

MINOR COUNTIES MATCH

Early Shocks for Lancashire

PLAY AT WERNETH

With Farrimond, Phillipson, and Oldfield called to first-team duty on account of injuries to Duckworth, Tyldesley and Pollard, Lancashire fielded a weakened second team against Cheshire in the Minor Counties championship match which began this morning on the ground of the Werneth Cricket Club. The weather was brilliantly fine and the wicket looked good.

Winning the toss, Lancashire opened the batting with W. Hawkwood and J. K. Mills, against the bowling of Eartley, the former Castleton Moor professional, and Dennis. The latter was soon successful, Hawkwood giving Bartley an easy slip catch.

Mills and Place took the score along to 33, when the amateur played underneath a ball from Dennis and was bowled. At 41 Lancashire suffered a double loss, Gilbody, who had relieved Bartley, being successful in an appeal for leg before against Place, and Dennis clean bowling Greenhalgh. Four for 41 was good going for Cheshire. Then came a stand by H. R. W. Butterworth, the Lancashire skipper, and Nutter, who took the score steadily along to 85.

Nutter, who had taken his score to 27, was out at the same total, leg before to Bartley. The 100 went up after play had been in progress for an hour and threequarters, and with the loss of six wickets.

Nine runs later Windle met a fine ball from Dennis and was bowled. At the lunch interval Lancashire had scored 113 for 7, Dennis having taken four wickets for 45.

Just after the resumption Lancashire had a narrow escape when Bennett called Elliott and then sent him back, the latter getting home by dint of a full length dive. The pitch of the ball was throwing up dust, while at times the ball rose awkwardly at both ends. However, the batsmen were proving hard to shift and took the score along steadily if slowly.

After Bennett and Elliott had added 46 runs, the latter was smartly taken at short leg by McEntyre, off Dennis. With J. Briggs in, Bennett went on to complete a well-played fifty made in one hundred minutes. The last two wickets gave little trouble, the innings closing for 185, Bennett being unbeaten for 58, which included seven fours.

LANCASHIRE 2nd.—First Innings.

Hawkwood c Bartley b Dennis	1
J K Mills b Dennis	13
Place lbw b Gilbody	20
Greenhalgh b Dennis	2
H R W Butterworth c Dennis b Broadbent	17
Nutter lbw b Bartley	27
Bennett not out	58
Windle b Dennis	18
Elliott c McEntyre b Dennis	19
J Briggs c Gilbody b Dennis	4
Bowes lbw b Dennis	0
Extras	6
Total	185

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bartley	21	3	69	1
Dennis	26	4	72	2
Gilbody	4	2	8	1
Broadhurst	12	3	21	1
Dutton	3	0	15	0

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Lancashire's Small Total in Second Innings

The Minor Counties' Championship match between Lancashire 2nd and Cheshire was continued at Werneth in lovely weather this morning. Yesterday, Lancashire, with 185, led Cheshire on the first innings by 24 runs and, going in for the second time, had lost two wickets for 24 at close of play.

This morning, the Cheshire bowlers did not lose much time in going through the remainder of the Lancashire side which was all out for 155. Going in late, Windle had a merry little knock of thirty which included a six and three fours.

Cheshire had twenty minutes batting before lunch and raised 32 without loss.

A quarter of an hour after the resumption, McEntyre was smartly stumped by Elliott when the score stood at 55. For his 31, McEntyre had batted forty minutes and had hit six fours. H. R. W. Butterworth went on to bowl but runs came as a fairly good rate and Cheshire's prospects were bright.

Worthington Out

When the score stood at 91, Mills, fielding in the slips, caught Dennis, whose short innings included one six and one four. At 120, Worthington, after a fine innings of 55, was caught off Nutter's bowling by Mills, this time fielding at mid-on. Gilmore, who took his place, gave two easy catches, which were dropped.

Cheshire won by four wickets.

LANCASHIRE 2nd.—Second Innings.

Hawkwood c Dennis b Broadhurst	41
J K Mills c Littler b Gilbody	5
Place lbw b Broadhurst	7
J Briggs lbw b Broadhurst	19
Greenhalgh c and b Broadhurst	19
H R W Butterworth lbw b Dennis	5
Nutter c Worthington b Broadhurst	2
Bennett c Worthington b Dennis	10
Windle b Dennis	30
Elliott not out	6
Bowes b Dennis	1
Extras	10
Total	155

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Dennis	19.4	4	69	4
Gilbody	4	1	15	1
Broadhurst	13	1	45	5
Bartley	6	0	20	0
Dutton	2	0	6	0

CHESHIRE.—Second Innings.

G A McEntyre st Elliott b Bennett	31
J D Worthington c Mills b Nutter	55
Dennis c Mills b Nutter	14
A Gilbody st Elliott b Butterworth	43
R. D. Gilmore at Elliott b Butterworth	19
G Garrett c and b Butterworth	6
R M Dutton not out	2
T W Jefferson c Bowes b Butterworth	5
G Broadhurst not out	2
Extras	3
Total (for 6 wks.)	180

MINOR COUNTIES MATCH.

LANCASHIRE COLTS AT DANE STREET.

STAFFORDSHIRE'S INNINGS DEFEAT.

On Monday and yesterday the Lancashire second eleven and Staffordshire were engaged in a Minor Counties fixture on the Rochdale Cricket Ground, the game ending in a win for Lancashire by an innings and 34 runs. The most spectacular cricket of the game was seen before lunch on the opening day, when Staffordshire, although they lost nine wickets in scoring 139 runs, batted freely. They were all out for 139, and at the end of the day Lancashire, with six wickets in hand, had established a lead of 101 runs. A feature of the Lancashire innings was a century by Hawkwood. The batting, however, was slow apart from bursts of quick scoring by Greenhalgh, who collected 53 runs.

Yesterday Farrimond, who was not out on Monday, increased his contribution from 19 to 57 not out, and the Lancashire innings was declared closed at 319 for eight wickets. Staffordshire again fared badly in their second innings, and after losing three wickets for 53 runs before lunch were all out for 146. Backhouse played a sound innings for 41 runs. H. R. W. Butterworth, the Littleborough captain, led the Lancashire side, which also included J. Heaton, the Rugby Union international threequarter, and Holroyd of Ashton. Aaron Lockett, the Oldham professional, assisted Staffordshire.

Scores and analysis:

Staffordshire (first innings).		
E. Perry c Bennett b Edge	0
S. C. Smallman c Farrimond b Edge	6
S. Crump c Place b Edge	9
R. Smith st. Farrimond b Butterworth	22
R. Lawton c Butterworth b Heaton	26
J. T. Ikin lbw (n) b Butterworth	13
Backhouse lbw b Butterworth	0
Lockett c Roberts b Edge	13
H. W. Homer c and b Edge	35
R. Hammond lbw (a) b Bennett	0
H. Hancock not out	14
Extra	1
Total	139

Lancashire Second (first innings).		
Hawkwood b Crump	100
Place b Hancock	11
Greenhalgh b Ikin	53
Nutter st. Hammond b Backhouse	14
J. Heaton c Backhouse b Hancock	32
Farrimond not out	57
Bennett c Smith b Hancock	4
H. R. W. Butterworth b Lawton	2
Roberts b Crump	17
Holroyd not out	0
Extras	29
Total (for eight wickets)	319

Innings declared.		
Staffordshire (second innings).		
S. C. Smallman b Nutter	3
E. Perry c Place b Nutter	12
S. Crump c Bennett b Edge	6
R. Smith c Hawkwood b Holroyd	13
J. T. Ikin st. Farrimond b Holroyd	22
Backhouse not out	41
Lockett b Edge	10
R. Lawton c Bennett b Butterworth	14
H. W. Homer c Edge b Butterworth	3
R. Hammond c Place b Holroyd	16
H. Hancock b Edge	0
Extras	8
Total	146

Bowling analysis.—Staffordshire (first innings).			
	O.	M.	R.
Edge	7.1	1.36.. 5
Nutter	7.	1.20.. 0
Heaton	2.	0.12.. 1
Holroyd	6.	0.18.. 0
Butterworth	11.	0.31.. 3
Bennett	6.	0.20.. 1

Lancashire Second.			
Hancock	21.	3.42.. 3
Lawton	16.	2.53.. 1
Crump	20.	4.44.. 2
Backhouse	35.	9.66.. 1
Lockett	21.	6.38.. 0
Ikin	13.	4.43.. 1
Perry	1.	0. 5.. 0

Staffordshire (second innings).			
Edge	15.1	2.44.. 3
Nutter	4.	0. 8.. 2
Butterworth	13.	3.31.. 2
Holroyd	16.	6.23.. 3
Greenhalgh	4.	2. 9.. 0
Bennett	4.	1.23.. 0

Littleborough's Honour

WOOD CUP WINNERS FOR THE FIRST TIME

WARBURTON'S DEADLY BOWLING

ROCHDALE FAIL AFTER A GREAT FIGHT

The long drawn out Wood Cup final between Rochdale and Littleborough—which has provided one of the keenest and most thrilling games in the history of the competition—was brought to a conclusion at the Hare Hill ground on Monday evening, Littleborough emerging as the winners of a great game. They defeated their Dane Street rivals by 58 runs, and thus secured the Wood Cup trophy for the first time. The triumph of the Hare Hill team was well deserved, but Rochdale, even though they failed to withstand the onslaught of Warburton's fine bowling on Monday night, earned general commendation for their very gallant fight after losing the toss.

Littleborough carried their total to 249 on Monday evening, leaving Rochdale with a hundred runs to get to win and seven wickets in hand. Once again, however, Warburton, the Littleborough professional, proved his worth as a match-winner, with a fine bowling feat which amply compensated for his astonishing failure as a batsman in this game. In half an hour he broke the back of the Rochdale batting by dismissing Achong, Barlow, Megson and Pickup, and the doggedness of Hargreaves, Williams and Plane in the latter part of the innings was not sufficient to repair the damage which Warburton had accomplished in his inspired spell. Seven Rochdale wickets fell for 41 runs, and in the end Littleborough won with greater ease than had been generally anticipated. Warburton was the hero of the evening; he secured six wickets for nine runs, and his deadly bowling undoubtedly turned the scales in a game which will be long remembered for its fine cricket, tantalising fluctuations, and thrilling incidents. A glorious evening and the prospect of a keen finish drew a splendid crowd to Hare Hill on Monday, the attendance being the biggest of the series. The official return showed that 4,411 spectators paid for admission, the receipts amounting to £75 15s 3d; the aggregate attendance for the four nights was 13,337, and the total receipts amounted to £247 0s 7d.

STORY OF THE PLAY.

The Littleborough innings petered out very tamely, the two remaining wickets falling for six runs. Mitchell (53) and Gilfoy (5) faced the bowling of Achong and Leach; a bye was added in the professional's first over, and Leach with his first ball had Gilfoy caught at mid-off by Megson—the result of a tame shot. Matthews was the last man in with Mitchell. Both batsmen took a single, and Mitchell turned Achong "round the corner" for two. Matthews then hit a single to leg off Leach, but in the same over Mitchell was guilty of a mishit, and Barlow, running in from mid-off, made no mistake with a simple catch, the innings closing for 219 runs.

