

BEDFORDSHIRE 1948: 10(8) MATCHES

CAPTAIN: A.J. POOLE

DAY	DATE	MONTH	VERSUS	VENUE	B.T.	B.R.	BHST	L.N.	BHP
W.T	23	JUNE	R.A.F	LUTON (W.P.)	ESPB A	-	ES SA	-	-
W.T	23,24		HERTS	HERTFORD	ESPB A	-	PSA PSA	PSA PSA	-
W.T	28,29	JULY	CAMBS	LUTON (W.P.)	ESPB A	-	PSA PSA	PSA PSA	-
M.T	2,3	AUGUST	OXON	BEDFORD (B.S.)	ESPB A	ESPB FA	PSA PSA	PSA PSA	-
W.T	4,5		BUCKS	BEDFORD (B.S.)	ESPB FA	-	PSA PSA	PSA PSA	-
F.S	6,7		HERTS	BEDFORD (B.S.)	-	ESPB FA	PSA PSA	PSA PSA	PSA PSA
F.S	13,14		CAMBS	CAMBRIDGE	-	ESPB FA	-	PSA PSA	PSA PSA
W.T	25,26		BUCKS	H. WYCOMBE	ESPB A	-	PSA PSA	-	-
F.S	27,28		OXON	OXFORD	-	ESPB FA	PSA PSA	-	-
	9,10,11	SEPT	LANGSII	MANCHESTER (O.T.)	ESPB FA	ESPB FA	PSA PSA	PSA PSA	-
				AVERAGES					
				REVIEW					
				AGM					

- APRIL - DEC BEDFORDSHIRE TIMES
- APRIL - DEC BEDFORD RECORD
- MAY - OCT BEDS AND HERTS SATURDAY TELEGRAPH
- APRIL - DEC LUTON NEWS
- JUNE - SEPT BEDS AND HERTS PICTORIAL

BEDFORDSHIRE
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NAME	H	A	H	H	H	H	A	A	A	A	All TOTAL	MC TOTAL	
C.V.A. COLLING	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			LUTON TOWN
J.A.R. OLIVER	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	10		LUTON TOWN
R.H. CROMPTON	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			BEDFORD TOWN
E.C. HOWARD	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	10		LUTON TOWN
J.G. OWEN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	10		ROYAL NAVY
A.G. COOMB	✓	-	-	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓		8	LEICESTER CASUALS
I.C. NOBLE	✓	-	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		10	Vauxhall Motors
R.L. HILLS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	10		LEIGHTON
A.B. POOLE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	10		LEIGHTON
G.H. TEARLE	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	3		WESTBROMWICH
A.R. GOVER	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		8	HORNSEY
G.L.B. AUGUST	-	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			DUNSTABLE
R.H. COSTIN	-	✓	-	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-			LUTON TOWN
T.D. MATTHEWS	-	✓	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		7	BEDFORD TOWN
S.T. MORRIS	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓		6	BEDFORD SCHOOL
B.E. DISBURY	-	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	✓	✓	✓			HENLOW
J. LEGATE	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-			BEDFORD TOWN
C.B. BAILEY	-	-	-	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-			
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COUNTY'S STRONG ATTACK FOR R.A.F. MATCH

A. Webster Given Northants Trial

Alf Gover, the Surrey and England pace bowler, makes his debut for Bedfordshire against the Royal Air Force at Wardown Park, Luton, next Wednesday and Thursday. The side chosen will be served by a well-varied attack that should not be found wanting, whether the conditions are dry or wet.

There are six accredited bowlers. Naturally chief interest will be centred on Gover, but one must not forget young Coomb, who, playing for the Navy recently, took five Hampshire wickets. The Leighton Buzzard all-rounder, Tearle, came into the County side last year to head the averages with six wickets at a cost of 19.83 runs each. These were all taken in the second match against Oxfordshire, the first County to defeat Bedfordshire since the war.

Noble, Owen, and Oliver complete the battery. Spin and pace are both at A. B. Poole's command.

August and Morris Out

The batting is weakened by the withdrawal of George August, for business reasons, and Sid Morris is also unable to play. August's place is filled by the Luton man, C. V. A. Colling, who is quite a useful cricketer, but it seems a pity that the County have not used the vacancy to give a younger man a chance.

On paper it is hardly a well-balanced side, and the "tail" may prove to be a long one. Team: C. V. A. Colling, J. A. R. Oliver, E. C. Howard, J. G. Owen, S/Ldr. R. H. Crompton, I. C. Noble, R. L. Hills (wicket-keeper), A. B. Poole (captain), G. H. Tearle, Gover (A. R.), A. Coomb.

Best in County ?

A comment was made in these columns last year, when the County played the Army, that matches with the Services afforded Bedfordshire the opportunity of trying some new blood. Again the opportunity is neglected. This season we hear of two young players seeking recognition elsewhere.

Gordon Brice, passed over by his own County, is now on trial for Northamptonshire. Last week he introduced to Northants C.C. young Arthur Webster, the Harpur Sports batsman and wicketkeeper, and both turned out for the 2nd XI against a Worcestershire team that included Out-schoorn and other 1st XI players. Webster took two catches, accomplished a stumping, and made 37 in the second innings. Brice made 20.

Many players consider Webster to be the best wicket-keeper in this County, and Northamptonshire have asked him to play again. One cannot help wondering if he has ever been considered by the Bedfordshire Selection Committee.

COUNTY'S MATCH DRAWN

Howard Bats Well against R.A.F.

After a blank day on Wednesday—because of heavy rain—Bedfordshire lost the toss and were put into bat at Luton yesterday (Thursday) by R.A.F. On a soft wicket, slowly drying in the strong wind, runs were hard to score.

The match was limited to one innings each side, and at the finish the Air Force were 31 runs behind the County's total, with three wickets in hand.

In his first game for Bedfordshire the famous Alf Gover took two for 49. He bowled at full pace in spite of the difficulty of obtaining a foothold, which caused him to send down six no-balls. Noble came out with the excellent figures of five for 26.

The County's innings soon encountered bad fortune, for Colling, negotiating over a second run, paid the penalty, and with Crompton soon taken at slip, two wickets had gone at 25. But Howard and Oliver gradually gained confidence, and the 50 went up in just over an hour.

Accurate bowling, a slow outfield, and hostile fielding restricted the batsmen's chances, but both punished occasional loose balls from Cockie (left-arm slow). The stand had put on 71 when Oliver was surprised by Shirreff's slower ball, played too soon, and returned a catch to the bowler. The 100 was reached in two hours. Howard was now opening his shoulders, and Owen took eight off the last over before lunch (115 for three).

Howard did not add to his lunch-time score, but he had played an extremely valuable innings in circumstances far from easy. He hit five fours.

A collapse followed Howard's dismissal. Owen, Coomb, and Hills followed him to the pavilion while only ten runs were being added to the lunch score. Noble and Poole attacked Cockie's bowling, but after these two had gone Bedfordshire were soon all out. Shirreff bowled extremely well for his six wickets.

GOVER'S FIRST WICKET

After shortening his run-up, Alf Gover obtained his first wicket for Bedfordshire, Lumsden being lbw at 15. Then rain fell, and half-an-hour's delay resulted. At tea the R.A.F. were 41 for one.

Bedfordshire	
C. V. A. Colling run out	1
J. A. R. Oliver c and b Shirreff	47
R. H. Crompton c G. K. Senior b Shirreff	5
E. C. Howard c Payton b Shirreff	38
J. G. Owen run out	12
A. Coomb st Parr b Cockie	5
I. C. Noble c Lumsden b Cockie	28
M. L. Hills c Godwin b Shirreff	0
A. S. Poole b Shirreff	0
G. H. Tearie not out	9
A. R. Gover lbw b Shirreff	0
Extras	13
Total	158

Bowling: Shirreff six for 34 (eight maidens in 23 overs), Cockie two for 67.

Royal Air Force	
W. E. G. Payton lbw b Noble	29
I. Lumsden lbw b Gover	5
F. K. S. Johnson c Colling b Noble	23
G. K. Senior c Owen b Noble	6
G. Murray not out	37
A. C. Shirreff b Noble	8
A. Rayment lbw b Gover	4
A. F. Godwin lbw b Noble	1
F. D. Parr not out	3
Extras	11
Total for seven wickets	127

Bowling: Gover 19 overs, 5 maidens, 49 runs, 2 wickets; Coomb 6-1-20-0; Noble 20-9-26-5; Oliver 5-1-13-0; Tearie 3-1-8-0.

Rain Spoilt The County's Match With The R.A.F.

Rain ruined the first match of Bedfordshire's programme by cutting down the meeting with the R.A.F. at Wardown to one day.

The wicket was so wet on Thursday that it gave little assistance to the bowlers, but the batsmen were handicapped by the slowness of the outfield.

After an indifferent start, the county staged a recovery through Oliver and Howard, who added 71 for the third wicket, but a collapse occurred after lunch, and the last five wickets added only 42.

Shirreff was the most successful R.A.F. bowler with 6 for 34 in 23 overs.

Alf Gover, former England and Surrey star, bowled with any amount of fire on a wicket which did not suit him, and took 2 for 49, but Noble took the main honours with an analysis of 5 for 26.

At one stage, a victory for the R.A.F. seemed possible, but a good spell by Noble brought success to the county in sight. However, the visitors managed to hold out, mainly because of a fighting innings by Murphy, who faced Gover boldly when the bowler was sending them down at his fastest.

BEDFORDSHIRE	
C V A Colling run out . . .	1
J A R Oliver c and b Shirreff	47
R H Crompton c Senior b Shirreff	5
E C Howard c Payton b Shirreff	38
J G Owen run out	12
A G Coomb st Parr b Cockle	5
I C Noble c Lumsden b Cockle	28
R L Hills c Godwin b Shirreff	0
A B Poole b Shirreff	9
G H Tearle not out	0
A R Gover lbw b Shirreff ..	0
Extras	13
Total	158

R.A.F.	
W E G Payton lbw b Noble	29
I Lumsden lbw b Gover . . .	5
F S R Johnson c Colling b Noble	23
G K Senior c Owen b Noble	6
G Murphy not out	37
A C Shirreff b Noble	8
A Rayment lbw b Gover . . .	4
A F Godwin lbw b Noble . . .	1
F D Parr not out	3
Extras	11

Total (for 7 wkts.) .. 127
 * D F Cockle and J. Doe did not bat.

GOVER TAKES 14 WICKETS County's Big Win Over Herts

Splendid bowling by Alf Gover, the former England and Surrey fast bowler, who returned a match analysis of 14 wickets for 98 runs, played a major part in Bedfordshire's victory by eight wickets over Hertfordshire in the Minor Counties Competition at Balls Park, Hertford, yesterday (Thursday).

Hertfordshire were in a precarious position by lunch-time yesterday, when, with seven second innings' wickets down, they were only 52 runs ahead. Gover, whose form inspired the visitors to first-rate fielding, received good support from Oliver and Owen, and the home County struggled unavailingly for runs.

Capturing three wickets in four balls, Gover finished off the innings in his first over after lunch, and the game was over by 3.30 p.m.

Cricket under a sunny sky was enjoyed on the first day, when Bedfordshire gained first innings' lead, and when, on the whole, the bowlers had much the better of matters. A full day's play produced only 271 runs, and these had to be fought for on the soft but occasionally lively wicket.

OUT FIRST BALL

Although Poole lost the toss, Hertfordshire's advantage soon became doubtful. Alf Gover upset them from the start. Wright cocked up a simple catch to Costin from the first ball of the match.

This was Gover's one and only success with his long, bounding run. For the greater part of his 23 overs he bowled from a short run, but he came off the wicket so fast that he had every batsman in trouble.

Never confident—although Simons and King later defended grimly—Hertfordshire might well have been all out before lunch for fewer than a hundred if the visitors had held their catches.

Bedfordshire found runs just as hard to get, and when batsmen forsook caution they were soon out. Less than half an hour remained for play when the Hertfordshire total was passed, thanks chiefly to Owen. This was not a distinguished innings, but it was plucky.

Tearle was stumped by the wicketkeeper, Simons, under a new rule. Previously the decision in these circumstances would have been run out.

Bowling: Crownshaw four for 20. Holt three for 37. King two for 43.

HERTFORDSHIRE

Second Innings	
L. G. Wright b Gover	19
T. W. Tyrwhitt-Drake c Colling b Owen	39
S. Edwards b Gover	2
P. G. T. Kingsley c Tearle b Gover	0
H. R. Casey b Oliver	1
D. Hallas b Gover	7
K. G. Simons not out	12
L. O. King c Colling b Owen	2
R. C. Crownshaw b Gover	1
E. G. Hawes b Gover	0
J. Holt lbw b Gover	8
Extras	8
Total	91

Bowling: Gover, 22.5-7-44-7; Oliver, 11-3-25-1; Matthews, 5-2-8-0; Owen, 6-3-6-2.

BEDFORDSHIRE

Second Innings	
G. L. B. August not out	19
J. A. R. Oliver b Holt	25
C. V. A. Colling b Holt	10
E. C. Howard not out	2
Extras	5
Total for two wickets	61

Bowling: Holt two for 9.

HERTFORDSHIRE

First Innings	
L. G. Wright c Costin b Gover ..	0
T. W. Tyrwhitt-Drake b Gover ..	14
S. Edwards b Gover	15
H. K. Casey c Matthews b Oliver	0
P. G. T. Kingsley b Gover	13
D. Hallas o and b Matthews	1
K. G. Simons c August b Gover ..	33
L. O. King b Oliver	21
R. C. Crownshaw c August b Gover	3
E. G. Hawes not out	4
J. Holt b Gover	2
Extras	7
Total	120

Bowling: Gover 23.40. 2m. 54r. 7w. 1; Oliver, 16-3-36-2; Matthews, 7-0-23-1.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings	
G. L. B. August c Simons b Holt ..	19
J. A. R. Oliver lbw b Holt	19
C. V. A. Colling c Simons b King ..	13
E. C. Howard lbw b Holt	1
A. B. Poole c Wright b King	36
R. K. Costin run out	11
R. L. Hills b Crownshaw	3
G. H. Tearle st Simons b Crownshaw	11
A. Gover not out	6
T. D. Matthews c Holt b Crownshaw	1
Extras	26
Total	151

**A WIN BY NINE
WICKETS**

**Owen-Disbury Stand
for Bedfordshire**

A splendid stand between Owen and the Bedford School all-rounder, Disbury, placed Bedfordshire in a commanding position at the end of Wednesday's play in the match with Cambridgeshire at Luton.

After tea yesterday the visiting County collapsed in their second innings, and Bedfordshire won by nine wickets.

Bedfordshire lost five wickets for 116 in their reply to a total of 134. Then the Owen-Disbury partnership added 134 before the close, when they were still together. They made these runs in one and a half hours, and though Owen was the faster scorer, Disbury also attacked the bowling. The former Northants. bowler, Robinson, had met with quick successes, but Morris and Colling improved the home County's position, the former batting well enough to suggest a repetition of his century against Cambridgeshire last year. But at 118 he lifted a ball from Clark, formerly of England and Northants., into mid-off's hands.

Winning the toss, Cambridgeshire elected to bat, but were soon in trouble against the hostile bowling of Alf Gover, who took four of the five wickets that fell before lunch at a personal cost of 29. His full analysis was seven for 56. Matthews took two for 28, and Disbury one for 11.

Yesterday Bedfordshire went boldly for the runs, 101 being added in an hour, and then they declared, 217 ahead. Owen hit 23 fours in one of his finest displays for Bedfordshire. Poole gave him excellent support.

In Cambridgeshire's second innings Collins was dismissed without a run on the board. Taylor and Crouch stayed till lunch, but afterwards two wickets quickly fell. There followed a fighting stand of 87 between Bishop and Crouch, and Bedfordshire's hopes were fading when Noble broke the partnership. Crouch was missed three times.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

First Innings

H. W. F. Taylor b Gover	10
G. P. Collins c Owen b Gover ..	5
M. A. Crouch b Gover	30
J. A. Readwin c Hills b Gover ..	8
R. A. Bishop b Disbury	2
C. E. Coote b Gover	22
S. R. Royston not out	32
G. Hoyles c Owen b Matthews ..	1
A. G. Robinson st Hills b Mat-	
thews	3
C. J. Smith b Gover	0
E. W. Clark b Gover	2
Extras	19
Total	134

Second Innings

H. W. Taylor c Matthews b Gover	45
G. T. Collins c Hills b Gover ..	0
M. A. Crouch lbw b Oliver	88
J. Readwin lbw b Owen	2
R. A. Bishop b Noble	58
C. E. Coote b Matthews	8
C. J. Smith c Matthews b Gover ..	12
S. R. Royston b Matthews	4
J. Hoyles lbw b Oliver	6
A. G. Robinson b Gover	0
E. W. Clark not out	0
Extras	11
Total	234

Bowling: Gover four for 72, Matthews two for 14, Oliver two for 27, Noble one for 26, Owen one for 71.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings

J. A. R. Oliver c Coote b Robin-	0
son	0
E. C. Howard c Collins b Robinson	14
C. V. A. Colling c Collins b Smith	19
S. T. Morris c Robinson b Clark	47
J. G. Owen not out	162
R. L. Hills run out	0
B. S. Disbury b Smith	60
A. B. Poole not out	25
Extras	24
Total for six dec. ..	351

Second Innings

E. C. Howard c Coote b Taylor ..	6
C. V. A. Colling not out	3
B. S. Disbury not out	2
Extras	7
Total for one wkt. ..	18

LAST VISIT OF OXFORDSHIRE

Next Week's County Cricket

The County Cricket Week, opening next Monday at Bedford School, will see Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, and Hertfordshire continuing their long association with the Bedfordshire Club's annual festival. To suggest that at least one fixture change would be a good thing, especially if a first-class County's 2nd XI provided the new opposition, is not to infer that the public is tired of seeing next week's visitors. All three Counties play attractive cricket, and no doubt many enthusiasts intend spending their six days' holiday on the pleasant Bedford School ground.

[The above had just been written when news came that Oxfordshire are paying their last visit this year. Cambridgeshire, who have always played Bedfordshire at Luton, will come into the 1949 Week, and the new fixture, with Suffolk, goes to Luton supporters.]

Alf Gover, of course, will be a major attraction. He has probably heard all about the heart-breaks that bowlers suffer on the Bedford School wicket, but hasn't he played the greater part of his cricket on the Oval's perfect turf? A bowler of his class and temperament can succeed whatever the conditions may be, though he must have reliable slip-fielders in support.

In the two County matches already played Gover's bowling has made an enormous difference to Bedfordshire's out-cricket. Unfortunately, he will not be available for the third match of the Week, v. Hertfordshire, because of his engagement in the Birmingham League.

THE PLAYERS

Poolle, Oliver, August, Owen, Morris, Howard, and Hills will play in all three games. Noble and Disbury, Bedford School's fine batsman, are included against Oxfordshire and Hertfordshire, and Coomb assists the attack in the Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire matches. Gover's absence will throw more work on Coomb's shoulders in the last game, but the Old Modernian is gaining a lot of experience with the Royal Navy side and against top-class batsmen, so he should not fail the County. Bowling in the Navy v. R.A.F. game at Lcnd's last week, he dismissed the Nottinghamshire player, Payton, first ball.

Costin, the Dunstable cricketer, comes in for Noble in the Buckinghamshire match. So far, only ten names are announced for each match. P. C. Farmer-Wright is twelfth man.

Jack O'Connor is not in the Buckinghamshire side this year, but they have A. M. Crawley (M.P. for the Buckingham Division), who has made centuries for Kent.

RAIN HALTS COUNTY'S MARCH TO ANOTHER VICTORY

Wicket Responsive to Owen's Spin in Oxfordshire Match

On Monday, in the opening match of the County Cricket Week at Bedford School, Bedfordshire took the field against Oxfordshire without Alf Gover, whose fast bowling had so materially helped in the defeat of Cambridgeshire last week and of Hertfordshire earlier on. Yet in three hours the visitors were all out for 184. They fell to some of the finest spin bowling seen in Bedford for many years.

Gover wired A. B. Poole on Sunday night that he was unable to play. He gave no reason. His absence disappointed a large crowd—gate receipts totalled over £100—but a day of keen, combative cricket was theirs still to enjoy; a day of unrelenting struggle between the bat and a turning ball.

Then came hours of torrential rain to intervene in a situation full of interesting possibilities. Water flooded the wicket and not a ball was bowled on Tuesday. The match does not count for Championship points, as there was no first-innings result.

Very rarely does a Bedford School wicket take spin so much on the first day as it did in this game, and from the first hour, too. Groundsman T. Shaw had done his job with customary regard for the needs of batting, but the morning dew and a humid atmosphere probably worked together, in the absence of hot sunshine, to make the ball rise and turn sharply from the turf. Oxfordshire, no less than their opponents, exploited the conditions cleverly, but Bedfordshire's batting put forward a sounder technique, and the side ended the day only 24 runs behind, with seven wickets in hand. The value of August, 74 not out, has never been more obvious. It was a situation to his liking, one in which he could sense a challenge in every ball, and he answered as only a player of his temperament can. He and Oliver gave the side nearly a 100 runs for the first wicket.

Arts of Bowling

But really it was a day when the knowledgeable spectator's interest was claimed chiefly by the bowling. If he had a seat near the sight-screen at the School end, then his admission money was indeed well spent. He saw that fine left-handed all-rounder, Glyn Owen, demonstrate the arts of flight and spin—and bowling of this quality, seen at the proper angle to the wicket, can be just as absorbing as good batting. Owen, of course, relied chiefly on the conventional leg-break, but those occasional 'wrong 'uns—the ones that moved with such venom into the batsmen—caused the most comment.

Through 23 overs he was in moral ascendancy over the Oxfordshire batsmen. He should have had even better figures than four for 63, but, like

other bowlers in the side, he suffered from dropped catches. The ground fielding was much below the standard of Oxfordshire's.

Nearly always Poole changed his bowling to good effect, and Owen, Oliver, Noble, and Disbury attacked like bowlers who knew they had it in them to call the tune. They all did a grand job. Hills, their able accomplice behind the stumps, helped in the dismissal of five batsmen.

The Oxfordshire captain, Inge, beat Poole in the toss. Mendl and Montgomery opened quietly to the medium-paced

GOVER UNFIT

A second wire was received from Gover on Tuesday, and this stated that he had a strained side. He therefore dropped out of the team to meet Buckinghamshire. At the time of going to press it was not known who would take Gover's place.

Monday's takings totalled £114, a County record for one day.

bowling of Tearle, who deputized for Gover, and Oliver.

Once or twice Tearle made the ball lift awkwardly, but it was Oliver who claimed the first success, getting Montgomery well caught behind the wicket on the leg side at 19. Mendl was skilfully placing his shots through the inner ring of fieldsmen, and he greeted his new partner, Woodward, by on-driving Tearle for four, all run. He turned Oliver to the leg boundary, and Woodward took four through the covers off Tearle. The 50 appeared in 45 minutes. But

when Oliver, who had bowled eight steady overs at a cost of 18 runs, was relieved by Owen, Woodward was foolishly run out.

Disbury's Valuable Wicket

At 58 the Bedford School all-rounder, Disbury, struck a valuable blow for Bedfordshire. Although not entirely comfortable against Owen's spinners, Mendl appeared likely to stay, but Disbury caused him to play a ball tamely into the gully, where Owen made a catch.

With Record and Ellington in partnership, Owen several times beat the batsmen on the forward stroke. Record drove him beautifully to the off boundary, but from the next ball Morris, at second slip, appeared to take a catch near the ground. The umpire ruled in the batsman's favour. Two overs later Owen hit Record's leg stump with a beauty. 78-4-12.

The left-handed Girling opened with some attractive strokes, but Poole's next bowling change had an immediate result. Oliver, replacing Tearle, found the edge of Girling's bat with his first delivery, and Hills did the rest. Half the Oxfordshire side had gone for 83. The 100 was reached without further loss after 105 minutes.

The tall Oxfordshire captain, Inge, opening his shoulders to Owen, hit a six and a four behind the bowler. He was out in the same over, well caught in the deep by Tearle. 111-6-18.

Lunch was taken at 120 for six. Owen claimed Hemming's wicket with 10 runs added to the lunch-time score, Hills bringing off a fine piece of stumping. There followed the most fruitful stand of the innings. Though they were troubled by Owen's vicious leg-spin and his occasional wrong 'un, Ellington and James staged a recovery, in which good fortune was on their side. The former was missed three times, but the pair had put on 46 valuable runs when Noble broke through Ellington's defence. Two balls previously Ellington had been dropped in the gully. Ellington was indeed lucky to have survived so long. His timing was often at fault, as was his judgment of Owen's length when he jumped out to meet the slow bowler on the half-volley; nevertheless, he played some stylish strokes, and Oxfordshire owed much to his aggressive batting. He found in James a good partner, who was undefeated at the close of the innings.

A Pretty Leg-Glance

In the forty minutes before tea Bedfordshire's opening pair, Oliver and August, topped the 50 mark. A fastish attack was answered with attractive stroke-play, August leg-glancing Godfrey prettily for four, all run, and his part-

ner dispatched a no-ball to the mid-wicket boundary.

After tea the visitors pinned their faith on spin. The accuracy of Hemmings can be judged from the fact that his first five overs were maidens. He and Guilfoyle kept the batsmen playing all the time, and though the bat was rarely passed, this was bowling of high quality that compelled respect. In an hour and a half 93 runs were on the board. Then Guilfoyle pitched one up to Oliver, who hit over it and was bowled. Howard was soon leg-before to Guilfoyle, and at 110 Morris, having off-driven Hemming to the ring, succumbed to the next ball, an off-break which whipped across from a perfect length.

Owen joined August, who excelled in skilful placing through a close leg-side field. August's caution evoked a few requests from the crowd for livelier action, but the more discerning spectator could see what a fine job he was doing. He watched the turning ball right on to his bat, and despite bad light runs came at the rate of one a minute. Owen, always on the alert for short runs, scored with some freedom. The pair had added 40 runs when rain caused a stoppage, thus robbing Bedfordshire of threequarters of an hour's batting. Up to the close of play Hemming had delivered 24 overs, nine of which were maidens, and conceded only 43 runs. Scores:

OXFORDSHIRE

First Innings

J. F. Meno: c Owen b Disbury	25
A. P. D. Montgomery: c Hills b Oliver	7
D. G. Woodward: run out	18
P. Record: b Owen	12
E. Ellington: b Noble	48
M. Girling: c Hills b Oliver	5
W. W. Inge: c Tearle b Owen	18
L. Hemmings: st Hills b Owen	15
T. Jones: not out	29
J. Guilfoyle: st Hills b Owen	2
J. Godfrey: st Hills b Noble	0
Extras	5

Total

Bowling: Owen 23 overs, 3 maidens, 62 runs, 4 wickets; I. C. Noble 6.2-1-18-2; Oliver, 14-2-39-2; Disbury, 9-0-33-1; Tearle, 9-0-27-0.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings

G. L. B. August: not out	74
J. A. R. Oliver: b Guilfoyle	45
E. C. Howard: lbw b Guilfoyle	2
S. T. Morris: b Hemmings	5
J. G. Owen: not out	28
Extras	6

Total for 3 wickets 160

THE OXFORDSHIRE MATCH

OXFORDSHIRE

First Innings

J. F. Menon c Owen b Disbury	25
A. P. D. Montgomery c Hills b Oliver	7
D. G. Woodward run out	18
P. Record b Owen	12
E. Ellington b Noble	48
M. Girling c Hills b Oliver	9
W. W. Inge c Tearle b Owen	18
L. Hemmings st Hills b Owen	15
T. James not out	29
J. Gaulty st Hills b Owen	2
J. Godfrey st Hills b Noble	0
Extras	5
Total	184

Bowling: Owen 25 overs, 5 maidens, 64 runs, 4 wickets; I. C. Noble 6.2-1-18-2; Oliver, 14-2-59-2; Disbury, 9-0-35-1; Tearle, 9-0-27-0.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings

G. I. B. August not out	74
J. A. R. Oliver b Gaulty	45
E. C. Howard b Gaulty	7
S. T. Morris b Hemmings	23
J. G. Owen not out	0
Extras	6
Total for 3 wickets	160

Bowling: Godfrey, 8-0-25-0; Girling, 7-1-2-0; Ellington, 5-0-15-0; Hemmings, 21-9-45-1; Gaulty, 19-2-50-2.

Robbed of Win?

Perhaps it is idle to speculate on the outcome of the Bedfordshire v. Oxfordshire match if the weather had permitted a second day's play. Nothing is certain in cricket, but Bedfordshire were in a commanding position when rain drove the players from the field on Monday evening, and only a most unexpected reversal of the game's wheel would have put the opposing County on top.

The stage was set for some interesting cricket on Tuesday. Faced with a substantial deficit Oxfordshire would have been submitted to a severe test on a wicket which had helped the slow bowlers on the first day, and on which Glyn Owen's spinners might well have decided matters in Bedfordshire's favour.

On Equal Terms

From the first hour on Monday Owen made the batmen sharply both ways, and the batsmen were never comfortable. It was a rare experience to see the Bedford School vice taking the spin so effectively. The play was in marked contrast to the orgy of runs seen on August Monday last year, but the large crowd—paying a record sum of £114 at the gate—enjoyed a day of keen struggle, in which for once the ball was on equal terms with the bat.

George August's innings of 74 not out was, in the circumstances, one of the very best he has ever played for the County. The Oxfordshire bowling, like Bedfordshire's, made the batmen really earn their runs, and August had to get many of his off a leg-stump attack and through a closely-set leg-side field. His placing was one of the cricket's most admirable features. As always, he watched the turning ball right on to his bat, and he did not offer the semblance of a chance.

Gover's Absence

August and Oliver, who also batted well, gave Bedfordshire a fine send-off. Though Howard and Morris (whose left hand was swollen as the result of slip-holding to Alf Gover last week) were not among the runs this time, Bedfordshire still had enough batting to have built up a winning score, and quickly, on Tuesday.

Alf Gover's absence was a disappointment. But Bedfordshire are clearly a side to be reckoned with

even when the old England bowler is not playing. Given reasonable luck, they should be close to the top of the championship table at the end of the season.

Why He Did Not Play

Further information about Gover is now to hand. As readers know, he is engaged by West Bromwich, the Birmingham League club, in Saturday cricket, and he did not realize until last week-end that his contract required his services for occasional matches on other days.

West Bromwich claimed him for an August Monday match, in which he took several wickets, but unfortunately he finished the match with a strained side. This explains his absence from the Buckinghamshire encounter.

To-Day's Match

The last match of the Week ends to-day against Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire play this team: A. B. Poole; J. A. R. Oliver; G. I. B. August; E. C. Howard; S. T. Morris; J. G. Owen; B. E. Disbury; C. B. Bealey; R. L. Hills; A. G. Corbitt; and I. C. Noble.

Disbury made 55 for the Red versus the Southern Schools at Lord's on Wednesday.

Saturday Sports Review

Nothing Dull About The Cricket

ALTHOUGH the weather for Bedford cricket week has been far from bright, there has been nothing dull about the cricket, and the happenings after the tea interval on Thursday will be talked about in local cricket circles for many years to come.

Victories over Buckinghamshire in the past have been few and far between. The last was registered at Ascott Park in 1934, but one has to go back to 1922 to find the last occasion on which they were overcome at Bedford.

That was when Bucks were set to get 77 in the fourth innings, and were dismissed for 60.

The Excitement Was Intense

HERO of that day was Wilfred King, who took 6 wickets for 7 runs, and was carried shoulder high off the field.

Scenes at Bedford on Thursday did not reach quite such a stage of exuberance, but there was more excitement in the closing hour than I can ever remember having seen at a cricket match previously.

At tea, the game looked as good as drawn, for Bucks went on batting afterwards and there were few who thought Bedfordshire could get 134 runs in 85 minutes.

Indeed, I think that Oliver Battcock had the idea that he might go near to snatching victory himself.

