

MINOR COUNTIES CRICKET.

CESHIRE BEAT LANCS. II.

WIN BY THREE WICKETS.

Cheshire scored a magnificent triumph at Werneth on Thursday, when they defeated Lancashire II. last year's Minor Counties champions, by three wickets. At the end of the first day, Lancashire led by 24 runs on the first innings; they were all out in the second innings for 155 and Cheshire hit the necessary run with three wickets in hand.

At the end of the first day Lancashire II. led Cheshire on the first innings by 24 runs. Thanks to the brilliant bowling of Dennis, the Oxton professional, Lancashire were all out for 155. Cheshire replied with 161. In all, 22 wickets fell for 370 runs.

Lancashire, who lost their first six wickets for 85 but completed a total of 185 in 3 hours 10 minutes, owed their recovery principally to Bennett, a ground staff professional, who hit a century; 53 not out in an hour and 50 minutes. He and E. Ho. scored 46 for the eighth wicket, but the only other partnership of note was 44 by H. R. W. Butterworth, who acted as deputy captain, and Nutter.

Dennis, the Oxton professional, bowled excellently for Cheshire on a hard wicket, which, however, is liable to crumble. He captured seven wickets for 72 runs, the first three for 22 runs in seven overs, and the last three in five overs for 21 runs.

The Cheshire batsmen fared no better, their innings being completed in 2 hours 35 minutes for 161 or 24 less than the Lancashire aggregate. Dutton and Dennis, the latter of whom hit 44 runs for 120 6's, scored 49 for the fifth wicket, and Garrett and Bartley got 47 for the last partnership. Garrett, who scored 32 without being defeated, played a most confident innings. Bennett proved himself a 42-run by capturing six wickets for 53 runs. Going in a second time, Lancashire in the last half-hour, lost two wickets for 24 runs.

WEDNESDAY'S FURTHER SHOCKS.

When play was resumed on Wednesday the champions' sadly depleted side was advantageously placed with a lead of 48 runs and eight wickets in hand, but only Hawkwood and Windle were successful against the bowling of Broadhurst and Dennis, and in 1 hour 50 minutes the eight outstanding wickets fell for 131 runs, Cheshire thus being set 180 runs to get to win. These were hit off in 2 hours ten minutes for seven wickets.

The key to Cheshire's success was furnished by a first wicket partnership between McEntyre and Worthington, producing 55 runs and an excellent innings by Worthington, who scored 55 out of 129 before being third out after an hour and a half at the wicket. He hit two 6's and seven 4's. A much more decisive victory seemed possible at one period when Cheshire had scored 153 for four wickets, but three wickets fell to Butterworth for 7 runs in 10 minutes. Gilbody had a bright innings, being missed at 3 and 8 in a freely hit 43. Lancashire's fielding was not at its best and their bowling, too, did not realise expectations on a wicket which crumbled.

Numerous calls of the senior eleven sadly depleted their strength. None of their bowlers yesterday, with the exception of a late effort by Butterworth, was able to take advantage of the circumstances as Broadhurst and Dennis, of Cheshire, did earlier in the day. Broadhurst, assisted by the new l.b.w. rule, captured half of Lancashire's second innings wickets for 45 runs. Bowes, the 17-years-old former Stretford Grammar School boy, playing in his first match, did not meet with any success.

LANCASHIRE II.

First Innings.

Hawkwood c Bartley b Dennis	1
J. K. Mills b Dennis	13
Placo lbw b Gilbody	20
Greenhalgh b Dennis	2
H. R. W. Butterworth c Dennis b Broadhurst	17
Nutter b Bartley	27
Bennet not out	58
Windle b Dennis	18
Elliott c McEntyre b Dennis	19
J. Brigg c Gilbody b Dennis	4
Bowes lbw b Dennis	0
Extras	6

Total 185

Second Innings.

Hawkwood c Dennis b Broadhurst	41
J. K. Mills c Lutter b Gilbody	5
Placo lbw (n) b Broadhurst	7
Greenhalgh c and b Broadhurst	19
H. R. Butterworth lbw b Dennis	5
Nutter c Worthington b Broadhurst	2
Bennett c Worthington b Dennis	10
Windle b Dennis	20
Elliott not out	6
J. Brigg lbw (n) b Broadhurst	19
Bowes b Dennis	1
Extras	10

Total 155

CESHIRE.

G. A. McEntyre lbw b Bennett	18
J. D. Worthington run out	8
R. D. Gilmore b Briggs	3
A. Gilbody lbw (n) b Bennett	13
Dennis c Windle b Bennett	23
R. H. Dutton st Elliott b Briggs	24
T. W. Jefferson c Nutter b Bennett	9
G. Garrett not out	32
G. Broadhurst b Bennett	0
R. P. L. Lutter lbw (n) b Bennett	2
Bartley c Briggs b Nutter	16
Extras	7

Total 161

Second Innings.

G. A. McEntyre at Elliott b Bennett	31
J. D. Worthington c Mills b Bennett	55
R. D. Gilmore at Elliott b Butterworth	19
A. Gilbody at Elliott b Butterworth	43
Dennis c Mills b Nutter	14
R. H. Dutton not out	2
T. W. Jefferson c Bowes b Butterworth	5
G. Garrett c and b Butterworth	6
G. Broadhurst not out	2
Extras	3

Total (for 7 wickets) 180

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.

Lancashire.—Bartley, 21o. 3m. 60r. 1w.; Dennis, 25. 4m. 72. 7w.; Gilbody, 4o. 2m. 8r. 1w.; Broadhurst, 12o. 3m. 24r. 1w.; Dutton, 1o. 0m. 15. 0w.

Cheshire.—Bowes, 5o. 0m. 10r. 0w.; Wingle, 3o. 4m. 22r. 1w.; Nutter, 6.5o. 1m. 14r. 1w.; Bennett, 10o. 3m. 53r. 6w.; Briggs, 12o. 3m. 35r. 5w.; Butterworth, 5o. 2m. 10r. 0w.

Second Innings.

Lancashire.—Bartley, 6o. 0m. 20r. 0w.; Dennis, 19. 4o. 4m. 59r. 4w.; Gilbody, 4o. 1m. 15r. 1w.; Broadhurst, 13o. 1m. 45r. 5w.; Dutton, 1o. 0m. 6r. 0w.

Cheshire.—Bowes, 2o. 0m. 12r. 0w.; Windle, 3o. 3m. 21r. 0.; Nutter, 15o. 3m. 30r. 1w.; Bennett, 8o. 0m. 56r. 2w.; Briggs, 2o. 0m. 6r. 0w.; Butterworth, 15o. 1m. 52r. 4w.

Note: (n) Indicates new l.b.w. rule.

THRILLING LAST OVER.

449 RUNS AT RAKE-LANE.

BOUGHTON HALL DECLARE AT 227 FOR 8
—THEN NEW BRIGHTON NEARLY WON!

Two Boughton Hall batsmen, W. E. Jones and K. S. B. Lucking, were in great form at Rake-lane on Saturday, when their side drew with New Brighton. W. E. Jones had thirteen 4's in his total of 78, while Lucking had eight 4's and two 6's in his merry knock of 60. Boughton Hall declared at 227 for eight wickets.

New Brighton made a great bid to pass this total, and almost succeeded. With five minutes to play, the home side needed 13 runs to win. In the last over they had the dual task of endeavouring to obtain nine runs for a victory or maintaining their wicket until time. The last wicket pair, however, chose the former, but despite a praiseworthy attempt they failed to surpass the visitors' total by six runs. For New Brighton, Canevali took four for 47, and Midgley two for 45, while for Boughton Hall, L. N. Jones secured six for 57, and W. E. Jones three for 71.

Boughton Hall opened promisingly, the first wicket producing 42 runs. The second, however, fell without any addition, while only two runs were registered for the third. Then the brothers Jones improved matters by adding a helpful 53 before L. N. Jones was dismissed. Lucking joined W. E. Jones, and a brilliant partnership resulted in 109 runs in a little over an hour. New Brighton faced the visitors' declared total of 227 for eight. They had 24 hours to bat, but the slow opening made a draw appear likely. But after the opening pair had obtained 40, the batting became more lively and the score began to increase quickly. Fisk was the outstanding batsman for New Brighton. He batted a little over two hours to obtain a fine 85, which included nine 4's and a six. He and Boucher made a creditable second-wicket stand which produced 99 runs. The following six wickets did not yield an appreciable number of runs, but New Brighton recovered somewhat with the ninth, which brought the total to 215.

BOUGHTON HALL.

G. A. Pratt b Canevali	30
F. Hack b Barber	25
L. N. Jones at Jenkins b Midgley	78
R. M. Dutton b Barber	7
W. E. Jones c Fisk b Canevali	78
K. S. B. Lucking b H. Wall b Canevali	60
T. R. Roberts c Canevali	3
H. Pratt c Fisk b Midgley	5
C. C. Dutton not out	4
Extras	5

Total (8 wks., inns. dec) ... 227
G. F. G. Rees and R. J. Stockton did not bat.
NDW BRIGHTON.

R. D. Gilmore lbw b W. E. Jones	32
R. P. Fisk c Hack b L. N. Jones	85
J. A. Boucher lbw b W. E. Jones	3
J. N. Halliwell b L. N. Jones	14
A. R. Stewart Grant b L. N. Jones	0
Barber lbw b L. N. Jones	0
L. L. Meadows at Rees b W. E. Jones	0
J. D. Canevali c Dutton b L. N. Jones	18
A. W. Midgley c and b L. N. Jones	6
M. J. Gilmore not out	10
C. A. Jenkins not out	5
Extras	17

Total (9 wks.) ... 222

SECOND ELEVEN'S GOOD SCORE
FAILS TO BRING VICTORY.

Although they knocked up the useful total of 190, Boughton Hall II failed to defeat New Brighton II, whom they entertained on Saturday. The visitors replied with 168 for nine wickets and the home side were just unable to force a victory in the closing stages. The Boughton Hall total was distinguished by a contribution of 76 by R. H. Martin. He opened the innings with H. Hack, and both gave a confident display, their partnership realising 75 runs. At that figure Hack was defeated by A. C. Wotton after contributing 33. G. C. Adams continued the good work with Martin but both were dismissed by J. D. Davies. Adams made a useful 29 while Martin's fine knock included one 6 and five 4's. The remaining batsmen did little of note with the exception of A. G. Barmby, who was undefeated at the end of the innings with 11 to his credit.

New Brighton fared disastrously when they commenced their reply, losing two wickets for 20 runs. C. S. Reece and H. G. Wotton pulled the game round, each scoring 38. There were prospects of an exciting finish as the last man went in with ten minutes remaining for play. Galloway and A. B. Wotton saved the game by playing cautiously, and New Brighton were 22 runs behind the home side's total when stumps were drawn.

Boughton Hall.—H. Hack b A. B. Wotton 33, R. H. Martin b Davies 76, G. C. Adams lbw b Davies 29, F. Atkin b Strange 4, J. Lipscomb b Strange 2, A. H. Giggins b Strange 0, L. Hales c Lawrence b Strange 8, J. Greening c H. G. Wotton b Strange 0, A. G. Barmby not out 11, S. Higham c Gilmore b A. B. Wotton 10, R. L. Mathias b A. B. Wotton 0, extras 17; total 190.

New Brighton.—W. N. Gilmore c Mathias b S. Higham 0, G. B. Thompson c Giggins b Hack 14, C. S. Reece c Martin b Barmby 38, H. G. Wotton c and b Barmby 38, W. S. Chalton st Mathias b Barmby 17, C. A. Strange c and b Greening 0, A. E. Edwards lbw b Barmby 12, J. D. Davies lbw b Barmby 5, A. E. Lawrence lbw b Barmby 7, W. J. Galloway not out 20, A. B. Wotton not out 3, extras 14; total (for 9 wks) 168.

For Boughton Hall, A. G. Barmby took six wickets for 45 runs. For New Brighton, A. E. Edwards took 5 for 33, H. G. Wotton 3 for 36, and J. D. Davies 2 for 50.

TATTENHALL v. BROOKHIRST.

Tattenhall.—F. M. Dutton lbw b Greatorex 22, F. Frost b Shipcott 37, J. D. M. Corbett not out 54, F. Pritchard b Heath 29, G. Frost lbw b Heath 3, T. W. Pritchard c E. Wilson b Downes 2, F. Pierce b Downes 6, T. Boden c E. Wilson b Foster 13, H. Welch, A. Wilding, and F. V. Cooke did not bat; total (for 7 wks., inns dec) 175.

Brookhirst.—L. Foden c A. Wilding b F. Pritchard 0, H. Godwin c F. Frost b F. Pritchard 12, E. L. Wilson b F. Pritchard 4, A. Hirst not out 83, W. Greatorex b A. Wilding 51, F. Downes b F. M. Dutton 0, L. Shipcott not out 14, D. Foster, J. Thompson, J. Jones, and E. Heath did not bat, extras 14; total (for 5 wks) 178.

TILSTON v. MALPAS.

At Tilston on Saturday.
Malpas.—Entwistle lbw b Passey 0, T. Marsh lbw b Simon 4, F. Anthony b Passey 0, Greenchiefs c Jones b Passey 0, B. Battarbee c Brown b Passey 17, R. Ince c Passey b Simon 0, F. White c Parrott b Simon 11, M. Downey c Simon b Passey 0, Bradshaw c Langford b Passey 0, McLaren not out 5, Caldecott c Passey b Simon 0, extras 3; total 40.

Tilston.—C. Langford c Downey b White 0, W. Knowles c White b Anthony 0, A. Passey b Anthony 0, A. Pinnington b Battarbee 6, J. Parrott b Battarbee 10, T. Simon b Battarbee 8, W. Jones b Battarbee 0, T. Brown lbw b White 0, J. Youde not out 2, B. Ince b White 1, T. Chesworth run out 1, extras 15; total 43.

WAVERTON v. BOUGHTON HALL "A."

Played at Boughton Hall on Wednesday.
Waverton.—G. A. Pratt b J. Greening 15, T. Boden b T. Roberts 10, J. Ennion b T. Roberts 1, H. Rowlands b T. Roberts 0, S. Meacock run out 6, J. Finch not out 25, T. Crewe b T. Roberts 0, T. G. Meacock b J. Bester 2, T. Meacock run out 0, F. Rowlands b J. Bester 0, H. Joseph not out 9, extras 3; total 71.

Boughton Hall "A."—R. Clezr c S. Meacock b J. Finch 13, A. Dryland c — b J. Finch 13, P. Bennett b J. Ennion 10, J. J. Sanderson b S. Meacock 3, H. Gardner b S. Meacock 1, J. C. Bester b S. Meacock 2, A. L. Mathias lbw b J. Ennion 5, A. H. Jiggins not out 12, T. Ratcliffe b S. Meacock 11, T. A. Roberts not out 2, J. Greening did not bat, extras 6; total (for 8 wks.) 78.

THORNTON HOUGH v. HUYTON.

At Thornton Manor.
Thornton Hough.—J. T. Roper b Graham 16, C. R. Currie c Hunter b Roberts 1, R. McKeown b Percy 24, F. Allen c and b Lawton 11, A. Edwards c Barlow b Lawton 6, F. Silcock b Percy 3, R. W. Bridger b Lawton 1, F. G. Crowden run out 2, G. R. Carpenter c Hunter b Lawton 0, T. Pimbley c Hunter b Percy 0, A. Clarke not out 0, extras 8; total 72.

Huyton.—G. Walker lbw b Allen 1, W. H. Walker c and b Roper 32, H. O. Adcock b Currie 8, H. K. Lawton c Pimbley b Allen 8, H. J. Hunter b Currie 10, L. Owen c McKeown b Roper 0, R. Barlow b Currie 2, R. Graham b Currie 8, D. K. Roberts c Crowden b McKeown 1, T. M. Percy c Silcock b McKeown 3, A. Walker not out 1, extras 0; total 78.

MANCHESTER SHIP CANAL v. SHELL-MEX AND B.P.

Manchester Ship Canal.—Sandbach b Freeman 2, Reeves b Freeman 4, Davies b Griffin 13, Slater lbw b Freeman 2, Collier b Griffin 1, McAllister c Wheeler b Freeman 0, Brice c Davies b Tranter 3, Warrington c Roberts b Tranter 0, Dooley c Murray b Griffin 5, Caswell b Tranter 14, Hampson not out 9, extras 8; total 61.

Shell Mex and B.P.—Challinor b Caswell 1, Wheeler c Collier b Reeves 2, Freeman c Slater b Reeves 7, Tranter b Caswell 3, Davis c Slater b Reeves 12, Beahon b Caswell 0, Roberts b Caswell 0, Murray c Collier b Davies 6, Cordova b Caswell 1, Griffin not out 15, Brookbank run out 1, extras 9; total 57.

TATTENHALL IN MERRY MOOD.

A KNOCK-OUT FOR
HANDBRIDGE INSTITUTE.

TOTAL PASSED BY FIRST-WICKET PAIR.

Tattenhall played bright and forceful cricket in their first appearance of the season in the Boughton Hall Knock-out Competition on Monday, when they dismissed Handbridge Institute with the greatest ease. The Chester side were all out for 37 and Tattenhall proceeded to pass their total in the short space of 25 minutes without conceding a wicket. F. M. Dutton and J. Harding, Tattenhall's opening pair, knocked off the runs required for victory in quick style by dint of confident batting. Immediately he had made the winning stroke, Dutton was out after contributing an invaluable 22, which included several well-timed boundary strokes. J. Harding remained until he had reached 21, another fine innings, and he found a merry partner in L. Harding, whose knock of 31 was one of the highlights of the game. The remaining batsmen and little of note, although R. Moore Dutton, the county player, opened his shoulders and threatened to give the Handbridge bowlers a busy time. He was caught in attempting a big hit after he had made 9.

Tattenhall's form in all departments was most encouraging, and they are likely to go far in the competition. L. Harding and R. Moore Dutton shared the bowling honours, claiming five wickets each. They kept up a relentless attack and bowled with deadly accuracy. Both bowlers were as fresh at the end of the Handbridge innings as when they took the field. Tattenhall are an all-round side, and their fielding was up to the standard one expects from one of the cradles of Cheshire cricket. L. Harding's "bag" cost only 13 runs, while R. Moore Dutton captured his five wickets at a cost of 23 runs. Gordon Gunson, the well-known footballer, was the only batting star in the Handbridge side, and their total would have looked extremely poor without his opening knock of 17. H. Powell prolonged the innings somewhat with an heroic 7 not out. The fact that Tattenhall conceded but one extra gave an indication of their merit and keenness. Six of the Handbridge batsmen had the unpleasant distinction of being dismissed without a run to their credit. Tattenhall's reply to a poor batting display was almost to treble the Handbridge score.

HANDBRIDGE INSTITUTE.

G. Gunson c T. W. Pritchard b R. M. Dutton	17
W. Knott lbw b L. Harding	2
J. Powell b L. Harding	5
F. Bromfield b L. Harding	0
W. Moore b R. M. Dutton	0
M. Plant c J. Harding b R. M. Dutton	0
E. Catherall b L. Harding	0
W. Moorcroft b R. M. Dutton	5
H. Powell not out	0
W. Hammer c T. W. Pritchard b R. M. Dutton	7
F. Mitchell b L. Harding	0
Extras	1
Total	37

TATTENHALL.

F. M. Dutton lbw b J. Powell	22
J. Harding b G. Gunson	21
L. Harding b W. Moore	31
F. Pritchard b G. Gunson	0
D. Corbett b J. Powell	7
L. Pritchard c E. Catherall b W. Moore	7
T. W. Pritchard b W. Moore	8
R. M. Dutton c W. Moorcroft b G. Gunson	9
F. Frost c F. Bromfield b W. Moore	4
A. Wilding run out	0
C. V. Cooke not out	1
Extras	0
Total	110

BOWLING.

Handbridge Institute.—R. M. Dutton, 90. Om. 23r. 5w.; L. Harding, 80. 2m. 13r. 5w.
Tattenhall.—M. Plant, 30. Om. 8r. 0w.; W. Catherall, 30. Om. 22r. 0w.; G. Gunson, 90. Om. 41r. 3w.; J. Powell, 40. Om. 30r. 1w.; W. Moore, 40. 1m. 9r. 4w.

ANOTHER "KNOCK-OUT."

CROSVILLE NO MATCH FOR OLD BOYS.

ALL OUT FOR 42.

Crosville proved no match for the County School Old Boys when they met in the knock-out competition on Thursday, and replied to the opposition total of 103 with a meagre score of 42. They were so disconcerted by the bowling of H. T. Browne and G. Thomas that at one time they had lost six wickets for six runs, and four wickets fell for only one run. In one over Thomas took three wickets in four balls, and wickets fell like ninepins until W. L. Jones joined Tapley for the ninth wicket and took the score from 15 to 39. E. Tapley, first man in, carried his bat for an invaluable and courageous 20. Browne's four wickets for 12 runs and Thomas's five for 20 speak for themselves.

County School Old Boys, batting first, were given a flying start by F. Hack and T. Boden, who took the score to 29 before the former was bowled by Tapley's first ball. He had scored 21, and Boden, batting confidently, remained to compile 31. H. J. Hack added 17 in quick time, and Browne, who scored 10, hit one ball into the groundman's hut. Crosville's lax fielding was in striking contrast to the polished work of the Old Boys, and with greater keenness they could have saved at least 30 runs. Nicholson's four wickets cost him 43 runs. Burton took two for 17, Tapley one for 16, and G. T. Powell one for 5.

COUNTY SCHOOL OLD BOYS.

F. Hack b Tapley	12
T. F. Boden b Nicholson	31
D. E. Southern b Nicholson	1
H. T. Browne b Burton	10
H. J. Hack c Hurrell b Nicholson	17
E. R. Davies b Nicholson	2
H. Parsonage run out	0
L. L. Sadler b Burton	9
H. R. West run out	3
G. Thomas b Powell	1
Extras	8
Total	103

CROSVILLE.

F. Evans b Thomas	20
E. Tapley not out	2
W. R. Thompson c Sadler b Thomas	0
Frank Evans b Thomas	0
N. W. Hurrell b Browne	0
E. H. Burton run out	0
G. T. Powell b Thomas	0
E. R. Hignett b Browne	4
H. Nicholson b Browne	0
W. L. Jones b Browne	6
G. Barrow c Southern b Thomas	0
Extras	10
Total	42

McALPINE KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION.

PONTBLYDDYN v. ELLESMERE.

Pontblyddyn.—P. Parry b Dawson 1, H. L. Connah c Oakley b Baskerville 0, R. Robbin c Griffiths b Baskerville 4, Dr. Williams b Dawson 15, T. Jones c Dawson b Chapman 28, H. Roberts b Jenkins 2, R. Hughes b Jenkins 4, D. Langle not out 31, Ivor Davies not out 4, extras 9; total 88. J. Hughes and E. Garston did not bat.

Ellesmere.—D. A. Winmill c Parry b R. T. Jones 2, N. H. Dawson b Connah 7, S. O. Jenkins c Garston b Roblin 21, W. Adams b Jones 3, F. Hockenhub b Connah 0, W. H. Baskerville b Connah 6, O. H. Chapman run out 1, J. B. Eveson c Hughes b Roblin 2, B. Oakley run out 14, J. Lloyd not out 7, P. Griffiths b Roblin 0, extras 2; total 66.

MARKET DRAYTON v. WEM.

Market Drayton.—J. P. Vaughan b Ashworth 6, M. Arkenstall retired 53, I. Jones lbw b Cliffe 4, R. R. O'Brien b Green 30, J. B. Davies retired 52, S. Bryan c Ikin b Ashworth 18, Major A. C. L. D. Lees c Cliffe b Jarvis 40, M. Suthery b Jarvis 16, E. Partridge not out 11, extras 14, total (8 wks) 244. C. McMorran and R. S. Hill did not bat.

Wem.—E. H. Isherwood c Suthery b Hill 0, H. Phillips lbw b Hill 12, A. Jarvis lbw b Hill 6, G. Ashton c Bryan b McMorran 17, E. H. Ikin b Lees 16, E. C. Brown b Lees 2, T. Strong c Jones b O'Brien 18, A. Smith b Lees 0, H. Cliffe b O'Brien 11, H. Green b Bryan 1, F. Ashworth not out 1, extras 8; total 92.

LIVELY CRICKET AT NESTON.

HOME TEAM'S HIGHEST SCORE OF THE SEASON.

NOT ENOUGH TO BEAT STRONG LIVERPOOL SIDE.

Although Neston made their highest score of the season on Saturday, they lost to Liverpool by seven wickets. The wicket was crying out for runs, but only A. J. K. Barnes, P. A. D. Langhorne, and Bates on the Neston side could make anything like a respectable score. A feature of the match was the excellent fielding of both sides.

In the early part of the Neston innings, Bates was the only one who could do anything with Tyler, the Liverpool professional, and at one time the latter bowled six successive maidens. Bates seemed to have just settled down for a high score when he was caught brilliantly by A. S. Eccles. A. Pennington followed him with only six runs added, and he in turn was soon followed by G. D. Walford and J. V. Richardson. The rot was stopped when G. H. Dawson was joined by P. A. D. Langhorne, the latter hitting Tyler for two 2's and a 6 in his first over. He was full of confidence, and gave a brilliant display, hitting nearly everything that came his way, and it came as a shock when he was run out. His 30, which he scored in 20 minutes, included two 4's and a 6. The real fireworks came from A. J. K. Barnes, who played a real captain's innings giving a similar display to Langhorne, with the result that the 100 was up in 75 minutes. Top scorer for his side, he made 36, which included four 4's and a 6. Neston's innings lasted 1 hour, 45 minutes, and the visitors were left with 25 runs to beat 140, an easy task for one of the best batting sides in the competition, and with the exception of Bates, Neston's bowling was anything but strong.

A POOR START.

Still, it created some surprise when two of the visiting batsmen were back in the pavilion with only 8 runs on the board, W. W. B. Stoddart and D. P. McEntyre, both out l.b.w. to Bates. W. G. Taylor was joined by R. S. Turner, and the spectators were treated to a delightful display of enterprising batting. Both hit out freely and had the home fielders on their toes. It took the visitors nearly an hour to score their first 50, but the second was up in about 25 minutes. This partnership, which seemed as if it could never be broken, put 60 runs before Turner was stumped by Little off Bates. E. W. H. Nicholas came in with Taylor, and the score went to 125 before Taylor was clean bowled by L. C. Head. Taylor scored his 78 in 70 minutes, and it included 10 4's and one 6. There was an incident during Nicholas' innings when he ran part way down the pitch as Bates was taking his run to bowl. Bates replied to this by throwing the ball underhand, high over the batsman's head to Little.

For Neston, Bates took three wickets for 72 runs and Head one for 32. Tyler had the best analysis of the day, bowling 19 overs, 11 of which were maidens, and took 6 wickets for 42. J. Finch took two for 55 and W. B. Stoddart one for 24.

NESTON.

Bates c Eccles b Tyler	27
A. Pennington b Tyler	6
G. D. Walford c Stoddart b Taylor	1
G. H. Dawson c Nicholas b Finch	6
J. V. Richardson b Finch	0
P. A. D. Langhorne run out	30
W. S. McFarlane c Nicholas b Tyler	10
A. J. K. Barnes lbw b Tyler	36
H. E. Anderson at Nicholas b Stoddart	12
L. C. Head b Tyler	0
R. P. L. Little not out	2
Extras	10
Total	140

LIVERPOOL.

W. W. B. Stoddart lbw b Bates	2
W. G. Taylor b Head	78
D. P. McEntyre lbw b Bates	0
R. S. Turner at Little b Bates	39
F. W. H. Nicholas not out	10
Sir T. A. L. Brocklebank not out	13
Extra	1
Total (for 4 wks.)	143

A. S. Eccles, H. G. Channon, P. Turner, Tyler, and J. Finch did not bat.

NESTON II. v. LIVERPOOL II.

Neston second lost to Liverpool second by three wickets. R. J. L. Colyer gave a brilliant display, scoring 52 runs and taking two wickets for 28. G. B. J. Egerton took one wicket for 6, G. S. Byrne 2 for 46, and L. Woods 2 for 33. For Liverpool, F. Mee was top scorer with 50, which he scored in 45 minutes. J. Henderson brought off a fine catch off Tomkinson, with one hand while full length on the ground. For Liverpool, J. M. Roberts took four wickets for 37, H. J. Decker four for 43, and R. Morland two for 32.

Neston II.—J. Pennington c Thornley b Morland 19, R. J. L. Colyer b Decker 52, P. L. Barber c Taylor b Decker 16, P. Snell lbw b Decker 0, C. R. Jackman c Tomkinson b Roberts 16, G. J. B. Egerton b Roberts 7, A. A. Robinson c Roberts b Morland 10, L. Woods c and b Roberts 5, W. Main b Roberts 0, J. Henderson not out 15, P. S. Byrne at Bowman b Decker 6, extras 16; total 162.

Liverpool II.—C. E. Thompson b Egerton 16, G. C. Tomkinson c Henderson c Colyer 0, J. B. Thornley c Henderson b Colyer 4, A. B. Leather b Byrne 30, D. H. Taylor c Barber b Byrne 30, F. Mee at Henderson b Woods 50, H. J. Decker b Woods 8, G. H. Bowman not out 14, R. Morland not out 8, A. J. Roberts and N. D. Stevenson did not bat, extras 4; total (for 7 wks) 164.

EASTHAM v. BARROW.

At Eastham on Saturday. By winning the return match on Saturday Eastham completed the double at the expense of Barrow, a feat they have not accomplished for many years. The home side batted first and ran up a score of 156. J. Horne again showed his partiality for Barrow bowling, and W. Southwood had eight boundaries in his score of 41, the highest of the day. A last wicket stand between W. Phillips and J. Jones produced 31, the former batsman hitting vigorously for 25. F. Houlbrook and M. Jeffs gave the visitors a good start, and with 87 on the board for the loss of four wickets Barrow seemed fairly well placed. The remaining batsmen, with the exception of Beech, did little and the innings closed for 127. A feature of the match was the capital fielding of both sides.

Eastham.—J. Horne b Tyson 37, R. Hurst c C. Houlbrook b Beech 11, C. Smith run out 9, J. Dorward c and b Jeffs 11, W. Southwood b Beech 41, E. H. Tunnicliffe run out 3, R. Tetley b Radcliffe 7, L. Riding b Beech 0, W. Phillips c F. Houlbrook b Jeffs 25, A. Davies b Radcliffe 9, J. Jones not out 6, extras 136.

Barrow.—F. Houlbrook c Dorward b Riding 23, M. Jeffs c Phillips b Southwood 17, T. Meakin b Davies 11, T. Radcliffe lbw b Davies 24, C. Houlbrook c Dorward b Riding 4, H. Beech c and b Davies 18, V. A. Arnold lbw b Davies 1, F. W. Darlington run out 4, H. Woodcock b Southwood 6, D. Tyson c and b Southwood 4, J. C. O'Kell not out 1, extras 12; total 127.

BARROW 2nd v. COUNTY OFFICERS (CHESTER).

At Barrow on Saturday. Barrow 2nd.—Parsonage b Easley 21, J. Steele b Albion 14, J. McLaughlin b Albion 1, E. Catherall b Dickinson 12, C. W. Hawkins c Good b Dickinson 9, J. Gamon b Dickinson 6, T. Plant c Mayers b Collins 19, E. Bailey c and b Collins 1, G. Platt not out 1, H. Wardie b Collins 0, A. Johnson c Myers b Collins 1, extras 8; total 80.

County Officers.—G. N. Curbishley b Catherall 3, G. W. Good b Plant 8, T. T. Dickinson lbw b Plant 3, A. B. Dryland b Plant 4, J. R. C. Lumley run out 0, E. Albion c J. Steele b Parsonage 7, W. Dodd b Parsonage 1, F. J. Adam b Plant 2, H. Myers b Parsonage 1, H. G. Collins not out 4, G. C. Easley lbw b Steele 16, extras 9; total 55.

BARROW 1st v. CHESTER PRESS.

At Barrow on Monday. An hour's knock-out ended in a win for the home side by 67 runs.

Barrow 1st.—H. Parsonage run out 23, D. Tyson b Bramall 0, J. Gamon b O'Brien 2, T. Meakin retired 50, J. McLaughlin b McLaughlin b Bramall 4, H. Blackburn b Bramall 5, T. Plant b Huxley 16, C. W. Hawkins, H. Wardie, and A. Johnson did not bat, extras 6; total 109.

Chester Press.—S. Chalonner c Meakin b Plant 3, R. Huxley c Parsonage b Gamon 1, L. Sadler run out 3, W. O'Brien c Tyson b Plant 0, R. Middleton b Plant 4, E. Stanton b Plant 3, K. Bramall c McLaughlin b Parsonage 9, A. Bellis b Blackburn 11, H. Huxley b Plant 0, J. Simpson b Parsonage 0, F. Hughes not out 1, extras 3; total 43.

MERSEYSIDE FLOUR MILLERS' CRICKET LEAGUE.

FROST'S v. J. RANK'S.

Rank's.—R. E. Shackleton c Herd b Farrington 11, E. Walsh b Birch 1, J. Aston c and b Farrington 1, S. Naylor lbw b Birch 2, J. Boardley b Farrington 2, K. Thomas b Birch 3, R. Monks c Farrington b Lowe 6, P. Byrne not out 15, R. McGovern b Lowe 6, G. Ballis run out 11, J. R. Roberts c Chew b Lowe 3; extras 5; total 69.

Frost's.—H. Latham b Walsh 1, T. Herd b Walsh 7, F. Lowe b Bellis 11, A. O'Keefe b Bellis 10, J. Farrington b Bellis 10, A. Birch b Walsh 2, J. Chew b Bellis 2, A. J. Nicholas c Monks b Walsh 2, E. Chew b Walsh 4, R. German not out 4, A. J. Price b Walsh 3; total 66.

COL. GOVER TAKES SIX FOR 19.

HELSEY WICKETS FALL CHEAPLY.

EATON PARK VICTORY.

A feature of the game at Eaton Park on Saturday, when Helsby were defeated by one wicket, was the bowling of Col. C. K. Gover, who, coming on shortly after Helsby's fourth wicket had fallen, took the remaining six in 25 minutes for 19 runs. Helsby found it difficult to stand up to him, and it was only when they faced the bowling from the other end that they managed to get a few runs. Actually only 34 runs were scored for the last six wickets. Their innings ended at 127, while Eaton replied with 131 for 9, declared.

Helsby made a bad start, losing their first wicket in less than five minutes, E. Boyle offering a catch to Browne off Moss. In Moss's next over C. Jones was caught by Gude for 2, with only six runs on the board. S. Williams was now joined by J. Williams, and betting cautiously they increased the score with singles. Gradually they settled down, and S. Williams commenced to hit out. At this period F. Thomas came on to bowl. Williams found it difficult to judge him, and was lbw to his fourth ball for 20. Five minutes later S. Williams's wicket fell to the same bowler for 12. The only signs of a good partnership came when Foster and A. Boyle were together. Both batted splendidly and carried the score from 37 to 95 before Foster was caught by Browne off Col. Gover for 25. After hitting a single, Boyle was caught by McIntosh behind the wicket off Col. Gover. The next two wickets fell to Col. Gover for the addition of seven. Britland and Nield carried the score to 118 before the ninth wicket fell, Nield hitting three 4's in his 13. Antrobus contributed 9 not out. The innings closed at 127. A. Moss took two wickets for 5 runs, while F. Thomas took two for 28.

F. Thomas and W. Gude opened for Eaton, and batted steadily until Gude was bowled by Britland, after contributing seven to the score of 24. Browne, who joined Thomas, made the highest individual score, knocking off 35 before being bowled by Antrobus. The Rev. A. J. Price, who was making his first appearance for Eaton, had the misfortune to come out lbw. off his first ball from Antrobus. When the seventh wicket fell the score had reached 121, and when the eighth fell without any addition, there seemed to be a slender chance of Helsby winning. Five more runs were added, and then the hopes were shattered when Col. Gover hit a four. After a single had been hit G. Thomas was caught by Fitch off Britland, and stumps were drawn. Their total of 131 included 24 extras. The wickets were shared by Antrobus, Britland and Nield, who took three each for 38, 35, and 23 runs respectively.

HELSEBY.

S. Williams lbw b F. Thomas	20
E. Boyle c Browne b Moss	0
O. Jones c Gude b Moss	2
J. Williams b F. Thomas	12
G. M. Foster c Browne b Col. Gover	25
A. Boyle c McIntosh b Col. Gover	32
A. Fitch b Col. Gover	5
F. Worrall lbw b Col. Gover	0
F. Britland b Col. Gover	6
T. Nield b Col. Gover	13
J. Antrobus not out	9
Extras	3
Total	127

EATON PARK.

F. Thomas b Antrobus	39
W. Gude b Britland	7
H. Browne b Antrobus	35
Rev. A. J. Price lbw b Antrobus	0
R. Wood b Antrobus	15
I. R. McIntosh b Nield	1
Col. O. L. Matthews b Antrobus	13
Col. F. J. Okell c Worrall b Britland	8
Rev. C. K. Gover not out	8
G. Thomas c Fitch b Britland	1
Extras	24
Total (for 9 wickets)	131

A. Moss did not bat.

BOWLING.

A. Moss	O.	M.	R.	W.
F. Thomas	4	1	5	2
Col. Gover	5	0	25	2
J. Antrobus	13	3	28	3
F. Britland	13	3	35	3
T. Nield	9	1	23	3

TARPORLEY NOMADS v. BUNBURY.

At Bunbury on Saturday. The visitors' captain won the toss and elected to bat on a good wicket. C. Burton and V. Bettley opened the innings, and with only two runs on the board Bettley was smartly taken at the wickets for none. A stand by C. Burton and J. B. Clegg improved the position, and then again by F. Hughes, who played stubborn cricket. W. Vernon contributed a useful 10 and E. Burton 5, the whole side being out for 34 runs. The home side opened with F. Davies and H. Murray. So good was the bowling of Vernon and Bettley that the home side had lost six of their wickets for 23 runs. H. Harding and E. Harding tried to knock the bowlers off their length, but found it above them, the side being out for 44. Vernon and Bettley bowled unchanged, the former taking six wickets for 18 and the latter four for 24.

Nomads.—C. Burton c Murray b Davies 7, V. Bettley c Swindell b Thompson 0, L. Hopkins run out 5, J. B. Clegg b Davies 11, H. Vernon b Davies 0, T. E. Hughes run out 2, W. Cork b Murray 5, W. Vernon b Thompson 10, E. Burton c H. Harding b Thompson 5, T. Harding lbw b Thompson 0, A. Bancroft not out 1, extras 8; total 54.

Bunbury.—H. Murray b Vernon 7, F. Davies b Bettley 8, T. Parker b Bettley 3, A. Swindell c Cork b Bettley 0, J. Vickers b Vernon 0, H. Harding b Bettley 8, H. Davenport lbw b Vernon 1, G. Jones b Vernon 2, E. Harding b Vernon 10, E. Trainer c Hopkins b Vernon 1, T. Thompson not out 2, extras 2; total 44.

WILLASTON v. THORNTON HOUGH II.

Played at Willaston. Thornton Hough II.—J. S. Ford b Nowell 3, R. A. Vatcher b H. Hemming 0, J. A. Prendiville b H. Hemming 0, J. C. Mason at Reading b Taylor 16, W. H. Elton b H. Hemming 2, C. W. Crowden b Nowell 1, E. E. Burr c Reading b Nowell 0, W. Huxley b C. Hemming 21, V. Higgins not out 19, R. Davies b E. Hemming 0, J. Kirby at Reading b Francis 0, extras 6; total 68.

Willaston.—W. Woods lbw b Elton 10, M. Williams b Huxley 1, L. Nowell b Elton 2, E. Hemming b Huxley 12, R. A. Lloyd b Huxley 0, T. L. Taylor c Huxley b Elton 5, W. Gosling b Huxley 2, J. Francis b Elton 0, H. Hemming b Huxley 1, W. Read not out 13, J. Reading b Elton 7, extras 3; total 58.

FRODSHAM LOSE AT ALVANLEY.

Frodsham, playing their first match of the season lost at Alvanley on Saturday by 25 runs. It was an interesting game, and considering it was Frodsham's first match they came through with credit. The few experienced players of the old club were well supported by the youthful members who form the bulk of the side and are very keen. Alvanley batted first and scored 75, B. Ellams batting well for 26. For the visitors H. Tudor was in deadly form with the ball and took six wickets for 21 runs. The Frodsham innings realised 50 and H. Tudor (16) and J. Gleave (11) reached double figures. F. Britland took seven for 26 and W. Booth two for 5.

Alvanley.—W. Booth b Tudor 2, B. Ellams c Bayles b Tudor 26, G. Pritchard b Tudor 1, A. Ellams b Tudor 0, P. Ainsworth b Bayles 10, F. Britland c Kendrick b Blackwell 17, J. Cox b Tudor 2, H. Cowap c Greenway b Tudor 12, M. Wood b Blackwell 0, W. Hayes b Blackwell 0, W. Britland not out 1, extras 4; total 75.

Frodsham.—A. Cawley c Cox b Britland 6, F. Bayles run out 3, L. Turner b Britland 0, E. Blackwell b Booth 7, H. Tudor c Pritchard b Britland 16, E. Kendrick b Britland 2, J. Johnson b Booth 0, E. Greenway c Booth b Britland 1, J. Gleave c and b Britland 11, E. Rutter not out 1, J. Nicholls b Britland 0, extras 3; total 60.

HELSEBY 2nd v. MOORE AND DARESBURY

At Helsby on Saturday. Moore and Daresbury.—Woude c Walker b Wilde 44, Bell b Lloyd 10, Neatham b Lloyd 8, Frodsham b Lloyd 5, Davies b Lloyd 2, Newall c and b Rogers 9, Taylor c Walker b Lloyd 3, Bodall c and b Lloyd 8, Edwards b Lloyd 0, Turner b Rogers 0, P. de Prez not out 0, extras 14 total 103.

Helsby.—Lloyd b Edwards 10, Walker b Bell 4, Leech c Taylor b Neatham 34, Lockett c Taylor b Edwards 3, Jackson b Neatham 0, Boyle lbw b Neatham 0, Wilde b Taylor 8, Cartwright b Edwards 0, Lewis c Frodsham b Taylor 14, Bunnell b Mell 4, Rogers not out 11; total 85.

MORETON v. MERSEY IRONWORKS.

Moreton.—O. E. Smith lbw b Hughes 17, W. Lattin c Hughes b Hayward 16, W. Kirkland c and b Hayward 8, H. Spence c Minns b Jenkins 0, P. C. Lee c Hughes b Hayward 13, L. Howarth c Minns b Hayward 3, E. Hobbins b Jenkins 1, W. H. Evans not out 15, H. Williams c Gorman b Jenkins 0, H. Lowman b Hayward 0, E. McCubbin run out 3, extras 5; total 85.

Mersey Ironworks.—A. Evans b Lee 11, W. Gorman b Lee 0, F. Minna c Evans b Hobbins 8, F. Harrison c Spence b Hobbins 4, L. Jenkins b Lee 25, J. Hughes c Smith b Hobbins 8, R. Smith run out 3, O. Hayward b Lee 0, C. Andrews b Lee 0, M. Howard c Smith b Lee 2, W. Richards not out 0, extras 8; total 61.

BUCKLEY II. v. MARCHWIEL II.

Buckley.—Ken Williams c J. M. Jones b Williams 0, F. Peters run out 6, T. E. Bellis run out 47, B. Fletcher c J. M. Jones b Weaver 5, T. Dawson lbw b Weaver 0, H. Beattie b Williams 18, E. Hobson b Williams 0, T. Parry c Roberts b Weaver 0, J. Richardson b Williams 0, J. S. Parry not out 10, A. Parry c Richards b Williams 12, extras 6; total 103.

Marchwiel.—H. Roberts b A. Parry 20, K. Wilson b Dawson 0, O. W. Richards run out 26, O. Smith run out 0, L. Williams b Dawson 8, T. Parry b Dawson 4, P. Cousins b Williams 8, R. Roberts b Dawson 8, G. Weaver lbw b Williams 0, J. Mitchell not out 2, J. M. Jones b Dawson 0, extras 4; total 77.

CHESTER & DISTRICT AMATEUR CRICKET LEAGUE.

CHRISTLETON'S SURPRISE WIN AT PONTBLYDDYN.

LLAY WELFARE RESUME LEADERSHIP.

RELIANCO AND SAUGHALL GAIN VALUABLE POINTS.

DODLESTON STILL AWAITING A WIN.

(BY OUR LEAGUE CORRESPONDENT.)

The surprise result of Saturday's games was undoubtedly that provided by Christleton, who went to Pontblyddyn and defeated the champions by 51 runs. This unexpected result enables Llay Welfare to regain their position at the head of the league. In the game between Municipal Officers and Reliance on the former's ground, the visitors won by four wickets. Saughall registered a splendid away victory at Dodleston, dismissing the home team for 32, and replying with half a century.

WELL DONE, CHRISTLETON!

Christleton 85, Pontblyddyn 34! This result caused more than a little surprise on Saturday. The standard of play so far as Pontblyddyn was concerned fell below their usual standard, and in fairness to them it must be mentioned that they were not at full strength. Christleton, on the other hand, fielded a much better side than in their two first matches, and introduced several new faces.

The visitors improved considerably after some early reverses, H. Bennion and J. Selby being responsible for 61 runs. The former was hurt twice by deliveries from H. L. Cunnah, but pluckily resumed after being unconscious for ten minutes when injured the first time.

Pontblyddyn's reply commenced in a manner which augured well, but only H. L. Cunnah with 17 runs to his credit was able to play the bowling with any degree of confidence. G. Ennion was in excellent form and took five wickets for 8 runs, the whole side being disposed of in 15 overs.

Christleton.—T Solloway b Cunnah 2, F Bennion lbw b J Hayes 1, L Bassett b J Hayes 1, G Ennion b Cunnah 0, H Bennion b J Hayes 33, K Bramall c Hughes c Williams 5, J Selby not out 28, D Pleavin b Cunnah 8, T Broster b Cunnah 0, G Barnes run out 1, J Bunnell c H Roberts b Cunnah 0, extras 6; total 85.

Pontblyddyn.—H L Cunnah run out 17, G Hughes lbw b Ennion 0, R Hughes b Ennion 3, D N Williams c Selby b Ennion 0, D Langley b H Bennion 1, H Roberts b Ennion 0, E Trevor b Ennion 1, G Trevor b Ennion 0, J Hayes b Ennion 3, T Hughes not out 7, J E Hughes b H Bennion 0, extras 2; total 34.

Bowling.—Christleton: H Bennion, 8o. 2m. 25r. 3w.; G Ennion, 7o. 3m. 8r. 3w. Pontblyddyn: H L Cunnah, 10o. 2m. 29r. 5w.; J Hayes, 9o. 2m. 27r. 3w.; D N Williams, 8o. 5m. 13r. 1w.

VALUABLE AWAY VICTORY.

After dismissing Dodleston for 32, Saughall did well to reply with 50 and thus gain their first win of the season. The visitors took the field confidently, knowing that Dodleston had fared badly in the first two weeks of League cricket. Apparently this confidence was justified, as, with the exception of Higham (23), none of the home batsmen could deal effectively with the Saughall bowling.

W. Baldwin and C. Sowden opened the Saughall innings in a jubilant frame of mind, but the Dodleston bowling was good, and wickets fell with runs coming at a slow rate. Hughes, going in fourth wicket, improved matters by some good hitting until the home total was passed. There were no outstanding bowling performances, although the bowlers of both sides kept on top and all returned good averages.

Dodleston.—A Higham b Bennion 23, C Gilham c and b Sowden 1, T Foster run out 1, L Willis b Minshull 3, S Parkinson lbw b Minshull 0, G Case run out 1, F Wainwright c Chimes b Minshull 1, E Jones c Sowden b Sowden 0, W Williams b Sowden 1, R Willis not out 0, D Roberts b Bennion 0, extra 1; total 32.

Saughall.—W Baldwin run out 0, C Sowden b E Willis 7, D Chimes b Willis 2, R Fields c Higham b Willis 0, S Minshull c Higham b Willis 2, F Hughes b Gilham 27, H Venables lbw b Parkinson 9, H Bennion b Parkinson 0, J S Willey b Parkinson 0, E Sowden b Parkinson 0, G Bradford not out 0, extras 3; total 50.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE.

Llay Welfare 72—Broughton 40.
Municipal Officers 41—Reliance 50 for 6.
Dodleston 32—Saughall 50.
Pontblyddyn 34—Christleton 85.

BEST PERFORMANCES.

Batting: H. Bennion (Christleton) 33; J. Selby (Christleton) 28 not out.
Bowling: P. Cliffe (Reliance), 7 for 14; G. Ennion (Christleton), 6 for 6; S. Parkinson (Dodleston), 4 for 9.

LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
Llay Welfare	3	2	0	1	5
Pontblyddyn	3	2	1	0	4
Broughton	3	2	1	0	4
Reliance	3	2	1	0	4
Saughall	3	1	1	1	3
Municipal Officers	3	1	2	0	2
Christleton	3	1	2	0	2
Dodleston	3	0	3	0	0

FIXTURES: SATURDAY.

Christleton v. Dodleston.
Broughton v. Pontblyddyn.
Reliance v. Llay Welfare.
Saughall v. Municipal Officers.

Bowling.—Saughall: C Sowden, 8o. 2m. 14r. 3w.; S Minshull, 7o. 3m. 12r. 3w.; H Bennion, 1o. 0m. 4r. 2w. Dodleston: C Gilham, 10o. 3m. 19r. 1w.; E. Willis, 9o. 8m. 21r. 4w.; S. Parkinson, 4o. 0m. 9r. 4w.

RELIANCO RETURN TO FORM.

After getting Municipal Officers out for 41, Reliance replied with 50 for the loss of six wickets, and thus claimed both points. Winning the toss, the visiting captain decided to put the opposition in first. The scoring was slow, and only R. Blythe reached double figures, obtaining a patient 15. P. Cliffe bowled a consistent good length and took 7 wickets for 14 runs, the best bowling performance in Saturday's League cricket.

Reliance commenced badly, two wickets being down for seven runs, but G. Bridges (17) and G. Millwood (14) carried the score past the Municipal total. Stumps were drawn with the Reliance total standing at 50 for 6, Phillips being responsible for four of these at a cost of 17 runs.

Municipal Officers.—E Allman c Williams b Bridges 2, R Blythe b Cliffe 15, J Phillips b Cliffe 2, F Icke b Cliffe 6, W Hague b Cliffe 1, S Perrin b Cliffe 7, E Bennett c Williams b Cliffe 1, E Ayers b Cliffe 0, H Hesketh b Bridges 1, T Jolley b Bridges 0, G Jarvis not out 0, extras 6; total 41.

