw, b Tiplady...	2
G. W. W. Howgate, not out...	0
Extras, 15; total—	119

CHESHIRE.—2nd Innings.

W. E. Jones, not out...	9
A. R. Crooke, not out...	7
Extras, 4; total (for no wicket)—	14

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

Wilson	O.	M.	R.	W.
Wilson	15	0	21	5
L. N. Jones	14.5	6	48	3

CHESHIRE.—1st Innings.

Dobson	15	5	28	5
Cook	10	7	34	5

DURHAM.—2nd Innings.

Wilson	0	2	11	0
L. N. Jones	3	0	14	0
Tiplady	16	8	16	4
Dutton	3	1	25	3
Dennis	6	4	3	0
W. E. Jones	1	1	16	0
Hodgson	4.4	0	13	4

DURHAM WIN BY 55 RUNS.

Carr's Fine Bowling.

Durham gained their third Minor Counties' Championship win of the season when they beat Cheshire by 55 runs at Wallasey yesterday. The match was remarkable for low scores and 40 wickets were lost for an aggregate of 252 runs coming from the bat, or an average of 6.40 runs for each player in an innings!

Naturally the bowling figures were extremely good, yet Durham's prospects of gaining such a (relatively) handsome victory were anything but rosy at one stage. Cheshire, requiring 129 to win, overnight had scored 14 without loss and yesterday morning they had 49 on for three wickets. But Carr, who came on at 40, got two wickets in his first three overs, another three in two overs after an interval of three overs, and finished off the match by bowling A. R. Crooke. The latter was first in and last out after batting two hours and 11 minutes.

There were only three boundaries hit in the whole of the Cheshire innings, Crooke, Boumpfrey and Hodgson making them.

Cook's Remarkable Figures.

Cook had remarkable bowling figures. He bowled five overs for two singles on Wednesday night, had only two runs scored off his first ten overs yesterday morning, and but six from his first 18. He finished up with one wicket for 11 in 20 overs, 13 of which were maidens. In the match 20 of the 36 overs which he bowled were maidens.

W. E. Jones, who was conspicuous for his defence at North Durham's ground earlier in the season, was at the wickets 55 minutes for 9. Scores:—

DURHAM.—1st Innings, 77; 2nd Innings, 112.
 CHESHIRE.—1st Innings, 41.

CHESHIRE.—2nd Innings.

W. E. Jones, b Cook...	9
A. R. Crooke, b Carr...	21
D. Boumpfrey, c Ferens, b Dobson...	5
H. W. Hodgson, lbw, b Dobson...	13
L. N. Jones, b Carr...	1
C. W. Tiplady, lbw, b Carr...	3
R. M. Dutton, c Howgate, b Dobson...	0
K. H. McIntyre, b Carr...	4
T. W. Jefferson, b Carr...	0
Wilson, b Carr...	0
Dennis, not out...	4
Extras, 14; total—	73

DURHAM won by 55 runs.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

CHESHIRE.—2nd Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Cook	20	13	11	1
Carr	12.3	3	22	6
Dobson	20	8	18	3
Sadler	4	3	6	0
Howell	2	0	3	0

Durham County Averages for All Matches.

1st Innings.
 P. W. L. W. L.
 11 3 1 5 2
 Minor Counties' Percentage: 67.50.

BATTING.

	Inns.	n.o.	score.	runs.	Avg.
H. N. Moon	7	0	142	337	48.14
M. Nichol	14	2	91*	464	38.60
T. K. Dobson	16	1	100	403	36.21
T. D. Oliver	6	1	61	170	34.00
Howell	13	7	66	200	33.33
H. Gibbon	18	0	108	464	25.77
C. L. Adamson	15	1	76	345	24.08
Carr	18	1	47	231	15.40
H. C. Ferens	13	1	55*	184	15.33
Sadler	16	0	47	241	15.06
H. Brooks	10	1	38	183	12.20
J. G. Askew	8	0	21	93	11.62
Cook	14	4	13	98	6.8
G. W. W. Howgate	5	4	3	3.0	

Also batted: S. Ellison, 0; W. H. R. Alderson, 0.
 * Not out.

BOWLING.

	Runs.	Wkts.	Avg.
T. K. Dobson	369	24	15.37
Carr	430	27	15.92
Cook	698	36	16.94
Sadler	491	26	18.88
Howell	802	40	20.05
H. Brooks	207	9	23.00

Also bowled: H. Gibbon, 2.07; S. Ellison, 2.90.