

BEDFORDSHIRE 1963 - MATCHES CAPTAIN: J. SMITH

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M, T	3, 4	JUNE	LINCS	LONG-SUTTON	SS ✓ VSA ✓	FB ✓ A ✓	FB ✓ A ✓	FB ✓ A ✓
W, T	19, 20		CAMBS	MARCH	FB ✓ A ✓	—	FB ✓ A ✓	—
W, T	3, 4	JULY	HERTS	HITCHIN	FB ✓ A ✓	—	FB ✓ A ✓	—
W, T	17, 18		STAFFS	LUTON (W.P.)	FB ✓ A ✓	—	FB ✓ A ✓	—
W, T	24, 25		CAMBS	LUTON (W.P.)	FB ✓ A ✓	—	FB ✓ A ✓	—
M, T	5, 6	AUGUST	SHROPS	BEDFORD (B.S.)	FB ✓ A ✓	FB ✓ A ✓	—	FB ✓ A ✓
W, T	7, 8		LINCS	BEDFORD (B.S.)	FB ✓ A ✓	—	FB ✓ A ✓	FB ✓ A ✓
F, S	9, 10		HERTS	BEDFORD (B.S.)	FB ✓ A ✓	FB ✓ A ✓	—	FB ✓ A ✓
M, T	19, 20		SHROPS	MARKET DRAYTON	FB ✓ A ✓	—	—	FB ✓ A ✓
W, T	21, 22		STAFFS	WEST BROMWICH	FB ✓ A ✓	—	FB ✓ A ✓	—
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# BRIGHTER CRICKET DESPITE THE WEATHER

## 500 runs slammed in four hours

COME wind and rain cricket battles for a place in our interest, and certainly Bedford Town CC did their best on Sunday, mounting a magnificent match, replete with 520 runs in four hours. At the end, only eight of those runs separated the sides, and each team lost nine wickets. Contrived? You could not arrange anything so close.

The occasion was a benefit match between a Bedfordshire XI and a Northamptonshire XI for Keith Andrew, the Northamptonshire skipper and wicketkeeper. Andrew provided an interesting commentary on the game while his side was batting, and then Mr. Frank Crompton took over.

Apart from Prideaux's batting—he hit a century in 42 minutes (repeat 42 minutes)—one marvelled at the splendid cricketing centre which is now the Bury. The Bedford Club have obviously put in a lot of hard work but it has been worth it.

Despite the cold, threat of rain, and televised football, the club—and Andrew—must have been satisfied at the ring of cars and spectators all round the ground. It was a minor miracle, incidentally, how the twelve sixes of the afternoon went between or over the cars, and when Prideaux was at the wicket—he hit eight of the sixes as well as twelve fours—spectators did more fielding than the players!

His was a quite fantastic exhibition: he reached 50 in 30 minutes, 100 in 42, and 116 in 50, when he holed out to Bushby off Oakley.

Oakley should not have been playing: he came in for Gale (whose wife had a second baby), and Yorkshire's Boycott replaced Davison. In the event these two did most to keep the home side in the game. Oakley's offspinners earned him six for 91, and Boycott hit a splendid 84 (17 fours).

Boycott was one of several Yorkshire players at the game—among others were Sharpe, Wilson, Waring, and Hampshire but, unluckily, no Trueman and Close!

Yorkshire have put a ban on their players appearing in benefit matches, but fortunately this applies only to capped players, so Boycott, a Colt, was able to show his great worth.

Other highlights: a brief but strong knock of 39 by Milburn; a great victory bid of 85 by Jim Watts (13 fours); and a glimpse of power bowling by Larter. Larter was allowed only three overs but shattered Millman's stumps in that time.

And a word of praise for another wicketkeeper yet to make his name, 19-year-old Ron Jakeman, son of a famous father, who "kept" for Northants.

### NORTHAMPTONSHIRE XI

B. Reynolds b Boycott	13
M. Norman b Oakley	16
C. Milburn b Allen	39
R. Prideaux c Bushby b Oakley	116
D. Ramsamooj b Oakley	17
A. Sims c J. Watts b Oakley	20
S. Jakeman c Hoare b Oakley	5
R. Larter not out	14
L. McGibbon b Bushby	9
J. Davies b Oakley	22
J. Davies	2
Extras	2

Total (for 9 wkts. dec.) 264

K. Andrew did not bat.  
Bowling: Bushby 10-0-48-1; Boycott 4-0-23-1; Allen 7-2-41-1; Oakley 12.5-0-91-6; P. Watts 5-0-62-0.

### BEDFORDSHIRE XI

G. Millman b Larter	1
G. Boycott b Reynolds	84
P. Watts c and b Ramsamooj	11
D. Hoare run out	30
W. Chamberlain c and b Reynolds	1
N. Cooley c Reynolds b Prideaux	6
J. Watts c Milburn b Andrew	85
J. Brown c Sims b McGibbon	8
M. Allen b McGibbon	8
P. Oakley not out	15
W. Bushby not out	0
Extras	7

Total (for 9 wkts. dec.) 256

Larter 5-0-7-1; McGibbon 14-1-54-2; Ramsamooj 8-0-45-1; Sims 3-0-21-0; Reynolds 7-0-24-2; Milburn 2-0-13-0; Prideaux 4-0-42-1; Davies 5-0-32-0; Andrew 1-0-10-0.



Two Geoffreys—Millman (left) the Nottinghamshire skipper, and Boycott, of Yorkshire, open the home side's innings.

# COUNTY CC GIVE CHANCE TO NEWCOMERS

## Northants II here on Wednesday

**B**EDFORDSHIRE County Cricket Club start their programme next Wednesday by playing a friendly match with Northamptonshire II at The Bury, Goldington, starting at 11.30 a.m. An attractive, and also a sensible project, for it allows the chance of "bleeding" several promising newcomers.

The newcomers will not be playing for a place in the first Minor Counties match fixed for June 3 and 4 against Lincolnshire, because the County XI has already been announced for that match. And only skipper Jack Smith, A. W. Durlley, and returning County player, Geoffrey Dawson, of Wednesday's side are chosen against Lincolnshire.

But chances are bound to crop up for some of the new men as the season advances, in particular for any pace bowlers, who seem the County's prime requirement at present.

One such player who will be keenly watched on Wednesday is Marks, of Dunstable, and, though not selected, there is interest in Bedford Town's new acquisition this season, Gialster.

Another Bedford Town newcomer, R. Shepherd, does get into Wednesday's team as wicketkeeper, and it is pleasing to note the inclusion of R. Bailey, who got a host of runs for Queens Works last season.

The return of Dawson is welcome news. After a couple of seasons with the County, he joined Northamptonshire as a professional in 1959, but has now relinquished that position. Here are the teams:

**v. Northamptonshire II:** J. Smith (capt.), R. Shepherd (wicketkeeper), K. R. G. Williams, G. Dawson, R. Bailey, J. H. Marks, P. Oakley, D. W. Cutler, G. Wynne, A. W. Durlley, R. White.

**v. Lincolnshire:** J. Smith, A. W. Durlley, D. F. Hoare, G. Dawson, R. D. Lowings, D. Pratt, W. Chamberlain, N. Cooley (wicketkeeper), T. Brown, T. G. Morley, W. Bushby.

The Lincolnshire game is at Long Sutton, and the County's other fixtures are as follows:

June 19-20 v. Cambridgeshire, at March.

July 3-4 v. Hertfordshire, at Hitchin.

July 17-18 v. Staffordshire, at Luton.

July 24-25 v. Cambridgeshire, at Luton.

August 5-6 v. Shropshire, at Bedford School.

August 7-8 v. Lincolnshire, at Bedford School.

August 9-10 v. Hertfordshire, at Bedford School.

August 19-20 v. Shropshire, at Market Drayton.

August 21-22 v. Staffordshire, at West Bromwich.



Ray Bailey



## County lose friendly

A Bedfordshire XI lost their friendly match with Northamptonshire II at The Bury on Wednesday by three wickets.

### A BEDFORDSHIRE XI

G. Dawson b Davis .. .. .	13
D. W. Cutler b Steele .. .. .	18
A. W. Durlley c Johnson b Allen ..	14
K. R. O. Williams b Allen .. .. .	25
G. Wynn c Johnson b Allen .. .. .	40
R. Shepherd c Johnson b Steele ..	0
J. Smith c Johnson b Steele .. .. .	33
P. J. Oakley c Jakeman b Steele ..	19
R. Bailey c Johnson b Steele .. .. .	5
J. H. Marks b Steele .. .. .	0
R. White not out .. .. .	0
Extras .. .. .	8
Total .. .. .	175

Bowling: D. Steele 21-14-18-6; M. J. Davis 6-3-10-1; M. H. J. Allen 22-6-94-3.

### NORTHAMPTONSHIRE II

A. Sim run out .. .. .	9
S. Jakeman st Shepherd b Oakley ..	44
D. Steele b Dawson .. .. .	20
T. Horarth b Oakley .. .. .	31
J. Gibbs st Shepherd b Oakley ..	2
E. Heape st Shepherd b Oakley ..	4
I. Bell b Wynn .. .. .	11
M. H. J. Allen not out .. .. .	21
L. Johnson not out .. .. .	21
Extras .. .. .	13
Total (for 7 wks.) .. .. .	179

Bowling: P. J. Oakley 13-3-40-4; G. Wynn 4-0-20-1; G. Dawson 6-0-26-1.

# COUNTY'S RUN - DASH FAILS

**A** SECOND-INNINGS "target" of 189 runs to win in 126 minutes proved beyond the scope of Bedfordshire, and their Minor Counties game with Lincolnshire ended drawn at Long Sutton last night. Earlier, County skipper Jack Smith had forfeited first-innings points in an effort to force a conclusive finish to the game.

Bedfordshire enjoyed a great start on Whit Monday, claiming two wickets for 11 runs after Lincolnshire had won the toss and chosen to bat first. But there were no more successes before lunch. Price and Madray putting on 114.

Afterwards Bushby and Morley bowled very tightly,

conceding only 12 runs in 40 minutes, and then Bushby broke through, bowling Price and having Madray caught.

But again the initiative swung away from Bedfordshire as the incoming Barnes indulged in some big hitting, including a six out of the ground. Other Lincolnshire batsmen contributed useful if

modest scores, and the innings closed soon after tea at 250.

There was an immediate shock when Bedfordshire began their reply, Lowings being bowled second ball by Drakes. Dawson and Durley survived several confident appeals and struggled to 39, when Dawson was well caught, again Drakes being the bowler.

Hoare now held the fort with Durley and the score reached a more respectable 71 before Durley was brilliantly run out. By close, Hoare and Bedford colleague Chamberlain had safely added a further 22 runs (91 for three).

Hoare resumed in full flow yesterday morning, and Cooley and Smith also batted attractively, so that at lunch Bedfordshire were only two runs

short of the Lincolnshire total with three wickets remaining.

Smith's declaration cast away first innings points, but also threw out a defiant challenge for the home county to "make a game of it."

Lincolnshire responded with a brisk second innings of 186 in 130 minutes and then declared, throwing the gauntlet back to Bedfordshire.

## LINCOLNSHIRE

### First Innings

H. Price b Bushby	55
B. Swift b Bushby	3
M. Maslin c Dawson b Morley	5
I. S. Madray c Smith b Bushby	61
P. Barnes c Smith b Morley	46
T. Johnson c Smith b Dawson	19
M. J. Kerworth c Cooley b Dawson	5
N. McVicar b Bushby	15
G. R. Drakes, b Bushby	8
R. N. Beeson run out	22
B. Enderby not out	1
Extras	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>250</b>

Bowling: Bushby 22.1-8-40-5; Morley, 24-3-85-2; Dawson, 10-3-24-2; Brown, 9-0-29-0; Smith, 19-6-57-0; Pratt, 2-1-5-0.

### (Second Innings)

H. Price run out	34
B. Swift b Brown	33
T. Johnson b Brown	24
P. Barnes b Smith	23
I. S. Madray st Cooley b Pratt	9
M. Maslin not out	35
R. N. Beeson c Dawson b Smith	16
N. McVicar not out	9
Extras	5
<b>Total (for 6 wkts. dec.)</b>	<b>186</b>

Bushby 7-1-26-0; Morley 5-0-13-0; Brown 18-1-62-2; Pratt 10-0-44-1; Smith 6.4-2-38-2.

## BEDFORDSHIRE

### First Innings

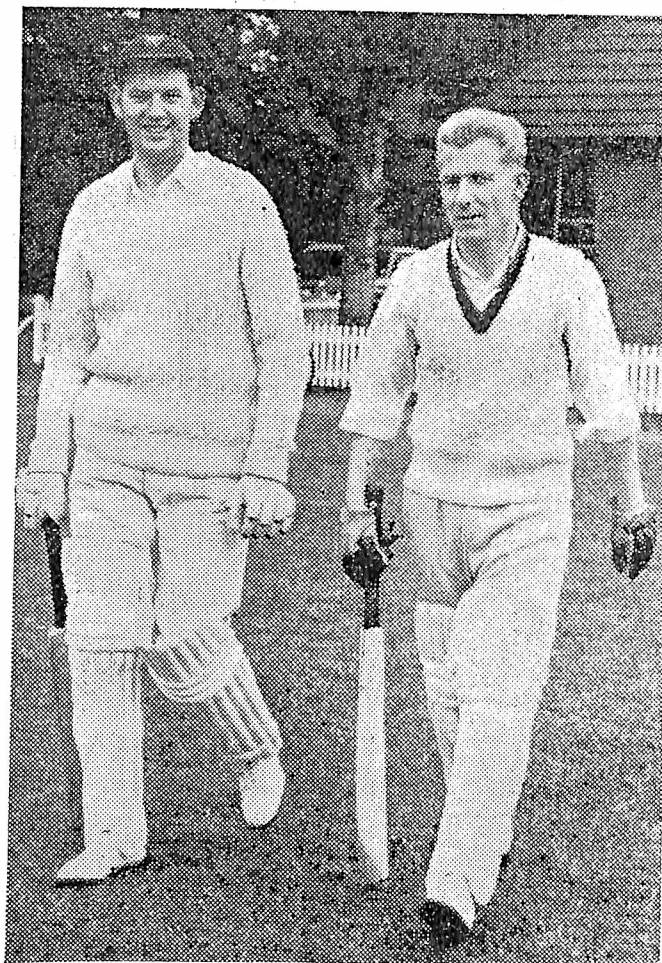
G. Dawson c Barnes b Drakes	19
R. D. Lowings b Drakes	0
A. W. Durley run out	31
D. Hoare c Enderby b McVicar	64
W. Chamberlain c Beeson b Drakes	19
D. E. Pratt lbw b McVicar	2
N. Cooley not out	41
J. Smith b McVicar	43
W. Bushby not out	18
Extras	11
<b>Total (for 7 wkts. dec.)</b>	<b>248</b>

Drakes 28-5-103-3; McVicar 31-4-94-3; Madray 2-0-14-0; Enderby 7-0-26-0.

### Second Innings

A. W. Durley b McVicar	8
R. D. Lowings b McVicar	12
D. Hoare c Beeson b Drakes	6
G. Dawson b McVicar	52
W. Chamberlain lbw b McVicar	24
D. E. Pratt not out	18
N. Cooley c Beeson b Price	0
J. Smith not out	17
Extras	7
<b>Total (for 6 wkts.)</b>	<b>144</b>

McVicar 15-5-23-4; Endersby 4-0-34-0; Madray 2-0-15-0; Price 6-1-23-1; Drakes 12-1-42-1.



Bedford Town players were prominent in the match, Bushby taking five Lincolnshire first-innings wickets, and Hoare (left) and Chamberlain figured in a good stand.

## COUNTY'S BRAVE ATTEMPT

**B**EDFORDSHIRE made a brave attempt to win their first Minor Counties game of the season with Lincolnshire at Long Sutton on Monday and Tuesday, but a second-innings "target" of 189 to win in 126 minutes was beyond them.

Lincolnshire: 250 (I. S. Madray 61, H. Price 55, P. Barnes 46, W. Bushby five for 40), and 186 for six dec. (M. Maslin not out 35, H. Price 34, B. Swift 33; Bedfordshire 248 for seven dec. (D. Hoare 64, J. Smith 43, N. Cooley not out 41) and 144 for six (G. Dawson 52).

A report and full scores appeared in the "Bedford Record".



# WORTH A TRY

FOR the second match running Bedfordshire skipper, Jack Smith, has forfeited first innings points in an effort to get a conclusive result. Against Lincolnshire he failed, the match ending drawn. But last night, against Cambridgeshire at March, he succeeded. Unfortunately the result was a win for the home County.

With rain washing out the middle part of the match, Smith declared exactly 50 runs behind after Cambridgeshire had crawled to a dismal 133 all out. The home County caught Smith's enthusiasm, and thrashed 138 for 3 declared in the time it had taken them to hit 50 runs the day before. Then they threw out the challenge—188 for Bedfordshire to win in 2½ hours. Hoare, Dawson, and Chamberlain raised hopes, but the latter batsmen collapsed, to finish 61 behind.

Cambridgeshire won the toss on Wednesday morning and batted but runs came very slowly. Wickets also tumbled, skipper Maurice Crouch going at 12, and half the side was out for 34.

Then Terry Hale at No. 5 saved the day, taking up a 74-run partnership with Tony Shippey to bring some respectability to the score.

But from 118 for 6 Cambridgeshire slumped again, Ray Bailey having the satisfaction of clean bowling Johnny Wardle, the former Yorkshire and England player, for a "duck".

Later, Wardle had a stint of 10 overs but failed to make any impression—an unimpressive first day indeed on his Minor Counties debut.

Cambridgeshire's first innings closed at 133 after 220 minutes' batting. Bedfordshire skipper Jack Smith had a quite fabulous bowl, 11 of his 18 overs being maidens, and taking three for 12.

In direct contrast to Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire's

batsmen looked completely at ease and in command when they began their reply. Tony Durley was run out with 36 on the board, but Lowings and Hoare were going serenely on when rain, which had threatened all day, ended play with Bedfordshire 83 for 1.

Yesterday morning it was still raining, and a resumption was delayed until 1.40. Smith promptly declared encouraging Cambridgeshire to go for runs and a definite result to the game.

## CAMBRIDGESHIRE

### First Innings

D. H. R. Fairley c Smith b Bailey	10
M. A. Crouch c Smith b Dawson	8
R. A. Gautrey c Cooley b Bushby	0
K. C. Yates c Durley b Bushby	4
T. S. Hale c Bushby b Smith	63
J. Wardle b Bailey	0
P. A. Shippey b Smith	23
G. Fairley c Bushby b Smith	1
S. Shippey b Jarrett	5
R. Gadsby not out	2
A. Wilson st Cooley b Jarrett	4
Extras	3

Total ... .. 133

Bowling: W. Bushby 14.0.4m.30r.3w.:
G. Dawson 8-3-13-1; R. Bailey
10-3-32-2; G. Jarrett 19-3-63-2;
J. Smith 18-11-12-3.

### Second Innings

D. H. R. Fairley c Lowings b	32
Bushby	85
M. A. Crouch not out	13
R. A. Gautrey c Hoare b Smith	5
J. Wardle b Smith	4
Extras	4

Total (for 3 wkts. dec.) 138

Bowling: Bushby 11-0-41-1; Dawson
3-0-20-0; Bailey 9-0-31-0; Smith
8-4-28-2; Jarrett 2-0-16-0.

## BEDFORDSHIRE

### First Innings

R. D. Lowings not out	31
A. Durley run out	19
D. Hoare not out	26
Extras	7

Total (for 1 wkt. dec.) 83

Bowling: A. Wilson 15-3-40-0; D.
Fairley 4-1-8-0; J. Wardle 10-2-29-0.

### Second Innings

R. D. Lowings c Yates b E. Fairley	7
A. W. Durley b E. Fairley	7
D. J. Hoare run out	36
G. Dawson run out	34
W. Chamberlain not out	25
M. S. Meeson c D. Fairley b Gadsby	1
N. Cooley c and b Gadsby	3
G. Jarrett c Crouch b Gadsby	2
J. Smith c Yates b Wardle	0
R. Bailey c Wilson b Wardle	5
W. Bushby b Wardle	8
Extras	0

Total ... .. 127

Bowling: A. Wilson 4-2-16-0; E. H. R.
Fairley 13-1-48-2; J. Wardle 15.4-1-
47-3; D. Gadsby 6-0-16-3.

Cricket

# County Lose After A Sporting Declaration

The sporting declaration made by Beds for the second day's play of their Minor Counties Championship match against Cambs. at March, on Thursday, probably cost them the game.

The Beds opening batsmen were really piling on the runs and looked like passing the home side's total of 133, but rain, which had been threatening all day, finally fell, and Wednesday's play had to be abandoned.

The following day the rain returned, and there was no play until after lunch, when Beds decided to stick by their overnight total of 83 for 1. But things were not going their way, and Cambs built up a more respectable total—a total which the visitors failed to reach by 61 runs.

Cambs won the toss and batted first, but the runs were just not coming, and a fine knock of 63 by Terry Hale was the only thing of note. They had 133 on the scoreboard when the last man was dismissed.

Beds skipper, Jack Smith, was bowling well, taking three for 12, 11 of his 18 overs being maidens. Richard Lowings and Tony Durley, the opening batsmen for Beds, were going well, although Durley was run out at 19, with the score at 36.

David Hoare partnered Lowings, and between them they took the score to 83 for 1, when it began to rain. As there was no play until 1.40 p.m. on Thursday, Beds declared, to let the home side have their second innings.

This time Cambs were in better form, to make 138 for 4, skipper Maurice Crouch square-cutting well, hit an undefeated 85, and Smith was once more the best bowler, taking 2-26.

Apart from 38 by Hoare and 34 by Geoff Dawson, the rest of the Beds batsmen failed—only one other, Bill Chamberlain (25 not out)—reached double figures.

Making his Minor Counties debut for Cambs was former England and Yorks spinner Johnny Wardell. On Thursday he took three wickets and hit five runs, partly making up for his "duck" and no wickets the previous day.

CAMBS—First innings

D H R Fairey c Cooley b Bailey	20
M A Crouch c Smith b Dawson	8
R A Gautrey c Cooley b Bushby	0
K C Yates c Durley b Bushby	4
T F Hale c Bushby b Smith	63
J Wardell b Bailey	0
P A Shippey b Smith	23
C Fairey c Bushby b Smith	1
F Shippey lbw b Jarrett	5
B Gadsby not out	2
A Wilson st Cooley b Jarrett	4
Extras	3

Total ..... 133  
 Bowling: W Bushby 14-4-20-2, G Dawson 8-3-13-1, R Bailey 10-3-32-2, G Jarrett 19-3-53-2, J Smith 18-11-12-3.

BEDFORDSHIRE—First Innings

R D Lowings not out	31
A W Durley run out	19
D J Hoare not out	26
Extras	0

Total (for 1 wkt dec) ..... 83  
 Bowling: A Wilson 15-3-40-0, D Fairey 4-1-8-0, J Wardell 10-2-29-0.

CAMBS—Second Innings

D H R Fairey c Lowings b Bushby	32
M A Crouch not out	85
R A Gautrey c Hoare b Smith	12
J Wardell b Smith	5
Extras	4

Total (for 3 wkts dec) ..... 138  
 Bowling: W Bushby 11-0-41-1, G Dawson 3-0-20-0, R Bailey 9-0-31-0, J Smith 8-4-26-2, G Jarrett 2-0-16-0.

BEDS—Second Innings

R D Lowings c Yates b Fairey	7
A W Durley b Fairey	7
D J Hoare run out	38
G Dawson run out	34
W Chamberlain not out	25
M S Meeson c D Fairey b Gadsby	1
N Cooley c and b Gadsby	3
G Jarrett c Crouch b Gadsby	2
J Smith c Yates b Wardell	0
R Bailey c Wilson b Wardell	5
W Bushby b Wardell	5
Extras	0

Total ..... 127  
 Bowling: A Wilson 4-0-16-0, D H R Fairey 13-1-48-2, J Wardell 15.4-1-47-3, D Gadsby 6-0-16-3.

# Batting fails twice, and Herts sneak home

**I**NCONSISTENT batting by Bedfordshire in both innings left Hertfordshire what seemed to be the relatively simple task of scoring 111 runs to win in two hours at Hitchin last night. They succeeded—but with only three minutes to spare.

Bedfordshire, all out for a modest 135 on Wednesday, were pulled out of even worse trouble by skipper Jack Smith. His side collapsed from 55 for 3, to 68 for 7 when he came to the wicket.

The opening Hertfordshire attack of Player and Marques kept the Bedfordshire openers in check, only nine runs coming in the first half-hour. Durley hit the first four of the match off Player but tried the same shot with the next ball and was caught at short leg.

Chamberlain joined Lowings and they pushed the score along steadily until, with the score at 33, two wickets fell. Chamberlain was bowled by Wacey and Dawson was caught on the boundary also off Wacey.

In the next half-hour Bedfordshire collapsed sensation-

ally, four wickets falling for 13 runs, including that of Lowings, run out after a painstaking 29.

Enter Jack Smith, and with some lofty strokes he pushed the score along. He was helped by tail-enders Whitmore, Bailey, and Bushby—all of whom scored ten each—and when Bedfordshire were all out for 135, Smith was still undefeated with 38.

The Hertfordshire first pair did not look worried, and O'Neill in particular punished the bowling. When he had made 15 however, he was well caught in the gully. Hertfordshire continued to score well but off the last ball of the day Cundie attempted a risky single, had to go back, and was easily run out. The score—49.

Hertfordshire's batsmen did not seem anxious to chase runs yesterday morning, although skilful slow bowling by Jarrett and Smith allowed few liberties.

But gradually the runs came, and by lunch Hertfordshire were able to declare with a six-runs lead (141 for 8).

Again Bedfordshire got off to a bad start to their second innings, Durley going before a run was scored. And only Dawson (41) and newcomer Whitmore from Luton (35), seemed able to master Wacey, who finished with five for 42 and nine wickets in the match. Bedfordshire's total of 116 left the home county requiring only 111 to win and plenty of time (two hours).

## SCOREBOARD

### BEDFORDSHIRE

#### First Innings

R. D. Lowings run out	29
A. W. Durley c Money b Player	5
W. Chamberlain b Wacey	9
G. Dawson c O'Neill b Wacey	0
N. Cooley st Simons b Hinton	8
K. R. G. Williams b Wacey	4
M. J. Whitmore c Clough b Appleyard	10
G. Jarrett b Wacey	2
J. Smith not out	38
R. Bailey c and b Player	10
W. Bushby c Clough b Appleyard	10
Extras	10

Total ... 135

Bowling: Wacey four for 27, Appleyard two for 22.

#### Second Innings

A. W. Durley b Player	0
R. D. Lowings c and b Wacey	7
G. Dawson c Simons b Wacey	41
W. Chamberlain b Wacey	0
N. Cooley b Wacey	0
J. Smith c Clough b Appleyard	7
K. R. G. Williams b Appleyard	4
M. Whitmore c Simons b Marques	35
G. Jarrett b Wacey	3
R. Bailey lbw b Marques	6
W. Bushby not out	7
Extras	7

Total ... 116

Wacey five for 42, Marques two for 8, Appleyard two for 22, Player one for 22.

### HERTFORDSHIRE

#### First Innings

A. O'Neill c Lowings b Bailey	15
J. W. Cundie run out	25
N. F. Money c and b Jarrett	20
T. L. Clough c Chamberlain b Smith	25
R. G. Simons not out	25
R. Wacey b Jarrett	0
S. B. Boon lbw b Smith	3
I. M. Player st Cooley b Jarrett	3
R. C. V. Marques b Bailey	7
L. J. Hinton not out	8
Extras	5

Total (for 8 wkts. dec.) 141

Jarrett three for 54, Bailey two for 24, Smith two for 28.

#### Second Innings

A. O'Neill c Chamberlain b Jarrett	11
J. Cundie c and b Bushby	17
N. F. Money run out	44
T. Clough run out	4
R. J. Simons b Smith	18
R. Wacey not out	11
S. V. Boon run out	2
Extras	4

Total (for 5 wkts.) 111

Bowling: Smith one for 14, Bushby one for 33, Jarrett one for 31.



## Wretched Batting Cost Bedfordshire The Match

Wretched batting cost Bedfordshire the game against Hertfordshire at Hitchin on Wednesday and Thursday. They seemed to have no answer to the bowling of Wacey, and the only batsman to reach double figures in both innings was Luton's Michael Whitmore.

It was only through his, and Geoff Dawson's efforts, that Bedfordshire were able to set the home county any sort of target at all. In the end Herts had to get 111 in two hours to win and they made it for the loss of five wickets with two minutes to spare.

Heavy rain delayed the start on Wednesday, and when play did begin, the Bedfordshire openers were kept on a tight rein by Marques and Player.

Durley was caught at short leg after hitting the first four of the game, and with the total at 33, both Chamberlain and Dawson were dismissed.

Richard Lowings was run out after scoring 29 and in the next 30 minutes the County slumped to 68 for 7. It was at this stage that captain Jack Smith came to the wicket, and it was fortunate for Bedfordshire that he was in such fine form.

Receiving good support from the tail-enders, he struck the ball hard all round the wicket, and the innings finally closed at 135, Smith being undefeated with 38.

### NEVER IN TROUBLE

The Hertfordshire opening pair, O'Neill and Cundle, never really looked in trouble when they started the reply, and it came as something of a surprise when O'Neill was caught in the gully by Lowings off Bailey.

Cundle and Money continued to score steadily, but off the last ball of the day, with the total at 49, Cundle was run out trying a quick single.

Jarrett and Smith kept the batsmen quiet the next morning, and Herts did not pass the Beds total until lunch, when they declared.

Bedfordshire got off to an even more disastrous start in the second innings, Durley, Chamberlain and Cooley all going for "ducks." Geoff Dawson was in great form, however, and he scored nearly all the runs while he was at the wicket. When he was eventually caught for 41, Bedfordshire looked in real trouble.

But newcomer Whitmore kept



his head, playing good balls with the deadiest of bats, but cracking everything loose to the boundary. He was finally caught behind the wicket for a very fine 35, but by this time the total had risen to 116.

O'Neill and Cundle again gave Herts a steady start and then Money hit hard to put them up with the clock. Money was un-luckily run out for 44, and although at one stage it looked as though Beds might hang on for a draw, Herts got home with a couple of minutes to go.

### BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings	
R D Lowings run out	29
A W Durley c Money b Player	5
W Chamberlain b Wacey	9
G Dawson c O'Neill b Wacey	0
N Cooley st Simons b Hinton	8
K R G Williams b Wacey	4
M J Whitmore c Clough b Appleyard	10
G Jarrett b Wacey	2
J Smith not out	38
R Bailey c and b Player	10
W Bushby c Clough b Appleyard	10
Extras	10

Total ..... 135  
Bowling: Wacey 4-27, Appleyard 2-22.

### HERTFORDSHIRE

First Innings	
A O'Neill c Lowings b Bailey	15
J W Cundle run out	25
N F Money c and b Jarrett	20
T L Clough c Chamberlain b Smith	25
R G Simons not out	30
R Wacey b Jarrett	0
S B Boon lbw b Smith	3
I M Player st Cooley b Jarrett	3
R C V Marques b Bailey	7
L J Hinton not out	8
Extras	5

Total (for 8 wks dec) ..... 141  
J Appleyard did not bat.  
Bowling: Jarrett 3-54, Bailey 2-24, Smith 2-28.

### BEDFORDSHIRE

Second Innings	
A W Durley b Player	0
R D Lowings c and b Wacey	7
G Dawson c Simons b Wacey	41
W Chamberlain b Wacey	0
N Cooley b Wacey	0
G Smith c Clough b Appleyard	7
K R G Williams b Appleyard	4
M Whitmore c Simons b Marques	35
G Jarrett b Wacey	3
R Bailey lbw b Marques	6
W Bushby not out	7
Extras	7

Total ..... 116  
Bowling: Wacey 5-42, Marques 2-8, Appleyard 2-22, Player 1-22.

### HERTFORDSHIRE

Second Innings	
A O'Neill c Chamberlain b Jarrett	11
J Cundle c and b Bushby	17
N F Money run out	44
T Clough run out	4
R J Simons b Smith	18
R Wacey not out	11
S Boon run out	2
Extras	4

Total (for 5 wks) ..... 111  
I M Player, R C V Marques, L J Hinton, J Appleyard did not bat.  
Bowling: Smith 1-14, Bushby 1-33, Jarrett 1-31.

# SOUGHT WICKETS INSTEAD OF RUNS

**I**NSTEAD of chasing a target, it was Bedfordshire who set one at Luton last night. They left Staffordshire to score 201 runs in 131 minutes. In a thrilling finish the visitors won by three wickets—with three minutes to spare.

A fine innings of 73 by Geoffrey Dawson allowed Bedfordshire a respectable total on Wednesday after openers Durlley and Chamberlain had gone for four runs. Dawson and Robinson put on 50 in 45 minutes, Dawson reaching his own half century in 113 minutes.

After lunch he paid the penalty for his aggression, being caught at cover, but Smith came in to provide a captain's innings until he ran out of partners. Smith was unbeaten with 29 when the innings closed at 170. Five batsmen

were caught behind the wicket by Rollinson.

Bedfordshire hopes received an uplift when Staffordshire lost their openers for only 13 runs in the 50 minutes before tea. Then came a hold-up for rain, and though handicapped by a wet ball on the resumption, pacemen Bushby and Bailey continued to worry the visiting batsmen.

Colclough was caught off a skier and Gibbs run out, and Ikin might have been taken off a very sharp chance at slip. At close, Staffordshire were still struggling with 51 for four.

A fine spell of bowling by Bill Bushby saw Bedfordshire to first innings points yesterday.

He dismissed both overnight batsmen, Ikin and Rollinson, for the addition of only eight runs. Then came a stand of 57.

But Bushby struck again, dismissing both and finished with the splendid figures of six for 49. And Staffordshire ended 45 runs behind.

After a cautious start to their second innings, Bedfordshire stepped up their scoring rate—155 runs in 134 minutes—and they declared leaving Staffordshire to get 201 to win in 131 minutes.

Staffordshire hit powerfully—and raced to a thrilling victory.

## BEDFORDSHIRE

### First Innings

A. W. Durlley c Rollinson b James	2
W. Chamberlain c Rollinson b James	2
N. Cooley v Rollinson b Henson	10
G. Dawson c Hickin b Henson	73
B. D. Robinson c Hancock b Wilson	26
M. Whitmore c Rollinson b Timms	13
J. Smith not out	29
R. Bailey b Ikin	5
P. Oakley c Hickin b Wilson	1
W. Bushby c and b Ikin	3
M. Crouch c Rollinson b James	0
Extras	6

Total ... .. 170

Bowling: Wilson 17-4-49-2; James 16-5-26-3; Timms 12-2-29-1; Henson 9-3-23-2; Ikin 10-2-28-2; Hickin 5-2-9-0.

### Second Innings

N. Cooley c and b Timms	31
W. Chamberlain b Timms	27
G. Dawson c Ikin b Timms	12
B. D. Robinson c Ikin b Timms	3
J. Smith c Hancock b James	56
A. W. Durlley not out	23
R. Bailey not out	11
Extras	12

Total (for 5 wks. dec.) ... 155

Bowling: James 15-2-42-1; Timms 9-1-29-4; Wilson 11-1-31-0; Ikin 5-1-26-0; Henson 5-0-16-0.