Reliance.—D Austin c Perrin b Hague 0, G Bridges not out 17, T Addis b Phillips 5, P Cliffe b Phillips 6, E Watson b Phillips 1, G Millwood run out 14, R McDonald not out 0, extras 7; total (for 6 wkts) 50.

Bowling.—Reliance: G Bridges, 3 wkts for 11 runs; P Cliffe, 7 for 14. Municipal Officers: W Hague, 1 for 26; J Phillips, 4 for 17.

BROUGHTON AT LLAY.

By compiling a total of 72 and disposing of Broughton for 40, Llay Welfare again took the top position in the chart, and at the same time put an end to Broughton's sequence of successes.

Crad Davies, one of the Welfare's opening pair, with 20, H. Davies (18), and C. Beattie (11) were mainly responsible for their side's healthy total. C. Williams, with three wickets for 5 runs, and G. Kay, 4 for 22, did well, and were treated with every respect by the home batsmen. All the Llay bowlers returned good averages, F. Jones being most successful with three for 7. M. Iball was the only visitor to get into double figures, and although each of the others managed to snatch a few odd runs, the whole side were out for 40.

Llay Welfare.—H Jones b M Iball 2, Crad Davies b C Williams 20, C Beattie lbw b Kay 11, W Hazebly b Kay 0, Fred Jones b Kay 0, H Davies b C Williams 18, J Parry c and b C Williams 3, R McDonald c R Wainwright b Kay 8, E Hammerton not out 8, Jack Jones b M Iball 1, extras 4; total 72.

Broughton.—C Youde b Hammerton 2, R Wainwright lbw b Beattie 1, M Iball b C Davies 10, E Williams run out 2, C Williams b C Beattie 4, S Connah run out 3, F Iball b F Jones 1, W Wainwright c H Davies b F Jones 2, G Kay c and b F Jones 7, K Kay not out 2, W P Roberts b C Davies 0, extras 6; total 40.

Bowling: Broughton: G Kay, 11o. 1m. 22r. 4w.; M. Iball, 10o. 1m. 22r. 2w.; C. Williams, 6o. 1m. 5r. 3w. Llay Welfare: C. Beattie, 9o. 4m. 7r. 2w.; R Hammerton, 7o. 2m. 10r. 1w.; F Jones, 7o. 2m. 7r. 3w.; C Davies, 6o. 3m. 10r. 2w.

MINOR COUNTIES CRICKET.

CESHIRE TAKE FIRST INNINGS POINTS.

NARROW LEAD AT STAFFORD.
GREAT BOWLING BY BARTLEY AND DENNIS.

No decision was possible in the Minor Counties match at Stafford, but Cheshire led Staffs. by 26 runs on the first innings, and so took points for first innings lead. The two professionals, Bartley and Dennis, bowled exceedingly well. Rain accounted for a loss of nearly five hours' play.

Cheshire finished in a strong position at the end of the first day of their Minor Counties match with Staffordshire at Stafford on Wednesday. Rain considerably interrupted the play, which was continued until 8 o'clock. Cheshire, who batted first, were all out for 133, but when stumps were drawn they had dismissed two Staffordshire men for 28.

After lunch, which was taken with the total 35 for the loss of McEntyre and Dennis, the rain completely altered the conditions and left everything in favour of the bowlers. Off the first ball following the resumption Wolstenholme was caught in the slips, but by cautious batting Worthington and Gilmour added 60 in 70 minutes for the fourth wicket. The value of their steady work was made obvious when Gilmour fell a victim to the new experimental l.b.w. rule at 95. In the space of half an hour the situation altered considerably, for the next five wickets went down for 16 runs, and the visitors were only saved from complete collapse by the valiant batting of Jefferson, who was mainly responsible for the last wicket putting on 22. In scoring 40 Worthington was particularly strong on the leg side, but he hit only two 4's. His only mistake occurred two runs before his dismissal, then he was missed on the boundary by Backhouse from a straight drive. On the drying pitch both Lockett, a slow spin bowler, and Crump, a medium-paced leg break bowler, were very dangerous. Lockett several times turned the ball 10 feet.

THURSDAY'S PLAY.

Continuing at their overnight score in reply to Cheshire's first innings total of 133, Staffordshire fared badly against the skilful last bowling of Dennis and Bartley, only Clarke showing any degree of confidence against the pair. His 25 was easily the brightest contribution to the total of 107, which left Staffordshire 26 in arrears. Bartley took half the wickets for 50.

In their second innings Cheshire were uncomfortable against the fast bowling of Lawton and the spin bowling of Lockett, and were all out for 85. McEntyre scored 25 of the first 34, and afterwards Dennis, with powerful driving, had a 6 and six 4's in his stay of 69 minutes. Although the last two wickets added only 13 runs, it took Staffordshire 40 minutes to get them, and consequently less than half an hour remained for play when Staffordshire went in a second time. Scores:—

CESHIRE.

First Innings.

J. D. Worthington st Goodway b Crump	40
G. A. McEntyre b Lawton	10
Dennis c Bock, b Crump	10
A. M. Wolstenholme c Lawton b Crump	0
R. G. Gilmour lbw (n) b Lockett	25
A. Gilboddy c Backhouse b Lockett	2
G. Garrett b Crump	4
T. W. Jefferson c Clarke b Lockett	22
G. Broadhurst b Crump	0
R. P. I. Littler run out	0
Bartley not out	4
Extras	16
Total	133

STAFFORDSHIRE.

First Innings.

Smallman c Littler b Bartley	14
Backhouse lbw b Bartley	6
J. T. W. Neville b Bartley	0
Clarke b Dennis	25
R. H. Plant lbw b Bartley	11
F. Crump c Jefferson b Bartley	2
Lockett c Jefferson b Broadhurst	7
H. W. Homer c Gilboddy b Dennis	8
Goodway c McEntyre b Dennis	13
Lawton not out	9
J. Boon b Dennis	5
Extras	7
Total	107

CESHIRE.

Second Innings.

J. D. Worthington b Crump	2
G. A. McEntyre lbw b Lockett	25
Dennis b Backhouse	42
A. M. Wolstenholme lbw b Lockett	1
R. G. Gilmour b Lawton	0
A. Gilboddy b Lawton	0
G. Garrett b Lockett	5
T. W. Jefferson b Lawton	1
G. Broadhurst lbw b Backhouse	3
R. P. Littler lbw b Lockett	4
Bartley not out	1
Extras	9
Total	85

STAFFORDSHIRE.

Second Innings.

Smallman b Dennis	14
Lockett not out	10
Lawton c Jefferson b Dennis	3
Extras	0
Total (2 wks)	27

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Cheshire.—1st inna.: Crump five for 39, Lockett three for 23, Lawton one for 15, Boon none for 2, Backhouse none for 22. 2nd inna.: Lockett four for 35, Lawton three for 11, Crump one for 5, Backhouse two for 1.
Staffordshire.—1st inna.: Dennis four for 45, Bartley five for 50, Broadhurst one for 5. 2nd inna.: Bartley none for 12, Dennis two for 15.

BOUGHTON HALL WIN EASILY.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY "SKITTLED OUT."

L. N. JONES AGAIN!

Boughton Hall scored yet another convincing victory on Saturday when they dismissed Liverpool University for 48, and replied with 128 for 9 wickets. The weather was anything but good for cricket, and now and again the players had to retreat hastily to the pavilion for shelter from intermittent showers. Yet the weather was partly responsible for the rout of the University, for L. N. Jones, with the wind at his back, was unplayable. He and R. J. Stockton bowled unchanged throughout, and runs were difficult to get on a soft pitch. Were it not for a very courageous 17 by R. C. Nysa, ninth man in, the University would have been out under thirty.

The batsmen never mastered the ball, and L. N. Jones's seven wickets for 21 runs tell their own tale of uncanny but accurate bowling. Stockton was just as effective in keeping the batsmen quiet, and his three wickets were gained at a cost of 25 runs.

Boughton Hall's task in passing this meagre total of 48 was never out of their reach, and W. E. Jones chose R. Moore Dutton to open the innings with him. Moore Dutton was out before he had scored, and W. E. Jones followed when he had scored 7. It was left to H. Pratt and F. Hack to pass the opposition score, and they did it as a result of staid and oft-times clay-y play. The partnership realised nearly sixty runs, Pratt 27 and Hack 35. Of the remaining batsmen C. C. Dutton and R. J. Stockton were the most successful with 19 and 16 respectively. L. N. Jones did not bat, and Boughton Hall closed the innings at 128.

Scores:—

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY.

J. A. Rogers c W. E. Jones b L. N. Jones	2
D. Millward c Hack b Stockton	1
J. B. Mays b L. N. Jones	2
J. Williams c Hack b Stockton	7
G. H. Shaw b L. N. Jones	4
N. B. George c Hack b L. N. Jones	8
L. O. S. Dennison b L. N. Jones	3
G. Karstadt b L. N. Jones	0
R. C. Nysa b Stockton	17
C. H. Bown c Hack b L. N. Jones	0
G. A. Burton not out	2
Extras	2
Total	48

BOUGHTON HALL.

W. E. Jones c George b Brown	7
R. Moore Dutton c Millward b Nysa	0
H. Pratt b G. H. Shaw	27
F. Hack run out	35
G. A. Pratt c Brown b George	1
C. C. Dutton not out	19
T. A. Roberts at Burton b Rogers	2
G. F. G. Rees c Mays b Dennison	4
A. B. Dryland b Brown	4
R. J. Stockton b George	16
Extras	13
Total (for 9 wks.)	128

For Boughton Hall, L. N. Jones did not bat

HOLIDAY FIXTURE AT MARCHWIEL.

BOUGHTON HALL WIN BY RUNS.

YOUNG PLAYERS TO THE FORE.

With the brothers W. E. and L. N. Jones away on tour along with R. Moore Dutton, Boughton Hall fielded an unusual side for their annual fixture at Marchwiel Hall on Whit Monday. A number of second team players were included, and it was surprising how the young men of the party justified themselves. W. Winstanley, an all-rounder of great promise, played a dashing innings of 30, and A. G. Barmby once more showed his liking for the ground by taking three wickets for 27. Barmby invariably does well on this ground.

The annual holiday meeting of the two clubs is ever an enjoyable affair, thanks to the generosity of that great sportsman, Sir Alfred McAlpine, whose prime consideration is always the comfort of his guests. Rain delayed the start, but the game was able to proceed, although an abandonment was feared at one time. In the Marchwiel Hall team with Sir Alfred McAlpine was his son, A. J. McAlpine, his son-in-law, C. P. Brutton, J. Meadows Frost, and other well-known players.

Boughton Hall opened with G. A. Pratt and F. Hack, and Marchwiel dealt the first blow when A. J. McAlpine bowled Hack when he had scored 3. McAlpine, bowling exceptionally well, dismissed H. J. Hack and C. C. Dutton cheaply enough, and it was not until H. Pratt joined G. A. Pratt that there was any resistance. Both watched the ball carefully, but eventually they opened out, scoring regularly as a

result of wristy shots, particularly on the off side. There was an invaluable partnership, not only for its production of over 60 runs, but because it took the venom out of the bowling for subsequent batsmen. When G. A. Pratt was bowled he had scored 42, and H. Pratt had twelve runs less when he was edged lb.w. to McAlpine. T. A. Roberts and Winstanley were concerned in a breezy partnership, the latter using his long reach to great advantage. Roberts scored 22. Barmby and Greening were in a last wicket partnership which yielded 20 runs, and the side was all out for 171.

Marchwiel Hall opened their innings per P. M. Willis and C. P. Brutton, and they were soon off the mark. The former Hampshire man seemed in particularly menacing mood, and a fine catch by Winstanley off Greening's bowling ended his innings when he had scored 23, and promised many more. P. M. Willis was stumped by Rees when he had scored 14, and A. J. McAlpine was another to calculate without the vigilance of the man behind the stumps. The Denbighshire county player was going "great guns" and in audacious mood when Stockton's spin beat him, and Rees did the rest. McAlpine had then scored 21. Boughton Hall had such a variety of bowling that the issue was never in doubt, and Marchwiel were all out for 133, so that the visitors won by 38 runs.

For Boughton Hall, R. J. Stockton took five wickets for 37, Barmby three for 27, and Greening two for 37. For the home side, A. J. McAlpine took five wickets for 53 runs. Startup four for 47, and Swainson one for 8.

BOUGHTON HALL.

G. A. Pratt b Swainson	42
G. Hatch b A. J. McAlpine	3
H. Hatch b McAlpine	2
C. C. Dutton b McAlpine	4
H. Pratt lbw b McAlpine	30
T. Roberts c Frost b McAlpine	22
W. Winstanley c A. J. McAlpine b Startup	30
G. Rees c Swainson b Startup	5
R. J. Stockton c A. J. McAlpine b Startup	1
J. Greening not out	9
A. G. Barmby c Morton b Extras	11
Total	171

SIR A. D. McALPINE'S XI.

P. M. Willis st Rees b Stockton	14
C. P. Brutton c Winstanley b Greening	23
M. Morton lbw b Stockton	4
E. Wilkes c Winstanley b Greening	11
A. J. McAlpine st Rees b Stockton	21
F. W. Nicholas c H. Pratt b Barmby	26
L. Harvey lbw b Stockton	1
J. M. Frost b Barmby	3
E. Swainson st Rees b Stockton	12
Sir A. D. McAlpine b Barmby	2
G. Startup not out	1
Extras	15
Total	133

HAWARDEN PARK II. v. UPTON I.

At Upton on Saturday. Hawarden Park: E Colegate c and b Perrin 14, H Law c Samuel b Schofield 14, H White b Morris 1, F Jones c and b Morris 4, P Shalleroff b Morris 4, L Newton b Morris 1, Rev. Irving b Lawson 4, J Bleese c Samuel b Lawson 1, V Roberts not out 14, R Halford c Morris b Perrin 5, E Davies b Perrin 15, extras 4; total 75.

Upton: R Morris c Rev. Irving b H. Wintle 25, G Booke c P Shalleroff b Colegate 4, R Lawson b H Wintle 24, R Boadman b Shalleroff 4, H Schofield c F Shalleroff b H Wintle 0, S Perrin b H Wintle 4, O Samuel c Law b Shalleroff 23, O Morris b Shalleroff 4, H Joyce b H Wintle 4, O Reede not out 4, J Wright b H Wintle 4, extras 8; total 129.

BOUGHTON HALL FARE BADLY AT UPTON.

Boughton Hall II. put up a dismal batting display at Upton on Saturday, and in reply to the home declared total of 182 for 5 wickets, they were all out for 53. J. F. Lipham was top scorer with 20, a good innings under the circumstances. Barmby took four wickets for 62 runs. Scores:—

Upton.—F Storer b Winstanley 5, E A Jenkins c Winstanley b Barmby 30, L Phillips c Winstanley b Barmby 47, E Davies not out 84, L H Fulton lbw b Barmby 1, L Ashworth c Armitage b Barmby 39, extras 6; total (for 5 wks. ins. dec.) 182. E Connolly, J Dore, H Weaver, G E Bell and F J Callaghan did not bat.

Boughton Hall II.—H J Hack b Phillips 7, R H Clegg b Connolly 5, J F Lipham b Dore 20, F Atkin run out 0, A G Barmby b Phillips 2, J Greening b Dore 3, W Winstanley b Dore 0, B Higham lbw b Dore 2, F H Bennett b Phillips 1, J H Armitage not out 4, R H Mathias b Connolly 1, extras 7; total 53.

THORNTON HOUGH ROUTED.

118 RUNS VICTORY.

Owing to rain on Monday, the match with Thornton Hough was reduced to an afternoon one, play commencing at 2 p.m. Eaton's innings, opening with an altered batting order and on a softer wicket than usual, opened disastrously, the first three wickets falling for a mere 19 runs. H. T. Browne, however, partnered by R. Wood, retrieved the position excellently, and the score quickly mounted. Browne contributed a hurricane 30, while R. Wood and A. Moss made excellent partners with 28 and 27 respectively. Col. Gover, Bryan, and G. Thomas also pulled their weight with double figure scores which helped to carry the score to 150.

Thornton Hough made a poor reply and were all back in the pavilion in less than an hour for a meagre 32. Browne opened the bowling with Col. Gover and bowled four over for 8 runs. G. Thomas then took his place and gave a fine display. He proved too much for the visitors, and was excellently supported in the slips, F. Thomas taking three wickets in succession. Col. Gover, bowling from the other end, took three wickets for 11 runs. The only player who managed to reach double figures was Roper with 10. Currie was next with 9, while F. Allen made 5. Four were out for "ducks," while none of the others made above three. Scores:—

EATON PARK.

Rev. F. J. Okell b Allen	3
R. Wood at Crowden b Allen	28
Col. C. L. Matthews c Elton b McKeown	4
F. W. Thomas b Allen	3
H. T. Browne b Currie	30
A. Moss at Crowden b Elton	27
Col. C. R. Gover c and b McKeown	14
W. Bryan at Crowden b Allen	18
G. Thomas c Pimbley b McKeown	14
F. Jones c Allen b McKeown	1
A. E. Richards not out	1
Extras	8
Total	150

THORNTON HOUGH.

J. T. Roper b Thomas (G.)	10
C. R. Currie c Thomas (F) b Thomas (G.)	9
R. McKeown c Thomas (F.) b Thomas (G.)	1
F. Allen c Thomas (F.) b Thomas (G.)	5
A. Edwards c Bryan b Gover	3
F. G. Crowden c Bryan b Gover	0
F. Silcock b Thomas (G.)	1
W. H. Elton b Thomas (G.)	2
W. Huxley c Thomas (F.) b Gover	0
G. Clark not out	0
T. Pimbley b Thomas (G.)	0
Extras	1
Total	32

BARROW II. v. ASHTON HAYES.

At Barrow on Saturday, Ashton Hayes took first knock, and H. Shepherd quickly hit up 29, taking three successive boundaries off T. Plant's second over. With A. Lewis and G. Turner together the rate of scoring slackened, but the latter made several nice strokes. At 118 for seven a declaration was made. With only 70 minutes for batting the home side did not force the pace, and had scored 67 for five wickets when time was called. J. Steele was top scorer with 23.

Ashton Hayes.—H Shepherd b Plant 29, P Gregory lbw b Catherall 1, I Woodward b Catherall 8, A Lewis run out 26, G Turner c Plant b Parsonage 21, M Taylor lbw b Gamon 2, L Day b Parsonage 7, T Rimmer not out 11, A Woodward not out 9, extras 2; total (for 7 wks, dec) 116. A Shallercross and C. Shallercross did not bat.

Barrow.—H Parsonage b Gregory 7, J Steele run out 23, E Catherall c Shallercross b Shepherd 6, J McLaughlin b Taylor 14, T Plant b Shepherd 13, C W Hawkins not out 1, J Gamon not out 3, extras 1; total (for 5 wks) 67. H Blackburn, H Wardle, G Platt, and S Chesters did not bat.

"KNOCK-OUT" COMPETITION

EASY WIN FOR R.A.F. OVER UPTON.

AN UNCOMMON DISMISSAL. (By "Austin.")

Upton reduced themselves to an ordinary village side in Tuesday's "Knock-out," when, in reply to R.A.F.'s total of 122, they could only muster 40. There seemed nothing uncommonly clever in the bowling of the R.A.F. side, and I think that Upton did so disastrously because a total of 122 seemed unassailable. They had lost heart before going in to bat, with the result that they, usually a dependable side, did not cover themselves with any glory.

SHAW AT HIS BEST.

R.A.F. batted first, and were given an excellent start by Shaw and Body, who had 40 runs on the board in nineteen minutes—good going even for a "Knock-out." The pair were never in trouble, Shaw gathering three 4's with glorious drives, and Body livening the proceedings with a magnificent drive over the boards for eight runs. The opening partnership had produced 49 when Body was bowled by C. Morris. The batsman had made 24. Having tasted blood, C. Morris bowled Squadron Leader Maxwell for a "duck," and the R.A.F. were not "flying so blithely." Then came Collyer, affectionately remembered by Boughton Hall crowds for his artistry as a wicket-keeper, and he was soon off the mark. His audacity won him several pertinent singles, and slowly the batsmen got on top of the bowling. They were helped greatly when the Upton captain decided on a double bowling change, and with the going of C. Morris, who had been bowling a fairly fast ball from the Tarvin end, runs came even more quickly. It was a fatal mistake to take Morris off, for he was keeping one end quiet, and had in fact taken two wickets for 19 runs. Collyer and Shaw continued to "pinch" singles, so that when Shaw was bowled by L. Jones's first ball the score stood at 72 for three wickets. Shaw had played another fine innings, sedate and chanceless. His score of 31 included three 4's. Succeeding wickets fell cheaply until C. Morris was reinstated at the city end. He soon got another wicket, even though the method might be contentious. As he began his run to the wicket so Ellison, batting at that end, commenced his run up the pitch for a possible quick single. Morris had seen this, stopped dead at the wicket, whipped off the balls, appealed, and Umpire Len Hales had to say "Out." This, a permissible method, is rarely done in cricket to-day, and immediately there was discussion around the ground as to whether it was sporting or not. A batsman, certainly, has no right to slich ground, but it must always be the bowler's privilege to warn the batsman of the result if he persists. In the same over Flight Lieut. Wright, captain of the R.A.F. team, made the bowler pay dearly for his "prize" by hitting him for two 4's in successive strokes. When stumps were drawn R.A.F. had scored 122 for nine wickets without ever revealing themselves as the force they were when winning the competition last season.

ALL OUT FOR FORTY.

Upton fared woefully when it came their turn to bat, the first wicket falling at 10 and the last at 40. Thwaites and Cockrill bowled unchanged with their stumper (not Collyer) recalling last year's wizard. L. Jones was top scorer with 9, and the other batsmen seemed far too intent on runs before getting their eye in. Lawson, who scored a memorable 65 in last year's competition, was out for 2, and nine of the team were clean bowled. This was not the real Upton, but an Upton with a decided inferiority complex. R.A.F. won easily, but not in such a fashion as to inspire confidence that they will again win the competition.

R.A.F.

A/C Shaw b L. Jones	31
Serjt. Body b C. Morris	24
S/Ldr. Maxwell b C. Morris	0
D. Collyer run out	24
P/O Thwaites c Griffiths b Lawson	8
P/O Crier c Griffiths b Jones	4
L/A.C. Cockrill c F. Read b Lawson	0
P/O Walker run out	0
A/C Ellison run out	8
F/Lt. Wright not out	10
P/O Smith not out	0
Extras	11

Total (9 wkts) 122

UPTON.

R. Morris b Thwaites	7
G. Rooke b Cockrill	5
R. Lawson b Thwaites	2
F. Read b Cockrill	0
C. Morris c Cockrill b Thwaites	2
L. Jones b Thwaites	9
S. Perrin b Thwaites	0
E. Loadman b Cockrill	3
H. Griffiths b Thwaites	0
H. F. Joyce b Thwaites	6
W. Pate not out	1
Extras	5

Total 40

For Upton. C. Morris took two wickets for 29, L. Jones two for 21, R. Lawson two for 18, and H. Griffiths and S. Perrin none for 25 and 18 respectively.

The Upton innings lasted thirteen overs. Thwaites taking seven wickets for 26, and Cockrill the remaining three for 8. Thwaites took two wickets in one maiden over.

EATON PARK IN FORM.

HOLIDAY MATCH VICTORIES.

FINE BOWLING OF G. THOMAS.

Eaton Park's week-end matches resulted in two easy victories, Northern "A" being defeated on Saturday, and Thornton Hough on Monday. A feature of both games was the bowling of G. Thomas, a young player in his first season with the club. Bowling devastatingly, he took five wickets for 13 runs on Saturday and seven wickets for 12 runs on Monday.

Eaton made a fair start on Saturday, their first wicket falling at 28. H. T. Browne, coming in first wicket down, jumped right into his best form and hit up a sparkling 90 in short time, his score including two 6's and eleven 4's. His dismissal came unexpectedly, a slow long hop just trickling on to the wicket off his body when he was attempting a pull. During his innings he received assistance from R. Wood (22), Col. Matthews (17), and Col. Gover (14). After the dismissal of Richards the innings was declared at 174 for 8.

Northern, who fielded a weaker side than usual, never looked like saving the game. Browne and Gover attacked with spirit, and after taking a wicket each Edwards and Moseop held them up. Relieving Brown, G. Thomas bowled Edwards and went on to take five wickets for 13 runs. F. Thomas, who relieved Col. Gover, took 3 for 22. The innings ended with a total of 93. Scores:—

EATON PARK.

F. W. Thomas c Edwards b Wooliscroft	12
R. Wood lbw b Wooliscroft	23
H. T. Browne b Wilson	90
A. Moss b Ryder	3
Col. C. L. Matthews c Moseop b Mumford	17
Col. C. R. Gover c Wilson b Wooliscroft	14
W. Bryan st Moseop b Wilson	8
A. E. Richards c Alexandra b Wilson	0
V. Woodall, not out	5
Extras	3

Total (8 wkts., inns. dec.) 174

The Rev. P. J. Okell and G. Thomas did not bat.

NORTHERN "A."

H. A. Reeves b Browne	18
J. B. Pinnington b Gover	9
B. Edwards b Thomas (G.)	23
C. M. P. Moseop c and b Thomas (F)	24
H. C. Wooliscroft b Thomas (G.)	6
K. H. Wilson c Gover b Thomas (F)	1
P. V. Alexandra b Thomas (G.)	0
J. R. Seager b Thomas (G.)	0
M. Munford not out	1
P. Edwards b Thomas (G.)	0
P. H. Rider st Richards b Thomas (F)	2
Extras	9

Total 83

CROPPERS XI v. HANDBRIDGE.

At Handbridge on Saturday. Croppers XI.—E Bellis b Gunson 0, J Rowland c Wilcock b E Bellis 12, W Knott c Roberts b Plant 0, H Stanley run out 1, E Roberts b Gunson 0, P Wilcock b Heath 2, N Cropper b Powell 5, A Bellis not out 3, J Roberts b Plant 5, W Dodd b Gunson 0, extras 2; total 27.

Handbridge.—G Gunson run out 21, L Holland c Wilcock b E Bellis 12, W Knott c Roberts b Cropper 11, F Bromfield b H Bellis 0, J Powell not out 8, F Bellion b H Bellis 2, W Morecroft, C Evans, E Heap, M Plant, and H Crossley did not bat, extra 1; total (for 5 wkts) 55.

BEECH GETS ANOTHER CENTURY.

BARROW BATSMEN IN FORM.

"SPASMODICS" FARE BADLY.

The "Spasmodics" have cause to remember their first visit to Barrow. Having won the toss they decided to take a chance and put Barrow in, and the home side responded by knocking up 305 for the loss of six wickets. The batting honours were carried off by H. Beech, who achieved his second century of the season. Going in at the fall of the third wicket, he made 103 not out, which included 15 boundaries. M. Jeffs (37) and T. Meakin (45) both played the bowling with certainty, and the former was rather unfortunate in playing a ball on to his wicket.

The visitors lost their opening batsmen, C. C. Taylor and G. T. F. Luya, in the first two overs. After a quiet start, A. G. Hickson played delightful cricket, a beautiful straight drive off J. Platt resting in "The Croft" garden, but the bowler had him caught at slip off the next ball. J. C. Taylor was top scorer with 33, but could get no one to stay with him. At 87 T. Radcliffe took up the bowling, and then followed a collapse. In his second over J. C. Taylor skied the ball and was taken by the wicket-keeper. The remaining batsmen offered little resistance and the whole side were out for 101. T. Radcliffe having the remarkable figures of five wickets for seven runs. V. A. Arnold was in capital form behind the stumps and did not concede a single bye.

BARROW.

F. Houlbrook c Luya b C. C. Taylor	14
M. Jeffs b J. C. Taylor	37
T. Meakin c C. C. Taylor b L. Roberts	45
C. Houlbrook run out	25
H. Beech not out	103
V. A. Arnold c J. C. Taylor b C. C. Taylor	19
T. Radcliffe b L. Roberts	26
F. W. Darlington not out	16
Extras	20

Total (for 6 wkts., dec.) 305

J. Platt, D. Tyson, T. Plant, and J. Okell did not bat.

"SPASMODICS."

C. C. Taylor c F. Houlbrook b Tyson	0
G. T. F. Luya c C. Houlbrook b 0	0
A. G. Hickson c F. Houlbrook b 24	24
L. Roberts b Tyson	8
H. H. Clarke b Platt	10
J. C. Taylor c Arnold b Radcliffe	33
R. F. Murphy b Radcliffe	13
E. C. Harrison b Radcliffe	3
J. McCormick lbw b Darlington	4
P. H. Roberts b Radcliffe	3
P. M. Edgecombe not out	0
Extras	2

Total 101

UPTON 1st XI v. HAWARDEN PARK.

At Upton on Saturday. Upton defeated Hawarden Park on Saturday. Upton batted first, and scored 102. H. Wintle took 6 for 22, and F. Shallcroft 5 for 42. Hawarden Park were all out for 75. C. Morris took 4 for 13, S. Perrin 3 for 19, and R. Lawson 2 for 10.

Upton.—R. Morris c Irving b Wintle 26, G. Rooke c Shallcroft b Colegate 6, R. Lawson b Wintle 26, R. Loadman b Shallcroft 4, H. Schofield c Shallcroft b Wintle 0, S. Perrin b Wintle 0, G. Samuel c Law b Shallcroft 20, C. Morris b Shallcroft 8, H. F. Joyce b Wintle 6, O. Reade not out 4, J. Wright b Wintle 0, extras 2; total 102.

Hawarden Park.—H. Law c Samuel b Schofield 14, N. Colegate c and b Perrin 10, H. Wintle b Morris 1, F. Jones c and b Morris 6, F. Shallcroft b Morris 0, L. B. Newton b Morris 1, Rev. Irving b Lawson 8, T. Blease c Samuel b Lawson 1, V. Roberts not out 10, R. Halford c Morris b Perrin 5, E. Davies b Perrin 12, extras 4; total 76.

BOSSETT INSTITUTE v. MALPAS.

This all-day fixture was played at Lyndr Park on Whit Monday. Winning the toss, Malpas batted first and only totalled 46 runs. Only D. Briggs reached double figures. Bossett's first innings was disastrous, the whole side being dismissed for 17 runs. Malpas, in their second innings, scored 41 runs, setting the home team 71 runs to win. Rossett improved and the first wicket produced 28 runs and only three wickets were down with the total at 67. Eventually 94 runs were scored for the loss of nine wickets. J. Gillam with 28, and G. Gillam and B. Dutton with 10 and 12, batted well. A. Hampson had the remarkable average of nine wickets for 9 runs and B. Dutton took six for 45.

"KNOCK-OUT" COMPETITION

A THRILLER AT LAST.

HELSEBY WIN EXHILARATING GAME.

RELIANCE BEATEN BY THE CLOCK.

(By "Austin.")

Six balls to go with ten runs wanted for victory! This was the fascinating stage of an altogether exhilarating game when Antrobus, of Helseby, commenced to bowl the final over in Thursday's "knock-out" with Reliance. Could they do it? With C. C. Dutton, the Boughton Hall player, still batting, the chances were that they could. They might easily have had them, but for the strategy of Antrobus, who bowled just so wide of the wicket that even Dutton, of the needle eye and quick feet, could not get at them. He failed to make contact with five of the six balls, and it was off the last in this critical over that he got three runs. So a hectic match ended in a win for Helseby by six runs.

RELIANCE LOSE AN OVER.

The match was a thriller throughout, and as this sporting crowd got a trifle impatient with the Helseby bowlers, it is interesting to note that Reliance bowled 25 overs, and Helseby one less. Reliance, therefore, seem to have just cause for saying "Had the bowlers not wasted time we should have won." It is conceivable that another over would have produced the necessary seven runs. For all that, Reliance had only themselves to blame, for with 61 runs on the board for three wickets in reply to Helseby's total of 94, they should have won the match with ease. They allowed themselves to be beaten by the clock, and Helseby, because of their superb batting, thoroughly deserved to win. Here, if I am not mistaken, are the winners of this season's competition. No match this season has equalled this for thrills and certainly none has produced such magnificent fielding. Runs were as difficult to get as gold sovereigns, and shots usually good for a boundary produced only singles. There is no doubt that but for the keen work of Reliance in an expertly-placed field, Helseby would have piled up a record score for any "knock-out." Four men were out to magnificent catches, while Williams, their opening batsman, was smartly stumped by Watson before he had scored. Helseby batted splendidly to the ninth man, and it is a compliment to the men in the field that only five 4's were conceded.

EVERY MAN A BATSMAN.

Helseby lost Williams with one run on the board, and the second wicket fell at 11, when Bridges made a clever running catch low down to dismiss Williams. A. Boyle remained, and with Antrobus, began to consolidate the position. Boyle was eventually bowled by Bridges when he had made 16, and Antrobus had hit a dashing 15 when he was out to a magnificent catch on the boundary by Austin. The fielder had one foot outside the pitch when making the catch, and there were many who argued that the batsman should have been credited with four runs. It was a great drive, but a greater catch. A. Fitch and Worrall gave further proof of the Helseby batting strength by carrying the score from 57 to 90 for the eighth wicket, and at the end of the hour the score stood at 94. Throughout the innings, R. A. Lloyd, the Denbighshire county player, bowled unchanged, and took six wickets for 41 runs. C. C. Dutton, although he missed one easy catch, proved his worth as an outfielder, and once hit the stumps with E. Boyle yards out of his crease.

STRUGGLE FOR RUNS.

Reliance opened with R. A. Lloyd and G. Bridges, who in a League match for the same team on Saturday got 55 out of a total of 75 runs. Antrobus's first over yielded six runs, but Britland, opening from the Tarrvin end, was very inexpensive, Lloyd turning him to leg for a single. The bowling called for respect, and the batsmen were unusually quiet. But the partnership was producing just over a run a minute. Twenty minutes had elapsed when the first wicket fell at 26, Bridges being bowled by Britland. C. Lloyd, who joined his brother, seemed intent on changing the course of the game, and he hit two 2's, three singles, and a four off successive balls. A continuance of this method promised to give Reliance a fighting chance. R. A. Lloyd was not so care-free, preferring to amass his score in singles and 2's. His batting was faultless, but the occasion called for more spirit. When he was caught by Jones on the leg boundary he had scored 24 in half an hour. With C. Lloyd still in there was a chance of fireworks, but Worrall did not miss a second wicket, and C. C. Dutton now remained Reliance's only hope, but time had already been wasted, so that his 15 not out did not represent the difference between defeat and victory. Dutton was the chief actor in a pulsating finish to a memorable game.

HELSEBY.

A. Boyle b Bridges	16
S. Williams st Watson b R. A.	0
Lloyd	0
J. Williams c Bridges b R. A.	0
Lloyd	3
C. Jones c C. Lloyd b R. A. Lloyd	5
J. Antrobus c Austin b R. A.	15
Lloyd	15
M. Forster c Bridges b R. A.	9
Lloyd	9
M. Boyle run out	6
A. Fitch not out	15
F. Worrall b R. A. Lloyd	17
F. Britland not out	1
Extras	7

Total (for 8 wks.) 94
T. Nield did not bat.

RELIANCE.

G. Bridges b Britland	9
R. A. Lloyd c Jones b Antrobus	26
C. Lloyd st Worrall b Nield	18
C. C. Dutton not out	15
T. W. Addis run out	15
E. Watson c Fitch b Antrobus	2
P. Cliffe st Worrall b Nield	0
F. Morris run out	1
D. Austin run out	4
J. Gardner not out	0
Extras	13

Total (for 8 wks.) 88
G. Millward did not bat.

BOWLING.

For Reliance, R. A. Lloyd took six wickets for 41 runs in 12 overs. Bridges one for 26, and Morris none for 20.

For Helseby, Antrobus took two wickets for 34, Nield two for 20, and F. Britland one for 21.

BARROW BEATEN AT TILSTONE.

A BOWLER'S WICKET.

Good bowling, backed up by good fielding, enabled Tilstone to score a somewhat unexpected victory over Barrow on Saturday. It was certainly a bowler's wicket, but even so, the low scoring on both sides was really astonishing. Against the bowling of the brothers Cross, who bowled unchanged, the Barrow batsmen could do nothing right, only Harry Beech making anything like a score. The first four wickets only put on five runs, and after Beech had departed the rest of the side were soon disposed of, the innings closing for 34. E. Cross had the splendid figures of six for 14, while his brother took the remainder for 17. When Tilstone batted they found runs equally hard to get against the bowling of Beech and Radcliffe, and six wickets fell cheaply before the Barrow total was equalled. Mossford played a steady game to score 13, but after the sixth wicket fell there were four consecutive maidens before Howarth made the winning hit. He was caught off the next ball, and the remaining batsmen only added ten more runs. Beech had seven wickets for 18 runs and Radcliffe two for 24.

Barrow.—F. Houlbrook lbw b E. Cross 0, M. Jeffe c Comber b F. Cross 4, T. Meakin c McMorrin b F. Cross 1, C. Houlbrook c and b E. Cross 0, H. Beech b E. Cross 14, V. A. Arnold b E. Cross 7, T. Radcliffe b F. Cross 3, F. Darlington b E. Cross 0, H. Woodcock c McMorrin b F. Cross 2, D. Tyson c Howarth b E. Cross 0, A. Denny not out 0, extras 3; total 34.

Tilstone.—R. Mossford c and b Beech 13, W. Cadman lbw b Beech 0, J. Bolt b Beech 2, E. Cross lbw b Beech 8, E. McMorrin c Beech b Radcliffe 3, F. Cross c F. Houlbrook b Beech 1, H. Howarth c Darlington b Radcliffe 5, H. Wright b Beech 7, Rev. E. P. Comber c Darlington b Beech 0, W. Evans not out 2, C. Harnott b Darlington 1, extras 3; total 44.

CREWE WEDGWOOD v. BUNBURY.

At Crewe on Saturday. Bunbury won the toss and, batting first, collapsed before the bowling of Sylvester and Edwards. The side were all out for 15. F. Sylvester took seven wickets for 6, and P. Edwards three for 9. Wedgwood lost Evans and Case with only 5 on the board. Then Walker and Needham carried the score to 106 before Walker was caught for a magnificent 54. Needham followed up his 91 on his last appearance with a fine innings which just touched the half-century. F. Cooper got 23 not out. F. Davies bowled 22 overs for 33 runs and three wickets.

Bunbury.—H. Murray b Sylvester 1, F. Davies c and b Edwards 6, T. Garner b Sylvester 0, A. Swinleas b Sylvester 0, J. Vickers b Edwards 5, E. Harding b Edwards 1, G. Jones b Sylvester 0, T. Thompson b Sylvester 1, O. Trauer b Sylvester 0, H. Harding b Sylvester 0, J. Woodhall not out 1, extras 0; total 15.
Crewe Wedgwood.—J. Evans b Davies 0, R. Case run out 4, G. Needham c Swinleas b Parker 14, J. Walker c Jones b Davies 54, G. W. Lee b Davies 9, F. Cooper not out 23, F. Edwards c Harding b Parker 5, E. Hadfield not out 11, extras 11; total (for 8 wks.) 108.

R. MOORE DUTTON

SCORES 69 AGAINST LANCASHIRE II.

L. N. JONES ALSO TOPS THE HALF CENTURY

GREENHALGH'S CENTURY FAILS TO SAVE HIS SIDE.

"SATURDAY AFTERNOON" CRICKET AFTER RESULT WAS DECIDED.

Cheshire maintained their good work in Minor Counties cricket when, at Crewe on Wednesday and Thursday, they took first innings points against Lancashire II. They were helped greatly by R. Moore Dutton, who scored 69, and another Boughton Hall player, L. N. Jones, was net out with 51 in the second innings.

Unsettled weather in the early part of the week was followed by glorious sunshine for the meeting of Cheshire and Lancashire II at the Crewe Alexandra Athletic Grounds on Wednesday.

Both counties were strongly represented, but some disappointment was felt at the absence of Farrinord, the English Test player, from the Lancashire side. His position as wicket-keeper was taken by Elliot. Cheshire were captained by J. D. Worthington. Teams.

Cheshire: J. D. Worthington (Bowdon), L. N. Jones (Boughton Hall), R. M. Dutton (Boughton Hall), G. A. McEntyre (Wallasey), J. A. McEntyre (Wallasey), A. M. Wolstenholme (Oxton), H. C. E. Prescott (Oxton), H. Eyre (Stockport), G. Broadhurst (Congleton), Dennis (Oxton), Bartley (Birkenhead Park).

Lancashire II: H. Makepeace (capt), F. Williamson Hawkwood, J. Heaton, Sibbles, Nutter, Elliot, Edge, Greenhalgh, Place, Bennett.

CHESHIRE BAT FIRST.

Luck was with Cheshire in winning the toss, for it was an ideal batsman's wicket. Against the bowling of Sibbles and Edge, J. D. Worthington and J. A. McEntyre opened with confidence. Scoring was slow, however, Worthington displaying every restraint, and the first half hour only produced 20 runs. McEntyre was clean bowled by Nutter with the Cheshire total at 34. The Wallasey player had contributed 19 to this total. The Lancashire bowling was given a trying test with Dennis, the Oxton professional, partnering his captain. Bowling changes became frequent in a determined attempt to break the partnership. The half century was hoisted without Worthington giving a single chance, and the score went steadily forward. No fewer than five bowling changes were tried by Lancashire before the second wicket fell. The Cheshire total was at 82 w. l. Worthington was out lbw under the new rule to Greenhalgh. The Cheshire captain had compiled 39, and had assisted greatly in breaking up the luncheon interval Cheshire had every reason to feel satisfied with their position. A third wicket was to fall immediately after lunch, however. Eyres had scored six runs when he was bowled by Sibbles. With the century passed runs came more quickly. Dennis taking ten off one over from Sibbles. Only smart fielding prevented Cheshire from adding at a merry rate to their total. A rare feat on the Crewe ground was accomplished by Jones when he lifted Bennett, a new bowler, to the grand stand roof. The "six" hit was followed by a boundary through the covers, bowled by a boundary revenge with his last ball, the Boughton Hall player being caught behind the wicket. At the fall of this wicket, Cheshire had 144 runs on the board. Jones had scored 27 in his short spell at the crease. The Lancashire bowling suffered frequent changes but Dennis and R. M. Dutton established a confident partnership. A well-timed stroke through the slips gave Dennis a six, and he was warmly applauded on passing his half-century. Following a slow opening, Dennis had commenced to score at a faster rate, although he had been at the wicket two hours before reaching his 50. A further chance of bowling brought about the downfall of Dennis. His score was at 54 when he played a ball into Heaton's hands at mid-on from Greenhalgh's bowling. Dennis had been batting two hours and twenty minutes.

TWO HUNDRED UP.

J. A. McEntyre set up a solid stand with R. M. Dutton. Few risks were taken, but Cheshire crept slowly to the double-century. A lusty stroke by McEntyre to the boundary hoisted the 200 after 3 hrs. 40 mins. The new ball failed to change Lancashire's luck, and a fast delivery from Edge passed straight through the slips to the boundary. Sibbles was reintroduced into the attack, but the Dutton-McEntyre partnership was well-set. A beautiful cut to the boundary by Dutton drew applause, and it was renewed when he sent the next ball off the green to reach his half-century. In the next over Lancashire met with success. McEntyre was caught in the slips, with the Cheshire total at 229. Wolstenholme was the next batsman, and he signalled his arrival by hitting Sibbles for a 4. Wolstenholme also hit Heaton for 4 with a splendid drive. Lancashire had tried six bowlers and were now ringing the changes at practically every over. Greenhalgh, the goody bowler, checked the scoring with a maiden over and narrowly missed having Wolstenholme taken behind the wicket. With 264 runs on the board, Wolstenholme was out to a catch. Dutton had scored 69 when he was joined by H. C. E. Prescott. The Cheshire "tail" was now to collapse in sensational manner. Dutton was stumped without adding to his score, and then followed a rout, the last four wickets falling for the addition of only one run.

LANCS. II. FIRST INNINGS.

CHESHIRE MISS AN EARLY CHANCE.

Lancashire, in reply, faced an uphill task, and their opening batsmen, Hawkwood and Place, could take few liberties with the good length bowling of Dennis and Bartley. Neither bowler could gain much life from the wicket, but the batsmen were held in check. The Cheshire fielding also was good, and with only 14 runs on the board, Lancashire's first wicket fell, Bartley clean bowling Place. Bartley was unfortunate with the last ball of his over, Greenhalgh the newcomer to the crease, giving an easy chance in the slips which was missed. With the Lancashire total at 20, Cheshire made their first change in the attack, R. M. Dutton taking over from Dennis. A smart catch by Worthington brought about the downfall of Hawkwood, Lancashire's second wicket falling at 26. Cheshire's chances appeared rosy, for both Bartley and Dennis were keeping a fine length. The Lancashire batsmen fell back on defence and only 30 runs were on the board after 80 minutes. Bartley was given the ball at the town end and Dennis changed over to the opposite end. The move was a success, Dennis having Williamson out lbw, under the new rule with his second ball. At the close of play Lancashire II. had scored 38 for the loss of three wickets and 227 behind the Cheshire total.

THURSDAY'S PLAY

Conditions were favourable and the Lancashire batsmen made a challenge to the Cheshire total when play was resumed yesterday (Thursday). Rain during the night had made the wicket soft. Nutter and Greenhalgh, who resumed the Lancashire innings, added steadily to the overnight total of 38 by obtaining singles. Liberties, however, could not be taken against the bowling of Dennis and Bartley, and, backed up by keen fielding runs came slowly.

Cheshire have one of their best teams on view for some years, and Lancashire certainly had their backs to the wall. Play had been in progress fully half an hour before Greenhalgh hit a 4. The first half-hour produced 12 runs. Lancashire had a lucky escape when Prescott dropped Nutter behind the wicket. Dennis, with a fine delivery, bowled Nutter with the Lancashire total at 62. There was a further escape for Lancashire when Bartley failed to hold a catch at mid-on from Heaton, the new-comer. Broadhurst, the Congleton googly bowler, was given a trial facing the town end shortly afterwards.

"HEARTBREAK" CRICKET.

Greenhalgh and Heaton entrenched themselves and a stout partnership ensued. Lancashire had been batting three hours before reaching the century, and Greenhalgh had been 2 1/2 hours in obtaining his 50. "Heartbreak cricket" was the order of the day. A stolid bat met every delivery sent down and Cheshire's hopes of victory grew more remote. Bowling changes had no effect. Two 4's by Greenhalgh revived the game for a while, but another long spell of inactivity followed. Greenhalgh had truly laid the foundation of Lancashire's reply, and he was undefeated at the luncheon interval, having contributed 90 to his side's total of 170. On resuming he obtained the necessary 10 runs required for his century. He had then been at the crease three hours and forty minutes. It was an indication of the pace at which the visitors were scoring. Selecting the right balls, Greenhalgh hit the bowling all round the wicket. A feature was his driving. It was off one of these shots, however, that he was caught by Woolstenholme after scoring 113. He had been at the crease exactly four hours, shortly after the fall of Greenhalgh's wicket Bartley returned, and claimed three wickets without having a run knocked off him in four overs. It put Cheshire on top again, for whether they would obtain first innings points had become doubtful. Sibley and Edge were together for the last wicket and they appeared to be getting set when a shower of rain drove the players to the pavilion. It was the first rain during the match, although the weather had been threatening practically all day. The end

of the Lancashire innings was suspended only for ten minutes. In the second over after the resumption Dennis clean bowled Edge, and the innings concluded with 223 runs on the board. It had lasted a few minutes over six hours.

CAPTAINS COME TO TERMS.

HALF-CENTURY FOR L. N. JONES.

So slow had the scoring been earlier in the day that it was evident that no decision could be arrived at. Cheshire had done well to earn first innings points. The bowlers, on Thursday, carried on the good work commenced by the batsmen on Wednesday. With the result a foregone conclusion when the last of the Lancashire batsmen was dismissed by Dennis, the interest in the game disappeared, and it was not surprising to find the respective captains arranging for an early finish. It was decided to close the game at 5-45, which meant that Cheshire would have about an hour and a half for their second innings. One would have thought it was a Saturday afternoon match from the pace at which Cheshire commenced to obtain runs. It was certainly in contrast to the "slow

motion" of the Lancashire batsmen. Wickets also fell more rapidly than at any other period, and the result was that Cheshire scored 110 for five. Had it not been for a stand by L. N. Jones, who scored 51 in a little over the hour and remained undefeated, there is no telling what havoc the Lancashire bowlers might have caused. The shower of rain, which caused the suspension of play for a short period during the Lancashire innings, had affected the wicket in favour of the bowlers. The ex-Cheshire captain, however, gave a spirited display, and his efforts were warmly appreciated by the spectators.

SCORE BOARD.

CHESHIRE.

1st Innings.

J. D. Worthington lbw (n) b Greenhalgh	39
G. A. McEntyre b Nutter	19
Dennis c Heaton b Greenhalgh	54
H. Eyres b Sibley	6
L. N. Jones c Elliot b Bennett	27
R. M. Dutton st Elliot b Bennett	69
J. A. McEntyre c Bennett b Sibley	18
A. M. Woolstenholme c Sibley b Greenhalgh	6
H. C. E. Prescott b Bennett	1
G. Broadhurst b Greenhalgh	0
Bartley not out	0
Extras	16
Total	265

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Greenhalgh	13	3	26	4
Heaton	14	4	34	0
Edge	18	2	43	0
Sibley	25	3	59	2
Bennett	12	2	37	3
Nutter	17	2	50	1

LANCASHIRE II.

1st Innings.

Hawkwood c Worthington b Dennis	13
Place b Bartley	6
Greenhalgh c Woolstenholme b Jones	113
F. Williamson lbw b Dennis	7
Nutter b Dennis	11
J. Heaton lbw b Broadhurst	28
Bennett lbw b Bartley	15
Makepeace lbw b Bartley	6
Sibley not out	7
Elliott c Prescott b Bartley	1
Edge b Dennis	1
Extras	15
Total	223

Fall of Wickets.—1-14; 2-26; 3-37; 4-62; 5-153; 6-199; 7-209; 8-214; 9-216; 10-223.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Dennis	39	14	57	4
Bartley	31	10	38	4
Jones	19	4	53	1
Dutton	5	1	10	0
Broadhurst	23	3	50	1

CHESHIRE.