Beds Still Top Of The Table

ONE coincidence about this match was that Frank Whiting, who played for Bucks at Bedford in 1922, was there to see this match and his son was twelfth man to the visitors.

This great win kept Bedfordshire at the top of the Minor Counties table with a 100 per cent record. They were in a winning position against Oxfordshire on Monday, but as rain washed out Tuesday's play, there was no result, even on first innings, and the match does not count in the final reckoning.

Much depends on the weather as to the outcome of the match with Hertfordshire which ends to-night.

The Most Depressing Sight At Cricket

FROM the point of view of their position in the table, no play to-day would be more suitable to Bedfordshire than anything else, but that is not the attitude of the players.

They would much rather have their cricket than spend dreary hours in the pavilion watching the rain come down, and hoping that the time to remove the covers will come along soon.

There is no more depressing sight on a cricket ground than the covers being lifted into position.

We had that yesterday afternoon when rain curtailed play by nearly three hours and almost washed away the county's chance of completing a double over Hertfordshire.

A. B. Poole Took A Gamble Again

NO doubt bearing in mind the success of such tactics against Bucks, A. B. Poole gave Hertfordshire first use of the wicket when he won the toss yesterday morning.

Had a full day's play been possible, this might well have proved to be a good move, for when play ended for the day the visiting county had lost eight wickets for 200 runs.

Without rain they might well have been out for about 220, and still left Bedfordshire two hours' batting. In that time they should have been well on the way to a first innings lead.

The Wicket Was Easy Paced

THAT is one way of looking at it, and there is commonsense behind the move especially in view of the fact that Bedfordshire have the batsmen who can go for runs in a victory bid in the fourth innings.

On the other hand, had Bedfordshire batted first yesterday on what proved to be an easy-paced wicket, they might well have amassed a winning score in the first innings, and then left themselves all to-day to dismiss their opponents twice.

As it is, much of this conjecture is pointless, for the interruption yesterday afternoon upset calculations entirely.

Compliment For The Bowlers

SHOCK of the week, of course, was the absence of Alf Gover from the two matches in which he was due to play.

I hear that he was claimed by his club, West Bromwich Dartmouth, on Monday, and that in that match he suffered a strain which prevented him from turning out for Bedfordshire against Bucks.

Even without him, the Bedfordshire bowlers were paid a rare compliment by one of the umpires this week.

He said that their bowling was the steadiest he had seen in the Minor Counties competition, and they did very well without a great deal of help from the wicket.

Coomb Has Been Unlucky

JOHN OLIVER and A. G. Coomb shared the new ball, and made good use of it. Yesterday the former bowled 11.4 overs, five of them maidens, to take 2 for 11—a very fine performance.

Coomb has been the unlucky bowler of the week, for most of the catches dropped have been off him, otherwise his figures would have been much better.

At the same time, the presence of Gover would have been a welcome addition, for he always looks likely to get a wicket at any moment.

Colin Bailey Took His Chance

HIS absence has given Colin Bailey a chance to regain a place in the county side, and it seems strange that his last appearance should have been as far back as 1938.

It is 17 years since he was in the side for the first time, but since then he has changed his bowling style.

Whereas in the old days, he was a pace bowler, he is now bowling off-spinners of a very good length, and he took some very valuable wickets, apart from holding catches and making invaluable runs.

Glyn Owen Among The Wickets

GLYN OWEN, too, has bowled consistently well this week, and was again among the wickets yesterday when he took 4 for 56 in 23 overs.

The wicket was taking spin, but the ball was turning only very slowly which makes the performance even better.

Best batting of the day came from the new Hertfordshire captain, T. W. Tyrwhitt-Drake, who just missed getting a Blue at Cambridge.

So well did he play that he almost wrecked the scheme of the Bedfordshire captain.

He looked booked for a century when he was beaten and bowled by a good one by Glyn Owen, who also claimed the wicket of the other chief run-getter, David Cooper, of St. Albans.

Three Away Matches Are Left

THE three remaining matches are all away, against Cambridgeshire, Bucks and Oxfordshire, and they should hold a bright chance of winning all three, providing that the weather is kinder than it has been this week.

Gover will not be available for the match at Fenner's next Friday and Saturday, but there are hopes that he will play in the last two matches.

The Birmingham League programme ends on August 21, though he might well be required to play on the following Saturday should his club win the championship. That would cut him out of the match at Oxford.

Team Will Be Chosen From Twelve

MEANWHILE for the visit to Cambridge, Bedfordshire have chosen the eleven who played against Hertfordshire plus Terry Matthews, and will not decide on the final composition of the side until the morning of the match.

Obviously, one of the bowlers will have to stand down, and the last place would appear to be between Noble, Coomb and Matthews, depending on the wicket and the state of the weather.

Fenner's is well-known as a graveyard for bowlers' hopes, but Bedfordshire have won there in the past, and can do so again.

County Colours For Eric Howard

THE 12 players named last night are:

A. B. Poole, capt. (Leighton Town), J. A. R. Oliver, J. G. Owen, T. D. Matthews (Luton

Town), E. C. Howard, S. T. Morris, C. B. Bailey (Bedford Town), G. L. B. August (Hornsey), B. S. Disbury (Bedford School), I. C. Noble (Leicester Casuals), A. G. Coomb (Royal Navy), R. L. Hills, (Vauxhall Motors).

Eric Howard was awarded his County colours on Thursday after his great innings against Buckinghamshire.

The weather has rather upset the financial part of the week, and £58 were required to-day to equal last year's takings at Bedford.

The increase from the match at Luton, however, narrowed the gap to £30 as compared with the receipts from the four matches last season.

HOWARD AND OLIVER IN A THRILLING STAND : BUCKS BEATEN

In the second match of the County Cricket Week at Bedford School, Bedfordshire were 26 runs behind Buckinghamshire's first-innings total of 139 at the close of play on Wednesday. Four wickets remained. The County had made a good recovery from an unusually poor start, thanks in the main to a fighting knock by Cwen, who, on completing his 100th century, had made all but 19 of the runs scored during his stay at the wicket.

As in the Oxfordshire game, the bowlers had an excellent day. Chief credit for the dismissal of Buckinghamshire went to Gover's deputy, Colin Bailey, whose five wickets at low cost were the reward of sustained accuracy. The ball did not turn so quickly as on Monday, but Bailey, playing in his first County game since 1936, achieved sufficient off-spin to put the visiting County in an unhappy position before lunch.

At the interval they were 71 for six. Afterwards, the left-handed Hastie—badly missed at mid-wicket in the pre-lunch period—and Tompkins put on nearly 40. Twice Tompkins, when facing Coomb, cocked the ball up dangerously near the hands of a close-in fielder, and in 25 minutes only 10 runs were scored. The subsequent batting was rather freer, but fine catches in the deep by Coomb and Howard cut short attempts to collar the bowling.

COOMB'S LONG SPELL

Poole had the satisfaction of seeing his bowlers justify his decision to put Buckinghamshire in. Coomb bowled 22 overs, which yielded only 61 runs. He responded admirably to a heavy demand, especially before lunch, when only 26 runs were taken off his 19 overs; and he got through Boufield's defence with a shorter just as that batsman was taking root.

Battecock, the veteran fast-medium bowler, has often been the home County's bogy man in the past, and on Wednesday he sent back Oliver in the first over of the innings. With the total at 9, any hope of August repeating his 1947 performance was dashed. At 29, Howard, having shaped as though he meant to stay, also fell to Battecock. Morris brought off several good strokes in front of the wicket, and he and Owen carried the score to 50. The Bedford player received the benefit of the doubt concerning a claimed catch at silly mid-on, but Battecock eventually overthrew him.

So it was left to Owen, in a partnership of 31 with Legate, of Henlow, and then accompanied by the steady Costin, to restore the home County's fortunes. Quick running between the wickets helped the score along, and the Luton man put a punishing bat to all loose bowling. His on-side play was particularly strong. He reached 50 in about 30 minutes, and hit four fours.

On Wednesday Battecock delivered 29 overs, 14 of which were maidens, and he took five for 37. He was able to swing away from the bat in the heavy atmosphere.

In dull weather, Poole and Costin, the not-out batsmen, resumed yesterday against Floyd and Battecock, who each bowled a maiden before Costin opened the scoring. Then, at 118, the left-hander was caught behind the wicket.

Colin Bailey soon opened his shoulders, and he was particularly severe on Floyd, hitting him for 12 (including an on-drive for six near the scoreboard) in one over. Poole, with a single off Battecock, put Bedfordshire in front after half an hour. The pair continued to score freely until Poole was clean bowled, the eighth wicket partnership having yielded 41 at a rate of more than one a minute.

THE PRE-WAR BAILEY

When Bailey was the ninth to leave at 170 he had scored 29 out of 56 in less than 40 minutes—an innings of exactly the right temper played at an interesting stage in the game. It restored to the delighted public the fierce-hitting Bailey they knew in pre-war days. Coomb was out first ball, so Bedfordshire led by 37 runs on the first innings.

Battecock's was a remarkable performance for a man of his age. He took all but one of the wickets at seven runs apiece in 39.2 overs, of which 17 were maidens.

In Buckinghamshire's second innings Oliver and Coomb captured the first two wickets at 9 and 13. Buckinghamshire cleared the airers in an hour. Then Bail v, in his first over, had Deacon caught. After lunch Bailey sent back Prince and Hastie, and at this stage his analysis was three for 4 in 1.5 overs. So half the side had gone for 63. A fine catch at second slip dismissed Tompkins at 80, and Isherwood left 21 runs later.

The visitors were now only 64 ahead with three wickets remaining. But Bedfordshire then lost grip. Despite frequent bowling changes nothing

would dislodge Aubrey-Fletcher and Floyd. At tea Buckinghamshire were 162 for seven.

Battecock declared, leaving Bedfordshire to get 133 in 85 minutes.

131 RUNS IN 75 MINUTES

Bedfordshire accepted the challenge, and Eric Howard was sent in to open the innings with Oliver. Thirteen runs were hit off Crawley's first over, and scoring continued at a fast rate. The 50 appeared after only 25 minutes' batting.

Their own chance of forcing a win having disappeared, Buckinghamshire bowled "tight"; but the batsmen kept well up with the clock, the 100 being reached in just an hour. Just previously Howard ended a quieter period with two full-blooded drives to the boundary. He cut beautifully, and his partner placed profitable shots to leg.

A couple of Howard fours to off and the task was relieved, with ten minutes to spare.

It was undoubtedly one of the finest victories in the County Club's annals. Howard hit 8 fours, 3 threes, and 7 twos; Oliver 4 fours, 4 threes, and 7 twos.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

First Innings

D. G. Boufield b Coomb	27
A. M. Crawley lbw b Oliver	1
C. F. Deacon b Bailey	12
P. Isherwood c Coomb b Bailey	16
J. H. L. Aubrey-Fletcher c Morris b Bailey	1
C. A. Prince run out	5
J. H. Poole c Hills b Coomb	27
R. S. Tompkins c Howard b Owen	51
E. Floyd c Coomb b Bailey	15
F. E. N. Mayhew not out	0
O. G. Battecock b Bailey	5
Extras	1
Total	139

Bowling: Bailey, 25.1 overs, 8 maidens, 37 runs, 5 wickets; Owen, 39.2 overs, 17 maidens, 61 runs, 5 wickets; Coomb, 32.1 overs, 17 maidens, 65 runs, 2 wickets; Oliver, 19.9 overs, 11 maidens, 50 runs, 4 wickets.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings

G. L. B. Amrose lbw b Battecock	5
J. A. R. Oliver lbw b Battecock	0
S. T. Morris b Battecock	16
E. C. Howard b Battecock	11
J. G. Owen c Deacon b Battecock	43
J. H. L. Aubrey-Fletcher c Tompkins b Battecock	10
R. E. Godin c Mayhew b Battecock	15
A. B. Poole b Battecock	19
C. B. Bailey b Battecock	39
R. L. Hills not out	4
A. G. Coomb b Battecock	0
Extras	5
Total	176

Bowling: Battecock, 59.2 overs, 17 maidens, 65 runs, 9 wickets; Aubrey-Fletcher, 19.5 overs, 11 maidens, 50 runs, 4 wickets; Floyd, 25.10 overs, 17 maidens, 61 runs, 2 wickets; Coomb, 19.9 overs, 11 maidens, 50 runs, 4 wickets.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Second Innings

D. G. Boufield b Coomb	9
A. M. Crawley c Bailey b Oliver	3
C. F. Deacon c Hills b Bailey	11
P. Isherwood c Hills b Owen	24
C. A. Prince lbw b Bailey	8
J. H. L. Aubrey-Fletcher c Morris b Bailey	0
R. S. Tompkins c Legate b Owen	10
J. H. L. Aubrey-Fletcher not out	25
E. Floyd b Coomb	26
F. E. N. Mayhew not out	4
Extras	12
Total for innings	129

Bowling: Oliver, 25.10 overs, 11 maidens, 50 runs, 4 wickets; Legate, 10.9 overs, 6 maidens, 26 runs, 1 wicket; Owen, 19.9 overs, 11 maidens, 50 runs, 4 wickets.

BEDFORDSHIRE

Second Innings

J. A. R. Oliver not out	37
E. C. Howard not out	70
Extras	7
Total for innings	114

Total for the match 131

FIRST-INNINGS WIN FOR BEDFORDSHIRE

Morris and Owen in Fourth-Wicket Stand of 100 Runs

Following their triumph over Buckinghamshire—the first since 1934—Bedfordshire defeated Hertfordshire on the first innings in the last match of the Cricket Week at Bedford School. More than two hours of play were lost through rain on Friday, and though, despite the weather forecast, Jupiter Pluvius refrained from interfering with Saturday's proceedings, there was never any real prospect of the game being won and lost outright.

Bedfordshire passed their opponents' total of 209 for nine declared when they still had three wickets in hand. They were all out at 220. Soon after lunch on Saturday the first three Bedfordshire wickets fell while two runs were added to the interval score of 48. But Sid Morris and Glyn Owen stopped the collapse, and in an entertaining partnership they set the side firmly on the way to a first-innings lead. They added exactly a hundred runs for the fourth wicket.

Poole adopted the same course as against Buckinghamshire: he won the toss and put the visitors in to bat. But on Friday the wicket was lifeless, and until the day's play was ended by rain shortly after five o'clock the bowlers pegged away unaided by the conditions. They did very well to capture eight wickets and keep the runs down to an average of about fifty an hour, although a slow outfield took the pace off the ball. Owen had four for 51, an excellent performance. The other left-arm bowler, Noble, was used for long spells. Though he maintained a better length in the afternoon, he rarely put a ball past the bat.

Coomb, who in the Buckinghamshire match had been rather an unlucky bowler, would have broken the opening partnership between Tyrwhitt-Drake and Dexter at 15 if Hills had accepted a catch from Dexter's bat. Twenty runs were added before Dexter lost his wicket through an impetuous attempt to take a short run. Poole threw the ball in from mid-off before the batsman could regain his ground.

Noble was inclined to over-pitch, and Tyrwhitt-Drake used his long reach to hit him into the long field. A straight drive reached the boundary, and he sent the 50 up in 45 minutes. At 59 Oliver, bowling in Coomb's place at the School end, made Waller spoon a simple catch to silly-mid-on.

Attractive Half-Century

Tyrwhitt - Drake, pulling Bailey for two fours, reached an attractive 50 in 85 minutes. Simons, too, was digging in, but at 95 Owen enticed him to jump out for a drive. Hills quickly had the bails removed. With Bailey getting an off-spinner inside Roberts' forward stroke, Hertfordshire were 111 for four at lunch.

Tyrwhitt-Drake and Cooper pushed the score along steadily after lunch. Then, at 146, the former was bowled on his off stump by Owen. He hit six fours. In his next over Owen had Wright leg-before.

Bell was a steady partner for Cooper, and 31 runs were

put on for the seventh wicket. Cooper's innings, ending in a l.b.w. decision at 178, was marked by several drives in front of the wicket.

The light was poor, and the Hertfordshire batsmen probably welcomed the rain, which caused a stoppage for half an hour. Play was stopped for the day when the visitors' score stood at 200 for eight.

Hertfordshire batted for half an hour on Saturday before they declared. Since they added only nine runs and made no effort to force the pace, it was difficult to see what was the purpose of prolonging the innings.

If the visiting skipper thought the wicket would be difficult by the time Bedfordshire's innings was opened, he must have been disappointed. Though the batting was cautious, his openings bowlers, King and Bell, presented no problems to the August-Oliver combination. King's first six overs included four maidens, but Bell's length was not so accurate and Oliver pulled a short ball to the mid-wicket boundary. Twenty-five runs were scored in 30 minutes. Lunch was taken at 48 for no wicket.

King's Three Wickets for No Runs

Bedfordshire's position underwent a drastic change after lunch. With only a single added, Oliver was bowled by King, whose next delivery was also a good one. It came in from the off and wrecked Howard's stumps. Morris and August now defended and their bats were heavy with care. The wicket at this time was helping the bowlers, and four overs yielded only one run. Allen's spin gave Morris food for thought, and King's line of flight was apt to curve. At 50 he claimed August's wicket. Since lunch he had bowled three overs and the first ball of his fourth, taken three wickets, and conceded not a single run.

A four to leg by Owen off a full toss from Allen relieved the tension. Morris turned Bell to leg for three, and the pair quickly settled

down to the job of pulling the game round. When King relieved from the attack, Morris welcomed his successor, Crownshaw, by hitting a half-volley straight for four. He sent up the 100 with a four to the sight-screen, also off Crownshaw, but his best stroke was a perfectly-timed square-cut to the boundary off Allen.

Owen and Morris took the score from 50 to 103 in 50 minutes. The Luton man, missed in the gully at 98, had also attacked the bowling vigorously, twice pulling Allen to the pavilion steps. He should have been run out when he partly lost his balance half-way down the pitch, but the ball was misfielded close to the wicket.

The partnership added exactly a hundred runs in an hour and a half. Then a catch (nearly dropped) at cover disposed of the Luton man. Morris got Crownshaw away for four, all run, past extra-cover, and his half-century was completed after he had been at the wicket an hour and fifty minutes.

He should have been stumped at 168, and twelve runs later he was taken in the slips.

A useful stand ensued between two Bedford School captains, Disbury (1948) and Noble (1932). Poole and Bailey were together for the eighth wicket when the Hertfordshire total was overtaken. A straight hit for four by Bailey gave the home County the lead, but he was out next ball in trying to repeat the stroke. Scores:—

HERTFORDSHIRE

T. W. Tyrwhitt-Drake b Owen ..	83
C. G. Dexter run out ..	13
F. R. Waller c Coomb b Oliver ..	6
R. G. Simons st Hills b Owen ..	17
T. E. Roberts b Bailey ..	3
D. V. Cooper lbw b Owen ..	41
L. O. Wright lbw b Owen ..	0
A. P. Bell c August b Coomb ..	22
F. R. Allen c Bailey b Oliver ..	8
L. O. King not out ..	6
Extras ..	10

Total for 9 dec. .. 209

Owen, 23 overs 3 maidens 56 runs 4 wickets; Oliver, 16-8-14-2; Coomb, 17-3-4-32-1; Bailey, 14-0-41-1; Disbury, 3-1-6-0; Noble, 22-7-52-0.

BEDFORDSHIRE

G. L. B. August lbw b King ..	19
J. A. R. Oliver b King ..	29
E. C. Howard b King ..	0
S. T. Morris c Allen b Crownshaw ..	53
J. G. Owen c Tyrwhitt-Drake b Crownshaw ..	54
B. E. Disbury c and b King ..	14
I. C. Noble c Cooper b Allen ..	22
A. B. Poole not out ..	9
C. B. Bailey c Dexter b Allen ..	7
R. L. Hills c Tyrwhitt-Drake b King ..	3
A. G. Coomb hit wicket b Allen ..	6
Extras ..	10

Total .. 220

King, 40 overs 22 maidens 42 runs 5 wickets; Crownshaw, 14-2-38-2; Bell, 16-4-35-0; Allen, 40-5-8-95-3.

COUNTY'S BID FOR CRICKET HONOURS

Second in the Minor Counties' Table : Memorable Victory

EAGLES SIGN NEW "PRO"

As will be seen in another column, Bedfordshire are knocking at the door of the Minor Counties Cricket Championship, having three victories outright and a first-innings win to their name. The results of the remaining matches—versus Cambridgeshire to-day and to-morrow and versus Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire the week after next—will be awaited with more than customary interest; but already Bedfordshire have done enough to be regarded as one of the best sides in the Championship.

Oxfordshire's place at the top of the table is on the strength of one victory, their other two matches producing no result. Their average number of points, therefore, stands at the maximum.

Before the Hertfordshire match last week, Bedfordshire also had a 100 per cent record. If, instead of taking a first-innings lead over Hertfordshire, they had been held up by the rain to the extent of making a result impossible, that record would still be intact.

One of these days someone may devise a really satisfactory system of awarding points. But that day is not yet.

Comparisons between the records (as shown in the table) of the Counties contesting the championship can be misleading, but Bedfordshire's chance appears at least as good as that of any rival.

Did Poole Err?

The Cricket Week produced some fine performances, and if the weather had not washed out Tuesday's play in the Oxfordshire match and curtailed the final game with Hertfordshire, three wins, instead of one, might well have been recorded by the home County.

It can be argued that they would have stood a better chance of defeating Hertfordshire, in spite of the rain, if Poole had elected to bat first. On the other hand, could our batsmen have scored enough runs on Friday's dead wicket and in the slow outfield; and would our bowlers have dismissed Hertfordshire twice in the remaining time? No one can tell.

No doubt the Bedfordshire captain was influenced in some degree by the successful outcome of his decision to put Buckinghamshire in to bat. Having fast-scoring batsmen like Morris, Howard, and Owen to call on, Bedfordshire could certainly have taken the fourth innings confidently and gone all out for any attainable target set by Hertfordshire.

Increased Support

Considering that no play was possible on one day, the financial aspect of the Week was very gratifying. Monday's receipts (including match-card sales) totalled £112 17s. 6d., a record. On Wednesday the takings were £36 10s. 6d.; on Thursday, £31 8s. 3d.; on Friday, £27 16s.; and on Saturday, £32 15s.

Total receipts were £241 7s. 3d., as compared with £203 15s. 6d. (a record) in the 1947 Week, when there were no blank days.

[Luton "gates" for the Cambridgeshire match totalled £107 17s. 6d., an increase of £31 18s. 6d. on last year. So for all home matches the County Club has had its best season in the matter of public support].

Sporting Declaration

Of course, the Week's great feature was the winning of the Buckinghamshire match, and the manner and spirit in which victory was achieved will be remembered for many years.

All honour to Oliver Battcock, the Buckinghamshire captain, for a sporting declaration. Perhaps he was confident that the task of scoring 134 runs in 85 minutes was not within Bedfordshire's power, but his own chance of snatching the spoils must have seemed very remote. It would have required an exceptional feat of bowling to run through a strong batting side in the time available.

Challenge Accepted

Poole's eagerness to accept the challenge was immediately apparent, for Eric Howard, who relishes a situation demanding quick scoring, was sent in with Oliver to open the innings. They attacked from the first over. When Buckinghamshire saw their hopes vanish, the bowlers naturally concentrated on a defensive length, but Howard and Oliver would not be kept in fetters. During one steady period spectators glanced at their watches and wondered if, after all, the minutes would pass too quickly. Then Howard unleashed a massive swing of the bat to turn a good-length ball into a half-volley. It was four runs all the way and a gesture eloquent of a mood that brooks no denial. From this moment Buckinghamshire's defeat was sealed.

Afterwards, Howard was presented with his County colours.

Morris to the Rescue

Then came the Hertfordshire game, and with it the occasion for another Bedford Town batsman, Sid Morris, to show his merit in a rather less spectacular rôle.

Morris went in when things were going wrong for Bedfordshire. Two wickets had fallen suddenly, and there was more "bite" in the turf than at any other time in the match. Allen was bowling his spinners with menacing guile. Morris is not always convincing against spin, and on Saturday he had to face it at the outset. But he "lived" to see

Allen retire in frustration, and against the faster stuff he soon discovered the free-scoring form that makes him one of the most pleasing batsmen to watch in the County.

His 100-runs partnership with Owen not merely stopped a collapse; it brought a first-innings win within comfortable reach.

Victory Long Ago . . .

As Howard and Oliver left the wicket on which they had put Buckinghamshire to rout, the County Club's Chairman, Mr. Horace Neate, ran to meet them and shake their hands. The spectators gathered near the pavilion to clap them in, and people with long memories recalled another great occasion, twenty-six years ago, when Bedfordshire achieved as dramatic a victory over Buckinghamshire as any writer of cricket fiction could conceive.

In this match Bedfordshire's first innings total was only 111, and Buckinghamshire replied with 172. Thanks to F. A. S. Sewell (53), Wilfred King (37), and Percy Burke (16 not out), the home County did rather better in their second venture, but even so the game appeared to be lost.

Remarkable Bowling

Buckinghamshire, requiring only 79, had about 40 on the board with one wicket down. Then Wilfred King got to work with his left-arm slow, and in a remarkable spell he took six wickets for seven runs. "Wicker" Childs bowled steadily at the other end, Bedfordshire won by 14, and Wilfred's team-mates carried him shoulder-high from the field.

H. L. Aubrey-Fletcher, father of the Aubrey-Fletcher who made a half-century last week, played in that memorable game. So did Jack Whiting, reputed at the time to be England's fastest bowler. Whiting's son was twelfth man for last week's visitors.

Successes against Buckinghamshire have been infrequent, and one has to go back to 1934 for the last. At Ascott Park, Bedfordshire won by four wickets, A. B. Poole making victory possible with a second-innings knock of 72. Sid Keech made the winning hit. Poole was the only member of that side to play in the 1948 Week.

At Fenner's To-Day

For the match against Cambridgeshire, which starts at Fenner's to-day (Friday), Bedfordshire's team will be chosen from the following twelve: A. B. Poole, J. A. R. Oliver, G. L. B. August, S. T. Morris, J. G. Owen, R. L. Hills, E. C. Howard, I. C. Noble, J. Legate, B. E. Disbury, T. D. Matthews, A. Coomb.

Hospital Cup Final

To-morrow is local cricket's Cup Final day, and no doubt many people will attend the match between Bedford Town and Eversholt on the Bedford Modern School Field. The villagers are not likely to be unnerved by the occasion, formidable as the opposition may be. They have beaten some strong sides on their way to the final, and whatever the result to-morrow, there is every prospect of a keen game.

In the absence of Eric Howard (who plays for the County), John Pratt captains Bedford, and his team will be: E. S. Smith, C. F. Sabey, P. H.

Humphreys, K. Vane-Percy, D. T. Matthews, T. B. Woolliscroft, C. M. Thorne, D. G. Parren, D. Jenkins, and R. Harris.

MINOR COUNTIES' COMPETITION

Results to 10th August 1948 inclusive

	D	W	L	1st	inns	pts	av
				n.r.	ob.	per	mtch
Oxford ..	3	1	0	0	0	2	10.0
Beds ..	5	3	0	1	0	1	35.875
Lincs ..	13	7	0	1	3	85	8.5
Wores ..	8	5	0	2	0	60	7.5
Yorks ..	12	5	1	5	0	1	75.681
Berks ..	4	2	1	0	0	1	20.666
Essex ..	6	3	1	0	2	0	36.60
Gloucs ..	9	3	1	0	4	1	42.525
Lincs ..	7	1	0	2	2	26	5.2
Surrey ..	13	2	2	6	0	3	50.50
Dorset ..	5	1	1	0	0	3	10.50
Kent ..	9	2	1	21*	3	0	43.477
Cornwall ..	5	1	1	0	1	1	18.45
Staffs ..	10	3	4	0	1	1	36.40
Nhbland ..	8	1	2	3	1	1	28.40
Durham ..	7	1	2	1	2	1	21.35
Devon ..	5	0	0	1	3	1	14.35
Sussex ..	4	1	2	0	0	1	10.333
Suffolk ..	4	0	1	2	1	0	13.325
Darby ..	6	1	3	1	1	0	18.30
Cheshire ..	7	1	3	0	2	1	16.266
Norfolk ..	7	0	2	2	2	1	16.266
Herts ..	4	0	1	1	1	8	2.66
Wills ..	6	0	1	1	1	3	7.0
Glams ..	7	0	3	2	1	1	13.216
Camps ..	4	0	2	0	2	0	6.15
Notts ..	7	0	4	0	2	1	6.10
Bucks ..	5	0	4	0	0	1	0

* Tied 1st innings.

COUNTY ALMOST FORCE FOURTH VICTORY

Cambs. Morally Defeated in One-Day Match

Bedfordshire, serious contenders for the Minor Counties' championship, almost forced their fourth victory of the season, against Cambridgeshire at Fenner's on Saturday. In a one-day match—not a ball was bowled on Friday because of rain—the visitors declared after scoring 256 for three wickets in 3 hours 45 minutes, and Cambridgeshire, left with 2½ hours' batting, finished 151 runs behind with only three wickets in hand, so there was no result.

A prompt start was made at 11 o'clock on Saturday morning, and A. B. Poole, winning the toss, rightly decided to bat. The wicket was still very soft but the weather was overcast and the turf was barely drying.

August and Oliver began cautiously against the medium-paced attack of Williams and Smith, and August, in particular, remained on the defensive.

Williams was replaced by Witteridge after conceding only ten runs in seven overs. Witteridge started with a maiden and then Oliver hit him for the first four of the match. At that point the wicket was playing easily.

The advent of Tagg with his flighted leg spinners saw August edge his second delivery just wide of first slip, then hit the next for a two to put up the fifty in 1 hour 16 minutes.

At the other end, Ridgeon, who had relieved Smith, kept an immaculate length with his off breaks, and with 81 on the board he suddenly bumped a shortish one on the leg side. August, in attempting to hook it, gave a catch to short leg. His rather laborious 32, including 20 singles, occupied 1 hour and 55 minutes.

Howard's Six Fours

Then came Howard—and some fast scoring. In his first 15 minutes at the wicket he scored only two, but then on-drove Smith for four to put up the hundred, and treated the next ball likewise. He also swept Ridgeon for four to the leg boundary, and lunch was taken at 110 for one.

After the lunch interval the weather was brighter and so was the cricket. Howard hit Smith's first ball for four and then punished Tagg, who had an unhappy spell. Oliver followed his partner's example and runs continued to come freely until Howard, who had made 40 out of 67 in 45 minutes, was bowled. He hit six boundaries.

Bedfordshire were now 148 for 2 and Oliver was still there with 70 to his credit. Tagg had S. T. Morris guessing with his first ball. But the new batsman soon settled down and he and Oliver played the enterprising cricket which circumstances demanded.

A drive for two gave Oliver his century, but soon afterwards he was caught off a mishit. It was a delightful

innings without a blemish, and during three hours at the crease he hit six fours.

A merry unfinished fourth-wicket partnership then ensued between Morris and Owen, who took the score from 197 to 256 in half an hour before Poole declared.

Cambridgeshire's Task

Cambridgeshire with two and three-quarter hours left for play, were set a difficult but by no means impossible task. But when 35 minutes had passed with only 22 runs on the board, it was clear that they had no intention of going for the runs.

Oliver and Matthews opened the attack, and Poole, who kept wicket, set an attacking field. Matthews met with an early success, clean bowling Taylor for 4, but Maurice Crouch, after surviving an l.b.w. appeal, played confidently. Hills replaced Oliver without success, and tea was taken at 45 for one.

A dreary finish looked in store but Owen came on after tea and in his first over a leg-break found the edge of Collins's bat and Oliver made a good catch low down. Oliver's return to the attack immediately caused the downfall of Crouch, who was out leg before (57 for 3).

With the wicket at last taking spin, Oliver and Noble, both left-arm spinners, shared the attack, and the old Bedford School captain had Ridgeon caught at the wicket.

