

Refused Call For Brighter Cricket

URMSTON "PASS" BID FOR TWO RUNS A MINUTE.

A rather spiritless bid at the wicket after the best of their bowlers had been sent scurrying over the boundary lines, caused Urmston to tacitly concede the honours though they shared the points with Flixton in the local cricket clubs first XI "Derby" at the Urmston club's ground on Saturday.

Flixton, with first use of a good hard wicket, lay into the bowling to the tune of 235 runs, at which they declared for the loss of eight wickets. Of the Urmston bowlers only Stubbs had achieved any real success. When Flixton took the field, Urmston were left with a possible victory chance. It would have

Meant Really "Bright" Cricket

and quick scoring. But Urmston failed to rise to the occasion. After a period in the first wicket partnership which promised for a brief while to develop into a bid for the full honours, they fell back upon a defensive share-the-points style.

Flixton's bowling did not appear too deadly; and home bats were amassing good individual scores, but lacked that little extra "devil" which might have brought the runs quickly. The visitors batted nearly three hours for their 235, but an average two runs a minute should not have been beyond Urmston on the true wicket.

Stubbs soon set his mark on what success belonged to the Urmston bowlers. With the initial ball of his over he split the Flixton opening wicket partnership and sent Pomphrey back to the pavilion with only six runs on the board. The twenty was hoisted before Atherton had Robinson

Slickly Caught in The Slips

and Stubbs had two more quick successes to lower four wickets at 34.

With few indications of his more familiar free hitting style, Hedley was keeping his wicket up with stolid defensive batsmanship. It was not until he had lost his fifth partner and was joined by Rutter that the score began to look formidable. At 64 Rutter came in to set the scoring rate and with some delightful, polish batsmanship assisted the total to near the double century before he and Hedley were parted. Then, at 195 Rutter made

The First Fractional Error

in a flawless innings and was well bowled by Stubbs for 76; having out-paced the scoring of Hedley, the opening bat. In this way Stubbs heralded his return to the attack and he had two more cheap wickets before Atkinson and Hedley made another stand. They were still undefeated at the declaration, Hedley for a laborious 89 in nearly three hours at the wicket.

After a cautious start Wrigley and Muschamp began to score freely off the star bowlers who opened the Flixton attack. Cooke was treated with scant respect for a time and the fast left-hander Cooper was made to look

Less Dangerous Than Usual

However, when the opening partnership was broken at 39, Urmston resumed their cautious progress. At 78 both Wrigley and Muschamp were back in the pavilion and Shelmerdine was defending stubbornly, though with more signs of his old stylish performances. He and Mount, back into batting form, played out time with a partnership for 51, towards which Mount had contributed 31. Shelmerdine lacked six runs for his half century.

FLIXTON.

L. Hedley not out	89
E. A. Pomphrey b Stubbs	1
S. Robinson c Woodhouse	
	b Atherton 10
J. C. Buckley c Shelmerdine	
	b Stubbs 3
R. Hope b Stubbs	2
G. W. Haworth b Wrigley	17
H. Rutter b Stubbs	76
C. Burnley b Stubbs	1
H. Cooper b Stubbs	0
J. Atkinson not out	21
Extras	15

Total (for 8 wickets) 235

Innings declared.

With six wickets for 52 runs Stubbs took the honours of the Urmston bowling. Atherton had one for 35 and Wrigley one for 42.

URMSTON.

A. Wrigley c Robinson	
	b Atkinson 23
J. Muschamp b Cooper	29
N. Shelmerdine not out	44
L. Mount not out	31
Extras	2

Total (for 2) 129

Cooper and Atkinson shared the two fallen wickets; Cooper at a cost of 27 runs and Atkinson for 32 runs.

URMSTON CRICKET CLUB FIXTURE 1937.

FIRST XI.

July		
17—Flixton	Home	
19—(Lancashire 2nd XI)	Home	
20—(v. Northumberland)		
24—Cheetham Hill	Away	
31—Leigh	Home	
August		
2—B.H., South Manchester	Away	
7—Weaste	Away	
14—Didsbury	Away	
21—Worsley	Home	
28—Sale	Home	
September		
4—Warrington	Away	
11—South Manchester	Home	
18—S.W. Manchester	Home	

URMSTON CRICKET CLUB FIXTURE 1937.

