

## WORCESTERSHIRE V. WARWICKSHIRE.

[1909 result, a draw. Scores: Warwick, 283 and 271 for 6, innings deal, closed (Kinneir 23 and 123; Quaise 83 not out and 96); Worcestershire 352 (Bowley 101, Arnold 57, G. H. Simpson-Hayward 53, Pearson 50) and 87 for 2. Cuffe took six wickets for 60 runs in Warwick's first innings.]

### H. K. an Absentee.

#### WORCESTER'S BRILLIANT START.

So far as the weather and the fixture were concerned the Worcester cricket season could not have opened under happier conditions than those of Monday, but the crowd had an early disappointment as the news passed round that the Captain could not play. It was stated that he was indisposed. Collier, who has a birth qualification for the county, filled the vacancy.

#### BOWLEY'S BRIGHT CENTURY.

Bowley turned Field prettily to the leg boundary in the first over. F. R. Foster bowled at the other end, Pearson was particularly energetic, and quickly drove each bowler to the rails, while Bowley, who had been in a more subdued mood, made a grand drive to the Diglis end. At 48 Quaise took the ball from Field. The half-century took only half an hour. Santall relieved the amateur, and he had his first ball sent to the screen by Pearson. In the same over that player sent the ball over cover point's head, but the felder, Baker, could not quite get to it. When 33, Bowley made a dangerous stroke off Santall, but luckily the ball went over mid-off's head. Pearson reached his fifty in as many minutes, with a fine on-drive off Santall. Meldon for Quaise was the next change. Bowley finely drove Santall to the rails, and, attempting a similar stroke, he gave a chance to Charlesworth in the long field, which the felder misjudged. This stroke sent up the century, and a minute later Bowley reached his 50, lifting Santall to the pavilion rails. When he drove the next two balls to the rails and cut the next four (all run), the enjoyment of the crowd was immense. He scored a single off the last ball, making 17 off five balls. With this brisk hitting he passed Pearson, whose score had stood for some few minutes at 60. Field came back at the Diglis end, and Goodwin took a turn at the other, but the changes did not reduce the rate of run-getting. With 150 on the board at the end of 80 minutes there was every prospect of the second century being reached before lunch. Bowley's driving was magnificent. Twice in one over he sent Field to the Diglis end, and this brought him into the 90's. With another drive to the rails and a single off Field, Bowley reached the coveted century in only an hour and a half. The hot sun proved very trying to the fielders, and by this time the bowlers had tired. After a period of comparative inactivity, Pearson cut Quaise to the rails, and sent the next one towards the covered stand for three. The second century came after only an hour and three-quarters' batting. Needless to say, this brilliant hitting was exactly to the liking of the crowd, which by this time was about up to the average for the Bank Holiday.

#### PEARSON'S CENTURY.

The first incident of note after the resumption, when there was a crowd of about 4,000, was a life given to Pearson by Baker, who failed to hold a fairly easy chance at cover, after getting the ball into his hands. Santall was the mischievous bowler. The batsman signalled the escape by lifting Charlesworth to the pavilion rails, after which he made a good shot between point and cover, which also realised four. Pearson reached the century after two and a quarter hours' batting, and a minute later he was well taken in the country. From the start he had played sound cricket, and he was never in difficulties. His attractive innings included 14 boundaries.

Arnold had only a brief stay before he was beaten by the amateur, making way for G. N. Foster. Bowley continued merrily, and reached his third 50 with a big on-drive off Santall. G. N. opened with a lucky snick to the rails off his namesake. Meldon, who had bowled very well before lunch, then had another turn. Bowley cut his first delivery to the pavilion steps. Attempting a big off-drive he was finely taken in the long field off the next ball. He had been at the wickets two hours and 40 minutes. It was throughout an invigorating display, just the kind of cricket which a holiday crowd appreciates. Cuffe, head driving was the feature. The robust character of his innings can be judged by the fact that he hit twenty-six 4's.

The score of 249 is not a first wicket record for the county. H. K. Foster and Bowley made 309 against Derby in 1901 at Derby, and the same players 274 against Hants in 1907 at Portsmouth.

With Cuffe and Burns associated, the rate of scoring was not decreased. Both men played in free, dashing style, the professional twice driving Santall to the boundary in one over. The weather conditions at this time were curious. Whilst the sun was shining brilliantly, lightning flashed on the field, and thunder was heard in the distance. Happily the rain did not come, although it was not far away. Quaise and Field took up the attack, but neither appeared to trouble the batsmen very much. Eventually the amateur stepped out to a leg break and paid the penalty. Five for 358 placed the home side in a fairly safe position. G. L. Crowe, the next batsman,

soon hit out at Quaise, but after placing one by the ladies' enclosure he was easily caught off the next. Simpson-Hayward, the new-comer, was very decidedly greeted by the crowd, Baker, who then went on for Field, made the ninth bowler tried. The tea interval was taken with the score 370 for 6.

#### HUNDRED RUNS PER HOUR.

Resuming, Cuffe drove Quaise to the boundary, and sent the next ball to leg for four. A minute later he luckily nicked Foster to the rails, and in the same over he reached his 50 after batting an hour and ten minutes. A fine off-drive by the amateur brought up the fourth century as the result of four hours' play. Cuffe was then beaten by a good length ball from Foster. He, too, gave a sound exhibition, making several fine drives. He hit eight 4's. With Collier in Simpson-Hayward continued to score steadily, but at 29 he was clean bowled by Foster. The crowd, having had their appetite whetted by so much hitting, gave Burrows a big cheer as he went to the scene. Collier, who had opened up the amateur, was out in the next over, and the last man, Bale, arrived, but when he had scored only a single, Burrows was bowled. The innings had lasted four hours and a half. Throughout their long and trying ordeal the visitors held well, and their bowling, if not deadly, was never loose.

Having forty minutes to bat, Warwickshire started their innings with Kinneir and Charlesworth. In the first over the latter cut Burns prettily to the rails. The next ball hit him on the hand, and off the next he was easily taken at the wicket. With Baker in, two left-handers were associated. Kinneir cut Cuffe at the other end for a couple of twos, but with the score at 14 there was a succession of maiden overs. Many of the spectators left the ground rather than watch the painfully patient efforts of the batsmen.

#### Tuesday's Play.

On Tuesday Kinneir and Baker continued their innings to the bowling of Cuffe and W. B. Burns. It was very heavy and dull, and it was much cooler than on Monday. The attendance was small, and the play was uneventful. Ten minutes yielded eight runs, of which 3 accrued to Kinneir from a fluky stroke off Cuffe which went uppishly to a little wide of second slip. After another 10 runs had been added, Burrows relieved Burns, and the game went on as slowly as before. The 50 was not reached until the innings had been in progress 70 minutes. It was not until the batsmen were adopting "barn door" tactics, but then the bowling was good and the batsmen were not able successfully to negotiate it. At that stage Burrows nearly bowled Baker, the ball getting through his defence but barely missing the wicket. In the next over Baker drove him for a 4 and a 2. In another over Baker off-drove Burrows twice for each. In the next over he off-drove Cuffe for 4, and thus he got in front of Kinneir, who was pursuing the even tenour of his usual way. This punishment of Burrows brought on Arnold and Pearson. Kinneir off-drove and cut Pearson in succession for 4 and 1. Arnold was bowling in a different style to what he did years ago. It seemed an easier and slower sort of delivery. He had five felders on the leg side, which made it manifest that it was not the old off-break theory, and the way the men played at it suggested that he was getting a good deal of spin on. The 100 went up after 110 minutes' batting, and a moment later Kinneir reached the half century. Baker reached the half century a little later. Simpson-Hayward was now bowling, and angles were a little more frequent; but the Worcestershire fielding was so good that the batsmen could not easily get the ball past them. Lobs did not prove difficult, so Burns went on again. This met with success. Kinneir chopped a ball into the hands of Cuffe, at second slip. He had batted 2 hours and 20 minutes for 63. His chief hits were three 4's, two 3's, four 2's, and 37 singles. Quaise was next in, and he began with a characteristic leg-glance off the first ball he received. A felder had anticipated the stroke, or it would have been a 4.

#### BAKER'S CENTURY.

The attendance after lunch was moderate, and for a few minutes the weather was very dull and threatening; but it soon became sunny again. Pearson bowled one over so that W. B. Burns and Cuffe could change ends, and then Baker brightened up the cricket by off-driving the amateur for two 4's off consecutive deliveries. This carried him into the nineties. When Burrows relieved Burns, Baker off-drove him for 4 and turned him to leg for a single. This brought him face to face with Cuffe, off whom he made another off-drive for 4. Thus he reached the 100 after batting two hours fifty minutes. Off the next ball he was apparently missed at the wicket, and two balls later he was missed again. He began to be more vigorous, and after he had scored another 4, Burrows twice got through his defence without bowling him.