This brought Smith, a left-handed hitter, in to partner Taylor, who was bearing a charmed life, having survived two appeals and having been beaten several times by Owen, Smith, after hitting a two, was brilliantly caught on the boundary by Legate. Half the side was thus out for 77, and 40 minutes remained. Poole made several bowling switches, and Laxton, after scoring 9, was out l.b.w.—101 for 6. Two minutes later Taylor was splendidly caught and bowled by Noble.

Excitement ran high in the last 15 minutes, but Cambridgeshire defied all the wiles of Poole and his men, and the match was drawn.

J. Legate re-appeared for Bedfordshire in place of C. E. Bailey, who will be unable to take any further part in the

County's programme this season for health reasons. Scores:

BEDFORDSHIRE

G. L. B. August	c Tagg	b Ridgeon	32
J. A. R. Oliver	c Laxton	b Tagg	100
E. C. Howard	b Tagg		40
S. T. Morris	not out		41
J. G. Owen	not out		33
Extras			10

Total for 3 wks dec. 256

B. E. Disbury, J. Legate, I. C. Noble, A. B. Poole, R. L. Hills, and T. D. Matthews did not bat.

Bowling: Tagg, 19 overs 0 maidens 70 runs 2 wickets; Ridgeon, 19-4-54-1; Smith, 25-4-67-0; Williams, 13-3-41-0; Witteridge, 6-2-14-0.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

G. T. Collins	c Oliver	b Owen	18
H. W. F. Taylor	b Matthews		4
M. A. Crouch	lbw b Oliver		28
R. S. Taylor	c and b Noble		30
P. A. Ridgeon	c Poole	b Noble	2
C. J. Smith	c Legate	b Noble	6
R. Laxton	lbw b Owen		9
S. A. Witteridge	not out		1
C. E. Coote	not out		3
Extras			4

Total for seven wickets 105

Bowling: Noble, 10-5-14-3; Owen, 17-2-34-2; Oliver, 11-4-18-1; Matthews, 13-2-20-1; Hills, 5-0-15-0.

WILL COUNTY WIN CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP?

Top of the Table

Will Bedfordshire win the Minor Counties Cricket championship this season for the first time? That question (writes E.G.C.) is uppermost in the minds of cricket lovers throughout the County, and it would indeed be a great triumph for A. B. Poole and his men if they achieved their ambition. Whatever happens, this will almost certainly become the club's best-ever season. So far 1937 has been their most successful campaign, the County then finishing fourth.

Here are the leading nine clubs in the table up to and including matches which ended on Tuesday:

	D	W	L	W	nr	ob	mtch
Bedfordshire	6	3	0	1	2	35	8.75
Lancs 2nd	13	7	0	2	1	5	8.30
Oxfordshire	6	2	0	0	1	3	23.76
Wores 2nd	10	5	1	3	0	1	65.72
Yorks. 2nd	13	5	1	5	0	2	75.6.81
Dorset	7	2	1	0	4	2	6.66
Essex 2nd	7	3	1	0	3	0	39.5.57
Herts	7	2	1	1	2	1	31.5.16
Surrey 2nd	13	2	2	6	0	3	50.5.00

As the result of matches played last week-end Bedfordshire moved from second place to top, although there was no result in their return game against Cambridgeshire at Fenner's on Saturday. That was a one-day match, for no play was possible on Friday because of rain, and the visiting County almost forced their fourth victory of the season.

In a thoroughly entertaining day's cricket Bedfordshire scored 256 for three wickets in 225 minutes, thanks in no small measure to John Oliver, who compiled a faultless hundred, his first of the season. August, Howard, Morris, and Owen also batted consistently well, and when "A.B." declared, three hours all but 15 minutes were left for play.

A Moral Victory

By tea-time, when their total was 45 for one, it was quite obvious that Cambridgeshire had no intention of going for the runs, and a tame finish seemed likely. After the interval, however, wickets fell cheaply in face of an accurate attack, supported by keen fielding. Forty minutes remained when the fifth wicket fell at 77, but at the close the home County still had three wickets intact and were 151 runs behind.

So Bedfordshire's effort, to secure ten more points—the reward could have been the same as that for a two-day match—came to nought, and the side had to be content with a moral victory.

It was a memorable day for Jan Noble, captain of Bedford School 1st XI in 1932, who now lives at Leicester. He bowled his left-hand spinners uncommonly well to capture three wickets for 14 runs in ten overs, five of which were maidens. In recognition of this feat he was awarded his County colours. Geoffrey Tearle and R. K. Costin, by the way, have received their County ties.

Trump Card

Good news for Bedfordshire is that their trump card, big-hearted Alf Gover, is likely to play for the County in both of their remaining fixtures—against Buckinghamshire at High Wycombe next Wednesday and Thursday, and against Oxfordshire at St. John's College ground, Oxford, on the following two days. This 40-year-old former Surrey and England fast bowler, who took 121 wickets in 1947, his last

season in first-class cricket, is showing form as good as ever this year.

It is significant that Bedfordshire won—and won comfortably—both matches in which he has appeared this season, and that he easily heads the bowling averages, having captured 25 wickets at a cost of just over nine runs each. No other bowler in the team has taken more than 16 wickets.

Foremost Batsman

Another former Surrey professional, J. G. Owen, is the foremost batsman, as will be seen in the leading averages which appear elsewhere on this page. His aggregate is nearing the 400 mark with the remarkable average of more than 122. As his cleverly-varied left-arm spinners are keeping runs down and taking wickets regularly, he must surely be enjoying his best season with the club to date.

The side to visit Buckinghamshire will, in addition to Gover and Owen, consist of A. B. Poole, G. L. B. August, J. A. R. Oliver, E. C. Howard, S. T. Morris, J. Legate, R. L. Hills, I. C. Noble, and A. G. Coomb. For the game with Oxfordshire, the team will be chosen from 12 players, the eleven named above with the addition of B. E. Disbury, of Bedford School.

Links With Surrey

Mention of the Surrey connexions of Gover and Owen reminds the writer that Bedfordshire has several strong links with the club whose home is at Kennington Oval.

Readers will recall that young Tom Clark's prodigious batting efforts for his native County in 1946 — he was second in the Minor Counties' averages at the age of 21—led to his acceptance of an offer to join Surrey's staff last season.

Furthermore, Kenneth McCanlis, of Bedford Town, who appeared for Bedfordshire in 1946, assisted Surrey 2nd XI regularly in the thirties and headed their bowling averages one season. Incidentally, he is a cousin of M. A. McCanlis, Oxford "Blue" of 1926-28 and captain in the last year, who also played for Surrey and Gloucestershire.

K. McCanlis, who is now, of course on the first-class umpires list, "stood" in last week's match between Somerset and Surrey at Weston-super-Mare, where Tom Clark made his first appearance of the season for the London County and renewed acquaintance with his former colleague. There was indeed a great finish to that game, Surrey (thanks chiefly to Laurie Fishlock) hitting 196 runs in

100 minutes to win by eight wickets.

Clark also played for Surrey at Cheltenham earlier this week — without, however, achieving much success. But he is still young and may yet reach the top of the tree, as "Mac" has predicted.

OWEN'S AVERAGE NOW 122

Consistent Batting for County

J. G. Owen, the former Surrey professional, is easily Bedfordshire County Cricket Club's leading batsman so far this season with the remarkable average of more than 122. He has also taken 16 wickets at a cost of 16.5 runs each.

Alf Gover, who is, of course, another former Surrey player, is top of the bowling averages. On his two appearances he has taken more wickets (25) than any other bowler in the side.

Leading averages, are:

BATTING					
	ins	n.o.	scr.	avg	avg
J. G. Owen	6	3	162	367	122.33
G. B. August	6	2	74	168	42.00
B. Morris	5	1	53	162	40.50
J. A. R. Oliver	8	1	100	275	39.28
B. E. Disbury	3	1	60	76	38.00
A. B. Poole	4	2	25	64	32.00
C. B. Bailey	2	0	39	46	23.00
I. C. Noble	1	0	22	22	22.00
E. C. Howard	9	2	70	146	20.85

* denotes not out.

BOWLING					
	o.	m.	r.	wkts.	avg
A. R. Gover	85.3	12	226	25	9.04
T. Matthews	47	8	93	6	15.50
C. B. Bailey	55.1	13	139	9	15.44
J. G. Owen	107	17	264	16	16.50
J. R. Oliver	127	41	238	12	19.83
A. G. Coomb	75.3	30	122	5	24.4
I. C. Noble	50.2	16	113	6	18.83

Catches: Hills 7, Matthews 4, Owen, August and Coomb 3 each. Stumped: Hills 5.

NOBLE'S GREAT INNINGS

Chief Factor in County's Lead

MATCH DRAWN

A splendid innings by Ian Noble, who shared in an eighth wicket stand of 90 with his captain, A. B. Poole, was the chief factor in Bedfordshire securing a first innings lead of 47 runs over Buckinghamshire at High Wycombe yesterday (Thursday). As the match was drawn, Bedfordshire drop to second place in the Minor Counties' table, their average points per game being exactly eight.

An early shower delayed the start for an hour, and Buckinghamshire, winning the toss, batted first. Coomb met with quick success, getting D. Reynolds caught behind the wicket. With Busby and Prince together runs came slowly (14 in the first half an hour), but they appeared in no trouble on a wicket that gave the bowlers little help. At lunch the score was 38 for one, Busby having made 25.

Soon after lunch, Matthews, the visitors' most dangerous bowler, had Busby caught low down at second slip. Prince and Aubrey-Fletcher took the total to 94 before Prince swung wildly at a good-length ball and was bowled. The 100 appeared after two hours and 15 minutes. A catch behind the wicket caused Aubrey-Fletcher's downfall, and Tompkins was well caught on the leg boundary, so that five wickets were down for 120 at tea.

A fine ball from Matthews sprouted a legged Floyd's stumps, and then G. Reynolds and Bradshaw were associated in the brightest stand of the day, which yielded 43 for the seventh wicket. None of the other batsmen stayed long, and the innings closed at 216.

OLIVER INJURED

Oliver did not open Bedfordshire's innings because he injured his hand in catching G. Reynolds, and in the last 50 minutes of the day the County scored 43 for the loss of Howard, who, after making two splendid drives to the boundary, was out trying to make a big hit.

Yesterday (Thursday) morning two more wickets fell for the addition of only five runs, fine catches disposing of Hills and Legate. August and Owen batted well until the former misjudged Battecock's leg-break and was caught at the wicket.

Bedfordshire, with four men out for 68, were struggling. Owen tried to force the pace, but the field was well set, and when Cook relieved Bradshaw, who had bowled for 75 minutes, he dismissed Owen with his second ball. Oliver and Morris improved the visitors' position, but when Morris, who punished Floyd for 16 in one over, was bowled, they were still 81 behind with four wickets in hand.

Oliver was caught, and after lunch, which was taken at 152 for seven, Noble and Poole hit freely. Scoring was even faster once the lead had been taken. Noble's glorious

innings of 72, including eight fours, occupied just over an hour, and his stand with Poole, who hit four boundaries, realized 90. Coomb also batted well, and Bedfordshire were all out for 263.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

First Innings

T. E. Busby c Owen b Matthews	35
D. Reynolds c Hills b Coomb	1
C. A. Prince b Noble	31
J. H. L. Aubrey-Fletcher c Hills b Owen	34
G. Reynolds c Oliver b Owen	45
P. S. Tompkins c Howard b Owen	10
F. Floyd b Matthews	12
W. H. Bradshaw b Owen	20
O. G. Battecock c and b Matthews	17
J. F. N. Mather b b Matthews	8
S. J. Cook not out	1
Extras	4

Total 216

Bowling: Matthews, 27.1 overs, 10 maidens, 49 runs, 4 wickets; Owen, 74-12-6-7-4; Noble, 17-6-37-1; Coomb, 15-1-51-1; Oliver, 6-1-10-0.

Second Innings: Busby not out 71, Reynolds c Oliver b Owen 30, Prince c Poole b Owen 10, Tompkins b Howard 15, Cook not out 11, extras 2; total 139. (for three wickets).

BEFORDSHIRE

First Innings

G. L. B. August c Mayhew b Battecock	28
E. C. Howard b Bradshaw	10
R. L. Hills c Floyd b Battecock	16
J. Legate c Busby b Bradshaw	1
J. G. Owen b Cook	21
S. T. Morris b Cook	40
J. A. R. Oliver c Mayhew b Cook	15
I. C. Noble c Mayhew b Tompkins	72
A. B. Poole c Bradshaw b Floyd	26
A. G. Coomb not out	21
T. D. Matthews b Floyd	4
Extras	11

Total 263

Bowling: Cook three for 48, Floyd two for 40, Battecock two for 60, Bradshaw two for 75, Tompkins one for 27.

COUNTY CRICKET HONOURS

WITHIN REACH

Bedfordshire is now in the throes of a battle for cricket honours—a battle which bristles with possibilities and which, at the time of writing, may well result in the County winning the Minor Counties' Championship for the first time in the Club's long history.

When their return match with Buckinghamshire opened at High Wycombe on Wednesday, Bedfordshire (writes E.G.C.) were still top of the table, although they led Lancashire 2nd XI by the barest margin. Here are the leading five teams in the championship including matches which ended on Tuesday:

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Bedfordshire	6	3	0	1	0	2	35	8	75	
Lancs 2nd	16	8	0	2	1	5	95	8	45	
Worce 2nd	10	5	1	3	0	1	65	7	22	
Oxfordshire	8	5	0	0	2	3	59	7	70	
Yorks 2nd	14	5	1	5	1	2	78	6	50	

Three of these five sides—Lancashire, Worcestershire, and Yorkshire—have all completed their programmes, and Oxfordshire, by defeating Devon by an innings and 18 runs at Oxford on Tuesday, went above Yorkshire.

A Challenge Match?

A challenge match between Bedfordshire and Lancashire 2nd XI is not unlikely, for Rule 16 of the Minor Counties' Association reads: "If the two top Counties shall not have played each other, the second County shall have the right to challenge the first to a three-day match which shall decide the championship, and shall be played on a ground chosen by the challenged County..."

Although this was written before the games between Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire (reported elsewhere on this page) and Oxfordshire and Berkshire finished yesterday (Thursday), it seems safe to assume that the match between Bedfordshire and Oxfordshire, which starts on St. John's College ground, Oxford, to-day will have an important bearing on the championship. It is the season's last fixture for both Counties.

Gover Absent

For this vital game Bedfordshire will be without Alf Gover, who also missed the Buckinghamshire match, because of a strained side, and Sid Morris is not available for business reasons. The team therefore will be: A. B. Poole (captain), G. L. B. August, J. A. R. Oliver, E. C. Howard, J. G. Owen, J. Legate, R. L. Hills, I. C. Noble, T. D. Matthews, B. E. Disbury, and A. G. Coomb.

No one is more enthusiastic about Bedfordshire's chances than Mr. Frank Crompton, Secretary of the County Club for the last 23 years. As Secretary of the Minor Counties' Association—a position he has held since 1945—he keeps an up-to-the-minute championship table at his home, where he receives the results by phone from all parts of the country, from Cornwall in the west to Lincolnshire in the east and from Durham in the north to Sussex in the south.

Memories Revived

Bedfordshire's achievements this season revive memories of the County's two other most

successful campaigns—in 1906, when the side finished third in the Minor Counties' Championship and might well have been first but for a disappointing northern tour at the close; and in 1937, when the fourth position was occupied, under the late Roger Winlaw's captaincy.

Of the team that represented the County 11 years ago, four are still regular members and took part in the match just played, namely, A. B. Poole, G. L. B. August, J. A. R. Oliver, and S. T. Morris, who, incidentally, occupied four of the first five places in the batting averages in 1937. N. E. Browning was top.

To go back 42 years ago, one finds that among the stalwarts were R. W. Rice, the "skipper", who had formerly played for Oxford University and Gloucestershire, and whose widow died recently, H. R. Orr, A. F. Morcom, and three of the finest professionals the County ever had—Tom Brown and George Wharmby (both all-rounders) and G. Pollitt (a stylish batsman).

Bedford League

By defeating Blunham on Saturday, Great Barford ensured their position as this season's winners of Division I. Blunham were dismissed for 41, Great Barford replying with 47 for five. Great Barford have only lost one game this season, their record to date being: played 13, won 11, lost one, drawn one. They still have three more games to play but are well ahead of their nearest rivals.

Blunham: E. Brown 2, F. Joyce 5, R. Peck 0, B. Stacey 7, C. Rawlins 2, R. Clarke 7, F. Abbott 1, R. Sims 0, G. Saunders 0, G. Harding 0, J. Little not out 1, extras 10, total 41.—
 Great Barford: B. Norman 12, E. Lee 2, W. Norman 0, D. Pace not out 24, H. Fyall 0, K. Tatman 0, W. Skelton not out 7, extras 2, total 47 for five.—Peck four for 13, Stacey one for 20.

Cricket

FRIENDLIES

Bedford Town v. Northampton Saints.
 George Kent Ltd. v. Bedford Town II.
 Blykeswade II v. Bedford Town Ramblers.

Stevenage v. Harpur Sports.
 Queen's Works v. Wolverton.
 Southill Park v. Clonhill.
 Letchworth II v. Southill Park II.

BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

Division I

Rushold v. Ewelton.
 Ickwell v. Kempston.
 Pottun v. Gray Barford.
 Marston v. Thurlough.

Friendly Cricket

EIGHTH KENT TOUR

Bedford Martlets' Enjoyable Week

On their eighth Kent tour, Bedford Martlets C.C. again enjoyed the privilege of having private headquarters at East Farleigh, whence the set out each day. However, despite the poor weather, only one match was abandoned, the five others all providing enjoyable cricket.

Meeting the Blue Mantles for the first time, the visitors scored a sound victory on the County Ground at Tunbridge Wells, whilst against the strong Sevenoaks Vine side a generous declaration enabled the home side to win with ten minutes to spare.

In the last game, rain fell just when the tourists were trying to force a win over Tonbridge. R. Chatterton came down from Cumberland to make his first appearance since 1939, and D. J. Canham, of Worcester College, Oxford, had a successful first tour. Results: Bedford Martlets 167 for seven declared (W. E. Gilliam not out 57, J. M. L. Davis not out 26), Lloyds Sports 60 for three (rain).

Bedford Martlets 141 for eight declared (D. J. Canham 61, E. S. Vozz not out 27), Sevenoaks Vine 182 for five (A. Burgess three for 51).

Blue Mantles 139 (R. D. Linzer five for 48), Bedford Martlets 192 for three (R. Chatterton not out 105, E. W. Giles 51).

Bedford Martlets 111 (P. G. Miller not out 41), Linden Park 152 for five (Cranbrook Lynx 72 for two taboos).

Bedford Martlets 194 for ten declared (R. Chatterton 54, D. J. Canham 41, E. J. Cooper 24, N. Gilliam 31), Tonbridge 112 for nine (A. Burgess four for 41, E. S. Vozz three for 37).

Mr. William Moore, of Tunbridge Wells, a former Bedford Modern School master, was tour secretary.

Bedford Postals v. "B" Division, Bedfordshire Police

"B" Division: D. Morris 25, P. C. Austin 15, P. C. Baker 2, D. C. Hepworth 9, P. C. Napthin 15, P. C. Price 7, P. C. Bellamy 0, Hawley 8, P. C. Clarke 0, P. C. Thomas 0, D. C. Amor not out 4, extras 3, total 69.

Postals: Threadwell 1, Thurley 7, Ashwell 11, Boyles 0, Berwick 2, Jefferson 0, O'Dell 0, Kemp 8, Millman 8, Redpath 2, Stonebridge not out 2, extras 4, total 54.

Lynton Works v. Ashwell and Resby

Lynton Works: W. Beardsmore 42, A. Corke 14, P. Maricham 4, W. Whitbread 47, E. Crosskey 7, G. Hobday 7, P. Spindler 2, E. Beardsmore not out 31, J. Beardsmore 1, J. Richardson 0, H. King not out 4, extras 6, total for nine wickets declared 165.—Nix four for 58, Cooper three for 31, Wells one for 16, Vials one for 18.

Ashwell: P. Nix not out 7, S. Shingler 1, W. Salmen 3, W. Wells not out 1, extras 1, total for two wickets 15.—P. Maricham one for 7, P. Spindler one for 5.

Rain stopped play.

Stevenage 84 (Cox 30), Bedford Town 88 for none (E. C. Howard not out 55).

Stevenage II 23 (Baker three for 0, Hale three for 5), Bedford Town II 105 for five.

Queen's Works 120 for eight declared (H. Boyce 30), Harpur Sports 11 for one (rain).

Luton 120 (B. Satterley 30), Harpur Sports Sunday XI 153 for six (A. Jarvis 52, T. King not out 30).

Bedford Town Ramblers 91, Hexton 10 for two (rain).

Amphill 119 for three (R. J. Manyweathers not out 61, R. Thompson 30), Barton 5 for one (rain).

Evershott 78 for six declared (K. Collins 50), Motts 19 for two (rain).

Steppingle 16 (F. Barkaby five for 6), Madden 41.

Silsoe 151 (C. Mathews 81, C. Dilley seven for 31), Southill 45.

Commer Rantlers 40, Hembow II 102 for five (Opavestock 27, Jones not out 20).

Elbow 6 (R. Huckle six for 4), NAAFL 30 for six.

BEDFORDSHIRE TO PLAY AT OLD TRAFFORD

Challenge to Lancashire II, Minor Counties' Leaders

Bedfordshire, finishing the normal programme second to Lancashire 2nd XI in the Minor Counties' Cricket Competition, will avail themselves of the right to challenge the leaders for the championship, and the match will be played at the historic Old Trafford ground in Manchester on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of next week.

In their last match, at Oxford on Friday and Saturday, Bedfordshire defeated Oxfordshire on the first innings by 13 runs. It brought their points average per match to 7.50, as compared with Lancashire's 8.45.

A very proud chapter is added to the story of the County's cricket, and though their task at Old Trafford is likely to be much the heaviest yet faced, the Bedfordshire team will strive with every resource of skill and temperament to wrest the highest honours from Lancashire. It is hoped that Alf Gover will be fit enough to help the attack.

Bedfordshire have never yet won the championship. They were third in 1906 and fourth in 1937. This season their record is: Played 8 matches, won 3, lost none, won 3 on first innings, and lost none on the first innings; the two other matches having no result. They totalled 45 points, and they share with Lancashire and Lincolnshire the achievement of going through the season without a defeat.

Lancashire have won eight of their sixteen matches outright, won twice on the first innings, and had one first innings result go against them. Their total of points is 93.

Worcestershire II (7.22) are third in the competition and Yorkshire II fourth.

STRUGGLE FOR FIRST-INNINGS LEAD

Owen's Batting Pulls County Through

An Oxford correspondent writes that all the excitement in the Oxfordshire match occurred on Saturday afternoon. Oxfordshire had been dismissed on the first day for 268, and at the close of play Bedfordshire had lost Oliver's wicket with the score at exactly 100. August and Hills proceeded by cautious methods to take the edge off the Oxfordshire bowling. Owen and August added 57 before August was stumped, but from this point the home bowlers were in the ascendancy, six wickets falling for 68. Owen, however, never looked like getting out. When Matthews, the last batsman, joined him four runs were required for a first innings lead. Owen got these runs in a tense atmosphere, and Bedfordshire went on to secure a lead of 13. Owen's performance, following the earlier splendid displays by August and Hills, could scarcely be over-praised.

With wickets falling at the other end he had to restrain himself, but he farmed the bowling cleverly towards the end. It was fitting that he should remain undefeated.

After the struggle for first-innings lead, the match may be said to have died. There was no hope of getting Oxfordshire out again very cheaply on a perfect wicket, and a total of 139 was sufficient to rob Bedfordshire of the chance of an outright win. At six o'clock the stumps were drawn.

Owen followed up his fine batting by taking six wickets for 38, making his bowling analysis for the match nine for 126.

Poole's Captaincy

To an Oxford observer, the Bedfordshire team looked a fine all-round combination. They respond admirably to Poole's inspiring leadership; they had a variety of good bowling, and if the opening stand by August and Oliver could have been followed immediately by more forceful batting, Bedfordshire might have won outright. Whatever happens in the challenge game, Bedfordshire assuredly justify their position as the leading county (apart from first-class counties' second elevens) in this season's competition.

OXFORDSHIRE

1st Innings	
J. F. Mendl run out	117
W. Lithgow c and b Noble	20
E. V. Ellington st Hills b Owen	0
S. Pether c Howard b Owen	20
K. Talboys c and b Owen	0
L. Hemming b Noble	4
C. Carr c Noble b Coomb	58
M. Girling c Matthews b Coomb	5
W. W. Inge run out	16
M. Wakefield c Owen b Coombe	16
J. Gullfoyle not out	4
Extras	8
Total	268

2nd Innings	
Mendl b Matthews	32
Lithgow c Owen b Noble	23
Pether c Disbury b Noble	9
Talboys st Hills b Owen	8
Hemming lbw b Owen	20
Carr c Coomb b Owen	4
Girling c Legate b Noble	9
Inge c Noble b Owen	22
Wakefield b Owen	0
Ellington not out	4
Gullfoyle c Poole b Owen	0
Extras	8
Total	139

BEDFORDSHIRE

1st Innings	
G. L. B. August st Inge b Ellington	61
J. A. R. Oliver b Ellington	30
R. L. Hills c Pether b Gullfoyle	65
E. C. Howard b Ellington	0
J. G. Owen not out	74
B. E. Disbury c Ellington b Gullfoyle	0
J. Legate b Hemming	8
A. B. Poole c Ellington b Gullfoyle	12
I. C. Noble c Wakefield b Gullfoyle	8
A. Coomb lbw b Ellington	0
T. D. Matthews c Girling b Gullfoyle	2
Extras	21
Total	281

2nd Innings	
August not out	6
Oliver not out	8
Total for no wickets	14

Bedfordshire Bowling

First Innings: Oliver 3 overs, 0 maidens, 15 runs, 0 wickets; Coomb, 17.1-2-42-3; Matthews, 25-7-59-0; Noble, 37-18-56-2; Owen, 27-1-88-3.
Second Innings: Oliver, 7-2-10-0; Coomb, 11-5-16-0; Matthews, 11-2-29-1; Noble, 19-4-38-3; Owen, 12-5-0-38-6.

THE COUNTY'S TASK AT OLD TRAFFORD

Main Strength of Lancashire II Will be in Bowling

Cricket dies hard this year, for there is still Bedfordshire's grand struggle for the championship of the Minor Counties' Competition to unfold its last phase. On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of next week the issue will be decided at Old Trafford, Manchester, where Lancashire II meet Bedfordshire, who exercise their right, as the team placed second in the table, to challenge the leaders.

Nothing less than Bedfordshire's best form will be good enough if they are to stand a reasonable chance. But there is a good prospect of Alf Gover, who is recovering from a strain, being fit to play, and his bowling—still considered to be the fastest in the country—could easily be a match-winning factor, providing that the batting does not fall. So much will depend on our batsmen doing themselves justice. It would seem that the Lancashire attack will be better than anything our players have met in the normal programme.

The team chosen is: A. B. Poole (capt.), J. A. R. Oliver, G. L. B. August, S. T. Morris, J. G. Owen, R. Hills, E. C. Howard, I. C. Noble, B. E. Disbury, A. G. Coomb, and A. Gover.

The County's first innings win over Oxfordshire last week completed the normal programme. This is their record: played 8 matches, won 3, lost 0, and won 3 on first innings, two games being without result. It gives them a points average of 7.50 per match (10 is the maximum), as against Lancashire's 8.45.

The full County averages will be published next week. Glyn Owen heads the batting at the exceptional figure of 115.50, the highest ever recorded in the County Club's history. He is second to Gover in the bowling and has the most wickets (31).

Bowled Bradman Twice

No doubt, Lancashire will face Bedfordshire's challenge with the strongest eleven available, and just how rich in talent such a great cricketing county is needs no emphasis. Remember Farrimond, one of the finest wicketkeepers in the country, and yet his appearances in the Lancashire 1st XI were usually confined to the times when representative matches called Duckworth away!

A Manchester journalist informs us that most probably the team next week will include Malcolm Hilton, the 20-year-old left-arm spin bowler, who bowled Don Bradman twice in one match. Hilton has played a leading part in the 2nd XI's success, his best performance being five for 17 against Durham.

League Club Players

Though there are, of course, a number of promising young professionals on the Old Trafford staff, the County Club endeavour to field as representative a side as possible, including amateurs from various parts of Lancashire. The most notable of these amateurs, perhaps, are Guy Shuttleworth, the former Cambridge Blue, and E. R. Conradi, who has also played for the 'Varsity. In J. J. Reid and J. G. Lomax Lancashire have prominent League club players, while John Kelly, who scored over a thousand runs last year, is the most consistent batsman on the professional strength.

The Lancs Skipper

The captain of the 2nd XI is B. J. Howard, younger of the two sons of Major Howard, the County Club Secretary and Manager of two M.C.C. tours in Australia. Last season B. J. played regularly for the County 1st XI, scoring 699 runs, but University studies have kept him out of the 1948 team.

The bowling may well be the best in the Minor Counties Competition, more especially when it comes to spin. Should Hilton not play against Bedfordshire, Lancashire will call on another left-arm spinner, Berry, who is said to be of equal promise.

The opening attack is almost certain to include Roy Tattersall. He has done well in the 1st XI, and is a bowler who can serve up slow off-spin or deliveries of medium pace as occasion demands.

EARLY SHOCKS FOR COUNTY

Only Two Hours' Play Yesterday

No play was possible before lunch in the Challenge Match at Old Trafford between Lancashire 2nd XI and Bedfordshire yesterday (Thursday). When the wicket was inspected soon after ten o'clock it was under water.

During the last few days (writes H.J.D.) Manchester has been true to its reputation, and when the Bedfordshire players arrived soon after lunch on Wednesday they were keenly disappointed to find the historic ground unfit for net practice.

Frequent rain has soaked the turf. Following the heavy downpours during the night, the prospects appeared dismal early yesterday morning, but at the time of telephoning this message the weather was distinctly brighter. There was fitful sunshine and a drying wind, and the ground has the reputation of being quick to recover.

GOVER NOT PLAYING

For this three-day match which will decide the championship of the Minor Counties Competition, Bedfordshire were to have had the services of Alf Gover. But he did not accompany the team, and when Mr. Frank Crompton, Bedfordshire's Secretary, telephoned Gover's home yesterday morning, he was informed that the former England bowler was unfit.

A letter from Gover to this effect had not reached Mr. Crompton when the party left Bedford on Wednesday. Gover's absence is, of course, a serious blow. His place is taken by T. D. Matthews, the Luton medium pace bowler.

Lancashire are paying their opponents a compliment by turning out a strong side that includes no fewer than eight players who have appeared in the first eleven this season. They are captained by N. D. Howard, who, although he was appointed skipper of the second eleven, has played most of his cricket with the senior side and has scored nearly 1,000 runs.

PROMISING BOWLERS

Lancashire's attack includes young Malcolm Hilton, who jumped into fame by twice bowling Don Bradman with his left arm leg-breaks. Another bowler of the same type is Berry, said to be as promising as Hilton. R. Tattersall is an off-spinner who has taken wickets for the first eleven, so that Lancashire's attack is well suited to the conditions, and a big effort of concentration and skill will be required of Bedfordshire's batsmen.

The home County's batting is also strong. There are two Cambridge Blues in E. R. Conradi, a left-hander, and G. M. Shuttleworth, while G. Kelly is one of the foremost young batsmen on the Old Trafford staff. He topped 1,000 runs last season.

Bedfordshire's players are accompanied by the Club's President (Major Simon Whitbread), the Chairman (Mr. H. R. Neate), two members of the Selection Committee (Mr. W. W. Corfield and Mr. C. W. Rawlins), and Mr. Crompton.

