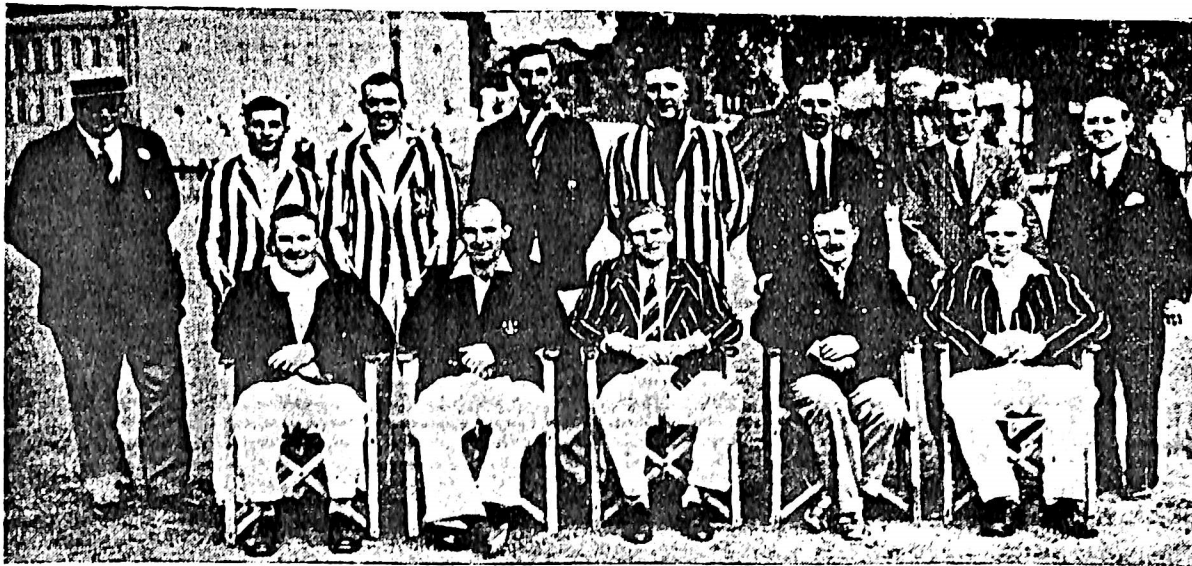


CRICKET STALWARTS OF TO-DAY AND YESTERDAY



The County Eleven which defeated Hertfordshire by seven wickets at Bedford last month. Standing: Mr. H. Rogers (scorer), G. L. B. August, D. B. Coleman, J. A. R. Oliver, S. T. Morris, R. V. Ward, A. Haywood, and Mr. F. Crompton (hon. secretary). . . Sitting: N. E. Browning, A. B. Poole, R. de W. K. Winlaw (captain), Capt. E. D. Dynes, and A. W. E. Winlaw.

The success of the Bedfordshire County Cricket Club in the season just ended has brought in its wake many discussions on which year was the best in the County Club's history and which was the best team. These discussions have revived memories of the past, and as a matter of more than usual interest there are reproduced with this article photographs of County cricket stalwarts of yesterday and to-day. The photographs of the Elevens of 1891 and 1902 were lent to the *Bedfordshire Times* by Mr. H. W. Oclée, well known to cricket supporters of a past generation, who is living at Bromham.

The 1891 team, Mr. Oclée says, recalls the days when the fixture card included Surrey II (who were always met at the Oval on Whit-Monday), Northumberland, Durham, Staffordshire, Norfolk, Oxfordshire, Hertfordshire, Buckinghamshire, and Northamptonshire. Of the men on the photograph taken in 1891, Malden, the first from the left on the top row, played for Oxford University Association football team in the winter, Williams learned his cricket at the Bedford Modern School, Langridge and Wilkinson came from Luton or Dunstable, and Gilder came from Luton. Gilder's good performances with the county team were repeated by his nephew in later years.



In 1902 the eleven was as follows:—Back: G. Tomlinson (scorer), T. Brown, Wharmby, Pollitt, and H. W. Oclée. Centre: R. Jeakings, L. G. Stileman-Gibbard, H. R. Orr (capt.), J. F. Morris, and F. G. Brooks. Front: F. B. Brooks and L. Parbury.



This is the Bedfordshire team which played Norfolk in 1891. Back row: A. W. Malden, R. C. Williams, L. Langridge, H. Wilkinson, W. E. Gilder, and Pakes (umpire). Centre: Hill (scorer), F. B. Farr, G. H. Small (captain), L. G. Brown, and W. F. Brown. Front: J. W. Thurnham and H. W. Oclec.

AN INTERESTING FIGURE

Pakes, the umpire, was an interesting and familiar figure. He had been "a rare old cricketer in his heyday", and while umpiring wore his cap as a reminder to the players that he did know something about cricket from actual experience.

Farr and Small—"Tom" Small, who was captain—came from Dunstable and Luton respectively. L. G. Brown, now the Rev. L. G. Brown, M.A., was another player who had graduated from the Bedford Modern School, and his brother, W. F. Brown, was games master at Dunstable Grammar School.

Mr. Oclec, who is still a very active man and is often seen at the Goldington Road ground, was then a master at the Harper Trust School under Mr. G. M. T. Bates. He will also be remembered for his prowess on the football field for Bedford and later for Luton. In those days Bedford could beat Luton, he says. He played for Bedford Town when Sir George Royle was the team's treasurer.

A number of these players are still able to meet, though it was by chance that Mr. Oclec ran into the Rev. L. G. Brown on the Embankment recently. Mr. Brown promised Mr. Oclec that he would let him have a mounted cutting of a cartoon drawn by one of the artists on the staff of *Paddock Life*—why *Paddock Life* is not explainable—relating to the match between Bedfordshire and Surrey II at the Oval on Whit-Monday 1891. The cartoon will always remain a memorable one to those who took part in that match, which resulted in a draw.

"HOCKLEY'S WALK"

The cartoon includes a sketch of W. F. Brown bowling right-handed, when in fact he always bowled left-handed, and shows L. G. Brown in a characteristic position—crouching in a kneeling position behind the stumps just before his inimitable spring upwards to meet the ball. Inset is a rather bewildering picture of Oclec bowling entitled "Hockley's Walk". It looks as though Oclec in those early days was a little groggy on his feet, if the cartoon is to be believed. "If I was like that then," said Mr. Oclec, "goodness knows what I ought to be like now."

Mr. Oclec has an amusing tale to tell about "Tom" Small in a game with Norfolk that year. One ball bowled hit Tom's pad and there was an excited appeal for l.b.w. The umpire at the bowler's end immediately said, "Not out." But Tom, being a bit deaf, only heard the "out" part of it and began to walk towards the pavilion, which was at the bowler's end of the ground. As soon as he had left the crease the Norfolk wicket-keeper, whipped the balls off the stumps, appealed, and the she umpire gave "Out". Tom was bewildered, and explained that he thought he had been given out for l.b.w. There was an argument, but in the end it was decided that Tom had not had a fair chance and he was sent in to bat again the next morning. He made a good score, too.

IN 1902

The photograph of the 1902 team is noteworthy because there, grouped together in the middle of the back row, are three of the finest professionals the County ever had—Tom Brown, George Warmby, and G. Pollitt—familiar names in local cricket circles, especially among the older supporters. Tom Brown and Warmby were fine all-round players, and Pollitt was a stylish bat. Mr. Oclec was still playing vigorously and had made quite a reputation for himself as a bowler. Jeakings was a wicket-keeper from Luton. The tall, bearded figure next to him is Mr. L. G. Stileman-Gibbard, whose prowess and long connexion with the Club needs no detailing here. Mr. Stileman-Gibbard is still a very keen supporter of the Club. In the 1902 season H. R. Orr, who is still resident in Bedford and who has been the subject of a special interview in *The Bedfordshire Times*, was the captain, and a very excellent one too. Morris came from Ampt-hill way, and the brothers Brooks, who did well for the county in a large number of matches, were at Bedford School. P. G. Brooks, of Rugby fame, went to South Africa.

No doubt many old players and supporters can supplement these details supplied by Mr. Oclec and their reminiscences would be welcomed by the Sports Editor.

Now to the present. The Bedfordshire County Cricket Club can look back upon the season just ended with pride and complete satisfaction. Pride because the eleven is ranked among the leading sides playing in the Minor Counties Championship, and satisfaction because their policy of persevering with young players, even during the lean periods of the last few years, has brought a rich reward this season. It is true to say that the Jeremiahs have been confounded by the great success of the team this season. The first three matches resulted in defeat and the critics prophesied another season of failure. But the opening matches were against Sir Julien Cahn's all-star combination and the powerful Hertfordshire side, and it was forgotten that Bedfordshire cannot field their strongest teams in the early part of the summer.

YOUTH PROVES ITSELF

Youth has proved itself richly, and the customary valuable support has been given by the players of wider experience. Youth combined with experience has turned fortune's tide to Bedfordshire, and as the average age of the side is only twenty-five many more years of good service can be expected from the members of the eleven. What other factors have contributed to the success? First must be placed the captaincy of Roger Winlaw, who has handled his men with shrewd judgment, giving further evidence of his enthusiasm and his study of the game. Next must come the keenness displayed by the players as a whole. They have been imbued with an excellent team spirit which has brought that will to win. Other notable features have been brilliant fielding and the balance between batting and bowling. The writer does not intend to individualize and review each player's performances, for all have contributed to the high achievements with bat or ball, or both, or in the field. Success has brought better support. May it continue. At the time of writing the Minor Counties Championship table to date is not available, but it is believed that Bedfordshire are level fourth with Dorset in the table, Surrey being top, Lancashire second, and Hertfordshire third. This is a dizzy height to reach after the lowly position occupied last year.

This season's record is comparable with the year 1906, which was the best year experienced by the Bedfordshire Club. In 1906 Bedfordshire occupied third place by winning five matches and taking first innings points twice of ten matches played. This year eight Minor Counties matches were played, four of which were won and two of which provided first innings points. In 1903 fourth place was gained, so it will be appreciated that Bedfordshire have regained and not newly won eminence.

PRESENTATIONS

There was great joy at Cambridge last week when the programme was brought to a close with such a magnificent victory. No one present was more elated than Mr. Frank Crompton, who has been an official of the Club for a quarter of a century, and who has never lost his wholehearted enthusiasm for his work and his Club. Mr. H. Rogers, the hon. scorer, another great worker, was another official highly delighted. Mr. Rogers has been kept busier this year with his pencil and that terribly intricate score book which is the wonder of fellow-scorers, but he has not missed the *calculus* of the work so efficiently performed by these two officials was pleasantly recognized by the skipper, Roger Winlaw, who presented them with County blazers. He also presented S. T. Morris with a well-won County cap.

THE RECORD

Altogether ten matches were played, two being friendly engagements with Sir Julien Cahn's eleven. The complete record is: played ten, won four, won on first innings two, lost four. The Minor Counties record is: played eight, won four, won on first innings two, lost two. Details:—

v. Sir Julien Cahn's XI, away: Lost by an innings and 178 runs. Bedfordshire 59 and 147, Sir Julien Cahn's XI 384.

v. Hertfordshire, away: Lost by two wickets. Bedfordshire 83 and 124, Hertfordshire 162 and 113 for eight-wickets.

v. Sir Julien Cahn's XI, at Luton: Lost by an innings and 69 runs. Bedfordshire 134 and 157, Sir Julien Cahn's XI 360 for nine wickets declared.

v. Buckinghamshire, away: Won on first innings. Bedfordshire 297 and 154 for three wickets (declared), Buckinghamshire 251 and 38 for none.

v. Oxfordshire, at Bedford: Won on first innings. Bedfordshire 379 for nine wickets (declared), Oxfordshire 211 and 163 for nine wickets.

v. Buckinghamshire, at Bedford: Lost by 57 runs. Bedfordshire 146 and 67, Buckinghamshire 203 and 67.

v. Hertfordshire, at Bedford: Won by seven wickets. Bedfordshire 131 and 33 for three wickets, Hertfordshire 152 and 210.

v. Cambridgeshire, at Luton: Won by 130 runs. Bedfordshire 211 and 130, Cambridgeshire 115 and 96.

v. Oxfordshire, away: Won by ten wickets. Bedfordshire 297 and 12 for none, Oxfordshire 133 and 165.

v. Cambridgeshire, away: Won by an innings and 43 runs. Bedfordshire 414 for nine (declared), Cambridgeshire 251 and 119.

THE AVERAGES

N. E. Browning heads the batting averages with 35.22. He scored 317 runs at ten visits to the wickets, his highest contribution being 90. G. L. B. August, who played eleven innings and was the biggest scorer with 387, is next with 35.18, highest score 93. J. A. R. Oliver, who made 131 against Cambridgeshire and scored 326 runs, is third with 32.16.

Joe Payne, the Luton footballer, tops the bowling averages. In 51.5 overs he took 15 wickets for 112, giving an average of 7.46. Oliver is second with 19 wickets taken in 115.1 overs for 232 runs for an average of 11.91. Of the other three bowlers placed, Haywood sent down 236.2 overs, Capt. E. D. Dynes 249, and Ward, who won a place in the batting averages, 244.4.

Batting

	inn	n.o.	runs	h.s.	av.
N. E. Browning	10	1	317	90	35.22
G. L. B. August	11	0	387	98	35.18
J. A. R. Oliver	15	1	306	131	32.16
A. H. Morris	12	3	214	38	23.77
A. H. Poole	13	0	307	81	23.53
Ward (R. V.)	12	1	215	89	19.55
Capt. E. D. Dynes	10	0	137	36	13.70
R. de W. K. Winlaw	10	0	123	30	12.50

Other averages are: W. D. John 4 innings, 1 not out, 137 runs, 185 highest score, 45.66 average; C. V. A. Colling 5, 1, 95, 41, 23.75; A. Haywood 6, 5, 20, 11, 20.00; D. H. Coleman 4, 0, 68, 54, 17.00; H. A. Southgate 2, 0, 32, 18, 16.00; A. W. E. Winlaw 7, 1, 95, 26, 15.83; J. U. Lamont 3, 2, 12, 6, 12.00; R. B. Craig 2, 0, 14, 9, 7.00; R. O. Wier 2, 0, 13, 12, 6.50; N. K. Francis 2, 0, 13, 9, 6.50; J. Payne 3, 0, 16, 9, 5.33.

• Denotes not out.

Bowling

	o.	m.	r.	w.	av.
J. Payne	51.5	19	112	15	7.46
J. A. R. Oliver	115	32	232	19	13.51
A. Haywood	235.2	78	457	12	14.28
Capt. E. D. Dynes	249	83	517	34	15.20
Ward (R. V.)	284.4	101	537	34	15.79

Other averages are: C. W. Rawlins 31 overs, 13 maidens, 60 runs, 4 wickets, 15.00 average; J. U. Lamont 49, 17, 116, 5, 23.20; N. E. Browning 56, 14, 137, 2, 68.50.

SPORT OF THE WEEK

A REMINDER

**The County Cricket
Fixtures**

The receipt from Mr. Frank Crompton this week of the County Cricket Club fixture card is a reminder that soon our attention will be concentrated on summer sports. The Club and Ground eleven begin activities on 24th April with a game away against The Saints, Northampton, but the County eleven does not begin business until 9th June. As usual, the first fixture will be at Nottingham against Sir Julien Cahn's side, which will play a return match at Luton on 14th and 15th July. This will show whether Luton really does want county cricket or not. There have been criticisms about the few games allotted to them in the past, and now they have the star game of the summer. It is to be hoped there is a big improvement on the attendances seen at Luton in recent summers.

The first Minor Counties Championship game will be against Hertfordshire on 23rd and 24th June at Letchworth. Buckinghamshire will be met at Ascott Park on 30th and 31st July, and then follows Cricket Week at the Bedford School ground, with encounters with Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, and Hertfordshire in that order. These will be the only fixtures at Bedford, for the remaining matches will be, 11th and 12th August, Cambridgeshire, at Luton; 18th and 19th August, Oxfordshire, at Oxford; and 25th and 26th August, Cambridgeshire, at Cambridge.

Better Support Needed

It is too early to review playing prospects; I will do that in two or three weeks' time, but even at this early stage I do appeal for better support. The attendances, at both the County and the Club and Ground games have been very poor—surprisingly so to a Lancashire man—and a result was the crisis which arose during the close season. It was almost decided to give up the tenancy of the Goldington Road ground owing to the Club's poor financial position. However, the Rugby Club sportingly reduced the rent and another effort is to be made to carry on as usual. Imagine a County Cricket Club without headquarters!

Most of the Club and Ground matches—without taking into account the County engagements—are well worth attending, and a very pleasant afternoon can be spent at Goldington Road. Expenditure has been cut down to a minimum, but good support is necessary if the financial position at the end of the year is to be a happy one.

Practice will begin at the Goldington Road ground on Tuesday. New players will be welcome. The annual subscription, I am told, is £2 2s. 0d.

County Fixtures

Here are the County fixtures. Cut them out and paste them in your diaries.

9th and 10th June v. Sir Julien Cahn's XI, at Nottingham.

23rd and 24th June v. Hertfordshire, at Letchworth.

14th and 15th July v. Sir Julien Cahn's XI, at Luton.

30th and 31st July v. Buckinghamshire, at Ascott Park, near Leighton Buzzard.

2nd and 3rd August v. Oxfordshire, at Bedford School.

4th and 5th August v. Buckinghamshire, at Bedford School.

6th and 7th August v. Hertfordshire, at Bedford School.

11th and 12th August v. Cambridgeshire, at Luton.

18th and 19th August v. Oxfordshire, at Oxford.

25th and 26th August v. Cambridgeshire, at Cambridge (Fenners).

Minor Counties Match

The Minor Counties will play the Gentlemen of Ireland at Dublin on 15th, 16th, and 17th May, and Bedfordshire should be represented following last year's performances.

W. A. Sime

Following upon the announcements of the engagements of O. V. Bevan and Rex. Willis, comes the news of the engagement of W. Arnold Sime, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. William Sime, and captain of the Bedford Rugby Club, and Miss Rosemary Constance Cleaton, only daughter of Dr. and Mrs. E. Cleaton Roberts, "Chenies", West Byfleet, Surrey.

A BEDFORD CRICKET CLUB?

Suggestion at County Club Meeting

THE GOLDINGTON ROAD GROUND GIVEN UP

A suggestion was made at the annual meeting of the Bedfordshire County Cricket Club, held at the Shire Hall, Bedford, yesterday (Thursday) afternoon, that a Bedford Town Cricket Club should be formed to take the place of the Club and Ground, which automatically ceased to exist when the meeting decided to give up the tenancy of the Goldington Road cricket ground by thirty-five votes to six. Offers of support if a Town Club is formed were made by many members. Mr. R. W. Rice presided over a representative attendance.

The annual report, which was published in our mid-weekly editions, was adopted on the motion of Mr. H. R. Neate, seconded by Mr. A. F. Beagle, both of whom spoke of the great success of the County eleven. In connexion with the Goldington Road ground the report stated: "In view of the success of the County eleven during the past season it now becomes a matter for serious consideration as to whether the Club shall expend income on the Club and Ground, which is of doubtful benefit to the County, or apply it to the strengthening of the County eleven by the employment of professionals and the enlargement of the County programme.

"It has been represented that greater support will be forthcoming from the County in general if subscriptions are applied to the cost of enlarging the County programme.

CLUB AND GROUND

"The committee are therefore of opinion that the use of the Club ground should be discontinued. Indeed, the Minor Counties Cricket Association have strongly advised such a course. The committee therefore regretfully come to the conclusion that there is no alternative but to disband the Club and Ground. It should be remembered that the Club ground was formerly under the control of the Bedford Town Cricket Club, whose liabilities were taken over by the County Club in 1912. The committee see no reason why the existing Club and Ground members should not continue to function as a Town Club and accept the fixtures arranged for 1938."

In view of the recommendation it is as well to turn to the financial side. The statement of receipts and payments for the year shows a net increase of £144 11s. 11d. in receipts compared with the previous year. General gate receipts yielded £105 5s. 7d., an increase of £51 2s. 4d.; and the sale of match tickets showed an increase of £8 18s. 6d. Subscriptions showed an increase of £55 18s. 0d. The Club and Ground playing members over twenty-one years of age were required to contribute a subscription of two guineas, and the income from this source yielded approximately £70. The Bedford Rugby Union Football Club reduced the charge for the use of the Club ground to the sum of £45 for the season, but there remains a sum of £37 10s. 0d. owing in respect of arrears of rent.

The General Committee recommended that the tenancy of the Goldington Road ground be terminated forthwith, and Mr. H. R. Neate moved a resolution to that effect.

Letters were read from Mr. R. W. Allen and Mr. J. Arnold Whitchurch saying that they supported the recommendation of the Committee.

OPPOSITION

Opposition came from Mr. W. W. Corfield, who made a strong plea for the retention of the ground. He referred to the splendid report on last season's activities and asked, if they agreed that it was a splendid report, "Why give up the Club and Ground?" By keeping the ground any player in the County could get net practice and obtain games, which was a great advantage. He contended that when the County Club took over the ground and the pavilion from the old Bedford Town Club a pledge was given that they would do all within their power to keep the ground as a cricket ground for all time. He put a question to Mr. Rice and Mr. Orr, as old players honoured in the cricket world. This was, "When you were playing members of the Club and Ground would you have voted to give up the ground?" He thought that their answer would have been "No." Would they think of breaking their word with the old Bedford

Town Club? He would not run back on his word to the old Club, nor on his word to the Bedford Rugby Club, whom some years ago they requested to retain the ground and to allow them to use the ground. The Rugby Club had gone out of its way to help them. The balance sheet showed that they had money, and they had the players, so let them fight for the grand old game of cricket.

"BE JUST BEFORE GENEROUS"

Mr. W. J. Dynes said that they must be just before they were generous. Was it fair to ask Luton and other places for subscriptions for the County and then spend it on the ground at Bedford? It was not Bedford they were looking after but Bedfordshire. If the Club and Ground members wanted a club let them run it and pay for it. Why should other people pay for their pleasure? (Several voices: They don't).

Mr. H. R. Orr said that they were fortunate in their choice of grounds for County fixtures—the two school grounds at Bedford and Wardown at Luton. He skipped the side for thirteen years, and although he would have liked to take an opposite view, the endless struggle year after year to get on the right side wore one down. They had a wonderful season last summer, gates were up and a grant of £26 was received as a result of the New Zealanders' tour, yet they were just on the right side, thanks in the main to the Hon. Secretary. If they could save money by giving up the ground it was for the good of the Club.

"Why do away with the Club and Ground matches?" asked Mr. Orr, who said that when he was skipper of the Club and Ground they never had a County ground. The Club and Ground could play matches at Luton, Arlesey, Leighton Buzzard, Allen Park, Bedford Park, Bedford School, the Modern School, Vauxhall Works, Biggleswade, and against Northampton Club and Ground and Kettering. They would be "out" matches, of course.

Mr. L. W. Wilson asked what would be done about the fixtures made for the Club and Ground next season? If a Bedford club was formed and took over the fixtures would the County Club give assistance? If they cancelled the fixtures it would not do Bedford's cricket name any good.

It was stated that the question of assistance to a new club would be a matter for consideration.

"OUT OF ORDER"

Mr. F. P. Denison suggested the discussion was out of order because the rules referred to the Club having a ground, but the Chairman ruled that discussion was in order.

Mr. C. J. Bartlett said that the discussion should be kept above domestic squabbles and their aim should be to do what was best for the County Club. He thought that they should develop the talent in outlying districts. He could not see why it would not be as well to have a strong Bedford Town Club. Two or three County matches played in different parts of the County was the best way of arousing interest.

Mr. J. B. Graham thought that it would be in the best interests of the Club to give up the tenancy of the ground.

Mr. Neate said that they were all concerned about having to give up the ground, but as business men they had to face facts and for some time they had had difficulty in balancing their budget. They still owed money to the Rugby Club.

The motion was carried, as stated above. The officers of the Club were re-elected, with thanks for past services.

BERKSHIRE MATCHES 1937

CAPTAIN: W. Y. WOODBURN

				RM	RS
14,15	JULY	HERTS	HERTFORD	F5B	-
2,3	AUG	GLAM	READING	SA	F5B
6,7	AUG	WILTS	READING	A	A
9,10		GLAM	BARRY	F5B	SS
11,12		HERTS	READING	SA	A
13,14		WILTS	SWINDON	F5B	F5B
20,21		OXON	READING	A	A
23,24		OXON	OXFORD	F5B	VS
			AVERAGES	A	SA
			REVIEW	A	SA
				4 SEPT	3 SEPT
				4 SEPT	

1.8.98	JULY - AUG	READING MERCURY - 2 VOLS	PC
1.8.98	JULY -	READING STANDARD - 2 VOLS	✓

Reading

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Wokingham
Maidenhead

Suttons

Wargrave

Old Readingmans

Thatcham

Boyne Hill

Bracknell

Berk CCC Acc

A Norris

Reading School

H.G.C. Hubble

Reading Messing July-Dec Reading Standard July-Oct.

D.W. Stokes, J. Timewell HAD Bartlett, W McConnell, K.L. Simpson, H. Birch (BH Smithson), (C.R. Gisfield)

A. Doe AN Woodley
A E Lewendon¹⁴ RHR Palau⁹, BH Smithson¹⁴, H Kent⁷, RG Langer³ RT Colgate⁷ Ac RM 13
18 Sept P. 21. CR Pateman¹³, H.L. Lewis⁴

E. Munchy, F.J.P. Shaw, H.A. Brown

A. Norris, P.M. Cane RH Tomlin Ac RM 25 Sept
16 P. 21.
G. Sayles¹⁷, HC Cotwell¹⁶, S. Bradfield OPF Sutton¹¹, AHS Salmon⁹ H Bradfield¹⁶

R.T. Robins, G.A. Branning

W.J. Streater, B.L.R. Douce PSM Auld EH Maule NW Harding J Candler

C.P. Barr

W.H. Jennings

P. Whitehouse, N. Bullen

Reading Messing, 4 Sept P17 - short account.

Rugby for Thames Valley, & Berkshire.

AG Salmon (Gordon Salmon)

Left Reading University to take up teaching post at Watt's Naval School, North Elmham, Norfolk. Plays for Dereham Town Club.

CRICKET

County Averages For The Season

HONOURS GO TO CAWSTON AND RELF

The results of the Berkshire County Cricket Club matches appear from a superficial glance to be somewhat disappointing, but a closer survey reveals a number of encouraging features. With fort ne favouring the club a little, three matches would have been won. Those against Glamorgan at Reading, and Oxfordshire at Reading would have been won outright if there had been time for another over.

Of the batting the club have no reason to complain. It was, taken all the way through, very good, and in particular may be mentioned E. Cawston (who took a century against Oxfordshire in the last match), Crisfield (who batted consistently in every match in which he played, and had the satisfaction of taking a century in the first match in which he played for the county against Glamorgan), and D. W. Stokes (who was very unlucky not to reach his century in the same match. When he had made 93 Relf, who was batting the other end, drove a ball hard back to the bowler, who failed to stop it, but it went off his hand on to the wicket. Stokes, who was backing up, was out of his ground, and was in consequence run out). Other mainstays were George Sayles and H. L. Lewis, the opening pair, and last, but not least, the "ever-green" Bob Relf.

Relf, who is in his 51th year, was the mainstay of the bowling. He was absolutely untiring, and without him the bowling would have been very weak. He bowled 413 overs in eight matches—an average of over 50 per match—and he took 48 wickets (6 per match) for an average of 19.33. Dr. Woodburn himself comes next, having taken 23 wickets for an average of 25.47. In the last match, against Oxford, at Oxford, he bowled 45 overs, of which seven were maidens, and took seven wickets for 92 runs.

It is sufficient commentary on the bowling to add that the "Skipper" and Relf were the two oldest members of the side, both having passed the half-way mark. The committee no doubt will be keenly on the look-out next year, seeking to find bowlers good enough to sustain the attack. The side this year contained no really fast bowler, and, apart from A. G. Salmon, no spin bowler.

The fielding of the side was, on the whole, excellent. No one will cavil if G. Sayles, A. H. Lewis and C. R. Crisfield are specially mentioned. A word must be said of the two youngest players—R. M. England and A. G. Salmon. The former was unfortunately able to play only in one match, in which he kept wicket, and kept it exceedingly well. In addition, he made 32 not out in the first innings, and 22 in the second. For his first match this was an excellent performance. A. G. Salmon played in three matches, and justified his selection. The experience of playing these two augurs well for the future, for there are others who have Berkshire qualification whom the selection committee have in mind and who it is hoped may be available for next year.

THE AVERAGES

BATTING

	Times		Runs.	Inns.	Highest	Aver.
	Inns.	not out.				
E. Cawston	11	2	472	145	52.44	
C. R. Crisfield	10	0	401	125	40.1	
D. W. Stokes	13	1	474	98	39.5	
G. Sayles	14	0	530	71	23.57	
R. R. Relf	14	1	306	74	23.53	
H. L. Lewis	12	0	277	61	23.08	
H. G. Hubble	6	1	116	29	21.2	
A. H. Lewis	10	1	128	41	13.77	
J. Timewell	6	0	66	45	10.83	
Dr. W. Y. Woodburn	11	5	65	18	10.5	
C. W. Mole	10	1	62	18	6.88	
W. R. Albertini	11	4	29	8	4.14	
P. G. Krabbe	4	0	61	47	15.25	
A. G. Salmon	4	0	29	16	7.25	
R. M. England	2	1	54	32*	54	
K. E. Nicholson	4	0	9	5	2.25	

BOWLING

	Overs.		Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver.
	Runs.	Wkts.				
R. R. Relf	413	122	928	48	19.33	
W. R. Albertini	168	34	473	14	33.78	
Dr. W. Y. Woodburn	187	26	586	23	26.47	
E. Cawston	67	11	258	4	64.5	
B. Bradfield	47	6	120	4	42	
H. G. Hubble	22.4	3	13	3	25	
C. W. Mole	36	3	183	1	145	
A. G. Salmon	17	2	74	3	24.66	
P. G. Krabbe	7	2	26	1	26	

County Cricket Club's Re-formation

FRANK AND BUSINESS-LIKE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

IN the Mayor's Parlour of Reading Town Hall, on Friday evening, the first steps towards the re-formation of the Berkshire County Cricket Club were taken. Proposed revised rules came up for adoption and were passed with a few minor alterations, following a number of frank and full discussions. The question of the running of the Berkshire Gentlemen caused some controversy, but with the representatives of the Gentlemen and the County Club showing a whole-hearted desire to co-operate for the improvement of cricket in Berkshire, an agreement satisfactory to both sides was reached. Mr. A. T. Loyd, who presided, said that as president, he had received the resignations of all the members of the committee, and only he and the hon. treasurer, Mr. J. H. Simonds, had not resigned.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNTY CLUB.

Perhaps one of the most important changes embodied in the revised rules is in regard to membership of the County Cricket Club, which will now be open to all persons interested in the welfare of cricket in Berkshire. The club will consist of: Full members paying a subscription of not less than one guinea per annum; supporter members paying a subscription of not less than five shillings per annum; and affiliated clubs. Any cricket club in Berkshire may become affiliated to the Berkshire County Cricket Club, and affiliation may be obtained by an annual subscription of two guineas, or by an annual subscription of 10s. 6d., if the secretary of the club wishing to be affiliated can produce evidence to show that at least ten of its members are members or supporter members of the Berkshire County Cricket Club. Each affiliated club may appoint one representative to act on the general committee and two delegates to vote at the annual general meeting or any special general meeting.

Full members will, in addition, be entitled (a) to attend and vote at the annual general meeting or any special general meeting of the club; (b) to play, if selected, in any County and Berkshire Club and Ground matches; (c) to a member's pass admitting

to all grounds in Berkshire where County or Club and Ground matches are being played, and to the pavilion and enclosure; (d) to two full free tickets of admission for each home match; (e) to membership of the Berkshire Gentlemen, subject nevertheless to their separate rules. A supporter member will be entitled to a ticket admitting to all grounds in Berkshire where County matches are being played.

CONTROL OF BERKSHIRE GENTLEMEN.

Before the proposed rules of the Berkshire Gentlemen came before the meeting, Mr. R. H. R. PALMER said that at a committee meeting of the Berkshire Gentlemen it was resolved that their own secretary and match committee should be responsible for the fixtures and general organization of the Berkshire Gentlemen. They wanted the match committee to be responsible for the fixtures and general running of the Berkshire Gentlemen, but were quite prepared to leave the finances in the hands of the County Club. Frankly, the Berkshire Gentlemen were anxious to run their own show so far as the matches were concerned.

Mr. A. H. M. SALMON said he thought that the committee of the County Club should be allowed some say in the way the fixture list of the Gentlemen was compiled, if only to express an opinion. He was of the opinion that a rather large proportion of the Berkshire Gentlemen's matches were played outside Berkshire, and it was somewhat significant that in 1936 the Gentlemen played 38 non-members and 36 members, whilst last season 33 non-members and 36 members played. Not one of these non-members had subsequently joined the County Club. "I do feel," continued Mr. Salmon, "that there should be some controlling interest in the Berkshire Gentlemen from the rest of the club, even if they are left to run their side as they please."

Two representatives of affiliated clubs expressed the opinion that the major object of the Gentlemen's side was to encourage cricket in Berkshire, yet, when their clubs had defeated the Gentlemen, the fixtures had been dropped. In their opinion the Gentlemen should play more matches in the county.

After considerable discussion Mr. PALMER said that he knew the Berkshire Gentlemen

would agree to the fixture list receiving the approval of the general committee. The speaker also pointed out that the Gentlemen had had to play non-members because they were unable to raise a team of members.

Eventually a rule was passed that overcame the difficulties of both sides. The rule is as follows: "There shall be a Match Committee, consisting of the hon. secretary and three members elected by the playing members of the preceding season. This committee shall be responsible for the fixture card (subject to the approval of the general committee of the County Club) and the general organization of the Berkshire Gentlemen, and shall serve on the general committee of the Berkshire County Club."

