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Richardson, O	c Briggs b Gill	31	(6)	c Briggs b Deyes	4
J S Nesbitt (9)?	c Bucknell b Gill	14	(7)	b Bucknell	17
Milne, G T (7)?	c Vost b Gill	13	(8)	b Deyes	10
C M Skinner (8)?	b Gill	0	(9)	not out	31
+ T Ullathorne	run out	14	(10)	not out	22
Eley, G	not out	1			
Extras	nb 1, ?	4		nb 1, ?	2
Total		239		(8 wickets declared)	172

Fall of wickets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
First innings	8	53	58	145	185	198	214	215	237	239
Second innings	20	74	81				102	143	-	-

Barnes	28	7	87	3	-	-	(1)	10	2	25	1	-	-
Deyes	21	4	57	1	-	-	(2)	21	3	46	3	-	1
Gill	20	2	54	5	-	1	(3)	10	0	54	3	-	-
Bucknell	8	0	29	0	-	-	(4)	3?	0	20	1	-	-
Nichols	2	0	8	0	-	-							
Fereday							(5)	2?	0	9	0	-	-
Stratton							(6)	1	0	16	0	-	-
Extras	-	-	4	1	-	-		-	-	2	0	-	-
Total	79	13	239	10	0	1		47?	5	172	8	0	1

Staffordshire

P Briggs	c Milne b Skinner	8	(2)?	c Richardson b Norbury	14
Fereday, J B	c Eley b Milne	8	(6)?	not out	9
Barnes, S F	c Ullathorne b Skinner	0			
* H D Stratton	b Norbury	51	(5)?	b Norbury	3
Vost, E	b Norbury	52			
Nichols, J E	c Nesbitt b Milne	11			
J W Johnson	c Milne b Norbury	0	(1)?	b Milne	15
Bucknell, A	b Milne	0	(3)?	b Norbury	30
Gill, G C	not out	7	(4)?	b Milne	14
Deyes, G	c Nesbitt b Norbury	1			
+ J Poole	b Milne	4			
Extras	w 1, ?	13		?	15
Total		155		(5 wickets)	100

Fall of wickets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
First innings	15	17	17	122	139	141	142	143	144	155
Second innings							-	-	-	-

Skinner	15	2	49	2	-	-	(1)	7	1	19	0	-	-
Milne	17.2?	7	26	4	-	-	(2)	11	1	37	2	-	-
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Eley	9	3	23	0	-	-	(4)	2	0	6	0	-	-
Extras	-	-	13	0	-	-		-	-	15	0	-	-
Total	58.2	14	155	10	1	0		28	2	100	5	0	0

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Staffordshire

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Fereday, J B	c Eley b Milne	8	(6)?	not out	9
Barnes, S F	c Ullathorne b Skinner	0			
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Debutants: *Northumberland none; Staffs none*

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W G Davis	c Nichols b Barnes	13	c Nichols b Barnes	1	11
Norbury, D V	b Barnes	42	b Gill	1	42
* F W Gillespie	b Gill	67	c Briggs b Deyes	1	7
S P Bell	c Barnes b Deyes	37	b Gill	1	5
Richardson, O	c Briggs b Gill	31	c Briggs b Deyes	1	4
J S Nesbitt	c Bucknell b Gill	14	b Bucknell	1	17
Milne, G T	c Vost b Gill	13	b Deyes	1	10
C M Skinner	b Gill	0	not out	1	31
+ T Ullathorne	run out	14	not out	1	22
Elsay, G	not out	1			
Extras	b4 w b 1 vx	4			2
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First innings	84	53	58	145	185	198	214	215	237	239
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Gill	20	2	54	5	1	(3)	10	0	54	3
Bucknell	8	0	29	0	-	(4)	3	1	20	1
Nichols	2	0	8	0	-	(5)	2	0	9	0
Fereday	-	-	-	-	-	(6)	1	0	16	0
Stratton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0
Extras	-	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	0	-
Total	79	13	239	10	0	47	5	172	8	0

Staffordshire		Extras	
P Briggs	c Milne b Skinner	8	c Richardson b Norbury
Fereday, J B	c Elsey b Milne	8	not out
Barnes, S F	c Ullathorne b Skinner	0	
* H D Stratton	b Norbury	51	b Norbury
Vost, E	b Norbury	52	
Nichols, J E	c Nesbitt b Milne	11	
J W Johnson	c Milne b Norbury	0	b Milne
Bucknell, A	b Milne	0	b Norbury
Gill, G C	not out	7	b Milne
Deyes, G	c Nesbitt b Norbury	1	
+ J Poole	b Milne	4	
Extras	b 13 w 1 vx	13	
Total		155	(5 wickets)

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First innings	(1) 5	(1) 7	(1) 7	(0) 22	(1) 39	(1) 41	(1) 42	(1) 43	(1) 44	155
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Extras	-	-	13	0	-	-	-	-	15	0
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Missing: Debutants; First day score; Breakdown of extras (probably not all byes); Fall of wickets; Who bowled wides and no-balls (if any)?

May need checking: W G Davies in Wisden; Points; Professionals.