Many messages of congratulation and good wishes have been wired to the Bedfordshire team. Some are from individ-

uals and some are from County clubs which Bedfordshire meet on the field of play.

TWO OUT FOR 16

Play began at 4.40. Winning the toss, Poole sent Oliver and August in to face Lomax, a Lancashire League fast bowler, and Lawton (medium). The innings opened with three maidens, and the first scoring stroke was a streaky single off Lomax which might have had Oliver caught in the slips. Lomax was making the ball lift sharply. Twenty minutes passed before August opened his account, but Oliver drove Lawton through the covers for four.

At 14 Bedfordshire suffered a setback, August being taken at the wicket on the leg side. Hilton, who had just previously relieved Lawton beat Howard's forward stroke with a ball that appeared to turn viciously, and the challengers were 16 for two. Oliver and Morris played with great care. A square cut to the boundary off Hilton gave Morris his first runs, and 24 were on the board in an hour.

The batting was now acquiring a more confident aspect, and though some hard hits did not penetrate a well-set field, runs came steadily. Oliver sent the 50 up after 100 minutes with a straight drive for 3. At 52 Morris, who was occasionally troubled by the turning ball, mis-hit Berry and was caught at deep mid-off. He and Oliver had added 36 in an hour.

Close of play scores:—

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings

G. L. B. August c Wilson b Lomax	2
J. A. R. Oliver not out	36
F. G. Howard b Hilton	0
S. Morris c Shuttleworth b Berry	15
J. G. Owen not out	10
Extras	5
Total for 3 wickets	66

COUNTY WERE TRAPPED ON WORST TRAFFORD WICKET

Batsmen Mastered by Two Young Spinners

INNINGS WIN FOR LANCS

In their challenge match with Lancashire II last week, Bedfordshire were defeated by an innings and 76 runs. But there was no ignominy in the visiting County's performance. They were overthrown by the Minor Counties' champions on a wicket that, in their second innings, became the worst known at Old Trafford since pre-war years—and with what superb craftsmanship did those young professionals exploit it! Day after day of rain and then one of the warmest spells Manchester has had this summer conspired to serve the Lancashire bowlers and make a mockery of a normal batting technique.

Major Howard, the Lancashire C.C. Secretary, described the turf as far more difficult to bat on than when Notts totalled only 48 runs at Old Trafford a few weeks ago.

Bedfordshire were not down-hearted, and they had no reason to be (writes H.J.D.). In a grand match, played with chivalry and the utmost friendliness, our players were opposed to bowling far superior to anything they experience in the normal course. Those 65 runs, scored in Saturday's gluepot, were worth 250 made against—well, Blankshire; and the first innings' 130 were by no means easily come by.

Beyond any doubt we had the worst of the conditions in both innings. Poole cannot be criticized for choosing to bat first, but the significant thing is that N. D. Howard, the Lancashire captain, on his own admission, meant to put our team in if he had won the toss! He knows the Old Trafford wicket and just how it will play. At 10 o'clock on Thursday morning, the table was under water; soon after play started, late in the afternoon, our batsmen were astonished to see the ball turning sharply on a wicket which they thought would be dead.

Great Bowling

Perhaps foremost in the memory of our players will remain the bowling of the left-handed young Malcolm Hilton (Bradman's conqueror), with its lovely curve, its dip and leg-spin; and the wonderful accuracy of the off-spinner, Tattersall, who on Saturday's spiteful wicket made the ball jump as if jerked by invisible strings. His four wickets cost him eight runs. Morris, I thought, combated the spin better than most of our batsmen. His method was a sort of protective stab, made at the last fraction of time and with the body well over the ball. Young Disbury, too, showed a sound technique. He will make a heap of runs for the County before he is much older.

The two hours' play on Thursday was described in *The Bedfordshire Times*. On Friday morning, Owen fool-

ishly ran himself out when 11 runs had been added to the overnight score of 66 for three, and at 83 Oliver's vigil ended. For 2½ hours he had defended his wicket with considerable skill, and 26 singles in a score of 41 were the measure of his restraint. Oliver has made his centuries, but I doubt if he ever played a more valuable innings than this.

Disbury, in a long stay, played the spin bowlers very well, and here, as with other Bedfordshire batsmen, was an innings whose value could not be judged solely by reference to the score-book. A brilliant catch by Hilton from his own bowling brought Disbury's downfall. Poole found his bearings after one very unpleasant over by Hilton, and repaid that bowler with some fine hits in front of the wicket. He had four boundaries in a typical display.

August Misses a Vital Catch

Bedfordshire's innings contained its elements of luck, for on the previous evening Oliver had been missed twice off successive balls, and by the same slip-fielder; and Owen should have been stumped while 0 was still against his scoreboard number. But, whereas Lancashire could afford these lapses, Bedfordshire were to pay dearly for the mistakes they made in the field. Hills had one of those unhappy days which come to all wicket-keepers. He dropped several catches, though the first and most costly miss did not concern him. Only 11 runs had been scored when N. D. Howard, opening the innings with Kelly, hooked Coomb powerfully; it was as if the ball had a definite appointment with August on the leg boundary—the batsman could not have aimed with greater accuracy had he wanted to lose his wicket. But George dropped the catch.

Howard and Kelly were not parted until the total was 102. They scored quite quickly off bowling which was for the most part amiable in the extreme. The Owen of this match and the Owen who helped to spin out Oxfordshire at Bedford were only distant relatives. He bowled a lot of full-tosses, and when he pitched the ball short, it turned so slowly that Kelly had all the time required to bring out a square-cut of classic beauty. Young Coomb, who was probably tired and stale after a very active season, bowled too much outside the off stump; Noble, even if he did not get much help from the slow turf, had a long, steady spell, which deserved N. D. Howard's wicket. His first eight overs yielded only 14 runs.

But the most effective bowler, I thought, was Oliver, who attacked without a break for 80 minutes after tea, and, ably supported by Matthews, did so much to revive Bedfordshire's hopes. Lancashire passed the opposing total with nine wickets in hand; but 40 minutes from the close of play they were 203 for seven. (Incidentally, Coomb brought off a really great catch, right on the pavilion rails, to dismiss B. J. Howard).

Runs For The Asking

Then, unaccountably, Bedfordshire allowed the position to slip from their grasp. With Oliver resting after spending all his energy, the bowling became loose again, and the tail-enders helped themselves to runs almost as they pleased. The last wicket fell just before close-of-play time, and Lancashire were 141 ahead. The figure should not have been more than 90.

Every lover of the batting art must have enjoyed the N. D. Howard-Kelly stand. The former's style bore the traditional stamp of the amateur, free and strong, with lovely strokes on the off side. Many of these Poole fielded brilliantly. He was an example to his team in this respect, but I cannot understand why he did not give Matthews a chance of "getting at" the opening pair. The Luton bowler sent down his first over when the board showed 120 runs.

While shrewd professionalism was at the core of Kelly's innings his display was always extremely handsome. In build, he reminded me of Len Hutton, and his cutting was in the Washbrook class. For years to come this young man will delight Old Trafford crowds.

Kelly hit seven fours and a six, and Howard six fours and a six.

Lancashire batted for 4½ hours to make 271; Bedfordshire had made 130 in four hours.

On Saturday morning, August and Oliver went forth

a second time for Bedfordshire, blissfully unaware of the wrath to come. They met the quick attack of Lawton and Lomax in the bat's true middle, Oliver hitting Lawton straight for four off a no-ball. When Hilton early displaced Lomax, the Luton man helped himself to a four and a three, but at 17 the trouble started. August edged one fatally into the slips.

Promoted in the batting order, Hills swept Hilton beautifully to the leg boundary, and a cut off the same bowler rattled the pavilion rails. But Hilton lured his quarry to destruction; Hills played him down the gully for two, so N. D. Howard moved. Conradi to that vicinity, where the batsman's very next stroke—a tame push—found safe hands. Still, it was a spirited innings while it lasted.

Morris arrived, ran a single, and then, in Hilton's next over, saw Oliver, who nibbled at a rising ball, out to a grand catch at second slip. Two deliveries later Owen reached at

full stretch to the pitch of the ball, for which N. D. Howard—an alert fieldsman at silly mid-on—dived as does a goalkeeper, and held it.

Out First Ball To Easy Catch

E. C. Howard attempted an on-side hit off the first ball to him, and it went up like the lark, ascending; an easy catch at mid-on.

Meanwhile Mr. A. W. H. Poole and his fellow-scorer perhaps had the sense of being official receivers attending to the details of Bedfordshire's bankruptcy. High in the Press-box—I have never watched cricket from a seat so near the sky—a daily newspaper man, with an edition to catch, typed furiously; but I had time to worry over the challengers' plight and to think of what the Queen says in "Hamlet":

"One woe doth tread upon another's heel
So fast they follow . . ."

I wondered, too, what Morris, who was to stay until the fall of the ninth wicket, was thinking as he surveyed the ruin from the bowler's end. He looked at the pitch as though considering whether it was his duty, as a police officer, to have the brute arrested, on a charge of disturbing the peace. Instead, he smacked it with his bat, perhaps more in anger than in hope of doing any good. It was like inflicting corporal punishment on a juvenile offender who has not the least intention of mending his ways.

Hilton had taken three wickets in one over—four in two. His figures at this stage read: 10 overs, 4 maidens, 23 runs, 5 wickets. The total was 38. Disbury defended well until he was caught in Tattersall's leg-trap. Morris hit Hilton gallantly over mid-off's head for four, but the visiting County were almost at their last gasp. Eventually Morris was caught not far from his left trouser-pocket—he had been in for 45 minutes—though Coomb temporarily revived the dying innings by driving Hilton twice to the ring.

The end came at 12.45 p.m. Bedfordshire's innings had lasted 1½ hours. Scores:

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings

G. L. B. August c A. Wilson b Lomax	2
J. A. R. Oliver lbw b Lomax	41
E. C. Howard b Hilton	0
S. T. Morris c Shuttleworth b Berry	15
J. G. Owen run out	13
R. L. Hills c Tattersall b Hilton	0
B. E. Disbury c and b Hilton	10
A. B. Poole c Shuttleworth b Hilton	30
I. C. Noble b Lawton	7
A. Coomb lbw b Lawton	0
T. D. Matthews not out	0
Extras	12

Total 124
Fall of wickets: 1-15, 2-16, 3-52, 4-77, 5-77, 6-83, 7-109, 8-124, 9-124, 10-130.

Bowling: Lawton, 20 overs, 9 maidens, 22 runs, 2 wickets; Lomax, 13-6-16-2; Hilton, 26.4-13-38-4; Tattersall, 21-8-23-0; Berry, 17-8-19-1.

LANCASHIRE

N. D. Howard c Morris b Noble	56
J. Kelly c Matthews b Oliver	64
E. R. Conradi c Hills b Matthews	17
B. J. Howard c Coomb b Oliver	11
G. M. Shuttleworth b Matthews	48
J. G. Lomax c Coomb b Noble	7
W. Lawton b Oliver	16
R. Tattersall c Oliver b Matthews	0
M. Hilton c Matthews b Owen	22
A. Wilson c Hills b Owen	5
R. Berry not out	12
Extras	15

Total 271
Fall of wickets: 1-102, 2-137, 3-145, 4-167, 5-175, 6-193, 7-203, 8-250, 9-254, 10-271.

Bowling: Oliver, 19-7-48-3; Coomb, 14-4-35-0; Owen, 14.1-2-55-2; Noble, 24-4-71-2; Matthews, 17-4-47-3.

BEDFORDSHIRE

Second Innings

G. L. B. August c Tattersall b Hilton	1
J. A. R. Oliver c Tattersall b Hilton	19
R. L. Hills c Conradi b Hilton	16
S. T. Morris c N. D. Howard b Tattersall	10
J. G. Owen c N. D. Howard b Hilton	0
E. C. Howard c B. J. Howard b Hilton	0
B. E. Disbury c Berry b Tattersall	2
A. B. Poole lbw b Tattersall	2
I. C. Noble c Tattersall b Hilton	1
A. G. Coomb b Tattersall	11
T. D. Matthews not out	0
Extras	3

Total 65
Fall of wickets: 1-17, 2-37, 3-38, 4-38, 5-38, 6-46, 7-52, 8-53, 9-60, 10-65.

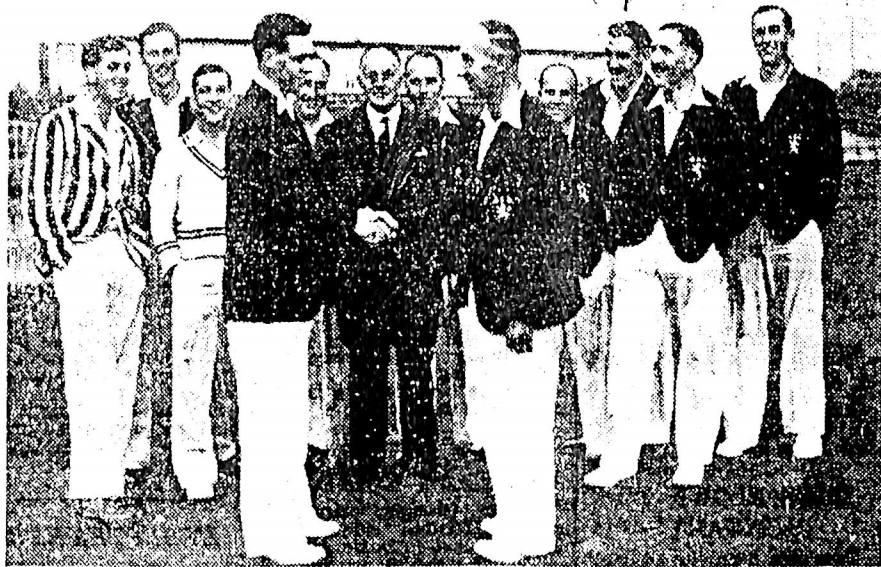
Bowling: Lomax, 3-2-4-0; Lawton, 5-3-6-0; Hilton, 17-4-44-6; Tattersall, 14.5-10-8-4.

BIG HITTING IN TOWN'S LAST MATCH

Batsmen of both sides had a happy day in Bedford Town's last home game of the season with Welwyn. Pratt declared after the Town had scored 167 in two hours, leaving Welwyn the same time to get the runs. They failed by 15 and the game was drawn. Scores: Bedford: E. S. Smith 7, J. Harris 40, J. Pratt 17, V. Grimshaw 32, M. W. J. Dobeyn 7, C. F. Sabey not out 36. C. M. Thorne 10, extras 18, total for six wickets declared 167.

Welwyn: 142 for six. McCanlis four for 37, Sabey two for 33.

County Cricket XI at Old Trafford



A. B. Poole, the Bedfordshire captain, is seen (on the right) shaking hands with N. D. Howard, leader of the Lancashire II team that won the challenge match at Old Trafford. Bedfordshire players are in the background. Left to right: B. E. Disbury, A. G. Coomb, G. L. B. August, E. C. Howard, Mr. A. W. H. Poole (Honorary Scorer), R. L. Hills, J. G. Owen, T. D. Matthews, S. T. Morris, and J. A. R. Oliver.

Bedfordshire who finished second to Lancashire II at the top of the Minor Counties cricket table, failed in their challenge match with the Northern County at Old Trafford, Manchester, last week, and were decisively overthrown. But it was a failure entirely without ignominy (writes H.J.D.). Our batsmen were trapped on the sort of wicket for which young Lancashire bowlers are expressly coached, and local opinion was that no County in England would have

made 100 runs there on Saturday, when Bedfordshire collapsed and were out for 65. (Scores on page 7). There were certainly no low spirits in the party on the homeward journey. It had been an unparalleled experience for most of our players. The Lancashire Club's hospitality was truly north-country in its liberality and friendliness; but, above all, there remains the proud memory of having played at Old Trafford, one of the finest grounds in

the world and steeped in cricket history. It has orderliness, dignity, and spaciousness; its pavilion, the product of Victorian architecture, survives from an age that knew nothing of "pre-fabs"; and its playing arena is unsurpassed anywhere. The Bedfordshire party left Old Trafford with no doubt as to the sincerity of the welcome they received and of the Lancashire Club's wish that the two Counties will meet again on the cricket field.

COUNTY CRICKET AVERAGES

Owen Top of Batting, Takes Most Wickets

Glyn Owen, the Luton Town and former Surrey all-rounder, heads the Bedfordshire batting averages at a figure that has the Bradman look about it—115.50. It is certainly the highest in the history of the County Club.

He is second to Gover in the bowling and has taken the most wickets. His form with bat and ball has obviously been the major factor in the County's unprecedented success this year in the Minor Counties Competition. Performances in the challenge match with Lancashire II do not count in the averages.

BATTING

Qualification: 5 innings

	inns	out	runs	inns	avg
J. G. Owen	8	4	482	192*	115.50
G. L. August	9	3	265	74*	43.83
S. T. Morris	6	1	202	53	40.40
J. A. Oliver	11	2	326	100	36.22
A. B. Poole	6	2	102	26	25.50
R. L. Hills	6	1	83	25	18.00
E. C. Howard	11	2	156	70*	17.33

Also batted: I. C. Noble, 22, 72, 8; B. E. Disbury, 60, 2*, 14, 0; C. B. Bailey, 39, 7; C. V. A. Collins, 15, 10, 19, 3*; R. K. Costin, 3, 13; J. Legate, 10, 1, 8; T. D. Matthews, 1, 4, 2; G. H. Tearle, 11; A. R. Gover, 6*; A. G. Coomb, 0, 0, 21*, 0.

BOWLING

Qualification: 5 wickets

	overs	inns	runs	wkts	ave
Gover	85.3	12	226	25	9.04
Owen	150.5	30	479	31	15.40
Bailey	55.1	13	139	9	15.44
Noble	125.2	44	244	12	20.33
Matthews	118.1	31	242	11	22.00
Oliver	148	46	282	12	23.50
Coomb	124.4	41	250	9	27.70

Also bowled: Disbury, 20-3-65-2; Howard, 1-31-1; Legate, 5-6-33-0; Hills, 5-0-15-0; Poole, 3-0-17-0; Tearle, 9-0-27-0. R. L. Hills stumped seven batsmen. Catches: R. L. Hills, 9; J. G. Owen, 7; T. D. Matthews, 6; A. G. Coomb, 4; I. C. Noble, 4; A. B. Poole, G. L. R. August, E. C. Howard, J. Legate, J. A. R. Oliver, 3 each; C. B. Bailey, G. Tearle, S. T. Morris, C. V. A. Collins, 2 each; R. K. Costin, B. E. Disbury, 1 each.

SUMMARY OF MATCHES

Played 8; won 3; lost 0; won on first innings 3; lost on first innings 0; no result 2.
 June 25-24 (at Hertford): Hertfordshire 120 and 91, Bedfordshire 131 and 61 for two; won by eight wickets.
 July 28-29 (at Luton): Cambridgeshire 154 and 234, Bedfordshire 331 for six declared and 18 for one; won by nine wickets.
 August 2-3 (Bedford School): Oxfordshire 184, Bedfordshire 160 for three; no result.
 August 4-5 (Bedford School): Buckinghamshire 139 and 169 for eight declared, Bedfordshire 176 and 151 for no wickets; won by ten wickets.
 August 6-7 (Bedford School): Hertfordshire 209 for nine declared, Bedfordshire 220; won on first innings.
 August 13-14 (at Cambridge): Bedfordshire 256 for three declared, Cambridgeshire 105 for seven; no result.
 August 25-26 (at High Wycombe): Buckinghamshire 216 and 139 for three, Bedfordshire 263; won on first innings.
 August 27-28 (at Oxford): Oxfordshire 268 and 134, Bedfordshire 281 and 14 for no wickets; won on first innings.

THE CHALLENGE MATCH AT OLD TRAFFORD

Trapped on the stickiest wicket Old Trafford has known in recent years, Bedfordshire collapsed in their second innings and were defeated by Lancashire II by an innings and 76 runs in the three-day challenge match last week. The Minor Counties champions had in Hilton and Tattersall spin bowlers who had the ability to exploit the conditions to the full, dismissing Bedfordshire for 67 in one and three-quarter hours on Saturday morning.

The challengers had the worst of the wicket in both innings. Many hours of rain preceded the match, but they were followed by one of the warmest spells Manchester has had this summer, and the pitch became a gluepot under Saturday's hot sun.

A full report of the match appeared in our Bedford Record series of newspapers on Tuesday. Summary of the scores:—

Bedford: 1st innings, 130 (J. A. R. Oliver 41, A. B. Poole 30; Hilton four for 58).

Lancashire II: 271 (J. Kelly 64, N. D. Howard 56, G. M. Shuttleworth 48; Matthews three for 47, Oliver three for 48).

Bedfordshire: Second innings, 65 (Oliver 19, R. L. Hills 16; Hilton six for 44, Tattersall four for 8).

PERSUADED TO ALTER DECISION

A. B. Poole to Skipper the County XI Again

First appointed captain of Bedfordshire when cricket was resumed after the war, A. B. Poole accepted the leadership for 1949 at the annual meeting of Bedfordshire C.C.C. held at the Shire Hall, Bedford, on Friday.

The Chairman, Mr. H. R. Neate, told the meeting that "A.B." had decided not to accept nomination for the captaincy and had advanced, before the committee, several reasons for that decision. But the speaker was happy to report that "A.B." had been persuaded to let his name go forward. Successful as the side had been last season, they hoped that in 1949 Bedfordshire would do even better, and it would be a pity to have a change in the captaincy at the present time.

Proposing the re-election of Mr. Poole, Commander W. A. D. de Kavanagh, C.V.O., said that one of "A.B.'s" best characteristics was his ability to get the best out of his side, both on and off the field. They all respected him.

Mr. J. A. R. Oliver, who was appointed vice-captain again, seconded, and Mr. Poole was unanimously re-elected.

The captain said he would continue to do his best for the County "for one more season."

No reference was made to the question of appointing a professional for 1949, but it is understood that the matter is engaging the committee's attention.

The statement of accounts showed that an advance payment of £160 had been received by the Club as part of their share of the proceeds of the 1948 Test and Trial matches. Mr. Neate announced that a further £301 from these sources would be included in next year's financial statement, but the item was subject to tax.

GREAT BARFORD PLAYER HITS FIRST BEDFORD LEAGUE CENTURY THIS SEASON

To Page, of Great Barford, falls the distinction of scoring the first century in the League this season. He treated the Renhold bowling with scant respect, and got exactly a hundred in a total of 151 for seven. The Renhold bowlers threatened to run through Great Barford cheaply, but Page at length found a sound partner in Lee. Barford won by 57 runs.

Everton "B" were in a poor position when Richardson went out to bat against Ickwell, half the wickets being down for about 25 runs. His gallant half-century, helped by vigorous wagging of the side's "tail", assisted Everton to a big total. Ickwell, baulked by keen fielding, managed to play a draw, one wicket standing at the close. Two slip catches by Everton would have done credit to Hammond.

Potton are now finding their bearings in League cricket. They got over a bad start against Thurlleigh to win by 32 runs. Thurlleigh made 21 for the first wicket, but the Potton attack mastered the later batsmen.

A. Stapleton, the Marston captain, makes the most of his time at the crease. In a score of 30 off Blunham's bowling he had three lusty sixes. Defeated by 70 runs, Blunham could not master Swales (six for 24) and C. Copperwheat (four for 22).

STRUGGLE FOR RUNS

Little Staughton scored a Division II success over their neighbours Great Staughton, in a game that was a struggle for runs all through—at least, until the losers batted a second time just for the fun of it. Then H. Davison helped himself to 59 in about 45 minutes, and the side totalled 90.

Wilden are a good batting side this year, taking 106 off the Lynton Works attack and finishing with seven wickets intact. Previously B. Ashpole (seven for 23) had sent the Works back for a modest score.

West End's three-runs win over Sharnbrook was due mainly to a fourth-wicket stand of 73 by King and Millard. King made 55 in a total of 97.

If Pavenham were disappointed with their batting against Felmersham, Lovell and Curtis soon made it evident that their total of 48 was enough. Felmersham were dismissed by this pair for 26.

A lesson in quick running between the wickets was to be seen in a Stagdsen fourth-wicket stand between Dutton and Sharpe. Oakley could not curb their appetite for cheeky singles, without which Stagdsen's score would have been

low. Sharpe (five for 5) and Cooper (five for 8) shot Oakley out for 13. Stagdsen played a man short. Another good bowling performance in Division II (Section II) was Gilbert's seven for 23 in Wood End's win at Cople.

Clapham, skittled for 17, proceeded to dispose of Lavenodon for 16, and then hit up 73 in their second venture. Pickering, with 13 wickets for a fraction over one run each, bowled Clapham to a victory by 48 runs.

FIRST DIVISION

Marston v. Blunham
Blunham: B. Stacey 7, R. Brown 3, G. Peck 8, G. Harding 5, P. Abbott 2, C. Saunders 3, E. Joyce 2, R. Clarke 10, R. Kidman 3, R. Reid 0, C. Rawlings 0, extras 5, total 48.—W. Swales six for 24, C. Copperwheat four for 22.
Marston: D. Stapleton 6, R. Copperwheat 3, R. Berry 9, W. Swales 18, L. Odell 3, A. Stapleton 30, J. Nicholls 0, H. Stapleton 3, P. Bunker 27, C. Copperwheat 13, H. Brightman 0, extras 6, total 118.—R. Reid three for 13, G. Peck three for 28.

Thurlleigh v. Potton
Potton: F. Pale 2, K. Hardy 0, E. Huckle 2, H. Jakes 1, L. Sims 26, R. Kitchener 0, L. Boston 23, K. Woodman 20, J. Stander 8, G. Gurney not out 4, G. Gurney 1, extras 5, total 92.—J. Thorne four for 33, W. Asplin three for 25, A. Bull two for 8, G. Gammons one for 22.
Thurlleigh: J. Thorne 3, W. Asplin 16, J. Asplin 15, J. Holly 0, A. Bull 6, A. Walters 1, J. Wagstaff 0, S. Asplin 0, G. Gammon 10, F. Bull 6, R. Asque not out 0, extras 3, total 60.—J. Stander five for 11, L. Sims three for 28, E. Huckle two for 18.

Renhold v. Great Barford
Great Barford: W. Norman 0, W. Robinson 6, B. Norman 0, D. Page not out 100, H. Favell 1, J. Brezce 7, D. Jones 2, E. Lee 26, extras 9, total for seven wickets declared 151.—J. Norman four for 49.

Renhold: D. Stapleton 0, F. Harlow 37, F. Joyce 2, P. Harlow 1, J. Norman 1, R. Brice 12, A. Norman 0, P. Shorley 8, J. Rabbitt 4, G. Harlow 20, J. Wootton not out 0, extras 9, total 94.—H. Favell four for 27, W. Page two for 6, Skevington two for 14.

Ickwell v. Everton "B"
Everton: H. Gurney 0, F. Wilson 4, C. Cottle 0, S. Cole 14, V. Wilson 9, G. Richardson 53, S. Knott 0, E. Hull 3, G. Lawson 6, K. Wason not out 14, R. Hull 26, extras 11, total 140.—J. Marsom three for 38, G. Brunt one for 3, A. Marsom three for 22, G. Reek one for 14, E. Hillyard one for 9, J. Robinson one for 3.
Ickwell: D. Humphries 17, J. Marsom 1, G. Reeks 4, A. Marsom 6, A. Wright 18, G. Brunt 13, J. Robinson 1, G. Dilleigh 2, H. Thompson not out 6, C. Dilleigh 0, E. Hillyard not out 8, extras 8, total for nine wickets 84.—E. Hull four for 35, G. Richardson one for 26, S. Cole four for 15.

DIVISION II (SECTION I)

Lynton Works v. Wilden
Lynton Works: J. Beardsmore 3, H. Ives 0, D. Simpson 9, O. Hobday 17, C. Barwell 11, R. Lowe 10, E. Beardsmore 0, S. F. Beardsmore 3, G. Simms 0, B. Rowlands 0, G. Rollinson not out 0, extras 8, total 61.—B. Peet three for 16, B. Ashpole seven for 23.
Wilden: G. Wright 36, R. Wiles 14, J. Ashpole 19, B. Peet not out 14, B. Ashpole not out 12, extras 9, total for three wickets 105.—Rollinson one for 53, J. Beardsmore one for 53, Simpson one for 22.

Little Staughton v. Great Staughton
Great Staughton: H. Davison 4, D. Horner 4, P. Langhorne 10, J. Malle 0, H. Pitt 1, D. Pitt 0, J. Newman 2, W. Davison 0, E. Simcoe 5, D. Hawkins not out 0, C. Heading 0, extras 1, total 27.—Brown five for 17, Saunders three for 3.

Little Staughton: C. Banks 5, G. Robins 6, C. Brown 2, R. Thorne 0, G. Stapleton 6, S. Hall 1, L. Saunders 7, V. Banks 6, S. Robins 12, S. Stapleton not out 4, C. Stapleton 0, extras 9, total 58.—Simcoe seven for 25.

Colmworth v. South End Ramblers

South End Ramblers: A. Wiles 5, A. Spiel 0, K. Ferguson 4, P. Chester 0, T. Ruff 31, Allen 2, S. Tompkins not out 1, F. Usher 5, Jones 7, Evans 4, Nicholas 4, extras 8, total 71.
Colmworth: J. Darrington 3, D. Polbigg 9, R. Chamberlain 0, S. Gadenen not out 32, V. G. Pell 3, S. Mathews 11, A. Bence 0, V. T. Fell 0, B. Ellison not out 16, extras 11, total 87.

DIVISION II (SECTION II)

Sharnbrook v. West End
Sharnbrook: Boyles 2, Grey 10, Martin 11, Dowsdell 1, Dunkley 15, O. Boyles 10, Ward 9, D. Dunkley 11, Knight 0, Bance 0, Benson not out 13, extras 7, total 94.—White six for 38, Jessop four for 39.
West End: Odell 3, Anthony 2, L. Jessop 2, King 55, Millard 20, Ashpole 4, Hills 1, White 2, D. Jessop 2, Hill 0, Burrow 1, extras 1, total 97.—Bance five for 10, Knight three for 27.

Pavenham v. Felmersham
Pavenham: A. Wildman 2, N. Wesley 1, S. Coleman 1, G. Curtis 7, R. Cox 0, J. Tandy 4, A. Wesley 11, G. Scoley 6, J. Turner 4, S. Lovell 1, J. Crawley 1, extras 1, total 48.—B. Barker six for 27, A. Betts three for 12.
Felmersham: R. Bayliss 3, V. Dittmer 2, Taylor 2, T. Rust 2, A. Betts 0, R. Barker 7, J. Turner 0, T. Braag 1, P. Turner 0, W. Lawson 2, H. Dodd 3, extras 4, total 26.—S. Lovell five for 7, G. Curtis four for 12.

Cople v. Kempston Wood End
Cople: R. Norman 1, S. Wilsner 0, E. Bartram 0, B. Hamilton 11, B. Hillyard 1, R. Minney not out 13, R. Surridge 1, R. Bennett 1, A. Worrall 3, S. Golder 0, C. Graves 1, extras 3, total 39.—Gilbert seven for 23, V. Ashpole three for 13.
Wood End: B. Ashpole 7, R. Miller 0, V. Ashpole 8, G. Curtis 17, W. Hutchings 25, T. Burroway 1, E. Burroway 4, K. Gilbert 0, D. Wall not out 0, extras 1, total 84.—Bennett three for 9, Hamilton four for 18, Worrall two for 13, Hillyard one for 14.

Stagdsen v. Oakley
Stagdsen: H. Newman 5, G. Perrin 7, G. Newman 0, B. Sharpe 18, P. Frossell 2, S. Dalton 28, G. Griffiths 0, G. Bennett 0, W. Woolston 2, C. Cooper 2, extras 4, total 63.
Oakley: F. Rainbow 1, D. Parker 0, J. Newell 1, G. Rainbow 1, D. Mayes 2, V. Gregory 1, G. Bird 1, B. Donegan 0, J. Stewton 2, M. Panter 1, W. Baden 0, extras 0, total 13.