## STAFFORDSHIRE

### First Innings

D. A. Hancock c Crouch b Bushby	9
A. W. Morley c Durlley b Bushby	10
P. Gibbs run out	12
F. Colclough c Crouch b Dawson	6
J. T. Ikin c Crouch b Bushby	20
L. Rollinson c Cooley b Bushby	7
D. Henson c Cooley b Bushby	36
K. Hickin c Crouch b Bushby	21
P. Timms b Bailey	1
B. James not out	6
D. Wilson b Bailey	2
Extras	3

Total ... .. 125

Bowling: Bushby 25-11-49-6; Bailey 19-8-24-2; Dawson 11-2-33-1; Smith 4-1-16-0.

### Second Innings

P. Gibbs b Bushby	43
D. A. Hancock c Smith b Bushby	36
F. Colclough c Crouch b Oakley	8
J. T. Ikin b Bushby	14
D. Henson not out	68
L. Rollinson c Oakley b Bailey	18
P. Timms c Chamberlain b Bushby	0
A. W. Morley c Cooley b Dawson	12
K. Hickin not out	0
Extras	2

Total (for 7 wks.) ... 201

Bowling: Bushby 16-3-58-4; Bailey 9-0-64-1; Dawson 4-0-38-1; Oakley 4-0-21-1; Smith 2-0-17-0.

# COUNTY BEATEN IN A THRILLING FINISH

## Staffordshire Had Only Three Minutes To Spare

In an exciting finish at Wardown on Thursday, Staffordshire raced to victory with three minutes and three wickets to spare over Bedfordshire.

They had been set the formidable task of scoring 201 in 131 minutes and fortunes fluctuated in most interesting fashion.

Before tea, Hancock and Gibbs put them on the way to victory with a fine opening partnership that realised 80 in the first hour.

Then Bushby struck damaging blows by dismissing both with consecutive balls at 81 and when the score slumped to 103 for four, Bedfordshire were definitely on top.

In fact, Staffordshire went into the last hour wanting nearly two runs a minute and Bedfordshire were out of luck when Robinson caught the hard-hitting Henson on the boundary, but stepped over the line in doing so and the batsman was awarded a six.

It was Hanson's hitting that put the visitors right back into the game again.

With Rolinson, he put on 58 for the fifth wicket, but two wickets fell at 161 at which point Bedfordshire were in with a real chance. However, Henson was dropped in the deep after which he and Morley added 36 in fast time and Henson made the winning hit immediately after the seventh wicket had fallen.

In the morning, Bedfordshire, who had been dismissed for 170 the previous day, made deep inroads into the batting of Staffordshire who were 51 for 4 overnight.

With only seven runs added, Bushby dismissed both the former England player, John Ikin, and Rolinson and then came back to strike again after Henson and Hickin had figured in a half-century stand. Bushby finished with the splendid figures of 6 for 49 and was always difficult to play.

With a 45 runs lead, Bedfordshire went for quick runs after a cautious start and, thanks in the main to some brisk batting by Smith, reached 155 in 134 minutes before the declaration came. Cooley, Chamberlain and Durley also batted well and the stage was set for a thrilling finish in which the home bowlers were handicapped by the wet ball.

### BEDFORDSHIRE

#### First Innings

A W Durley c Rolinson b James	2
W Chamberlain c Rolinson b James	2
N Cooley c Robinson b Henson	10
G Dawson c Hickin b Henson	73
B D Robinson c Hancock b Wilson	26
M Whitmore c Rolinson b Timmis	13
J Smith not out	29
R Bailey b Ikin	5
P Oakley c Hickin b Wilson	1
W Bushby c and b Ikin	3
M Crouch c Rolinson b James	0
Extras	6

Total .. 170

Bowling: Wilson 17-4-49-2, James 16.5-5-26-3, Timmis 12-2-29-1, Henson 9-2-23-2, Ikin 10-2-29-2, Hickin 3-2-8-0.

### STAFFORDSHIRE

#### First Innings

D A Hancock c Crouch b Bushby	2
A W Morley c Durley b Bushby	12
P Gibbs run out	12
F Colclough c Crouch b Dawson	6
J T Ikin c Crouch b Bushby	26
L Rolinson c Cooley b Bushby	26
D Henson c Cooley b Bushby	36
K Hickin c Crouch b Bailey	21
P Timmis b Bailey	21
B James not out	0
D Wilson b Bushby	0
Extras	0

Total .. 125

Bowling: Bushby 25-11-48-6, Bailey 19-9-24-2, Dawson 11-2-33-1, Smith 4-1-16-0.

### BEDFORDSHIRE

#### Second Innings

N Cooley c and b Timmis	31
W Chamberlain b Timmis	22
G Dawson c Ikin b Timmis	22
B D Robinson c Ikin b Timmis	22
J Smith c Hancock b James	22
A W Durley not out	0
R Bailey not out	0
Extras	0

Total (for 5 wts dec)

Bowling: Wilson 11-1-31-0, Timmis 13-2-42-1, Ikin 5-1-25-0, Henson 9-1-29-4, Henson 5-0-16-0.

### STAFFORDSHIRE

#### Second Innings

P Gibbs b Bushby	0
D A Hancock c Smith b Bushby	0
F Colclough st Crouch b Oakley	0
J T Ikin b Bushby	0
D Henson not out	0
L Rolinson c Oakley b Bailey	0
P Timmis c Chamberlain b Bushby	0
A W Morley c Cooley b Dawson	0
K Hickin not out	0
Extras	0

Total (for 7 wks)

Bowling: Bushby 16-3-58-4, Bailey 9-0-64-1, Dawson 4-0-39-1, Oakley 4-0-21-1, Smith 2-0-17-0.



# AGAIN ON THE LOSING END

## TICKETS 'YES AND NO

"It's very disappointing in a big town like Luton," said Mr. Frank Crompton, when asked for a comment on the fact that less than £5 was taken in gate money at the two-day Bedfordshire-v. Staffordshire match at Wardown Park last week. Cost to stage a County game? About £150!

A different story of the Minor Counties v. Australians match to be played at Goldington Bury next June 25 and 26. Tickets have just become available and are already selling well. Priced at 10s. per day grandstand and 6s. ground, they are available from Mr. Crompton, 24 Richmond Road, Bedford.

**T**HERE was another close finish at Luton last night with Bedfordshire on the losing end again after gaining first innings lead over Cambridgeshire.

Left to get 151 in 100 minutes Cambridgeshire achieved the target with five minutes to spare but lost six wickets in doing so.

After being given a tremendous start on Wednesday, Bedfordshire missed the chance of making a big total.

Bedford Town pair Chamberlain and Cooley put on 124 in the two hours before lunch with Chamberlain 85 not out, having scored at three times the rate of his partner.

Chamberlain never failed to spot Wardle's chinaman and was particularly severe on it, and he went on to complete a brilliant century in 124 minutes, hitting 16 fours.

The opening stand was broken at 136, and with the departure of Chamberlain, Bedfordshire's advantage began to slip away.

Cambridgeshire relied solely on Wardle and another slow left arm bowler, Gadsby, and there was some fine catching.

Most of the succeeding batsmen tried to attack the bowling and paid the penalty, with only Dawson looking as if he might make a big score. Ten wickets fell in 100 minutes after lunch for the addition of 98 runs.

There was also the prospect of a big opening stand for Cambridgeshire until Yates was run out. Gautrey reached his half century in the last over of the day and Cambridgeshire finished 111 behind with seven wickets in hand.

Bedfordshire had a mixed day yesterday. Good bowling, backed up well in the field, enabled them to gain a first innings lead of 28 just before lunch. Chief obstacle to them was Gautrey, who carried his score to 72, but the general

tempo of the batting was slow against some accurate bowling by Smith, who finished with five wickets.

Bedfordshire had one over before lunch, which they negotiated safely, but they ran into trouble afterwards, not against the spin of Wardle, as might have been expected, but against the pace of Wilson. Of the early batsmen only Cooley shaped at all well, and half the side was out for 45.

Robinson played a valuable innings, but nine wickets were down for 88, at which point Bedfordshire were facing defeat.

Then came an unexpected last-wicket stand of 36 by Brown and Crouch, ended only by a declaration at tea-time, and Cambridgeshire were left to get 151 to win in 100 minutes.

### BEDFORDSHIRE

#### First Innings

N. Cooley c Morris b Gadsby ..	36
W. Chamberlain b Gadsby ..	100
D. Hoare c Crouch b Wardle ..	13
O. Dawson c and b Gadsby ..	25
A. W. Durlley run out ..	6
B. D. Robinson c Wardle b Gadsby ..	17
M. Whitmore lbw b Wardle ..	4
J. Smith c Gadsby b Wardle ..	3
W. Bushby c Wardle b Gadsby ..	14
T. Brown b Wardle ..	11
M. W. Crouch not out ..	1
Extras ..	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>232</b>

Bowling: Wilson 9-3-19-0; Fairley 16-1-70-0; Wardle 34-13-86-4; Gadsby 19-5-56-5.

#### Second Innings

N. Cooley b Wilson ..	21
W. Chamberlain c Wardle b Fairley ..	8
D. Hoare c Gadsby b Wilson ..	8
G. Dawson c B. Shippey b Wardle ..	3
A. W. Durlley b Wilson ..	0
B. D. Robinson b Wilson ..	33
M. Whitmore c Coleman b Wardle ..	0
J. Smith c Yates b Wilson ..	35
W. Bushby c Coleman b Gadsby ..	3
T. J. Brown not out ..	27
M. W. Crouch not out ..	8
Extras ..	6

Total (for 9 wkts. dec.) 122  
Bowling: Wardle 26-10-61-3; Fairley 5-0-17-1; Wilson 24-10-44-5; Gadsby 3-1-4-1.

### CAMBRIDGESHIRE

#### First Innings

D. H. R. Fairley c Crouch b Bushby ..	26
K. G. Yates run out ..	12
R. A. Gautrey c Dawson b Brown ..	73
P. A. Shippey st Crouch b Smith ..	27
C. A. Morris c Cooley b Smith ..	23
S. W. Shippey c Durlley b Bushby ..	0
J. H. Wardle b Smith ..	0
M. A. Crouch b Smith ..	7
C. B. Gadsby b Bushby ..	21
M. J. Coleman c Crouch b Smith ..	4
A. R. Wilson not out ..	7
Extras ..	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>204</b>

Bowling: Bushby 35-11-68-3; Dawson 5-0-23-0; Brown 28-6-62-1; Smith 30-12-47-5.

#### Second Innings

M. A. Crouch c Chamberlain b Smith ..	37
D. H. R. Fairley c Crouch b Brown ..	4
R. A. Gautrey b Bushby ..	61
J. H. Wardle c Hoare b Smith ..	13
P. A. Shippey c Bushby b Smith ..	12
C. A. Morris c Robinson b Bushby ..	17
K. Yates not out ..	10
S. Shippey not out ..	7
Extras ..	2

Total (for 6 wkts.) 152  
Bowling: Bushby 14-0-73-2; Brown 6-0-27-1; Smith 8.1-0-50-3.

# COUNTY LED ON FIRST INNINGS BUT LOST AGAIN

## Chamberlain Completed A Brilliant Century

By CHILTERN

For the second consecutive week, there was a close finish to a county match at Wardown on Thursday when Bedfordshire, after again gaining first innings lead, were beaten in a chase for runs.

Cambridgeshire, 28 runs behind on first innings, were left to get 151 in 100 minutes and did so with five minutes and four wickets to spare at a rate of over 90 an hour.

Probably, Bedfordshire will now be reflecting that they should have achieved a better result than this because everything was in their favour on the first morning when Chamberlain played a brilliant innings.

Only narrowly he failed to make a century before lunch, having reached 95 in the two hours out of an unbroken first wicket partnership of 124 with his Bedford team-mate, Cooley.

Chamberlain duly reached three figures four minutes after lunch, having hit 16 fours, and the stand reached 136 before it was broken.

Once that occurred things began to happen fast because the Bedfordshire batsmen, perhaps over-confident after the great start they had been given, were trapped one after another by the slow left-arm bowling of the former England and Yorkshire star, Johnny Wardle, and Gadsby.

Chamberlain had been severe on Wardle, but he troubled the later batsmen, of whom only Dawson and Robinson looked like settling down, and both were out attacking the bowling.

Upshot was that in 105 minutes after lunch Bedfordshire lost all 10 wickets for the addition of 108 runs and Cambridgeshire had been left off a mighty uncomfortable hook.

By close of play on Wednesday the visitors had reached 121 for 3 and seemed to be reasonably placed for first innings points.

### WERE UNDULY CAUTIOUS

However, they allowed undue caution to overtake them next morning and runs came at a slow pace against some accurate bowling by Smith, Bushby and Brown.

Smith caused the most trouble, finishing with five wickets and after only 83 runs had been added in 123 minutes the visiting innings closed at 204.

There was just one over for Bedfordshire to face before lunch, but there was some undistinguished batting afterwards.

Cooley and Robinson apart, it broke down completely, not against the spin of Wardle, as might have been expected, but in the face of some hostile pace bowling by Wilson.

Much of the other batting lacked maturity, and quite the best innings was played by the Town skipper, Robinson, before Wilson bowled him all over the place.

Nine wickets were down for only 86, and it looked as if

Cambridgeshire would be left with a simple task.

### UNEXPECTED RESISTANCE

However, unexpected resistance came from the last pair, Brown, of Dunstable Town, and Crouch, with the former producing some big hits, including a huge six off Wardle, who could not forebear to applaud.

This pair just could not be dislodged, and they not only added valuable runs, but used up valuable time, so that victory seemed to be slipping out of the visitors' grasp.

They had added 36 when the delayed tea interval arrived, at which point Smith had no option but to declare, and, in any case, Cambridgeshire were left with a pretty sizeable task.

They lost Fairey early on, but their captain, Crouch, and Gautrey made 96 in the first hour before being parted, and Cambridgeshire were always just about level with the clock, even though they began to lose wickets.

When Crouch left at 126, they needed 26 in 16 minutes, which might have proved difficult had Yates not been dropped at slip.

### BEDFORDSHIRE

(2nd Innings)

N Cooley	b Wilson	.....	100
W Chamberlain	c Wardle b Fairey	.....	13
D Hoare	c Gadsby b Wilson	.....	25
G Dawson	c S Shippey b Wardle	.....	6
A W Durlley	b Wilson	.....	17
B D Robinson	b Wilson	.....	4
M Whitmore	c Coleman b Wardle	.....	3
J Smith	c Yates b Wilson	.....	14
W Bushby	c Coleman b Gadsby	.....	11
I J Brown	not out	.....	1
M W Crouch	not out	.....	2
Extras .....			

Total (for 9 wks dec) .....

Bowling: Wardle 26-10-51-2, Fairey 5-0-17-1, Wilson 24-10-44-5, Gadsby 3-1-4-1.

### CAMBRIDGESHIRE

(2nd Innings)

M A Crouch	c Chamberlain b Smith	.....	26
D H R Fairey	c Crouch b Brown	.....	12
R A Gautrey	b Bushby	.....	73
J H Wardle	c Hoare b Smith	.....	27
P A Shippey	c Bushby b Smith	.....	22
C A Morris	c Robinson b Bushby	.....	0
K Yates	not out	.....	0
S A Shippey	not out	.....	7
Extras .....			

Total (for 6 wks) .....

### BEDFORDSHIRE

(1st Innings)

N Cooley	c Morris b Gadsby	.....	36
W Chamberlain	b Gadsby	.....	100
D Hoare	c Crouch b Wardle	.....	13
G Dawson	c and b Gadsby	.....	25
A W Durlley	run out	.....	6
B D Robinson	c Wardle b Gadsby	.....	17
M Whitmore	b W Wardle	.....	4
J Smith	c Gadsby b Wardle	.....	3
W Bushby	c Wardle b Gadsby	.....	14
I J Brown	b Wardle	.....	11
M W Crouch	not out	.....	1
Extras .....			

Total .....

Bowling: Wilson 9-3-19-0, Fairey 16-1-70-0, Wardle 34-13-85-4, Gadsby 19-3-56-5.

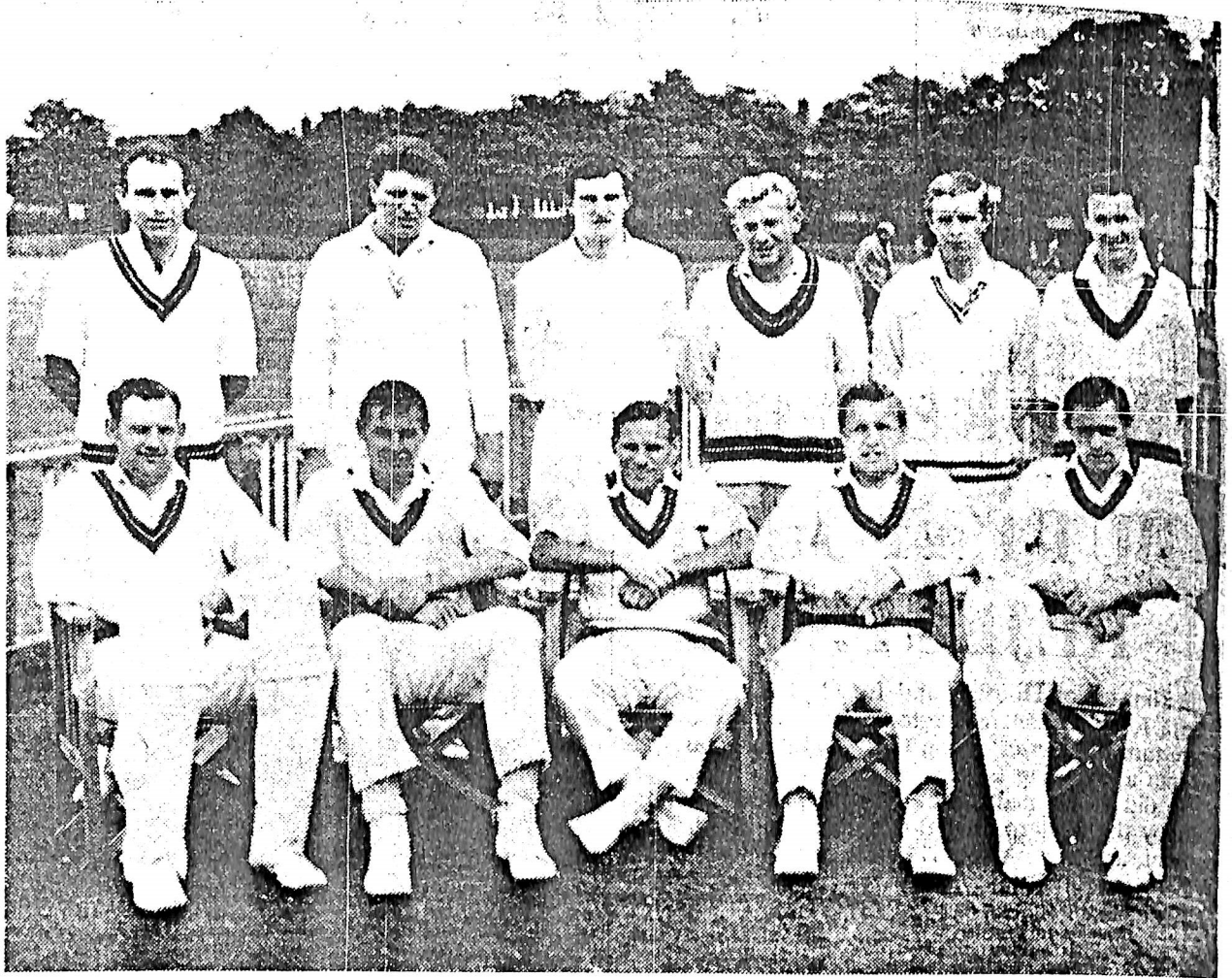
### CAMBRIDGESHIRE

(1st Innings)

D H R Fairey	c Crouch b Bushby	.....	26
K C Yates	run out	.....	12
R A Gautrey	c Dawson b Brown	.....	73
P A Shippey	st Crouch b Smith	.....	27
C A Morris	c Cooley b Smith	.....	22
S A Shippey	c Durlley b Bushby	.....	0
J H Wardle	b Smith	.....	0
M A Crouch	b Smith	.....	7
C B Gadsby	b Bushby	.....	21
M J H Coleman	c Crouch b Smith	.....	4
A R Wilson	not out	.....	7
Extras .....			

Total .....

Bowling: Bushby 35-11-68-3, Dawson 5-0-22-0, Brown 28-5-62-1, Smith 30-12-47-5.



The Bedfordshire team that met Cambridgeshire at Wardown on Wednesday and Thursday. Sitting, left to right: D. Hoare, A. W. Durley, J. Smith (capt.), B. D. Robinson, G. Dawson. Standing: W. Bushby, T. J. Brown, N. Cooley, W. Champion, M. Whitmore, M. W. Crouch.—GG6918A.

### Northants Have Given Bailey A Contract

**N**ORTHANTS still have a liking for players from Bedfordshire which has proved to be a lucrative hunting ground for them in the past.

Currently with them are the Watts brothers, Jim and Peter, and Micky Allen, all Bedfordshire-born and, in the past, they had both Martin Ashenden and Geoff Dawson when they were members of the Bedfordshire team.

Now, R. Bailey, of Bedford, who had a couple of successful outings in the county side, has been given a 12-months contract after having had a trial.

### John Wills Has Now Been Registered

**T**HIS does not mean that he will be lost entirely to Bedfordshire cricket because Northants do not compete in the Minor Counties competition, but they have a pretty full programme in the Second XI competition and it is unlikely that Bailey will be available often.

However, the blow has been cushioned by the fact that John Wills, a comparative newcomer to the Luton Town club, has now been specially registered and, presumably will be available for Bedford cricket week if he can be fitted in.

### Could Be A Decided Asset To The County

**A** FORMER member of the Loid's ground staff who is now living in Bucks, Wills bowled extremely well for the Town against Bedford last week and should be a decided asset to the county who found themselves short of seam bowling against Cambridgeshire this week.

However, Trevor Morley becomes available again for the three matches at Bedford, as does Derek Pratt whose experience in the middle of the batting has been badly missed recently.



## Poor record - good cricket

Bedfordshire come to the cricket week at Bedford School with a record which reads rather depressingly: Played 5, lost 4, drawn 1. Yet their cricket has been far from dull, skipper Jack Smith always going for a result.

A shortage of seam bowling and middle batting strength have probably told against the County, but these deficiencies could be made up next week with the inclusion of newcomer John Wills, of Luton who recently troubled the Bedford Town batsmen, and Derek Pratt.

Luton's R. J. Barker keeps wicket and the week opens on Monday against Shropshire with the following side: D. Hoare, W. Chamberlain, N. Cooley, G. Dawson, D. Pratt, J. Smith, T. G. Morley, C. Jarrett, W. Bushby, R. J. Barker, and J. Wills. In the succeeding games against Lincolnshire (Wednesday and Thursday) and Hertfordshire (Friday and Saturday), B. D. Robinson and A. W. Durley replace Cooley and Wills.

# MORLEY AND BUSHBY HIT COUNTY TO VICTORY

## Full scoreboard

**B**EDFORDSHIRE reached a target of 136, set by Shropshire at Bedford School on Tuesday, with three wickets in hand and fifteen minutes to spare. But it was an exciting finish. Morley, coming in at No. 7, and Bushby, batting ninth, figured in a stand of 50 to put them in a winning position.

Monday's play was very neat and tidy, each side completing their first innings, and Shropshire gaining the lead by just three runs.

Openers E. V. Everall and Othen went pretty serenely to 39 in the first 50 minutes, the only alarms being when Everall aimed drives—and missed—at Bushby who was his usual on-the-spot self.

But the advent of Morley quickly changed the position. In his second over he had Everall snapped up at the wicket, and in his fourth over clean bowled the incoming Gough.

Morley had replaced Wills, a lanky Luton bowler making his County debut, but he was now brought back at the other end. Immediately he began to get more "lift", and after Othen and Lowe had both edged him close the slips, he clean bowled the latter and Shropshire were 97 for 4.

Four Shropshire wickets tumbled alarmingly and the innings closed at 150.

Bedfordshire openers Hoare and Chamberlain gave the lie to the suggestion that the wicket—now under a hot sun—was playing awkwardly. They went majestically towards the 50 partnership before Hoare failed to get hold of a hook and was caught.

Shropshire's collapse was nothing as compared with the troubles Bedfordshire now encountered. Cooley was leg before for a "duck", Chamberlain played over a fast one from Pitt, and a terrible mix-up in mid-wicket left Dawson stranded and run out.

Pratt was then caught, and it was left to skipper Smith and Jarrett to pick up the pieces from 62 for 5 and right well they did it.

At 121 Jarrett was caught, but Smith found another good

partner in Morley and all was still well—until Smith himself was brilliantly taken by wicketkeeper Claffey.

Pitt and Othen—both bowling really fast now—went in for the "kill" and though Wills raised late hopes with two sweet hits he was tempted again and clean bowled.

On Tuesday Bedfordshire's bowlers at once tore great gaps in Shropshire's second innings. Wills claimed both openers within five overs—for a personal cost of only four runs.

It was left to Apperley, the Shropshire captain, to save his side and this he did nobly. He scored freely all round the wicket—for an unbeaten 35 at lunchtime.

And the Shropshire score rose from 69 for six to 101 for seven.

Apperley continued the good work after lunch and the visitors finally totalled 132.

This left Bedfordshire with a target of 135—and all the time in the world.

With only 3 runs on the board the valuable wicket of Hoare was taken. This brought Cooley and Chamberlain together. Runs came slowly at first but gradually the scoring rate increased.

That is, until Cooley was brilliantly caught behind the wicket (47 for two).

Wickets started to fall cheaply . . . until Morley and Bushby came together for a late stand of 50 which gave Bedfordshire victory.

### SHROPSHIRE

#### First innings

E. J. Everall c Barker b	21
Morley	52
G. V. Othen c Dawson b Wills	3
P. Gough b Morley	6
D. F. Lowe b Wills	21
F. H. Apperley b Bushby	15
B. Davies st Barker b Jarrett	0
P. Bromley b Jarrett	0
F. B. Everall c Cooley b Wills	11
R. M. Claffey c Barker b Jarrett	19
T. Pitt b Wills	0
P. Bradley not out	2
Extras	150

Total ... .. 150  
Bowling: W. Bushby 16-1-46-1; J. Wills 21-8-35-4; T. G. A. Morley 13-2-26-2; G. Jarrett 8-2-0-32-3; J. Smith 3-0-9-0.

### SHROPSHIRE

#### Second Innings

E. J. Everall c Bushby b Wills	12
G. V. Othen lbw b Wills	2
P. Gough b Smith	18
D. F. Lowe b Jarrett	4
F. H. Apperley lbw b Smith	48
B. Davies b Smith	16
P. Bromley b Jarrett	1
F. B. Everall lbw b Jarrett	7
R. M. Claffey c Bushby b Jarrett	17
T. Pitt lbw b Smith	0
P. Bradley not out	0
Extras	7

Total ... .. 132  
Bowling: W. Bushby 8-1-30-0; J. Wills 12-4-18-2; G. Jarrett 22-3-7-48-4; J. Smith 19-5-22-4.

### BEDFORDSHIRE

#### First innings

D. Hoare c E. J. Everall b Pitt	24
W. Chamberlain b Pitt	22
N. Cooley lbw b Pitt	0
G. Dawson run out	5
D. Pratt c Claffey b Othen	4
J. Smith c Claffey b Pitt	37
G. Jarrett c E. J. Everall b Pitt	31
T. G. Morley c Claffey b Othen	9
W. Bushby not out	2
R. J. Barker c Claffey b Othen	0
J. Wills b Othen	6
Extras	7

Total ... .. 147  
Bowling: P. Bradley 11-1-44-0; G. V. Othen 15-2-4-38-4; F. B. Everall 3-0-9-0; T. Pitt 17-6-35-5; B. Davies 1-0-14-0.

### BEDFORDSHIRE

#### Second Innings

D. Hoare lbw b Othen	3
W. Chamberlain c Bradley b Othen	25
N. Cooley c Claffey b Othen	18
G. Dawson lbw b Bradley	28
D. E. Pratt lbw b Othen	0
J. Smith c Claffey b Bradley	1
G. Jarrett c Claffey b Bradley	0
T. G. A. Morley not out	25
W. Bushby not out	25
Extras	11

Total (for seven wks.) 137  
Bowling: R. J. Barker, J. Wills did not bat. P. Bradley 15-2-52-3; G. Othen 24-2-11-45-4; T. Pitt 6-0-19-0; E. J. Everall 3-1-9-0; B. Davies 1-0-1-0.

## *Helped to victory by late stand*

*A late stand between Trevor Morley and Bill Bushby which yielded 50 runs helped Bedfordshire to victory over Shropshire on Tuesday. Bedfordshire reached a target of 136 with three wickets in hand and fifteen minutes to spare. Our photograph was taken on Monday, back row (left to right): Mr. F. Crompton (hon. secretary), N. Cooley, R. J. Barker, G. Jarrett, J. Wills, G. Dawson, T. G. A. Morley, J. Pearson, Mr. A. J. Pearce (scorer); front row: D. E. Pratt, D. J. F. Hoare, J. Smith (capt.), W. Chamberlain, W. J. Bushby.*



# LINCOLNSHIRE HOLD OUT

## SCOREBOARD

**M**AKING 303 for nine declared in their first innings on Wednesday, Bedfordshire dismissed Lincolnshire for 113 and enforced the follow-on. The visitors at once took control and hit 310 for eight making sure the match was drawn.

On the opening day Bedfordshire took full advantage of a batsman's wicket and batsman's weather to reach their highest score of the season—a mighty 303 for nine declared.

One sensed from the start that they were in for a high score from the way openers Durlley and Hoare struck out confidently.

There were 64 runs on the scoreboard before McVicker had Hoare "leg before". It was a valuable wicket.

Lincolnshire struck again when Lawrence, who destroyed Bedfordshire's hopes in the corresponding match last year, sent back Dawson (77 for two).

This brought Durlley and Chamberlain together, and they hit 50 in as many minutes. But even this commendable scoring rate was eclipsed by the partnership of Smith and Robinson, who smashed 50 in 21 minutes!

Robinson went on to score 62 while Smith cruised to 51 before offering a catch to Maslin.

Then the innings was closed with Bedfordshire 303 for nine.

### DISASTROUS START

Lincolnshire made a disastrous start. With only two runs scored Medray was back in the pavilion.

Two more wickets fell for the addition of only six runs—and Lincolnshire failed to recover.

They collapsed to an overnight score of 65 for seven. Yesterday they reached 113 all

out, although Camplin did not bat because he was indisposed.

Made to follow on, Lincolnshire quickly lost a wicket when Bushby dismissed opener Barnes with only 12 scored.

The batsmen then showed excessive caution, only eight runs being scored after half an hour.

But as Madray, the former West Indies test bat, patiently worked his way in, Lincolnshire's plight became very much easier. He and Maslin stepped up the scoring pace — and helped themselves to 50 in 43 minutes.

At lunch-time, the score stood at 74 for one. And Lincolnshire were back in the game.

Bedfordshire often switched bowlers and success came when Jarrett clean bowled Maslin at 79.

But Madray stayed put, and he and Lawrence hit 50 in 38 minutes with a full demonstration of batting skills.

Madray's innings, especially, was a delight to watch. Once dropped in the slips off Smith, he punished the bowler with three fours off successive balls.

He went on to a magnificent 102 before being caught, quite brilliantly, by wicketkeeper Barker off Bushby.

Lincolnshire now needed only six runs to require Bedfordshire to bat again. These soon came. But not before Bushby, who was bowling as fast as ever, struck again for Lawrence's wicket at 187.

Lincolnshire lost Johnson and Buckthorpe cheaply, but then Keyworth and Beeson came together and held a straight bat to everything.

### BEDFORDSHIRE

#### First Innings

A. W. Durlley	at Beeson	b Lawrence	62
D. Hoare	lbw	b McVicker	35
G. Dawson	lbw	b Lawrence	7
W. Chamberlain	b Lawrence	...	25
D. Pratt	c Drakes	b Madray	17
B. D. Robinson	lbw	b McVicker	62
J. Smith	c Maslin	b McVicker	51
T. G. A. Morley	c Keyworth	b McVicker	8
W. Bushby	c Lawrence	b McVicker	17
G. Jarrett	not out	...	4
Extras	...	...	15

Total (for 9 wkts. dec.) 303

R. J. Barker did not bat.

Bowling: G. R. L. Drakes 18-2-60-0; N. M. McVicker 21-3-71-5; G. B. Camplin 11-3-50-0; J. W. Lawrence 23-5-67-3; I. S. Madray 11-0-40-1.

### LINCOLNSHIRE

#### First Innings

I. S. Madray	c Dawson	b Morley	1
M. J. Keyworth	b Jarrett	...	15
M. Maslin	c Durlley	b Morley	1
J. W. Lawrence	c Jarrett	b Morley	0
T. Johnson	c Dawson	b Jarrett	30
R. N. Beeson	at Barker	b Jarrett	0
P. Barnes	c Dawson	b Jarrett	9
D. Buckthorpe	b Pratt	...	9
N. M. McVicker	b Pratt	...	31
G. R. Drakes	not out	...	1
G. B. Camplin	unhit	...	0
Extras	...	...	16

Total ... .. 113

Bowling: W. Bushby 5-3-2-0; T. G. A. Morley 9-4-13-3; G. Jarrett 23-11-42-4; J. Smith 11-3-27-0; D. E. Pratt 8-2-5-13-2.

### Second Innings

I. S. Madray	c Barker	b Bushby	102
P. Barnes	lbw	b Bushby	5
M. Maslin	b Jarrett	...	28
J. W. Lawrence	b Bushby	...	43
T. Johnson	c Barker	b Jarrett	2
D. Buckthorpe	b Bushby	...	1
M. J. Keyworth	c Durlley	b Hoare	42
R. N. Beeson	b Morley	...	27
N. M. McVicker	not out	...	48
Extras	...	...	12

Total (for 8 wkts.) ... 310

G. R. L. Doakes, G. B. Camplin did not bat.

Bowling: W. Bushby 22-6-43-4; T. G. A. Morley 13-6-22-1; G. Jarrett 18-6-121-2; D. E. Pratt 8-2-39-0; J. Smith 23-9-44-0; W. Chamberlain 3-0-13-0; D. Hoare 2-5-0-16-1.



## LINCS WERE FORCED TO FOLLOW ON

Making 303 for nine declared in their first innings on Wednesday, Bedfordshire dismissed Lincolnshire for 113, and then forced the follow-on.

The visitors at once took control and hit 310 for eight, making sure the match was drawn.

On the opening day, Bedfordshire took full advantage of a batsmen's wicket and batsmen's weather to reach their highest score of the season—a mighty 303 for nine declared.

Openers Durley and Hoare struck out confidently, and there were 64 runs on the board before McVicker had Hoare lbw. Then Lawrence, who had destroyed Bedfordshire's hopes in the corres-



Tony Durley

ponding match last year, sent back Dawson for seven (77 for 2).

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### LINCOLNSHIRE MADE A BAD START

Robinson went on to score 62, while Smith cruised to 51 before offering a catch to Maslin. The innings closed at 303 for nine.