MR. SALMON ELECTED HON. SECRETARY.

The meeting unanimously elected Mr. Salmon as the hon. secretary of the County Club. Mr. SALMON, returning thanks, said that he only wished to carry on for a time until a suitable successor could be found.

Members of the general committee were elected as follows: Messrs. J. Brain, E. Cawston, Captain England, H. L. Lewis, D. R. Jardine, Sir George Mowbray, H. S. Scott, L. N. Sutton, F. E. Tottle, with Messrs. D. W. Stokes and Captain Webb as co-opted members. Mr. H. A. Benyon was elected as vice-president.

The following were elected to the Management Committee: The captain, the hon. secretary, Messrs. R. A. Benberry (Maidenhead), the Rev. H. F. P. Davson (Wallingford), H. L. Lewis, Captain T. H. Webb (Newbury and District), and H. C. McCormack (Reading).

COUNTY CRICKET RE-AWAKENING.

A re-awakening in county cricket is promised next season and I see no reason why that promise should not be fulfilled. Members of the Berkshire County Cricket Club, at a special general meeting last week, really got down to business, and with everyone showing a tremendous keenness I feel optimistic for the future. A number of gentlemen with experience have offered to help in the County Cricket Club in the future, including D. R. Jardine the famous England and Surrey player of Harlequin cap fame, who now lives in the Shinfield district, and their assistance should put Berkshire in the front rank of minor counties cricket. A glance at the new rules shows that the Berkshire Cricket Club intend to be first and foremost a businesslike organization, and that in itself augurs well for a sound foundation is necessary if success is to be attained.

BERKSHIRE COUNTY
CRICKET

Match With Indian Cricketers
Arranged

This year has been one of crisis in the affairs of the Berkshire County Cricket Club. So serious a view did the general committee take that they decided to put before the members at the recent annual meeting a resolution that the club should cease to function at the end of this year. The motion was defeated, and the County Club is to go on for another year at least. The arguments for and against have already been fully reported in the Press, but, in brief, those who put forward the recommendation stated that the revenue was insufficient and that there was a complete lack of interest. However true this may be, some of the committee thought, firstly, that there were many in Berkshire whose love of cricket would lead them to support the County Club by becoming members and thus supplying part of the necessary revenue; and, secondly, that there was no real lack of interest in cricket—the national summer game of England—and that there will never cease to be support for it in Berkshire so long as it is played by high and low, rich and poor, on county grounds and village greens, and this being so, any apparent lack of interest was due to factors which could be removed.

The county matches are approaching. On July 13th and 14th Berkshire play Hertfordshire at Hertford, and the first home match is to be played on the Kensington Road ground on August 2nd and 3rd. For the last time the county side is being led by Dr. Woodburn. Dr. Woodburn has been "skipper" for 25 years; this fact alone speaks for itself, and now that he has decided he must retire from taking active part in county cricket at the end of this season, it is fitting that appreciation should be expressed of the skill and courage with which he has led the county eleven without a break for so many years. Nothing would please him more than to see a big crowd at Kensington Road ground at all the home matches.

A New Era

Next year begins a new era. At the end of this season the rules of the County Club are to be revised; there will be a new captain, and Captain Dunlop, who has served the club so unselfishly as hon. secretary since 1930, is relinquishing that post; moreover, though there will be on the general committee some of the old members, there will be a new general committee, on which affiliated clubs will be strongly represented, and a managing committee, which will meet frequently, and whose function will be to carry out the policy laid down by the general committee.

Until this season is over, therefore, little can be said as to what new measures will be taken by this new committee, but it is certain that every effort will be made to increase the revenue, to seek out and encourage cricketers from all over the county who have cricket ability, with a view to building up a strong county side.

It is hoped to play "Berkshire Club" matches as well as "Berkshire Gentlemen" matches, in which those who are likely candidates for the county side will be tried out.

It may interest our readers to know that a match has already been arranged between the Berkshire Club and Ground and a team of Indian cricketers managed by Major E. W. C. Ricketts, of Bramley, who are touring this country next summer. The match is to take place on July 8th and 9th, 1938.

**To Represent
Berkshire**

The Berkshire eleven to meet Hertfordshire on July 14th, at Hertford, will be:—

Relf, R. R.,
H. L. Lewis,
W. R. Albertini,
D. W. Stokes,
Dr. W. Y. Woodburn,
P. Krabbe,
C. R. Crisfield,
Sayles, G.,
K. E. Nicholson,
S. Bradfield,
C. W. Mole.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE MATCHES 1937

CAPTAIN: W.B. FRANKLIN

					BFP	WE	SO
26	M, T	5, 6	JULY	LINCS	H. WYCOMBE	FSB FA	-
46	W, T	28, 29		HERTS	ST ALBANS	-	-
49	F, S	30, 31		BEDS	WING	FSB FA	-
61	W, T	4, 5	AUG	BEDS	BEDFORD	FS JA FA	-
75	M, T	9, 10		NORFOLK	NORWICH	FS FA	-
82	W, T	11, 12		LINCS	GRANTHAM	FSPB A	-
84	F, S	13, 14		HERTS	SLOUGH	FS FA FS FA	FS A
93	W, T	18, 19		NORFOLK	H. WYCOMBE		
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Bucks CCC Ten thru PFP 20 Aug P.10.

1937

						I	NO	R	HS
Ratcliffe A	3	1	98	68	49.00				
Powell AP	7	2	175	54*	35.00				
Peters SS	10	0	311	79	31.10				
Aubrey-Fletcher JHL	14	1	386	112	29.69				
Walker GS	7	0	193	70	27.57				
Macindoe DH	4	1	79	59*	26.33		1 +		59
Boddy CH	2	0	52	45	26.00				
Baker LG	10	1	231	69	25.67				
Tibbles EJ	4	1	66	34	22.00	Not mentioned			
Stevens-Davis BH	6	1	98	50*	19.60	1 +			
Beeson E	1	0	17	17	17.00	Not mentioned			
Holliman CA	2	0	33	22	16.50	Not mentioned			
Millar Logan W	2	1	16	14*	16.00	Not mentioned			
Cassavetti AJS	4	0	52	23	13.00	Not mentioned			
Franklin WB	10	0	109	32	10.90				
Tompkins R	1	0	10	10	10.00	Not mentioned			
Lund V	8	2	47	18	7.83				
Busby AH	8	1	53	20*	7.57	Not mentioned			
Melville JH	4	0	27	10	6.75	Not mentioned			
Edwards F	11	4	36	11	5.14		1 +		
James AJS	1	0	4	4	4.00	Not mentioned			
Roberts D	7	1	20	8	3.33	Not mentioned			
Sales HE	3	0	8	7	2.67	Not mentioned			
Robey CJ	1	0	0	0	0.00	Not mentioned			
Emery RF	2	2	2	1*	****	Not mentioned			

1938

						I	NO	R	HS
Baker LG	13	2	426	87	38.73				
Aubrey-Fletcher JHL	13	1	437	106*	36.42				
Peters SS	12	0	406	110	33.83				
Skinner AG	13	2	350	100	31.82			1 +	
Walker GS	11	0	250	68	22.73			1 -	
Rutter RH	6	3	64	25	21.33				
Battcock OG	8	1	149	44	21.29				
Sales HE	1	0	19	19	19.00	Not mentioned			
Lund V	12	5	116	32*	16.57				
Holliman CA	10	0	158	44	15.80				
Franklin WB	11	1	156	39	15.60				
Ratcliffe A	5	0	73	37	14.60				
Boddy CH	1	0	8	8	8.00	Not mentioned			
Macindoe DH	4	0	32	18	8.00	Not mentioned			
Hastie JH	1	0	5	5	5.00	Not mentioned			
Edwards F	10	0	37	13	3.70				

1934

	O	B	M	R	W
James AJS	2	0	6	1	6.00
Birtwell AJ	203.2	43	599	34	17.62
Rutter RH	205.5	61	481	27	17.81
Edwards F	206.1	62	460	25	18.40
Holliman CA	11.5	2	59	3	19.67
Badham PHC	101	22	262	6	43.67
Leigh-Bennett TJ	18	7	62	1	62.00
Busby AH	13	3	50	0	****
Brooke RHJ	2	0	3	0	****
Miller-Logan WE	15	2	32	0	****
Tompkins R	2	0	19	0	****
decimal addition	779.3				
true over figure	780.1	202	2033	97	

1935

	O	B	M	R	W
Edwards F	235.4	67	662	41	16.15
Rutter RH	231.3	57	673	30	22.43
Birtwell AJ	100	16	366	14	26.14
Holliman CA	123.5	8	585	20	29.25
Brindley WT	152.5	34	451	15	30.07
Busby AH	17	2	94	2	47.00
Brooke RHJ	1	0	2	0	****
decimal addition	860.7				
true over figure	861.5	184	2833	122	

There is one innings - Herts a - where bowling total is one fewer than batting.

1936

	O	B	M	R	W
Edwards F	157.2	42	391	32	12.22
Aubrey-Fletcher JHL	85.2	17	283	20	14.15
Lund V	137.2	50	327	17	19.24
Busby AH	14	1	48	2	24.00
Holliman CA	53.3	4	243	10	24.30
Birtwell AJ	68	12	204	8	25.50
Hawes NR	9	4	20	0	****
decimal addition	523.9				
true over figure	524.3	130	1516	89	

1937

	O	B	M	R	W
Lund V	180.2	57	403	43	9.37
Edwards F	201	76	414	30	13.80
Roberts D	40	6	155	6	25.83
Melville JH	30	6	109	4	27.25
Aubrey-Fletcher JHL	115.3	23	361	13	27.77
Stevens-Davis BH	4	0	29	1	29.00
Macindoe DH	65	17	178	5	35.60
Emery RF	25	1	132	2	66.00
Busby AH	21	4	76	1	76.00
Ratcliffe A	1	0	1	0	****
Peters SS	1	0	3	0	****
decimal addition	683.5				
true over figure	683.5	190	1861	105	

BUCKS COUNTY CRICKET CLUB.

AVERAGES FOR THE SEASON.

Batting Averages.

	Ins	out	Not High.		Rns	Ave.
			est	score		
P. Powell	7	2	54*	175	35.00	
S. S. Peters	10	0	79	311	31.10	
J. H. L. Aubrey-						
Fletcher	14	1	112	386	29.69	
G. S. Walker	7	0	70	193	27.67	
L. G. Baker	10	1	69	231	25.66	
B. H. Stevens-						
Davies	5	1	50*	98	24.5	
W. B. Franklin	10	0	32	100	10.9	
V. Lund	8	2	18	47	7.83	
Edwards (F.)	11	3	11	36	4.5	

* Not out.

Also batted: A. Ratcliff 12, 68 and 18 (not out), C. H. Boddy 7 and 45, D. H. Macindoe 10, 8, 2 and 59.

Bowling Averages.

	O	M	R	W	Ave
V. Lund	180.2	57	402	43	9.35
Edwards (F.)	262	75	414	30	13.80
J. H. L. Aubrey-					
Fletcher	115.3	24	361	13	27.77
D. H. Macindoe	65	17	178	5	35.60

Also bowled: J. H. Meville 30.6-109.4 and D. Roberts 40.6-155.6.

BUCKS COUNTY CRICKET

Survey Of The Minor Counties Matches

ONLY ONE DEFEAT

BUCKS wound up the season in good style by beating Norfolk at High Wycombe, and thus having their revenge for the heavy defeat sustained at Norwich. This was the only defeat Bucks suffered during the season and they were able to claim full points in two matches and first innings lead in three others.

Commencing the season at High Wycombe, where they met Lincolnshire, rain probably robbed them of victory. In the first innings they made a very poor show against Barber, who took 5 wickets for 10 runs. They did much better in the second innings, being 102 runs on for 2 wickets when rain stopped play after 20 minutes of the second day. Bucks next met Herts at St. Albans, and thanks to a splendid innings of 112 by Aubrey-Fletcher, were able to gain the lead on the first innings. On the Herts side Crossman and Appleyard added 122 for the ninth wicket.

Newcomer's Success

At Ascott, Bedfordshire were the next opponents and although 6 wickets were down of the visitors for 68, the last 4 wickets added 299, chiefly through W. D. John, 135, a newcomer to county cricket. Bucks finished up 46 behind the Herts total.

The return match was at Bedford, and thanks to a good knock (70) by G. S. Walker, Bucks led on the first innings by 57. For the home team G. L. B. August was top scorer (50). Bucks made a poor show in the second innings being all out for 67, Ward (6 for 32) and Haywood (4 for 25) doing the damage. Requiring only 125 to win, the game seemed as good as won, but the Bucks bowlers were at the top of their form and 20 overs sufficed to finish the game, the total being the same as that scored by Bucks, 67—Lund (5 for 33), Edwards (3 for 15), and Roberts (2 for 15).

Bucks next journeyed to Norwich to meet Norfolk. Here again things went well for a time, six wickets being down for 119. A great stand by B. W. Hought-Rought (143) and L. G. L. Ballance (107) quite altered the score board and the total reached 379. G. S. Walker was again top scorer for Bucks, but the other batsmen failed before Ballance (4 for 11) and R. C. Rough-Rought (4 for 25) and the total was only 106.

They made a better show in the second innings, scoring 176, the top scorer being D. H. Macindre, 59. They were thus beaten in an innings.

Good Fielding

From Norwich Bucks went on to Grantham for the return with Lincolnshire. The home team were able to claim a lead of 8 runs on the first innings, but so well did Lund bowl (7 for 9) helped by the catches held, that the score only reached 34. The 43 runs needed were scored for the loss of 1 wicket and Bucks gained full points.

The next game was at Slough against Herts and although a good start was made, the total (160) from a spectator's point of view, was not enough, especially remembering the scores made there by Herts in the past.

However, Lund and Aubrey-Fletcher were in their best form and at the close of play on the first day Herts had lost four of their best men for six runs. Only two men of the side reached double figures and the last wicket fell at 34. Lund (6 for 18) and Aubrey-Fletcher (3 for 15) bowled unchanged. Unfortunately for Bucks, rain began to fall at the close of the innings and no further play took place.

The Final Match

The season ended with the game at High Wycombe against Norfolk. The visitors were only able to score 134 and 135 against 188 first innings and 82 for 1. A. Ratcliffe (68) played a fine innings, assisted by A. P. Powell (44) and in the second innings Powell (54) played splendidly.

The fielding has been a great improvement on past seasons and the county has good prospects for the future.

SPORTS GOSSIP

By "ONLOOKER"

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE County Cricket Club, when they open their season in the Minor Counties competition on July 5th and 6th against Lincolnshire at High Wycombe, may have the assistance of several former Bucks county stars.

The opening match of the season should provide a big attraction for High Wycombe enthusiasts, for Bucks have not met Lincolnshire for many years.

Jack Melville, the Aylesbury batsman, who was "capped" for Scotland against Ireland at Belfast, may strengthen the batting side of the county team.

Others among the Bucks "possibles" are C. Clover-Brown, B. H. Stevens-Davies and O. G. Battock, all of whom were prominent in the county ranks some years ago.



W. B. FRANKLIN a Staffordshire team.

O. G. Battock, stylish left-hand batsman and right-hand bowler, is a Slough player who has had plenty of county experience.

R. W. Skene, a master at Stowe School, Buckingham, may be a newcomer to the county teams this season.

Without R. H. Rutter, the Beaconsfield fast bowler — whom all Bucks cricketers will congratulate on his marriage on Saturday — Bucks will have to rely principally on the bowling side on Edwards, Vic Lund, of Slough, A. J. Birtwell, the former High Wycombe slow bowler, J. H. Melville, and J. H. L. Aubrey-Fletcher, who met with considerable success as a bowler last year. There is likely apparently to be a preponderance of slow bowlers and lack of a fast opening bowler may prove a difficult problem.

L. G. Baker Still In Form

Bucks team will be selected from: W. B. Franklin (captain), J. H. L. Aubrey-Fletcher, O. G. Battock, A. J. S. James, J. H. Melville, A. H. Busby, C. Clover-Brown, R. W. Skene, C. A. Holliman, V. Lund, A. J. Birtwell, R. T. Campbell, B. H. Stevens-Davies and Edwards.

The Lincolnshire team will be: H. W. Dods (captain), W. E. Houghton, L. A. Clark, N. Maalin, M. V. Bennett, H. Lawton, B. H. D. Robinson, D. F. G. Walker, B. Ehrenfried, A. Brown, R. H. Barber.

L. G. Baker, the High Wycombe

batsman, would have been chosen in the side, I understand, but he will be on holiday when Bucks open their season. He may figure in later games.

Although Baker has not been quite so prominent in High Wycombe first eleven games so far this season, he has shown in other matches that he is still on top of his form. He hit a fine century for Romany recently.

H. P. Crabtree Going

Buckinghamshire's cricket generally will miss the achievements of H. P. Crabtree, former Essex county cricketer, who has resigned his post as organiser of physical training in Bucks to take up a similar appointment in Essex.

Crabtree hit 105 not out for Aylesbury against Leighton Buzzard recently—the first century for Aylesbury since 1934, when S. S. Peters scored 100.

Gerrards Cross Discovery

The new star that made a meteoric appearance in Gerrards Cross cricket firmament last week soared still higher this week.

R. D. Heaton-Smith, who scored 103 in his first game for Gerrards Cross first eleven against Ickenham, followed up the achievement this week by hitting up 126 against R. C. Byass' XI on Sunday.

A stylish and forceful right hand batsman, Heaton-Smith, still in his "teens," has quickly advanced from the second eleven to a permanent place in the first eleven in his first season with Gerrards Cross. He lives at White Ridings, Chalfont St. Peter.

F. W. Essex's Progress

F. W. Essex, former High Wycombe Royal Grammar School sports champion, is doing well at Reading University, both in his studies and on the sports field.

During the winter he gained his place in the University rugby XV; now his deadly fast bowling is a feature of the cricket team.

Essex, I hear, has been invited to have a trial for Berkshire County Cricket Club. Although he lives at Booker, he would be eligible on residential qualification to play for Berkshire. During his holiday he will probably play, as he did last season, for one of the High Wycombe teams.

Next week, by the way, Essex celebrates his "coming of age." There is to be a little celebration at Sands.

Women's Cricket In Bucks

Buckinghamshire Women's Cricket Association, formed last year, began their season this week. They had a drawn game with Berkshire on Saturday, when rain marred play.

A combined Berks and Bucks team met Middlesex at Cookham on Wednesday. On Saturday, July 3rd, Bucks meet London Civil Service at High Wycombe and on Wednesday, July 21st, they meet Sussex, at Horsham.

The inauguration of women's county matches proved a popular venture last season, when two matches were played, and the extension of the fixture list has been justified this year.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE MATCHES 1937

CAPTAIN: F.W. WILKINSON

CIP CDN

51	F,S	30,31	JULY	NORFOLK	HUNSTANTON	FS } A }
58	M,T	2,3	AUG	LINCS	SCUNTHORPE	FS } A }
71	F,S	6,7		SUFFOLK	CAMBRIDGE	FS } SA }
77	W,T	11,12		BEDS	LUTON	FS } SA }
92	T,W	17,18		LINCS	CAMBRIDGE	FS } VFA }
96	T,F	19,20		SUFFOLK	BURY ST EDMONDS	FS } SA }
102	W,T	25,26		BEDS	CAMBRIDGE	FS } SA }
104	F,S	27,28		NORFOLK	CAMBRIDGE	

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✓ Lincs, Souththorpe Mon Tues 2, 3 Aug - Tues: Camb.

✓ Suffolk, Fenny Fri, Sat 6, 7 Aug - Tues: Suffolk

✓ Lincs, Fenny, Tue, Wed 17, 18 Aug - Tues: ?

✓ Suffolk, Bury St Edmund, Thurs, Fri 19, 20 Aug - Tues: ?

✓ Norfolk, Fenny, Fri, Sat 27, 28 Aug - Tues -

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CAMBS. CRICKET REVIEW

Club's Worst Season Since 1929

BOWLING WEAKNESS

THE Cambridgeshire Cricket Club have just concluded their worst season in the Minor Counties competition since 1929. Out of the usual programme of eight matches, three have been lost outright, three lost on the first innings and two won on the first innings. This gives the County a percentage of 18.75 and places them last but two in the table.

The method of scoring is, of course, six points for a win, three points for a lead on the first innings and one point for the loser in a match decided on the first innings.



F. W. Wilkinson.

Last season, Cambs. equalled their post-war record with a percentage of 53.33, being equal sixth, while the year before they were fourteenth with a percentage of 39.58. In 1929 they were bottom in the table with a percentage of 8.57.

DETAILED RESULTS.

Detailed results were:—
 July 30-31.—Cambs. 223 and 205; Norfolk 282 (at Hunstanton). Norfolk took points for a first innings lead.
 August 2-3.—Cambs. 96 and 209; Lincs. 306 (at Scunthorpe). Lincs. won by an innings and one run.
 August 6-7.—Suffolk 332 and 167 for seven wickets declared; Cambs. 217 and 118 for three wickets (at Fenner's). Suffolk took points for a first innings lead.
 August 11-12.—Beds. 211 and 130; Cambs. 115 and 96 (at Luton). Beds. won by 130 runs.
 August 17-18.—Cambs. 318 and 210 for eight wickets; Lincs. 383 (at Fenner's). Lincs. took points for a first innings lead.
 August 19-20.—Suffolk 201 and 236 for seven wickets; Cambs. 379 for four wickets declared (at Bury St. Edmund's). Cambs. took points for a first innings lead.
 August 25-26.—Cambs. 251 and 119; Beds. 414 for nine wickets declared (at Fenner's). Beds. won by an innings and 44 runs.
 August 27-28.—Cambs. 426 for seven wickets declared; Norfolk 322 and 137 for six wickets (at Fenner's). Cambs. took points for a first innings lead.

INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES.

The individual batting and bowling averages are as follows:—

Batting.—Over 5 Innings.					
	Ins.	n.o.	runs.	Total runs.	Avg.
M. A. Crouch	14	0	162	601	42.92
Smith (C. J.)	11	3	92	284	35.5
Covill (R. J.)	13	0	111	405	31.15
L. A. Covill	14	2	93	298	24.83
W. T. Whewell	12	2	38	175	17.50
S. M. Tebbit	6	3	35	52	17.33
C. E. Coote	14	0	55	206	14.71
H. J. Rose	7	0	40	97	13.85
F. W. Wilkinson	12	2	27*	120	12.00
F. W. Parfitt	6	1	21	36	7.5
Also batted:—					
H. W. Taylor	4	1	95*	166	55.33
F. A. Ridgeon	4	1	65	147	49.00
G. C. W. Palmer	4	2	48	76	38.00
H. D. Senior	4	0	30	78	19.50
S. Royston	4	0	33	60	15.00
E. I. E. Whitman	4	0	15	22	5.50
R. A. Taylor	2	0	9	10	5.00
W. H. Cockell	4	1	5	5	1.66
W. Eagle	4	0	0	0	0

Bowling.—Over 5 wickets.					
	O.	M.	R.	Avg.	
F. W. Wilkinson	139.3	25	456	21	21.71
Covill (R. J.)	207.3	32	693	25	26.65
Smith (C. J.)	264.3	73	644	22	29.27
L. A. Covill	49	5	171	5	34.20
W. T. Whewell	105	13	346	10	34.6
W. Eagle	84	18	215	6	35.83
Also bowled: M. A. Crouch, 2-0-3-1-3.00; S. Royston, 16-1-53-3-17.66; R. A. Taylor, 27-7-72-3-24.00; F. I. E. Whitman, 22.4-2-84-3-28.00; H. J. Rose, 41-8-131-3-43.66; F. A. Ridgeon, 38.4-140-3-46.66; G. C. W. Palmer, 17-1-75-1-50.00; C. E. Coote, 1-0-2-0; H. W. Taylor, 2-0-8-0.					

PLAYERS' APPEARANCES.

Players have turned out as follows:—
 All games—F. W. Wilkinson, C. E. Coote, M. A. Crouch, Covill (R. J.), L. A. Covill, W. T. Whewell.
 Seven games—Smith (C. J.).
 Six games—S. M. Tebbit.
 Four games—H. J. Rose.
 Three games—F. W. Parfitt, F. A. Ridgeon, H. W. Taylor.
 Two games—W. H. Cockell, W. Eagle, G. C. W. Palmer, R. A. Taylor, H. D. Senior, S. Royston, E. I. E. Whitman — a total of 19 players.

The list given above shows that practically all last season's players were available, and the question is "Why did the County do so badly?" At the risk of wearisome repetition, I would suggest that Cambs.' first and foremost need is still a really useful fast bowler, and their second most urgent requirement is a good slow left-hand spinner.

Analysis of the results shows that, generally speaking, the side has got quite a lot of runs and has then lacked the necessary sting in attack to get the opposition out for a smaller total. Of course, I am prepared to admit that the wickets in most cases this season have been of the shirt-front variety, but that does not alter the fact that the other side's bowlers have been getting Cambs. out for less than their own score.

INTERESTING BOWLING FIGURES.

The bowling figures, compared with those of last year, make interesting reading. Last year Rose headed the averages with five wickets for 12.12 runs apiece, while this year his three wickets cost 43.66 runs each. Smith, who was second last season with 34 wickets for 16.14 runs each, took only 22 wickets this year and conceded 29.27 runs each. Eagle, third last year with 11 wickets for 19.81 runs each, took six this year for 35.83 runs each.

John Covill, through taking 26 wickets for 26.65 runs each as compared with 21 for 21.14 runs each last season, advanced from fourth to second place. Wilkinson, who was fifth last year with 15 wickets for 25.4 runs each, headed the averages this year with 21 wickets for 21.71 runs each—an analysis that would have given him fifth place last year.

So far as the batting is concerned, there is a rather more cheerful tale to be told.

M. A. Crouch, the young Manca player, scored an outstanding success by making 601 runs—more than double the total achieved by any player last season—and headed the averages with 42.92, as compared with occupying ninth position last season with 14.69. All will agree that he richly deserved the County cap he received during the last match with Norfolk.

CLIFF SMITH BATS WELL.

Cliff Smith compensated for his less successful year with the ball by an average of 35.5 for second place, as compared with 21.42 last year when he was sixth. John Covill's 31.15 showed an improvement of one place over last season, when he was fourth with 26.54. Len Covill, with considerably more innings to his credit, was fourth with 24.83, while last year he was second with 34.00, as a result of five innings.

Whewell, fifth with 17.50, was tenth last year with 11.80, while Tebbit, sixth with 17.33, did not figure in the table last year. Owing to Cockell being unable to play in all the matches, he received his chance behind the stumps and maintained a consistently good standard, while proving himself a better batsman than the redoubtable "Bill."

Coote, who was fifth last year with 25.00, was seventh this season with 14.71 and failed to show his best form in any match. Although he failed to reach double figures on only five occasions out of 14, yet he only exceeded 20 twice!

Rose, eighth with an average of 13.85, occupied a similar position last year with 14.75. Wilkinson, who topped the batting last year with 38.57, sank as low as ninth with 12.00, while Parfitt, seventh last year with 19.10, slumped to tenth with 7.5, and was another batsman not to show his best form. Among the "also rans" some good batting was forthcoming from H. W. Taylor, Ridgeon and Palmer, the latter playing for the first time. Others to make a first appearance were Royston and Whitman, both of whom showed promise, chiefly as bowlers.

PATCHY FIELDING.

The fielding has been rather patchy. Some days it has been really good, and on other occasions it has been equally bad. Several missed catches have been rather expensive, and it was interesting to hear one of the Bedfordshire side, which has had its most successful season for a number of years, attribute a good deal of that success to the fact that catches had been held.

Looking to the future, I see the need of a bolder policy with the Cambs. bowling. This season, Wilkinson has, in my opinion, been too prone to employ Smith and John Covill, at the same time and, in consequence, has been forced to bring on change-bowlers of similar characteristics—usually slow—at both ends, with the result that he has lost control of the game. Admittedly, the wickets have on almost every occasion been excellent and the Cambs. bowling has suffered for several seasons from sameness. It is a problem that Wilkinson and the other officials will have to study seriously in the "close" season.

In conclusion, may I appeal to the Club to make every effort with regard to the Club matches to give young players a game. It occurs to me that the mid-week fixtures are unsuitable for the young players, owing to business, and the possibility of more Saturday games might be discussed. Surely clubs would not mind one of their members having a chance of bettering his cricket.

P.W.B.

CHESHIRE MATCHES 1937

CAPTAIN :

					CCLDP	CG	BN	BA	WN
8	W,T 2,3	JUNE	YORKS 2ND	NEW BRIGHTON	FSPB A	FA	-	FSPB FA	FSPB A
13	M,T 14,15		LANCS 2ND	NESTON	FSPB FA	FSPB A	FSPB FA	-	-
27	M,T 5,6	JULY	GLAM 2ND	BRITON FERRY	FSPB SA	FSPB A	FSPB A	-	-
32	W,T 14,15		STAFFS	CREWE	FSPB FA	FSPB A	FSPB A	FS A	
46	W,T 21,22		YORKS 2ND	ILKLEY	FSPB FA	FSPB A	FSPB A	-	-
63	W,T 4,5	AUGUST	STAFFS	STONE-ON-TRENT	FSPB A	FSPB A	FSPB A	-	-
79	W,T 11,12		GLAM 2ND	CHESTER	FSPB VFA	FSPB FA	FSPB FA	-	-
103	W,T 25,26		LANCS 2ND	OLD TRAFFORD	FSPB A	FSPB FA	FSPB FA	-	-

AVERAGES
REVIEW

1-8-98	JUNE - SEPT	CHESTER CHRONICLE	PC	
		CHESHIRE OBSERVER	✓	No check the end Sept
15-8-98	MAY - SEPT	LIVERPOOL DAILY POST - 6 VOLS	✓	
15-8-98	JULY	CREWE GUARDIAN	✓	
15-8-98	JUNE	BIRKENHEAD NEWS	✓	
15-8-98	JUNE	BIRKENHEAD ADVERTISER	✓	
15-8-98	JUNE	WALLASEY NEWS	✓	

CORNWALL MATCHES 1987

CAPTAIN:

41 F/S 23,24	JULY	DEVON	CAMBORNE
50 F/S 30,31		DEVON	TORQUAY
55 M,T 2,3	AUGUST	DORSET	WIMBORNE
65 W,T 4,5		SURREY 2ND	THE OVAL
73 F/S 6,7		OXON	OXFORD
80 W,T 11,12		DORSET	LISKEARD
85 F/S 13,14		OXON	PENZANCE
99 M,T 23,24		SURREY 2ND	PENZANCE

AVERAGES
REVIEW

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FSB	FSB	FS	FS
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PFSB	FSB	FS	FS
PA	FA	SA	SA
FSB	FSB	FSB	FSB
A	FA	SA	SA
PFSB	FSB	FSB	FSB
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15.8.98	JULY - AUGUST	WEST BRITON	PC
15.8.98	MAY - AUGUST	WESTERN MORNING NEWS - 4 Vols	✓
15.8.98	JULY - AUGUST	THE CORNISHMAN - P	✓
15.8.98	JULY - AUGUST	CORNISH POST - C	✓
15.8.98	AUGUST	CORNISH TIMES - L	✓

CORNWALL COUNTY

Averages For The Past Season

Following are the Cornwall County averages for the past season:—

BATTING.

	Inns.	n.o.	score.	Times Hgst.	
				Runs.	Avgc.
G. Holman	16	—	59	335	20.93
C. Casley	16	—	45	291	18.18
W. J. Addicoat ..	16	1	60	264	17.6
Ollerearnshaw, H.	6	1	35	75	15.0
L. Martin	14	—	60	182	13.0
Harry, T.	16	1	36*	193	12.06
I. McKenzie	10	2	23	96	12.0
C. V. Paull	16	1	37	170	11.33
Rogers, W.	12	1	29	121	11.0
T. Maddern	12	3	27*	92	10.22
I. E. Mill	14	3	36	101	9.18
C. Kendall	16	2	15	61	4.35

Also batted: S. Barnicoat, 2-46-54-27.0; N. Dorning, 2-19-24-12.0; D. J. Rogers, 4-20-39-9.75; I. C. Hays, 2-15-19-9.5; C. Buckingham, 2-1-6*-6-6.0.

*Signifies "Not out."

BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avgc.
Harry (T.) ...	161-4	23	427	27	15.81
C. Kendall ...	235-1	40	702	33	21.27
Rogers (W.) ..	99-4	4	429	17	25.23
T. Maddern ..	88-1	9	332	13	25.53
I. E. Mill	126	28	354	10	35.4

Also bowled: C. Buckingham, 36-3-100; Ollerearnshaw, 2-33-3-50.66; Ollerearnshaw, H., 27-2-95-3-33.66.

CORNWALL COUNTY AVERAGES

The averages of the Cornwall County Cricket Club for the past season are as follows:—

BATTING.

	Inns	out	score	Times		Runs	Av'g.
				not	Hgt		
G. Holman	16	0	59	335		20.93	
C. Casley	16	0	45	291		18.18	
W. J. Addicoat	16	1	60	264		17.6	
Ollerearnshaw (H.)	6	1	35	75		15.0	
L. Martin	14	0	60	182		13.0	
Harry (T.)	16	1	36*	193		12.86	
I. McKenzie	10	2	23	96		12.0	
C. V. Paull	16	1	37	170		11.33	
Rogers (W.)	12	1	29	121		11.0	
T. Maddern	12	3	27*	92		10.22	
J. E. Mill	14	3	36	101		9.18	
C. Kendall	16	2	15	61		4.35	

Also batted: S. Barnicoat, 2-46-54-27.0; N. Dorning, 2-19-24-12.0; D. J. Rogers, 4-20-39-9.75; J. C. Hays, 2-15-19-9.5; C. Buckingham, 2-1-6*-6-6.0.