DIVISION III (SECTION II)

Blunham II v. Ickwell II
Ickwell: G. Thompson 1 0, E. Reeks 0 1, J. Newell 3 2, J. Turnbull not out 11, S. G. Byraves 0 1, G. Parrish 0 0, F. Ebbs 1 2, H. Norman 0 1, R. Woodward 3 4, C. Thompson 0 not out 2, M. Law 0 0, extras 6 and 2, total 63 and 18.
Blunham II: S. Green 0 not out 9, K. Reid 0 1, B. Marles 1 2, C. Street 0 1, S. Reid 9 not out 9, F. Reid 4, F. Lester 0, G. Barker 0, R. Hawlina 1, A. Smit 0, G. Bred not out 2, extras 7 and 2, totals 24 and 24 for three wickets.

DIVISION III (SECTION III)

Clapham v. Lavenodon
Clapham: R. Devereux 2 3, R. Facey 2 0, R. Pickering 2 6, L. Wooding 1 27, D. Williams 0 1, C. Turner 3 10, H. Faulkner 0 1, K. Wilson 2 4, C. Loak 0 8, J. Loak 1 0, J. Newton 0 2, extras 4 and 9, totals 17 and 73.—First innings: Clare five for 5, Kitchener five for 8; second innings: Clare four for 26, Kitchener three for 23.
Lavenodon: G. Chapman 0 0, H. Kitchener 3, A. Panter 0 5, D. Ryan 3 0, K. Willey 0 0, J. Martin 0 0, Jamieson 1 0, R. Green 2 0, E. Clare 3 6, P. Wheeler 0 0, M. Goss 3 2, extras 4 and 10, totals 16 and 26.—First innings: Pickering five for 4, C. Loak five for 8; second innings: Pickering eight for 10, C. Loak one for 6.

Marston II v. North Crawley
North Crawley: F. Brandon 11, P. Wooding 3, F. Mitchell 0, W. Howe 3, J. Lancaster 2, W. Rock 5, F. Savage 4, V. Stanley 0, F. Collier 0, F. Pollard 0, A. Goodman 0, extras 7, total 35.—K. Brightman three for 5, F. Faulkner three for 5.
Marston II: K. Brightman 4, V. Rolf 2, F. Faulkner 29, A. Bunker 2, V. Hale 0, T. Ellis 0, C. Thompson 1, A. Knight 1, S. Ingle 0, F. Lilley 1, B. Knight 1, extras 5, total 46.—W. Rock two for 8, V. Stanley five for 2.

Hospital Cup

ELSTOW'S HEAVY DEFEAT

Kempston Bowler in Form

Kempston easily defeated Elstow in the first round of the Hospital Cup on Tuesday. At one period Elstow had six wickets down for 8 runs, Cambers dismissing three batsmen in four deliveries. The winners passed the Elstow total without loss. Scores:—

Elstow: C. Prudden 3, L. Lack 0, B. Lowe 0, J. Minns 5, R. Bennett 0, F. Wainwright not out 9, R. Nicholls 0, K. Brown 2, P. Gough 0, D. George 0, A. Cirkett 5, extras 0, total 24.—L. Cambers eight for 14, G. Daniels two for 10.

Kempston: H. White 15, J. Tysoc not out 19, A. Parker not out 3, total for one wicket 38.

Great Barford II v. Bedford Town

Great Barford II, having the misfortune to be drawn against Bedford Town in the first round of the Hospital Cup, were beaten easily at home last week, but they gave the Town two shocks. Harris bowled Howard and Jaffs bowled Pratt before a run had been scored. Scores:—

Great Barford II: Harris 0, Beaney 2, J. Tatum 4, Mardlin 0, Bridge 2, Skevington 0, Lee 0, Gamble 2, Jeffs 0, Cope 6, Berridge not out 0, extras 2, total 18.—Berridge eight for 4, Hodgson two for 12.
Bedford Town: Pratt 0, Howard 0, Sabej 4, Woollicroft 28, Smith not out 32, Barcock not out 1, extras 9, total for four wickets 74.—Jeffs two for 26, Harris one for 16, Lee one for 9.

Harpur Sports I v. Thurlleigh

Harpur Sports I had to thank Minns and Jarvis for some plucky hitting in falling light to gain their win over Thurlleigh in Bedford Park on Friday. A valuable stand by Waller and S. Asplin held Harpur up for a time. A. Cornell took six Thurlleigh wickets for 53. Scores:—

Thurlleigh: R. Thorne 1, F. Bull 0, J. Asplin 9, F. Holley 11, J. Wagstaff 0, C. Waller 34, S. Asplin 13, C. Clayton 1, A. Bull not out 6, R. Asque 0, S. Asplin not out 5, extras 2, total for nine wickets 86.—A. Cornell six for 53.
Harpur: R. Poulter 15, D. Bennett 0, T. Minns not out 35, J. Newman 1, R. Jarvis not out 37, extras 6, total for three wickets 92.

Eastern National v. Turvey

A good all-round performance by Willis helped to bring Eastern National through their cup game with Turvey at Bedford Park, but another important factor was smart fielding, which made the village hunt for runs. When stumps were drawn Eastern National had three overs in hand. Collection, 21. Scores:—

Turvey: E. Frost 5, H. Sargent not out 19, F. Scarlett 20, F. Paynton 0, A. Clarke 0, R. Wright 3, F. Finch 6, A. Sugars not out 12, extras 1, total for six wickets 68.—H. Dodson four for 27, Willis two for 24.
Eastern National: E. Hutchings 15, R. Burnage 1, E. Willis not out 32, L. Snyer 6, D. Meadows 9, L. Keater not out 0, extras 9, total for four wickets 72.

Sandy v. Elstow

When Prudden was missed in the slip with his score at six, Sandy lost their chance of beating Elstow. He went on to reach 51 in a total of 58. Sandy losing by three wickets. Scores:—
Sandy: G. Pepper 25, H. Single 11, E. Clark 6, S. J. Cooper 8, Odell 3, F. Jeeves 1, J. Allison 0, W. Jeeves 1, A. Pitts 2, F. Butcher not out 3, N. Hoole 2, extras 5, total 42.—Bennett five for 18, Lowe five for 19.
Elstow: C. Prudden 31, B. Lack 1, H. Lowe 0, J. Minns 1, P. Bennett 9, P. Goff 2, W. Cirkett 0, R. Nicholls not out 4, A. Cirkett not out 8, extras 2, total for seven wickets 58.—Clarke five for 27.

Roxton v. Everton

There was great excitement at Roxton, where Eversholde played the home village to a tie of 46 runs each. Fine bowling by W. Munro (seven for 19) kept Roxton subdued, and they would have been out very cheaply but for the steady batting of Clark and Gilbert. The latter also took six for 24. The collection amounted to £4 7s. 6d. The scores were:—

Eversholde: T. Norris 6, K. Cousins 5, C. Brown 4, R. Slisdon 6, S. Fleat 0, W. Munro 5, M. Ryan 8, R. W. Hall 2, P. Barr 4, B. Oakley 3, J. Ryan not out 0, extras 3, total 46.
Roxton: H. Franklin 10, D. Clark 20, H. Gilbert 0, L. Lisset 1, T. Gilbert 19, L. Rogers 1, S. Reed 2, H. Harman 0, D. Sugars 0, B. Peet not out 1, M. Cooper 0, extras 1, total 46.

Blunham I v. South End Ramblers

South End Ramblers: 42.—R. Reid six for 10, Peck four for 24.
Blunham: Stacey 4, Brown 5, Saunders 1, Clarke 4, Abbott not out 11, Joyce 7, Rawlins 2, Peck 6, Harding 1, Kidman 4, total for eight wickets 45.

Friendly Cricket

QUEEN'S SAVED BY WILDMAN

A Drawn Game With Northampton

Queen's Works began their match with Northampton Saints at Weston Favell on Saturday by losing three wickets for seven runs, but Wildman came to the rescue in a hard-hitting innings which included six fours. He found a useful partner in Macdonald. Then he and Shepherd put on 66 for the fifth wicket. Dawson and Walker (a six and four fours) made a ninth wicket stand. The Saints lost two men cheaply, but Talbot and Thornton took the score to 87. At 96 two more wickets fell. In a keen north-east wind two catches were dropped by cold hands, and an even game was drawn. Scores:—Queen's Works: E. Wooding 0, S. Barcock 6, E. Collingsridge 0, M. Macdonald 17, B. Wildman 42, G. Shepherd 23, H. Boyse 6, M. Woodland not out 6, J. Dawson 12, E. Walker 24, D. Thompson 0, extras 14, total 151.—J. Cole five for 30, R. Haynes three for 43, W. Talbot two for 36. Northampton Saints: F. Watts 10, H. Talbot 62, R. Barton 0, P. Thornton 19, W. Gillett 11, R. Hopkinson 0, S. Belson not out 17, B. Payne 7, extras 3, total for seven wickets 130.—E. Walker three for 51, J. Dawson one for 41, D. Thompson two for 18.

North End v. Bacoehs
Bacoehs: Harris 3, Brittain 11, Green 5, Shireffs not out 23, Collier 0, Wackfield 0, King 0, Stanbridge 5, Brice 4, extras 3, total for eight wickets 62.—T. Tompkins one for 7, G. Foster one for 9, G. Coats two for 11, K. Simmons three for 16. North End: A. Peacock 6, D. Pickering 21, A. Woodward 8, T. Ruff 19, G. Foster 0, T. Warner 0, T. Tompkins 10, G. Collins not out 1, extras 3, total for seven wickets 57.—Collier four for 35, Green one for 22.

Southill Park v. Henlow
Henlow were always fighting for runs against some excellent length bowling from A. Massey (five for 47), A. Burnage (three for 14), and K. Ballard (two for 4), their 97 taking two and a quarter hours. J. Legate and W. Jordan batted attractively, the latter at a vital stage when his side had lost six wickets for 50. Southill passed the Henlow total for the loss of three wickets, a feat being a good third-wicket stand by A. Burnage and K. Roberts. Scores:—Henlow: E. Smith 1, P. Bywaters 6, J. Legate 26, M. Jordan 0, R. Legate 8, J. Cooper 15, R. Lyman 7, W. Jordan 22, V. Edmunds 6, W. Rawlins not out 0, J. Slater 0, extras 11, total 97. Southill Park: A. Burnage 47, A. J. Brunt 19, G. Gilbert 4, K. Roberts 41, E. Sanderson not out 4, G. Hunt not out 24, extras 1, total for four wickets 140.

Silsce v. Shire Hall II
Shire Hall: J. Smith 0, A. Hannan 1, E. Luck 2, E. Howe 0, P. Jackson 1, J. Sanbrook 0, J. Holden 4, A. Jessop 0, R. Beard 1, K. Barber 2, R. Smith not out 0, extras 1, total 12. Silsce: C. Matthews 9, A. Ambridge 8, R. Harris 2, P. Yeomans 3, F. Maglinn 0, G. Robinson 1, J. Wise 6, E. Eddy 12, C. Rogers 1, J. Pitts not out 0, P. Billington 1, extras 6, total 49.

Bedford Gas Co. v. Sharnbrook
Gas Co.: E. Buckingham 38, R. Lett 5, R. Smith 23, F. Manton 22, C. Legge 5, B. Kirkup 1, L. Worsey not out 12, P. Green 1, extras 11, total for seven wickets declared 118.—Smith six for 29, Sharp three for 10. Sharnbrook: Fancy 2, Howate 3, Fountain 2, Wildman 8, Barcock 7, Greenaway 14, Odell 0, Buckley 6, Jeffries 10, Blood 0, Dunkley 1, extras 7, total 60.—Odell two for 28, Greenaway three for 15.

Eastern National v. College of Aeronautics, Cranfield
Eastern National: E. Hutchings 37, R. Burnage 18, E. Willis 7, J. Cooper not out 3, L. Kestor not out 0, extras 9, total 76 for three wickets.—Trimms three for 22. College: Morris 1, Davey 6, Thomas 1, Trimms 0, Knowles 1, Marshall 3, Moseley retired hurt 0, Orchard 7, Gover 0, Lilley 6, Taylor not out 1, extras 2, total for nine wickets 28.—Willis five for 14, Saunders two for 1, Dodson one for 11.

Elstow v. R.A.F. Cardington
Elstow: J. Minns 20, H. Lowe 11, C. Frudden 0, L. Lack 18, R. C. Brown 41, R. Bennett 8, E. Brown 4, A. Criket 7, P. Goff not out 11, J. Keep 0, R. Bartram 7, extras 12, total 139.—Johnson five for 43, Davs five for 40. R.A.F. Cardington: Walker 22, Hicks 7, Foxson 8, Massey 11, Whittin 5, Johnson 6, Davis 2, Cook 2, Tarrant 0, Copeland 0, Lloyd not out 0, extras 10, total 75.—Brown five for 8.

Wells of Bedford v. Bedfordshire Times
Wells: Saunders 0, S. Wilson 0, Smith 5, J. Wilson 3, Howell 16, Holden not out 0, Jones 3, Luff 5, Cawley 0, Baker 1, Shaker 0, extras 3, total 34.—Brice two for 12, Cook seven for 15, Galley one for 4. Bedfordshire Times: G. Wilson 1, D. Bowker 8, H. J. Dutton 11, R. Brice

5, C. Galley 4, E. G. Coleman not out 12, H. Sedgwick 0, S. J. May 11, K. Lawrence not out 19, extras 9, total for seven wickets 70.—Smith two for 19, S. Wilson three for 15, Holden two for 10.

Bromham Nomads v. Bedford Postels
Nomads: L. White 4, W. E. Bowen 0, W. Mortimer 0, B. Everest 3, D. King 0, R. Cating 16, S. Tysoe 3, R. Bruty not out 21, C. Church 13, A. Everest 10, A. White 3, extras 8, total 85.—L. Cant three for 22, H. Berwick five for 29, L. Kemp two for 29. Bedford Postels: W. Buck 0, B. Chambers 2, J. Berry 7, H. Berwick 18, R. Thurlby 2, F. Millman 0, L. Kemp 7, L. Stonebridge 4, J. Gibbons 2, L. Cant 0, R. Wildman not out 0, extras 4, total 46.—L. White five for 13, S. Tysoe three for 12, B. Everest two for 3.

Bedford Gas Co. v. Fire Services
Gas Co.: R. Lett 10, E. Buckingham 51, R. Smith 8, E. Ames 29, F. Manton 0, B. Kirkup 1, L. Worsey not out 1, C. Legge 0, P. Green not out 1, extras 6, total for seven wickets 107.—Newman four for 29. Fire Services: Bennett 16, Newman 2, Seaton 3, Harrison not out 27, Fisher 4, Fincham 0, Shaw not out 0, extras 5, total for five wickets 57.

Valence (Northampton) v. Olney
Valence: 54.—Berrill four for 17, Hammond two for 10, Adams two for 7, Olney Minard 1, Smith 5, A. Berrill 20, Megeary 17, Dix 2, J. R. Berrill 0, Hammond 2, Mawer not out 1, Adams 3, Harrison 8, extras 3, total for nine wickets 64.

Olney v. Phoenix
Olney: A. Minard 0, A. Inchley 2, R. Megeary 3, R. Mawer 1, A. Adams 1, Berrill 9, S. Dix 2, J. Goldsmith 2, L. Smith not out 1, A. Harrison 0, A. Mann 0, extras 1, total 22. Phoenix: 51 for seven wickets.—A. Berrill three for 14, Megeary three for 24.

R.A.F. Henlow 133 (McCanis four for 27), Bedford 206 for two (Howard 108 not Babey 57 not).

Morris Motors 120, Harpur 138 for six (Poulter 54 not).

Aspley Guise 68 (A. Cook four for 22), Harpur Sports II 119 for five (T. King not out 31, J. Taylor 24).

Fodington 31 (W. Sheppard six for 8, A. Lyman two for 2), Dickens C.C. Harrod 63 (K. Woods five for 11).

Toddington 148 (Whittingham 47; Taylor seven for 59), Amphill 70 (Jays five for 14, Carr four for 31).

Biggleswade II 211 for eight declared (Ambrose 80, R. Bowles 50 not out), Claphill 63 (Carr three for 13, R. Huckle three for 18).

Southill Park II 79 (C. Dilley 34; Tlilton three for 14), Amphill II 19 and 46 for nine (Sanders not out 24; Chambers six for 8, C. Dilley four for 9).

Pulloxhill 65 (J. Hull four for 17, Ludgate four for 32), Chalgrave 58 (S. Webb six for 15, Hubert Parker four for 15).

Maulden 60 (Squire not out 24), Gravenhurst 39 (Piercy five for 14, Turner five for 22).

Westoning 77, Pirton 55 (Short eight for 16), Weston Underwood 64, N.A.L.G.O. 116 for six wickets.

Sandy 33 (Daniels seven for 14) and 56 for five (E. Clarke not out 35), Kempston 97 (Turner retired 50; Hoole four for 24).

Kimbolton School 100 for eight declared (Todd not out 25; Wright four for 25), Bedford Modern School 101 for two (Bramwell 3, Miller not out 58).

Shire Hall 124 (Scrivener 41; Barnes four for 19, Minns three for 26), Argus 123 for eight (Barnes 26, Hill 23; Duckett six for 23).

Baptist 68 (Curtis seven for 6), Stevington 94 for nine.

Baptist 70 (Taylor six for 22), Carlton School 36 (Housden seven for 8).

Randall's 105 for seven (Stuck 62), Bedfordshire Times 123 for five (Willis 65).

Bedford Ramblers 191 for six declared (Dilley not out 54, Hawkins 35, Thorn 36), Hawley Aircraft 59 (Hill five for 14).

Bedford Thursday 125 for six declared (S. Smith 56), Potton 95 (Harrison not out 28).

Igranic 78, Bedford Town II 108 (Hales 29; Jones six for 41).

Biggleswade 123 (Gillard 29), Kent's Athletic, Luton 84 for nine.

Henlow II 157 for eight declared (Ward not out 51, Vine 34, Jones 30), Hitchin United 38 (Ashwell seven for 20).

Everton "A" 67, Hilton 102. Old Warden 60, Bedford North End 118 (Eaddy 29; Gale five for 12).

CRICKET FIXTURES

FRIENDLIES

Bedford Town v. De Havilland Aircraft. Bedford School v. Oxford Authentics (12.15). Valence (Northampton) v. Harpur Sports. Queen's Works v. Bletchley Town. Bedford Modern School v. St. Albans School. De Havilland II v. Bedford Town II. Royston II v. Bedford Ramblers. Harpur Sports II v. Shire Hall. Kent's (Luton) v. Southill Park. Bedford Postels v. Craysico. Cranfield College v. Shire Hall II. Argus v. Queen's Works "A". Baptist v. Eaton Socon. Henlow v. Royston. Olney v. Mansfield. Southill II v. Henlow II. North End Club "A" v. Bedford Gas Works.

BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

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Kempston v. Everton. Potton v. Ickwell. Great Bedford v. Marston. Blunham v. Renhold.

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Division III (Section III)
Marston v. Laverdon. Bielew v. North Crawley. Kempston West End v. Clapham.

SUNDAY

Leighton Buzzard v. Bedford Town. Peterborough Brotherhood v. Harpur. Tabulator Sports v. Southill. Kent's XI (Luton) v. North End Club.

Hospital Cup

To-night: Harpur II v. Shire Hall (Bedford Park).
Next Monday: Kempston West End v. Bedfordshire Police (at Kempston).

TO HELP BEDFORD NURSES

Next Week's Game in Park

Given fine weather, two evenings of enjoyable cricket are assured for next Thursday and Friday in Bedford Park. Charlie Dickens has got together some of the town's best players to form his XI for the match with Harpur Sports, and there should be bumper collections on behalf of the Bedford district nurses of the Queen's Nursing Association.

The following will play under Dickens' captaincy: J. Pratt, C. F. Sabey, C. Bailey, W. H. Childs, H. Boyse, E. Walker, P. W. Scrivener, G. Pacey, G. Brice, S. Barcock; twelfth man, R. Reid.

Eric Howard will appear in a strong Harpur XI.

Cricketer's Appointment

Kenneth McCanlis, formerly of Surrey 2nd XI and a Bedford Town bowler in recent seasons, has been appointed by the M.C.C. to the list of first-class cricket umpires, succeeding F. Root (Worcestershire), who has retired. McCanlis will "stand" at seventeen matches this season, and they include every county in the Championship except Hampshire. He will have the honour of umpiring two of Australia's matches versus the counties.

The Umpire's Job

An invaluable guide to umpiring, written by Harry Lee, the former Middlesex batsman, is on sale, price 2s. 6d., under the title "How's That?" Those who "stand" in local matches and aim to do the job really well, no matter how carefree the occasion, should read this booklet. The new laws are explained. Mr. Lee, himself an umpire in first-class cricket, is particularly helpful regarding the l.b.w. laws, and a study of the photographs will resolve any doubt as to when a batsman should be given out leg before to an off-break and when the decision should be in his favour.

Mr. Lee, in his general summing up of the umpire's job, emphasizes a vital point. Some people think that a good umpire is one who always gives his decisions instantly. But Mr. Lee writes: "It is wise to train yourself never to hurry your decisions. . . . An l.b.w. decision particularly calls for a few seconds' thought."

Friendly Cricket

B.M.S. BOWLING TOO GOOD

St. Albans School's Defeat

St. Albans batted first against B.M.S. at Bedford on Saturday and scored very slowly after a bad start. They reached 50 for four then, after Smith left, having scored a useful 52, there was a lank "tail" that wilted before the bowling of Gale (three for 4) and Miller (four for 13). Wright got two for 12, and De Villiers one for 15.

Bramwell played another good innings for B.M.S., scoring 36 out of 56 before he was caught. The School went on to win by six wickets. For St. Albans, Thornton took four for 22. Scores:—

St. Albans School: T. E. Wilkins 0, J. Pressland 0, M. G. Smith 32, R. E. Ashworth 12, P. Stanhope 0, F. J. Josling 6, J. A. Barnett 1, C. W. Hogbin 0, R. W. Thrall 2, D. J. George 1, R. Thornton not out 1, extras 6, total 61.

B.M.S.: J. H. Bramwell 36, P. G. Miller 6, R. A. Glynn-Jones 0, R. F. Graves 10, R. E. Jeeps 8, J. H. L. Davis not out 0, extras 3, total for five wickets 63.

Bedford School v. Oxford Authentics

Honours were about even in Bedford School home match with Oxford Authentics on Saturday. The result was a draw.

Helped by an aggressive innings by Potts, the Authentics had 144 on the board at the fall of the fourth wicket but the side then collapsed. They declared at four o'clock. The School started slowly after tea and at 5.30 the board shows only 47 for three. But Dawes and Fry carried the score to 101. Dawes had completed a sound half-century when the closure was applied with the School 48 short of the Oxford total and having six wickets in hand. Scores:—

Oxford Authentics: J. H. Potts 84, G. L. Williams 20, Shearwood 15, C. E. Winn 21, S. Duff 5, D. C. Money not out 9, N. W. Barr 0, G. A. Moss 0, D. L. Hall 3, N. Poulter 6, extras 1, total for nine wickets declared 168.

Bedford School: Spooner 8, G. D. Moulton 14, B. E. Disbury 12, A. D. R. Dawes not out 51, Fry 19, H. D. Payne not out 14, extras 4, total for four wickets 120.—Hall two for 38, Moss one for 12, Poulter one for 15.

12 For First Wicket

A. Peacock and D. Pickering, opening North End Club's innings against Bedford Gas Co., took the score to 142 before being parted. After Pickering left Arthur Peacock scored well all round the wicket and reached a grand century, including eleven fours and one six. The scores were:—

North End Club: A. Peacock retired 101, D. Pickering 61, R. Colburn not out 29, A. Green 11, extras 3, total for two wickets declared 205.

Bedford Gas Co.: F. Buckingham 38, R. Lett 24, R. Smith 25, F. Manton 0, C. Legge not out 0, extras 3, total for seven wickets 99.

Kent's (Luton) v. North End

Kent's batsmen failed in this Sunday game against some accurate bowling by F. Chapman (four for 11) and K. Simmons (six for 25). Scores:—

North End Club: R. Shirreffs 5, G. Newman 3, R. Colburn 11, J. Dunham 27, G. Pooter 2, K. Simmons 6, W. Warner 1, F. Chapman 6, K. Peasey 0, G. Collins 0, T. Tompkins not out 1, extras 2, total 70.—D. Grady five for 14, F. Chatterly three for 25. Kent's: 39.

Igranic v. Ampt Hill

This was Igranic's first win of the season and was mainly due to the fine wicket-keeping of S. A. Barnett, who took four catches, and a rescue innings by York, who gave a chance early on. Scores:—

Ampt Hill: Manyweathers 13, Copper-wheat 4, Washington 4, Eagle 0, Fen-wright 10, Hoskins 5, Phillimore 0, Palmer 13, Inskip 0, Stokes 3, Taylor not out 1, extras 5, total 58.—Barnes five for 9, Jones four for 10.

Igranic: S. H. Fryor 0, V. C. Jeffries 11, R. P. How 3, B. W. York not out 45, J. Quinney 0, R. K. Jones 11, S. A. Lowndes 9, extras 0, total for six wickets 79.—Taylor six for 28.

Stagden v. Britannia Works

Stagden: H. Newman 4, R. Benson 7, G. Newman 2, B. Sharp 7, S. Dutton 6, G. Perry 11, F. Frossell 3, Griffiths 20, G. Bonnett 2, W. Woolston 2, C. Cooper 1, extras 6, total 74. Britannia Works: W. Crane 3, A. Hogg 1, L. Wells 0, R. Craddock 7, V. Prince 0, A. Perkins 2, D. Mellor 2, D. Griffiths 0, G. Wildman 0, W. Smelling 0, R. Cowper 0, extras 3, total 18.

Few Runs at Tempsford

Tempsford: M. Brown 0, A. Usher 0, L. Marlin 3, P. Gosling 0, D. Jennerles 0, C. Jackson 9, R. Fuller 3, R. Bettles 0, R. Johnson 2, J. Usher 0, K. Lawless not out 1, extras 2, total 20.—D. King four for 7, W. E. Bowen six for 11.

Bromham Nomads: K. Bushell 9, W. G. Bowen 9, W. Mortimer 0, A. D. Culling 10, S. Tysoe 0, C. White 2, B. Everest 2, R. Bruty 3, W. S. Bowen 0, A. Everest not out 0, D. King 0, extras 2, total 37.—R. Bettles five for 13, R. Johnson five for 15.

Sandy v. St. Neots

Sandy: G. Pepper 17, H. Single 0, E. Clarke 23, S. Cooper 22, F. Odell 0, P. Reeves 12, A. Pitts 0, W. Reeves 3, N. Houle 5, H. Rogers not out 2, F. Butcher 0, extras 4, total 88.—Craik four for 40.

St. Neots: D. Fordham 8, Daniels 52, Ketteridge 1, Lovett 0, J. Craig 8, B. Wakelield not out 25, Patance 3, extras 5, total for six wickets 102.—Houle three for 19.

Everton "A" v. R.A.F. Cardington

Everton: W. Smith 5, K. Smith 0, D. Darlow 8, J. Wisson 59, D. P. Crossman 0, J. G. Cook not out 51, extras 12, total for five wickets declared 135.

R.A.F. Cardington: Walker 8, Hicks 5, Finnistere 0, Massey 3, Winton 2, Morris not out 17, Feebles 0, Johnson 2, Bawes 7, Joel 2, Tarrant 1, extras 6, total 53.

De Havilland Aircraft 121 (Breeze five for 32, Bailey four for 30), Bedford Town 134 (Morris 35, Smith 30, Sabey 26).

Northampton Valence 228 for three declared (B. Cornelius 100 not out), Harpur Sports 200 for five (Newman 104 not out, Jarvis 42 not out).

Queen's Works 142 for seven dec (Shepherd 48), Bletchley 71 for seven, Queen's Works 161 (Shepherd 62 not out, Cullingridge 41), Northampton Brewery 91 for seven.

Bedford Ramblers 128 (Jenkins not out 25, Dilley 23), Royston II 42 (Harris three for 12).

Harpur II 122 for nine declared (Taylor 28, Lookley 27, Pilknot three for 21), Shire Hall 82 for eight (Scrivener 33, Cook four for 21).

M.C.C. 74 (Spooner five for 25, Disbury three for 12), Bedford School 17 for three (abandoned owing to rain).

Baptist 78 (Fiske 22 not out; Asbury five for 21), Eaton Socon 69.

Queen's Works "A" 108 (Barnes five for 26), Angus 117 for eight (H. Jones 38, Coomb 23, Sharp 22; Davis three for 17).

Harpur Sports 174 for five declared (Munn 63, A. Webster 59), Peterborough Brotherhood 140 for five, Leighton Buzzard 98 (Breeze five for 25, Sabey three for 10), Bedford Town 168 (Pratt 36, Howard 24, Sabey 23 not out).

Ampt Hill 58 (Jones four for 16, Barnes five for 9), Igranic 79 for six (York 45 not out; Taylor six for 24).

Claphill 42 (Elliott five for 6), Old Warden 211 for seven (Wilks 107, Bennett 43 not out).

Ridgmont 33 (C. Hawkes six for 17), Steppingley 33.

Biggleswade 204 for four dec. (Byrnes 45, Miller 67 not out), Bedford Town 75 (Elliott 21).

Henlow 135 for two declared (E. Smith 59, Bywaters 23, Legate 52 not out), Boston 16 (Cooper five for 21, Legate three for 1, Rawlins two for 22).

Southill II 44 (Chambers 27, Russell four for 9, Slater four for 12), Henlow II 164 (Graves 62, Jones 31, Chambers five for 35).

R.A.F. Henlow 113 for five declared (Shirley 54, N. Smith three for 27), Biggleswade II 57 for five (Perry 25, Huckle 25).

Sewardby 99 (E. Postell one for 37, P. Mankham nine for 29), Lynton Works 131 (W. Whitbread 64; Burnage five for 43).

Bedfordshire Times 32 (Pitby six for 19), Eastern National 49 (Brice six for 19).

Newport Pagnell 64, Lynton Works 25.

Southill Sunday XI 91, Letchworth 126 for eight wickets (A. Swall four for 20).

Weston Underwood 40, Hanslope 48 for eight wickets (Hawkins five for 15, Wilks three for 16).

Sligo 79, Luton Napier 25.

Bedford League

TOTAL OF 39 ENOUGH TO BEAT MARSTON

The wicket must have been tricky at Great Barford, where Marston were tumbled out for 27. Barford also fared indifferently, but they defeated by 12 runs a side that did not lose a match last year.

After a close struggle for first-innings lead, ending in a two-runs margin on Ickwell's side, Potton's bowling failed and Ickwell won by seven wickets.

Replying to Kempston's 125 for seven declared, Everton made little attempt to reach that total, although given over two hours to bat. S. Cole (two sixes) alone tried to force the pace. Kempston won by 53 runs.

For the second successive season Pavenham won their home match with Kempston Wood End by one run. In reply to Pavenham's total of 75, Wood End made a shaky start, losing three wickets for only seven runs, but good batting by Ashpole and Burroway enabled their side to reach 72 for seven.

Little Staughton and Wilden met with unbeaten League records to defend, and in an exciting game the issue remained doubtful to the end. Wilden, set to get 107, lost a wicket with one run scored, but they reached 81 for seven. Then C. Brown, whose final figures were seven for 21, took three wickets in four balls, leaving Little Staughton winners by 25 runs.

Roxton's 14 was the lowest total in the day's League games. The Cople bowlers sent five men back without a run between them.