Rochdale, whose score stood at 150 for three, began their reply at seven o'clock, Barlow (81) and Achong (25) going out to continue their innings. Butterworth, who had hurried back to Hare Hill after playing for Lancashire second at Dane Street in the afternoon, sent down one ball to Barlow, and the Littleborough attack was then left in the hands of Warburton and Gilfoy for a lengthy spell. The Littleborough followers did not disguise their anxiety regarding the ability of Warburton to stand up to the strain of bowling in view of his mishap at Oldham on Saturday. In that match he displaced a tendon in his leg and he had been receiving medical treatment for the injury during the week-end. At the start Warburton appeared to be still feeling the effects of the injury, and he moved rather gingerly in his run up to the wicket. An early success, however, seemed to make Warburton forget all about his injury, and in a very short time his pace, accuracy and quickness off the pitch had the Rochdale batsmen in dire distress.

ROCHDALE'S HOPES FADE.

Taking the first over from the Littleborough professional Achong was soon out; he played on from the second ball, and was succeeded by Megson. The latter placed Warburton through the slips for a single and cracked Gilfoy just wide of Warburton at first slip for a rather hazardous four. With the last ball of his second over, however, Warburton beat Megson; the ball came off the pitch like lightning and scattered the bats. Meanwhile Barlow had been jogging along with nicely placed singles, taking his score from 81 to 88, and his partner, Hargreaves, opened steadily and confidently. Rochdale's supporters pinned their faith in Barlow, who had played a glorious innings earlier in the match, and it was a mortal blow to the visitors when Barlow was dismissed at 161. After batting confidently for twenty minutes Barlow hopelessly mistimed one of Warburton's "specials," and he glanced round to see his middle stump lying flat on the ground. Barlow was given a fine ovation in recognition of his grand innings, and it was pleasing to notice the Littleborough players joining in the round of hand clapping as Barlow raced to the pavilion.

HARGREAVES STANDS FIRM.

The wicket was much faster and more fiery on Monday night than it had previously been, and Warburton, bowling at a great pace, continued to figure as the wrecker of Rochdale's hopes. Following up his dismissal of Barlow he secured Pickup's wicket with his next ball on an appeal for lbw, and it now became very obvious that nothing short of a miracle could save Rochdale from defeat. At this point Warburton had taken four wickets for two runs in four overs. Williams prevented Warburton from accomplishing the "hat-trick," and he stayed at the wicket with Hargreaves for twenty minutes, during which period eight singles were added. Williams kept his end up pluckily, and Hargreaves, although cautious, batted Warburton with more confidence than any other Rochdale batsman. With the score 163, and following four successive maiden overs by Gilfoy, Warburton broke the partnership, beating Williams with a grand ball which whipped across from the off and felled the middle stump. With the score 161 for seven Plane joined Hargreaves, and the Littleborough attack was defied for a further period of twenty minutes. Plane was content to play the role of a "stopper," leaving Hargreaves to do the bulk of the scoring.

ROCHDALE CAPTAIN'S ESCAPES.

After obtaining seven singles in succession the Rochdale captain made the first and only boundary hit of the evening with a lovely off drive against Gilfoy, and a neat glance to fine leg brought him a two in the same over. Immediately afterwards Plane was nearly run out in responding to the captain's call for a risky single to coverpoint off Gilfoy. Warburton made an unsuccessful appeal for lbw against Hargreaves, and with the score 182 Butterworth bowled in place of Gilfoy and brought his fielders close up to the wicket. Plane scored his third single by lifting Butterworth just out of the reach of Calvert at square leg, but in the next over he was bowled "neck and crop" by Warburton. Leach was the last man, and in one over from Warburton eight byes were added, carrying the score to 191. Realising that defeat was now inevitable Hargreaves decided to have a dip; he jumped out to Butterworth and drove the ball straight into the hands of Walker at mid-off, but the Littleborough veteran failed to hold an easy catch. In the same over Grindrod, fielding at fine leg, appealed for a catch against Hargreaves, but the appeal was refused. The end came at 191, Hargreaves being snapped at the wicket by Matthews off Butterworth after he had

played a valiant innings under very trying circumstances. The Rochdale captain defied the Littleborough bowling for nearly an hour in scoring 16 runs—the highest individual score of the evening.

Scores and bowling analysis:

Littleborough.		
Warburton c Pickup b Achong	0
H. Johnson lbw b Hargreaves	59
E. Grindrod b Achong	78
F. Clegg b Hargreaves	0
P. Mitchell c Barlow b Leach	5
H. Walker c Achong b Hargreaves	27
H. B. W. Butterworth c Tipping b Hargreaves	0
S. Southwell c Hargreaves b Achong	1
H. Calvert b Leach	16
T. Gilfoy c Megson b Leach	5
C. Matthews not out	2
Extras	5

Total		
..	249
Rochdale.		
B. Hornby run out	5
S. Barlow b Warburton	88
J. D. Tipping b Warburton	3
E. Silverwood b Warburton	19
Achong b Warburton	25
B. Megson b Warburton	6
F. Hargreaves c Matthews b Butterworth	16
W. Pickup lbw b Warburton	0
A. Williams b Warburton	2
E. Plane b Warburton	3
P. Leach not out	0
Extras	24

Total		
..	191
Bowling analysis.—Littleborough.		
Achong	0. 13. 102.. 3
P. Leach	21.4 4.. 58.. 3
F. Hargreaves	17. 4.. 58.. 4
E. Plane	13. 4.. 26.. 0
Rochdale.		
Warburton	44. 13. 49.. 8
T. Gilfoy	30. 9.. 68.. 0
H. B. W. Butterworth	15.4 1.. 50.. 1
H. Calvert	4. 1.. 10.. 0

Fall of wickets.		
1	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	
Littleboro.	0 115 115 161 196 198 199 232 244 249	
Rochdale	23 39 102 150 158 161 161 169 183 191	

PRESENTATION OF THE CUP.

TRIBUTE TO BOTH TEAMS.

"A WONDERFUL GAME."

At the conclusion of the game the crowd swarmed on to the playing field and the Littleborough players were mobbed by enthusiastic supporters as they made their way to the pavilion. Councillor J. Greenwood, J.P., the chairman of the Central Lancashire League, presided at the cup presentation ceremony, which took place in front of the pavilion enclosure.

Councillor Greenwood said he thought everybody would agree that it had been a great Wood Cup final—(hear, hear)—fought out in a splendid way by both teams and splendidly controlled by two efficient umpires. On behalf of the League he would like to congratulate the Littleborough club and everybody concerned for the wonderful arrangements which had been made for the final. The spectators had seen some magnificent cricket by both teams. He wished to congratulate Mr. Harry Butterworth, the Littleborough captain, and his colleagues, on their success, and at the same time he desired to compliment Mr. Frank Hargreaves, the Rochdale captain, and his colleagues on the splendid way in which they had fought out the final.

AFTER FOURTEEN YEARS.

Councillor J. B. Gibson, the President of the Central Lancashire League, then handed the cup to Mr. Harry Butterworth, the captain of the Littleborough team. He said he was proud to be able to present the cup to Littleborough, more particularly because they had been trying for fourteen years to win this handsome trophy and they had at last succeeded. Rochdale had won the cup four times and Littleborough had been in the final on two previous occasions. He thought it would be agreed that the Rochdale team had made a glorious fight—(hear, hear)—but Littleborough's turn had come and he was glad to think that a new name would now be inscribed on the trophy. Littleborough had been lucky enough to win the toss, and to be able to play the final on their own ground, but the Rochdale team had proved themselves worthy rivals. That final would go down in local cricket history as one of the best games ever played in the Wood Cup

competition. Councillor Gibson mentioned that since the Wood Cup competition was instituted in 1921 the sum of £7,500 had been raised for the benefit of the various clubs in the League and also for the League itself.

LITTLEBOROUGH CAPTAIN'S CONFESSON.

There was a scene of great enthusiasm when Mr. Harry Butterworth, the Littleborough captain, received the cup and held it aloft. He said there was an old saying that "winners can laugh; losers can please themselves," and the Littleborough team was in the happy position of being able to laugh that night. "It has been a grand match and we have all thoroughly enjoyed it. My heart has been in my mouth most of the time, but it is now restored to its proper position. (Laughter.) The issue has been in doubt up to the last minute, and but for a brilliant bowling performance by our professional, Mr. Warburton, I really don't know what we should have done. I would like to congratulate Mr. Hargreaves and the Rochdale team on the splendid fight they have made. There has been no trouble at all and the game has been played in a much better spirit than apparently used to be the case. (Hear, hear.) We thank everybody concerned for a really wonderful game."

After three cheers had been given for the Rochdale team, Mr. Frank Hargreaves, the visiting captain, offered his congratulations to the Littleborough captain and his colleagues on their success. He said that Littleborough started off well by winning the toss; Rochdale started off well by "catching up," but, unfortunately, Rochdale had not been able to keep it up. "Still, we have fought a good fight—(hear, hear)—and we hope to fight again."

A vote of thanks to Councillor Greenwood and Councillor Gibson for their services was moved by Mr. A. Cummings. (Werneth), seconded by Mr. J. Preston, the chairman of the Littleborough Club, and carried.

SOUTH LANCASHIRE LEAGUE.

TABLE TO DATE.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Woodhouses	10	4	0	34	
Cornbrook	14	10	1	31	
Norden	15	8	3	27	
Taylor Bros.	12	8	1	25	
Clifton	14	6	4	22	
Thornham	14	6	2	20	
North Manchester	14	6	1	7	29
Fieldhouse	16	5	4	7	19
C.W.S.	16	5	2	7	17
Pendleton	13	2	3	8	9
Rhodes	12	2	2	8	8
British Dyes	14	1	2	11	5

FIELDHOUSE DEPOSE CORNBROOK FROM THE LEADERSHIP.

Fieldhouse returned to form on Saturday and defeated Cornbrook at home by sixty runs, chiefly owing to the fine bowling of F. Lord, who took six wickets for 31 runs. As a result of the reverse suffered Cornbrook lost their lead in the league.

The opening pair of Fieldhouse—Dearden and Butterworth—were responsible for 45 runs being put on the board. Dearden contributed a splendid 35 and Butterworth hit up a valuable 22. Oddy played in his usual steady style for a nice 30 and Heyworth played a short and merry innings for 19. Hinchcliffe was batting very well when he was badly run out after scoring eleven, and Ayrton also scored a useful eleven before being out to a wonderful catch on the boundary, the Fieldhouse innings closing for 164.