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av'g.
C. Kendall	235.1	40	702	33	21.27
Rogers (W.)	99.4	4	429	17	25.23
T. Maddern	88.1	9	332	13	25.53
J. E. Mill	126.0	28	354	10	35.4

Also bowled:—C. Buckingham, 36-3-108-6-18; C. Casley, 11-2-50-3-16.6; Ollerearnshaw (H.), 27-2-95-3-31.66.

DEVON 1937

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W,T	16,17	June	Sumney	The Oval
F,S	23,24	July	Comwall	Camborne
F,S	30,31		Comwall	Torquay
W,T	4,5	August	Oxon	Oxford
F,S	6,7		Dorset	Dorchester
W,T	11,12		Oxon	Inston
F,S	13,14		Dorset	Exeter
F,S	20,21		Sumney	Exeter

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15.8.98	MAY - AUGUST	WESTERN MORNING NEWS	✓
		EXPRESS AND ECHO	✓
19.9.98		NORTH DEVON JOURNAL - B	✓
19.9.98		NORTH DEVON HERALD - B	✓
19.9.98		TORBAY HERALD - 3 VOLS	✓
19.9.98		TORQUAY TIMES	✓
19.9.98		TORQUAY DIRECTORY	✓

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DEVON COUNTY CRICKET

SEASON'S AVERAGES.
Devon County Cricket Club averages for the season are as follows:—

BATTING.

	Inns.	out.	Not		Runs.	score.	Avge.
			Out	Highst			
C. E. H. Poynder	13	2	432	121*	39	27	
H. S. Stoneman	7	1	220	74	37	50	
R. G. Seldon	13	1	343	83	58	58	
J. S. Poynder	10	—	267	78	28	70	
J. H. L. Watts	8	1	121	38	17	20	
Lock (H. C.)	13	3	177	42*	17	70	
H. G. Uren	12	2	164	37	16	49	
G. Keith Simmons	12	4	101	27	12	82	
P. S. Campling	10	1	92	30*	10	22	
A. F. Irish	5	—	53	20	10	60	
Dr. L. N. Jackson	6	—	59	24	9	83	
W. T. French	11	3	51	14	6	37	

Also batted: R. Periton, 2 innings, 19 runs; B. H. Lock, 4-32; Capt. J. B. Wyndham, 4-63; C. Beardsworth, 4-12; G. A. F. A. Farmar, 2-1; D. Castle, 2-4; Moule, 2-4; S. A. Armstrong, 3-32; H. B. Martin, 1-0.

BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Ave.
H. S. Stoneman	58	13	123	6	20.83
P. S. Campling	121.1	22	439	20	21.95
Lock (H. C.)	207.4	43	550	25	22.00
W. T. French	135.2	13	447	16	27.91
J. S. Poynder	56	11	214	6	35.66
G. Keith Simmons	73	17	189	4	47.25

Also bowled: Moule, 7-0-41-0; A. F. Irish, 3-0-13-0; H. B. Martin, 14-3-32-1; R. G. Seldon, 6-2-33-1; H. G. Uren, 7-0-46-1; J. H. L. Watts, 2-0-19-1; G. A. F. A. Farmar 15.2-3-43-2.

DORSET MATCHES 1937

CAPTAIN: W.M. ELDERTON

				DCC	DDE	ST	PWN	BDE	BN	BT
45	W,T 28,29	JULY	WILTSHIRE	SHERBORNE	SS SA	FSPB FA	SS SA	-	-	-
52	F,S 30,31		OXON	OXFORD	-	FSPB PA	-	-	-	FS A
55	M,T 2,3	AUGUST	CORNWALL	WIMBORNE	FSPB SA	FSPB PA	-	-	-	FS A
66	W,T 4,5		WILTSHIRE	SALISBURY	-	FSPB PFA	-	-	-	FSB A
72	F,S 6,7		DEVON	DORCHESTER	FSPB VFA	FSPB PUFA	FSPB SA	-	-	FSB A
80	W,T 11,12		CORNWALL	LISKEARD	FSPB A	FSPB PA	FSPB SA	-	-	FSB A
86	F,S 13,14		DEVON	EXETER	FSPB SA	FSPB A	FSPB SA	-	-	FSB A
89	M,T 16,17		OXON	WIMBORNE	-	FSPB PA	-	-	-	FS A
F	18,19 20		HANTS	POOLE PARK	-	FSPB PFA	-	-	-	FS A
				AVERAGES	14 out					
				REVIEW	14 out					

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- 15.8.98 JULY - OCT DORSET COUNTY CHRONICLE - D ✓
- 22.8.98 JULY - AUG DORSET DAILY ECHO - W ✓
- 15.8.98 JULY - AUG SOUTHERN TIMES - W ✓
- 22.8.98 JULY - AUG PULMAN'S WEEKLY NEWS - Y ✓
- BOURNEMOUTH DAILY ECHO - MF
- BRIDPORT NEWS
- BOURNEMOUTH TIMES

Dorset County Cricket Club

SUCCESSFUL SEASON'S REPORT AND STATISTICS

Dorset has just concluded one of the most successful seasons that it has ever enjoyed since the county entered the Minor Counties Championship. The results have been very gratifying and the team has gone through the season without losing a match in the competition. This has been brought about by consistent batting, steady bowling, and good fielding.

The season opened with the match against Wilts at Sherborne School on a wicket that can only be described as perfect. In reply to a total of 316 the County replied with the excellent score of 491 for five wickets, not a record, which stands at 526 for six wickets. Brockway played a beautiful innings of 143 and Tovey also made a century by good clean hitting. Taylor (85), R. S. Thompson (58), and M. N. Harbottle (50), also batted well. The next match against Oxford ended in a good win by nine wickets, brought about by good bowling and fielding. The batting was very patchy in the first innings. A fine win by an innings and 88 runs against Cornwall thanks to consistent batting and some really excellent bowling by Harrison who took 11 wickets for 97 runs. Elderton was in great form behind the stumps getting rid of seven batsmen.

In the return match against Wilts at Bemerton the side collapsed except for a brilliant innings by Carnegie Brown. To get rid of a strong batting side for 187 was a good performance, but the batting was very poor and only Carnegie Brown (48) did well. Consequently the innings closed for 110. Wilts in their second innings declared with their score at 247 for eight wickets leaving Dorset to make 314 to win. The task was impossible in the time, but Harbottle (96), and Brockway (51) by good batting scored 107 for the first wicket and so saved the match. After this partnership had been dissolved an effort was made to get the runs, but the match was left drawn with the score reading 218 for six wickets. A very creditable draw.

IMPOSSIBLE TASK

At Dorchester for the match against Devon the county obtained a first inning lead of 15 minutes. The visitors scored 244 runs, but thanks to some good batting by Tovey (65), Brutton (34), Carnegie Brown (35), and King (32), Dorset's innings closed for 259. Devon in their second innings made no effort to force the runs and for no apparent reason took nearly five hours to make 242 runs. Their policy seems hard to understand as one would have thought with a first innings deficit every effort would have been made to force a win. Consequently all interest in the match evaporated. The county were left with the impossible task of scoring 227 runs in an hour, and made 49 for no wickets.

On the Western Tour, Cornwall was played at Liskeard, and Devon at Exeter. The latter match was entirely spoiled by the weather, and was eventually abandoned. It is well known that Cornwall playing at home are a different side to when they are playing away and anything may happen on the Cornish wickets. Under the circumstances 187 is a good score. Harbottle (48) and Tovey (40) batted well. Cornwall were dismissed for 120 thanks to some really good bowling by Harrison, who took six wickets for 50 runs. In the second innings the county could only score 97 which left Cornwall with 164 to win. They failed to reach this figure by 15 runs. Hunt with four wickets for 13 runs won the game. A good sporting match. The last match in the Minor Counties Competition was against Oxford at Canford School. The rain on the first day ruined the match. Oxford ran up a score of 236, but the county bowlers had to contend with a wet ball and a very dead and lifeless wicket. Dorset did not commence their first innings until 3.30 on the second day. Starting well with three wickets for 97 at the tea interval, but afterwards the sun had done its worst and the whole side were out for 122.

This was a very important match for the county as if it had been won outright then the county would have been second in the Championship table, with the right to challenge the leaders. It was unfortunate

that the weather broke and ruined the match. However, the Championship matches ended without a defeat, and the county occupied fifth place with Northumberland in the table, a great improvement on last year. Gordon Tovey, M. N. Harbottle, G. Carnegie Brown, Taylor and Brockway all batted well. The latter would have made far more runs if he would only make up his mind to leave the ball outside the off stump alone. A. M. Harrison once again proved the mainstay in the bowling, sending down 358 overs for 815 runs for 47 wickets, a very praiseworthy effort. P. C. Badham also bowled well.

This report cannot be concluded without a word of praise for the Captain, M. B. Elderton. For several seasons he has captained the side with marked ability, and his cheerfulness, keenness and sound advice have been invaluable. His wicket-keeping has been a tremendous asset and once again he has proved himself one of the best who has ever kept wicket for the county. This is no mean praise when one remembers Hardy Manfield Rev. P. T. Knott and Rev. R. S. Blucho. His place as captain and wicket keeper will be hard to fill as this will be his last season.

STATISTICS

The results of the matches are as follows:

Dorset v. Wilts at Sherborne.

Dorset 491 for six wickets; Wilts 316.
Result.—Match drawn. Dorset won on first innings.

Dorset v. Oxford at Oxford.

Dorset 175, and 70 for one wicket. Oxford 156 and 88.

Result.—Dorset won by nine wickets.

Dorset v. Cornwall, at Merly Park.

Dorset 322. Cornwall 109 and 125.
Result.—Dorset won by an innings and 88 runs.

Dorset v. Wilts, at Bemerton.

Wilts 187, and 247 for eight wickets, declared. Dorset 110 and 218 for six wickets.

Result.—Match drawn. Wilts won on first innings.

Dorset v. Devon, at Dorchester.

Dorset 259 and 49 for no wicket. Devon 244 and 242.

Result.—Match drawn. Dorset won on first innings.

Dorset v. Cornwall, at Liskeard.

Dorset 183 and 97. Cornwall 120 and 149.
Result.—Dorset won by 15 runs.

Dorset v. Devon, at Exeter.

Match abandoned. No result.

Dorset v. Oxford, at Canford School.

Oxford 236. Dorset 122 and 33 for two wickets.

Result.—Match drawn. Oxford won on first innings.

BATTING AVERAGES

G. C. Tovey	11	0	383	101	34.8
C. Brockway	12	2	332	143	33.2
M. N. Harbottle	14	1	430	96	33.07
G. G. Carnegie					

Brown	10	1	272	87	30.2
M. L. Taylor	13	3	261	85	26.1
M. B. Elderton	7	4	61	35	20.3
B. H. C. Badham	8	1	127	59	18.1
A. M. Harrison	8	3	65	17*	15.0
G. White	6	0	81	30	13.5
F. King	4	1	38	32	12.2
R. G. Tindall	6	0	64	24	10.6

Also batted.—R. S. Thompson, 58; R. D. Busk, 0.3; L. H. Bean, 16, 29; C. P. Brutton, 34; C. J. P. C. Jowett, 13; B. F. Hunt, 11, 0, 2; W. H. Foot, 0, 1; E. C. J. Honey, 1, 16; P. H. P. Lovell, L, 0; M. C. Mortimer, 2, 4; W. G. Stewart, 6, 0; Clarke, 0*, 8*; E. C. Middleton, 5, 8.

BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs.	M.	Runs.	Wkts.	Av.
B. F. Hunt	58	15	112	10	11.3
W. H. Foot	52	18	99	8	12.2
M. L. Taylor	57	12	161	11	14.6
L. H. Bean	28	2	110	7	15.9
A. M. Harrison	358	95	815	47	17.3
B. H. C. Badham	133	27	433	19	22.7
R. G. Tindall	47	16	138	5	27.6
F. King	81	13	268	7	36.2

Also bowled.—Capt. R. D. Busk, C. J. P. C. Jowett, W. G. Stewart, Clarke, E. C. Middleton, G. C. Tovey.

* Not out.

DURHAM 1937

✓ DURHAM SCOREBOOK

CAPTAIN:

✓ M, T	17, 18	MAY	NORTH'LAND	NEWCASTLE	NJ
✓ M, T	21, 22	JUNE	LANCS 2ND	BILLINGHAM	F8W VFA
✓ W, T	23, 24		STAFFS	SOUTH SHIELDS	F8W FA
✓ W, T	14, 15	JULY	N. ZEALAND	SUNDERLAND	F8W FA
✓ M, T	26, 27		STAFFS	BURSLEM	F8B A
✓ W, T	28, 29		LANCS 2ND	BARROW-IN-FURNACE	F8B A
✓ M, T	2, 3	AUGUST	NORTH'LAND	CHESTER-LE-ST	F8W VFA
✓ W, T	4, 5		YORKS 2ND	RED CAR	F8W FA
✓ M, T	16, 17		YORKS 2ND	CONSETT	F8W FA & AUG
			AVERAGES		
			REVIEW		

22.8.98 MAY - AUG
 NEWCASTLE JOURNAL - 4 Vols
 SHIELDS DAILY GAZETTE
 SUNDERLAND DAILY ECHO
 CHESTER-LE-STREET CHRONICLE
 CONSETT GUARDIAN
 NORTH MAIL

PC
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DURHAM AVERAGES

Durham played eight championship matches, winning two, losing four, and losing two on the first innings, giving them 14 points out of a possible 48, and a percentage of 29.16. Last year's percentage was 18.66. They scored, including the New Zealand match, 2,682 runs for 148 wickets, an average of 18.12, and their opponents scored 2,742 runs for 138 wickets, an average of 19.86.

BATTING

	Inn.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Avg.
D C H Townsend...	5	2	139*	188	42.00
J A Adamson ...	4	0	69	193	48.25
W J Scott ...	4	0	83	111	27.75
W T Charlton ...	14	0	91	315	22.50
A H Parneby ...	15	1	90*	306	21.85
J Berresford ...	14	0	91	288	20.57
Carr ...	16	2	35*	238	16.64
Letchford ...	16	0	61	256	16.00
S Guthrie ...	5	0	41	79	15.80
W Barron ...	10	1	35	136	15.11

D Glen, 10-3-23-91; R W Hopper, 2-0-23-23; J C Matthews, 6-0-27-57; M Gibson, 4-0-18-38; J Hey, 5-1-15-37; M M Walford, 3-0-21-21; A W Austin, 7-3-6-24; J A Close, 6-0-15-31; F I Herbert, 9-3-6-19.

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
Glen ...	161.2	47	331	21	15.76
Carr ...	235	63	528	32	16.50
Herbert ...	155.4	29	372	22	16.90
Parneby ...	38	2	167	0	18.55
Letchford ...	221	36	542	26	20.84

Guthrie, 44-15-96-4; Close, 57.2-11-126-5; Townsend, 7-1-26-1; Hopper, 27.4-3-101-1.

GLAMORGAN 2ND XI MATCHES 1937

CAPTAIN: J. T. MORGAN

WMSWEJWA BH BDN NG

5 W/T 19, 20	MAY	MID'SEX 2ND	FINCHLEY	No Play for Day	FSPB A	PSA	-	
14 W/T 16, 17	JUNE	MID'SEX 2ND	EBBW VALE	Toss - GLAM (SWE)	FSPB A	PSA	FSPB PA	
21 W/T 23, 24		KENT 2ND	SITTINGBOURNE		FSPB A	PSA	-	
27 M/T 5, 6	JULY	CHESHIRE	BRYTON FERRY	No Play for Day	FSPB A	PSA	-	
33 W/T 14, 15		KENT 2ND	NEWBRIDGE	No Play for Day	FSPB A	PSA	-	
54 M/T 2, 3	AUGUST	BERKS	READING	Toss - GLAM (SWE)	FSPB A	PSA	-	
74 M/T 9, 10		BERKS	BARRY ISLAND		FSPB A	PSA	-	FSPB A
79 W/T 11, 12		CHESHIRE	CHESTER		FSPB A	PSA	-	

AVERAGES REVIEW

22.8.98	MAY -	AUG	WESTERN MAIL - OARDIFF 6 Vols	PC	✓
22.8.98	MAY -	AUG	SOUTH WALES ECHO - C	✓	
22.8.98	MAY -	AUG	SOUTH WALES ARGUS - N	✓	
22.8.98	AUG		BARRY HERALD	✓	
22.8.98	AUG		BARRY AND DISTRICT NEWS	✓	
22.8.98	AUG		NEATH GUARDIAN	✓	

No Glam or Glam II Ave to end August.

Newbury

HERTFORDSHIRE MATCHES 1937.

CAPTAIN:

			WH	WO	WHP	HA	HCR	HP	HE	HM	LC
F	31,1	MAY/J	CAHN'S XI	NOTTINGHAM	FS	-	FSB				
	16,17	JUNE	SUFFOLK	WATFORD	SA	FSB	VSA				
	23,24		BEDS	LETCHWORTH	FSPB	A	FSPB				
	28,29		NORFOLK	COKENACH	SA	JA	VSA		FS	-	
WT	7,8	JULY	LINGS	STEVENAGE	SA	FSPB	SA		FVA		
WT	14,15		BERKS	HERTFORD	SA	JA	VSA		FS	FA	
WT	21,22		LINGS	LINCOLN	SA	JA	VSA		FS	FA	FJB
WT	28,29		BUCKS	ST ALBANS	SA	JA	VSA				FA
M,T	2,3	AUGUST	NORFOLK	NORWICH	VSA	SS	SS				
WT	4,5		SUFFOLK	FELIXSTOWE	SA	VSA	SA				
FS	6,7		BEDS	BEDFORD	FSPB	SS	VSA				
WT	11,12		BERKS	READING	SA	VSA	SA				
FS	13,14		BUCKS	SLOUGH	SA	PSA	SA				

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PC

29.8.98	MAY - SEPT	WEST HERTS AND W.O.	✓
29.8.98	MAY - SEPT	WEST HERTS POST-WATFORD	✓
29.8.98	MAY - DEC	HERTS ADVERTISER - ST ALBANS	✓
22.8.98	JULY	HERTS AND CAMBS REPORTER - ROYSTON	✓
22.8.98	JUNE - JULY	HERTS PICTORIAL - HITCHIN	✓
22.8.98	JUNE - JULY	HERTFORDSHIRE EXPRESS - H	✓
29.8.98	JULY	HERTFORDSHIRE MERCURY - HERTFORD	✓
		LETCHWORTH CITIZEN	

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No Herts that will

HERTS

WILTS, GLAM, OXON

1937

31 May, June

JC XI v Herts Herts b.a.

Herts v Suffolk - Watford

Herts v Beds - Letchworth

Herts v Norfolk - Colchester

Herts v Lewis - Stevenage

Herts v Bucks - Hatfield

Lewis v Herts - Letchworth

Herts v Bucks - St Albans

Norfolk v Herts - Norwich

Suffolk v Herts - Fehirstone

Beds v Herts - Bedford

Beds v Herts - Reading

Bucks v Herts - Slough

(Nottingham Journal, Nottingham Guardian)

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Herts 2nd min total 94 or 95?

Beds 2nd min b a (total 34)

Bucks missing - none.

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Beds betting. b a incomplete

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O + M missing

Papers to get.

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- { Nottingham Journal
- { Nottingham Guardian
- { West Herts Post
- { Hertfordshire Mercury
- { Harpenden Free Press
- { Herts & Essex Observer
- { Hertfordshire, Hemel Hempstead Gazette
- { Herts & Cambs Reporter
- { The Garden City Advertiser

9, 10 June JC XI v Beds. Nottingham
14, 15 July " " Luton

- Watford
- Hatfield
- Harpenden
- B. Stortford
- H. Hemstead
- Roxton
- Letchworth

v Cambs XI 31 May
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BEDS (Herts, Bucks, Oxon & Cambs)

Herts Advertiser
& end Oct
Herts Express
& end Oct

Hertfordshire 1937

Stanley Capel

Norman Lane LHB. W. J. G. S.
V. Wild - Eton Cyril Furthman
Butler - Home from Nigeria. Nature of H. Albans

W. H. C. W. S. up to end July.

West Herts - NE Lane CJS Mitchell HDJ Bingham, EG Harris A Grimsdell TEH Halsey HEB Howe JES Shaw
Shephards Bush - SL Beton CT Bingham WCC Green
Chippendale - RE Waterhouse DM Hopkins
Kings Langley - JH Crumkerbank BW Atkins
Chorleywood - M Cooper, MS Waghorn TW Watson
Beckenham - PF Hughes JN Cowley
Leavesden MH - EJ Lambkin, T Watson WTP Palmer ^{CAPT.}
Boreham - CA Nenshik, FP Longton, T Martin
Bushey - GR Walker, AR Goldring, R Watson, GH Hodgson.
Hafpender - JG Cook, FA Appleby, WH Marsh PH Cook SPM, etc
Russett - AWH Bamber, PCHill ET Bennon GG Dumbleton RAP Woodbridge TEH Halsey
Hemel Hempstead - NKFPark, HTH Snyder, S Capel JADarnall-Smith RCHuband.
Kings Langley - JH Crumkerbank, BW Atkins AF Walker WJ Tamley
Lye Home - R JV Spinning, FH Butler GW Parker
Tring Park - A Kempster

Amersham - R. Strong

~~Bushey~~ AR Goldring

RAF Halton - FILLT Scroggins

Beckenham School - P. Isherwood RG Simons

Chesham - R Tompkins

H. Albans - WL Clark, SH Rabone, W. Lismore CHR Rabone J.T. Marriott

British & Dominions - WW Goodale

West Drayton - LC Bateman (See Herts Express P8 2 Oct)

Stevenage - T Williams¹⁸, LO King¹⁵, JML Lander¹⁵, F Keyrell¹⁵ J Franklin¹² W Shelford⁸ P Clark¹⁶

Angley - JH Melville, HP Crabtree SS Peter

Hertford - GJ Crumkerbank AV Grubb G.V. Ledger SFBenn HG Andrey

Mill Hill Park - CW Poore, LA Smith

Redbourn - BHJ Trumbull (See HA 8 Oct P3)

Old Albansin - DC Viny²⁰ MA Wigg²⁵ (See HA 10 Oct P13)

Loughton Buzzard - AB Poole, WA Johnson JWathing NK Francis JE Arnold R Costin

Bishops Stortford - R Driscoll LS Catherwood AS Tee JK. Tee, DFCook, HLPrie H. Watson

Rekinnmouth - JB Marriott

Withinin Parker

WBTS - GJ Crumkerbank, DN Macdonald

Chesham - HN Green

B.S. College - JDP Stirling, GJ Adams, LEMcLenn

Hitchin - G. Redhouse (See Herts Express 25 Sept P.4)

Letchworth - R Craig, ETKillik

Herts CCC Acc - Herts
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Welwyn Garden City - T.G. Pinner, W Linn, N. Linn

Band D Films - WW Goodale

Hertfordshire

1937 Batting	M	I	N/O	R	A
PGT Kingsley	4	6	1	351	70.20
CB Fordham	10	14	2	609	50.75
CW Ford	5	8	1	216	30.85
FK Butler	7	9	0	271	30.11
E Canning	8	11	1	265	26.50
A Grimsdell	12	16	1	386	25.73
LE McLean	3	5	1	100	25.00
F Appleyard	12	12	5	154	22.00
RAP Woodbridge	4	4	0	78	19.50
FP Longton	6	6	0	115	19.16
GM Crossman	12	14	1	238	18.30
RC Pilkington	5	7	1	101	16.83
WW Coverdale	9	13	1	190	15.83
E Roberts	12	14	3	171	15.54
GJ Adams	4	5	0	58	11.60
MH Kingsley	5	7	2	53	10.60
T Watson	3	4	1	16	5.33

Also Batted

V Wild	7	3	2	23	23.00
WL Clark	2	3	0	16	5.33
S Capel	1	1	0	1	1.00
PR Stephenson	1	1	1	0	?

1937 Bowling

	O	R	W	A
T Watson	47	125	9	13.88
CB Fordham	210	555	37	15.00
E Roberts	479	1337	89	15.02
CW Ford	69	233	11	20.27
F Appleyard	328	819	40	20.47
V Wild	78	239	7	34.14

Also Bowled

LE McLean	7	15	1	15.00
FK Butler	26	93	1	93.00
MH Kingsley	2	5	0	-
S Capel	11	32	0	-
GJ Adams	3	10	0	-
RAP Woodbridge	7	26	0	-
RC Pilkington	1	13	0	-

CRICKET AVERAGES.

HERTS' PERFORMANCES IN MINOR COUNTIES' CHAMPIONSHIP.

RECORD OF MERITORIOUS CONSISTENCY.

Hertfordshire finished third in the Minor Counties Cricket Championship. Twenty-three counties took part in the competition. Of twelve matches played, Herts won eight and lost one; won one on the first innings and lost two on the first innings. Herts made 55 points out of a possible 72, with a percentage of 76.4, against a percentage of 78.78 in 1936, when they were champions, and 76.78 in 1935, when they were runners-up and champions in Middlesex II. Hertfordshire's record for the past three seasons is one of meritorious consistency.

"While the general result of the season's work was immensely satisfactory," writes a correspondent. "It must be said there was certainly one match in which Herts had a very 'raw deal' and that probably cost them the chance of finishing second and having the right of challenging Surrey II, who finished at the head of the table."

P. G. T. Kingsley leads the batting averages with 70.20. It was unfortunate that a severe injury prevented him playing in some of the later matches as had been arranged. The services of this first-class player were greatly missed.

A FINE ALL-ROUNDER.

C. B. Fordham, generally regarded as being the best all-rounder in Minor Counties cricket, made most runs—609 in twelve completed innings, with an average of 50.75. That, coupled with his excellent bowling—57 wickets for 14.89 runs each—is a fine record. C. W. Ford is another good all-rounder but, unfortunately, he was not available for the first seven games. In the last five, however, he rendered valuable service, especially with his remarkable skill of bowling in that thrilling match with Norfolk, at Norwich.

Arthur Grimdell was very consistent both with the bat and behind the wicket. Canning was reliable, too, but F. P. Longton and W. W. Coverdale, usually prolific run-getters, each had a disappointing season. R. A. P. Woodbridge was just finding his form and demonstrating what a good player he is when he had to go away.

F. K. Butler, a newcomer to the side, by his steadiness proved a decided acquisition. Of the young players introduced during the season, L. E. Maclean and G. T. Adams both showed exceptional promise and, with experience, should develop into top-notchers, for they already have "class" stamped on their work.

CAPABLE SPIN BOWLERS.

Roberts, E., has again borne the brunt of the attack, taking 89 wickets at a cost of 15.04 runs each. He has had most assistance from F. Appleyard, who took 40 wickets, and C. B. Fordham, who claimed 37 victims. Herts are fortunate in having two such capable spin bowlers as Roberts and Fordham have again proved themselves to be, and their analyses are exceedingly creditable in view of the fact that generally, wickets during the 1937 season have been dry and true and not responsive to spin bowling.

But before their attack is complete, Herts need a really good fast bowler, one who can make the ball move. The side was admirably led by Mr. G. M. Crossman, an energetic captain who has again shown much enterprise in his efforts to force a decision, but has been badly handicapped on many occasions by the lack of the services of a really good fast bowler.

The Club, which has done so much in recent years to increase the prestige of the County in wider spheres of cricket and has also done a great deal to stimulate interest in the game within the County, deserves the best support Hertfordshire people can give it. One way to provide that support is by becoming a member. The Hon. Secretary (Mr. G. Holo Walker, "Nightingale Corner," Nightingale-road, Bushey) will gladly supply full particulars of membership—playing or non-playing—to all enquirers.

The averages for the Minor Counties Championship matches in the 1937 season are:—

* BATTING.

	No. of Times in		Total Runs.	Avge.
	Inns.	Inns.		
P. G. T. Kingsley ..	9	1	702	70.20
C. B. Fordham	14	2	609	50.75
C. W. Ford	8	1	75*	21.6
F. K. Butler	9	0	64	20.11
E. Appleyard	11	1	54	25.50
L. E. Maclean	5	1	57*	19.0
A. Grimdell	16	1	95	23.75
F. Appleyard	12	5	55*	13.4
F. P. Longton	6	0	44	11.6
H. A. P. Woodbridge ..	4	0	41	7.6
G. M. Crossman ..	14	1	71	23.8
H. C. Pilkington ..	7	1	63	16.8
W. W. Coverdale ..	13	1	67	15.8
Roberts, E.	14	3	62	17.1
G. T. Adams	5	0	37	11.6
M. H. Kingsley	7	2	22	10.6
T. Watson	4	1	7*	5.3

* Also batted in less than 4 innings:—V. Wild, 9*, 11*, 3; W. L. Clark, 2, 12, 2; B. Capel, 1; P. B. Stephenson, 0*.

* Indicates not out.

BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avge.
T. Watson	49.4	11	123	9	15.88
C. B. Fordham ..	212.4	48	531	37	14.89
Roberts, E.	482	97	1,359	89	15.04
F. Appleyard ..	328.3	68	818	40	20.45
C. W. Ford	69	16	225	11	20.45
V. Wild	69	12	200	7	28.57

Also bowled and secured less than 4 wickets:—R. A. P. Woodbridge, M. H. Kingsley, R. C. Pilkington, F. K. Butler, L. E. Maclean, G. T. Adams and B. Capel.

WHY HERTS CONSISTENCY IS MAINTAINED

By "CASSIO"

ALTHOUGH Herts surrendered the title of champions of the Minor Counties, and failed to annex the position of runners-up after a hard and exciting struggle with Lancs II (who are meeting Surrey II in a challenge match for the premier honours), the consistency which has marked the efforts of G. M. Crossman and his team has been maintained in a gratifying manner. Three years ago, when, with the help of F. C. de Saram, one of the best cricketers ever to assist the county, Herts made a great bid to secure the championship and were only frustrated by Middlesex II it was feared in many circles that the lack of a bowler of genuine pace would seriously handicap the continuance of such impressive form and that a fall from the dizzy heights was inevitable. That Herts only the next summer (still without the fast bowler) carried off the principle honours is a matter of history. This season (with followers still bemoaning the lack of a fast merchant) Herts occupy third place, with a record of one match lost out of twelve, and eight won.

A glance at the averages reveals the real reason for this meritorious and high level of consistency. It is the remarkable success of the spin bowling of the indefatigable R. Herts and the all-round ability of C. B. Fordham.

They, however, would be first to admit the enterprise of an energetic skipper in G. M. Crossman, and the power of the side as a whole to fight back at critical periods. The brilliance of Grimsdell behind the stumps has also been a telling factor.

A serious injury deprived Herts of the services of P. G. T. Kingsley at a time when he was most needed. When he was available the old Oxford captain's batting was a joy to watch. C. W. Ford, former Watford Grammar Schoolboy, has few superiors as an all-rounder in the competition, and the batting of F. K. Butler and E. Canning was many times very useful. F. Appleyard had one of his best seasons.

Of the youngsters L. E. Maclean and G. T. Adams showed unmistakable signs of promise.

The full averages are as follows:—

BATTING

	No. of inns.	Times out.	Total runs.	Most inns.	Avg.
P. G. T. Kingsley	8	1	351	150	70.20
C. B. Fordham	14	2	609	142	50.75
C. W. Ford	8	1	216	75	30.95
F. K. Butler	9	0	271	64	30.11
E. Canning	11	1	265	98	26.50
A. Grimsdell	16	1	386	93	25.73
L. E. Maclean	5	1	100	57	25.00
F. Appleyard	12	5	154	53	22.00
F. P. Longton	6	0	115	44	19.16
R. A. P. Woodbridge	4	0	76	41	19.00
G. M. Crossman	14	1	238	71	18.20
R. C. Pilkington	7	1	101	63	16.83
W. W. Coverdale	13	1	190	67	15.83
Roberts, E.	14	3	171	62	15.54
G. T. Adams	5	0	58	37	11.60
M. H. Kingsley	7	2	53	22	10.60
T. Watson	4	-	16	7	5.33

*Also batted in less than 4 innings:—V. Wild, 9; 11; 3; W. L. Clark, 2, 12, 2; S. Capel, 1; F. S. Stephenson, 0.

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BOWLING

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KENT 1937

CAPTAIN: G.A. SIMPSON

			FH	FE	KE	ATE	KG	WH	KO	GR	NENT	EHG
v	Surrey	15, 17	May	The Oval	FSPB VSA							
v	Surrey	31, 1	June	Folkestone	FSPB VFA	FSPB A						
v	Middlesex	7, 8		Canterbury	FSPB VSA		FSPB A.	-	-			
v	Surrey (F)	21, 22		Hove	FSPB VSA							
v	Gloucestershire	23, 24		Sittingbourne	FSPB VSA							FSPB VFA.
v	Surrey (F)	5, 6	July	Ashford	FSPB VSA	PSPB PFA.						
v	Wiltshire	7, 8		Canterbury	FSPB VSA		FSPB SA	-	-			
v	Gloucestershire	14, 15		Maesteg	FSPB VSA							
v	Norfolk	26, 27		Gravesend	FSPB VSA							FSA.
v	Wiltshire	9, 10	August	Swindon	FSPB VSA							
v	Norfolk	13, 14		Norwich	FSPB VSA							
v	Middlesex	16, 17		Ealing	FSPB VSA							

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22.8.98	JUNE	FOLKESTONE HERALD	✓
22.8.98	JUNE	FOLKESTONE EXPRESS	✓
15.8.98	MAY - AUG	KENTISH EXPRESS - ASHFORD	✓
22.8.98	JULY	ASHFORD TUESDAY EXPRESS	✓
15.8.98	JUNE - JULY	KENTISH GAZETTE - C	✓
15.8.98	JUNE - JULY	KENT HERALD - C	✓
15.8.98	JUNE - JULY	KENTISH OBSERVER - C	✓
22.8.98	JULY	GRAVESEND REPORTER	✓
22.8.98	JUNE	NORTH EAST KENT TIMES - S	✓
29.8.98	JUNE	EAST KENT GAZETTE - S	✓

Sittingbourne

THE SECOND XI.