SECOND XI "B"

August		
2—B.H., Royle's Staff	Away	
7—Linotype	Away	
14—United Yeast	Away	

Victory For Younger Generation

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' POPULAR SPORTING FEATURE

Popular sporting feature of the Urmston Grammar School parents' garden party in the School grounds on Saturday afternoon and evening was a cricket match between the School 1st XI and a Parents' XI, which ended in a romping victory for the younger generation.

The Parents' XI, which included the headmaster, Mr. W. Baker and several of the teaching staff of the school, were given the honours of first knock. Stringer, the school's star bowler, "got among 'em" and with four wickets for 29, assisted in dismissing the "elders" for 75. The last three wickets fell without any additions to the score.

With scant respect for any of the eight bowlers who were tried, the School opened their batting steadily and continued to score at a steady rate, gaining a winning total for the loss of six wickets.

PARENTS.

A. Towers b Stringer	7
D. D. Law lbw b Stringer	10
A. Ridgeway b Tunstall	15
J. M. Stanton b Lowe	1
W. N. Hampson lbw b Stringer ..	10
W. Baker b Stringer	9
F. Thompson c Snape b Charnock ..	21
A. E. Gloyne b Tunstall	0
C. Shaw b Coggan	1
C. B. Partington b Charnock	0
L. Evans not out	0
Extras	1
	75

Stringer was the most successful of the School bowlers with four wickets for 29 runs. Charnock had two for 9; Tunstall two for 16; Coggan one for 9 and Lowe one for 11.

URMSTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Stringer run out	23
Russell b Law	4
Bradshaw lbw b Ridgeway	1
Clarke b Ridgeway	0
Johnson b Baker	18
Lowe c Thompson b Shaw	33
Charnock c Towers b Law	1
Snape lbw b Stanton	15
Coggan b Gloyne	7
Tunstall not out	17
Brierley run out	11
Extras	8
	138

Bowling for the Parents, Law had two wickets for 13; Ridgeway two for 26; Baker one for 33; Stanton one for 13; Gloyne one for 15 and Shaw one for 13.

Made Spectators Wonder

FLIXTON 2nd XI EXTRACT BOWLERS' STING.

This has been a very successful season for Flixton Cricket Club second XI so far, and their performance on Saturday against Urmston Cricket Club, at Flixton, emphasised their superiority.

Flixton were particularly good in the field. They were quick to take chances close to the wicket, and they saved many runs in the outfield by energetic moving.

Their batting was of a much higher standard than Urmston's. J. Brown and L. Thompson, batting in a splendid fourth wicket stand for Flixton, gave a display of quickfooted hitting which

Made The Spectators Wonder

what difficulties the Urmston bats could possibly have found in such a wicket.

Urmston batter first and C. Sykes and S. D. Roberts, found the Flixton bowling very innocuous on a hard, true wicket. They took the second wicket partnership from 19 to 45; this was the only time during the game when the Urmston batsmen were on top of the bowling.

Not until Flixton made their first bowling change and brought on Thompson and Brown in place of Wrigley and Churn, did they begin to look like an attacking team. Brown bowled medium fast, slightly on the off, and now and again he managed to make the bowl swing towards the slips.

From the other end Thompson bowled spinners tossing them well up to the batsmen and making them turn sharply. Had any of the Urmston batsmen chosen to take a couple of steps out of his crease he could very easily have turned Thompson's slow off-breaks into full tosses; but, as it was, they

Were Rooted to The Spot.

fascinated like a bird before a snake, watching the ball curve gracefully towards them, pitch close to their feet, and bit viciously in towards the wicket. This final twist would galvanise them into activity, and a rush of despairing energy would prompt them to lunge out wildly at

This Nameless Terror.

Brown got Roberts caught low down in the slips. Howarth took a one-handed catch from nowhere, conjuring the ball into existence by plunging his hand into space.

Sykes ended a very sound innings by his passive appreciation of a ball from Thompson. Until then he had not shown the slightest likelihood of getting himself out.