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Barry Robinson

eight runs, and they collapsed to 113 all out.

Made to follow on, they quickly lost a wicket when Bushby dismissed opener Barnes with only 12 scored.

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Madray's innings especially, was a delight to watch. Once dropped in the slips off Smith, he punished the bowlers with three fours off successive balls.

He went on to a classic 102 before being caught quite brilliantly by wicket-keeper Barker off Bushby. Bushby claimed Lawrence for 43, and Lincs lost Johnson and Buckthorpe cheaply, but then Keyworth and Beeson came together and held a straight bat to everything.

### BEDFORDSHIRE

First innings

A W Durley st Beeson b Lawrence .....	62
D Hoare lbw b McVicker ...	35
G Dawson lbw b Lawrence	7
W Chamberlain b Lawrence	25
D Pratt c Drakes b Madray	17
B D Robinson lbw b McVicker .....	62
J Smith c Maslin b McVicker	51
T G A Morley c Keyworth b McVicker .....	8
W Bushby c Lawrence b McVicker .....	17
G Jarrett not out .....	4
Extras .....	15

Total (for 9 wkts dec) 303

R J Barker did not bat.

Bowling: G R L Drakes 18-2-60-0; N M McVicker 21-3-71-5; G B Camplin 11-3-50-0; J W Lawrence 23-5-67-3; I S Madray 11-0-40-1.

### LINCOLNSHIRE

First innings

I S Madray c Dawson b Morley .....	1
M J Keyworth b Jarrett ...	15
M Maslin c Durley b Morley	1
J W Lawrence c Jarrett b Morley .....	0
T Johnson c Dawson b Jarrett .....	30
R N Beeson st Barker b Jarrett .....	0
P Barnes c Dawson b Jarrett	9
D Buckthorpe b Pratt .....	9
N M McVicker b Pratt .....	31
G R Drakes not out .....	1
G B Camplin unfit .....	0
Extras .....	16

Total .....

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### Second innings

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J W Lawrence b Bushby ...	43
T Johnson c Barker b Jarrett	2
D Buckthorpe b Bushby .....	1
M J Keyworth c Durley b Hoare .....	42
R N Beeson b Morley .....	27
N M McVicker not out .....	48
Extras .....	12

Total (for 8 wkts) .....

310  
G R L Doakes, G B Camplin did not bat.

Bowling: W Bushby 22-5-43-4; T G A Morley 13-6-22-1; G Jarrett 38-6-121-2; D E Pratt 8-2-39-0; J Smith 23-9-44-0; W Chamberlain 3-0-13-0; D Hoare 2-5-0-16-1.



# SPORTING DECLARATION PAYS OFF

WITH a climax suitable to a satisfying week of cricket, Bedfordshire beat Hertfordshire by 52 runs at Bedford School on Saturday. Captain Jack Smith's second innings declaration left the visitors to make 166 in 138 minutes to win. They were all out for 113 — with 15 minutes to spare.

Feature of the first day's play on Friday was a magnificent unbeaten 125 by Bill Chamberlain, who batted second wicket down and carried his bat through until the first innings was declared at 272 for eight. Barry Robinson—again among the runs—was the man who stayed with him, hitting 72 before he was clean bowled by Beard.

Bedfordshire's 50 went up in 79 minutes. But when Robinson joined Chamberlain, the run rate increased so that the 100 came in 124 minutes. Meanwhile, Hertfordshire toiled heavily.

Hertfordshire opened their innings in promising style, having 84 on the board before a wicket fell. Then, Cundle (37), Jones (0), and Day (47) went back to the pavilion without addition to the score.

Overnight the score was 118 for five and although Wright lifted his 16 to 65 before Jarrett claimed him lbw the following morning, Hertfordshire collapsed to 175.

Bedfordshire had a lead of 97—and first innings points.

On Saturday morning an hour was lost due to the rain. The County therefore needed all the runs they could get for a quick declaration if a conclusive result was to be reached.

Opener David Hoare had hurt an arm and was put lower down the batting list. Dawson came out with Durley—and returned with the score at 19.

Durley's innings of 28 formed the backbone of the County's innings.

Chamberlain—the memory of that century still fresh—this time fell without scoring and Smith eventually made his second declaration, this time at 68 for eight, leaving Hertfordshire a sporting chance of victory.

Now, Cundle took command, smashing a useful 56 before

being taken behind by Barker off Morley. But Hertfordshire did not have the answer, and they tumbled from 73 for four to 113 all out.

## Win of the season

MICHAEL CLEAL, Bedford Rowing Club, scored the win of the season, both for the club and himself, at the Serpentine Regatta on Saturday when he beat McCarthy of London RC, in the final of the junior-senior sculls. A fuller report with other rowing news will be given in the "Bedfordshire Times" on Friday

## Full scoreboard details

BEDFORDSHIRE	
First Innings	
A. W. Durley b Player	10
D. J. F. Hoare c Simons b Wacey	22
G. Dawson c Simons b Wacey	2
W. Chamberlain not out	125
D. Pratt lbw b Marques	4
B. D. Robinson b Beard	72
J. Smith c Simons b Beard	4
W. Bushby c Appleyard b Wacey	14
T. G. A. Morley b Marques	13
Extras	6
<b>Total (for 8 wkts dec)</b>	<b>272</b>
G. Jarrett, R. J. Barker did not bat.	
Bowling: Wacey 27-7-77-3; Player 18-5-49-1; Marques 12-4-3-47-2; Beard 16-5-50-2; Appleyard 12-1-43-0	

Second Innings	
G. Dawson c Simons b Player	6
A. W. Durley c Simons b Wacey	28
B. D. Robinson c Jones b Wacey	3
J. Smith c Marques b Player	3
W. Chamberlain c Marques b Wacey	0
D. E. Pratt b Marques	10
W. Bushby c Appleyard b Wacey	5
D. J. F. Hoare c Marques b Wacey	2
T. G. A. Morley not out	8
Extras	3
<b>Total (for 8 wkts dec)</b>	<b>68</b>
G. Jarrett, R. J. Barker did not bat.	
Bowling: Wacey 15-2-40-5; Player 12-3-22-2; Marques 2-5-1-3-1	

HERTFORDSHIRE	
First Innings	
J. W. Cundle b Smith	37
A. R. Day b Jarrett	47
C. I. M. Jones c Barker b Jarrett	0
L. W. Wright lbw b Jarrett	65
R. G. Simons c Barker b Smith	15
R. E. Howe c Robinson b Bushby	2
D. C. Beard c Barker b Bushby	7
M. I. Player c Jarrett b Bushby	0
R. H. Wacey c Barker b Bushby	2
R. C. V. L. Marques c Bushby b Jarrett	0
J. D. Appleyard not out	0
Extras	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>175</b>
Bowling: Bushby 18-8-33-4; Morley 17-3-49-0; Smith 19-9-28-2; Jarrett 19-2-5-65-4	

Second Innings	
J. W. Cundle c Barker b Morley	56
A. R. Day c Morley b Bushby	13
C. I. M. Jones c Dawson b Morley	3
L. W. Wright c Smith b Morley	19
R. G. Simons lbw b Smith	0
R. E. Howe c Jarrett b Smith	6
M. I. Player st Barker b Jarrett	3
R. C. V. L. Marques run out	1
D. C. Beard c Smith b Morley	3
R. H. Wacey st Barker b Jarrett	3
J. D. Appleyard not out	0
Extras	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>113</b>
Bowling: Bushby 6-1-20-1; Morley 13-2-3-35-4; Jarrett 6-2-23-2; Smith 11-0-34-2	

# COUNTY UNFORTUNATE NOT TO FORCE A DRAW AGAINST SHROPSHIRE BY CHILTERN

**B**EDFORDSHIRE just failed to hang on for a draw in the first match of their Midlands Tour against Shropshire at Market Drayton on Tuesday. With 153 runs needed in 115 minutes on their second innings, Bedfordshire had put on 131 when their last wicket, that of John Wills fell off the first ball of the last over.

This was Shropshire's first victory of the season, and they had to wait until their last match of the season to achieve it. However, they could have made it even more certain if they had not let the Bedfordshire batsmen off the hook with a series of dropped catches at vital stages in the game.

Bedfordshire won the toss and put Shropshire in on what seemed to be a good pace wicket with wet patches where the overnight rain had gone underneath the covers.

Morley claimed the first victim, Brian Everall, who edged an easy catch to Hoare in the gully with the score at 11 runs, and he and John Wills, and later Smith and Oakley kept the runs down. It took Shropshire 99 minutes to reach their 50, and at lunch on the first day the Shropshire score was 62 for 2 in 45 overs.

## RAIN CAUSED THREE-HOUR STOPPAGE

Only one over was bowled after lunch before rain stopped play, and the players were in the pavilion from 2.14 to 5.13. Bedfordshire gained a break-through when play was resumed, taking three quick wickets, and Frank Apperley, the Shropshire captain, ordered Timmif and Wilkinson to go for the runs to allow him to declare. This, they did, and put on 40 in 17 minutes before the declaration came at 136 for 7 wickets.

Malcolm Theobald, Bedfordshire's new opener, started the innings with the left-handed David Hoare, and Theobald had an escape when he was dropped in the gully by Pitt after scoring only three runs. Disaster soon followed with Hoare being lbw to York, with the total on 7, and Theobald and Dawson took the score on for an overnight total of 30.

Things started very quietly on the second day, with Dawson being dropped twice but putting on a very valuable 24 before being out to a good catch by Wilkinson in the gully.

Three overs later, Theobald was caught at mid-wicket by Lowe making the score 55 for 3. After Robinson was fortunate to be dropped in the slips after scoring three, rain held up play for 11 minutes.

Robinson was finally brilliantly caught by Wilkinson in the gully after scoring 10, and Chamberlain and Pratt in partnership added 50 in 38 minutes when Jack Smith declared at 125 for 4 wickets, giving Shropshire 10 minutes to bat before lunch.

They started with a solid opening partnership of 51 in 51 minutes between Claffey and Jones, which was broken when Claffey was caught at mid-on by Hoare. With the score at 59, Smith had the other opener Jones out lbw. Morley was hit for a straight six by Lowe, but when he attempted to repeat the trick Peter Oakley took a good catch on the boundary. In all Oakley took four catches through the innings, which ended at tea with Shropshire 141 for eight wickets declared.

With a run rate of 78 an hour needed, Bedfordshire started very slowly, and there was a shock when Theobald was dropped behind off the first ball of the

innings. In the fifth over he flashed outside the off-stump and edged a catch to the gully, which was accepted. Hoare nearly went at 13 when he skied the ball into the middle of the wicket and the bowler dropped a very easy catch.

Dawson and Hoare put on 44 before Hoare was lbw to Apperley, and with only five runs added Dawson put a catch out to Pitt at extra cover. In the first hour only 59 runs were scored. However, Chamberlain and Pratt tried to chase the runs as quickly as possible and took the score on to 102 for six before Chamberlain was caught after a partnership of 47 in 27 minutes.

### SHROPSHIRE

#### First Innings

D Jones c Hoare b Wills .....	25
F B Everall c Hoare b Morley ...	4
F Gough b Wills .....	25
D F Lowe b Morley .....	1
F H Apperley b Morley .....	14
J H Apperley c and b Wills .....	4
N Timmif not out .....	30
M R Claffey c Dawson b Smith ...	4
G Wilkinson not out .....	21
Extras .....	8

Total (for 7 wks dec) ..... 136

T Pitt and D York did not bat.  
Bowling: T G A Morley 21-8-37-3,  
J Wills 21-6-48-3, J Smith 15-3-32-1,  
P Oakley 8-4-11-0.

### BEDFORDSHIRE

#### First Innings

M Theobald c Lowe b Pitt .....	22
D J Hoare lbw b York .....	1
G Dawson c Wilkinson b York ...	24
W Chamberlain not out .....	38
B D Robinson c Wilkinson b Pitt	10
D E Pratt not out .....	27
Extras .....	3

Total (for 4 wks dec) ..... 125

Smith, Morley, Wills, Oakley, Crouch did not bat.  
Bowling: D York 13-5-27-2, J H Apperley 14-3-36-0, G Pitt 18-5-59-2.

### SHROPSHIRE

#### Second Innings

D Jones lbw b Smith .....	26
R M Claffey c Hoare b Smith ...	29
P Gough c Oakley b Smith .....	6
D F Lowe c Oakley b Morley ...	15
F H Apperley c Oakley b Morley...	8
N Timmif not out .....	22
G Wilkinson c Robinson b Smith	5
F B Everall run out .....	23
J H Apperley c Oakley b Morley	4
T Pitt not out .....	2
Extras .....	1

Total (for 8 wks dec) ..... 141

D York did not bat.  
Bowling: J Wills 7-4-19-0, T E Morley 24-3-87-3, J Smith 18-6-34-4.

### BEDFORDSHIRE

#### Second Innings

M Theobald c Pitt b York .....	1
D J F Hoare lbw b J H Apperley	17
G Dawson c Pitt b J H Apperley	34
B D Robinson c F Apperley b	
J Apperley .....	10
J Smith c Jones b J Apperley	2
W Chamberlain c Wilkinson b Pitt	17
D E Pratt c Claffey b Pitt .....	20
T G A Morley c and b Pitt .....	14
P Oakley b Pitt .....	3
M Crouch not out .....	3
J Wills b Pitt .....	0
Extras .....	10

Total ..... 131

Bowling: D York 10-2-37-1, J H Apperley 17-3-62-4, J Pitt 7-1-22-5.

# WELL, I DECLARE!

SHROPSHIRE broke their "duck" in the Minor Counties competition with a 21-run victory over Bedfordshire at Market Drayton on Monday and Tuesday.

Despite the loss of three hours' play because of rain on the first day, the Shropshire batsmen forced a little pace out of the wicket, and declared at 136 for seven.

Bedfordshire had an early success when Hoare caught opener Everall off Morley's bowling for four, but Jones (25) and Gough (25) ensured the home county a fair total.

Bedfordshire lost Hoare for one, but had 30 on the board at the end of the first day's play. And they supplied some entertaining cricket on Tuesday morning.

Dawson, dropped off a skier, reached 24 before falling to a catch by Wilkinson, and when Wilkinson made another fine catch to dispose of Robinson, Bedfordshire were 74 for four.

But Pratt and Chamberlain pushed the total past the 100, and the score was 125 for four when skipper Smith made an-

other of his controversial declarations, surrendering first-innings points.

Jones and Claffey gave Shropshire a good start to their second innings, and declaring at 141 for eight, left Bedford-

shire to score 153 in two hours. The visitors accepted the challenge, inspired by a fighting 34 from Dawson, but Pitt took the last Bedfordshire wicket in the final over of the day for a home victory.

SHROPSHIRE	
First Innings	
D. Jones c Hoare b Wills	25
F. E. Everall c Hoare b Morley	4
P. Gough b Wills	25
D. P. Lowe b Morley	1
J. H. Apperley b Morley	14
J. H. Apperley c and b Wills	4
N. Timmins not out	30
R. M. Claffey c Dawson b Smith	4
G. Wilkinson not out	21
Extras	8
Total (for 7 wks. dec.) 136	
Bowling: T. G. Morley 21-8-37-3;	
J. Wills 21-6-48-3; J. Smith	
15-5-32-1; P. Oakley 8-4-11-0.	
Second Innings	
D. Jones lbw b Smith	26
R. M. Claffey c Hoare b Smith	29
P. W. Gough c Oakley b Smith	6
D. P. Lowe c Oakley b Morley	15
F. H. Apperley c Oakley b	8
Morley	8
W. N. Timmins not out	22
G. Wilkinson c Robinson b	5
Smith	5
F. E. Everall run out	23
J. H. Apperley c Oakley b	4
Morley	2
T. M. Pitt not out	2
Extras	1
Total (for 8 wks. dec.) 141	
Wills 7-4-19-0; Morley 24-4-	
87-3; Smith 18-6-34-4.	

BEDFORDSHIRE	
First Innings	
M. Theobald c Lowe b Pitt	22
D. J. F. Hoare lbw b York	1
G. Dawson c Wilkinson b York	24
W. Chamberlain not out	28
B. D. Robinson c Wilkinson b	15
Pitt	24
D. E. Pratt not out	24
Extras	3
Total (for 4 wks. dec.) 113	
Second Innings	
M. Theobald c Pitt b York	1
D. J. F. Hoare lbw b J. Apperley	17
G. Dawson c Pitt b J. Apperley	34
B. D. Robinson c F. Apperley b	10
J. Apperley	2
J. Smith c Jones b J. Apperley	17
W. Chamberlain c Wilkinson	17
b Pitt	20
D. E. Pratt c Claffey b Pitt	14
T. G. A. Morley c and b Pitt	3
P. Oakley b Pitt	3
M. Crouch not out	0
J. Wills b Pitt	0
Extras	10
Total 131	
York 10-2-37-1; J. Apperley 17-	
3-62-4; Pitt 7-1-22-5.	

# STAFFS SHOCKED —ALL OUT 60

**A** DISASTROUS second innings of 60 helped to bring about the defeat of Staffordshire in their Minor Counties match against Bedfordshire at West Bromwich yesterday afternoon. In their first innings the home county made 207 for eight declared, Bedfordshire replying with 224, also for eight declared. Then came the shocks and Bedfordshire cruised to a nine-wickets victory.

Staffordshire, batting first on Wednesday, dawdled to a total of 200 runs scored off 90 overs! They took 80 minutes producing the first 50, and the only real highlight was the bowling of Smith himself who finished with six for 62.

Bedfordshire batsmen showed a much more positive approach and this despite losing Theobald for only two runs.

Hoare and Dawson sparked in a 59-run partnership, Dawson having three fours and a six in his 38, and Hoare was still there with 68 at the close when Bedfordshire were 115 for four.

Bedfordshire continued well yesterday morning and with the lead safely achieved declared.

## STAFFORDSHIRE First Innings

D. A. Hancock	c Dawson	b	62
Oakley			23
H. G. Searle	lbw b Smith		20
P. Gibbs	c Oakley	b Smith	13
F. Colclough	c and b Smith		14
J. T. Ikin	c and b Smith		32
A. H. Squire	not out		7
G. W. Hartley	b Smith		8
R. Walton	lbw b Smith		22
P. T. Browne	c Hoare	b Morley	1
R. James	not out		10
Extras			10

Total (for 8 wickets, dec.) 207

Bowling: T. Morley 21-10-37-1; J. Wills 11-3-37-0; P. Oakley 30-9-51-1; J. Smith 28-8-62-6.

## Second Innings

D. A. Hancock	c Robinson	b	7
Morley			3
H. G. Searle	c Robinson	b Morley	0
P. J. Gibbs	b Wills		2
F. Colclough	lbw b Wills		2
J. T. Ikin	c Hoare	b Wills	15
A. H. Squire	not out		4
G. W. Hartley	c Oakley	b Smith	0
R. Walton	c Crouch	b Morley	9
P. T. Browne	c Crouch	b Morley	9
B. James	c Smith	b Morley	11
A. Burgess	b Smith		4
Extras			4

Total 80

T. G. A. Morley 14-5-11-5; J. Wills 13-2-0-3; J. Smith 6-1-15-2.

## BEDFORDSHIRE First Innings

M. Theobald	c Walton	b James	1
D. F. Hoare	c Hancock	b Ikin	55
G. Dawson	lbw b Ikin		38
W. Chamberlain	c Ikin	b Searle	9
B. D. Robinson	c Walton	b James	2
J. Smith	c Ikin	b James	27
D. Pratt	c Walton	b Ikin	8
T. G. A. Morley	not out		22
P. Oakley	c Gibbs	b Ikin	3
M. Crouch	not out		9
Extras			12

Total (for 8 wickets, dec.) 224

R. T. Browne 17-2-46-0; A. Burgess 25-2-49-0; J. T. Ikin 21-2-60-4; H. G. Searle 5-0-12-1; P. J. Gibbs 5-0-10-0.

## Second Innings

D. J. F. Hoare	run out		9
W. Chamberlain	not out		13
G. Dawson	not out		13
Extras			10

Total (for 1 wicket) 45

B. James 7-1-13-0; R. T. Browne 6-0-8-0; A. Burgess 2-0-8-0; J. T. Ikin 11-0-6-0.

## SPECTACULAR WIN FOR BEDFORDSHIRE

QUITE their most spectacular performance of the season was reserved by Bedfordshire for their last match, against Staffordshire at West Bromwich.

Amazingly, even though the wicket was rain affected, they bowled out the home county in their second innings for a mere 60, leaving themselves only 44 to get to win in a possible 146 minutes and they got these runs with nine wickets to spare.

Staffordshire's first innings had not given any indication of such a collapse to follow because, after an opening partnership of 81, they went to 207 for eight before Ikin declared.

That they lost so many wickets was mainly due to the accurate off spin of the captain, Jack Smith, who took 6 for 62 in 28 overs.

Bedfordshire made a bad start, losing Theobald with only two on the board, but Hoare and Dawson improved the position by adding 59.

By the close of the first day Bedfordshire were well placed at 145 for four, with Hoare being 68 not out and, aided by some dropped catches, he went on to 95 made in 230 minutes, before being caught at short-leg.

So, Bedfordshire gained first innings points with eight wickets down and there followed the

astounding eclipse of the home batting.

First it was the pace of Morley and Wells that caused the damage, so that half the side were out for only 17.

Both bowlers received some help from the wicket and then Smith came into the attack to claim two victims, but Morley, five for 21, finished with the best analysis.

Although Hoare was run out at 17, Chamberlain and Dawson saw to it that Bedfordshire cruised to a comfortable victory.

### STAFFORDSHIRE

(First Innings)

D A Hancock c Dawson b Oakley	52
H G Searle lbw b Smith	28
P J K Gibbs c Oakley b Smith	20
F Colclough c and b Smith	13
J T Ikin c and b Smith	14
A H Squire not out	32
G W Hartley b Smith	7
R I Walton lbw b Smith	8
P I Browne c Hoare b Morley	22
E James not out	1
Extras	10

Total (for 8 wks dec) ..... 207

A Burgess did not bat.

Bowling: Morley 21-10-37-1, Wills 11-3-37-0, Oakley 30-9-61-1, Smith 28-8-62-6.

### BEDFORDSHIRE

(First Innings)

M Theobald c Walton b James	1
D J F Hoare c Hancock b Ikin	95
G Dawson lbw b Ikin	38
W Chamberlain c Ikin b Searle	9
B D Robinson lbw b James	2
J Smith c Ikin b James	27
D E Pratt c Walton b Ikin	6
T G A Morley not out	22
P Oakley c Gibbs b Ikin	3
M Crouch not out	9
Extras	12

Total (for 8 wks dec) ..... 224

J Wills did not bat.

Bowling: James 19-6-35-3, Browne 17-2-46-0, Burgess 23-2-49-0, Ikin 21-2-60-4, Searle 5-0-12-1, Gibbs 3-0-10-0.

### STAFFORDSHIRE

(Second Innings)

H Searle c Robinson b Morley	3
D A Hancock c Robinson b Morley	8
P J K Gibbs b Wills	0
F Colclough lbw b Wills	2
J T Ikin c Hoare b Wills	2
A H Squire not out	15
G W Hartley c Oakley b Smith	4
R I Walton c Crouch b Morley	0
R I Browne c Crouch b Morley	2
B James c Smith b Morley	9
A Burgess b Smith	11
Extras	4

Total ..... 60

Bowling: Morley 14-5-21-5, Wills 13-2-20-3, Smith 5-1-15-2.

### BEDFORDSHIRE

(Second Innings)

D J F Hoare run out	9
W Chamberlain not out	13
G Dawson not out	13
Extras	10

Total (for 1 wk) ..... 45

M Theobald, B D Robinson, J Smith, D E Pratt, F G A Morley, P Oakley, M Crouch and J Wills did not bat.

Bowling: James 7-1-13-0, Browne 6-3-8-0, Burgess 2-0-8-0, Ikin 1-1-0-6-0.



# TOP - FOR TOWN AND COUNTY



D. Hoare

## Local pair lead way

After what seemed an alarming start to the season of four defeats and one draw in five matches, Bedfordshire recovered so well as to finish 12th in the Minor Counties table, three places higher than last season. In the last five games Bedfordshire achieved three wins and a draw against one defeat.

Skipper Jack Smith received some mixed criticism over his declarations—three times he declared behind when first innings points were his for the taking. But Smith's one aim was to get definite results to games—no mean feat in this rain-ridden summer—and also to entertain. On both points he succeeded, and in the end his tactics also brought reward of a very respectable position in the final table.

Smith, himself, also played a vital part with bat and ball, finishing sixth in the batting list and fourth in the runs aggregate with 303, and second in the bowling with the highest number of victims, 39. Bedfordshire can well claim to have found another fine all-rounder captain in the traditions of John Oliver.

Bedford's top batting pair, Hoare and Chamberlain, also finished top for the County, and if there were limitations it was lack of an extra opening bowler and weaknesses in the middle-order batting.

Cambridgeshire were top with Wiltshire second, and Hertfordshire third. The County Averages were:

### BATTING

	i.	n.o.	r.	bat.	av.
W. Chamberlain	17	4	498	128*	37.53
D. J. F. Hoare	15	1	353	95	25.92
T. G. A. Morley	7	3	100	26*	25.00
G. Dawson	18	1	416	73	24.41
B. D. Robinson	10	0	238	72	23.80
J. Smith, capt.	16	3	303	61*	23.30
R. D. Lowings	6	1	85	31*	17.20
A. W. Durlley	13	1	202	62	16.83
N. Cooley	11	1	168	41*	16.80
W. Bushby	12	4	123	26*	15.37
D. E. Pratt	10	2	108	27*	15.60
M. Whitmore	5	0	62	55	12.40
R. Bailey	5	0	42	11*	10.60
G. Jarrett	6	1	42	31	8.40

Also batted: T. J. Brown 11, 27\*; R. J. Barker 0; M. E. Messon 1; M. Crouch 0, 1, 6\*, 3\*, 9\*; M. Theobald 22, 1, 1; K. R. G. Williams 4, 4; P. Oakley 1, 3, 3; J. Wills 0, 6.

\*Signifies not out.

### BOWLING

	o.	m.	r.	w.	av.
J. Wills	85	27	177	12	14.75
J. Smith, capt.	247.5	92	621	39	15.92
W. Bushby	280	61	661	35	18.88
T. G. A. Morley	174.2	47	425	22	19.31
G. Jarrett	158.2	34	436	25	19.84
R. Bailey	62	15	198	7	28.28
D. E. Pratt	28.2	6	101	3	33.66
G. Dawson	41.4	8	151	4	37.75
T. J. Brown	62	6	180	4	45.00
P. Oakley	42	13	61	2	46.00

Also bowled: W. Chamberlain 0 for 13; D. J. F. Hoare 1 for 16.

### CATCHES

G. Dawson 10; J. Smith 8; W. Bushby 7; D. J. F. Hoare and B. Robinson 6 each; N. Cooley and P. Oakley 5 each; G. Jarrett and W. Chamberlain 4 each; R. D. Lowings 2; T. G. A. Morley and J. Wills 1 each.



W. Chamberlain

## Three more wins—and County could have been top

**B**EDFORDSHIRE would have been this year's Minor Counties cricket champions if they had won three more matches, said Mr. Frank Crompton, secretary, in his report to the annual meeting of the Bedfordshire County Cricket Club at the Shire Hall, Bedford, on Wednesday.

The County were placed twelfth in the table, with the championship being won by Cambridgeshire. But the honour might well have rested with Bedfordshire, said Mr. Crompton, adding: "We could and should have won three more matches, which would have placed us on top of the table, but luck did not operate that way."

Mr. Crompton congratulated captain Jack Smith, who had gone all-out to collect scoring points. "His qualities of leadership, coupled with his cheerfulness and powers of inspiration, won the admiration of everyone, and most certainly secured the loyalty and unbounded devotion of his side, producing a team spirit of exceptional measure."

The season was divided into two parts, continued the secretary. In the first section of matches, the County was not at full strength, and so suffered in batting. This brought about losses that were not really deserved.

"Success could not, however, be denied to a young and promising side when the Cricket Week arrived with greater representation of our true strength. Our fortunes began to take the right course, and we scored 23 out of a possible 30 points."

Six Bedfordshire players qualified for inclusion in the Minor Counties' averages: W. Chamberlain and D. J. F. Hoare for batting, and Jack Smith, W. Bushby, T. G. A. Morley, and Graham Jarrett for bowling.

"With the present young side, who have now gained useful experience, we are encouraged to hope that our fortunes will improve next season," said Mr. Crompton.

The Club's president, Ald. H. R. Neate, thanked Mr. Crompton for his report, and Mr. A. B. Poole, Club chairman, said it was a full record of the activities of the past season.

He, too, mentioned "the inspired captaincy" of Jack Smith, adding that he set an excellent example. Mr. Poole recalled that the turning point of the season was the opening match of Cricket Week against Shropshire. "We were set to make 135 for victory in the final innings, and our accredited batsmen achieved about 80 for 7. I think the outstanding highlight came when Trevor Morley and Bill Bushby came together and batted most confidently to take us to victory without being parted."

### Great achievement

It was appropriate that such a season should finish on a very high note by gaining revenge over Staffordshire after that County had dismissed Bedfordshire for 22 runs the previous season. "To go there and beat them quite comfortably was, I think, a great achievement," said Mr. Poole.

The chairman thanked the Club's many friends, and also Mr. Crompton, who was elected secretary for the fortieth year. Thanks were also expressed to Bedford Town CC for allowing the use of their ground at The Bury, Goldington.

Mr. George Hawley, chairman of the Colts sub-committee, announced that his team had arranged to play five matches next season—against Lincolnshire, Suffolk, Oxfordshire, Huntingdonshire, and Leicestershire. A match against Lancashire had been arranged for the 1965 season, and a challenge had also been received from Yorkshire.

"For the benefit of Bedfordshire cricket we should try and accept this match with Yorkshire," said Mr. Hawley. "It would be a very fine experience for the youngsters." It was agreed that the matter be decided at the next meeting of the general committee.

Officers elected were: Patron, Major Simon Whitbread; president, Ald. H. R. Neate; chairman, Mr. A. B. Poole; vice-chairman, Mr. J. A. R. Oliver; treasurer, Mr. G. F. Osborne; secretary, Mr. F. Crompton; County captain, Mr. J. Smith; scorers, Mr. T. Pearce and Mrs. R. A. Cox (deputy); umpires, Mr. R. A. Cox, Mr. L. Blake, and Mr. K. McCaillis.

The Committee was re-elected en bloc, as were the vice-presidents, with the addition of Coun. G. R. Bailey, Mr. R. O. Watson, Mr. W. C. Wynn, Mr. H. Elliott, Mr. N. H. Silkstone, Mr. A. Randall, and Mr. F. J. Banes.

Mr. K. Malcolm and Mr. S. D. Alsford were re-appointed Club honorary auditors.

The retiring vice-chairman,



FRANK CROMPTON . . . his fortieth year as secretary.

Mr. E. A. Fryer, was thanked for his work while in office by Ald. Neate, and by his successor, Mr. John Oliver.

## M. Theobald unbeaten with 85

Harpur 1st XI drew at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday. Leighton won the toss and invited Harpur to bat first. On a slow wicket runs came very slowly, only 11 being scored in the first 12 overs for the loss of T. Johnson's wicket.

Best innings of the afternoon belonged to M. Theobald who mixed a sound defence with aggressiveness to score a magnificent 85 not out, which included four sixes and five fours.

E. Middleton and R. Webster also had useful knocks which enabled Harpur to declare at tea with 174 for seven.

Leighton had to score at 88 an hour to win, and started quite briskly despite losing F. Dawson to M. Ransome's first ball. P. Gilbert, changing ends, took two wickets in three overs, and now Leighton were falling behind the clock.

Harpur made a number of bowling changes, but the game petered out to a tame draw with Leighton making no attempt in the last hour to force the pace.

Considering the team was five short of full strength, Harpur were well satisfied with this performance.

Harpur: T. Johnson b R. Stock 1, E. Middleton c Clements b T. Holloway 40, M. Goswell b T. Holloway 12, M. Theobald not out 85, B. Stapleton c Clements b T. Holloway 7, R. Webster b T. Holloway 19, P. Gilbert run out 0, S. Leadbeater b T. Holloway 1, S. Carroll not out 5, extras 4, total (for 7 wks dec.) 174.—T. Holloway 15-0-57-5.

Leighton Buzzard: F. Clements b P. Gilbert 27, F. Dawson b M. Ransome 0, G. Whitney not out 58, J. Loosley c M. Ransome b P. Gilbert 10, H. Tingey b B. Stapleton 19, G. Auger run out 5, D. Dolton not out 1, extras 13, total (for 5 wks.) 133.—P. Gilbert 14-1-39-2; M. Ransome 7-1-33-1; B. Stapleton 4-2-4-1.

### HOSPITAL CUP

Diemer's meet North End on Thursday in Bedford Park (6.15 p.m.). Team: McMullen, Farrington, Pensome, White, Gregory, Turner, Wood Binstead, De Broise, Bitchener, Irvine.

#### Bedford Thursday v. Northampton Thursday

Northampton: S. Harradine 12, D. Walker 58, S. York 27, C. Pollard 6, S. Hucknell 26, J. Barker not out 2, extras 9, total (for 5 wks. dec.) 140.

Bedford: K. Reischmiller 14, M. Hill 21, M. Theobald 4, W. Smith 1, T. Buck 1, J. Gregory 2, R. Conway 0, W. Fitzpatrick 17, E. Rainbird not out 4, A. Fry 5, T. L. Rose 4, extras 20, total 93.

## SCHOOL SHOULD BE GOOD

After a draw with Ousels last Saturday, Bedford School get down to the season proper tomorrow, entertaining the XI Club.

Although cricketing masters and coaches are notoriously reluctant to commit themselves, the prospects for the XI look very bright indeed.

There is more cricket about in the School, thanks to the drive and enthusiasm of coach Eddie Cooper among the junior sides, and the XI will be out to equal or improve upon last year's fine record when four club and four school sides were beaten.

Old Colours remaining are skipper C. D. Gilmour, now in his third year with the XI, who is already a most accomplished bat; all-rounder J. M. Pearson, also in his third year; opening bat P. H. Spray; and J. D. Pousie and G. C. Calster.

Tutt and Griffiths, who had several senior games last season, are also available, and perhaps the only department requiring strengthening is the opening attack.

## HOSPITAL CUP

Bedford Argus v. Shire Hall

Argus: R. Anstee 13, R. Prossell not out 71, E. Peters 8, A. Thorpe 0, J. Fraser 4, J. Darlow 1, R. Peters 0, B. Merrill 4, D. Skerman 0, G. Norman not out 0, extras 3, total (for eight wickets) 104.—Evans four for 33, Heap three for 9.

Shire Hall: R. Kilby 2, Cummings 0, Kay 4, Wallis 3, Barratt 4, Heaps 19, Anthony 8, Evans 4, Williams not out 2, Fletcher 0, extras 3, total 49.—B. Merrill five for 20, D. Skerman two for 25.

Little Staughton 81 (R. Robins 18); Kimbolton 84 for one (T. Newman 35, M. Stapleton 30 not out, C. Barker 14 not out).

## HOT, COLD, THEY STILL WIN

and aggression to win the game off the last ball of the day.