Both the Second XI and the Club and Ground have done well this season, under the captaincy of G. A. Simpson, whose encouragement to the younger players has been a great asset to their success. For the Second XI, centuries were scored by P. G. Foster and J. B. Guy, while Foy only missed his hundred by 3 runs on one occasion.

Bowling honours came to Harding, whose 42 wickets averaged 10 a-piece. Lewis took 40 with an average of 12, and Cole 28 for 21 a-piece.

The Club and Ground won 9 matches out of 12 and were unbeaten. Freeman (D.) heads the batting averages with 62, his best being 158 not out. Centuries were also made by Foy, 101 not out, and Harding, 102. In bowling Harding took 39 wickets (average 7) and Dovey showed progress in taking 21 for an average of 11, and Bowers 13 for 16 runs a-piece.

KENT SECOND XI.

Played 12, won 5, lost 3, drawn 4.

BATTING

	Times Highest		Runs	Aver.
	Inns.	n.o.		
P. G. Foster	4	0	118	219
Foy	14	2	97	506
J. B. Guy	10	2	101	313
W. H. V. Levett	6	1	50*	152
Sunnucks	8	2	58	152
Freeman	18	1	68	380
Spencer	4	0	86	96
T. A. Crawford	5	0	69	118
W. R. H. Joynson	5	0	52	111
G. A. Simpson	17	3	46	270
B. J. W. Hill	11	2	59	157
Cole	6	3	28	52
Lewis	8	2	44	99
T. A. Pearce	6	0	41	84
F. M. Whitehouse	5	0	67	68
L. T. Grove	4	0	32	52
D. H. Biggleson	10	2	52*	102
Carter	13	3	56*	120
Harding	6	0	26	66
Dovey	7	3	11	29
Bowers	16	4	12	50

Also batted:—C. F. Johnstone, 3-0-130-204; J. T. Neve, 2-0-28-35; J. K. O. Scott, 2-0-2-4; J. A. Kitchin, 2-0-2-2; J. W. Hoare, 2-0-2-1; J. R. Clarke, 2-0-2-2; T. C. Cobb, 1-0-10; J. D. Parsons, 1-0-13; W. Murray-Wood, 1-0-4; Evans, 1-0-3; R. A. S. Farnfield, 1-0; A. T. N. Young, 1-0.

BOWLING

	Runs	Wickets	Average
Harding	160.1	38	4.49
Cole	132.1	36	3.67
Lewis	214.4	63	3.40
Bowers	206.2	51	4.04
B. J. W. Hill	117	26	4.50
J. T. Neve	30.5	3	10.17
Dovey	95	21	4.52
Carter	194.1	28	6.93

Also bowled:—F. M. Whitehouse, 38-12-120-2; W. Murray-Wood, 21.4-4-70-2; J. D. Parsons, 9-3-15-2; F. A. Crawford, 4-0-28-1; R. A. S. Farnfield, 15-1-49-1; L. T. Grove, 1-0-12-0; T. A. Pearce, 3-0-31-0; Foy, 30-1-210-0; J. W. Hoare, 2-0-18-0.

At Sguerryes Park, Westerham, on Wednesday, Leslie Ames is bringing a strong side of cricketers, to meet the Westerham team in connection with Ames' benefit.

The team will be selected from L. E. G. Ames (Kent and England), captain, B. H. Valentine (Kent and England), A. P. F. Chapman (Kent and England), F. G. H. Chalk (Kent), W. H. V. Levett (Kent and England), G. J. V. Weigall (Kent and England), H. G. Owen-Smith (South Africa and Middlesex), W. H. Andrews (Somerset), F. E. Woolley (Kent and England), A. P. Freeman (Kent and England), R. Gregory (Surrey and England), W. Edrich (Middlesex) and A. E. Watt (Kent).

Westerham and district will be represented by Captain J. R. O'Brien Warde (Westerham), Captain R. L. Smithers (Knockholt), G. D. Durtnall (Sevenoaks), C. E. Pierce (Sevenoaks), F. Castle (Knockholt), H. A. Pawson (Penshurst and Winchester), W. Ashby (Edenbridge), S. G. Smith (Sevenoaks), G. M. Beville (Westerham), J. C. Streetfield (Westerham), P. Taylor (Westerham) and R. W. Lucock (Westerham Wednesday). Frank Chester, the Test umpire, will with W. Cattaway, umpire the game. Play will be from 11.30 a.m. till 6.45 p.m.

During the season I am frequently asked to clear up umpires' decisions. Here are four I have just received.

A fieldsman sent outside the boundary but with his feet inside and caught a batsman out.—It was a catch. You often see the fieldsman with his feet inside the boundary lean back and take the ball outside the boundary line.

A batsman who was hurt asked for a runner and when the latter came out the umpire ordered him back to the pavilion to put pads on.—There is no rule on the subject, but it is etiquette for the runner to wear pads, otherwise he has an advantage. But the umpire had no power to order it.

An umpire, asked for a guard, gave a centre over the bowler's wicket, ignoring the side the ball was bowled from.—It is up to the batsman to ask for whatever guard he wants.

The ball hits an umpire and 5 runs were given for obstruction.—A wrong decision. It is bad form even to make a run after the ball has hit the umpire.

COUNTY PLAYERS AT ASHFORD

Mr. E. Roy Bligh informs me that the following Kent players will definitely appear on the Ashford ground on Saturday, September 11, when "Tich" Freeman's side will play an Ashford team (12-a-side), in a one-day match beginning at 11.30:—Freeman, Ames, Watt, Lewis, G. J. V. Weigall, G. Simpson, T. Crawford, Cole, H. J. Hubble, Foy, Sunnucks, Todd and Wright. Stumps will be drawn at 6.30 and the "gate" will be for Ashford Hospital. The opposing side will be selected from: W. A. Barnes (captain), E. R. Bligh, E. A. Byrde, W. C. Blacklocks, G. K. Benton, R. Gillett, W. Geering, J. B. Hobbs, J. D. Kitchin, F. B. Pinch, F. Reid, W. G. M. Spens and George Wood. Umpires, E. Humphreys and J. H. Turner; scorer, George Fenner (late of Lords and Kent).

L.B.W

KENT CLUB AND GROUND

Played 12, won 9, drawn 2, abandoned 1.

BATTING

	Times Highest				
	Inns.	No.	Score	Runs	Aver.
Freeman	10	2	158*	498	62.25
Foy	7	3	101*	187	46.75
Harding	9	0	102	276	30.66
Carter	9	1	57	199	24.87
Davis	8	0	39*	110	22.00
Evans	8	0	81	170	21.25
Dovey	6	2	34*	77	19.25
Bowers	4	0	12	15	3.75

Also batted:—Cole, 3-0-115-136; Lewis, 3-2-37-53; Spencer, 3-0-82-115; Sunnucks, 3-0-65-106; W. H. V. Levett, 2-0-82-109; D. H. Biggleston, 2-0-17-31; T. A. Pearce, 2-0-52-78; Hickson, 2-0-22-32; A. Perry, 2-0-19-28; Shrimpton, 2-0-4-6; Bear, 1-33; C. P. Johnstone 1-5; J. Pocock, 1-113*; Miles, 1-6; G. A. Simpson, 1-20*; R. Jarrett, 1-83.
* Signifies not out

BOWLING

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Aver.
Harding	11.2	25	308	39	7.89
Cole	42	7	138	14	9.85
Lewis	44.3	12	120	11	10.90
Dovey	86.3	16	248	21	11.80
Foy	29	10	64	5	12.80
Bowers	82.4	20	210	13	16.15
Carter	69	16	195	11	17.72

Also bowled:—Shrimpton, 2-1-3-4; Miles, 11-4-22-3; Freeman, 7-1-12-2; Davis, 3-1-18-2; T. A. Pearce, 5.5-0-32-1; G. A. Simpson, 2-0-10-0; Hickson, 5-0-13-0.

FOUR CRICKET

LANCASHIRE 2ND XI MATCHES 1937

CAPTAIN:

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4 M, T 17, 18	MAY	YORKS 2ND	WAKEFIELD
13 M, T 14, 15	JUNE	CHESHIRE	NESTON
17 M, T 21, 22		DURHAM	BILLINGHAM
22 W, T 23, 24		N'LAND	NEWCASTLE
25 W, T 30, 1	JULY	STAFFS	PORTHILL
36 M, T 19, 20		N'LAND	URMSTON
47 W, T 28, 29		DURHAM	BARROW
57 M, T 2, 3	AUGUST	YORKS 2ND	MANCHESTER
100 M, T 23, 24		STAFFS	CHEETHAM HILL
103 W, T 25, 26		CHESHIRE	MANCHESTER
105 W, T 28, 29, 10	SEPT	SURREY 2ND	THE OVAL

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	<i>M</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>NO</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>H.S.</i>	<i>Avge.</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>Overs</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wk</i>	<i>Avge.</i>	<i>5i</i>	<i>10m</i>	<i>Best</i>	<i>Ct</i>	<i>St</i>
F.S.Booth	3	4	1	47	26	15.66	0	0	79	19	196	13	15.07	2	0	6-25	1	0
J.Bowes	6	6	0	59	31	9.83	0	0	83.1	19	211	8	26.37	0	0	2-11	9	0
J.Briggs	2	3	2	19	19*	19.00	0	0	13	3	42	3	14.00	0	0	3- 8	1	0
K.Cranston	2	2	0	53	37	26.50	0	0	11	1	28	2	14.00	0	0	1-11	0	0
C.R.Davies	3	5	0	159	62	31.80	0	1										1 0
E.Duke	4	6	1	79	30	15.80	0	0	5	1	18	1	18.00	0	0	1- 7	3	0
C.A.Edge	3	1	0	4	4	4.00	0	0	58	11	139	7	19.85	0	0	4-35	2	0
W.Farrimond	10	14	4	408	77	40.80	0	4										14 17
R.G.Garlick	2	2	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	13	3	30	1	30.00	0	0	1-25	3	0
E.Greenhalgh	10	15	0	368	67	24.53	0	3	81	17	190	13	14.61	1	0	5-23	3	0
T.A.Higson jun	10	12	1	171	42	15.54	0	0	55.2	11	145	3	48.33	0	0	2-32	4	0
J.L.Hopwood	2	3	0	117	104	39.00	1	0	38.4	10	115	6	19.66	0	0	3-11	1	0
T.Jacques	3	2	1	4	4	4.00	0	0	44.3	12	106	8	13.25	0	0	3-15	0	0
D.Longbottom	3	2	2	23	20*	-	0	0	53	11	131	6	21.83	0	0	3-53	1	0
J.C.McDougall	1	1	0	43	43	43.00	0	0										0 0
H.Makepeace	1	1	0	14	14	14.00	0	0										0 0
D.M.Mathews	9	13	1	612	130	51.00	2	4										7 0
H.K.Mills	2	4	0	22	11	5.50	0	0										1 0
A.Nutter	9	13	1	367	129	30.58	1	1	148.5	37	348	24	14.50	1	0	8-31	6	0
R.Parkin	11	15	4	256	100	23.27	1	0	175.3	58	399	26	15.34	1	0	7-49	5	0
W.E.Phillipson	1	2	0	32	17	16.00	0	0	30	7	82	2	41.00	0	0	2-67	0	0
W.Place	9	14	1	513	115*	39.46	2	1	4	1	15	0	-	0	0	-	1	0
E.Price	1	0				-	0	0	9.1	3	18	2	9.00	0	0	2- 5	0	0
W.B.Roberts	3	4	0	1	1	0.25	0	0	31	5	116	4	29.00	0	0	2-23	0	0
H.Robinson	1	0				-	0	0										1 0
C.Washbrook	1	1	1	100	100*	-	1	0										2 0
F.Watson	1	1	0	11	11	11.00	0	0										0 0
L.L.Wilkinson	8	6	3	26	11*	8.66	0	0	222.4	46	628	59	10.64	5	3	7-58	9	0

LINCOLNSHIRE MATCHES 1937

CAPTAIN: H.W. DODS

					GJ	LE	LC	SFS	GN	GET
3	M, T	17, 18	MAY	SUFFOLK	LOWESTOFT					-
11	W, T	9, 10	JUNE	SUFFOLK	SCUNTHORPE					PFS PFA
26	M, T	5, 6	JULY	BUCKS	H. WYCOMBE					FSPB -
29	W, T	7, 8		HERTS	STEVENAGE					FS -
35	W, T	14, 15		NORFOLK	GRIMSBY					FJR FA
37	W, T	21, 22		HERTS	LINCOLN					FSPB PFA
58	M, T	23	AUGUST	CAMBS	SCUNTHORPE					-
68	T, F	5, 6		NORFOLK	NORWICH					FS PFA
82	W, T	11, 12		BUCKS	GRANTHAM					-
92	T, W	17, 18		CAMBS	CAMBRIDGE					PFS FS PSA

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CAPTAIN:

5 W, T 19, 20 MAY GLAM 2ND FINCHLEY
 6 S, M 22, 24 SURREY 2ND THE OVAL
 10 M, T 7, 8 JUNE KENT 2ND CANTERBURY
~~14~~ W, T 16, 17 GLAM 2ND EBBW VALE
 24 W, T 30, 1 JULY NORFOLK HORNSEY
 38 W, T 21, 22 SURREY 2ND FINCHLEY
 83 W, T 11, 12 AUGUST NORFOLK NORWICH
 91 M, T 16, 17 KENT 2ND EALING

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NORFOLK MATCHES 1937

CAPTAIN: M. FALCON

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F W, T 23, 24	JUNE	N. ZEALAND	NORWICH	FSB VFA
23 M, T 28, 29		HERTS	COHENACH	FSB FA
24 W, T 30, 1	JULY	MIDSEX 2ND	HORNSEY	FSB VFA
35 W, T 14, 15		LINCS	GRIMSBY	FSB FA
42 M, T 26, 27		KENT 2ND	GRAVESEND	FSB VFA
51 F, S 30, 31		CAMBS	HUNSTANTON	FSB VFA
59 M, T 2, 3	AUGUST	HERTS	NORWICH	FSB VFA
68 T, F 5, 6		LINCS	NORWICH	FSB VFA
75 M, T 9, 10		BUCKS	NORWICH	FSB VFA
83 W, T 11, 12		MIDSEX 2ND	NORWICH	FSB VFA
87 F, S 13, 14		KENT 2ND	NORWICH	FSB VFA
93 W, T 18, 19		BUCKS	HIGH WYCOMBE	FSB VFA
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NORFOLK COUNTY CRICKET

MANY CENTURIES AND HIGH AVERAGES

Bowlers' Wickets More Costly

With the visit of the New Zealanders and a new fixture with Middlesex II., Norfolk had an extended programme of 13 matches. Although beaten by the New Zealanders, the County led on the first innings by 43 runs and accomplished a highly creditable performance in dismissing the New Zealanders for one of the smallest scores in their tour. This achievement, together with the re-appearance of R. C. Rought-Rought after a season's absence, gave rise to hopes that the bowlers would not be found wanting in the inter-county matches. This hope was not always fulfilled, for although the breakdown in the batting was the chief reason for the failure against Middlesex II. at Hornsey and Norfolk's first defeat in the championship for four years, there were occasions when the bowling strength was insufficient to force a win from the advantage secured by good batting. The batting however, was not without its disappointments. Towards the end of July there seemed reason to believe that the batting would be stronger than for many years. A huge score was made at Gravesend, but there was subsequently an element of uncertainty in the batting, and it was responsible for the defeats sustained against Herts and Bucks.

Compared with the four previous seasons Norfolk did not do well. From a leading position in the championship they descended to ninth. But it collectively at times disappointing the individual triumphs were more numerous than usual. There was a big increase in the number of centuries for and against Norfolk and several new names appear, maiden centuries being made by E. H. Edrich, T. G. L. Ballance, and M. R. Barton. Playing in fewer matches and making only two big scores—two centuries—D. F. Walker lost the place at the head of the batting averages which has been his for several years. This season the double honour of the highest aggregate and the best average has been gained by B. W. Rought-Rought, who surpassed his previous best record and that of others over a number of years with an aggregate of 757 runs. He has been the most consistent scorer in the side, and apart from his two centuries he made a succession of good scores. Six years ago he headed the list with an average of 28. His average has now risen to 50, and H. E. Theobald and E. H. Edrich are close on the heels of the left-hander with 49. Edrich showed great advancement. Leading off with 161 at Cokenach—the highest individual score of the season—he made a good score against Cambridgeshire, and finished in great form with 145 in two innings against Kent II. without losing his wicket in either innings. Theobald had his best season, making a century at Gravesend, and finishing in wonderful form with 187 in the final match at Fenner's.

T. G. L. Ballance showed considerable improvement. He had no opportunity of batting in his first match, and in each of his first three innings he was undefeated. His maiden century came in his next match and another century in his last game. Much was expected of M. R. Barton after his splendid season at Oxford, but it was not until his fourth match that Norfolk saw and benefited from the sustained soundness and brilliance of his batting. In this match—the return with Middlesex II.—Barton scored 204 runs in two innings—once not out. Barton was only available for five matches. He is now in America, and will be greatly missed next year.

D. Rought-Rought joined the side in July at the close of his fourth year at Cambridge, and promptly made a very quick and brilliant 117 for the county at Gravesend. A 62 not out

against Lincolnshire was the best of his subsequent smaller scores.

M. FALCON'S GOOD SEASON

M. Falcon defied the march of time and delighted his many friends with the consistency of his all-round ability. Beginning the season with a 69 at Cokenach and sharing in a partnership of 171 runs, he made a succession of useful scores. With no score higher than 72, his aggregate of 456 is the second best. It is actually higher than the best of last season, and without a single not out he has the excellent average of 26. To the value of Falcon's batting must be added his astute leadership and good bowling services. Time and again he took a wicket—especially a left-hander's—when it was badly needed, and the average cost of his 20 wickets compares favourably with the averages of the chief bowlers.

Ballance did not repeat his great successes of last year, but his average of 18 for 28 wickets has only been bettered by Lingwood, who, in fewer matches, secured 23 wickets at a cost of 16 runs per wicket. Playing in all the matches and bowling more overs than any other bowler R. C. Rought-Rought's effectiveness increased as the season advanced. In his first six matches he took only 13 wickets, but finishing in splendid form he brought his record to 42 wickets at an average cost of 21 runs each. His younger brother obtained fewer wickets than in his four previous years and at an increased cost. W. S. Thompson played less regularly than formerly. At Gravesend and against Herts at Lakenham, when he was the top scorer in the first innings, he gave glorious examples of his powerful hitting. As a bowler he was very successful in three matches, and took in all 19 wickets.

Eric Edrich increased his usefulness to the side by stepping into the wicketkeeper's breach caused by the accident to Wood. Edrich proved a most efficient deputy. His younger brother, G. A., was the only newcomer introduced until the last match, and he kept his place by a succession of small double-figure innings, in which he showed promise of making a very good bat. He is also a good field and made one of the finest catches of the season at Fenner's last Friday. Walker, Ballance, Barton, Gladden, and B. W. and D. C. Rought-Rought should also be mentioned for their fine fielding.

M. Falcon was lucky with the toss. He won it eight times.

Summary of Matches

MINOR COUNTIES

Played 12, won 4, drawn 5, lost 3. Obtained 33 points out of a possible 72 and finished ninth in the championship with 45.85 per cent.

June 28th and 29th (Cokenach)—		
Norfolk	319	51-0
Herts	389-5 dec.	
Drawn.		
June 30th and July 1st (Hornsey)—		
Norfolk	88	154
Middlesex II.	304	
Lost by innings and 62.		
July 14th and 15th (Grimsby)—		
Norfolk	381	4-0
Lincolnshire	441	150
Won by ten wickets.		
July 26th and 27th (Gravesend)—		
Norfolk	526-7 dec.	
Kent II	234	311-7
Drawn.		
July 30th and 31st (Hunstanton)—		
Norfolk	282	
Cambs	225	205
Drawn.		
August 2nd and 3rd (Lakenham)—		
Norfolk	260	106
Herts	267	117
Lost by 18 runs.		
August 5th and 6th (Lakenham)—		
Norfolk	152	302-4 dec.
Lincolnshire	167	158
Won by 150 runs.		
August 9th and 10th (Lakenham)—		
Norfolk	379	
Bucks	106	176
Won by innings and 97.		
August 11th and 12th (Lakenham)—		
Norfolk	274	180-0
Middlesex II.	259	153
Won by ten wickets.		
August 13th and 14th (Lakenham)—		
Norfolk	161	194-5 dec.
Kent II	170	89-2
Drawn.		
August 18th and 19th (High Wycombe)—		
Norfolk	154	185
Bucks	188	82-1
Lost by nine wickets.		
August 27th and 28th (Cambridge)—		
Norfolk	322	137-6
Cambs	426-7 dec.	

RUNS PER WICKET

Norfolk—4192 runs, 182 wickets, average 27.72 per wicket. Opponents—4415 runs, 182 wickets, average 24.25.

BATTING AVERAGES

	Inns.	Not out	M. Inns.	Out	Ttl. Hts.	Av.
B. W. Rought-Rought	10	17	2	757	139	50.46
H. E. Theobald	7	10	3	349	104	49.85
E. H. Edrich	0	13	4	443	161	49.22
T. G. L. Ballance	8	10	3	302	107	43.14
D. F. Walker	4	6	0	251	121	41.83
M. R. Barton	5	9	1	297	141	37.12
M. Falcon	12	17	0	456	72	26.82
D. C. Rought-Rought	9	14	1	355	117	25.76
W. S. Thompson	5	8	1	191	69	21.57
Eric Edrich (G. A.)	9	13	3	183	30	18.50
F. D. Cunliffe	4	5	0	53	27	17.06
B. J. Wood	2	3	0	17	14	14.56
F. G. Self	8	12	0	176	61	14.56
G. E. Pilch	7	8	0	80	31	13.53
R. C. Rought-Rought	12	10	0	206	43	12.87
J. C. Thistleton-Smith	4	7	1	65	25	10.30
R. M. Beresford	2	3	0	28	11	9.35
G. R. Abbs	2	3	0	27	22	9.00
Lingwood (W. J.)	6	8	2	45	16	7.16
R. H. Gladden	2	3	0	15	9	4.53

Also batted—N. A. Brighton 0; R. W. Cant 16*; B. G. W. Stevens 19 and 1*; J. B. Jackson 2 and 13; R. W. Perkins 1.

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C. B. Fordham for Herts at Cokenach	100*

BOWLING AVERAGES

	Inns.	O.	M.	R.	W.	Aver.
Lingwood (W. J.)	10	169	53	384	23	16.69
T. G. L. Ballance	15	201	43	551	28	18.96
M. Falcon	18	145	36	425	20	21.25
D. C. Rought-Rought	21	343	91	903	42	21.50
W. S. Thompson	9	117	12	481	19	25.31
D. C. Rought-Rought	17	188	32	626	25	27.81
G. E. Pilch	11	163	25	516	16	32.25
G. R. Abbs	5	28	7	65	2	33.00
Edrich (G. A.)	6	53	5	109	1	109.00

Also bowled—F. D. Cunliffe 4-1-3-0; N. A. Brighton 16-3-68-0; D. F. Walker 8-2-15-1; R. W. Perkins 9-0-35-1; R. W. Cant 7-1-56-1. Stumpings—E. Edrich 4; B. Stevens 1. Catches—E. Edrich 18; G. Edrich 7; D. Rought-Rought, M. R. Barton, R. Rought-Rought, F. Self and B. J. Wood, 5 each; M. Falcon, T. G. L. Ballance, and B. W. Rought-Rought 4 each; W. S. Thompson 3; R. H. Gladden and H. Theobald 2 each; D. F. Walker, F. Cunliffe, G. Pilch, G. Abbs, and Lingwood 1 each.

CRICKET TOPICS

NORFOLK PLAYERS AT
THE 'VARSITIESW. EDRICH'S BATTING AT
LORD'S

The cricket season has had a splendid send-off. Although the first batch of first-class matches did not escape interruptions through rain and bad light—there was even a thunderstorm at Oxford—there has been plenty of sunshine and warmth, and the cricket has been as enjoyable as the weather. In spite of the pessimistic talk of the decline of public interest and the agitation for brighter cricket it is the weather which affects attendances and receipts for good or ill. Given sunshine there is nothing wrong with cricket, and the game is in no danger of losing its fascination with the players or the hold it has always had on the public.

Those who advocate a general speeding up in the play would have been specially pleased with the way in which Dyson gained the honour of scoring the first century of the season. Another Glamorgan man, D. Davies, and Worthington, of Derbyshire, were in the race, but Dyson made sure of the distinction by hitting his hundred before the luncheon interval. The Kent bowlers who suffered this indignity at Swansea took it out of Worcestershire, against whom Ames compiled the first two hundred of the season. Kent lost only six wickets in winning this match and they had to make some quick runs during the extra time. Ames settled the issue. His winning hit was a six, a method of ending a match which would be very pleasing to the supporters of the winning county.

Centuries have already become common. There has been no day without one or more additions to the list and some players, like Hammond and Barnett, have already accomplished the feat twice. This Gloucestershire pair have also done some exceptional bowling, notably their performance of bowling unchanged through Hampshire's second innings and dismissing the side for 74. The recent success of Gloucestershire make Oxford University's victory over that county and the battling triumph of M. R. Barton against them all the more meritorious.

M. R. BARTON'S GREAT INNINGS

We cannot recall a season like the present when so many Norfolk men have been almost daily in the news and the headlines during the first week. Michael Barton batted during the last two hours of the first day and if Kimpston had not been out in the last over of the day Barton might have been the fourth century maker of the season. As it was on Monday he exactly doubled his Saturday's score and for two days his 192 gained him the honour of being the highest scorer. On Wednesday the distinction passed to Ames, who only the day before had been bowled first ball. It is a long time since an Oxford University batsman made such a big score against a county, although D. F. Walker, as a Freshman in the corresponding match four years ago, carried his bat through the innings while scoring 107. Unfortunately, towards the close of his innings Barton was under the handicap of a strained back and he could not play against Yorkshire. While some reports mentioned the power of Barton's off-driving, by which most of his 23 boundaries were scored, "The Times," strangely enough, commented on his lack of forcing strokes on the off-side, particularly the drive through the covers. "The Times," however, commended his straight and on-driving, the use of wrists and careful watching of the ball, and said he was a most interesting batsman to watch. T. G. L. Ballance played in the same match and made at least one good off drive to the boundary during his innings of 15, and also took three wickets for 64. He had a less happy experience in the match against Yorkshire, as he was bowled quickly each time by Robinson and bowled 17 overs for 67 runs without getting a wicket.

EDRICH IN FORM

W. J. Edrich has started the season well. He has had two good matches with M.C.C.

and the Press have commented most favourably upon his batting. His scores of 33 and 56 against Yorkshire gave him the third highest aggregate for the Club, and in the Surrey match he failed by only three runs to repeat his century performance of last year in the corresponding match. Edrich hit two centuries for M.C.C. last year, and he and Hendren each had an average of over 60 for the Club in first-class matches. Hendren has accepted the position of cricket coach at Harrow and this is likely to be his last season in big cricket. Edrich seems earmarked to be Hendren's successor at Lord's. The opportunity for making comparisons has occurred during their partnerships at the wicket, and after seeing them in the middle together for a long time on Wednesday one writer referred to them as the "Old Master and the Young Master." "The Times" correspondent wrote: "The more I see of Edrich the more I like his batting"; and another well-known player, since turned critic, wrote: "Edrich showed that promise has now ripened into achievement." Edrich has also done a little fast bowling, and although Barling hit two balls in succession into the Mound stand, Edrich took the wickets of D. J. Knight and Brooks. On Saturday Edrich took his first wicket for Middlesex and wrecked the hopes of Timms completing a century. This is Edrich's fourth season on the Lord's staff, and he is now making his debut for Middlesex. Like Jack Hobbs, of Cambridge and Surrey, Edrich has gone from a minor county to a first-class county, and been put straightaway in the first team without working his way up through the second eleven. Hobbs was 22 when he first appeared for Surrey, and Edrich has made his debut for Middlesex a year sooner.

D. C. ROUGHT-ROUGHT'S BEST SCORE
AT CAMBRIDGE

Two Norfolk players, F. G. Self and D. C. Rought-Rought, specially distinguished themselves in the Cambridge Seniors' match. They were in the same team and made runs when the rest of the side were faring badly. Self's cricket in his first year at Cambridge was interrupted by an injury. The competition for a batsman's place in the 'Varsity XI is tremendously keen, but Self did so well as a No. 1 in the Senior match that he need not despair of getting a further trial. Desmond Rought-Rought was included in the XI for the first match with Sussex, and he played an innings of outstanding merit. When he went in the 'Varsity had lost five wickets for 45, and he gave a grand display of powerful driving in scoring 92. The next best score in the match for Cambridge was 31, and Mark Tindall, the captain, suffered the humiliation of bagging a pair. The chief problem at each University is to find an effective attack, and good batsman as Rought-Rought is his chance of getting into the team may depend more upon his success as a bowler.

CORONATION DAY AT LAKENHAM

D. Rought-Rought is unlikely to be at Lakenham on Coronation Day in the Emmanuel and St. John's College team against Norwich Wanderers as Yorkshire are playing the University at Cambridge that day. The Wanderers have several newcomers this season, among them being J. C. S. Underwood, who had the best aggregate and an average of 27 at Lancing College last year. The Wanderers visit Felixstowe and Bury at Whitsuntide, and among the clubs who will visit them at Lakenham are West Norfolk, Norfolk Club and Ground, Old Elyians, Chalfont St. Peter, and West African Wanderers. The Norwich Union will be visited twice at School Lane.

EAST NORFOLK'S HEAVY PROGRAMME

An unusual cause for scratching a match was reported from Dereham, where a mishap to the roller prevented the wicket being prepared for the opening match with East Norfolk. This was the first of the 40 first team matches arranged by East Norfolk, 24 of which will be played at Smallburgh. Sir Frederick Rawlinson is the new secretary and the fixtures are very similar to those arranged last year by Captain Kendall, including a week's tour during June in the West. Next week the club have three matches with college teams at Cambridge and other away matches are at Bury, Ipswich, Yarmouth, Lowestoft, Lynn, and Hunstanton. Notable visitors to Smallburgh will be Sir Julien Cahn's XI., Gentlemen of Suffolk, Crusaders, Bury and West Suffolk Trinity Tom Tits, Lloyds Bank, Incogniti, North Middlesex, Notts Forest, Dragonflies, Hull Zingari, Port of London Authority, Chalfont St. Peter, Parsons Green, Yokels, Norfolk Club and Ground, and West African Wanderers. The home week begins on July 19th.

CRICKET TOPICS

County Match at Lowestoft

Suffolk to Engage Professional

Cricket has been honoured by the Knighthood the King has conferred upon Pelham F. Warner. Now in his 64th year, cricket has played almost as great a part in Warner's life as it did in that of W. G. Grace. Born in Trinidad, Warner's cricket education began at Rugby School under Tom Emmett, and a Blue at Oxford was followed by many years of splendid service and achievement for Middlesex. A correct and attractive batsman, there is a long list of centuries to his credit, and he gained almost as much distinction by his astute and enthusiastic captaincy. He led Middlesex to their championship triumph in 1903, but before that he had visited overseas Dominions and for a lengthy period toured extensively, playing cricket all the year round. In this way Warner has been a cricket ambassador, and is almost as well known on the cricket fields abroad as at home. One of the great things in his career was captaining the eleven which recaptured the "Ashes" in Australia in 1904. Cricket has been his only love, and in a way it has also been his life's job. A member of the M.C.C. Committee, he is also chairman of the Test Match Selection Committee. Many years ago C. B. Fry described Warner as "a golden treasury of all that ever happened, or was likely to happen, in the game of cricket," and it seems fitting, therefore, that he should be the editor of the weekly paper devoted to the game. The years spent on "The Cricketer" are not the least serviceable of the many "Plum" Warner has given to cricket, and lovers of the game, in offering their congratulations, will wish Sir Pelham the health to carry on this work for many more years. The spirit and enthusiasm he will always have.

Cricket during Coronation Week suffered badly through the rain, and Worcestershire's victory over champion Derbyshire was an outstanding performance among the crop of drawn matches. The New Zealanders' first match at Lord's was practically washed out, but the tourists made a good impression in their drawn match with Surrey at the Oval. Considering the players had only a few days in which to regain their land legs their good performance against Surrey should have given them plenty of encouragement. The cricket during the sunless days has been very different from that of the first week, and on the rain-damaged wickets the bowlers have been making hay without the aid of sunshine. Centuries suddenly became rare. Michael Barton played another fine innings of 81 at Oxford against Lancashire, but Jim Smith got his wicket cheaply when Middlesex appeared at the Parks without Edrich, who was included in the M.C.C. team against the New Zealanders.

BARTON USES HIS REACH

Apropos the difference of opinion anent Barton's batting during his innings of 192 against Gloucestershire, it is interesting to quote the opinion of "Isis" in "The Cricketer." "From the beginning," he said, "Barton showed absolute confidence and mastery over the bowling. He produced a wide range of strokes and batted with a firmness and polish that he has never shown in the Parks before. . . . It was a magnificent innings, and he no longer throws away the advantage given by his height by playing back to balls well pitched up to him."

AT CAMBRIDGE

Among the matches which suffered from the rain was that between Cambridge University and Yorkshire. At the request of the County and for the sake of the gate the venue was changed from Fenner's to

Bradford, and D. C. Rought-Rought and the rest of the Cambridge team spent three idle days at Bradford. Ironically, it seemed, not a ball was bowled at Bradford, whereas it is thought some play would have been possible at Fenner's. R. G. Kerrison, of Norfolk, who was in the Eton XI, had one brief innings in the Freshmen's match, and F. G. Self is playing in the final trial match which began on Saturday. Batting No. 3 for the Perambulators, Self was the fourth highest scorer of the day with 27. Fast Norfolk have three matches with College teams at Cambridge this week, beginning to-day with King's, and they will have the assistance in this match of R. J. Purdy, who has shown good form this season as an opening batsman for Jesus College. F. A. Love-day, now appearing for East Norfolk, will be remembered as the former Overstrand player. He has just returned from New Zealand. Although it is fully three weeks before East Norfolk set out on their West of England tour the captain, F. H. Hamer, is faced with the prospect of a shortage of players and offers a welcome to any Norfolk men who would like to participate in a fine cricketing holiday. The first match of the tour is with the Gloucester Gypsies on June 14th.