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22/23 June 1910 - at Jesmond

Match drawn - Northumberland won first innings

NORTHUMBERLAND First Innings		Second Innings		
C.F.Stanger-Leathes	ct.Stratton b.Barnes	3	b.Gill	21
W.G.Davis	ct.Nichols b.Barnes	13	ct.Nichols b.Barnes	11
Norbury	b.Barnes	42	b.Gill	42
S.P.Bell	ct.Barnes b.Deyes	37	b.Gill	5
F.W.Gillespie	b.Gill	67	ct.Briggs b.Deyes	7
Richardson	ct.Briggs b.Gill	31	ct.Briggs b.Deyes	4
Milne	ct.Vost b.Gill	13	b.Deyes	10
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J.S.Nesbit	ct.Bucknell b.Gill	14	b.Bucknell	17
T.Ullathorne	run out	14	not out	22
Elsey	not out	1		
Extras		4		2
TOTAL		239	for 8 wkts. dec.	172

Fall of wkts.	1/8	2/53	3/58	4/145	5/185	6/198	1/20	2/74	3/81
	7/214	8/215	9/237	10/239			7/102	8/143	

Bowling	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
Barnes	28	7	87	3	10	2	25	1
Deyes	20	4	57	1	21	3	46	3
Gill	20	2	54	5	10	0	54	3
Bucknell	8	0	29	0	1	0	20	1
Nichols	2	0	8	0	-	-	-	-
Fereday	-	-	-	-	1	0	9	0
Stratton	-	-	-	-	1	0	16	0

STAFFORDSHIRE First Innings		Second Innings		
P.Briggs	ct.Milne b.Skinner	8	ct.Richardson b.Norbury	14
Fereday	ct.Elsey b.Milne	8	(6) not out	9
Barnes	ct.Ullathorne b.Skinner	0		
H.D.Stratton	b.Norbury	51	(5) b.Norbury	3
Vost	b.Norbury	52		
Nichols	ct.Nesbit b.Milne	11		
J.W.Johnson	ct.Milne b.Norbury	0	(2) b.Milne	15
Bucknell	b.Milne	0	(3) b.Norbury	30
Gill	not out	7	(4) b.Milne	14
Deyes	ct.Nesbit b.Norbury	1		
J.Poole	b.Milne	4		
Extras		13		15
TOTAL		155	for 5 wkts.	100

Fall of wkts.	1/15	2/17	3/17	4/122	5/139	?

Bowling	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
Skinner	15	2	49	2	7	1	19	0
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Staffordshire 4th wkt - 105 H.D.Stratton & Vost

KEEN FIGHT PROMISED.

NORTHUMBERLAND'S GOOD OPENING AGAINST STAFFORDSHIRE.

In the second of the Race Week cricket matches of the Northumberland County Club, Staffordshire, who previously in the week had gained a hollow victory over Durham, visited the Jesmond ground yesterday. Barnes had not such a picnic with the Northumbrian batsmen as he had had with the Durhams, and, after a moderate start, the home county put up the good scores of 259.

Norbury, Gillespie, and Richardson were again the chief contributors, and although they got their runs by a cautiousness that was almost overdone their displays were valuable enough. In all Northumberland batted five and a quarter hours, and in the forty minutes left at their disposal Staffordshire lost three wickets for 41 runs. There is now every prospect of a close and exciting finish. Scores:—

NORTHUMBERLAND—1st innings.	
C. F. Swaney Leach, c. Stratton, b. Barnes	3
W. G. Davis, c. Nichols, b. Barnes	11
Norbury, b. Barnes	25
F. W. Gillespie, b. Gill	47
S. P. Bell, c. Barnes, b. Deves	37
Richardson, c. Barnes, b. Gill	31
A. Nesbit, c. Bucknell, b. Gill	14
Miles, c. Voe, b. Gill	13
C. M. Skinner, b. Gill	0
T. Ullathorne, run out	14
Elsy, not out	1
Extras	4
Total	259

STAFFORDSHIRE—1st innings.	
F. Briggs, c. Miles, b. Skinner	8
Fereday, c. Elsy, b. Miles	8
Barnes, c. Ullathorne, b. Skinner	0
H. D. Stratton, not out	12
Voe, not out	2
Extras	5
Total (for 5 wickets)	41

Note: J. W. Johnson, Bucknell, Gill, Davis, and J. Poole to go in.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Northumberland—1st innings.			
Over.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
Barnes	25	7	3
Deves	20	4	1
Gill	20	2	5
Norbury	8	0	2
Nichols	2	0	4

A DRAWN GAME.

NORTHUMBERLAND'S GOOD FIGHT WITH STAFFORDSHIRE.

WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN.

In all probability it will be said by a section of the big crowd who watched the cricket at Jesmond, yesterday, that Northumberland lost their Minor Counties match with Staffordshire chiefly through the lack of enterprise shown by their captain, F. W. Gillespie.

It will also be said that the developments in the second innings of Staffordshire justified him in declaring half an hour before he did, and stepping out to win the five points at stake instead of making a certainty of the three. To talk of possibilities after the event is quite a simple matter, and it is easy, also, to imagine what would have been said had the declaration come earlier and the visitors had knocked off the required runs. As it was, the match terminated in a draw much in favour of the Northumbrians.

H. D. Stratton and Voe saved Staffordshire from collapse in the first innings; and after batting for two hours and forty minutes for 45 the visitors found themselves 84 runs behind. Northumberland took a winning hold on the game in the second innings, when Norbury and C. M. Skinner were the most successful. The former was particularly severe on Barnes, who was taken off early on, and who has never had a worse time on the Jesmond ground.

The Northumberland innings was immediately closed, when the cricket was rendered farcical by the bowling of H. D. Stratton, and Staffordshire was set to get 257 runs to win in an hour and a quarter. It was early on evident that the impossibility, under the circumstances, of the task was realised, for the "Potter" went to save the match, and they lost five wickets in doing so. On such notable achievements against a side of Staffordshire's strength, Northumberland can safely complement themselves. Scores:—

Northumberland—1st innings, 259.	
F. Briggs, c. Miles, b. Skinner	8
Fereday, c. Elsy, b. Miles	8
Barnes, c. Ullathorne, b. Skinner	0
H. D. Stratton, b. Norbury	12
Voe, b. Norbury	2
Nichols, c. Nesbit, b. Miles	11
J. W. Johnson, c. Miles, b. Norbury	0
Bucknell, b. Miles	0
Gill, not out	7
Deves, c. Nesbit, b. Norbury	1
J. Poole, b. Miles	4
Extras	13
Total	155

NORTHUMBERLAND—2nd innings.	
W. G. Davis, c. Nichols, b. Barnes	11
C. F. Swaney Leach, b. Gill	11
Norbury, b. Gill	42
F. W. Gillespie, c. Briggs, b. Deves	7
S. P. Bell, b. Gill	5
Richardson, c. Briggs, b. Deves	4
A. Nesbit, b. Bucknell	17
Miles, b. Deves	10
C. M. Skinner, not out	31
T. Ullathorne, not out	22
Extras	2
Total (for 8 wickets)	172

Innings declared closed.