Second Innings

J. D. Worthington b Heaton	9
G. A. McEntyre b Sibley	10
A. M. Woolstenholme st Elliott b Bennett	18
H. Eyre c Elliott b Heaton	0
L. N. Jones not out	51
J. A. McEntyre st Elliott b Bennett	20
Extras	2
Total (for 5 wks.)	110

BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Sibley	9	4	19	1
Heaton	7	3	27	2
Bennett	5.5	0	29	2
Edge	5	0	19	0
Nutter	1	0	1	0
Hawkwood	2	0	13	0



R. MOORE DUTTON.

ANOTHER DRAWN GAME AT EATON.

FIFTH WICKET STAND BY WATERLOO PARK.

AFTER LOSING THREE FOR EIGHT.

Another drawn game resulted at Eaton, on Saturday, when Waterloo Park were the visitors. The Rev. F. J. Okell again appeared as captain after a fortnight's absence while the team included several young members.

Eaton, batting first, soon settled down, and made 165 for the loss of seven wickets before declaring. R. Wood was again in form and was the highest scorer with 41. He participated in three partnerships, but was eventually bowled by Davidson. The other principal scorers were the Rev. F. J. Okell (25), H. T. Browne (22), A. Moss (20), and F. W. Thomas (15), while extras totalled 20. Davidson was the most successful bowler for the visitors, taking three wickets for 21 runs.

The visitors could hardly have made a worse start. Mellor being caught off the first ball sent down by Browne. When the second wicket fell only three runs had been added, while the third was down for eight. Thomas and Leaver then came in, however, and by careful methods took the score to 45 before Thomas was lbw to Moss. Edwards joined Leaver, and these two, despite bowling changes were not separated, and when stumps were drawn the score stood at 103 for four wickets. Leaver, whose score of 56 included eight 4's, played a fine captain's innings, getting his runs in excellent style and showing a sound defence.

EATON PARK.

F. W. Thomas c Edwards b Braithwaite	15
W. Gude run out	3
H. T. Browne run out	22
R. Wood b Davidson	41
A. Moss c and b Davidson	20
Rev. F. J. Okell c Davidson b Thomas	25
A. E. Richards not out	9
G. Thomas c Thomas b Davidson	9
F. Jones not out	1
Extras	20

Total (for 7 wkts. dec) 165

Bowling: Davidson 3 for 21.

WATERLOO PARK.

J. Mellor c Wood b Browne	0
L. Barker c F. Thomas b G. Thomas	3
J. Matthews c Richards b G. Thomas	0
F. W. Thomas lbw b Moss	15
T. W. Leaver not out	56
F. H. Edwards not out	26
Extras	3

Total (for 4 wkts) 103

A. Penketh, A. Glanville, F. B. Davidson, W. F. Malone, and G. Braithwaite did not bat.

Bowling: G. Thomas 2 for 15.

TATTENHALL BOWLER'S TRIUMPH.

HARTFORD'S HOME DEFEAT.

Hartford first eleven gave a disappointing display in their game with Tattenhall at Hartford on Saturday, and were narrowly beaten by 19 runs.

Hartford, winning the toss, elected to take first knock on what appeared to be an ideal batsman's wicket, but eventually proved to be full of tricks. C. G. Allman and L. Johnson opened steadily, being content to play themselves in cautiously; yet neither of them seemed really comfortable against the bowling of L. Pritchard, whose medium-paced deliveries required careful treatment. With three runs on the board, Allman was bowled by Pritchard, and it came as no surprise. With the advent of B. Allman, runs came a little quicker, and although Johnson fought shy of anything wide of the off stump and was content to play a straight bat at the accurate bowling. Allman was ready to have a go at anything loose, and his first two scoring strokes were well-timed hits to the boundary. The score mounted to 18 and then Johnson fell a victim to Pritchard after scoring a single in his fairly long stay at the wicket. R. Grimsditch was bowled first ball. He made a poor effort at playing an accurate delivery from Pritchard and was clearly beaten.

A FINE CATCH.

A. J. Oakey, the next man in, opened confidently, but only stayed while three runs were added. He edged another well pitched ball from Pritchard and was the victim of a fine catch by Harding, who flung himself full-length to hold the ball inches above the turf. Things were looking black for Hart-

ford, but R. Owen quickly brought back their confidence with some lively batting. He and Allman made a fine stand which added 44 runs, when Allman was bowled by Pritchard after scoring a valuable 23, including four hits to the boundary. Meanwhile, Owen continued to smite any loose balls, and he and H. Howard amused the spectators by some cheeky singles. At 75, Owen was run out in attempting a second run. His innings of 39 was a delight to watch and included five 4's, a 3, and three 2's. The rest of the wickets fell cheaply. H. Howard made a poor stroke at a ball which should have been hit to the boundary, and merely dropped the ball into square leg's hands. W. Hitchen hit a four and was then run out in attempting an almost impossible single; J. Egerton got his legs in front of his wicket and was l.b.w.; and R. Jones made a vicious swipe at a ball from Dutton and was bowled for eight runs. The innings realised 92 runs. F. Pritchard bowled splendidly throughout the innings, and claimed seven wickets. F. M. Dutton took one, and two batsmen were run out.

R. Owen and J. Egerton bowled unchanged throughout the Tattenhall innings with a degree of success, but were unable to get the side all out before they had passed the Hartford total to win the game. Nine wickets were down for 85 runs and Hartford still had a chance of winning; a last wicket stand, however, between F. Pierce and A. Wilding shattered their hopes and took the score to 111 before it was broken up. J. Egerton was the most successful bowler; in 16 overs, four of which were maidens, he took five wickets for 50 runs; while R. Owen took four for 51 runs in 17 overs. Scores:—

HARTFORD.

C. G. Allman b F. Pritchard	3
L. Johnson lbw b F. Pritchard	1
B. Allman b F. Pritchard	23
R. Grimsditch b F. Pritchard	0
A. J. Oakey c Harding b F. Pritchard	1
R. Owen run out	39
H. Howard c G. Frost b F. Pritchard	3
R. Jones b M. Dutton	8
W. Hitchen run out	4
J. Egerton lbw b F. Pritchard	1
C. G. Hilditch not out	3
Extras	6

Total 92

TATTENHALL.

F. Frost b Egerton	2
F. M. Dutton run out	20
G. Frost c and b Owen	4
D. Corbett b Egerton	14
L. Harding b Owen	0
L. Pritchard c Grimsditch b Owen	11
F. Pritchard b Egerton	1
T. W. Pritchard c and b Owen	14
R. R. Gardner b Egerton	10
F. Pierce not out	16
A. Wilding b Egerton	9
Extras	10

Total 111

BALL THAT "STAYED PUT."

CURIOUS INCIDENT AT TILSTONE CRICKET MATCH.

An extraordinary incident marked the game at Tilstone, on Saturday, between the local side and a touring Liverpool team. Captain O. D. Winterbottom, batting for Tilstone, made a lusty hit into the branches of an adjacent silver birch tree, and to the amazement of the fieldsman the ball never came down! It had lodged in a fasciated growth, locally known as a "Witch's Broom," and defied all efforts to dislodge it. The Liverpool side eventually won a good and sporting game by 17 runs.

Liverpool Spasmodics.—H H Clarke b McMorran 11, G T Lomax lbw b F Cross 1, A G Hickson run out 35, H S Rich c and b Howarth 15, B F Stead b Howarth 0, L Roberts b Howarth 6, J C Taylor b E Cross 7, R F Murphy b W Cadman 23, G C Gillespie b E Cross 2, P N Edgecombe not out 16, E Cadman b W Cadman 0, extras 9; total 125.

Tilstone.—O D Winterbottom c and b Roberts 19, R Mossford b Rich 4, W Cadman c Hickson b Rich 10, J Bolt b Taylor 17, E Cross c Hickson b Stead 8, F Cross lbw b Stead 0, E McMorran b Taylor 13, H Howarth c Lomax b Stead 11, E Cadman b Taylor 6, C Harnott b Rich 10, C Hopkins not out 0, extras 11; total 108.

BARROW v. TARPORLEY.

At Barrow on Saturday. Tarporley.—W Wright c Beech b Radcliffe 0, R Davies c Beech b Radcliffe 16, R Walkden b Radcliffe 22, A Coppack b Darlington 15, L Bragg lbw b Radcliffe 4, G Page c Beech b Darlington 0, G Daine b Darlington 2, J Hinde b Darlington 8, S Copson b Darlington 0, H Coppack b Radcliffe 0, C Davies not out 0, extras 7; total 74.

Barrow.—F W Darlington b Hinde 1, T Meakin b Hinde 17, H Beech c Bragg b Hinde 0, T Radcliffe c C Davies b Hinde 20, P Gamon c R Davies b Coppack 4, P Ruscoe b Hinde 0, V A Arnold c Coppack

b R Davies 15, D Tyson not out 40, J Steele not out 16, extras 5; total (for 7 wkts) 124. J Platt and H Lawrence did not bat.

FRODSHAM v. BRUNSWICK INSTITUTE (RUNCORN).

Brunswick.—A Mitchell c Cawley b Blackwell 17, R Johnson b Sayle 7, A Cuthbertson c Egerton b Sayle 17, L Houghton b Sayle 0, J Marsh run out 1, J A Roberts b Sayle 0, D Williams b Blackwell 1, A Platt lbw b Tudor 14, A Garratt b Sayle 39, E Andrews b Blackwell 4, N Holt not out 2, extras 15; total 117.

Frodsham.—A Cawley b Marsh 5, F Sayle b Holt 8, E Blackwell lbw b Williams 1, T Egerton c Platt b Andrews 6, H Tudor b Williams 2, G Ormsby b Garratt 0, E Kendrick lbw b Williams 4, L Turner b Roberts 0, J Gieve b Cuthbertson 7, E Rutter not out 0, J Nicholls c Garratt b Andrews 6, extras 6; total 45.

HELSEBY v. STOCKTON HEATH.

At Helsby on Saturday. The visitors batted first and were given an excellent start by the Birchall brothers; S. H. Birchall was the first to leave, with 20 to his credit. He was excellently caught in the slips by Britland. E. Michael joined J. Birchall and these two took the score to 77 before Michael was dismissed. After this wickets fell quickly, the whole side being out for 102. J. Birchall scored a valuable 45. J. Williams claimed five wickets for 14 runs, and A. Fitch four for 11.

The Helsby innings started disastrously, two wickets being down for two runs, but E. Boyle, J. Williams, and E. Britland pulled the game round for Helsby with good batting. The home team passed Stockton Heath's total by five runs for the loss of nine wickets. J. Daniels bowled well for Stockton Heath, capturing seven of the nine wickets which fell.

Stockton Heath.—J H Birchall c Antrobus b Fitch 45, S H Birchall c Britland b T Nield 20, E E Michael c Fitch b Williams 20, L P Broady c Williams b Williams 6, F J Parr c Jones b Williams 7, J Daniels lbw b Williams 1, A Pemberton b Williams 1, R W Collin b Fitch 0, L Corbishley b Fitch 0, P J Lloyd b Williams 0, W G Carr not out 0, extras 2; total 102.

Helsby.—S Williams c Carr b Collin 0, M Foster c Birchall b Broady 2, E Boyle b Daniels 21, J Williams b Daniels 33, C Jones b Daniels 0, A Fitch b Daniels 0, G Leech c Collin b Daniels 4, F Worrall b Daniels 0, F Britland not out 27, T Nield not out 4, J Antrobus b Daniels 9, extra 1; total 107.

KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION.

HAWARDEN PARK PASS ON.

NARROW WIN OVER COUNTY OFFICERS.

With the rain threatening an abandonment Hawarden Park had to get runs quickly in Monday's "knock-out" against the County Officers, and it is to their credit that they got the necessary 99 with over five minutes to spare. It was a fine sporting game with the County Officers batting first, and compiling 98 runs inside the hour for the loss of only five wickets. With Tudor Dickenson away on holidays and the usually reliable C. P. Brutton out for 13, the Officers' prospects were none too rosy, but as so often happens a player who usually plays a sedate innings came to the rescue. This time it was Basil Dryland, who got going in exhilarating style, enjoying every minute of his stay at the wicket which yielded him 31 runs. He hit four 4's, and with Good helped the score to the region of 70, when rain caused a halt. The game was resumed, and the Officers finished with 98—not a formidable but a comfortable score.

L. Burdekin, who scored a memorable 79 not out against Christleton last week, again laid the foundation for Hawarden Park's victory with an invaluable 29. Phillips was out when he had scored one, but Burdekin remained with J. T. Reidford to put on over 25 runs for the second wicket. The three first batsmen were all Brutton's victims, and the best performance was that of A. Reidford, who carried his bat for 29. At the end of fifty minutes Hawarden Park were only a few runs short of the opposition score, but the rain came down steadily, and with the winning hit the players retired to the pavilion.

For Hawarden Park, H. S. Bonnewell took four wickets for 36, and A. Reidford the other one for 51.

For the Officers, Brutton took four wickets for 50, and F. W. Thomas two for 44.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

C. P. Brutton c Phillips b Bonnewell	13
F. W. Thomas lbw b Bonnewell	5
G. W. Good st Davison b Bonnewell	15
A. B. Dryland lbw b Bonnewell	31
G. Stanyer b A. Reidford	5
H. Myers not out	16
G. N. Curbishley not out	2
Extras	11
Total (for 5 wks)	98

T. Ryan, E. Albinson, F. J. Adam and W. Dodd did not bat.

HAWARDEN PARK.

L. Burdekin c Curbishley b Brutton	20
H. Phillips b Brutton	1
G. T. Reidford lbw b Brutton	12
A. Reidford not out	29
G. Ede b Brutton	6
W. H. B. Roberts b Thomas	10
L. Shallcroft run out	6
H. S. Bonnewell c and b Thomas	1
G. Temple not out	9
Extras	5
Total (for 8 wks)	99

J. H. Davies and H. Davison did not bat.

FATHER AND SON IN OPPOSITION.

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES FOR RESPECTIVE SIDES.

COUNTY SCHOOL O.B. OUTCLASSED BY TARPORLEY.

In Thursday's "knock-out" we had the unusual spectacle of seeing father and son make outstanding performances for opposite sides. It was the boy's misfortune that he was playing for the wrong side, because Tarpорley created the season's biggest surprise by soundly defeating the County School Old Boys, and the father (R. Davies) did more than any other to win the match. Going in first, he was undefeated at the close of the hour with 56, which was the result of as good a knock as I have seen in these enjoyable games.

The son, E. R. Davies, is a pupil at the City and County School, but assists Tarpорley in Saturday matches, and one can readily imagine his pride when invited to play for the Old Boys. He came in to bat at a time when his side's wickets were falling like so many ninepins, but for him the bowling had no terrors, and one leg glide which yielded him only a single stamped him as a batsman with a future. He had made eight, mostly singles, when his zeal caused him to be run out, and he had batted so confidently that there was excuse for the

ovation given him. Here, indeed, is a cricket prodigy, and I was inclined to agree with the man who commented, "His father might have made 50, but he has not his son's artistry."

WIND AFFECTS BOWLING.

Although the Old Boys, aided by Frank and H. J. Hack, failed so badly, the match was not without its interest. The wind made an appreciable difference, and H. T. Browne, the Eaton Park fast bowler, playing for the Old Boys, was not so accurate as usual, and H. J. Hack found the ball being carried too near the batsmen. Bowling, usually damaging, therefore lost much of its effect, so that Tarpорley were able to bat breezily, and help themselves to a splendid score of 111. Tarpорley lost their first wicket when Browne bowled W. Wright with the fourth ball of the first over. Coppock scored 12 and with Davies put on 22 runs for the second wicket, but Wharton, the next man in, was audacity itself, and hit Thomas out of the ground for a beautiful 8. Wharton also included two 4's in his score of 22, and would have hit many more had not H. J. Hack been brought on for Thomas at the Tarvin end. Hack bowled him with the fourth ball. Hack could not disturb the equanimity of Davies, and the batsman showed a distinct liking for the slow spin stuff and he was able to help himself to a number of 4's. At the close he was unbeaten with 55, and that he reached the boundary on seven occasions was all due to his own aggression and the will to go for the bowling. Walker hit three 4's in his score of 15, and Tarpорley ended the hour with the nice score of 113. The crowd were not slow to acclaim Davies's sterling display.

A BAD START.

F. Hack chose H. T. Browne as his opening partner, obviously intending that the Eaton Park left-hander should force the pace. Boughton Hall must be Browne's unlucky ground, for once again he failed in his side's hour of need. He swung into a delivery of Coppock's and was out l.b.w. This was not an encouraging start, but with the Hack brothers together anything might happen. It did happen, F. Hack being smartly taken behind the wicket with the score-board indicating two good batsmen out for eight runs. T. Boden assisted H. J. Hack to carry the score to 26 for the third wicket, but the batting was so subdued that it was obvious the Old Boys could not hope to reach the opposition score. Boden was run out at 26, and H. J. Hack followed at 30, being clean-bowled by Coppock. Then the boy Davies held the fort, first with Southern and then with a school-mate in G. Thomas, but it was left to the last pair to carry the score from 54 to 70. Eric Taylor collected 13 runs in no time before being caught and bowled by Wharton. The side was all out inside the hour for 70.

Coppock again bowled remarkably well for Tarpорley, taking five good wickets for 18 runs. Wharton took three for 24 and Hinde none for 17.

For the Old Boys, Browne took two for 37, H. J. Hack one for 35, and G. Thomas 0 for 36.

TARPORLEY.

R. Davies not out	55
W. Wright b Browne	0
A. Coppock run out	12
E. R. Wharton b H. J. Hack	22
A. L. Bragg b Browne	1
R. Walkden run out	15
W. Vernon not out	3
Extras	5
Total (for 5 wks)	113

G. Page, J. Hinde, H. Coppock, and G. Daine did not bat.

COUNTY SCHOOL O.B.

F. Hack c Bragg b Coppock	6
H. T. Browne lbw b Coppock	1
H. J. Hack b Coppock	8
T. Boden run out	7
D. E. Southern b Wharton	6
E. R. Davies run out	8
H. Parsonage b A. Coppock	1
H. R. West lbw b Coppock	0
G. Thomas b Wharton	5
T. Jones not out	4
E. Taylor c and b Wharton	13
Extras	11
Total	70

CHESTER COLLEGE v. R.A.S.C. (Chester).

At Chester.

R.A.S.C.—Benwell b Vause 15, Orr b Vause 0, Lawton b Baker 0, Eagle b Vause 1, Murphy b Vause 0, Bates c Taney b Vause 0, Brown c Brian b Baker 0, Forsythe b Vause 0, Langley b Baker 0, McMurrell st Taney b Baker 0, extra 1; total 17.

Chester College.—Charlton c Eagle b Forsythe 0, Taney c Forsythe b Lawton 6, Baron c Bates b Brown 38, Lamb c and b McMurrell 0, Wellock c Murphy b Brown 3, Brian b Forsythe 2, Vause b Brown 1, Joyce c McMurrell b Brown 9, Nelson not out 9, extras 4; total (for 8 wks) 72.

BARROW v. BOUGHTON HALL "A."

Barrow met Boughton Hall "A" in a match of 26 overs at Barrow on Wednesday and won by 16 runs. There was some capital batting by H. Ratcliffe and W. E. Jones for the visitors, and by M. Jeffs, T. Radcliffe, and H. Beech for the home side. J. Platt was the most successful bowler, taking five wickets for 23 runs. T. Radcliffe fell to a fine catch by his namesake in the long field, but many catches were dropped. Boughton Hall "A."—H. Ratcliffe b H. Beech 29, J. F. Lipsham c Wardle b J. Platt 22, A. B. Dryland lbw b H. Beech 0, R. A. Clegg b J. Platt 9, C. C. Dutton not out 28, J. C. Bester b J. Platt 1, J. J. Sanderson b Jeffs 1, J. Greening b J. Platt 1, R. L. Mathias b J. Platt 0, W. E. Jones not out 24, extras 2; total 117.

Barrow.—M. Jeffs lbw b Ratcliffe 40, F. W. Darlington b Greening 6, T. Ratcliffe c H. Ratcliffe b W. E. Jones 30, H. Beech b W. E. Jones 45, D. Tyson not out 2, P. Gamon, J. Steele, J. Platt, T. Plant, J. Gamon, and H. Wardle did not bat, extras 10; total 133.

UPTON II. v. R.A.F. (PACKING DEPOT).

Upton II. had a narrow win over the R.A.F. Packing Depot on Saturday last. R.A.F. batted first and were all out for 45, L. Jones taking 5 for 17 and B. Done 4 for 20. Upton were dismissed for 48 runs, Meech took 5 for 11 and Hickey 4 for 9.

R.A.F. (Packing Depot).—C. H. Cotton b Jones 0, L. Salvini c J. Davies b Done 2, R. Weeks b Done 3, F. Hickey b Jones 3, W. Meech b Jones 0, R. Breckon c Starkie b Done 3, H. Orford lbw b Jones 13, J. Ingham c Pate b Starkie 10, B. Hopkins c F. Reade b Done 7, T. Crowther c Davies b Jones 0, A. R. Robinson not out 0, extras 4; total 45.

Upton.—F. Reade c Robinson b Cotton 1, L. Jones c Orford b Meech 2, W. Pate c Meech b Hickey 14, B. Done c Orford b Hickey 7, J. Wright b Hickey 0, Orford b Meech 11, C. Reade c Ingham b Starkie 3, J. Davies b Meech 5, F. Urmonst not out 1, F. Harrop b Meech 0, G. Stacey c Orford b Meech 0, extras 5; total 48.

HANDBRIDGE INSTITUTE v. HAWARDEN PARK II.

Hawarden: H. Law b M. Platt 7, H. Wintle b G. Gunson 1, L. Newton lbw b G. Gunson 3, N. Colegate b G. Gunson 0, V. Roberts b M. Platt 3, F. Shallcroft b M. Platt 14, Rev. Irving b M. Platt 6, E. Davies b M. Platt 3, R. Halford not out 4, J. Blease b M. Platt 0, R. Parrish b Powell 0, extras 8; total 49.

Handbridge: Scott c Law b L. Newton 4, G. Gunson c Blease b L. Newton 11, W. Knott b L. Newton 3, J. Powell c Wintle b Shallcroft 1, F. Bromfield b L. Newton 0, H. Powell c Law b F. Shallcroft 3, F. Bellion b L. Newton 1, M. Platt c E. Davies b F. Shallcroft 0, C. Clay not out 6, W. Moorecroft b F. Shallcroft 0, C. Evans b F. Shallcroft 0, extras 0; total 29.

MARCHWIEL II. v. CHIRK II.

At Marchwiel Hall. The visitors won by 12 runs and a wicket to spare at the call of time. J. Williams took six wickets for 15 runs, R. Roberts four for 35, and F. Mitchell three for 24.

Marchwiel II.—K. Wilson c Everett b J. Williams 18, R. Roberts b W. Butler 0, C. Fletcher b J. Williams 29, P. Cousins b J. Williams 0, G. Weaver run out 1, T. Spiers b T. Williams 10, F. Mitchell b J. Williams 4, T. Parry c Butler b J. Williams 1, Macdonald b J. Williams 0, N. Williams b J. Williams 7, W. L. Owen not out 6, extras 17; total 92.

Chirk II.—S. Williams b R. Roberts 0, H. Potter lbw b Mitchell 38, T. Morris at Mitchell b Weaver 16, E. Butler b Roberts 5, H. Parry run out 5, T. Williams b Mitchell 7, H. Jones b Mitchell 20, G. Everett c and Williams not out 2, extras 7; total (for 9 wks) 104. W. Butler did not bat.

CHESHIRE'S STRONG POSITION

BARBER AND BARTLEY UPSET YORKSHIRE II.

Inspired bowling by Barber and Bartley, the local professionals, was largely responsible for Cheshire holding a clear advantage at the end of the first day's play in the Minor Counties match against Yorkshire II., which began at Rake-lane, New Brighton, yesterday.

In reply to Cheshire's first innings total of 225, Yorkshire could only compile 104, and of these Barker and Bottomley were responsible for 81. The later batsmen failed in face of accurate bowling by two professionals, and the Yorkshire eleven were all out in 2½ hours for 104, after having scored 69 for two wickets.

Ninth Wicket Stand

The feature of the Cheshire innings, which occupied 3 hours and 25 minutes, was an invaluable ninth wicket stand between Barber and A. R. Crooke, the Birkenhead Park wicket-keeper. This pair, coming together when the score stood at 54 for 8 wickets, added 70 runs in 50 minutes, in what proved to be the most prolific partnership of the day's play. The professional, who punished the bowlers, fast and slow alike, contributed 54 of the 70 runs, and made 36 of these by means of boundary strokes. He cut and drove with refreshing freedom, and his was easily the brightest effort of the day. Crooke took nearly an hour to make 13 runs, but he is to be congratulated on keeping his end up while the other man made the runs.

J. Worthington, the Cheshire captain, who included a 6 in his 29, and G. A. McEntyre, gave the home team an encouraging send-off by taking the score to 38 before being separated. After the latter's departure, however, a minor collapse ensued, and three wickets fell for the addition of only 29 runs. L. N. Jones and R. M. Dutton, the Boughton Hall representatives, contributed useful items, but it was the advent of Barber and Crooke which enabled the Cheshire eleven to complete the 200.

Lamb was the most successful of the visiting bowlers, and his return of 5 for 81 represents a commendable performance. N. W. Yardley, one of two Cambridge Blues who appeared in the Yorkshire eleven, distinguished himself with some smart fielding, and he was responsible for three excellent catches. Two of these, taken at short leg, off Lamb's bowling, were exceptional efforts. The Cheshire innings closed after 3 hours and 20 minutes batting for 225.

The Yorkshire Venture

Yorkshire made a wretched start, for with the first ball of Barber's first over, and with only 2 runs on the board, P. A. Gibb was l.b.w. Bottomley and Barber then defended stubbornly in face of keen fielding and accurate bowling, and carried the total to 69 before the latter was bowled by Bartley. His 45, which included eight 4's, was the only bright spot in the Yorkshire innings. Bartley and Barber continued to bowl with great enthusiasm, and to such purpose that 6 wickets fell in a short period for the addition of 24 runs. Crick, the wicketkeeper, and Colonel Chichester-Constable sent up the 100 after the innings had lasted 2 hours 25 minutes, but the remaining 2 wickets fell before the inspired Barber and Bartley, and the Yorkshire total stood at only 104 when Colonel Chichester-Constable was bowled by Barber.

Barber and Bartley shared the wickets between them at a cost of 43 and 33 runs respectively. The only other bowler was L. N. Jones, but he did not take a wicket. Cheshire are thus left in a strong position, and it is probable that Worthington will enforce the follow-on this morning. Scores:—

1st Inns.		CHESHIRE.		2nd Inns.	
J. Worthington, b Lamb	29	G. A. McEntyre, c	36	J. A. Richardson, c	5
G. A. McEntyre, c	17	J. A. Richardson, b Lamb	1	L. N. Jones, c and b	0
Yardley, b Wilson	17	J. J. White, c Hargreaves	4	Richardson, c	35
J. J. White, c Hargreaves	4	A. M. Wolstenholme, c	5	J. A. McEntyre, b Lamb	15
b Wilson	0	A. M. Wolstenholme, c	5	Yardley, b Lamb	5
Dennis, c Wilson	0	Barber, lbw (n)	13	Barber, lbw (n)	13
Lamb	0	Bottomley, run out	0	Bartley, not out	0
R. M. Dutton, c Yardley	30	Bartley, not out	0	Extras	21
b Lamb	30	Extras	21	Total	225
L. N. Jones, c and b	0	Total	104		
Richardson, c	35				
J. A. McEntyre, b Lamb	15				
A. M. Wolstenholme, c	5				
Yardley, b Lamb	5				
Barber, lbw (n)	13				
Bottomley, run out	0				
Bartley, not out	0				
Extras	21				
Total	225				

1st Inns.		YORKSHIRE II.		2nd Inns.	
Barker, c G. A. McEntyre	36	P. A. Gibb, lbw b Barber	1	Barker, c G. A. McEntyre	36
P. A. Gibb, lbw b Barber	1	Bottomley, b Bartley	45	P. A. Gibb, lbw b Barber	1
Bottomley, b Bartley	45	N. W. Yardley, b Barber	3	Bottomley, b Bartley	45
N. W. Yardley, b Barber	3	Pearson, lbw b Bartley	1	N. W. Yardley, b Barber	3
Pearson, lbw b Bartley	1	J. A. Richardson, c	5	Pearson, lbw b Bartley	1
J. A. Richardson, c	5	G. A. Wilson, lbw b	0	J. A. Richardson, c	5
G. A. Wilson, lbw b	0	Bartley	0	G. A. Wilson, lbw b	0
Bartley	0	Lamb, c Dennis	0	Bartley	0
Lamb, c Dennis	0	Barber	0	Lamb, c Dennis	0
Barber	0	Crick, b Bartley	4	Barber	0
Crick, b Bartley	4	Col Chichester-Constable	4	Crick, b Bartley	4
Col Chichester-Constable	4	Hargreaves, not out	0	Col Chichester-Constable	4
Hargreaves, not out	0	Extras	5	Hargreaves, not out	0
Extras	5	Total	104	Extras	5
Total	104			Total	104

BOWLING ANALYSIS	
CHESHIRE.	1st Inns.
Hargreaves	11 ... 2.20 ... 0
Lamb	27 ... 6.81 ... 5
Wilson	25 ... 4.66 ... 2
Richardson	4 ... 1.17 ... 1
Bottomley	6.1 ... 2.20 ... 1
YORKSHIRE II.	1st Inns.
Bartley	25 ... 11.33 ... 5
Barber	17.1 ... 3.43 ... 5
L. N. Jones	9 ... 2.25 ... 0

1st Inns.		YORKSHIRE II.		2nd Inns.	
Barker, c G. A. McEntyre	36	b Barber	2	Barker, c G. A. McEntyre	36
P. A. Gibb, lbw b Barber	1	c G. McEntyre b B'ber	14	P. A. Gibb, lbw b Barber	1
Bottomley, b Bartley	45	b Barber	16	Bottomley, b Bartley	45
N. W. Yardley, b Barber	3	c Dennis b Jones	23	N. W. Yardley, b Barber	3
Pearson, lbw b Bartley	1	c Bartley b Jones	24	Pearson, lbw b Bartley	1
J. A. Richardson, c	5	c Bartley b Jones	8	J. A. Richardson, c	5
G. A. Wilson, lbw b	0	c Jones b Barber	0	G. A. Wilson, lbw b	0
Bartley	0	lbw (n) b Jones	13	Bartley	0
Lamb, c Dennis	0	c Worth'n b Barber	3	Lamb, c Dennis	0
Barber	0	not out	3	Barber	0
Crick, b Bartley	4	c and b Barber	0	Crick, b Bartley	4
Col Chichester-Constable	4	Extras	10	Col Chichester-Constable	4
Hargreaves, not out	0	Total	116	Hargreaves, not out	0
Extras	5			Extras	5
Total	104			Total	104

BOWLING ANALYSIS	
CHESHIRE.	1st Inns.
Hargreaves	11 ... 2.20 ... 0
Lamb	27 ... 6.81 ... 5
Wilson	25 ... 4.66 ... 2
Richardson	4 ... 1.17 ... 1
Bottomley	6.1 ... 2.20 ... 1
YORKSHIRE II.	1st Inns.
Bartley	25 ... 11.33 ... 5
Barber	17.1 ... 3.43 ... 5
L. N. Jones	9 ... 2.25 ... 0
Dutton	8 ... 0.32 ... 0

Note.—(n) Indicates new l.b.w. rule.

CHESHIRE WIN

YORKSHIRE II. BEATEN ON TIME

In an thrilling finish, Cheshire defeated Yorkshire II. by an innings and 5 runs in the Minor Counties' fixture which concluded at Rake-lane yesterday. Only six minutes remained for play when the last Yorkshire batsman was dismissed.

Following torrential overnight rain, play was held up until nearly four o'clock, leaving Cheshire with only 2½ hours in which to get their opponents out for the second time. That they were able to do so was due to the excellent bowling of Barber and L. N. Jones. The former, following up his fine all-round performance in the first innings, took 6 wickets for 35 runs in 17 overs. In the match he thus had 11 wickets for an aggregate of 78 runs.

Jones, who had not succeeded in taking a wicket in the first Yorkshire innings, took the remaining 4 batsmen at a cost of 19 runs. The Cheshire fieldsmen were on their toes, and Yorkshire did not find run-getting easy on a wicket which was obviously affected by the sun following the rain. The ball "popped" in a way which often caused the batsmen discomfort. Despite several stubborn minor stands, Yorkshire were unable to hold out until the close of play, and they were all out in 2 hours 24 minutes for 104, amid great excitement.

Barker and P. A. Gibb, who opened the Yorkshire innings to the attack of Barber and Bartley, carried the score to 15 before the professional was clean-bowled by Barber. The first 50 was raised in a little over an hour, while 85 was reached before the fourth wicket fell. N. W. D. Yardley being bowled "all over the place" by Barber, after contributing 23 runs in a fighting effort. He hit four boundaries. At the same total G. A. Wilson was dismissed without scoring, by means of a brilliant one-handed catch by L. N. Jones.

J. A. Richardson and Lamb carried the score steadily along until the 100 went up after 105 minutes' batting, but Lamb fell shortly afterwards to L. N. Jones under the new l.b.w. rule.

Bartley's Catch

Hargreaves was a caught and bowled victim of Barber's at 103, and at this period the home county had just under half an hour in which to secure the remaining 2 wickets. Richardson and Crick strived might and main to play out time, and it seemed at one time as if they would be successful, but when the Yorkshire total stood at 112 the former was magnificently caught in the slips by Bartley, the professional taking the ball almost as it reached the ground. Richardson had been at the wicket 39 minutes for his 8 runs.

Colonel Chichester-Constable, the Yorkshire captain, who was the last man in, opened with a 2, thus leaving Yorkshire to get 6 runs to avoid an innings defeat. Only 2 more runs were added, however, before Crick gave Worthington a chance at mid-on, which the Cheshire leader gratefully accepted. Cheshire thus gained their second victory, triumphing after forcing the follow-on, and they won by reason of excellent bowling and keen fielding.

CHESHIRE.—First Innings.	
J. Worthington, b Lamb	29
G. A. McEntyre, c	17
Yardley, b Wilson	17
J. J. White, c Hargreaves	4
b Wilson	0
Dennis, c Wilson	0
Lamb	0
R. M. Dutton, c Yardley	30
b Lamb	30
L. N. Jones, c and b	0
Richardson, c	35
J. A. McEntyre, b Lamb	15
A. M. Wolstenholme, c	5
Yardley, b Lamb	5
Barber, lbw (n)	13
Bottomley, run out	0
Bartley, not out	0
Extras	21
Total	225

Great Match For Barber

Smart fielding and the bowling of Barber and L. N. Jones gave Cheshire a meritorious victory over Yorkshire II. by an innings and 5 runs at Rake-lane, New Brighton, the last wicket falling five minutes before time. Rain delayed the start until four o'clock, and up to the tea interval Yorkshire looked like forcing a draw, but Barber and Jones took toll of the remaining batsmen, the last five being dismissed for 33 runs. The Cheshire fielding was particularly keen, seven of the Yorkshiremen being caught. Barber and L. N. Jones each took a brilliant slip catch, and it was appropriate that the catch which terminated the match was taken by the Cheshire captain, J. D. Worthington. Barber had a great match, being a top scorer with 54, and taking in all 11 wickets for 78 runs, his figures for the second innings being: 170. 2m. 35r. 6w. L. N. Jones took the other four wickets at a cost of only 19 runs.

With half their fixtures completed, Cheshire look like having their best season for many years, for already they have beaten Lancashire II., last season's champions, and taken first innings points in the return game, while they also secured points from Staffordshire. Their remaining fixtures are home and away matches with Denbighshire, who have yet to win their first match in the minor counties' competition, and the return games with Staffordshire and Yorkshire.

FLINTSHIRE v. DENBIGHSHIRE

At Buckley, Flintshire won by 8 wickets. Denbighshire lost 4 wickets for 46 runs. Bruce and Morris, however, carried the score to over a 100 before they were separated. Bruce drove with great power. Taylor and Hughes, the opening batsmen for Flintshire, gave a superb exhibition of forceful hitting, and boundaries were plentiful. Montgomery and Bruce shared the bowling. Hughes was clean bowled by Bruce for a useful contribution of 49. The first wicket partnership registered a total of 133. With half an hour to go, Flintshire required 26 runs to win. Five minutes later, Taylor was bowled by Ironmonger. He received a great ovation for his fine innings of 75, which included six boundaries. Asbury secured the winning hit for Flintshire with a boundary. For Flintshire, Asbury took 4 for 36, Evans 3 for 24. Scores:

DENBIGHSHIRE		FLINTSHIRE	
C. Lloyd, c Jones b Ironmonger	1	J. Taylor, b Ironmonger	75
J. D. Cross, c Rees b Asbury	27	W. Hughes, b Bruce	49
L. Harvey, c Evans b E. Rees	14	L. B. Williamson, not out	20
N. Hughes, c and b Asbury	0	W. G. Astbury, not out	11
F. Jones, c E. Rees b Asbury	2		
R. Hulke, c Rees b G. Evans	14		
K. S. Bruce, b Wiseman	45		
H. Gittins, b Asbury	9		
C. Morris, c Lloyd b E. Evans	25		
B. Ironmonger, c Hughes b Evans	15		
L. Bell, not out	7		
Extras	18	Extras	20
Total	199	Total	175

For Flintshire, E. Rees, G. Evans, J. Lloyd, J. Wiseman, W. P. Freme, J. Jones, and T. Hughes did not bat.

CRICKET MATCH AT WREXHAM

SIR ALFRED McALPINE XI. v. NORTHERN

Sir Alfred McAlpine's eleven, playing yesterday on his private ground at Marchwiel Hall, near Wrexham, beat Northern by 56 runs. The wicket was easy and played well throughout, but the visitors were handicapped by having to field only a small number of their regular team. Consequently, their attack was innocuous and the home side knocked up 277. This total was fairly well distributed among the batsmen, for all except two reached double figures. A. J. McAlpine, with a number of all-round strokes, but chiefly to leg, topped the score with an innings of 56, and Wilkie, with whom he had a lively partnership, came next with 45. The rate of scoring was unusually rapid, for after reaching the century in 58 minutes, Sir Alfred's team average throughout 10 runs per hour. Heath took five wickets for 105, and Sturla four for 84. Northern's reply began with such confidence and speed that it looked just possible to pass their opponents' total before time intervened. At the tea interval they had compiled 69 in 42 minutes, and they had eight wickets in hand. The rest of the side, however, thanks to crisp fielding, was dismissed soon after that figure had been doubled. Batchelder took scoring honours with 44, and Barrell was second best contributor with 37. A. J. McAlpine took three wickets for 36, and W. E. Jones five for 47. Scores:

SIR ALFRED McALPINE'S XI.		NORTHERN	
W. E. Jones, lbw b Sturla	37	G. Batchelder, c Gregory b A. J. McAlpine	44
G. A. Pratt, c Heath b Sturla	35	A. L. Devine, lbw b A. J. McAlpine	25
A. Wilkie, b Heath	45	M. S. Woods, lbw b W. E. Jones	2
F. W. H. Nickolas, b Heath	16	J. M. Barrell, not out	37
A. J. McAlpine, c Pigott b Heath	56	A. A. Wiltshire, c and b W. E. Jones	0
J. L. Gregory, at Gardiner b Sturla	22	F. R. Heath, at Nicholson b W. E. Jones	3
Capt. Straker, lbw b Sturla	26	K. F. Gardner, b Jones	10
D. Sykes, lbw o Heath	7	K. F. Pigott, lbw b Jones	1
Major Woodhouse, b Heath	17	J. L. Rea, run out	1
Sir Alfred McAlpine, not out	4	C. Sturla, run out	2
Extras	14	Extras	12
*Total (9 wkts). 277		Total	161

*Innings declared.
For Sir Alfred McAlpine's XI, G. Startup did not bat.

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE GAME

A sporting game saw Church beaten at home in their Lancashire League game with Lowerhouse yesterday. The home side, after a poor start, pulled round, thanks to a magnificent innings of 102 by Brown, the South African. He hit five 6's and nine 4's. Church declared at 185 for 7 and Lowerhouse knocked off these runs for 5 wickets, the final score being 189 for 5. Milne 48 and H. Oxburgh 57 were top scorers.

BOOTLE v. LIVERPOOL PILGRIMS

Liverpool Pilgrims set a Bootle XI a severe task in their two-evening encounter, at Bootle, in scoring 202 for 9 wickets (declared) after 25 hours' batting. Chief honours were taken by R. S. Cranston, who scored 76 out of 153 in 100 minutes, hitting nine 4's in a delightfully free display. His partnership with A. N. Don for the fifth wicket put on 79 in 35 minutes. Don going on to complete his 50, being sixth out at 183, his 55, scored in as many minutes, including seven 4's. Following his departure, 19 runs were added for the further loss of 3 wickets, when the innings was declared. Bootle tried seven bowlers, J. R. Williams having the best figures, taking 4 for 38. A. Lacey 3 for 43, L. Lacey 1 for 28. Scores:

LIVERPOOL PILGRIMS		BOOTLE	
E. P. Anderson, c Jax Williams b J. R. Williams	5	J. D. Fowler, lbw b J. R. Williams	19
R. S. Cranston, b A. Lacey	76	A. H. Bowman, run out	1
D. D. L. Little, at Abel b J. R. Williams	5	J. H. Hyde, lbw b A. Lacey	7
T. B. Roberts, c Evans b A. Lacey	15	C. G. Higson, not out	1
W. F. Howard, lbw b L. Lacey	6	J. W. Rogerson, not out	0
A. N. Don, c L. Lacey b J. R. Williams	55	Extras	12
		*Total (9 wkts)	202

*Innings declared.
BOOTLE—N. E. G. Stanton, S. Jones, A. Lacey, T. P. Evans, A. Hobson, L. Myer, Cough, J. Abel, J. R. Williams, L. Lacey, T. G. Perry, A. Threlfall.

BIRKENHEAD PARK II. v. NESTON II.

At Birkenhead Park, Edgerton 3 for 51, Main 1 for 20, Bradburn 9 for 42, Smith 1 for 27. Scores:

BIRKENHEAD PARK II.		NESTON II.	
F. C. Wootnam, b Main	1	P. L. Barber, c Perry b Bradburn	9
A. V. Rogers, c Jackman b Edgerton	48	R. J. L. Colyer, b Bradburn	4
J. E. F. Perry, c and b Edgerton	24	H. G. Phillips, c R. J. Hughes b Bradburn	4
R. A. Soaker, c Banks b Edgerton	21	A. R. Clough, lbw b Bradburn	3
E. H. Hartley, not out	5	C. R. Jackman, b Bradburn	0
		T. M. Banks, lbw b Bradburn	0
		A. R. Thompson, b Bradburn	13
		W. Main, c Stansfield b Bradburn	12
		G. J. B. Edgerton, c Stansfield b Bradburn	7
		H. A. P. Rowland, c Hartley b C. J. Smith	31
		J. M. Montgomery, not out	1
		Extras	6
		*Total (4 wkts)	109

*Innings declared.
For Birkenhead Park II, B. J. Rogers, R. J. Hughes, C. R. Timmis, A. E. Stansfield, R. M. Bradburn, and C. J. Smith did not bat.

CRICKET NOTES

LIVELY PLAY IN MERSEYSIDE GAMES

By "Gryllus"

Local cricket was so full of fresh and frolicsome endeavour last week that those who went to Leeds to watch the sober startings of the Test match must have been sorry to have missed the sport in Liverpool. Indeed, club cricket as we know it here, and as it has been developing of recent seasons, is a far more exhilarating sight than the majority of first-class matches. Here we often see some 450 to 500 runs scored in a single afternoon, with any amount of competitive excitement thrown in. Who can ask for more? Many folk are saying just now that this type of cricket is the best preparation for international contests, as witness the capable Australians and South Africans, the bulk of whose cricket is more comparable to our own than to the long routine of county games.

There has been a particularly pleasing realisation in our local teams of the value and the technical superiority of aggressive, care-free play. A few seasons ago we were all grouching from time to time about the slowness and lack of enterprise which was sometimes shown in certain quarters, and still more about the way in which this negative type of play had earned itself the name of "soundness." Happily these days now appear to be over, and although the grouchers, like the wicked, will never cease from troubling, there are really no reasonable grounds for complaint in the majority of our competition games. Bit by bit, aggression will assume its rightful name of soundness, will be deliberately encouraged in ambitious batsmen, and the game will continue to bloom even more richly in its true spirit of happy adventure.

Improved Sides

After all, the matter of who wins or loses these games is not one which should keep us awake at night. So long as we have fine, dramatic, enterprising cricket, keen fielding and a high standard of virtuosity, the game will continue to attract and delight all players and all followers. These notions have been borne in upon me by reflecting over the recent defeats of the Liverpool club. Twice on successive Saturdays the Liverpool captain has declared his innings closed. In each case his sporting enterprise has involved risk, and in each case the team has had to pay the price. Last week it was the magnificent century of R. M. Dutton, following upon the powerful hitting of L. N. Jones, which brought a splendid victory to Boughton Hall. Liverpool have thus sown the seeds of victory with fine aggressive batting, followed by declarations which gave their bowlers full time for their work and accepted the hazards involved, and have twice been beaten for their pains.

Now the point at issue in my mind is this: what exactly has Liverpool lost in consequence of these occurrences? And the only answer I can find is: Nothing. Two games have been played which gave intense pleasure to the players of both sides and to the entire concourse of spectators. Games of this kind are an enrichment of local cricket, and all praise is due to the club or clubs which make them possible. It seems to me, therefore, that Liverpool's loss is pure gain, whichever way it is regarded reasonably. Does anybody seriously suggest that more satisfaction would have resulted to any single person if these games had been drawn? As they stand in the scorebook for all to read to-day, the first impulse of every generous cricketer is to say: Bravo, Liverpool! For my part, if I could guarantee to be beaten in this fashion once a week, I would ask for no better cricket fare.

Without wishing to take up too critical an attitude, compare the fate of Liverpool with that of Bootle in the match with Wallasey. Bootle, after a splendid century by H. S. Brown, and a not unreasonable declaration which gave Wallasey 20 minutes less time, saved the game with a margin of over 90 runs and added one more to their list of drawn matches. I do not wish to censure anybody's judgment in this matter, but merely to ask the question: Would this have been a better game or a less good game if Bootle had saucily declared half an hour earlier and been beaten in a close finish? They might, of course, have won, but that is another matter. What if they had lost outright, in the know-

ledge that a little more caution would have made them safe? Would this distress anybody, or take away the savour of a good game? Personally I cannot see what is radically wrong with declaring saucily and even losing matches. If there is anything particularly reprehensible about such conduct, or some real reason why defeat should be avoided at all costs, I shall be very much obliged if some correspondent will take the trouble to point out to me exactly why. Meanwhile, I suggest in all humbleness that the skies will not fall, nor will the world shake on its foundations, if a team is sometimes thoroughly caught napping on too sanguine a declaration.

Sporting Enterprise

Great improvement in form is being shown by the Hightown and New Brighton clubs, both of which are working their way gradually into competition prominence. Great batting by D. D. Little and S. B. McQueen enabled the former to overwhelm Southport last week. D. D. Little, a fine forcing batsman and a brilliant fielder, is just the type of cricketer most valuable to club cricket, whose influence gives the game just that sparkle and dramatic thrill which is required to give to cricket its old supremacy as king of summer sports. New Brighton's defeat of Birkenhead Park was a notable achievement. Chief honours belong to the bowlers, and to M. Halliwell in particular for his extraordinary spell, which included the rare "hat-trick." But the batsmen did their part also, facing the formidable attack of Bartley with consistent skill. Great deeds were done also by Sefton and Neston batsmen, so that local cricket in general is flourishing on all sides.

BOOTLE XI. v. LIVERPOOL PILGRIMS

A Bootle eleven made a very poor reply to the Pilgrims 302 for 9 declared, and were all dismissed in 1 hour 35 minutes for the small total of 67. R. S. Cranston followed up his smart batting by equally clever bowling, which caused a rout among the later batsmen, his final figures being:—

O.	M.	R.	W.
10.1	5	10	7

Four of his victims were clean bowled, and his last four were taken without a run being hit off him. Bootle made a slow and moderate opening, the first four wickets putting on 55 runs, of which J. R. Williams contributed a valuable 20. The remaining six batsmen, however, collapsed in ignominious fashion after 25 minutes further play for a paltry 12 runs. No extras were conceded, and a falling catch by T. B. Roberts was a feature. D. Little took two of the remaining wickets for 32, and J. W. Rogerson 1 for 12. Scores:—

LIVERPOOL PILGRIMS		BOOTLE AN XI.	
E. P. Arderton, c Jas Williams b J R Williams	5	N. E. G. Stanton, b Little, c Roberts b Cranston	6
R. S. Cranston, b A Lacey	76	J. Little, Williams, b J R Williams	10
D. D. Little, st Abell b J R Williams	5	A. Threlfall, c Don b T B Roberts, c Evans	13
A. Lacey, c Evans b W F Howard, lbw b L Lacey	15	S. Jones, b Cranston b J Evans, lbw b Cranston	10
A. N. Don, c Lacey b J R Williams	55	L. Myerscough, b Cranston	2
J. D. Fowler, lbw b J R Williams	19	I. Lacey, b Cranston, b Jas Williams, b Cranston	0
A. H. Bowman, run out 1	0	A. T. Lacey, c Roberts b Cranston	0
J. H. Hyde, lbw b A Lacey	7	A. Hobson, not out	1
C. G. Higson, not out	1		
J. W. Rogerson, not out	0		
Extras	12	Extras	0
Total (9 wks) 202		Total	67

* Innings declared.

PULLHELI COUNTY SCHOOL v. CAERNARVON COUNTY SCHOOL

At Pullhell. Scores:— Pullhell County School.—G O Jones, b R Billings, 32; Brynmor Evans, run out; 2; R W Lloyd, b W J Hughes, 0; E Blake, b R Billings, 0; Percud Hughes, c E C Jones, b W J Hughes, 5; W A Roberts, b W J Hughes, 5; W J Williams, c and b A Griffiths, 4; Eion Jones, b H Williams, 0; J Morris, 5; H Williams, 1; J Glyn Jones, not out; 5; Celt Hughes, b R Billings, 0; extras, 12; total, 66. Caernarvon County School.—R Billings, b G O Jones, 0; W J Hughes, c J G Jones, b W A Roberts, 9; Alwynna Roberts, c E Jones, b G O Jones, 1; H Williams, b G O Jones, 0; N Billings, lbw b G O Jones, 4; R D Jones, c Lloyd, b Brynmor Evans, 8; R Owen, c and b G O Jones, 1; E J Grier, c Hughes, b Roberts, 7; O I Jones, not out; 6; G P Williams, not out; 1; extras, 1; total (8 wks), 37. E C Jones did not bat.