MINOR COUNTIES IN THE FIELD

The Minor Counties representative match with the Gentlemen of Ireland, which began at Dublin on Saturday and for which three days were allotted, looks like being finished in two days. Irish cricket is more or less a closed book to English county players, and perhaps they had a bad crossing. At any rate, what looked like a strong Minor Counties side on paper were dismissed for 69, and although the Irish amateurs made no more than 109 in their first innings, at the end of the day they were 141 on with six wickets in hand. Champion Hertfordshire have two representatives—Fordham and Roberts—in the Minor Counties side, captained by W. B. Franklin, of Bucks. Smith, of Cambridgeshire, is also included, and the remaining counties represented are Northumberland, Dorset, Surrey II, Cheshire, Lancashire II, Durham, and Yorkshire II. D. F. Walker, of Norfolk, was invited, but could not play. On Saturday the most successful bowler for the Minor Counties was H. R. W. Butterworth, the Cambridge Blue of 1929, who has played for Lancashire. In 1932 he was associated with Iddon in a sixth wicket partnership of 278 against Sussex at Old Trafford.

Saturday also marked the beginning of the Minor Counties match programme, and those who have in other years made comparisons between the rate of scoring in Minor Counties matches and first class matches will have noted that the 418 runs scored for 15 wickets at the Oval in the match between the second elevens of Surrey and Kent was a much better aggregate for the day than in any of the first class matches. Cole, the Kent fast bowler, put up a good performance in taking five wickets for 76, and Tom Crawford's 69 will not be the best batting effort for Kent if Foy gets going again to-day.

LINCOLNSHIRE AT LOWESTOFT

Six other Minor Counties make a start to-day, the matches being at Lowestoft, Newcastle, and Wakefield. Suffolk's opponents at Lowestoft Denes Oval are Lincolnshire, and H. W. Dods, who is again captaining Lincolnshire, will not have the assistance of V. A. Hodgkinson, who headed the Minor Counties bowling averages last season, his 28 wickets being obtained at the astonishingly low figure of six runs per wicket. M. V. Bennett and A. Brown, who also bowled well for Lincolnshire last season, are included in the side, but B. C. Ehrenfried, a good all-rounder, and next to the captain one of the county's best batsmen, is an absentee. W. E. Houghton, the Aston Villa footballer, is playing, and he is a batsman with a good defence and plenty of good strokes. Last season Lincolnshire rose from 19th to 10th place in the table, while Suffolk descended from eleventh to the bottom, three of their six defeats being by a single inning. Suffolk fell away badly in batting and bowling last season, and the County Committee have now decided to seek professional assistance. The county is advertising for a professional with the view to his qualifying for the county. This is

an important step, having regard to the comparatively small income of the club, but there are funds in reserve, and after depending upon an amateur side for three seasons the committee no doubt feel that some special effort should be made to strengthen the team.

Three of the Suffolk eleven, including the captain, H. P. Waugh, were playing at Felixstowe on Saturday against Norwich Wanderers. The latter won after a good finish by two wickets, H. E. Theobald and H. F. Webster being associated in a good first wicket partnership. B. A. Clements, the Casuals footballer, did useful service for the Wanderers, who have won all their matches to date. To-day at Bury, M. Falcon, the Norfolk captain, is included in the Wanderers' side against Bury and West Suffolk.

Dereham have about the youngest team in the club's long history, with A. W. Barton as skipper in succession to H. J. Bowden. The batting has not yet shown its real strength, but the out cricket of the side is excellent. In the match at Heacham, which Dereham lost by two wickets, the wicket-keeping of E. Edrich (Heacham) and G. Head (Dereham) was a good feature. A. W. Barton's younger brother, Peter, incidentally, is batting well for the Haileybury eleven this season and scored 54 not out against the Crusaders the other day.

W. J. Edrich has become a regular feature in the news and pictures in the London Press. His many Norfolk friends will regard his selection for the Test trial match as the stepping stone to the higher honour.

CRICKET TOPICS

M.C.C.'s 150th Birthday Week

Thomas Lord's Link with Norfolk

The May weather continues to be more or less unkind to cricket, and the beginning of the celebration week at Lord's was robbed of much of its enjoyment by the cold wind and drizzle. This week of representative cricket at headquarters has been arranged to commemorate the 150th birthday of the Marylebone Cricket Club, which occupies the unique position among clubs of being the recognised cricket authority throughout the world. As the parliament of cricket the M.C.C. has watched over the game and been the guiding hand in maintaining its great traditions for over a century of years. The club is said to have owed its formation to the dissatisfaction of some members of the White Conduit Club at Islington who promised Thomas Lord their support if he secured a ground. Lord found a suitable place in what is now Dorset Square, and in 1787 "Lord's" and the M.C.C. were successfully launched. Twenty-three years later Lord had some dispute with his landlord about the rent and took another ground near Regent's Park. Here he and the Club stayed only three years and in 1814 Lord once more had occasion to find another ground, and this time he obtained the site off St. John's Wood Road. It is an interesting fact that each time Lord moved he took the turf with him, so that the turf at the present Lord's is as old as the M.C.C. Club, viz., 150 years.

This Thomas Lord, who has given his name to the most famous cricket ground in the world, was at one time living in Norfolk. He is said to have received his education at Diss, and to have left Norfolk to play for Middlesex as a batsman and bowler. Lord came of a Jacobite family whose property was confiscated for supporting the rebellion of 1745, and it is said his father worked as a labourer on a farm which he had once owned. That Thomas Lord's heart was in cricket there can be no doubt. When he left Norfolk for London he became associated in some way with the White Conduit Club. Some records refer to him as a member, while others describe him as an attendant at the club. He had many discouragements, apart from the troubles of finding new grounds, and the fire of 1825, which destroyed the pavilion on the present ground, was a heavy blow. Important documents and books were destroyed and Lord is said to have lost several thousand pounds due to him for subscriptions.

WARD'S BIG SCORE AGAINST NORFOLK

At this period Lord must have been sorely tempted to part with his lease to speculating builders, but the situation and the ground was saved by Mr. William Ward, who purchased the lease from Lord, and many years later the Club became its own landlord. This William Ward who stepped into the breach at a critical stage was a fine cricketer and a Norfolk team, who had the assistance of E. H. Budd—a famous hitter—T. Vigne, and F. Ladbroke for the occasion, suffered severely at his hands when they played M.C.C. at Lord's in 1820. Ward made no fewer than 278—a prodigious score in those days, and it remained a record for the ground for 105 years. As a matter of fact Percy Holmes of Yorkshire and Jack Hobbs of Surrey are the only men who have beaten Ward's score at Lord's. Ward used a bat weighing 4 lbs. and his 278 was 108 more than the record individual score of the time.

Norfolk has another interest in the new milestone reached in cricket history with the

birthday celebrations at Lord's through the presence of one of her sons in the first of the commemoration matches. William Edrich, like Thomas Lord, left Norfolk for Middlesex, and his feet now seem well planted on the ladder of cricket fame. After scoring 188 in his first three innings at Lord's this season Edrich has dropped into single figure contributions, and a return to his best form during the match in progress would be especially pleasing in view of the Test trial nature of the match.

NORFOLK SEARCH FOR A WICKETKEEPER

Norfolk's young players at the Universities have also been a little subdued lately. M. Barton made no big scores against Middlesex or the New Zealanders, but D. C. Rought-Rought is staking a claim to a batsman's place in the Cambridge XI. He played another meritorious innings against Notts, and has so far bagged three Middlesex wickets. T. L. G. Ballance had to be content with two wickets in each innings against the New Zealanders. It seems unlikely that any of these men at Oxford and Cambridge, and also D. F. Walker at Harrow, will be available for Norfolk's home match with the New Zealanders a month hence. Speculation is already rife concerning the composition of the Norfolk side for this match, and especially with regard to the position of wicketkeeper. B. J. Wood is making a good recovery from the injury he received in a bad motor smash some months ago, but cricket is out of the question for him at the moment, and it is quite possible he may not play this season. Three years ago, when a split finger prevented Wood from playing in the last match of the season against Cambridgeshire and again in 1935, when the bruised state of Wood's hands kept him out of two matches, Allan Moulton, of Mileham, proved an efficient deputy. Moulton is now in London and we do not think he has played much cricket for some time. There are good reports of the wicket-keeping ability of E. H. Edrich, of Heacham, and G. E. V. Head, of Dereham. Edrich recently made four stumping performances in an innings off R. A. A. Beresford's bowling; but keeping to the veteran slow bowler cannot be regarded as a severe test. E. D. Thackeray, of Norwich Wanderers, has gained good opinions and Bryan Stevens, of Norwich School, although very young and somewhat inexperienced, shows distinct promise as a batsman-wicketkeeper. The two Yarmouth players who kept in the Club and Ground match on Saturday—N. Fanton and B. J. Gilbert—are both good class wicketkeepers.

RAY PERKINS' FINE PERFORMANCE

The outstanding man in the first Club and Ground match of the season was R. W. Perkins, of Yarmouth. His century was, we believe, the first made on the new ground at Southtown, and the first local hundred of the season. On a day when batsmen of reputations obtained poor results Perkins dominated the play. Quick-footed and with plenty of strokes, he scored with considerable freedom off a varied attack. It was Perkins' first hundred for the Town, and he supplemented it with a fine bowling performance, and so established his claim to be regarded as a good all-rounder. In running through the Club and Ground side, Perkins took six wickets for 16, which was easily the best bowling performance of the match. Perkins is a leg-spinner of medium pace, and at times the ball was doing too much. With more control over length and break, Perkins would be in the top flight of bowlers.

B. W. Rought-Rought is in rare form this season. In a series of matches with Inco-niti against Cambridge Colleges and the Crusaders, his scores were 89, 7, 51, and 71. In the same series his brother, R. C., took twelve wickets. In the match with Jesus College, R. J. Purdy, of Norfolk, made 43 for the College. B. W. Rought-Rought also made 61 for Bury and West Suffolk in their tie match with Norwich Wanderers.

H. E. Theobald, who scored a century in his last match for Norfolk, is scoring with great consistency this season. His latest effort, 72 not out, contributed to the victory of Norwich Wanderers at School Lane after Norwich Union had declared with four wickets in hand.

When in form R. H. Gladden is one of the

most attractive batsmen in the county to watch. He scored 51 for C.E.Y.M.S. on Saturday against Y.M.C.A.

CAPTAIN'S FINE EFFORT

Harold Dods, the Lincolnshire captain, who carried his bat through the innings against Suffolk at Lowestoft, just missed the honour of being the first man to score a century in the Minor Counties Competition this season. Dods needed three more runs for his hundred when the last Lincolnshire wicket fell, and the honour went to Plaice, of Lancashire, with 115 not out against Yorkshire II. at Wakefield. Plaice justified his promotion to the first team by scoring 81 against Warwickshire on Saturday at Old Trafford.

Dereham, who have been engaged in a series of close finishes, have a good newcomer in H. G. C. Hubble, of Berkshire county. Against Heacham, in his first match for Dereham, he hit two sixes and fell to a brilliant catch on the boundary when he seemed set for a big score. Hubble is also an effective slow bowler. By profession a schoolmaster, he is at present engaged at the County School, North Elmham. W. J. Webb, who was not out when Dereham's last wicket fell with two runs needed to avert defeat, has an average of nearly 60 for five innings for his club. Dereham entertain Norfolk Club and Ground next Wednesday afternoon.

CRICKET TOPICS

Cambridge "Blue" for
Norfolk PlayerConcrete Wickets for Village
Grounds

The many Norfolk friends of Desmond Charles Rought-Rought will congratulate him upon being awarded his cricket Blue at Cambridge. He is the first to be given his colours at Cambridge this season. D. C. Rought-Rought had his 24th birthday on the 3rd of this month, and unlike his brother Rodney, who gained his Cambridge Blue as a freshman in 1930, he has had to wait until his fourth year for the cricket honour. Many people considered him unlucky to miss the distinction in one of his other years. A player often fails to show his best form through over-anxiety about getting a place in the Eleven, and H. D. Leveson-Gower records that when F. S. Jackson went up from Harrow and appeared depressed by doing badly in the trial matches, S. M. J. Woods, the Cambridge captain, told him that if he was worrying about his "Blue" he could have it at once. Leveson-Gower says that whether such bold policy would always pay may be an open question; but it certainly paid in the case of Jackson. The Varsity match is now only five weeks away, and Norfolk will not have the assistance of D. C. Rought-Rought and M. R. Barton, and possibly T. G. L. Ballance, for their match with the New Zealanders on June 23-24. Nor will D. F. Walker, now the cricket master at Harrow, be available. By the way, David Walker is 24 to-day, and he will have the birthday wishes of cricket enthusiasts in Norfolk, who hope to see him make many more runs for the county.

The letter which appeared in the Press on Wednesday over the well-known initials "B. C.-H." containing cricket extracts from Mackie's Annals, gave the interesting information that the turf at Lakenham was laid down by Mr. Bentley, of Lord's, in 1827. In 1833 Fuller Pilch was advertising himself as proprietor of a public-house on Bracondale and as lessee of the Norwich Cricket Ground. Lord Hawke in an article in "The Times" M.C.C. supplement of last Tuesday says that Fuller Pilch made his first appearance at Lord's in 1820, playing for Norfolk against M.C.C. in the match in which William Ward, the banker, made his great score of 278, the innings being spread over three days. Pilch was then a lad of 17. We have no record of the runs obtained by Norfolk in this match, but 11 years later, i.e., in 1831, when Norfolk County was described as "now the next club to the Marylebone," the M.C.C. sent a team to East Dereham which included Lillywhite, Wenman, and Saunders, and they dismissed Norfolk for 11 runs!

Suffolk, who are due at the Oval on Wednesday and Thursday, to meet Surrey 2nd XI., have had only one response to their advertisement for a professional to qualify for the county. Several new players were included in the side against Lincolnshire, and it is the intention of the county to introduce new blood this season in an endeavour to discover promising players. It is unlikely that A. S. Kent, who kept wicket so well for the county in the past seasons, will be seen in the side this season, as the farming activities which curtailed his appearances last year will continue to limit his opportunity of playing cricket.

AUSTRALIANS v. AN ENGLAND XI AT
LAKENHAM

The rainfall over the Norwich district during the recent severe thunderstorm was said to be the heaviest for a short period since the August flood of 1912. The latter will be chiefly remembered by cricket enthusiasts in Norfolk for its interference with the most attractive first-class match ever arranged to be played at Lakenham. It was the year of the Triangular Tournament, and mainly through the good offices of Mr. Lionel Robinson, an Australian living at Old Buckenham Hall, the Australian team then in this country under the captaincy of Sydney Gregory was induced to visit Norwich and oppose an England XI got together and captained by E. J. T. Bosanquet. Three days

were allotted for the match, but after seven inches of rain there did not seem the remotest chance of any play. However, Lakenham made a wonderful recovery and about 6½ hours play was obtained during the second and third days. Warren Bardsley, with 47 and 14, was the highest scorer in a drawn match in which 30 wickets fell for 302 runs. G. N. Foster, of Worcestershire, was top scorer for the England XI with 14 and 32, and Morris, of Durham, and S. G. Smith, the West Indies player who qualified for Northamptonshire, obtained most of the Australian wickets. Norfolk had three players in the England XI—M. Falcon, Rev. G. B. Raikes, and N. C. Tufnell, the wicket-keeper. The remaining four members of the scratch side were Kenneth Hutchings and A. J. Evans, of Kent, Walter Brearley, of Lancashire, who bowled "Governor-General" C. G. Macartney, and G. Thompson, the Northamptonshire professional.

ALBERT RELF

Although Albert Relf did extraordinarily well for himself after leaving Norfolk in 1899 it is extremely unlikely that he would have left as much as £20,880 if cricket had been his only source of income. He had many good cricket appointments, and being an exceedingly careful man, he probably made some wise investments. Ranjitsinhji thought very highly of him, both as a man and as a cricketer. But for a fortunate turn in the wheel Relf might have spent some less profitable years in Norfolk. He was in the early twenties when he came to Houghton, and during the two seasons he played for Norfolk he made three centuries, obtaining the highest aggregate each season, and also took many wickets. As he was also a beautiful field Relf was an outstanding all-round member of the side. When his engagement at Houghton ended he was offered terms by Norfolk County, but Relf did not consider them quite good enough and he left Norfolk to add many inches to his cricket stature with a first-class county and to play for England.

CONCRETE WICKETS

The members of the Docking Club are considering the prospect of putting down a concrete pitch covered with green matting, and towards the cost of the scheme Mrs. J. H. M. Hare has generously given £10. Some county grounds have a concrete wicket in an odd corner to enable members to practice during bad weather, but there is a greater need for concrete match wickets in villages and parks and at some club and school grounds. Many of the grass wickets in the country are positively dangerous, and with the ball doing all sorts of weird things on the uneven surface it is impossible to bat with any confidence or success. The small totals recorded in minor cricket is the best evidence of the bad wickets, which flatter the bowlers and make good cricket from a batsman's point of view next door to an impossibility. Correct stroke play cannot be learned on such wickets. Sir F. S. Jackson and R. W. Robins have recently made appeals for more concrete wickets in this country. When in Australia the Middlesex captain saw the country youths, school boys, and even good class club cricketers playing matches on concrete, with the ball coming off the pitches at a uniform height and pace. Robins was so impressed that he is now voicing the advantages of concrete and the improvement it would effect in our village and park cricket. The cost is said to be small and the upkeep trifling. Other clubs will be interested in the experiment which seems likely to be made at Docking.

EXAMPLE OF HEACHAM

If all the wickets and grounds in Norfolk villages were as well looked after as that at Heacham there would be no need to advocate concrete wickets. Heacham provides a concrete example of what can be achieved by enthusiasm and well directed energy. Major F. G. Thorne, who has been the guiding hand and chief inspiration in the development of cricket at Heacham, remembers the time when the ground was almost too rough for village football. The wicket and outfield has now been brought up to a condition of which any club might be proud. With the better ground and good practice wickets there has been a gradual improvement in the standard of the play, and the progress made is shown by the fact that Heacham now matches itself against clubs from cities and towns. There is probably now more cricket talent at Heacham than in any other village of its size in the county. The club runs a second XI. with a full match programme, and the latest development is an evening knock-out competition, with victory going to the side which makes the most runs off 20 overs.

CRICKET TOPICS

W. J. EDRICH NOT TO BOWL

SUFFOLK GIVE SURREY A TIP

T. B. RAIKES IN NORFOLK AGAIN

Cricket has enjoyed a full week without measurable rain, and with the assurance of the weather experts that a predominance of warm weather until the end of August may be regarded as at least a possibility, the outlook for cricket under the best conditions seems most favourable. The pitch at Lord's on Saturday was described as presenting a parched appearance and unhelpful to the bowlers, but of the Lancashire batsmen who had first use of it only Iddon withstood the Middlesex attack for any length of time. Middlesex fared no better until Edrich and Hendren came together, and we read that the Norfolk man once again showed his class, although he took over two hours in making 58. After scoring 100 in his first three innings at Lord's this season, Edrich had a longish run in which 19 in the South v. North match was his best score. Middlesex tackled the situation by deciding to ignore Edrich's possibilities as a bowler in order to allow him to conserve his energy for batting. The succession of small scores naturally made Edrich inclined to be over anxious, but he ran into form again against Essex, and has apparently regained confidence, having lost his wicket only once while scoring his last 148 runs.

Two of the five centuries scored in first-class matches on Saturday were obtained by Hill and Walker of Hampshire again Sussex, who have won more matches and gained more points than any other county. The fine all-round cricket of the Sussex team has been one of the features of the season. In J. H. Parks they have the first batsman to reach the 1000 mark, and James Langridge heads the bowling averages. An attractive side, Sussex would be acclaimed popular champions, but the championship title has so far eluded them, and the end of this season is still a long way off. They have now a big task before them to top Hampshire's first innings score.

SUFFOLK CAPTAIN'S FINE EFFORT

Although Suffolk lost by an eight wickets margin to Surrey II. at the Oval, H. P. Waugh, the Suffolk captain, can look back upon the match with a good deal of personal satisfaction. Three wickets on a perfect Oval pitch for 58 runs, with three of the first four Surrey batsmen as his victims, was no mean performance, and in following it up with a brilliant not out century Waugh reached Olympian heights in a captain's example in a time of his county's need. Waugh got Barling's wicket when the Surrey batsman was within four of his century. Barling hit a quick 70 not out the second day, and Suffolk indirectly did Surrey a good turn, for the Surrey Committee promptly put Barling back into the first team. This decision had a happy sequel, for Barling made 91 on Saturday and played a leading part in Surrey's recovery against Essex. By the way, Waugh has been chosen captain of one of the Club Cricket Conference teams in the representative match at Luton on June 26.

SURREY II.'S BID FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Surrey II. are making strong running for the Minor Counties championship. They have won all four matches played to date, having defeated Kent II. twice, Middlesex II., and Suffolk. In three matches Surrey made declarations, and they made a noteworthy recovery in gaining their first win over Kent II. after the latter had secured a first innings

lead. Surrey II. have played in several challenge matches for the championship, but so far the chief honour has escaped them.

D. C. Rought-Rought brought about the collapse of the Army in their second innings at Cambridge by taking four wickets in 18 overs for 19 runs. In the whole match he took six wickets for 69 and made some good drives through the covers in his innings of 30. A portrait of "the new Blue" appears in the current issue of "The Cricketer," in which "JCC" says "Rought-Rought is an all-rounder who would be welcomed in any county side."

CLUB AND GROUND MATCHES

The matches are sufficiently rare to be worthy of notice. In that between East Norfolk and Norfolk Club and Ground on Wednesday at Smallburgh the sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth wickets of the Club and Ground fell at totals which were almost identical with those at the same stages in the East Norfolk innings, and in each innings the last wicket fell at 181. On the following day the Club and Ground gained their first victory of the season by defeating Gresham's School at Lakenham. R. M. Beresford, who has not played for the county since an injury to his hand during the middle of the 1934 season, played against the School, and another to make a reappearance in this match was Norman Brighton. It is four years since the Wymondham fast left-hand bowler made his debut for Norfolk at Grantham. On Thursday he took seven of the School wickets for 35 runs. At Smallburgh J. B. Holmes and G. E. Pilch took the wickets during the exciting closing stages. Years ago Holmes earned a place in the county team for his batting, and when Nichols scored 127 against Staffordshire at Wolverhampton Holmes' 19 was the next best effort in the Norfolk innings. Walter Dann's nine fours in his 51 against the Club and Ground at Smallburgh made one regret that he never got going when he made his few appearances for the county. Young Bryan Stevens, the Norwich School captain, gave promise of future usefulness in an excellent innings of 58 for the Club and Ground against Gresham's. There appear to be great possibilities of him as a batsman-wicketkeeper. To-morrow afternoon, at the Lower Close Ground, he will lead the School against a Club and Ground side.

REAPPEARANCE OF T. B. RAIKES

Considerable interest attached to the reappearance in Norfolk club cricket last week of T. B. Raikes, who is taking a long holiday after 12 years of farming in the Argentine. In his Winchester and Oxford days he was a fine bowler. He played for the Rest v. Lord's Schools and for the Public Schools v. The Army, and going up to Oxford in 1922 gained his Blue as a "fresher." Raikes played in three consecutive years for Oxford, and was hon. secretary in his last year. Of the Varsity match of 1922, in which Cambridge made 403 for four wickets and won by an innings. Wisden says, "The one notable feature of Oxford's bowling was Raikes' wonderful steadiness. He was most persevering and never tired." In that long innings Raikes' figures were 44-19-65-3. Oxford had their revenge the following year, chiefly through the bowling of G. T. S. Stevens and R. H. Bettington, and Cambridge turned the tables in 1924. At Oxford Raikes had a better batting average than the majority of bowlers. For his five innings in the Varsity matches he had an average of 17, and in his three years at Oxford he took 111 wickets.

Born on December 16th, 1902, Tom Raikes was only 16 when he made his debut for Norfolk at Lakenham against an M.C.C. side which included the three brothers Ashton, D. R. Jardine, with whom Raikes was subsequently destined to play at Oxford, and Walter Mead. Raikes had his baptism of inter-county cricket the following year (1920), and his score of 46 against Herefordshire was only passed by the fifties obtained by G. S. Stevens and Watson. In the following year, playing in only four matches, he scored 74 not out against Cambridgeshire at Lakenham, which was second best to 107 by M. Falcon. Joining the Norfolk team after the Varsity match of 1922, Raikes played in ten matches for the county, obtaining a batting average of 16 and a bowling average of 15 for 27 wickets. One of his best bowling performances was at Luton, where he took

five wickets for 21, and bowled unchanged with M. Falcon, Bedfordshire being dismissed for 64.

NORFOLK QUALIFICATION

Although born in India, T. B. Raikes is qualified to play for Norfolk through having played in four successive years for the county. During his twelve years in South America he has only had the feel of a cricket ball on two occasions. The nearest town to his farm is 40 miles away. He has put on a little weight, but those who saw him plugging away on Saturday at Smallburgh and securing five Trinity Tom Tits' wickets for 13 runs in 11 overs (six maidens) wondered whether this holiday visit would give him an opportunity of rendering Norfolk further service. Raikes is not bowling as fast as in 1924, but he has lost little of his old skill. It will be recalled that when his father was a barrister at the High Court of Bombay, Norfolk welcomed the periodic visits of E. B. Raikes for the added strength he brought to the county side by his skillful slow leg-break bowling.

CAP AND BELLS PUNISHMENT

The Trinity Tom Tits, who paid their annual visit to the delightful ground of the East Norfolk Club at Smallburgh on Saturday, provided a touch of comic satire with their cricket. The fieldman on their side who is unfortunate enough to miss a catch is punished by being obliged to wear a special double peaked cap with small bells attached, surmounted with a wood-made tom tit in colours. The erring fielder is only relieved of this headdress when another qualifies to be the wearer by dropping a catch. On Saturday the first sinner made his mistake when the score was 60, and he had to wait until Ronald Gladden completed his brilliant second century of the season before he was able to pass the cap on. It should be added that the umpire takes charge of the cap until a catch is dropped.

NORTHUMBERLAND MATCHES 1937

CAPTAIN:

17, 18	May	Durham	Newcastle	FSBW VFA
21, 22	June	Staffs	Newcastle	FSBW VFA
23, 24		Lancs II	Newcastle	FSBW VFA
19, 20	July	Lancs II	Vimston	FSB FA
21, 22		Staffs	Wolverhampton	FSB A
26, 27		Yorks II	Castleford	FSB A
2, 3	August	Durham	Chester-le-St	FSBW VFA
18, 19		Yorks II	Newcastle	FSBW VFA
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OXFORDSHIRE MATCHES 1937

CAPTAIN: S.C.B. LEE

F	Date	Opposition	Venue	OT	OM
	2,3 JUNE	O. UNIV A	THE PARKS	FSB	PSFB
	30,31 JULY	DORSET		A	PFA.
	2,3 AUGUST	BEDS	BEDFORD	FSB	PSFB
	4,5	DEVON	OXFORD	A	PFA.
	6,7	CORNWALL	OXFORD	FSB	PSFB
	11,12	DEVON	INSTOW	A	PFA.
	13,14	CORNWALL	PENZANCE	FSB	PSFB
	16,17	DORSET	WIMBORNE	A	PFA.
	18,19	BEDS	OXFORD	FSB	PSFB
	20,21	BERKS	READING	A	PFA.
	23,24	BERKS	OXFORD	FSB	PSFB

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FACTS, FEATURES AND FIGURES OF THE MINOR COUNTIES CAMPAIGN.

YOUNG PLAYERS OF PROMISE.

Another Minor Counties cricket season has come and gone, and once more it falls to the duty of the critic to review the Oxfordshire County performances, and to see how they compare with other years, their successes and failures and the causes which produced them.

When the curtain rang up problems of team selection at once arose. It was known that J. Barnby was laid low with an illness which needs a long rest, that C. R. Lucas, one of the finds of 1936, had left the district, that F. Margetts, a fast bowler, had an unlucky football legacy in the shape of a "groggy" ankle, and that A. Heymeson, whose slow bowling proved so effective on the wet pitches of the previous summer, would either not be available at all or only occasionally. The trial matches, it was hoped, would produce successors, and R. Phipps and E. Miles, of Morris Motors, and M. Wakelield, of the Oxford Downs, each won places in the XI, while A. Reynolds, of the Littlemore Hospital XI, F. Steel, another Morris Motors player, a wicket-keeper, and C. J. Sanders, of South Oxford, shaped well enough to suggest they may be wanted another year.

Our Young Players.

In talking of our young cricketers I would here digress for a moment. A batsman who makes many runs and a bowler who takes many wickets has a right to regard himself as a possible candidate for County honours. But when his merits are being weighed up, there is something more than that he is either a good bowler or batsman to be considered. He must be a lively and enthusiastic fieldsmen, and to all young cricketers I would say it is possible to become that by assiduous practice, and by callisthenics. I stress this point because as long as it is considered desirable to have specialists in the Oxfordshire XI, because of their experience and indispensability, the young men brought into the team must be able to provide that activity and keenness which an older man cannot command. The point is so obvious that I hope any young player whose ambition is to become a County cricketer will read, mark, learn and inwardly digest.

A Heavier Programme.

Two more games were added to this season's programme. Bucks were dropped and newcomers were met in Devon and Cornwall, and for the first time a tour on rather an ambitious scale was planned. The usual difficulty was experienced in getting a representative XI for the opening match, against Dorset, who won somewhat easily. Then followed Bedford, who won on the first innings and were somewhat unlucky not to win outright. This was a discouraging start, but a win against Devon, in which match L. P. M. Hughes made such a promising debut, followed by a further victory against Cornwall, raised hopes that the side were getting together. Then came the tour, in which neither O'Shea, Bailey nor Hughes,

three bowlers and two of them capable of making runs, could take part. Despite this the side did quite well, adding another win and a first innings lead, and at this stage they were standing well up in the table, without perhaps labelling themselves as challengers. It is necessary to add, results apart, the tour was an unqualified success, despite the fact that it involved a brake journey of over 600 miles. In the last three matches the form of the side deteriorated. They were beaten by Beds, had a lucky escape at Reading, and lost first innings lead to Berks at Oxford. Consistency was not their trump card, but when everything is considered they had a season which they can look back upon with much satisfaction.

Theory and Facts.

If one had been asked before the competition started what sort of a team Oxfordshire would be likely to have, the reply would have been something after this fashion: If the weather is favourable, the batting will not let them down, and if a bowler of pace can be found to support O'Shea, the bowling should be adequate. The fielding remained doubtful. This view was, of course, theoretical, and it did not work out quite on these lines in practice. The causes of this were, I think, that a reliable opening pair were never found, that the side was often unstable in batting when two players, one of whom was invariably A. P. D. Montgomery, had got on top of the bowling and lastly that it was necessary to make so many changes and not always possible to call on "key" men. At different times J. P. O'Shea, Harry Walker, J. G. Halliday, for example, could not afford the time to play, and D. T. L. Bailey and L. P. M. Hughes could only make fleeting appearances. Had it been possible to field virtually the same side in every match Oxfordshire, I think, would have been in the running for the championship.

Batting Failures and Successes.

Be that as it may, the batting was at times disappointing. Halliday and Walker, usually two of the most reliable batsmen, had, for them, a lean season. The former, however, was never in the best health, and he had to miss the last three matches owing to a septic arm, which necessitated an operation. It is good to hear that he will be available next season, despite his appointment at St. Paul's School and the rumour that he intended to qualify for Middlesex. S. C. B. Lee, the captain, was another player to whom fortune was none too kind. Here again health had something to do with his inability to get going, and, of course, in a cricket sense he is no longer a young man.

It is always a pity that cricketers of distinction have to grow old, but after all over 30 years have passed since "S.C.B." played for Oxfordshire, and very few players last so long. There were occasions when he left himself out of the team, and one may be certain in doing this, his thought was for the

future and the opportunity his absence afforded a younger man to gain experience in captaincy. Lee's first consideration is always for the Club, to which he has been attached so long and to which he has brought so much honour.

The Batting Honours.

The batting honours were carried off by A. P. D. Montgomery, W. W. Inge and H. G. Webb. The former was by far the most consistent, and but for striking a bad patch on the tour, he would have had almost phenomenal figures. So painstaking, so correct in style and method, this young batsman well deserves his position at the top of the batting averages. He made no fewer than 270 runs in his last four innings. W. W. Inge seems to have changed his style, with the happiest results. He is no longer the mere hitter, though when he had his eye in no one hit harder or cleaner or revelled in the sheer joy of free batsmanship. His defence was much sounder, he did restrain himself more, without becoming stodgy or developing into a merely negative batsman. His highest innings was against Cornwall, when he so narrowly missed the century, but I am told an innings he played on tour when runs were wanted quickly was his best.

H. G. Webb, the Only Centurion.

H. G. Webb had a curious experience. At one period he could not find a place in the side—not because he was not considered unworthy of it, but owing to force of circumstances. When he did play it was usually as a batsman half-way down the list. He had the distinction to score the only century made for the Club during the season, and in making it he carried his bat through the innings. There is a story attached to this, and no harm can be done in telling it now. When the team was chosen for the final match, Webb was one of the last selections and got his place as an opening batsman. That was always his place in his school days, but since then he is said to have little love for the job. Actually he prefers going in lower down. The point is that he was preferred to another player at the eleventh hour, because of the shortage of a No. 1, and he made the occasion one on which to play the highest and best innings of his career and one which should establish him as an obvious choice for future years. He is, of course, also a first-rate wicket-keeper, a job for which he is rarely required, but he has made himself also a very much quicker fieldsmen, alert and active, and he can be put anywhere.