STAFFORDSHIRE—2nd innings.	
J. W. Johnson, b. Miles	15
F. Briggs, c. E. Chadson, b. Norbury	14
Bucknell, b. Norbury	30
Gill, b. Miles	14
H. D. Stratton, b. Norbury	3
Fereday, not out	15
Extras	15
Total (for 5 wickets)	100

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Staffordshire—1st innings.			
Over.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
Skinner	15	2	4
Miles	17.5	7	4
Norbury	17	2	4
Fereday	9	3	0

Northumberland—2nd innings.			
Over.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
Barnes	10	2	2
Deves	21	3	5
Gill	10	0	5
Bucknell	1	0	1
Fereday	1	0	2
Stratton	1	0	14

Deves bowled one no-ball.

Staffordshire—2nd innings.			
Over.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
Skinner	7	1	13
Miles	11	1	37
Norbury	8	0	21
Elsy	2	0	8

HOLIDAY CRICKET.

STAFFORDSHIRE'S VISIT TO NORTHUMBERLAND.

The match between Northumberland and Staffordshire was opened at Newcastle before a fairly large attendance yesterday. The home side had first innings, and their start was disastrous, one wicket being lost for 8. The longest stand was the fourth wicket, when W. E. Gillespie and S. P. Bell were associated, and added 87 runs. The only men to show much confidence in playing the bowling were Norbury and the Northumberland captain. The professional put on his 42 in 50 minutes, hitting six 4's, but Gillespie was very careful, and took two hours and 23 minutes to make his 67, which included nine 4's. The innings of 239 took nearly five hours to complete. At the close of the day, in a dull light, Staffordshire had 40 minutes' batting, the best items of play from the home point of view being the dismissal of Barnes and Ferday, the latter falling to a very fine catch by Elsey. Three were down for 17, but Stratton and Vost then played out time.

Scores:

NORTHUMBERLAND.	
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W G Davis c Nichols b Barnes... 13
Norbury b Barnes... 42
F W Gillespie b Gill... 67
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C M Skinner b Gill... 0
T Ullathorne run out... 14
Elsey not out... 1
Extras... 4
Total... 239	Total... 239

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Northumberland.—First Innings.		Staffordshire.—First Innings.	
O.	M. R. W.	O.	M. R. W.
Barnes... 28	7 57 3	Bucknell... 8	0 29 0
Deyes... 20	4 57 1	Nicholls... 2	0 8 0
Gill... 20	2 54 5		

A REMARKABLE INCIDENT.

Perhaps the most notable feature of the resumed game between Northumberland and Staffordshire at Jesmond yesterday was the state of affairs brought out through Mr. Gillespie's refusal to declare when the Staffordshire men required some 250 to win. The crowd were insistent in their demands for a declaration; but it was not until H. D. Stratton had made a farce of the game by placing his men all in the long field, taking about a hundred yards run, and bowling underhand lob, that the desired result was effected. Scores:—

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S Nesbit c Bucknell b Gill... 14	b Bucknell... 17
Milne c Vost b Gill... 13	b Deyes... 10
C M Skinner b Gill... 0	not out... 31
T Ullathorne run out... 14	not out... 22
Elsey not out... 1
Extras... 4	Extras... 2
Total... 239	Total (8 wks)... 172

* Inning declared closed.

STAFFORDSHIRE.	
First Innings.	Second Innings.
P Briggs c Milne b Skinner... 8	c Richardson b Norbury... 14
Ferday c Elsey b Milne... 8	not out... 9
Barnes c Ullathorne b Skinner... 0	.....
H Stratton b Norbury... 51	b Norbury... 3
Vost b Norbury... 52	.....
Nicholls c Nesbit b Milne... 11	.....
J W Johnson c Milne b Norbury... 0	b Milne... 15
Bucknell b Milne... 0	b Norbury... 30
Gill not out... 7	b Milne... 14
Deyes c Nesbit b Norbury... 1	.....
J Poble b Milne... 4	.....
Extras... 13	Extras... 15
Total... 155	Total (5 wks)... 100

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Northumberland.		Staffordshire.	
1st Innings.	2nd Innings.	1st Innings.	2nd Innings.
O.	M. R. W.	O.	M. R. W.
Barnes... 28	7 57 3	Barnes... 10	3 25 1
Deyes... 20	4 57 1	Stratton... 1	0 16 0
Gill... 20	2 54 5	Deyes... 21	3 46 8
Bucknell... 8	0 29 0	Gill... 10	0 54 3
Nicholls... 2	0 8 0	Bucknell... 1	0 20 1
		Ferday... 1	0 7 0

No 16

Tom Penival

NORTHUMBERLAND vs. STAFFORDSHIRE

at County Ground, Osborne Avenue, Jesmond on Wednesday/Thursday, 22nd/23rd June 1910

Toss : NOR. Umpires :M Myers and W Copeland

Match drawn

Close of play - Source - Staffordshire Annual Report Required - NHB BOWLING,FOW,exts,cop

NORTHUMBERLAND

C.F.Stanger-Leathes	c Stratton b Barnes	3 b Gill	21
W.G.Davis	c Nichols b Barnes	13 c Nichols b Barnes	11
D.V.Norbury	b Barnes	42 b Gill	42
F.W.Gillespie *	b Gill	67 c Briggs b Deyes	7
S.P.Bell	c Barnes b Deyes	37 b Gill	5
O.Richardson	c Briggs b Gill	31 c Briggs b Deyes	4
J.S.Nesbitt	c Bucknell b Gill	14 b Bucknell	17
G.T.Milne	c Vost b Gill	13 b Deyes	10
C.M.Skinner	b Gill	0 not out	31
T.Ullathorne +	run out	14 not out	22
G.Elsey	not out	1	
Extras	(b 4, lb 0, w 0, nb 0)	4 (b 2, lb 0, w 0, nb 0)	2
TOTAL	(79 overs)	239 (47 overs)(for 8 wkts dec)	172

1/Unk 2/Unk 3/Unk 4/Unk 5/Unk 6/Unk 7/Unk 8/Unk 9/Unk 10/239

1/Unk 2/Unk 3/Unk 4/Unk 5/Unk 6/Unk 7/Unk 8/Unk

Bowling: First innings: Barnes 28-7-87-3; Deyes 21-4-57-1; Gill 20-2-54-5; Bucknell 8-0-29-0; Nichols 2-0-8-0.