Brown bowled Evans with a ball that went straight through at medium speed; but Evans contrived to make it a fast one. Messer was stumped off the wicket, keeper's pads. A ball from Brown rebounded on to the wickets and Easter had the presence of mind to appeal

In The Accepted Duckworth Key,

a flat sopano. Rivington was out to a beautifully judged catch in the county by Field.

The sages in the pavilion shook their heads over this catch and told one another

that they had believed it impossible. "I said 'e would'nt get it'" they said deriving infinite pleasure from their mistake.

Marshall came in and survived both on appeal and a decision. He continued to bat defiantly until the end of the innings.

Thompson clean bowled Whitaker and Gee, and Howarth repeated his conjuring feats by catching Reah very low in the slips.

Urmston, however, were reserving their batting talent to the last. Stocker came in last man and promptly laid about him. He hit four fours before he ran himself out, and at least two of them went in the anticipated direction.

URMSTON 2nd XI.

C. Sykes b Thompson	26
J. F. Tomson b Wrigley	2
S. D. Roberts c Howarth b Brown	18
A. G. Evans b Brown	4
H. G. Messer s. Easton b Brown	1
J. L. Rivington c Field b Thompson	6
G. R. Marshall not out	16
H. Whitaker b Thompson	1
R. Reah c Howarth b Brown ...	1
J. W. Gee b Thompson	9
E. Stocker run out	16
Extras	3
total	103

Bowling for Flixton, Thompson took four wickets for 33 runs, and Brown took four for 26.

The Flixton batting was sufficient to overwhelm Urmston. They won by 6 wickets—thanks once more to Brown and Thompson. These two monopolised the batting in the same way as they had done the bowling.

Brown was particularly attractive to watch. Incidentally, although he was successful with the ball, he does not look anything like so good a bowler as he does a batter. Thompson was also a little lucky, but his innings contained some sound shots. He scored 24 of his runs in boundaries.

Urmston's bowling was rather lifeless. They seemed to realise that the game was lost and went through the motions of play, lacking the spirit.

Gee was the least easy to score off. Some of the bowlers appeared to have been put on in order to supply the runs rather than to take wickets; anyhow, if that was the policy, it was effective.

FLIXTON 2nd XI.

F. Field b Reah	3
G. Forster c Whitaker b Reah ...	13
H. Wrigley b Stocker	9
J. Brown c Stocker b Whitaker...	50
L. Thompson not out	32
R. Horlock not out	2
Extras	6
Total (for 4 wickets)	118

Bowling for Urmston, Stocker took one wicket for 45 runs, Reah, two for 12, and Whitaker one for 30.

URMSTON CRICKET CLUB

FIXTURE 1937.

SECOND XI "A"

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SECOND XI "B" EVENING MATCHES

July	
29—Th. Hoivis	Home

HIGSON CUP

Morecambe Put To Rout

BOWLING STARS SHINE FOR BARROW

BARROW passed into the final of the Higson Cup by a splendid victory over Morecambe on the Netherfield ground at Park-side-road, Kendal, on Tuesday, writes our Kendal correspondent.

Morecambe were not ready to start until 4.50 p.m., and then won the toss, which was a distinct advantage over Barrow. This was shown by the fact that they made 90 runs in the first hour for the loss of only one wicket.

Then there was a complete collapse against good bowling, backed up by alert fielding, and the side was dismissed for 118—a poor show after so fine a beginning.

There was a sparkling 52 from F. Naylor and flawless 32 from A. C. Williams, one of the opening pair.

Barrow started badly and had lost three wickets for only 22 runs. Then J. C. B. McDougall and H. Hopley came together, and in fine style lifted the score to 121 without giving a chance.

McDougall was first to reach his half century with forceful drives and cuts all round the wicket. Hopley was 49 when the winning hit was made, and in the next over he reached his 50 and the game ended at 8.45 p.m.

Details:—

MORECAMBE.