Cornbrook opened very steadily, but the first two wickets fell with only fifteen runs on the board. Wood, however, batted very briskly for thirty before being bowled by Swift. Five wickets had fallen for 52 runs when Metcalfe and Scott became associated. The former was bowled by Lord, after scoring twelve, and with the addition of only six runs Lord and with the addition of only six runs Lord also bowled Farmer and Wright, both batsmen having scored a single. Cummings men having scored a single. Cummings stayed with Scott to see 24 runs on the board when he also was bowled by Lord for two. Scott caused the century to be hoisted on the board, but after scoring another four he was well beaten by Lord after having scored a useful 38. Cornbrook were all out for 104. Scores:

Fieldhouse.	
L. Dearden b Farmer	36
T. Butterworth b Powell	22
F. Lord c Metcalfe b Farmer	5
S. Oddy b Powell	30
R. Swift b Powell	9
H. Bridgson b Powell	5
H. Heyworth c Metcalfe b Metcalfe	19
F. Hinchcliffe run out	11
H. Ayrton c Pearson b C. Wood	11

A. Silcock c Wood b Farmer	0
S. Tattersall not out	2
Extras	17
Total	164

Cornbrook.

M. Evans b Ayrton	9
T. Pearson c Hinchcliffe b Lord	5
F. Mallinson run out	4
O. H. Wood b Swift	30
A. D. George c Heyworth b Silcock	0
A. Metcalfe b Lord	12
E. Scott b Lord	35
B. Farmer b Lord	1
N. Wright b Lord	1
C. Cummings b Lord	2
E. Powell not out	0

Total 104

Bowling analysis.—Fieldhouse.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
E. Powell	14.	3.	27.	4
E. Farmer	19.	5.	40.	3
A. Metcalfe	10.	1.	34.	1
C. Wood	14.	2.	40.	1

Cornbrook.

F. Lord	15.	9.	31.	6
A. Silcock	10.	5.	25.	1
H. Ayrton	4.	0.	17.	1
R. Swift	4.	0.	19.	0
H. Heyworth	4.	0.	19.	0

FIELDHOUSE SECOND v. CORNBROOK SECOND.

Played at Cornbrook on Saturday. Scores: Fieldhouse: R. Mills c Hindley b Percival 3, W. Midgley lbw b Percival 5, F. Tattersall c Hindley b Young 0, T. Rooney c Farmer b Lloyd 20, H. Stevenson c Young b Davies 10, L. Drury c Roscoe b Percival 13, E. Turner c Young b Lloyd 9, H. Cattermole b Percival 0, T. Nichol not out 10, A. Looker c Hindley b Percival 0, E. Pratt b Young 16, extras 26, total 112. Cornbrook: F. Hindley c Turner b Looker 0, A. Foukes b Looker 5, G. Percival c Cattermole b Looker 14, A. Roscoe b Looker 0, W. Urmoston lbw b Looker 0, F. Lloyd c Rooney b Mills 9, E. Young b Looker 0, J. Davies run out 0, S. Roberts c Turner b Mills 1, A. Lytton hit wicket b Looker 4, G. Farmer not out 0, extras 9, total 40. For Cornbrook Second Percival took five wickets for 16 runs, Young two for 17, Davies one for 13, and Lloyd one for 19. For Fieldhouse Second Looker took seven wickets for 19 runs and Mills two for seven.

A VICTORY FOR THORNHAM.

Thornham, in defeating Pendleton by five wickets at home on Saturday, came back to favour with their supporters after having sustained five successive defeats.

Batting first, Pendleton opened with White and Sampson. This pair attacked the bowling with gusto and 32 runs were on the board before White was run out. Seven runs later, Sampson skied a ball from Lee (who had displaced Hunter at the Middleton end) and was well caught by E. Tonge. Bowling into the strong cross wind Lee was difficult to score off, and with the total at 43 he made a successful appeal against Grundy for leg before. A. and J. Lomas then joined forces, and they put on 19 before A. Lomas was caught at short leg by Hunter. Lee was still bowling with craft, but in trying to get J. Lomas caught on the leg boundary he was unfortunate to see the ball drop just wide or short of the fielders and on many occasions the ball travelled to the boundary. With the Pendleton score at 119, Lee had his revenge when he bowled J. Lomas, who had scored 50, including nine boundaries. Seven men were now out, Hassall and Winstanley having been disposed of cheaply while in partnership with J. Lomas. The last three men put on 18 runs and Pendleton reached the score of 137. Lee took six wickets for 40 runs.

Cheetham and Jones commenced the Thornham innings very slowly, Jones, for once in a way, not showing much confidence. With the score at 25 he was well caught in the slips, having obtained seven singles. Huddart and Cheetham took the score to 49, at which stage Cheetham was out to a splendid one-handed catch in the slips. Huddart soon followed, leaving 28 to his credit. Witn Daniel and Taylor disposed off for useful contributions. Thornham had five wickets down for 81. With the brothers E. and J. Tonge together, the brightest cricket of the afternoon was seen. They rattled up a further 64 runs in quick time and were undefeated when the Pendleton total was passed. J. Tonge had been the most aggressive, having seven fours in his 41. W. Sampson with four wickets for 36 runs was Pendleton's best bowler. Scores:

Pendleton.	
S. White run out	14
W. Sampson c E. Tonge b J. Lee	19
W. Grundy lbw b J. Lee	6
A. Lomas c J. Hunter b J. Lee	4
J. Lomas b J. Lee	56
G. Hassall c H. Taylor b J. Lee	8
F. Winstanley c J. Lee b J. Hunter	10
H. Peters b W. Daniel	0
J. Winstanley b H. Jones	9

F. Hampson st. A. Hoyle b J. Lee	1
W. McCann not out	1
Extras	9
Total	137

Thornham.

J. Cheetham c Peters b W. Sampson	16
H. Jones c Peters b J. Lomas	7
H. Huddart b W. Sampson	28
H. Taylor b W. Sampson	15
W. Daniel c Hassall b W. Sampson	12
E. Tonge not out	20
J. Tonge not out	41
Extras	6

Total (for five wickets) .. 145

Bowling analysis.—Pendleton.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
J. Lee	14.	8.	40.	6
H. Jones	2.	0.	5.	1
W. Daniel	2.	0.	17.	1
J. Hunter	7.	1.	17.	1
G. Hilton	9.	1.	34.	0

Thornham.

W. Sampson	8.	1.	26.	4
J. Lomas	13.	4.	37.	1
A. Lomas	7.	0.	35.	0
H. Peters	10.	6.	17.	0
G. Hassall	4.	0.	25.	0

THORNHAM SECOND v. PENDLETON SECOND.

Played at Pendleton on Saturday. Scores: Thornham: K. Nuttall c T. Storey, jun., b J. Thorpe 7, E. Butterworth c W. Perkins b A. Sallivan 8, J. Wall b J. Thorpe 14, H. Wheatley b J. Thorpe 9, H. Booth c J. Banes b J. Thorpe 14, H. Jacques b J. Thorpe 3, J. Smith c and b J. Thorpe 13, F. Burt c J. Banes b T. Storey, sen., 20, F. Thompson c J. Thorpe b T. Storey, sen., 8, H. Moss c T. Storey, jun., b J. Thorpe 2, E. Cottrill not out 0, extras 4, total 103. Pendleton: T. Storey, sen., c K. Nuttall b E. Cottrill 20, L. White b E. Cottrill 24, A. Sallivan not out 51, T. Storey, jun., not out 15, extras 3, total (for two wickets) 115. For Pendleton Second Thorpe took seven wickets for 49 runs, T. Storey, sen., two for 19, and Sallivan one for 17. For Thornham Second Cottrill took two wickets for 21 runs.

NORDEN v. BARTON HALL.

Played at Norden on Saturday. Scores:

Barton Hall.	
N. Hindley c W. Bonser b J. Simmonds	4
L. Sigworth b J. Fielding	0
H. Pallister c W. Bonser b J. Ashworth	13
J. Corwell c and b J. Simmonds	23
J. E. Evans c J. Fielding b J. Simmonds	33
A. Cousins c W. Bonser b J. Simmonds	1
H. Fielding b J. S. Stoney	0
W. Wightman b J. S. Stoney	0
W. Hodgkinson b J. S. Stoney	0
L. Briggs b J. S. Stoney	0
Johnson not out	0
Extras	14
Total	98

Norden: E. Abraham c Fielding b L. Sigworth 20, H. Leigh run out 21, J. Ashworth c Hodgkinson b R. Briggs 3, N. Taylor c Fielding b L. Sigworth 2, H. Crabtree c Fielding b L. Sigworth 8, W. J. Ellison not out 27, W. Bonser lbw b Hodgkinson 5, J. S. Stoney not out 3, Extras 14. Total (for six wickets) 103. For Norden Stoney took four wickets for 24 runs, Simmonds four for 30, Ashworth one for one, and Fielding one for 42.

NORDEN SECOND v. BARTON HALL SECOND.

Played at Peel Green on Saturday. Scores: Barton Hall: L. Smith c J. Arnold b H. Houghton 7, H. Dornhoe b H. Houghton 16, F. Dewhurst c G. Ashworth b H. Evans c Houghton b G. Ashworth 4, J. Allan not out 24, E. Kilbride c J. Arnold 8, H. Houghton 5, E. Wild c J. Arnold 6, A. Regan run out 10, R. Williams b C. Whitworth 8, J. Herald c G. Ashworth b F. W. Hodgson 3, H. Peters lbw b T. W. Hodgson 1, extras total 83. Norden: H. Turner c Donohue b H. Evans 7, Woolfenden lbw b H. Evans 6, H. Houghton b J. Peters 7, F. Schofield c H. Evans b H. Peters 1, J. Arnold c J. Herald b H. Evans 1, T. W. Hodgson b H. Peters 4, G. Ashworth not out 17, L. Wild man lbw b F. Dewhurst 12, C. Whitworth c Donohue b L. Smith 7, H. Lord c and b L. Smith 0, Heys not out 9, extras 8, total (for nine wickets) 98. For Norden Second Ashworth took three wickets for 18 runs, Houghton three for 27, Hodgson two for 11, and Whitworth one for 21. For Barton Hall Second Evans took three for 18, Peters three for 23, Smith two for 16, and Dewhurst one for 1.

COLTS' POOR START AT BLACKBURN.

DURHAM BOWLERS HARD TO PLAY.

By "THE CAPTAIN."

Lancashire 2nd made a poor start to their two-days match with Durham at Blackburn to-day, losing six wickets for 113 before lunch was taken. Wickets fell cheaply at the start, but Farrimond and Phillipson made a stand after the early disasters.

First, Hawkwood left, Wilson accepting a chance at the wicket off Gibbon with the score at 25. Hawkwood's share was 22, of which 16 were scored from boundaries. Greenhalgh followed him to the pavilion with the score unchanged, and then Bennett was beaten all ends up by a ball from Howell which just took his balls. This was at 33.

Fifteen runs later, T A Higson, a left-hander, was bowled by Gibbon, and fifth out was Griffiths with the total at 64. Such a start was most unusual for Lancashire 2nd.

The Durham bowling did not allow many liberties, although the runs that were scored came at a pretty brisk rate. After 19 minutes, 24 were on the board, and this score was increased to 48 after three-quarters of an hour. At the end of 60 minutes, the total had reached 64, and just when things began to look a little brighter for the Red Rose county Nutter, who had been batting 45 minutes for 12, was lbw under the new rule to Gibbon.