Two other young players, S. Pether and J. Guilfoyle, were not so successful as expected. I think the former was handicapped by his injury at Rugger, but he played some useful innings, often bowled quite well, especially at Reading, and his slip fielding showed no deterioration. Guilfoyle was perhaps unfortunate. It is as a bowler that he is of most use, and there were times when a reluctance was shown to use him. In the Reading match, for instance, when

nearly 500 runs were scored by Berkshire, he did not have a ball, but this was one of the matches, perhaps, when the captain had too many bowlers. When he was given a real chance on tour his slow bowling was as good as ever.

Charlie Walters.

Walters had another good season. I should say that he was a better bowler than for some years past. His record certainly suggests it. It will be noticed that 70 of his overs were maidens and that he has taken more wickets than anyone else. His length was invariably perfect and not once during the campaign was he really collared. Had the field-men been kinder to him he would have had even better figures. As a batsman he appears to have been underrated. With his steadiness, especially in a crisis, he would probably have been of more value had he gone in when the many unfortunate collapses occurred, and certainly higher in the order. A notable achievement was his performance at Bedford, when he stayed in for well over an hour and prevented Beds from winning outright.

The Newcomers.

Four newcomers to the side were D. T. L. Bailey, W. Lithgow, M. Wakefield and Lt. P. M. Hughes. Bailey, who got his colours at Winchester was a fastish bowler and a useful bat and field. Some say that he was even quicker off the pitch than O'Shea. He will be lost to Oxon cricket next season, as he is going abroad. He was the one new "cap" in the side. Lithgow is a member of the Harrow XI, and will be at school next season, after which he comes up to Oxford. He won golden opinions through his excellent work at coverpoint, and an innings played at Reading suggests that he promises to become an acquisition to the side in the future.

Wakefield is a fastish left-arm bowler and a batsman with a decisive style. He, at times, bowled a quite unplayable ball. Some old cricketers advise him to develop spin at the cost of pace. He has youth on his side, and perhaps one may be forgiven for suggesting that it would do him a world of good if it was possible to have some coaching at one of the winter schools. In fielding he is a capital thrower, but should advance to the ball and not wait for it to come to him.

It was most unfortunate that Lt. Hughes could only play in a few matches and will not be available again till 1939. A dashing batsman, a bowler with a good high action, who could make the ball "lift," and an incomparable slip fieldman, he would make a great difference to the side. He is an all-rounder in every sense of the word, and his catching in the match against Berkshire will not soon be forgotten. What would not O'Shea and Walters give to have had him in the slips throughout the season, and what a difference his presence would make to the record of the team?

The Bowlers.

O'Shea bowled as well as ever, despite being out of luck at Reading. With the new ball he was particularly deadly and, of course, the faster pitches were more to his liking. Even at Reading, where for once he failed to get a wicket, he was extremely unlucky in his two opening spells. With Bailey and Hughes in the team, it was not necessary to overwork him, and used discreetly he could come on a second and third time and cause batsmen well set some uneasy moments. In the field he showed that he has a very safe pair of hands, and I believe he held every catch that came to him.

R. H. B. Hamersley, E. Miles, R. Phipps, A. Heymeson, E. F. Bowtell, D. E. Edwards, J. Senior, J. G. Thornton and F. G. Crawshaw did much useful work when called upon, and Heymeson was perhaps the one member of the side who had a genuine regret that the "glue-pot" wicket was conspicuous by

its absence. He, a left-hand bowler, emulated the feat of Rhodes and Verity, in opening the innings for his side.

There remains the fielding, but I have flogged this subject so often that I am in danger of becoming known as an obsessionist. So I resist the temptation to criticise. None the less no team which drops so many catches and which is forced to have fixed positions for certain field-men, can earn the right to be styled a good fielding side. I will say no more.

This resumé would be incomplete without a tribute to the splendid loyalty and good fellowship of the players, to the hard and worrying work which fell on the shoulders of Jack Halliday as team secretary, and to the many useful services performed by Harry Parker.

The following are the averages and other statistics of the season:—

BATTING.

	No. of Inns.	Not out.	Agg. score.	Highest score.	Average
A. P. D. Montgomery	15	1	522	94	37.2
H. G. Webb	14	1	507	121*	28.2
W. W. Inge	13	2	311	60	24.2
A. Heymeson	7	5	46	20	23.0
H. Walker	12	1	252	44*	21.0
J. G. Halliday	7	1	118	43	16.6
D. T. L. Bailey	9	—	145	33	16.1
Walters (C.)	13	3	157	21*	15.7
R. H. B. Hamersley	6	—	93	33	15.5
S. C. B. Lee	15	—	106	14	15.0
W. Lithgow	5	1	56	35*	14.0
S. Pether	13	2	115	38*	13.1
J. Gullfoyle	14	—	116	28	8.29
R. Phipps	5	1	29	15	7.29
J. P. O'Shea	0	3	32	10	5.29

Also batted: D. E. Edwards, 30, 10; J. G. Thornton, 22, 7; E. F. Bowtell, 0, 7; J. B. Senior, 0, 5; Lt. P. M. Hughes, 48, 48, 4; E. Miles, 0; F. G. Crawshaw, 45, 45, 4, 3; M. Wakefield, 6, 23, 7.

BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
J. P. O'Shea	185.4	31	492	29	16.9
Walters (C.)	263.4	77	621	36	17.2
R. Phipps	60.5	11	173	9	19.2
J. Gullfoyle	112.9	17	371	19	19.5
P. M. Hughes	57	17	21	6	20.1
S. Pether	137	34	380	15	25.3
D. T. L. Bailey	116	17	354	12	29.4
M. Wakefield	54	0	150	4	37.5
A. Heymeson	61	9	208	4	52.2

Also bowled: E. Miles, 10, 2, 34, 0; J. G. Halliday, 0-1-30-0; S. C. B. Lee, 8-1-7-0; W. W. Inge, 3-0-31-0; A. P. D. Montgomery, 1-0-13-0; E. F. Bowtell, 15-3-35-1; F. G. Crawshaw, 0-2-18-1.

CAUGHT AND STUMPED.

W. W. Inge stumped 3 and caught 12. H. G. Webb stumped 1 and caught 3, and catches were made by the following: J. P. O'Shea (6), S. C. B. Lee (5), A. P. D. Montgomery and P. M. Hughes (4), R. Phipps, S. Pether, H. Walker, C. Walters and R. H. B. Hamersley (3), A. Heymeson and W. Lithgow (2), and J. G. Thornton, J. Senior and D. T. L. Bailey (1).

PERCENTAGE OF RUNS.

Oxfordshire scored 3,110 for 154 wickets, an average of 20.1; and their opponents, 3,427 for 143 wickets, an average of 23.1.

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STAFFORDSHIRE MATCHES 1937

CAPTAIN: W.A. ADAMS

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F M, T 24, 25	MAY	N. ZEALAND	STONE	FJB VFA	FJB VFA	FJB SA	FJB A
12 W, T 9, 10	JUNE	YORKS II	BARNSLEY	FJB FA	FJB PFA	SS USA	FJB SA
18 M, T 21, 22		N'LAND	NEWCASTLE	FJPB VFA	FJB PFA	FJB SA	FJB SA
19 W, T 23, 24		DURHAM	S. SHIELDS	-	FJB PFA	FJB USA	FJB SA
25 W, T 30, 1	JULY	LANCS II	PORTHILL	FJPB SA	FJB PFA	FJB SA	FJB SA
31 W, T 7, 8		YORKS II	STONE	FJB A	FJB PFA	SS SA	FJB SA
32 W, T 14, 15		CHESHIRE	CREWE	FJPB A	FJB PFA	FS SA	FJB PSA
39 W, T 21, 22		N'LAND	NOLVERHAMPTON	FJPB A	FJB PFA	-	FJB SA
43 M, T 26, 27		DURHAM	BURSLEM	FJB VFA	FJB PFA	FJB USA	FJB SA
63 W, T 4, 5	AUG	CHESHIRE	STONE	FJB VFA	FJB PFA	FS A	FJB SA
100 M, T 23, 24		LANCS II	CHEETHAM HILL	FJB VFA	FJB PFA	FJB SA	FJB SA

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STAFFS. CRICKET

**SEASON OF
CONTRASTS
IN FORM**

**VICTORIES LIMITED
TO TWO**

LEADING PLAYERS

(BY COVER POINT)

Staffordshire have experienced one of their least successful seasons for many years in the Minor Counties Cricket Championship, for with only two victories to their credit their percentage has been reduced to 31.66.

In a season which has provided unusually sharp contrasts in form, however, the side has deserved a better outcome, for in several of the matches the weather has been a deciding factor. Two of the five defeats in competition games were in fixtures which were reduced to a single innings through heavy rain on the first day, and two other defeats—by Cheshire early this month and Northumberland early in the season—were consequent on Staffordshire having to bat on rain-damaged wickets, whereas their opponents had a firm pitch on which to play.

BATTING FLUCTUATIONS

Then again, Staffordshire were unfortunate in the incomplete matches, for when Yorkshire took first innings points in June, Staffordshire had gained a commanding position at the end, while in the away games against both Durham and Cheshire the side would probably have gained full points if a finish had been possible.

There has been some pronounced fluctuations in the batting, such efforts as 329 against Durham and 263 for five declared against Yorkshire contrasting with scores of 43 and 70 against Northumberland and 72 against Lancashire II, but on the whole the season has provided evidence that the lean spell so far as batting is concerned is drawing to an end.

J. T. Ikin, the young Silverdale all-rounder, the only player who has played in all the games, including that against the New Zealanders, has maintained his form of last season, while Hawley, the Blythe Colour Works opening batsman, has also established himself as a reliable player. Another newcomer who should make a great difference to the side in future years if he is regularly available is F. N. Bryan (Walsall), who shares with Hawley and Ikin the distinction of scoring a century.

GALE'S DISTINCTION

Ikin has scored the highest aggregate of any player during the last two seasons, but his place at the head of the averages has been taken by L. E. Gale, who playing more frequently than before, has averaged 41.44. On two occasions he has exceeded the half century, and in each case he carried his bat through the innings.

The team was handicapped by the absence of Lockett and S. Crump from many matches at the beginning of the season. Lockett has done exceedingly well again with the ball, and he heads the averages for the second season in succession. In this department, the most pleasing feature has been the way that Taylor, the young Burslem professional, has established himself in the side. He has played in all games with the exception

THE AVERAGES

The averages, including the New Zealand match, are as follows:—

BATTING

	Inn-ings	Not out	High score	Aggregate	Average
L. E. Gale	12	3	78*	375	41.44
F. N. Bryan	6	0	115	219	36.50
J. T. Ikin	17	1	123	443	27.88
E. H. Hawley	14	1	109	337	25.92
C. C. Clarke	7	1	62	145	24.16
S. Crump	6	1	45*	114	22.80
A. B. Hollowood	11	0	36	192	17.45
B. Shardlow	6	2	19	55	13.75
R. Smith	6	0	22	67	11.16
W. E. Jones	3	0	13	32	10.66
R. H. Plancher	4	0	32	73	10.42
R. B. Hirkon	4	0	27	54	8.50
R. Lawton	6	0	21	50	8.33
A. Lockett	8	0	13	57	7.12
R. Hammond	7	0	18	44	6.28
W. A. Adams	8	1	20	40	5.71
G. B. Edge	7	0	11	38	5.42
G. Broderick	3	0	6	6	3.00
F. Taylor	13	4	7	25	2.77
W. Stubbs	3	1	1	2	1.00

Also batted: M. C. Harvatt 25 and 0; G. Pedley 17 and 13; A. Smith 15 and 1; H. G. Castle 3 and 0; A. Meigh 5* and 4; L. H. Crump 17 and 5; E. J. Wakelin 25 and 0; R. I. Scorer 4 and 0; E. S. Washington 2; F. Harper 2; M. H. Romans 1; R. Hollowood 0 and 0; H. Pointon 1* and 0; E. Perry 3; R. J. C. Evans 9; E. W. Hackett 0.

*Denotes not out

BOWLING

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avg.
A. Lockett	169.4	39	384	35	11.05
E. J. Wakelin	41	8	114	9	12.66
W. Stubbs	34.5	4	123	9	13.66
R. Lawton	129.2	26	324	19	17.05
E. Broderick	27	7	86	5	17.20
F. Taylor	295.1	96	592	33	17.93
R. I. Scorer	15	2	40	2	20.00
J. T. Ikin	101.2	18	310	14	22.14
B. Shardlow	8	1	274	11	24.90
L. E. Gale	58.1	13	160	6	26.66
H. Pointon	20	4	54	2	27.00
S. Crump	63	13	196	6	32.66

Also bowled: R. Hollowood one for 34; W. Massey 0 for 16; E. W. Hackett 0 for 11.

A. B. Hollowood has taken the fielding honours with 12 catches, Taylor being next with five. Three wicket-keepers have been played, G. B. Edge stumping 2 and catching 5; Hammond stumping 1 and catching 5; and Meigh stumping 2 and catching 1. Other catches have been made by Ikin, Lawton, Adams and Shardlow, 4 each; Gale, 3; Broderick, Harvatt, Evans, Jones, Lockett and Pointon, 2 each; R. Hollowood, R. Smith, Scorer, Plant, Clarke, Stubbs, Hawley and A. Smith, 1 each.

MATCH RESULTS

May 24th and 25th, at Stoke.—Staffordshire, 68 and 86; New Zealand, 119 and 193 for 8 dec. Lost by 158 runs.

June 8th and 10th, at Barnsley.—Staffordshire, 240 and 263 for 5 dec.; Yorkshire II, 245 for 9 dec. and 120 for 5. Lost on first innings.

June 21st and 22nd, at Newcastle-on-Tyne.—Staffordshire, 43 and 185; Northumberland, 147 and 84 for 7. Lost by three wickets.

June 23rd and 24th, at South Shields.—Staffordshire, 329; Durham, 220 and 196 for 7. Won on first innings.

June 30th and July 1st, at Porthill.—Staffordshire, 72; Lancashire II, 225. No play first day. Lost by 153 runs.

July 7th and 8th, at Stoke.—Staffordshire, 201 and 26 for 0; Yorkshire II, 93 and 131. Won by 10 wickets.

July 14th and 15th, at Crewe.—Staffordshire, 184 for 4; Cheshire, 113. No play second day. Won on first innings.

July 21st and 22nd, at Wolverhampton.—Staffordshire, 70; Northumberland, 71 for 9. No play on first day. Lost by one wicket.

July 26th and 27th, at Burslem.—Staffordshire, 124 and 199; Durham, 177 and 129. Won by 17 runs.

August 4th and 5th, at Stoke.—Staffordshire, 142 and 139; Cheshire, 342. Lost by innings and 61 runs.

August 23rd and 24th, at Manchester.—Staffordshire, 124 and 160; Lancashire II, 306 for 9 dec. Lost by innings and 22 runs.

COUNTY CRICKET REVIEW

Staffordshire Out Of Luck

BUT JOHN IKIN GETS HIGHEST AGGREGATE FOR 26 YEARS

By THE CRITIC

The Staffordshire team blotted their copybook on Tuesday. In the face of difficulties they have earned much credit (and deserved many more points than they got) during the season, and their failures have mostly happened after a gallant effort against adverse conditions. But at the beautiful Cheetham Hill Ground, Manchester, they failed for the first time when conditions were favourable. Good bowling beat them on a good wicket. In spite of the heavy defeat in the preceding match at the hands of Cheshire one could, in reviewing the season, have handed out bouquets almost without reservation, but the breakdown of the batting in the final match definitely marred the season's work, and makes the task rather less pleasant. Though no other result was possible in the circumstances against Cheshire, to wind up the season with two single innings defeats looks bad, and is injurious to Staffordshire's prestige. However, all teams strike a bad day occasionally, and Tuesday was the first of such that the county players have experienced this season. I say that with full knowledge of the low percentage that has been obtained, and what I mean is that it was the first time the team have failed without good and sufficient reason in the prevailing conditions, and not in the superiority of opponents.

For several years the average runs per wicket have shown a margin against Staffordshire, but this year, though results had been unfavourable, the margin was well on the right side prior to the last two matches, and even after the hollow defeat by Cheshire it was still nearly a run per wicket to the good. But this week's thrashing has put the balance on the wrong side again. In ten competition matches Staffordshire batted 16 times and lost 139 wickets for 2,501 runs, an average per wicket of 17.99. Opponents batted 15 times and scored 2,600 runs for 136 wickets, average 19.11. So the margin was 1.12 against the county. If the New Zealand match is included, the figures are: Staffordshire 2,655 runs, 159 wickets, average 16.69; opponents 2,912 runs, 154 wickets, average 18.90. Last year the average per wicket was 14.39, and that against the team 16.15, and the respective averages in competition matches in 1935 were 18.28 and 21.23.

Lancashire II., Yorks. II., Northumberland, Durham, and Cheshire were opposed in the Minor Counties' Competition, and the results were: Won 2, won on 1st innings 2, lost 5, lost on 1st innings 1. This gives a percentage of 31.66. The figures year by year since the war are: 1936 53.33, 1935 30.95, 1934 37.50, 1933 37.50, 1932 68.57, 1931 57.14, 1930 60, 1929 56, 1928 66.66, 1927 90 (championship), 1926 66.66, 1925 55.55, 1924 57.77, 1923 72.50, 1922 40, 1921 77.50 (championship), 1920 80 (championship).

Though the percentage has only once in that period dropped lower than this year, I look back on the season's play with considerable satisfaction, feeling that the county overcame exceptional difficulties with unexpected success, and that if the luck had run Staffordshire's way, the county might well have been high up in the table for the greater part of the season. How frequently the weather conditions handicapped the team may be seen from the sketch of the season's play which follows. Another side to the county's ill-fortune is that all but one of the home matches were

completely ruined in the matter of gate receipts, which emphasizes the great need of a membership more in keeping with the financial resources of the county.

For several years Staffordshire has relied mainly on Aaron Lockett, Stanley Crump, and the late Norman Backhouse for bowling. The tragic death of the last-named was a loss, and when it was found that half the programme would have to be carried through without Lockett and Crump owing to their professional club engagements, the prospect was alarming. A completely new attack had to be discovered, and the measure of success achieved was as surprising as it was gratifying. Fred Taylor, the young Burslem professional, and native of Leek, at once established himself as a county bowler, and delivered nearly 300 overs in his first season. A further handicap was an arm injury which robbed the county of R. Lawton's services after two competition matches. In fact, it was a time of real crisis, and it was cheerfully and successfully met.

I will defer comment on individual form until next week, but I must mention the successful advent of Ernest Hawley, of the Blythe Works team and formerly of Longton, the brilliant debut of F. N. Bryan, of Walsall, who was unfortunately only able to play in two competition matches, and the splendid batting of Leslie Gale and John Ikin. At the age of 19, Ikin has made the largest number of runs in a season by any Staffordshire player since 1911. No one has reached 300 for the county since 1929, when Lockett scored 368, and until this year Lockett's 416 in 1928 was the highest aggregate since 1912, when the late Percy Briggs scored 438. The year before that, a season of great batting, Staffordshire scored 4,018 runs, and the average per wicket was 24.35. Barnes made 563 runs, Nicholls 423, Albert Hollowood 404, and B. Meakin 390. There were six centuries that season, Barnes scoring three, and Nicholls, E. H. Bourne (165), and B. Meakin one each. That was not, by-the-by, Eddie Bourne's highest score for the county, for he made 215 not out just after the war against Surrey II. at the Oval. In 1909 P. Briggs score 538 runs, and in 1905 and 1906 W. Brown made 596 and 603 respectively, the latter figure being probably a record for Staffordshire in any season. To beat all aggregates for the county for 26 years is a very big feat indeed for the young Silverdale left-hander.

MATCH SUMMARY

May 24 and 25, at Stoke, New Zealand 119 (W. A. Hadlee 36, E. J. Wakelin 6 for 46) and 193 (W. A. Hadlee 60); Staffordshire 68 (J. A. Dunning 8 for 26) and 86. Lost by 158 runs.

June 9 and 10, at Barnsley, Staffordshire 240 (F. N. Bryan 80, L. E. Gale 48, E. Hawley 46) and 265 for 5, declared (Bryan 113, Hawley 84); Yorks II. 245 (Barker 87, J. A. Brumfit 41) and 120 for 5 (Brumfit 45). Lost on 1st innings by 5 runs.

June 21 and 22, at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Northumberland 147 and 84 for 7 wickets. Staffordshire 43 (J. L. Allan 7 for 18) and 185 (J. T. Ikin 72, Hawley 40, Booth 7 for 66) and 84 for 7 (B. Shardlow 5 for 49). Lost by 3 wickets.

June 23 and 24, at South Shields, Durham 220 (W. T. Charlton 66, W. Stubbs 5 for 53) and 198 for 7 (A. H. Parnaby 90 not out, S. Guthrie 41); Staffordshire 329 (Ikin 123, Gale 48, C. C. Clarke 62, Parnaby 5 for 39). Won on 1st innings by 109 runs.

June 31 and July 1, at Porthill, Lancashire II. 225 (Place 59, Farrimond 42, D. M. Matthews 46, A. Lockett 6 for 83, Ikin 3 for 18); Staffordshire 72 (Ikin 26, Booth 6 for 25). Lost by 153 runs. One innings match, no play first day.

July 7 and 8, at Stoke, Yorks. II. 93 (R. Lawton 5 for 53, F. Taylor 4 for 15) and 131 (Taylor 5 for 46); Staffs. 201 (Gale 78 not out, Tomlinson 6 for 40) and 26 for no wicket. Won by 10 wickets.

July 14 and 15, at Crewe, Cheshire 113 (Lockett 5 for 23); Staffs. 184 for 4 (Haw-

ley 169, Ikin 40). Won on 1st innings by 71 runs and 6 wickets. No play second day.

July 21 and 22, at Wolverhampton, Staffordshire 70 (C. C. Clarke 25, Booth 8 for 34); Northumberland 72 (Lockett 7 for 31). Lost by 2 runs. One innings match, no play 1st day.

July 26 and 27, at Burslem, Staffs. 124 (Gale 40, A. B. Hollowood 36, Carr 7 for 23) and 199 (Ikin 57, Hollowood 35, R. H. Plant 32, D. Glen 4 for 34); Durham 177 (Letchford 61, Lockett 6 for 57) and 129 (Lockett 6 for 34, S. Crump 4 for 51). Won by 17 runs.

August 4 and 5, at Stoke, Cheshire 342 (L. N. Jones 84, A. M. Reid 73, J. D. Worthington 59); Staffs. 142 (Gale 57, not out, Jones 5 for 27) and 139 (Ikin 45, Dennis 5 for 67, Jones 4 for 41). Lost by an innings and 61 runs.

August 23 and 24, at Manchester, Lancashire II. 366 for 9, declared (D. M. Matthews 101, Greenhalgh 66); Staffordshire, 124 and 160 (S. Crump 45 not out, J. T. Ikin 40, L. E. Gale 35; Wilkinson 7 for 59). Lancashire II. won by innings and 22 runs.

PERSISTENT BAD LUCK

Some Features of the Play

In a survey of the season's play one need not linger long over the encounter with the New Zealanders with which the season opened. It was a disappointing occasion from almost every point of view, and the worst feature was the failure of the public to support the County Club in their enterprising action in bringing the tourists to Stoke. Secondly, the batting of the county side left much to be desired, and this was aggravated by bad judgment in running, which threw away four wickets. On the other hand the dismissal of the Test side in their first innings for 119, without either Aaron Lockett or Stanley Crump, was a performance which would have been hailed as creditable on the part of any county. It served to show what an asset Ernest Wakelin would be to Staffordshire if he were at liberty to play throughout the season. One other circumstance deserves mention, viz., that the tourists probably had rather the better of the wicket in batting early on both days, for it was quickening somewhat when Staffordshire batted in the afternoons.

The competition programme opened at Barnsley with a match, which showed the Staffordshire team in a favourable light whilst dropping 5 of the 6 points. The pleasing feature of the match from the Staffordshire point of view was its revelation of new batting and bowling resources. E. Hawley and F. N. Bryan, both practically new to the team, had a brilliant match. Their second wicket partnership produced 81 runs in the first innings and 164 in the second. It must be a long time since any Staffordshire wicket yielded 164 runs, just as it is a long time since any Staffordshire batsman played two such scintillating innings in one match as Bryan's 80 and 115. His driving was superb, and the faster the bowling the harder he hit it. Leslie Gale also had a good match, and Fred Taylor, in his first match, firmly established himself as a stock bowler for the county. On a good wicket he and R. Lawton bowled extremely well, and Taylor's 32 overs for 65 runs and 3 wickets constituted a remarkable introduction to county cricket. Again, it must be a long time since any Staffordshire bowler started his county cricket with 32 overs in an innings.

After having 190 runs on the board with 3 men out Staffordshire should have made more than 240, and this collapse enabled Yorks. II. to struggle in front after losing 7 wickets for 188. Glorious batting on the second day put Staffordshire emphatically on top, but it was too late, and the home side took the first innings points. In the second innings Taylor bowled 14 overs for 15 runs and one wicket.

On the northern tour I consider the visitors again got much less than their deserts in the way of points. At Newcastle they batted first on a wicket that was really difficult, and which afterwards rolled out comparatively easy. Out for 43, they fought back so well that they came very near to snatching a win. Left with 82 to get, Northumberland lost seven wickets for 51, but

Shardlow, who had taken five cheap wickets, was kept on too long, and 28 runs were hit off his last two and a-half overs. A change at the right moment to either Stubbs or Ikin might have won the match. In the home county's first innings Taylor gained further honours, for he did the hat-trick and took four wickets in six balls. This happened with the score exactly 100, after the 2nd wicket pair had put on 80. In the match he bowled 34 overs, and took six for 45. John Ikin bowled cleverly, and followed with some splendid batting after Bernard Hollowood and Hawley had opened the second innings well.

In the Durham match at South Shields W. Stubbs had a successful spell with the ball, going on a second time to take 5 wickets for 28. Durham had a strong batting side, and the visitors did quite well to get them out for 220. In reply Staffordshire got to 319 before the 6th wicket fell, but were out for 329. Ikin got his first century, and the highest score of the season, and only got out through forcing the pace. It was a beautifully played innings, full of fine strokes and practically without blemish. Cyril Clarke played his best innings for Staffordshire, and Gale and Hollowood were again in form, the Burslem captain being run out when well set. A. H. Parnaby rarely bowls, but with Staffordshire trying to get runs quickly, his slow spinners caused a breakdown. At one point Staffordshire had just a chance to win. With six wickets down Durham were only 17 runs on, and there was an hour and 10 minutes for play allowing for the interval between the innings. But Parnaby found an aggressive if unorthodox partner in S. Guthrie, and 70 runs were added, so Staffordshire had to be content with first innings points. Again, a lucky change of bowling at the crucial stage might possibly have succeeded, but, of course, it might not. Stubbs proved himself a useful fast bowler by taking 8 wickets for 98 in the match.

W. A. Adams returned to the captaincy against Lancashire II. at Porthill—R. H. Plant had deputised in the north—and the regular skipper's decision to send his opponents in first on the second morning after a day's soaking rain will remain for ever inexplicable to me. In the absence of more rain I should have thought winning the toss almost equivalent to winning the game, which was decided on one innings. For a couple of hours the pitch was too dead to give the bowlers any assistance, and 150 runs were scored for the loss of three wickets. Against Lancashire's total of 225, Staffordshire had to bat on a drying pitch that had had the top knocked off it. Booth especially made the ball fly all over the place, and Staffordshire were out in an hour and 35 minutes, beaten by 153 runs. J. T. Ikin weathered the storm for an hour and a-quarter in scoring 28.

So far Staffordshire had gained only 4 points out of 24, a result which did no sort of justice to the merit of the team's performances. But they reaped the reward of an excellent all-round display in the return game with Yorkshire II. at Stoke, which was won by 10 wickets. Still without Lockett and Crump, and with Lawton breaking down at the beginning of the second innings of Yorks, it was a fine achievement to get rid of the visitors twice for 224 runs. Taylor was the mainstay of the bowling, delivering 36 overs for 61 runs and 9 wickets, and Staffordshire's innings was notable as the first of two occasions on which Gale carried his bat right through on a pitch that was always giving the bowlers some assistance. His 3½ hours of flawless defence, and his 78 runs, were beyond praise. The next highest score in the whole match was M. C. Harvatt's 25.

From this success Staffordshire went on to build up a winning position on the first day against Cheshire at Crewe, only to be robbed by rain, which prevented any play on the second day. Lockett was available for the first time, and made his presence felt, for he bowled 28 overs for 28 runs and 5 wickets. Taylor and Shardlow also bowled well, and the dismissal of Cheshire for 113 on a batsman's wicket was a meritorious bit of work. Staffordshire's reply was made memorable by Hawley's first hun-

dred in county cricket. Batting 3hrs. and 5mins., he was master of the attack, and besides his 14 fours he actually hit a six, a most unusual liberty for a normally sedate batsman. It was a fine innings, and rightly earned him his county cap, which was awarded him by the captain the next day. John Ikin also batted well, and with 184 for 4 wickets. Staffordshire had a lead of 71 with 6 wickets in hand. But, alas! they could get no further, and three more points were lost through no fault of the team.

At Wolverhampton rain again prevented play on the first day, so the return with Northumberland was another single innings match. The Staffordshire captain took first innings, and on a really difficult wicket, Booth, the slow left-hander formerly with Yorkshire, scuttled the team for 70. Then rain delayed the game for 2½ hours, temporarily eased the pitch, and gave the Staffordshire bowlers a wet ball. Against Staffordshire's 70, 50 went up with 3 wickets down in about an hour. Then things began to happen. The grass had dried, the wicket was drying, and Lockett came into his own. The eighth wicket fell at 63, the last 4 having gone for 3 runs. The batsmen simply could not find Lockett, and could not score off Taylor. With the two last men to come in 8 runs were still required, and barring flukes they were unlikely to get them. But no, it seemed as though some vindictive spirit chuckled, "No, you shall not win." For at that moment down came the rain again. Quarter of an hour's sharp shower, and play was resumed with a wet ball and a greasy surface, for Northumberland to win by two runs!

Durham were the visitors for the first county match ever played on the Burslem ground. After a good deal of rain the wicket was curiously changeable, playing easily for a time, getting tricky and then easy again, all on the first day, when Staffordshire undoubtedly had the worst of it. But this was counteracted on the second day, and on the whole the conditions were fairly impartial. Gale and Hollowood gave the home side a good start, but Carr afterwards worked havoc with his off-breaks as the pitch became responsive. This order was reversed when Durham batted. They lost 4 wickets for 34, but with the wicket playing easily after tea they took a lead of 53 in spite of Lockett's 6 for 57. Excellent batting by Ikin, Plant, Hollowood, and others on the second day, enabled Staffordshire to set their opponents 147 to get, and with the ball turning sharply again, Lockett and Stanley Crump (his first appearance of the season) bowled them out for 129 to give Staffordshire a clever victory by 17 runs. Lockett's 12 wickets for 91 in the match were the reward of merit.

Staffordshire's bad luck was not yet exhausted, for the weather had another scurvy trick in store for the return with Cheshire at Stoke. I have already shown how rain robbed them of victory over Cheshire at Crewe. Now the visiting county put up the tall score of 342 with everything in favour of the batsmen. I envisaged a great struggle for 1st innings points on the second day, remembering an occasion of four years ago when Cheshire declared at Chester with 363 for 9, and Staffordshire topped it with 374. But in a week of otherwise brilliant weather, there was three hours of heavy rain early in the morning at Stoke. The ground was soaked, the resumption delayed for an hour before the pitch was fit for play, and Staffordshire, after toiling all day on a plumb pitch, had to bat on what was described without exaggeration as "a beast." Their position was utterly hopeless, and they did exceedingly well to score about 140 in each innings. In the first Gale carried his bat through for the second time, a wonderful performance on such a wicket. In the second Ikin did almost equally well, batting for an hour and three-quarters. L. N. Jones was the man of the match for Cheshire, for he hit up 84 in 80 minutes, and took 9 wickets for 68.

The concluding match this week is dealt with in another column.

The following are the averages:—

BATTING

	No. of M's.	No. of Inns.	Not out	Ttl	H'st	Aver.
F. N. Bryan	3	4	0	197	113	49.25
L. E. Gale	7	12	3	373	78	41.44
J. T. Ikin	10	15	1	442	123	31.57
E. Hawley	9	14	1	337	109	25.92
C. C. Clarke	5	7	1	145	62	24.16
S. Crump	3	6	1	114	45	22.80
A. B. Hollowood	5	9	0	172	35	19.11
B. Shardlow	5	6	2	55	19	13.75
R. H. Plant	3	5	0	59	32	11.80
R. Smith	2	4	0	44	22	11.00
R. Lawton	3	4	0	36	21	9.00
L. B. Hicken	2	4	0	34	27	8.50
A. Lockett	6	8	0	57	13	7.12
G. B. Edge	4	5	0	34	11	6.80
R. Hammond	5	7	0	44	18	6.28
W. A. Adams	6	6	1	10	9	3.80
F. Taylor	10	13	4	25	10	2.77

Batted three times: W. E. Jones, 10, 13, 9; E. Broderick, 0, 6, 3; W. Stubbs, 0, 1, 1. Batted twice: G. Fedley, 17, 13; M. C. Harvatt, 25, 0; L. H. Crump, 17, 5; A. Meigh, 4, 5; A. Smith, 12, 2; H. G. Castles, 3, 0; H. Pointon, 1, 0. Batted once: R. J. C. Evans, 9; E. Perry, 3; E. S. Washington, 2; F. Harper, 2; M. H. Romans, 1; E. W. Hackett, 0. Did not bat, A. Masey.