Bowling: Second innings: Barnes 10-2-25-1; Deyes 21-3-46-3; Gill 10-0-54-3; Bucknell 3-0-20-1; Fereday 2-0-9-0; Stratton 1-0-16-0.

STAFFORDSHIRE

P.Briggs	c Milne b Skinner	8 c Richardson b Norbury	14
J.B.Fereday	c Elsey b Milne	8 not out	9
S.F.Barnes	c Ullathorne b Skinner	0	
H.D.Stratton *	b Norbury	51 (3) b Norbury	3
E.Vost	b Norbury	52	
J.E.Nichols	c Nesbitt b Milne	11	
J.W.Johnson	c Milne b Norbury	0 (4) b Milne	15
A.Bucknell	b Milne	0 (5) b Norbury	30
G.C.Gill	not out	7 (6) b Milne	14
G.Deyes	c Nesbitt b Norbury	1	
J.Poole +	b Milne	4	
Extras	(b 13, lb 0, w 0, nb 0)	13 (b 15, lb 0, w 0, nb 0)	15
TOTAL	(58.2 overs)	155 (28 overs)(for 5 wkts)	100

1/Unk 2/Unk 3/Unk 4/Unk 5/Unk 6/Unk 7/Unk 8/Unk 9/Unk 10/155

1/Unk 2/Unk 3/Unk 4/Unk 5/Unk

Bowling: First innings: Skinner 15-2-49-2; Milne 17.2-7-26-4; Norbury 17-2-44-4; Elsey 9-3-23-0.

Bowling: Second innings: Skinner 7-1-19-0; Milne 11-1-37-2; Norbury 8-0-23-3; Elsey 2-0-6-0.

STAFFORDSHIRE v. NORTHUMBERLAND.

Second-class Counties' Championship.

Home County Win the Toss and Commence Strongly.

BARNES TAKES FIRST THREE WICKETS.

Profitable Fourth Partnership by Gillespie and Bell.

(SPECIALLY TELEGRAPHED BY OUR OWN REPORTER.)

Last season's result: Staffordshire won by an innings and 159 runs. Scores: Staffordshire, 404 for seven, declared (B. Meakin 122, Fereday 73, P. Briggs 54, Nichols 44 not out); Northumberland, 101 (Barnes six for 51) and 164 (Barnes five for 60).

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, Wednesday.

Following their brilliant triumph over Durham, the Staffordshire County team visited the Jesmond ground to-day with the object of exhibiting their capabilities against Northumberland, who gave the Yorkshire second team a hard game earlier in the week. This time Mr. H. D. Stratton was unsuccessful with the spin of the coin, with the result that the willows were first handled by Northumberland. There was a good attendance of spectators, and the home innings was opened by C. F. Stranger-Leathes and W. G. Davies.

Barnes commenced by bowling to Stranger-Leathes, who played him to mid-on for a single, following which Davis placed one through the slips for four. At the other end, the bowling was entrusted to Deyes, who bowled so successfully yesterday. The wicket was in perfect condition, and Deyes was soon at home, bowling a delightful length in his initial over, from which no runs were chronicled. Barnes followed his example by also bowling a maiden over, and in the subsequent one from Deyes, Mr. Stratton fielded a brilliant cut to point in superb fashion. From his last delivery, Stranger-Leathes scored a single, and the same batsman afterwards played Barnes to short-leg, for a single, while Davis further augmented the score by a single to mid-on.

THE FIRST WICKET.

A smart piece of fielding on the part of Fereday almost brought disaster to Davis, who was about to attempt a run, and then Stratton picked up splendidly from the same player, at point. Up to now, six overs had been bowled, from three of which no runs were scored. The first delivery of the seventh over of the match from Barnes brought about Stranger-Leathes' dismissal, he being out to a lovely catch by Stratton, after having scored three singles. Thus the first wicket fell for eight runs. Norbury, who filled the vacancy, signalled his appearance by playing Barnes twice through the slips, scoring a single in the first instance and then a couple.

The next delivery he landed to the boundary behind the wickets, and the subsequent one he played to square-leg for three. In all, eleven runs were scored off this over, Norbury being responsible for ten. At the other end, Norbury was again soon at work, placing another through the slips for four. Another four was credited to his total through Nichols' misfielding. Therefore in two overs this player had secured 16 runs. Once again Norbury was conspicuous by cutting Barnes delightfully for four, but the remaining deliveries he treated with greater respect, playing more steadily. But in the next over from Deyes he scored an additional six, and then, at the other end, Davis gave a very difficult chance in the slips; Nichols only just touching the ball which carried to the boundary. Norbury maintained his pace of scoring, and had 31 to his credit after having batted fifteen minutes. The 50 was registered at the end of forty-five minutes.

At 51 Gill bowled instead of Deyes. Barnes was now bowling splendidly, and the batsmen experienced great difficulty in playing his various deliveries. Davis fell a victim to a catch in the slips, Barnes being the bowler, while later he was responsible for the dismissal of Norbury, whom he clean bowled, when he had scored 42. Gill was so far ineffective, and was relieved by Deyes with the score at 79.