RYDAL DOLPHINS v. NORTH WALES

This annual game started on the Rydal ground, Colwyn Bay, yesterday. The Dolphins made their runs by consistent batting. Bounphroy and Howarth gave the side a good start by raising 75 for the first wicket. The next best partnership was 59 for the third wicket between Griffiths and Burton. Griffiths, who gave two difficult chances early on, brought his aggregate for his last four games, once not out, to 293. The teams played twelve a side, but only eleven fielded. North Wales tried nine bowlers. North Wales quickly lost Lloyd, the Swansea Town half-back, and Silver with only 19 scored. Rees and Fairclough pulled the game round, adding 71 for the third wicket. At the close, North Wales were 136 behind with 5 wickets in hand. Scores:—

RYDAL DOLPHINS		NORTH WALES	
D. Bounphroy, c Rees b Hewitt	32	J. Lloyd, b Parker	1
D. A. Howarth, b Hewitt	33	L. Silver, c Lunt b Little	9
K. P. Griffiths, c Rees b Gratton	53	E. Rees, b Little	38
H. Burton, b Gratton	10	C. Fairclough, c Parker b It. Wooler	38
T. C. Lunt, c Gratton b Tordoff	22	O. H. Tordoff, c Downes b Parker	0
F. G. B. Williams, b Thomas	20	G. Evans, b Parker	9
G. Wooler, b Thomas	8	G. Gratton, not out	0
K. D. Downes, c Gratton b Fairclough	18		
W. J. S. Parker, c Silver b Thomas	0		
S. A. Erblich, b Fairclough	0		
R. Wooler, not out	1		
Extras	29	Extras	16
Total	249	Total (6 wks)	111

Bowling.—Gratton 3 for 33, Thomas 3 for 37, Hewitt 2 for 39, Fairclough 2 for 16, Tordoff 1 for 14.

Bootle Cricket Tour

The members of the Bootle Cricket Club will be on tour next week, leaving the cricket ground at 10.30 on Sunday morning for their headquarters at the Park Hotel, Droitwich. The fixtures arranged are:—

Worcester Gentlemen, on Monday and Tuesday, at Worcester.
Hereford Gentlemen, at Hereford, on Wednesday.
Leamington, at Leamington, on Thursday.
Shropshire Gentlemen, at Shrewsbury, on Friday.

The players making the tour are:— H. S. Brown, A. Cohen, L. A. Collins, A. Greenwood, J. W. Greenwood, W. E. Lewis, L. Myerscough, R. Nutter, E. R. Pappin, T. G. Parry, T. B. Roberts, N. E. G. Stanton, J. R. Williams, R. I. Weir. Umpire: R. Walsley.

Sefton Player's Benefit

Davies, the Sefton professional, takes his benefit when Birkenhead Park visit Sefton Park to-morrow. Davies has had a most successful career in Liverpool District Competition games, having taken 1,005 wickets at a cost of between 9 and 10 runs each. This year he has taken over 50 wickets. Bartley will be one of the main attractions on the opposing side, and given fine weather there is likely to be a good ring of spectators.

**MINOR COUNTIES
CRICKET.**

**ANOTHER GOOD WIN FOR
CHESHIRE.**

**YORKSHIRE II. BEATEN ON
TIME.**

L. N. JONES IN DEADLY FORM.

In a thrilling finish, Cheshire defeated Yorkshire II. by an innings and 5 runs in the Minor Counties fixture which concluded at New Brighton on Wednesday. In the second innings, L. N. Jones took four wickets for 19, and only six minutes remained for play when the last Yorkshire wicket fell.

Great bowling by Barber and Bartley, the Merseyside professionals, helped Cheshire to a lead of 121 runs on the first innings on Wednesday. In reply to Cheshire's total of 223, Yorkshire could only compile 104, and Barker and Bottomley, between them, were responsible for 81 of these. The side was all out in 24 hours for 104, after having scored 69 for two wickets.

BOUGHTON HALL PLAYERS TOGETHER

The feature of the Cheshire innings, which occupied 3 hours and 25 minutes, was an invaluable ninth wicket stand between Barber and A. R. Crooke, the Birkenhead Park wicket-keeper. This pair, coming together when the score stood at 54 for eight wickets, added 70 runs in 50 minutes, in what proved to be the most prolific partnership of the day's play. The professional, who punished the bowlers, fast and slow alike, contributed 54 of the 70 runs, and made 36 of these by means of boundary strokes. He cut and drove with refreshing freedom, and his was easily the brightest effort of the day. Crooke took nearly an hour to make 13 runs, but he is to be congratulated on keeping his end up while the other man made the runs.

J. Worthington, the Cheshire captain, who included a six in his 29, and G. A. McEntyre, gave the home team an encouraging send-off by taking the score to 38 before being separated. After the latter's departure, however, a minor collapse ensued, and three wickets fell for the addition of only 29 runs. L. N. Jones and R. M. Dutton, the Boughton Hall representatives, contributed useful items, but it was the advent of Barber and Crooke which enabled the Cheshire eleven to complete the 200.

Lamb was the most successful of the visiting bowlers, and his return of five for 81 represents a commendable performance. N. W. Yardley, one of two Cambridge Blues who appeared in the Yorkshire eleven, distinguished himself with some smart fielding, and he was responsible for three excellent catches. Two of these, taken at short leg, off Lamb's bowling, were exceptional efforts. The Cheshire innings closed after 3 hours and 20 minutes' batting for 223.

THE YORKSHIRE COLLAPSE.

Yorkshire made a wretched start, for with the first ball of Barber's first over, and with only 2 runs on the board, P. A. Gibb was l.b.w. Bottomley and Barber then defended stubbornly in face of keen fielding and accurate bowling, and carried the total to 69 before the latter was bowled by Bartley. His 45, which included eight 4's, was the only bright spot in the Yorkshire innings. Bartley and Barber continued to bowl with great enthusiasm, and to such purpose that six wickets fell in a short period for the addition of 24 runs. Crick, the wicket-keeper, and Colonel Chichester-Constable sent up the 100 after the innings had lasted 2 hours 25 minutes, but the remaining two wickets fell before the inspired Barber and Bartley, and the Yorkshire total stood at only 104 when Colonel Chichester-Constable was bowled by Barber. Barber and Bartley shared the wickets between them at a cost of 43 and 33 runs respectively. The only other bowler was L. N. Jones, but he did not take a wicket.

KEEN PLAY ON THURSDAY.

L. N. JONES'S GREAT BOWLING SPELL.

Following torrential overnight rain, play was held up until nearly four o'clock on Thursday, leaving Cheshire with only 24 hours in which to get their opponents out for the second time. That they were able to do so was due to the excellent bowling of Barber and L. N. Jones. The former, following up his fine all-round performance in the first innings, took 6 wickets for 35 runs in 17 overs. In the match he thus had eleven wickets for an aggregate of 78 runs. Jones, who had not succeeded in taking a wicket in the first Yorkshire innings, took the remaining four batsmen at a cost of 19 runs. The Cheshire fieldsmen were on their toes, and Yorkshire did not find run-getting easy on a wicket which was obviously affected by the sun following the rain. The ball "popped" in a way which often caused the batsmen discomfort. Despite several stubborn minor stands, Yorkshire were unable to hold out until the close of play, and they were all out in 2 hours, 24 minutes for 116, amid great excitement. Barker and P. A. Gibb, who opened the Yorkshire innings to the attack of Barber and Bartley, carried the score to 15 before the professional was clean-bowled by Barber. The first 50 was raised in a little over an hour, while 83 was reached before the fourth wicket fell. N. W. "place" by Barber, after contributing 23 runs. D. Yardley being bowled "all over the in a fighting effort. He hit four boundaries. At the same total G. A. Wilson was dismissed without scoring, by means of a brilliant one-handed catch by L. N. Jones. J. A. Richardson and Lamb carried the score steadily along until the 100 went up after 102 minutes' batting, but Lamb fell shortly afterwards to L. N. Jones under the new l.b.w. rule.

BARTLEY'S CATCH.

Hargreaves was a caught and bowled victim of Barber's at 103, and at this period the home county had just under half an hour in which to secure the remaining two wickets. Richardson and Crick strived might and main to play out time, and it seemed at one time as if they would be successful, but when the Yorkshire total stood at 112 the former was magnificently caught in the slips by Bartley, the professional taking the ball almost as it reached the ground. Richardson had been at the wicket 39 minutes for his 8 runs. Colonel Chichester-Constable, the Yorkshire captain, who was the last man in, opened with a 2, thus leaving Yorkshire to get 6 runs to avoid an innings defeat. Only two more runs were added, however, before Crick gave Worthington a chance at mid-on, which the Cheshire leader gratefully accepted. Cheshire thus gained their second victory, triumphing after forcing the follow-on, and they won by reason of excellent bowling and keen fielding.

THE SCORE BOARD.

CHESHIRE.

First Innings.	
J. Worthington b Lamb	29
G. A. McEntyre c Yardley b Wilson	17
J. L. White c Hargreaves b Wilson	8
Dennis c Wilson b Lamb	0
R. M. Dutton c Yardley b Lamb	30
L. N. Jones c and b Richardson	33
J. A. McEntyre b Lamb	15
A. M. Wolstenholme c Yardley b Lamb	5
Barber l.b.w. (n) b Bottomley	54
A. R. Crooke run out	13
Bartley not out	0
Extras	21
Total	223

YORKSHIRE II.

First Innings.	
Barber c G. A. McEntyre b Barber	39
P. A. Gibb l.b.w. b Barber	1
Bottomley b Bartley	45
N. W. Yardley b Barber	3
Pearson l.b.w. b Bartley	1
J. A. Richardson c Jones b Bartley	5
G. A. Wilson l.b.w. b Bartley	0
Lamb c Dennis b Barber	0
Crick b Bartley	4
Col. Chichester-Constable b Barber	4
Hargreaves not out	0
Extras	8
Total	104

Second Innings.

Barker b Barber	2
P. A. Gibb c G. McEntyre b Barber	14
Bottomley c Dennis b Jones	16
N. W. Yardley b Barber	23
Pearson c Bartley b Jones	24
J. A. Richardson c Bartley b Jones	8
G. A. Wilson c Jones b Barber	0
Lamb l.b.w. (n) b Jones	13
Crick c Worthington b Barber	3
Col. Chichester-Constable not out	3
Hargreaves c and b Barber	0
Extras	10
Total	116

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Cheshire.—First Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hargreaves	11	2	20	0
Lamb	27	6	81	5
Wilson	23	4	66	2
Richardson	4	1	17	1
Bottomley	6.1	2	20	1

Yorkshire II.—First Innings.

Bartley	23	11	33	5
Barber	17.1	3	43	5
L. N. Jones	9	2	23	0

Yorkshire II.—Second Innings.

Bartley	7	2	20	0
Barber	17	2	35	6
L. N. Jones	13	6	19	4
R. M. Dutton	8	0	32	0

Note.—(a) Indicates new l.b.w. rule.

**TATTENHALL REACH
"KNOCK-OUT" FINAL.**

**DECISIVE VICTORY OVER
TARPORLEY.**

**LOSERS FALL AWAY AFTER EARLY
STAND.**

Tarporley flattered only to deceive in Monday's "Knock-out," for in reply to Tattenhall's total of 113 they put on 50 runs for the second wicket. Yet, with the going of A. Coppack who collected 23 in carefree style, Tarporley's stock slumped badly and they were all out inside the hour for 76 runs. Of this total, 60 runs were produced by R. Davies and A. Coppack, the former playing another pretty innings which had yielded him 37 runs when he was run out. A run was impossible when Hinde turned a ball in the direction of short leg, and Davies called his partner to run. Stumper Harding was able to chase the ball himself, and hit the stumps with Davies a full yard out of his crease. The game was interesting throughout with much to commend in Tattenhall's zealous work in the field.

SECOND WICKET STAND.

Tattenhall, who compiled a record score of 186 against R.A.F. in the previous round, again batted first, and opened with R. M. Dutton and J. Harding, the latter taking eight runs off Hinde's first over. The batsman had only added two more runs when he was brilliantly caught at square leg by H. Coppack. The scoreboard indicated the first wicket down for 17 runs, but Dutton first took the score to 68 for and Les Harding took the score to 68 for the second wicket. Dutton was batting confidently with Harding, who took four 8's to his credit seems destined to win the special medal, again in aggressive mood. Two glorious drives off Hinde's bowling were only a few yards short of yielding him further 8's, and he and Dutton continued to get the runs at a rare pace. Before he was 20, Dutton offered a stumping chance, but was really never in trouble, and got many singles by his ability to deal with Hinde's leg break. Harding was perhaps the more entertaining batsman, and another merry innings was abruptly ended when A. Coppack leapt into the air to make a magnificent one-handed catch off Hinde's bowling. Harding's score of 29 included three 4's, one 3, and three 2's. The third wicket fell at the same total of 68, Hinde cleverly introducing a straight ball to get Dutton out "leg before." Dutton included three 4's in his score of 27. These unexpected successes were in the nature of a tonic for Tarporley, the fourth wicket falling at 74, the fifth at 85, sixth at 72 and the seventh and eighth at 104. T. W. Pritchard was not out with 15 which included two 4's, and the younger Frost reached the boundary twice in his score of 11. F. Pritchard scored 12.

**ANOTHER SECOND WICKET
PARTNERSHIP.**

Tarporley opened with Wright and Davies, and fifteen runs off the first four overs was not bad going. With the second ball of his third over Dutton got Wright caught by Pierce. Runs came even faster with A. Coppack and Davies together, and they took the score to 50 for the second wicket when Coppack's over-eagerness to get his runs quickly led to Harding clean bowling him. Later the rot set in, and with Davies missing the bowling, progress was very slow. When R. Davies was run out there was no hope for Tarporley, and Dutton, who had bowled steadily throughout, finished the innings at 76. Davies was the top scorer with 37 and he reached the boundary on four occasions. In this season's competition Davies scored 44 against Brookhirst, and was not out with 55 against the County School Old Boys.

The bowling analysis shows that J. Hinde bowled unchanged for 13 overs, during which he took three Tattenhall wickets for 63 runs. He bowled a deceptive leg break, and there were some who argued that he had kept himself on too long. Certainly no one can afford to "buy" wickets in a knock-out, and had I been Hinde I should have been tempted to try A. Coppack from the city end. Coppack, who bowled remarkably well in previous ties, opened from the Tarvin end, but he had neither length nor direction. So that his five overs conceded 22 runs without a wicket. He was superseded at that end by C. McMorrin, who in seven overs took five wickets for 26 runs. McMorrin had a fine spell later on, taking all five wickets in his last four overs for 18 runs.

R. M. Dutton and L. Harding bowled unchanged for Tattenhall. Dutton bowled better than at any time this season, and the batsmen found him very difficult to get away. He took five wickets for 35 runs, and bowled one maiden over. L. Harding's last over was also a maiden, and his four wickets cost him 40 runs.

TATTENHALL.

R. M. Dutton lbw b Hinde	27
J. Harding c H. Coppack b Hinde	10
L. Harding c A. Coppack b Hinde	29
L. Pritchard c H. Coppack b C. McMorrin	5
F. Pritchard b C. McMorrin	12
D. M. Corbett b C. McMorrin	2
T. W. Pritchard not out	15
F. Frost c Page b C. McMorrin	11
F. Pierce b C. McMorrin	0
G. Frost not out	0
Extras	2

Total (for 8 wks) 113
F. V. Cooke did not bat.

TARPORLEY.

R. Davies run out	37
W. Wright c Pierce b Dutton	5
A. Coppack b L. Harding	23
C. McMorrin b Dutton	3
L. Bragg b Dutton	0
R. Walkden b L. Harding	6
G. Page b Dutton	0
W. Vernon not out	1
E. McMorrin b L. Harding	0
J. Hinde c and b L. Harding	0
H. Coppack b Dutton	0
Extras	1

Total 75

**NESTON BEATEN BY
BARTLEY.**

**PARK PROFESSIONAL TAKES
NINE FOR 37.**

**TWO EVENINGS' MATCH AT
PARKGATE.**

Neston were soundly beaten in their two evenings' match with Birkenhead Park on Monday and Tuesday, the honours going to Bartley, the Park professional, who took nine of the Neston wickets for 37 runs and also helped in the fall of the other. Bartley, after bowling two overs at the tennis courts end, changed over to the road end, the wisdom of the move being evident when the wickets began to fall with almost monotonous regularity.

The brilliant sun was of considerable help to the bowler, but apart from this he bowled with such speed and accuracy that many of the batsmen played their strokes after the stumps were broken. Bates and G. D. Walford each made 36 of Neston's total, the remainder only making 10 between them.

The Park, in the remaining 30 minutes on Monday scored 30 for one. J. P. Hodgson going out lbw to Bates. On Tuesday, S. Coldwell and G. H. Ferns, batting steadily, took the score to 55, when the former was bowled by Bates. Neston's total was passed when Ferns was joined by W. R. Hughes, who made the winning hit with a glorious drive to the boundary. Play was continued until the score reached 111 for six. Bates took four for 56, Abel one for 1, and Barnes one for 4.

NESTON.

Bates b Bartley	36
G. D. Walford b Bartley	36
A. Pennington b Bartley	0
F. Urmson b Bartley	0
J. Williams b Bartley b Coldwell	7
L. C. Head c Bartley b Coldwell	1
A. J. K. Barnes not out	1
W. S. MacFarlane c Crooke, b Bartley	0
S. Abel b Bartley	0
L. W. Wood b Bartley	1
R. P. L. Littler b Bartley	0
Extras	4

BIRKENHEAD PARK.

J. P. Hodgson lbw b Bates	2
S. Coldwell b Bates	27
G. H. Ferns lbw b Abel	39
R. P. Bloor c sub b Bates	11
W. R. Hughes b Bates	14
G. A. Hosking b Barnes	16
W. J. S. Burrell not out	0
H. W. Craig not out	1
Extra	1

Total (for 6 wks) 111
A. R. Crooke, E. Allen, and Bartley did not bat.

NESTON II v. HUYTON II.

At Parkgate on Saturday. Huyton II won by 7 wickets. For Huyton II, H. Bryant took 8 for 47, and A. Milne 2 for 37. Neston II.—H. J. Beausire b H. Bryant 5, G. H. Dawson b H. Bryant 0, P. L. Barber st A. Bryant b H. Bryant 16, R. J. Colyer lbw b H. Bryant 27, I. Watts c Packham b H. Bryant 0, C. R. Jackman b H. Bryant 18, A. N. Robinson lbw b Milne 26, A. R. Clough b Milne 0, S. Abel b H. Bryant 3, J. Henderson b H. Bryant 15, W. Main not out 0, extras 4; total 114.

Huyton II.—E. A. Bryant c Colyer b Abel 12, H. Adcock b Main 17, J. Burgess lbw b Jackman 34, W. Brumpton not out 52, J. L. Packer not out 4, extras 2; total (for 3 wks) 121. C. G. Oates, A. D. Milne, L. 20, D. K. Roberts, and H. Bryant did not bat.

TILSTONE v. TARPORLEY.

Played at Tilstone on Saturday, both sides fielding weak teams. Tarporley were out for 72, with the highest score being 17 by Page, who played a patient innings. H. Wright had a grand spell of bowling, taking four wickets in three overs and had an analysis of seven for 22. Tilstone found runs hard to get, only Mossford and McMorrin reaching double figures. H. Coppack was the most successful Tarporley bowler taking five wickets for 14 runs. Tarporley won by 19 runs.

Tilstone.—R. Davis c Harding b Wright 0, W. Wright c E. Cadman b Wright 10, R. Walkden b Wright 6, A. L. Bragg b Wright 7, G. Page b Mossford 17, S. Cookson b Wright 0, J. Hinde b Mossford 14, H. Coppack b Wright 0, C. Davies b Wright 5, W. Porter b Howarth 5, T. Barnes not out 0, extras 8; total 72.

Bowling.—H. Wright 7 for 22, E. McMorrin 6 for 13, H. Howarth 1 for 21, R. Mossford 2 for 8.

Tilstone.—R. Mossford b Hinde 11, C. Harnott b R. Davies 0, E. Hewitt c Hinde b Coppack 3, J. Bolt b Coppack 7, E. McMorrin b Hinde 17, H. Wright c Cookson b Hinde 0, H. Howarth b Coppack 7, E. Cadman c Porter b Hinde 2, J. Cadman b Coppack 0, A. Harding not out 2, N. Barnes c Davies b Coppack 0, extras 4; total 53.

Bowling.—J. Hinde 4 for 30, R. Davis 1 for 5, H. Coppack 5 for 14.

**R.A.S.C. (CHESTER) v. TARPORLEY
NOMADS.**

At Chester on Saturday. R.A.S.C.—Benwell b W. Vernon 6, D. Yorsa b W. Vernon 21, Lawton b Bettley 80, Murphy b W. Vernon 10, Eagle c H. Vernon b Burton 10, Brown c Bettley b Burton 14, Bates c Hughes b Bettley 3, Forsyth c Hughes b Burton 6, Spain lbw b Burton, Dean not out 3, Orr c Ratcliffe b Cork 0, extras 3; total 126.

Tarporley Nomads.—W. Vernon b D. Yorsa 31, L. Hopkins run out 5, F. E. Hughes c Murphy b Forsyth 10, T. Robinson b Forsyth 19, W. Cork lbw b Brown 18, H. Vernon b Brown 13, R. Rowland b Brown 4, H. C. Ratcliffe run out 0, V. Bettley not out 18, C. Burton c Lawton b Brown 3, H. Dodd b Eagle 18, extras 20; total 159.

**THORNTON HOUGH v. LIVERPOOL
COLLEGIATE OLD BOYS.**

At Thornton Manor. G. R. Carpenter took three for 32, and Brown three for 11. Liverpool Collegiate Old Boys.—Richards c Mason b Allen 2, Unsworth c Silcock b Currie 19, Golland c Currie b Carpenter 63, Williams c Edwards b Currie 4, Patterson c Allen b Currie 30, Richardson b Carpenter 3, Nelson not out 11, Bell b Carpenter 9, Brown, Bickerton and Abrahams did not bat, extras 14; total (for 7 wks dec) 157.

Thornton Hough.—R. McKeown c and b Williams 14, C. R. Currie b Patterson 0, F. Allen b Unsworth 24, J. C. Mason st Golland b Patterson 2, A. Edwards b Patterson 11, F. Silcock b Brown 0, G. R. Carpenter b Unsworth 10, T. Pimbley b Brown 4, R. V. Carter not out 0, P. Clark c Abrahams b Brown 0, extras 7; total 81.

CHESHIRE'S INNINGS VICTORY.

Great Display By Barber.

THRILLING FINISH TO COUNTY GAME.

By "YORKER."

A splendid all-round display by Barber, the New Brighton professional, was one of the main factors in Cheshire's great win over Yorkshire II in the Minor Counties fixture which took place at Rake-lans on Wednesday and Thursday.

The local player, after giving one of his best and brightest batting displays during Cheshire's innings, bowled really brilliantly in the two Yorkshire ventures. He kept a good length and bowled with great verve and enthusiasm, and this brought him final figures for the game of 11 wickets for 78 runs. His full analysis for the two innings was as follows:—

	O.	M.	R.	W.
1st innings	17.1	3	43	5
2nd innings	17	2	35	6

The professional's success on his home ground was a most popular one and on his return to the pavilion at the close of the second day's play he was accorded a well-merited ovation.

CHESHIRE'S SUCCESSFUL SEASON.

Cheshire's innings victory, gained only six minutes from the close of play, will do the county a great amount of good. They are having their most successful season for many years, having already beaten Lancashire II (last season's champions) and taken first innings points in the second game with the County Palatine, while they also secured first innings points from Staffordshire. Relying solely on memory, I believe I am correct in saying that this is the first time Cheshire have ever beaten Yorkshire.

The home county looked strong on paper, and all the players fully justified their inclusion. The fielding particularly was a pleasing feature, and it was only excellent catches late on in the game which enabled them to force a victory. I do not think Cheshire have ever been successful in winning the Minor Counties championship, but a continuance of their present form should certainly see them thereabouts at the final reckoning.

A THRILLING FINISH.

It was a really fine performance to dismiss the strong Yorkshire eleven twice for such small totals. Following a terrific rainstorm after the first day's play, and with the home eleven holding a clear advantage, it seemed as if Cheshire were to be denied the opportunity of forcing a victory, for the ground was thoroughly sodden at 11 o'clock, the time play was due to start.

However, "Mr. Sun" came along with a slight drying wind, and it was found possible to begin play shortly before four o'clock. This left Cheshire with 24 hours at the outside (including the privilege of claiming the extra half hour).

Colonel Chichester-Constable wisely decided to have the heavy roller on the wicket in an attempt to take the "life" out of it, but despite this the Yorkshire innings proved itself a thing of shreds and patches, and at precisely 24 minutes past six o'clock Crick, their wicket-keeper, gave a smart chance to Worthington at mid-on, which the Cheshire captain gratefully accepted.

YORKSHIRE'S POOR BATTING.

The Yorkshire batsmen never at any time gave us a glimpse of the form of which we know them to be capable. They poked about at the good length bowling of Bartley, Barber and L. N. Jones in the second innings, and in the main contributed to their own downfall. Admittedly the drying sun affected the wicket in favour of the bowlers on the second day, but I do think the Yorkshiremen made things harder for themselves.

Their batting was the direct antithesis of that which they provided in the corresponding game last season, when young Hutton, the Sutcliffe protege, treated us to such a glorious display of batsmanship and thwarted all efforts of the Cheshire men to oust him in either innings.

Of the game itself much has already been written, and I propose to leave it at that, beyond extending my hearty congratulations to both Barber and the Cheshire team for their meritorious victory.

Scores:—

CHESHIRE	
1st innings.	
J Worthington, b Lamb	29
G A McEntyre, c Yardley b Wilson	17
J L White, c Hargreaves b Wilson	8
Dennis, c Wilson b Lamb	0
R M Dutton, c Yardley b Lamb	30
L N Jones, c and b Richardson	33
J A McEntyre, b Lamb	15
A M Wolstenholme, c Yardley b Lamb	5
Barber, lbw (n) b Bottomley	54
A R Crooke, run out	13
Extras	21
Total	225

YORKSHIRE II	
1st innings.	
Barker, c G A McEntyre b Barber	36
P A Gibb, lbw b Barber	1
Bottomley, b Bartley	45
N W Yardley, b Barber	3
Pearson, lbw b Bartley	1
J A Richardson, c Jones b Bartley	5
G A Wilson, lbw b Bartley	0
Lamb, c Dennis b Barber	0
Crick, b Bartley	4
Colonel Chichester-Constable, b Barber	4
Hargreaves, not out	0
Extras	5
Total	104

2nd innings.	
Barker, b Barber	2
P A Gibb, c G A McEntyre b Barber	14
Bottomley, c Dennis b Jones	16
N W Yardley, b Barber	23
Pearson, c Bartley b Jones	24
J A Richardson, c Bartley b Jones	8
G A Wilson, c Jones b Barber	0
Lamb, lbw (n) b Jones	13
Crick, c Worthington b Barber	3
Colonel Chichester-Constable, not out	3
Hargreaves, c and b Barber	0
Extras	10
Total	116

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

CHESHIRE. 1st innings.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hargreaves	11	2	20	0
Lamb	27	6	81	5
Wilson	23	4	66	2
Richardson	4	1	17	1
Bottomley	6.1	2	20	1

YORKSHIRE II. 1st innings.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bartley	23	11	33	5
Barber	17.1	3	43	5
L N Jones	9	2	23	0

2nd innings.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bartley	7	2	20	0
Barber	17	2	35	6
L N Jones	13	6	19	4
Dutton	8	0	32	0

Note.—(n) Indicates new l.b.w. rule.

CRICKET NEWS & VIEWS

By "YORKER"

Wholesale Changes Likely In Next Test Team.

A NEW ANGLE ON THE WICKET-KEEPING PUZZLE.

Well, gentlemen, the England team has once again flattered only miserably to deceive. The only pleasing features of the Headingley Test from the point of view of the home country were the return to form of Wally Hammond, and the excellent forcing batsmanship provided by debutants Denis Smith and Mitchell.

It was thought after the complete change round on the second day's play that an England victory could be confidently anticipated, but what did we find? Our bowling was nowhere near strong enough to account for eleven South African batsmen in four and a half hours. Apart from Bowes, the England attack was, according to all reports, hardly up to the strength of a strong county side, and it must be obvious even to the Selection Committee that drastic changes are essential.

A NEW CAPTAIN NEEDED.

In the first place I have no doubt at all now that a change in captaincy should be made. Wyatt made vital tactical errors at Headingley, and the time is now due when Maurice Turnbull or Brian Sellars should be given an opportunity to show their worth.

I have referred to the claims of the Glamorgan leader before now, while Yorkshire's sheet-anchor is equally deserving of a chance. He took over the captaincy of the White Rose eleven in 1932 and has twice led the county to championship honours.

The difficulty would appear to be that even if one or other of these two candidates were selected; Messrs. Warner, Perrin and Hyson would probably give them just one chance. If either of them did not make an outstanding success of the job he would forthwith be dropped like a log. Remember the cases of Iddon and Farrimond.

THE WICKET-KEEPING PUZZLE.

I make no apology for further referring to the Ames-Duckworth-Farrimond business. No doubt most people have made up their minds upon this question, but I would just like to put forward a new angle on the question.

Have you ever stopped to think that in the days of Lilley and Strudwick the question of a wicket-keeper's worth as a batsman was given little or no consideration. I suggest that the position of wicket-keeper is important enough to necessitate the best man in that position being chosen, and most people agree that George Duckworth is that man. Australia do not select Bert Oldfield because of his batting. No, he is in the team because he is the best stumper in that country. He has never let his team down. Nor, for that matter, has "Duckie." Surely with all the resources at England's command—far greater than that of either Australia or South Africa—she can put in the field a team strong enough in batting without having to rely upon the wicket-keeper to make the runs.

This is not a case of Northern bias or of attempting to hit Ames when he is down, for I have a profound admiration for the Kent man's capabilities as a batsman, and it is obvious that he has struck a bad patch such as comes to the best

of batsmen at times.

After the poor displays given recently by the Southerner, however, I fail to see how in all reasonableness he can be played in the remaining two Tests.

ONLY GIVEN ONE CHANCE.

What annoys me about the whole business is the treatment meted out to Farrimond. He practically forced himself into the Test team as a result of brilliant wicket-keeping, but because he did not do something exceptional he was promptly dropped for the next match. That sort of thing is enough to discourage any young player. A century on his debut, metaphorically speaking, is not granted to every player. Nor can it be expected.

This wicket-keeping controversy has created more discussion than anything else since the now defunct leg-theory rumpus, and it is for this reason that I have devoted so much space to it.

The only bright spot in the game from an England viewpoint, as I said earlier on, was the splendid batting of Smith and Mitchell, the two newcomers. While it is too soon to be really sanguine as yet it would appear that in these two youngsters we have the natural successors to Hobbs and Sutcliffe. They should be given every encouragement to carry on the good work.

THE TABLE.

Oxton Depose Formby.

By reason of their mid-week success over Sefton Oxton have now taken over the leadership of the local competition, Formby dropping into second place. The Lancashire eleven, however, have a match in hand over their Cheshire rivals, whilst they are only a point behind, and I shall not be surprised to see them return to the top position as a result of to-day's games.

A surprise during the mid-week was the defeat of Bootle at the hands of Ormskirk. This was the initial failure of the Bootle side, who succumbed to the Gingerbreads by a margin of seven wickets.

The positions, inclusive of mid-week fixtures, are as follows:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Oxton	16	11	3	2	24
Formby	15	10	2	3	23
Birkenhead Park	15	9	5	1	19
Hightown	16	8	5	3	19
Ormskirk	16	7	5	4	18
Bootle	15	3	1	11	17
New Brighton	16	7	7	2	16
Northern	13	5	6	2	12
Wallasey	13	5	6	2	12
Liverpool	14	5	7	2	12
Sefton	15	4	8	2	12
Boughton Hall	9	5	3	1	11
Neston	16	3	9	4	10
Southport	9	1	6	1	3
Huyton	13	1	11	1	3

Two points are awarded for a win and one for a draw.

ST. JOHN'S (EGREMONT) HOSPITAL EFFORT.

Nearly £17 Raised To Date.

Mr. L. R. Baker, hon. secretary of the St. John's (Egremont) C.C., informs me that the hospital box collections made on Saturday afternoons at the park have to date raised £16-11-2 for the Victoria Central Hospital.

As Mr. Baker says, this amount for the short period which has elapsed, may be regarded as an excellent showing and it speaks well for the generosity of the spectators who frequent the park and the efforts of the collector, Mr. Botlock, himself an old hospital employee.

Every penny of these collections goes to the hospital, and I should like to take this opportunity of congratulating the club on the success of this effort.

HOW THE "PRO'S" ARE FARING.

Bartley Nearing Hundred Mark.

Despite the strenuous challenge of Bates, the Neston professional, Bartley easily retains his place of honour at the head of this table.

As a result of his brilliant feat against Neston on Monday evening—he took 9 wickets for 37 runs—the Park representative is now nearing the hundred mark. His total now stands at 85, which means that he has taken 20 more wickets than the next most successful bowler in the competition.

The positions at present are as follows:

	Games	Wickets
Bartley (Birkenhead Park)	15	85
Duckham (Formby)	15	65
Bates (Neston)	14	65
Whitehead (Ormskirk)	14	57
Davies (Sefton)	15	52
Dennis (Oxton)	15	54
Barber (New Brighton)	14	54
Davies (Hightown)	16	48
Heath (Northern)	13	53
Tyler (Liverpool)	10	39
Threlfall (Southport)	7	30
Barrell (Huyton)	13	19
Wallasey, Boughton Hall and Bootle	13	33

play without a professional.

CRICKET TEASERS.

By "Yorker."

No. 14.

Do you know:—

1. How many centuries Hobbs scored in Test match cricket?
2. How many times Warwick Armstrong came to England as captain of an Australian eleven?
3. Which is the only county team that can boast a surplus of victories over Lancashire?
4. Who captained Sussex prior to Alan Melville?
5. Who was the only batsman to score two hundreds in one match last season?

The answers to the above questions will be found elsewhere on this page.

NEW BRIGHTON TURN TABLES ON THE PARK.

M. Halliwell's Inspired Over.

(By "YORKER.")

By their seven wickets defeat of Birkenhead Park, at Rake-lane, on Saturday, New Brighton gained some measure of revenge for their two previous failures at the hands of the Birkenhead club.

The only real excitement provided by a not too thrilling afternoon's cricket was an inspired over by M. Halliwell, who took four valuable Park wickets in one over at a cost of one run. Barber, the day's beneficiare, took only two wickets, but his batting went a long way towards securing the home team's success, for he was the only one who could be said to have faced Bartley's deadly in-swingers with any degree of confidence.

J. P. Hodgson and W. R. Hughes opened the Park innings to Canevali and Barber before a goodly ring of spectators. Neither was destined to remain long at the wicket for the former was l.b.w. to Canevali with the total at 8, while one run later his partner also fell a victim to the same bowler. A further disaster befell the visitors at 14 when G. H. Ferns provided Canevali with his third success. At this period the bowler had taken three wickets for 12 runs in seven overs.

Mack and Hosking then carried the score to 28 by means of stubborn defensive batting, but at this point Barber gained his initial success when he had Mack caught at mid-on by Fisk. This success was greeted with a round of applause.

A. R. Crooke, the Cheshire wicket-keeper and Park captain, then joined Hosking and proved once again what a valuable asset he is in a crisis. Wickets fell steadily but still Crooke carried on unperturbed, gaining applause several times for neatly executed strokes.

HALLIWELL'S GREAT OVER.

At 50 Halliwell began his all-conquering over. His first ball carried away Hosking's off-stump, the second and third—almost exactly similar ball but both cunningly flighted—disposed of E. Allen and Bartley. This sensational performance earned the tall spin bowler a well deserved ovation. His fourth ball narrowly missed Craig's wickets, but the fifth did the job thoroughly. Would he get another with the last ball of the over? No! A. V. Rogers managed to get him away for a single. It was good to see Crooke, the opposing captain, congratulating the bowler on his achievement.

That brought the total to 50 for 8, the half century having been reached after exactly an hour's batting. Six runs later Rogers was l.b.w. to Halliwell. Thomson and Crooke then defied the efforts of the New Brighton bowlers to effect a separation and they put on a further 14 runs before the latter was given out l.b.w. to Barber. There was some booing by a certain section of the spectators at the umpire's decision, and I must say that it seemed a very near thing as to whether the batsman was out or not.

CROOKE'S CONTRIBUTION.

The innings thus closed after 14 hours batting. Crooke was still undefeated with 17 runs to his credit. A valuable if not exhilarating contribution.

Halliwell's final analysis was as follows:

O.	M.	R.	W.
9	2	21	5

Canevali and Barber took 3 for 13 and 2 for 32 respectively.

At 4-40 the New Brighton innings opened to the bowling of Bartley and Hodgson, and it was soon clear that the former was on the top of his form. He bowled very fast and tied the batsmen down to a defensive policy with his in-swingers which were inclined to "get-up" dangerously.

It came as no surprise, therefore, when with the total at 16, he clean bowled R. D. Gillmore. Barber, who came in to join Fisk, was given an extra special cheer, and he soon got off the mark with two nice 2's. This pair began to get the

upper hand of the bowlers, playing Bartley with great caution and scoring the majority of their runs off Hodgson. When the total had reached 40, and following an over of 11 runs off Bartley, H. W. Craig was brought on in place of Hodgson.

BARTLEY'S L.B.W. APPEALS.

This change had little or no effect, however, for if anything the batsmen were more severe on the new bowler than they had been on Hodgson. Two emphatic appeals for l.b.w. by Bartley earned the home crowd's displeasure, while the game was enlivened by the facetious comments of a number of Parkites.

After 40 minutes' batting Barber sent up the half-century with a four off Craig, and then, after the partnership had realised 41 runs—the most prolific of the game—Fisk was easily caught in the slips off the visiting "pro." Barber continued to bat steadily and the score reached 68 before he was bowled by Bartley after contributing 27 runs. He hit three 4's.

Stewart-Grant and Canevali then safely guided the home total past that of the Park, to give their side a well-merited victory by seven wickets. The innings was continued for some little time, and the total was taken to 120 for the loss of two further wickets. Canevali, who hit one six and six 4's, was still at the crease when stumps were drawn.

For the Park, Bartley took 3 for 33, Hosking 1 for 1, and Craig 1 for 36.

Scores:—

BIRKENHEAD PARK

J P Hodgson, lbw b Canevali	4
W R Hughes, b Canevali	5
G H Ferns, b Canevali	4
A A Mack, c Fisk b Barber	10
G A Hosking, b Halliwell	15
A R Crooke, not out	17
E Allen, b Halliwell	0
Bartley, b Halliwell	0
H W Craig, b Halliwell	0
A V Rogers, lbw b Halliwell	6
A M Thomson, lbw b Barber	11
Extras	1
Total	73

NEW BRIGHTON

R D Gillmore, b Bartley	4
R P Fisk, c Mack b Bartley	25
Barber, b Bartley	27
A R Stewart-Grant, c Crooke b Craig	9
J D Canevali, not out	36
J A Boucher, b Hosking	11
Extras	8
Total (5 wkts)	120

For New Brighton, J N Halliwell, A N D Don, C A Strange, M Halliwell, and C A Jenkins did not bat.

New Brighton II v. Birkenhead Park II.

At Birkenhead Park on Saturday. A feature of New Brighton's 110 runs victory over the home eleven was a brilliant not out century by W. N. Gillmore, who carried his bat for 118. He hit 12 boundaries and five 3's. C. S. Reece also batted well with 41.

The locals declared after scoring 283 for 6 wickets, and then proceeded to dismiss the Park for 123 (R. A. Noakes 41). Davies and Lawrence shared the wickets between them with 6 for 57 and 4 for 36 respectively. Scores:—

NEW BRIGHTON II

W N Gillmore, not out	118
L L Meadows, b Perry	12
M J Gillmore, lbw b Hughes	5
C S Reece, c Burrell b Noakes	41
A E Lawrence, lbw b Perry	9
E E Redhead, b Hughes	3
A N P Gifford, run out	9
A W Shelley, b Hughes	2
P Thompson, b Timmis	4
J D Warburton, b Hughes	0
J D Davies, not out	13
Extras	12
Total (9 wkts, dec)	233

BIRKENHEAD PARK II

C R Timmis, c Warburton b Davies	0
W J S Burrell, b Lawrence	19
J E F Perry, b Davies	0
R A Noakes, c W N Gillmore b Davies	41
R J Hughes, c Lawrence b Davies	0
E H Hartley, c Reece b Lawrence	4
B J Rogers, c Gifford b Davies	13
F C Woosnam, c Reece b Lawrence	7
R M Bradburn, st Warburton b Lawrence	22
C J Smith, b Davies	5
N Hughes, not out	0
Extras	12
Total	123

Cricket Teasers.

The following are the answers to the cricket teasers which appear at the foot of Column 1 on this page:—

1. Fifteen. Twelve v. Australia, two v. South Africa, and one v. West Indies.
2. Once. In 1921.
3. Yorkshire (ten).
4. A. E. R. Gilligan.
5. R. De W. K. Wainlaw, Cambridge University, made 108 and 109 (not out).
6. Glamorgan, at Cardiff.

Grammar School v. Mr. C. Danson's XI.

Much interesting cricket was seen in the third game of the cricket week when the School opposed Mr. C. Danson's XI. Features of the afternoon's cricket were excellent batting by Dennis, the Oxton "pro." who rattled up 77 (12 4's), and H. G. E. Prescott (58 not out) for the visiting eleven, and C. W. Parkinson with 70 for the School. Danson took 8 for 32, while for the School Allott had 2 for 45 and Cooling 2 for 81. Scores:—

MR. C. DANSON'S XI

F Dennis, b Cooling	77
H T Wild, b Owens	27
H G E Prescott, not out	58
J L Gregory, c Williams b Cooling	13
B A Rice, b Owens	0
F C Morris, c Cooling b Allott	37
T W Jefferson, c and b Allott	9
J M Hughes, not out	3
Extras	7
Total (6 wkts, dec)	231

WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

C W Parkinson, c Rice b Danson	70
W G Bolton, c Dennis b Danson	27
D D Cranshaw, c Gregory b Danson	0
W D M Webb, c R G Hughes b Gregory	1
G N Vlissidis, run out	1
S G Cooling, st Prescott b Danson	11
P Bretherick, not out	20
F W Davies, c Morris b Danson	5
S Williams, st Prescott b Danson	9
D S Allott, c R G Hughes b Danson	8
G L Owens, c and b Danson	1
Extras	16
Total	169

For Mr. Danson's XI, R G Hughes, J H Davies and C Danson did not bat.

**Grammar School v. A. R.
Crooke's XI.**

The fourth match of the Cricket Week saw the School force a creditable draw with Mr. A. R. Crooke's eleven. Features of the game were an excellent half-century by A. Pennington, who hit six boundaries, an equally valuable effort of 48 by D. D. Cranshaw for the School. The latter secured 32 of his runs by means of 4's. For the visiting eleven, W. Cottrell and J. A. Boucher took 3 for 21 and 3 for 22 respectively, while S. Williams and D. S. Allott had two wickets apiece for the School. Scores:—

A R CROOKE'S XI

A Pennington, lbw b Bolton	51
E Allen, lbw b Owens	20
A N Dor, c Williams b Cooling	31
J A Boucher, c Davies b Owens	4
G A Hosking, lbw b Williams	30
J A Tate, c Owens b Cooling	24
F W Patmore, lbw b Williams	0
W Cottrell, c Bretherick b Allott	21
E E Sutton, run out	6
W G Davey, c Cooling b Allott	1
E T Thompson, not out	0
Extras	9

Total

WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

C W Parkinson, run out	16
W G Bolton, c Allen b Baucher	19
D D Cranshaw, b Cottrell	48
P Bretherick, b Baucher	0
W D M Webb, lbw b Baucher	1
G N Vlissidis, c Tate b Thompson	20
S G Cooling, c Hosking b Cottrell	1
F W Davies, b Cottrell	1
S Williams, not out	1
Extras	20

Total (8 wkts)

For Wallasey Grammar School, D b Allott and O L Owens did not bat.

SEFTON A v. NEW BRIGHTON A.

At Wyncote. Hall 2 for 33, Walsh 3 for 13, Lyons 4 for 25, Hogg 3 for 6. Scores:—

Sefton.—P Charlton, c Wilson b Hall, 39; R D Salmon, c Wess b Forshaw, 24; F Eberall, b Hall, 15; H E Jones, not out, 0; extras, 6; total (3 wkts, dec), 84. J Dixon, H S Brown, T M Hogg, H Bilby, T Lyons, F Walsh and H P Bale did not bat.

New Brighton A.—G E Tyson, b Lyons, 11; A R Wilson, c Charlton b Hogg, 11; A Hill, lbw b Walsh, 0; I D Lord, c Jones b Hogg, 6; F W Oxton, b Lyons, 0; S Jackson, b Lyons, 3; C E Roycroft, b Lyons, 7; G B Forshaw, c Eberall b Walsh, 3; F B Parle, b Walsh, 2; H Hudson, b Hogg, 0; R Wess, not out, 1; extras, 2; total, 46.

MINOR COUNTIES' CRICKET.

ANOTHER WIN FOR CHESHIRE.

DENBIGHSHIRE BEATEN BY INNINGS AND 156 RUNS.

FOLLOW ON ENFORCED.

Cheshire consolidated their position as leaders of the Minor Counties Championship when, at Colwyn Bay, at the end of the first day's play on Wednesday they were in a strong position against Denbighshire. A. J. McAlpine, the home captain, won the toss, and with four wickets down for 20, it seemed that his policy of putting Cheshire in to bat would be successful.

The two Boughton Hall men, R. M. Dutton and L. N. Jones, helped Cheshire, however, to retrieve their position. Eventually, they declared at 302 for 7 wickets, and Denbighshire, all out for 93, had to follow on. There had been rain in the morning, but, it did not seem to have affected the wicket. Denbighshire's bowling at the outset was very steady, Rees, in particular, keeping a splendid length and in his first spell he had three wickets for 11 in nine overs. McAlpine also bowled well and was rather unlucky.

FIELDING ERRORS.

R. M. Dutton and L. N. Jones, the Boughton Hall players, stopped the rot and by careful cricket pulled the game round by adding 56 for the ninth wicket. Denbighshire gradually lost their grip, largely through lapses in the field. Dutton when 12 gave a chance to Cross, the wicket-keeper, and when 28 he was twice missed in the slips in the same over. These errors seemed to upset the Denbighshire fielders, who became slack. When Dutton left at 147 Cheshire had made a great recovery. The 400 was reached in 3 hours 20 minutes, and J. A. McEntyre played free cricket all round the wicket. He reached 50 in 90 minutes, and when seventh out the score was 266. McEntyre hit twelve 4's. Barber, who hit eleven 4's, also batted well and did not give a chance.

Denbighshire made a poor start in reply after Cheshire had declared at the tea interval. Cross left with only a single scored. The Cheshire attack was frequently changed and the Denbighshire batsmen were never allowed to settle down, half the side being out for 51. They then lost two wickets cheaply when they batted a second time.

DENBIGHSHIRE ALL OUT FOR 93.

ANOTHER DECISIVE WIN.

An hour's play sufficed to finish the game on Thursday. Barber, the New Brighton professional, was very deadly and able to keep the ball low. Jones finished off the innings by taking two wickets in five balls. Maxwell, who hit four 4's, was the only one to show confidence. Cheshire won by an innings and 156 runs.

CHESHIRE.

First Innings.

J. D. Worthington b Rees	3
J. A. McEntyre lbw b Rees	1
Dennis b McAlpine	1
R. F. Ashton lbw b Rees	12
R. Dutton b McAlpine	59
L. N. Jones c Cross b Lucking	28
J. A. McEntyre lbw b Rees	77
Barber not out	73
R. M. Wolstenholme not out	35
Extras	14

*Total (7 wkts.)

*Innings declared.

DENBIGHSHIRE.

First Innings.

J. D. Cross b Bartley	0
Capt. G. M. Jones c Crooke b Jones	11
E. F. Goodwin lbw b Barber	13
K. S. B. Lucking b Bartley	17
A. J. McAlpine lbw (n) b Jones	4
Capt. A. C. Straker lbw b Bartley ..	2
E. Rees b Bartley	15
Sq. Ldr. Maxwell b Jones	11
G. Wooller b Bartley	3
J. G. Costain b Jones	2
J. R. Jones not out	0
Extras	15

Total

DENBIGHSHIRE.—Second Innings.

J. D. Cross lbw (n) b Barber	2
Capt. G. M. Jones c Crooke b Barber ..	0
E. F. Goodwin b Bartley	6
K. S. B. Lucking b Barber	3
A. J. McAlpine b Barber	2
Capt. A. C. Straker b Bartley	3
E. Rees b Barber	6
Sq. Ldr. Maxwell not out	20
G. Wooller lbw (n) b Barber	2
J. G. Costain c Crooke b Jones	3
J. R. Jones b Jones	0
Extras	6

Total

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Rees	20	1	62	4
McAlpine	22	5	64	2
Lucking	16	2	50	1
Jones	6	1	30	0
Costain	14	0	72	0
Maxwell	2	0	10	0

DENBIGHSHIRE.—First Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Barber	11	1	29	2
Bartley	11	5	24	4
L. N. Jones	11	4	24	4
Dutton	2	1	1	0

Note—(n) Indicates new lb.w. rule.

"HAT-TRICK" FOR L. N. JONES.

F. HACK'S THREE SUCCESSIVE CATCHES.

UNCOMMON FEAT AT RYDAL SCHOOL.

It was a sad Rydal School team which adjourned to the pavilion after Saturday's defeat at the hands of Boughton Hall. The School had gone through the season winning match after match, and were arranging to have the significant word "Invicta" adorning their pavilion. They even anticipated Boughton Hall's annual visit with as much confidence as pleasure, and the Chester players were themselves sorry to spoil the School's proud record. The spoiler-in-chief was L. N. Jones, whose bowling was irresistible and his analysis of five wickets for 13 runs tells its own tale.

L. N. Jones performed the "hat-trick" with the aid of Frank Hack, who held three successive catches at forward short leg. This was an uncommon feat. Certainly, it shows the accuracy of L. N. Jones's bowling.

A LOW TOTAL.