DIVISION I

Kempston v. Everton

Kempston: H. White 25, J. Dyson 20, A. Parker 22, R. Turner 34, W. Tipton 11, C. Chambers 5, G. Daniels 2, C. Leach not out 1, extras 7, total for seven wickets 125. E. Peck five for 24. Everton: H. Gurney 4, F. Watson 0, J. Barnett 15, J. Wilson 0, H. Wilson 2, G. Richardson 17, L. Watson 0, S. Cole 22, E. Hull 1, G. Dawson 5, E. Peck not out 5, extras 1, total 72. C. Chambers three for 9, J. Tysoe five for 41.

Seven Wickets Win

Potton: R. Pepper 11, K. Hardy 5, O. E. Huckle 0, L. Boston 10, J. L. Simms 5, K. Woodman 0, F. Paice 0, H. H. Jakes 1 not out 17, R. Kitchener 1, O. J. Standen not out 4, O. E. Gurney 0 not out 0, extras 3 and 3, totals 38 and 60. A. Marston five for 13 and four for 27, E. Hilliard four for 10 and four for 59. Ickwell: D. Humphries 1, J. R. Fox 5, G. Brunt 19 not out 9, A. Wright 0 not out 4, C. Dulleigh 0, E. Hilliard 5, H. Thompson 0, Turnball 0, A. Marston 0, J. Newell 3, B. Cole not out 0, extras 7 and 2, totals 47 and 59 for three. J. Standen one for 22 and one for 16, E. Huckle one for 6, L. Boston one for 3, L. Simms three for 12.

Blunham v. Renhold Blunham: B. Stacey 17, R. Brown 14, K. Reid 2, B. Clarke 2, G. Peck 5, R. Head 0, F. Abbott 4, C. Saunders 3, C. Rawlins 1, G. Harding not out 1, E. Joyce 3, extras 1, total 68. W. Harlow five for 33, J. Woolton five for 16. Renhold: F. Harlow 15, D. Stapleton 1, W. Harlow 6, J. Woolton 0, G. Harlow 6, F. Shorley 7, R. Brice 0, P. Harlow not out 6, J. Norman 4, P. Joyce 0, A. Norman 2, extras 10, total 55. R. Reid five for 10, R. Clarke three for 8.

Great Barford v. Marston Great Barford: W. Norman 8, C. Robinson 0, B. Norman 1, J. Breeze 2, D. Page 6, E. Lee 3, H. F. Keil not out 11, K. Tatman 0, W. Skevington 1, D. Jones 2, W. Page 0, extras 5, total 39. Swales six for 12, C. Copperwheat three for 22. Marston: D. Stapleton 6, R. Copperwheat 1, R. Berry 0, L. Odell 1, W. Swales 3, A. Stapleton 3, F. Bunker 5, D. Lunan not out 6, J. Nicholls 0, H. Stapleton 0, C. Copperwheat 3, extras 1, total 27. Favell six for 13, Skevington three for 13.

DIVISION II (SECTION I)

Wilden v. Little Staughton

Little Staughton: S. Stapleton 2, C. Brown 4, R. Thorne 25, S. Hall 2, V. Banks 31, C. Hanks 6, G. Stapleton 8, S. Robins 9, G. Robins 9, C. Stapleton 0, L. Saunders not out 0, extras 9, total 106. Wilden: G. Wright 4, R. Wiles 1, B. Ashpole 9, D. Peet 17, J. Pell 0, B. Pell 1, Pell not out 6, E. Dean 0, V. Ashpole 0, extras 3, total 81.

South End v. Lynton Works

South End: A. Wiles 25, T. Ruff 3, K. Ferguson 25, P. Usher 9, H. Allen 8, P. Chester 9, G. Ferguson 8, L. Jones 18, N. Evans 1, S. Tompkins not out 11, W. Nicholas 5, extras 5, total 128. Lynton Works: H. Jones 0, D. Simpson 2, B. Thompson 0, E. Beadsmote 5, O. Simms 0, J. Beadsmote 6, D. Robinson 5, O. Batwell 7, R. Lowe 4, P. Oliver not out 1, K. Aidan 0, total 128. W. Nicholas five for 11, K. Ferguson three for 6, N. Evans two for 11.

DIVISION II (SECTION II)

Pavenham v. Kempston Wood End

Pavenham: A. Wildman 7, J. Turner 9, S. Coleman 15, G. Curtis 12, N. Wesley 12, J. Tandy 4, A. Wesley 7, G. Scoley 6, S. Lovell 0, J. Crawley 2, G. Wesley 1, total 75. L. Burroway four for 20, W. Hutchings five for 35. Wood End: R. Miller 0, D. Wall 9, R. Ashpole 22, S. Hutchings 1, G. Curtis 3, L. Burroway 22, W. Ashpole 4, W. Hutchings 1, B. Childs 15, T. Burroway 0, K. Gilbert 1, extras 5, total 74. J. Turner one for 5, S. Lovell four for 24, G. Scoley two for 17, G. Curtis two for 25.

DIVISION III (SECTION I)

Thurleigh's Good Score Thurleigh: P. Bull 31, J. Berrill 0, R. Lovell 25, L. Wildman 5, B. Hoyle 1, B. Hoyle 1, L. Franklin 1, G. Gammons 5, H. Maves 21, P. Lumbis 0, C. Rawlins not out 1, extras 6, total 135. Little Staughton: K. Banks 2, J. Farrington 4, P. Quenby 5, E. Robins 2, J. Robins 6, R. Robins 6, S. Marshall 5, D. Jordan 14, C. Parker 0, S. Smith 1, D. Quenby not out 0, extras 2, total 81.

DIVISION III (SECTION II)

Roxton v. Cople Cople: R. Chambers 3, D. Hull 17, E. Hill 14, G. Collins 9, F. Smith 2, E. Hilliard 2, D. Shingler 0, G. Allison 2, S. Mountain 0, D. Thacker 11, P. Bair not out 0, extras 5, total 47. T. Gilbert five for 30, D. Swales four for 33. Roxton: H. Franklin 0, S. Reed 0, L. Livett 2, W. Clarke 2, J. Gilbert 5, R. Fobgag 4, J. Bone 1, M. Cooper 0, E. Darlow 0, H. Hatman 0, D. Surats not out 0, extras 0, total 14. D. Hull three for 2, E. Hill two for 1, D. Shingler one for 5, H. Allison four for 8.

Ickwell v. Haynes

Ickwell: P. Tuck 3, G. Thompson 1, F. Ebb 27, C. Ravthoul 0, G. Barstons 0, C. Thompson 0, H. Norman 0, E. Reeks 11, D. Law 2, M. Law 1, E. Bygaves not out 1, extras 2, total 49. Daniels took four wickets and Green three. Haynes: F. Barr 25, H. Herbert 0, M. Green 0, G. Barr 10, H. Green 1, B. Barr 0, C. Barr 11, A. Reeks 6, C. Law 1, D. Ebb 9, A. Barr 0, extras 3, total 102. Ebb took three wickets, Norman two and Harlow four.

DIVISION III (SECTION III)

Kempston Wood End II v. Clapham Clapham: R. Westons not out 25, R. E. Peck 1, J. Newman 0, W. Jones 0, C. Turner 15, K. Wilson 1, H. F. Fox 1, C. Lark 7, J. Lark 1, G. Head 1, total 41. Extras 5, total 46. Wood End: R. Westons not out 25, W. Jones 0, C. Turner 15, K. Wilson 1, H. F. Fox 1, C. Lark 7, J. Lark 1, G. Head 1, total 41. Extras 5, total 46.

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Hospital Cup

POLICE LOSE ONE WICKET

Souldrop Out for Small Score

Police: P. S. Hoar not out 49, P. C. Kirby 14, D. C. Morris not out 27, total for one wicket 91. Kempston Wood End: Barker 12, Belton 0, Barwood 8, Woods 1, Lot, Hall 3, S. Walker 1, Smart 0, Hyde not out 7, Marfell 1, A. Walker 1, extras 2, total 37. Vass two for 2, Miles two for 13.

Souldrop v. Stagden

Souldrop: P. Smith 0, M. Adams 1, J. Edwards 2, R. Hunt 8, J. Adams 0, D. Smith 3, L. Blundell 1, S. Smith 2, E. Stanton 0, H. Siver 4, M. Prigmore 0, extras 3, total 50. B. Sharp five for 15, C. Cooper four for 12. Stagden: H. Newman 11, G. Perrin 0, G. Newman 24, B. Sharp 16, S. Dutton 17, R. Benson 4, F. Flossell 1, extras 2, total for five wickets 75.

Bedford Gas Co. v. Riseley

Gas Co.: E. Buckingham 0, B. Lett 37, R. Smith 14, E. Ames 1, F. Mansion 7, S. Southgate 3, B. Kirkup 3, L. Worsley not out 9, P. Green not out 1, extras 13, total for seven wickets 88. G. Williams three for 7, W. Partridge three for 24. Riseley: L. Williams 3, G. Williams 0, M. Chew 1, G. Holmes 0, R. Ingram 0, W. Allen 1, C. Crossley 11, W. Partridge not out 17, E. Ball 1, B. Hancock 11, H. Hancock 1, extras 5, total 52. R. Smith three for 20, S. Southgate three for 26.

Everton "B" v. Oakley

Everton "B": H. Gurney 2, J. Wisson 14, C. Cotter 0, G. Richardson 19, S. Cole not out 26, S. Knott 7, L. Lawson 0, extras 4, total for five wickets 75. Oakley: F. Rainbow 0, D. Parker 2, G. Rainbow 6, J. Fulford 1, A. Aker 2, G. B. Saunders 1, B. Doner 5, B. Stapleton 9, V. Stringer not out 0, B. Baden 0, J. Keech 2, extras 3, total 29.

Little Staughton I v. Randall's

Randall's: F. Teague 6, J. Pass 5, J. Heller 3, J. Stock 2, J. Aker 2, G. Tankin 0, R. Cave 2, R. Hinkley 1, R. Norman not out 7, K. Stapleton 1, S. Massop 0, extras 1, total 39. Brown five for 6, Saunders three for 14, Banks two for 19. Little Staughton: L. Saunders 6, C. Stapleton 19, S. Robins 4, V. Banks 4, O. Stapleton 1, S. Hall 1, R. Thorne not out 6, S. Stapleton not out 4, extras 1, total for six wickets 44. Stock four for 10, Tankin one for 24, Pass one for 9.

North End Club v. Ickwell II

North End Club: C. Newman 30, D. Pickering 17, R. Shirrels 3, L. Chamberlain 14, T. Eady 2, G. Fowler not out 9, F. Chapman 0, K. Simmonds 4, A. Woodward 6, A. Feasey not out 10, extras 5, total for eight wickets 100. Ickwell: J. Turbott 5, E. Tuck 15, J. Newell 0, R. Milton 0, F. Rees 12, G. Parrish 2, J. Robinson 5, H. Norman 0, G. Thompson 4, G. Bygaves 3, E. Reeks 4, extras 8, total 54. F. Chapman one for 13, K. Simmonds five for 20, T. Eady one for 10, J. Dunham two for 3.

Wilden v. Pertenhall

Wilden: B. Ashpole 1, R. Wiles 4, B. Peet 14, J. Ashpole 6, J. Pell 7, G. Wright 0, S. Whitmore 11, V. Ashpole 1, E. Dean 2, T. Ashpole 0, B. Pell not out 1, extras 6, total 55. George four for 20, K. Gentie three for 23, Presland two for 4. Pertenhall: O. Stapleton 16, S. George 9, K. Gentie 5, R. Gentie 3, K. Lewis 5, V. Roddis 2, J. Clark 4, W. Presland 1, F. Bull 0, J. Cook not out 0, C. Weller 3, extras 4, total 52. Peet five for 14, B. Ashpole four for 19, J. Ashpole one for 15.

Eversholt v. Roxton (Reply)

Roxton: N. Franklin 0, S. Reed 0, N. Gilbert 1, T. Gilbert 1, P. Gosling 0, L. Rogers 0, L. Livett not out 4, M. Cooper 0, H. Harman 5, B. Peet 0, D. Sugars 0, extras 3, total 14. Cousins five for 6, Munro five for 5. Eversholt: S. Fleet 1, E. Jarvis 0, R. Sissons 50, J. McPherson 8, K. Cousins 36, C. Brown 1, W. Munro 3, R. Whall 1, T. Norris 13, B. Oakley 3, P. Bair not out 0, extras 2, total 99. T. Gilbert five for 38, Gosling three for 17.

Hargreave 11, 99 for seven (R. Webster 39), Shire Hall 80 for eight. Great Barford 53 (D. Page 18, R. Craddock four for 7, R. Cooper three for 16), Britannia Works 20 (W. Skevington three for 5, D. Page three for 14).

Friendly Cricket

BEDFORD SCHOOL DRAW Rain Spoils Incognito Match

Play in the Bedford School v. Incognito match at the school ground on Tuesday was greatly curtailed by rain...

Roxton v. Tempsford: Roxton: H. Clarke 4, T. G. Jeffries 5, J. Bone 3, D. Eagers 3, D. Clarke 4, O. R. Poiliger 3, D. Clarke 1, 2, H. Gilbert 0, R. Harman 0, O. R. Bambridge 3, O. L. Livett 4, extras 2 and 2, totals 64 and 30.

Roxton v. Pale and Co. Neah: Roxton: H. Franklin 2, G. Jeffries 10, P. Simcoe 4, D. Clarke 13, T. Gilbert 29, S. R. Palmer 1, B. Peet 5, A. Mallett 2, D. Fox 2, L. Livett 1, extras 11, total 91.

Sandy v. Berkeley Coach Works: Sandy won by 52 runs. Berkeley's batsmen encountered trouble in the bowling of Poole, who took four wickets in seven balls, including the hat-trick.

Great Barford II v. Renhold II: Great Barford II: F. Minney 0, B. Cope 0, G. Martin 0, P. Harris 3, J. Jeffs 6, G. Sims 1, P. Harris 3, W. Gamble 0, J. Robinson not out, R. Warridge 4, M. Maskell 0, extras 1, total 19.

Davis Athletic v. Amsthill: Play at Luton was curtailed by rain. With just under 45 minutes left for play Davis declared at 41 for 7.

Carlton School v. Bromham Nomads: Carlton School: Faulkner, R. Flute 3, Patterson 11, Harvey 1, R. Harvey 3, Johnson 0, Clayton 2, Irwin 0, Biggson 0, Woodham 4, Taylor not out 3, total 51.

Stevensage 97 (Allison 45; Numphres 40 for 14, Linger three for 18). Bedford Town 117 for three (E. S. Smith 65, Sabey 29).

Old Warden 57 (Kitchener six for 19), Pottton 80 for eight (Kitchener 26; Woodhead three for 22). Henlow II 81 (Bywaters 33; R. Huckle five for 33, Allen three for 17).

Town Meet Harpur

To-morrow's match at Newnham Avenue between Bedford Town and Harpur Sports ought to provide some fine, combative cricket, if the weather is favourable and both sides are true to form.

Bedford: E. C. Howard, E. S. Smith, V. Grimshaw, S. T. Morris, J. Pratt, C. F. Sabey, K. Vane-Percy, C. Bailey, P. Humphreys, F. Breeze, and E. Linger.

Harpur: A. Cornell (capt.), T. Minns, A. Webster, J. Newman, R. Jarvis, G. Harrison, P. Bennett, T. Gilbert, A. Cook, G. Webster, G. Chance; twelfth man, R. Webster.

Umpired at Sheffield

Kenneth McCanlis, the Bedford Town bowler, who was accepted by the M.C.C. as an umpire for the Minor Counties Championship on the recommendation of Bedfordshire C.C.C., is now on the first-class list.

CRICKET FIXTURES

FRIENDLIES Bedford Town v. Harpur Sports. Dulwich College v. Bedford School. Cambridge High School v. R.M.S. Queen's Works v. Newport Pagnell. Stewarby v. Southill.

Bedford League

BOWLER'S SEVEN WICKETS FOR THREE RUNS

Deadly bowling by G. Parrish routed Renhold for 21 runs in their match with Ickwell. He took seven for 3.

Playing a man short, Thurlough were routed for 17 by D. Page (four for 9) and E. King (three for 0) when they entertained Great Barford.

A fresh wicket had to be prepared at Cople because of the heavy rain. The visitors, Felmersham, were easily beaten, only Rust making double figures off Cople's bowling.

FOOTHOLD DIFFICULT

Batsmen and bowlers had difficulty in gaining a foothold in the Stagdsen v. Pavenham match, which the former won by three runs. A correspondent says the wicket was beginning to resemble "a ploughed field" when Pavenham went in to face a total of 43.

When Ickwell II had got Tempsford's last wicket and there were only 26 runs on the board, the result appeared to be already in Ickwell's pocket.

Clapham's bowlers, C. Loak (six for 13) and Pickering (four for 11) put North Crawley out for 20. Still, Clapham would not have won so comfortably without a rescue knock by Wooding.

DIVISION I

Ickwell v. Renhold: Ickwell: A. Marsom 2, G. Reeks 33, D. Humphries 19, G. Brunt 36, A. Wright 10, H. Frier 0, G. Dilleigh 1, C. Dilleigh 13, J. Newall not out 14, B. Cole 4, G. Parrish 2, extras 9, total 143.

Great Barford v. Thurlough: Thurlough: J. Thorne 2, F. Hollie 1, J. Berrill 0, C. Clayton 3, J. Asplin 9, R. Asque 0, A. Walters 0, J. Wagstaff 0, F. Bull not out 0, A. Bull 1, extras 1, total 17.

DIVISION II (SECTION I)

Langford v. Langford: Langford: T. Chessum 20, R. Woodward 3, H. King 0, B. Kilby 15, G. Brown 0, C. Kilby 2, B. Street 0, P. Roberts 0, H. Huckle 4, J. Piper not out 2, E. Whitman 0, extras 3, total 57.

DIVISION II (SECTION II)

Cople v. Felmersham: Cople: E. Hull not out 50, D. Hull 0, E. Barron 1, C. Collins 19, E. Minney 0, F. Johnson 16, B. Hilliard 0, R. Bennett not out 30, extras 4, total for six wickets declared 110.

Stagdsen v. Pavenham

Stagdsen: G. Newman 4, R. Benson 4, H. Newman 3, B. Sharrin 0, S. Dutton 0, G. Perrin 2, F. Fissell 4, I. Griffiths 0, W. Woolston 7, O. Cooper 0, Bennett 0, extras 4, total 45.

DIVISION III (SECTION II)

Tempsford v. Ickwell: Tempsford: R. Chapman 1, M. Brown 2, R. Stacey 0, D. Urouhart 0, J. George 3, A. Usher 0, D. Eaton 0, E. Ingram 0, D. Jeffries not out 5, R. Bettles 0, G. Page 3, extras 0, total 26.

North Crawley v. Clapham: Clapham: R. Devereux 5, R. Facey 0, R. Pickering 0, L. Wooding 20, C. Turner 8, H. Faulkner 0, J. Newton 2, C. Loak 5, L. Ingham 0, G. Hammond 0, J. Loak not out 2, extras 4, total 48.

DIVISION III (SECTION III)

North Crawley v. Clapham: Clapham: R. Devereux 5, R. Facey 0, R. Pickering 0, L. Wooding 20, C. Turner 8, H. Faulkner 0, J. Newton 2, C. Loak 5, L. Ingham 0, G. Hammond 0, J. Loak not out 2, extras 4, total 48.

Hospital Cup

ARGUS KNOCK OUT KEMPSTON

Argus: S. Barnes 2, R. Hill not out 41, R. Dexter 8, H. Page 1, B. Jones 6, R. West 0, R. Minns 10, extras 4, total for six wickets 72.

Bedford Town v. North End Club: Bedford Town: S. Smith 4, E. Howard 16, J. Pratt 20, C. Sabey 10, C. Bailey not out 30, G. Perry 3, S. H. Woolfsort not out 9, extras 3, total for five wickets 97.

Eversholt v. Renhold: Eversholt: B. Oakley 21, R. Sissons 5, R. Oakley 14, K. Cousins 0, G. Brown 1, M. Ryan 0, S. Fleet 0, W. Munro not out 6, T. Norris 0, P. Barr 0, P. Anstee 3, extras 3, total 53.

Bedford Gas Co. 31 (Loft six for 15, White four for 15), Kempston West End 25 (Southgate eight for 13), Pottton 68 (E. B. 39), J. Ashpole seven for 31, Wilton 29 (E. Huckle four for 5, Sims four for 7).

CLUB AND INSTITUTE UNION KNOCK-OUT CUP

In the first round of the Club and Institute Union K.O. Cup, North End Club defeated Rushden Windmill Working Men's Club by one run.

Bedford League

RENHOLD ARE TROUNCED BY MARSTON

Last Saturday was an unhappy day for Renhold, who, as guests of Marston, were on the receiving end of one of the biggest hidings in the League this year. W. Swales and C. Copperwheat, bowling unchanged, had them out for 18. Marston lost their opening batsmen cheaply, but the third-wicket pair, D. Stapleton and Odell, were still going strong at the close, when the total was 105.

Losing both opening batsmen for no runs against Blunham, Thurlough made a poor response to a total of 134. R. Reid (five for 3) was Blunham's chief bowler, and Brown and Peck were their highest scorers.

The Little Staughton v. Wilden game finished in a tense atmosphere. Last over was called when Wilden were defending their last wicket and their opponents were over 50 runs in the lead. Little Staughton won, thanks to a catch by their wicket-keeper in which Godfrey Evans would have taken some pride. The bowling on both sides commanded respect, the winners taking only five runs off the first 11 overs. V. Banks's well-flighted spinners troubled the losers.

OUT OF GROUND

G. Newman's innings was a feature of Stagdsen's win over Felmersham. He kept the score moving briskly, and his hit for six came to earth outside the ground. The Felmersham batting fell away despite the efforts of Ditus and Turner.

Pertenhall made sure of the Third Division (Section 1) championship by defeating Great Staughton II. They have won all their nine matches. In this latest success Presland had a match analysis of six for 5, but the Staughton bowler, Hawkins was also right to the fore in Pertenhall's second innings. He took seven for 8 in a total of 67.

Marston II beat Lavendon by eight wickets. They owed victory mainly to A. Goodman, whose eight wickets cost a fraction under a run apiece and included a hat-trick, and S. Knight (ten for 24).

DIVISION I

Everton v. Kempston

Kempston: W. Tipton 2, J. Tysoe 5, S. Smith 10, R. Turner 12, G. Daniels 22, G. Darlow 5, H. White 14, L. Cambers 13, G. Page 11, C. Luff not out 20, L. Hills not out 3, extras 8, total for nine wickets declared 128.

Everton: H. Gurney 5, S. Cole 19, C. Cotter 4, R. Lintford 0, J. Wilson not out 55, F. Wilson 19, G. Richardson 19, E. Hull 0, J. Barnett not out 22, extras 8, total for seven wickets 151.—G. Page four for 12.

Ickwell v. Potton

Ickwell: G. Dilleigh 2, H. Price 0, G. Reeks 0, D. Humphries 0, E. Hillyard 8, C. Dilleigh 0, G. Parrish 2, G. Raybould 2, J. Turnbull not out 3, J. Newell 3, G. Olney 0, extras 5, total 23.—E. Huckle eight for 4, L. Sims two for 16.

Second innings: 18.—L. Sims five for 3, E. Huckle four for 9.
Potton: D. Pepper 4, K. Hardy 2, T. B. Kitchener 3, J. Standen 3, K. Woodman 3, F. Pacey 2, E. Huckle 3, L. Sims 0, A. Gurney not out 1, C. Munns 0, extras 5, total for nine wickets 26.—E. Hillyard five for 13, G. Parrish three for 8.

Second innings: 71 for nine wickets (Kitchener 15, G. Huckle 15, Sims 13).

Blunham v. Thurlough

Blunham: R. Brown 45, B. Stacey 3, G. Peck 4, R. Kidman 38, S. Reid 10, R. Clarke 22, C. Saunders 0, G. Barker 4, E. Joyce 5, F. Abbott 0, extras 5, total for nine wickets declared 134.

Thurlough: A. Walter 0, J. Thorne 0, F. Holley 4, J. Wagstaff 19, S. Sabej 0, S. Asplin 1, W. Asplin 4, A. Bull 5, C. Clayton 1, F. Bull 0, R. Asque 0, extras 8, total 42.—R. Reid five for 3.

Marston v. Renhold

Renhold: D. Stapleton 0, F. Harlow 1, G. Harlow 1, W. Harlow 2, A. Norman 0, F. Harlow 0, J. Norman 3, R. Brice 4, F. Shorley 0, I. Rabbit 5, A. Duncombe not out 1, extras 5, total 14.—W. Swales five for 10, C. Copperwheat five for 5.

Marston: R. Copperwheat 9, F. Faulkner 6, D. Stapleton not out 58, L. Odell not out 28, extras 4, total for two wickets 105.

DIVISION II (SECTION I)

Colmworth v. Langford

Colmworth: S. Gadsden 0, C. Folbigk 8, J. Darlington 9, J. Chamberlain 0, A. Ellison 0, C. Hartop 0, V. Pell 3, B. Ellison 5, B. Swales 6, W. Ellison 0, H. Swales not out 0, extras 5, total 36.—King three for 5, Huckle two for 5, Whiteman four for 10.

Langford: T. Chessum 8, R. Smith 0, P. Roberts 21, B. Kilby 1, D. King 5, D. Street 7, G. Kilby 6, E. Whiteman 3, F. Piper not out 7, R. Woodward 5, H. Huckle 3, extras 4, total 66.—Swales three for 14.

Little Staughton v. Wilden

Little Staughton: G. Robins 5, S. Stapleton 1, R. Thorne 14, V. Banks 2, C. Banks 13, C. Brown 11, S. Robins 22, G. Stapleton 2, C. Stapleton 0, F. Quenby not out 8, L. Saunders 18, extras 5, total 101.—Pett three for 31, J. Ashpole three for 38, B. Ashpole two for 9.

Wilden: B. Ashpole 7, G. Wright 12, J. Ashpole 9, J. Pell 2, E. Peet 0, H. Pell 6, S. Whitmore 2, B. Pell 1, V. Ashpole 1, F. Pell 2, T. Ashpole not out 0, extras 5, total 47.—V. Banks five for 18, Robins two for 1, Saunders two for 12.

DIVISION II (SECTION II)

Stagsden v. Felmersham

Stagsden: H. Newman 10, R. Benson 12, J. Griffiths 19, B. Sharp 17, S. Dutton 0, G. Newman 28, G. Perrin 2, F. Frossell 0, W. Woolston 4, G. Bonnett 0, C. Cooper 3, extras 7, total 95.—H. Betts two for 35, T. Rust two for 37, R. Barker six for 17.

Felmersham: V. Dittmer 10, R. Barker 2, R. Bayliss 2, T. Rust 0, H. Betts 4, J. Turner 12, H. Lawson 0, T. Brazg 0, L. Dodd 0, W. Lawson 7, G. Richardson 0, total 37.—C. Cooper two for 5, B. Sharp four for 14, G. Bonnett two for 15, S. Dutton one for 1.

DIVISION III (SECTION I)

Thurlough II v. Little Staughton II

Thurlough: R. Lovell 15, T. Perkins 0, L. Franklin 3, B. Holley 1, L. Wildman 6, B. Ingle 3, R. Berill 5, J. Berill not out 7, H. Mayes 14, G. Gammons 9, F. Osborn 1, extras 6, total 70.

Little Staughton: K. Banks 11, J. Farrington 19, S. Marshall 2, J. Robins 12, E. Robins 6, R. Robins 0, A. Smith 0, H. Parker 3, D. Quenby 2, S. Smith 2, F. Wildman not out 0, extras 5, total 62.

Pertenhall v. Great Staughton II

Pertenhall: O. Stapleton 14, O. S. George 2, G. Gentle 13, 21, V. Roddis 1, 10, R. Gentle 0, 2, K. Lewis 5, F. Bull 3, 2, W. Presland 1, 3, T. Hardwick 1 not out 9, C. Weller not out 1, S. P. Roddis 0, extras 5 and 10, totals 46 and 67.—Second innings: D. Hawkins seven for 8.

Great Staughton II: H. Phillips 0, 5, A. Pell not out 10, D. Hawkins 2 not out 20, C. Reading 0, 4, H. Stewart 0, O. F. Heading 5, 0, E. Fensome 0, 1, C. Franklin 0, J. Davidson, senior 1 not out 0, J. Davidson, junior 0, J. Hackett 2, 0, extras 0 and 7, totals 20 and 37 for six wickets. First innings: W. Presland three for 4, S. George four for 9; second innings: W. Presland three for 1.

DIVISION III (SECTION II)

Great Barford II v. Tempsford

Great Barford: J. Jeffs 7, 7, P. Minney 2, 2, G. Sims 1, 3, B. Cope 1, 2, G. Mardlin 0, 5, R. Berridge 0, 0, P. Harris 2, 0, S. Skevington 0, 0, W. Gamble 0, 6, H. Maskell not out 0, 2, M. West 0 not out 0, extras 5 and 0, totals 18 and 25.—Chapman nine for 12, Urquhart five for 16.

Tempsford: G. Page 0, 2, A. Usher 8, 0, J. Jefferies 0 not out 5, M. Brown 4, 0, F. Ingram 1, 4, G. Chapman 0, 0, J. George 4, 1, D. Urquhart 7, 0, D. Eaton 3, 5, R. Stacey not out 2, 4, R. Berridge 0, 10, extras 2 and 0, totals 37 and 57.—P. Harris seven for 25, J. Jeffs two for 11, M. Maskell two for 6, W. Gamble four for 7.

Roxton v. Cople II

Roxton: G. Jefferies 7, D. Sugars 0, B. Peet 12, H. Franklin 3, D. Clarke 5, L. Livett 9, T. Gilbert 25, M. Cooper 1, H. Gilbert not out 19, S. Reed 4, E. Darlow 0, extras 6, total 90.

Cople II: R. Canbery 0, S. Mountain 3, Y. Robinson 1, G. Martin 2, F. Smith 2, D. Shtinder 6, D. Thicker 2, H. Franklin 3, P. Buckle 9, W. Leonard 0, D. Jenkins not out 3, extras 3, total 34.—T. Gilbert five for 15, G. Jefferies five for 14.

Ickwell II v. Haynes

Ickwell II: F. Ebbes 0, G. Thompson 0, A. West 2, F. Buck 46, C. Thompson 0, H. Norman 0, D. Bygrave 0, H. Newell 5, W. Cole 2, E. Reeks 0, M. Law not out 0, extras 4, total 59.—M. Green six for 2, R. Daniels three for 58, J. Newbury one for 8.

Haynes: F. Barr 10, J. Newbury 2, F. Smith 0, M. Green 49, F. Cousins 0, C. Jov 0, A. Keens 8, P. Baker 14, R. Daniels 17, A. Webb 2, B. Jefford not out 1, extras 12, total 115.—H. Norman six for 24, F. Ebbes three for 45, W. Cole one for 4.

DIVISION III (SECTION III)

Lavendon v. Marston

Lavendon: E. Pettit 9, 7, L. Springs 4, 0, W. Kitchener 4, 2, F. Johnson 5, 0, H. Robinson 1, 2, L. Bailey 0, 1, G. Chapman 0, 1, F. Tompkins 1, 0, D. Ryan 0, 3, E. Clark not out 0, 0, B. Holmes 0 not out 4, extras 5 and 1, totals 29 and 18.—A. Goodman eight for 7, S. Knight ten for 21.

Marston: A. Bunker 4, 12, R. Roberts 3, 8, S. Ingle 1, A. Goodman 3, V. Rolfe 0, C. Thompson 4, M. Caves 0, T. Ellis 1 not out 1, D. Evans 2, W. Godman not out 2, not out 3, S. Knight 0, extras 5 and 0, total 26 and 24 for two wickets. E. Clark six for 23, W. Kitchener five for 22.