Henlow 84 (B. Beaumont 25, P. Crawley 21, E. Lee four for 34, E. James three for 20); West Indians 86 for 8 (E. Reid not out 26, T. King four for 30).

The West Indian 1st XI met extreme weather conditions over the week-end, bright sunshine on Saturday, and wintry winds on Sunday. But they won on both days, by 82 runs against Tabulators at Letchworth, and by two wickets over Henlow in Bedford Park.

At Letchworth, Charles blazed his way to an innings of 73, and the West Indian total of 172 was too much for Tabulators, especially when skipper King came on to bowl, baffling the home batsmen with his variation of pace and flight. Brief scores:

West Indians 172 (G. Charles 73, P. Fisher 28, D. Cephas not out 18, C. Bardell three for 31); Tabulators 90 (K. King three for 17, D. Griffith two for 6, W. Husbands two for 11).

The game with Henlow was a real thriller. Henlow managed to total only 84 — their batsmen were troubled by Lee's turning deliveries—but West Indians also struggled with the bat until Reid, coming in at No. 8, mixed defence

Barton 73 (G. West 31, R. Peters three for 8, B. Merrill three for 28); Argus 75 for 2 (R. Anstee 49).

West Indians II 58 (Wright 19, Gilbert four for 21); SERL Baldock 50 (Luke seven for 26, Cooper three for 18).

West Indians II 85 (Luke 39, Nichols 20, Pender four for 13); Bedford Swifts 41 (Luke four for 23, Cooper three for 18).

Bedford School 3rd 127 (Fraser 32, Taylor 21, Shaw 20, Fensome six for 52); Diemer's 31 (Irvine 13 not out, Fraser five for 12, Saunders three for 4).

Diemer's Sunday XI 48 (Irvine 17); Weetabix 51 for 3. Flitwick II 77 (P. Writter 42); Luton Kent's II 80 for one.

Elmley Castle 107 (F. White five for 28, P. Haynes four for 24); Kempston Ramblers 91 (M. White 44, R. Watkins six for 36).

Chalgrave 85 for 5 dec.; Mander College 79 for 8 (Knight 46). Match drawn.

## Return with Henlow

Bedford Town anticipate a good return match at Henlow tomorrow after a draw in the first game. Mordue moves up from the second XI as Heaton is not available. Both the 2nd XI and Sunday 1st XI look strong all round. Teams:—

1st (away to Henlow 1.30):—D. J. F. Hoare (captain), W. Chamberlain, N. Cooley, J. B. Brown, W. Peet, B. Ebbs, J. Mordue, P. J. Oakley, A. Ingledew, W. Bushby, M. Glaister.

2nd (home to Ickwell 2.15):—G. S. Andrews, R. D. Linger, B. F. Hollis, A. Greene, J. Dean, R. Shepherd, J. Seddon, B. Taylor, K. Rischmiller, D. T. Matthews, D. Price.

Ramblers (away to Kaysar Bondor 1.30):—D. F. Bennett, T. B. Woolliscroft, P. McGarry, K. G. Winter, P. G. Woolston, J. Cooley, T. Thomas, C. Whiting, P. Scrivener, C. Roffe, B. Cain.

Sunday 1st (away to Wel-lingborough 1.30):—J. B. Brown, D. J. F. Hoare, W. Chamberlain, N. Cooley, W. Peet, B. Ebbs, M. Glaister, P. J. Oakley, A. Ingledew, W. Bushby, R. White.

Sunday 2nd (home to George Kent 2.15):—E. S. Smith, T. B. Woolliscroft, P. G. Woolston, T. Thomas, J. McGregor, R. McGulgan, K. Rischmiller, P. Kirk, B. Taylor, G. Fensome, D. G. Smith.



## League scoreboard Half the side were out for eight

**E**IGHT runs on the scoreboard, five wickets down. Staploe found themselves in real trouble against Great Barford. Finally they were all out for 23. Barford got the runs for the loss of only two wickets.

### PREMIER DIVISION

#### Marston v. Little Staughton

Little Staughton: D. Huckle 1, C. Stapleton 11, B. Hopper-ton 0, J. Robins 4, R. Robins 13, M. Banks not out 8, J. Chamberlain 0, C. Brown 10, S. Robins 4, C. Stringer 0, A. Saunders 0, extras 2, total 53.  
Marston: A. Knight 0, F. Lilley 13, C. White 4, M. Ellis 12, A. L. Bunker 8, A. Bunker 0, D. Faulkner 1, F. Faulkner 0, P. Hale not out 1, F. Loft 0, G. Cooper 0, extras 5, total 44.

### FIRST DIVISION

#### Cople v. Benhold

Benhold: R. Harlow 14, K. Rabbitt 0, K. Edwards 1, A. Duncombe 7, W. Harlow 1, D. Stapleton not out 4, P. Harlow 1, G. Harlow 0, J. Norman 2, D. Bevan 0, P. Carter 0, extras 3, total 33.—B. Minney six for 10.  
Cople: E. Fowler 0, G. Halliday 9, A. Thacker 5, E. Street 4, A. Hart 0, B. Minney 0, J. Cambers 13, M. Cambers 14, D. Shingler 3, B. Huffey 11, A. Jennings not out 8, extras 2, total 111.

#### Blunham "A" v. Maulden

Blunham: R. Harding 20, R. Rawlins 0, K. Reid 3, M. Winters 9, M. Armiger 7, K. Beane 7, R. Reid 25, D. Gates 10, F. Tester 4, P. Chapman 1, R. Tokens not out 4, extras 6, total 96.—Lee three for 22, M. Burgoine two for 18, D. Burgoine three for 10, T. Haynes one for 4.  
Maulden: D. Burgoine 3, M. Burgoine 1, A. Jones 2, F. Pedley 0, T. Haynes 1, R. Cole 0, F. Fisher 0, T. Lee 4, R. Stinfield 4, B. Jones not out 3, P. Chappell 5, extras 2, total 25.—Tester eight for 16, Rawlins one for 7.

### SECOND DIVISION

#### Great Barford v. Staploe

Staploe: R. Mills 0, D. Brittain 4, M. Bentham 4, M. Watts 0, B. Mills 0, T. Daniels 2, W. Scotcher 0, R. Daniels 11, T. Mills 0, M. Staughton 2, R. Ratcliff not out 0, total 23.  
Great Barford: A. Breeze 4, C. Calvert 4, P. Johnson 24, M. Lee 25, B. Cope 5, A. Evans 11, M. Maskell 0, T. Mardlin 26, J. Browning 5, K. Franklin 13, J. Cooper not out 1, extras 1, total 119.

#### Pertenhall v. Felmersham

Pertenhall: R. White 1, R. Waller 0, R. Short 2, J. Fitz

4, K. Woolston 0, R. Thompson 9, V. Roddis 0, F. Roddis 28, H. Short 0, W. Presland 8, D. Bull not out 1, total 53.—T. Longstaff five for 22, T. Constant two for 7, D. Barker two for 15.

Felmersham: T. Longstaff 0, G. Constant 0, K. Cockings 2, D. Barker 9, B. Cockings 25, J. Mackenzie 1, T. Constant 0, P. Lawson 18, G. Hullatt 6, T. Albury not out 6, D. Kew 0, extras 4, total 71.—R. White five for 19, K. Woolston three for 17, W. Presland two for 18.

#### Roxton v. Wood End

Roxton: W. Clarke 0, A. Franklin 22, G. Jefferies 10, R. Minney 0, M. Larkins 21, M. Watson 7, P. Keightley (capt.) 1, R. Clarke 1, P. Russell 0, R. Smith 0, W. Stapleton not out 0, total 62.—L. Burraway four for 14, B. Keens four for 48.

Wood End: C. Fuller 2, G. Hambridge 1, B. Keens 2, L. Burraway (capt.) 0, K. Millard 3, G. Barker 0, M. Avers 1, N. Wellington 1, T. Burraway not out 18, T. Goff 1, W. Mayston 1, extras 3, total 33.—P. Russell six for 10, M. Larkins four for 20.

### THIRD DIVISION

#### Wrestlingworth v. Cople II

Cople: P. Robinson 0, B. Cambers 13, A. Corn 0, B. Billenger 2, E. Hull 0, M. Smith 0, D. Jennings 15, B. Yerrill 0, C. Thacker 4, J. Newbury 3, G. Minney not out 6, extras 1, total 43.

Wrestlingworth: D. Coupe 1, G. Hoy 0, R. Redmond 0, W. Dalsley 0, N. Clarke 5, E. Huckle 7, B. Williams 0, V. Bentley 7, C. Jenkins 0, J. Bonfield 0, J. Norman not out 1, total 21.—M. Smith six for 11.

### FOURTH DIVISION

#### Hall Weston v. Blunham II

Blunham II: I. Wakefield 3, W. Page 11, B. Ames 0, R. Wakefield 16, S. Brunt 12, R. Armiger 1, P. Ranson not out 10, I. Jeffries 2, P. Fordham 2, P. James 1, R. Buck 1, extras 4, total 63.—Downing three for 23, Saunders four for 9, Arnold one for 11.  
Hall Weston: F. Saunders 0, M. Downing 4, J. Motts 9, E. Cutts 5, M. Arnold 2, D. Arnold 3, G. Cotterell 0, D. Barnett 0, J. Waldock 8, I. Bunnage 0, P. Norles not out 0, extras 3, total 34.—Brunt four for 13, Page two for 8, Ranson four for 11.

#### Little Staughton II v.

#### Marston II

Little Staughton II: E. Topham 1, R. Quenby 0, A. Saunders 6, R. Thorne 17, J. Barnett 0, D. Blair 0, P. Marshall 5, C. Maddison 3, E. Saunders 7, D. Stapleton 9, D. Brown not out 3, extras 1, total 52.—D. Stapleton five for 12, D. Bushby one for 17, R. Copperwheat four for 22.  
Marston II: T. Owen 2, D. Bushby 13, R. Berry 0, D. Stapleton 23, V. Haile 10, C. Coves 17, R. Copperwheat 8, B. Darlow 2, P. Cole 3, H. Parrish 0, J. Bates not out 0, extras 9, total 87.—R. Quenby three for 34, G. Barnett one for 12, D. Blair two for 17, E. Topham one for 12.



# 260 MINUTES — 456 RUNS

A total of 456 runs in 4 hrs. 20 mins. made for a bright opening to Bedford School's cricket programme on Saturday, even if they just finished on the losing end, to XL Club, by eight runs.

Had the tail-enders not been so impetuous in the treatment of leg spinner Feldman (seven for 91) the School might have won.

Highlights for the School were 93 in 70 minutes by

skipper Gilmour, and a half century by Spray.

For XL Club, Disbury laid on a quite brilliant innings of 128 not out, and Morris—recently transferred from police to solicitors (Conquest, Clare, and Binns)—contributed 78.

On Tuesday a weakened School XI lost away to The Leys (178 for eight dec.), School 112.

XL CLUB	
G. L. B. August b Bedford	13
B. E. Disbury not out	128
S. T. Morris b Walthew	78
P. A. Jaques not out	12
Extras	
Total (for two wkts. dec.)	232

BEDFORD SCHOOL	
Benford b Breeze	0
P. H. Spray c Simons b Breeze	55
C. D. Gilmour b Farral	93
Griffith b Feldman	5
J. M. Pearson b Feldman	4
Caistor b Feldman	0
Pousteil not out	33
Tutt b Feldman	17
Oakley b Feldman	0
Murray b Feldman	5
Walthew at Simons b Feldman	1
Extras	
Total	224

# No shocks

THERE were no shocks in the Hospital Cup matches decided this week. Harpur "A" came through easily against Gale's and Bedford Town "B" passed R.A.E.'s total of 67 in twelve overs.

Second round draw is:  
 Bedford Town "B" or Goldington Elec. v. Texas Instruments or Hobkirks.  
 Gt. Staughton or Lt. Paxton v. Kempton Ramblers or Queens Wks. "A".  
 Causals or North End Club v. Pavendam or Lt. Staughton II.  
 Gt. Barford or Cople v. A.R.A. or Bedford Town "A".  
 Colworth House v. Harpur "A".  
 West Indians or Bedford Thurday v. Felmerham or Clapham.  
 Southos or Dean v. Wood End or Belford.  
 North Crawley or Stewartby v. Ickwell "B" or St. Neots.  
 Roxton or Eaton Socon v. Thurlleigh II or Strevingham.  
 Elstow or Bromham Nomads v. Ickwell or Bolton.  
 Postals v. Cople II or Phoenix.  
 Renhold v. Amptihill or Igranlic.  
 Langford or Henlow v. Kimbolton.  
 Thurlleigh v. Wrestlingworth or Blunham II.  
 Everholt or Stagden v. Sandy or Tempsford.  
 Argus or Wildan v. Wybooston or Blunham.

Matches to be played between May 27 and June 7.  
 Draw for third round will take place on June 4.

## TOWN C.C. START A FOURTH XI

BECAUSE of an excess of playing members, Bedford Town C.C. for the first time, has started a fourth XI.

The first team, still looking for their first win of the season, hope to get a result at Dunstable tomorrow.

Don Heaton is not available and John Seddon is promoted from the Second XI.

Teams:  
 D. J. F. Hoare (capt.), J. B. Brown, W. Chamberlain, N. Cooley, M. Gialstor, P. J. Oakley, W. Bushby, B. Ebbs, A. Ingledeu, W. Peet, J. Seddon.  
 Second team to play Dunstable II at home: G. S. Andrews (capt.), R. D. Linger, J. Mordue, R. White, R. Shepherd, A. Greene, E. C. Howard, D. T. Matthews, B. F. Hollis, J. Dean, K. Rischmiller.  
 The Occasionals (away to Kempston): P. G. Woolston (capt.), T. Bennett, C. Roffe, M. Hoake, P. McGarry, J. A. T. Saul, M. Wilson, N. Stevens, T. H. K. Berry, G. J. S. Tucker, J. Matthews.  
 Bedford Sunday 1st XI (Home to Aylesbury Town): J. B. Brown (capt.), D. J. F. Hoare, W. Chamberlain, N. Cooley, W. Bushby, R. White, B. Ebbs, W. Peet, C. Roffe, A. Ingledeu, T. Silla.  
 Sunday 2nd XI (away to Baldock): E. S. Smith (capt.), J. McGregor, K. P. Kirk, M. Hoake, P. G. Woolston, J. Rischmiller, R. McGuigan, T. Thomas, A. T. Saul, P. McGarry, T. Bennett.

Harpur (away to Westwoods, Peterborough): R. Webster, M. Theobald, E. Middleton, B. Stapleton, R. King, B. Ebbs, G. Goswell, S. Smith, S. Carroll, K. Ferguson, B. Cornell.  
 Harpur II (Home to Rodexian): A. Martin, T. Fry, I. Lees, G. Lazell, A. Abbey, J. Johnson, I. Fensome, C. Jones, D. Roffe, B. Leadbetter, A. Davies.  
 Harpur Sunday XI (away to Dunstable): R. Webster, K. R. G. Williams, M. Theobald, E. Howard, B. Ebbs, R. King, E. Middleton, C. Newman, P. Gilbert, M. Ranson, B. Cornell.

## King chosen

Rex King, who last season played for Caldecote in the Bedford League, and now comes to the Gentlemen of Bedfordshire side playing Bedford Modern School at Clarendon Street next Wednesday. Team:

S. T. Morris, J. A. R. Oliver, R. V. Spark, E. Smith, A. Watkins, M. Jordan, J. D. Heaton, B. White, G. Wynn, R. King, S. Walker.

## Impressive youngsters

Bedford Town Sunday 2nd XI have made a great start to the season, winning three and drawing one of four matches.

The team is comprised mainly of youngsters, who are being ably led and guided by former County player Syd Smith. The keenness of these boys on the field is something to be admired. M. Hook, P. Kirk, and T. Thomas, who are only 15 years of age show particular promise.

Against a strong Rockingham side all ten batsmen were caught—a rare performance, and in the latest victory Geo. Kent's were put in and dismissed for a modest 56 runs. J. Mathews made two brilliant catches and Peter Woolston took five wickets for 20 runs.

## WEEK-END CRICKET

### SATURDAY

Dunstable v. Bedford T.  
 Bedford II v. Dunstable II.  
 Bedford School v. Buccaneers.  
 Bedford Modern v. Oakham.  
 Westwoods v. Harpur.  
 Harpur II v. Hoxton.  
 Buckingham v. Southill Park.  
 Southill II v. Godmanchester.  
 Old Warden v. Crayke.  
 Bedford Argus v. West Indians.  
 Stapsley v. Flitwick.  
 Flitwick II v. Silsoe.  
 Caldecote v. Ickwell.  
 Ickwell II v. Steppingley.  
 Hinxworth v. Steple Morden.  
 Sharnbrook v. Stony Stratford.  
 Kempston Ramblers v. Bedford Ramblers.

### SUNDAY

Bedford T. v. Aylesbury.  
 Baldock v. Bedford II.  
 Dunstable v. Harpur.  
 Southill Park v. Warboys.  
 Shuttleworth College v. Southill II.  
 Turvey v. Tickfords.  
 Crayke v. Sharnbrook.  
 Phoenix v. Diemer's.  
 Ashwell v. Ickwell.  
 Melton v. North End.  
 Hinxworth v. Sandy.  
 Crayke v. Sharnbrook.

## LEAGUE SCOREBOARD

# Cheap wickets

GREAT BARFORD skittled Wood End out for 40 and looked set for victory but L. Burraway (six for 3) had Barford in difficulty and they were dismissed for 21.

Barford fared better in the second innings when J. Breeze (six for 9) and M. Maskell (two for 4) had Wood End all out for 23. Barford got the runs with ten minutes to spare.

Blunham's K. Reid clean bowled six Stevington batsmen for a mere five runs to help his side to a 100 run victory.

### Premier Division

Stagden v. Thurlleigh  
 Thurlleigh: D. Berrill 8, A. Smith 0, W. Norman 15, A. Fensome 13, A. Ellison 4, C. Berrill 19, J. Warner 16, M. Berrill 4, K. Wagstaff 13. R. Berrill not out 8, W. Ellison 1, extras 6, total 108.—T. Brooks five for 39.  
 Stagden: J. Brooks 2, J. Willmott 0, A. Bodkins 3, J. Sharp 0, T. Brooks 0, J. Alder 15, R. Tite 11, J. Flute 6, P. Hulance not out 1, A. Judge 0, R. Taylor 0, extras 4, total 42.—M. Berrill six for 19.

### Division I

Southos v. Cople  
 Cople: E. Fowler 11, G. Halliday 0, A. Thacker 4, E. Street 5, A. Hart 29, B. Minney 1, D. Shingler 37, J. Cambers 48, M. Cambers 0, A. Jennings 7, B. Billinger not out 0, extras 16, total 158.  
 Southos: J. Rampley 0, K. Darnell 15, J. Wright 4, C. Roberts 0, S. Hewitt 3, G. Hagger not out 5, C. Hagger 1, H. Egerton 1, R. Stockley 1, K. Hagger 1, I. Darrington 0, extras 1, total 32.—Cambers seven for 15.

### Stevington v. Blunham

Blunham: R. Harding 12, R. Rawlins 2, K. Reid 9, M. Winters 6, R. Reid 36, K. Beane 2, M. Armiger 0, D. Moore 12, P. Teater not out 32, P. Chapman 3, R. Tokens 3, extras 10, total 127.—Jackson seven for 32.  
 Stevington: Gibbons 3, Wildman 3, Hodgkinson 2, Small 8, Jackson 0, Pearson 0, Crowe 0, Stapleton not out 5, Williams 1, Mackenna 0, Gerrits 0, extras 5, total 27.—Reid six for 5, Rawlins four for 16.

### Division II

Wood End v. Barford  
 Wood End: C. Fuller 2, G. Bambridge 15, G. Keens 4, B. Studman 4, L. Burraway 0, K. Millard 5, T. Burraway 3, N. Wellington 3, T. Gough not out 2, G. Barber 0, W. Marston 0, extras 2, total 40.

Great Barford: I. Robinson 0, B. Mardlin 15, M. Lee 5, J. Breeze 0, P. Johnson 3, C. Calvert 3, A. Evans 4, B. Cope 1, M. Maskell 0, T. Mardlin not out 1, J. Cooper 2, extras 2, total 21.

Second Innings: Wood End 24, Great Barford 46.

### Staples v. Pertenhall

Staples: D. Britton 6, T. Daniels 4, M. Bentham 0, M. Watts 10, A. Mills 1, R. Daniels 0, B. Mills 21, T. Mills 0, M. Staughton 11, W. Scotcher 0, R. Mills not out 16, extras 8, total 77.—W. Preenland four for 14, R. Short four for 35, R. White one for 14.  
 Pertenhall: R. White 33, J. Pitts 2, R. Short 1, F. Roddis 5, R. Waller 14, W. Roddis 0, W. Preenland 3, H. Short 2, D. Bull 0, B. Nicholson 2, C. Milne not out 1, extras 3, total 68.—B. Mills six for 21, T. Mills three for 24, R. Daniels one for 9.

### Division III

Cople II v. Hobbkirk  
 Cople II: P. Robinson 0, B. Cambers 18, A. Corn 33, E. Hull 17, P. Jennings not out 35, M. Smith 8, R. Hull 8, G. Minney not out 12, extras 12, total 146 (for six wkts.) 143.

Hobbkirk: Kirk 0, Payne 22, Basingdale 2, W. Crisp 0, B. Wilson 11, J. Beard 0, A. Euden 17, A. David 5, B. Dieker 0, F. Wilson not out 6, T. Gribbitt 1, extras 7, total 71.—Hull seven for 21.

### Division IV

Blunham II v. Sharnbrook  
 Sharnbrook: Cockings 5, Edwards 4, Martin 11, Blood 2, Dunkley 5, Wagstaff 28, Slater 17, Gudgeons 0, Cadden 2, Wildrian 17, Moon not out 4, extras 10, total 90.—Ranson three for 16, Fordham two for 17.  
 Blunham II: I. Wakefield 2, Page 4, R. Wakefield 1, Brunt 8, Ranson 18, Ames 1, Jeffries 2, Armiger 3, W. Fordham 10, James 0, P. Fordham not out 0, extras 2, total 51.—Moon one for 16, Wakefield 0, Wagstaff one for 3, Dunkley five for 16, Wildrian one for 6.



# Letchworth again rout Bedford—by six wickets

FOR the second year running the powerful Letchworth side have routed Bedford Town at the Bury. Last year it was by ten wickets—on Saturday they triumphed by six wickets, hitting the requisite 172 runs off 36 overs, 17 fewer than Bedford had.

Letchworth and Bedfordshire skipper, Jack Smith, asked his opposition to bat—as is his custom—and for 50 minutes was probably doubtful as to the wisdom of his decision.

In that time, Hoare and Chamberlain hit the shine off the new ball to such an extent that 70 runs were scored.

Then came a dramatic change of events, five wickets falling for the addition of six runs, two to fine catches by Smith to his own bowling.

Brown joined Cooley, and together they gradually improved the situation, Brown in particular showing great restraint. When Cooley was bowled by a shooter from Spokes, fast bowler Bushby, in this season's accustomed role as innings saver, once more played a good knock, and was undefeated at the end when Bedford were all out for 171. They had taken 2½ hours, however, against an attack containing four Minor Counties bowlers.

Letchworth, in reply, scored slowly at first. Bedford skipper Hoare being forced to open up the game and "pep up" the over rate with slow bowlers Oakley and Ingledew.

Runs began to flow freely with Sid Dunkley and O'Neill, of Hertfordshire, in good form, and though Ingledew caught and bowled Dunkley beautifully, Dawson—newly returned from a season with Leicestershire—now came in to hit 40 powerful runs (28 in boundaries) and make certain of victory.

Once again slackness in the field was a Bedford fault, but the overall result must be measured against the strength of Letchworth—one of the

## Casuals' wickets go flying

Bedford Argus won a well-deserved victory over the Casuals at Russell Park on Saturday by 65 runs. Batting first Argus made a good start by scoring 42 runs for the first wicket, but apart from a hard-hitting 20 from R. Stevens, wickets fell cheaply, and Argus were all out for 106.

Argus: R. Frossell 16, B. Peters 32, A. Thorpe 3, J. Darlow 4, M. Faulkes 1, B. Merrill 0, R. Stevens 20, R. Peters 11, H. Turvey not out 1, C. Woods 4, D. Skerman 0, extras 14, total 106.—Day five for 30, Heaps four for 30.

Casuals: G. Payne 21, Breeze 0, McDermot 4, Denvies 1, Sully 4, J. Day not out 6, J. Sharp 5, P. Heaps 0, R. Fellows 0, A. Boston 0, total 41.—B. Merrill four for 16, D. Skerman four for 25.

finest club sides in South East England.

BEDFORD TOWN	
D. Hoare c and b Smith	46
W. Chamberlain c and b Smith	25
N. Cooley b Spokes	21
B. Peet b Morley	1
J. D. Heaton b Smith	0
B. Ebbs lbw b Morley	0
J. Brown lbw b Smith	26
W. Bushby not out	33
P. Oakley c Money b Morley	7
A. Ingledew b Morley	1
M. Glaister b Morley	5
Extras	6
Total	171

Bowling: Dawson 4-0-26-0; Spokes 15-1-57-1; Morley 18-4-49-5; Smith 16-5-33-4.

LETCWORTH	
A. O'Neill b Bushby	47
S. Dunkley c and b Ingledew	50
G. Dawson c Heaton b Bushby	40
J. Smith c Ebbs b Glaister	19
N. Money not out	6
V. Garlin not out	5
Extras	5
Total (for 4 wkts.)	172

P. Apuleyard, D. Sutcliffe, T. Morley, M. Crouch, and B. Spokes did not bat. Bowling: Glaister 7-0-19-1; Bushby 11-1-41-2; Oakley 7-0-40-0; Ingledew 9-1-37-1; Heaton 2-0-23-0; Hoare 1-0-4-0.

## SUN ALL THE WAY FOR TOWN WEEK

Blessed with fine weather, Bedford Town made a winning start to their cricket week at the Bury on Monday, beating a Bedford League XI by eight wickets. Highlight of the game was a hard-hit half-century for the Town by John Brown; he scored 11 fours and a six in his unbeaten 59.

BEDFORD LEAGUE	
K. Brooks lbw b Glaister	4
T. Buck b Dean	53
R. Harlow lbw b Breeze	5
D. Berrill b Ingledew	10
T. Ward b Breeze	0
Rabbit c Howard b Ingledew	1
Warner c Peet b Ingledew	0
Dexter c Ingledew b Peet	2
C. Berrill run out	22
K. Ashpole b Peet	1
J. Ashpole not out	0
Extras	8
Total	106

Bowling: F. K. Breeze 13-3-26-2; A. Ingledew 9-1-19-3; M. Glaister 6-3-12-1; P. Peet 6-0-17-2; J. Dean 4-1-0-24-1

BEDFORD TOWN	
E. C. Howard b Buck	13
B. Hollis run out	14
B. Peet not out	20
J. Brown not out	99
Extras	1
Total (for two wkts.)	107

Bowling: C. Berrill 6-0-22-0; Buck 9-3-1-42-2; K. Ashpole 3-0-28-0; Ward 4-0-14-0.

## OAKLEY 6—52

Yesterday the Town looked well placed at tea having dismissed Northampton Saints for 206, Peter Oakley claiming six wickets for 52 runs.

On Wednesday Shuttleworth College will be the visitor's (start 2.30 p.m.), and on Thursday the Gentlemen of Bedfordshire (11.30 a.m.)

# HAD THEIR REVENGE Harpur's 87-run win

BEATING Queens Works on Saturday by 87 runs, Harpur avenged an earlier defeat. They owed much to Kevin Williams, who scored 60 not out and then returned the excellent analysis of eight for 34 in eighteen overs.

Harpur won the toss and batted first. On an easy paced wicket, R. Webster and M. Theobald both batted soundly and took the opening partnership to 73 before R. Webster was run out for 34.

M. Theobald was bowled at the same score for a well made 38. Harpur lapsed to 120 for seven when K. Williams was joined by P. Gilbert, and this pair added 44 runs for the eighth wicket in 25 minutes. Harpur declared at 164 for seven.

Queens openers compiled 20 runs for the first wicket and apart from R. Bailey, the other batsmen could not counter the wiles of Williams, who flighted the ball very well.

His figures could easily have been better if every chance had been taken.

Harpur: R. Webster run out 34, M. Theobald b P. Fundrey 38, K. Williams not out 60, B. Stapleton lbw b P. Wright 16, J. Newman lbw b P. Wright 0, A. Webster c D. Lovell b P. Wright 0, A. Martin b P. Wright 1, I. Lees lbw b P. Fundrey 0, P. Gilbert not out 11, extras 4, total (for seven wkts. dec.) 164.—P. Wright

four for 44, P. Fundrey two for 34.

Queens: E. Wooding c K. Williams b P. Gilbert 7, D. Lovell b K. Williams 29, M. MacDonald b K. Williams 5, M. Shortland c S. Smith b K. Williams 7, R. Bailey lbw b K. Williams 21, P. Fundrey c P. Gilbert b K. Williams 5, D. Turrell run out 0, S. Wildman b K. Williams 2, A. Orr c S. Smith b K. Williams 0, P. Cannon st A. Webster b K. Williams 0, P. Wright not out 1, total 77.—P. Gilbert one for 27, K. Williams eight for 38.

## HOSPITAL CUP FORTY OVERS—250 RUNS

In a most exciting Hospital Cup game of 20 overs each, in which more than 250 runs were scored, Bedford Argus defeated Blunham by 15 runs.

Argus put on 41 for the first wicket at the rate of seven per over, and runs continued to come quickly thanks to an excellent innings of 61 not out by B. Peters, scored in only 13 overs. Final score was 134 for 7.

Blunham lost two wickets for 12 runs, but kept up with the scoring rate thanks to a hard-hitting 47 by S. Reid. Economical bowling by R. Peters, however, kept the later batsmen in check.

Argus: R. Anstee 22, R. Frossell 18, B. Peters not out 61, A. Thorpe 10, J. Fraser 6, J. Darlow 1, R. Stevens 4, R. Peters 0, B. Merrill not out 5, extras 7, total (for 7 wkts.) 134.—F. Tester four for 55, R. Reid two for 55.

Blunham: D. Moore 18, R. Harding 2, R. Rawlins 1, S. Reid 47, D. Gates 5, K. Reid 15, F. Tester 9, W. Fordham 6, R. Reid not out 5, K. Beany not out 10, extras 1, total (for 8 wkts.) 119.—B. Merrill three for 69, D. Skerman two for 33, R. Peters one for 16.

the winning hit was struck with two minutes left.

Bedford: B. Hollis 2, B. Taylor 51, A. Greene 14, E. C. Howard 11, R. Shepherd 17, D. Matthews 32, K. Rischmiller 0, G. S. Andrews 0, J. Dean 13, R. White not out 12, R. Linger 4, extras 13, total 169.—Hall two for 30, Firth four for 37.

Letchworth: Beales 22, R. Taylor 22, A. Hemmings 49, L. Hemmings 2, Sutcliffe 25, Firth 13, Howard not out 17, K. Taylor not out 7, extras 13, total (for six wickets) 170.—White two for 45, Linger one for 34, Hollis two for 52, Dean one for 22.

## Town II in exciting finish

Bedford Town II also failed to Letchworth II—by four wickets—but there was an exciting finish to the match at Letchworth. Bedford's total of 169 was passed with only two minutes left.

The Town lost Hollis off the third ball of the day, but Taylor accumulated runs at a brisk pace, scoring a delightful 51. But apart from Matthews, the rest of the recognised batsmen did not live up to their known capabilities, and it was left to tail-enders Dean and White to bring about a more respectable total.

Letchworth went for the runs from the start, the main feature being a well-struck 49 by A. Hemmings. Runs became more difficult against Dean and Hollis and the fall of wickets gave heart to the bowlers. As the Bedford total grew nearer and time shorter, excitement grew, and finally

# Changing fortunes at Stowe

Bedford School and Stowe had a very up-and-down match at Stowe on Saturday. Through good bowling by Walthew and Pearson, Stowe were 127 for 7, but then, after lunch, recovered so well as to declare at 262 for 8.

Similarly, the School lost three wickets making 41, but through a magnificent attacking innings by Gilmour, and

*A recent picture of the Bedford School XI. Back row (left to right): G. D. Bedford, N. E. Walthew, M. A. Murray, C. T. Oakley, M. N. Griffith and R. P. Tutt. Front: J. D. Poustie, J. M. Pearson, C. D. Gilmour (captain), P. H. Spray and R. G. Caister.*

then defensive batting by Strong and Tutt, they managed a creditable draw.

### STOWE

C. P. Murphy b Walthew	18
R. H. Goodchild lbw b Benford	10
E. S. Davies b Pearson	30
D. W. J. Garrett b Gilmour	14
A. G. Fyfe c Poustie b Pearson	14
A. R. G. Scott-Gall b Walthew	17
R. S. D. Johnson b Benford	65
M. P. A. Mellish c Murray	0
Pearson not out	8
J. Gronow not out	45
C. J. T. Yane not out	31
Extras	12

Total (for 8 wks. dec.) 262

Walthew two for 72, Benford two for 50, Pearson three for 68.

### BEDFORD

P. H. Spray b Fisher	9
Benford b Johnson	2
C. D. Gilmour b Fisher	67
J. M. Pearson c Davies b Vane	6
J. D. Poustie b Vane	2
Tutt run out	32
Strong not out	52
Caister b Fisher	13
Dalzell c Garrett b Fisher	1
Murray not out	6
Extras	5

Total (for 8 wks.) 195

Fisher four for 60, Vane two for 24.



## Bedford and District League

# First success

**A**N eighth-wicket partnership which yielded 40 runs helped Pertenhall to record their first league victory of the season.

### PREMIER DIVISION

#### Stagsden v. Wyboston

Wyboston: C. Folbigg 4, W. Peet 39, D. Folbigg 16, D. S. Folbigg 26, J. Dakin 6, D. Ber-rill 5, R. Davison 4, H. Earnes 16, N. Hall 4, V. Pell not out 0, K. Wells 1, extras 8, total 129.—T. Brooks six for 67.  
Stagsden: J. Willmott 3, W. Waterman 11, K. Brooks 1, A. Bodkin 14, T. Brooks 8, R. Hocking 6, J. Alder 0, R. Tite 5, J. Flute 0, A. Judge not out 3, R. Taylor 4, extras 2, total 56.—V. Pell nine for 30.

### DIVISION I

#### Blunham v. Southoe

Blunham: R. Harding 15, O. Moore 24, K. Reid 24, R. Raw-lins 11, S. Reid 23, M. Winters

1, R. Reid 20, F. Tester not out 32, D. Gates not out 5, extras 7, total (for seven wkts.) 162.—Hewitt three for 45.

Southoe: J. Rampley 49, K. Darnell 0, J. Wright 0, S. Hew-itt 1, R. Speed 25, G. Hagger 0, H. Egerton 0, R. Stockley 3, C. Hagger 3, R. Hagger 0, I. Darrington not out 0, extras 6, total 87.—R. Reid four for 29, R. Rawlins five for 44, F. Tes-ter one for 7.