Rydal School could make little of the attack shared by the Jones brothers, and the side was all out for 58. Of this total 22 was contributed by J. N. Littler, and 11 by G. Wooller, who was unfortunate to be run out. W. E. Jones took the remaining four wickets for 36.

To pass a total of 58 seemed easy for Boughton Hall, but it did not appear quite so easy at the end of half an hour when five good wickets were down for 22 runs. The School wore keenness itself, but W. E. Jones and F. Hack ended all their hopes by putting on more than seventy runs for the sixth wicket. "W. E." was in great form, and collected 56 in his inimitable style. F. Hack made 23, and at the close Boughton Hall had scored 105 for six wickets. For Rydal School, Parker took four wickets for 32, Littler one for 29, and Costain one for 13.

RYDAL SCHOOL.

D. A. Howarth b L. N. Jones	5
G. Wooller run out	11
K. P. Griffiths c Stockton b W. E. Jones	0
H. Burton c and b W. E. Jones	1
J. N. Littler b W. E. Jones	22
K. D. Downes c Hack b L. N. Jones	1
J. K. Radcliffe c Hack b L. N. Jones	0
J. G. Costain c Hack b L. N. Jones	0
W. J. S. Parker b L. N. Jones	6
J. Parsons c G. A. Pratt b W. E. Jones	1
W. R. Jenkinson not out	2
Extras	9
Total	58

BOUGHTON HALL.

G. A. Pratt c Littler b Parker	2
C. C. Dutton st Downes b Littler	10
T. Roberts c Wooller by Parker	4
R. Moore Dutton c Downes b Parker	6
L. N. Jones c Costain b Parker	0
W. E. Jones not out	56
F. Hack b Costain	23
H. Pratt not out	1
Extras	3
Total (for 6 wks.)	105

J. R. Lipsham, R. J. Stockton, and W. Jiggins did not bat.

MacGREGOR'S BENEFIT TO-MORROW.

HUYTON AT BOUGHTON HALL.

MacGREGOR, the popular Boughton Hall groundsman, has his benefit match to-morrow (Saturday), when Huyton are at Boughton Hall. As this is MacGregor's last season, it is hoped there will be a bumper gate. "Mac" has been a good servant for thirteen years; nothing is ever too much trouble to him, and he regards crickets as the greatest sport of all. Boughton Hall without "Mac" would be a strange place indeed, and it is good to hear that his services will still be available as umpire. Members of the Boughton Hall Club hope the cricket fraternity in this district will show their appreciation of "Mac's" services to the game. Certainly few clubs are more attractive to watch than Boughton Hall.

SIX WICKETS DEFEAT FOR NESTON.

SIDE DISMISSED UNDER 100.

BRISK BATTING BY LIVERPOOL.

Liverpool registered a "double" in beating Neston at Aigburth on Saturday. Losing Bates and Walford with only one run each, Neston suffered a severe blow at the outset. H. E. Anderson was top scorer with 28, in a stubborn innings lasting 50 minutes. A sixth wicket stand with R. P. L. Littler seemed to stem the tide of misfortune, until Littler was run out after they had taken the score to 51. Neston seemed to have another chance of making a reasonable score with the incoming of L. C. Head, who immediately began to hit out, hitting one ball of Finch's out of the ground. He seemed settled when he was run out after scoring 16. Finch and Tyler were bowling well, and the Neston innings closed in 1 1/2 hours for a total of 93. Finch took five for 50 and Tyler three for 28.

Liverpool opened briskly, and after Nicholas was taken by Head at 11, W. W. B. Stoddart and D. P. McEntyre took the score to 62, when the latter was caught by Williams off Bates. Stoddart made 37 before he was caught behind the stumps by Littler with 86 up on the board, but Neston's total was easily passed when Bryce-Smith was joined by A. E. Husband. Barnes took one for 13, Head one for 24, and Bates one for 39.

NESTON.

Bates c McEntyre b Finch	1
G. D. Walford c Bryce-Smith b Tyler	1
A. Pennington c Turner b Finch	5
F. Urmsion c Channon b Finch	15
I. Williams b Finch	0
H. E. Anderson c Gow b Finch	28
R. P. L. Littler run out	7
A. J. K. Barnes c Tyler b Finch	13
L. C. Head run out	16
W. S. McFarlane b Tyler	0
L. W. Wood not out	5
Extras	2
Total	93

LIVERPOOL.

F. W. H. Nicholas c Littler b Head	8
W. W. B. Stoddart c Littler b Barnes	37
D. P. McEntyre c Williams b Bates	31
J. M. Bryce-Smith not out	7
A. E. Husband not out	0
Extras	4
Total (for 3 wks.)	90

For Liverpool, R. S. Turner, H. J. Channon, Tyler, A. J. Schofield, J. G. Gow, and J. E. Finch did not bat.

A pronounced success over Yorkshire II has greatly enhanced Cheshire's championship prospects in the Minor Counties' competition.

At New Brighton they won by an innings and five runs, twice dismissing opponents who included six professionals for scores of just over 100.

THORNTON HOUGH v. CLAREMONT.

Thornton Hough.—F. G. Crowden c Whitehead b J. B. Whitlow 4, C. W. Crowden b Bruce b W. Whitlow 5, R. McKeown c and b Ashcroft 20, A. Edwards c Lawday b J. B. Whitlow 3, J. W. Bridger c Glover b Ashcroft 2, T. Pimbley b Lawday 1, W. Huxley c W. Whitlow b J. B. Whitlow 6, J. S. Ford c W. Whitlow b Ashcroft 0, A. Clarke b J. B. Whitlow 0, V. Higgins not out 3, A. Birchenough c Chapman b J. B. Whitlow 0, extras 8; total 52.

Claremont.—W. Whitlow b McKeown 4, J. F. Bruce c C. W. Crowden b McKeown 0, J. B. Whitlow b Bridger 5, J. D. Whitehead c Huxley b Bridger 5, W. Glover b Bridger 0, E. Wilkinson c Ford b McKeown 3, S. Ashcroft run out 5, F. Anderson c McKeown b Bridger 7, E. Pace c Bridger b McKeown 1, H. Chapman st F. G. Crowden b Bridger 0, R. Lawday not out 0, extras 1; total 33.

GARSTON 2nd v. HELSLY 2nd.

Helshy 2nd were entertained by Garston 2nd on Saturday. Garston.—E. O. Oriston c F. Lloyd b Lockett 17, W. McAndrews b Cottam 0, C. Walker b Cottam 1, C. Burge b Lockett 25, J. Graham b Lewis 0, T. Carlisle lbw b Lewis 0, C. Huddleston b Cottam 10, J. Williams c C. Lloyd b Lockett 6, J. Harrod b Lewis 0, R. Wynne b Lockett 7, A. Jackson not out 0, extras 6; total 72.

Helshy.—F. Lloyd b Wynne 28, C. Lloyd c Harrod b McAndrews 8, G. Leech b Walker 1, L. Wilde b Harrod 6, C. Aillichamp b Harrod 0, S. Boyle b Wynne 2, D. Jackson c Jackson b Wynne 0, J. Lockett c Williams b Wynne 0, L. Cartwright b Harrod 10, A. Lewis b Harrod 1, E. Cottam not out 12, extras 13; total 83.

TATTENHALL FAIL AT HOME.

HARTFORD TAKE REVENGE.

A SOUND ALL-ROUND PERFORMANCE.

Hartford took their revenge on Tattenhall on Saturday, when they defeated them at Tattenhall by three runs and five wickets. Tattenhall batted first and compiled a score of 84 runs, S. Stoneley being top scorer with 21 runs. For Hartford, C. G. Hilditch took four wickets for 45 runs and J. Egerton four for 20. Hartford batted consistently in reply, and at the close of time had scored 87 runs for the loss of five wickets. C. G. Allman took the batting honours with a valuable 33 runs, and J. B. Pimlott was not out with 22 to his credit.

TATTENHALL.

F. Frost run out	6
T. W. Pritchard b Hilditch	15
D. M. Corbett b Hilditch	13
G. Frost b Hilditch	10
H. Simcock st Pendrey b Hilditch	5
F. Pierce b Egerton	1
R. Gardner b Egerton	8
S. Stoneley not out	21
W. Welch c Hilditch b Egerton	0
F. Cooke b Egerton	1
A. Wilding b Egerton	1
Extras	2
Total	84

HARTFORD.

C. G. Allman c Pritchard b Frost	33
L. Johnson lbw b Pritchard	1
W. Hitchen c Cooke b Frost	12
J. Oakey b Pritchard	3
H. Howard st Frost b Pritchard	8
J. B. Pimlott not out	22
R. Owen not out	1
Extras	7
Total (for 5 wks.)	87

ALVANLEY v. COUNTY OFFICERS.

At Chester on Thursday. County Officers.—G. Good c Cowap b Pritchard 19, T. Dickinson c Ainsworth b B. Ellams 13, G. Lumley c Cowap b Pritchard 6, T. Ryan b Booth 8, E. Albinson c Page b Pritchard 3, W. Dodd lbw b Booth 0, F. Adam b Booth 4, G. Espley not out 5, G. Collins c and b Booth 1, D. Good c Cox b Booth 6, B. Evans b Booth 4, extras 4; total 67.

Alvanley.—B. Ellams lbw b Albinson 23, F. Britland b Ryan 21, P. Ainsworth st Collins b Dickinson 13, A. Ellams b Dickinson 4, H. Cox not out 13, H. Woolley c Good b Dickinson 1, G. Pritchard b Dickinson 7, H. Cowap b Dickinson 0, R. Hill not out 0, A. Page and W. Booth did not bat, extras 2; total (for 7 wks.) 84.

COTEBROOK PLAY PATIENT CRICKET.

DRAWN GAME AT DAVENHAM.

The Davenham first team batsmen were in good form in the game at Tarporley on Saturday. The Tarporley bowling was soon mastered, and fine innings by L. Hankey, G. A. Hindley and H. S. Smith enabled Davenham to run up a score of 127 for six, declared. L. Hankey's 43 was a delight to watch, and Hindley and Smith hit lively scores of 33 and 32 respectively. For Tarporley, E. Davies took two wickets for 15 runs, J. Hinde two for 16, R. Davies one for 29, and A. Coppack one for 40. In the short time left for play, Tarporley scored 99 for eight wickets to force a draw. A Coppack, the second man in, was not out at the close, having contributed 62 runs to the score. For Davenham, W. Gandy recorded the hat-trick, the three wickets finally costing 28 runs. H. S. Smith took three for 36 runs, D. Wych one for 19 runs, and B. Dawson one for 21 runs.

DAVENHAM.

F. Minshall st Page b Hinde	2
G. A. Hindley b E. Davies	33
T. Stott b Hinde	0
H. S. Smith b R. Davies	0
L. Hankey c R. Davies b E. Davies	32
K. Swindells lbw b A. Coppack	43
D. Wych not out	4
B. Dawson not out	3
Extras	4
Total (for 6 wks dec.)	127

H. Gandy, O. Pendlebury and J. Minshall did not bat.

TARPORLEY.

R. Davies c Hankey b Smith	4
W. Wright c Hindley b Smith	0
A. Coppack not out	0
E. Davies b Smith	62
G. Daine c Pendlebury b Gandy	5
J. Hinde b Gandy	6
G. Page c Pendlebury b Gandy	0
H. Coppack c and b Wych	11
J. Cookson c Stott b Dawson	10
F. Coppack not out	0
Extra	1
Total (for 8 wks.)	99

W. Porter did not bat.

**HELSEY TOO SLOW.
SCORED SINGLES INSTEAD OF
FOURS.**

**HAWARDEN PARK WIN "KNOCK-OUT"
SEMI-FINAL.**

Rarely do teams taking part in the "knock-out" competition score less runs in the last half hour than in the first, but this was the case with Helsby in Monday's match when they finished eighteen runs behind Hawarden Park's total of 122 for the hour. Helsby will admit that they have only themselves to blame for the fact that they do not oppose Tattenhall in Monday's final. At half-way stage they had a chance of winning, for 53 runs in the first twenty minutes is clock-beating cricket. Later, there was an annoying ball, so that when Mr. Cochrane announced "ten minutes to go" over forty runs were needed for victory. The position was then hopeless, and although E. Boyle got ten runs from one over of Ede's there was never any fear of Hawarden being beaten.

MIRACULOUS CATCH.

Bonnewell, an astute captain, made two bowling changes in the last ten minutes, and out of complete indifference for singles "ringed" his fielders round the boundary. It was here on the canal side, that G. Reidford made a miraculous catch to end E. Boyle's innings. Boyle got 40 runs in the manner of a county cricketer, and hit 21 singles. It was not until the ten minute bell that he opened out, and reached the boundary twice. Ordinarily, his would have been a great innings, but everyone felt that he should have come out of his shell earlier. Helsby had decided "singles complex," and a study of the score book shows that there were 55 singles in Helsby's total of 104 for eight wickets.

To those who had expected that Helsby would win this year's competition, the losers were something of a disappointment. At half-way they had the result in their pockets. I am not unmindful of the accurate bowling of H. S. Bonnewell, which made runs difficult to obtain, but I do think that Ede's short pitched balls should have come in for rough treatment. Ede, despite his twenty paces, never worked up any speed, and his analysis of three wickets for 44 was rather flattering.

REIDFORD'S FINE DISPLAY.

Hawarden Park batted first, and opened with J. H. Davies and G. I. Reidford, the first wicket falling at 20, when Davies's

PLENTY OF SINGLES.

Helsby opened with S. Williams and A. Boyle, and with the latter twice getting Ede away to the boundary there was promise of a keen struggle. Later, however, there was no aggression, and like the ensuing batsmen were more content to play the ball than hit it. Still singles were frequent enough, and the first wicket fell at 23 when Williams stepped well out of his crease to deal with a short pitched ball from Ede. He missed it, and was easily stumped by Davison. Williams included seven singles in his total of nine. Singles came even more rapidly with the Boyle brothers together, and when out at 45 A. Boyle was more a victim of nature than of Hawarden's. The sun made a sudden appearance, and handicapped the batsmen so that it was not surprising to find A. Boyle misuse the flight of one ball, and be out lbw to Bonnewell. This was, indeed, hard luck, for he had batted confidently, and was getting his runs quickly enough. C. C. Jones and E. Boyle were slow in carrying the score from 45 to 68 for the third wicket, and with Antrobus out before he had scored, the "ten minute bell" was near. It arrived with Helsby over 40 runs short. Then we saw E. Boyle in new garb—dashing and daring; but the change was too late, and at the end they were 18 runs short.

A feature of this game, watched by a large crowd, was the fine fielding of both sides. In two hours the boundary was only reached on thirteen occasions. This game might easily have been won by Helsby and on this form Monday's final between Hawarden Park and Tattenhall promises to be a rare treat.

HAWARDEN PARK.

J. H. Davies c and b Britland	13
G. I. Reidford run out	3
L. Burdekin b Antrobus	24
A. H. Reidford b Britland	41
G. Ede run out	6
E. Higham b J. Williams	0
G. Phillips b Antrobus	6
H. S. Bonnewell not out	9
L. Shallcroft not out	5
Extras	15

Total (for seven wickets) .. 122
G. Temple and H. Davison did not bat.

HELSEBY.

T. Williams st Davison b Ede	9
A. Boyle lbw b Bonnewell	24
E. Boyle c G. Reidford b Bonnewell	40
C. Jones b Ede	17
J. Antrobus lbw b Ede	0
J. Williams run out	2
A. Fitch b A. Reidford	3
F. Britland b A. Reidford	5
F. Lloyd not out	1
Extras	3

Total (for eight wickets) .. 104

Bowling analysis: Hawarden Park—H. S. Bonnewell two for 40; G. Ede three for 44; A. Reidford two for 17.

Helsby—J. Antrobus two for 36; F. Britland two for 24; J. Williams one for 27.

**ASTON v TILSTONE LODGE,
TARPORLEY.**

At Aston on Saturday. The visitors won the toss and took first knock. E. McMorrin scored 34 out of his side's total of 74. T. Johnson took five for 25, and D. Fox three for 2. The home team did not start too well, losing their first two wickets for 14 runs. T. Johnson (58) and H. Williams (12) took the score to 60 before being separated. Johnson, batting well, soon passed the visitors' total, stumps being drawn with six wickets down for 92.

Tilstone Lodge: R. Mossford b Johnson 0, E. McMorrin c P. George b Johnson 34, W. Cadman b A. Williams 12, F. Cross b Gardner 0, E. Cross c Wright b Johnson 6, J. Bolt b Johnson 15, H. Wright not out 3, H. Howarth c A. Williams b Fox 1, E. Hewitt b Johnson 1, E. Cadman b Fox 0, A. Harding b Fox 0, extras 2; total 74.

Aston: L. Dutton b H. Wright 1, W. Wright c Mossford b H. Wright 4, T. Johnson b E. Cross 58, H. Williams b Howarth 12, A. Williams c Hewitt b Howarth 0, B. Gardner b E. Cross 6, P. George not out 6, D. Fox not out 1, extras 4; total 92. G. Jones, W. Borton, and J. Gordon did not bat.

**MERSEYSIDE FLOUR MILLERS
LEAGUE.**

FROST'S v. BUCHANAN'S.

At Rosemore-road on Saturday. Frost's—H. Latham b Hough 1, T. Herd c Dodd b Dennis 1, J. Chew run out 1, F. Lowe b Walker 41, A. C. Keeffe c Dodd b Hough 3, J. Farrington b Dennis 6, A. Birch b Dennis 0, R. Gorman b Dennis 3, A. J. Nicholas b Dennis 0, A. E. Price c Barrett b Dennis 1, E. Chew not out 0, extras 5; total 64.

Buchanan's.—L. Hodgson c Birch b Lowe 3, H. Griffiths b Farrington 4, F. Walker c E. Chew b Keeffe 6, R. Barrett b Keeffe 36, G. Dennis c Nicholas b Lowe 7, O. Gleasby c Nicholas b Lowe 0, J. Barnett lbw b Lowe 1, R. Dodd not out 9, R. Hough lbw b Keeffe 1, H. Ellis c Latham b Keeffe 0, A. Smith did not bat, extras 9; total (for 8 wickets) 62.

**"KNOCK-OUT" FINALISTS.
HOW THEY GOT THERE.**

TATTENHALL. and Hawarden Park meet on Monday in the final of the Boughton Hall "Knock-out" Competition. Both have been consistent in the earlier rounds, and L. Burdekin, the Hawarden Park batsman, is credited with the highest score—76 not out against Christleton.

Les Harding the Tattenhall batsman, has been wonderfully consistent with scores of 31, 66, and 29. He has been his side's top scorer in each match, and has four 8's to his credit.

Tattenhall have made their way to the final by beating Handbridge by 110 to 27, R.A.F. 189 for 6 to 128, and Tarporley 113 for 8 to 76.

Hawarden Park beat Christleton in the first round by 128 for 9 to 71; accounted for the County Officers by 99 for 7 to 98 for 5, and beat Helsby on Monday.

audacious running caused Reidford to be run out. Davies left at 34, being brilliantly caught and bowled by Britland, but with L. Burdekin and A. H. Reidford together the score mounted rapidly. It was not until Antrobus was brought on at the Tarvin end that the partnership was broken. With his first ball he clean bowled Burdekin with the score standing at 71. The batsman had made 24 which included one 4. Reidford remained to carry on the good work, and had made 41 in dashing style when bowled late on by Britland. He hit five 4's, but other shots would have reached the boundary but for the expert fielding of Helsby. It was certainly Reidford who made possible Hawarden's big total of 122 for seven in the hour, but I thought that the Helsby captain was to blame when he took off Antrobus for Nield. The new bowler yielded 20 runs in three overs, which was seven runs more than Antrobus yielded in four overs. Williams, too, was an expensive experiment.

UPTON WELL BEATON BY BARROW.

DEADLY BOWLING BY H. BEECH.

A capital innings of 71 not out by the home stumper and some deadly bowling by H. Beech enabled Barrow to overcome Upton on Saturday. Barrow batted first and met with early disaster, losing three good wickets for 5 runs. C. Houlbrook and V. A. Arnold came to the rescue and the score was carried to 40 when the former was bowled by C. Morris. Arnold found another good partner in T. Radcliffe, and this pair put on 56 for the fifth wicket. At 162 for eight a declaration was made. Upton made rather a poor show against H. Beech and T. Radcliffe and were all dismissed within an hour for 48. R. Lawson (14) and H. Schofield (11) being the only batsmen to obtain double figures. H. Beech took eight wickets for 21 runs. Of the 18 wickets which fell during the match, 16 were bowled, an unusually large proportion.

BARROW.

F. Houlbrook b Morris	2
H. Rogerson b Griffiths	0
C. Houlbrook o Morris	16
H. Beech b Morris	1
V. A. Arnold not out	71
T. Radcliffe b Morris	34
F. W. Darlington b Morris	6
H. Woodcock b Done	14
J. Steele not out	12
J. Beech b Done	0
Extras	6

Total (for 8 wks., inns. dec.) 162
G. Platt did not bat.

UPTON.

Rev Gardner-Brown b H. Beech ..	1
R. Lawson b H. Beech	14
R. V Rooke lbw b H. Beech	2
H. Schofield b Radcliffe	11
R. Britnell b H. Beech	3
B. Done b H. Beech	5
S. Perrins b H. Beech	0
H. Griffiths b H. Beech	0
C. Morris c J. Beech b Radcliffe ..	8
R. Loudman b H. Beech	2
F. Stacey not out	0
Extras	2

Total

LADIES COMPETITION.

Owing to rain almost the whole of the day the ladies' final, Winnington v. Middlewich, was postponed. It has not yet been possible to re-arrange a date, but the match will take place some day next week.

BARROW v. CALLENDERS CABLES.

At Barrow on Wednesday. A most enjoyable game ended in a win for Barrow by 89 runs. The visitors took first knock on a fast wicket and were all out for 71. F. Lees played a capital innings of 47, his leg shots being perfectly timed, and one straight drive cleared the boundary. Barrow knocked off the runs for the loss of three wickets. H. Beech retired after completing his half century. For Barrow, F. Darlington took 4 wickets for 17. J. Platt 2 for 9, and E. Catherall 2 for 4. Callenders tried five bowlers, but only Atkins and Gerrard met with any success.

Callenders Cables.—J. Smith c Wardle b Darlington 1, J. Phillips b Radcliffe 1, F. Atkin c Wardle b Darlington 1, F. Lees b J. Platt 47, P. Gerrard b Darlington 2, G. Thomas c Woodcock b Darlington 0, C. Coppock c Platt b Plant 7, G. Stacey b Catherall 6, W. Hague b J. Platt 0, E. Dodd not out 2, P. Littler b Catherall 0, extras 4; total 71.

Barrow.—M. Jeffs b Gerrard 3, H. Woodcock lbw b Gerrard 12, T. Radcliffe b Atkin 24, H. Beech retired 51, F. W. Darlington c Smith b Atkin 10, J. Platt b Atkin 3, E. Catherall not out 1, extras 6; total (for 5 wks.) 110. T. Plant, C. W. Hawkins, R. Wilkinson, and H. Wardle did not bat.

DRAWN GAME AT DAVENHAM.

COTEBOOK PLAY PATIENT CRICKET.

The game between Davenham second eleven and Cotebrook at Davenham on Saturday ended in a draw. Cotebrook won the toss and elected to bat. Runs came at a slow pace, and thanks mainly to L. Percival the total reached 92 before the eleven were dismissed. Percival contributed a valuable 45 and G. Ackerley scored a useful 18. The Davenham bowling honours went to J. Higginson, who took four wickets for 22 runs, while G. Cooke took three for 22, and A. T. Cooke two for 32.

Cotebrook.—G. Done c Carney b G. Cooke 8, C. Jones run out 1, G. Ackerley c Higginson b G. Cooke 16, L. Percival b Higginson 45, S. Cubbon c Gandy b G. Cooke 0, J. Stokes c Carney b Higginson 3, G. Fletcher b Higginson 2, G. Hassall c and b Higginson 4, J. Stringer c Carney b Coupe 3, B. Lovesay not out 2, T. Cubbon c Carney b Coupe 2, extras 6; total 92.

Davenham 11.—M. Carney c Jones b Ackerley 10, J. Senior c Hassall b Ackerley 7, F. Cooke lbw b Fletcher 0, J. Higginson not out 11, J. Tomlinson lbw b Percival 3, G. Cooke not out 1, C. B. Whitehead, W. Deakin, G. Gandy, E. Patten and A. T. Coupe did not bat, extras 3; total (for 4 wks) 35.

WEAVERHAM 2ND DEFEAT KELSALL.

SOUND LAST-WICKET STAND.

Quite an exciting game at Weaverham resulted in a win for the home side. The success was due to a sound last-wicket stand by E. Davies and L. Hayward, who carried the score from 54 to 88, the former contributing 22 runs. Kelsall responded with a total of 78. W. Pleavin being top scorer with 16. For Weaverham, F. J. Alcock had three good catches.

Weaverham 2nd.—J. Johnson lbw b Joinson 1, A. E. Hewitt c Joinson b Lightfoot 0, H. Robinson b Joinson 12, K. Leadbeater c and b Joinson 12, F. J. Alcock c Morrey b Joinson 2, J. Hilditch c Lightfoot b Joinson 0, F. Hewitt c Sutton b Joinson 5, J. Robinson c Sutton b Pleavin 17, F. Ashbrook b Joinson 1, E. Davies b Pleavin 22, L. Hayward not out 7, extras 10; total 68.

Kelsall.—E. Nixon c Alcock b Hilditch 0, W. Pleavin c Hewitt b Robinson 16, A. Jameson b Hilditch 4, E. Evans c Hilditch b Robinson 15, O. Jameson b Hilditch 11, E. Morrey run out 0, L. Sutton c Alcock b Hilditch 1, R. Bailey b Hilditch 0, G. Lightfoot run out 15, N. K. Jones not out 2, A. Pallin c Alcock b Hilditch 2, extras 12; total 78.

MERSEY IRONWORKS v. CASTNER KELLNER.

At Runcorn on Saturday. Mersey Ironworks.—F. Walker b Kirkham 22, J. Birkett b Kirkham 12, G. Dyke b Pyke 6, L. Jenkins b Kirkham 5, J. White c Edmunds b Pyke 2, H. Reeves run out 4, C. Turner lbw b Pyke 3, C. Hayward c Edmunds b Kirkham 0, M. Howard b Kirkham 5, C. Andrews not out 1, extras 6; total 76.

Castner Kellner.—T. Pyke b Howard 9, D. Wright c Reeves b Hayward 5, J. Russell c Dyke b Jenkins 25, T. Price b Howard 0, T. Eatock c Dyke b Hayward 4, J. Hayes not out 67, G. Milner b White 20, N. Watson not out 16, extras 17; total (for 6 wks.) 163.

CHESHIRE RALLY AND SAVE THE GAME.

GREAT SECOND INNINGS' PARTNERSHIP.

LIVELY HITTING BY DENNIS AND HAWKINS.

(By "Austin.")

At the end of the first day's play against Staffordshire at Boughton Hall, on Wednesday, Cheshire, unbeaten this season and favourites for the Minor Counties championship, were hopelessly placed, having lost seven wickets for 82 in reply to Staffordshire's formidable total of 276. Cheshire had the aggravating experience of finding their luck deserting them when it was most needed, and it was not exactly a happy augury when J. D. Worthington lost the toss and the opportunity of "first knock" on a wicket which Groundsman McGregor declared to be perfect for run getting. It was tantalising, too, to see Cheshire's battery of pace men bowling well but entirely without luck. The stars, obviously, portended a bad match for Cheshire, and no matter how good their record, this was a match which it was not intended they should win. When stumps were drawn on Wednesday, it seemed that only a miracle could save Cheshire from following on.

STAFFORDSHIRE'S BRISK START.

When play began promptly at 11.30 on Wednesday there was not the wisp of a cloud in the sky, and the sun shone so brilliantly that it was not surprising to find a parade of straw hats among a crowd that grew uncommonly big later in the day. H. W. Homer, the Staffordshire captain, won the toss, and did not hesitate about a decision to bat first. He opened with E. Perry and Backhouse, two of Cheshire's three professionals, Barber (New Brighton) and Bartley (Birkenhead Park) sharing the attack. The batsmen were soon to prove how unresponsive the pitch was to the bowlers, and at the end of half an hour there were over 30 runs on the board—really good going. Dennis (the Oxton pro.) came on at the city end to permit Barber to take on at the Tarvin end, but this change did not quieten the batsmen, and in one over Perry punished Dennis to the extent of three boundaries. Then he drove Barber into the canal for a glorious six, and 62 runs were indicated when the first wicket fell. Backhouse, with 28 to his credit, was then out lbw under the new rule to Barber. Perry went on merrily, although at 43 he seemed to offer a definite stumping chance to G. F. G. Rees the Boughton Hall wicket-keeper, who replaced A. R. Crooke. By way of celebrating his escape, the batsman again swept Barber to the boundary, and he completed a fine half-century out of 82 runs in just over an hour. Four runs later he was bowled lock, stock, and barrel by Barber. Succeeding batsmen, R. Smith and S. C. Smallman, maintained the mastery over the bowling.

115 RUNS IN 85 MINUTES.

Lunch was taken with the score at 121 for 2 wickets, and on the resumption Smallwood and Smith took the score to 162 before L. N. Jones came on again at his favourite end. To us who have grown accustomed to seeing him place a packed leg field, it was unusual to see him bowl to three slips, with not a man on the leg side. His first over yielded two runs. Another Boughton Hall player R. M. Dutton, came on at the city end, and his first over produced a single. The batsmen were never in trouble, and Smith once cut L. N. Jones through the slips to the boundary. Every over produced one or more 4's, and R. M. Dutton once won applause for a smart pick-up. Smith completed the second 50 of the game with the score at 180 for 2 and Cheshire's chances of victory were getting more and more remote. Worthington kept ringing the changes, and Dennis came on again to bowl spinners. Smallman greeted him by driving him for six, and this brought Staffordshire's total to 200. This partnership had added 115 runs in 85 minutes, and Worthington, himself, ended it at 201 when with arm outstretched he took a smart catch at cover point off Dennis's bowling to dismiss Smith. The batsmen had made 54. Plant, the next man in, did not last long, and after surviving Barber's confident appeal for lbw he was bowled by the New Brighton professional's next ball. Smallman's mercurial innings ended at 211 when Dennis, fielding at short leg, took a good catch off Barber's bowling.

Smallman had made 60, and Barber was certainly doing good work from the Tarvin end. At this stage he had taken four of the five wickets for 52 runs.

L. N. JONES'S GREAT CATCH.

Things were now definitely going Cheshire's way, and the sixth wicket fell at 216 when L. N. Jones, at first slip, made a spectacular one-handed catch to dismiss Homer, the Staffordshire captain. Dennis was the successful bowler, and it is interesting to note that the last four wickets had fallen for the addition of only 15 runs. S. Crump, the Porthill professional, took the score to 220 with a pertinent four off Barber's good bowling. Crump and Elleker took the score to 243 at the tea interval, but three runs later Dennis had Crump lbw. Thus, 30 runs had been added for the seventh wicket. Elleker remained and punished both Dennis and Barber. One over of Barber's yielded eleven runs to the batsman. At 268 the eighth wicket fell, Lockett being superbly run out by Dennis, thanks to an immediate return by G. A. McEntyre. Further success came Cheshire's way at 274 when Bartley bowled Elleker. This batsman had been very troublesome and collected 41 in record time. Bartley ended the innings two balls later when Reynolds played on.

CHESHIRE'S AMAZING COLLAPSE.

Staffordshire had compiled their big total in just under 4½ hours, and before Cheshire set about the reply J. D. Worthington elected to have the heavy roller on the pitch. He and E. H. Hawkins, the Weston player, opened the innings, Hawkins turning Reynolds's first ball to the leg boundary. He was ill at ease with the next three, and the fifth ball of this first over beat him completely, so that Cheshire had lost one wicket for four runs. Worse was to follow, for with the score at 12 G. A. McEntyre was lbw to Reynolds. Meanwhile, J. D. Worthington batted cautiously, and became even more resolute when he saw the third wicket falling at 13, Dennis being then bowled by S. Crump. Worthington remained to carry the score over the 20 mark, and he had made six when brilliantly caught and bowled by Crump. With the advent of L. N. Jones to join R. P. Ashton there were consoling memories of valuable innings by the Boughton Hall player, and everyone hoped that he would be able to turn the game. This day the home county's luck was right out, and he, too, had only hit two singles when lbw to Crump. One wondered whether anyone could stop the rot, and for two brief minutes R. M. Dutton and Ashton promised salvation. Dutton, was confidence itself and runs were coming so quickly that Reynolds was taken off. Dutton had got him away for two lovely 4's, but with the score at 61 he was tempted by Lockett, so that he let fly at a ball on the leg side only to see Smith make a magnificent catch at short

leg. The Boughton Hall player had made 15 and promised many more. Ashton, of Alderley Edge, remained unperturbed by this unexpected rout and treated the crowd to a glorious display of batsmanship, straight-driving Crump superbly and punishing anything loose sent down by Lockett. While he remained there was hope for Cheshire, but the doubt arose as to whether anyone could stay with him. J. A. McEntyre, the second of the Wallasey brothers, remained to take the score from 61 to 80 for the seventh wicket, and it was consoling to find Barber surviving the last two overs, so that at the close Cheshire were 194 runs behind on the first innings with only three wickets in hand. Ashton was unbeaten with 41.

CHESHIRE'S FIGHTING TAIL.

ASHTON COMPLETES GREAT FIFTY.

When play was resumed on Thursday, Ashton (not out 41) was Cheshire's own hope of avoiding the follow on. He and Barber resumed at the overnight score of 82 for seven wickets, and in just over quarter of an hour loud cheering from the pavilion announced that Ashton had completed a courageous 50. At 110 Ashton left, being out to a good catch at square leg by Plant off Backhouse's bowling. Ashton's contribution was one of 55, and for real artistry his innings could not be matched. Barber remained to play a defensive innings, but he was not comfortable. G. F. G. Rees, Boughton Hall, played a dead bat to the first dozen balls sent down to him, and ten minutes elapsed without a run being scored. Later both batsmen nicked Backhouse for 35. Rees was something of a revelation this morning, and majestically swept Lockett to the boundary. Barber followed suit off Backhouse's bowling, and another single brought the total to 130 just on o'clock. The score went on steadily to 149 when Rees was deceived and bowled by J. Crump. Rees had contributed a valuable 19, and the partnership realised 39. When Bartley came in 28

runs were wanted to avert the follow on, but at the same total Barber was smartly taken behind the wicket. The New Brighton professional had then contributed a meritorious 32.

FOLLOW-ON ENFORCED.

DENNIS TURNS THE GAME CHESHIRE'S WAY.

As expected the Staffs. captain decided that Cheshire must follow on, and Captain Worthington changed the batting order so that when G. A. McEntyre was out l.b.w. at 18, Ashton, the first innings hero, came in first wicket down. Meanwhile, Worthington had been batting with rare aggression, but when he lost Ashton at 3 he decided on caution, and quietened down. Ashton had made six when brilliantly caught at second slip by Lockett. Further disaster came Cheshire's way at 42, when Barber, after scoring 5, was out l.b.w. to Crump. Dennis was next man in, and this time the left-hander decided to dig himself in before attempting to get runs. Luncheon was taken with Worthington not out at 22, and Dennis not out 2. On the resumption, the batsmen soon carried the score to 60, the Cheshire captain showing a decided partiality for the straight drive. He once hit Backhouse for two consecutive 4's, and hereabouts Dennis was batting with great confidence. Worthington could not restrain his impatience, and at 88 he went out to Backhouse, was beaten by the ball, and smartly stumped by Goodway. The batsman had then scored 43 as a result of fascinating play. Hawkins was with Dennis when the hundred was signalled. Later, he drove Lockett in the direction of the sight screen for a glorious 4, and altogether his game was full of colour. Hawkins, with a delectable late cut, got three runs off one ball of Backhouse's, and at 3.25 Cheshire had 120 runs on the board. Dennis, with a beautiful hook to leg got another 4 off Backhouse. At 49, Dennis offered a sharp chance to Backhouse at second slip. The ball went past the bowler to credit Dennis with his fifty. Hawkins was not idle, cutting Reynolds to the boundary, and following with two 2's, the second as a result of a perfect drive to leg. Another 4 to Dennis in the direction of the pavilion brought the total to 150, and two balls later he again reached the boundary. Here we were seeing a combination of polish and devilry, and the Oxton professional was certainly the highlight of the match. Defeat by an innings was now out of the question. Dennis sent up the 160 with another straight drive to the boundary. There was an amusing incident when Dennis, in his earnestness to get back to his crease, collided with the wicket-keeper, and sent him sprawling. Staffordshire could not set a field to restrain the breezy left-hander, and with bat in the air he again turned Crump to the boundary. At the tea interval the score stood at 170 for four wickets, with Dennis 73 not out and Hawkins not out 32.

DENNIS GETS HIS CENTURY.

After tea, Hawkins and Dennis took the score to 190 in no time, the former punishing Backhouse to the event of three boundaries in one over. At 44 he was "dropped" near the sight screen at the Tarvin end, and a two to leg by Hawkins brought the total to 200. Dennis took his score to 95, with a glorious six over the pavilion roof. With two past second slip, Hawkins completed his fifty, which was yet another courageous contribution in Cheshire's hour of need. Having got so near, Dennis was not in a hurry to get to his hundred, and treated the bowling with rare respect. A single took him to 96, and he arrived safely at the 100 by off driving Reynolds to the boundary. The score now stood at 226, and between them Dennis and Hawkins had put on nearly 140 runs for the fourth wicket. Cheshire declared at 223 for 4 wickets, with Dennis not out 104 and Hawkins not out 61. Dennis hit ten 4's and one 6 in a magnificent innings lasting just over three hours. Hawkins hit eight 4's. At the end of the half hour left for play Staffordshire in their second innings, had scored 10 without loss.

STAFFORDSHIRE.—First Innings.

E. Perry b Barber	54
Backhouse lbw (n) b Barber	28
R. Smith c Worthington b Dennis ..	54
S. C. Smallman c Dennis b Barber	60
L. H. Plant b Barber	1
W. H. Elleker b Bartley	41
H. W. Homer c L. N. Jones b Dennis	4
S. Crump lbw b Dennis	9
Lockett run out	6
C. C. Goodway not out	2
A. Reynolds b Bartley	0
Extras	17
Total	276

CHESHIRE.—First Innings.

J. D. Worthington c and b S. Crump	6
E. H. Hawkins b Reynolds	4
G. A. McEntyre lbw b Reynolds	6
Dennis b S. Crump	1
R. F. Ashton c Plant b Backhouse	53
L. N. Jones lbw b Crump	2
R. M. Dutton c Smith b Lockett ..	15
J. A. McEntyre st Goodway b Lockett	4
Barber c Goodway b Backhouse ..	32
G. F. G. Rees b Crump	19
Bartley not out	0
Extras	5
Total	149

CHESHIRE.—2nd Innings.

J. D. Worthington c Goodway b	
Backhouse	43
G. A. McEntyre c Goodway b Crump	9
R. F. Ashton c Lockett b Reynolds	6
Barber lbw (n) b Crump	5
Dennis not out	104
E. H. Hawkins not out	61
Extras	5
Total (for 4 wkts., dec.) ..	233

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings: For Cheshire, Bartley took two wickets for 43, Barber four for 78, Dennis three for 98, L. N. Jones none for 27, and R. M. Dutton none for 13.

For Staffordshire, Reynolds took two for 41, Crump four for 31, Lockett two for 24, and Backhouse two for 38.

Second Innings: For Staffs., Reynolds took one for 83, Crump two for 36, Backhouse one for 44, Lockett none for 44, and Perry none for 19.

(n) indicates new rule.

TATTENHALL WIN THE KNOCK-OUT.

HAWARDEN PARK'S POOR SHOW.

**ALL OUT FOR 56.
HARDING'S FINE BOWLING.**

Playing before 1,600 people, Hawarden Park failed to do themselves justice in Mondays "Knock-out" final against Tattenhall, and batting first were all out inside 45 minutes for 56 runs. Judged on their showing against Helsby in the semi-final, Hawarden had a chance of beating the well balanced Tattenhall side, but temperament played a big part in deciding the issue. This was their first appearance in the final, and unquestionably nerves beat them. Batsmen of accepted merit never made any sort of showing, so that what promised to be a needle game fizzled out, and was in fact, among the most lifeless in this season's competition. Yet, Tattenhall have played convincingly this season and thoroughly deserved to win the cup, which was last in their possession six years ago.

Hawarden opened with J. H. Davies and G. I. Reidford, the former driving R. M. Dutton's third ball to the boundary. Dutton's second over yielded another 4 to the batsman, but the other bowler, Leslie Harding, was much too accurate, and his first two overs produced only three runs. Hawarden's first wicket fell at 17, when with the first ball of his third over Harding bowled Davies, who had then made 13. Reidford was out at 22, caught by F. M. Dutton off Harding, and that began the rout. The third wicket fell at 25, fourth at 29, fifth at 30, sixth at 36, seventh at 38, eighth at 39, ninth at 46 and all out at 56.

Harding, the Tattenhall bowler, came out with the remarkable analysis of seven wickets for 18 runs in seven overs. Harding has been the best all-rounder in the competition, and won the special medal awarded to the hitter of most 8's. Harding had four to his credit. In eight overs R. M. Dutton took two wickets for 33.

Tattenhall's task was easy, and although they lost F. M. Dutton at 8, Harding remained with R. M. Dutton to carry the score to 29 for the second wicket. Les. Harding, next man in, was not as forceful as usual, and the score stood at 52 when W. H. B. Roberts held a good catch to dismiss Harding, who had then scored 10. With a 4 and a single, R. M. Dutton carried Tattenhall to victory, and later there was a display of few runs by L. Pritchard, who in his score of 36 included three 4's and one 8. R. M. Dutton reached the boundary four times in his score of 35, and at the end of the hour, and a disappointing match, Tattenhall were all out for 111.

For Hawarden A. Reidford took five wickets for 56 Bonnewell one for 31, and Ede three for 9.

It is interesting to note that in one over R. M. Dutton bowled ten balls due to the fact that the umpire lost count.

PRESENTATION OF CUP AND MEDALS.

Mr. W. E. Jones, captain of Boughton Hall, presided at the presentation of awards, in the absence of Colonel W. A. V. Churton. The Mayor deputised for the Mayoress (Mrs. Macdonald Lake), who was indisposed.

Mr. Jones said they had come to the end of another competition played in the usual sporting spirit, and productive of a great deal of fun. On behalf of the Boughton Hall Club he congratulated Tattenhall. It was six years since they had won the trophy. He commiserated with Hawarden, and hoped they would be able to capture the cup next year, he complimented Leslie Harding, of Tattenhall, on winning the "big hit" medal.

The Mayor conveyed the Mayoress's regrets on being prevented from fulfilling a pleasant duty, and said it was a proud day for him, because the donor of the cup was one of his oldest friends. He congratulated both winners and runners-up.

Mr. F. V. Cooke, captain of Tattenhall, proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor. He hoped the Mayor would carry away memories which the Mayoress would carry away when he relinquishes the office, which would be the happy hour he had spent at Boughton Hall. Tattenhall hoped to break the tradition that one club could not win two years in succession. (Laughter and applause.)

Mr. Bonnewell, captain of Hawarden Park, secondarily said he must apologise for his team's "woeful display" that evening. He congratulated Tattenhall on their success.

Scores:—

HAWARDEN PARK.

J. H. Davies	l. L. Harding	13		
G. I. Reidford	c. F. Moore	Dutton b		
L. Harding		11		
L. Burdekin	c. J. Harding	b. F. Moore	Dutton	2
A. Reidford	b. L. Harding			0
G. Ede	lbw b. Harding			2
W. H. B. Roberts	b. R. Moore	Dutton		5
H. S. Bonnewell	b. L. Harding			0
H. Phillip	b. L. Harding			2
L. Shallicroft	not out			3
G. Temple	run out			5
H. Davison	b. L. Harding			8
Extras				5
Total				56

TATTENHALL.

F. Moore	Dutton c. Davies	b. Bonnewell		2
R. Moore	Dutton b. A. Reidford			35
J. Harding	run out			8
L. Harding	c. Roberts	b. A. Reidford		10
L. Pritchard	c. Phillips	b. A. Reidford		30
F. Pritchard	b. A. Reidford			0
T. W. Pritchard	b. A. Reidford			1
J. O. M. Corbett	st. Davison	b. Ede		5
F. Frost	not out			4
G. Frost	st. Davison	b. Ede		1
F. V. Cooke	b. Ede			0
Extras				15
Total				111

EASTHAM v. TATTENHALL.

At Eastham. W. Southwood 5 for 53, R. Hirst 4 for 47. Scores:—

Eastham.—J. Horne b Pritchard 6, R. Hirst lbw b Pritchard 66, C. Evans c Corbett b Frost 44, L. Davies b Dutton 3, W. Southwood c Frost b Dutton 3, J. Dorrard not out 17, R. Tetley not out 16, L. Riding b Dutton 13, extras 6; total (6 wks) 174. R. L. Ravenscroft, Rev. J. Wright-Davies, and E. H. Tunnicliffe did not bat.

Tattenhall.—F. M. Dutton c Davies b Southwood 4, F. Frost st Evans b Southwood 17, G. Frost lbw b Hirst 18, D. Corbett c and b Southwood 8, L. Harding b Hirst 3, L. Grant c Rev. J. Wright-Davies b Southwood 6, L. Pritchard not out 48, T. Pritchard c and b Hirst 7, R. Gardner b Davies 1, T. Boden c Tetley b Southwood 2, H. Simcock lbw b Hirst 20, extras 4; total 136.

UPTON v. WILLASTON.

At Upton.—L. Jones c Nowell b Gosling 0, F. Reade c Wood b Taylor 4, W. Pate c Wood b Gosling 4, B. Done st Coventry b Nowell 24, O. Philpott b Hemming 0, J. Davies b Hemming 5, J. G. Lewis b Hemming 0, F. Urnston run out 5, C. Reade c Coventry b Nowell 0, J. Wright b Taylor 1, W. A. Slacey not out 1, extras 2; total 46.

Willaston.—T. L. Taylor b Done 21, W. Parr b Done 0, E. Hemming c Pate b Done 4, W. H. Wood b Jones 1, A. Coventry b Jones 4, E. A. Williams b Done 8, L. Nowell lbw b Jones 4, W. Gosling not out 43, A. S. Boston lbw b Done 0, T. Francis lbw b Wright 15, W. Pugh b Jones 15, extras 8; total 123.

THORNTON HOUGH v. OVALS XI.

At Thornton Hough.—J. Roper c Clarke b Moncrieffe 6, F. Rowden b Moncrieffe 7, C. Rowden lbw b Moncrieffe 3, G. Waring not out 27, A. Edwards b Rimmer 18, V. Higgins not out 1, extras 4; total (for 4 wks) 66.

Ovals XI.—W. Massey b Edwards 2, D. Clarke b Roper 8, A. Moncrieffe c Burr b Edwards 1, W. Mather c Silcock b Roper 2, H. Oliver run out 3, H. S. Pratt c Higgins b Roper 19, F. Scholefield b Edwards 1, J. Watty c Edwards b Roper 6, L. Poadham run out 0, A. R. Rimmer not out 0, R. Donaldson not out 0, extras 4; total (for 9 wks., dec.) 46.

TRANMERE WESLEY II. v. THORNTON HOUGH II.

At Victoria Park. R. W. K. Johnson 3 for 21, W. Huxley 3 for 21, W. H. Elton 3 for 22, H. Beck 3 for 38.

Thornton Hough II.—R. W. K. Johnson c Green b Beck 16, W. Huxley b Green 1, J. Staite b Beck 1, J. S. Ford c Wilde b Green 10, W. H. Elton b Evans 25, V. Higgins lbw b Pearson 16, R. Auger b Evans 1, R. V. Carter c Green b White 14, H. Staite c Pearson b Beck 8, J. Bird not out 0, extras 5; total 91.

Tranmere Wesley II.—L. Wilson c Carter b Huxley 4, H. Pearson b Johnson 15, R. Potts run out 0, L. Green b Elton 22, L. White b Huxley 0, W. Roberts c Auger b Johnson 2, H. Beck b Johnson 1, W. R. Baker c and b Huxley 5, C. Evans not out 19, H. Everard b Elton 3, W. Wild b Elton 0, extras 6; total 77.

HIS OWN MAJESTIC SELF.

L. N. JONES'S CENTURY AGAINST HUXTON.

THEN BOUGHTON HALL NEARLY LOSE!

Cricket fans who urge that Boughton Hall would give the game greater appeal if they engaged a professional had their answer on Saturday when L. N. Jones, perhaps the grandest of all Cheshire amateurs, proved himself the equal of any professional by collecting a century in record time. In this match, against Huyton (set aside for McGregor's benefit), we saw "L. N." in all his majesty. Confidently, he treated all bowling alike, straight driving, cutting, and hooking with the rhythm of a cricket master. Coming in when the first wicket had put on 55 runs, he started off with a 4, and repeated bowling changes could not cramp his style. Once he hit Barrell for a glorious 6 into the tennis courts, and he continued to collect 4's in his stride. It was not until he reached the anxious nineties that he slackened his pace, and from 93 he proceeded to his century by means of five singles and one 2. Still, it was a magnificent century, full of colour, and reminiscent of the L. N. Jones we in Cheshire know so well. The crowd, uncommonly big because of affection for MacGregor, rose to him, and among the most enthusiastic of them was the century-maker's own young son.

Rightly enough, the Boughton Hall skipper, W. E. Jones, waited for the completion of the century before declaring at 232 for seven wickets. Thanks to the aggression of G. A. Pratt, the opening partnership put on 55 runs in good time, and at that total C. C. Dutton was out lbw to Barrell. He had then scored 12. G. A. Pratt remained with L. N. Jones to add 13 runs for the second wicket, and he had scored 46 when, playing back to Barrell, he had the misfortune to hit his own wicket. He reached the boundary five times. W. E. Jones, brother, but R. M. Dutton and L. N. took the score merrily on from 74 to 154 for the fourth wicket and Dutton was out in forcing the pace when he had scored 31, which included four 4's. Then came Frank Hack, and with him proof that he is a better batsman than No. 1. He got his runs quickly but safely, and included two 4's in his contribution of 20. Meanwhile, L. N. Jones went on blithely towards his century, and it was impossible to set a field to beat him. At 99 he was all but stumped, and the crowd were relieved to hear the Huyton umpire turn down the appeal. In his eleven 4's, and two 3's. It was a mighty good innings, invigorating and pleasant to watch.