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Aver.		
A. Lockett	100	4	35	384	33	11.63	
W. Stubbs	35	5	4	123	9	13.68	
E. Broderick	27	7	80	5	17	20	
F. Taylor	296	1	96	592	33	17.93	
R. Lawton	90	4	17	244	13	18.76	
J. T. Ikin	93	2	13	280	14	20.00	
B. Shardlow	80	8	0	13	274	11	24.90
L. E. Gale	58	1	10	160	6	26.66	
S. Crump	73	3	13	106	6	32.66	

Also bowled: H. Pointon, 20—4—54—2; A. Masey, 7—1—16—0; E. W. Hackett, 2—0—11—0.

The averages in all matches of those who played against New Zealand, the only extra match of the season, are as follows:—

BATTING

	No. of Mts.	No. of Inns.	Not out	Ttl	H'st	Aver.
F. N. Bryan	4	6	0	210	113	36.50
J. T. Ikin	11	17	1	443	123	27.68
A. B. Hollowood	6	11	0	102	35	17.45
R. Smith	3	6	0	67	22	11.16
R. H. Plant	4	7	0	73	32	10.42
R. Lawton	4	6	0	50	21	8.33
W. A. Adams	7	8	1	39	20	5.67
G. B. Edge	5	7	0	38	11	5.42

Played against New Zealand only: E. J. Wakelin, 0, 25; R. I. Scorer, 4, 0; R. R. Hollowood, 0, 0.

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Aver.	
R. Lawton	120	1	26	324	19	17.57
J. T. Ikin	101	2	16	310	14	22.14

Bowled against New Zealand only: E. J. Wakelin, 41—8—114—0, average 12.66; R. I. Scorer, 15—2—40—2; R. R. Hollowood, 16—3—34—1.

COUNTY CRICKET REVIEW

SECOND ARTICLE

New Players of Note

PLEASING FEATURES IN A SEASON OF POOR RESULTS

By THE CRITIC

Never before has the Staffordshire County Club, nor, I should think, that of any other county, been faced with such a predicament as that which presented itself this season. For several years, as I stated last week, the county has been largely dependent for bowling upon Aaron Lockett, Stanley Crump, the late Norman Backhouse and Ron Lawton, and last season these four took 124 wickets, whilst other bowlers took 13. Backhouse, as everyone knows and deeply regrets, was fatally injured in a motoring accident, Lockett had club engagements which clashed with the county fixtures until the middle of July, and Crump until the last three matches, and Lawton broke down with a serious elbow injury in his third competition match, and never bowled again all the season. Thus for a large part of the season the entire bowling strength was wiped out, and it became essential to implement a wholly new attack. That it was done successfully, as it was, constitutes a rather surprising tribute to the N.S. and District League for it was from the League clubs exclusively that bowlers were requisitioned to meet the emergency.

Against the New Zealand Tourists E. J. Wakelin and Lawton filled the bill, but Wakelin was not again available, and, as stated, Lawton was soon put out of action. The first two new bowlers to be tried were F. Taylor and B. Shardlow (the last named had played once last year), who were joined in the northern tour by W. Stubbs and E. Broderick. I may be permitted to question whether any other of the Minor Counties, suddenly deprived of its entire bowling personnel, could have called up a quartet of bowlers who would have tackled the strong batting sides of Northumberland and Durham with the success of Staffordshire's four new men. Whilst Shardlow, Stubbs, and Broderick all had their effective spells of bowling, Taylor, by his steadiness and vim, established himself from the first as a regular county bowler, and opened the bowling in every competition match throughout the season with one exception, when Gale was tried with the new ball in conjunction with Lawton. That is a great distinction for a young bowler in his first season of county cricket, and not less remarkable were his experiences of bowling 32 overs in his first innings and 296 in his first season. Features of his bowling were his accuracy of length and direction at a nice fast-medium pace, and the fact that occasionally he made the ball swing a little either way. In the time of need Staffordshire found a new bowler who should be of great value for years to come.

And Fred Taylor was not the only one who may prove to be a valuable asset in the future, for if and when B. Shardlow can acquire the necessary control of length he is certainly a county bowler, with the all too rare advantage of being able to play when required. The Stone left-hander has command of a beautiful break-back from leg, and an almost equally good in-swing. With command also of length he would be a deadly bowler, as he proved when he took four wickets for nine runs in four overs at Newcastle. Stubbs and Broderick could be called upon with confidence, and the Longton speed bowler might possibly supply a long-felt need if his scholastic employment did not debar him from playing county cricket except during the schools vacation.

Three other new bowlers were tried

later in the season, but bowled in only one innings each. A. Massey, the young centre forward of Stoke City's reserve team, and E. W. Hackett, of Wolverhampton, could hardly be said to have had a trial, for Hackett bowled only two overs on a wicket that did not suit him, and Massey bowled a few spirited overs at Crewe without success and got no further chance. H. Pointon was brought in for the last match and shared in the toil against Lancashire II. on a perfect wicket. He bowled well enough to suggest that he will be useful in the future.

Of Lockett and Crump it is not necessary to write at length. When the committee decided that the depleted funds would not allow of professionals' wages, both these good sportsmen agreed to play as amateurs. Lockett bowled with tremendous effect as long as the wickets suited him at all, and in six innings took 30 wickets at an average cost of 7.76. But he had a gruelling time on the plumb wickets of the last two matches. The figures of Stanley Crump have no relation whatever to the quality of his bowling, for coming in for the last three matches he had mostly heart-breaking wickets to bowl on. He has had a good season with bat and ball with Rochdale in the Central Lancashire League, and is as good an all-round player as ever. He has signed for Leyland Motors for next season, an engagement which will happily leave him free to play in all Staffordshire's matches.

A CHEERFUL TALE OF THE BAT

So much for the bowling which the county has exploited during the season, and it is not an unpleasant story. The tale of the season's batting contains quite a lot to enthuse over, though the team has had a rather more conspicuous fall than is desirable. There are seven good averages, and some of them are exceptionally good. The leading features are the feat of John Ikin of scoring the largest aggregate of runs obtained in a season for Staffordshire by any player for 26 years; the resourceful batting of L. E. Gale; the discovery of a dependable opening batsman in E. Hawley; and the brilliant debut of F. N. Bryan.

The Walsall player's success was confined to one great match. He had impressed, though not staying long, against the New Zealanders before he became qualified to play for Staffordshire in competition matches, and in his first such game he played gorgeous cricket, hitting 80 and 115 in a manner that enthralled friend and foe alike. He only batted twice thereafter, and failed, but on one occasion at least, there was sufficient excuse in the state of the wicket. He seems latterly to have lost his form to some extent in club cricket, but looking back on those two innings at Barnsley one can only regard that as a temporary phase. If he recovers his form, and is able to play more county cricket next year, spectators are likely to enjoy themselves. Ernest Hawley, who played for the county once before, on a difficult wicket at Stoke in 1934, is a batsman of a different type. He is not unduly slow, and has good strokes, but he is more solid, less brilliant, and, perhaps, sounder in defence. Like Taylor he immediately staked a claim for inclusion as a regular county player, and if for nothing else the season would be memorable as marking the commencement of the careers of these two, an opening bowler and an opening batsman.

In their first match Hawley and

Bryan enjoyed a joint triumph, for they scored 91 in the first innings and 164 in the second, in each case for the second wicket. I think the records would require a lot of searching to find a parallel achievement by two new players. Hawley was not long in gaining further distinction, for it was only his sixth match of the season, actually his seventh in county cricket, when he took a workmanlike hundred off the Cheshire bowlers, including three fast professionals. As with others, his average was affected by the fact that Staffordshire had to bat on four or five occasions on extremely difficult wickets, and that makes his aggregate of 337 runs in his first season all the more impressive.

FINE FEATS BY IKIN AND GALE

After two years' absence from the team Leslie Gale returned to play a heroic part. He virtually heads the batting averages, and if the New Zealand match, in which he was unable to play, is included he is actually at the top. And he deserves to be, for he has played a great game for the side. True he missed two of the most tricky wickets, at Port-hill and Tettenhall, but he played on several bad ones, and performed a wonderful feat in twice batting right through the innings on a difficult pitch for 73 and 57. The Dudley skipper first played for Staffordshire in 1931, but had only three innings that year and four the next, when he scored 103 runs and averaged 25.75. In the first match of 1933, after batting two hours for 23 on a bad wicket and being run out, he sustained a compound fracture of a bone in the hand by a fast ball from Hall, of Yorkshire, in the second innings, and played no more that season. The next year he had half a dozen innings and averaged 22.40, and has not played since until this season. So he almost comes into the category of new players also. It is the first time he has been anything like a regular player, and his value can hardly be overstated. A batsman of class, he is a good fielder, and not negligible as a bowler.

Then I come to 19 years-old Johnnie Ikin who played in every match, coming specially from his short holiday to play in Wakes week. He has made his first century in county cricket, averaged 43½ in his last ten innings, and compiled the highest individual aggregate since 1911, as previously stated. Last year his aggregate of 276 was 58 more than that of any other player. He has gone one better this time, and is likely to do better still. He has almost eliminated his faults, has a rock-like defence to good bowling, and is showing excellent discrimination in his hitting. With a keen eye, correct footwork, a straight bat, plenty of power, and practically all the strokes, he is a natural as well as a well-taught batsman, one whom it is a pleasure to watch, and one whom it is something more than useful to have on one's side. I think he would be more useful, too, with the ball if he had more opportunity, and his fielding is above reproach. There has again been some talk of his joining the ground staff at Old Trafford, but my information is that he will continue his present work and studies for the next two years at least.

Cyril Clarke has revealed more of his proper form for the county this time than ever before, and made one regret that he could not play in more than half the matches. After a poor match at Newcastle he batted consistently well, and got runs on the rain-spoilt wickets at Wolverhampton and Stoke. Bernard Hollowood played more than last year, and did better. He always looked like getting a lot of runs, but developed some vulnerability in defence. R. H. Plant managed only three matches apart from that with the New Zealanders and only once did him, if justice, and Roy Smith had only two. He was unfortunate in having to decline the invitation two or three times, but he was not always selected, which I regard as a mistake. He played 21 innings last year, and in a wet season averaged 21½, whilst in 1935 his average in six innings was 27.40. He was third in the averages last year and second the year before. On these results, and on his club form he should, in my opinion, have been an original choice

every time. Last year he was the mainstay of the batting on the northern tour, and would have gone again if selected. I know the committee had difficulties, and were anxious about the bowling, but Roy Smith is too sound a bat to be left out.

Among the batsmen who appeared for the first time were R. J. C. Evans and F. Harper, but one innings in each case was no criterion, and E. Perry, L. H. Crump, M. H. Romans, and M. C. Harvatt also had only one match each. Stanley Crump batted well when he came into the side, but Lockett, who has made a lot of runs in club cricket this season, never got going at all.

W. A. Adams failed with the bat, but again captained the side well. He missed four matches, however, and R. H. Plant deputized three times and L. E. Gale once. C. C. Goodway was missed behind the wicket, for G. B. Edge hardly reached his club standard with the gloves, and was superseded by R. Hammond, and when he was on holiday, A. Meigh was introduced for one match. Neither was quite sure enough in his handling, but did not let the side down, and both did some smart things. As I suggested after seeing him keep wicket in a recent match, I think the committee should have an eye on the Stafford player, J. E. Blair, who, I note, stumped four Sutton Coldfield men in an innings a fortnight ago.

I must give the team generally a good word for their fielding, in which there have been fewer lapses than usual, but better still most of the players have put dash and élan into their ground fielding. A. B. Hollowood is, perhaps, entitled to special mention, for besides some wonderful catches, his speed in gathering and returning the ball has many times saved a run. If the fielding always reached the super standard of last Monday week at Manchester I think people would be attracted to the matches for the pleasure of seeing the team in the field.

SOME STATISTICS

In view of the exceptional circumstances of this season it is not surprising that the county has called upon more players than usual. Including the New Zealand fixture the number is 37, compared with 32 last year, and 27 in 1935. No fewer than 16 have played in one match only, and a good many of these have been brought in because selected players have made a very late withdrawal, which, of course should be avoided if at all possible. J. T. Ikin alone has played in every match, but Taylor has not missed a competition match, and Hawley only one. Next come

W. A. Adams and L. E. Gale with seven games each, and A. B. Hollowood and Lockett with six. The fact that only seven players appeared in as many as six of the 11 matches played is evidence of the impossibility of securing anything approaching a settled side.

In all matches 58 of the Staffordshire wickets were bowled, 76 caught, 12 lbw (five under the new rule), five stumped, two hit wicket, and six run out. In the case of opposing teams 55 were bowled, 69 caught, 21 lbw (seven under the new rule), five stumped, and four run out. The catches were divided between 24 players, Hollowood, as last year, leading with 12. Taylor took five and Edge and Hammond each five behind the wicket, where Meigh caught one. Adams, Ikin, Lawton and Shardlow caught four each, and three each were taken by Gale and Harvatt. Edge stumped two players, Hammond one and Meigh two. Last season C. C. Goodway caught 17 and stumped six.

An analysis of the extras shows that Staffordshire conceded 115 byes, 57 leg-byes, five wides and, 17 no-balls, whilst opponents allowed 99 byes, 42 leg-byes, one wide, and 15 no-balls. So Staffordshire counted 157 extras, and opponents 194, a rather striking reversal as compared with last year, when Staffordshire had 184 and opponents 137.

Finally, a word in praise of the hon. secretary, Mr. Lawrence W. Hancock, to whom one can pay no higher compliment than to say that he is reproducing the efficiency and devotion of his late father in his exacting office.

COUNTY CRICKET PROSPECTS

Visit of New Zealanders

DEARTH OF PROFESSIONALS

By THE CRITIC

Staffordshire did reasonably well in the wretchedly wet season of 1936, rising from the 16th to the 7th position in the Minor Counties championship table, and getting through a most difficult year without any very serious financial loss. With regard to finance there was again a small increase in membership, but not by any means what might have been hoped, and expected, from the Committee's appeal to all members for an effort to secure at least one new subscriber. No doubt the intensive endeavour to secure a more adequate and worthy membership will be continued, and the extraneous efforts to raise money for the club which have been carried through this winter are to be heartily commended. Over £90 was raised by an American tea. If the action of the club in endeavouring to secure the division amongst the counties of the sum allotted to the Minor Counties Association by the M.C.C. from the profits of the tour just ended in Australia, should prove successful, I imagine last year's deficit would be largely wiped out. Why a difference should be made in the treatment of the Minor Counties and the First Class Counties in this matter is difficult to understand. The profits from Australian tours in this country are allotted, so much to each First Class county and so much to each of the Minor Counties, and the same procedure is followed so far as the First Class Counties are concerned in respect of profits from tours in Australia, but the share of the counties of the lower grade has hitherto been paid to the Minor Counties Association, who have used it to meet the expense of the few representative matches they annually arrange instead of distributing it to the counties. It hardly needs stating that it is far more important that the county clubs should be helped in the difficulty, which is common to all of making ends meet, than that the Association should have funds to spend, for example, in taking a team to play a match in Ireland. The M.C.C. should have the interests of the county clubs at heart, and it is to be hoped they will hand the money direct to the counties. The influence of the President, Lord Dartmouth, who is a Trustee of the M.C.C., might be decisive in this matter, especially if the other clubs affected, who have been circularised by Staffordshire, should join in a practically unanimous appeal to the governing body.

But enough of finance. The competition programme is reduced this season by two matches, because Kent II. were induced to go to the rescue of Glamorgan II., who could not otherwise secure the necessary quota of fixtures to qualify. In order to do so Kent had reluctantly to suspend fixtures with Staffordshire for this season. So this summer Cheshire, Durham, Northumberland, Yorks. II., and Lanes. II. will be met in the competition, and to make up for the loss of the Kent fixture Mr. Hancock happily succeeded by much perseverance in securing a game with the New Zealand touring side, which will be played at Stoke on May 24 and 25, thus opening the county season. The New Zealanders should be highly attractive visitors, and it is of great importance to the County Club that their enterprise should be fully appreciated, and that everyone who possibly can do so should make a point of attending the match. The commitment is a heavy one, and a bumper "gate" is necessary if the match is to yield a profit instead of a loss. But

one does not advocate attendance as an act of charity to the County Club, but as an extremely cheap and easy opportunity of watching players of international repute from a distant part of the British Empire. Let us hope the weather will be propitious.

What the county team will be for this encounter was a matter of speculation at the time of writing. Unfortunately the two professionals who bore the brunt of the bowling with success for the county last year, Aaron Lockett and Stanley Crump, are not available owing to club engagements in Lancashire, but it is not customary to observe the strict rule of qualification in non-competition matches, and I understand that "Tich" Freeman, now professional at Walsall, and G. Broadhurst, the Longton bowler, have been invited to play. If the little Kent googly specialist is able to accept the invitation his presence will add to the attractiveness of the occasion, and the tall left-hander is bowling remarkably well for Longton. At all events as strong a side as possible will be placed in the field, and it will be contrary to past experience if Staffordshire fail to extend the Test team.

The enlargement of the Central Lancashire League by the admission of Stockport has a most unfortunate repercussion upon the prospects of Staffordshire. It means that the county will be without their two professionals, not only for the visit of the New Zealanders, but also for the first three competition matches. The tragic death of Norman Backhouse has removed the only other professional upon whom Staffordshire had relied in the last few years. Unless the committee decide in these circumstances to invite Sydney Barnes to turn out for the county once more, it seems certain that they will have to fulfil engagements with Yorks II. at Barnsley, and Northumberland and Durham in the north, without professional bowling. As these are three of the most difficult matches of the season to win the inevitable weakening of the attack is the move to be regretted, for an unsuccessful start to the season is apt to have a depressing effect, especially upon public interest. However, the committee will have to make the best of a bad job, and I should think they will very seriously consider the advisability of including Barnes. If the veteran is a good bowler I fail to see why his age should be prohibitive, and that he can still do more than most younger men with the ball is suggested by the fact that he won a league match for his club, St. Anne's, on Saturday, by taking 7 wickets for 23, after scoring 43 of his side's total of 134.

In any case there will be an opportunity for amateur bowlers to show their capabilities. I suppose E. J. Wakelin, the Caverswall fast bowler, must be written off as not available for county cricket, though there is a possibility that he may be liberated for the New Zealand game. So for speed the county will, presumably, have to depend upon R. Lawton and A. Reynolds, who are not really fast, and have not quite filled the bill in the past, though both have bowled well on occasion. W. Stubbs, of Longton, is faster than either, but hardly as accurate. For slower bowling there are F. Wilshaw, who created quite a good impression last season, and J. T. Ikin, who, I should hope, will be made more use of this time, for all-rounders are not too plentiful, and he is meeting with success in league matches. Another spin

bowler who seems to me worthy of an adequate trial is B. Shardlow, the Stone left-hander, and G. Pedley, Longton's opening batsman, is quite a clever slow bowler who gets all too little chance with his club. I should regard him as a useful all-rounder, but as he is employed in the offices of the Stoke-on-Trent Corporation his opportunities may be limited. As Roy Hollowood has never been able to reproduce his club success when tried for the county, the slow bowling resources seem to be pretty much limited to Ikin, Wilshaw and Shardlow, with Lawton, Reynolds and Stubbe to choose from for pace. H. Hancock, now professional at Stone, is an accurate medium-pace bowler who can swing the new ball, but in the absence of Lockett and Crump the attack may well give the selectors cause for anxiety. When the two professionals join the team, which they are expected to do for the engagement with Lancashire II, at Porthill on June 30, the problem will, of course, be greatly eased, and by that time the committee may have gained valuable enlightenment as to the amateur talent available. The shortage of professional bowling is, of course, the direct result of the policy pursued by the North Staffordshire League clubs in the last few years (which I shall not cease to condemn as long as I can wield a pen) of robbing each other of amateur players, paying them a small wage and calling them professionals. I believe the professionals in the south of the county are qualified or qualifying for other counties. So for professional service Staffordshire has to rely on the clubs of the North Staffordshire League, and that which used to be a staff of support has become a broken reed.

For several years in surveying the prospects of the county I have held out hopes of a more settled side, hopes which have not been fulfilled. This time it will be well to wait and see. So far as batting is concerned, however, there should be a sound and steady nucleus. W. A. Adams will lead the team again, and will probably have no such distraction as his marriage proved last season, when he missed five matches in the middle of the term. C. C. Goodway having decided to throw in his lot with Warwickshire, one of the his lot with Warwickshire, one of the only two players who were always present last year (Stanley Crump was the other) will be missing. Geoffrey Edge, the Longton "stumper," is to take his place, though he may not be able to play in quite all the matches. Edge will not let the side down behind the wicket, and as he is much the better bat, there are compensations for the loss of the Smethwick man. If, as I imagine, J. T. Ikin and R. Smith are able to play regularly, and A. Smith in most of the matches, it looks as though some seven places will be filled automatically when Crump and Lockett are free. That does not leave much more room for batsmen as at least one, and probably two other bowlers will be a necessity. And there may be one or two other fairly regular batsmen. W. Bourne, the Longton left-hander, seems to warrant a real trial, and he is not by any means negligible as a fast-medium bowler. Though not certain I think it likely he could be a regular player, and the Longton captain, R. H. Plant, might arrange to play in most of the matches. One has heard good accounts of a young batsman from the Burton district, Dolman by name, and my information is that he could probably command the time to play if required. He should get his chance this season. And another newcomer may be F. N. Bryan, of Walsall, who is stated to be a batsman of the necessary class. Then there are such batsmen as L. H. Crump, C. C. Clarke, M. H. Romans, A. B. Hollowood, W. E. Jones and M. C. Harvatt, who are likely to be available at some period or other of the season, and G. Pedley should certainly have an adequate trial this time if at liberty. E. Hawley, the leading batsman of the Blythe Works team, played once for the county in 1935, and created a favourable impression. He is a watchful and stubborn bat, very sound in defence, and he might be allowed the time to play if selected. E. J.

Gothard, who had one successful season with Staffordshire some years ago, is still doing big things for Tutbury, with ball as well as bat, but whether he could be induced to return to county cricket is a question I am not able to answer.

Without going any further it would appear that the batting resources of the county are fairly good without being exceptionally strong, but the bowling is a matter of some misgiving, more especially, of course, in the early matches. Last season's percentage was 53.3, compared with 30.95 in 1935. If it could be increased this time to the same extent Staffordshire would have something to say about the championship, but I am afraid the outlook hardly warrants such an optimistic expectation. But you never know.

MINOR COUNTIES

**COUNTY CLUB'S
OUTLOOK**

**OPENING MATCH
ATTRACTION**

**VISIT OF NEW
ZEALANDERS**

(By COVERPOINT)

THE Staffordshire County Cricket Club opens its season with an unusually attractive engagement—a two-day fixture against the New Zealand touring side at Stoke on May 24th and 25th.

Last year, the club closed the season showing a loss of some £10—due almost entirely to the interference of the weather. There are hopes that this season the club will not suffer from the vagaries of the English summer, and that a reasonable improvement for the home games will encourage better attendances.

The club's outlook is promising, both from a financial and a playing point of view. Finance is the main problem at the moment, but, when the suggestions put forward at the annual meeting have been acted upon, the position in this respect should be improved. The effort to increase the membership is proceeding, and it should be stimulated by the addition of the 33 members in the past year.

PROPOSED MEETING

The south of the County has not supported the county club in recent years to any appreciable extent, but, at some later date, a meeting will be called at Wolverhampton and an appeal made for new members from that end of Staffordshire. The argument is advanced from the south that, if given matches in that area, the support would be forthcoming. The reply of the Committee is that the matches will be arranged for the south when the membership justifies it. When the appeal is made, it will be pointed out that a membership from the Wolverhampton area sufficiently large to permit of two home games being played in that area will meet the needs of the Committee.

One method of improving the financial position of the club was the announcement that a dinner-dance would be held at the Grand Hotel, Hanley, on Coronation night. It has been found, however, that the event will clash with other functions during the Coronation period, and, for that reason, it has been called off. Some other effort in substitution will be held later in the season.

The importance of the visit of the New Zealanders to Stoke has not been overlooked, and on the first day of the match the two teams will be entertained to lunch at the North Stafford Hotel. Among those who have been invited to join the teams and the County Committee representatives on that day are the Lord Mayor of Stoke-on-Trent (Alderman J. A. Dale) and Sir Francis Joseph, K.B.E., D.L.

"TICH" FREEMAN DECLINES

An invitation to play against the New Zealand side was forwarded to "Tich" Freeman, the famous slow bowler, who for years was the mainstay of the Kent attack in the County Championship, and is now professional to the Walsall club, but Freeman has been unable to accept—a decision which will be generally regretted. This is also unfortunate because both Crump and Lockett find that the demands of their respective clubs—Crump is with Rochdale and Lockett with Oldham—for Central Lancashire League games in the early part of the season will prevent them from taking their places in the County side until Staffordshire have cleared their first four matches.

Thus, with the late E. N. Backhouse also missing from the County ranks, the opening matches will be played without a single professional in the side. Formerly, Staffordshire have included three professionals.

GOODWAY'S SUCCESSOR

Another notable absentee from the side will be C. C. Goodway, whose performances with the Staffordshire team earned him the reputation for being one of the safest amateur wicket-keepers in the country. He is in business in Birmingham as an architect, and his qualification for Warwickshire has been completed. His successor will probably be Edge, who has kept wicket so successfully for Longton, the champions of the North Staffordshire League.

Broadhurst, the professional to the Longton Club, is still residing in Cheshire, for whom he played last year in the Minor Counties fixtures, and hopes that he might be available for Staffordshire during the present season will not be fulfilled.

An interesting newcomer to the Staffordshire team will be F. N. Bryan, an amateur whose batting performances for Walsall last season were noteworthy. He should add power to the batting strength of the County, and it is hoped that additional bowlers can be found before the Minor Counties programme opens.

CHESHIRE'S APPEAL

Like Staffordshire, Cheshire's chief need is more financial help, and the report, to be presented at the annual meeting at Chester on Monday, states: "It is necessary, once again, to emphasise the great need of an increased membership. By no other means can your committee confidently carry out their programme, and we appeal to all members to help to this end." The net loss on the year's working was £64.

Fixtures have again been arranged with Lancashire II., Yorkshire II., Glamorgan II., and Staffordshire. The dates of the home games are v. Yorkshire, at New Brighton, June 2nd and 3rd; v. Lancashire, at Parkgate, June 14 and 15th; v. Staffordshire, at Crewe, July 14th and 15th; and v. Glamorgan, at Chester, August 11th and 12th.

COUNTY CRICKET CLUB

Plea for Better Support

The annual meeting of the Staffordshire County Cricket Club was held at the Grand Hotel, Hanley, on Thursday, when Mr. H. J. Plant presided in the absence of the President, the Earl of Dartmouth.

The annual report stated that there was a loss on the year's working of £40, largely due to bad weather. For the coming season fixtures had been arranged with the same counties as in 1936, with the exception of Kent II., who had made fixtures with Glamorgan II. instead. A match had been arranged with the New Zealand XI. at Stoke on May 24, and it was hoped that the cricketing public of Staffordshire would give the event whole-hearted support.

Presenting the accounts, Mr. A. Brodie (hon. treasurer) said the match receipts amounted to £170 8s. making with £77 received from the insurance company, a total of £247, compared with £325 in the previous year. The subscriptions amounted to £379 6s. 6d.—practically the same as the previous year. The total receipts were £722, compared with £715, leaving a deficit of £66 16s. 2d. which was subsequently reduced by the receipt of £27 8s. 10d. from the M.C.C.

The Chairman said they would have to consider other means of raising money if the club was to continue. The fact that the match receipts amounted to only £170 was ridiculous.

Mr. Bernard Meakin said they could not expect good "gates" in bad weather. If they had had anything like a decent summer they would have made a handsome profit.

Mr. S. Gleaves said he was sorry the Earl of Dartmouth was not present, as he wished to ask him if he could not do something, as president of the M.C.C., for the Minor Counties clubs by way of getting a share of the profits made in the Australian tour. He understood that a grant was made to the Minor Counties Association, but he wished to have a contribution to the various struggling clubs.

Mr. G. A. F. Bagguley said something was being done in the matter, though not quite on the lines that Mr. Gleaves had proposed. Through the Minor Counties Association they were in touch with the other 16 clubs, and the steps so far taken had been most encouraging. The committee felt that the time had arrived when the Minor Counties clubs should be directly recognised by the M.C.C., and they proposed putting in an application for recognition.

NEED FOR YOUNG BLOOD

The Earl of Dartmouth was unanimously re-elected president, and the vice-presidents were also re-elected with the addition of Mr. Albert Cook, Mr. J. S. Heath, and Sir Charles Mander. The following were elected on the committee:—Messrs. W. A. Adams (captain); G. T. Bagguley, G. A. F. Bagguley, J. H. R. Barton, A. G. Buller, A. Cook, H. J. Crofts, G. E. Harding, J. S. Heath, J. R. W. Hollinshead, H. W. Homer, Major D. H. Howe, the Hon. W. H. Littleton, B. I. N. Martin, E. W. Page, H. J. Plant, W. H. Robinson, H. A. Sedgwick, T. Stinton and H. F. Wood, jun.

Mr. A. Cook thought it was time they had some new blood on the committee. It seemed to him absolutely silly that subscriptions amounted to only £379 for a county like Staffordshire. If the committee held a meeting at Wolverhampton they could get hold of people from the south of the county. They could point out the proportion of subscriptions that came from the north of the county and show that the south had an equal duty with the north. Surely, it was possible in Staffordshire to get a thousand persons sufficiently interested in cricket to give a guinea a year to keep the county team going.

The Chairman said the puzzle was to find new blood willing to work. It was true that many members on the committee rarely attended the meetings, but those who did attend were keenly interested.

The Secretary (Mr. L. W. Hancock) said they had tried their best to get more members from South Staffordshire, and they had managed to get a dozen.

The Chairman said the Wolverhampton people would not look at the County Cricket Club because it had nothing to offer them.

Mr. Cook argued that if they held a meeting in Wolverhampton, and got Sir Charles Mander to put the case, it was sure to do good. To think that only £379 was being paid in subscriptions was a disgrace to the county.

Mr. J. R. W. Hollinshead said people from the south of the county said they would not join unless they got matches, and the club was unable to provide them with matches.

It was agreed that the committee be asked to consider the co-opting of new blood and the question of making a "mass attack" on South Staffordshire.

A DIFFICULT SEASON FOR STAFFORDSHIRE

SUCCESS OF J. T. IKIN AND F. TAYLOR

The past season has been one of much difficulty for Staffordshire. Gate receipts have been completely spoiled by unfavourable weather at four of the five home matches in the Minor Counties competition. Last year Lockett, Crump, Backhouse and R. Lawton took 136 wickets, and other bowlers eighteen. Backhouse was killed in a motor accident, Lockett was not available until the middle of July, Crump could only play in the last three matches, and Lawton broke down with an injured elbow in his second competition match. The County thus had to find an entirely new attack for the first half of the season. F. Taylor, W. Stubbs, B. Shardlow and E. Broderick, all bowlers in the North Staffordshire and District League, were tried, and all met with some success. Taylor established himself as the regular opening bowler for the season. He is professional to the Burslem club, for which he has taken eighty-two wickets this season at an average cost of 7.36.

In batting, E. Hawley proved very dependable and received his county cap after scoring 109 at Crewe on a wicket on which Cheshire had been dismissed for 113. F. R. Bryan, of Walsall, had a brilliant introduction to Minor Counties cricket, for in his first match, at Barnsley, he scored 80 and 113. He was, however, unable to play in most of the matches. L. E. Gale, the Dudley captain, enjoyed his best season with the County, and twice on difficult wickets carried his bat through the innings for scores of 78 and 57. But perhaps the chief feature of the season has been the batting of the nineteen-year-old left-hander, John Ikin. Last year, with 276 runs, he scored 58 more than any other Staffordshire player, and this time he has scored the highest aggregate of runs for the county since Barnes made 563 in 1911, a period of twenty-six years.

After being defeated by the New Zealanders, Staffordshire played ten competition matches. Two were won (against Yorkshire II and Durham), two won on the first innings (Durham and Cheshire), five lost (Lancashire II twice, Northumberland twice, and Cheshire), and one lost on the first innings (Yorkshire II). These results gave 19 points of 60 at stake, and the low percentage of 31.66, compared with 53.33 last year. The team scored 2,501 runs in competition matches for 139 wickets, against 2,600 for 136 wickets.

The following are the averages in competition matches:—

BATTING						
	Matches	Inns.	Not out	Runs	Highest score	Aver.
F. N. Bryan	3	4	0	197	113	49.25
L. E. Gale	7	12	3	375	78	41.44
J. T. Ikin	10	15	1	442	123	31.57
E. Hawley	9	14	1	337	109	25.92
C. C. Clarke	5	7	1	145	62	24.16
S. Crump	3	6	1	114	45	22.80
A. B. Hallowood	5	9	0	172	35	19.11
B. Shardlow	5	6	2	85	19	13.75
R. H. Plant	3	5	0	59	32	11.80
R. Smith	2	4	0	44	22	11.00
R. Lawton	3	4	0	36	21	9.00
L. B. Hicken	2	4	0	34	27	8.50
A. Lockett	6	8	0	57	13	7.12
G. B. Edge	4	5	0	34	11	6.80
R. Hammond	5	7	0	44	18	6.28
W. A. Adams	6	6	1	19	9	3.80
F. Taylor	10	13	4	25	7	2.77

Batted three times: W. E. Jones, 10, 13, 9; E. Broderick, 0, 6, 3; W. Stubbs, 0, 1, 10. Batted twice: G. Pedley, 17, 13; M. C. Harratt, 25, 0; L. H. Crump, 17, 5; A. Meigh, 4, 5; A. Smith, 12, 2; H. G. Castles, 3, 0; H. Pointon, 1, 0. Batted once: R. J. C. Evans, 9; E. Perry, 3; E. S. Washington, 2; F. Harper, 2; M. H. Romans, 1; E. W. Hackett, 0.