#### BURROWS' SUCCESS.

The next event was the dismissal of Quaise, who was well taken at the wicket off Burrows, who appeared to be bowling as well as at least as ever. The next corner, R. G. Pridmore, did not give much trouble. He scored only a single, but he was caught by Bale, also off a leg delivery from Burrows. When Baker was joined by F. R. Foster he made a lofty off-drive off Cuffe for 4, and thus sent up the 200 after the

innings had been in progress 3 hours 15 min. At that total Burrows uprooted Foster's middle stump. He had contributed only 1. Half the side were now out and 92 runs were required to avert the follow-on. W. W. Meldon was beaten (though not bowled) by Burrows, and again by Cuffe. He got five runs and then he went out of his crease to hit at Burrows, but he only scratched the ball and was nicely caught by G. N. Foster at slip. The Warwickshire captain (a former Cambridge Blue) came in, and he outumped Burrows for four. He was in the mood to hit, and he did hit, and scored 16 in a quarter of an hour, but his strokes were not good. He made one "drive" over the heads of the slips, and then had a vigorous swing at a good ball from Burrows. His misfortune was that he missed it, and the ball knocked out the middle stump. This was Burrows' fifth successive wicket. The score advanced to 258, Baker continuing to bat well, making a number of nice off-drives and placing the ball well on the leg side, and Santall also playing some good strokes. The latter had 11 runs to his credit when Burrows dismissed him, thanks to another nice slip catch by G. N. Smith made a lucky 5, and then he had a whack at a delivery from Pearson. It yielded what should have been a very easy catch to Cuffe at cover, but Cuffe hesitated to go towards it, then reached it low down, and dropped it. In Pearson's next over Baker gave the

bowler a chance of a and b. It was not very hot or high, but Pearson dropped it. Worcestershire fought hard to prevent their opponents from saving the follow-on, and the batsmen fought just as stubbornly to score the necessary runs. They did not become in the least reckless because of their escapes. They adhered to sound and steady methods. Baker reached the 150 after a stay of 4 hours and 35 minutes. Then he was missed again, at slip, by W. B. Burns, a hot, high chance off Burrows. In the next over Burrows had some recompense. Smith was caught at point by Cuffe off his bowling, having played a useful 13. When Field came Worcestershire still wanted 5 runs. These 5 runs were soon off Cuffe. The left-hander therefore carried out his bat for 155 before the 43 hours' batting. He gave a chance early in his innings (to Burrows at point off Cuffe which had gone unrecorded), and he was missed twice at 100, again at 143 and at 150; but after all, it was a splendid display of sound cricket. It was his highest and best innings for his county. His hits included eighteen 4's, five 3's and fourteen 2's. In spite of the chances which he enjoyed at their hands, the Worcestershire fielding was good; and the bowling was always excellent. Burrows had much the best record, viz., seven wickets for 84 runs. The innings lasted longer than that of Worcestershire, but it was not nearly so productive.

Resuming with an advantage of 149 runs, Bowley and Pearson faced Foster and Goodwin. The total was only 27 when Pearson jumped out to one of Goodwin's wily deliveries and was stumped. Goodwin bowls his leg breaks very well. Arnold did no better than in the first innings. Having contributed 9, with the total at 36, he had his middle stump upset by Foster. G. N. Foster took the vacant position, and cut Foster for 4 from the first ball he received. With only 44 on the board Worcestershire lost another wicket. Bowley jumped out to hit another big break by Goodwin, missed it, and was stumped.

#### UNACCOUNTABLE COLLAPSE.

Cuffe was next in, and was bowled first ball. G. N. Foster and W. B. Burns became associated, but not for long. Foster played the leg breaks the better, and rapidly got into double figures. Then Burns off-drove and cut Foster for four, each of successive deliveries, following with a leg glance for two. The scoring was much faster than Warwickshire's had been in spite of the loss of wickets and the inevitable delays. There were 67 runs on the board in 50 minutes. At that stage Foster was given out under curious conditions. He played forward, and missed the ball. The wicket-keeper gathered it and removed the balls, and appealed for stumped, which the square leg umpire did not give; but the bowler appealed for a catch, and the other umpire gave the batsman out on his appeal. At the same total Burns was smartly snuffed at the wicket in cutting at a delivery from Foster. Worcestershire had now 70 by no means the better of the game, and their collapse after such profits scoring was quite unexplainable. Collier was propped in the order of going in, but the felder, with a measure of hope, rang in their breasts (or wherever cricketers keep it) crowded round him. He did not appear disconcerted, but he did not succeed. Having scored only a single, with the total at 70, he was snuffed at the wicket. G. L. Crowe scored 4 through the slips off the first ball which he received from Foster. At that stage he stopped for a while, and his captain made the bat meet ball in characteristic fashion, and soon credited himself with the highest total on the side. With the total approaching the century, Santall relieved Foster, and Field relieved Goodwin. Simpson-Hayward sent up the 100 with a big off-drive off Santall; and it was notable that, in spite of the loss of seven wickets, they had scored these runs in 80 minutes. Crowe showed good defence and was returned, but he cut at a last one from Field and was smartly caught by Kinneir at second slip. The eighth wicket had added 31 useful runs. 101—7—8. One run later Simpson-Hayward tried to drive Field and was caught at deep mid-off by Santall. Burrows was in and only Bale remained, but they remained untroubled to the close, when Worcestershire had a lead of 262 runs.

## Wednesday.

### START DELAYED BY RAIN.

In the morning the rain was so heavy and long continued that, although the wicket was protected at each end by a tarpaulin, the condition of the ground made a start before lunch impossible.

At three o'clock, with the sun shining brightly, it was resolved to start, and Burrows (6) and Bale (7), the not outs, came out to resume the Worcestershire innings at 3.10, Foster bowling to Burrows, and Santall taking the other end. Bale did not survive Santall's over, being bowled with the score at 116.

Worcestershire's innings had lasted an hour and fifty minutes. Warwickshire were thus 285 runs behind, and had three hours to get them in—a task which seemed impossible, the wicket and the general conditions being in the bowlers' favour.

Charlesworth and Meldon commenced the innings, and the latter hitting Burns for three 2's, it seemed as if a determined effort to get the runs was to be made. He was clean bowled by Burns' fifth ball, a fast one, from which he got right away. Charlesworth was joined by Foster. Cuffe went on at the other end, and the batsmen were not at ease with his bowling. In his second over, Foster, who had scored a couple, struck a ball to mid-on, where Arnold waited for it to drop into his hands. Burns, after failing to secure with his two hands a ball banged to him at mid-off by Charlesworth off Cuffe, made a desperate attempt to get it one-handed, but dropped with it to the ground. When 19 were on the board, Burrows displaced Burns. Both batsmen played with more ease, but when 29 had been

scored Charlesworth was clean bowled in getting out to a ball of Cuffe's. He had made eleven in three-quarters of an hour. "Little Willie" was the incomer, and when he had scored two he was missed by Foster at second slip. The half-century went up as the result of an hour and five minutes' play. Quafe at the commencement of his innings was not timing the balls well, but Baker continued to play in fine style, several times despatching Cuffe and Burrows to the road. At 68 the combination was again split but broken up by a difficult high catch sent up by Baker. Foster touched it with his fingers by leaping into the air. Baker took advantage of his luck and sent the next ball to the leg boundary rails. Pearson then took the place of Burrows. Baker, after an hour and a half, reached his fifty with a fine drive. Almost immediately afterwards he hit a six into the ladies' enclosure. Quafe's wickets were scattered by Pearson, who had just sent up a no-ball in the last ball of the over. 95 for 4. Baker was joined by Kinneir and Burns, curiously enough, bowled in the place of Pearson, who had just taken a wicket.

With a ball which apparently came off the batsman's pads, Cuffe took Baker's leg stump when he had made 61, a total which he took an hour and a half to compile. Hopes of a possible victory began to rise, and these were increased by the retirement of Goodwin after a confident appeal for a catch at the wicket off Pearson, who, after a short respite, had come on again—102 for six. Pridmore (who made some pretty shots) and Kinneir looked like remaining together. When 120 had been reached, Cuffe, who had been bowling well consistently, was given a rest. Burrows, who had come on, held a hot one-handed catch returned to him by Pridmore, and again there appeared to be a chance of victory, as there was half an hour remaining in which the three wickets might fall. There was a cry of disappointment when Bale missed the first ball which Santall touched. It was a high one-handed one. Santall was within an ace of touching the ensuing balls of the over, but it was Pearson who sent him back to the pavilion by holding a sharp return. Bale again did not hold a one-handed chance at the wicket from Burrows, which might just as well have been left to slip. After the posting up of the 150, which passed almost unnoticed, Smith gave Bowley, at mid-on, an easy catch. Field then gained approval from the crowd by wasting no time in coming to the wicket. Satisfaction was changed to derision when Simpson-Hayward in slip dropped a ball sent into his hands. Cuffe displaced Pearson, but Field and Kinneir held their own. Thus Worcestershire were robbed of a victory, but they deserved to be, for they made so many bad mistakes. The time given to the completion of Worcestershire's innings would have been very useful.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE.—First Innings.