Left with over two hours in which to escape defeat, Huyton as a team, batted better than did the Hall, and after the first wicket had fallen at 30, W. G. Milne and J. K. Edmundson took the score to 119 for the second wicket. Milne having made 37 when caught by Hack at forward short leg off L. N. Jones's bowling. Edmundson went on in great style, and made 62 before being cut to a good catch by H. Pratt off W. E. Jones's bowling. Succeeding men batted stolidly, so that at the end Boughton Hall were fortunate to escape defeat. Huyton made 216 for six wickets, making a total for an afternoon's cricket of 448 runs for 13 wickets.

BOUGHTON HALL.

G. A. Pratt	hit wkt b Barrell	46
C. C. Dutton	lbw b Barrell	12
L. N. Jones	not out	100
W. E. Jones	run out	5
R. M. Dutton	c. Milne b Barrell	31
F. Hack	b Barrell	20
G. C. Adams	c Moore b Barrell	0
T. A. Roberts	b Barrell	0
H. Pratt	not out	5
Extras		13

Total (7 wks., dec.) ... 232
HUXTON.

W. G. Milne	c Hack b L. N. Jones	37
J. C. Sharp	c Rees b Stockton	17
J. K. Edmundson	c H. Pratt b W. E. Jones	28
E. W. Gittins	b L. N. Jones	22
Barrell	c and b W. E. Jones	35
J. Burgess	not out	3
C. L. Moore	not out	1
Extras		11

Total (6 wks., dec.) ... 216

For Boughton Hall, G. F. G. Rees and R. J. Stockton did not bat. For Huyton, W. Williams, E. W. Walker and H. Silcock did not bat.

**NESTON BEAT R.A.F.
CENTURY BY F. URMSON.**

VISITORS ALL OUT FOR 100.

Brilliant performances by F. Urmson, with the bat, and Bates with the ball, were responsible for the defeat of R.A.F. by Neston at Parkgate on Saturday. The Tranmere Rovers winger was at his best, never giving a chance in his 100 not out, and was the only one, with the exception of M. R. Barton, who could do anything with S/L Maxwell and A/C. Shaw. He reached the boundary 13 times, and scored a five from an overthrow. His acquisition has considerably strengthened Neston's batting, his score on Saturday being the highest of several useful contributions.

DISASTROUS OPENING.

Neston batted first, but opened disastrously. Bates and G. D. Walford being separated in the recon over, the latter being clean bowled by S/L Maxwell. Bates followed at 14, caught behind the wicket by Collyer off Maxwell. There seemed some doubt as to whether Bates had connected with the ball, but Collyer's appeal was upheld by the visiting umpire. This was a bad start for Neston, and they were in further trouble when A Pennington also fell to Maxwell, who was bowling well. Great things were expected with the advent of M. R. Barton, who, playing for Oxford University against the South Africans, made 46 and 59 not out. His stand with Urmson put runs on at a great pace, and the century was passed in 80 minutes. The partnership realised 59, of which he made 31 and hit five fours. After a slow start Urmson opened out and reached his 50 with a powerful drive to the pavilion boundary, after 40 minutes. A change in the bowling, A/C. Walker going on vice Maxwell, brought the downfall of Barton in the next over. J. M. Swift, who joined Urmson was accorded a welcome by the crowd on this his first appearance of the season. He made 17 before he fell to Shaw. Urmson continued to bat confidently, and boundary strokes came as a habit. His century was reached in a last wicket stand with H. E. Anderson, in which he was helped to reach the coveted figure by the latter helping him to take the bowling. Urmson was 95 and the important single was elusive, when S/L Maxwell, who was bowling, made a fine sporting gesture by throwing an easy ball down the pitch for him to get the wanted point. This brought Neston's score to 215, and A. J. K. Barnes declared. A/C. Shaw was the most successful bowler, taking four for 21, while S/L Maxwell took four for 61.

SHORT AND MERRY.

The Airmen's innings was a short but merry one. Undismayed by the Neston total, they came in with the determination to pass it, if possible, and were left with 2½ hours, ten minutes more than it had taken the home side. Unfortunately for them, Bates was on top of his form, and seemed eager to make amends for his meagre batting total. L.A.C. Fear and A/C. Shaw were both out to him with the score at 43, and after D. Collyer and P.O. Walker had taken the score to 62 it was a procession until Maxwell was joined by A.P.O. Norman, four more wickets falling with only seven runs added. The rot was stopped by Maxwell and Norman, and between them put on 35. Neston's captain went on to bowl in place of H. ad, and this brought the fall of Maxwell. The innings came to a close after 85 minutes, in which short time the three figures were just reached. Bates's analysis was eight for 52. Head took one for 2, and Barnes one for 7.

NESTON.

Bates c Collyer b Maxwell	14
G. D. Walford b Maxwell	0
M. R. Barton b Walker	31
A. Pennington b Maxwell	19
F. Urmson not out	100
J. M. Swift b Shaw	17
A. J. K. Barnes c Norman b Shaw	0
L. C. Head b Shaw	5
I. Williams b Shaw	9
J. Henderson b Maxwell	0
H. E. Anderson not out	10
Extras	10
Total (for 9 wkts.)	215

R.A.F.

L.A.C. Fear c Urmson b Bates	12
L.A.C. Shaw c Urmson b Bates	21
P.O. Walker c Henderson b Bates	18
D. Collyer c Bates b Head	7
S/L Maxwell b Barnes	19
Sgt. Body b Bates	0
A.P.O. Mellor b Bates	0
A.P.O. Norman not out	18
A.P.O. Thwaites c Henderson b Bates	0
A.P.O. Smith c and b Bates	0
A.P.O. Cockerill b Bates	1
Extras	4
Total	100

HAWARDEN PARK II. v. NESTON XI.

At Hawarden on Thursday week. Neston.—G Dawson c Hill b Shallcroft 34, C R Jackman b Shallcroft 6, W Hinks lbw b Rogers 4, J Bengwill c and b Rogers 3, J Jones c Hill b Shallcroft 9, J Phillips b Shallcroft 0, S Abel lbw b Newton 2, Rev L Irving c Davies b Newton 4, A Peters b Hill 9, C Jones not out 4, J Henderson b Wintle 6, extras 4; total 85. Hawarden II.—G Cooper c Peters b Abel 37, H Hill b Abel 18, L Newton b Abel 0, W Rogers c Davies b Abel 0, H Law c Jones b Phillips 0, F Shallcroft c Henderson b Phillips 6, F B Holford c Phillips 0, E Davies lbw b Abel 1, H Wintle b Abel 1, F Roberts run out 0, T Stockton not out 0; total 63.

McALPINE CRICKET CUP.

MARCHWIEL BEAT GRESFORD IN SEMI-FINAL

Marchwiel won their replayed semi-final tie against Gresford in the McAlpine knock-out competition at Wrexham, on Monday, with a comfortable margin. Scoring at a remarkably fast rate, they had reached 185 in 70 minutes before the 24th over automatically closed their innings with only half the side dismissed.

Harvey's contribution of 71 included two 6's, and while he and A J McAlpine were together Gresford's attack seemed helpless, and the Marchwiel skipper had scored 44 before his departure. Harvey had hit four boundaries in one over.

Gresford faced their formidable task with rather less courage than the occasion demanded. Big hitting was their only hope, and they did not start until Meredith and W. A. Roberts became associated. Their partnership, opening at the fall of the third wicket, yielded over 80 runs, the first-named reaching 40, and Roberts carrying his bat for 49, which included a 6.

Newton and the last-named player made the concluding pair in the last two overs, and the newcomer drove his first and only hit for a 6. Thus Gresford made up ground with great strides, but the effort came too late, for when the 24th over had gone down they were still 42 runs short of their opponents' total.

Marchwiel's cheapest bowler was Lucking, who obtained two wickets for 12 runs.

The final tie for the McAlpine trophy will be played on the same ground at Crispinlane on Friday evening. Scores:—

MARCHWIEL.

L. Harvey st Morris b Davies	71
K. S. B. Lucking c F. Roberts b H. Roberts	11
A. J. McAlpine c Hulmstone b F. Roberts	44
C. P. Brutton c and b F. Roberts	9
Capt. Straker run out	22
N. Hughes not out	23
Extras	5
Total (for 5 wkts)	185

GRESFORD.

H. Roberts c Startup b Lucking	11
R. Davies b Swainson	28
T. Jones c A. J. McAlpine b Lucking	0
C. Meredith st Ellis b Straker	40
W. A. Roberts not out	49
L. Newton not out	6
Extras	9
Total (for 4 wkts)	143

For Marchwiel, E. Swainson, G. Startup, H. Holmes, Sir Alfred McAlpine, and Ellis did not bat.

For Gresford, H. Roberts, Hulmstone, F. Roberts, J. Morris, and G. Davies did not bat.

TARPORLEY v BARROW

TARPORLEY.

R. Davis c F. Houlbrook b Radcliffe	6
W. Wright c Steele b Darlington	36
McMorrison b Darlington	5
E. Davis lbw b Darlington	22
G. Daine c Platt b Darlington	0
E. Cross c Radcliffe b Platt	9
S. Cookson c Arnold b Platt	0
S. Davies b Beech	13
J. Hinde not out	0
G. Page c Arnold b Beech	0
H. Coppock b Beech	4
Extras	27
Total	150

BARROW.

F. Houlbrook c E. Davis b Coppock	6
M. Jeffs b Cookson	54
C. Houlbrook c E. Davis b Hinde	10
H. Beech b Cross	44
V. A. Arnold b Cross	9
T. Radcliffe c C. Davies b McMorrison	27
T. W. Darlington c Coppock b McMorrison	3
H. Woodcock c C. Davis b Cookson	0
J. Platt st W. McMorrison	15
J. Steele not out	5
J. Okell b Cookson	8
Extras	25
Total	206

THORNTON HOUGH v. MERSEY PARK.

At Thornton Manor. R. McKeown 6 for 22, L. Woolley 5 for 29, J. T. Roper 3 for 14. Mersey Park.—L. Hurworth b McKeown 21, G. Gregor b McKeown 13, W. Lambert c F. G. Crowden b McKeown 1, W. Yates run out 12, S. Hawkes c and b McKeown 0, T. Blair c Silcock b McKeown 6, L. Woolley b Roper 1, R. Braidwood c Pimbley b Roper 0, A. Phillips b McKeown 1, W. Corker b Roper 4, F. Williams not out 0, extras 6; total 65.

Thornton Hough.—J. T. Roper c Yates b Woolley 21, C. R. Currie b Hurworth 23, R. McKeown b Woolley 11, F. G. Crowden b Gregson 11, A. Edwards not out 12, J. C. Mason b Woolley 1, F. Silcock c Gregson b Woolley 5, R. G. Highcock b Woolley 4, extras 1; total (7 wkts) 89. T. Pimbley, G. Clark, and A. Clarke did not bat.

MERSEY IRONWORKS v. MORETON.

At Ellesmere Port on Saturday.

Moreton.—C. Smith lbw b Hayward 14, W. Kirkland c Walker b Howard 14, H. Spence b Hayward 17, P. Lee b Hughes 19, E. Hobbins c Howard b Hayward 0, L. Howarth c Walker b Hughes 4, W. Evans b Hughes 9, E. Collins c Walker b Jenkins 6, H. Lowman not out 10, F. Battersbee b Hayward 2, extras 12; total 107.

Mersey Ironworks.—A. Evans c Spence b Hobbins 4, F. Walker b Spence 15, J. Beahon b Lowman 21, G. Dyke c Kirkland b Lowman 5, H. Reeves b Spence 1, R. Smith not out 39, L. Jenkins c Kirkland b Spence 2, J. Hughes b Smith 5, C. Andrews st Kirkland b Evans 18, C. Hayward b Evans 0, M. Howard not out 9, extras 6; total (9 wkts) 125.

MERSEYSIDE FLOUR MILLERS' LEAGUE.

FROST'S v. PAUL'S.

At Rossmore-road on Saturday. Frost's.—R. Latham b Morgan 4, T. Herd c Harrod b Gower 33, J. Chew b Gore 1, F. Lowe b Gore 5, J. Farrington c and b Robbins 7, A. G. Keefe c and b Robbins 4, H. Gorman b Gore 15, A. Birch b Gore 2, A. J. Nicholas b Gore 4, A. E. Price c Morgan b Gower 4, K. Chew not out 4, extras 6; total 88.

Pauls.—H. Morgan c Lowe b Keefe 0, K. Harrod lbw b Birch 4, W. Robbins c Lowe b Farrington 8, W. Nolan c Lowe b Farrington 8, W. Roberts b Farrington b Keefe 1, W. Roberts b Farrington 2, P. Rafferty b Birch 11, S. Gower c Price b Birch 5, J. Dilworth c Lowe b Birch 1, G. Hampton c Latham b Lowe 1, G. Neil not out 0, extras 1; total 44.

MARCHWIEL II. v. R.W.F.

Marchwiel II. entertained the Royal Welch Fusiliers on Saturday at Marchwiel Hall, and won by 24 runs. For Marchwiel, Roberts took six for 38, Weaver two for 6, and Williams two for 22.

Marchwiel II.: L. Williams lbw b Pearce 3, O. W. Richards b Pearce 6, E. H. Pugh b Storer 26, H. Gauge b Storer 16, P. Cousins c Brownhill b Lyman 17, R. Roberts c Butwell b Storer 0, C. Smith b Storer 2, J. Spear b Storer 6, K. Wilson c Lyman b Storer 8, G. Weaver not out 8, J. Mitchell c Wellings b Lyman 2, extras 2; total 96.

R.W.F.: L. Brownhill lbw b Roberts 3, H. Lyman c Guage b Williams 6, Capt. Horton b Williams 12, G. Pearce c Pugh b Roberts 9, Corpl. Williams b Roberts 0, A. Butwell b Roberts 0, F. Wellings lbw b Roberts 12, C.S.M. Storer b Weaver 3, Sergt. Rayner c Smith b Roberts 1, F. Stone not out 16, Lance-Cpl. Jones b Weaver 4, extras 6; total 72.

NANTWICH M.C.C. v. ISCOYD C.C.

At Iscoyd on Saturday. Iscoyd.—C. Hodson b Shaw 10, H. Healey b L. Young 9, J. Hiscock c Williamson b Edwards 7, H. Middleton b Shaw 6, C. Butler b Shaw 2, G. Mackie run out 7, M. Thomson c A. Emberton b Slater 1, L. Middleton b Shaw 1, F. Reeves c Crabtree b Slater 6, T. Powell b Shaw 2, P. Chesters not out 1, extras 10; total 62.

Nantwich.—N. Afford b Butler 16, J. Williamson c Healey b Butler 9, W. Shaw c Powell b Butler 0, C. Edwards b Butler 2, A. Emberton b L. Middleton 9, L. Young c Healey b Butler 0, H. Bennett c Powell b Butler 12, D. Slater c Middleton b Butler 1, H. Crabtree c Healey b Butler 3, C. Challinor not out 4, extras 6; total 64.

HELSEBY B.I. WIN.
RUNCORN BRUNSWICK'S FIGHTING
"TAIL."

At Runcorn on Saturday. Helsby batted first and 38 runs were on the board before Lloyd was dismissed. After he had scored a single E. Boyle was lbw to Collinge. C. Jones joined A. Boyle and these two took the score to 56 before Boyle was caught by Goldsmith after obtaining a valuable 29. Jones made 32 before he was dismissed by Goldsmith. Britland and Antrobus carried on the scoring at a fast rate, 4's and 6's being plentiful. Eventually the innings closed at 176.

Runcorn's innings started badly, the first five wickets falling for 65 runs. After this there followed an excellent stand between K. Yates and W. H. Yates. However, when the former was bowled by Cottam he had made an excellent 40. His brother soon followed after obtaining a valuable 18. With these two gone the rest were soon dismissed and the innings closed at 130. Britland took six wickets for 20 runs.

Helsby.—F Lloyd c Moores b Collinge 7, A Boyle c Goldsmith b Collinge 39, E Boyle lbw b Collinge 1, C Jones c Goldsmith b Goldsmith 32, A Fitch c Kirkham b Goldsmith 6, G Leech c Withers b Collinge 3, F Worrall lbw b Wood 6, F Britland c Goldsmith b Collinge 27, L Cartwright b Goldsmith 6, J Antrobus c K Yates b Ward 29, E Cottam not out 5, extras 15; total 176.

Brunswick.—Andrews c Lloyd b Britland 5, Withington c Fitch b Britland 3, Kirkham b Britland 26, Withers c Britland b Cottam 6, Collinge c Britland b Antrobus 6, K Yates b Cottam 40, W H Yates b Britland 18, Goldsmith not out 8, L Ward b Britland 2, Moores b Cottam 0, A Ward b Britland 0, extras 16; total 130.

HELSEBY II. v. M.S.C.

At Helsby
M.S.C.—A Reeves c Millichamp b Wilde 19, J A Sandbach b Sayles 18, Keeley lbw b Lewis 0, E Keeley c Hinde b Wilde 1, G Collier b Wilde 3, J M Wilson c Sayles b Lockett 14, D J Davies not out 28, J Warrington b Sayles 3, L Hampson run out 0, F C Reynard c Wilde b Lewis 9, F Brice not out 0, extras 5; total 101.
Helsby.—C Millichamp b Reeves 34, C Lloyd b Wilson 8, L Wilde lbw b Reeves 17, S Boyle c E Keeley b Reeves 0, H Hinde not out 13, W Lockett not out 1, extras 9; total 82; F Sayles, A Lewis, J Lockett, S Ravenscroft and T W Carter did not bat.

ALVANLEY v. ASHTON.

At Alvanley on Friday.
Ashton.—A Lewis b B Ellams 0, P Gregory c A Ellams b Pritchard 0, T Rimmer c Pritchard b B Ellams 2, G Turner run out 21, A Woodward b B Ellams 0, J Peckham run out 0, H Faulkner b B Ellams 1, M Taylor c Britland b B Ellams 2, C Shallcross b Britland 17, A Shallcross b B Ellams 0, J Hewitt not out 1, extras 2; total 46.

Alvanley.—B Ellams c and b C Shallcross 47, G Leech b Gregory 7, P Ainsworth b Taylor 10, G Pritchard c A Shallcross b C Shallcross 4, H Cox c Rimmer b Taylor 1, H Woolley run out 1, M Wood b Taylor 4, A Ellams b Taylor 1, J Cox run out 1, E Blythe b Taylor 0, F Britland not out 0, extras 3; total 79.

ALVANLEY v. ASHTON.

At Ashton on Tuesday.
Alvanley.—W Booth c Taylor b Shepherd 18, B Ellams b Gregory 6, P Ainsworth not out 31, H Cox run out 0, S Demetriadi c Hewitt b Taylor 2, A Ellams b Shepherd 10, H Woolley c Peckham b Shepherd 1, G Pritchard run out 0, J Cox not out 3; total (7 wks) 79. F Britland and E Blythe did not bat.

Ashton.—P Gregory c Cox b Pritchard 4, G Turner b Britland 4, T Rimmer c Booth b Britland 6, H Shepherd c B Ellams b Pritchard 4, J Hewitt run out 1, C Shallcross b Pritchard 0, A Shallcross b Pritchard 9, M Taylor c Woolley b Pritchard 9, J Peckham c A Ellams b Pritchard 1, R Carter b B Ellams 6, H Faulkner not out 2, extras 3; total 49.

ALVANLEY v. B.I. HELSEBY 2nd XI.

At Alvanley on Thursday week.
B.I. Helsby: F Lloyd c Cowap b Booth 1, G Leech b Britland 44, A Lewis st Demetriadi b Britland 0, H Hinde b Britland 35, L Cartwright run out 23, S Boyle not out 3, W Lockett b Pritchard 3, C Lloyd st Demetriadi b Pritchard 0, L Wilde not out 0, extras 3; total (for 7 wks) 113. D Jackson and C Millichamp did not bat.
Alvanley: B Ellams lbw b Wilde 1, W Booth c Hinde b Wilde 14, P Ainsworth run out 26, F Britland b Lewis 1, S Demetriadi c Lloyd b Lewis 8, H Woolley run out 1, G Pritchard run out 23, A Ellams b F Lloyd 5, H Cox b F Lloyd 5, J Cox c and b Lewis 4, H Cowap not out 0, extras 1; total 89.

FRODSHAM v. ELLESMERE PORT
TRINITY.

The newly-organised cricket section of the Frodsham Athletic Association played their initial match on Saturday. Ellesmere Port Trinity being the visitors. Owing to the hardness of the patch matting was used with very successful results. The visitors won the toss and took first knock. The bowling of E. Blackwell proved too much for most of the Port batters. Rule 11, Shorthouse 13, and 9 only making any effort, the last wicket falling at 58. Blackwell claiming six wickets for 11 runs. This score, moderate as it was, proved too much for the home team which were bundled out for 51 thus giving the Port victory by seven runs. Massey took five wickets for 17 runs.

Ellesmere Port.—H White c E Greenway b E Storrer 6, G Castro not out 0, H Rule c Greenway b E Blackwell 11, A Fairbrother lbw b E Storrer 5, R Greenway c Ormsby b E Blackwell 5, E Bradshaw b Blackwell 2, G Massey c Ormsby b E Blackwell 9, V Shorthouse b Blackwell 13, F Leech c Gleave b Blackwell 5, J Blackwell c Blackwell b E Storrer 0, J Owen not out 1, extras 1; total 58.

Frodsham.—G Ormsby b White 3, E Blackwell c Greenway b Massey 4, L Turner b White 2, T Egerton b Massey 4, E Storrer c Bradshaw b Rule 24, J Gleave b Massey 3, E Kendrick b Massey 3, E Greenhalgh c Fairbrother b Rule 3, J Nicholls b Rule 2, E Rutter not out 0, E Greenway b Massey 1, extras 5; total 54.

OVERTON v. WESTON RHYN.

Overton were too strong for Weston Rhy on Saturday at Overton, scoring over double the total of the visitors. For Overton, R. G. Honeyman played a sound innings, making 29, as did Frank Williams and John B. Redfern with 26 each. Only two of the visiting team reached double figures. For Overton, Frank Williams took five wickets for 20 runs, H. Bailey three for 11, and E. Bailey two for 20. For the visitors, R. Hughes four for 25, A. Davies two for 20, E. Wood one for 20, C. Rogers one for 23, and G. Hughes one for 29.

Overton: R. G. Honeyman b G Hughes 29, E Bailey st Hughes b R Hughes 17, L Mumford b C Rogers 10, F Williams b A Davies 26, J B Redfern lbw b E Wood 26, H Bailey lbw b A Davies 4, G Gabriel c and b R Hughes 0, H B Redfern not out 1, R Hamlet run out 4, F Astbury b R Hughes 0, E Griffiths b R Hughes 0, extras 10; total 127.

Weston Rhy: F Prestige b E Bailey 2, H Hughes b E Bailey 6, A Davies c Honeyman b F Williams 9, W H Kendrick c E Bailey b F Williams 2, E Wood b H Bailey 11, F Herbert c F Williams 0, R Hughes c Mumford b F Williams 6, G Hughes b F Williams 0, C Rogers not out 10, J Williams b H Bailey 1, E Green b H Bailey 4, extras 7; total 58.

COLWYN BAY v. MARCHWIEL.

Colwyn Bay secured the double over Marchwiel by defeating them in the return match, at Colwyn Bay by 36 runs. Colwyn Bay lost W. Wooller, the Cambridge Blue, without a run being scored, and reached 86 for the first four wickets. The last five wickets fell for the addition of 13 runs, however.

McAlpine, who was aided by a strong wind, bowled remarkably well for Marchwiel, taking seven wickets for 16 runs, including the last three Colwyn wickets with successive balls.

Marchwiel fare1 worse than Colwyn Bay, being dismissed for 63 runs. Their last five wickets added only 1 run. R. Wooller (five for 20), Sidlow (two for 0), and W. Wooller (two for 25) were the Bay's best bowlers. The match was for the benefit of Edge, the Colwyn Bay professional, who has been with the club eleven years. Scores:—

Colwyn Bay.—W Wooller b McAlpine 0, E W Holt c Strake b McAlpine 37, C Sidlow b McAlpine 3, C Fairclough b Lucking 11, E Redfern b Startup 18, C D Yonge c Straker b McAlpine 2, H Greenwood not out 7, Edge c Startup 4, R Wooller b McAlpine 0, S A Eriebach b McAlpine 0, J R Jones b McAlpin 0, extras 17; total 99.

Marchwiel.—H Poulson b Edge 8, A I White b W Wooller 9, K S B Lucking c and b R Wooller 15, Capt AC Straker b W Wooller 8, A J McAlpine c W Wooller b R Wooller 6, N Hughes b Sidlow 2, H Holmes b R Wooller 14, G Startup b Sidlow 1, E Swainson st Yonge b R Wooller 0, R Hughes b R Wooller 0, T Parry not out 0, extras 0; total 63.

CALVERHALL v. CHOLMONDELEY.
At Shavington.

Calverhall.—J Shepherd c M Done b Latham 36, Brig-Gen. C. H. Lyon b M Done 80, H P Close c Owen b M Done 21, P Dennett c Williams b S Done 10, T Norris not out 10, G Tudor c Mullock b M Done 7, P Fearnall, H Close, J H Arkin-stall, F Woodward and R Sinn did not bat, extras 10; total (for 5 wks, innings dec.) 174.

Cholmondeley.—L Dawson c Lyon b Tudor 9, S Done b Shepherd 30, G Stokes not out 38, R Mullock b Shepherd 0, F Latham c Arkinsta b H P Close 2, B Dawson not out 10, M Done, G Owen, L Manning, P Howell and G Williams did not bat, extras 8; total (for 4 wks) 97.

MINOR COUNTIES CRICKET.

CHESHIRE FOLLOW ON AND LOSE HEAVILY.

INNINGS WIN FOR YORKSHIRE II.

DENNIS FIGHTING INNINGS.

Cheshire, in their match at Halifax against Yorkshire II, were all out on Thursday morning, so that Yorkshire led on the first innings by 181 runs. The follow-on was enforced, and even a determined innings by Dennis, the Oxton professional, could not save the innings defeat. Cheshire found Yorkshire II, at their brightest on Wednesday, so that they were able to declare at 315 for three wickets. At the end of the first day's play Cheshire had lost six wickets for 88 runs, R. M. Dutton (Boughton Hall) being unbeaten with 32.

In the previous match, Cheshire defeated Yorkshire II, by an innings. P. A. Gibb, who scored 157 when making his debut for Yorkshire's senior eleven was again in brilliant form scoring 106 before being bowled by Dennis, the Oxton professional.

After a careful opening, Gibb played being particularly aggressive on the on-side, freely hitting strongly all round the wicket. While his first 50 took 21 hours he scored his second in 50 minutes. First in and third out, he batted 3 hours 20 minutes and hit one 6 and thirteen 4's scoring his runs out of 293.

BOTTOMLEY'S CENTURY.

Bottomley was also in fine form and he and Gibb added 125 in 80 minutes for the third wicket. Bottomley was unbeaten at the end with 102 to his credit. These were scored out of 227 in 2 1/2 hours, and included one 6 and twelve 4's. He hit with great power on the off-side.

Pearson and Bottomley were also responsible for a 100 partnership. They added 112 in an hour and a half. Pearson had six 4's in his 54.

The Cheshire bowlers opened steadily before lunch, when only 78 were scored for two wickets. The first eight runs took 35 minutes to score. Afterwards the bowling was disappointing, only Dennis, the former Yorkshire player, who took 2 for 93, troubling the batsmen. Yorkshire declared after batting 4 1/2 hours for a total of 315 for 3.

CHESHIRE CRUMBLE.

In 1 1/2 hours at the close Cheshire fared badly and lost 6 wickets for 88. Only G. A. McEntyre and R. M. Dutton faced a varied Yorkshire attack with any confidence. The latter hit vigorously and scored 32 in 40 minutes. Yorkshire were in a strong position at the close of play, Cheshire being 227 behind with two wickets to fall.

THURSDAY'S ROUT.

When play was resumed on Thursday, wickets fell cheaply, and the first innings closed at 134. R. M. Dutton only adding seven runs to his overnight score. The rout was continued in the second innings, and Dennis alone, played the bowling with confidence. Scores—

YORKSHIRE II

First Innings.

Barker lbw b Barber	1
P. A. Gibb b Dennis	106
Brearley c Worthington b Dennis	33
Bottomley not out	102
Pearson not out	54
Extras	19

Total (3 wks., inns. dec.) 315

CHESHIRE.

First Innings.

J. D. Worthington b Jacques	0
G. A. McEntyre c Barker b Wilson	25
Dennis b Lamb	16
C. C. Dutton c Gibb b Jacques	0
J. L. Canevali lbw (n) b Robinson	2
R. M. Dutton c Brearley b Jacques	39
A. M. Wolstenholme run out	2
Barber b Jacques	10
J. A. McEntyre b Robinson	31
A. L. McEntyre b Yardley	0
Bartley not out	4
Extras	5

Total

CHESHIRE.

Second Innings.

J. D. Worthington c Robinson b Jacques	6
G. A. McEntyre lbw (n) b Lamb	15
Dennis c Yardley b Jacques	60
C. C. Dutton b Lamb	1
J. D. Canevali c and b Jacques	7
R. M. Dutton st Gibb b Lamb	23
A. M. Wolstenholme c Jacques b Lamb	12
Barber b Lamb	11
J. A. McEntyre b Robinson	1
A. L. McEntyre st Gibb b Bottomley	0
Bartley not out	0
Extras	11

Total

Yorkshire II beat Cheshire by an innings and 34 runs. Cheshire 147 all out.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Yorkshire.—First Innings: Barber 1 for 81, Dutton 0 for 66, Bartley 0 for 40, Dennis 2 for 93, Canevali 0 for 13, McEntyre A L 0 for 23, McEntyre G A 0 for 10.

BOUGHTON HALL GO FOR VICTORY—

AND LOSE IN THE ATTEMPT.

ENTERTAINING GAME AT NORTHERN.

Boughton Hall figured in another entertaining game at Northern on Saturday when, despite the fact that the home team declared at the big score of 226, they went all out for victory, and lost gallantly in the attempt. Boughton Hall might well have been excused had they played for a draw, and there is no doubt that the haste with which they got their runs contributed to their defeat by 85 runs.

SIXTY RUNS IN FORTY MINUTES.

At one time it seemed likely that Boughton Hall would just snatch victory from their keen opponents, but the bowling prevented this. A collapse which set in later in the innings paved the way for Northern's victory. There was some notable batting performances and fine partnerships. The best of these was between the brothers R. A. and G. A. Foulds, of Northern, for they obtained 93 runs in 43 minutes. The former collected the majority of the runs, and played a most confident game. He scored 79, including six 4's and a 6. G. A. Foulds followed his brother to the pavilion a few minutes later, after making a useful 37. After the third wicket had fallen for only six runs the fourth and fifth produced a helpful 33. Another helpful contribution was Barrell's 38. For Boughton Hall, Stockton took four for 58, and L. N. Jones two for 39.

Boughton Hall had 2 hours and 30 minutes in which to reply, but opened disastrously, when Heath, sending down the first ball of the first over, captured the first wicket without a run being scored. Adams joined Pratt and the pair changed Boughton Hall's outlook, in a bright 25 minutes obtaining 45 runs, of which Adams's share was 22 (four 6's). L. N. Jones then partnered Pratt, and the rapid scoring continued, for in 40 minutes 60 runs had been registered. After Pratt had been dismissed, Dutton and Jones retained 48 runs in half an hour's play, at which time Dutton was dismissed for a fine 11. Jones remained at the wicket for an hour, and hit five 4's, and left with the score standing at five for 128, but, as stated above, the remaining wickets collapsed. Howieson took three wickets for 29 and Heath two for 87.

NORTHERN.

R. A. Foulds c Rees b Stockton.....	79
C. A. Manning b W. E. Jones.....	12
G. A. Foulds c Stockton b L. N. Jones.....	37
D. D. Wollerton c Rees b L. N. Jones.....	13
J. M. Barrell c H. Pratt b Stockton.....	38
Heath b Stockton.....	15
F. C. Harrison st Rees b Stockton.....	14
L. J. Pearson not out.....	9
Extras.....	9

Total (7 wkts. dec.).....226

K. A. Howieson, J. L. Lumby, and K. F. Gardner did not bat.

BOUGHTON HALL.

W. E. Jones b Heath.....	0
C. A. Pratt c Harrison b Lumby.....	33
C. C. Adams c G. A. Foulds b Howieson.....	22
L. N. Jones st Gardner b Howieson.....	44
R. M. Dutton c Barrell b Howieson.....	28
F. Hack run out.....	5
G. F. G. Rees b Heath.....	2
C. C. Dutton c Howieson b Manning.....	4
H. Pratt c Harrison b G. A. Foulds.....	2
A. M. Reid not out.....	1
R. J. Stockton c Barrell b Lumby.....	0

Total.....141

BOUGHTON HALL'S EASY WIN,

NESTON FARE BADLY,

L. N. JONES AND R. M. DUTTON BOWL WELL.

The attendance at Boughton Hall on Monday was very disappointing in view of the excellent fare provided.

Boughton Hall, who scored 214 for eight wickets, gained an easy win over Neston, who were dismissed for 59.

The feature of the match was the brilliant bowling of L. N. Jones and R. Moore Dutton. The former took 6 wickets for 33 runs, and the latter the remaining four for 26.

In winning Boughton Hall gained some compensation for their defeat at Neston earlier in the season. The wicket was easy and one anticipated a lot of runs. Boughton Hall batted first and W. E. Jones declared with the score at 214 for the loss of eight wickets. Boughton Hall scored quickly. Young C. C. Dutton ran into his best form, and going in at the fall of the first wicket, scored 67 (the highest total of the match) before getting his leg in front of a straight ball from Urmsion. Included in his score were six boundaries. R. M. Dutton (38) and T. A. Roberts (33) were also useful contributors. The former Llandudno and Oswestry player has not enjoyed the best of luck since joining the Chester club but it is to be hoped that he will now run into his best form. G. A. Pratt (21) and W. E. Jones (21) were also useful contributors.

Neston began badly and were unable to retrieve a bad start. Bates had only scored four when he was beaten by a ball from L. N. Jones. As an opening batsman Bates is an attractive personality, and his early dismissal appeared to affect his colleagues.

I. Watts (15) and H. E. Anderson (12 not out) were the only players to reach double figures, and the whole side were out for 59.

It is interesting to note the bowling analysis which read as follows:—

O. M. R. W.	
L. N. Jones.....	12 2 33 6
R. M. Dutton.....	13 4 26 4

Four of the Neston batsmen failed to score. G. F. Rees kept wicket splendidly and did not concede one extra.

BOUGHTON HALL.

G. A. Pratt b Bates.....	21
A. M. Reid c Bates b Swift.....	10
C. C. Dutton lbw b Urmsion.....	67
R. M. Dutton b Swift.....	38
W. E. Jones c Anderson b Urmsion.....	21
L. N. Jones c Barnes b Urmsion.....	6
T. A. Roberts c Urmsion b Swift.....	33
F. Hack not out.....	4
G. F. Rees c Pennington b Urmsion.....	0
H. Pratt not out.....	0
Extras.....	14

Total (for 8 wkts.).....214

Innings Declared.

For Boughton Hall, R. J. Stockton did not bat.

NESTON.

Bates b L. N. Jones.....	4
I. Watts b L. N. Jones.....	15
F. Urmsion c R. M. Dutton b L. N. Jones.....	0
J. M. Swift c L. N. Jones b R. M. Dutton.....	0
A. Pennington c W. E. Jones b L. N. Jones.....	18
I. Williams b R. M. Dutton.....	2
H. E. Anderson not out.....	12
L. C. Head c Rees b R. M. Dutton.....	3
A. J. K. Barnes c and b L. N. Jones.....	0
L. W. Wood c Hack b R. M. Dutton.....	0
J. Henderson b L. N. Jones.....	5
Extras.....	0

Total.....59

BOUGHTON HALL II. v. NESTON II.

At Parkgate on Monday.

Boughton Hall II.—H Hack lbw b Main 40. J Greening b Galland 14. J Lipsham c Clough b Colyer 100. A G Barmby c Duncan b Barber 21. A H Jiggers c Gunn b Barber 5. S Higham c Clough b Barber 0. W Winstanley lbw b Barber 0. J J Sanderson b Barber 8. R L Mathias c Colyer b Barber 0. L Hales c Gunn b Barber 3. W H Robins not out 0, extras 22; total 213.

Neston II.—J Pennington b Winstanley 1. R J A Colyer c Mathias b Winstanley 36. P L Barber lbw b Higham 37. W L Duncan c Winstanley b Robins 23. M S McFarlane c Sanderson b Robins 4. E W Jordan lbw b Winstanley 4. A R Clough not out 43. C R Jackman b Winstanley 8. D Gunn b Winstanley 2. W Main b Winstanley 2. J Galland lbw b Winstanley 0, extras 16; total 178.

For Neston II., Barber 6 for 14. Colver 2 for 23. For Boughton Hall II., Winstanley 7 to 60. R. plus 2 for 65.

HURRICANE HITTING AT PARKGATE.

HIGHTOWN WIN EASILY.

BATES'S BOWLING PUNISHED.

Neston put up a poor show against Hightown at Parkgate on Saturday when the visitors repeated their easy victory against the local side earlier in the season.

Neston batted first, and Bates opened briskly enough, hitting D. D. Little's first two balls to the boundary, but the bowling was soon on top, particularly in the case of Davies. He bowled throughout the innings, and keeping a good length, made runs difficult to get. He always had the batsmen in difficulties, and in his 7 for 38, which he took in 23 overs and which included 8 maidens, he had four stumped by McQueen, who was in fine form behind the wicket. Except for Bates (36) the only bright spot in the Neston innings was the eighth wicket partnership of L. Watts and L. Wood. The former was making his first appearance for the senior side, and Wood is hardly considered a sound bat, yet this pair put on a valuable 37 runs. Watts, with some pretty strokes, revealed himself as worthy of a regular place in the first eleven. Neston were all out in two hours for 111.

Opening briskly, Hightown went all out for the runs at a quick rate, and after D. D. Little left at 10 there was the unusual spectacle of Bates being hit all over the place. He was punished severely, particularly by L. B. P. Adams, and in three consecutive overs conceded 15, 11, and 10. R. E. Formby left at 62, out to a smart catch by Bates at second slip off Head. He was at the wicket 35 minutes for his 46, which included 8 fours and a six. Adams continued to gather the runs at a quick rate, once hitting Bates for three 4's and a six in one over. With P. C. Winter, he passed the Neston total with a powerful boundary drive after 65 minutes. His innings lasted 55 minutes, and in his 57 not out he collected eight 4's and two sixes. Bates's one wicket cost him 64 runs, and L. C. Head took the other one for 18. Neston's two other wickets were taken by H. J. Uren for 11 runs.

NESTON.

Bates c Winter b J. J. Formby.....	36
A. Pennington lbw b Davies.....	2
F. Urmsion st McQueen b Davies.....	4
J. M. Swift c McQueen b Davies.....	4
L. Williams st McQueen b Davies.....	15
H. E. Anderson c Davies b Uren.....	6
L. C. Head b Davies.....	1
A. J. K. Barnes b Davies.....	0
L. Watts st McQueen b Davies.....	2
L. W. Wood not out.....	20
J. Henderson b Davies.....	17
Extras.....	8

Total.....111

HIGHTOWN.

D. D. Little b Bates.....	2
R. E. Formby c Bates b Head.....	2
L. B. P. Adams not out.....	46
P. C. Winter not out.....	57
Extras.....	6

Total (for 2 wkts.).....113

S. B. McQueen, H. J. Uren, J. J. Formby, P. Krohn, H. D. Atkinson, T. F. Gilroy, and Davies did not bat.

BARROW BEAT EATON PARK.

BIG TOTAL BY HOME TEAM.

TOP SCORER ON LOSING SIDE.

Barrow declared at 245 for five wickets when Eaton Park visited them on Saturday, and the visitors were beaten by 82 runs. Barrow, who won the toss, were unfortunate in losing F. Houlbrook after only 10 runs had been scored. An excellent batting partnership followed with Jeffs (54), Beech (65), and Arnold (51 not out). Beech's scoring was spectacular, but not as

The visitors' batting seemed to have lost its brilliance since they last met Barrow at Eaton Park. W. Gude appeared to be the only batsman who could stand up to the Barrow bowling, and, with F. Jones, was the only hope of pulling the visitors out of the mire. Gude was the best bat of the day, many of his 76 runs being scored by boundaries to the leg side. The freedom of his batting was astounding, for he gave no chance until his innings closed with an l.b.w. The Rev. F. J. Okell was determined to save the game, but he fell to an easy catch by Arnold behind the wicket before he had scored

BARROW.

F. Houlbrook b Browne	4
M. Jeffs b Moss	54
T. Meakin c Lygon b Moss	15
H. Beech b Thomas (F.)	65
V. A. Arnold not out	51
T. Radcliffe c McIntosh b Thomas (F.)	8
F. W. Darlington not out	38
Extras	10

Total (5 wks. inn. dec.) 245
H. Woodcock J. Okell, T. Coleman, and H. Lawrence did not bat.

EATON PARK.

F. W. Thomas c Radcliffe b Beech	0
W. Gude lbw b Beech	76
H. T. Browne b Radcliffe	1
E. G. Williams st Arnold b Beech	13
A. Moss b Beech	4
I. R. McIntosh b Beech	0
Hon. R. E. Lygon c Darlington b Radcliffe	10
F. J. Jones c Woodcock b Radcliffe	25
Col. C. R. Gover b Darlington	12
Rev. F. J. Okell c Arnold b Darlington	0
Rev. F. J. Okell c Arnold b Darlington	0
Darlington	0
Extras	5
Total	163

NORTHERN WIN.

NESTON BEATEN BY ONE WICKET.

At Moor-lane, Great Crosby, on Wednesday, Northern with half their wickets gone for 60, rallied and gained a victory by one wicket with five minutes to spare.

Neston at the outset lost Bates and Riddell for only 12 runs. Pennington and Williams played steadily until a fast ball from the Hon. R. E. Lygon dismissed Pennington with the score at 57, the partnership having lasted 45 minutes. E. Williams, with the aid of Colyer, caused the century to be reached, but four runs later Williams was out to Glyn Jones after a valuable 57 which included seven 4's. Three wickets then fell cheaply but Jackman and the youthful Gunn batted freely and raised the score to 158. Neston were eventually all out for 188 after batting for 2 hours 50 minutes. Gunn took 24 minutes to get his 30, which included three 4's. Heath took six wickets for 78 runs and Jones three for 32.

Northern, left with two hours, began so badly that with only 63 runs on the board six of their main batsmen were out. Anderton and Pennington, however, settled down, and without taking undue risks, scored rapidly. With the total 130 Anderton was out to a catch by Riddell after he had hit 47 in 38 minutes, the partnership producing 67 runs. Glyn Jones and Krohn in turn gave Pennington great assistance, and Neston's total was eventually passed with a wicket to spare. Pennington was undefeated with 40 (including four 4's), while Glyn Jones had a 6 and two 4's in his 25. Clifford took five wickets for 87 runs and Bates three for 74. Scores:—

NESTON.

Bates c Barrell b Heath	4
P. H. Riddell c Pennington b Glyn.	74
Jones	6
J. Pennington b Hon. Lygon	18
J. Williams c and b Glyn-Jones	57
R. J. L. Colyer c Pennington b Glyn-Jones	21
L. C. Clifford c Harrison b Heath	2
H. E. Anderton c Glyn-Jones b Heath	0
C. R. Jackman c Lygon b Heath	27
G. Gunn st Anderson b Heath	30
J. Golland b Heath	9
W. Main not out	9
Extras	5
Total	188

NORTHERN.

J. M. Barrell lbw b Bates	15
D. D. Wollerton run out	13
Major R. S. Tudor c Williams b Clifford	13
Hon. R. E. Lygon c Anderson b Bates	0
M. S. Woods c Riddell b Clifford	16
F. C. Harrison c and b Clifford	0
P. Anderton c Riddell b Clifford	47
S. K. Pennington not out	40
M. Glyn-Jones c Williams b Bates	25
P. Krohn c Colyer b Clifford	12
Extras	9

Total (for 9 wks) 190

For Northern, Heath did not bat.

NESTON II. v. HIGHTOWN II.

At Hightown on Saturday.

Neston II.—R. J. L. Colyer lbw b Jones 14, J. Pennington b Worthington 0, P. L. Barber c Main b Dyke 28, M. S. Macfarlane lbw b Winter 3, L. J. Duncan b Jones 5, C. R. Jackman lbw b Jones 5, P. R. Snell b Worthington 1, E. W. Jordan not out 4, P. S. Byrne b Jones 3, S. Abel c and b Worthington 1, W. Main b Worthington 0, extra 1; total 91.

Hightown II.—P. Raven b Abel 0, F. Blumer not out 53, A. Callcot c Jordan b Abel 0, B. Duncan b Main 24, R. E. Winter not out Marsh, E. T. R. Jones, E. Loader, J. D. Garner, C. C. Dyke, and G. W. Worthington did 11, extras 16; total (for 3 wks) 104. P. R. not bat.

BOUGHTON HALL'S II. S. GOOD WIN.

NORTHERN WELL BEATEN.

A great innings by T. A. Roberts was a feature of Saturday's second eleven fixture at Boughton Hall when Northern were comfortably beaten by 167 runs. V. H. Robins, father of the Middlesex amateur, and English player, was another successful batsman, and with H. J. Hack put on 31 runs for the first wicket. Later, Robins bowled exceedingly well, taking seven wickets for 32. T. A. Roberts included six 4's in his score of 43. F. Atkin and J. J. Sanderson both topped the 20 mark, and Len Hales, an inspiration to the younger members, carried his bat for 16 runs.

Boughton Hall.—H. J. Hack b Sturla 18, V. H. Robins st Devine b Batchelor 21, T. A. Roberts c Price b Braddock 43, J. F. Lipsham c Braddock b Sturla 6, F. Atkin b Donovan 25, J. Greening c Batchelor b Sturla 0, W. Winstanley lbw b Sturla 14, J. J. Sanderson lbw b Donovan 24, L. Hales not out 16, A. G. Barmby run out 0, R. L. Mathias run out 4, extras 9; total 180.

Northern II.—D. Price c Mathias b Winstanley 12, J. W. Alexander lbw b Robins 2, G. W. Jones c Robins b Winstanley 14, J. Emmison c and b Robins 10, A. L. Devine lbw b Robins 36, R. Donovan b Robins 4, G. Courtney b Robins 0, G. Batchelor lbw b Robins 25, W. J. Dowler hit wkt 0, E. S. Maddock not out 0, C. Sturla c Hack b Robins 2, extras 8; total 113.

THORNTON HOUGH v. LIVERPOOL.

Liverpool.—D. A. Brown c Roper b McKeown 10, R. N. Bryce-Smith b Currie 0, M. Harrison b McKeown 9, J. Miller b McKeown 12, A. J. Robertson b McKeown 0, R. B. Bryce-Smith c Huxley b McKeown 44, Gutteridge b McKeown 22, D. Hunter b Roper 12, A. E. Feenez c F. G. Crowden b Roper 0, J. R. Gow not out 16, R. Bebbington lbw b Roper 5, extras 10; total 149.

Thornton Hough.—J. T. Roper st Harrison b Bebbington 0, C. R. Currie c Bebbington b Gutteridge 0, R. McKeown c R. B. Bryce-Smith b Bebbington 84, A. Edwards run out 0, J. G. Crowden not out 43, C. W. Crowden not out 9, F. Silcock, G. Clark, T. Pimbley, W. Huxley and A. Clarke did not bat, extras 11; total (for 4 wks) 152.

HAWARDEN PARK'S EASY WIN.

OVERTON'S SCORE DOUBLED.

EDE MAKES A CENTURY.

At Hawarden on Saturday, Overton had the assistance of B. Iremonger, the Llan-gollen and Denbigh County player, who made a useful 35. The feature of the match was the brilliant 102 not out by George Ede. Over half of his century was made with boundary strokes. It was the first century this season by an Hawarden batsman. He played a confident and forceful innings, and together with the sixteen-years-old G. Cowper, put on 103 for the seventh wicket. Cowper made 31 not out.

Overton did not impress with their batting, for although they managed to reach three figures it was made with poor strokes. L. Burdekin gave another sound display for the Park, and was only four runs short of his half century when he was dismissed. R. Reidford scored a quick 23. The match produced 332 runs—good going for Saturday afternoon cricket. A. Reidford bowled exceptionally well for the Park and captured five wickets for 28 runs. H. Phillips bowled well, taking two for 13. H. Davies had two for 42, and G. Ede one for 24. The biggest hit of the match was made by H. Phillips, who hit the ball well out of the ground.

OVERTON.

E. Bailey lbw b G. Ede	8
L. Mumford lbw b Reidford	7
J. Redfern c A. Phillips b A. Reidford	7
A. Bailey c G. Cowper b A. Davies	8
B. Iremonger b A. Reidford	35
G. Gabriel c G. Ede b A. Davies	4
H. B. Redfern b A. Phillips	15
R. Foulkes not out	1
R. Hamlett b H. Phillips	7
F. Astbury b A. Reidford	4
Extras	8
Total	104

HAWARDEN.

L. Burdekin c and b Iremonger	46
G. I. Reidford c Iremonger b E. Bailey	8
D. Sawyer Shaw b Iremonger	0
A. Reidford c Mumford b Iremonger	23
H. Davies b H. Bailey	8
G. Ede not out	102
H. Phillips c and b Foulkes	10
G. Cowper not out	31
Extras	7
Total (for 6 wks)	228

J. Phillips, T. B. Weigh, and L. E. Shallock did not bat.

R. M. DUTTON'S FINE CENTURY

L. N. JONES UPSETS DENBIGHSHIRE

Cheshire established themselves in a winning position as a result of the first day's play in the Minor Counties' game yesterday.

This was the first time a county match had been played in the Neston club's ground, and there were several interesting features and sensations. Cheshire ran up a total of 385 for 9 and then tumbled out their opponents for 92. In their second venture Denbigh made 6 runs without loss, so that they require 387 runs to avoid an innings defeat.

Cheshire had first use of a good wicket, but they had an early setback, for with the total at 13 J. D. Worthington was bowled by Rees. This was a good start for the Welshmen, but it availed them little, for Bates and R. E. Ashton took command, and runs came at a good pace. The half century was reached after 40 minutes, and the 100 was sent up 35 minutes later. The Denbighshire fielding was disappointing, as Bates, when 21, had a "life," and Ashton, after being missed behind the wicket when 4, had several other escapes. The partnership had realised 106 in 70 minutes when Bates fell to a brilliant one-handed catch by Lloyd Jones, fielding at square leg. Bates, who had batted 90 minutes, hit eight 4's, and through gave a polished display. Dennis left before opening his account, but by lunch the home total had reached 153 for the loss of 3 wickets.