### DIVISION II

#### Pertenhall v. Great Staughton

Great Staughton: R. Holmes 15, D. Fensome 0, W. Pell 5, A. Dawkes 32, K. Davison 12, L. Newman 6, A. Davison 3, T. Bayford 1, B. Fensome 0, M. Davison not out 10, N. Bass not out 4, extras 12, total (for nine wickets dec.) 100.—K. Woolston six for 40, W. Pres-land two for 20, R. Short one for 20.

Pertenhall: R. White 4, B. Franklin 3, R. Short 3, R. Wal-ler 7, R. Thompson retd. 44, F. Roddis 13, V. Roddis 8, K. Woolston 1, H. Short 13, P. Presland 0, W. Presland not out 3, extras 11, total 111.—L. Newman six for 41, W. Pell one for 21, A. Dawkes one for 22.

#### Felmersham v. Wood End

Felmersham: T. Longstaff 0, D. Boyle 0, K. Cockings 18, K. Marsh 8, B. Cockings 16, P. Lawson 20, J. Mackenzie 0, G. Hulatt 9, G. Constant 0, D. Kew not out 0, T. Constant 0, extras 2, total 73.—G. Bam-bridge four for 7, B. Keens four for 37.

Wood End: G. Bambridge 3, C. Fuller 3, J. Saunders 11, T. Gough 0, D. Studman 4, A. Ayres 0, B. Keens 6, T. Bur-raway 8, K. Millard 4, G. Bar-ker not out 0, T. Gough junior 1, extras 1, total 41.—T. Long-staff seven for 13, K. Marsh three for 4.

### DIVISION III

#### Wrestlingworth v. North Crawley

Wrestlingworth won by 88 runs. N. Clarke did well with both bat and ball—23 runs, five wickets for 4 runs.

Wrestlingworth: D. Coupe 3, W. Daisley 1, D. Wasik 0, R. Redmond 1, N. Clarke 28, E. Huckle 4, J. Bloss 13, V. Bent-ley 0, T. Hutchinson 18, B. Williams not out 14, S. Shaffey 8, extras 4, total 94.—R. Emer-ton two for 21, F. Savage two for 22, E. Speechley four for 40.

North Crawley: P. Hatton 4, T. Caves 0, F. Eeles 0, F. Savage 0, G. Clarke 2, G. An-der-son 2, R. Emer-ton 0, D. Bishop 0, V. Savage 0, E. Speechley 0, S. Goodman not out 0, total 8.—N. Clarke five for 4, B. Williams five for 4.

### DIVISION IV

#### Marston II v. Blunham II

Marston II: T. Owen 9, D. Perrin 22, R. Berry 7, D. Stapleton 0, V. Hale 1, D. Bushby 0, M. Ellis 29, R. Copperwheat 0, G. Robinson 22, G. Denton 0, D. Wooding not out 6, extras 7, total 103.—W. Page four for 30, S. Brunt two for 30, L. Baldwin two for 15.

Blunham II: I. Wakefield 2, S. Brunt 33, R. Wakefield 0, W. Page 10, P. Chapman 1, P. Ransome 9, R. Armiger 4, P. Fordham 3, I. Jeffries 5, L. Baldwin 0, R. Buck not out 5, extras 4, total 76.—G. Denton three for 8, D. Stapleton three for 14, D. Bushby two for 6.

## STRUGGLED THROUGH

### Great Barford v. Renhold

Great Barford march on into the next round of the East Bedfordshire Shield (Junior Section). M. Maskell wrecked Renhold's chances with brilliant bowling figures of 9 overs, 3 maidens, 25 runs, 7 wickets. Renhold eventually struggled to 64, K. Rabbit contributing 24.

Renhold: R. Harlow 8, K. Edwards 0, F. Brockett 6, G. Harlow 17, A. Duncombe 1, P. Harlow 0, K. Rabbit 24, R. Brumwell 1, P. Swann 0, R. Norman not out 0, C. King not out 6, extras 1, total (for 9 wkts) 64.

Gt. Barford: I. Robinson 11, B. Mardlin 10, P. Johnson 1, M. Lee not out 17, P. Calvert 0, J. Breeze 15, A. Evans 9, M. Maskell 3, T. Mardlin not out 5, extras 1, total (for 7 wkts) 72.

# Bedford and District League Second wicket pair put them in a winning position

A SECOND-WICKET partnership between S. Stephenson (20) and R. Wagstaff (30) helped Sharnbrook to victory over Hail Weston. Another feature was some fine bowling by D. Martin, five for 11.

### Premier Division

**Little Staughton v. Dean**  
Dean: J. Hewitt 2, R. Horn 5, B. Stringer 14, M. Deighton 11, H. Lilly 12, E. Braddock 5, O. Hopkins 17, F. Hart 0, A. Allen 2, P. Hewitt 0, M. Squirell not out 1, extras 6, total 75.—Chamberlain six for 17.  
**Little Staughton: C. Stapleton 10, M. Hanks 0, J. Woolston 20, B. Robins 17, M. Henderson not out 21, J. Chamberlain 3, D. Huckle 0, S. Robins 9, extras 6, total (for 7 wickets) 112.**

### Marston v. Thurlough

Thurlough: D. Berrill 69, R. Berrill 6, K. Wagstaff 4, A. Ellison 24, A. Pensone 10, J. Warner 11, C. Berrill 27, M. Berrill 7, W. Norman 3, A. Smith not out 0, extras 20, total (for 9 wickets) 179.—C. White four for 4, F. Trussell three for 57.  
**Marston: F. Lilly 7, A. Bunker 0, Al. Bunker 0, K. Lilly 7, C. White 2, A. Knight 5, O. Robinson not out 10, D. Faulkner 0, F. Trussell 0, B. Hudson 0, A. Goodman 5, extras 5, total 41.—M. Berrill six for 19, W. Ellison three for 17.**

### Division II

**Wood End v. Partenhall**  
Partenhall: F. White 2, B. Franklin 4, R. Waller 0, H. Short 6, W. Presland 21, F. Roddis 1, R. Short 9, V. Roddis 2, J. Fitz 12, R. Thompson not out 3, P. Presland 0, extras 4, total 62.—J. Wood four for 24, B. Krens three for 13, B. Banbridge three for 24.  
**Wood End: B. Banbridge 1, C. Fuller 10, J. Saunders 6, B. Krens 3, M. Ayres 13, T. Burrasway 6, K. Millard 0, J. Wood 0, D. Whitworth 1, D. Bosworth not out 5, T. Cough 2, extras 7, total 56.—R. Short five for 20, W. Presland five for 28.**

### Division IV

**Great Barford v. Blunham II**  
Great Barford II: D. Robert 0, A. Horley 2, K. Cooper 0, G. Usher 7, R. Bundy 4, P. Usher 3, J. Browning 0, J. Keightley 26, A. Hill 1, D. Gentle not out 4, D. Abraham 2, extras 2, total 51.—Chapman four for 19, Baldwin one for 7, Ranson three for 20, Page one for 9, Buck one for 4.  
**Blunham II: I. Wakefield 20, K. Beane 14, W. Page 2, P. Chapman 0, P. Ranson 5, R. Wakefield 4, L. Baldwin 8, P. Fordham 14, R. Armiger 11, B. Buck 11, J. Jeffries not out 0, extras 6, total 95.—Usher three for 20, Hill three for 23, Robert one for 3.**

### Sharnbrook v. Hail Weston

Hail Weston: M. Arnold 6, P. Saunders 12, J. Mott 12, J. Pigg 8, J. Walcock 0, D. Arnold 19, E. Cutts 0, P. Nobles 2, G. Gottrell 4, D. Potter 0, D. Barts not out 0, extras 4, total 75.—E. Stevenson one for 15, D. Martin five for 11, R. Wagstaff two for 10, P. Smith one for 2.  
**Sharnbrook: J. Edwards 0, R. Wildman 5, S. Stephenson 20, R. Wagstaff 30, D. Martin 7, D. Cockings 0, P. Smith 2, M. Stringer not out 3, C. Dunkley not out 6, extras 8, total (for 7 wickets) 81.—E. Cutts one for 4, F. Saunders two for 4, D. Arnold one for 10, P. Nobles two for 5.**

### Marston II v. Tempsford

Marston II: T. Owen 0, P. Hale 4, R. Berry 12, D. Stapleton 28, M. Ellis 4, C. Caves 7, V. Hale not out 1, extras 8, total (for 6 wickets) 64.—C. Jackson three for 18, R. Bettells two for 16.  
**Tempsford: G. Taylor 7, R. Fuller 13, K. Ingram 1, C. Beaumont 0, D. Eaton 5, G. Hicks 3, C. Jackson 4, R. Bettells 0, J. Beaumont not out 0, W. Rambridge 0, J. White 2, extras 4, total 44.—P. Hale five for 9, D. Stapleton three for 19, D. Bushby two for 13.**

## EASY FOR CASUALS

Bedford Casuals easily accounted for Wing on Sunday. Opening bowlers John Day and Philip Heaps broke the back of the batting and Eldridge and Bevan cleaned up the "tail". Malcolm Theobald followed with an unbeaten half century. Wing 102. (A Robinson 31, S. Bevan three for 19, P. Heaps three for 20, D. Eldridge two for 24, J. Day one for 34); Casuals 103 for 2 (M. Theobald not out 54, P. Heaps 27).

### Brookhirst Igranic v. Luton Old Boys

Igranic: P. Ladbury 7, P. Morris 5, B. Moore 2, A. Howe 10, B. Hunt 3, T. Cummings 6, B. Chinn 38, D. Kedge 11, W. Asplin 0, A. Burnage 18, J. Comley not out 4, extras 14, total 118.—Pemberton 10.2-4-14-5.  
**Luton OB: 96 for seven.—Hunt 8-1-23-1; Morris 10-5-11-2; Asplin 10-5-17-2; Comley 7-0-34-2. Match drawn.**

### Brookhirst Igranic 2nd XI v. Kempston East Methodists

Igranic lost half their side for seven runs before Howe and Figg put on 33 towards victory.  
**Methodists 69: Paul 21, Newman 20.—Hutchings three for 10, Loundes three for 8.**  
**Igranic 72 for 6: Howe not out 26, Figg 27.—Newman three for 21.**

### Pye Radio (Cambridge) v. Brookhirst Igranic

Igranic: P. Ladbury 10, P. Morris 0, B. Moore 20, D. Robinson not out 61, D. Ferguson 1, B. Chinn 6, D. Kedge 10, T. Cummings 1, J. Comley 5, G. Collins not out 1, extras 7, total (for 8 wickets declared) 122.  
**Pye Radio 29, Morris 7-0-16-5, Comley 6-4-2-13-5.**

### Kempston Ramblers v. Hunting Aircraft

Ramblers: C. Whitworth 42, P. Haynes 13, A. Caves 0, A. Davis 6, F. White 9, I. Cole 6, A. White 18, R. Harding 9, G. Titchmarsh not out 7, extras 14, total (for 8 wickets dec.) 124.  
**Hunting: 125 for 6 (A. Large not out 40).**

**Diemer's 94 (Turner 21, Joshi 20, Irvine 19); Odhams 96 for 5 (Turner three for 22). Diemer's 120 for 4 (Bichener 62 retired, Ebbs 29, Brooks 2-25); Kempston East Methodists 96 (Titmas 18, Thompson 15, J. De Broise four for 20, Irvine three for 10).**

## SCHOOL DEFY MCC

Bedford School batted very well to earn a draw against a strong MCC side on Tuesday. The visitors were mostly drawn from Minor Counties players, and opening bowlers Stewart and Cook, two Middlesex II men, had a long spell. They were followed by Appleyard, the Hertfordshire captain, but the School lost only five wickets—two by run-outs—before rain curtailed play.

### MCC

P. H. Jacques c Tutt b Walthew 19  
S. W. Snippey b Banham 103  
R. G. Wilson run out 105  
T. W. Morkill c and b Benford 37  
J. M. Gason c Griffiths b Spray 21  
A. V. Flowering not out 3  
J. W. R. Smith not out 8  
Extras 7  
**Total (for 5 wickets, dec.) 204**

### BEDFORD SCHOOL

P. R. Spray c Morkill b Stewart 18  
Griffiths run out 31  
C. D. Gilmore c Smith b Morkill 9  
J. M. Pearson c Gadaby b Appleyard 21  
Strong run out 22  
J. D. Fountle not out 21  
Tutt not out 5  
Extras 3  
**Total (for 5 wickets) 127**

## Whose cup?

Final of Bedford Hospital Cup has been fixed for Thursday, July 18, in Bedford Park, starting at 6 p.m. Our choice for the final? Bedford "A" v. St. Neots. Henlow or Ickwell, past winners, will be out to upset this forecast, and, of course, there is also the tantalising possibility of a Town "A" v. "B" final.

Wednesday night shock was the eclipse of Harpur "A" (73 for five) by Sandy (75 for two). Here is the fourth round draw:—

1. Wrestlingworth or North End v. Bedford "A" or Stevington.
  2. West Indians or Henlow v. Igranic or Dean.
  3. Great Staughton or Bedford "B" v. Sandy.
  4. St. Neots v. Ickwell "A" or Bedford Argus.
- To be played between June 24 and July 6.

The first semi-final, 1 v. 2, will be played on July 9, and the second, 3 v. 4, on July 11, both games being in Bedford Park.

## Charles was there!

That fabulous West Indian, J. D. Charles, is at it again. In a match against the Bedford School Staff on Wednesday evening he thrashed 106 runs (and then retired) out of the West Indians' total of 148 for six. The fact that the outfield was heavy with rain and Mr. W. Rushworth, no mean bowler (he finished with five for 59) was pitted against him, meant little to Charles, who collected over 1,600 runs last season from 40 innings. Unfortunately rain ended the game after the West Indians 1½ hour knock, but the School will certainly remember this man with the fantastic "eye".





Dr. J. D. Heaton (above), President of Kempston Ramblers, will lead an XI against his own club in Kempston Park this Sunday (2.30 p.m.). Former and current County players in Heaton's side include Sid Morris and Don Jenkins.

## To open with home game

THE Eagles will open next season with a home Southern League game against Dartford—on August 24.

## Boost for Town CC

Once again Harpur are Bedford Town's guests for tomorrow's President's Day at the Bury. Harpur will come smarting from a surprise defeat in the Hospital Cup on Wednesday, while Bedford have the boost of a splendid win on Tuesday over Honor Oak Park. In that game John Brown hit an unbeaten century out of the Town's total of 245 for 5, after Honor Oak were all out for 244.

Unfortunately, holidays will affect the Town tomorrow: Ingledeu, Peel, and Mordue are among those unavailable.

During the tea interval, that famous old cricketer, Captain Percy Burke, will present his bat to Brian Stapleton, adjudged Harpur's most improved player last season.

Teams:

**Bedford:** D. Hoare (capt.), W. Chamberlain, N. Cooley, J. Brown, A. Greene, W. Bushby, P. Oakley, M. Glaister, T. Sills, B. Ebbs.

**Harpur:** R. Webster (capt.), G. Fensome, M. Theobald, R. King, E. Middleton, J. Newman, B. Stapleton, K. R. G. Williams, P. Gilbert, B. Cornell, M. Ranson.

# SPORTS DIARY

## CRICKET

### TODAY FRIDAY HOSPITAL CUP

Ickwell v. Bedford Argus.  
Bedford "A" v. Stevington.  
Great Staughton v. Bedford "B".

### SATURDAY

Bedford Town v. Harpur.  
Ickwell v. Bedford II.  
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Rodegian v. Harpur II.  
Biggleswade v. Henlow.  
Henlow II v. Biggleswade II.  
Southill Park v. Wisbech.  
Old Warden v. Southill II.  
Kimbolton v. Ickwell II.  
Kempston v. Kettering Southgate.  
Hinxworth v. Langford.  
Castle Ashby v. Sharnbrook.  
North End v. E.E. Stevenage.  
Turvey Park v. Rushden Wanderers.  
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### BEDFORD LEAGUE Premier Division

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#### Division IV

Maraton II v. Sharnbrook.  
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### SUNDAY

Reading v. Bedford Town.  
Bedford II v. Letchworth Tabulator.  
Harpur v. Henlow.  
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Southill Park v. St. Giles.  
Papworth v. Ickwell.  
Weston v. Hinxworth.  
Sharnbrook v. Colworth House.

North End v. Wharley End.  
Tickford v. Turvey Park.  
Stewartby v. Crayke.  
Highway v. Flitwick.  
Phoenix v. Diemer's.  
Kempston Ramblers v. President's XI.

### TUESDAY

Bedford School v. Felsted School.

### WEDNESDAY EAST BEDS SHIELD (Semi-Final)

Queens Works v. Ickwell.

### THURSDAY

Bedford Thursday v. Wellingborough.  
Postals v. Diemer's.

Talking Sport with

Spectator

# Town CC should aim big

"IT'S a setting fit for the Australians" said Captain Percy Burke, when watching the Bedford-Harpur game at The Bury last Saturday. And, of course, next year the Australians will indeed be here, playing the Minor Counties in a two-day match.

STAGING the game will be a great honour but also a great challenge for the Bedford club. "I wish we knew how many people are likely to come," secretary Ray Stokes told me. "So far we have arranged for a stand to accommodate a thousand people, and we may extend this."

Only by advance sale of tickets can the club get any indication of the "gate". There should be several thousands, but always cricket is in the hands of the weather. My own view is that the club must aim big—if the Aussies don't pull people in, who can?

Given health and strength—and he survived a knock-down by a car recently—Bedfordshire cricket's G.O.M., Capt. Percy Burke, will certainly be there.

Now in his 84th year, his memories of the game are sharp as ever, but I hope he fulfils a promise to put some of his reminiscences down on paper. For the moment here is just one.

The game was Bedfordshire v. Kent II on the Goldington Road ground and the usual Kent wicketkeeper was absent. As Capt. Burke came to the wicket for Bedfordshire, the new man behind the stumps asked him,

"What shall I do?—I've never kept before." Capt. Burke replied, "Just stand back and stop them." The newcomer? L. E. G. Ames.

## New—to us

OUR columns boast a wide variety of sports, but I doubt if we have mentioned draughts before. However, Mr. F. W. Groves, headmaster of Brickhill Junior School, writes to tell us that Andrew Gartland beat Charles Macleod in the final of the Lower School draughts tournament. Good for Andrew. Perhaps he will now graduate to chess, which is very popular in the Upper School. In a recent tournament Christopher Jowett and Bernard Majer were declared joint winners after three inconclusive games.

## No division

THE playing of sport on Sunday is a controversy I would not care to debate; obviously there are sincere views held on either side. The Vicar of Sharnbrook clearly sees no division. This Sunday, Sharnbrook Cricket Club are again meeting a Parish Church XI in the afternoon, and the players then join together in 6.30 Evensong. Visitors will be very welcome—at the cricket and at the service.

## Names, please

MR. S. T. Morris would still welcome more names for the Bedfordshire Colts cricket matches. "It's impossible for us to get round to see all the young players," he tells me. "We rely on the good will of club secretaries and schoolmasters to send us names and addresses—then we can have a look at them." Mr. Morris's address is 18 Gloucester Road, Bedford.

## LOSS TO RUGBY

A WIDE circle of friends will mourn the passing of one of Bedford Rugby Club's great pre-war players, Ronnie Eidsforth. A dependable full back with a fine kick and penchant for the drop goal, Mr. Eidsforth joined the Town Club straight from Bedford School in 1924-25 and played up to the war, gaining county caps for East Midlands and Eastern Counties.

His playing days over, Mr. Eidsforth continued to give to the game by serving on the Town Club committee, and in 1954 he was honoured by life membership.

His son Tony, who is in the RAF, recently played for Cranwell at Goldington Road against the Bedford Wanderers.

Aged 55, Mr. Eidsforth is also survived by his wife and two daughters, and at Tuesday's cremation service at Woking, a great friend and as-



sociate of his in the Sun Insurance, Mr. N. J. Timmins, represented the Town Rugby Club.

# BEDFORD COULD HAVE ITS OWN TEST MATCH NEXT TUESDAY

INTEREST in the Bedford Hospital Cup is now running high and a top spot comes this evening when Bedford Town "A" take on Bedford North End in the Park, 6.30 start. Winners will meet Bedford West Indians, victors over Igranic on Wednesday, in the first semi-final next Tuesday.

Contesting the second semi-final (also in Bedford Park next Thursday) will be St. Neots who beat Ickwell on Tuesday, and Bedford Town "B" who put out Sandy on Wednesday.

The three quarter-final games played this week contrasted in style but all were exciting affairs.

It was something of a miracle that any were played in a rain-ridden week, St. Neots and Ickwell finishing up enveloped in rising mists on St. Neots Common, and the Wednesday evening ties being touch-and-go after heavy rain during the day.

At St. Neots a new wicket had to be cut before play was possible around 7 o'clock, and the home side then hit up a massive 140 for 7 off 18 overs R. Davison (44) and C. Drew (39) being top scorers.

Ickwell, who certainly had the worst of the conditions, and would probably have had an appeal to abandon the game upheld had they asked for it, replied with a courageous 103 all out, K. Ballard contributing 27. [The evening before these two teams had met at Ickwell in the St. Neots Carnival Cup and St. Neots were again winners, replying with 61 for 3 to Ickwell's 59 all out].

On Wednesday afternoon the West Indians—Igranic tie was reported to be off as the Bedford Park was too wet. In the end play was allowed (other friendly matches scheduled were cancelled), and the West Indians made 108 for 8 in 18 overs, Larry Young being top scorer with 37. Igranic struggled hard but were always a bit behind, finishing with 80 for 9 (B. Moore 25).

At the Bury the same evening the Town "B" and Sandy mounted probably the most extraordinary match of the competition. Sandy were all out for 37, collapsing to Ron Linger who took six for

20. Skipper Andrews's decision to put Sandy in seemed well justified.

But in their turn the Town "B" found runs scarce on a very soft wicket and rather grassy outfield. It took 15 overs to discover the 38 runs required though the Town were not really troubled as only three wickets were lost. When Rischmiller hooked for four off the last-but-one ball it was the first and only boundary of the game.

The date for the final is Thursday, July 18, in Bedford Park (start 6 p.m.), and we hold to our prediction of two weeks ago for a Town "A"-St. Neots clash.

Many, however, will be hoping for a first final appearance by that colourful band, the West Indians, and Tuesday's semi-final when they meet the winners of the Town "A" and North End could draw as large a crowd as the final.

Certainly the organisers—and those who will benefit from the collections—will not grumble if it does.

*Larry Young . . . top scorer for West Indians on Wednesday evening.*



## TONIGHT'S TEAMS

Bedford Town "A":— D. F. Hoare, J. Brown, W. Chamberlain, N. Cooley, F. K. Breeze, D. White, A. Ingledew, P. Oakley, S. T. Morris, B. Peet, W. Bushby.

North End:— E. Arnold, R. Smith, D. Pickering, C. Sanders, W. Beardmore, D. Dodson, D. Budd, D. Brooks, J. Payne, G. Birtwhistle, J. Scullion.



The expressive hands, the broad grins, suggest Bedford West Indians were doing well when our photographer caught prolific run-getter Gregory Charles (left) and Percival Fisher with a couple of supporters.

## TOWN PLAY CURTIS

Bedford Town 1st XI go to Mill Hill tomorrow and do not, as published in the fixture card, play at the Bury.

Holidays hit most of the teams, and of the 1st XI Glaistor, Bushby, Heaton and

Sills are unavailable. Linger and White are deservedly promoted, and Curtis, the former Bedford Modern School player who is now at Sheffield University, has his first outing for the club this season. Teams:

1st XI (leave 12.45 p.m.): D. J. P. Hoare, J. B. Brown, W. Chamberlain, E. Ebbs, N. Cooley, A. Curtis, S. T. Morris, A. Ingledew, P. J. Oakley, R. White, R. D. Linger.

2nd XI (Bury 2.15 p.m.): C. S. Andrews, E. J. Peakes, E. Taylor, A. Renwick, T. Magga, D. Price, E. S. Smith, K. Rischmiller, R. Daniels, D. T. Matthews, M. Hooke.

Ramblers (leave 1.15 p.m.): D. F. Bennett, T. B. Woolliscroft, P. W. Scrivener, F. K. Breeze, T. Thomas, C. Whiting, P. Kirk, P. Woolston, M. I. Wilson, G. Smith, A. N. Other.

Sunday 1st (Bury 12 noon): J. B. Brown, P. J. Oakley, A. Ingledew, W. Chamberlain, N. Cooley, E. Ebbs, M. Glaistor, E. J. Peakes, A. Curtis, A. Renwick, C. Roffo.

Sunday 2nd (leave 1.15): E. S. Smith, T. B. Woolliscroft, D. T. Matthews, K. Rischmiller, K. Winter, T. Thomas, P. Woolston, P. Kirk, M. Hooke, J. A. T. Saul, A. N. Other.

## Netherway claims eight

Ted Netherway bowled 18 consecutive overs and took eight Casuals' wickets for 33 runs for Bedford Sunday 2nd XI. I. Sharp batted well for 50 and was last out.

The wicket had dried considerably when Bedford batted and the ball rose viciously on occasions. But after losing three wickets for nine runs, K. Rischmiller (48 not out) and E. S. Smith (40 not out) guided the Town to a six wickets victory.

### Walker 7-44

Batting between the showers Igranic fell cheaply to Walker (7-44). A last-wicket stand of 33 between Jones and Burnage raised the total to 85, but Skefko won by five wickets.

Igranic 85 (Jones not out 24); Skefko 86 for five (Lewtas not out 57).

### Sandy run-spree

For the second time in a month Sandy gave Igranic some leather hunting to do, hammering 175 for eight. And for the second time (in two days) R. K. Jones stopped a complete Igranic rout with 31 out of 38 in a 9th wicket stand.

Sandy 175 for eight dec. (Chapman 32, Single 38, Spring 37, Jones three for 57, Chinn three for 44); Igranic 112. (Ladbury 29, Jones 31, Page three for 23, Hallworth four for 41).

### Honours even

Sunday afternoon storms passed round Sharnbrook and the match, Cricket Club XI versus a Church XI was barely interrupted by rain. The somewhat inconclusive result was Cricket Club 134 for eight (R. Pacey 35), Church XI 96 for seven (N. Bicknell 30).

### Well caught

Swifts game with Pavenham was highlighted by extremely good fielding from both sides—seven catches were held in all. J. Young and D. Brandon scored more than half Swifts total in an opening stand of 64.

Swifts 122 for five dec. (J. Young 37, D. Brandon 25, P. Bichener 24); Pavenham 83. (G. Barker 20, D. Curtis 19).

### Bedford W.C.C. v. Northampton W.C.C.

Bedford: N. Hunt 7, M. Boothroyd 0, A. Marlow 7, B. Freame 18, E. Henman 10, R. Norman 11, M. Langford 0, S. Fensom 12, B. Harrison 1, V. Lancaster not out 3, A. N. Other 3, extras 5, total 77.—M. James three for 12, J. Cross two for 7, V. Maycock two for 6.

Northampton 65. S. Smart 33, N. Hunt three for 11, M. Boothroyd four for 16, E. Henman two for 14).

Kempston Ramblers v. Elstow Ramblers: C. Skinner 12, P. Haynes 0, C. Whitworth 20, A. Caves 50, A. Davis 5, A. White 0, E. White 11, R. Worrall 9, G. Titchmarsh 0, D. Grey 4, B. Jowett not out 17, extras 6, total 134.—Perry three for 12, Simpson three for 41.

Elstow: D. Potter 0, C. Brown 1, G. Dick 39, B. Fry 1, P. Studolph 6, J. Scullion 12, P. Simpson 6, P. Brotton 21, F. Fry 7, P. Perry not out 0, P. Cork 6, extras 5, total 102.—Jowett six for 21.

Hobkirk's 96 (Crisp 32, Kennedy 24, Partridge four for 26, Turner two for 30); Diemer's 91 for nine (Turner 36, Salter 20, Binstead 12, Kennedy seven for 31, Bennett two for 26).

# Hit 62—and the stumps eight times

**OAKLEY'S G. Hislop** was in devastating form with both bat and ball in a Division I game against Maulden. After contributing 62 not out—including four sixes and three fours—to his side's total of 143 for eight declared he clean bowled eight batsmen in ten overs at a personal loss of only nine runs. And Maulden were all out for 17.

Played six—won five! That is Great Barford's record to date. Latest success was in convincing style against Staploe.

For Felmersham, D. Barker sent back seven Great Staughton batsmen—and had only four runs scored off him. For Hall Weston, R. Burnage took six for 5.

## PREMIER DIVISION

### Stagsden v. Clapham

Stagsden: K. Brooks 1, J. Alder 0, A. Bodkin 21, J. Willmott 3, T. Brooks 0, R. Hocking 4, G. Newman 3, R. Tite 3, P. Hulance 0, R. Taylor not out 0 extras 3, total (for 9 wks.) 35—H. Kent four for 13.  
Clapham: R. Devereux 13, T. Buck 5, T. Jones 17, A. Cottingham 2, A. Henman 0, M. McCulley 14, A. Ward 14, J. Hullat 4, M. Pass 9, R. Nicholson not out 0, H. Kent 2, extras 5, total 85.—T. Brooks four for 16.

### Little Staughton v Thurlleigh

Little Staughton: B. Hopperton 0, C. Stapleton 14, J. Woolston 1, M. Henderson 54, M. Banks 17, R. Robins 6, S. Robins not out 16, C. Chamberlain 1, D. Huckle not out 17, extras 1, total (for 7 wks. dec.) 127, extras 1.  
Thurlleigh: D. Berrill 0, R. Berrill 27, K. Wakstan 15, A. Fensome 1, W. Norman not out 9, J. Warner 10, R. Ellison not out 5, extras 1, total (for 5 wks.) 68.

## DIVISION I

### Oakley v. Maulden

Oakley: J. Briggs 1, B. Worker 7, D. Curtis 20, J. Saunders 6, R. Saunders 11, C. Bird 1, G. Hislop not out 62, D. Hulatt 24, P. Saunders 0, extras 11, total (for 8 wks. dec.) 143.—Burgoinne two for 33, Billington two for 8.

Maulden: M. Burgoinne 2, A. Jones 1, A. Billington 0, B. Billington 6, R. Turner 1, T. Lee 1, P. Pedley 0, F. Fisher not out 2, J. Swannel 2, B. Fisher 0, extras 2, total 17.—Hislop eight for 9, Curtis one for 6.

### Renhold v. Blunham

Blunham: R. Harding 6, D. Moore 0, K. Reid 21, S. Reid 15, M. Winters 9, R. Rawlins 8, R. Reid not out 9, D. Gates 2, R. Tokens 2, P. Fordham 2, W. Fordham 2, extras 5, total 81.—King one for 14, Carter one for 16, Stapleton three for 19, Harlow five for 27.

Renhold: R. Harlow 4, K. Rabbit 11, K. Harlow not out 17, D. Stapleton 0, H. Rawlins 4, P. Brockett 3, W. Harlow 5, A. Duncombe 3, Stapleton 3, A. Kluz 0, P. Carter 0, extras 6, total 56.—R. Reid five for 18, W. Fordham four for 16, R. Rawlins one for 16.

## DIVISION II

### Staploe v. Great Barford

Staploe: D. Brittain 26, I. Daniels 0, M. Bentham 1, M. Waits 1, R. Daniels 10, M. Staughton 0, I. Mills 1, R. Mills 6, B. Mills 6, R. Radcliff not out 1, W. Scutcher 0, extras 2, total 54.—A. Evans four for 28, M. Maskell five for 25.  
Great Barford: I. Robinson 11, B. Mardlin 0, M. Lee 21, P. Johnson 10, A. Evans not out 21, total (for 3 wks.) 63.

### Felmersham v. Great Staughton

Felmersham: D. Bove 1, T. Longstaff 8, K. Cockings 0, K. Marsh 26, J. Mackenzie 11, B. Cockings 15, D. Barker 0, O. Hulatt 25, G. Constant 5, C. Lovell 6, D. Kew not out 0, extras 15, total 112.—L. Newman four for 22.

Great Staughton: R. Holmes 0, N. Brass 1, A. Davies 0, W. Fell 8, D. Fensome 1, L. Newman not out 6, T. Bayford 0, J. Miller 0, K. Davison 2, M. Davison 0, J. Maile 0, total 18.—D. Barker seven for 4, T. Longstaff three for 14.

## DIVISION IV

### Cople II v. Wilden

Cople II: E. Cambers 6, P. Robinson 17, A. Corn 10, J. Norman 5, E. Hull 26, B. Yerrill 13, H. Smith not out 12, J. Newbury 0, C. Minney not out 11, extras 3, total (for 7 wks.) 103.  
Wilden: D. Stanton 9, R. Fowler 2, R. Stone 0, J. King 2, B. Pask 15, A. McDougall 10, L. Stanton 11, T. Towler 3, K. Stanton 0, D. Fenson 0, C. Briars not out 0, extras 2, total 54.

### Sharnbrook v. Great Barford II

Sharnbrook: K. Wright 0, E. Bundred 0, D. Martin 6, J. Giddeons 7,

P. Smith 21, D. Moon 36, S. Stephenson 27, R. Wildman 12, C. Dunkley 42, D. Cockings 21, R. Wagstaff not out 1, extras 9, total 182.—Keightley five for 71, Gentle four for 64, Hill one for 31.

Great Barford: J. Keightley 3, A. Shortley 3, A. Bryant 0, D. Probert 0, I. Gentle 6, P. Usher 1, D. Thomas 5, T. Mayhew 0, T. Hill 4, R. Abraham 1, D. Gentle not out 5, extras 9, total 37.—Martin one for 7, Smith four for 8, Moon one for 4, Dunkley one for 6, Stephenson one for 4.

### Hall Weston v. Marston II

Hall Weston: F. Saunders 6, M. Arnold 36, J. Mott 10, D. Barnett 18, E. Cutts 5, D. Arnold 1, A. Briars 7, P. Nobles 5, R. Bunnage not out 0, D. Potter 0, J. Davidson 6, extras 5, total 99.—D. Stapleton seven for 26, P. Hite one for 27, D. Darlow one for 20.

Marston II: T. Owen 0, D. Bushby 3, R. Berry 1, D. Stapleton 0, D. Darlow 0, P. Hale 1, M. Ellis 3, G. Drinton 1, J. Hale 4, P. Parker not out 1, D. Wooding 0, extras 4, total 18.—R. Bunnage six for 5, E. Cutts four for 9.

### Tempsford v. Blunham II

Tempsford: G. Taylor 1, R. Fuller 0, E. Ingram 0, C. Hicks 16, D. Eaton 29, R. Bettles 2, J. Wildman 2, M. Bettles 0, J. White 17, J. Beaumont 0, K. Pavenly not out 3, extras 7, total 77.—Baldwin two for 23, Ranson two for 16, Page four for 20, Buck two for 10.

Blunham II: I. Wakefield 15, R. Ashwell 20, P. Ranson 3, R. Wakefield 17, E. Clarke not out 32, L. Baldwin 0, R. Clarke 0, R. Buck 2, W. Page 6, P. James 0, R. Lawrence 0, extras 8, total 100.—Hicks two for 25, Wildman four for 7, Beaumont two for 7, Ingram one for 5.