Bowley c Pridmore b Meldon	157
Pearson c Charlesworth b Foster	104
Arnold b Foster	8
G. N. Foster b Foster	12
Cuffe b Foster	53
W. B. Burns st Smith b Quafe	29
G. L. Crowe c and b Quafe	7
G. H. Simpson-Hayward b Foster	29
Collier b Goodwin	10
Burrows b Goodwin	2
Bale not out	1
Extras	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>441</b>

#### WARWICKSHIRE.—First Innings.

Charlesworth c Bale b Burns	43
Kinneir c Cuffe b Burns	6
Baker not out	155
Quafe c Bale b Burrows	10
R. G. Pridmore c Bale b Burrows	1
F. R. Foster b Burrows	1
W. W. Meldon c G. N. Foster b Burrows	5
H. J. Goodwin b Burrows	16
Santall c Foster b Burrows	11
Smith c Cuffe b Burrows	18
Field c Bale b Cuffe	3
Extras	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>232</b>

#### WORCESTERSHIRE.—Second Innings.

Pearson st Smith b Goodwin	8
Arnold b Foster	9
Bowley st Smith b Goodwin	13
Cuffe b Goodwin	9
G. N. Foster c Smith b Goodwin	14
W. B. Burns c Smith b Foster	14
Collier c Smith b Foster	2
G. H. Simpson-Hayward c Santall b Field	24
G. L. Crowe c Kinneir b Field	8
Burrows not out	8
Bale b Santall	9
Extras	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>116</b>

#### WARWICKSHIRE.—Second Innings.

Charlesworth b Cuffe	11
W. W. Meldon b Burns	8
F. R. Foster c Arnold b Cuffe	9
Baker b Cuffe	81
Quafe b Pearson	11
H. J. Goodwin c Bale b Pearson	5
Kinneir not out	28
R. G. Pridmore c and b Burrows	22
Santall c and b Pearson	5
Smith c Bowley b Burrows	7
Field not out	8
Extras	12
<b>Total (9 wks)</b>	<b>174</b>

Match drawn.

#### BOWLING ANALYSIS.

##### WORCESTERSHIRE.—First Innings.

Field	0 m. 11 w.	Goodwin	0 m. 11 w.
Foster	24 3 86 5	Kinneir	3 0 13 0
Quafe	16 1 25 2	Charlesworth	4 1 16 0
Santall	19 0 35 0	Baker	2 0 2 0
Meldon	3 0 43 1		

Field bowled 1 wide, Santall 2, and Charlesworth 2.

##### WORCESTERSHIRE.—Second Innings.

F. R. Foster	14 3 43 3	Santall	5 0 14 1
H. J. Goodwin	14 3 35 4	Field	3 1 6 2

##### WARWICKSHIRE.—First Innings.

Burns	15 2 37 2	Burrows	24 3 84 7
Cuffe	33 8 80 1	Arnold	5 12 13 0
M. Hayward	10 8 30 0	Pearson	12 1 42 0

Cuffe bowled one wide.

##### WARWICKSHIRE.—Second Innings.

Burns	7 5 12 1	Burrows	19 4 51 2
Cuffe	27 9 55 3	Pearson	12 1 44 3

Pearson bowled one no-ball.

#### OXFORD UNIVERSITY v. WORCESTER-SHIRE.

This match at Oxford, which was to have been played to-day and Saturday, has now been fixed for Monday week, May 30, and the following days.

**ST. JOHN'S v. NORTON.**—At Boughton on Saturday. A win for Norton. For the winners Peterson was in fine form with bat and ball. The fielding was excellent.

St. John's: E. A. Warren b Peterson 4, A. J. Sedgley c N. M. Penny b T. Partington 10, C. Williams c Roberts b Peterson 11, Tomkinson b Peterson 0, Cowper c Roberts b Sheldermine 8, H. Brown b Sheldermine 0, S. Brown c Roberts b T. Partington 12, Haighton b T. Partington 0, Baber c Partington b Peterson 3, Taylor not out 14, Kelsey b T. Partington 0, extras 2, total 84.

Norton: C. Sparshott retired 12, A. P. Penny lbw b Tomkinson 6, T. A. Partington c Warren b Tomkinson 4, N. M. Penny b Tomkinson 0, N. Sheldermine lbw b Tomkinson 2, J. Peterson c Warren b Brown 27, F. Roberts b Cowper 3, F. Merriman c Baber b Brown 0, J. Sandbrook b Kelsey 0, J. Harber c Warren b Brown 2, Lewis not out 0, extras 2, total 73.

**MR. H. HEMUS' XI v. WITLEY XI.**—At Wichensford on Monday. A very enjoyable game ended in a win for the home team by two wickets. W. F. Reynolds bowled well in the first innings taking five wickets for 13 runs. F. Kershaw also bowled well.

Witley XI: H. Routledge b Docking 2—b Docking 2, M. Averill b Reynolds 3—c Marks b Hemus 12, E. Blackwell c Docking b Reynolds 0—b Hemus 1, W. Lawrence b Mills 14—c Fidge b Reynolds 16, V. Fryer not out 4—b Fidge 0, W. H. Hall b Reynolds 3—c Fidge b Park 11, Thomson b Reynolds 7—run out 0, F. Cotterill b Mills 0—not out 1, Hingley b Reynolds 0—c Mills b Park 1, F. Hill b Mills 3—b Park 0, extras 9 and 2, totals 82 and 44.

Mr. Hemus' XI: A. Stanton b Fryer 11—b Lawrence 1, P. Mills c Averill b Lawrence 15—b Fryer 2, H. Hemus b Kershaw 11—b Blackwell 27, J. Harber b Fryer 11—b Kershaw 0, C. P. Park b Fryer 0—lbw b Kershaw 0, W. F. Reynolds b Fryer 5—b Kershaw 8, E. Fidge b Lawrence 3—b Fryer 1, M. C. Percott c Colwell b Lawrence 2—not out 10, E. Marks c Lawrence b Blackwell 4, V. Humphreys not out 4, extras 3 and 11, totals 89 and 57 (for 3).

**BARNSELY HALL v. STOKE.**—At Barnsley Hall, Broomgrove, on Saturday. For Stoke Adams took five wickets for 15, and Vanshan four for 12. For Barnsley Hall Dr. Hodgson took five wickets for 33, and Flenderleith three for 22.

Barnsley Hall: Dr. Hodgson b Adams 6, W. Jones b Vanshan 1, C. W. Jackson b Adams 2, R. Aspinall b Adams 6, R. Flenderleith c A. Harrison b Adams 7, A. Williams b Vanshan 0, W. Greenwood b Vanshan 4, A. Spooner not out 7, W. C. Windagr b Adams 0, T. S. Trevesche run out 7, C. Walker b Vanshan 0, extras 3, total 25.

Stoke 1st XI: A. Harrison b Harrison 22, E. Seavey b Hodgson 22, E. Lawson b Hodgson 2, B. Adams b Flenderleith 8, E. Vanshan c Jackson b Flenderleith 55, F. Harrison c Spooner b Flenderleith 8, A. Bowen lbw b Hodgson 22, D. Penny c Jackson b Aspinall 10, H. Barber b Hodgson 22, W. Honeybourne run out 22, J. Hunt not out 17, extras 20, total 222.

WORCESTERSHIRE GENTS. v. ALIENS. A strong eleven of Worcestershire Gents. met the Aliens...

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MALVERN COLLEGE v. HAVERFORD COLLEGE, U.S.A.

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Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score/Status. Includes names like Malvern College, H. J. Knight, F. C. C. Naumann.

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score/Status. Includes names like Haverford - Second Innings, W. H. Robertson, A. L. Baily.

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ST. JOHN'S v. STOURPORT. St. John's lost to Stourport on Saturday; a very even game; a draw.

Stourport: A. Moore c Amey b Skinner 38. F. Wall c George b Macbell 25.

WORCESTERSHIRE GENTS v. HEREFORD GENTS. At Hereford; won by Worcester by 16 wickets to spare.

SALWARPE v. ST JOHN'S. At Salwarpe on Saturday. The match had only 10 players...

LAUGHURN HILL v. CROWN EAST. At Laughurn Hill on Saturday. Crown East: A. Everett b Barber 15.

W.R.G.S. v. MOSELEY. At Flage Meadow on Monday. Moseley batted first and by lunch had lost 6 wickets for 60.

W.R.G.S.: P. T. Francis c Brown b Coates 21. W. H. N. Shakespear b Coates 20.

WEST MALVERN v. CRADLEY. At Cradley on Saturday; an easy win for the home team.

ALCESTER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL v. PECKENHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL. Played on Wednesday at Alcester.

WORCESTERSHIRE LADIES v. GLOUCESTERSHIRE LADIES. At Cheltenham, on the Ladies' College grounds.

W.R.G.S. 1st v. OLD ELIZABETHANS. At Flage Meadow on Wednesday. The Old Elizabethans batted first.

W.R.G.S. v. REV. R. CRAZE'S XI. At Flage Meadow, Worcester, on Tuesday. The visitors had the good fortune to win the toss.

W.R.G.S. v. P. T. FRANCIS XI. At Flage Meadow, Worcester, on Saturday. The match had only 10 players.

WEST MALVERN v. CRADLEY (continued). Cradley: A. T. Weaver b Cooke 13.