A thunderstorm threatened, but only a little rain fell, and play was continued. At 82 Barnes gave place to Bucknell. His third delivery Bell played to the off-boundary, and two runs was the outcome of his next one. Barnes again resumed at 80, while at the other end Nichols went on for Deyes. The luncheon interval was taken when the score registered was 103 for three wickets.

SMART SCORING.

Bell resumed with hitting Barnes past third man to the boundary, and followed with a couple in the long field. Deyes was entrusted with the attack at the other end, but neither met with any success, the runs being gradually compiled by first one batsman and then the other. Half an hour after lunch, the score stood at 120; Gillespie and Bell having 30 runs each to their credit. Bell skied a ball wide of mid-on for two, from the bowling of Barnes, and then Fereday fielded brilliantly at cover-point from Gillespie. The same batsman afterwards hit Deyes to the long field boundary, and then splendidly cut the same bowler for a single. In the next over he played a delivery from Barnes, over the heads of the slips for 4, while his next stroke was a drive to the on-boundary.

1st Inns. NORTHUMBERLAND.		2nd Inns.	
C F Stranger-Leathes c	Stratton b Barnes ... 3	.....	.....
W G Davies c Nichols b	Barnes ... 13	.....	.....
Norbury (V) b Barnes ...	43	.....	.....
F W Gillespie not out ...	51	.....	.....
S P Bell c Barnes b D'yes ...	37	.....	.....
Richardson (O) not out ...	7	.....	.....
Extras	..... 2	.....	.....
Total (for 4) ....155			

STAFFORDSHIRE v. NORTHUMBERLAND.

Second-class Counties' Championship.

Splendid Stand by H. D. Stratton and Vost.

FOLLOWED BY EXTRAORDINARY COLLAPSE.

(SPECIALLY TELEGRAPHED BY OUR OWN REPORTER.)

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, Thursday.

Glorious weather prevailed when this match was resumed on the Jesmond ground to-day, but the attendance was not so good as yesterday. The Northumbrians were dismissed for a total of 239; their innings lasting four hours and forty-five minutes. They played exceedingly slow cricket throughout the day, taking every precaution with the bowling they had to deal with. Gill was the most successful of the Staffordshire bowlers, capturing five wickets at a cost of 54 runs.

The Staffordshire batsmen were called upon for about three-quarters of an hour before the close of play to display their capabilities with the bat, but had luck dogged their footsteps, because they were unfortunate enough to lose three wickets for 41 runs. P. Briggs was out to an easy catch in the slips, at 15, and two runs later Barnes had to return to the pavilion, having been caught on the leg side. The total had not been increased when Fereday fell to a catch in the slips, after attempting a cut to the boundary. This brought the visitors' captain and Vost together, both of whom played very steady cricket, gradually increasing the score to 41 without further loss.

H. D. Stratton and Vost, the not outs of last night, continued the innings to the bowling of Skinner and Milne. Each bowler opened with a maiden over, and from the first delivery of Skinner's next over, Stratton out the ball for three. Vost afterwards placed neatly between cover point and mid-off for two, following which he was responsible for a delightful cut to the boundary from Milne.

Mr. Stratton secured a single, and fifty was reached after the innings had lasted as many minutes. An additional twenty runs were soon registered, the skipper being conspicuous for some delightful cricket, one stroke to the leg for four being particularly brilliant. Altogether playing under difficulties somewhat, because of the condition of his right hand, Vost was very neat in his strokes, and carried his score to twenty with a nice hit to square leg, for three. The amateur played several lovely twos to leg, and then Vost followed with a boundary in the same direction from Skinner. At 82 Norbury relieved Milne and from his initial over each batsman recorded a single. Elsey bowled instead of Skinner at this juncture, three singles being the outcome of his first over.

THE INDIVIDUAL HALF-CENTURIES.

The century was reached after an hour and 25 minutes, to which total Stratton, by dint of brilliant cricket had contributed 39, and Vost 38. There was some smart fielding, those in the slips being particularly keen. The captain reached his half century after having batted an hour and a half, but, after having scored another single, he was clean bowled by Norbury. Together with Vost he increased the score by 105. His innings included four fours, one three, and five twos. Nichols was the next batsman, and he opened his account with a single, following immediately afterwards with a two. With a four to leg, Vost completed his 50 after an hour and 40 minutes at the crease. Another change in the bowling was made with the score at 139, Milne relieving Elsey. Vost then played on to Norbury. Included in his innings were four fours, two threes, and five twos.

Further disaster was forthcoming, because Johnson lost his wicket to a catch in the slips before he had scored. Bucknell afterwards partnered Nichols, the score being 141 for six. He soon had to return to the pavilion, being clean bowled before he had opened his score. Therefore seven wickets were lost for 142 runs. Only one run had been added when Nichols fell a victim to a brilliant catch at point, having scored eleven. This brought Gill and Deyes together, but Deyes had only scored a single when he was taken in the slips by Nesbit. Gill played some pretty strokes all round the wicket, and the score had been taken to 155 when his partner, Poole, was bowled by Milne. Thus the Staffordshire innings was brought to a close before the time the luncheon interval arrived. The Northumbrians opened their second innings shortly after one o'clock. Briggs kept wicket for

Poole, who had injured his finger, and the bowling was shared by Barnes and Deyes. Stranger-Leathes and Davies were the initial batsmen, and from the first two overs one run was recorded. Davies was missed in the slips off Barnes when he had scored three. Lunch was then taken.

Barnes opened the bowling after the luncheon interval, and from his first over no runs were recorded. Four were afterwards scored off Deyes, and with the first delivery of his subsequent over, Barnes was responsible for the dismissal of Davis, who was splendidly taken by Nichols at first slip. The cricket had been exceedingly slow up to this period, but with the advent of Norbury runs came more quickly, and the twenty was soon registered. Both Barnes and Deyes kept an excellent length, the batsmen by no means having all their own way. Norbury played a delivery from Barnes in the slips, and it seemed apparent that Johnson had successfully taken the catch that went his way, but the umpire allowed the batsman to remain.