Friendly Cricket

Pertenhall v. British Legion

Higham Ferrers

Pertenhall: K. Gentle 0, R. Gentle 0, F. Bull 0, G. Westaby 0, S. Dawson 0, O. Stapleton not out 12, V. Roddis 0, K. Lewis 2, W. Presland 3, C. Clark 0, C. Weller not out 4, extras 5, total for nine wickets 28.—F. Bird six for 15.

British Legion: 23.—W. Presland eight for 4.

Stewartby v. Newport Pagnell

Stewartby: M. Campbell 3, Longhurst 10, Nicholls 5, Richardson 6, Marshall 11, Adams 5, A. Campbell 4, Burnage 0, Ollett not out 12, Holton 8, Stonebridge 3, extras 9, total 78. Newport Pagnell: 109.

Stewartby v. Luton Corinthians

Luton Corinthians 111 (Stevens five for 6).
Stewartby: M. Campbell 2, Harding 38, Darlow 7, Stevens 41, Nicholls 32, Richardson not out 15, Marshall 10, Adams 3, A. Campbell 1, Holton 0, Burnage 1, extras 16, total 156.

Bedford School 311 (G. D. Moulton 130, W. K. Pool 49, B. E. Disbury 45, I. C. Noble eight for 91, and 61 for seven, Old Bedfordians 119 (Fry four for 37, Disbury three for 11) and 255 for five declared (J. G. Cook 110, I. C. Noble not out 41, R. H. Crompton 39). The Old Bedfordians left the School to make 64 in 25 minutes. The School failed by three runs to win, and the match was drawn.

Bedford Modern School 277 (P. G. Miller 88, J. H. Bramwell 45, R. E. Jeeps 66, R. F. Graves 36, R. D. Linger five for 52), and 46 for two declared. Old Bedford Modernians 257 (C. B. Bailey 53, A. B. Poole 41, R. D. Cotton 40, N. T. Pryor 32; De Villiers five for 58) and 22 for one. The Bramwell-Miller partnership set up a B.M.S. record of 135 for the first wicket in matches with the Old Boys.

Silsoe: 30 (L. White six for 13, S. Tysoe three for 10), Bromham Nomads 35 (E. Roberts five for 8, Yeomans four for 3).

Britannia Works 85 for six (Craddock 35 not out, S. King 24; Cook three for 20), Bedfordshire Times 89 for four (Gould 26, Coleman not out 21, Willis 17; S. King two for 25).

North End 201 for six declared (A. Feasey 96, Pickering 40, Eady 40), Kimbolton 61 (Chapman four for 16, Slimmons five for 18).

SIX-WICKETS WIN Andrews Takes Fifty off Argus

Bedford Town 2nd XI beat the Argus by six wickets in an enjoyable game at Newnham Avenue. A good crowd saw West (33) bat forcefully for Argus, against whom Baker, varying his pace, took six for 32. The Town reached 146 for four wickets after tea. The innings included a few lusty hits by Caton and a splendid 50 not out by Andrews, who scored freely on the 'off side.

Scores:

Argus: Dexter 13, Buckingham 8, Wildman 27, McDonald 2, R. Smith 25, West 33, J. Smith 2, R. Minns 0, K. Green 8, Stevens not out 7, A. Coomb 1, extras 4, total 130. Baker six for 32, Caton two for 28, Sleightholm one for 21.

Town II: Woolliscroft 23, Parren 16, Andrews not out 50, Barcock 0, Caton 21, McQuire not out 18, extras 18, total for four wickets 146. Minns two for 28, J. Smith one for 21, Wildman one for 17.

HARPUR'S GOOD WIN Biggleswade Beaten at Home

Visiting Biggleswade on Saturday, Harpur Sports 2nd XI proved the first team to defeat Biggleswade in Saturday fixtures this season. Scores:—

Harpur Sports II: J. Taylor 30, R. Nightingale 8, T. Minns 5, A. Martin 33, J. Newman 17, A. Loosley 8, T. King 5, J. Harvey 29, T. Ingledeu 8, A. Cook not out 13, N. Wilson 3, extras 11, total 170. (P. Bowles four for 35, W. Stewart three for 28, F. Rogers one for 17, W. Bygraves one for 22).

Biggleswade: F. Rogers 27, W. Bygraves 12, P. Miller 33, P. Denny 9, R. Gillard 15, M. T. Williams 6, E. Revels not out 13, B. Robinson 0, J. Turnbull, 2 P. Bowles 0, W. Stewart 3, extras 3, total 125. (A. Cook two for 7, J. Newman two for 23, N. Wilson two for 30, T. Ingledeu one for 17, T. King one for 21).

Kempston Methodists v. Argus

Kempston Methodists: A. Parker 28, D. Bellamy 16, R. Dodson 24, H. White 8, R. Turner 20, L. Griffin not out 1, extras 11, total for five wickets 108.

Argus: R. Dexter 23, A. Coomb retired hurt 7, McDonald not out 26, B. Older 1, D. Prentice 11, W. Rose not out 41, extras 7, total for four wickets 116.

Bedford League

SECOND DIVISION CHAMPIONS

Little Staughton's Success

By easily defeating Colmworth, Little Staughton won the championship of the Second Division (Section 1), being four points ahead of their nearest rivals with one game to play. Little Staughton made a disastrous start, losing six wickets for eight runs. Steady batting by Brown and G. Stapleton took the score to 25, but nine wickets were down for 33, and then Quenby and Saunders were associated in the most productive stand of the match, adding 26 for the last wicket. Colmworth, in reply, bared badly against the bowling of Saunders, whose final figures were: 65 overs, 3 maidens, 8 runs, 8 wickets.

Good bowling by Maries, who took four for 7, was a factor in Blunham's win over Renhold, for whom W. H. How was top scorer with 20 out of 58.

The local "Derby" between Stagsden and West End resulted in a victory for West End. Match bowling analyses for Stagsden were: Sharp nine for 31, Bennett five for 8, and Cooper four for 15. For the visitors, White was almost unplayable, taking nine for 8. In the visitors' second knock Odell batted well.

M. Green, the Haynes bowler, returned the remarkable analysis of seven wickets for no runs in eight overs against Cople 2nd XI who were all out for 15. Haynes won by 75 runs.

DIVISION I

Great Barford v. Thurlleigh

Great Barford: B. Norman 10, D. Jones 6, E. Lee 8, D. Page 0, W. Skelington 5, H. Favell 18, W. Norman 1, E. King 14, W. Page 15, K. Taitman not out 2, J. Cooper 0, extras 21, total 98. G. Clayton four for 26, J. Wagstaff four for 16.
Thurlleigh: A. Walters 1, F. Holley 1, J. Aspin 4, A. Bull 2, L. Sabey 1, J. Waxstall 4, J. C. Thorne 4, H. Holley 2, S. Aspin 2, C. Gayton 0, F. Bull not out 0, extras 5, total 29. H. Favell four for 12, W. Skelington two for 6, E. King three for 6.

Renhold v. Blunham

Renhold: P. Harlow 1, D. Stapleton 2, J. Norman 5, W. Harlow 20, A. Norman 4, F. Harlow 10, J. Rabbitt 0, F. Shorley 4, R. Bruce 0, A. Duncumbe 0, G. Harlow 6, extras 6, total 53.
Blunham: B. Stacey 2, R. Brown 12, B. Maries 8, R. Kidman 1, R. Clarke 25, C. Saunders 15, R. Reid 5, E. Joyce 2, C. Rawlins 7, extras 12, total for eight wickets 85.

Kempston v. Marston

Kempston: J. Tysse 58, H. White 2, A. Parker 12, R. Turner 12, B. Faulner 10, L. Chambers 0, C. Luff 15, G. Page 17, K. Gilbert 1, L. Hills 1 not out 1, G. Davis 2, extras 4, total 112.
Marston: R. Copperwell 12, T. Odell 0, D. Stapleton 35, R. Berry 5, A. Stapleton 5, D. Linnam 7, W. Swales 7, F. Luby 1, P. Bunfer 0, C. Copperwell 2, A. Knight not out 0, extras 2, total 70.

Potton v. Everton

Potton: J. Standen 5, R. Peppin 15, A. Gunney 0, G. Boston 1, E. Huckle 1, L. Sims 0, K. Wadham 10, F. Gunney 0, F. Pate 12, W. Payne not out 7, M. Hutchinson 6, extras 10, total 69. F. Hill four for 10, J. Sutton four for 26, R. Hill one for 21.
Everton: R. Gunney 4, W. Smith 0, L. Lawson 0, J. Gunney 5, C. C. C. 0, J. Sutton 1, R. Hill 0, G. Lawson 5, E. Hill 0, P. Lindard 1, R. Richardson 1, extras 5, total 30. J. Sims four for 6, J. Standen six for 21.

DIVISION II (SECTION D)

Colmworth v. Little Staughton

Colmworth: C. Bank 5, S. Stapleton 0, R. Thorne 1, V. Bank 0, G. Robins 0, C. Brown 11, S. Robins 0, G. Stapleton 0, S. Hill 1, P. Quenby 11, L. Saunders not out 11, extras 9, total 59.
Little Staughton: V. G. Pell 0, J. Burdett 11, C. Edging 0, A. Ellison 0, V. T. Pell 0, R. Chamberlain 0, B. Swales 4, S. Matthews not out 2, H. Swales 1, W. Ellison 0, extras 1, total 20.

Wilden v. South End Ramblers

Wilden: G. Wright 11, B. Ashpole 0, J. Ashpole 4, T. Ashpole 0, B. Pell 1, J. Pell 0, H. G. Pell 0, B. Pell 5, B. Pell not out 4, V. Ashpole 0, B. Pell 5, B. Pell 5, extras 8, total 15. Allen six for 11, Evans four for 9.
South End: Evans 7, Peasey 12, Jones 4, Raff 2, Allen 15, Ferguson 1, Chester 1, Denton 0, Collier not out 3, Tomlins 0, Nicholls 0, extras 8, total 75. B. Post one for 15, J. Ashpole two for 19, H. G. Pell one for 3, B. Ashpole six for 8.

DIVISION II (SECTION III)

Stagsden v. West End

West End: Hill 0 5, Milard 5 5, Anthony 1 0, Odell 2 not out 25, Boyer 0 0, Ashpole 5 0, L. Jessop 0 0, Barclay 6 0, Dawson 8 7, D. Jessop 5 7, Evans 2 4, H. D. Jessop 1 and 3, total 29 and 41 for nine.

Stagsden: H. Newman 1, Benson 5, Griffiths 0, Sharp 2, Dutton 5, G. Newman 0, Perrin 0, Frossell 0, Woodston 2, Bennett not out 1, Cooper 0, extras 5, total 15.

DIVISION III (SECTION III)

Blunham II v. Great Barford II

Blunham: G. Maddin 1, P. Minney 0, A. Norman 1, J. Jells 0, F. Gumbel 0, H. Jarry 2 4, H. Berridge 11, M. Stevens 7, S. Skelington 0, H. Marshall 0, G. Knack 0, extras 12, total 63.
Blunham: R. Norman 10, S. Reid 50, R. Reid 0, S. Green 5, F. Reid 2, R. Rawlins 15, F. Fester 4, A. Sims not out 11, G. Barker 0, R. Hadding 0, P. Rawlins 1, extras 22, total 110.

Cople II v. Haynes

Cople: S. Mohanani 1, F. Wheeler 0, V. Robinson 0, B. Holbyrd 0, F. Smith 1, D. Stanger 0, D. Tinker 7, H. Franchin 0, P. Burr 4, P. Backle 1, P. Jenkins 0, extras 1, total 17.
Haynes: E. Hill 5, J. Newbury 2, M. Green 51, G. P. Orr 9, F. Smith 0, A. Keens 2, P. Baker 1, P. Coustus 10, J. Hudson 4, E. Simms 1, A. Webb 2, extras 5, total 90.

Tempsford v. Roxton

Roxton: G. Jellies 4 0, D. Sugars 0 2, B. Peat 2 3, D. Clarke 17 0, H. Gilbert 5 1, T. Gilbert 0 0, M. Cooper not out 0 0, W. McAlpine 1 1, R. Folbice not out 0 0, extras 4 and 3, totals 53 and 27.
Tempsford: A. Esher 10 0, M. Brown 0 0, O. Bates 0 1, R. Bellis 0 2, R. Stacey 0 0, G. Chapman 0 0, A. Chamberlain 0 0, D. Faton 0 24, D. Ughart 0 0, D. Jellies 2 8, R. Johnson 2 0, extras 2 and 1, totals 18 and 42.

DIVISION III (SECTION III)

Clapham v. Turvey

Clapham: R. Devereux 8, R. Lett 0, J. Newton 4, M. Tomkins 5, R. Pickering 1, L. Wooding 0, C. Turner 17, H. Finkler 0, R. Ealey 0, C. Cook 12, A. Devereux not out 3, extras 15, total 69. Rayner 1 for 10, 26. Favers four for 18, Watling two for 2.
Turvey: B. Foot 6, A. Clark 0, P. Scarlett 2, F. Parrott 1, A. Spear 5, J. Williams 0, G. Cokins 2, S. Brightham 0, D. Hason 5, H. King 1, P. Smith 1, extras 3, total 33. Pickering five for 20, Tomkins three for 14, Devereux two for 1.

Roxton 50 (A. Bates 18, S. Sims 10, F. Stacey 20, Partridge five for 0, Allen five for 12).

Friendly Cricket

Bromham Nomads v. Risley

Nomads: B. Everest 5, K. Bushell 27, C. White 1, E. Gilbert 8, W. S. Bowen extras 4, total for five wickets 57. A. Catling not out 5, S. Mease 9. W. Partridge three for 18, C. Crowley two for 25, F. Cauty none for 12.
Risley: D. Cauty 0, K. Nicholls 1, E. Cauty 2, C. Wallace 6, C. Crowley 0, W. Partridge not out 15, G. Ball 8, S. Bates 1, G. Stevens 9, W. Watkinson 0, L. Sharman 0, extras 8, total 48. D. King two for 18, S. Tysse four for 9, B. Everest three for 10, H. Catling one for 5.

Ridgmont v. Southill II

Wright, for Ridgmont, hit a grand century, including eleven sixes and five fours. Rain stopped play. Scores:—Ridgmont: A. Watson 111, R. Wright 3, P. Cook 22, D. Wight 107, W. Bowler 4, W. Fleckney 15, K. Willson 2, L. Evans 10, G. Pearce not out 10, C. Greenwood not out 2, extras 8, total for eight wickets declared 202.
Southill II: D. Brown 0, S. Senior not out 6, H. Webb 0, J. Edley 2, G. Luby not out 4, extras 1, total for three wickets 15.

Melton v. Irganic

Irganic: Swann 3, Taylor 3, Quinny 4, York 0, Jones 14, Barnett 5, Lowndes 0, Barnes 8, Harrison 0, Hempstead 0, Barton 0, extras 4, total 41. S. Bellamy eight for 28.
Melton: D. Cook 9, L. Fuller 22, W. Coustus 12, H. Haines 2, G. Fuller 1, A. Wilson 10, R. Brown 9, W. Ellis 1, G. Stevens 5, E. Haybrook 0, S. Bellamy 0, extras 1, total 73.

Old Warden v. Elstow

Elstow: Pruden 5, Nichols 2, J. Minus 2, George 11, Wilson 3, M. Brown 0, Bennett 2, Lack not out 25, K. Brown 0, Cliflett 0, Keep 0, extras 2, total 62.
Old Warden: R. Bayliss 15, E. Willis 55, P. Berridge 35, R. Gilbert 2, E. Cooper 6, A. Elliman 37, D. Berridge 5, A. Cooper 0, R. Smith not out 9, A. Pearce 7, G. Bayliss 7, extras 16, total 170.

Bedfordshire Times v. Diemer and Reynolds

Times: Buckingham 23, Lett 9, Howell 0, Coleman 5, Bowker 16, Luff 1, Cook not out 4, extras 1, total for seven wickets 69. McMillan five for 24, Lovatt one for 18.
Diemer's: Norton 50, Chambers 0, Burden 2, McMillan 15, Oman 5, Williamson 0, Lovatt 2, Plummer 5, Diemer 0, Rockcliffe not out 2, Bartlam 0, extras 5, total 60. Buckingham four for 12, Lett three for 11, Galley two for 12.

Silscoe v. Ridgmont

Silscoe won by ten wickets. Scores:—Ridgmont: W. Taylor 0 5, W. Catling 2 7, E. Freeman 7 4, A. White 2 3, G. Gilbert 0 16, L. Picknell 4 2, D. Freeman 0 2, B. Young 0 0, T. Chapman 0 6, R. Wilson not out 2 not out 0, H. Wright 0 0, extras 2 and 1, totals 27 and 46.
Silscoe: G. Hyde 5 not out 1, C. Matthews 10 not out 2, H. Taylor 0, P. Ruddesden 6, D. Harris 11, R. Round 0, J. Wise 0, E. Eddy 24, R. Thompson 1, K. Burns not out 0, P. Robinson 0, extras 6 and 0, totals 67 and 5 for no wickets.

Ridgmont v. Maulden

Ridgmont: G. Pearce 6, P. Cook 1, D. Wright 0, B. Walton 5, L. Evans 0, A. Watson 0, R. Wright not out 10, K. Wilson 4, C. Greenwood 0, R. Warwick 1, W. Fleckney 5, B. Pittman 4, extras 9, total 45. Pearce five for 14, F. Blackaby, junior, three for 4.
Maulden: W. Sudres 5, J. Cole 0, H. Turner 5, F. Blackaby, junior, 0, M. Pearce 5, A. Fleet 0, F. Blackaby, senior, 2, E. Page 4, T. Arnold 2, F. Fisher 0, J. Fisher not out 0, H. Whitmore 0, extras 2, total 21. Walton five for 7, Fleckney three for 7.

Inland Revenue: 55 for nine (Mills 11, Rogers four for 15, Burn four for 29), Ministry of Transport 61 for nine (Hunt 17, Cox 21, Gladden six for 18, Mchefeld three for 28).

Bedford Town 158 (S. G. Harris 15), Teale three for 42), Teakton Buzzard 160 for seven (three four for 42).

Atkins 150 (West 35; Baker six for 25), Bedford Town 114 for four (Andrews not out 50).

Harper Sports II 150 (A. Martin 35; P. Bowles four for 35), Beggleswade 125 (D. Miller 53; A. Cook two for 7).

Amphill 76 (R. J. Manwethers 19; Carr three for 10, Allen three for 25), Beggleswade II 81 (L. Taylor six for 29).

Remond II 50, Thurlleigh II 125 for eight.

BOWLERS' MATCH
Kempston Routed, Blunham
Do Little Better

Although Blunham found L. Cambers in his best bowling form, they managed to pass Kempston's low total of 32. The Kempston batsmen put up a poor show against the bowling of G. Peck (six wickets for 18) and B. Stacey (four for 9).

Blunham made an even worse start than their opponents, losing three wickets for three runs. Peck and Clark assisted Brown in retrieving the position, and Kempston's total was passed for the loss of five wickets. The bowlers then got on top and the innings closed for 46. For Kempston, Cambers took seven wickets for 13 runs in just over eleven overs. Scores:—

Kempston: W. Tipton 4, J. Tysoe 0, C. Luff 1, R. Turner 1, H. White 2, G. Page 2, L. Cambers 6, G. Davis 0, K. Gilbert 3, L. Hill 0, T. Lambert not out 0, extras 4, total 32.

Blunham: R. Brown 18, B. Stacey 0, C. Rawlins 1, R. Kidman 2, G. Peck 7, R. Clark 10, F. Chapman 3, C. Saunders 0, F. Abbott 1, R. Reid 0, E. Joyce not out 1, extras 3, total 46.

SCHOOL BATSMAN
HELPS THURSDAY

Playing at Northampton, Bedford Thursday scored 184 for five wickets in two hours against Northampton Thursday, Dawes and Craddock being concerned in an opening partnership of 84. Dawes, the Bedford School player, remained undefeated with 80. Ager was particularly severe on the bowling and scored 34 in fifteen minutes, hitting two sixes and three fours.

Set to obtain the runs in two hours, Northampton were soon struggling, but they narrowly saved the game through stubborn defence. Poole and Mitchell bowled tirelessly, and finished with four for 16 and three for 22. Scores:—

Bedford Thursday: R. Craddock 35, A. D. R. Dawes not out 80, S. Smith 11, J. Ager 34, J. Hellyer 0, G. Lilley 7, W. G. Poole not out 10, extras 7, total 184 for five wkts., dec.

Northampton Thursday: N. Hillier 6, W. B. T. Ebbutt 14, H. R. Hoare 22, K. L. J. Smith 31, G. A. Sibley 0, N. Clarke 11, R. Tanner 4, N. Gibbs 2, L. Bullimer not out 1, G. Ives not out 0, extras 12, total 103 for eight wkts.

Felmersham v. West End

Barker (seven for 16) bowled well for Felmersham, who lost by two runs. Boyce (four for 16), White (three for 15), and Jessop (two for 6) dismissed Felmersham. Scores:—

Felmersham: Bayliss 0, Dittmer 4, Barker 0, Betts 21, J. Turner 0, F. Turner 0, Bragg 11, Dodd 0, D. Turner 0, Rust not out 1, extras 2, total 39.

West End: Walker 0, Hill 0, King 13, Burraway 3, Odell 8, Anthony 1, Boyce 11, Millard 5, Jessop 1, White not out 0, Belton 0, total 41.

Baptist v. Argus

Argus: S. Barnes 10, A. Coomb 1, R. Dexter 14, R. Jones 1, R. West 35, J. Smith 8, F. R. Sharp 46, R. Minns not out 15, K. Green not out 11, extras 12, total 153 for seven wkts., dec. (M. Fiske five for 57).

Baptist: F. Housden 7, G. Spencer 20, R. Craddock 6, F. White 0, F. Warnett 38, E. Endersby not out 12, extras 8, total 91 for five wkts. (R. Minns two for 13, H. Turvey two for 16).

Bedford League

RENHOLD'S LAST WICKET SNATCHES THE POINTS FROM THURLEIGH

Tension was in the Renhold air as the home side's last batsman, Brice, went out to bat and Thurleigh led by three runs.

Thurleigh had started as if they meant to win, putting 17 on the board for the first wicket. Then the Renhold bowlers got to work and at 35 the last man was out.

Great Barford bowlers gave Everton batsmen an uncomfortable time, dismissing them for 30. H. Favell's five wickets cost him only eight runs.

Barford, however, were not much happier with the bat. W. Norman made 18, but other wickets fell frequently, and it was mainly through his batting that Barford won by 28.

Kempston Soon Out

Although Blunham found L. Cambers in his best bowling form, they managed to pass Kempston's low total of 32.

Blunham made an even worse start than their opponents, losing three wickets for three runs. Peck and Clark assisted Brown in retrieving the position, and Kempston's total was passed for the loss of five wickets.

Marston had Odell and A. Stapleton to thank for a winning score against Ickwell. Then Stapleton, with seven wickets at a cost of 25 runs, touched his best bowling form.

Little Staughton, in their last League game, v. Langford, won by 24 runs and thus remain unbeaten.

Barker (seven for 16) bowled well for Felmersham, who lost by two runs to West End.

Cooper, with five for 13, led a Stagsden attack which had Cople out for a moderate total.

analysis reading six for 16, and Stagsden were 14 runs down at the close.

Pertenhall concluded their League programme with a ten-wickets win over Little Staughton. They are champions of Division III (Section 1), and they have won only their ten matches.

Green and Joy routed Haynes' opponents, Roxton, in two innings, and their side won by seven wickets.

Risley's innings against Marston II was brief and not exactly prolific. Knight (four for 4) and Goodman (four for 11) had them out when 15 runs were in the book.

DIVISION I

Blunham v. Kempston

Kempston: W. Tipton 4, J. Tyson 0, G. Luff 1, R. Turner 1, H. White 2, G. Page 2, L. Cambers 6, G. Davis 0, K. Gilbert 3, I. Hill 0, T. Lambert not out 0, extras 4, total 32.

Great Barford v. Everton

Everton: H. Gurney 0, S. Cole 1, J. Wisson 4, C. Cutler 1, J. Barnett not out 8, G. Richardson 7, R. Linford 0, G. Garney 2, R. Hull 0, S. Knott 1, E. Hull 2, extras 4, total 50.

Renhold v. Thurleigh

Thurleigh: A. Waller 11, J. C. Thorne 11, J. Asplin 0, F. Holly 3, J. Wagstaff 0, A. Bull 1, L. Sabev 2, S. Asplin 0, F. Bull 4, W. Asplin not out 1, C. Clayton 0, extras 1, total 58.

Marston v. Ickwell

Marston: R. Copperwheat 5, L. Odell 12, D. Stapleton 3, W. Swales 0, A. Stapleton 13, R. Berry 1, D. Lunnon 4, F. Bunker 7, J. Nicholls 3, F. Lilley 5, H. Stapleton 5, extras 8, total 64.

Little Staughton v. Langford

Langford: T. Chasman 7, R. Smith 0, P. Roberts 5, B. Kilby 1, N. Roberts 15, D. Kirk 0, H. Huckle 12, C. Kilby 7, E. Whitman 1, J. Piper not out 4, A. Hill 0, extras 4, total 54.

DIVISION II (SECTION I)

Felmersham v. West End

Felmersham: Bayliss 0, Dittmer 4, Baker 0, Betts 21, J. Turner 0, F. Turner 0, Brazz 11, Dodd 0, D. Turner 0, Rust not out 1, extras 2, total 59.

Cople v. Stagsden

Stagsden: H. Newman 4, R. Benson 2, G. Newman 9, W. Crane 0, G. Perkin 5, S. Dutton 1, W. Woolston 0, I. Griffiths not out 10, G. Bennett 0, C. Cooper 4, R. Alder 0, extras 4, total 39.

DIVISION III (SECTION I)

Thurleigh II v. Great Staughton II

Great Staughton II: A. Phillips 2, G. Hackett 0, F. Heading 1, J. Dawkins 10, B. Sturgeon 3, J. Davidson senior 15, C. Franklin 2, J. Davidson junior 7, G. Kidman 1, J. Newman 0, R. Whitmore not out 1, total 42.

Pertenhall v. Little Staughton II

Little Staughton II: K. Banks 3, J. Farrington 1, C. Parker 0, J. Robins 1, R. Robins 1, E. Robins 5, H. Parker 4, A. Smith 0, Jordan 10, D. Quarry 0, S. Smith 1, total 23.

DIVISION III (SECTION II)

Blunham II v. Tempstord

Tempstord: A. Usher 0, J. George 5, E. Hurrah 0, O. H. Beiles 2, G. Chapman 1 not out 11, G. Fage 3, O. D. Jefferies 0, D. Eaton 10, M. Brown not out 2, D. Urquhart 1, 2, H. Phelps 0, extras 7, total 29.

DIVISION III (SECTION III)

Risley v. Marston

Marston: A. Bunker 9, P. Roberts 5, W. Goodman 1, T. Ellis 2, V. Hale 9, C. Thompson 11, A. Goodman 4, S. Ingle 0, D. Evans 0, B. Denton 2, S. Knight 0, extras 3, total 41.

DIVISION II (SECTION III)

Cople: R. Norman 11, K. Hull 1, E. Bartram 7, D. Hull 5, R. Minney 6, A. Worrall 0, F. Johnson 0, B. Hill-yard 14, R. Bennett 3, S. Wilsher not out 3, C. Cox 0, extras 3, total 53.

DIVISION III (SECTION I)

Luton Vauxhall: A. Capstick b Breeze 10, R. Davy lbw b Breeze 4, J. Nixon b Breeze 24, A. Biggs 2, Harris b Humphreys 7, J. Wheatley not out 21, J. Hopkins b Breeze 0, P. Lloyd not out 4, extras 9, total for five wickets 79.

DIVISION III (SECTION II)

Sandy: G. Pepper 10, M. Single 3, S. Cooper 28, E. Clarke 5, W. Askern 0, J. Jeeves 22, A. Petts 1, N. Hood 0, H. Wagstaff not out 2, J. Allison 0, J. Page 4, extras 5, total 84.

DIVISION III (SECTION I)

Olney Town v. Stoke Goldington After losing their first three wickets for no runs, and eventually nine for 18, Stoke Goldington put up a last-wicket stand to carry their score to 46 and thus snatch a victory by one wicket.

DIVISION III (SECTION II)

Olney: A. Minard 12, R. Mawer 11, A. Berrill 10, R. Megarry 4, A. Harrison 0, R. Berrill 1, S. Dix 0, A. Mann not out 1, L. Smith 6, F. Whitting 0, F. Millward 0, extras 1, total 45.

DIVISION III (SECTION III)

Potter II: C. Munns 20, P. Hutchinson 25, D. Munns 0, L. Sims 7, E. Britten 2, F. Brookman 0, W. Drew 5, E. Gurney 3, W. Turner not out 9, R. Langley 0, extras 1, total 72.

DIVISION III (SECTION I)

Bedfordshire Times v. P.O. Telephone These sides have met three times this season.

DIVISION III (SECTION II)

Northampton Borough Police: "B" Division: Morris 63, Austin 14, Naphan 11, Hepworth 12, Flor 3, Lovell 5, Cox 2, Bellamy 0, Amor 2, Frazer not out 7, Loughlin 0, extras 5, total 127.

DIVISION III (SECTION III)

Amphill II 47, Kent II (Luton) 61 (Thilton three for 2). Evensholt 135 (Brown 77), Hexton 48 (K. Cousins seven for 25, Munro three for 20).

DIVISION III (SECTION I)

Avonational College, Cranfield, 22 (Walter six for 7, Wright three for 10), Ridmont 65 (Shilts four for 17, Gover four for 25).

DIVISION III (SECTION II)

Amphill II 47, Kent II (Luton) 61 (Thilton three for 2). Evensholt 135 (Brown 77), Hexton 48 (K. Cousins seven for 25, Munro three for 20).

DIVISION III (SECTION III)

Apus 153 for seven declared (Sharp 46, West 55, Fiske five for 37), Babbist 91 for five (Watnet 38).

DIVISION III (SECTION I)

Biggleswade 214 (P. Denny 11, Stewart 36), Thomas Ward's XI (London) 69.

Friendly Cricket

DRAWN GAME WITH VAUXHALL

Breeze's Fine Bowling for Town

Bedford Town and Luton Vauxhall played a drawn game at Newham Avenue on Saturday. A slow wicket and outfield combined to defeat any attempt to increase the rate of scoring. The pitch did not assist the bowlers, but the ball went on to the bat without sufficient pace to enable runs to be made freely.

Breeze bowled very well for the Town. In his ten overs the batsmen took only ten runs and he captured five wickets. Scores—Bedford Town: E. S. Smith at Capstick b Nelsey 35, D. G. Berridge 14, Hurst 0, C. P. Sabev b Chappell 25, S. G. Harris c Nixon b Nelsey 11, D. T. Matthews c Chappell b Nelsey 3, V. G. Harris b Chappell 11, K. Vane-Percy c Hopkins b Nelsey 2, S. G. G. Hat b Chappell 10, P. H. Humphreys b Penhallurick 2, K. McCallis lbw b Penhallurick 1, Breeze not out 0, extras 10, total 122.

Luton Vauxhall: A. Capstick b Breeze 10, R. Davy lbw b Breeze 4, J. Nixon b Breeze 24, A. Biggs 2, Harris b Humphreys 7, J. Wheatley not out 21, J. Hopkins b Breeze 0, P. Lloyd not out 4, extras 9, total for five wickets 79.

Sandy v. Old Warden

Sandy: G. Pepper 10, M. Single 3, S. Cooper 28, E. Clarke 5, W. Askern 0, J. Jeeves 22, A. Petts 1, N. Hood 0, H. Wagstaff not out 2, J. Allison 0, J. Page 4, extras 5, total 84.

Old Warden: R. Bayliss 26, R. Gilbert 0, E. Willis 18, G. Berridge 14, E. Cooper 2, D. Berridge 0, A. Ehlman 0, A. Cooper 5, G. Bayliss 0, P. Palmer not out 0, T. Storton 0, extras 3, total 68.