ALCESTER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL (continued). Alcester: P. H. Bonford b Rimell 6.

ST. JOHN'S v. STOURPORT (continued). St. John's: G. T. Bown lbw b Clissett 35.

## CRICKET

### WORCESTERSHIRE V. KENT. SETTING KENT RUNS TO GET.

After lunch Arnold and W. B. Burns were faced by Carr and Blythe. The wicket had apparently improved a good deal; and the batsmen settled down with greater ease than before. Runs came steadily. The 100 was recorded after 125 minutes' batting and very shortly afterwards the arrears on the first innings were wiped off. When he was 24 Burns hit one from Blythe to Day at cover point. Everyone thought that the batsman would get his dismissal, but the fielder allowed the catch to go to earth. Burns signalled his good fortune by driving Blythe to the rails, and shortly afterwards he pulled a full toss from Carr for 4, and a similar sort of delivery from Blythe for 4 more. Blythe profited by this daring. He sent up another inviting ball, but Burns misjudged the flight, and tried to drive it hard, mistimed it, and was clean bowled. He had played a courageous and useful innings for an hour. 142-4-40. Turner stayed to make only two, and was then leg before to Blythe. 146-5-2. H. G. Bache came in and was out for obstructing the second ball he received for another 0 (a pair of spectacles). He got 2 and 0 against Middlesex; so he is having a distinguished run. 146-5-0. Cuffie joined Arnold, and he on-drove Blythe finely for 4.

#### FIRST HALF-CENTURY.

Then he had a bang at one from Carr, and was easily caught at second slip. 155-7-5. Worcestershire were now losing fast. W. H. Taylor came in, and scored a 1 and 2, and then gave an easy catch to Seymour in the long field off Carr. 158-8-3. Arnold joined Blythe for 4, and on-drove him for 2 and on-drove a no-ball for 4, thus completing his 50 (in 115 minutes), the first half-century in the match. Arnold was hitting freely, so Blythe had three men in the deep field for him. He withdrew them for Burrows, and the latter, taking courage, promptly lifted him over the rails for 6. This was quite cheering. Several times Arnold went two or three paces to meet Carr, and hit him well, but he missed one which was very wide on the off, and, of course, he was stumped. Still he had played a fine innings lasting two hours and 10 minutes. He hit one 5, five 4's, two 3's and nine 2's. Bale was bowled first ball behind his legs by a ball which he did not attempt to play. So the innings closed with a lead of only 88 runs. Carr had a remarkable analysis of five wickets for 53 runs.

#### KENT'S EASY WIN.

W. B. Burns and Burrows began the bowling to E. W. Dillon and Humphreys. Burns nearly shaved Dillon's wicket with his first ball—a bumper; and Burrows, with his first ball, got Humphreys caught at the wicket in trying a leg glance. So Humphreys got a pain. In the same over Seymour touched a ball, and was nearly caught in the slips by W. B. Burns, who made a big jump, but only just touched the ball with the tips of his fingers. Seymour faced Burns and on-drove him for 4; after which Dillon, off three consecutive balls, hit Burrows to leg for 4, on-drove him for 4, and cut him for 3. With the score at 19 for one wicket Cuffie bowled in place of Burrows. A little surprise was in store. Cuffie bowled down Dillon's off-stump. 28-2-21. K. L. Hutchings came in. Neither he nor his comrades hurried. They had at least a day to spare, and the bowling was simple. At 45 Burns was relieved by Taylor. The fifty went up after 20 minutes' play, and the end fast approached. Seymour turned to leg for 4 each two successive deliveries to a Taylor. The next was a no-ball and Seymour off-drove that for 4. The next Seymour off-drove for 2 and the last he hit to leg for 1, making 15 in one over. In the next over Hutchings hit his first and second balls for 4 each; and returned his third to him for a nice easy left-handed catch. 79-3-22. Woolley joined Seymour who hit a ball to leg for four, the winning stroke, Kent having a margin of seven wickets.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE—First Innings.

Bowley c Seymour b Blythe	16
Pearson c Humphreys b Fairservice	41
H. K. Foster c Hutchings b Fairservice	59
Arnold c Hoaman b Fairservice	5
W. H. Burns st Huish b Carr	7
H. G. Bache hb Carr	0
Cuffie c Fairservice b Carr	6
W. H. Taylor b Fairservice	0
Burrows c and b Fairservice	0
Turner not out	3
Bale b Fairservice	5
Extras	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>112</b>

#### KENT—First Innings.

Humphreys c and b Burns	0
E. W. Dillon b Burrows	1
Seymour c Bale b Burrows	15
K. L. Hutchings c Pearson b Taylor	27
Woolley lbw b Burrows	27
S. M. Day b Arnold	15
C. V. L. Hoaman c Taylor b Burrows	23
Fairservice b Burrows	11
Huish lbw b Arnold	12
Blythe not out	56
D. W. Carr b Pearson	16
Extras	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>224</b>

#### WORCESTERSHIRE—Second Innings.

Pearson c Dillon b Woolley	30
Bowley b Carr	29
H. K. Foster c Dillon b Woolley	5
W. B. Burns b Blythe	40
Arnold st Huish b Carr	64
Turner lbw b Blythe	2
H. G. Bache lbw b Blythe	0
Cuffie c Hutchings b Carr	5
W. H. Taylor c Seymour c Carr	4
Bale b Carr	0
Burrows not out	8
Extras	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>185</b>

#### KENT—Second Innings.

E. W. Dillon b Cuffie	21
Humphreys c Bale b Burrows	6
Seymour not out	28
K. L. Hutchings c and b Taylor	23
Woolley not out	4
Extras	2
<b>Total (3 wks)</b>	<b>87</b>

#### KENT WON by seven wickets.

#### BOWLING ANALYSIS.

WORCESTERSHIRE—First Innings.										
	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.		
Woolley	2	0	12	0	Blythe	2	4	18	1	
D. W. Carr	23	10	44	3	Fairservice	13	4	7	2	6
Fairservice bowled two wickets.										
WORCESTERSHIRE—Second Innings.										
	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.		
Carr	13	4	35	5	Woolley	16	1	43	2	
Blythe	28	4	81	5	Fairservice	6	3	15	0	
KENT—First Innings.										
	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.		
Burns	10	0	58	2	Taylor	5	0	27	1	
Burrows	20	2	85	4	Pearson	4	1	9	1	
Cuffie	3	1	7	0	Arnold	14	3	44	2	
Burns bowled two wickets Burrows one no-ball.										
KENT—Second Innings.										
	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.		
Burns	6	2	25	0	Cuffie	6	2	12	1	
Burrows	24	0	21	1	Taylor	3	0	25	1	
Burns bowled one no-ball.										

**WARWICKSHIRE V. WORCESTER-SHIRE.**

At Birmingham.  
 (1898 result, Worcester won by an innings and 233 runs. Scores: Warwick, 141 and 204 (T. S. Kishwick 78); Worcester, 578 for 6, innings declared closed (Arnold 200 not out, W. B. Burns 196). Arnold and Burns put on 353, a record stand for the fifth wicket. Arnold also bowled well, taking altogether 10 wickets for 114 runs.)

**Big Crowd at Edgbaston, MAKE-SHIFT WORCESTERSHIRE XI.**

Worcestershire are a powerful magnet at Edgbaston. There was a splendid ring of spectators, the grass bank being crowded; indeed the people were ten or twelve deep. It was one of the best gatherings seen at the ground for years. It was a good stroke of luck for Worcestershire to win the toss, but Pearson, probably the most consistent bat on the side, was out at five, being caught very wide on the off.

Bowley and Arnold batted soundly, but Field, coming on for Foster at the pavilion end, sent down as good an over as he has ever bowled. A ball from him whipped back and bowled Arnold. It was absolutely unplayable, and a similar delivery broke across and took Burns's leg stump. Field had previously got Bowls taken at mid-off, so that he had done

his side splendid service. Lowe, however, hit in spirited style.

Lowe's cricket came as a surprise to many. Everyone knows how great his natural gifts were, but he has been out of the game for a long time, and his form had to be taken somewhat on trust, but he rose to the occasion admirably. He put the ball where the fielders were not, thus teaching many modern batsmen a much-needed lesson. He was fast, too, between the wickets at all times.

Turner and Collier plodded along. The home captain made a mistake by putting the Quiffe on instead of Foster, as the latter was reinforced by the Worcestershire batsmen. He has an awkward swinging ball, which beats the batsmen. Both Arnold and Bowley have got black bruises to show as the result of facing him this morning. When he did come on he bowled Collier and Burrows straight away.

When Warwickshire went in Lilley left at 50—caught at slip at the second attempt—but Kinner and Charlesworth steadily mastered the bowling, and the put on runs at a capital pace. They sent up 100 when the innings had lasted an hour and forty minutes, and when stumps were drawn were still together, having carried the score to 146. When he had made 30 Charlesworth completed his 1,000 runs for the season.

The total of 191 was not at all a good one on so fast a pitch. Turner had an excellent 49 to his credit. He stayed an hour and 20 minutes, and batted with admirable steadiness. He is a good cricketer, and the innings should give him what he needs—confidence.