# SPORTS DIARY

## CRICKET

### SATURDAY

Mill Hill v. Bedford.  
Bedford II v. Mill Hill II.  
Hunting Sports v. Bedford Ramblers.  
Harpur v. Ickleford.  
West Indians v. Harpur II.  
Halleybury and ISC v. Bedford School.  
Ickwell v. North End.  
Cryselco v. Stony Stratford.  
Bromham Nomads v. Sharnbrook.  
Argus v. Casuals.  
Westwood Sports v. Southill Park.  
Southill II v. Hinxworth.  
Old Warden v. Diemer and Reynolds.  
Waterlows v. Flitwick.  
Flitwick II v. Kents II.  
Kempston v. Olney.  
Wellingsborough II v. Swifts.  
Hunting Aircraft v. Ickwell II.

## BEDFORD LEAGUE

### Premier Division

Clapham v. Little Staughton.  
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### Division IV

Sharnbrook v. Marston II.  
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## SUNDAY

Bedford v. Peterborough (noon).  
Papworth v. Bedford II.  
Harpur v. Eaton Green.  
North End v. LBC Stewarby.  
Turvey v. Wellingsborough Castle.  
Hunting Aircraft v. Cryselco.  
Queens Works v. Sharnbrook.  
Sawdon v. Southill Park.  
Southill II v. Peterborough II.  
Simpson v. Diemer's.  
Knebworth Park v. Ickwell.  
Biggleswade v. Hinxworth.  
Kempston Ramblers v. Studham.  
Bedford Phoenix v. Roxton.

## TUESDAY

### HOSPITAL CUP

#### First Semi-final

Bedford Town 'A' or North End v. West Indians.

## WEDNESDAY

Kimbolton School v. Gentlemen of Bedfordshire.

## THURSDAY

New Chesterton v. Bedford Thursday.

### HOSPITAL CUP

#### Second Semi-final

St. Neots v. Bedford Town 'B'.

## BOWLS

### TODAY

Swan, Woburn v. Bedford Jubilee.  
Stewartby v. Janes Ltd

## SATURDAY

Buckinghamshire v. Bedfordshire at Denham.  
Bedford v. Luton Memorial.  
Bedford Jubilee v. Potton Ladies.  
Russell Park v. Olney.  
Luton Co-op v. Stewartby.  
Ablington v. Bedford Borough (home and away).  
Luton West End v. Priory.  
Willington v. Flitwick.  
Cryselco v. Sandy.  
Queens Works v. Kinsbury.

## SUNDAY

Bedford Borough v. Crouch Hill.

## TUESDAY

Bedford v. Bedford West End.  
Bedford Jubilee v. Maulden.  
Bedford Borough v. St. Neots.  
Cryselco v. Crickes Club.

## WEDNESDAY

Stewartby v. Bedfordshire Executive.  
Flitwick v. Greshborough.

## THURSDAY

Langford v. Bedford.  
Bedford Borough v. De Parys.  
Blagley v. Priory.  
Willington v. Cryselco.



# NO MAN, 55 WAS NOT ENOUGH

**F**ROM Edgbaston to Bedford Park, Tuesday was just not West Indies day. "Man, 55 is plenty," said one hopeful at the close of Bedford West Indians Innings, but skipper Gregory Charles was a little more cautious: "Bedford have got to get them—we can still win." But 55 was not enough off 20 overs, and the Town, after a couple of shocks, went sedately into next Thursday's Hospital Cup final. Their opponents—last night's winners of the St. Neots-Town "B" clash.

A very big crowd—the collection of over £34 was a record for any semi-final tie—would have dearly loved to see West Indians push up a few more runs. Eighty or so might have made the Town "go" a bit. But Bushby and White, who shared the 20 overs, were pretty quick and very steady, and much as West Indies desired to score faster they just could not.

"We just don't meet such quick and accurate stuff," said Charles who himself fell to a beauty from Bushby which nipped in on the prolific scorer after he had collected only four runs.

Perhaps one or two of the early men tried to go too quickly too soon and lost their wickets in consequence. But it is doubtful if the game was played again that West Indies would get many more, certainly as Bushby and White bowled that evening and against the crafty field placing which was stationed to save runs and not win wickets.

The Town's 56-2 reply was not too impressive. There was near sensation when Griffiths bowled Hoare with his first delivery, and was then no-balled twice in the same over. At the other end James inflicted Chamberlain to a very testing over—a maiden. Twice Chamberlain scuttled the ball perilously near his stumps.

After this there was only a superb catch by Young off a full-blooded hook by Cooley to raise West Indies hopes and disturb the Town's progress to victory in the 16th over.

## County calls hit Town

With only 15 players registered, the Town "A" side may be "scratching" for an XI for next Thursday's final, as four of those players—Chamberlain, Cooley, Oakley, and Bushby—are chosen for the County against Staffordshire.

That match is at Luton, so there is always the chance of an early finish and a dash back to Bedford for the final.

The remainder of the County side is J. Smith (captain), A. W. Durley, G. Dawson, B. D. Robinson, M. Whitmore, M. Crouch, and R. Bailey.

### WEST INDIES

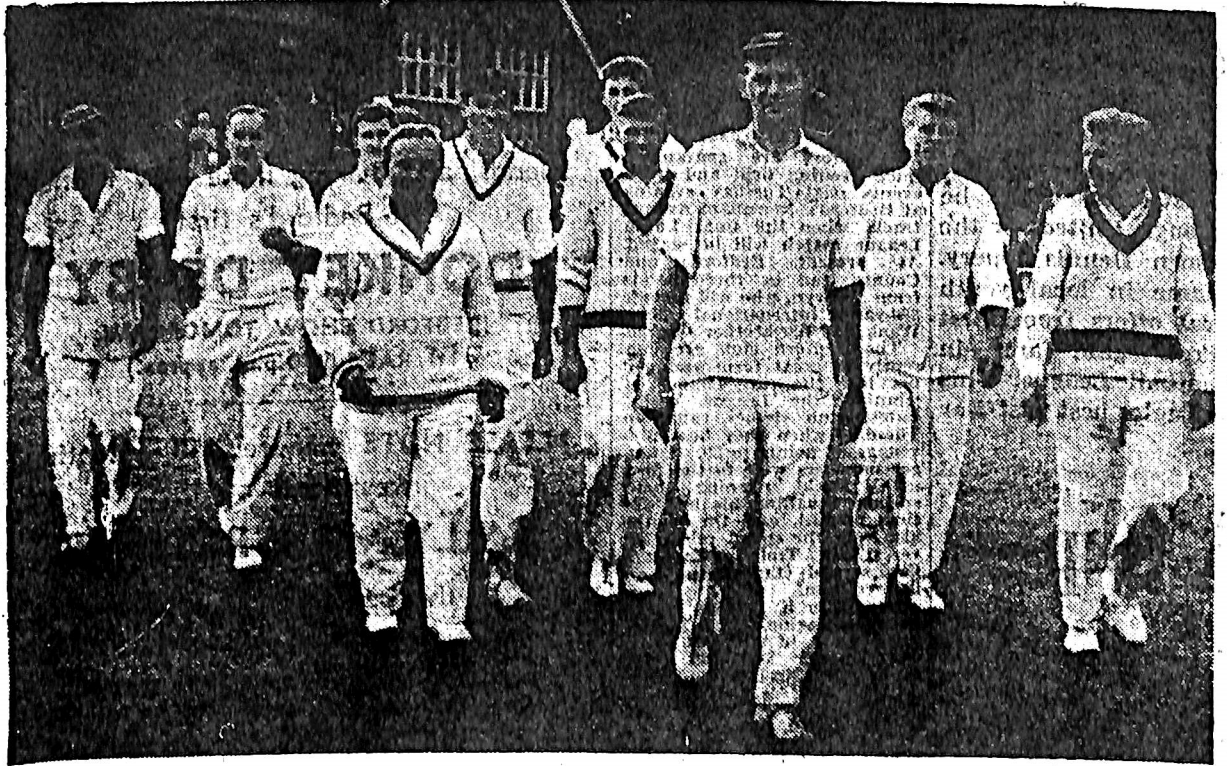
G. Brown	c	Brown	b	Bushby	..	1
R. Griffiths	b	White	..	..	..	2
G. Charles	b	Bushby	..	..	..	4
L. Young	b	White	..	..	..	7
G. Luke	b	Bushby	..	..	..	4
P. Fisher	b	Bushby	..	..	..	17
G. Riley	b	White	..	..	..	5
E. Reid	b	White	..	..	..	4
D. Cephas	b	Bushby	..	..	..	1
E. James	not out	..	..	..	..	5
Extras	..	..	..	..	..	5

Total (for 9 wickets) .. 55  
W. Husbands did not bat.  
Bowling: R. White 10-1-28-4; W. Bushby 10-2-22-5.

### BEDFORD

D. Hoare	b	Griffiths	..	..	..	1
W. Chamberlain	not out	..	..	..	..	25
N. Cooley	c	Young	b	Griffiths	..	15
B. Peet	not out	..	..	..	..	12
Extras	..	..	..	..	..	3

Total (for 2 wickets) .. 56  
J. Brown, A. Ingledeu, J. Mordue, P. Oakley, W. Bushby, R. White, and F. K. Breeze did not bat.  
Bowling: E. James 6-1-15-0; R. Griffiths 6-0-22-2; W. Husbands 2-1-0-4-0; G. Charles 2-0-12-0.



Above, David Hoare leads out the victorious Town side, while below are the West Indians' openers, Brown and Griffiths.

## Tried hard to get a decision

AFTER having the misfortune to lose all but 30 minutes of the first day because of rain on Saturday, the Australian Women's Touring team and the Eastern Counties Women played some attractive cricket before a small crowd at Wardown, Luton, on Monday. The match ended in a draw with the Australians 58 runs behind and six wickets in hand.

Despite the set-back on Saturday, both sides decided to make a game of it and East declared at their overnight total of 18 for no wicket. The Australians, after losing one wicket for 8, also declared.

In the second innings East's wicketkeeper, Ruth Westbrook (61) figured in a fine partnership with her captain, Celia Robinson, who scored 53. Both players took exactly 127 minutes to put on their 50.

Audrey Disbury, coming in at number four, batted solidly and had scored an unbeaten 17 when East declared at 145 for five.

Australia were 20 for three when Amos and Jude came together and took the score to 89.

Muriel Picton then came in to play out time with Amos.

### SCOREBOARD

EAST	
1st Innings	
C. Robinson (Kent) not out	5
J. Ellidge (Kent) not out	10
Extras	3
Total (for no wkt. dec.)	18
2nd Innings	
C. Robinson (Kent) c Banfield	53
b Thomson	1
J. Ellidge (Kent) b Picton	61
R. Westbrook (Kent) b Picton	17
A. Disbury (Kent) not out	17
P. Crain (Beds and Herts) c and b Towers	4
M. Pilling (Kent) st Jude b Picton	6
Extras	3
Total (for 5 wks. dec.)	145
O. Forshaw, V. Hesmondhalgh, P. Duberley, S. Hughes, I. Cranwell did not bat.	
Bowling: Picton three for 17; Thomson one for 19	
AUSTRALIA	
1st Innings	
S. Banfield not out	0
L. Denholm c Ellidge b Hesmondhalgh	8
Extras	0
Total (for 1 wkt. dec.)	8
2nd Innings	
S. Banfield b Hesmondhalgh	1
L. Denholm bow b Pilling	14
J. Wady b Pilling	4
F. Amos not out	22
M. Jude run out	46
M. Picton not out	8
Extras	2
Total (for 4 wks.)	97
N. Wilson, J. Goldsmith, L. Kitcher, P. Thomson, C. Towers did not bat.	
Bowling: M. Pilling two for 25, V. Hesmondhalgh one for 27.	



# High drama in cup

## Brilliant century

A brilliant century by Malcolm Theobald and a hard-hit 54 by Peter Eldridge enabled Bedford Casuals to total 197 against Bedford Town II at Goldington Bury on Sunday. The runs were scored in just over two hours, and only Mordue, who bowled extremely well to take seven for 50, was able to stem the flow.

The Town side made no attempt to go for the runs, and the game petered out into a tame draw with their score at 131 for five. Smith was unbeaten with 50.

## SIX IN A ROW

Brookhirst Igranio suffered two defeats, making it six in a row.

On Saturday, a fine spell of bowling by Robinson (six for 39) and Jones (four for 10) had Letchworth Tabulators struggling on a drying wicket and back in the pavilion for 52. But again Igranio's batting failed. Only Robinson (10) reached double figures. They were out for 41.

On Sunday at Newport Pagnell, 73 was all Igranio could muster. Ladbury played some fine shots for his 30. Newport got the runs for the loss of five wickets.

**Elstow v. Bedford Swifts**  
Swifts never looked like reaching Elstow's 123 for nine declared. In their worst display of the season, with no batsman reaching double figures, they only managed 50 runs. For Elstow Simpson took eight for 15.

**Swifts v. Thurleigh**  
As if to make amends, Swifts achieved an easy win, reaching the 106 set them for the loss of only two wickets. Openers Young and Brandon again played extremely well, Young contributing 36, and P. Bichener 32 not out. Thurleigh declared at 106 for eight (J. Thorne 33 not out). T. Farrington took five for 22.

**Kempston Ramblers, taking first knock against Goodrich** scored fairly quickly to get 163 for nine. A. Davis played confidently for 50 not out.

Goodrich replied with 108 for six, three of their wickets being claimed by D. Locke at a cost of 20 runs.

**FANTASTIC!** How else can one describe a Hospital Cup final which had everything. In a sensational climax at Bedford Park last night Bedford Town slumped from a seemingly certain winning position at 113 for 3 off 19 overs to 135 for 9 at the close.

Thus it was St. Neots' cup for the first time ever, a triumph for the Davison family, in particular Peter, who clean bowled three men in the 20th over to switch the game dramatically.

Bedford's four County men were still at Luton so both sides were short. There was

a shock when Richardson was given out caught at the wicket in White's first over—the batsman clearly thought it had come off his leg. Fordham went at 9, and St. Neots were in the toils, until the brothers Davison sent the score leaping from 17 off six overs to 61 off 12 before Peter Davison also fell to the wicketkeeper. Younger brother Robert continued with two successive fours off White but on 44 (out of a total of 72) he pulled a delivery from Breeze into his wicket.

Bedford were not done with the Davisons yet, for now came father Harry—no slouch he for an over fifty—and he and Darnell saw the 100 up off 18 overs before Brown's fine running catch dismissed Darnell. With wickets in hand St. Neots chased to the end to a very useful 139.

With his side requiring six an over Hoare early produced a useful "clump"—a hook for

six—and 16 off two overs looked impressive. Mordue departed and the rate dropped until Hoare thrashed 16 off the eighth over from P. Davison.

Next over Davison had revenge getting Hoare caught, but with Feet at his cheekiest, backed by Morris and Brown, the Town kept abreast of the task (100 in the 17th over) until the procession started in P. Davison's 20th over.

**ST. NEOTS**

A. Davison b Breeze	44
R. Richardson b Sheppard b White	0
D. Fordham b Breeze	9
P. Davison c Sheppard b Breeze	20
R. Darnell c Brown b Breeze	26
P. Davison b Mordue	24
R. Shepher b P. Davison	11
J. Shaw run out	13
C. Freeman not out	3
Extras	8
Total (for 8 wickets)	139
Bowling: B. White 3-0-46-2; P. K. Breeze 12-1-21-3; J. Mordue 4-0-14-0.	

**BEDFORD**

D. Hoare c Currington b P.	36
J. Mordue b Storey	8
P. Feet b P. Davison	39
S. T. Morris c H. Davison b Storey	9
J. Brown c Currington b Storey	11
R. Shepher b P. Davison	11
A. Ingledew b P. Davison	0
P. K. Breeze b P. Davison	0
R. White b Storey	0
J. Matthews not out	5
Extras	15
Total (for 9 wickets)	135
Bowling: Storey 12-0-59-4; P. Davison 10-2-49-8; Darnell 3-0-12-0.	

## Tragic blow

Regular St. Neots players missing from the match were wicketkeeper Albert Jackson and leading bat Clive Drew. Both were involved in a serious car accident returning from a match at Peterborough on Sunday evening. Jackson's wife, Maureen — they had been married only a few months — was killed, and Jackson and Drew received severe injuries. St. Neots players wore black armbands for last night's match.

# Saved — by their last pair

Forty-two for nine. And another 23 runs needed to win. It looked black for Cople against Oakley. But their last pair, B. Minney and A. Thacker, found their best form, putting on 32.

**PREMIER DIVISION**

**Stagsden v. Thurleigh**

Stagsden: K. Brooks 4, J. Alder 4, A. Boddin 26, W. Waterman 10, T. Brooks 16, J. Willmott 7, A. Dinnett 5, R. Hocking 2, R. French 0, R. Tilt not out 0, A. Judge 0, extras 9, total 84.—M. Berrill five for 37.

Thurleigh: D. Berrill 9, R. Berrill not out 34, A. Fensome 0, A. Ellison not out 36, extras 5, total (for 2 wickets) 84.—T. Brooks two for 33.

**Little Staughton v. Clapham**

Little Staughton: C. Stapleton 9, B. Hopperton 4, J. Woolston 0, M. Henderson not out 46, R. Robins 25, M. Banks 0, D. Huckle 1, J. Chamberlain 2, J. Robins 9, C. Stringer 2, R. Henderson not out 0, extras 2, total (for 9 wickets dec.) 100.

Clapham: R. Devereux 37, T. Buck 10, F. Jones 8, D. Ward 6, A. Henman 4, A. Cottingham 6, M. Pass 1, W. Kent not out 1, Cleay not out 1, extras 8, total (for 7 wickets) 82.

**Wyboston v. Marston**

Wyboston: W. Feet 0, C. Folbigg 7, D. S. Folbigg 2, R. Cox 9, D. Folbigg 0, T. Dakin 2, H. Barnes 12, A. Usher 4, D. Hughes 1, V. Pell not out 6, K. Wells 0, extras 1, total 44.—A. Goodman six for 15, C. White two for 10.

Marston: A. Knight 1, A. Bunker 4, Al. Bunker 11, K. Lilley 10, F. Lilley 6, C. White not out 0, D. Faulkner not out 9, extras 5, total (for 5 wickets) 46.—D. Hughes two for 8, T. Dakin two for 10.

**DIVISION I**

**Oakley v. Cople**

Oakley: J. Briggs 28, B. Worker 1, D. Curtis 5, G. Saunders 14, R. Saunders 2, G. Hishop 1, C. Bird 3, D. Hulatt 0, B. Everest not out 3, P. Bird 0, M. De Franco 3, extras 6, total 64.—Minney six for 17.

Cople: E. Fowler 0, P. Jennings 0, B. Huffey 3, G. Halliday 5, D. Shingler 26, A. Hart 0, E. Street 0, M. Cambers 0, J. Cambers 4, B. Minney not out 24, A. Thacker 10, extras 2, total 74.

**DIVISION II**

**Pertonhall v. Great Barford**

Pertonhall: J. Filing 1, B. Franklin 5, H. Short 0, R. Waller 21, R. Thompson 23, W. Roddis 18, W. Presland 1, R. Short 3, F. Roddis not out 0, R. White 0, C. Milne 0, extras 1, total 73.—Maskell six for 27.

Great Barford: T. Robinson 7, B. Mardlin 2, J. Breeze 0, M. Lee 15, C. Calvert 1, A. Evans 4, T. Mardlin 0, M. Maskell 19, B. Sutherland 5, J. Cooper not out 1, D. Gentle 0, extras 3, total 57.

**Falmersham v. Roston**

Roston: A. Franklin 3, G. Jefferies 17, R. Minney 0, M. Watson 14, K. Tester 3, M. Larkins 15, P. Keightley 1, H. Thomas 0, W. Stapleton 8, M. Rowlands not out 1, J. Bradley 0, extras 3, total 63.—D. Barker three for 19, T. Longstaff two for 14, K. Marsh two for 15, B. Cockings two for 12.

Falmersham: D. Boyle 11, T. Longstaff 14, K. Cockings 1, K. Marsh 6, J. Mackenzie 30, B. Cockings 18, D. Barker 1, P. Lawson not out 12, G. Hulst 6, T. Albury 5, T. Constant 2, extras 3, total 108.—P. Keightley four for 29, W. Stapleton four for 44, M. Larkins two for 32.

**DIVISION III**

**Cople II v. Thurleigh**

Cople: F. Robinson 5, E. Cambers 1, A. Corn 15, E. Hull 17, H. Smith 17, B. Yerrill 8, J. Norman 15, J. Newbury 3, C. Minney 2, C. Thacker 0, R. Hull not out 0, extras 6, total 84.—Clayton four for 5.

Thurleigh: T. Hollerwell 41, P. Hooker 5, S. Asplin 1, J. Berrill 2, R. Hollerwell 1, J. Thorne 31, J. Wagstaff run out 10, M. Papworth 3, J. C. Thorne 0, extras 8, total (for eight wickets) 102.

**Renhold v. Wrestlingworth**

Wrestlingworth: G. Hoy 21, R. Redmond 0, K. Standen 0, D. Wasik 0, N. Clark 7, G. Coupe 14, J. Bloss 9, T. Hutchinson 28, W. Daisley not out 8, C. Jenkins 2, C. Davis 1, extras 8, total 99.—F. Brockett three for 23, B. Cooke two for 23, G. King two for 28, D. Locke three for 4.

**EAST BEDS SHIELD FINALS**

**SENIOR SECTION**  
Potton 67, Queens Works 68 for six.

**JUNIOR SECTION**  
Great Barford 88 for seven, Blunham 89 for five.

Renhold: P. Harlow 3, B. Brumwell 0, F. Brockett 7, B. Cooke 1, G. Allen 13, T. Constant 12, D. Bevan 8, G. Norman 1, E. Norman 0, C. King 3, D. Locke not out 0, extras 1, total 49.—N. Clarke four for 19, K. Standen two for 21, T. Hutchinson three for 8, C. Davis one for 0.

**DIVISION IV**

**Marston v. Little Staughton**

Marston: T. Owen 12, P. Parker 11, R. Berry 0, D. Stapleton 13, G. Robinson 2, M. Ellis 18, P. Hale 40, D. Bubby not out 5, V. Hale 0, C. Denton 0, M. Smith not out 3, extras 14, total (for nine wickets dec.) 119.—D. Blair five for 37, J. Barnett two for 33, E. Topham two for 7.

Little Staughton: E. Topham 0, R. Kenyon 4, R. Thorne not out 9, Alb. Sanders 1, D. Blair not out 11, extras 2, total (for three wickets) 23.—M. Smith two for 5, P. Hale one for 6.

**Bunham II v. Wall Weston**

Wall Weston: M. Arnold 0, F. Saunders 22, J. Mott 12, D. Barnett 1, A. Albon 7, D. Arnold not out 28, E. Cutts 15, J. Waldeck 0, F. Nobles 7, D. Potter 0, J. Davison 4, extras 4, total 100.—Ranson six for 30, Chapman two for 14, Brunt two for 24.

**Blunham II: 1. Wakefield 2, K. E. Clarke 5, R. Ashwell 8, F. Fordham 6, R. Wakefield 12, P. Chapman not out 10, R. Armiger 5, W. Page not out 2, extras 7, total (for nine wickets) 65.—Cutts one for 8, Saunders three for 9, Arnold two for 11, Albon two for 20, Nobles one for 11.**

# Seven ducks— all out for 15

WITH seven of their batsmen failing to score, Little Staughton II were all out for 15 against Blunham II. Man who did the damage was S. Brunt. His analysis: 5/2 overs, 4 maidens, 6 wickets, 3 runs.

Maulden also struggled for runs against Renhold, whose opening pair put on 114. Maulden, with only eight players, were dismissed for 19.

## PREMIER DIVISION

**Little Staughton v. Wyboston**  
Wyboston: C. Follbigg 0, W. Peet 21, D. Follbigg 1, C. Darlington 5, J. Dakin 9, D. Follbigg 5, V. Pell 4, H. Barnes 7, A. Usher 16, D. Hughes 0, K. Wells not out 0, extras 2, total 70.—R. Robins five for 27, J. Chamberlain three for 31, G. Henderson two for 10.  
Little Staughton: C. Stapleton not out 19, B. Hopperton 3, C. Brown 32, R. Robins not out 13, extras 4, total (for 2 wks.) 71.

## Clapham v. Stagsden

Clapham: R. Sharmar 1, T. Buck 10, T. Jones 21, A. Ward 8, M. McCulley 2, A. Henman 3, R. Pickering 2, J. Hullatt 8, M. Pass 0, R. Nicholson 3, H. Kent not out 2, extras 7, total 67.—R. French eight for 21.  
Stagsden: K. Brookes 2, J. Alder 6, A. Bodkin 5, A. Bonnett 0, W. Waterman 2, T. Brooks 9, G. Newman 8, R. Hocking 3, A. Judge 1, R. Taylor not out 2, R. French not out 1, extras 7, total (for 9 wks.) 45.—M. McCulley four for 5.

## DIVISION I

**Southoe v. Blunham**  
Blunham: R. Harding 2, D. Moore 16, K. Reid 3, S. Reid 0, P. Ranson 1, F. Tester 35, R. Rawlins 4, R. Reid 6, D. Gates not out 10, R. Tokens 6, W. Fordham 12, extras 7, total 101.—C. Hagger three for 33, J. Wright nought for 14, R. Speed four for 35, G. Hagger two for 16.  
Southoe: J. Rampley 1, K. Darnell 0, C. Roberts 0, G. Hagger not out 9, J. Wright 11, R. Speed 5, M. Callaway 1, C. Hagger 0, R. Stockley 0, R. Hagger 0, extras 1, total 28.—R. Reid four for 19, W. Fordham five for 8.

## Renhold v. Maulden

Renhold: R. Harlow not out 62, K. Rabbitt 46, P. Harlow not out 14, extras 11, total (for 1 wk. dec.) 133.  
Maulden: Burgoyne 5, Kent 4, Billington 2, Jones 0, Bone 1, Lee 4, Sinfield 0, Parker 2, extras 1, total 19.

## DIVISION II

**Great Staughton v. Pertenhall**  
Pertenhall: B. Franklin 2, R. White not out 37, J. Flitz 2, R. Waller 8, H. Short 0, R. Thompson 0, R. Short 1, F. Roddis 13, V. Roddis 5, W. Presland 5, P. Presland 0, extras 10,

total 80.—J. Miller seven for 34, N. Bass two for 9, L. Newman one for 19.

**Great Staughton: R. Holmes 4, N. Haas 12, T. Barford 2, D. Pensonie 6, A. Davison 2, L. Newman 5, A. Dawkes 9, J. Miller 4, M. Davison 3, J. Malee not out 0, K. Davison 1, extras 10, total 68.—W. Presland six for 25, R. Short three for 23.**

## DIVISION III

**Cople II v. North Crawley**  
Cople: P. Robinson 1, J. Newbury 14, E. Hull 9, M. Smith 0, J. Norman 0, A. D. Worral 10, R. Hull 0, B. Verrill 0, C. Minney 0, C. Minney not out 3, C. Thacker 0, total 37.—Emerton five for 20, Phillips four for 6.

**North Crawley: T. Caves 6, F. Eales 16, J. Brandon 0, L. Clarke 17, D. Savage 9, B. Phillips 2, D. Bishop 6, R. Emerton 28, F. Stanton 8, A. Neale 6, E. Speechly not out 1, extras 4, total 101.—Smith three for 16.**

## DIVISION IV

**Blunham II v. Little Staughton II**  
Blunham II: I. Wakefield 14, K. Bealey 16, R. Ashwell 2, P. Fordham 0, E. Clarke 2, Brunt 2, M. Armiger 0, R. Wakefield 0, P. Chapman 8, R. Armiger not out 0, W. Page 2, extras 1, total 66.—Quenby eight for 15, Marshall one for 6, Barnett one for 17.

**Little Staughton II: R. Thorne 0, R. Quenby 1, P. Blair 0, P. Marshall 4, V. Banks 0, A. Saunders 0, C. Maddison 0, M. Redmont not out 8, J. Barnett 1, E. Saunders 0, K. Robins 0, extras 1, total 15.—S. Brunt six for 3, M. Armiger three for 11.**

## Marston II v. Caldecote

Marston II: D. Bushby 2, P. Parker 0, V. Hale 5, P. Stapleton 28, G. Robinson 16, M. Ellis 25, P. Hale 4, R. Craddock 0, R. Berry not out 8, G. Denton 0, F. Trussell 14, extras 11, total 98.—J. Baldwin five for 38, F. Tanner four for 34.

**Caldecote: B. Eiliman 7, R. Hayward 9, C. Wheatley 11, J. Clayton 14, D. S. Bygrave 9, B. Humphries 0, F. Tanner 14, G. Baldwin 8, J. Webb 1, M. Hull not out 1, I. Adams 16, extras 1, total 91.—F. Trussell seven for 48, D. Bushby two for 20.**

# Incogniti held

After missing several games because of rain, Bedford School played a strong Incogniti batting side last week. Minney, dropped at nought, scored a fine 63. The School, after a slow start, coped very well with Trumper, a competent spinner, and batted well to reach 185.

## INCOGNITI

M. Hetherington c Murray b Banham	70
P. M. Taylor st Murray b Pearson	47
J. H. Minney c Gilmour b Banham	63
W. D. J. Crawford lbw b Banham	1
D. J. Newton not out	28
Extras	11
Total (for 4 wks dec.)	220
R. Appleyard, R. R. Davies, J. Trumper, P. Appleyard, J. G. Cook, J. C. Millar did not bat.	
Banham three for 67	

## BEDFORD SCHOOL

M. G. Griffiths c and b Cook	21
S. D. McG. Strong c Cook b Trumper	60
C. D. Gilmour b Trumper	59
J. M. Pearson not out	23
J. D. Poustie lbw b Trumper	4
Pritchard not out	11
Extras	8
Total (for 4 wks.)	185
G. D. Benford, Tutt, Murray, Banham, N. Walthew did not bat.	

# Success— at last!

AFTER losing six games on the trot, Brookhirst Igranic stopped the rot with two drawn games—against Amphill and Biggleswade.

An opening partnership of 51 at Amphill set a foundation for a large score of 160 for eight at more than a run a minute. Ladbury looked well set when run out for 42, and a good knock by B. Chinn (38 not out) saw Igranic in run-getting mood at last.

Against Biggleswade Chinn made 68 bringing his weekend average up to 106. When stumps were drawn, Igranic still needed 36 runs with three wickets to spare.

## Three for one

Swifts match with Wellingborough Wanderers was devoid of any good cricket due to the state of the Jubilee Park wicket. No batsmen were able to play strokes.

Only notable achievement was P. Bichener's last two overs when he took three wickets for one run—and almost won the match for Swifts.

Swifts 87 for nine dec. (D. Lain 18; Barrow three for 13). Wellingborough Wanderers 63 for nine (Farrington four for 25).

## Brilliant form

Against Diemer and Reynolds Swifts batsmen struck brilliant form on an almost perfect wicket at Bedford Park. Bichener, in one of his finest innings, helped the score to 100 in the first hour before being bowled for 67.

Diemer's, although batting with extreme confidence, were never quite up with the clock and still needed 49 at the close.

Swifts 188 for eight dec. (P. Bichener 67, R. Lowe 37, I. Ironside not out 39). Diemer and Reynolds 139 for six (Newton 38, Wood 33).



## RAIN RUINS HOLIDAY CRICKET

**R**AIN ruined the holiday cricket programme. Saturday and Sunday were a complete blank and a number of grounds were also deserted on Monday because of the conditions.

Bedford Phoenix managed to complete a two innings match with Leighton Buzzard Rovers.

Leighton Buzzard won the toss and elected to bat, on a pitch which helped the bowlers throughout the day. Batting slowly but steadily the score reached 84 for six by lunch.

Immediately after lunch, Rovers tail collapsed the remaining four wickets toppling for as many runs.

Phoenix, after losing Ambler for nine soon got on top of the bowling, and a fine 59 by D. Moore and 38 by D. Houson, enabled them to declare at 143 for seven.

In the second innings, Rovers were dismissed for 120. Needing 66 to win in 70 minutes, Phoenix lost Butcher for 7, but thereafter the result was never in doubt. Robson, Abbott and Houson scored the

runs with 30 minutes to spare, Phoenix winning by 6 wickets.

Leighton Buzzard Rovers: **First innings** 88 (M. Ambler three for 14, J. Butcher three for 3, N. Endersby two for 17); **second innings** 120 (M. Robson four for 15, N. Endersby two for 2, M. Ambler two for 31).

Phoenix: **First innings** M. Ambler 1, D. Moore 59, A. Ward 13, C. Abbott 2, I. Sharpe 0, D. Houson 38, J. Baker not out 12, N. Endersby 0, J. Butcher not out 13, extras 5, total (for 7 wks. dec.) 143; **second innings**: M. Robson 14, J. Butcher 1, C. Abbott 15, D. Moore 7, D. Houson not out 25, I. Sharpe not out 1, extras 3, total (for 4 wks.) 66.



## Runs were plentiful

RUNS were plentiful in the game on Monday between March Town and Harpur.

March declared at 219 for nine and Harpur replied with 171 for the loss of seven wickets.

Harpur lost Middleton with the total at 14. Page soon followed with the addition of four runs. R. Webster (15) stayed with Fensome until their total reached 44.

C. Newman joined Fensome and this pair carried the score along quickly. They added 75 runs until Newman (38) was caught in the deep. The score was 119 for four. Fensome carried on to score a classic 57.

March looked to be in a winning position, at 132 for seven and 30 minutes to go. But Norcott (28) and Ronayne (17) remained undefeated at the close.

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## SAME RESULT

Earlier this season, Colworth House defeated Sharnbrook in a Hospital Cup tie. Sharnbrook then challenged them to a return match on their ground.

Again, the match resulted in a win for Colworth House, this time by an even larger margin. Opening batsman W. Taylor (20) gave Colworth House a brisk start after the visitors had won the toss. Then, A. L. Brown (59 not out) aided by T. P. Baker (22), completely demoralised the Sharnbrook attack.

Sharnbrook faced a total of 118 for five, made in 18 overs. They never looked like getting the runs. Only J. Shayler and J. Boyles batted with any fluency against the accurate pace bowling of J. L. Aston and D. Chance. Sharnbrook replied with 70 for eight.

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## Comfortable victory

Goldington Juniors played Little Staughton in a friendly match at Goldington Green on Tuesday, and gained a comfortable victory.

Little Staughton: T. Reeves 2, J. Woolstone 14, A. Saunders 1, G. Henderson 5, F. Marshall 0, C. Stapleton 0, D. Stapleton 0, G. Barrett 2, G. Swales 9, B. Brown 4, C. Henderson not out 0, extras 4, total 41.—D. Linger four for 23, M. Small six for 14.

Goldington: M. Faulkes 0, P. Stanton not out 12, M. Baker 12, C. Whiting 0, D. Linger 7, M. Small not out 0, extras 11, total (for four wkts.) 42.—R. Marshall one for 15, G. Henderson three for 10.

## RUN RIOT

Brookhirst Igranic needed only 57 minutes to reach a target of 133 set by Harpur II. Ladbury scored not out 85, for Igranic.

Harpur II: K. Ferguson 60, R. Ebbs 0, C. Jones 5, B. Ebbs 6, C. Newman 1, J. Johnson 27, A. Martin 2, M. Ronayne 10, W. Jones not out 5, I. Lees not out 2, extras 13, total (for 3 wks. dec.) 131.—Robinson 13-1-33-4, Morris 16-3-37-2, Comley 4-0-13-1, Ladbury 3-0-11-1.