A. C. Williams, c Clarkson b French	32
R. Ratten, c French b McIntosh	0
F. Naylor, c Kay b Melville	52
T. B. Hustler, c Bolton b Melville	0
S. Youren, c French b Higgins	3
T. Hunt, c McDougall b Higgins	6
W. M. Forrest, c Melville b Higgins	1
G. Garnett, b Higgins	2
R. P. Burton, b Melville	0
Nutter, c and b Melville	8
W. Simpson, not out	2
Extras	12

Total .. 118
 Fall of wickets:—1-8, 2-94, 3-94, 4-104, 5-104, 6-104, 7-107, 8-108, 9-108, 10-118.

Bowling.—

Higgins	13	4	34	4
R. McIntosh	4	0	10	1
F. Thurman	2	0	9	0
T. Kay	3	0	17	0
F. French	4	0	16	1
S. Melville	7.5	2	20	4

BARROW.

T. Kay, lbw b Williams	5
C. Tomkin, lbw b Nutter	5
V. Boulton, lbw b Nutter	2
J. McDougall, not out	53
H. Hopley, not out	50
Extras	7

Total (for 3 wickets) .. 121
 Fall of wickets:—1-10, 2-16, 3-22.

Bowling:—

Nutter	19.4	7	34	2
A. C. Williams	14	3	56	1
H. Simpson	3	0	11	0
F. Naylor	3	1	13	0



S. MELVILLE (Barrow) was in fine form, and his four for 20 feet was among the best of his career.

NORTH LANCASHIRE CRICKET LEAGUE

SENIOR DIVISION.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Kendal	14	9	5	0	32
Whitehaven	13	9	2	2	29
Morecambe	13	8	4	1	28
Netherfield	13	7	3	3	24
Barrow	14	5	4	5	16
Vickerstown	14	4	6	4	18
Furness	13	5	2	6	17
Cumberland M.S.	13	3	6	4	16
Dalton	14	4	4	6	16
Millom	14	3	5	6	14
Ulverston	15	4	2	9	14
Carnforth	12	3	3	6	12
Lindal	13	3	1	9	10
Haverigg	13	2	2	9	6

JUNIOR DIVISION.

Vickers S.C.	12	10	2	0	32
Roose	13	8	2	3	27
Furness "A"	14	7	2	5	23
Vickerstown "A"	12	6	3	3	21
Barrow "A"	14	5	3	6	18
Broughton	12	4	3	5	15
Ulverston "A"	12	4	3	7	15
Haverigg "A"	2	4	2	7	15
Dalton "A"	14	2	5	7	11
Millom "A"	13	2	2	8	8

NORTH-WEST SPORTS FIELD.

CRICKET HAS ITS WORRIES

THOUSANDS ATTEND McDONALD'S FUNERAL

HARTLEPOOLS HAVE SECOND DIVISION HOPES

Running a cricket club at holiday times is not all fun. Spare a thought for harassed secretaries and selection committees, who find that half their chosen are "going away for the week." Vickerstown have been facing such a problem and have had some difficulty in raising an "A" team to meet Roose to-day (Saturday). Seven of the Islanders' "regulars" are on holiday, but only two will be absent from the first eleven.

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It was a great pity that the Minor Counties' game at Barrow should have ended as soon as it did, for hundreds of spectators were turned away on Thursday afternoon on learning of the state of the game. Receipts, £19 4s. 3d. on Wednesday and £9 4s. on Thursday, were highly satisfactory to the County authorities, and Barrow have been promised a fixture next season.

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Thousands of people gathered at the funeral at Blackpool on Monday of E. A. McDonald, former Australia and Lancashire cricketer, who was killed in a motoring accident near Bolton.

Cricketers and followers of the game from the four corners of the country were present, and there were representatives of cricket clubs ranging from the big County organisations to the smallest village clubs.

On the coffin was a broken wicket and ball. It was one of the stumps used in McDonald's last game.

Wreaths of red roses were sent by the Lancashire County Club and by the professionals of the Lancashire Club.

There was also a wreath of carnations from the Chief Constable and members of the Salford City Police Athletic Club, for whom McDonald played on the evening before his death.

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The flag at Rainey Park, Vickerstown's ground, was flown at half-mast throughout the week-end, as a mark of respect to McDonald, who brought a team there in 1935.