With Farrimond and Phillipson together, the Lancashire score assumed rather better proportions, and the pair took the total past the century mark after 98 minutes' batting. Several bowling changes were made but both batsmen offered a stolid front, and would not be tempted. When Ellis, a former member of the Lancashire ground staff, relieved Gibbon, he appealed unsuccessfully against Phillipson for lbw with his first delivery. Gibbon, by the way, had taken four wickets for 31 at this point. The luncheon interval was taken with the score 113 for six, Farrimond being not out 22, and Phillipson not out 15.

Pegged Down.

On the resumption, the bowlers kept the batsmen pegged down, but Phillipson became aggressive at times, and in successive overs took 4 off Latchford and hit Ellis for a 6 to the square-leg boundary. The ball from the latter stroke bounced full-pitch on to a bench, and finished in West Park-road. On the whole, however, runs came only at a moderate rate, mostly from singles.

The spectators became restless, at times, at the slowness of the game. Both batsmen, however, were playing the correct type of cricket, and were enabling the Lancashire side to make a fine recovery.

LANCASHIRE 2nd.—First innings.	
Hawkwood c Wilson b Gibbon	22
Greenhalgh c Wilson b Howell	2
Nutter lbw (n) b Gibbon	12
Bennett b Howell	4
T A Higson, jun. b Gibbon	12
K Griffiths lbw b Gibbon	9
Farrimond not out	27
Phillipson not out	35
Extras	15

Total (6 wkts)148

DURHAM STRUGGLING

FOLLOW-ON AT BLACKBURN.

QUICK WICKETS FOR THE COLTS.

By "THE CAPTAIN."

Durham had their backs to the wall when the second and final day's play in the minor counties match with Lancashire 2nd began at Blackburn this morning. After losing four wickets last night for 85, they needed 135 to-day to save the follow-on, and resuming the innings with C. L. Adamson (30) and Latchford (4) they received an early shock. Latchford was bowled neck and crop by Nutter with only 4 added. Thus, with five wickets down for 89, Durham were in much the same position as the Red Rose county were after the same length of time at the wicket yesterday. The Lancashire attack was always full of fire, but O. L. Adamson and M. M. Walford had opened the Durham innings confidently last night, and only a brilliant catch by Hawkwood in the slips sent Walford back. Adamson, however, continued to be a thorn in the Lancashire side, and while wickets fell fast this morning, he never gave the semblance of a chance, offering a bold front to everything. There was no big stand in this innings, and while Ellis, the last man in, scored 16, his runs came mostly from snicks over slip's head. At 12.5, the Durham innings ended, 172 runs in arrears which necessitated a follow-on.

Parkinson bowled well, and it is interesting to note that in each of his two spells he took a wicket with his first ball.

Walford Twice Unlucky.

Adamson and Walford opened the Durham innings, and again a brilliant catch dismissed Walford. In attempting a square cut he failed to get over the ball sufficiently and Bennett at backward point accepted the chance with his left hand. Durham's second wicket fell at 36, when Adamson nicked one from Parkinson into Nutter's hands at slip, and two more dropped before lunch with the total at 73.

Latchford's 50.

Play had been in progress 10 minutes after the lunch interval when Latchford square cut Bennett for 4 for his individual 50 after 70 minutes. His partner was G Hickman, who plays outside right for Blythe Spartans. Twenty runs had been added in as many minutes when Bennett held a catch in the slips inches off the ground to send Latchford back to the pavilion, with the former Lancashire player's score increased by one. Latchford's score included six 4's.

The sixth wicket dropped at 102 with the dismissal of Elsdon. Never comfortable, Elsdon was in the wars, too, and after pulling a ball from Phillipson into his face, was hit twice on the body. Fortunately he was not hurt.

LANCASHIRE 2nd.—First Innings 319
(Farrimond 133, Phillipson 96).

DURHAM.—First innings.

C L Adamson not out	47
M M Walford c Hawkwood b Phillipson	14
S Hickman lbw (n) b Parkinson	2
Gibbon lbw (n) b Nutter	15
Carr c Nutter b Bennett	9
Latchford b Nutter	7

Elsdon c Elliott b Nutter	8
Howell c Nutter b Parkinson	2
T K Dobson c Bennett b Parkinson	12
L Wilson b Phillipson	4
Ellis c Nutter b Phillipson	16
Extras	11
Total	147

DURHAM.—Second innings.

C L Adamson c Nutter b Parkinson	9
M M Walford c Bennett b Nutter	5
Latchford c Bennett b Phillipson	61
Gibbon b Phillipson	10
Carr c Nutter b Phillipson	7
G Hickman not out	21
A Elsdon c and b Bennett	0
T K Dobson not out	4
Extras	5

Total (6 wkts)112

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Durham.—1st inn.: Phillipson, 16-5-3-40-3; Nutter, 18-4-49-3; Greenhalgh, 2-0-3-0; Parkinson, 10-2-18-3; Bennett, 4-0-26-1.

LANCASHIRE II. MAKE GOOD START

FARRIMOND AND PHILLIPSON SCORE FREELY

A great seventh wicket stand of 231 in 3½ hours by Farrimond, the Test match wicket-keeper, and Phillipson, retrieved a bad start by Lancashire II. against Durham, at Blackburn, and left the end of the first day's play. Coming together when 6 wickets had fallen for 78, they soon mastered the bowling, which had earlier looked dangerous.

After lunch they both hit powerfully, especially on the leg side, and when Farrimond left to a catch at cover he had made 133 in 3½ hours, having hit fourteen 4's and a 5 in his own inimitable style. His second 50 occupied only 55 minutes. Some more quick runs until Phillipson fell to a skier enabled Butterworth to declare at 319 for 9, after 4 hours 40 minutes. Phillipson displayed a variety of strokes, with a preference for the pull, and hit a 6 and ten 4's in his 3 hours 25 minutes at the wicket.

Apart from these two batsmen, however, the rest of the Lancashire men, despite the good rate of scoring, appeared troubled by Durham's pace bowlers, especially in the first hour or so, when Gibbon captured 4 wickets for 22 runs. This bowler did not take another wicket, and at the close of the innings had sacrificed 52 runs. The Lancashire captain's policy to capture a few Durham wickets cheaply before the close was partially successful, though the visitors' closing score of 85 for 4 represented a better start than Lancashire had made. Scores:—

1st Inn.		LANCASHIRE II.		2nd Inn.	
Hawkwood, c Wilson	22	Farrimond, c Gibbon	133	b Carr	58
b Gibbon	22	Phillipson, c Dobson	96	b Ellis	2
Greenhalgh, c Wilson	2	Nutter, lbw (n) b	7	Gibbon	12
b Howell	2	Gibbon	12	b Ellis	7
Nutter, lbw (n) b	4	Bennett, b Howell	4	H R W Butterworth	0
Gibbon	12	T A Higson, jun., b	0	Extras	20
Bennett, b Howell	4	K Griffiths, lbw b	12	Total (9 wkts)	319
T A Higson, jun., b	12	Gibbon	9	*Innings declared.	
K Griffiths, lbw b	9	Farrimond, c Gibbon b	133		
Gibbon	12	Ellis	96		
Farrimond, c Gibbon b	133	Parkinson, c Latchford	7		
Ellis	96	b Ellis	7		
Parkinson, c Latchford	7	H R W Butterworth	0		
b Ellis	7	Extras	22		
H R W Butterworth	0	Total (9 wkts)	319		
not out	0				
Extras	22				
Total (9 wkts)	319				

1st Inn.		DURHAM.		2nd Inn.	
M M Walford, c Hawkwood	14	c L Adamson, not out	30	G Hickman, lbw (n) b	2
b Phillipson	14	Parkinson	2	Gibbon, lbw (n) b	15
c L Adamson, not out	30	Nutter	9	Carr, c Nutter b Bennett	9
G Hickman, lbw (n) b	2	Latchford, not out	4	Extras	11
Parkinson	2	Total (4 wkts)	85		
Gibbon, lbw (n) b	15				
Nutter	9				
Carr, c Nutter b Bennett	9				
Latchford, not out	4				
Extras	11				
Total (4 wkts)	85				

BOWLING ANALYSIS
Lancashire II.—1st Inn.: Latchford 0 for 24, Gibbon 4 for 52, Carr 1 for 58, Ellis 2 for 57, Ebdon A 0 for 26, Howell 2 for 80.

LANCASHIRE II. GAIN FULL POINTS

PHILLIPSON'S FINE BOWLING

Splendid bowling by Phillipson, who captured 7 wickets for 50 in the second innings, enabled Lancashire II. to bring off a victory over Durham yesterday by an innings and 5 runs at Blackburn. Losing their remaining 6 first innings wickets for 62 in little over an hour, Durham were all out for 147 and followed on 172 behind. Adamson carried his bat through the first innings for 47 but he could find no one to stay with him. Despite some bright batting by Latchford and then Hickman, Durham just failed to save the innings defeat. Latchford made his 51 in 77 minutes and he hit six 4's, while Hickman was in only 70 minutes, having a 6 and four 4's. Durham's second innings of 167 lasted 2 hours 25 minutes.

It was a profitable match for Phillipson. Following his 96 the previous day he took 3 wickets in the first innings for 40. He appeared to work up even greater pace in the second venture and each batsman had difficulty in timing him. He thus had 10 victims in the match for 90 runs, 4 of them being bowled. In the first innings, Parkinson had the best return and took wickets with the first ball of each of his two spells. Nutter, like Phillipson, was an accurate spin bowler and also held several difficult catches. Scores:

LANCASHIRE II.—First Innings.	
Hawkwood, c Wilson	22
b Gibbon	22
Greenhalgh, c Wilson	2
b Howell	2
Nutter, lbw (n) b	4
Gibbon	12
Bennett, b Howell	4
T A Higson, jun., b	12
K Griffiths, lbw b	9
Gibbon	9
Total (9 wkts) 319	

1st Inn.		DURHAM.		2nd Inn.	
M M Walford, c Hawkwood	14	c Bennett b Nutter	5	c L Adamson, not out	30
b Phillipson	14	c Nutter b Parkinson	9	G Hickman, lbw (n) b	2
c L Adamson, not out	30	Parkinson	2	Gibbon, lbw (n) b	15
G Hickman, lbw (n) b	2	Nutter	9	Carr, c Nutter b Bennett	9
Parkinson	2	Latchford, b Nutter	7	Extras	11
Gibbon, lbw (n) b	15	A E Ebdon, c Elliott	0	b Nutter	8
Nutter	9	b Nutter	0	Howell, c Nutter b	2
Carr, c Nutter b Bennett	9	Parkinson	2	Parkinson	2
Latchford, b Nutter	7	T K Dobson, c Bennett	12	b Phillipson	13
A E Ebdon, c Elliott	0	b Parkinson	4	c Nutter b Phillipson	4
b Nutter	8	L Wilson, b Phillipson	4	not out	10
Howell, c Nutter b	2	Ellis, c Nutter b Phillipson	16	Extras	7
Parkinson	2	Extras	11	Total	147
T K Dobson, c Bennett	12	Total	147	Total	167
b Parkinson	4				
L Wilson, b Phillipson	4				
Ellis, c Nutter b Phillipson	16				
Extras	11				
Total	147				

BOWLING ANALYSIS
Lancashire II.—1st Inn.: Latchford 0 for 24, Gibbon 4 for 52, Carr 1 for 58, Ellis 2 for 57, Ebdon A 0 for 26, Howell 2 for 80.
Durham.—1st Inn.: Phillipson 3 for 40, Nutter 3 for 49, Greenhalgh 0 for 3, Parkinson 3 for 18, Bennett 1 for 26. 2nd Inn.: Phillipson 7 for 50, Nutter 1 for 18, Greenhalgh 0 for 16.