Worcestershire were not at full strength, H. K. Foster, G. N. Foster, and G. H. Simpson-Hayward not being with the team.

On the whole it was an uneven day's cricket, Bowley, Arnold, and Lowe playing freely for their runs, while Turner, on the one side, and Kinner on the other, were just as careful and patient. The fishing was not so reliable as it should have been, Burns and Turner being missed by the Warwickshire players. Kinner, too, was twice indebted to lapses on the part of the visitors.

During the earlier part of the day there was an abundance of bright sunshine, but although the weather was dull in the afternoon it was always pleasant, and the large company thoroughly appreciated the cricket. According to the official returns, a sum of £179 was taken at the turnstiles, 6,477 having paid for admission. With members, the attendance probably reached between 8,000 and 9,000.

**Butte-fingered Fielding.**

At Edgbaston, on Tuesday, only a little play was possible. A drizzling rain set in about eleven o'clock in the morning, developing later into a heavy downfall. There was an improvement at three o'clock, and although the ends of the wicket had been protected, as usual, the outfield recovered so slowly that a resumption was impossible before a quarter to five. Overnight Warwickshire had got within 45 of their opponents' total for the loss of Lilley's wicket. Kinner failed to increase his score, but Charlesworth, aided by some good fortune after reaching three figures, was again seen to advantage, hitting quite as vigorously as on the preceding evening. Bowlers and fielders alike were handicapped by the conditions, and at least four catches were missed which should have been taken, Burrows, Burns, and Cuffe suffering from these mistakes. After being let off at 83 by Turner, extra cover-point, at 105 by Taylor at mid-off, and twice at 119 by Bowley at mid-off, and again by Taylor, Charlesworth's fortunate career was closed when he had scored 133. Quiffe and Baker helped to increase the total, and when play closed Warwickshire, with half their wickets in hand, were 95 runs ahead.

Not only did the fielders give Charlesworth all this favour, K. R. Foster, when batting, vigorously gave a chance at 114 to Fowler, which was dropped. Then Foster put up a ball behind the wicket which was secured by Bale. An amusing incident then occurred. Burrows had been in despair at the number of missed chances, and when Bale took Foster, the fast bowler ran the length of the wicket and joyfully shook hands with him.

**FOUR OVERS IN A DAY.**

This match was ruined by the rain. Two overs were bowled before noon on Wednesday, and two runs were added, before rain drove the players from the field. Then frequent showers, with bursts of sunshine between, kept the tennis from resuming until just before five o'clock. The Warwickshire captain decided to close the innings, and, in threatening weather, Worcestershire entered upon their second attempt 97 runs behind. When two overs had been bowled the players had to leave the field, and stumps were drawn. There were a few hundred people on the ground.

**WORCESTERSHIRE—First Innings**

Pearson c Smith b Ecter	4
Bowley c Byrne b Field	40
Arnold b Field	26
W. B. Burns b Field	2
Cuffe c Breeden b Santall	1
W. H. Lowe c Collier b Santall	34
Turner not out	49
Collier b Foster	19
Burrows b Foster	0
W. H. Taylor c Lilley b Quiffe	0
Bale at Smith b Santall	9
Extras	16

Total ..... 191

**WARWICKSHIRE—First Innings**

Lilley c Arnold b Burns	11
Kinner c Burrows b Burns	44
Charlesworth c Bale b Burrows	133
F. R. Foster c Bale b Burrows	57
Quiffe b Taylor	4
Baker not out	25
Breeden b.t. out	4
Extras	30

Total (5 wkts) .... 268

**Innings declared closed**

**WORCESTERSHIRE—Second Innings**

Bowley not out	6
Pearson not out	3
Extras	5

Total (0 wkts) ..... 13

Match abandoned as a draw.

**BOWLING ANALYSIS.**

**WORCESTERSHIRE—First Innings**

Foster	o	m	r	w	o	m	r	w
Field	17	5	40	3	Santall	23	7	1
Field	24	3	73	3	Quiffe	8	1	15

Field bowled a wide and a no-ball.

**WARWICKSHIRE—First Innings**

Burns	o	m	r	w	o	m	r	w
Burns	19	8	66	2	Arnold	11	1	30
Burrows	18	1	26	2	Pearson	7	2	15
Cuffe	13	3	37	0	Taylor	6	1	24

Burns bowled six wides and one no-ball, and Pearson one wide.

**WORCESTERSHIRE—Second Innings**

Foster	o	m	r	w	o	m	r	w
Foster	1	0	4	0	Santall	1	0	4

**COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.**

	Plays	Won	Drawn	Lost	Percentage
Kent	18	16	2	0	77.77
Surrey	19	10	3	6	52.63
Lancashire	21	11	6	4	52.38
Middlesex	14	7	4	3	60.00
Yorkshire	19	9	5	5	47.36
Hampshire	17	8	3	6	47.05
Essex	11	5	2	4	45.45
Northamptonshire	16	6	3	7	43.75
Sussex	17	7	3	7	41.17
Leicestershire	14	4	0	8	33.33
Notts	15	5	0	8	33.33
Gloucestershire	14	3	4	7	21.42
Warwickshire	17	3	6	8	17.64
Worcestershire	16	2	7	7	12.50
Derbyshire	15	2	2	11	13.33
Somerset	13	0	2	11	0.00

**ST. JOHN'S v. YORKSHIRE FALCON TOURING CLUB.**—At Boughton on Wednesday.

Yorkshire Falcon Touring Club: J. E. Pontefract c Machell b Carmichael 60, W. B. Barber b Carmichael 17, W. H. Rowlands not out 119, T. Howlands b Carmichael 5, A. L. Stapleton c Young b Carmichael 14, B. W. Doncaster c Skinner b Conway 25, A. G. Fickard not out 14, Bernard Priestman, H. Redding, J. P. Whitlow and C. Rowlands did not bat, extras 10, total (5 wkt., declared) 254.

St. John's: W. Machell c Fickard b Pontefract 0, B. G. M. Carmichael b W. H. Howlands 24, G. Baldwin b Pontefract 0, W. A. Young c Pontefract b Whitlow 11, W. Skinner c Pontefract b W. H. Rowlands 23, H. F. Gozrae c F. Rowlands b W. H. Rowlands 13, D. Babjohns c and b Doncaster 1, W. South not out 9, W. Park c Doncaster b F. Howlands 1, J. F. Armstrong not out 3, Conway did not bat, extras 1, total (8 wks.) 82.

**OLD ELIZABETHANS v. BROMYARD GRAMMAR SCHOOL.**—At Bromyard.

Old Elizabethans.—P. W. Penny c Elwell b Whitehouse 11, W. J. Brewer b Whitehouse 15, A. C. W. Hobson b Elwell 13, H. M. Gardner b Rev. Henwood 11, A. L. Smith b Elwell 1, S. Hartley b Elwell 2, L. T. Pritchard not out 6, S. C. T. Woodhead b Elwell 6, F. R. Dyon b Whitehouse 0, O. G. Bibbs b Elwell 3, F. W. Wareham run out 0, extras 2, total 83.

Bromyard G.S. Old Boys.—J. E. Cuff c Pritchard b Gardner 2, A. G. L. Whitehouse run out 10, Rev. Henwood c Brewer b Gardner 11, T. D. Ferris c Brewer b Gardner 2, J. H. Elwell c Hobson b Brewer 6, I. Tipper b Gardner 28, T. H. Denny b Ferris 4, F. H. Medley b Ferris 0, T. H. Williams run out 5, J. R. M. Ellis c Hartley b Brewer 3, K. J. Mullis not out 1, extras 11, total 55.

**CHELTHENHAM v. ST. JOHN'S 1st.**—At Boughton on Saturday. C. Barnett, the Gloucester amateur, played a splendid innings of 100 for Cheltenham. He did not give a chance until he was caught. Included in his innings were 14 fours. Wooster also batted well for his 62 runs, L. P. Dighton being the most successful bowler. For St. John's Dr. Bunting played a good innings of 55, scored chiefly by magnificent square cuts and powerful off-drives. P. T. Francis also batted well for 33 runs, and came out with a remarkable good bowling analysis, taking four wickets for 24 runs.

Cheltenham: C. L. Barnett c Baldwin b Francis 100, Dr. Dighton b Machell 25, H. D. Wooster c Baldwin b Francis 62, E. C. Montaguon c Amyes b Francis 9, A. H. Rogers c Baldwin b Francis 0, D. C. Holman not out 8, L. P. Dighton, H. Gardiner, W. Wood, L. Collins and Yiend did not bat, extras 7, total 211.

St. John's: W. Machell c Holman b Yiend 13, G. Baldwin b L. P. Dighton 13, Dr. Bunting b Yiend 54, H. J. Casley b L. P. Dighton 14, L. D. Brownell b L. P. Dighton 0, D. Babjohns run out 0, P. T. Francis not out 33, L. Warren b A. A. Dighton 14, W. South not out 5, P. J. Amyes and W. Skinner did not bat, extras 15, total 150.