Igranic: P. Ladbury not out 85, P. Morris 24, B. York 15, D. Robinson not out 6, extras 2, total (for 2 wks.) 132.—C. Newman 6-4-1-36-2.

## Kempston just made it

Kempston's bowlers were in good form at Bletchley. Rodexian were dismissed for 90. R. Craven taking three for 12. In reply, Kempston made a good start, the first pair putting on 29. Eventually, they were 84 for six but finally they passed Rodexian's score with their last pair at the crease.

Rodexian: K. Smith 10, C. Bunyan 0, C. Banfield 5, M. Holman 0, D. Plumb 15, A. Lawrence 6, G. Biggs 21, G. Knight 0, T. Frowerdew not out 24, M. Wright 1, G. Dever-

eux 2, extras 6, total 90.—R. Craven three for 12, R. Atkins two for 17, D. Boyce two for 21.

Kempston: R. Atkins 35, D. Wright 21, R. Gilliatt 1, V. Robson 6, C. Dalvi 16, R. Turner 1, D. Boyce 2, J. Salter 2, K. Brightman not out 1, R. Jackson 3, R. Craven not out 1, extras 2, total (for 9 wks.) 91.—G. Devereux seven for 22, T. Frowerdew one for 27.

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# Talking Sport with Spectator

## WRONG GROUND?

### IS Bedford School the best venue for the County Cricket Week?

Mr. Noel Hobart, 182 Goldington Road, Bedford, writes: "The sooner the powers that be hold it at the Bury, home of Bedford Town Cricket Club, the better".

Mr. Hobart, who says he has been attending County Cricket Week "on and off" since 1935, believes that amenities for the general public at the School ground are practically non-existent.

"No wonder support at the School is so poor," he adds.

I must admit that I was just as surprised at this point of view as Mr. Frank Crompton, County Club secretary.

"It just isn't true," was Mr. Crompton's re-action.

He said that for a full day's cricket, the charge was 2s., including pass-out checks. Seating was also provided—among other facilities.

Personally, I have always found the School ground a delightful spot. And it is nice and central.

Public support might be even less if the ground was changed to a spot two miles away.

Incidentally, Anglia Television cameras filmed the County

in action against Lincolnshire last week. And among those interviewed was Mr. Crompton, now in his 39th year as County Secretary. Originally scheduled for presentation in the programme, "Summertime about Anglia" last Friday, the film had to be held back due to technical trouble.

### Impressive collection

THERE is only one man in Bedfordshire who can show a visitor to his home such a numerous collection of glossy, impressive athletic trophies. That man is Mr. P. J. King.

Mr. King joined the staff of Bedford Modern School in 1922 after graduating from Cambridge University where he was an 880 yd. runner. He did not get his Blue but was "a good average performer".

A year after joining the Modern School, he was persuaded to coach the school athletic team.

Since saying "yes", Mr. King has coached the School team to win the Public Schools Championships at the White City in 1934 and 1948; been a judge at the 1958 Olympic Games; and been either a referee or a judge at international matches against France, Belgium, Poland, the Netherlands, and America—to mention but a few!

Over the years, "P.J." thinks that athletics must have cost him something like £250. All the judging is done voluntarily and the judge or official has to find his own expenses.

### Treasured memories

Mr. King can keep you interested for hours just thumbing through pro-

grammes, medals, and other souvenirs gained over the years. A programme he is particularly proud of is one of 1949 when the Modern School were nominated to run against a Swedish School who were touring Britain. His Olympic identity card and medal are other treasured memories.

And now, Mr. King is retiring from athletic organisation. "My innings," he said with a smile, "has been a long one and an enjoyable one. I re-



tired from international competitions about four years ago. But I wouldn't have missed it for anything."

Although Mr. King will be assisting with coaching periodically at Bedford Modern School, the man in charge will be Mr. J. C. Cox.



Mr. F. Crompton

## Troubled by seam bowler

LINCOLNSHIRE Colts seam bowler Barnes was too good for the Bedfordshire Colts batsmen at the Bury on Tuesday. He took nine for 23 and the County XI were all out for 65. Lincolnshire reached 66 for the loss of three wickets.

In a second innings, the visitors declared at 113 for three. Bedfordshire lost nine wickets in reaching the target with five minutes to spare.

At Market Harborough on Monday, Bedford School batsman P. H. Spray hit 52 for Bedfordshire Colts against Leicestershire Colts.

Bedfordshire declared at 134 for seven, and had taken two Leicestershire wickets for 37 when rain stopped play.

BEDFORDSHIRE COLTS	
P. H. Spray c Fowler b Davies	52
O. Darlow b Davies	20
D. Roberts c and b Austin	33
R. Smith c Fowler b Austin	8
T. Mabbitt c Aldwinkle b Austin	5
F. Moore c Davies b Hughes	3
R. H. Mallows b Austin	2
M. C. Spencer not out	2
Extras	8
Total (for 7 wks. dec.)	134

B. A. Johnson, C. Watts, P. Brotton did not bat.  
Bowling: R. Downend 10-2-22-0, D. Studley 7-1-22-0, N. Austin 15-5-7-34-4, B. Davies 15-2-36-2, G. Hughes 8-4-11-1.

LEICESTER COLTS	
Fowler c Mabbitt b Spencer	10
Bent c Watts b Johnson	0
M. Taylor not out	12
Clements not out	14
Extras	1
Total (for 2 wks.)	37

Bowling: M. C. Spencer 6-2-6-1, B. A. Johnson 4-0-13-1, C. Watts 4-1-8-0, R. H. Mallows 3-0-9-0.

BEDFORDSHIRE COLTS	
P. H. Spray b Barnes	5
O. Darlow b Barnes	8
F. Moore c Richardson b Barnes	3
Howkins b Gray	1
Harris b Barnes	0
B. S. Morris b Barnes	3
M. C. Spencer b Barnes	0
Wintle b Barnes	6
I. E. Weston v Welberry b Barnes	30
C. Watts not out	6
B. A. Johnson c Richardson b Barnes	0
Extras	3
Total	65

Bowling: Barnes 14-4-5-23-9, Gray 15-5-30-1, Bell 1-0-9-0.

LINCOLNSHIRE COLTS	
M. J. Sanders b Spencer	22
A. Richardson b Spencer	17
R. Welberry not out	28
C. Musson b Johnson	1
D. Maslin not out	0
Extras	0
Total (for 3 wks.)	66

Bowling: Spencer 10-2-22-2, Johnson 9-1-3-4-1.

## TO THE RESCUE

### Colworth House v. RAE

Batting on a rain-affected pitch which was drying in the sun. Colworth were rescued from a bad start by the determined batting of Baker (22) and Aston (33). After these two had gone, the side looked in some trouble with the score at 82 for six.

Thompson (27) played a delightful innings, full of strokes, and Chance (22) provided a lusty "tail-enders knock", to enable the home side to declare at 145 for nine.

For RAE, Spencer took four for 21; Aveling three for 27.

Colworth were then faced with the problem of "digging out" the RAE on a pitch which had, by now, dried out. They were forced to rely heavily on the slow leg-spin and googly bowling of D. F. Bristow.

RAE still looked like saving the game but fast bowler Aston provided the vital break-through when he was re-introduced into the attack. And Bristow took the last wicket with a minute to spare, with RAE's score at 70. Bristow's analysis was four for 30.

### Colworth House v. BOCM

On winning the toss, BOCM were opening with a bright opening stand by Handscombe and Fletcher. Subsequently, Short—playing with great determination and hooking strongly at anything short of a length—provided the backbone of the innings, making 43 before being last man out. He fell lbw to Aston, who took five for 34 in 16 overs.

This gave Aston his 99th wicket of the season.

Colworth scored 67 for the loss of Staughton (16). Then Jones (24) and Bristow (23) made a second wicket stand before four wickets tumbled in two overs.

BOCM 113, Colworth 117 for six.

Diemer's Saturday XI lost their first match since June 1 when Hanslope beat them by 18 runs.

Due to the state of the wicket a new one had to be cut. Although Hanslope could only muster 80 Diemer's fared worse and were all out for 62.

Hanslope 80 (McMullen five for 22, Turner three for 33, Joshi two for 4).

Diemer's 62 (Crisp 13 not out, Cooper 12).

## BEDFORD DISTRICT LEAGUE

# Took seven wickets—without cost

WYBOSTON found Marston's A. Goodman in devastating form. He took seven wickets without conceding a run and Wyboston, set to score 107, were all out for 18.

Great Barford totalled 69 at Roxton, P. Usher contributing 31. (20 in boundaries) in a close finish. Roxton were dismissed for 60 thanks to fine bowling by A. Evans, who took six for 16.

### PREMIER DIVISION

#### Marston v. Wyboston

Marston: A. Knight 17, A. Bunker 0, Al. Bunker 31, D. Darlow 0, F. Faulkner 7, M. Ellis 23, R. Claddock 0, D. Faulkner 18, B. Hudson 3, R. Holden 0, A. Goodman not out 1, extras 17, total 107.—D. S. Folbigg three for 13, V. Pell two for 44, C. Darrington five for 33.

Wyboston: C. Folbigg 4, W. Peet 1, D. Folbigg 0, J. Dakin 0, D. Folbigg 1, C. Darrington 2, D. Berrill 0, H. Barnes 0, V. Pell 0, A. Usher 5, A. Wells not out 5, extras 0, total 18.—A. Goodman eight for 6, D. Faulkner two for 12.

### DIVISION I

#### Blunham v. Cople

Cople: E. Fowler 4, B. Jennings 0, E. Street 11, G. Halliday 1, B. Hufey 33, M. Cambers 0, D. Shingler 8, A. Hart 18, B. Minney 15, J. Cambers 13, A. Thacker not out 0, extras 5, total 108.—Fordham seven for 54, Reid three for 49.

Blunham: R. Harding 15, D. Moore 20, K. Reid 0, R. Rawlins not out 30, P. Ranson 1, R. Reid not out 1, extras 2, total (for 4 wks.) 69.—Minney three for 36, Cambers one for 20.

### DIVISION II

#### Roxton v. Great Barford

Great Barford: A. Evans 3, M. Maskell 4, M. Lee 4, B. Mardlin 8, B. Sutherland 0, K. Cooper 5, P. Usher 31, K.

Bedford Swifts 52 (J. Huckle three for 9, P. Smith five for 19), Ampthill 53 for two (M. Lane 14 not out, G. Holder 15 not out).

Elstow 77 (R. Stidolph 30, M. Lynch seven for 22), Goldington Sports 78 (P. Corke four for 43, L. Cant six for 22).

Franklin 6, J. Cooper not out 2, A. Shorley 5, A. Hill 0, extras 1, total 69.

Roxton: A. Franklin 12, G. Jefferies 3, W. Stapleton 4, J. Larkins 0, M. Larkins 2, P. Keightley 17, M. Watson 2, P. Russell 0, T. Kester 15, M. Rowlands 2, T. Gosling not out 0, extras 3, total 60.

### DIVISION III

#### Cople II v. Renhold II

Renhold: Pullinger 0, Jones 13, Joyce 0, Cooke 1, Sean 16, Constant 17, Bullerwell 2, Norman 1, Norman 22, King 7, Bullerwell not out 5, extras 3, total 87.—Robinson three for 22, Hull two for 20.

Cople: B. Cambers 17, J. Norman 0, A. Corn 6, P. Robinson 20, E. Hull not out 24, M. Smith not out 21, extras 5, total (for 4 wks.) 93.

Goldington Sports 72 (B. Edwards 18, A. Single 16), Pulloxhill 69 (D. Clarke eight for 28).

## County matches

Bedfordshire CC play Shropshire on Monday and Tuesday at Market Drayton, and Staffordshire on the Wednesday and Thursday at West Bromwich. Team: D. F. Hoare, M. R. Theobald, G. Dawson, W. Chamberlain, D. Pratt, B. D. Robinson, J. Smith (captain), T. G. A. Morley, P. Oakley, J. Willis, M. Crouch. 12th man: M. Whitmore.

### Bedford WCC v. Cambridge WCC

Cambridge: 118 for seven dec.—S. Fensom three for 31, M. Boothroyd three for 39.

Bedford: N. Hunt 15, M. Humberstone 18, M. Boothroyd 1, R. Norman 9, S. Fensom 0, B. Fream not out 12, J. Perkins not out 4, total (for 5 wks.) 59.

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Oxfordshire Colts v. Bedfordshire Colts (Ilfley Road, Oxford, 11.30 a.m.).

### TUESDAY

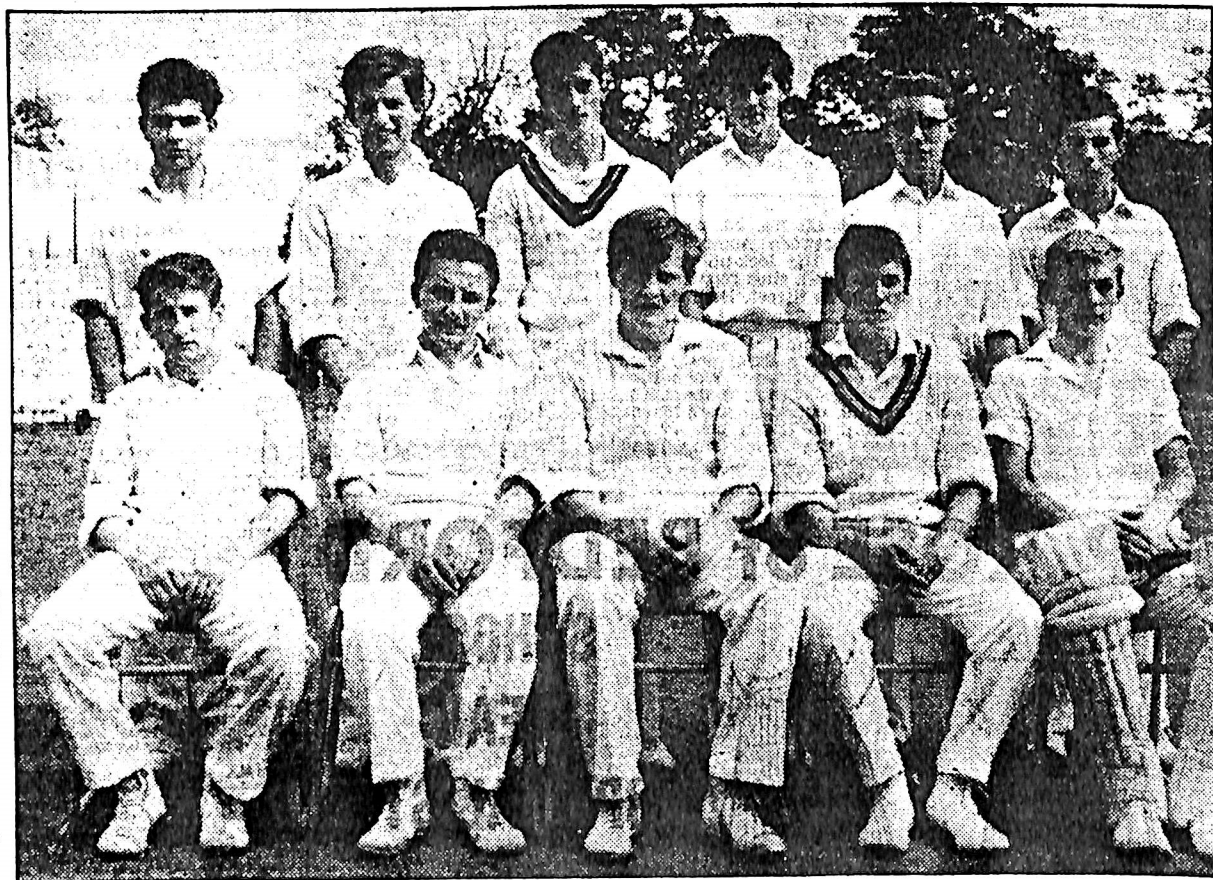
Shropshire v. Bedfordshire (second day).

### WEDNESDAY

Staffordshire v. Bedfordshire (at West Bromwich).

### THURSDAY

Staffordshire v. Bedfordshire (second day).  
Bedfordshire Colts v. Suffolk Colts (at Vauxhall, Luton).  
Bedford Thursday v. Luton Schoolmasters.



*In our photograph taken at the game on Tuesday against Lincolnshire Colts are: back row (left to right): B. Johnson, B. Morris, C. Watts, G. Darlow, R. Harris and J. Wintle; front row: M. Howkins, F. Moore, M. Spencer, P. Spray and L. Weston.*



### Paul Denton In Town First Team

WITH John Willis on holiday, as is Tony Clifton, the Town C.C., away to Letchworth on Saturday, are calling upon Paul Denton to share the opening attack with Brian Johnson.

With John Oliver, Tom Clark and Peter Webley to call upon, there is plenty of variety in the bowling, and the batting is very strong, being solid down to number eight.

Team: D B Robinson (capt), A W Durlley, J A R Oliver, T H Clark, J A Muse, B N Johnson, R J Barker, P M Taylor, P J Webley, P Denton, M J Whitmore.

### Brazier And Wynn Play For Second XI

IN view of the batting strength of the first team, there are no places for either Ken Brazier or Graham Wynn, who have been more or less regulars this season.

Don Rolt is another who has played frequently in the senior side who is included in the second XI which is at home to Hunting.

Team: T D Matthews (capt), K Brazier, G C Wynn, D P Rolt, W P Evans, P Burns, J Cornwell, D T Matthews, M F Smith, B J Taylor, E Yarnell.

Tom Collinson leads a representative Strollers XI at Kempston. Team: T Collinson (capt)

D Tipton, T Crouch, D M Fleet, M A Bailey, N J Connery, D Whitaker, P Mills, C Loke, S Spary, K Millen.

### Shortage Of Bowling On Sunday

ALTHOUGH Terry Matthews is included for the home match with Southgate on Sunday, the Town look pretty short of bowling, and again the pattern is strength in the batting, with Ken Brazier and Richard Lowings being included.

Team: B D Robinson (capt), A W Durlley, K Brazier, R D Lowings, P M Taylor, J A R Oliver, R J Barker, J A Muse, T D Matthews, M J Whitmore, P J Webley.

A second team is being sent to Electrolux as follows: B J Taylor (capt), J Kirby, T Crouch, M F Smith, D T Matthews, R H Evans, M Bailey, A Hall, B G Satterley, D P Rolt, R Cox.

### Mabbitt And Beaumont Return For Vauxhall

TWO changes are being made by Vauxhall Motors for their match with Hazell's at Aylesbury, with Terry Mabbitt coming in for Roy Lloyd, and Beaumont, who had a trial with the Town F.C. last Saturday, replacing Rhodes.

Team: H Hayhurst (capt), H Brown, B Weedon, T Brown, C Bird, D Light, M Wyatt, C Hayes, W Weston, P Beaumont, T Mabbitt.

For their home match with Letchworth II, the second team will be: C Bradbury (capt), C Saunders, C Bradbury, P Rhodes, R Lloyd, R Cannadine, G Brown, R Butt, M Light, R Dench, A Adams.

The third XI visit Ovaltine with: J Finnie (capt), J Baker, J Hopkins, R Mumford, A Tompkins, S Ruffett, P Woods, M Race, B Jenkins, J Wilkinson, A Tripp.

### All-Day Match For The Sunday Team

THERE are two matches on Sunday, with the first team at home to Oakmead (11.30) start, and they will be represented by: R. Lloyd (capt.), R. Claridge, W. Weston, B. Weedon, R. Adams, H. Brown, P. Rhodes, D. Light, R. Coles. C. Bird, T. Mabbitt.

The other team, to visit Standard Telephones will be: C. Hayes (capt.), C. Saunders, A. Evans, M. Light, C. Wright, P. Beaumont, A. Gregory, R. Butt, R. Mumford, A. Hill, A. Tripp.

### TOWN DEFIED WEATHER AT WATFORD

Saturday's storm made inroads into the week-end's cricket programme, but the Town, although they had a few narrow escapes with heavy showers, were able to complete their match at Watford against West Herts. Not so lucky were the second team, whose match against West Herts II at Wardown was abandoned when the storm broke with West Herts 32 for 1.

Two half-centuries by Peter Taylor and Barry Robinson enabled the Town to declare at 168 for 3 wickets. But when play continued after a heavy shower during the tea break, West Herts were quite content to play out time for a draw, and ended the day with 120 for 5 wickets.

A start was made after a sharp shower had held up proceedings, and Luton, put in to bat by West Herts, made a good start with a 49 stand by Taylor and Tom Clark.

The second wicket fell with the score at 75, when Tony Durlley was caught by Davis for 6 before he had time to settle in, and Taylor continued to be the mainstay of the Town innings in a partnership with Robinson which took the score on to 117 before he was caught by Grey for 59.

### VICTORY FOR TOWN ON SUNDAY

Considering the soaking that the wicket took on Saturday, it was somewhat surprising that play was possible against Brondesbury at Wardown the following day.

However this was the case, and Luton declaring at 187 for 4 won the match by the margin of 20 runs. Whitmore with an unbeaten 90 was the top scorer and Wynn achieved his half century in 60 minutes.

The partnership between these two put on 100 in 48 minutes and took the score from 55 to the declaration figure of 187.

Whitmore was particularly aggressive in his batting, and he put on the 50 in 48 minutes. Opening bat Richard Lowings also contributed a valuable 25.

Bowling honours for this match belong almost entirely to Peter Webley who in 19 overs took eight wickets for 74. Brondesbury could provide little answer to the Luton attack, and the other two wickets were claimed by Clifton for 30 runs.

### MOTORS FAILED WITH THE BAT

Vauxhall Motors suffered another defeat on Sunday when they were beaten by 27 runs at Redbourn. Chasing a modest total of 91, Vauxhall failed to get the runs and were all out for 64.

On a lively wicket, Redbourn took 128 minutes to get their runs, with only Hobbs and Champken looking in any way confident. Chris Bird resorted to his spinners with great success and took eight of their wickets for 42 runs. Fielding by the Motors' side was first class, but it was evident that even a total of 91 would take some getting on such a wicket.

Apart from Bryan Weedon with 17 and Peter Rhodes with 15, the Motors' batsmen failed badly and with seven wickets down for 45 it was obvious that they were not going to make it.

### West Herts v. Luton Tn.

LUTON TOWN: T H Clark 24, P M Taylor 59, A W Durlley 6, B D Robinson not out 50, K Brazier not out 19; extras 10. Total (for 3 wks dec) 168; P J Webley, M Whitmore, J A R

Oliver, J Willis, B N Johnson, R J Barker did not bat. Bowling: F Davis 1-44, P Jeal 1-28, C Grey 1-28.

WEST HERTS: A Bell 35, J Chambers 33, B Keelling 0, T Davis 2, F McGrath not out 21, T Hemsworth 11, F Davis not out 4; extras 4. Total (for 5 wks) 120. Bowling: P Jeal, N Harrison, N Davis did not bat. Bowling: J Willis 4-52, J A R Oliver 1-32.

### Luton Tn. Sunday v. Brondesbury

LUTON TOWN SUNDAY: R D Lowings 25, P M Taylor 8, A Allin 4, M Whitmore not out 90, K Brazier 0, G C Wynn not out 50; extras 10. Total (for 4 wks dec) 187. P J Webley, A Clifton, B D Robinson, D P Rolt, R J Barker did not bat. Bowling: P W Taylor 3-59, R White 1-46.

BRONDESBUARY: P Pettit 23, Sturt 8, D Mackrill 23, J W Evans 0, M Idmy 33, A Rose 9, P P W Taylor 0, B Basset 47, R White not out 14, W Poole-Warren 1, J N Evans 2; extras 7. Total 167. Bowling: A Clifton 2-30, P J Webley 8-74.

### Meltis v. Luton Tn. Sunday II

MELTIS: T Dawkin 4, P Cook 0, K Green 23, A Hawksworth 4, R Wilson 56, R Lett not out 23, G Ferguson not out 12, R Wilson 5; extras 10. Total (for 6 wks dec) 137. P Huckle, D Cook, A Easton did not bat.

Bowling: M Smith 3-13, D Matthews 2-32. T D Matthews 1-44.

LUTON TOWN SUNDAY II: B Taylor 23, G Spavins 22, R Jeffery 3, P Burns 5, A Hall 2, T Crouch 10, M Smith 16, D Tipton not out 6, D Matthews not out 3; extras 11. Total (for 7 wks) 101. T Matthews, D Bracey did not bat. Bowling: K Green 1-19, R Wilson 2-29, T Dawkins 3-32, P Huckle 1-10.

### Luton Tn. Strollers v. Kempston

KEMPSTON: D Wright 0, R Atkins not out 75, R Gillatt 9, H Boyce 21, I Willmott 0, V Robson 5, J Denton 2, K Woods 8; extras 13. Total (for 7 wks dec) 133. D Salter, K Brightman, R Craven did not bat. Bowling: M Smith 3-64, D Matthews 3-44.

LUTON TOWN STROLLERS: T Collinson 22, G Spavins 5, D Whitaker 21, D Tipton 17, M Bailey 2, D Hawkins not out 28, P Mills not out 2; extras 11. Total (for 5 wks) 108.

N Connery, E Yarnell, M Smith, D Matthews did not bat. Bowling: J Salter 2-42, R Atkins 3-20.

### Vauxhall II v. Ickleford

VAUXHALL MOTORS II: R Claridge 0, C Saunders 0, P Beaumont 8, T Brown 15, R Dench 8, R Cannadine 12, P Woods 2, A Adams 29, C Wright 0, M Light 7, C Bradbury not out 5; extras 13. Total 99. Bowling: Morris 2-18, Gibson 2-17, C Thurstance 5-23.

ICKLEFORD: C Thurstance 10, S Dawson 0, A Daniels 6, A Gibson 1, L Braybrooke 18, E Thurstance 3, D Kingsmill 8, B Thurstone 0, B Collins 5, D Charter not out 1, M Morris not out 0; extras 5. Total (for 9 wks) 57. Bowling: C Wright 6-20, R Cannadine 2-22, T Brown 1-10.

### Nalگو v. Vauxhall Extra

VAUXHALL EXTRA: C Saunders 18, A Evans 1, A Gregory 0, A Hill 6, R Mumford 12, C Hayes 8, C Wright 0, J Baker 4, T Hall 0, M Light not out 3, R Butt 0; extras 4. Total 56. Bowling: F Neale 1-21, J Hickman 2-18, K Hughes 4-7, K Sharp 2-7.

NALGO: S J Harvey not out 14, C C Glenister 19, F H Neale not out 26; extras 1. Total (for 1 wk) 60. J K Hughes, J Hickman, A Evans, H Seane, A Murphy, K Sharp, W Worthington, D Jones did not bat.

### Redbourn v. Vauxhall Mtrs. Sunday

REDBOURN: H Hobbs 23, B Baxter 0, A Batchelor 2, C Lodge 15, R Champken 25, G Blair 0, J Hobbs 4, F Shingleton 3, R Walton 12, T Torry 4, J Ebdon not out 0; extras 3. Total 91. Bowling: R Coles 1-34, C Bird 8-42.

VAUXHALL SUNDAY: W Weston 1, D Light 7, B Weedon 17, M Wyatt 4, P Beaumont 6, R Claridge 3, P Rhodes 15, H Brown not out 3, R Lloyd 0, R Coles 1, C Bird 0; extras 7. Total 64. Bowling: G Blair 6-21, R Walton 1-20, D Torry 3-16.

### British Legion v. Westoning

WESTONING: T Haynes 10, A Morris 34, D Brown 4, D House not out 10, C Bass 0, A Cleaver 2, B Jellis 11, B Bass 4, A Kemp 1, I Bass 2, R Souster 0; extras 9. Total 105. Bowling: R Henry 2-44, R Downes 2-30, R Brown 1-16, R Allen 3-7.

BRITISH LEGION: M Jones 0, P Foulis 6, R Downes 12, T Whitworth 0, R Henry 4, R Brown 0, R Allen 0, K Stevens 4, M Littley not out 4, S Watson 2, D Skepper 0; extras 0. Total 32. Bowling: D Brown 6-18, M Bass 2-11.

### Chalgrave v. Linslade

CHALGRAVE: M Kingham 1, L Horne 0, C Maughan 0, R Moorhead, H Harris 5, T Wood 2, B Letty, R Peddar 0, P Harris 2, S Wing 0, B Horne not out 1; extras 2. Total 32. Bowling: K Sinfield 3-23, P Fountain 7-12.

LINSLADE: J Baxter 22, S Woodhead 2, B Gazelecly not out 10, T Ford not out 5; extras 0. Total (for 6 wks) 39. K Darling, P Fountain, D Tyson, L Fountain, R Sinfield, I Gitting, K Sinfield did not bat. Bowling: M Kingham 1-10.

### Hazell's v. Hunting

HUNTING: F Twigden 44, A Lutz 1, C Montague 72, E Osbourne 2, K Cook 8, G Chambers 0, R Norris not out 2, P Roberts 1, D Mills not out 0; extras 4. Total (for 7 wks dec) 183.

S Stevens, H Claridge did not bat. Bowling: I Pace 2-31, H Flynn 1-15, A Crook 2-24, B Atkins 2-4, HAZELL'S: M Harman 27, R Cook 35, C Lue 8, D Peel 1, T Brook L, A Crook 10, M Wilson 21, D Norman 1, B Atkins 4, I Pace not out 4, B Flowers not out 0; extras 6. Total (for 9 wks) 118. Bowling: H Claridge 3-41, G Chambers 5-41.

### British Legion v. Marley

BRITISH LEGION (Chalgrave): M Jones 2, W Cady 30, C Hare 11, R Downes not out 19, R Henry 47, M Littley not out 5; extras 0. Total (for 4 wks dec) 120. R Allen, D Peryer, K Stevens, R Baines, P Swain did not bat. Bowling: B Waller 1-23, A Neil 3-63.

MARLEY: M Tyers 2, D Eton 0, A Read 0, B Waller 5, A Neal 1, Blaine 0, D Waller 2, E Foden 3, Watson not out 2, K Neal 2, J Palmer 0; extras 3. Total 18. Bowling: R Henry 4-8, R Down 6-7.

### Igranic v. Hunting

HUNTING: T Twigden 35, Large 19, C Montague 27, E Osbour 8, G Chambers 26, R Norris 3, Ginn 5, D Mills 12, P Roberts 4, Stevens 0, H Claridge not out extras 2. Total 142. Bowling: B Hunt 3-23, J Coad 5-47, W Asplin 1-10.

IGRANIC: P Ladbury 20, P Mor 26, B Moore 0, T Cummings 5, York 4, D Robinson 11, C Gos 12, B Hunt 0, W Asplin 5, A Bura 4, J Comley not out 5; extras Total 93. Bowling: H Claridge 7-52, D Mill 3-40.

### Hexton v. Welwyn

HEXTON: D B Whitaker 49, D Pallott 4, K Walter 0, J Price 21, Cole 22, J Hedges 7, R Price not out 5, M Luing not out 0; extras 8. Total (for 6 wks dec) 116. L Godfrey, D Moore, G Price did not bat.

Bowling: P Hill 4-25, J Leggett 1-11. WELWYN: R Crouch not out 6, J Dear 1, J Travis 14, J Leggett 4, S Bick not out 10; extras 3. Total (for 3 wks) 119. I Furlong, P Hill, A Dixon, J Swain, N Hassard, R Scott did not bat.

Bowling: J Hedges 1-15, G Prid 1-39, J Price 1-45.

**HONOURS LIST**

**BATTING**

*M Whitmore (Luton Town Sunday) .....	90
*R Atkins (Kempston) .....	75
K Palmer (Electrolux) .....	73
C Montague (Hunting) .....	72
P Roberts (Rootes) .....	67
K Priam (Kent's) .....	63
P M Taylor (Luton Town) .....	59
G Turner (Leighton Buz) .....	57
R Wisson (Meltis) .....	56
*B D Robinson (Luton Tn) .....	50
*G C Wynn (Luton Town Sunday) .....	50

\* Denotes not out

**BOWLING**

C Bird (Vauxhall Sunday) .....	8-42
P J Webley (Luton Town Sunday) .....	8-74
P Fountain (Linslade) .....	7-12
H Claridge (Hunting) .....	7-52
R Downes (British Legion) .....	6-7
D Brown (Westoning) .....	6-18
C Wright (Vauxhall Motors II) .....	6-20
C Blair (Redhourn) .....	6-21
G Devereux (Rodexian) .....	5-5
E Jays (Eversholt) .....	5-7
C Thurstance (Ickleford) .....	5-23
C Peters (Bedford Argus) .....	5-34
A Waterhouse (Luton Water Co.) .....	5-39
G Chambers (Hunting) .....	5-41
R Large (Skefko) .....	5-44
J Comley (Igranle) .....	5-47

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**Rodexian v. Kent's**

RODEXIAN: C Bunyan 12, K Smith 19, W Gee 8, A Kelsall 13, C Banfield 1, G Biggs 4, A Lawrence 0, M Holman 5, T Flowerdew 6, M Wright not out 17, G Devereux 2; extras 4, Total 91.  
Bowling: R Shearn 4-38, R Cook 2-31, R Poulter 2-10, M Burgoyne 2-8.  
GEO. KENT'S: G Cook 0, T Thomas 6, E Thurlley 10, R Cook 7, R Shearn 1, G Thurlley 7, L Kempson 0, R Poulter 2, M Burgoyne 0, P Pallett 0, S Roberts not out 0; extras 1, Total 34.  
Bowling: M Wright 1-8, T Flowerdew 1-14, K Smith 3-6, G Devereux 5-5.

**Flitwick II v.**

**Bedford Corporation**

BEDFORD CORPORATION: Stanley 45, Jefford 1, Butt 14, Murphin 12, Pressland 29, Washington 13, Linger 1, Chambers 1, Pridmore 5, Partridge 11, Taylor not out 4; extras 4, Total 130.  
Bowling: D Cheeseman 1-31, A Flower 6-42, P Jeal 3-22.  
FLITWICK II: R Cook 11, L Butler 36, J Butler 36, B Simms 10, K McNair 9, G Clayton not out 9, A Cook not out 11; extras 11, Total (for 5 wks) 133.  
A Flower, M Cook, P Jeal, D Cheeseman did not bat.  
Bowling: Pridmore 3-40, Washington 2-13.

**Whitworth's v.**

**Flowers Brewery**

WHITWORTH'S: D Woodley 1, B Bellamy 7, T Bellamy 0, R Griggs 28, D Eite 0, R Griggs 3, K Gibson 14, F Mawby 1, G Aldwinkle 4, A Aldwinkle 6, L Aldwinkle not out 0; extras 4, Total 68.  
Bowling: R Edwards 3-36, B Smith 3-12, D Trueman 1-12, T Cotes 2-4.  
FLOWERS: B Thompson not out 32, D Trueman 1, D Blowers 6, J Acott 0, R Sheppard 4, R Edwards 4, T Cotes not out 3; extras 12, Total (for 5 wks) 72.  
D Roberts, B Smith, R Britton, L Scholes did not bat.  
Bowling: B Bellamy 1-17, D Eite 3-19, P Griggs 1-10, A Aldwinkle 1-5.