In 20 minutes after the resumption Cheshire lost two further wickets for an addition of 19 runs, Rees capturing both in the course of four overs at an individual cost of 6 runs. Ashton batted 2 hours 10 minutes for his 78, which included twelve 4's, but his good contribution was tarnished by the escapes he had in the field.

Boughton Hall Pair Stand Firm

The slump was checked by the Boughton Hall pair, R. M. Dutton and L. N. Jones, and the former went on to make the best individual score of the day. After a quiet opening he attacked the bowling with refreshing vigour, and in 10 minutes under 2 hours made 102. He gave only one chance—a difficult one—when in the 20's, but otherwise batted in faultless style. He hit sixteen 4's. The home innings was declared just before tea after 4½ hours.

Denbighshire were given a good start to their reply by G. Wooller and C. Sidlow, the pair putting on 66 before being separated. Sidlow was the first to leave after making 20. Wooller, who had been the more aggressive, followed almost immediately and was unfortunate to miss his half-century by a matter of 3 runs. He hit eight 4's and one 6 off Bates in a stay lasting just under an hour.

Seven Wickets For 18 Runs

Following the departure of this pair the Denbighshire batsmen formed a procession to and from the wicket, the whole side being out for an additional 23 runs. The rout was brought about by L. N. Jones, who in the course of his last seven overs took 7 wickets for 18 runs. In one spell he bowled 5 overs and took 6 wickets for 2 runs.

The visitors' innings lasted 105 minutes and in the 10 minutes remaining before the close obtained 6 runs without loss. Scores:—

CHESHIRE.		2nd Inns.	
1st Inns.			
J. D. Worthington, b	3		
Rees, c Lloyd Jones	5		
Bates, c Lloyd Jones	59		
b Barlow	59		
R. E. Ashton, lbw b	78		
Rees, b Rees	0		
Dennis, b Rees	78		
G. A. McEntyre, b Rees	19		
R. M. Dutton, not out	102		
L. N. Jones, b Sidlow	20		
J. A. McEntyre, b Bar-			
low	21		
Barber, run out	14		
G. A. Hosking, c Sidlow	39		
b Barlow	39		
A. R. Crooke, not out	3		
Extras	27		
Total (9 wks) 385		Innings declared.	

DENBIGHSHIRE.		2nd Inns.	
1st Inns.			
G. Wooller, c Crooke b	47		
Dutton	20		
C. Sidlow, c Crooke b	20		
A. F. T. White, b Jones	1		
J. D. Cross, not out	9	not out	1
R. E. Roberts, c J. A.	0		
McEntyre, b Jones	0		
E. A. Barlow, b Jones	2		
E. Rees, b Jones	0	not out	4
N. Hughes, b Jones	0		
J. Lloyd Jones, b Jones	1		
K. Bruce, b Jones	4		
S. Glantz, b Dennis	7		
Extras	1	Extra	1
Total 92		Total (0 wkt) 6	

BOWLING ANALYSIS			
CHESHIRE.	1st Inns.	M. R. W.	2nd Inns.
Barlow	55	6.38	3
Rees	28	4.91	4
Lloyd Jones	6	0.39	0
Roberts	4	0.22	0
Sidlow	12	0.62	1
Bruce	4	0.46	0
DENBIGHSHIRE.			
	1st Inns.	M. R. W.	2nd Inns.
Barber	6	0.31	0
Dennis	14	4.27	1
Bates	3	0.9	0
Dutton	4	2.6	2
Jones	10	5.18	7

CHESHIRE'S QUICK VICTORY

WOOLLER'S EFFORT FOR DENBIGHSHIRE

Less than two hours play was necessary yesterday for Cheshire to complete on overwhelming victory by an innings and 168 runs in the Minor Counties' match against Denbighshire at Parkgate.

The Welsh county were in a hopeless position as a result of the first day's play, for they had been compelled to follow on after making only 92 in reply to Cheshire's declared total of 385 runs for 9 wickets, and with all their second innings wickets intact were still 287 runs in arrears. Any hope entertained that the visitors might make amends for their earlier failure was dispelled at once, for within a quarter of an hour of the resumption they had lost 3 wickets for an addition of 13 runs. The not outs, J. D. Cross and E. Rees, had carried the score from 6 to 16 when the former was adjudged l.b.w., and 3 runs later Rees had a misunderstanding with G. Wooller and was run out.

Wooller's Confidence

At the same total and without opening his account Sidlow was snapped at the wicket by Crooke. The fourth wicket fell at 24, but the threatened rout was checked when E. A. Barlow joined Wooller. This pair were concerned in a stand which realised 26 runs, but immediately the half-century had been hoisted their promising partnership ended in surprising manner. Dennis sent down a delivery which pitched well off the stumps, and Barlow as a defensive measure stepped across in an attempt to protect his wicket with his pads. To the surprise of the batsman and the onlookers, the ball whipped in to knock down the off peg.

Two further wickets fell for an addition of 16, but Wooller remained steadfast and was the one batsman who displayed confidence against the attack of Dennis and Barber. He and Lloyd Jones advanced the score from 66 to 91 for the eighth wicket, and it was in the following partnership with Hughes that Wooller sent up the 100 when the innings had been in progress 1 hour 25 minutes. At 103, however, Wooller's fine effort came to an end, for he was bowled by Barber immediately after passing his 50. Wooller, who is a Rydal Schoolboy, as in the first innings, was the outstanding batsman for the Welsh side. He was at the wicket 80 minutes and his eight 4's. He had one lucky escape when 41, an attempted drive to the on-boundary being mishit and falling just beyond the bowler's end. The brothers McEntyre, either of whom was in a position to make a simple catch unhampered, both went for the ball together from opposite directions, and, as a result of the collision that occurred, the ball dropped from the grasp of J. A. McEntyre.

Another rather singular feature was that the first nine wickets of Denbigh's second innings all fell on the last ball of an over. The end came when the innings had lasted 100 minutes, Dennis and Barber bowled

unchanged throughout, the former capturing 5 wickets for 53 runs and Barber 4 for 68. Scores:—

CHESHIRE.—First Innings.		DENBIGHSHIRE.—First Innings.	
J. D. Worthington, b	3	J. A. McEntyre, b	21
Rees, c Lloyd Jones	59	Barlow	21
Bates, c Lloyd Jones	59	Barber, run out	14
b Barlow	59	G. A. Hosking, c Sid-	39
R. E. Ashton, lbw b	78	low b Barlow	39
Rees	0	A. R. Crooke, not out	3
Dennis, b Rees	0	Extras	27
G. A. McEntyre, b Rees	19	Total (9 wks) 385	
R. M. Dutton, not out	102	Innings declared.	
L. N. Jones, b Sidlow	20		

DENBIGHSHIRE.		2nd Inns.	
1st Inns.			
G. Wooller, c Crooke b	47	b Barber	53
Dutton	20	c Crooke b Barber	0
C. Sidlow, c Crooke b	20	lbw b Dennis	2
A. F. T. White, b Jones	1	lbw b Dennis	3
J. D. Cross, not out	9		
R. E. Roberts, c J. A.	0		
McEntyre, b Jones	0	e W'thington b Barber	0
E. A. Barlow, b Jones	2	b Dennis	13
E. Rees, b Jones	0	run out	10
N. Hughes, b Jones	0	not out	16
J. Lloyd Jones, b Jones	1	b Dennis	16
K. Bruce, b Jones	4	b Barber	4
S. Glantz, b Dennis	7	e W'thington b Dennis	3
Extras	1	Extras	4
Total 92		Total 125	

BOWLING ANALYSIS			
CHESHIRE.—1st Inns.	Barlow	3	for 98, Rees 4 for 91, Lloyd Jones 0 for 39, Roberts 0 for 22, Sidlow 1 for 62, Bruce 0 for 46.
Denbighshire.—1st Inns.	Barber	0	for 31, Sidlow 1 for 27, Bates 0 for 9, Dutton 2 for 6, Jones 7 for 18, 2nd Inns.: Dennis 5 for 53, Barber 4 for 68.

LIVERPOOL CRICKET LEAGUE

LEAGUE TABLES

Compiled to August 17 inclusive.

SENIOR DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Britannia	13	10	3	0	20
Kirkdale	12	8	3	1	17
Birkenhead N.E.	13	8	4	1	17
Glazebrook	13	7	6	0	14
Greenbank	13	4	7	2	10
Garston L.M.S.	12	4	7	1	9
Park Chapel	13	1	11	1	3

NORTH (JUNIOR) DIVISION

Walton Hall	14	11	2	1	23
Kirkdale	13	9	4	0	18
Aintree Leons	12	8	3	1	17
St. Leonard's	14	8	6	0	16
Jos. Lucas	12	6	6	0	12
Geo. Lunt's	13	3	10	0	6
All Saints	11	2	9	0	4
	12	2	10	0	4

SOUTH (JUNIOR) DIVISION

Aintree S.E.	14	12	2	0	24
Thirlmere	13	10	3	0	20
Magnet	13	7	6	0	14
Wavertree W. Cons.	13	7	6	0	14
Wavertree Gas W.	11	5	6	0	10
Manesty	13	5	8	0	10
Quadrant	13	3	10	0	6
Templars	14	3	11	0	6

BATTING AVERAGES (SENIOR DIVISION)

Qualification: Average 10

	Inns.	N.O.	Runs.	Aver.
S. Duff, Glazebrook	10	3	151	21.5
H. Smith, Walton Hall	8	0	165	20.6
H. Sheridan, Kirkdale C.I.	12	0	232	19.3
E. Farley, Kirkdale C.I.	10	0	191	19.1
H. Turnbull, Kirkdale C.I.	10	2	130	16.2
W. Abrahams, Park Chapel	14	2	186	15.5
W. McWilliam, Garston	12	3	139	15.4
T. Metcalfe, Britannia	9	0	126	14.0
F. Myles, Kirkdale C.I.	11	2	121	13.4
J. Wright, Birkenhead N.E.	13	2	148	13.4
A. Langshaw, Britannia	11	5	77	12.8
W. Duffy, Glazebrook	11	4	83	11.8
J. Dixon, Greenbank	12	2	117	11.7
J. Garrity, Birkenhead N.E.	12	1	135	11.2
T. Heyes, Kirkdale C.I.	10	1	100	11.1
A. Digby, Birkenhead N.E.	10	0	108	10.8
T. Brown, Britannia	13	0	138	10.6
A. Davies, Britannia	13	1	132	11.0
H. Owens, Glazebrook	15	1	141	10.0
G. Clarke, Britannia	11	0	111	10.0

BOWLING AVERAGES

Qualification: 20 Wickets

	Wickets.	Runs.	Aver.
J. Tucker, Greenbank	62	243	3.9
W. Wilson, Glazebrook	67	247	4.2
H. Roachford, Greenbank	43	210	4.8
J. Garrity, Birkenhead N.E.	52	235	4.9
T. Jones, Glazebrook	36	186	5.1
L. Hawkyard, Park Chapel	49	263	5.3
L. Rushton, Garston	48	284	5.9
T. Brown, Britannia	47	289	6.1
H. Rush, Garston	22	138	6.2
S. Sherburn, Greenbank	25	157	6.2
A. Davies, Britannia	30	205	6.8
T. Metcalfe, Britannia	33	233	7.0
F. Pylus, Kirkdale C.I.	41	298	7.2
T. Heyes, Kirkdale C.I.	25	250	10.0
W. Abrahams, Park Chapel	23	260	10.4
J. Scott, Walton Hall	24	257	10.7

Boys' Match At Aigburth

The Liverpool and District v. Birkenhead and District match is to begin to-day at Aigburth at twelve o'clock, the teams are:—

LIVERPOOL & DISTRICT.—K. Cranston, S. D. B. Williams, D. Mathews, P. Burrow, G. R. Charley, Williams, D. Mathews, P. Burrow, G. R. Charley, C. H. Stockdale, T. Winter, D. Winter, J. T. Gardner, F. W. S. Boulton, R. Williams.

BIRKENHEAD & DISTRICT.—J. P. Gore (Birkenhead, captain), A. M. Reid (St. Edward's, Oxford), E. Downes (Rydal), A. Christmas (Denstone), D. A. Kininmouth (Sedburgh), W. G. Bolton (Wallasey), J. H. M. Eternett, J. E. Hartley, E. Figueiredo, G. Thompson, R. H. Simpson (Birkenhead).

COUNTY MENTAL HOSPITAL v. EVERITE

At Rainhill. Scores:—

County Mental Hospital.—J. Davies, c Crooks b Heron, 14; J. Brady, c Richardson b Ellis, 11; A. Hitchmough, c Richardson b Ellis, 7; J. Dunne, b Ellis, 14; T. Heinekey, b Heron, 13; T. Corlett, b Douglas, 25; J. Jackson, b Ellis, 33; J. Lambert, lbw b Douglas, 4; G. Renwick, not out, 8; extras, 9; total (8 wkts. declared), 140. J. Green and S. Boyes did not bat.

Everite.—T. Crooks, c Brady b Corlett, 0; T. Douglas, b Heinekey, 7; T. Wright, c Heinekey b Corlett, 3; W. Randles, run out, 0; W. Ellis, c Brady b Heinekey, 14; J. Richardson, retired hurt, 7; F. Johnson, b Corlett, 4; P. Hunt, b Corlett, 5; T. Heron, not out, 1; E. Bestwick, b Heinekey, 1; J. Stanett, b Heinekey, 6; total, 47.

CRICKET NOTES

BIRKENHEAD PARK'S CHANCE

By "Gryllus"

Rain, of all the exotic visitations to our drought-parched neighbourhood, was the means of so seriously curtailing our cricket programme last week that the local competition is in a state of *status quo ante* downfall. Birkenhead Park were within a few runs of another victory, and Formby were getting along very nicely at Sefton Park, but rain is no respecter of champions, and both clubs had to be satisfied with drawn games. Boughton Hall and Hightown, by means of forced marches against the foe at Wallasey and Southport respectively, reasserted their intention of being there or thereabouts when September comes, but otherwise the competition progress is unchanged. It was a pity, but luck must always be accepted as an inseparable part of cricket, in which nothing is certain but uncertainty.

Birkenhead Park were particularly unfortunate, as another victory would have established them in an almost invulnerable position as leaders. To-morrow they have the much stiffer task of facing Liverpool at Aigburth, where all Bartley's fine abilities will be required to force a victory. The runners-up, however, have no easy contest in front of them to-morrow, either. A visit to Chester, which falls to the lot of Oxton, is nowhere considered to be a sinecure for seekers of championship points, nor will Formby find everything cut and dried for them when they receive a visit from the capable Wallasey eleven. In fact no team is on a soft thing to-morrow, for Ormskirk and New Brighton have to fight it out together as to who is going to take the next step forward, while Hightown has a match outside the competition, and therefore cannot in any circumstances improve the shining hour.

Success Of Dennis

The aggregate specialists are beginning to draw away from all competitors. Dennis, the Oxton professional, who has had such remarkable success with the bat this season, is now within 3 runs of his 1,000 for the current year. H. S. Brown, who ran neck and neck with Dennis for so many weeks, still requires 81 runs for this distinction. The rest are also running, but are so far off that these two champions can work it out between them without fear of competition. It is a great achievement to score 1,000 runs in a season of local cricket, for it means consistent run-getting with an average exceeding 50. With only one game a week, and so few hours available for batting, the feat is much more difficult than its counterpart in county cricket. Of the bowlers, Bartley is away in front, and almost out of sight with 116 wickets already taken, while the next comer, Duckham, of Formby, still requires 8 wickets for his 100. Third comes Bates, of Neston, with 86 wickets at a cost of 14 runs apiece, and fourth is C. Danson, the Oxton captain, who has taken 83 wickets for just over 10 runs apiece. His is a truly amazing performance, for he seems to grow better and better with advancing years. His batting is a mere shadow of what it was fifteen years ago, but where his bowling is concerned nothing can stale his infinite voracity.

I am very pleased to observe that L. H. Wright, the former Neston player and prince of organisers, is renewing his attractive fixture at Oxton, in aid of the local voluntary hospitals. The match with Harry Makepeace's Lancashire XI, used to be a popular and hardy annual at Oxton, where the entire cricketing public of Merseyside used to foregather to enjoy a charming day's sport and further a good cause. For some years now it has been allowed to drop, to my great mystification and disappointment, and I am happy to see that the fixture will again take place on Thursday next, August 29, commencing at half-past eleven. A fully representative Lancashire team is expected to be present, including Ernest Tyldesley, Duckworth, Iddon, Farrimond, Paynter, and our old friend of Wallasey memories—Hopwood.

A Good Day's Sport

Perhaps it is unnecessary for me to urge the desirability of local sportsmen attending this fixture at Oxton. When L. H. Wright is in charge of arrangements, there is no lack of urging or of enthusiasm, and no likelihood that any person will remain uninterested in his duty. If L. H. Wright could bat as well as he can organise, he would score a thousand runs in May. In this cause he spares neither paper nor pains nor stamps nor speech, but in case I have a few readers from whom he has not yet extracted a solemn promise to attend, I would recommend both the match and the cause. It is not every day that we can serve a good cause, pay a compliment to the Lancashire players, support local cricket enterprise, and enjoy a good day's sport all in one visit to the charming Oxton ground.

And this recitation of attractions reminds me that I have not told the half of it. Music will soothe the spectators in the afternoon, and in addition to the *piece de resistance* of the cricket match itself, there will be competitions of various kinds and all the fun of the fair. Dancing in the evening, a golf putting competition, a mongrel dog show, a ladies' bowling main and a ladies' ankle competition are only a few of the diverse entertainments of the day. At nightfall the ground will be floodlit by powerful electric arc lamps, and if any patron feels that he needs more for a shilling, I am sure that Mr. Wright will give him a gold watch. It is very generous of the Oxton Cricket Club to lend its beautiful ground for this invasion, and I am sure that other clubs will realise that they can best play their part by ensuring a maximum attendance of members and their friends.

BOOTLE EXTRA v. BROCKLEBANK LINE

At Bootle. Parr 4 for 12. T Shadbolt 2 for 2. H M Little 2 for 0. W Brown 1 for 0. Scores:—
Bootle Extra.—L. Lacey, c Marlow b Arden, 100; S Quayle, c Arden b Peers, 20; T Shadbolt, b Arden, 10; L. A. Collins, c Peers b Parr, 57; W Shields, b Peers, 11; H V Foster, c and b White, 12; W Brown, b Parr, 2; G Williams, b Parr, 0; T P Evans, b Parr, 7; L Dawick, b White, 2; H M Little, not out, 0; extras, 10; total, 211.

Brocklebank Line.—J White, run out, 2; J Atell, run out, 14; E Peers, c Foster b Dawick, 16; H Parr, b Quayle, 21; H Cowley, c Foster b Brown, 5; J Whittall, c Foster b Williams, 0; T Arden, b Shadbolt, 0; A Hall, b Shadbolt, 15; H Davies, b Little, 2; J Hewitt, not out, 0; N Marlow, c Brown b Little, 0; extras, 9; total, 82.

WAVERTREE A. v. COLLEGIATE OLD BOYS

At Wavertree. Fraser 5 for 24. Greene 2 for 18. Scores:—

Wavertree A.—R B Cooper, c Richards b Harwood, 56; B B Fraser, run out, 9; W V O'Donnell, b Golland, 41; J S Greene, not out, 23; extras, 11; total, 143 wks, 140. Collegiate Old Boys.—J R Kynaston, O P Pittaway, G Charney, E G Lee, and R Ball did not bat.

Collegiate Old Boys.—Richards, b Fraser, 2; Unsworth, b Greene, 25; Lapsom, c Crowley b Ball, 6; Patterson, b Greene, 14; Williams, run out, 7; Park, b Fraser, 0; Whalley, b Fraser, 1; Golland, b Cooper, 7; Clayton, b Fraser, 0; Bell, b Fraser, 6; Harwood, not out, 4; extras, 10; total, 82.

PARCIAU v. PORTMADOC

Parciau.—Walker, not out, 55; A Barnett, c and b H Jones, 8; J Toppin, c and b H Jones, 53; W Jones, c Hawkins b Williams, 13; B Evans, b Williams, 31; extras, 9; total (4 wks dec), 170.

Portmadoc.—W M Wakely, hit wkt b Reed, 0; T Jones, b Walker, 28; H Jones, c Shaw b Reed, 2; F Hawkins, lbw b Reed, 0; W Hughes, c Toppin b Toppin, 35; Wallace Jones, c Tipping b Toppin, 7; O R Williams, b Walker, 11; B Williams, b Walker, 3; J Williams, not out, 4; H M Williams, b Toppin, 1; J Buckingham, c Evans b Toppin, 0; extras, 6; total, 97.

HUYTON EXTRA v. LOGOS

At Huyton. Scores:—

Huyton Extra.—W H Walker, b Staton, 12; J R Taylor, b Ball, 0; H K Lawton, c Ashcroft b Ellis, 26; H B Akeel, b Ball, 0; D K Roberts, c Hardwick b Staton, 13; R Barlow, c McCloy b Ball, 15; J H Wilson, c Hardwick b Ellis, 19; A A White, run out, 11; T M Percy, c Ashcroft b Ellis, 1; H Owen, b Hardwick, 2; A Walker, not out, 0; extras, 6; total, 103.

Logos.—J Ashcroft, b Walker, 20; C Staton, b Walker, 15; E Forgo, not out, 41; K Ball, not out, 27; extras, 12; total (2 wks), 115. S Pelus, F Ellis, J Lintoft, K Hardwick, J McCloy, A Davies, and A E Miller did not bat.

LIVEX v. BARCLAYS BANK

At Wavertree. Pickstock 4 for 31. Redhead 6 for 9. Lees hit thirteen 4's. Redhead hit twelve 4's. Scores:—

Livex.—Lees, c Davies b McGillic, 61; Redhead, not out, 68; O Dwyer, not out, 20; extras, 11; total (1 wkt), 160. Pickstock.—Howard, Fowler, Griffiths, Burch, Hadfield, Bartlett, and Golding did not bat.

Barclays Bank.—Gunthorpe, c and b Pickstock, 19; Marsh, b Pickstock, 10; Lee, c O Dwyer b Pickstock, 3; Brandon, b Redhead, 0; Davies, b Redhead, 7; Bickerdike, b Redhead, 0; Mithun, b Redhead, 0; Dodd, not out, 1; Smith, b Redhead, 8; Daracou, b Redhead, 0; Adams, b Pickstock, 0; extras, 2; total, 50.

CHESHIRE IN A HURRY

Denbighshire Youngsters Beaten By An Innings

BOUGHTON HALL PAIR'S PART

Cheshire made short work of the Denbighshire side at Parkgate on Wednesday and Thursday, winning by an innings and 168 runs.

Had it not been for a great effort by G. Wooller in both innings, the Denbighshire showing would have been a particularly poor one. Wooller, a member of the well-known sporting family, made 47 in the first innings and followed this up with a fine half century in his side's second venture.

Cheshire put the issue beyond doubt in the early stages of the play on Wednesday when they ran up their highest score of the season—385 for nine declared. The attack held few terrors for the Cheshire batsmen, although Dennis, the Oxtown professional, was one of those unlucky ones who, on a day when the bowling is generally loose, have the mortification of receiving a "sizzler." After losing their captain, Worthington, with only 13 runs on the board, Cheshire soon retrieved their position through Ashton, of Alderley Edge, and Bates, the home professional. The 100 was sent up in 75 minutes. At 106 Bates fell a victim to a brilliant one-handed catch after making 59, which included eight 4's. The interval score was 153-3, and on the resumption the home county lost two further wickets for the addition of only 19 runs. Ashton left after a stay of 2 hours and 10 minutes for his 78. The Boughton Hall pair, L. N. Jones and R. M. Dutton, then indulged in a good stand, "L.N." making a bright and breezy 20 before leaving. Dutton went on to score 102 not out in just under two hours. He was a trifle meticulous at the outset, but after reaching his 50 he hit out with vigour and had sixteen 4's in his total. G. A. Hosking, the Birkenhead Park prodigy, appeared in his first county match and made 39 by means of characteristic aggression and big hitting. His innings was one of the brightest spots of the day. And for the benefit of those who thought that his only shots are the drive and the pull he produced a sweet leg-glide for 4 that was one of the nicest strokes of the day. Crooke ran his intriguing short ones so that Dutton might get the bowling and his century before Worthington applied the closure just before tea.

When Wooller and Sidlow put on 65 for the first wicket it looked as though Denbighshire were going to make a fighting reply. The Cheshire attack as composed by Barber, Dennis, and Bates, did not present many difficulties to either batsmen. Wooller was particularly partial to Barber and took a delightful 6 off Bates that nearly disintegrated the score box, while Dennis, although bowling at a great pace, did nothing more than hit the bat. Dutton and L. N. Jones were brought on and Crooke immediately collaborated with the former by taking both the opening batsmen behind the wicket. Thus started the procession of Denbighshire batsmen and the side were out for the addition of only 23 runs. L. N. Jones was the destructive agent, taking seven wickets for only 18 runs. During one purple patch of five overs he took six wickets for two runs.

Resuming on Thursday, Denbighshire did not fare much better before the unchanged attack of Dennis and Barber and once again the visitors had to thank Wooller for prolonging the innings and putting a better complexion on things. The Welsh youngsters were always scraping for runs and rarely succeeded in getting the ball away properly. Perhaps the most remarkable delivery of the day was that with which Dennis bowled Barlow. The 44 pitched well

outside the off-stump and Barlow walked across to defend with his pads. To his utter surprise, however, the ball nipped in and took his off-stump. Wooller was the only one to play the attack with any degree of confidence and he made a well-earned half-century before being beaten by a good ball from Barber. The innings closed in 100 minutes for 125, Dennis taking five for 53 and Barber four for 68. It was a remarkable thing that all except one wicket in the Denbighshire second innings fell on the last ball of an over, Crooke's wicket keeping was one of the features of the game. Scores:—

CHESHIRE.

First Innings.

J. D. Worthington, b Rees ...	3
Bates, c Lloyd Jones, b Barlow	59
R. E. Ashton, lbw, b Rees	78
Dennis, b Rees	0
G. A. McEntyre, b Rees	19
R. M. Dutton, not out	102
L. N. Jones, b Sidlow	20
J. A. McEntyre, b Barlow	21
Barber, run out	14
G. A. Hosking, c Sidlow, b Barlow	39
A. R. Crooke, not out	3
Extras	27
Total (9 wkts, dec.)	385

DENBIGHSHIRE.

1st Innings.

G. Wooller, c Crooke, b Dutton	47
C. Sidlow, c Crooke, b Dutton	20
A. F. T. White, b Jones	1
J. D. Cross, not out	9
R. E. Roberts, c J. A. McEntyre, b Jones	0
E. A. Barlow, b Jones	0
E. Rees, b Jones	0
N. Hughes, b Jones	0
J. Lloyd Jones, b Jones	4
K. Bruce, b Jones	4
S. Glantz, b Dennis	7
Extra	1
Total	92

2nd Innings.

Wooller, b Barber	53
Sidlow, c Crooke, b Barber ...	0
White, lbw, b Dennis	2
Cross, lbw, b Dennis	3
Roberts, c Worthington, b Barber	0
Barlow, b Dennis	13
Rees, run out	13
Hughes, not out	16
Lloyd Jones, b Dennis	16
Bruce, b Barber	2
Glantz, c Worthington, b Dennis	3
Extras	4
Total	125

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Cheshire.—1st inns.: Barlow 3 for 96, Rees 4 for 91, Lloyd Jones 0 for 39, Roberts 0 for 22, Sidlow 1 for 62, Bruce 0 for 46.

Denbighshire.—1st inns.: Barber 0 for 31, Dennis 1 for 27, Bates 0 for 9, Dutton 2 for 6, Jones 7 for 18. 2nd inns.: Dennis 5 for 53, Barber 4 for 68.

CRICKET

(By "Stumper")

PARK WITHOUT BARTLEY?

Following their convincing win over Wallasey on Monday and Tue-day, Birkenhead Park now have a lead of two clear points over their nearest rivals, Formby and Oxtan, and under ordinary circumstances seem reasonably assured of the championship of the District Competition. There is the possibility, however, that the real drama of the season will be reserved for the last day of the campaign, when Park entertain Formby. Should Park slip up between now and the closing day of the season they may find the title issue resting on the result of their game with Formby. Today Park are faced with a difficult task at Aigburth, where they will do well to register a victory. Liverpool are one of the strongest batting sides on Merseyside, and the fact that they are not at the head of affairs is attributable in the main to the lack of a match-winning bowler, with all due respects to their wholehearted professional, Tyler. Park will be handicapped by the absence of Bartley, who was at the Cheshire v. Denbighshire match on Wednesday and told me that he would be doubtful for to-day. It is a new injury that is keeping him out of the side. He has quite recovered from his foot injury, but on Tuesday night in the game against Wallasey he wrenched his side and had to retire. He has consulted a specialist, and his appearance during the remainder of the season will be uncertain. Park, however, are a much more confident team these days than they were a season or two back, and their victory over Boughton Hall, without the services of Bartley, was a distinctly unexpected and praiseworthy one. Whether they can repeat the performance at the expense of Liverpool remains to be seen.

The Park's remaining fixtures are as follow:—

To-day—Liverpool (away)
Aug. 31—Southport (home)
Sept. 7—Northern (away)
14—Formby (home)

J. H. Rogers may be available, but Craig is unable to play.—A. R. Croke, J. P. Hodgson, G. H. Ferns, J. H. Rogers, S. Coldwell, E. Allen, G. A. Hosking, A. A. Mack, R. A. Noakes, A. N. Other, and Bartley(?)

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OXTON AT CHESTER.

Oxtan could not have had a worse task in their final bid for the district title than a visit to Boughton Hall. The Cestrians are usually champions on the percentage basis, and if they could keep pace with the rest of the clubs in the matter of fixtures they would probably be nearer the head of the table than they are. One has only to look at the county match at Parkgate on Wednesday to see the potentialities of the Boughton Hall side as represented by L. N. Jones, who skittled out the Denbighshire team, and R. M. Dutton, who scored a not-out century. The brothers Jones and Dutton are probably the strongest trio in the district, and Oxtan will find them a bank to victory to-day. Oxtan must win to retain their interest in the final reckoning.

Their remaining fixtures are as follow:—

To-day—Boughton Hall (away)
Aug. 31—Neston (away)
Sept. 7—Liverpool (home)

The Oxtan team to-day will be:—C. Danson, T. W. Jefferson, I. H. Graham, H. G. Prescott, F. C. Morris, G. B. Hodson, G. L. Sledge, H. T. Wild, J. G. Williams, C. F. C. Wood, and Dennis.

Dennis requires three for his thousand runs of the season in District Competition games.

Neston are away to Southport and Birkenhead and should improve their position in the table as a result.

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LANCASHIRE AT OXTON.

Local cricket fans will welcome the revival of the charity game between a Lancashire eleven and the Merseyside-cum-Deeside eleven at Oxtan. Arranged through the instrumentality of that well-known sportsman, Mr. Leo Wright, the game is to be played again after a period of five years at Gerald-road on Thursday next, and it promises to be a fitting finale to a great

season. The full Lancashire team will be available, and while this in itself is a strong attraction the round of amusements that has been arranged by the committee should make it a red-letter day. All sorts of ingenious attractions and novelties have been arranged, including a mongrel dog show in which even the most nondescript canine will find a class that is applicable.

The wickets will be pitched at 11-30, and with Lancashire in their recent hard-hitting mood there should not be a dull moment. A band will be in attendance and will play for dancing on the green. Bowling greens will also be available for impromptu matches at a nominal fee which will be devoted to charity.

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THE LOCAL SIDE.

All that is needed to ensure a rich harvest for the hospitals is a fine day. The revised local side will be:—C. Danson (Oxtan, capt.), A. R. Croke (Birkenhead Park), H. S. Brown (Bootle), C. R. Walmsley (Formby), L. N. Jones (Boughton Hall), F. W. H. Nicholas (Liverpool), J. D. L. Little (Hightown), C. W. Tiplady (Wallasey), G. A. Hosking (Birkenhead Park), Dennis (Oxtan), and Bartley (Birkenhead Park). The District XI team is strong in every department and will give the county players a good run. Of particular interest to Birkenhead enthusiasts is the inclusion of Bartley and Dennis, and they will be eagerly looking forward to the duel between these local professionals and their county colleagues.

The match has aroused widespread enthusiasm, and, amongst the messages of goodwill which have been received is one from Lord Derby, who writes:—"Congratulations on the revival of the match between Harry Makepeace's Lancashire XI and your Merseyside-cum-Deeside XI. I hope that the hospitals will largely profit, and that the weather will be kind and allow of a large gathering assembling to watch the play and enrich the hospitals."

Dr. David, Bishop of Liverpool, and Dr. Downey, Archbishop of Liverpool, have sent messages as follow:—

"Sport and charity should be irresistible companions. You have my very best wishes for a fine day, a fine game, and a great haul for your hospitals.—Albert, Bishop of Liverpool."

"I am gratified to hear that you have again organised the cricket match between Mr. Harry Makepeace's Lancashire XI and the Merseyside-cum-Deeside XI. I hope you will have a very busy and profitable time 'taking the score' for the hospitals.—Richard, Archbishop of Liverpool."

Special arrangements have been made to handle the record crowd which is confidently anticipated, and the Liverpool Cricket Club has kindly co-operated by lending additional seats. Large marquees are being erected in which lunches, teas, and other refreshments will be served at moderate prices.

Of the various side-shows, the central attraction will be the "penalty-kick" booth where Dixie Dean will be directing operations and Sager, of Everton, will be in goal. This is the invitation direct to the supporters of Tranmere Rovers!

TO-DAY'S CRICKET CARD

Liverpool v. Birkenhead Park.
B'head Park 2nd v. Liverpool 2nd
Upton 3rd v. Birkenhead Park 3rd
Boughton Hall v. Oxtan.
Oxtan 2nd v. Boughton Hall 2nd.
Oxtan 3rd A v. Tranmere Wesley.
Southport v. Neston.
Neston 2nd v. Southport 2nd.
Eastham v. Port Sunlight.
Brookthirst v. Port Sunlight 2nd.
Wavertree v. St. Mary's.
St. Mary's 2nd v. Wavertree 2nd.
B'head Gas v. St. Mary's 3rd
Odysey v. Upton
Upton 2nd v. Odysey 2nd
Garston v. Cammell Laird's
Cammell Laird's 2nd v. Union Associated
Waterloo Park v. Bromborough Pool
Brom. Pool 2nd v. Waterloo Park 2nd
Mersey Railway v. Wallasey 3rd
Tranmere Vics v. Windsor Wesley.

HOYLAKE v. WALLASEY EXTRA

Hoylake, with only five of their regular team available, proved too strong for Wallasey on Saturday. The Hoylake team included four boys from Calday Grammar School; all of them displayed great promise. Baldock and Campbell both made good catches, while Hardwick's innings was one of the best of the day.

After Hoylake's first wicket had fallen with only one run on the board, Holmes and Jackson added 90 in forty minutes. Of these, Holmes claimed 57 in a hard hit innings that included one 6 and ten 4's. Jackson, the Hoylake skipper, played one of his most valuable and certainly his prettiest innings of the season, displaying a clean, enterprising style and scoring easily all round the wicket. After Holmes' departure Jackson hit harder and went on to compile a most useful 52. J. Hardwick batted exceedingly well for 26, when he sacrificed his wicket in an effort to force the pace, as did others who followed him. Uren speedily hit up 21, and the Hoylake innings was declared closed after 100 minutes' batting. Wallasey were left with two and a quarter hours in which to get the runs. But Roberts, keeping a good length, soon had the batsmen in difficulties. The ninth wicket fell at 59, but Corkhill improved matters a little by hitting up 19 runs in three overs.

J. Davies, with four wickets for 19, did best for Wallasey, while H. C. Jackson (four for 18) and Roberts (four for 28) were the most successful bowlers for Hoylake.

Scores:—

Hoylake.	
J H Bradley, b Osborne	0
R T Holmes, b Osborne	57
H C Jackson, b Osborne	52
D Roberts, b Osborne	1
J Hardwick, c McNaughton b	
Uren, c and b Davies	21
Davies	26
A Ellis, b Davies	0
S Carey, c Davies b Smith	0
L Baldock, not out	2
Extras	24
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Total (for 8, dec.)	183

Campbell and W. Wilson did not bat.

Wallasey Extra.	
J C Smith, c Wilson b Ellis ..	16
I Popham, c Baldock b Roberts	5
E Sutton, c Jackson b Roberts	6
K Isaacs, b Jackson	13
J P Davies, c and b Jackson ..	9
T Kay, hit wkt. b Roberts	1
E Popham, c Campbell b Jackson	1
McNaughton, run out	0
P N Osborne, b Roberts	1
B T Hamer, not out	2
J A Corkhill, b Jackson	19
Extras	7
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Total	80

NOVEL OXTON MATCH.

Batting and bowling left-handed an Oxtan men's team beat a ladies' team. For the ladies, Miss Goodwin hit eight 4's in her 38. Scores:—

Women	
Miss M. Batty, b Way	6
Miss D. Graham, c Prescott, b	
Sparke	1
Miss B. Haydock, c J. A.	
Howard	1
Miss Annie Doel, c McLean, b	
Sharke	0
Capt. Duley, b J. A. Howard	7
Miss Dapper Goodwin, c Greg-	
ory, b E. V. Howard	38
Miss B. Summerfield, c and	
b Gregory	5
Miss W. Howard, c Sparke, b	
E. V. Howard	2
Miss L. Williams, c Sparke,	
b E. V. Howard	6
Miss H. Billington, c Pollitt, b	
J. A. Howard	4
Miss J. Stratton, c Duckers, b	
E. V. Howard	0
Miss N. Baker, not out	4
Extras	30
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Total	104

Men

J. A. McLean, c Deeley, b Hay-	
dock	3
Tom Prescott, lbw, b Goodwin	14
S. R. Way, c and b Baty	21
P. R. Duckers, c Goodwin, b	
Graham	30
J. A. Pirie, c Doel, b Graham ..	8
T. W. Jefferson, not out	12
E. V. Howard, not out	19
Extras	5
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Total (for 5 wks.)	112

J. O. Sparke, J. L. A. Pollitt, J. A. Howard, T. Gregory, and I. Graham did not bat.

Tranmere Rovers.

F Urmson, c Faulkner b Dade...	6
E Rawsthorne, c and b Roberts	16
G S Roberts, b Dade	0
P Newton, c Roberts b F'lkner	41
R C Bell, c and b Faulkner ..	7
H Baker, c and b Faulkner	10
W. Ridding, b Groom	38
J Moreton, c Roberts b F'lkner	0
R Platt, b Roberts	1
W MacDonald, c Frierson b	
Groom	21
F Curtis, c Frierson b Dade ...	1
Extras	7
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Total	148

LIVERPOOL BOYS v. BIRKENHEAD BOYS

At Algburth on Thursday. Scores:—

Birkenhead Boys.

A. M. Reid, b Williams	28
A. Christmas, b Williams	0
I. P. Gore (capt), lbw, b Mat-	
thews	5
W. G. Bolton, b Matthews	11
D. B. Cranshaw, b Williams	0
F. M. Simpson, run out	3
I. H. M. Stennett, lbw, b Cran-	
ston	12
G. G. Thomson, b Cranston ...	3
J. E. Hartley, b Williams	1
E. de Figueiredo, not out	1
Extras	9
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Total	130

Liverpool Boys.

G. R. Charnley, run out	3
J. Winter, b Bolton	35
D. M. Matthews, st Downes, b	
Bolton	52
W. H. P. Burrow, not out ...	59
G. W. P. Williams, c Simpson,	
b Figueiredo	30
K. Cranston (capt.) not out ...	53
D. Winter, c Downes, b Fig-	
ueiredo	0
J. P. Gardner, c Downes, b	
Stennett	1
P. W. S. Boulton, b Stennett ...	0
Extras	7
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Total (7 wks.)	240

For Liverpool, C. H. Stockdale and R Williams did not bat.

ROVERS BEATEN AT CRICKET

Strong Reply To Big Cammell Laird

Total

Tranmere Rovers, despite the failure of their recognised cricketers in Urmson, Bell, and Trainer Jimmy Moreton, made a fighting reply to Cammell Laird's big score in their two evenings match which concluded on Wednesday evening at Rock Park.

The previous evening the "Camels" had run up 200 for the loss of seven wickets, at which total they declared.

Newton was the Rovers' top scorer on Wednesday, making a nicely compiled 41 in 40 minutes, including four 4's. Wickets fell cheaply, and eight were down for 92, when Ridding and MacDonald became associated in a stand of 35. Ridding's was a merry innings, the centre-forward hitting three 6's and three 4's.

For the "Camels," Faulkner took four for 32 and Dade three for 27. Scores:—

Cammell Laird's.

S Jones, c Eden b Bell	39
W Rumbles, c Baker b Raw-	
thorne	16
E V Barton, b Urmson	13
F Faulkner, b Newton	36
G Frierson, c Baker b Newton...	18
F Wills, c Curtis b Newton ...	26
L Dade, c Eden b Bell	20
A Nourse, not out	20
T Roberts, not out	11
Extra	1
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Total (for 7, dec.)	200

D. Groom and F. Cardwell did not bat.

BIG WIN FOR CHESHIRE.

DENBIGHSHIRE COLLAPSE AND FOLLOW ON.

AMAZING BOWLING BY L. N. JONES.

FOLLOWS CENTURY BY R. M. DUTTON.

In the Minor Counties' match at Neston on Wednesday and Thursday, Cheshire defeated Denbighshire by an innings and 168 runs. Lapses against Staffordshire and Yorkshire II. cost Cheshire the championship, but as a result of their latest win they hope to finish third.

Two Boughton Hall players, one a batsman and the other a bowler, did more than anyone else to enable Cheshire to finish in a strong position at the end of the first day's play on the beautiful Parkgate ground on Wednesday. A brilliant century by R. M. Dutton was responsible for J. D. Worthington's decision to declare at the interval with the formidable total of 385 or nine wickets, and L. N. Jones was so deadly with the ball after tea that in just over two hours Denbighshire were all out for 92, and were actually following on at the close.

DEADLY OFF BREAK.

Denbighshire's collapse was surprising after G. Wooller and C. Sidlow had put on 66 runs for the first wicket, and it must have been disappointing to the Neston Club committee who, at tea, had good reason for thinking that interest in the game would be maintained for two full days. Wooller, a member of a famous family, and Sidlow seemed well set until Dutton got both of them taken by A. R. Crooke. Then L. N. Jones came into his own, taking seven wickets with a ball one rarely sees him bowl. It was his much slower ball, with a decided break from the off, and it had so much pace off the pitch that the batsmen were helpless to play it. It was indeed amusing and pathetic to see them feeling for the ball, only to be beaten completely by its pace off the pitch. In one paralysing spell he had 5 wickets for 2 runs, taking two of the three wickets which fell at 69, and the three which fell at 71. In one over he had three wickets with four balls and his final analysis was 7 for 18. Dutton's invaluable part as a bowler is illustrated by the fact that he took the first six wickets for 81 runs.

EASY-PACED WICKET.

When play began at 11.30 on Wednesday there was an encouraging crowd with the sun shining radiantly. It was not surprising to find Worthington, on winning the toss, taking first "knock" on this easy-paced wicket, and he chose Bates as his opening partner. Worthington must surely be the unluckiest batsman in county cricket, and sure enough with the total at 13, he was bowled by Rees. Then we saw some good batting by Bates and R. E. Ashton, the Alderley Edge boy, at times overshadowing the home professional. Runs came freely, Bates playing cautiously, and punishing anything loose. The batsmen were going so well that it was an even chance as to who would be the first to reach the half century. To Bates fell this distinction, two confident drives to the on boundary off R. E. Roberts yielding him his 50 out of 110 in 85 minutes. Bates was out with the score at 119, being brilliantly caught in attempting to turn E. A. Barlow from the off to leg. He did not get the ball truly, so that Lloyd Jones was able to make a great catch at square leg. Bates hit eight 4's in his score of 59 and with Ashton put on 106 runs for the second wicket—an invaluable stand.

THE SECOND FIFTY.

Ashton, an uncommonly attractive bat, straight drove Rees, the St. Asaph boy, who was keeping the scoring on and with his score at 49 he survived a confident appeal for l.b.w. A single brought the second fifty of the game, and then Rees bowled Dennis, the Oxton professional, with a ball that found the left-hander in hesitant mood. Ashton continued to pile on the runs, consistently going for the bowling, and revealing the straight drive in all its splendour. Lunch was taken with the score at 153, Ashton being not out 73, and G. A. McEntyre not out 14. Only 15 runs had been added after lunch when Ashton

stepped in front of a ball from Rees, and was rightly given out. He had made 78 in arresting style, and hit twelve 4's. Rees took his fourth wicket out of five with the score at 172, when he clean bowled G. A. McEntyre, and this brought in R. M. Dutton to curb the enthusiasm of these encouraged Denbighshire bowlers. Naturally, with L. N. Jones as his partner, he was overshadowed in run-getting, "L. N." staying but a short time for his score of 20, which included four 4's one 2, and two singles. Dutton and J. H. McEntyre took the score from 205 to 243 for the seventh wicket, and the bowling was dead easy to Dutton.

PROMISING YOUNG PLAYER.

Boundaries were frequent, and later we saw some exhilarating cricket when the Boughton Hall player was joined by J. H. Hosking, a seventeen-years-old Birkenhead Park boy. This boy was soon off the mark, and played as colourful an innings as has been seen on the ground. It was a delight to watch him turn Barlow to the leg boundary, and then drive him superbly past cover-point for two runs. For sheer aggression and perfection of timing this was the innings of the day, and the board soon announced the 300. It was not until the score stood at 361 that this enterprising boy was out, and then only because he mishit, and offered a dolly catch to Sidlow at mid-off. His contribution in his first county match was 39, and he reached the boundary six times. It was small wonder that a large crowd by now gave him an ovation befitting at Test Match hero. Hosking had been so entrancing that people were forgetting that Dutton was nearing his hundred, and it was for A. R. Cooke to stay with him while he took his score from 81 to the century. Cooke was not troubled to keep an end up; and Dutton was not a bit anxious. He "cracked" Lloyd Jones for two successive fours, and went safely past his century with fours, and went safely past his century with a superb drive to the on boundary. With this achieved, Worthington indicated the declaration, Dutton being cheered to the echo for yet another magnificent innings. Certainly, Cheshire has no more consistent batsman.

DENBIGHSHIRE COLLAPSE.

When Denbighshire came in to bat, the fast bowlers, Dennis and Barber, opened the Cheshire attack, but curiously enough both batsmen (Wooller and Sidlow) revelled in it, and 30 runs were on the board in no time. Wooller, after a shot perilously near Bates at first slip, did some delectable cutting, and we were not surprised when Bates, a spin bowler, replaced Barber. For a while, he restrained the batsmen, but then Wooller drove him on to the top of the score box for a glorious six—incidentally the first of the match. Sidlow was more sedate, but this opening stand was threatening. It was left to Dutton to break it. Sidlow nibbled at one on the off stump and Crooke took a smart catch. Sidlow had made 20 out of 66, and immediately hastened to the Chester football ground for inclusion in the amateur trial as a goalkeeper. With three runs added, Wooller was out in the same way. He had batted so well that everyone was sorry he missed his 50 by three runs, and the manner in which he got them is best shown by the fact that, in addition to the 6, he hit eight 4's. Afterwards the bottom dropped right out of Denbighshire's boat, L. N. Jones causing an amazing collapse which won his side the next eight wickets for 23 runs.

WOOLLER'S HALF-CENTURY.

Two hours' play on Thursday sufficed to bring the match to a conclusion, and by lunch time Denbighshire were out a second time for 125 runs. Dennis and Barber bowled unchanged, Cross being the first batsman to leave when he had scored 3. Rees, joined by Wooller, was batting nicely when he was foolishly run out, and two cheap wickets fell before E. A. Barlow and

Wooller stopped the rot, and the former seemed to be getting his eye in when he was bowled by one of Dennis's unplayable inswingers. Wooller was batting better than on the previous day, and featured the sweep to leg off Barber. Lloyd Jones enlivened the game with three 4's, and Wooller went steadily on towards his half-century. This he completed in one hour and twenty minutes, and when he left with his score at 53 there was not much hope for Denbighshire. This was Wooller's first fifty for his county, and it was certainly a courageous one. The last Denbighshire wicket fell before lunch at 125.

CHESHIRE.

1st Innings.

J. D. Worthington b Rees	3
Bates c Lloyd Jones b Barlow	59
R. E. Ashton lbw b Rees	78
Dennis b Rees	0
G. A. McEntyre b Rees	19
R. M. Dutton not out	102
L. N. Jones b Sidlow	20
J. A. McEntyre b Barlow	21
Barber run out	14
G. A. Hosking c Sidlow b Barlow	39
A. R. Crooke not out	27
Extras	27

Total (9 wkts., dec.) 385

DENBIGHSHIRE.

1st Innings.

G. Wooller c Crooke b Dutton	47
C. Sidlow c Crooke b Dutton	20
A. F. T. White b Jones	1
J. D. Cross not out	1
R. E. Roberts c J. A. McEntyre b Jones	0
E. A. Barlow b Jones	2
E. Rees b Jones	0
N. Hughes b Jones	0
J. Lloyd Jones b Jones	0
K. Bruce b Jones	4
S. Glantz b Dennis	1
Extras	1

Total 92

2nd Innings.

J. D. Cross lbw b Dennis	3
E. Rees run out	13
J. Wooller b Barber	53
A. F. T. White lbw (n) b Dennis	2
C. Sidlow c Crooke b Barber	0
E. P. Barlow b Dennis	13
K. Bruce b Barber	2
R. E. Roberts c Worthington b Barber	0
Lloyd Jones b Dennis	16
N. Hughes not out	16
S. Glantz c Worthington b Dennis	3
Extras	4

Total 125

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

CHESHIRE.—1st Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Barlow	35	6	98	3
Rees	28	4	91	4
Lloyd Jones	6	0	39	0
Roberts	4	0	22	0
Sidlow	12	0	62	1
Bruce	6	4	0	0

DENBIGHSHIRE.—1st Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Barber	6	0	31	0
Dennis	14	4	27	1
Bates	3	0	9	0
Dutton	4	2	6	2
Jones	10	5	18	7

BOUGHTON HALL BEAT THE CLOCK.

THRILLING WIN AT WALLASEY.