DURHAM BEATEN BY AN INNINGS

LANCASHIRE 2nd IN FORM AT BLACKBURN

GREAT SEVENTH WICKET PARTNERSHIP

Unlike last year, Blackburn's Minor Counties Championship match this week was favoured by good weather, but Lancashire 2nd proved to be so superior to Durham that the match was over an hour and a quarter after lunch on Thursday, just when the bulk of the crowd was expected. But the game provided some interesting cricket, even if Lancashire gained an easy victory by an innings and five runs, and there were several individual feats of merit.

Lancashire fielded an exceptionally strong side, including a Test player and several of the younger men of their staff who have had good performances with the senior eleven this season. Yet there was a period early in the game on Wednesday when they seemed to be in for trouble. After a bright start they lost two wickets at 25, and six men were out for 79. Then came a stand by Farrimond, who played in the Test at Lord's this season, and Phillipson, which must rank as something of a record for the seventh wicket. They carried the score to 310—a partnership of 231 in three and a quarter hours—before Farrimond was out for 133. He hit 14 fours and a five in his inimitable fashion, which is ungainly but effective; while Phillipson, who just missed his century, had a six and ten fours. Butterworth, the Lancashire captain, declared at 319 for nine, leaving Durham with an hour and a half's batting, and his hope of capturing a few quick wickets before the close was successful, four falling for 85.

Durham's remaining six men fell in a little over an hour on Thursday morning, with the total at 147, and they had to follow on with still a big deficit, despite a heroic innings by Adamson, who carried his bat through the innings. Any hopes they had of saving the innings defeat was dashed by some fine bowling by Phillipson, and though Latchford, who once acted as deputy pro. for East Lancashire, and Hickman brightened the proceedings they were all out again for 167. Phillipson, who must be one of the most promising colts on Lancashire's staff, had a good match with ten wickets for 90 runs, in addition to his 86. The gate receipts were £28 16s. Scores:—

LANCASHIRE II.		2nd Inns.
1st Inns.		
Hawkwood, c Wilson		
b Gibbon	22	
Greenhalgh, c Wilson		
b Howell	2	
Nutter, lbw (n) b		
Gibbon	12	
Bennett, b Howell	4	
T. A. Higson, Junr.		
b Gibbon	12	
K. Griffiths, lbw b		
Gibbon	9	
Farrimond, c Gibbon		
b Carr	133	
Phillipson, c Dobson		
b Ellis	86	
Parkinson, c Latchford		
b Ellis	7	
H. R. W. Butterworth, not out	0	
Extras	22	
Total (Swkts., dec.)	319	

DURHAM.		2nd Inns.
1st Inns.		
C. L. Adamson, not out	47	c Nutter b P'kins'n 9
M. M. Walford, c Hawkwood		b Phillipson
b Phillipson	14	c Bennett b Nutter 5
G. Hickman, lbw (n) b		P'kins'n 50
Parkinson	2	c Farrimond b Phillipson
Gibbon, lbw (n) b		Nutter 10
Nutter	15	b Phillipson
Carr, c Nutter		b
Bennett	9	c Nutter b P'kins'n 7
Latchford, b Nutter	7	c Bennett b P'kins'n 51
A. Eldon, c Elliott		b
b Nutter	8	c and b Bennett ... 6.
Howell, c Nutter		b
Parkinson	2	b Phillipson
T. K. Dobson, c Bennett		b Phillipson
b Parkinson	12	b Phillipson
L. Wilson, b Phillipson		c Nutter b P'kins'n 4
Ellis, c Nutter		b
Phillipson	16	not out
Extras	11	Extras
Total	147	Total

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

For Durham: Howell, 22-4-80-2; Latchford, 10-3-24-0; Gibbon, 17-1-52-4; Carr, 19-3-58-1; Ellis, 29-2-6-57-2; A. Eldon, 7-0-26-0.
 For Lancashire 2nd, 1st innings: Phillipson, 16-5-3-40-3; Nutter, 16-4-49-3; Greenhalgh, 5-0-3-0; Parkinson, 10-2-13-3; Bennett, 4-0-26-1. 2nd innings: Phillipson, 21-5-6-50-7; Nutter, 7-3-18-1; Greenhalgh, 4-0-16-0; Parkinson, 6-0-15-1; Bennett, 12-0-60-1; H. R. W. Butterworth, 1-0-1-0.

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

BLACKBURN CLUB STILL IN THE RUNNING

Though rain interfered with Saturday's programme in the Lancashire League, causing the abandonment of three games, the results in one case at least provided a sensation—the defeat of Ramsbottom by Lowerhouse, which makes the fight for the championship a neck-and-neck struggle between Ramsbottom, Todmorden, Nelson and East Lancashire.

In the Ribblesdale League, Leyland made certain of the championship, their fourth cup-winning success since 1921.

EAST LANCASHIRE'S CHANCE.

Though they are still the worst placed of the four leading clubs, East Lancashire have even yet an outside chance of the Lancashire League championship. While their match with Rawtenstall on the Meadows, on Saturday, was spoiled by rain, and left as a draw, Ramsbottom, the leaders, were surprisingly beaten by one run, and Todmorden, who scored a good victory, drew level with them, while Nelson were rained off when in a bad position. With away games against two of their rivals, Nelson and Ramsbottom, to-day and next Saturday, East Lancashire have the opportunity to gain on them, but much depends on Todmorden, who have recently come into their best form.

It is difficult to say whether or not Saturday's rain robbed East Lancashire of a valuable point. True, their bowling had been played with the utmost confidence, but Rawtenstall's declaration at 171 for four, late as it was, still left 95 minutes, which, to a quick-scoring side, remembering the Bacup match, was not unreasonable in view of the disadvantage to the bowlers of a wet ball and slippery outfield. East Lancashire, however, were not given the chance even to start their reply, for rain, which had already caused three stoppages, came on again at about 5-10—just at Rawtenstall's declaration—and only stopped at 6-20, when the game was called off.

Though curtailed to 112 minutes, the play was certainly bright, for in that time the Rawtenstall batsmen took full toll of the East Lancashire bowling, and had it not been for interruptions amounting to 90 minutes, it is likely that their total would have been the largest of the season against the Blackburn club. One had the satisfaction of seeing a polished innings by Place, whose undefeated 83 was the highest individual score against East Lancashire this season, and his second half-century against them within six weeks. He gave a display of off-driving seldom seen from an amateur batsman, and altogether hit ten fours. With Slater, he put on 55 for the first wicket, in 35 minutes. After the third interruption Place and Middleton added 57 at the rate of two runs a minute, and after the latter's dismissal the quick scoring was kept up by Cowell, a left-hander, who hit Merritt for four fours in one over. The visitors' batting was anything but safety-first tactics, even if the declaration was held by many to be too late.

Merritt has never before this season had such a profitless afternoon, sacrificing 73 runs without taking a wicket. He was obviously handicapped by the conditions, which were all in favour of the batsmen, and appeared unlucky to have a confident appeal for leg-before against Slater ignored. On the other hand, Campbell, with three victims for 35, had his best return of the season.

To-day match at Nelson is now invested with extra interest, but a defeat for East Lancashire will practically mean the end of their championship aspirations.

RISHTON BOWLER'S SUCCESSFUL RETURN.

The weather ruined what should have proved one of Rishton's attractive matches on Saturday. Their opponents were Church, from the next township, but local rivalry was conspicuous by its absence. The gate receipts, £10 17s. 9d., were about the lowest of the season, and the duration of the game was cut short by torrential rain.

What was lacking in numbers was made up in enthusiasm, for when the rain had ceased

the fact that water stood in pools on the ground did not damp the ardour of the local men. They set about with forks and brushes and were making quite a presentable job of it when rain came on again about 5-30, to wash the game out completely.

Play was continued for about 70 minutes, and in this period Church did very well. Church were batting and had lost six wickets for 68 when play ceased. Brown was bowled by Tobin with the last ball of his first over; after Whittaker had been given a "life" behind the wickets of the second ball of the match. Then Percy Nixon dismissed Duckett before he had scored, Church having two wickets down for two runs. Whittaker, however, played confidently, and contrived things so well that when he was third out at 26 he claimed 23. J. Haworth, son of a veteran cricketer, was the only remaining batsman to do anything with the bowling. He was unbeaten when the rain came.

Clarence Ayres made his presence felt on his return to the first team, and obtained three wickets for 16 in five overs. Five of the Church batsmen were clean bowled. The only catch was shared between Newstead and McIntosh, when Savage attempted a cut from Ayres and Newstead knocked the ball up for McIntosh to hold it.

DARWEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP SUCCESSORS.

Leyland succeed Darwen as the champions of the Ribblesdale League. The new title holders made definitely sure on Saturday, when they beat Darwen in a match set apart for the benefit of Sam Goodman.

On a rain-affected pitch—the start was delayed 50 minutes, and there was a further break—Darwen batsmen fared badly, except Garner, who claimed 22 of the first 31 runs. Such a beggarly total as 75 was altogether inadequate, and in 18 overs Leyland had won the match with eight wickets in hand. P. G. Vause was in a destructive bowling mood and obtained five wickets for 11 runs, six of his nine overs being maidens. T. Gregory, playing in his second senior match, was the only Darwen bowler to meet with any success.

RAILWAY CLERKS AS LEAGUE LEADERS

By virtue of their five-wickets victory over Whittle on Saturday the Clerks assumed command at the head of the Chorley Amateur League for the first time this season. The Blackburn side's progress since May 18, when they occupied the bottom position with only one point gained from four matches, has been phenomenal. Since this date eleven matches have been played and ten won, the only reverse being at Brinscall, when the home team excelled themselves.

In the match at Longshaw on Saturday, rain which twice drove the players off the field threatened to rob the Clerks of two valuable points. Whittle were dismissed for 62, and the Clerks lost five men for 49, but J. Wrigley (not out 20) and J. Smalley (not out 9) won the match without further loss. The opening batsmen also played their parts well against some excellent bowling, only 10 runs being obtainable from the first 10 overs sent down by the Whittle attack. For the Clerks, F. Knowles (three for 21) and D. Dougherty (seven for 35) bowled unchanged.

At Whittle the Clerks 2nd disposed of the home side for 69 and had made eight in reply for the loss of two wickets when the match had to be abandoned owing to rain, each side claiming one point. J. Riley (Clerks), with four wickets for 12 runs, returned the best bowling figures for the match.