## WORCESTERSHIRE v. SUSSEX.

### A Sensational Victory.

#### Friday's Play.

#### G. N. FOSTER'S BRIGHT CENTURY.

In reply to the Sussex total of 278, compiled on Thursday, Worcestershire, in spite of rain, ran up a total of 330. G. N. Foster was undefeated for a merely 129 out of 177 scored whilst he was at the wicket. He was batting an hour and 20 minutes. Whilst he scored with freedom all round the wicket, his fine driving was the feature of his display, the vigour of which can be judged by the fact that he scored one five and 25 fours. Worcester thus had a useful lead of 52.

Sussex started their second innings with the usual pair, Vine and R. Relf, to the attack of Burns and Burrows. Runs came freely. Relf scoring a boundary in each of the first three overs, but at 29, of which he had made 20, he was well taken behind the wickets off Burrows, 29-1-20. Cox, the incoming, quickly scored 9, when he was missed by Lyttelton at second slip off Burns. The 50 was hoisted in 40 minutes, and at 52 Arnold relieved Burns. Two runs later Burrows gave way to Lyttelton, whose first over brought about the dismissal of Vine, who cut a rising ball wide of Burns. The fielder made a fine catch, taking the ball with one hand as he jumped to it. Without any addition to the total, Bale smartly caught Cox off Arnold, and P. Cartwright and H. P. Chaplin became partners. The Worcester lead having been cancelled, the batsmen were now putting on runs, but not very rapidly.

When the total had risen to 76 Lyttelton gave way to Burns, who got rid of Cartwright in his first over caught behind the wicket, 76-4-8. With Albert Relf in runs came at a moderate pace. The 100 was telegraphed in an hour and a half, Pearson having displaced Burns at 88. Arnold retired at 102 in favour of Burrows, whom Relf prudently glanced to the leg boundary, and at 126 Cuffe took the ball.

When he had made 55 the Sussex skipper was dropped off Burrows by Bale, but the fifth wicket fell in the next over, H. K. Foster making a good catch on the rails of the ladies' enclosure off Arnold, whereby Relf received his dismissal. The partnership had added 94 in 80 minutes by sound and steady methods. Killick came in, and Chaplin showed a little more freedom, getting Burrows twice to the boundary. A very pretty snick to the leg boundary off the professional, followed by another cut to the rails off Burns, took him beyond the coveted three figures. He had been batting 2½ hours. He was easily taken at mid-off from the next ball. He obtained his runs by means of sound cricket, his hitting during the later part of his innings being resolutely vigorous. He hit one 6 and twelve 4's. With Jupp in, Killick brightened up considerably, despatching Cuffe to the rails twice in one over—a neat leg glance and a big off-drive. The score was taken on Friday evening to 254, leaving the visitors 206 on.

#### VISITORS' FINAL COLLAPSE.

There had been light showers during the night, but not heavy rain; and there was nothing to delay the recommencement of the match on Saturday. Arnold and Burns bowled, and with seven more runs added to the overnight score of 254, including a 4 to Jupp, the last-named skied a delivery from the amateur to H. K. Foster, at mid-off, and was taken. Fender joined Killick, but at 276 he was smartly taken at the wicket off Arnold. Vincett next joined Killick, but the score had advanced only to 283 (the incoming batsman scoring two fluky couplets off Burns), when a sharp shower drove the players to shelter. One more run was added after the resumption, and then Vincett was caught at the wicket, this making Bale's fifth victim in the innings. Butt only remained. He scored only a single, and then Killick gave Arnold the chance of a very smart catch, wide, with the right hand, at second slip off Burns. The fielder secured it, and the innings closed for 291, leaving Worcestershire 254 to get to win.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE'S TASK: BAD BEGINNING.

There was plenty of time to get the runs, and it was not hopeless, yet not an easy task. Indeed, there was a prospect of a good fight for the last home match of the season. Bowley and Pearson opened Worcestershire's second innings to the bowling of the Brothers Relf. Their methods were careful. They had scored only nine when Vincett was put on to relieve R. Relf. At 19 Pearson was c and b by A. Relf, being scored only four. Bowley at 16 survived a very confident appeal for leg before from Vincett, and when 18 he reached too forward to play a puzzling ball from Vincett, and was smartly stumped by Butt. 29-2-16. Arnold came in, and two runs were added when the rain caused another stoppage of play. When play was resumed, the two Relfs bowled, and the first noteworthy occurrence was a pretty shot by H. K. to the boundary off Albert Relf, Arnold having just previously hit R. Relf to the on-side for three. After H. K. Foster had twice in one over despatched A. Relf to the rails, once to the ladies' enclosure and once close to the main scoring door, Arnold hit the other Relf on two occasions for 4's. The 50 went up in 65 minutes, and runs accrued at a pace. At 53 Arnold, unfortunately, was clean-bowled by Albert Relf, 53-3-13. G. N. Foster square-out Albert Relf for four, all run, and followed by off-driving the same bowler for a similar number. Not many runs came off Vincett, who had gone on for Robert Relf at 78, but he was taken off at 96 and put on the opposite end in place of Albert Relf. Off him G. N. Foster set up the 100 in 110 minutes with a rattling good shot to the ladies' enclosure (which caused the umpire to duck his head quickly), and he again reached the rails a moment later. Both batsmen's scores

were assumed by a few instances of loose fielding, whereby a four was registered instead of a single. At 117 H. K. Foster was clean bowled, 117-4-41. With W. B. Burns in G. N. Foster nicely turned Vincett for two, but at 124 when he had made 44, he hit a ball from Vincett up to Jupp. This, the fifth wicket, fell when Worcestershire required 110 to win. Cuffe came in, and Burns opened his account with a leg-hit from Cox for four.

#### W. B. BURNS' BRILLIANCE.

Afterwards the amateur despatched Vincett to the leg rails, and Cuffe opened with a four through the slips. When Burns was 12 he lifted a ball from Cox into the country and was missed by Jupp. At 151 Robert Relf went on for Cox, and his brother replaced Vincett at 156. Without any addition to the score Robert Relf disturbed Cuffe's off stump, after the batsman had banded him for four, 155-6-14.

G. L. Crowe was the new comer, but, playing very indifferently, was soon bowled, and Worcestershire's chances were apparently gone, for they still wanted 77 runs to win. When Burrows came in 10 runs were added before he was well caught by Chaplin at deep mid-off from A. Relf, and still they were a long way from victory. The Hon. C. F. Lyttelton joined Burns, who by means of two dangerous strokes sent the ball through the slips to the boundary. Lyttelton's first stroke of note was a beautiful leg glance for four, and Burns was loudly applauded for a big drive off R. Relf to the Digby boundary, and he repeated the performance at the other Relf's expense. After binging A. Relf to the leg-boundary, Burns completed his 50 in 70 minutes, and the 200 went up in three hours and five minutes. With 12 to his credit Lyttelton should have been caught low down at first slip by Cox, off R. Relf, but the very next ball he snicked to the wicket-keeper, off whose gloves it went into Cox's hands, 208-9-12. When Bale walked in 25 runs were wanted to win, and Burns continued on his run-getting mission in a most determined manner, while the stumper kept the ball out of his wicket. Burns twice drove A. Relf for four, once all run, and the score gradually mounted from 229 to 225, every stroke eliciting applause. At a quarter to six Burns hit A. Relf to the ladies' enclosure for four, making the total 229, and the next delivery he lifted high into the same enclosure amid a scene of tremendous excitement, thus turning to victory a match which had fluctuated strangely all through. Immediately the crowd rushed across the field, the brilliant amateur receiving a great ovation. He had played an hour and 25 minutes for a grand net out innings of 76, which included one 6, one 5, thirteen 4's and four 2's.

#### SUSSEX.—First Innings.

Relf (R.) c G. N. Foster b Pearson	78
Vine b Pearson	20
Cox b Pearson	19
Relf (A.) b Lyttelton	10
H. P. Chaplin c G. N. Foster b Pearson	40
Killick c Cuffe b Lyttelton	41
Jupp not out	55
F. U. Fender b Burrows	18
Vincett c G. N. Foster b Arnold	12
Butt c Bale b Burrows	8
Extras	8
Total	278

#### WORCESTERSHIRE.—First Innings.

H. K. Foster c Butt b Vincett	54
Bowley lbw b A. Relf	63
Pearson c and b Vincett	9
Arnold lbw b Killick	14
Cuffe c Vine b Vincett	3
G. N. Foster not out	120
W. B. Burns not out	0
G. L. Crowe c Chaplin b Killick	13
Burrows b Killick	9
Hon. C. F. Lyttelton b A. E. Relf	9
Bale lbw b A. Relf	8
Extras	10
Total	324

#### SUSSEX.—Second Innings.

Vine c Burns b Lyttelton	29
Relf (H.) c Bale b Burrows	20
Cox c Bale b Arnold	12
P. Cartwright c Bale b Burns	6
H. P. Chaplin c Cuffe b Burns	103
Relf (A.) c H. K. Foster b Arnold	38
Killick c Arnold b Burns	39
Jupp c H. K. Foster b Burns	14
F. U. Fender c Bale b Arnold	4
Vincett c Bale b Arnold	1
Butt not out	16
Extras	16
Total	291

#### WORCESTERSHIRE.—Second Innings.

Pearson c and b A. E. Relf	4
Bowley c Butt b Vincett	16
H. K. Foster b Vincett	41
Arnold b A. E. Relf	18
G. N. Foster c Jupp b Vincett	44
W. B. Burns not out	78
Cuffe b A. Relf	14
G. L. Crowe b A. E. Relf	0
Burrows c Chaplin b A. E. Relf	8
C. F. Lyttelton c Cox b R. Relf	18
Bale not out	2
Extras	0
Total (8 wks)	255

#### BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Sussex.—First Innings.				
Bowler	o.	m.	r.	w.
Burrows	15	5	2	7
Arnold	10	2	4	1
Cuffe	7	2	1	0
Hon. C. F. Lyttelton bowled one no-ball				

Sussex.—Second Innings.				
Bowler	o.	m.	r.	w.
Burns	17	4	1	2
Burrows	18	1	6	1
Arnold	21	2	5	4
Burns bowled 2 wickets and 1 no-ball.				