BOWLING					
	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Aver.
A. Lockett	169.4	35	384	33	11.63
W. Stubbs	35.5	4	123	9	13.66
E. Broderick	27	7	85	5	17.20
F. Taylor	206.1	96	592	33	17.93
R. Lawton	90.3	17	244	13	18.78
J. T. Ikin	93.2	13	280	14	20.00
B. Shardlow	80	13	274	11	24.90
L. E. Gale	58.1	10	160	6	26.66
S. Crump	73	13	196	6	32.66

Also bowled: H. Pointon, 20-4-54-2; A. Massey, 7-1-16-0; E. W. Hackett, 2-0-11-0.
 * Signifies not out.

SUFFOLK MATCHES 1937

CAPTAIN:

3	M, T	17, 18	MAY	LINCS	LOWESTOFT
9	W, T	2, 3	JUNE	SURREY 2ND	THE OVAL
11	W, T	9, 10		LINCS	SCUNTHORPE
15	W, T	16, 17		HERTS	WATFORD
48	T, F	29, 30	JULY	SURREY 2ND	LOWESTOFT
64	W, T	4, 5	AUGUST	HERTS	FELIXSTOWE
71	F, S	6, 7		CAMBS	CAMBRIDGE
96	T, F	19, 20		CAMBS	BURY ST EDMUNDS

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F.S.B.	F.S.B.
V.F.A.	A.
F.S.P.B.	F.S.P.B.
V.F.A.	S.A.
F.S.P.B.	F.S.P.B.
A.	S.A.
F.S.P.B.	F.S.P.B.
-	A.
F.S.P.B.	F.S.B.
F.A.	A.
F.S.P.B.	F.S.P.B.
F.A.	A.
F.S.P.B.	F.S.
S.A.	V.S.A.
F.S.P.B.	-
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BATTING

	Inns.	Not out.	Runs.	Highest score.	Average.
H. P. Waugh	15	1	578	104*	38.53
J. M. Weller-Poley	7	1	69	24*	29.25
H. V. Howard	7	1	174	104*	29.00
G. W. Hockey	10	1	221	79	23.44
A. N. Gardiner	4	0	99	48	24.75
J. M. Sangster	15	2	260	107	21.46
C. G. Bailey	6	1	82	45*	17.00
J. E. Rummall	3	0	52	23	17.33
P. Merrick	3	0	62	42	16.23
H. L. Porter	10	1	144	26	16.00
A. J. R. White	5	0	78	24	15.60
J. Bell	4	0	57	20	14.25
R. C. Leech	5	0	56	29	11.20
G. W. O. Smith	5	0	171	27	10.68
P. A. King	7	1	58	22	9.66
A. C. Clift	7	1	47	28	7.82
R. P. Clark	4	0	24	14	6.00
P. E. Pagan	6	0	35	11	5.83
H. B. Goundry	3	0	1	1	0.33
M. Crannis	6	1	1	1*	0.20

The following also batted:—C. Watts 6, P. B. Harris 33 and I. D. G. Cox-Howman 10 and I. H. C. Chads 0 and 0, G. L. Reynolds 4* and 0, A. Baldwin 10 and 4, S. G. H. Waters 13* and 9, P. P. Glover 9 and 0, C. C. Lockitt 18 and 3, R. H. Ames 11, C. H. Walsham 15 and 14*, and J. H. Bolton 0.
*Signifies not out.

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Average.
H. B. Goundry	29.5	2	119	7	17.0
C. Watts	16	2	44	3	22.0
H. P. Waugh	164.5	29	444	19	23.36
R. H. Ames	28	2	138	5	27.6
P. Merrick	46	6	149	5	29.8
P. A. King	53	3	237	7	33.87
R. C. Leech	80	9	274	8	34.25
R. O. Howard	59	9	186	5	37.2
A. C. Clift	65	5	269	5	53.8
M. Crannis	36.4	3	135	2	67.5
G. W. Hockey	49	6	168	2	84.0

The following also bowled:—J. Bell, 16.2, 2, 67, 1; C. G. Bailey, 0, 13, 0; P. H. Harris, 1.4, 0, 11, 0; G. L. Reynolds, 13, 1, 52, 1; H. C. Chads, 4, 1, 26, 0; P. P. Glover, 4, 0, 23, 0; A. N. Gardiner, 17, 2, 33, 1; J. H. Weller-Poley, 28, 5, 99, 1; J. H. Bolton, 13, 2, 45, 1; and C. H. Walsham, 15, 3, 53, 1.

CENTURIES FOR SUFFOLK

- H. P. Waugh 108* v. Surrey II.
- H. P. Waugh 103 v. Lincolnshire.
- R. O. Howard 104* v. Cambridgeshire.
- J. M. Sangster 107 v. Cambridgeshire.

CENTURIES FOR OPPONENTS

C. B. Fordham 142 for Hertfordshire, Covill (R. J.), 102 for Cambridgeshire.
M. Crouch 103 for Cambridgeshire.
Highest aggregate by Suffolk 332 v. Cambridgeshire; by opponents, 379 for four wickets (dec.), by Cambs.
Extras.—Suffolk received 166; opponents received 130.
Runs per wicket.—Suffolk scored 2,522 runs for 145 wickets, average 17.3 per wicket; opponents scored 2,745 runs for 76 wickets, average 37.4 per wicket.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP

THE FINAL PLACINGS

	P.	W.	L.	W.	1st	Ins	No	Rel.	Pctge.
Surrey II.	12	10	0	0	2	0	0	88.11	
Lancashire II.	10	6	1	3	0	0	0	75.00	
Herts	12	8	1	1	2	0	0	73.61	
Northumberland	8	5	3	0	0	0	0	62.50	
Bedford	8	4	2	2	0	0	0	62.50	
Dorset	8	3	0	2	2	1	0	67.90	
Bucks	8	3	1	2	2	0	0	54.16	
Glamorgan II.	8	2	2	1	0	2	0	50.00	
NORFOLK	12	4	3	2	3	0	0	45.83	
Middlesex II.	8	2	2	2	1	1	0	45.23	
Oxfordshire	10	3	2	2	3	0	0	45.00	
Kent II.	10	3	2	2	3	0	0	45.00	
Yorkshire II.	10	2	3	1	2	2	0	35.41	
Lincoln	10	3	5	2	0	0	0	35.00	
Staffordshire	10	2	5	2	1	0	0	31.66	
Durham	8	2	4	0	2	0	0	29.16	
Devonshire	8	1	4	1	1	1	1	23.80	
Berkshire	8	0	3	0	1	1	3	23.23	
Wiltshire	8	0	3	2	2	1	0	19.04	
CAMBRIDGE	8	0	3	2	3	0	0	18.75	
Cornwall	8	1	7	0	0	0	0	12.80	
SUFFOLK	8	0	5	1	2	0	0	10.41	

SURREY 2ND XI MATCHES 1937

CAPTAIN:

1	S, M	15, 17	MAY	KENT 2ND	THE OVAL
6	S, M	22, 24		MIDSEX 2ND	THE OVAL
7	M, T	31, 1	JUNE	KENT 2ND	FOLKESTONE
9	W, T	2, 3		SUFFOLK	THE OVAL
16	W, T	16, 17		DEVON	THE OVAL
28	M, T	5, 6	JULY	WILTSHIRE	THE OVAL
38	W, T	21, 22		MIDSEX 2ND	FINCHLEY
48	T, F	29, 30		SUFFOLK	LOWESTOFT
60	M, T	2, 3	AUG	WILTS	SALISBURY
65	W, T	4, 5		CORNWALL	THE OVAL
98	F, S	20, 21		DEVON	EXETER
99	M, T	23, 24		CORNWALL	PENZANCE

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WARWICKSHIRE 2ND XI MATCHES 1937

CAPTAIN:

F M, T 17, 18	MAY	DERBY 2ND	BELPER
F W, T 2, 3	JUNE	NOTTS 2ND	EDGBASTON
F W, T 16, 17		WORCS 2ND	WORCESTER
F W, T 14, 15	JULY	NOTTS 2ND	TRENT BRIDGE
F T, F 29, 30		LEICS 2ND	EDGBASTON
F M, T 2, 3	AUG	DERBY 2ND	EDGBASTON
F M, T 10, 11		WORCS 2ND	EDGBASTON
F M, T 17, 18		LEICS 2ND	LEICESTER

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WARWICKSHIRE II's RECORD

BATTING AND BOWLING AVERAGES OF THE SIDE

With the game last week against Leicestershire II, Warwickshire II brought its season to a close, and the players have done well in losing only one match, that against Derbyshire II at Edgbaston. Four games were won and six drawn. Nearly forty players took part in the eleven matches. Barber and Shortland played in the whole of them, and as an opening pair they frequently gave their side a good start. Fantham did fine work with the ball, and showed much improvement as a batsman; but while Woodroffe developed his batting, his bowling was disappointing. P. Cranmer in his few appearances did well and J. J. Hossell and S. C. Gobey—two free hitting left-handers—also showed good form with the bat. Of the amateurs who bowled, Cocks was the most successful, while Hastilow, who led the side with ability, joined in the attack at times with good effect. The averages are:—

BATTING

	Inns.	Times not out		Runs	Highest Inns.	Aver.
Ord (J. S.)	3	2	1	149	87*	140.00
A. F. T. White	2	1	1	123	70	123.00
Buckingham (J.)	3	2	1	104	63*	104.00
S. C. Gobey	1	0	1	101	101	101.00
F. J. Hughes	1	0	0	67	67	67.00
P. Cranmer	5	0	3	313	129	62.60
J. J. Hossell	8	2	2	264	102	44.00
E. T. Grubb	4	2	2	62	35*	31.00
Barber (E. G.)	18	1	1	518	110	30.47
Wilnot (K.)	1	0	0	29	29	29.00
H. A. Edwards	1	1	0	28	28*	28.00
Shortland (N. A.)	15	0	0	413	138	27.53
Hill (W. A.)	7	1	1	145	35	24.16
H. J. Tennant	3	2	0	23	19*	23.00
Woodroffe (A.)	13	2	2	244	61	22.16
S. Baker	8	1	1	133	52	19.00
W. S. Hurd	4	0	0	65	44	16.25
J. R. Thompson	3	0	0	48	30	16.00
Fantham (W. E.)	12	3	3	142	30*	15.77

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Aver.
A. F. Boyse	22.2	9	44	6	7.33
W. S. Hurd	31.2	9	66	7	9.42
J. F. Cocks	122	31	314	21	14.76
Fantham	236	48	680	46	14.78
Wilnot	60.5	11	161	12	15.08
C. A. F. Hastilow	94.3	19	233	15	15.53
W. T. Trimmans	17	2	48	3	16.00
P. Cranmer	17	2	73	3	25.00
Woodroffe	41	6	127	5	25.40
W. Sanders	65	21	133	5	26.60
E. T. Grubb	23	4	80	3	26.66
R. H. Jones	8	1	31	1	31.00
Shortland	69	17	185	5	37.00
H. A. Edwards	8	—	40	1	40.00
H. J. Tennant	43	5	169	4	42.25
J. J. Hossell	10	2	57	1	57.00
T. C. Dodds	22	1	78	1	78.00
C. Adleman	31	0	63	—	—
A. G. Skett	6	1	9	—	—

WILTSHIRE MATCHES 1937

CAPTAIN:

3,4	JUNE	HANTS 2ND	SOUTHAMPTON
28 M, T 5,6	JULY	SURREY 2ND	THE OVAL
30 W, T 7,8		KENT 2ND	CANTERBURY
45 W, T 28,29		DORSET	SHERBORNE
60 M, T 2,3	AUGUST	SURREY 2ND	SALISBURY
66 W, T 4,5		DORSET	SALISBURY
76 F, S 6,7		BERKS	READING
76 M, T 9,10		KENT 2ND	SWINDON
88 F, S 13,14		BERKS	SWINDON
24,25	JUNE	HANTS 2ND	SALISBURY
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19.9.98	JULY - AUG	SALISBURY TIMES
19.9.98	JULY - AUG	WILTSHIRE TIMES - T
19.9.98	JULY - AUG	WILTSHIRE NEWS - T
19.9.98	JULY - AUG	WILTSHIRE GAZETTE - DEV
19.9.98	AUG	EVENING ADVERTISER - S
19.9.98	AUG	NORTH WILTS HERALD - S
19.9.98	AUG	SWINDON ADVERTISER

SI	ST	WT	WN	NG	SEA	NWH	SA
-	F.S.B.	F.S.B.	-	F.S.B.	-	-	-
F.S.B.	F.S.P.B.	F.S.B.	F.S.	F.S.	-	-	-
V.S.A.	S.A.	V.S.A.	-	-	-	-	-
F.S.B.	F.S.P.B.	F.S.B.	F.S.	F.S.B.	-	-	-
-	F.S.P.B.	-	F.S.	F.S.B.	-	-	-
-	S.A.	-	-	-	-	-	-
F.S.B.	F.S.P.B.	F.S.B.	F.S.	F.S.B.	-	-	-
S.A.	A.	-	F.S.	-	-	-	-
F.S.P.B.	F.S.P.B.	F.S.B.	F.S.	F.S.B.	-	-	-
S.A.	A.	-	-	-	-	-	-
F.S.B.	F.S.P.B.	F.S.B.	F.S.	F.S.B.	-	-	-
V.S.A.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F.S.B.	F.S.P.B.	F.S.B.	F.S.	F.S.B.	-	-	-
V.S.A.	J.A.	-	F.S.	F.S.B.	-	-	-
F.S.B.	F.S.P.B.	F.S.B.	F.S.	F.S.B.	-	-	-
V.S.A.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F.S.P.B.	F.S.P.B.	F.S.B.	-	-	-	-	-
S.A.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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WILTS COUNTY CRICKET CLUB

Individual Performances During the Season.

BATTING.

	Inns.	not out	Runs	Highest score	Av.
B. W. Hone	5	1	192	81	48.00
E. H. F. Fuller	10	1	246	100	27.53
A. E. Lloyd	12	0	328	196	27.16
G. S. Butler	9	0	242	94	26.88
A. J. May	9	0	211	53	23.44
R. G. Hurn	5	0	96	41	19.20
E. B. Lloyd	8	0	139	53	17.37
R. A. C. Forrester	6	0	99	62	16.50
J. N. Stevens	4	0	65	30	16.25
D. S. Milford	8	2	94	40	15.66
Brown	11	2	133	56*	14.77
E. M. Nash	15	1	188	42	13.42
J. S. Phillips	4	0	47	37	11.75
P. King	10	2	93	28*	11.62
J. D. Gotch	5	1	46	19	11.50
W. Lovell Hewitt	10	0	112	24	11.20
C. S. Hemmings	4	0	26	24	6.50
Smith (W.)	15	3	70	10	5.83
J. L. Thompson	5	1	22	14	5.50
C. E. Awdry	7	0	33	16	4.71

Also batted:—A. L. Awdry, 29, 67, 13; J. T. Bailward, 0, 1, 1; D. F. Cockle, 25*, 41, 23, 80; W. A. C. Keates, 17, 1; R. T. Vaughan, 3; I. K. Sydee, F. I.

* Not out.

BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
Smith (W.)	353.3	78	880	54	16.16
D. S. Milford	133.5	23	422	21	20.00
Brown	90.5	17	321	14	22.92
J. N. Stevens	46.	12	123	5	24.60
A. L. Awdry	53.3	8	217	8	27.12
P. King	73.4	16	254	5	50.80
C. E. Awdry	130.	33	360	7	51.42

Also bowled:—J. T. Bailward, 18, 2, 68, 1; D. F. Cockle, 34.3, 10, 107, 3; R. A. C. Forrester, 1.3, 0, 19, 0; B. W. Hone, 4, 0, 1, 0; W. A. C. Keates, 2, 0, 17, 0; A. E. Lloyd, 14, 4, 52, 1; W. Lovell Hewitt, 78, 18, 233, 3; A. J. May, 10, 0, 39, 1; I. K. Sydee, 6, 0, 17, 1; J. L. Thompson, 10.4, 2, 166, 3.

County Championship Matches, 1937.

Played, 8; Lost, 3; Won on 1st innings, 2; Lost on 1st innings, 2; No result, 1.

SURREY 2nd XI., 5-6 July, at the Oval.
1st innings—Wiltshire, 392; Surrey 2nd XI, 354* (6 wkts.). 2nd innings—Surrey, 101 (4 wkts.). Won on 1st innings by 38 runs.

KENT 2nd XI., 7-8 July, at Canterbury.
1st innings—Wiltshire, 195; Kent 2nd XI, 163. 2nd innings—Wiltshire, 216; Kent, 249 (5 wkts.). Lost by 5 wickets.

DORSET, 28-29 July, at Sherborne.
1st innings—Wiltshire, 316; Dorset, 491 (6 wkts.). Lost on 1st innings by 175 runs.

SURREY 2nd XI., 2-3 August, at Bemerton.
1st innings—Wiltshire, 129; Surrey 2nd XI, 283. 2nd innings—Wiltshire, 101. Lost by an innings and 53 runs.

DORSET, 4-5, August, at Bemerton.
1st innings—Wiltshire, 187; Dorset, 110. 2nd innings—Wiltshire, 247* (8 wkts.); Dorset, 218 (6 wkts.). Won on 1st innings by 77 runs.

BERKSHIRE, 6-7 August, at Reading.
1st innings—Wiltshire, 200; Berkshire, 213. 2nd innings—Wiltshire, 110 (1 wkt.); Berkshire, 260* (7 wkts.). Lost on 1st innings by 43 runs.

KENT 2nd XI., 9-10 August, at Swindon.
1st innings—Wiltshire, 138; Kent 2nd XI, 213. 2nd innings—Wiltshire, 119; Kent, 45 (2 wkts.). Lost by 5 wkts.

BERKSHIRE, 13-14 August, at Swindon.
1st innings—Wiltshire, 177; Berkshire, 137 (7 wkts.). No result.

* Innings declared closed.

Other Matches.

The following matches were also played:—
WILTSHIRE v. HAMPSHIRE 2nd XI., 3-4 June, at Southampton.

1st innings—Wiltshire, 123; Hants 2nd XI, 157. 2nd innings—Wiltshire, 154; Hants, 123 (7 wkts.). Lost by 3 wickets.

WILTSHIRE v. HAMPSHIRE 2nd XI., 24-25 June, at Bemerton.

1st innings—Wiltshire, 86; Hants 2nd XI, 72. 2nd innings—Wiltshire, 93; Hants, 239. Lost by 132 runs.

WILTSHIRE AVERAGES.

A. E. Lloyd, the Swindon captain, who made 196 against Surrey II. at the Oval, finished third in the Wiltshire batting averages with an average of 27.16. He made 26 runs in 12 innings.

Batting.

	Inns	Not out	Runs	Highest score	Avr.
B. W. Hone	5	1	192	81	48.00
A. E. Lloyd	10	1	246	100	27.33
G. S. Butler	12	0	326	196	27.16
A. J. May	9	0	242	94	26.88
R. G. Hurn	5	0	211	53	23.44
E. B. Lloyd	8	0	96	41	19.20
R. A. C. Forrester	6	0	139	53	17.37
J. N. Stevens	4	0	99	62	16.50
D. S. Milford	4	0	65	39	16.25
Brown	8	2	94	40	15.66
E. M. Nash	11	2	133	56*	14.77
J. S. Phillips	15	1	188	42	13.42
P. King	4	0	47	37	11.75
J. D. Gotch	10	2	93	28*	11.62
W. Lovell Hewitt	5	1	46	19	11.50
C. S. Hemmings	10	0	112	24	11.20
Smith (W.)	4	0	26	24	6.50
J. L. Thompson	15	3	70	10	5.83
C. E. Awdry	5	1	22	14	5.50
	7	0	33	16	4.71

Also batted:—A. L. Awdry, 29-67-13; J. T. Bailward, 0-1-1; D. F. Cockle, 25*-44-23-80; W. A. C. Keates, 17-1; R. T. Vaughan, 3; 1. K. Sydee, 4*-1.

Bowling.

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts.	Avr.	
Smith (W.)	353	3	78	889	54	16.46
D. S. Milford	133	5	23	422	21	20.09
Brown	80	5	17	321	14	22.92
J. N. Stevens	46	12	123	5	24.60	
A. L. Awdry	53	3	8	217	8	27.12
P. King	73	4	16	254	5	50.80
C. E. Awdry	130	23	360	7	51.42	

Also bowled:—J. T. Bailward, 18-2-68-1; D. F. Cockle, 34-3-10-107-3; R. A. C. Forrester, 1-3-0-19-0; B. W. Hone, 4-0-1-0; W. A. C. Keates, 2-0-17-0; A. E. Lloyd, 14-4-52-1; W. Lovell Hewitt, 78-18-233-3; A. J. May, 10-0-39-1; I. K. Sydee, 6-0-47-1; J. L. Thompson, 40-4-2-166-3.

G.W.R. (CHIPPENHAM) v. LANGLEY BURRELL.

At Cocklebury (Chippenham).
 G.W.R.—L. Hunt b Hurford 3. B. Tinson c Jones b Jones 2. S. Keen b Jones 2. E. Griffen c Baker b Jones 10. K. Saunders b Jones 0. T. Smith b Jones 0. G. Nailor not out 0. H. Williams b Jones 0. B. Oliver b Jones 1. S. Collett c Dunford b Jones 0, extras 3, total 21.
 LANGLEY BURRELL.—J. Jones b Griffen 3. J. Dunford retired 26. H. Summers b Collett 1. R. Giddings b Collett 0. R. Hurford b Tinson 5. R. Reed c Collett b Williams 8. A. Baker run out 7. L. Hayes st Hunt b Griffen 4. R. Brind not out 5. H. James st Hunt b Williams 8, extras 7, total 69.

WILTS COUNTY CRICKET CLUB

SEASON'S RECORD AND AVERAGES

The following is the record of Wiltshire's Minor Counties' Championship matches, and two friendly matches, for the season just concluded:—

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES

Played 8. Lost, 3; won on 1st innings, 2; lost on 1st innings, 2; no result, 1.
SURREY 2ND XI. July 5th-6th, at the Oval—
 Wiltshire, 392; Surrey 2nd XI., 351* for 6 wickets and 101 for 4 wickets.
 Won on 1st innings by 38 runs.
KENT 2ND XI. July 7th-8th, at Canterbury—
 Wiltshire, 195 and 216; Kent 2nd XI., 163 and 249 for 5 wickets.
 Lost by 5 wickets.
DORSET. July 28-29th, at Sherborne—
 Wiltshire, 316; Dorset, 191 for 6 wickets.
 Lost on 1st innings by 175 runs.
SURREY 2ND XI. August 2nd-3rd, at Bemerton—
 Wiltshire, 129 and 101; Surrey 2nd XI., 283.
 Lost by an innings and 53 runs.
DORSET. August 4th-5th, at Bemerton—
 Wiltshire, 187 and 247* for 8 wickets; Dorset, 110 and 218 for 6 wickets.
 Won on 1st innings by 77 runs.
BERKSHIRE. August 6th-7th, at Reading—
 Wiltshire, 209 and 110 for 1 wicket; Berkshire, 243 and 260* for 7 wickets.
 Lost on 1st innings by 43 runs.
KENT 2ND XI. August 9th-10th, at Swindon—
 Wiltshire, 138 and 119; Kent 2nd XI., 213 and 45 for 2 wickets.
 Lost by 8 wickets.
BERKSHIRE. August 13th-14th, at Swindon—
 Wiltshire, 177; Berkshire, 137 for 7 wickets.
 No result.

FRIENDLY MATCHES

WILTSHIRE v. HAMPSHIRE 2ND XI. June 3rd-4th, at Southampton—
 Wiltshire, 123 and 151; Hants 2nd XI., 157 and 123 for 7 wickets.
 Lost by 3 wickets.
WILTSHIRE v. HAMPSHIRE 2ND XI. June 24th-25th, at Bemerton—
 Wiltshire, 86 and 93; Hants 2nd XI., 72 and 239.
 Lost by 132 runs.

* Signifies innings declared closed.

BATTING AVERAGES

	Times		Highest		Avg.
	Inns.	not out	Runs.	score.	
B. W. Hone	5	1	192	81	18.00
E. H. F. Fuller . .	10	1	216	100	27.33
A. E. Lloyd	12	0	326	106	27.16
G. S. Butler	9	0	212	91	26.88
A. J. May	9	0	211	53	23.44
R. G. Hurn	5	0	96	41	19.20
E. B. Lloyd	8	0	139	53	17.37
R. A. C. Forrester .	6	0	99	62	16.50
J. N. Stevens . . .	4	0	65	30	16.25
D. S. Milford . . .	8	2	91	40	15.06
Brown	11	2	133	56*	11.77
E. M. Nash	15	1	188	42	13.42
J. S. Phillips . . .	4	0	47	37	11.70
P. King	10	2	93	28*	11.62
J. D. Gotch	5	1	46	19	11.50
W. Lovell Hewitt .	10	0	112	24	11.20
C. S. Hemmings . .	4	0	26	21	6.50
Smith (W.)	15	3	70	10	5.83
J. L. Thompson . .	5	1	22	14	5.50
C. E. Awdry	7	0	33	16	4.71

Also batted:—A. L. Awdry, 29-67-13; J. T. Bailward, 0-1-1; D. F. Cockle, 25*-44-23-89; W. A. C. Keates, 17-1; R. T. Vaughan, 3; I. K. Sydee, 4*-1.
 * Signifies not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs.	Mds.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avg.
Smith (W.)	353.3	78	880	54	16.46
D. S. Milford . . .	133.5	23	422	21	20.00
Brown	89.5	17	321	14	22.92
J. N. Stevens . . .	46	12	123	5	24.60
A. L. Awdry	53.3	8	217	8	27.12
P. King	73.1	16	254	5	50.80
C. E. Awdry	130	33	360	7	51.42

Also bowled:—J. T. Bailward, 18-2-68-11; D. F. Cockle, 34.3-10-107-3; R. A. C. Forrester, 1.3-0-10-0; B. W. Hone, 4-0-1-0; W. A. C. Keates, 2-0-17-0; A. E. Lloyd, 14-4-52-1; W. Lovell Hewitt, 78-18-233-3; A. J. May, 10-0-30-1; I. K. Sydee, 6-0-47-1; J. L. Thompson, 49.4-2-166-3.

WILTS COUNTY CRICKET CLUB.

Averages, 1937.

BATTING.

	Inns.	Times not out	Runs.	scrs.	Avg
B. W. Hone	5	1	192	81	48.00
E. H. F. Fuller	10	1	248	100	27.33
A. E. Lloyd	12	0	326	198	27.16
G. M. Butler	0	0	242	94	26.88
A. J. May	0	0	211	53	23.44
R. G. Hurn	5	0	96	41	19.20
E. B. Lloyd	8	0	130	53	17.37
R.A.C. Forrester	6	0	99	62	16.50
J. N. Stevens	4	0	65	30	16.25
D. S. Milford	8	2	64	40	15.08
Brown	11	2	133	56*	14.77
E. M. Nash	15	1	188	42	13.12
J. S. Phillips	4	0	47	37	11.75
P. King	10	2	93	28*	11.62
J. D. Gotch	5	1	46	19	11.50
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R. T. Vaughan, 3; I. K. Sydee, 4*-1.
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BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	AVGE.
Smith (W.)	353.3	78	889	54	16.46
D. S. Milford	133.5	23	422	21	20.09
Brown	90.5	17	321	14	22.92
J. N. Stevens	46	12	123	5	24.60
A. L. Awdry	53.3	8	217	8	27.12
P. King	73.4	16	254	5	50.80
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1937.

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Won on 1st innings by 38 runs.

KENT 2ND, July 7-8, at Canterbury.
1st innings, Wiltshire 195; Kent 2nd 163.
2nd innings, Wiltshire 216; Kent 2nd 240 (5 wkts.).
Lost by 5 wickets.

DORSET, July 28-29, at Sherborne.
1st innings, Wiltshire 318; Dorset 491 (6 wkts.).
Lost on 1st innings by 175 runs.

SURREY 2ND, Aug. 2-3, at Bemerton.
1st innings, Wiltshire 129; Surrey 2nd 283.
2nd innings, Wiltshire 101.
Lost by an innings and 53 runs.

DORSET, Aug. 4-5, at Bemerton.
1st innings, Wiltshire 187; Dorset 110.
2nd innings, Wiltshire 247* (8 wkts.); Dorset 218 (6 wkts.).
Won on 1st innings by 77 runs.

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1st innings, Wiltshire 200; Berkshire 243.
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1st innings, Wiltshire 138; Kent 2nd 213.
2nd innings, Wiltshire 119; Kent 2nd 45 (2 wkts.).
Lost by 5 wickets.

BERKSHIRE, Aug. 13-14, at Swindon.
1st innings, Wiltshire 177; Berkshire 147 (7 wkts.).
No result.
* Innings declared closed.

The following matches were also played:

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Lost by 133 runs.

YORKSHIRE 2ND XI MATCHES 1937

23 JUNE

CAPTAIN:

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17,18	MAY	LANCS 2ND	WAKEFIELD	F5B FA
2,3	JUNE	CHESHIRE	NEW BRIGHTON	F5B FA
9,10		STAFFS	BARNISLEY	F5B FA
7,8	JULY	STAFFS	STOKE	F5B A
21,22		CHESHIRE	ILKLEY	F5B FA
26,27		N'LAND	CASTLEFORD	F5B FA
2,3	AUGUST	LANCS 2ND	OLD TRAFFORD	F5B FA
4,5		DURHAM	REDCAR	F5B FA
16,17		DURHAM	BLACKHILL	F5B FA
18,19		N'LAND	NEWCASTLE	F5B FA

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2nd ELEVEN AVERAGES 1937 BATTING—COUNTY MATCHES

BATSMAN	Number of Innings	Times Not Out	Most in an Innings	Total Runs	Average
P. A. Gibb	4	0	69	145	36.25
D. A. Shepherd	11	2	73	324	36.00
Barker	13	0	87	367	28.23
Sykes.....	7	0	85	183	26.14
H. Brearley	11	0	50	277	25.18
E. J. H. Dixon	6	0	69	151	25.16
Bottomley	2	0	30	50	25.00
J. A. Richardson	3	1	21*	45	22.50
G. A. Wilson	15	2	57	220	16.92
Tomlinson	11	2	31	126	14.00
F. Wilkinson	12	2	28*	127	12.70
J. Brumfitt	13	0	45	152	11.69
Emmott	2	0	21	22	11.00
Lawrence	1	0	11	11	11.00
Laycock	3	2	8	10	10.00
Hampshire	4	0	26	29	7.25
Crick	13	1	29	104	8.66
Cawthray	4	1	10	24	8.00
Hamer	3	1	7*	17	8.50
Smurthwaite	2	0	15	15	7.50
Coope	2	0	9	13	6.50
ColR. C. Chichester-Constable	12	4	12*	41	5.12
Hargreaves	13	5	18*	29	3.62
Wales	4	0	1	2	0.50
Wetherill	2	0	0	0	—

*Denotes Not Out.

2nd ELEVEN AVERAGES 1937 BOWLING—COUNTY MATCHES

BOWLER	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Laycock	59	17	124	8	15.50
F. Wilkinson	226.4	70	541	31	17.45
J. A. Richardson	14	2	35	2	17.50
Hampshire	49	10	110	6	18.33
Hargreaves	234.1	36	666	34	19.58
G. A. Wilson	58	14	165	7	23.57
Tomlinson	150.2	40	476	23	20.69
Lawrence	41	7	124	4	31.00
Wales	32	6	95	2	47.50
Smurthwaite	13	2	48	1	48.00
Emmott	2	0	4	0	—
Bottomley	5	1	23	0	—
Hamer	21	9	52	0	—
Cawthray	26	7	87	0	—

MINOR COUNTIES COMPETITION 1937

TABLE OF RESULTS

	No. of Matches.						No. of Points.		Per- cent- age
	Played	Won	Lost	Won on 1st Inns.	Lost on 1st Inns.	Drawn	Pos- sible	Ob- tained	
Surrey II	12	10	0	0	2	0	72	62	86.11
Lancashire II.....	10	6	1	3	0	0	60	45	75.00
Hertfordshire	12	8	1	1	2	0	72	53	73.61
Bedfordshire	8	4	2	2	0	0	48	30	62.50
Northumberland ...	8	5	3	0	0	0	48	30	62.50
Dorset	8	3	0	2	2	1	42	36	61.90
Buckinghamshire ...	8	3	1	2	2	0	48	26	54.16
Middlesex II	8	3	2	1	1	1	42	22	52.38
*Glamorgan II	8	2½	2½	1	0	2	36	18	50.00
Norfolk	12	4	3	2	3	0	72	33	45.84
Oxfordshire.....	10	3	2	2	3	0	60	27	45.00
Kent II	10	3	3	2	2	0	60	26	43.33
Yorkshire II	10	2	3	1	2	2	48	17	35.41
Lincolnshire	10	2	5	3	0	0	60	21	35.00
Staffordshire	10	2	5	2	1	0	60	19	31.66
Durham	8	2	4	0	2	0	48	14	29.16
*Berkshire	8	1½	3½	2	1	1	42	10	23.80
Devonshire	8	1	4	1	1	1	42	10	23.80
Cheshire	8	1	3	0	1	3	40	7	23.33
Wiltshire	8	0	3	2	2	1	42	8	19.04
Cambridgeshire	8	0	3	2	3	0	48	9	18.75
Cornwall	8	1	7	0	0	0	48	6	12.50
Suffolk	8	0	5	1	2	0	48	5	10.41

Lancashire II beat Surrey II in the Challenge Match.

SYSTEM OF SCORING—Six points for a win in a Completed Two Day match, and for a lead on the first innings in a One Day match, provided the match cannot be played out. Three points to the winner and one to the loser in a Two Day match decided on the first innings. Matches in which there is no result on the first innings ignored. *When the match is a tie the points shall be equally divided.