1st Inns. NORTHUMBERLAND.		2nd Inns.	
C F Stranger-Leathes c	Stratton b Barnes ... 3	b Gill	..... 21
W G Davies c Nichols b	Barnes ... 13	c Nichols b Barnes	..... 11
Norbury (V) b Barnes ...	43	not out	..... 42
F W Gillespie b Gill ...	87	not out	..... 5
S P Bell c Barnes b D'yes	37	.....	.....
Richardson (O) c Briggs	..... 21	.....	.....
S Nesbit c B'kell b Gill	14	.....	.....
Milne c Vost b Gill	13	.....	.....
C M Skinner b Gill	0	.....	.....
T Ullathorne run out	14	.....	.....
Elsey not out	4	.....	.....
Extras	..... 0	Extras	..... 0
Total .....239		Total (for 2) 78	

1st Inns. STAFFORDSHIRE.		2nd Inns.	
P Briggs c Milne b Skinner	8	.....	.....
Fereday (J) c Elsey b Milne	8	.....	.....
Barnes (S F) c Ullathorne	.....	.....	.....
b Skinner	..... 0	.....	.....
H D Stratton b Norbury	51	.....	.....
Vost (E) b Norbury	51	.....	.....
Nichols (J) c N'bit b Milne	11	.....	.....
J W Johnson c Milne b	.....	.....	.....
Norbury	..... 0	.....	.....
Bucknell (A) b Milne	0	.....	.....
Gill (G C) not out	7	.....	.....
Deyes (O) c N'bit b N'bury	1	.....	.....
J Poole b Milne	4	.....	.....
Extras	..... 15	.....	.....
Total .....155			

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

NORTH'BERLD.—First Inns.				Second Innings.			
O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Barnes	28	7	87	5	1	1	0
Deyes	21	4	87	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gill	20	2	54	5	.....	.....	.....
Bucknell	8	0	29	0	.....	.....	.....
Nichols	2	0	8	0	.....	.....	.....
Gill bowled a no-ball.							
STAFFS.—First Innings.				Second Innings.			
C M Skinner	15	2	49	2	.....	.....	.....
Milne	17.5	7	26	4	.....	.....	.....
Norbury	17	2	44	.....	.....	.....	.....
Elsey	9	3	33	0	.....	.....	.....
Norbury bowled a wide.							

FALL OF WICKETS.

Northumberland.—First Innings.											
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8	53	58	145	185	198	214	215	237	239		
Staffordshire.—First Innings.											
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
15	17	17	122	129	141	142	143	144	155		

Umpires, Messrs. M. Myers and W. Copeland.

STAFFORDSHIRE'S NORTHERN TOUR.

Second Victory in Durham : Defeat at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

REASON OF THE NORTHUMBRIANS VICTORY.

(By "Junius.")

... fight for the Second-class Counties' Championship is now being keenly waged by several contesting clubs, and among the Staffordshire County are prominent. As they are concerned the competition was on Monday, since which time they have conquered their rivals of the Durham and lost to the representatives of the Northumberland. Criticisms will doubtless be forthcoming from every conceivable part of the county because of the result of the Northumberland contest, but there can be no satisfactory reasons for the result. Although for my own part I am inclined to the opinion that our favourite club ought to have won the whole of the honours at stake, probably here the pessimistic spirit will pervade, because when it became known who were going to represent the county during the northern tour, expressions of opinion were made in various quarters that could not possibly justify its selection. Personally, I think, and they too could not help but hold a similar view at the conclusion of the Durham match, the team chosen was admirable, and, at the same time, they deserved a greater defeat on their opponent than did the team that did duty last week. As I said last week the best available players were selected, and when all the circumstances are considered it will be generally held that the players not only played well but their display, brought honour to the county.

... from the cricketing side the tour had many interesting and pleasing features. The enthusiasm of the best type accompanied the team, the journey being completed immediately after eleven o'clock on Friday night. A special saloon had been chartered and the destination was not reached until the hour of six had struck on Sunday morning. Travelling all night is not always done with comfort particularly when a large party is engaged on the cricket under a broiling sun. But so far as possible every consideration was taken and the journey was accomplished with satisfaction to all concerned. Excellent weather prevailed throughout Sunday, therefore it was only natural that the party, instead of remaining in Newcastle-on-Tyne, should have obtained for the seaside at Whitney Bay, a quiet spot for a quiet holiday. The following morning saw the players and their club at Sunderland, and ready to fray with the Durham County, whom they defeated with a margin of eight wickets in the corresponding match last year. The weather was perfect, and it was anticipated on all sides that there would be some huge scoring, as on Monday was concerned the Staffordshire men enjoyed both the honour with the bat and the ball.

... It is plainly evident at the completion of Friday's cricket that the County team of Staffordshire was indeed something to be proud of. The players handled the bat with such ease and ability, and scored so smartly, they repeatedly evoked applause from the spectators who were by no means small in number. There is cause for satisfaction in the knowledge that the bowling has been very much strengthened. All the old professional bowlers are available, and the management secured in addition the services of two new fast bowlers—G. C. Gill, the old Lancashire and Somersetshire fast bowler, George Deyes, of Yorkshire fame. Then there is E. F. Barnes and A. Bucknell, the latter of last year, and E. Vost and J. Nichols, in the team, which in itself makes a batting side of a nature which first-class counties would be glad to have, and which constitutes perhaps the finest bowling side in the second class of the county. During the northern tour the players, who have met with the greatest success, are S. F. Barnes, G. C. Gill and G. Deyes. They indeed have fully justified their selection. Probably Barnes has never bowled so accurately, and with a larger measure of

... than he did on Monday. In the first instance it must be remembered the wicket was fast, and on the whole, exceedingly favourable to the batsman, but Barnes was practically unbeatable. His first wicket cost him 14 runs, and immediately afterwards he obtained the wicket he desired, and the subsequent seven runs for which he must be credited, fell for his share at the conclusion of Durham's first innings he had the extraordinary feat of taking eight wickets for 16 runs. He introduced a series of deliveries including his famous leg break, while the variety of pace which he bowled, and the accuracy of his bowling, were maintained throughout the innings and produced a telling effect upon the opposing batsmen who quickly succumbed to his bowling.