To-day the Clerks visit Bamber Bridge, whom they lead by one point, and the result will have a big bearing on the championship question. At Longshaw Park the Clerks 2nd meet Feniscowles, who were practically assured of the Second Division shield.

ST. JAMES' SCORE FREELY.

Blackburn St. James' away fixture with Darwen 2nd was spoiled by rain on Saturday. In one hour and twenty minutes' actual play, St. James', having won the toss, scored 126 for the loss of three wickets. The light was very bad when the game started, and the expected rain caused an interruption after 25 minutes, the score being seven for one, S. A. Gillis having been run out. After a wait of an hour and a half the match was resumed, and J. C. Barnes (8) and A. C. Eatough raised the score to 31 before the former was well caught in the slips. Two runs later a lovely ball from J. Preston sent back Eatough, who had collected 21 in his best style. The Darwen bowlers were, of course, handicapped by the wet ball, and H. Haydock and G. Wightman, who now became associated, took such heavy toll of the bowling that in the next 40 minutes they hit up 93 runs. Haydock's 42 not out contained seven boundaries; he drove along the ground and placed the ball carefully. Wightman

had ten fours in his 47 not out, and hit prodigiously to all parts of the ground, easily clearing the ring on three occasions. Heavy rain, however, put an end to these fireworks, and stumps were drawn at 5-30.

To-day the first eleven are away again at Clitheroe, and Altham Colliery are attractive visitors to Pleckgate in a North-East Lancashire League game.

KEEN STRUGGLE FOR SUPREMACY.

The Ribblesdale League's policy in granting three points for a win as an inducement to brighter cricket carries with it, of course, the disadvantage of the possibility of intensifying the element of luck in the game, and such is certainly an undesirable feature in games in which weather interference causes delay.

Cherry Tree were victims of such circumstance on Saturday when their concluding home fixture with Clitheroe 2nd had to be abandoned after they had put themselves in a strong position.

There were interruptions through rain soon after the game began, but after two brief stoppages Cherry Tree were able to resume their innings, and good progress was made by H. Dickinson and N. Porter, who put on 60 for the first wicket, when the last-named was run out for 20. F. Bolton, who followed, quickly settled down to accelerate the already quick scoring rate with a fierce innings of 39, which included eight boundary hits, and Cherry Tree's total stood at 133 when he left. Dickinson meanwhile had credited himself with 65, which contained 11 boundaries, before being one of three further quick dismissals in the effort to meet Cherry Tree's need for rapid scoring with a view to forcing a win in face of the prospect of further weather interruption. The rain soon came on again, however, with the total standing at 141 for five wickets, and with the ground too hard and parched to drain away surface pools, resulting from more than an hour's downfall, insufficient time remained to permit reasonable prospect of a decisive finish, and the game was thus abandoned.

Cherry Tree's outstanding games now comprise two away fixtures, and with their three-points lead a victory at Saddington will leave Read 2nd, their closest challengers, with, at best, no more than a prospect of a tie for top place.

TEAMS FOR TO-DAY.

East Lancashire (v. Nelson, away): C. R. Davies, I. M. McLachlan, J. Chadwick, A. F. Green, P. S. Kennison, N. B. Smith, J. H. Chadwick, V. Winsor, O. Pemberton, R. W. Campbell and Merritt.

East Lancashire 2nd (v. Rawtenstall 2nd, home): H. Green, R. Carmichael, A. C. Graham, G. P. Nightingale, L. Bibby, H. Chambers, F. Taylor, W. Green, E. Dobson, H. Harwood and R. Paul.

East Lancashire "A" (v. Salesbury, away): H. Rydings, W. E. T. Walsh, R. G. F. Hargreaves, J. E. Sagar, A. Moran, L. Wilson, C. Bristol, G. Baron, F. McGarry, J. Stirrup and R. Harwood.

Rishton (v. Church, at Church): J. Marsden, P. Nixon, S. Stapleton, A. Ramsbottom, R. Newstead, A. McIntosh, J. Smith, J. Nixon, T. Wall, C. Ayres and Tobin.

Rishton 2nd (v. Church 2nd, at Rishton): P. Godley, E. Hacking, D. Whittaker, G. Balderstone, J. Taylor, M. Mitchell, W. H. Haworth, D. Eccles, M. Butler, L. Whittaker and A. Law.

Darwen (v. Leyland Motors, at Darwen): J. Watson (captain), L. Garner, O. Ashton, H. Crook, M. Gill, T. Gregory, H. Harwood, J. C. Holden, N. Lees, R. Magsjen and Hargreaves.

Darwen "A" (v. Waddington, at Waddington): A. Turner (captain), C. Ashton, T. H. Bishop, N. Crouch, F. Davis, W. Doidge, D. Lees, J. Preston, W. Riches, G. Verity and H. Walsh.

Blackburn Railway Clerks (v. Bamber Bridge, at Bamber Bridge): J. Smalley (captain), R. Barrett, R. Smith, A. Houldsworth, R. Booth, W. Rishton, H. Knowles, F. Knowles, J. Wrigley, D. Dougherty and W. P. Kelly.

Railway Clerks 2nd (v. Feniscowles, at Longshaw Park): R. Eddleston (captain), J. Rydeheard, W. Sharples, R. Hedley, J. Bolton, A. Carter, L. Hawkins, J. Riley, J. Hartley, N. Smalley and A. C. Phillips.

Cherry Tree (v. Saddington, at Saddington): H. Dickinson, T. Harrison, A. Little, F. Bolton, F. Hanson, S. Sinfield, J. Lomas, W. B. Pudner, J. Walmsley, A. P. Field and H. Sharples.

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS. Rawtenstall, 171 for 4wks. (dec.); v. xEast Lancashire. Church, 66 for 6wks.; v. xRishton. xAccrington, 159 for 1wkt. (dec.); Nelson, 24 for 2wks. Lowerhouse, 107; xRamsbottom, 106. Todmorden, 197 for 5wks. (dec.); xBurnley, 51. Enfield, 129; xColne, 131 for 6wks. Bacup, 224 for 6wks. (dec.); xHallingden, 151 for 5wks.

LEAGUE TABLE.

Table with 5 columns: Team, P, W, D, L, Pts. Ramsbottom 23 12 3 8 32. Todmorden 23 12 8 3 32. Nelson 23 10 11 2 31. East Lancashire 23 12 6 5 30. Hallingden 23 8 13 2 29. Bacup 23 8 10 5 25. Rawtenstall 23 8 9 6 25. Colne 23 8 6 9 22. Lowerhouse 23 6 10 7 22. Accrington 23 5 11 7 21. Rishton 23 5 6 12 16. Burnley 23 4 6 13 14. Church 23 4 5 14 13. Enfield 23 3 3 17 9.

EAST LANCASHIRE v. RAWTENSTALL.

At the Alexandra Meadows, on Saturday. Rain stopped play. Scores: RAWTENSTALL, Slater, c Merritt b Campbell 28. W. Place, not out 83. R. Hitch, c Merritt b Campbell 33. J. Middleton, b Pemberton 27. W. Cowell, b Campbell 22. R. C. Howarth, not out 2. Extras 8.

Total (6wks., dec.) 171

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

For East Lancashire: G. Pemberton, 9-0-31-1; Merritt, 14-0-75-0; R. W. Campbell, 12-0-35-3; J. H. Chadwick, 7-0-24-0.

EAST LANCASHIRE LEAGUE AVERAGES.

Table with 5 columns: Name, Inns, out, score, runs, Avg. Merritt 18 4 106 554 39.57. Dr. McLachlan 11 6 40 191 32.20. J. Chadwick 18 2 83 587 35.11. G. H. Davies 19 2 8 43 24.33. A. F. Green 13 1 91 490 35.60. N. B. Smith 12 2 53 201 20.10. A. Alston 5 2 18 47 15.66. J. Turnbull 9 1 61 124 15.50. R. W. Campbell 6 0 48 86 14.33. J. H. Chadwick 10 1 19 81 10.11. L. Bibby 6 2 20 81 7.33. B. Dykes 6 2 17 20 6.00. A. H. Williams 5 2 1 2 0.55.

BOWLING.

Table with 5 columns: Name, O, M, R, W, Avg. Merritt 35 2 1512 109 12.05. N. B. Smith 22 3 13 17 14.23. A. Alston 20 1 71 4 17.75. B. Dykes 109 1 29 11 19.05. J. H. Chadwick 41 4 142 6 23.66. R. W. Campbell 53 7 157 7 23.85. A. H. Williams 20 15 217 9 24.11. G. Pemberton 42 8 130 4 32.50.

RISHTON v. CHURCH.

Played at Rishton, on Saturday. Scores: CHURCH, F. Whittaker, b Tobin 23. Brown, b Tobin 0. S. Duckett, b P. Nixon 0. J. Haworth, not out 24. R. Savage, c McIntosh b Ayres 2. W. I. Smart, b Ayres 2. G. Bray, b Ayres 3. Extras 5.

Total (6wks.) 66

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

For Rishton: Tobin, 9-2-23-2; P. Nixon, 10-4-16-1; C. Ayres, 6-1-15-3.

RISHTON LEAGUE AVERAGES.

Table with 5 columns: Name, Inns, out, score, runs, Avg. Tobin 15 0 57 333 23.53. P. Nixon 21 2 60 408 21.47. J. Marsden 19 4 45 264 17.60. A. Newstead 20 4 38 259 15.12. B. Stapleton 15 0 40 269 14.94. S. Smith 7 0 26 90 12.86. T. Wall 13 0 74 95 10.55. D. Whittaker 11 2 52 88 8.80. A. McIntosh 10 1 15 71 7.83. J. Nixon 10 3 19 48 6.65. J. W. Sunderland 9 3 20 40 6.66. G. Balderstone 5 0 15 25 6.09. F. Hacking 10 2 10 34 4.28.

BOWLING.

Table with 5 columns: Name, O, M, R, W, Avg. P. Nixon 232 2 54 39 16.51. Tobin 202 4 37 37 17.10. T. Wall 50 9 160 8 20.00. J. Sunderland 154 17 525 25 20.23. A. Ramsbottom 141 3 13 473 19 24.89.

RIBBLESDALE LEAGUE.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS. Leyland, 80 for 2wks.; Darwen, 75. Clitheroe, 178 for 3wks. (dec.); Blackpool, 124 for 7wks. St. Annes, 167; Chorley, 135. Lancaster, 47 for 2wks.; v. Whalley. Barnoldswick, 83 for 7wks.; v. Leyland M.

LEAGUE TABLE.

Table with 5 columns: Team, P, W, D, L, Pts. Leyland 19 14 3 2 45. Clitheroe 19 12 4 3 40. Barnoldswick 19 8 6 5 30. Chorley 20 8 2 10 28. Read 20 8 5 7 25. Whalley 19 7 7 5 28. Lancaster 20 7 3 10 26. Blackpool 20 7 3 10 26. Darwen 19 6 4 9 22. St. Annes 19 5 4 10 18. Leyland Motors 19 4 6 9 18. Ribblesdale Wsld. 20 5 2 13 17.