R. M. DUTTON'S TWO RUNS A MINUTE.

Thanks to a spirited display by R. M. Dutton, who obtained his runs at the rate of two a minute, Boughton Hall, despite shortage of time, won at Wallasey on Saturday by six wickets. The match was an hour late in starting owing to the heavy downpour in the morning, but after moving the wickets a start was made, Wallasey taking first turn. The first wicket put on 20 runs, when F. J. Lloyd was caught by R. M. Dutton, and 5 runs later G. A. McEntyre was also caught by Dutton after including three 4's in his 19.

TIMELY STAND.

The third wicket partnership was the most profitable stand for Wallasey, realising another 32 runs, J. A. McEntyre being top scorer, including 4 boundaries in his total of 28. At 86 half the side were out, and although A. McEntyre and B. Wright made a useful stand, the innings closed for a total of 132 after 2 1/2 hours' batting. R. M. Dutton and R. J. Stockton were in good form for the visitors, the former taking 5 wickets for 54 runs and Stockton 4 for 47. G. A. Pratt and A. M. Reid opened the visitors' innings after tea, but when Tiplady had bowled two balls a heavy shower forced the players to dash for shelter. Play was delayed another half-hour, but on resuming Tiplady dismissed Reid with his first delivery. The advent of G. C. Adams, however, considerably improved matters, 54 runs being scored before G. A. Pratt was caught. The bulk of the scoring was done by Adams, and when he was bowled by Tiplady 5 runs later he had scored 46, including seven 4's and a 6, in 30 minutes. R. M. Dutton then joined K. S. B. Lucking, and after a cautious opening set about the bowling to good effect.

RACE AGAINST TIME.

The fourth wicket put on 14 runs when Cottrell brought off a smart catch to dismiss Lucking. At this point 60 runs were required for victory, with only half an hour to obtain them—a difficult proposition at any time, and the bad light did not improve matters. The Chester side, however, went all out for victory; they could afford to take risks with 6 wickets in hand. Thirty runs were obtained in 15 minutes, R. M. Dutton hitting out at almost every ball. C. W. Tiplady then went off and put G. A. McEntyre on the bowl, and in one over Dutton hit three 4's. R. M. Dutton reached his 50 in 45 minutes, when he scored the winning hit within 5 minutes of time. He had taken the total from 59 for 3 wickets to 139 for 4, and included eight 4's and a 5 in his 51 not out. C. W. Tiplady took 2 wickets for 42 and A. B. Grosvenor 2 for 32, while R. Booth had 20 runs scored off his 4 overs, and G. A. McEntyre 21 scored off his 2 overs.

WALLASEY.

G. A. McEntyre c Dutton b Stockton	19
F. J. Lloyd c Dutton b Stockton	6
J. A. McEntyre b Dutton	28
A. B. Grosvenor b Dutton	8
T. Wess c Dutton b Stockton	11
A. McEntyre c Pratt b Barmby	20
W. E. Cottrell b Dutton	7
B. Wright b Dutton	19
C. W. Tiplady b Stockton	2
A. D. Eaton not out	1
R. Booth b Dutton	8
Extras	5

Total 132

BOUGHTON HALL.

G. A. Pratt c Eaton b Grosvenor	12
A. M. Reid c G. A. McEntyre b Tiplady	0
G. C. A. Adams b Tiplady	46
K. S. Lucking c Cottrell b Grosvenor	11
R. M. Dutton not out	51
C. Dutton not out	15
Extras	4

Total (for 4 wks.) 139

For Boughton Hall, H. Pratt, J. F. Lipsham, G. F. G. Rees, R. J. Stockton, and A. G. Barmby did not bat.

BOUGHTON HALL II. THWARTED. GOOD BOWLING BY WINSTANLEY AND GREENING.

Despite excellent bowling by Winstanley (six wickets for 52) and Greening (three for 16), Boughton Hall second eleven could only draw in their home match against Wallasey II. on Saturday. Boughton Hall declared at 182 for 6 wickets, J. Greening (49), and F. W. Atkin (49 not out), and when stumps were drawn the opposition had lost nine wickets for 90. Boughton Hall II.: J. Greening c Martin b Figueiredo 49, W. Winstanley b Martin 14, S. Higham retired hurt 5, F. W. Atkin not out 49, L. Hales b Figueiredo 20, A. H. F. Jiggins st Lewis b Barlow 8, J. L. Warburton c Figueiredo b Dobson 23, J. T. Sanderson c Raven b Heap 7, extras 7; total (for 6 wks.) 182. R. A. Clegg, J. E. Bester, and A. L. Mathias did not bat.

Wallasey II.: J. C. Martin c Atkin b Greening 5, L. Raven c Winstanley b Greening 4, J. K. Widdop lbw b Winstanley 6, A. Butler b Winstanley 1, D. A. Forshaw c sub b Greening 13, E. Lewis b Winstanley 27, C. J. Barlow c Atkin b Winstanley 21, H. J. B. Dobson b Winstanley 3, E. Malabar not out 1, E. W. de Figueiredo b Winstanley 1, A. Heap not out 0, extras 8; total 90.

RAIN MARS GAME AT PARKGATE.

BATES MAKES HALF CENTURY

IN BENEFIT MATCH.

It was a pity that rain interfered with Bates's benefit on Saturday, when Neston received New Brighton.

To date Bates had scored 665 runs, and had taken 86 wickets, a number only exceeded by three other bowlers in the competition. His highest score was against Bootle with a century, and his best performance with the ball was against Boughton Hall, when he took nine wickets for 67 runs. It was hoped that he would celebrate his benefit with the bat and the ball, but although he made the highest score of his side with 64, he had to take second place with the ball to J. M. Swift.

The visitors batted first, and the first wicket fell in the second over to Swift when he bowled K. P. Fisk. With only seven runs on the board H. G. Wootton followed Fisk, also a victim to Swift, who had found a spot and was getting the best out of it. New Brighton had lost four for 59 when a change came in their fortunes, the partnership of J. N. Halliwell and J. A. Boucher producing the brightest cricket of the match. It had taken 55 minutes for the first 50, but this pair were exhilarating, and the century was reached in 85 minutes. Despite several changes in the bowling in an effort to dislodge them, they took the score to 128, when J. M. Swift took a fine catch off his own ball to dismiss Halliwell. He made his 68 in 55 minutes, and collected nine 4's and a 6. Light rain fell during the innings, and at 5 o'clock there was a heavy shower, which drove the players from the field. They returned after a quarter of an hour, and after adding 12 runs Stewart-Brown declared for nine.

Neston had 2 1/2 hours left, but showed no desire to knock off the runs, adopting cautious tactics. When J. M. Swift left at 21 he had been at the crease for 45 minutes in scoring 11. Bates also was in no hurry, and took two hours to reach his half century, which also put up the 100. In the next over he played on to his wicket. A Pennington was joined by a new comer to the Neston side, Dr. L. Millward, who has played for Derbyshire, but this was an inauspicious debut going out in his first over, caught by Jenkins of Halliwell. In the next over Barber took Pennington's off stump, and F. Urmsom and L. C. Head played out time with the score at 115 for four. Barber took three for 60, and Halliwell one for 14. For Neston J. M. Swift took four for 46, and Bates three for 95.

NEW BRIGHTON.

R. P. Fisk b Swift	1
Barber lbw b Bates	31
H. G. Wootton b Swift	2
A. H. Stewart Brown c Anderson b Bates	10
J. N. Halliwell and b Swift	68
J. A. Boucher b Bates	44
M. T. Gilmore b Swift	11
C. A. Strang run out	0
C. A. Jenkins not out	8
M. Halliwell not out	6
Extras	7

Total 8 wks) 188

J. D. Davies did not bat.

NESTON.

Bates b Barber	54
J. M. Swift b Barber	11
A. Pennington b Barber	37
Dr. L. Millward c Jenkins b Halliwell	0
F. Urmsom not out	1
L. C. Head not out	9
Extra	3

Total (4 wks) 115

TILSTON v. TARPORLEY NOMADS.

Tarporley Nomads: H. Betley c Ince b Passey 0, E. Burton lbw b Brown 25, L. Hopkins b Simon 3, C. Burton b Passey 17, R. Rowland c Parrott b Passey 0, H. Dodd not out 32, H. Radcliffe c Youde b Passey 1, F. Cross b Brown 13, A. Bancroft c Stratton b Simon 2, T. Harding b Simon 0, G. Cooper b Pinnington 3, extras 8; total 103. Tilston: A. Pinnington b Rowlands 0, A. Passey c Bancroft b Betley 4, C. Langford run out 6, J. Parrott b Betley 6, G. Stratton c E. Burton b Betley 5, T. Simon c Rowland b E. Burton 9, J. Youde c Betley b Dodd 12, W. Jones c Bancroft b E. Burton 5, W. Knowles c Bancroft b Betley 3, T. Brown b Betley 0, G. Hughes not out 2, extras 10; total 62.

**CHESTER AND DISTRICT
AMATEUR CRICKET LEAGUE**

**RELIANCE OR PONTBLYDDYN AS
CHAMPIONS.**

**DECIDING MATCH TO-MORROW AT
SAUGHALL.**

(By our League Correspondent).

There were no league games on Saturday, so there is little news.

Most of the clubs had "friendly" games to contend with, but in several cases they were disappointed by the weather, and many matches were brought to a premature conclusion.

For to-morrow (Saturday) there is a real "tit-bit" in store for local enthusiasts, as Pontblyddyn and Reliance (who finished their programme level on points) will be playing each other on the ground of the Saughall C.C., commencing at 3 p.m.

Neither club has as yet selected their teams, but they will be chosen from the following:—Reliance: G. Bridges, D. Hutchinson, E. Watson, D. Austin, T. Addis, P. Cliffe, F. Morris, W. Bateman, G. Millward, W. Williams, R. McDonald, R. A. Lloyd, R. Stockton, G. Gunson, T. Radcliffe, C. C. Dutton, and C. Cooper.

Pontblyddyn:—H. L. Cunnah, G. Trevor, T. Hughes, J. Hughes, R. J. Evans, D. N. Williams, H. Roberts, H. A. Cunnah, J. E. Hughes, J. Hayes, P. Davies, T. Arrowsmith, F. Griffiths, H. Williams, C. P. Davies, R. T. Jones, E. Garston, Llew Probert, and D. Langley.

The umpires are neutral, being provided from clubs outside the membership of the league, namely, Mr. F. Whitton, Boughton Hall, and Mr. H. Roberts, Connaught Quay.

After the game, the League Championship Trophy will be presented by the League Chairman (Mr. Fred Ratcliffe, Hawarden), and the medals suitably inscribed, will be available for presentation to the successful club players by the last Saturday in this month.

BARROW v. WESTMINSTER RAMBLERS.

Westminster Ramblers paid their first visit to Barrow on Thursday last week, and won an exciting game by 89 runs, the last wicket falling two minutes from time. The Ramblers took first knock, and after losing three wickets cheaply went on to knock up 237 for 9, when a declaration was made. Barrow replied with 148. C. Houlbrook (41), H. Beech (39), and V. A. Arnold (36), all batting well. Bowling honours were taken by H. Browne, of Eaton Park (who assisted the tourists) with 5 for 46, and H. Beech, who took 7 wickets for 52 for Barrow. S. C. W. Beranger, a member of the touring side, fielding at first slip gave a wonderful display, catching five Barrow men, and while acting as substitute he caught two of his colleagues.

Westminster Ramblers.—J P Wildich c sub. b H Beech 0, R B Stock c sub. b H Beech 0, H T Browne lbw b Woodcock 37, H T B Symens c H Beech b Woodcock 0, J D Stocker c Meakin b H Beech 63, J A G Corrie c Woodcock b H Beech 47, J R McIntosh b H Beech 2, R E Lygon b H Beech 12, A E Richards b H Beech 9, S C W Beranger not out 20, E Seward not out 11; extras 36; total (for nine wickets) 237. Innings declared.

Barrow.—F. Houlbrook c Beranger b Browne 1, M. Jeffs c Richards b Browne 6, T. Meakin lbw b Stock 0, C. Houlbrook c Beranger b Stocker 41, H. Beech c Beranger b Browne 39, V A Arnold c Stock b Browne 36, J Steele c Beranger b Stocker 1, H Woodcock c Beranger b Stock 0, J Okell c and b Symons 8, F Plant b Browne 8, J Gamon not out 0; extras 8; total 148.

BARROW v. MAJOR J. C. OKELL'S XI.

The match between Barrow and the President's XI. at Barrow on Saturday provided keen rivalry. Major Okell had collected a strong side, including R. C. Fletcher, who is in the Marlborough eleven this season, and H. Beech, long regarded as Barrow's best all-rounder, while the home side found a place for R. Hodgson, a player with local associations now assisting Haslingden, a Lancashire League side. On a wicket favouring run-getting, the Club batted first, and ran up a score of 196. M. Jeffs, who played a polished innings of 52, never looked like getting out, and R. Hodgson pleased the company with his contribution of 44. H. Beech had two long spells of bowling against his clubmates, taking seven wickets for 63 runs, but the remainder of the bowling was not impressive. The Rev. F. J. Okell and R. C. Fletcher opened for the visitors. Both batsmen were quite at ease, but with the score at 29 the reverend gentleman put up a catch. The next four wickets fell quickly. The innings closed for 136, the club thus winning by 60 runs. Major and Mrs. Okell entertained the players, vice-presidents, and members of the ladies' tea committee to tea.

Barrow.—F Houlbrook b G Fletcher 1, M Jeffs b H Beech 52, T Meakin b H Beech 9, C Houlbrook b Newlove 39, V A Arnold c G Platt b H Beech 20, R Hodgson lbw b H Beech 44, H Woodcock lbw b H Beech 9, J Steele b H Beech 4, D Tyson c H Beech b Newlove 2, T Plant not out 3, C Hawkins b H Beech 0, extras 13; total 196. Major Okell's XI.—Rev F J Okell c Steele b Woodcock 17, R C Fletcher c Tyson b Woodcock 18, G E Fletcher c Arnold b Woodcock 1, H Beech lbw b Woodcock 8, A P Fletcher b Woodcock 9, I Newlove c C Houlbrook b Hodgson 3, P Gamon st Arnold b Plant 28, P C Fletcher not out 7, J Okell c sub b Woodcock 33, J Gamon c C Houlbrook b Woodcock 0, G Platt run out 6, extras 6; total 136.

TARPORLEY v. BUNBURY.

Tarporley.—G Daine c Swindles b Boden 31, E Davies b F Davies 11, J Bragg b F Davies 0, H Bragg b Thompson 3, S Cookson b Thompson 14, J Hinde st Swindles b Murray 7, G Page b Thompson 1, H Coppock not out 38, G Davies not out 2, J Hayward and J Cadman, did not bat, extras 4; total (for 7 wks) 111.

Bunbury.—F Davies c Cadman b Hinde 3, H Murray c and b Hinde 16, J Vickers b Coppock 0, T Parker b Cookson 9, A Swindells c Coppock b Davies 5, T Thompson not out 13, J Boden not out 41, E Harding, J Woodhall, E Jones, and H Harding did not bat, extras 4; total (for 5 wks) 91.

NESTON II. RAINED OFF.

Neston II. were rained off in their away match with New Brighton II. on Saturday. Batting first, they made 127, the outstanding performance in the innings being 41 by C. R. Jackman, the Neston captain, gathering this in 40 minutes, during which he made six 4's. G. S. Chantrell took 3 for 29. W. G. Galloway 2 for 15, A. B. Wootton 2 for 29, and A. Lord 2 for 31.

New Brighton were making a vigorous reply when the rain caused a stoppage. R. G. Davies and W. G. Galloway were at the wicket, the former hitting 5 fours in a total of 22 and the latter 7 fours in 34. Territorial rain fell and in a short time the ground was under water, so the match was abandoned.

Neston II.—R J L Colyer b Lord 7, P L Barber c Edwards b Lord 20, W L Duncan run out 15, D Gunn c Lawrence b Chantrell 0, C R Clough c Warburton b Chantrell 5, C R Jackman c Lord b Wootton 41, P R Snell b Chantrell 8, J Henderson b Galloway 18, T Golland b Galloway 1, W Main b Wootton 3, J Golland not out 0, extras 9; total 127.

New Brighton II.—R L Davies not out 22, W G Galloway not out 34, extra 1; total (for no wkt) 57. G B Thompson, W S Charlton, G E Edwards, G S Chantrell, G E Lawrence, A Lord, A B Wootton, and D Warburton did not bat.

NESTON III. v. OXTON III.

At School Ground, Parkgate. Wood hit seven 4's. Mason 8 for 69, McGill 5 for 60, Howard 5 for 58.

Neston III.—T M. Banks st Milligan b McGill 10, W F Pinnington st Milligan b Howard 0, B V Wood c Milligan b Howard 61, N E Mason c Redfern b McGill 40, J H Gilling c Howard b McGill 12, N W Pinnington b Howard 0, E Pinnington b Howard 18, P D Furniss b Howard 22, R H Martin c Preston b McGill 5, D A Nicol not out 0, C M Smith c Sparke b McGill 9, extras 13; total 180.

Oxton III.—A M Ker run out 7, A V R Dalzell c and b Mason 7, J R Preston b Mason 35, J A Howard b Mason 14, J O Sparke c Nicol b Mason 8, J P McGill c Wood b Mason 4, R Milligan lbw b E Pinnington 23, K Maxwell b Mason 6, A Wild not out 9, A L Parrish b Mason 6, K Redfern b Mason 0, extras 11; total 130.

WORLD OF SPORT

**Football Sides—Manchester City's Scottish Pivot—Hammond's
Big Innings—Hittite Golfers' Match**

BY JOHN PEEL

Wright's Merseyside-cum-Deeside XI. at the Oxton cricket ground in aid of the local voluntary hospitals.

All that is necessary to make the venture a success is fine weather, for in addition to the cricket match there are other entertaining side shows. Owing to a strained leg Watson will not be able to play and his place will be taken by one of the younger county players.

The sides are as follows:—

LANCASHIRE—Makepeace (captain), Tyldesley (E.), Duckworth, Iddon, Bibbles, Hopwood, Paynter, Oldfield, Booth, Washbrook, A. N. Other.
MERSEYSIDE - CUM - DEESIDE. — C. Danron (Oxton), A. R. Crooks (Birkenhead Park), H. S. Brown (Bootle), C. R. Wainley (Rounby), L. N. Jones (Boughton Hall), F. W. H. Nicholas (Liverpool), D. D. Little (Hightown), C. W. Tiplady (Wallasey), G. A. Hosking (Birkenhead Park), Dennis (Oxton), Bartley (Birkenhead Park).

Among the messages of good wishes received is one from R. E. S. Wyatt, the England captain, who writes: "I have a very high opinion of Lancashire crowds and I know they won't let you down."

One of the great attractions at the Fun Fair will be the penalty kick booth directed by W. R. Dean, with Sagar of Everton in goal. There will be numerous side shows, and if wet, the amusements will be in the marquee. The Oxton Cricket Club have lent their bowling green and "woods." The Lancashire team will participate and bowling enthusiasts are invited to challenge their friends and organise "impromptu" friendly matches. The Advertisement Guessing Competition is bound to be a big attraction in view of the handsome prizes offered, while music will be provided by the band of St. Edward's Orphanage. Adequate catering arrangements have been made and it is anticipated that the festival arranged will eclipse all past events.

CENTURY STAND IN WREXHAM MATCH

With the object of augmenting a testimonial to Charles Morris, of Chirk, in recognition of his services to sport in North Wales, a match was played at Wrexham last evening between a team representing Denbighshire and an eleven chosen from the Wrexham and District Cricket League.

The game ended in a draw owing to bad light. The feature of the Denbighshire innings was the third wicket partnership of J. D. Cross and F. Jones, which put on 107 runs. For Denbighshire, Ironmonger secured 3 wickets for 21 runs. Scores:—

DENBIGHSHIRE	WREXHAM LEAGUE
E. Pickles, b W Jones 23	H. Gittins, b E. Jones 4
C. Lloyd, c J. Owen b	R. Davies, run out 0
G. Davies 11	P. Rogers, c C. Lloyd
J. D. Cross, run out 45	b Ironmonger 0
F. Jones, c R. Davies b	H. Jones, b Ironmonger 10
L. Jones 76	C. Meredith, c C. Lloyd
R. Glantz, not out 7	b E. Jones 6
R. A. Lloyd, b W Jones 0	M. Parry, b Hulce 15
K. Bruce, not out 5	J. Owen, b Ironmonger 16
	I. Jones, b K. Bruce 15
	H. W. Price, not out 2
	Extras 14
Extras 7	

*Total (5 wks) 174 Total (8 wks) 82

*Innings declared

For Denbighshire, R. Hulce, E. Jones, B. Ironmonger, and C. Morris did not bat.
For Wrexham League, G. Davies and M. Glantz did not bat.

ROOT'S BOWLING FEAT IN CUP FINAL

Todmorden, who are in the running for the championship of the Lancashire League, yesterday carried off the Worsley Cup for the first time in their history. They suspended their innings against Accrington when they had made 133 for 3 at the rate of a run a minute, and E. Harzeaves, who made 60, had a collection of 27. Root wrought havoc when Accrington made their reply with an analysis of:—

O	M	R	W
20	9	32	8

He caused their dismissal for 78.

BIG HITS AT OXTON

LANCASHIRE PLAYERS IN BRIGHT CHARITY GAME

The long-awaited visit of the Lancashire cricketers to Oxtton yesterday for the charity match between Mr. Harry Makepeace's XI. and Mr. Leo H. Wright's Merseyside-cum-Deeside XI. was unfortunately interfered with by rain, and the consequent delay prevented a result being reached, the game being in an interesting position when stumps were drawn.

Each side made one change, J. A. McEntyre taking the place of Bartley, the Birkenhead Park professional, who is still suffering from a strained side, and W. Cook coming in for Frank Watson, who has damaged a knee. Play was impossible before lunch, but Lancashire, who won the toss, delighted the spectators with an entertaining display, the brightest innings being that by Iddon, who hit up a quick half-century. Hopwood and Washbrook gave the side a good start with an opening partnership of 40, although Dennis, who made the ball lift, had both batsmen on the defensive on several occasions.

Iddon's Big Hits

Iddon soon entered into the spirit of the game, and with several big drives was the chief attacker, although he was missed by Dennis when 26. The third-wicket partnership added 39 runs in 25 minutes. Most of these were scored by Iddon with two 6's off Danson to complete his 50 out of 67 in 45 minutes. In trying another big hit, however, he was well caught on the boundary by Dennis, having scored his runs in 50 minutes. In addition to his 6's he hit seven 4's. Booth followed suit by hitting two more 6's off Danson, but Tiplady had him l.b.w. and bowled Sibbles with his next ball. Paynter, however, hit out and was 28 not out when the innings was declared just after 2 hours. For the Merseyside eleven Dennis had 2 wickets for 31, Tiplady 2 for 37, Danson 2 for 46, and Jones 2 for 50.

Mr. Wright's side looked like making a good reply when Brown opened with a 6 off Sibbles, but at 22 he was bowled in trying to turn the ball to leg. Walmsley left shortly afterwards, but Little and Dennis took the score to 48 before the former was caught, having just hit a ball from Sibbles out of the ground. After this the bowlers took the upper hand, and it was only a useful partnership between Dennis and McEntyre, the two left-handers, that prevented a collapse. Dennis was in his best form and was unlucky to be bowled in the last over of the day. He batted an hour and hit seven 4's. Hosking hit the seventh 6 of the match off Hopwood in the closing stages, but Sibbles took 3 wickets for 28, Booth 2 for 25 and Hopwood 2 for 32.

H MAKEPEACE'S XI.		LEO WRIGHT'S XI.	
Hopwood, b Dennis.....24	Washbrook, c Nicholas.....19	H S Brown, b Sibbles.....13	C R Walmsley, c Iddon b Booth.....9
Danson, c Dennis b.....58	Tyldesley, c Danson b.....10	D D L Little, c Washbrook b Sibbles.....15	Dennis, b Booth.....41
Jones.....28	Paynter, not out.....28	F W H Nicholas, c Oldfield b Sibbles.....0	L N Jones, c Paynter b Hopwood.....1
Oldfield, lhw b Danson 4	Booth, lhw b Tiplady.....13	J A McEntyre, b Hopwood.....15	G A Hosking, not out.....11
Sibbles, b Tiplady.....0	Duckworth, b Dennis 7	Extras.....5	
Makepeace, not out.....1	Extras.....5		
Total (8 wkts).....169	Innings declared.	Total (7 wkts).....110	

For Harry Makepeace's XI., Cook did not bat. For Leo Wright's XI., A R Crooke, C W Tiplady, and C Danson did not bat.

CRICKET NOTES

HARD RACE FOR THE LEAD

By "Gryllus"

An uninformed observer might be excused for imagining at this time of the year that cricket exists henceforward only on sufferance. Great headlines inform us that tens of thousands of people are flocking to see the football trials, and we are led to suppose that the transfer of a centre-forward from Slapdash on Sea to Muggleton in the Marsh is a matter of more importance in sport than the closing stages of the cricket season. Our great old summer game has to creep in unostentatiously amid the clamour of the cup final, and before it has had four months' lease of life the big ball comes bounding in again.

Cricketers, however, refuse to accept these hints and nudges until September's worm-casts and its failing light make further play impossible. Let it be known, therefore, that our season does not end before September 14, at which date, moreover, the champion county will commence to play the Best of England at the Oval, where several Liverpool Yorkshiremen have every intention of being present. On the 21st of that month, and not before, we shall perhaps take a look at this big ball, round or oval according to taste, but meanwhile we regard cricket as being in full ascendancy.

Duckham's Fine Bowling

The local competition is more than ever hardening to a severe contest for the leading position. Of the three foremost of contending clubs, only Formby were successful in gaining a point last week, and even they had to hustle for their victory. Duckham's splendid bowling laid the foundation in this exciting match, and fine forceful batting at an average rate of over 90 an hour, in which Duckham also played his part, made possible this triumphant win with only five minutes to spare. At this time of the season it requires not only good play but good luck, too, to gain a stride upon competitors—good play to win a match, and good luck to ensure that the competitors do not nullify that gain by winning theirs as well.

Oxtton made a good showing at Chester, and would probably have won had there been a few more minutes available for play. The truth of the matter, however, is that rather too much time was spent in gathering 173 runs against the steady Boughton Hall bowling. With so small a total on the board, it would be very dangerous to declare too soon against so powerful a team, but with a few more runs in hand the bowlers might have enjoyed a longer period for attacking purposes. Oxtton, of course, had to struggle for such runs as they did score, and their failure to win this match was due more to the collapse of the "batting middle" than to any other cause. Dennis reached and passed his 1,000 runs for the current season—an unusual feat for which he deserves congratulation. The mention of congratulations in connection with cricket at Boughton Hall reminds me of the bowling feat of L. N. Jones when playing for Cheshire recently against Denbighshire. He showed unmistakably in that encounter that he is still as dangerous on his day as at any time in his distinguished career. There is no more complete a cricketer playing in our Merseyside games than this magnificent all-rounder, who excels in all departments of the game.

Liverpool's Exciting Finishes

Exciting finishes have been recurrent in the season's programme of the Liverpool eleven, so last week they took this tendency to its logical conclusion by gaining a victory with the last ball bowled! It was a splendid game from start to finish. Birkenhead Park gave a consistent show of batting worthy of the competition leaders, and challenged Liverpool to score 213 runs in 130 minutes. With F. W. Nicholas at the crease these figures do not seem unreasonable, but when our local Jessop was sent back at 23 the problem was more difficult. The Liverpool batsmen, however, who are becoming as rich in enterprise as they are in talent, carried on in traditional style. D. P. McEntyre, who can score as fast as any local batsman when in vein, gave a good lead, and was well backed up by R. S. Turner and the brothers

Cranston. It was A. S. Eccles who put the finishing touches (very heavy-handed touches) to a great performance by hitting at express speed to overhaul the clock and win a most delightful game.

The Bootle batsmen lived up to reputation in winning a good game at Crosby with time and wickets to spare. With a really good professional bowler, Bootle would certainly be amongst the most formidable of our local clubs. At Ormskirk, the improved New Brighton team suffered an extraordinary collapse on a difficult wicket, but the match was made memorable by the feat of R. D. Gillmore in carrying his bat right through the innings.

Cricket on the whole in Liverpool and District is improving steadily in attractiveness and enterprise, and is in the opinion of most observers as good to-day as at any time in the last 25 years. Gradually, local teams and captains are realising that the stonewaller has his special functions, which are of great value on rare occasions, but which do not entitle him to open the innings on a fine day. The once familiar sight of an opening batsman spending an hour at the crease for 10, and receiving warm congratulations for his useless innings, is now becoming rare. It is generally recognised that a game of cricket which begins and ends in one afternoon should not be stifled in the first two hours. I would like to suggest that next season we give a experimental l.b.w. law, or to such variation of that law as may then be in force in first-class cricket. It is not good for the game that there should be one set of rules in county cricket and another for club use.

CHESHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB.

BATING AND BOWLING AVERAGES

BOUGHTON HALL PLAYERS HEAD BOTH LISTS.

From a Chester angle it is interesting to note that two Boughton Hall players, R. M. Dutton and L. N. Jones, head the bowling and batting averages for the Cheshire County Cricket Club in the Minor Counties' competition. R. M. Dutton has an excellent batting average of 51.9 having scored 363 in nine innings, and once being 102 not out. Despite the presence of three professional bowlers in the county side this season, L. N. Jones heads the bowling average with 18 wickets in 71 overs, representing 9.2 runs per wicket. L. N. Jones has the further distinction of being fourth in the batting list with 161 runs in six innings.

The returns are as follows:—

BATTING.

	Inns		Total	H'gst	Avge.
	in	out			
R. M. Dutton..	9	2	363	102	51.9
R. F. Ashton..	4	0	151	78	37.7
Barber (W. H.)	7	1	199	73	33.2
L. N. Jones ..	6	1	161	51	32.2
F. Dennis ..	12	1	331	104	30.1
J. A. McEntyre	8	0	187	77	23.4
J. D. Worthon	14	0	261	55	18.6
G. Garrett ..	4	1	47	32	15.7
G. A. McEntyre	12	0	186	31	15.5
A. Gilbody ..	4	0	58	43	14.5
A. M. W'itenh'e	8	1	89	35	12.7
R. D. Gilmore..	4	0	49	25	12.2
T. W. Jefferson	4	0	37	22	9.2

BOWLING.

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	A'ge.
L. N. Jones ..	71	21	165	18	9.2
Barber (W.H.)	127	25	363	28	12.9
G. Broadhurst	34	11	124	8	15.5
Dennis (F.) ..	193	34	514	32	16.1
Bartley T. J.)	160	43	369	23	16.1

CRICKET.

BOUGHTON HALL WITH BACKS TO WALL.

OXTON ALMOST SNATCH VICTORY

C. C. DUTTON'S PATIENT INNINGS.

Despite the fact that no result was possible, Saturday's game at Boughton Hall—where Oxtown were the visitors—was full of interest. A sixth wicket stand enabled Oxtown to declare at 173 for eight wickets, and at the close Boughton Hall had 133 runs on the board with two wickets still to fall. Boughton Hall were without at least three of their regular players.

Dennis, opening the Oxtown innings with T. H. G. Graham, was in dashing form and made his partner look very ordinary. Dennis, a delightful left-hander, went for the bowling right away, and neither R. J. Stockton nor L. N. Jones could quieten him. Once he drove L. N. Jones in the direction of the sight screen for a glorious 4. In the thirties Dennis hit a ball over his head and it was as well there was not a fielder near. With the score at 69, and his own contribution totalling 43, L. N. Jones got Dennis to hit against the spin so that G. A. Pratt, fielding at cover-point, took a smart catch. Six runs later Rees took a good catch behind the wicket to dismiss Sledge, and other fine catches by G. A. Pratt and L. N. Jones meant there were five wickets down for 80 runs. Then Danson and Woods took the score to 154, despite repeated bowling changes, and the innings was declared closed at 173 for eight wickets. Danson scored 38 and Woods ten runs less.

R. M. Dutton was Boughton Hall's most successful bowler with five wickets for 42 runs. L. N. Jones took two for 57 and V. H. Robins one for 26.

A VALUABLE INNINGS.

Boughton Hall had two hours in which to bat, and their chances did not appear at all bright at the end of the hour, when six wickets were down for 84. L. N. Jones hit a ball into the tennis courts for six, and in attempting a repeat was well caught in the outfield when he had made 22. It was left to C. C. Dutton and W. Pratt to hold out against the Oxtown attack, and Dutton played an unusually patient but valuable innings. He scored 31 and Pratt's contribution was 15. G. F. G. Rees and V. H. Robins lasted the few minutes left for play, so that Boughton Hall contrived to save the game when defeat had stared them in the face. For Oxtown, Dennis took five wickets for 73 in 23 overs, and Danson took three for 37.

OXTON.

Dennis c G. A. Pratt b L. N. Jones	43
T. H. G. Graham c L. N. Jones b Stockton	27
G. L. Sledge c Rees b L. N. Jones	5
F. C. Morris c G. A. Pratt b R. M. Dutton	3
T. W. Jefferson c L. N. Jones b R. M. Dutton	1
G. B. Hodson c and b R. M. Dutton	0
C. Danson c Stockton b R. M. Dutton	38
C. F. C. Woods c Adams b R. M. Dutton	28
J. G. Williams not out	9
H. T. Wild not out	6
Extras	13
Total (8 wickets)	173

H. G. E. Prescott did not bat.

BOUGHTON HALL.

G. A. Pratt c Woods b Dennis	10
A. M. Reid c Woods b Dennis	18
G. C. A. Adams c and b Dennis	17
L. N. Jones c Graham b Dennis	22
R. M. Dutton c and b Dennis	10
C. C. Dutton st Prescott b Danson	31
C. A. Roberts c Wild b Danson	2
T. A. Pratt b Dennis	15
W. F. G. Rees not out	6
V. H. Robins not out	0
Extras	2
Total (8 wickets)	133

R. J. Stockton did not bat.

NESTON BEATEN BY NINE WICKETS.

SOUTHPORT'S EASY VICTORY.

ALL-ROUND PERFORMANCE BY STEVENS.

Neston were soundly beaten at Southport on Saturday by nine wickets, the result being a personal triumph for R. G. Stevens, who gave a brilliant all-round performance. Taking eight of the visitors' wickets for 30 runs, and making 47 with the bat, he contributed in a large measure to his side's success, which was their second win of the season. Stevens baulked Neston of a win in the match earlier in the season, making 132 not out.

Batting first on a good wicket, Neston had an early loss when J. M. Swift was dismissed in the first over by Leigh. In a second wicket partnership, Bates and M. R. Barton took the score to 58 before the former was bowled, for the second time this season by Stevens. In the next over the same bowler dismissed Barton and A. Pennington with only a single added, thus taking three in two overs for two runs. Other wickets went cheaply, and on the arrival of A. J. K. Barnes, nine were down for 74 runs. The Neston captain, supported by Littler, made 25 in a tenth wicket stand of 31, and was undefeated at the close of the innings. Stevens had bowled remarkably well throughout, his eight wickets being taken in ten overs. Leigh took the other two for 31.

Following his success with the ball, Stevens, opening the Southport innings with J. H. Dean, gave a sparkling display with the bat. Both adopted forceful tactics, and put on 77 before they were separated. Stevens being bowled by Bates. In his total of 47 he had eight 4's. J. H. Dean and P. W. G. Sutton continued to gather runs at a quick rate and Neston's total was passed after 77 minutes. The innings closed with the dismissal of Sutton, who was smartly caught by Walford off A. Pennington, Dean carrying his bat for 41.

NESTON.

Bates b Stevens	23
J. M. Swift b Leigh	2
A. Pennington c and b Stevens	0
G. D. Walford b Stevens	1
Dr. L. Millward b Stevens	6
H. E. Anderson b Stevens	1
L. C. Head c Threlfall b Stevens	4
A. J. K. Barnes not out	25
L. W. Wood c Sutton b Stevens	0
R. P. L. Littler b Leigh	6
Extras	6
Total	105

SOUTHPORT.

R. G. Stevens b Bates	47
J. H. Dean not out	41
P. W. G. Sutton c Walford b Pennington	21
Extras	4
Total (for 2 wickets)	112

Threlfall, W. N. Smith, H. F. Ainley, W. Tomkins, W. K. Holt, H. Leigh, Dr. W. Howard, and H. Schofield did not bat.

UPTON V. MERSEY IRONWORKS.

At Ellesmere Port on Saturday, Upton batted first and were all out for 36. Hughes took 4 for 11 and Jenkins 3 for 24. Mersey Ironworks declared with their score at 73 for 3. Harrop took 3 for 6.

Upton—R. Morris c Dyke b Hughes 4, A. Gardner-Brown b Jenkins 18, G. Samuel c Hughes b Jenkins 5, A. Taylor run out 0, S. Perrin c Broadey b Hughes 0, C. Reade b Hughes 0, Rev. F. Gardner-Brown b Jenkins 0, Rev. F. Griffiths c Minns b Hughes 0, F. Harrop b Hughes 5, G. Stacey not out 4, D. Stacey c Dyke b Hughes 0, total 36.

Mersey Ironworks.—F. Walker c Griffiths b Harrop 42, A. Evans lbw b Harrop 23, J. Bealor b Harrop 0, T. Bealor not out 5, extras 3; total (for 3 wickets) 73. L. Jenkins, J. Hughes, C. Andrews, E. Broadey, G. Dyke, R. Smith, and T. Minns did not bat.

SUNDAY CRICKET AT CHESTER.

BIG CROWD ENJOYS THE NOVELTY.

FINE BOWLING BY DENNIS.

The novelty of a Sunday cricket match was enjoyed by a large crowd on the ground of the Brookhirst Club at Long-lane on Sunday. They saw an interesting game between sides led by Mr. A. Hirst and Mr. L. G. Hales, and a good sum was raised for the Blue Coat Hospital.

Although some of the prominent players invited to participate were unable to appear, there was a good sprinkling of experienced cricketers and one Lancashire player in Parkinson. The cricket was entertaining, although Mr. Hirst's XI, won with comparative ease by a margin of 73 runs. The margin would have been much bigger but for an excellent last-wicket stand by H. Hazeldine and the veteran L. Hales, who put on 33 before H. Hazeldine was caught and the innings closed. The feature of the game was the great bowling of Dennis, the Cheshire fast bowler. Throughout the innings he had the batsmen in difficulties and never looked back after clean bowling Sanderson with his first delivery. Dennis finished up with the excellent return of 6 wickets for 21 runs. Parkinson claimed three wickets at a cost of 32 runs. Of the early batsmen in the losing side J. P. Hodgson, another Cheshire player, was the only one capable of playing the bowling and his 23 was knocked up in quick time. V. H. Robins, the 54-year-old cricketer, who is as active as most youngsters, kept his end up for half an hour, although he notched only half a dozen runs. He is the father of R. W. V. Robins, the England all-rounder and Middlesex captain, who had been expected to play.

Mr. Hirst's side was a strong batting combination and F. D. Beattie, the former Lancashire II player, gave them an excellent start, being top scorer with a polished 46. G. E. Prescott was the next best with 23. Piper bowled well for the losers, claiming 4 wickets for 43 runs.

The fact that at one period there were almost a thousand people on the ground proves that cricket will take in Chester district if there is some novelty about it.

MR. A. HIRST'S XI.

F. D. Beattie lbw b Robins	46
F. Dennis c Robins b Hodgson	9
L. Parkinson c Adams b Hodgson	9
H. G. E. Prescott lbw b Robins	23
T. W. Jefferson c McIntyre b Piper	10
C. McMorrnan b Piper	9
W. Greatorex c Hazeldine b Piper	16
C. C. Dutton not out	15
R. Hirst b Tiplady	0
H. Pratt c and b Tiplady	0
A. Hirst c McIntyre b Piper	7
Extras	9
Total	156

BOWLING.

J. P. Hodgson	90.	1m.	29r.	2w.
C. W. Tiplady	160.	2m.	44r.	2w.
H. F. Piper	1430.	2m.	43r.	4w.
V. H. Robins	70.	0m.	31r.	2w.

MR. L. G. HALES'S XI.

A. Sanderson b Dennis	0
J. P. Hodgson c A. Hirst b Parkinson	24
G. C. A. Adams c Parkinson b Dennis	0
F. H. Martin b Dennis	5
V. H. Robins b Dennis	6
H. F. Piper c Prescott b Dennis	2
A. L. McIntyre b Parkinson	4
C. W. Tiplady c Beattie b Dennis	4
L. G. Hales lbw b Parkinson	3
H. Hazeldine c McMorrnan b Greatorex	17
L. Hales not out	16
Extras	2
Total	83

BOWLING.

F. Dennis	120.	3m.	21r.	6w.
R. Hirst	30.	0m.	19r.	0w.
L. Parkinson	130.	3m.	32r.	3w.
W. Greatorex	420.	0m.	9r.	1w.

BARROW v. HARTFORD.

Barrow journeyed to Hartford on Saturday and won by 56 runs. Batting first, Barrow made 126. V. A. Arnold and C. Houlbrook put on 43 for the second wicket, and later H. Woodcock played a nice innings of 21, which included four boundaries. Pendrey was in capital form behind the stumps and accounted for three batsmen. Hartford were all out in a little more than an hour for 70. R. Jones (31) and W. Hitchen being the only players to obtain double figures. T. Radcliffe and M. Jeffs took 3 for 12 and 6 for 20 respectively, the latter taking his last four wickets in 13 balls without having a run scored off him. The fielding of the visitors was very good, C. Houlbrook, F. Houlbrook, and T. Meakin all distinguishing themselves by taking exceptionally good catches.

Barrow.—F Houlbrook c Hitchen b Hilditch Arnold c Johnson b C G Allman 18, C 9, M Jeffs lbw b C G Allman 14, V A Houlbrook c Johnson b C G Allman 30, T Meakin c Pendrey b Maddock 1, F W Darlington st Pendrey b Maddock 16, T Radcliffe b Maddock 5, H Woodcock st Pendrey b Wilkinson 21, J Okell c Maddock b Hilditch 4, D Tyson c Hilditch b Maddock 2, T Plant not out 0, extras 6; total 126.

Hartford.—C G Allman c C Houlbrook b Radcliffe 1, A J Oakey c F Houlbrook b Woodcock 5, R Jones c F Houlbrook b Jeffs 31, L Johnson c C Houlbrook b Jeffs 4, W Hitchen c Darlington b Jeffs 13, J Wilkinson c C Houlbrook b Jeffs 0, A Hitchen c Meakin b Jeffs 1, C G Hilditch c Arnold b Radcliffe 1, J Maddock b Jeffs 0, B Pendrey not out 1, B Allman lbw b Radcliffe 0, extras 13; total 70.

ALVANLEY v. WHITE CROSS SOCIAL.

On Saturday Alvanley gained a well-deserved home victory against Whitecross Social, in a match of high scores. The home side batted first, and as a result of consistent batting were able to declare at the tea interval with a score of 184 for eight wickets. The visitors scored steadily in reply, and at the agreed time for drawing stumps had made 147 for the loss of six wickets. It was then decided to play extra time, and due to excellent bowling by Tudor and Booth, the remaining wickets fell for the addition of only seven runs, leaving the home side winners by 36 runs. For Alvanley, Tudor took five wickets for 40 runs, and Booth three for sixteen.

Alvanley.—B Ellams b Leicester 37, P Ainsworth c Jones b H. James 26, H Cowap b H. James 24, W Booth c Boswell b H. James 12, F Britland not out 21, S Demetriadi b Spencer 29, A Ellams c Maher b Spencer 5, J Cox st Longden b R James 21, H Tudor c and b R James 1, extras 11; total (for 8 wks dec.) 184. M. Wood and W Hayes did not bat.

Whitecross Social.—H Tilling b Tudor 16, T Maher b Tudor 4, S Longden c Cowap b Ellams 10, H James run out 24, R Warburton c B Ellams b Booth 14, R James c and b Booth 2, J Leicester c Sub b Booth 40, J Spencer c and b Tudor 21, H Jones b Booth 5, R Hickman b Tudor 0, H Boswell not out 0, extras 18; total 154.

MARCHWIEL v. GWERSYLLT.

At Marchwiel Hall.

Gwersyllt.—H Gittens c R Hughes b A J McAlpine 0, S Glantz st Parry b Startup 20, R George c and b A J McAlpine 27, W Jones lbw b Startup 1, E Jones b Startup 4, P George b A J McAlpine 7, F Owen c R Hughes b Startup 10, W Eutterton b A J McAlpine 2, F Jones b A J McAlpine 4, K Bellis lbw b Startup 5, E Hamilton not out 3, extras 12; total 95.

Marchwiel.—A J McAlpine not out 54, E Swainson lbw b E Jones 0, H Holmes b F Jones 32, R Hughes run out 1, W Ellis not out 2, extras 9; total (2 wks) 98. Geo Startup, E Hughes, L Williams, E W Fletcher, T Parry, and R Roberts did not bat.

TARPORLEY v. NANTWICH METHODIST.

At Tarporley on Saturday. Scores: Nantwich 41 (W Smith 10, D Jackson 10, J Hinde 9 wks for 14 runs). Tarporley 189 for 6 wks. (L Bragg 37, E Cross 35, R Bragg 29, H Coppack 28, G Daine 23, S Cookson 16).

NESTON II. v. SOUTHPORT II.

Features of the Neston II. v. Southport II. match at Parkgate, on Saturday, were A. Rogers's six Neston wickets for 32 runs and a fine eighth wicket stand by J. Henderson and A. N. Robinson, which was responsible for 62 of Neston's total of 98. Until Henderson and Robinson came together the home side had lost six wickets for 28. The former hit six 4's in his total of 35, scored in 30 minutes. Robinson was more patient and at the close was undefeated with 27. Neston's score was passed with the loss of five wickets, the outstanding batsman being L. L. Taylor, with 37 not out. For Neston, W. Main took three for 42.

Neston II.—R J L Colyer b Moreton 13, A R Clough c Tomkins b Rogers 2, W L Duncan c Ballantyne b Rogers 0, D Gunn c Tomkins b Rogers 6, C R Jackman b Rogers 1, M S McFarlane run out 0, H G Phillips c Rogers b Ballantyne 0, J Henderson c Blackburn b Ward 35, A N Robinson not out 27, F Golland b Rogers 1, W Main c Eadye b Rogers 1, extras 12; total 98.

Southport II.—J H Ward b Golland 2, N Eadye b Main 6, W A Ballantyne b Main 30, A Rogers b Main 8, A B Moreton lbw b Phillips 13, L L Taylor not out 37, J Schofield not out 8, extras 14; total (for 5 wks) 117. R Blackburn, S McDringham, D C Taylor, and W Tomkins did not bat.

BOUGHTON HALL WEDNESDAY v. TARPORLEY NOMADS.

At Boughton Hall on Wednesday. Boughton Hall.—G F G Rees lbw b V Bettley 5, J Sanderson b V Bettley 5, R O Mathias b V Bettley 6, A B Dryland b W Vernon 2, P H Bennett run out 11, V H Robins run out 31, H Pratt b R Mossford 6, J Greening not out 3, R J Stockton run out 0, C C Dutton not out 4, J Beilby run out 0, extras 7; total 80.

Tarporley Nomads.—V Bettley st Rees b V H Robins 0, W Vernon b R J Stockton 6, H Price b V H Robins 0, R Walkden st Rees b V H Robins 5, F B Clegg b H Pratt 10, H Dodd b C C Dutton 22, R Mossford b J Greening 1, E Burton not out 8, H Galley run out 1, J Taylor c Dutton b R J Stockton 8, C Burton b V H Robins 0, extras 8; total 69.

TARPORLEY NOMADS v. COUNTY OFFICES.

At Tarporley on Saturday. County Offices.—G Good lbw b W Vernon 0, F T Dickenson b W Vernon 9, H Myers st Harnott b V Bettley 11, G M Curbishly c W Vernon b V Bettley 2, W Dodd b C Burton 12, G C Espley b V Bettley 4, H Dodd c Bancroft b T Robinson 3, D Good b T Robinson 0, B Evans lbw b T Robinson 2, J R Brown not out 5, E Wheeler b T Robinson 1, extras 7; total 56.

Tarporley Nomads.—F E Hughes c Espley b W Dodd 7, W Vernon b G C Espley 24, V Bettley lbw b F T Dickenson 9, T Robinson c G Godd b G C Espley 18, W Cork b Espley 3, H Vernon retired 19, L Hopkins retired 29, E Burton retired 5, C Harnott c Dodd b D Good 11, A Bancroft not out 0, C Burton did not bat, extras 16; total 146.

UPTON II. v. MERSEY IRONWORKS II.

At Upton on Saturday. Upton batted first and were all out for 72. Gorman took 3 for 18, Howes 3 for 28, and Reeves 3 for 16. Mersey Ironworks passed Upton's total by five runs to win the game. Done took 6 for 20 and Jones 3 for 39.

Upton 2nd.—L Jones b Reeves 22, J Davies b Gorman 0, W Pate c Howard b Gorman 9, O Philpott c Johnson b Gorman 8, B Done b Reeves 0, H F Joyce c and b Reeves 1, F Urnston c Howard b Johnson 2, J Wright b Howes 21, R Furley b Howes 0, W Elson c and b Howes 5, N Morris not out 0, extras 4; total 72.

Mersey Ironworks 2nd.—C Turner c Philpott b Done 16, C Norton c Jones b Done 0, A Gorman c Davies b Jones 25, A Done c Pate b Done 9, J Howard lbw b Jones 8, A Reeves b Done 0, Brooks c Joyce b Done 0, H Hope b Jones 4, Johnson b Pate 8, Howes b Done 0, Richards not out 0, extras 7; total 77.

MERSEYSIDE FLOUR MILLERS' CRICKET LEAGUE.

FROST'S v. HUTCHINSON'S.

Hutchinson's.—R Yates b Birch 1, T Bonner c Lowe b Birch 0, T Haver c Kelsey b Farrington 1, R Tweedale b Farrington 1, A Essary b Farrington 0, T Love c Farrington b Birch 10, W Freckleton b Farrington 2, W Jones b Farrington 0, A Hobson b Farrington 0, A Gray st Chew b Birch 4, A Bonner not out 4, extras 3; total 26.

Frost's.—H Latham c Bonner b Tweedale 5, T Herd c Haver b Tweedale 4, J Chew b Tweedale 2, A C Keefe b Tweedale 0, J Farrington c Gray b Tweedale 0, F Lowe not out 14, A Birch b Freckleton 0, A J Nicholas c Yates b Tweedale 0, A E Price not out 3, extras 3; total (for 7 wks, dec) 31. G Kelsey and E Chew did not bat.