... there is no end of peculiarities in the match, and in this match an extraordinary display of events was witnessed. After his excellent performance of Monday, Barnes bowled effectively throughout the Durham second innings, and in all 69 runs were scored before he bowled without him securing a single run. Coupling together his two displays the bowler averages out at 85 runs for eight wickets, or a little over 10 runs per wicket. Where the bowler fails another is almost bound to succeed. Such was the case on Tuesday, when G. Deyes had the honour of capturing five of the Durham wickets. The previous day he had secured a couple at a cost of 11 runs, while the six on Tuesday cost 82 runs, and the bowler for the two days being 100 runs for 164 runs, or an average of thirteen runs per wicket. It is undoubtedly an excellent performance, and it is fair to mention in passing that the bowler would have been more favourable had a disadvantage been taken of the whole of the day given by the various batsmen. For example, before Turnbull had scored he had secured behind the wickets off the bowling of Deyes, and again when he had scored he was missed in another position. These two misses cost the side 113 runs, the total for which Turnbull is probably responsible, and it will at once be seen that these mistakes had a detrimental effect upon the bowling of the Burslem bowler. As is well-known throughout Staffordshire this player is a right hand bowler, and relies chiefly on the action of the ball. He has had experience in cricket previously having occasionally captained the premier team of the Yorkshire county. To Burslem he came from Hull a few seasons ago, and prior to assisting the North of England. He is indeed a valuable acquisition to the county club as his performance during the northern tour have

... experienced bowler is G. C. GILL, whose ability with the ball is undoubtedly one of those who follow with any interest in the progress of the Fenton cricket club. Last season he was largely responsible for that club's success in the championship of the North Staffordshire League, and it was regarded as a natural conclusion that immediately he qualified for the county club he would find a place in the team. And further those who are well acquainted with the county club best knew full well that his selection was such that would fully justify itself. He brought credit to himself and to the county. Throughout Monday's match he bowled at such a pace, through the brilliant play of another member of the team, that he was only called upon to trundle a few runs. No wickets came his way, but only one was scored off his bowling, which is an argument in favour of his cleverness with the ball. The following day he made a fine record, taking three wickets for 37 runs, and adding 11 runs to his average works out at a little over 10 runs per wicket. Gill bowls with greater accuracy than Deyes, and if the pitch assists him he can break the ball both ways. He bowls a good deal better with his arm. To a batsman he is a bowler of considerable anxiety, and his best performance was during the northern tour against Northumberland, when in all he took eight wickets for 108 runs, an average of a little over 13 runs per wicket.

... It is commented upon the bowling display of the batsmen of the team that they should enjoy their share of merit for the

brilliant innings victory secured at Sunderland. Primarily it is due to the huge score established that Staffordshire, at the conclusion of Monday's play, found themselves in such an excellent winning position. Durham were faced with a score of 304 to overhaul in order to win on the first innings, and no doubt the hugeness of their task had something to do with their utter collapse against the bowling afforded. Mr. H. D. Stratton, a gentleman eminently fitted to captain the team, accomplished what was desired when he won the spin of the coin, and almost immediately P. Briggs, the Stoke player, and who has done such useful work for the County for several seasons past, and J. Fereday, the Smethwick professional and formerly of Worcestershire, opened the Staffordshire innings. They commenced in thrilling fashion, and both obtained their runs by dashing cricket, the driving of Briggs being superb. He scored much the faster of the two batsmen, hitting all round the wicket, accomplishing several pretty glides to the leg boundary. His cuts to the on boundary and also several brilliant late cuts were of a description which told of his ability, and when he left for the pavilion after being at the wickets about three-quarters of an hour he had scored 56 runs. His partner had then probably 30 runs to his credit, but he lost his wicket when 43. J. Nichols, who batted subsequently, exceeded this total by four, while we also find S. F. Barnes with 37 credited to him, H. D. Stratton 34, E. Vost 25, A. Bucknell not out 18, G. Deyes 13, and J. W. Johnson 12. The only batsmen not to secure double figures were G. C. Gill (3) and J. Poole (1).

Of the batsmen E. Vost was rather unfortunate, inasmuch as he received a nasty knock on the middle finger of his right hand. His ability with the bat is known to many in the county, but latterly he has transferred his affections to the Lancashire League, where Royton find in him a worthy professional. He is a bowler of no mean ability, but the injury to his hand on Monday was of such a character that he was prevented from trying his skill in this direction. Despite this drawback, he played on pluckily throughout the tour, and while in the field took two brilliant catches at square leg. Then with the bat against Northumberland he assisted the captain to help his side out of a very serious position, succeeding in scoring a beautiful 52. He is the only professional in the team to score 50 this season, but of the amateurs H. D. Stratton and P. Briggs have already credited themselves with a similar performance. For the past three seasons he has done duty for the County Club, therefore his skill both as a batsman and a bowler is well known. Suffice it to say that he has done excellently for the club in the past, and has again justified his selection already this season.

In the Durham encounter therefore both batsmen and bowlers were in the best of trim, and their victory was no more convincing than it ought to have been on the trend of the play. My impression is that had the fielding been equal to the occasion Durham would have been dismissed for a very scanty total in the second innings. After they followed on on Monday they lost Gowland in quick time to a catch at square leg by Vost off Deyes, and then Turnbull, who was the next batsman, had a narrow escape behind the wickets off the same bowler. He hit the ball, which went right into the hands of Poole, though low down, but unfortunately he failed to hold it, with the result that on Monday no further wickets were captured. The following day saw the outcome of the mistake, because the same player scored over a century, being the last man to be dismissed, and the game, which was thought would be over by lunch, was prolonged until shortly after five o'clock. As it was, Durham lost by an innings and five runs, by which they surrender all five points to Staffordshire. The victory was convincing, and at the same time decisive, and, taking into account the display of the two teams, the honours undoubtedly went the right way.