Worcestershire.—First Innings.				
Bowler	o.	m.	r.	w.
Relf (R.)	15	5	0	3
Killick	15	6	5	3
Relf (A.)	20	5	3	5
Cox	6	0	3	0

Worcestershire.—Second Innings.				
Bowler	o.	m.	r.	w.
Relf (A. E.)	29	8	9	4
Relf (R.)	18	5	2	2
Relf (R.) bowled one no-ball.				



CROWN EAST v. CHADLEY.—At Chadley on Saturday, the home team winning by 82 runs. Taking first knock the visitors collapsed before the bowling of G. Kings and Weaver, whose analyses were 6 for 8 and 4 for 7 respectively. The home team replied with 72. The was kindly provided by the home team.

Crown East: G. Croker Fox b Weaver 1, W. D. Abbott c Brooks b Kings 0, C. Prescoe b Kings 1, R. Townsend c Dalley b Weaver 6, W. Downes b Kings 2, J. Taylor c B. Kings b G. Kings 2, L. Russell b Weaver 3, H. Bowden b Weaver 3, J. Lakin b Kings 0, G. Hastwell hit wicket b Kings 0, T. Edwards not out 0, extras 5, total 90.

Chadley: J. L. Grist c Taylor b Townsend 22, R. E. Kings b Croker Fox 12, T. H. Little b Croker Fox 0, C. Jackson b Russell 5, F. James c and b Townsend 3, E. Brooks c and b Townsend 0, G. E. Kings c Fox b Townsend 4, M. V. Holmes b Bowden 2, A. T. Weaver b Taylor 3, C. Dalley lbw b Bowden 3, J. Hancock not out 7, extras 3, total 72.

KEMPNEY v. CROOME.—At Croome on Saturday, Kempney won by 4 wickets, E. and H. Kirkby bowled well for hampsey. The former batses well. Croome were dismissed a second time for 64. H. Kirkby took 5 wickets for 14, and E. O. Kirkby 5 for 8.

Croome: Walsure b R. Kirkby 4—b R. Kirkby 0, Marsing b R. Kirkby 4—run out 4, Sir Asith Fraser b E. O. Kirkby 3—b E. Kirkby 14, Wilson b E. O. Kirkby 3—Hancock b E. Kirkby 12, Jund b E. O. Kirkby 0—Mountford b E. Kirkby 3, Fowall b H. Kirkby 0—b E. Kirkby 1, Robertson b E. O. Kirkby 7—b E. Kirkby 0, Linsey b R. Kirkby 0—b Denley 10, Hunt c and b E. O. Kirkby 7—b E. Kirkby 2, Stick c and b E. O. Kirkby 0—run out 0, Linsey not out 0—c Jones b E. Kirkby 1, extras 1—2, totals 25—64.

Kempney: W. White c Kingy b Wiltshire 11, J. Grant b Sir A. Fraser 11, H. Mountford c Linsey b Wiltshire 1, E. O. Kirkby lbw b Robertson 31, H. Marsay b Sir A. Fraser 0, G. Bea c Sir A. Fraser 0, Denley 9, F. Denley b Robertson 3, W. Hancock c Sir A. Fraser b Robertson 0, D. Hancock b Robertson 0, A. Harbours not out 1, C. Jones b Robertson 0, extras 10, total 71.

EVERHAM II v. MOOR.—At Everham on Saturday, a draw resulting.

Everham: F. E. Gardiner c Wagstaff b Lord 33, W. A. Cox c Hill b Dewing 78, H. M. Hutchinson b Lord 0, F. J. Bailey c Jones b Dewing 46, J. L. Bates b Nicholas 4, W. Littlewood not out 0, L. C. Cox, C. K. Nicklin, A. Jones, A. D. Bennett, M. W. Stanton did not bat, extras 4, total (innings closed) 167.

Moor: F. Nicholas c Jones b Bailey 23, E. Huskfield c Gardiner c Bailey 13, J. Lord c Bailey 10, T. Jones c Hutchinson 9, J. W. Lord b Linsey 1, J. Deagrey b L. C. Cox 10, A. Nicholas not out 8, H. Wagstaff b L. C. Cox 8, W. E. Dewing not out 5, J. C. Hill and S. Brooks did not bat, extras 12, total (7 wks) 108.

ASTWOOD BANK v. INKBERROW.—At Astwood bank.

Astwood bank: H. Summers c Clarke b Selwyn 20, L. Yoxall b Clarke 12, R. Clarke b Clarke 3, A. Yoxall c Smith b Selwyn 14, K. Hutchinson b Clarke 2, J. Lewis b Clarke 14, O. Baylis not out 10, H. Deagrey b Clarke 4, J. Perkins b Clarke 4, H. Yoxall b Clarke 1, H. Yoxall b Clarke 0, extras 6, total 82.

Inkberrow: H. Perce c Perkins b Clarke 1, H. F. Scayolds c and b Lewis 20, Rev. R. T. Montrose c Summers 6, W. Clarke b L. Yoxall b Lewis 1, H. Russell c and b Summers 3, H. Richardson c and b Lewis 12, H. James c Lewis b Summers 2, F. Selwyn c Baylis b Summers 3, W. Smith b Lewis 4, D. Hurley not out 8, H. P. Hancock c Lewis b Summers 2, extras 4, total 62.

ST. JOHN'S 1st v. LEDBURY.—At Broughton, on Saturday, a very even game ending in a draw. W. Machell (67) and L. Warren (52) played excellent cricket for the home side. For Leacoury, W. Williams (48 not out) and O. B. Masefield (31 not out) played out time. Scores:

St. John's 1st: W. Machell c Philippot b Williams 67, R. Randall b Williams 1, L. Warren c Masefield b James 42, J. R. H. Ward c Masefield b A. Mallett 18, D. Babjohns c Berkeley b James 14, G. T. Baldwin not out 9, W. Skinner c Philippot b A. Mallett 9, L. Jones not out 8, W. South, J. F. Armstrong, A. W. J. Baker did not bat, extras 17, total 194.

Ledbury: F. Jaffes c Bandle b Babjohns 9, H. S. C. Berkeley c South b Babjohns 0, J. M. Philippot b Skinner 26, W. Williams not out 43, C. B. Masefield not out 31, G. Smith, V. Mallett, T. Rogers, C. Jones, H. Hill and A. Mallett to bat, extras 5, total 108.

H. HEMUS' XI v. HANBURY.—On the County Ground on Monday, Chester played a splendid innings. Evans, Babjohns, Harber and Baldwin all batted well for the winners, and G. Baylis for the losers. It would be a good thing for all local umpires to read up the laws of cricket, especially Law 24.

Hanbury: G. Baylis b Harber 43, J. Wilson b Daggor 6, Hon. E. Allsopp c Babjohns b Bea 5, H. Lewis c Bea b Babjohns 27, J. Harvey c Daggor b Chester 4, B. Millard c Baldwin b Harber 27, N. Palmer run out 23, F. Jackson c Hemus b Chester 12, G. Besscroft c Evans b Baldwin 9, E. Baylis c Harber b Chester 10, E. Jackson not out 0, extras 2, total 162.

H. Hemus: A. S. Daggor run out 5, F. Topham b Besscroft 4, G. T. Baldwin c Jackson b Baylis 32, D. Babjohns c and b Lewis 49, E. Chester b Lewis 91, J. Harber not out 23, W. Evans c Millard b Lewis 64, H. Hemus lbw b Lewis 1, J. Roe not out 8, T. G. Parker and M. Ferrett did not bat, total (see supplied) 277.

CRICKET

HAMPSHIRE V. WORCESTERSHIRE.

REMARKABLE INCIDENT: LUCKY FRY.

