

MINOR COUNTIES

**MIDDLESEX AND GLOUCESTER
SECOND TEAMS PLAY AT FINCHLEY**

In the Minor Counties competition, the second elevens of Middlesex and Gloucester Cricket Clubs played on Wednesday and Thursday on the ground of Finchley Cricket Club. First innings scores were low, the bowlers having the better of Wednesday's encounter. On the first innings Middlesex secured a lead of 15 runs, in spite of the fact that Dr. Tyler took seven of their wickets at an average of just over five runs per wicket. Middlesex had an excellent start by a strong first wicket partnership and for a while there was prospect of a high score, but the tail was unresponsive.

Inconsistency characterised the Gloucester batting, and it was not until Yeend and Arthurs came together that their score assumed reasonable dimensions, for both scored 28 runs, Yeend taking his bat out. A lesser partnership with Yeend and Scott meant that the three players were responsible for half the Gloucester runs. Robertson took three wickets for five runs.

MIDDLESEX II (1st innings)

Robertson, b Tyler	42
C. M. Tredwell, b Tyler	24
F. E. Covington, b Tyler	0
H. F. Benka, c Matthews b Monks	13
Muncer, c Yeend b Tyler	16
Sharp, b Tyler	2
Compton (L), c Watkins b Tyler	28
L. A. Smith, c Yeend b Tyler	0
Young, c Yeend b Scott	0
Gray, c Tyler b Scott	6
A. W. Childs-Clarke, not out	0
Extras	13

Total144

Bowling analysis: Tyler, 7 for 37; Monks, 1 for 32; Scott, 2 for 9.

GLOUCESTER II (1st innings)

Watkins, b Smith	21
Stephens, b Smith	3
D. Crawford, c Sharp b Young ..	14
Monks, c Compton b Young	1
A. M. Barnett, c Compton b Benka	12
Matthews, c Childs-Clarke b Benka	3
R. G. Yeend, not out	28
G. E. Arthurs, c Compton b Young	28
C. Scott, c Compton b Robertson	10
R. H. Warren, c and b Robertson	2
Dr. C. Tyler, c Sharp b Robertson	0
Extras	7

Total129

Bowling analysis: Young, 3 for 41; Benka, 2 for 38; Robertson, 3 for 8; Smith, 3 for 20.

MIDDLESEX II (2nd innings)

Robertson, c Crawford b Monks ...	1
C. M. Tredwell, c sub b Scott ...	47
H. F. Benka, c Yeend b Matthews	23
Compton (L), c Crawford b Warren	70
F. E. Covington, lbw b Scott ...	0
Muncer, c Matthews b Tyler	19
Sharp, not out	12
L. A. Smith, c Monks b Warren ...	17
Young, run out	8
Gray, lbw b Tyler	1
Extras	4

Total (for 9 wkts dec.) ...202

Bowling analysis: Matthews, 1 for 41; Monks, 1 for 28; Tyler, 2 for 67; Scott, 2 for 23; Warren, 2 for 25.

A feature of Thursday's play was a bright hit of 70 by Compton, Gloucester collapsed in their second innings, losing 3 wickets for 10 runs, 6 for 37 and being all out for 38. Middlesex won by 179 runs.

MIDDLESEX II. WIN ON FIRST INNINGS

Kent Make Up For Last Year's Batting Fiasco

SCHOOLBOY'S CENTURY

AT CORFTON ROAD.—KENT II., 387 AND 189 FOR 6;

MIDDLESEX II., 486 FOR 9 (DEC.).

THE KENT SECOND ELEVEN completely made up for their batting fiasco in their match with the Middlesex second eleven at Corfton-road last season, when they were dismissed for 59 and 72, by scoring 387 in the first innings of the match which commenced at Corfton-road on Wednesday. L. A. Smith and C. W. C. Poore (Mill Hill Park) were the only local players who were included in the Middlesex side. Pawson was the outstanding batsman for Kent in the first innings as he scored 123 runs about two-and-a-half hours. He gave only a very difficult chance in the gulley during his innings, which was otherwise faultless.

In a second wicket partnership with Pocock, Pawson added 130 runs in 95 minutes, and of that total Pocock scored 38. Pawson hit the bowling to all parts of the field and his total included 15 boundaries.

G. A. Simpson, who went in at eighth wicket down, scored 89 runs in 40 minutes, and his knock included one six, and 11 fours. Jim Sims, the old Acton Wells schoolboy, who was a member of Sir Theodore Brinckman's team which toured the Argentine last year, was not very fortunate with his bowling, and took only one wicket at a cost of 110 runs. Nevell and Young were the best bowlers for Middlesex.

The feature of the second day's play was the scoring of three centuries by the Middlesex men. C. W. Poore, who plays for Mill Hill Park, scored 105, L. Compton, the brother of D. Compton, scored 101, and Sims scored 111. As a result of these three individual efforts, Middlesex were able to declare at 486 for nine.

When Kent went in to bat for a second time, they were 99 runs behind, and at close of play had scored 189 for six.

Durston did not bowl at all on the first day, but went on to bowl soon after the start of Kent's second innings. In his first over he had bad luck not to dismiss Pawson, who is a Winchester schoolboy, with the first ball, but he had him lbw with the last ball of the over.

Over 1,000 runs were scored in the two days' play, and it was not until late on the second afternoon that the wicket began to wear.

KENT.

First Innings.

D. H. Lacey-Scott lbw b Young ..	30
H. A. Pawson c Nevell b Young ..	123
Pocock b Nevell	38
W. R. H. Joynson c and b Young ..	11
Foy b Nevell	15
Evans c Poore b Nevell	16
Davis st Compton b Sims	11
Carter lbw b Young	23
G. A. Simpson b Nevell	89
Cole lbw b Nevell	19
Dovey not out	7
Extras	7
Total	387

Second Innings.

D. H. Lacey-Scott c Durston b Sims	75
H. A. Pawson lbw b Durston ..	15
Pocock lbw b Durston	7
W. R. H. Joynson b Smith	0
Foy c Young b Sims	40
Evans b Harrington	27
Davis not out	13
Carter not out	5
Extras	4
Total (for 6 wkts.)	189

G. A. Simpson, Cole and Dovey did not bat.

MIDDLESEX.

First Innings.

B. Abrahams b Carter	57
Harrington c Joynson b Cole ..	22
C. W. C. Poore c Lacey-Scott b	
Dovey	105
Compton c Foy b Dovey	101
Brooks c Lacey-Scott b Dovey ..	0
Sims st Evans b Cole	111
L. Abrahams b Dovey	38
L. A. Smith b Cole	19
Young st Foy b Cole	4
Nevell not out	10
Extras	7

Total (for 9 wkts., dec.) .. 486

J. Durston did not bat.