LEYLAND v. DARWEN.

At Leyland, on Saturday. Scores: DARWEN, L. Garner, c Metcalfe b Goodman 22. N. Lees, c Metcalfe b Goodman 5. Hargreaves, b Taylor 1. J. C. Holden, c Lord b Vause 8. H. Marsden, lbw b Goodman 5. H. Crook, b Vause 1. G. Gill, b Vause 8. J. Watson, c Iddon b Vause 0. W. Doldge, c Iddon b Vause 5. O. Ashton, not out 5. T. Gregory, b Metcalf 2. Extras 8.

Total 75

LEYLAND.

C. A. Robinson, not out 27. S. J. Metcalf, b Gregory 6. Goodman, c Hargreaves b Gregory 15. P. Iddon, not out 29. Extras 2. Total 80.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

For Leyland: Goodman, 12-4-22-3; R. Taylor, 6-1-20-1; P. O. Vause, 9-6-11-3; S. J. Metcalf, 5-5-14-1.

For Darwen: Hargreaves, 6-2-16-0; T. Gregory, 9-0-45-2; J. Watson, 3-0-17-0.

DARWEN LEAGUE AVERAGES.

Table with 5 columns: Name, Inns, out, score, runs, Avg. M. Gill 17 5 65 238 24.83. Hargreaves 15 1 115 371 24.60. H. Harwood 15 3 58 254 21.16. L. Garner 16 0 103 320 20.00. J. C. Holden 13 1 53 215 17.91. H. Shipperbottom 14 0 65 247 17.63. R. Marsden 12 0 21 79 13.25. N. Lees 13 1 23 195 8.75. J. Watson 8 1 19 50 6.25. O. Ashton 7 0 21 60 7.14. N. Crouch 6 3 5 17 5.66. H. Round 6 1 5 13 2.60.

BOWLING.

Table with 5 columns: Name, O, M, R, W, Avg. Hargreaves 308 4 75 777 63 12.33. J. Holden 45 12 122 9 13.53. J. Watson 28 1 9 323 22 14.68. N. Crouch 55 3 9 167 8 20.88. J. C. Holden 7 10 241 10 24.10. M. Gill 57 7 187 5 37.4.

LANCASHIRE JUNIOR LEAGUE.

RAWTENSTALL 2nd v. EAST LANCASHIRE 2nd.

At Rawtenstall, on Saturday. Scores: RAWTENSTALL 2nd.-O. Hargreaves, c and b Paul, 0; J. E. Downes, hit wkt b W. Green, 31; W. Hickson, st Bibby b Dobson, 19; B. Longworth, b Carmichael, 44; J. Cartwright, c Lavery b Carmichael, 26; F. Cragg, b Harwood, 2; H. Hannah, c Graham b W. Green, 28; A. Tweedale, c H. Green, b W. Green, 12; W. Hoyle, b Harwood, 1; B. Whittle, not out, 3; G. H. Holt, b W. Green, 1; extras, 11; total, 173.

EAST LANCASHIRE 2nd.-F. Taylor, c Hargreaves b Cragg, 42; L. Bibby, c Cragg b Hickson, 32; R. Carmichael, run out, 7; A. C. Graham, b Cragg, 15; G. T. Lavery, c Hargreaves b Hannah, 7; H. Chambers, lbw b Hannah, 2; H. Green, b Cragg, 14; E. Dobson, b Cragg, 25; H. Harwood, not out, 3; R. Paul, not out, 1; extras, 18; total (6wks.), 163.

BOWLING.-For East Lancashire 2nd: R. Paul, 1-4-27-1; E. Dobson, 10-1-38-1; G. Carmichael, 10-0-39-2; W. Green, 8-3-1-31-4; H. Harwood, 16-4-31-2. For Rawtenstall 2nd: H. Hannah, 20-2-5-60-2; F. Cragg, 14-5-35-4; W. Jackson, 5-1-12-1.

CHURCH 2nd v. RISHTON 2nd.

At Church, on Saturday. Scores: CHURCH 2nd.-W. Burns, b Mitchell, 2; J. Long, c Mitchell b M. Butler, 41; H. Pilkington b Mitchell, 5; J. Wright, c Eccles b M. Butler, 14; S. Edmondson, not out, 27; J. Hargreaves c Eccles b Smith, 32; J. Wood, b Chadwick, 29; J. Ryder, not out, 14; extras, 19; total (6wks. dec.), 183.

RISHTON 2nd.-F. Godley, b Aldred, 16; D. Whittaker, run out, 0; J. Butler, c Pollard b Aldred, 1; M. Mitchell, b Wood, 30; L. Whittaker, c Aldred b Wood, 0; A. Law, c Ryder b Wood, 5; C. Smith, c Pilkington b Wright, 3; D. Eccles, c Pollard b Wood, 2; M. Butler, c Wood b Aldred, 0; F. Chadwick, not out, 12; G. Fielding, b Wright, 0; extras, 0; total, 60.

BOWLING.-For Rishton 2nd: F. Chadwick, 9-0-48-1; M. Mitchell, 13-1-46-2; M. Butler, 7-0-35-2; D. Whittaker, 4-1-17-0; C. Smith, 3-0-18-1. For Church 2nd: J. Parker, 3-0-23-0; A. Aldred, 9-0-38-3; H. Wood, 6-3-8-4; J. Wright, 4-0-0-2.

RIBBLESDALE JUNIOR LEAGUE.

DARWEN 2nd v. BLACKBURN ST. JAMES'. At Darwen, on Saturday. Rain stopped play. Scores: BLACKBURN ST. JAMES'. J. C. Barnes, c Preston b Riches, 8; S. A. Gillis, run out, 3; A. C. Entough, b Preston, 21; H. Haydock, not out, 42; I. Wightman, not out, 47; extras, 5; total (5wks.), 126.

BOWLING.-For Darwen 2nd: J. Preston, 12-5-25-1; W. Riches, 13-3-43-1; A. Turner, 2-0-19-0; N. Crouch, 4-0-28-0.

CHERRY TREE v. CLITHEROE 2nd.

At Cherry Tree, on Saturday. Scores: CHERRY TREE.-H. Dickinson, c Atkinson b Carus, 65; N. Porter, run out, 23; F. Bolton, b Carus, 38; H. Sharples, c Noble b Carus, 0; J. Lomas, c Alderway c St. J. Harrison, not out, 1; A. Hubbard, not out, 5; extras, 12; total (5wks., dec.), 141.

BOWLING.-For Clitheroe 2nd.-V. Iddon, 7-3-17-0; H. Carus, 12-2-32-3; J. States, 10-1-35-1; E. Lofthouse, 6-1-34-0; W. Dugdale, 2-0-12-0.

CHORLEY AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

DIVISION I.

BLACKBURN RAILWAY CLERKS v. WHITTLE-LEWOODS.

At Longshaw Park, on Saturday. Scores: WHITTLE-LEWOODS.-H. Taylor, c F. Knowles b Dougherty, 41; W. Greaves, c Smith b F. Knowles, 9; H. Greaves, c F. Knowles b Dougherty, 0; A. Blogg, b Dougherty, 0; L. Pass, b F. Knowles, 21; J. Ramsbottom, st Barrett b Dougherty, 0; H. Cuerden, c Wrigley b Dougherty, 6; J. Moorcroft, b F. Knowles, 6; R. Atley, b Dougherty, 5; F. Jackson, b Dougherty, 5; A. Burgess, not out, 0; extras, 6; total, 62.

BLACKBURN RAILWAY CLERKS.-R. Booth, c Cuerden b Pass, 14; R. Smith, b Burgess, 7; F. Knowles, c Jackson b Burgess, 0; H. Knowles, b Pass, 15; J. Wrigley, not out, 20; W. Shaw, c Blogg b Pass, 0; J. Smalley, not out, 9; extras, 0; total (5wks.), 65.

BOWLING.-For Blackburn Railway Clerks: F. Knowles, three for 21; D. Dougherty, seven for 35. For Whittle-Le-Woods: L. Pass, three for 24; A. Burgess, two for 27.

DIVISION II.

WHITTLE-LEWOODS 2nd v. BLACKBURN RAILWAY CLERKS 2nd.

At Whittle, on Saturday. Scores: WHITTLE-LEWOODS 2nd.-J. Hesketh, b Rydeheard, 0; T. Peel, c Sharples b Rydeheard, 1; S. Burgess, b Sharples, 8; R. Ainscough, b Rydeheard, 0; A. Parkin, b Riley, 29; J. Kitchen, b Hartley, 11; G. Barker, c Eddleston b Hartley, 4; H. Astley, b Riley, 6; C. Griffiths, lbw b Riley, 0; H. Parker, lbw b Riley, 3; K. Nuttall, not out, 2; extras, 5; total, 60.

BLACKBURN RAILWAY CLERKS 2nd.-R. Hedy, b Ainscough, 1; R. Eddleston, not out, 2; A. Carter, b Ainscough, 4; J. Rydeheard, not out, 1; extras, 0; total (2wks.), 8.

BOWLING.-For Whittle-Le-Woods 2nd: J. Rydeheard, three for 29; W. Sharples, one for 13; J. Riley, four for 12; H. Bartley, two for 10. For Blackburn Railway Clerks 2nd: R. Ainscough, two for five.

NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE AMATEUR LEAGUE.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS.

"A" DIVISION.

Blackburn St. James 2nd, did not bat; Audley Range, 143 for 5wks. Abandoned.
Blackburn Nomads, did not bat; East Lancashire "A," 83 for 3wks. Abandoned.
Altham Collieries, 58 for 1wkt.; Cherry Tree 2nd, 53.
Baxenden 2nd, 101; Salesbury St. Peter's, 106.

"B" DIVISION.

Greenbank Gasworks, 70 for 3wks.; Mount Pleasant 2nd, 62.
Dutton's, 2 for 0wks.; Northrop Loom Co., 75 for 7wks. (dec.). Abandoned.
Knuzden, did not bat; Electricity Undertaking, 33 for 5wks. Abandoned.
Chatburn, 63 for 5wks.; Jas. Broadley's, 50.
Great Harwood, 87; Refuge, 87.

"C" DIVISION.

Blackburn Labour Party, 34 for 7wks.; Blackburn Technical College, did not bat. Aband.
Salesbury St. Peter's 2nd, 93; v. Audley Range 2nd. Abandoned through rain.

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES.

"A" DIVISION.

BATTING.—A. Dunn, Audley Range, 59; J. Russell, Altham, 35 not out; T. Jordon, Baxenden, 33; J. T. Tattersall, Baxenden, 32; A. Aspinall, Salesbury, 31 not out.

BOWLING.—F. Baxter, Salesbury, five for 20; T. Grundy, Altham, four for 17; T. Ainsworth, Baxenden, five for 31; N. Fielden, Blackburn St. James', four for 33.

"B" DIVISION.

BATTING.—J. Thompson, Greenbank, 40; E. Henson, Northrop, 24; J. Sagar, Northrop, 23.

BOWLING.—J. Rushton, Great Harwood, four for two; J. Burke, Knuzden, six for 13; C. Silverwood, Chatburn, three for 12.