At Bournemouth on Friday Hants gained the advantage. Mead and Stone started their second innings in a minority of 41. Mead was out to Burrows with his score at three. When Johnston went in runs were slowly obtained, and bowling changes were frequent. With the score at 66 Stone, who had been batting an hour for 21, was bowled by Arnold. Llewellyn partnered Johnston, and the hundred went up in ninety minutes. The newcomer contributed 26 before he succumbed to a good ball by Arnold. With Brown in and only two runs added Johnston was bowled by Lyttelton, the score being 105 for four wickets. On Fry joining Brown an unusual incident occurred, as before Fry had opened his score there was an appeal at the wicket for a catch. One of the umpires, noticing he was outside his crease, by mistake gave him out as being stumped, the appeal for the catch being disallowed; but the batsman had not been disturbed, and of course Fry was allowed to proceed. Brown was caught at point by Burrows, five wickets being down for 114. Fry and Yates were associated after lunch, the former doing most of the scoring, and with the total at 141 Burrows sent back Yates for five. On Sprot filling the vacancy the complexion of the game soon completely changed, both batsmen treating the spectators to some fine cricket. Getting well set, they fairly collared the bowling. Sprot scoring slightly the faster of the two. Fry sent the first delivery of Pearson into the pavilion. Two hundred went up in three hours and five minutes and Fry reached his fifty in ninety-five minutes, Sprot securing his in seventy. The three hundred was telegraphed after four hours and thirty minutes' play, and then Sprot at 92 was caught at the wicket. He had been batting just under two hours, and had not given a chance. His driving was clean and powerful, and included in his hits were nine 4's. McDonell was soon disposed of, and Newman went in. Fry reached his hundred in three hours, and continued to hit with freedom, but Arnold at last bowled him with his score at 115. Fry's innings was a really brilliant one, as he was never in difficulties at any time, and he hit one 6 and twelve 4's. The innings closed shortly afterwards for 302. Burrows securing his hundredth wicket with the last ball.

On a capital wicket Worcestershire entered upon their task to obtain 325 runs to win. Bowley and Pearson were the two first batsmen, and Newman and McDonell opened the attack. Five runs were hit from the former's first over, and 10 were telegraphed in as many minutes. With his score at 9, Pearson unfortunately played on to Newman, and the first wicket fell at 12. Arnold partnered Bowley, and runs for a while came slowly. They put on 41 in thirty-five minutes, when the latter was out leg before. Bowley was out just after, having been at the wicket an hour for 15 runs. Burns was finely caught by Fry running in from the long field, but with Cuffe and Crowe together some excellent batting was seen, 55 being put on in thirty-five minutes. Cuffe was the first to leave at 144. Crowe being dismissed by Newman at the same score. Half an hour's play after lunch sufficed to finish the match, the last four wickets falling for an addition of 34 runs. Hampshire won by 143 runs.

HAMPSHIRE.—First Innings.

Stone b Burns	14
A. C. Johnston c and b Arnold	6
C. B. Fry b Arnold	2
Llewellyn c Bale b Lyttelton	12
Mead c Arnold b Lyttelton	45
W. H. M. Yates b Cuffe	32
Brown b Cuffe	3
E. M. Sprot b Cuffe	0
H. C. McDonell b Cuffe	0
Newman not out	9
Kennedy b Burrows	0
Extras	10
Total	125

WORCESTERSHIRE.—First Innings.

Pearson c Llewellyn b Newman	43
Bowley b Newman	19
Arnold b Newman	9
Cuffe b Newman	11
W. B. Burns c Llewellyn b Mead	13
G. L. Crowe c Johnston b Kennedy	36
Collier lbw b Mead	30
Burrows run out	1
Hunt b McDonell	8
Bale not out	1
Hon. C. F. Lyttelton c Johnston b McDonell	0
Extras	5
Total	166

HAMPSHIRE.—Second Innings.

Stone b Arnold	21
Mead b Burrows	47
A. C. Johnston b Lyttelton	40
G. B. Fry b Arnold	116
Llewellyn b Arnold	26
Brown c Burrows b Arnold	11
W. H. M. Yates b Burrows	5
E. M. Sprot c Bale b Arnold	52
H. C. McDonell c Bale b Arnold	6
Newman not out	21
Kennedy b Burrows	21
Extras	5
Total	362

WORCESTERSHIRE.—Second Innings.

Bowley c Mead b Llewellyn	15
Pearson b Newman	9
Arnold lbw b Newman	36
W. B. Burns c Fry b Newman	13
Cuffe c Stone b Llewellyn	36
G. L. Crowe b Newman	40
Collier not out	15
Hunt c Johnston b McDonell	12
Burrows run out	12
Bale c Sprot b McDonell	4
Hon. C. F. Lyttelton c Stone b Newman	0
Extras	5
Total	178

HANTS WON by 143 runs.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

HAMPSHIRE.—First Innings.

o.	m.	r.	w.	o.	m.	r.	w.		
Hunt	4	2	3	0	Burns	4	2	14	1
Cuffe	10	2	29	4	Arnold	13	5	28	2
Burrows	6	0	20	1	C. F. Lyttelton	9	4	19	2

Cuffe, Burns, and Arnold each bowled one wide.

WORCESTERSHIRE.—First Innings.

o.	m.	r.	w.	o.	m.	r.	w.		
Newman	23	4	66	4	Mead	9	2	23	1
McDonell	1	1	32	3	Kennedy	3	1	9	1
Llewellyn	7	0	22	0					

Newman bowled one no-ball.

HAMPSHIRE.—Second Innings.

o.	m.	r.	w.	o.	m.	r.	w.		
Cuffe	20	8	43	0	Arnold	24	5	33	5
Burrows	30	1	118	3	Lyttelton	18	4	32	1
Burns	7	0	28	0	Pearson	4	1	21	0

Burrows bowled 8 no-balls and Arnold two wides.

WORCESTERSHIRE.—Second Innings.

o.	m.	r.	w.	o.	m.	r.	w.		
Newman	21	0	83	3	Llewellyn	15	2	36	2
McDonell	10	1	51	2					

WORCESTERSHIRE CRICKET IN 1910.

A DISAPPOINTING SEASON.

Worcestershire have dropped from eighth on the list in 1893 to thirteenth in 1910, but they are rather unfortunate victims of the present system of counting.

The Worcestershire batting is proverbially strong; their fielding is fairly good, and in Bala they have a splendid wicket-keeper. What they have lacked mostly is good slow bowling. Arnold now ranks more as a batsman, and there is no one to supply his place or the falling off by Cuffe as a bowler.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.

Table with columns: County, Runs, Wickets, Dismissals, Percentage, Position.

Successes From Year to Year.

The following table shows the relative success of Worcestershire from year to year:

Table with columns: Year, Runs, Wickets, Dismissals, Percentage, Position.

Lack of Old-Time Dash.

Against the eight victories and ten defeats of 1909 there are five wins to eight defeats, and ten games have been drawn. In their opening engagement—when they opposed Warwickshire—they were certainly unfortunate in being deprived of a victory they well deserved.

Batting.

F. H. K. Foster played less frequently than in recent seasons, but returned to his very best form. H. E. Foster emerged from his retirement to take part in the match against Yorkshire, his superb batting display merely serving to emphasize the loss cricket has sustained by his inability to follow the game regularly.

Table with columns: Player, Runs, Wickets, Dismissals, Percentage, Average.

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Bowling.

Very much has been left to Burrows, who has bowled 642 overs against 286 in the previous season, when his wickets numbered 34 only, at a slightly higher cost. This year he captured 100 wickets and was one of some 18 cricketers to do so.

Table with columns: Player, Overs, Maidens, Runs, Wickets, Average.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS.

Matches played, 95; won, 7; lost, 8; drawn, 11. May 18, 17, 18, v. Warwickshire, at Worcester. Worcestershire, 441 and 116; Warwickshire, 358 and 174 for nine wickets. Match drawn.

June 2, 3, 4, v. Lancashire, at Worcester. Lancashire, 353 and 95 for nine wickets; Worcestershire, 170 and 435 for four wickets. Match drawn.

July 11, 15, 16, v. Middlesex, at Worcester. Worcestershire, 433 and 289; Middlesex, 411 and 163 for four wickets. Match drawn.

August 1, 2, 3, v. Warwickshire, at Birmingham. Worcestershire, 191 and 13 for no wicket; Warwickshire, 253 for five wickets (innings closed). Game drawn.

August 11, 12, 13, v. Somersetshire, at Taunton. Worcestershire, 303 and 353; Somersetshire, 217 and 124. Worcestershire won by 256 runs.

August 15, 16, 17, v. Kent, at Dover. Worcestershire, 129 and 171; Kent, 310. Kent won by an innings and 19 runs.

September 1, 2, 3, v. Hampshire, at Bourne-mouth. Hampshire, 125 and 262; Worcestershire, 166 and 178. Hampshire won by 143 runs.

CENTURIES FOR WORCESTERSHIRE.

Table listing players and their century scores.

SCORES OF 50 AND UPWARDS FOR WORCESTERSHIRE.

Table listing players and their scores of 50 or more.

BOWLING FEATS FOR WORCESTERSHIRE.

Table listing bowlers and their bowling achievements.

CENTURIES AGAINST WORCESTERSHIRE.

Table listing players and their century scores against Worcestershire.