Olney Town v. Stoke Goldington

After losing their first three wickets for no runs, and eventually nine for 18, Stoke Goldington put up a last-wicket stand to carry their score to 46 and thus snatch a victory by one wicket. Scores—Olney: A. Minard 12, R. Mawer 11, A. Berrill 10, R. Megarry 4, A. Harrison 0, R. Berrill 1, S. Dix 0, A. Mann not out 1, L. Smith 6, F. Whitting 0, F. Millward 0, extras 1, total 45.

Stoke Goldington: W. Whitting 0, T. Sapwell 0, H. Turner 0, A. Pallett 0, G. Mead 1, M. Green 0, R. Hood 0, W. Clarke 7, N. Walker not out 10, T. Richardson 1, H. Wesley not out 16, extras 1, total 46.

Potter II v. Tempstord

Tempstord: Muncey Bates 18, Martindale 7, Stacey 0, Jackson 2, Chamberlain 2, Usher 0, Fuller 1, Johnson 0, Harvey not out 11, Lawless 5, total 50.

Potter II: C. Munns 20, P. Hutchinson 25, D. Munns 0, L. Sims 7, E. Britten 2, F. Brookman 0, W. Drew 5, E. Gurney 3, W. Turner not out 9, R. Langley 0, extras 1, total 72.

Bedfordshire Times v. P.O. Telephone

These sides have met three times this season. At Russell Park on Tuesday the Times won by one run in the last over; at Bedford Park in June the Telephones won by two runs; and on the other occasion, in July, the P.O. won after falling behind the clock scores in the latest encounter.

Northampton Borough Police

"B" Division: Morris 63, Austin 14, Naphan 11, Hepworth 12, Flor 3, Lovell 5, Cox 2, Bellamy 0, Amor 2, Frazer not out 7, Loughlin 0, extras 5, total 127.

Northampton Police

158 for six wickets. Amphill 108 (R. Thompson 45), Luton Davis Athletic 58 (Hooper four for 25).

Aspley Guise 44 (Wooding 17, Dickens seven for 9), Great Brickhill 58 (Stone seven for 30).

Milton Bryan 31 (Squires four for 6, Blackaby four for 8), Maulden 42 (Martindale four for 10, Reynolds three for 18).

Amphill II 47, Kent II (Luton) 61 (Thilton three for 2). Evensholt 135 (Brown 77), Hexton 48 (K. Cousins seven for 25, Munro three for 20).

Avonational College, Cranfield, 22 (Walter six for 7, Wright three for 10), Ridmont 65 (Shilts four for 17, Gover four for 25).

Amphill II 48 (W. J. Baker five for 25), Bedford Town II 68 (Wooliscroft 19, Thom 17).

Apus 153 for seven declared (Sharp 46, West 55, Fiske five for 37), Babbist 91 for five (Watnet 38).

Biggleswade 214 (P. Denny 11, Stewart 36), Thomas Ward's XI (London) 69.

PIGEON RACING

Flying their birds from Seiby (116 miles) on Thursday, Mid-Bedfordshire Flying Club members had a moderate race. Mr. F. Biehnor (one of the oldest members) took the first place. Results: Riches 8:54.5, Ashpole 8:44.6, 26:5. Wilcox 8:51.5, Godfrey 8:44.6, Goff and Clark 8:56.9, Finch 7:49.6, Pilly 7:47.8, Hutchinson Bros. 7:47.9, Lawes 7:47, Pickett 7:20.2.

Bedford League

BOWLERS PLAY HAVOC WITH BATSMEN

Many batting averages suffered on Saturday, judging by the cheap wickets taken by bowlers in some of the League's chief games

Best achievement was E. Huckle's six wickets for eight runs for Pcton in their game with Blunham. Pcton scored 75, of which R. Pepper made 55. Blunham were all out in 15 overs for 25 runs.

For Thurlough, J. Thorne claimed seven Everton wickets for only 11 runs, Everton being dismissed for 36 in reply to Thurlough's 74. This score was no fault of G. Richardson, who took six Thurlough wickets for 18.

Great Barford put Kempston out for 32 to win by 60 runs, H. Favell dismissing half the Kempston side at a personal cost of 15 runs.

DIVISION I
Kempston v. Great Barford
Great Barford: B. Norman 15, D. Jones 5, E. Lee 0, D. Pike 51, W. Norman 1, H. Favell 16, K. Taitman 4, E. Kirk 8, W. Skivington not out 11, J. Breeze 2, W. Page 1, extras 2, total 92.

DIVISION II (SECTION II)
Felmoresham v. Cople
Cople: E. Hull 6, R. Norman 4, R. Cambers 0, W. Hull 0, A. Worrall 0, W. Shunter 5, R. Bennett 6, S. Wilsner 0, G. Martin 0, W. Thacker not out 9, R. Burr 0, total 28.

DIVISION III (SECTION II)
Blunham II v. Roxton
Blunham: S. Reid 7, B. Marles 0, K. Reid 0, R. Rawlins 11, W. Daniels 36, F. Reid 1, S. Green 5, P. Rawlins 11, A. Sims 2, F. Tester 5, B. Price 1, extras 4, total 74.

The League Tables

DIVISION I
Great Barford 12 10 11 21
Kempston 13 8 5 16
Ickwell 13 7 3 15
Blunham 13 7 3 15
Pcton 14 7 6 15

DIVISION II (SECTION I)
Little Staughton 12 10 2 22
Wilden 11 7 4 14
Langford 11 7 4 14
Great Staughton 10 5 4 11
South End Ramblers 11 4 1 6

DIVISION II (SECTION II)
West End Club 12 9 2 19
Stagsden 12 9 5 18
Good End 12 8 4 16
Pavenham 12 8 5 14
Cople 13 6 7 12
Sharnbrook 13 5 7 11

DIVISION III (SECTION I)
Pertenhall 10 10 0 20
Hall Weston 10 7 3 14
Thurlough 9 4 5 8
Little Staughton 10 4 6 8
Seyon 8 6 0 6

DIVISION III (SECTION II)
Haynes 12 10 2 20
Ickwell 11 6 5 12
Blunham 11 7 5 10
Roxton 11 5 4 10
Tempsford 11 5 6 10
Jope 11 4 7 8

DIVISION III (SECTION III)
Clapham 11 10 1 20
North Crawley 11 8 0 16
Turvey 11 6 3 12
Ruseley 10 5 5 10
Marston 11 5 6 10
Lavendon 12 5 9 6
West End Club 12 1 11 0 2

COUNTY POLICE IN FINAL

Low-Scoring Game With Essex

By defeating Essex Constabulary at Crittall's Ground, Silver End, Essex, Bedfordshire Constabulary qualified for the final of the No. 5 District Police Cricket Competition. Essex chose to bat but were unable to cope with the fast and accurate bowling of Det.-Sergt. Miles, who took five wickets for 15 runs. P.C. Kirby, bowling slow leg breaks, claimed four for 16. Fielding was keen and no chances were missed. Bedfordshire batsmen never seemed at ease until D.C. Hepworth came in. Playing confidently, he and P.C. Tompkins passed the Essex score. Bedfordshire will now meet Cambridge Borough Police at Cambridge in the final shortly. Scores: Bedfordshire: D.C. Morris 10, Insp. Horne 5, P.C. Austin 2, D.A. Miles 8, D.C. Hepworth not out 12, P.C. Ellis 1, P.C. Tompkins 5, extras 10, total for six wickets 55.

Kettering 68 (Spooners five for 11), Bedford Town 70 (Harris not out 38). Bedford Town II 98, Kettering II 45 (Sleightholme four for 15, Willows four for 22). Queen's Works 'A' 141, G. Shepherd 56, J. Slaughter 44, Northampton Saints 'A' 140 (Shepherd five for 50). Harpur Sports 100 for nine declared (R. Poulter 51), Northampton Vallence 42 (G. Webster six for 15). Queen's Works 151 for six declared (H. Boyce 52), Northampton Saints 75 for eight. Bedfordshire Times 69 for four (Bowler 30), Mallows two for 34), Grosvenor Club 34 for 8 (Buckingham three for 12, Coleman two for 5, Willis two for 8). Ampthill II 18 (B. Walton six for 10), Ridgmont 48. Old Warden 93 (R. Bayliss 34), Clapham 87 for nine (D. Minns 50). Campton 37, Maulden 38 (R. Roberts seven for 19). Hexton 64 (R. Parker seven for 38), Fulloxhill 69. Sandy 97 (Single 33), Bedford Ramblers 62. Bondor 51 (Edmunds seven for 20), Henlow II 129 for six (Lynn 39). Weaver's 107 for nine (D. Pallant 39), Biggleswade II 130 for nine (A. P. Denny 30). Southill 69, Henlow 49. Pcton Sunday XI 102 (E. Clark 35), Coltered 41.

SATURDAY'S SPORT

Friendly Cricket

Cricket

Stevenage v. Bedford Town. Bedford II v. Stevenage II. Queen's Works v. Harpur Sports. Harpur Sports II v. Queen's Works II. Hexton v. Bedford Town Ramblers. Kempston v. Steeple Claydon.

SOUTHILL BOWLERS IN FORM

R. Southill: L. Brown 1, A. J. Brunt 6, R. Godman 2, A. Swain not out 24, G. Gilbert 2, H. Massey 0, A. Burnage 6, K. Ballard 0, G. Hunt 0, N. Chambers 9, E. Sanderson 7, extras 10, total 69.—Ashwell three for 11, Rawlins four for 21, Jordan two for 8, Russell two for 16. Henlow: E. Smith 3, R. Legate 1, S. Bywaters not out 22, A. Ward 0, H. Ashwell 15, H. Jordan 0, W. Jordan 0, D. Vine 2, R. Russell 0, W. Rawlins 2, K. Charles 0, extras 1, total 49.—Burnage four for 13, Swain four for 14, Massey two for 17.

Southill Park II v. Ickwell II
Southill: D. Brown 1, C. Chamberlain 0, H. Brown 0, G. Dilley 6, P. Brown 0, J. Webb 1, R. O'Dell not out 8, N. Stock 2, H. Hunt 5, W. Johnson 5, A. Senior 0, extras 4, total 30.—Norman seven for 12, King two for 14. Second innings: 41 for eight. Ickwell: C. Thompson 0, J. King 0, W. Cole 5, J. Newell 4, H. Norman 4, G. Thompson 2, T. Reeks 0, D. Law 4, P. Bygraves not out 2, E. Bygraves 0, J. Shepton 0, extras 3, total 24.—O'Dell six for 11, Dilley four for 10. Second innings: 33 for nine.

Melita v. R.A.F. Cardington
Melita: D. Cook 2, W. Cousins 2, A. Wilson 8, C. Fuller 0, L. Fuller 11, R. Wilson 3, W. Ellis not out 16, E. Braybrock 1, J. Fowler 0, M. Hunter 0, W. Reed 0, extras 5, total 52.—R.A.F.: Sparker 3, Haylock 6, Sloper 0, Massey 0, Hettwell 6, Johnson 7, Bowes 1, Strong 0, Peater 0, Bearpark not out 1, Duggan 0, extras 1, total 25.

Olney v. Duston
Duston: Bailey 1, H. Harrison 3, Elworthy 7, Adams 0, C. C. Paine 0, Amberg 0, Jepson 0, F. W. Harrison 6, Vine 0, A. F. Paine 0, White 0, extras 4, total 21.—Hammond six for 9, Adams four for 5. Olney: Minard 1, Howson 5, Berrill 2, Mawer 1, Harrison 1, Megarry 25, Dix 2, Hammond 19, Adams 4, Smith 1, Mann 0, extras 7, total 66.—Amberg five for 19, Harrison three for 12.

Hoy Whitley (Letchworth) v. C. Dilley's XI
Dilley's XI: C. Dilley 8, J. Edgeley 10, M. Senior 2, C. Chamberlain 4, R. O'dell 26, R. Webb 38, E. Faulkner 37, A. Senior 0, V. Godman 17, A. Dilley not out 1, A. Lockey not out 1, extras 13, total for nine wickets declared 157. Hoy Whitley: 50.—R. O'dell five for 22, J. Edgeley four for 23.

Southill Park Sunday XI
De Havilland's (Harold) v. De Havilland's: 116.—A. Massey five for 42, K. Ballard two for 6, R. Legate two for 19, A. Burnage one for 21. Southill: A. J. Brunt 15, R. Legate 11, R. Godman 2, G. Gilbert 19, S. Mollay 18, A. Burnage 22, A. Massey 0, G. Reeks 9, K. Ballard 8, G. Hunt 3, L. Brown not out 5, extras 9, total 121.

Bedfordshire Times v. Biddenham
Biddenham: S. G. Harris 29, K. Green 5, E. Collingridge 1, R. West 6, H. Barton 8, P. Green 2, E. Townsend 2, S. Wells not out 1, D. Fenwick 8, E. Green not out 5, extras 3, total for eight wickets 54.—Brice five for 25, Galley two for 11. Bedfordshire Times: E. Buckingham 0, D. Bowker 15, E. Willis 37, Harrison not out 14, extras 10, total for 3 wickets 76.

Weston Underwood v. R.A.F. Northampton
R.A.F.: 154 for four declared. Weston Underwood: Utawatt 15, Denton 13, Mills 5, Gracie 4, Hobbly 4, B. Adams 0, Peters not out 3, Gasson 0, Clark 1, Willis 1, F. Adams 0, extras 1, total 45.

Hospital Cup Final

PLUCKY EVERS Holt LOSE TO TOWN

A gallant bid by Eversholt to win the Hospital Cup at their first attempt just failed because of batting weakness at Bedford Modern School Ground on Saturday.

Their opponents, Bedford Town, could score only 89 for eight against the accurate bowling of Munro, who took five wickets for 18. Only Thorne and Woolliscroft offered any real resistance. Eversholt lost three quick wickets, but then Cousins and Plett, who added 20 in less than ten minutes, raised the villagers' hopes. Both, however, were then caught on the boundary and none of the remaining batsmen stayed long. Scores: Bedford: E. S. Smith 1, D. T. Matthews 0, C. F. Sabey 9, J. Pratt 15, K. Vane-Percy 0, T. B. Woolliscroft 25, P. H. Humphreys 0, D. G. Jenkins 2, M. C. Thorne not out 28, D. G. Patten not out 5, extras 4, total for eight wickets 89. (R. Harris did not bat). Munro five for 18, Cousins three for 55.

Eversholt: B. Oakley 1, R. Sissons 4, C. Brown 0, K. Cousins 18, S. Fleet 18, E. Oakley 3, E. Jarvis 0, W. Munro 0, M. Ryan 7, F. Fleet 1, T. Norris not out 6, extras 5, total 65.—Humphreys three for 7, Jenkins three for 15, Harris three for 22, Sabey one for 14.

Mr. J. Arnold Whitechurch, President of the Competition presented the cup and revealed that £1,500 had been collected since the inauguration of the competition in 1953. This year's effort, in which 72 clubs, the highest ever, took part, had realized £208 12s. 6d.

GOOD INNINGS FOR TOWN

Harris Brightens Tame Draw

Forty-three not out by John Harris, brother of Stanley Harris, brightened what would have been a rather tame draw between Bedford Town and Northampton Saints on Saturday. Harris hit a six and four boundaries. Scores:—

Northampton Saints: 152 for seven (dec.). Grimshaw four for 31.

Bedford Town: E. S. Smith 20, J. Pratt 5, C. F. Sabey 8, J. Harris not out 43, K. Vanc-Percy 6, D. G. Parren not out 10, extras 6, total for four wickets 98.

Seconds Beaten

Losing at Luton to George Kent's, Bedford Town 2nd XI would have been more heavily defeated but for a fighting partnership between Spooner and Phillips. Scores:—

George Kent's: 138 (Willows five for 35).

Bedford Town 2nd: E. Hawkins 3, R. Harris 0, J. A. Spooner not out 23, B. J. Caton 0, J. W. Fry 1, L. Phillips 38, Gonsler 0, E. M. Green 0, R. Caton 4, R. Willows 0, extras 6, total (for nine wickets—one player short) 75.

BAIN AND GREENE RESCUE HARPER II

Stevenage Find Dimmock Almost Unplayable

Harpur Sports II continued their winning sequence when they met Stevenage II on Saturday. They have one more game to play, against Hitchin II in the Park, and at the moment their record is played 17, won 12, drawn 4, lost 1. The average age of the side is 20 years.

Against Stevenage they were in a poor position until Bain joined Alec Greene, the 18-year-old Harpur Central schoolboy. Then runs came easily and when Green was bowled the score was well over a 100. The innings was declared closed at 150 for nine wickets. Bain's 75 not out was a grand knock, but it was equalled by Greene's innings. Stevenage soon had their backs to the wall, with Dimmock almost unplayable. He took six for 13, and W. Wilson two for 21. Scores:—

Harpur: A. Martin 0, L. Dimmock 7, A. Greene 44, J. Harvey 0, P. Green 0, T. Martin 3, T. Chancellor 0, J. Bain not out 75, A. Loosley 5, A. Cook 0, W. Wilson not out 6, extras 10, total for nine wickets declared 150.—G. Nye four for 45, A. Dean three for 64, Chappele two for 11.

Stevenage: Howells 5, Davies 0, Newberry 6, Nye 0, Fellowsfield 5, Dean 16, Dalby 0, Carpenter 6, Humberstone 2, Hall not out 3, Chappele 2, extras 7, total 52.—L. Dimmock six for 13, W. Wilson two for 21, T. Chancellor one for 11.

WON BY A RUN

Shire Hall 2nd XI defeated Maulden by one run in Bedford Park a ball going through for four byes deciding the issue. Scores:

Maulden: W. Squire 0, H. Whitmore 7, H. Turner 25, J. Godfrey 2, H. Squire 1, M. Piercy 11, F. Blackaby 1, E. Page 3, F. Fisher 3, F. Arnold 5, D. Kirby not out 2, extras 11, total 71. Jackson five for 29.

Shire Hall 2nd XI: G. Jackson 20, L. Carvell 6, E. Howe 1, E. Oakley 1, R. Rose 9, R. Sandbrook 13, D. Woodman 0, F. Jackson 3, D. Tinley 2, E. Wooding 8, D. Freeman 2, extras 7, total 72. Piercy seven for 19.

Bedford League

WEST END ARE CHAMPIONS

Stagsden Second in Division II

A win over Oakley by nine wickets made the championship of Division II (Section II) secure for West End. Oakley could not withstand a lively attack which dismissed them twice for low scores. Yet they held a short lead on the first innings.

The runners-up in Section II of the Second Division are Stagsden, only one point behind West End. They also reached the semi-final of the Hospital Cup. To finish the season, Stagsden routed Pavenham, who could muster only 18 runs, and at one period had six runs on the board with four wickets standing.

W. Harlow's 32 was the highest score in the Renhold v. Ewerton match, which was notable for excellent bowling on both sides. He helped Renhold to the winning score of 83, Ewerton falling to the attack of F. Harlow (seven for 23). They were all out at 51. S. Cole's seven Renhold wickets at a personal cost of 24, rewarded a well-sustained spell.

A brilliant piece of fielding by Tysoe saved Kempston from defeat at Ickwell. He ran out the last man when Ickwell needed one run to win, and the match ended in a tie.

It was a bowlers' match. Kempston lost six wickets for 7 runs, but Cambers, with aid from White, Gilbert, and Smith, took the score to 41. E. Hillyard took six for 21. Ickwell lost eight for 27, but Humphries and C. Dilleigh took the score to 40. G. Parrish, last man in, got a run to tie and was then run out. For Kempston L. Hills took five for 10.

Division I

Ickwell v. Kempston

Kempston: W. Tipton 1, G. Darlow 1, J. Tyson 1, G. Daniels 4, R. Turner 0, C. Luff 0, H. White 6, L. Cambers 10, L. Hills 3, K. Gilbert not out 6, G. Smith 7, extras 2, total 41.
Ickwell: J. Marsom 0, F. Brice 1, G. Bygraves 2, G. Reeks 2, D. Humphries 9, A. Wright 8, G. Dilleigh 0, J. Turnbull 1, C. Dilleigh 10, E. Hillyard not out 4, J. Parrish 1, extras 3, total 41.

Renhold v. Ewerton

Renhold: F. Harlow 32, D. Stapleton 2, W. Harlow 32, A. Norman 3, F. Shorley 5, K. Rabbitt 4, J. Rabbitt 8, D. Fenton not out 6, G. Allen 0, F. Harlow 10, D. Cowley 9, extras 3, total 83.—S. Cole seven for 24.
Ewerton: S. Cole 3, J. Wisson 4, J. Barnett 0, G. Lawson 0, G. Gurney not out 13, S. Knott 0, F. Wisson 7, F. Giles 2, F. Linford 4, E. Hull 2, R. Hull 11, extras 5, total 51.—F. Harlow seven for 23, A. Norman two for 12.

Division II (Section II)

Oakley v. West End

Oakley: Saunders 3, O. Trowbridge 0, E. Linc 0, I. Donegan 5, I. Jefferies not out 6, O. Thompson 0 not out 0, F. Rainbow 0, G. Newell 5, G. Rainbow 9, S. Stapleton 0, Stringer 0, extras 0, totals 28 and 23.—Dawson four for 11, Loft six for 5, Boyce two for 3.

West End: Hill 2 not out 21, King 0 not out 12, Boyce 0, Millard 1, Jeasop 4, Loft 0, Anthony 4, I. Odeji 0, Dawson 1, Burraway 7, White not out 0, extras 4 and 1, totals 23 and 45 for one.—Rainbow seven for 13.

Stagsden v. Pavenham

Stagsden: H. Newman 0, R. Benson 2, G. Newman 4, B. Sharp 25, S. Dutton 3, G. Ferrin 1, P. Fossil 0, W. Woolston 5, I. Griffiths 1, G. Bonnett 4, S. Myers 1, extras 2, total 48.—G. Curtis five for 23, S. Lovell four for 25.
Pavenham: J. Turner 0, A. Wildman 6, G. Scaley 0, A. Wesley 0, R. Cox 0, G. Curtis 0, G. Wesley 1, T. Higgs 0, J. Crawley 5, S. Lovell 6, W. Wesley 0, total 18.—B. Sharp six for 9, G. Bonnett four for 9.

POLICE CRICKET CUP

County Lose Off the Last Ball

In the final of the No. 5 District Police Sports Association Cricket Cup, Bedfordshire County Police put up a grand display but were beaten off the last ball of the game.

The victors were Cambridge Borough Police, and the match was played in Cambridge last week.

Ruse, one of the Cambridge side's last pair, was dropped while his side still needed two runs to win, this being from the last ball but one!

County Police: Morris 19, Horne 1, Austin 6, Miles 5, Hegworth 2, Kirby 17, Coppock 12, Wilby 9, Tompkins not out 47, Ellis 19, Druce 7, extras 26, total for nine wickets 168.
Cambridge Borough Police: 169.—Baker 55, Morris three for 13, Kirby three for 35.

Friendly Cricket

Letchworth II v. Southill Park

Southill Park: H. Godman 75, A. Swain 6, G. Gilbert 35, A. Burnage not out 36, A. Massey 0, C. Dilleigh not out 14, E. Sanderson 15, D. Brown 3, extras 2, total for six wickets declared 193.

Letchworth II: 42.—A. Massey six for 15, A. Swain two for 7, A. Burnage one for 15.

Southill Park Sunday XI v. Toddington

Southill: A. J. Brunt 18, A. Burnage 0, G. Gilbert 2, V. Grimshaw 50, R. Godman 6, C. Reeks 0, K. Ballard 2, A. Massey 0, B. Molloy 4, L. Brown 18, M. Senior not out 9, extras 10, total total 119.—Short four for 21, Cousins four for 66, Jays two for 22.
Toddington: H. Gilbert 21, M. Carr 91, C. Short 5, F. Whittingham 28, K. Cousins 14, C. Brown 15, F. Purcer 5, R. Muckleton 0, E. Jays not out 11, extras 9, total for eight wickets 197.—Ballard two for 19.

Olney v. Horton

Olney: Minard 4, A. Berrill 10, McGeary 0, Mawer 11, Harrison 0, Hammond 9, R. Berrill not out 0, Dix 2, Millward 1, Roberts 0, extras 1, total for nine wickets 38.
Horton: 77 for nine.—Hammond four for 27, McGeary two for 14.

Lotus Sports (Northampton) v. Bromham Nomads

Lotus Sports: 112.—S. Tysoe four for 56, L. White six for 32.
Nomads: B. Everest 53, K. Bushell not out 29, G. Church 0, L. White 2, W. S. Bowen 6, A. D. Catling 0, K. Brity 2, S. Tysoe 0, J. Church 15, D. King 0, J. Catling 2, extras 8, total 97.

Northampton Saints 152 for seven declared (Grimshaw four for 31), Bedford Town 98 for four (J. Harris not out 45).

Harpur Sports II 150 for nine declared (J. Bain not out 75, A. Greene 41), Stevenage 52 (Dinmock six for 13).

George Kent's (Luton) 158 (Willows five for 35), Bedford Town II 75 for nine (Phillips 38), Bedford were a player short.

Queen's Works "A" 40 (Shortland 19, Turvey six for 9, R. Minns four for 11), Argus 143 for eight (R. Minns 38, Sharp not out 29, West 30; Macdonald five for 24).

Maulden 71 (Turner 25; Jackson five for 29), Shire Hall II 72 (Piercy seven for 19).

West End 54, Bromham 19 (Boyce six for 6, Litchfield four for 9), Stevenage 135 (G. Webster six for 18), Harpur Sports 117 for nine.

Southend Ramblers 123 for six declared (Jones 56), Aspley Guise 125 for three (Gilbert 56).

Biggleswade II 193 (Carr 112), Bedford Ramblers 102 (Denny 52; Huckle five for 22).

Westoning 90 (Short 49; Allen five for 23), Biggleswade 70 (Bygraves 32; Short five for 24).

Ewerton 88 (Walker five for 31), Baptist 125 (Housden 23; Linford three for 6).

Henlow 41, Royston 95, Royston II 60, Henlow II 87 (Edmunds 50).

Amptill 151 (Inskip not out 81), Toddington 44.

Luton St. Mary's 71 (H. F. Parker five for 12), Toddington 46.

Owen And Matthews Lead Town C.C. Averages

Glyn Owen, the Town's all-rounder, completed a "hat-trick" with his batting during last season, for he topped the batting averages of the club, the county and the Minor Counties.

Other county players, John Oliver and Terry Matthews were well to the fore in the Town's averages. The former headed the bowling and was third in the batting, while Matthews was easily the most successful bowler.

Doug. Randall performed the not inconsiderable feat of leading the 2nd XI bowling averages and finishing second to Matthews in the 1st XI. His total bag was 63 wickets.

The Town's season has been a most successful one from every standpoint, and the members celebrate by holding their annual dinner to-night.

On the field, the first team earned the reputation of being one of the strongest club sides in the south, and lost only two matches.

One of these was by the narrow margin of three runs to Wembley on Whit-Monday, and the other to the M.C.C. during Cricket Week.

For the first time in history the club made the bold venture of staging cricket matches for a whole week at Wardown. They were rewarded by a good measure of support, and this is to be an annual event.

The club is now receiving support from the public commensurate with its standing in the cricket world, and the fact that only four of their 27 matches were drawn shows that to achieve a definite result has always been their aim.

Rain caused six other matches to be abandoned, and there was a spell during the summer when the club's activities were seriously handicapped by the weather.

Oliver, Owen and Matthews played no little part in the success of the county in the Minor Counties championship, and Colling also rendered valuable service early in the season.

The second team was very strong and also lost only two matches. Sunday XI won seven and lost four of their 20 matches.

1st XI
Played 27, Won 15, Lost 2, Drawn 4, Abandoned 6.

BATTING AVERAGES (Qualification 6 Innings)

	In.	n.o.	Tot.	s'rc	H'st	Av.
J G Owen ..	15	3	692	122*	57.6	
J A R Oliver..	15	4	405	63	36.8	
D S Randall..	8	5	96	38*	32.0	
C H Warman	16	2	331	57	23.6	
P Clark	11	3	173	44*	21.6	
K Brazier	10	2	164	44*	20.5	
W Hammond..	14	0	247	64	17.6	
F Winstanley..	6	0	103	51	17.1	
B G Satterley	16	2	238	77*	17.0	
C V A Colling	18	3	254	35	16.9	
W D John ..	15	1	224	65	16.0	
E A Fryer ..	9	2	112	29	16.0	
A F Waller..	12	1	124	46	11.2	
T D Matthews	6	5	10	5*	10.0	

Also batted.—R Gardiner, 3.14*;
A J Webley, 0.4, 15, 57; R Collier, 2;
R V Ward, 25*; F W J Webb, 5*;
J Kirby, 15.0*; R Bland, 3*; A T Hunt,
15; E H Pugh, 0.0, 11; D Hart, 12.16;
G Hales, 1; P H Baron, 16; R Winstanley,
1.5, 5*; H R Gailer, 14*; C Baggaley,
4; P Rennie, 3.1; D Wood, 2.18; P Lee,
6.8; A J Worboys, 2, 6; A Heymeson,
2.2*.
* Not out.

BOWLING

(Qualification 20 wickets)

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
T D Matthews	279.5	63	609	59	10.3
D S Randall..	102.2	12	364	23	15.8
J A R Oliver..	177	40	431	26	16.6
J G Owen	155.1	19	495	27	18.3
P Clark	195.4	45	445	23	19.4

Also Bowled.—R Gardiner, 55.2—11—146—11; A Heymeson, 65.3—11—185—13; A J Worboys, 37—7—105—3; B Satterley, 3—0—21—1; P Rennie, 30—6—103—3; E A Fryer, 6.5—1—21—3; C H Warman, 13—1—55—1; P Lee, 12—2—53—1; R Bland, 8—1—36—0; R Winstanley, 16—0—68—1; A J Webley, 13—1—48—1; R V Ward, 13—5—21—1; J Kirby, 28—4—82—1; W D John, 7—2—10—1; W J Emery, 5—0—32—1; J P Sutherland, 3—0—10—1.

Catches.—A F Waller 10; J A R Oliver 8; T D Matthews 7; K Brazier 7; P Clark 6; E A Fryer 6; C V A Colling 5; J G Owen 5; D S Randall 5; C H Warman 4; B Satterley 4; R Winstanley 4; W D John 4; R Gardiner 3; A Heymeson 3; D Hart 2; J Kirby 2; W Hammond 2; A J Worboys 2; W J Emery 1; P Rennie 1.

2nd XI
Played 21, Won 11, Lost 2, Drawn 6, Abandoned 2.

BATTING

(Qualification 8 Innings)

	In.	n.o.	Tot.	s'rc	H'st	Av.
F Winstanley..	15	3	354	85*	29.5	
E H Pugh ..	8	3	130	43	26.0	
A J Webley ..	18	1	396	74	23.2	
G Spavins	18	2	274	55	17.1	
C Baggaley ..	10	1	129	36	14.3	
F W J Webb	14	1	153	29	11.8	

BOWLING

(Qualification 10 Wickets)

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
D S Randall..	100.3	13	248	40	6.2
C Baggaley ...	69	14	168	17	9.8
S B Mace	70.4	22	143	14	10.2
R Gardiner ...	66	13	126	10	12.6
A J Worboys....	92	17	216	16	13.5
J P Sutherland	142.5	30	310	21	14.7

STROLLERS XI
Played 8, Won 3, Drawn 3, Abandoned 2.

BATTING

	In.	n.o.	Tot.	s'rc	H'st	Av.
D Hart	4	1	80	61*	26.7	
J Shields	4	1	73	52*	24.3	
H Gailer	4	2	32	17*	16	
H Thorpe	5	1	62	23*	15.5	
J Reid	5	0	65	16	13	
C Maden	5	1	41	27	10.2	

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
N Bland	40	10	65	15	4.3
S Tompkins ..	15	2	38	7	5.4

* Not out.