**Hunting v. Rootes**

ROOTES: D Mooney 7, B Cairns 42, H Banes 3, P Roberts 67, H Childerley 36, R Atkinson not out 5, M Peck not out 12; extras 10, Total (for 5 wks dec) 182.  
G Jones, B Frost, D Bridley, J Earley did not bat.  
Bowling: Hinson 2-41, Bishop 1-28, Nelson 1-30.

HUNTING AIRCRAFT: A Lennon 47, D Hinson 2, R Standing 0, C Bishop 9, F Nelson 6, T Braeger 8, K Eyre 0, H Bowen 0, D Morgan 2, W Harding not out 1, J Hughes not out 0; extras 6, Total (for 9 wks) 81.  
Bowling: D Bradley 2-26, R Atkinson 1-25, D Mooney 4-17.

**H. F. Scriven v.**

**Northside (Bury St. Edmunds)**

SCRIVEN'S: M Everett 9, J King 32, R Glencross 2, B Ginner 40, P Carrigan 10, G Richards 0, D Sydee 26, P Gower 0, G Oliver 0, D Eley 3, B Goodman not out 1; extras 3, Total 126.  
Bowling: M Sandry 2-35, K Brown 3-36, R Dutton 4-26.  
NORTHSIDE: Sykes 24, Bishop 11, Smith 17, Howchin 20, Sandry 0, C Dutton 11, R Dutton 14, W Duncan not out 4, K Dutton not out 0; extras 2, Total (for 7 wks) 103.  
Bowling: Sydee 1-14, Ginner 1-22, Eley 2-18, Richards 2-21.

**Luton Water Co.**

**v. Linslade**

LUTON WATER CO: J Collon 22, P Ainsworth 19, R Brown 0, D Allen 7, B Shaw 18, A Skelding 18, R Hedge 3, D Matthews 4, A Waterhouse not out 4, L Wyatt 0, K Barnard 1; extras 6, Total 108.  
Bowling: K Sinfield 2-27, P Fountaine 3-28, J Gibbins 1-8, P Thomas 3-24.  
LINSLADE: P Thomas 19, D Tysom 7, I Fountaine 6, P Fountaine 15, S Woolhead 27, C Tysom 19, R Andrews 4, J Dimmock 0, D Rumiens not out 4, J Gibbins not out 8; extras 0, Total (for 8 wks) 109.  
K Sinfield did not bat.  
Bowling: A Waterhouse 5-39, P Ainsworth 3-44.

**Kent's v. Hazell's Sunday**

HAZELL'S: R Cook 13, M Harmian 8, C Luc 36, K Ennis 0, I Brooks 18, B Atkins not out 29, T Wilks 6, R Haggas 0, B Knowles not out 7; extras 6, Total (for 7 wks dec) 123.  
I Page, H Flowers did not bat.  
Bowling: R Shearn 1-26, J Richmond 3-39, D Roberts 2-32, K Priam 1-20.  
KENT'S: A Thurlow 27, K Priam 63, J Sharp 14, D Roberts not out 10, R Cook not out 8; extras 5, Total (for 3 wks) 127.  
E Thurlley, R Shearn, T Thomas, F Roberts, J Laidler, J Richmond did not bat.  
Bowling: I Page 1-40, B Knowles 1-31.

**Hexton v. Old Barstodians**

HEXTON: B Simpson 10, K Walf 20, J Hedges 0, R Cole 11, A Cra 7, J Price 7, J Hawkins not out 3, Hingram 5; extras 6, Total (for wks) 90.  
F Rouse, G Price, D Moore did not bat.  
Bowling: D Hay 1-17, D Simkin 1-12, R Farrar 2-16, W Whyllie 1-11, A Strange 1-4.  
OLD BARSTODIANS: D Hay 9, J Farrar 20, M Wats 3, B Dewe 0, J Patten 8, M Whyllie 2, D Simkins 1, M Hodge 3, A Gilber 5, B Batcke not out 4, A Strange not out 1; extra 4, Total 72.  
Bowling: G Price 4-21, J Price 5-2

**Leighton Buzzard v. Electrolux**

ELECTROLUX: K Palmer 73, Aynes 28, C Barnes 5, A Dosssey not out 7, C Isaacs 0, D Ford 18, N Pag 0, G Coleman not out 3; extras 1, Total (for 6 wks dec) 138.  
R Holt, C Rance, R Pepper did not bat.  
Bowling: Stock 2-30, Moore 2-11, Hunt 2-24.  
LEIGHTON BUZZARD: Tunna 22, F Moore 3, G Turner 57, C Ada 2, B Edwards 6, Brown 1, R Stock 1, D Gaskell 13, P Tingey 1, Hunt not out 1, Terry 0; extras 3, Total 126.  
Bowling: Barnes 3-29.

**Skefko Sunday v. Luton Old Boys**

LUTON O.B.: K Moores 25, J Hooker 5, G Thurlley 3, B Groom 0, D Clitheroe 10, A Tompkins 11, Cotes 3, C Toyer 1, B Hawes 4, Thurlley 12, S Pemberton not out; extras 11, Total 130.  
Bowling: R Wilkin 1-19, D Sutherland 3-43, A Walker 1-13, R Lar 5-44.  
SKEFKO SUNDAY: R Wilkin 1, J Morris 12, K Taylor 37, R Smith 2, R Large 4, D Vale 1, A Walker 2, V Kulkarni 0, F Sutherland not out 11, D Sutherland 0, J McCormick 0; extras 4, Total 125.  
Bowling: S Pemberton 2-37, B Groom 1-20, C Toyer 3-31, A Tompkins 2-18, D Clitheroe 2-15.

**Skefko v. Luton Old Boys**

LUTON OLD BOYS: K Moores 2, W Hooker 5, G Thurlley 3, B Groom 42, D Clitheroe 10, A Tompkins 11, Cole 3, C Toyer 1, B Hawes 4, Thurlley 12, S Pemberton not out; extras 11, Total 130.  
Bowling: R Wilkin 1-19, D Sutherland 3-43, A Walker 1-13, R Lar 5-44.  
SKEFKO: R Wilkin 7, J Morris 12, K Taylor 37, R Smith 28, R Large 4, D Vale 1, A Walker 2, V Kulkarni 0, F Sutherland not out 11, D Sutherland 0, J McCormick 0; extras 4, Total 125.  
Bowling: S Pemberton 2-37, B Groom 1-20, C Toyer 3-31, A Tompkins 2-18, D Clitheroe 2-15.

**Eversholt v. Bedford Argus**

EVERSHOLT: D Carr 37, P Barr 13, C Garratt 18, B Lawson 1, E Jays 0, J West 7, B Barr 1, M Anite 2, D Cook not out 2, R Lawrence 0, C Hyde 4; extras 5, Total 90.  
Bowling: C Peters 5-34, D Skerman 4-22, R Stevens 1-29.  
BEDFORD ARGUS: B Peters 24, R Anstee 0, A Thorpe 2, J Darlow 19, J Frazer 0, D Linger 1, C Peter 1, R Stevens 0, M Faulits 6, D Skerman 10, G Norman not out 0; extra 4, Total 68.  
Bowling: B Lawson 1-19, M Anite 1-23, C Garratt 3-15, E Jays 5-7.

# Bedford and District League **FELMERSHAM ARE TOPS**

Felmersham made certain of winning the Second Division championship of the Bedford and District Cricket League when they defeated Pertenhall on Saturday.

Congratulations, too, for Great Barford II. After waiting almost two seasons for a win they beat Hail Weston.

## PREMIER DIVISION THURLEIGH v. MARSTON

Marston: A. Knight 1, A. Bunker 6, Al. Bunker 12, K. Lilley 10, P. Faulkner 5, D. Ferrin 3, M. Ellis 3, D. Faulkner 1, G. Robinson not out 5, F. Trussell 0, A. Goodman 0, extras 5, total 51.—M. Berrill seven for 25, W. Ellison one for 12.  
Thurleigh: D. Berrill 1, R. Berrill 0, K. Wagstaff 0, A. Ellison 5, A. Fensome 17, W. Norman 4, C. Berrill 3, J. Warner 6, W. Ellison 5, A. Smith not out 3, M. Berrill 4, extras 6, total 64.—P. Trussell eight for 14, A. Goodman two for 34.

## WYBOSTON v. STAGSDEN

Stagsden: J. Willmott 3, A. Bonnett 1, A. Bodkin 5, W. Waterman 16, K. Brooks 4, J. Alder 0, R. French 5, P. Collier 3, G. Newman not out 16, R. Taylor 0, R. Hocking 7, extras 4, total 64.—V. Pell seven for 23.  
Wyboston: J. Dakin 0, D. S. Folbig 15, W. Peat 18, C. Folbig 5, C. Darlington 20, H. Barnes 1, D. Berrill not out 2, extras 5, total (for 6 wks.) 66.—A. Bonnett four for 31.

## DIVISION I STEVINGTON v. COBLE

Coble: P. Jennings 14, B. Cambers 4, E. Street 6, B. Hiley 17, D. Shingler 3, A. Thacker 0, A. Hart 4, B. Minney 0, J. Cambers not out 15, P. Robinson 1, M. Cambers 1, extras 11, total 76.  
Stevington: B. Stapleton 4, P. Hodgekinson 12, W. Neale 13, A. Willman 6, G. Curtis not out 31, A. Woods 1, D. Fisher 0, H. Pearson not out 7, extras 6, total (for 6 wks.) 80.

## DIVISION II FELMERSHAM v. PERTENHALL

Felmersham: D. Boyle 12, T. Longstaff 30, I. Albury 6, K. Cookings 0, J. Mackenzie 27, K. Marsh 23, P. Lawson 0, D. Parker 14, G. Hulatt 9, G. Constant 0, C. Lovell not out 0, extras 6, total 127.—W. Presland six for 44; R. Short three for 45.  
Pertenhall: R. White 1, J. Flits 2, R. Short 11, R. Waller 33, F. Roddis 13, V. Roddis 2, B. Franklin 6, H. Short 0, W. Presland 8, T. Shelton 2, D. Bull not out 0, extras 3, total 81.—K. Marsh seven for 41, D. Parker three for 15.

## DIVISION IV CALDECOTE v. MARSTON II

Marston II: T. Owen 0, P. Parker 7, R. Craddock 1, D. Stapleton 6, R. Berry 13, P. Hale 31, C. Caves 37, V. Hale 1, B. Hudson not out 5, G. Denton 0, R. Holden 0, extras 6, total 106.  
Caldecote: R. Haywood 7, B. Elliman 14, D. S. Bygraves 5, C. Wheatly 0, P. Tanner 16, G. Baldwin 14, L. Adams 0, J. Webb 3, M. Hull 10, D. C. Bygraves 1, D. Cox not out 5, extras 6, total 76.—R. Holden three for 51, P. Hale five for 16, R. Craddock two for 10.

## Gr. Barford II v. Hail Weston

Gr. Barford: A. Brvant 2, P. Usher 2, C. Calvert 12, T. Gentle 0, M. Lee

24, A. Shirley 2, J. Keightley 0, D. Probert 12, B. Usher 4, D. Abraham 0, A. Hill not out 3, total 61.  
Hail Weston: P. Saunders 3, J. Pig 5, M. Arnold 8, E. Cutts 1, P. Nobles 0, D. Arnold 16, D. Barnett 2, E. Hart 2, R. Burnage 0, D. Potter 1, P. Anderson not out 0, extras 14, total 63.—C. Calvert four for 9, T. Gentle three for 5, M. Lee two for 7, J. Keightley one for 12.

# FRIENDLY CRICKET

## Marston Valley Staff v. West Indians

Marston: A. Knight 6, G. Moore 16, W. Wilson 3, C. Caves 11, D. Faulkner 15, M. Tarbox 5, H. Litchfield 6, J. Biggs not out 0, D. Howard not out 2, extras 6, total (for 7 wks) 69.

West Indians: G. Luke 10, E. Reed 3, N. Clarke not out 15, L. Young not out 45, total (for 2 wks) 73.

Sixteen overs match.

## Brookhirst Igranio v. Ampthill

Igranio: Ladbury 22, Morris 1, Moore 1, York 0, Robinson 22, Cummings 21, Groves 12, Baron not out 7, Burnage 5, Comley 0, Collins 2, extras 4, total 97.—Palmer one for 26, Peat seven for 40, Rogers two for 15.

Ampthill: Lane 2, Palmer 1, Gower 48, Holder 8, Owen 0, Dillingham 0, Peat not out 38, Everitt not out 1, total (for 6 wks) 98.—Robinson three for 39, Collins three for 25.

## Brookhirst Igranio v. Hunting Aircraft

Hunting: 142 (Hunt three for 22, Comley five for 47, Asplin one for 10).

Igranio: Ladbury 20, Morris 26, Moore 0, Cummings 5, York 4, Robinson 11, Groves 12, Hunt 0, Asplin 5, Burnage 4, Comley not out 5, extras 1, total 93.—Claridge seven for 52, Mills three for 40.

## Henlow II v. Old Warden

Old Warden: E. Willis 7, E. Cooper 5, R. Kilby 0, G. Hall 7, P. Vintner 0, J. Cooper 22,

D. Jenkins 0, R. Bayliss not out 13, I. Simpson 2, E. Saunderson 7, J. Eilim 0, extras 7, total 70.—C. Endersby two for 15, T. King four for 15, D. Tarry two for 22, P. Kingsley two for 14.

Henlow: J. Crawley 3, T. Sturgeon 15, B. Twigg 15, R. Beaumont 0, B. Ashwell not out 24, J. Medlock 0, C. Tyack 2, P. Kingsley 12, T. King not out 2, extras 2, total (for 7 wks) 75.—G. Hall six for 22,

Odhams: 69 (Irvine four for 25, Joshi four for 25, Turner two for 17); Diemers Sunday XI: 70 for 4 (Binstead 26, Salisbury 25).

Diemer's: 151 for 9 dec (De Brose 45, Salisbury 28, Cooper 18); Simpson: 152 for 4 (R. Cash 73, West 34, McMullen two for 33).

Kempston East Methodists: 46 (J. Adams five for 18, J. L. Aston four for 16); Colworth House: 47 for three (W. Taylor not out 17, D. Newman three for 13).

Colworth House: 100 (J. L. Aston 36, D. F. Bristow 21, A. Fox four for 16); Kettering United Trades: 76 (D. F. Bristow six for 32, J. L. Aston four for 29).

Kempston Ramblers: 178 for nine dec. (P. Haynes 53, A. Davis 47, D. Lain six for 38); Bedford Swifts: 55.

Bromham FC require players for their Beds Premier team. Anyone interested please contact Mr. J. Jeffries, Hon. Secretary, 16 Tudor Close, Bromham. 420/423

*Talking Sport with*

*Spectator*

## Is lack of personalities the answer?

LAST week's controversy — would County cricket attract bigger support at The Bury than at Bedford School — is followed up by Captain Percy Burke. He does not think venue has anything to do with dwindling attendances: rather the reason is a lack of personalities in the game.

"Supporters will come to see any sportsman of personality and ability," he writes. "The dearth of such players contributes in no small measure to the lack of support today."

Capt. Burke goes on to bear out his point by recalling after the First World War a crowd of 3,000 at the School ground for a visit of the England captain's XI (Archie Maclaren), and mentions famous names in visiting county sides.

Buckinghamshire, he writes, had W. B. Franklin, the best amateur wicket keeper in 1st or 2nd class cricket; Frank Edwards, the finest slow to medium bowler in England on any wicket, and Jack Whiting, recognised as the fastest bowler anywhere. Norfolk had England fast bowler Mike Falcon, and

Hertfordshire C. H. Titchmarsh and Arthur Grimdsell — men who drew the crowds.

"Today," concludes Capt. Burke, "Bedfordshire have a very able honorary secretary in Frank Crompton. The Bedford School wicket is looked upon by cricketers of first and second class as one of the best in the country. That leaves the players themselves. Can they bring back the crowds?"

### *Cold teamwork*

Capt. Burke is certainly partly right. Personalities, or characters, are few and far between in all sports, not just cricket. Indeed, the trend seems to be to stamp out individualism, and to produce a team of cold, machinelike efficiency. Surely supporters still prefer to watch the star?

In recent years, big crowds went happily away from the Eyrie if Ronnie Rooke had produced a couple of cannonball shots, and at Goldington Road the magic of "Tich" Haynes was sufficient bait.

But against this there are the increasing myriad of other attractions which did not exist in the days recalled by Capt. Burke, and even the most dazzling performers cannot now ensure a good "gate".

Bedford Rugby Club are soon to stage their biggest-ever function — an England trial — and next summer Bedford Town Cricket Club a visit from the Australians. Can

both clubs count on three, five or ten thousand spectators? For their sakes, I hope the weather is fine. And that there's "nothing on the tele!"

### *Texas and the laws*

ANXIOUS to improve their game and knowledge of the laws, Texas Football Club recently invited four Football Association referees to talk to them.

So successful was the visit that extra time had to be played — it finished after 11 p.m. — with the visitors, led by Mr. N. F. Pennick, giving practical demonstrations as well as showing films and talking about the game.

One referee said that he thought from informed discussions much was done to promote a better understanding of their problems, encourage knowledgeable conversation of the game off the field, and produce more interesting club play. Others might well follow the Texas lead.

Incidentally, this season's 1st and second team captains of Texas are Mac Smith and Clive Gibbs, who hope to avenge last season's defeats in the Britannia Cup and the Bedford League Division I finals.

### *1,000 up*

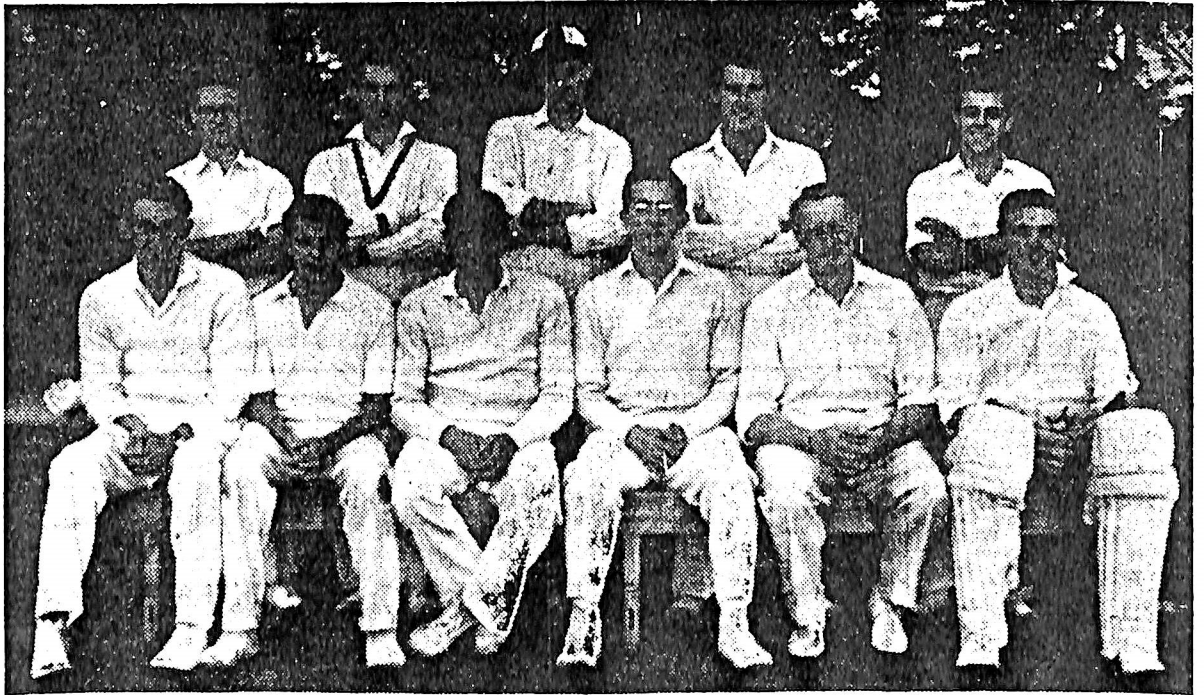
ANOTHER cricketing feat. On Sunday, Stephen Holder of Amptill CC topped 1,000 runs for the season. His requirement against Old Bletchley was 14 and he hit 16.

Stephen — a product of Bedford Modern School — has played for Amptill for three years but has only achieved a previous best of around 500 runs. This season's 1,002 has been collected from about 40 innings.

Very soon Stephen will be switching back to rugby football. As Amptill's chief place kicker he missed 100 points last season by just one conversion.



## *Record breaking season*



Colworth House have enjoyed their most successful season. Their record is: played 41, won 25, drawn 8, lost 8. In the match against Wellingborough Old Grammarians last week, fast bowler Jack Ashton raised his "bag" for the season to 119 wickets and 714 runs. Our picture shows, back row (left to right): N. J. Davren, G. Linger, A. L. Brown, G. A. Robinson, E. Thompson; front row: D. Chance, D. F. Bristow, J. L. Aston, R. Shaw (captain), J. Adams and T. P. Baker. During the season the club has drawn on some 19 or 20 players for Saturday, Sunday and week-day matches. They include R. W. Winser, T. P. Williams, J. S. Hobbs, K. Marlow, R. W. Staughton, W. Taylor, C. D. Usher and J. G. Cox. Next season the club hopes to strengthen its fixture list.

# FINAL PLACINGS

## Bedford and District Cricket League

PREMIER DIVISION					
	p	w	l	d	pts
Thurleigh	12	9	1	2	20
Little Staughton I	12	5	3	4	14
Marston I	12	6	2	2	12
Clapham	12	4	4	4	12
Woboston	12	5	6	1	11
Dean	12	3	6	3	9
Stagsden	12	1	7	4	6

FIRST DIVISION					
	p	w	l	d	pts
Blunham I	12	8	1	3	19
Stevington	12	7	2	3	17
Cople I	12	7	3	2	16
Oakley	12	6	4	2	14
Renhold I	12	3	6	3	9
Southoe	12	3	7	2	8
Maulden	12	0	11	1	1

SECOND DIVISION					
	p	w	l	d	pts
Felmersham	12	3	2	2	18
Great Barford	12	7	3	2	16
Pertenhall	12	5	5	2	12
Great Staughton	12	5	5	2	12
Staploe	12	4	6	2	10
Roxton	12	4	7	1	9
Wood End	12	3	8	1	7

THIRD DIVISION					
	p	w	l	d	pts
Little Paxton	14	9	1	4	22
Wrestlingworth	14	8	4	2	16
Cople II	14	8	5	1	17
Hobkirks	14	7	5	2	16
Widley	14	5	7	2	12
Thurleigh II	14	4	6	4	12
North Crawley	14	3	8	2	8
Renhold II	14	2	10	2	6

FOURTH DIVISION					
	p	w	l	d	pts
Marston II	14	9	2	3	21
Hail Weston	14	8	2	4	20
Blunham II	14	8	3	1	17
Little Staughton II	14	7	4	1	15
Caldecote	14	5	6	3	13
Sharnbrook	14	5	7	2	12
Tempford	14	4	10	0	8
Great Barford II	14	2	11	1	6

## FORMER BEDFORD MODERN SCHOOL MASTER

### Death of Mr. C. D. Linnell, scholar and sportsman

Former pupil, student teacher and master of Bedford Modern School over a period of 50 years, Mr. Charles Darby Linnell, of The Retreat, Pavenham, died on Wednesday. He was 86.

Mr. Linnell was one of four sons of the late Rev. J. E. Linnell, of Pavenham. He took a B.A. degree at London University in 1895 and an M.A. degree three years later. In 1899 he was junior master for a term at his old school, and was also in a preparatory school, before proceeding to Cambridge as an advanced student.

He gained a B.A. degree at Cambridge in 1903, and during this period he was a tutor at the University Correspondence College.

From 1904 to 1906, Mr. Linnell was a lecturer at Cologne University. He then returned to England and held posts in Brighton, Glasgow, and Leatherhead.

During the 1914-18 war he served in the Intelligence Department, stationed at Calais.

Mr. Linnell joined the regular staff of Bedford Modern School in 1920 as a modern language master. In 1921 he became honorary secretary of the Old Bedford Modernians' Club, a post he held until 1953.

A keen sportsman in his youth, he was a fine rugby forward. He was a member of the 1894 BMS XV, and afterwards he had two or three seasons with the Wanderers, then a combined Bedford School-Bedford Modern School team.

Occasionally he played in the Bedford pack.

Mr. Linnell was a keen and painstaking student of archaeology and local history generally, and had carried through



some useful research. He was a member of the Bedfordshire Historical Record Society, the Northamptonshire Record Society, and the Bedford Natural History and Archaeological Society. He was also a member of the Commons and Footpaths Preservation Society.

Mr. Linnell retired from Bedford Modern School in 1939. Shortly afterwards he was welcomed to Bedford Rural District Council as a councillor for the parish of Pavenham.

Mr. Linnell was unmarried. He leaves a brother, Dr. J. W. Linnell. The funeral service will be at Pavenham Parish Church tomorrow (Saturday) at 11 a.m.

[A tribute to Mr. Linnell, written by an old friend, appears on page 23.]

# JOHN WILLS MADE TOWN C.C.'s ATTACK BETTER BALANCED

Although they would have liked to have seen more matches reach a definite result, the Town Cricket Club have cause to celebrate quite a successful season at their annual dinner this evening, when the Mayor, Ald. L. G. Bowles, will preside, and Lord Hill of Luton will be the principal speaker.

In the matter of drawn games, the bad weather had a big hand, but there was also evidence of lack of penetration in the bowling, most marked in the first team.

However, there was a very noticeable improvement after the end of June, when fast bowler John Wills, who has played for the Club Cricket Conference, joined the club.

He provided more balance to the attack, with the result that notable victories were achieved late in the season, especially over Brentham and Dunstable Town.

Chief run-getters were the captain, Barry Robinson, and Peter Taylor, both of whom approached the 500 mark in Saturday games.

Nine of the 15 Sunday 1st XI matches were drawn and, generally speaking, the batting was more impressive than the bowling, though Peter Webley took the splendid haul of 35 wickets. Most successful of the week-

end teams were the 2nd XI, ably led by Terry Matthews, who lost only one game. Rex Cox finished with the highest-run aggregate, and the captain himself took most wickets.

With more promising youngsters joining the club, the running of a Strollers' XI was much easier from the point of view of numbers available, and they had quite a successful season.

So, too, did the Sunday 2nd XI, but it was the Wednesday team which finally emerged with most victories.

Full records of all the teams were:

	P	W	D	L	A
1st XI .....	21	6	7	7	1
2nd XI .....	17	7	7	1	2
Strollers .....	14	6	1	6	1
Sunday 1st .....	15	3	9	2	1
Sunday 2nd .....	11	3	4	4	0
Wednesday XI ..	16	10	3	3	0

## FIRST XI BATTING

	Innings	Times not out	Runs	Highest score	Average
B D Robinson .....	15	3	493	63	41.08
D P Rolt .....	8	4	146	100*	36.50
J A R Oliver .....	8	3	171	72	34.20
P P Taylor .....	20	0	466	94	23.30
J A Muse .....	13	0	301	80	23.15
M Whitmore .....	14	1	274	66*	21.07
A W Durlley .....	14	1	229	80*	17.61
P J Webley .....	16	3	206	61*	15.84
A W Lowings .....	11	0	170	50	15.45
K Brazier .....	9	1	123	32	15.67
T H Clarke .....	13	2	148	31	13.45
G C Wynn .....	7	1	34	20	5.66
R J Barker .....	8	3	22	7*	4.40

Also batted: P Denton 0, 0\*; J Kirby 0, 0; J. Wills 0, 6\*, 1, 1\*; B N Johnson 1, 2, 0\*, 0; Clifton 7\*, 0, 0; A Allin 63, 16\*, 5\*, 2; J Cornwell 2\*; M D Colling 43, 7; P Burns 11\*, M Howkins 0.

## BOWLING

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wickets	Average
G C Wynn .....	35.1	5	98	12	8.16
D P Rolt .....	52	13	131	10	13.10
J A R Oliver .....	122.2	32	301	21	14.33
P Webley .....	149.4	13	370	23	16.09
J Wills .....	149.3	31	444	26	17.76
J A Muse .....	59	9	186	10	18.60
B Johnson .....	99	19	264	12	22.00
J Kirby .....	27	5	119	5	23.80
T H Clark .....	148.5	38	322	13	24.76
P Denton .....	68.3	13	247	7	35.21

Also bowled: Brazier 1-0-3-0; Clifton 32-9-71-2; T D Matthews 10-1-19-1; B G C Satterley 7-1-22-0; D Fleet 6-0-26-0; M Smith 2-1-2-0.

## WICKET-KEEPERS

R J Barker 5 stumpings, 7 catches; P Evans 2 stumpings, 1 catch; K Brazier 1 stumping, 1 catch; A Allin 1 stumping, 1 catch.

## CATCHES

Durlley 10; Clark, Muse 5; P Taylor, Webley 4; Whitmore, Oliver 3; Wynn, Kirby, Robinson, Lowings, Wills, Brazier 2; Burns, Smith, Fleet, Johnson, Rolt 1.

## SUNDAY 1st XI

### BATTING

	Innings	Times not out	Runs	Highest score	Average
J A Muse .....	7	2	194	71*	38.80
M Whitmore .....	9	1	295	90*	36.87
R O Lowings .....	14	1	452	83*	34.76
K Brazier .....	11	2	242	70*	26.88
P M Taylor .....	14	1	303	101*	23.30
D P Rolt .....	8	4	88	34*	22.00
P J Webley .....	10	4	104	23	17.33
B D Robinson .....	13	2	170	39	15.45

Also batted: R Cox 1; G C Wynn 50\*; M Colling 4, 6\*, G Spavins 0; T O Matthews 5\*; D Hawkins 5\*, 1; A Allin 13, 32\*, 4; J Kirby 0\*; A Clifton 0, 17; R J Barker 4; J A R Oliver 0\*, 27\*, 52; A Doring 72\*, 63, 118\*, 29, 76\*.

## BOWLING

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wickets	Average
J Kirby .....	63.2	12.5	192	17	11.29
J A R Oliver .....	51	15	186	10	18.60
P J Webley .....	206	30	675	35	19.28
A Clifton .....	140	24	399	14	28.50
J A Muse .....	65	14	194	6	32.33
D P Rolt .....	128.1	18	425	13	32.69

Also bowled: M Smith 10-0-39-0; B N Johnson 13-2-45-0; A Miller 20-6-46-2; T D Matthews 13-2-43-1; D T Matthews 3-0-15-0; G C Wynn 4-0-38-0.

## WICKET-KEEPERS

R J Barker 8 stumpings, 9 catches; A Allin 1 stumping, 1 catch.

## CATCHES

Robinson 7, Durlley 5, Muse 4, Lowings 4, Webley 4, Taylor 3, Whitmore 2, Brazier 2, M D Colling 2, Howkins 1, Wynn 1, Clifton 1.

## SECOND XI BATTING

	Inns.	Times not out	Runs	Average
J Cornwell .....	5	3	113	56.50
G Spavins .....	5	2	95	31.70
D P Rolt .....	8	0	236	29.00
R Cox .....	14	1	301	25.00
P Burns .....	14	3	205	17.80
W Evans .....	6	3	35	11.70
C V A Colling .....	7	1	66	11.00
R J Jeffery .....	9	0	94	10.40

## BOWLING

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wickets	Average
D P Rolt .....	46	17	105	15	7.00
J Kirby .....	90	14	229	21	10.90
T D Matthews .....	179	48	366	32	11.43
A Clifton .....	69	17	172	15	11.46
P Denton .....	101	21	235	20	11.70

## CATCHES

W P Evans 11; T D Matthews 8; R Cox 5; D P Rolt 4; C Holloway 4; P Burns 4; R J Jeffery, S Spary, G Wynn, A Clifton 2.

Played 14, won 7, lost 1, drew 6. Six abandoned for rain. A feature of the batting was Rex Cox's 300 run aggregate and was most consistent, also Jack Cornwell made a late show of form at the end of season and topped averages. Apart from Rolt's 15 wickets for 105 runs, the main wicket takers finished with very consistent averages. Matthews taking the most, 32. The fielding has been very good, especially as the average run is a lot lower this season. A very enjoyable and successful season with great team spirit.

## SUNDAY 2nd XI BATTING

	Inns.	Times not out	Runs	Average
R Cox .....	5	1	132	43.80
B J Taylor .....	8	1	201	29.70
G Spavins .....	5	0	87	17.40
M Smith .....	6	2	61	15.25
D Tipton .....	7	2	68	13.60
R J Jeffery .....	13	2	112	10.10
P Burns .....	10	1	74	8.20

## BOWLING

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wickets	Average
P Burns .....	50	7	139	12	11.50
M Smith .....	92	25	188	13	14.40
D T Matthews .....	89	19	253	14	18.00

## STROLLERS XI BATTING

	Inns.	Times not out	Runs	Average
T Collinson .....	13	3	249	24.90
D Hawkins .....	9	2	144	28.80
J Gillespie .....	7	1	88	14.70
T Hall .....	5	0	64	12.80
M Bailey .....	8	2	54	8.50

## BOWLING

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wickets	Average
D Fleet .....	100	35	226	34	6.60
D T Matthews .....	122	39	319	26	12.30
M Smith .....	57	14	168	10	16.80

## BOWLING

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wickets	Average
D Fleet .....	100	35	226	34	6.60
D T Matthews .....	122	39	319	26	12.30
M Smith .....	57	14	168	10	16.80

## CATCHES

J Gillespie 6; T Collinson 5; J Cornwell, M Bailey 3; A Miller, D Tipton, E Yarnell, D Hawkins, D Matthews 2.

## WEDNESDAY XI BATTING

	Innings	Times not out	Runs	Highest score	Average
B D Robinson .....	5	2	281	91*	70.25
B G Satterley .....	10	4	247	47*	41.13
G C Wynn .....	11	2	295	100*	32.70
J Brunt .....	10	0	238	36	23.80
T Collinson .....	11	1	218	50*	21.80
G Spavins .....	5	0	94	64	18.80
G Durrant .....	9	1	85	24	10.60
J Newton .....	11	2	83	23	9.20
J Kirby .....	6	1	48	27	9.60

## BOWLING

	Overs	Runs	Wickets	Average
J Kirby .....	108	320	27	11.80
R G Satterley .....	39	132	11	12.00
T D Matthews .....	50	99	7	14.10
D Simkins .....	75	225	14	16.30
G Durrant .....	119	311	19	16.70
G Wynn .....	51	241	13	18.70

## SWITCH TO LEAGUE



Bedford Town and Bedfordshire top-scoring batsman Bill Chamberlain has accepted terms from Batley, a Yorkshire Council League side, and will be moving to that area after Christmas.

Always a lively and enterprising cricketer who wants to be "at the bowler", Chamberlain should certainly relish this more competitive form of the game. And as a fielder, of course, he is unrivalled locally.

Now 25 years of age, Chamberlain first played for the Town Club while still at Bedford Modern School, and made his first appearance for the County in 1956. He has regularly collected 1,000 runs every season since coming out of the Army, and his top scores are 152 not out for the Town and 125 not out for Bedfordshire.

Another BMS old boy regularly playing Yorkshire League cricket is Peter Kippax, who moves from Leeds to West Hartlepool next season.

Fortunately, Chamberlain will not be lost to Bedfordshire and Minor Counties cricket, for the County's matches are mostly in mid-week whereas the League game is confined to Saturdays.