LEAGUE TABLES.

"A" DIVISION.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Langho Colony	15	11	4	0	26
Blackburn Nomads	16	9	4	3	22
Audley Range	15	9	2	4	20
Oswald, Immanuel	16	6	3	7	15
B'burn St. James' 2nd	16	5	4	7	15
Altham Collieries	15	6	1	8	15
East Lancs. "A"	15	5	3	7	15
Cherry Tree 2nd	15	4	4	7	12
Salesbury St. Peter's	15	4	3	8	11
Baxenden 2nd	16	3	2	11	8

"B" DIVISION.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Northrop Loom Co.	15	11	3	1	25
Great Harwood	15	8	4	3	20
Dutton's	16	8	1	7	17
Chatburn	15	7	1	7	15
Elec. Undertaking	15	6	2	7	14
Greenbank Gasworks	15	6	2	7	14
Mount Pleasant 2nd	15	6	2	7	14
Knuzden	14	6	1	7	13
Jas. Broadley's	16	5	1	10	11
Refuge	15	3	3	9	9

"C" DIVISION.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
B'burn Technical Coll.	13	9	3	1	21
Langho Colony 2nd	12	8	2	2	18
B'burn Labour Party	12	6	3	3	15
Great Harwood 2nd	12	6	2	4	14
Audley Range 2nd	13	4	3	6	11
Salesbury St. Peter's 2nd	12	4	2	6	10
Oswald, Imm. 2nd	12	2	2	8	6
Northrop L'm Co. 2nd	12	1	1	10	3

EAST LANCASHIRE "A" v. BLACKBURN NOMADS

At Pleasington, on Saturday. Scores:—

EAST LANCASHIRE "A"—R. G. P. Hargreaves, 8; C. Bristol, 2; W. E. T. Walsh, not out, 35; J. F. Sagar, 27; G. Byron, not out, 6; extras, 5; total (3wks.) 83. Match abandoned.

BOWLING.—For the Nomads, H. Lamb had two for 20, and P. Dawson one for 16.

WHITE GLOVES.

It was noticed that both goalkeepers at Ewood on Saturday were wearing new white gloves. These are symbolical of honours, but apparently they were not proof against mishap, for Binns had to retire owing to a wrenched back.

There was a show of seriousness in the preliminaries to the Rovers first trial on Saturday. Mr. Isaac Caswell, the referee, greeted the two captains, Christie and Bruton, with a handshake, and apparently insisted on them greeting each other in the same way before tossing for choice of ends.

Constantine and Headley, the Lancashire League professionals, were among the spectators at Darwen's football practice at the Anchor on Tuesday evening. They had come to watch a fellow West Indian, Charles, who plays cricket for Nelson and who has signed for Darwen for the coming football season.

There has been criticism this summer of the inadequate public patronage of the Darwen Baths, but there is likely to be a packed house next Friday night when, at a gala for the Jubilee Trust Fund, Oldham Police and Birkenhead teams will compete in the final for the men's squadron championship of the Northern Counties Amateur Swimming Association.

EAST LANCASHIRE CAPTURE?

There were a number of cricket personalities at the Minor Counties match on the Meadows this week. Notable among them was Mr. T. A. Higson, a member of the Test Selection Committee and chairman of the Lancashire County Club, one of whose sons was playing in the game. Harry Makepeace, the old county batsman and now coach, was also there, of course. An interested spectator on each day, by the way, was "Warry" Cresswell, the Everton international footballer.

Two players on the Durham side have connections with the Lancashire League. Latchford, who scored a half-century in the second innings has assisted East Lancashire several times as deputy pro, with good results, taking six for 55 against Burnley on the Meadows in 1933 and scoring 39 in the corresponding game a year earlier. Ellis, the North-Eastern Counties bowler, will be remembered as professional at Colne some ten years ago.

Officials of the Enfield club were there, too, probably having a look round for a new professional in succession to Frank Ryan. I heard they were interested in H. Gibbon, the Durham bowler, who took four of Lancashire's early wickets cheaply.

Incidentally, I also heard that Bennett, who was playing with Lancashire 2nd, would like to play as an amateur with East Lancashire. What he wants is a job in a brickworks in the district. Bennett, of course, came to the county club from Australia, where he played quite a lot of good cricket, though originally he hails from St. Helens. He bowls leg breaks with a right arm action and is also a good bat.

Fancy playing in a Minor Counties match at the age of 16! That was the experience of K. Griffiths, a Rydal schoolboy, who made nine for Lancashire 2nd. Though he was in only a short time, he made one beautiful leg glide for four.

The purpose of the new lbw. rule was strikingly illustrated in Darham's first innings when a batsman apparently clean forgot its introduction. A ball from Nutter was pitched just outside the off-stump, and Gibbon, with bat over shoulder, and covered up with his pads in the old approved style, he realised his mistake when the ball broke in and he was given out.

TEST MATCH DEPUTY.

East Lancashire batsmen have this season shown a dislike for Test match bowlers, and, though Constantine is unable to play against them in to-day's important match at Nelson, they will be faced by another express merchant of international repute in Clarke, the Northants fast left-hand bowler, who has been engaged as the Nelson club's deputy pro.

In his two seasons as professional for Todmorden Clarke had two good performances against East Lancashire, taking seven for 67 at Centre Vale in 1932 and six for 16 on the same ground the previous season.

While East Lancashire's fixture at Nelson to-day has a bearing on the league championship, the Blackburn club's second eleven are also involved in a fight for honours when they entertain Rawtenstall 2nd. East Lancashire 2nd hold the lead by a point, but the Rossendale side have a match in hand.

FORMBY BOY'S SIXES

LANCASHIRE II. SCORE FREELY

Lancashire II. completely outplayed Northumberland in a Minor Counties Championship match at Old Trafford yesterday. They dismissed their opponents on a soft easy wicket in less than 2 hours for 86, took the lead with 6 wickets in hand, and finished off the day, in which play often went on amid flashes of lightning and heavy thunderclaps, with an advantage of 234 with a wicket to fall.

Northumberland gave an indifferent exhibition, especially against the slow right-arm spin bowling of Bennett, who took 6 wickets for 29 runs, his best performance of the season. Singularly, it was Bennett's last match for Lancashire prior to returning to Australia. Phillipson's fast bowling also disconcerted the earlier batsmen, three of whom he dismissed in one spell for 15. Half the side were out for 42 runs.

Lancashire, too, started indifferently, but D. M. Matthews, a public schoolboy from Formby, hit a vigorous 51 out of 64 in 55 minutes, with two 6's and six 4's. Then Farrimond and K. Griffiths, a Rydal schoolboy, hit 50 for the sixth wicket in 55 minutes, and off the tired bowling at the end of the day Farrimond and Parkinson obtained 119 for the ninth partnership in 75 minutes. Farrimond batted 3½ hours for a flawless 112, which included seven 4's, and Parkinson hit ten 4's in a not out 84 compiled in 95 minutes. Scores:—

1st inn. NORTHUMBERLAND.		2nd inn.	
W G Mackay, c Hixson	15		
b Greenhalgh	1		
J Mitch, c Bennett	1		
Phillipson	1		
H C Lee, b Phillipson	2		
W S Shields, b Phillips'n	7		
J A L Paterson, lbw b	15		
Bennett	16		
J B Bruce, lbw (n) b	0		
Bennett	0		
S Baker, c Butterworth	20		
b Bennett	10		
Robson, b Bennett	10		
Wilson, c Phillipson	2		
Bennett	4		
Booth, c Nutter b Ben't	5		
J L Allen, not out	5		
Extras	4		
Total	86		

1st inn. LANCASHIRE II.		2nd inn.	
Nutter, b Booth	12		
Greenhalgh, c Mackay b	5		
Booth	5		
D W Matthews, b	51		
Bennett, b Wilson	1		
Farrimond, c Mackay b	112		
Allen	11		
T A Higson, jun, c	11		
Baker b Booth	18		
K Griffiths, b Wilson	18		
Phillipson, c Paterson	9		
b Wilson	1		
H R W Butterworth, b	1		
Robson	84		
Parkinson, not out	10		
Elliott, not out	6		
Extras	6		
Total (9 wks)	320		

BOWLING ANALYSIS

Northumberland—1st. inn.: Phillipson 3 for 21, Nutter 0 for 12, Greenhalgh 1 for 20, Bennett 6 for 29. 2nd. inn.: Phillipson 1 for 42, Nutter 1 for 8, Parkinson 6 for 46, Greenhalgh 1 for 6, Butterworth 1 for 9.

Lancashire.—1st. inn.: Allen 2 for 72, Booth 3 for 86, Wilson 3 for 81, Robson 1 for 73.

MINOR COUNTIES' MATCH

LANCASHIRE II. BEAT NORTHUMBERLAND

Lancashire Second XI. defeated Northumberland at Old Trafford yesterday by an innings and 117 runs. Such a result suggested itself on the first day, when Northumberland gave as equally a feeble display of bowling as batting. Lancashire declared their innings closed at the overnight total of 320 for 9 on a wicket that was so wet from overnight rain that the restart was delayed for half an hour. Even though Lancashire lacked the assistance of Bennett, who had strained his back, they found no difficulty in dismissing Northumberland a second time in 2½ hours for 117 runs. Spin bowling was again the main cause of their collapse. Parkinson on this occasion took 6 wickets for 46 in 12 overs and 4 balls. Apart from Shields, who batted 80 minutes for 24 and Lee, who scored the same number by more vigorous play, the Northumberland batting was very poor. Scores:—

1st inn. NORTHUMBERLAND.		2nd inn.	
W G Mackay, c Hixson	15	c Matthews b Nutter	3
b Greenhalgh	1	b Greenhalgh	13
J Mitch, c Bennett	1	lbw b Parkinson	24
Phillipson	1	c & b Parkinson	24
H C Lee, b Phillipson	2		
W S Shields, b Phillips'n	7		
J A L Paterson, lbw b	15		
Bennett	16	b Butterworth	4
J B Bruce, lbw (n) b	0	lbw b Parkinson	5
Bennett	0		
S Baker, c Butterworth	20	st Elliott b Park'n.	4
b Bennett	10	c Elliott b Phill'n.	15
Robson, b Bennett	10		
Wilson, c Phillipson	2		
Bennett	4	lbw b Parkinson	13
Booth, c Nutter b Ben't	5	c Nutter b Parkinson	6
J L Allen, not out	5	not out	0
Extras	4	Extras	6
Total	86	Total	117

LANCASHIRE II.—First Innings

Nutter, b Booth	12	K Griffiths, b Wilson	18
Greenhalgh, c Mackay b	5	Phillipson, c Paterson	9
Booth	5	b Wilson	9
D W Matthews, b	51	H R W Butterworth,	1
Bennett, b Wilson	1	b Robson	1
Farrimond, c Mackay b	112	Parkinson, not out	84
Allen	11	Elliott, not out	10
T A Higson, jun, c	11	Extras	6
Baker b Booth	18	Total (9 wks)*	320

*Innings declared.

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