The brilliancy of the victory over Durham was somewhat nullified by the defeat at Newcastle on Tyne when the Northumbrians chronicled what might be truly termed a remarkable win. Nobody anticipated such a result, but in cricket, as in many other pastimes, the unexpected frequently happens. But the defeat might be attributed to several reasons. In the first place Vost, Gill, and Poole had been unfortunate in sustaining injuries to their hands, all three of whom found a difficulty in fielding accurately; in fact, Poole had to give way to Briggs behind the wicket, and subsequently to Nichols, and great credit is due to the latter, more particularly, because the greater part of Northumberland's second innings he kept wicket, and the only extra procured was the outcome of a leg bye. It is seven years since this player filled such a position, and the first time in county cricket, therefore his performance can be regarded as

brilliant. Another disadvantage that had to be coped with was the fact that during the whole of Tuesday and all Wednesday, with the exception of a little over an hour, the Staffordshire men had to field under a broiling sun. This undoubtedly had a great effect upon them, but in addition to this, when they opened their innings against the Northumbrians' total of 239 they did not enjoy the best of light. Stumps were drawn after Briggs, Fereday, and Barnes had fallen victims, the subsequent batsmen being the worthy captain, Mr. H. D. Stratton, and E. Vost.

When play was resumed on Thursday, the conditions were ideal, and Mr. Stratton, together with his partner, made the prospects of victory very rosy, and placed the team almost beyond the risk of being defeated. From 17, the score when the first three batsmen were dismissed, they increased the total to 122, when Mr. Stratton was clean bowled, Norbury being responsible for his dismissal. While at the wickets, the Staffordshire skipper hit splendidly in all directions, but the clever strokes to leg were the outstanding feature of his display. His performance was highly appreciated by the spectators, but, at the same time his dismissal was hailed with delight, and when Vost was unfortunate enough to play on to the same bowler when he had reached 52, the onlookers became more and more keenly interested in the struggle. It was something of a novelty to them to see their favourites predominating over a team they considered their superiors, and they were perfectly well aware that by winning on the first innings meant procuring for themselves at least three of the five points at stake. At the end of their own innings the spectators were wildly excited because few had ever anticipated that 239 runs would be compiled, and later they were wildly delighted when the Staffordshire players were dismissed for 84 less than their total, and the progress of the game was followed more eagerly than ever.

Despite their unfavourable position, the County team played on with a determination which showed that they were bent on making amends for their shortcomings in the previous innings. Gradually the Northumberland batsmen were dismissed, and at 3 30 there was promise of an exciting and interesting finish, inasmuch as the home county had lost seven wickets for a total of 102 runs. But the eighth wicket successfully carried the score to 143, and at 4 45 Mr. K. W. Gillespie, the home captain, declared the innings closed. In this match Barnes, Gill, and Deyes again howled exceedingly well, while the fielding of Briggs in the slips was a real treat. With only an hour and a half to play, and 256 runs to secure, the Staffordshire men commenced their concluding innings. In the circumstances it became the obvious duty of the batsmen to force the hitting, and to this they immediately applied themselves. As could only be expected, with no one troubling to play himself in, wickets fell rather fast, and at the close they had lost five wickets for a hundred runs. Northumberland won, therefore, on the first innings, a performance they have not accomplished where Staffordshire were concerned for many years, and, on this occasion, had there been another two hours to play, I am inclined to the opinion that the whole of the honours would have come to Staffordshire. As it was the County team sustained defeat and the Northumbrians, who are undoubtedly a greatly improved side this year, are to be congratulated upon the excellent display they gave.

Oxton is the venue of the match with Cheshire next week the days set apart for the same being Tuesday and Wednesday. Last year Staffordshire won by an innings and 23 runs, the match then being decided at Crewe. This season Cheshire will be found a greatly improved side, and only just recently they defeated Notts II., a performance little dreamed of by cricket enthusiasts generally. Such was the case, however, and in consequence it behoves Staffordshire to leave no stone unturned to ensure success. Success we want and success we must have, and it is only by winning all before us that the championship will be secured. Three changes have been made in the team that did duty in the North, H. Dearing substituting J. Poole, and A. Hallowood and E. W. Page coming in vice A. Bucknell and J. Fereday. The team to play Cheshire, therefore, is as follows:—H. D. Stratton (captain), P. Briggs, H. Dearing, J. W. Johnson, E. W. Page, S. F. Barnes, J. Nichols, G. C. Gill, A. Hallowood, E. Vost, and G. Deyes.

NORTHUMBERLAND v. STAFFORDSHIRE.

At Newcastle, in dull weather, before a fairly large attendance. The home side had first innings, but play was very slow, after a disastrous start, one wicket being lost for 8. The longest stand was the fourth wicket, when F. W. Gillespie and S. P. Bell were associated, and added 87 runs. The only men to show much confidence in playing the bowling were Norbury and the Northumberland captain. The professional put on his 42 in 50 minutes, hitting 6 fours, but Gillespie was very careful, and took two hours and 25 minutes to make his 97, which included 9 fours. The innings of 239 took nearly five hours to complete. At the close of the day, in a dull light, Staffordshire had 40 minutes' batting, the best items of play from the home point of view being the dismissal of Barnes for nothing, and Fredeley by a very fine catch of Elsey's. Three were down for 17, but Stratton and Vest played out time. Present score and analysis:—

NORTHUMBERLAND—First Innings		STAFFORDSHIRE—First Innings	
Mr. C. F. Stanger-Leather, c	3	Mr. S. Nesbit, c	14
Stratton b Barnes	13	Gill	13
Mr. W. G. Davis, c	13	Milne, c	13
Barnes	0	Mr. G. M. Skinner, b	0
Norbury, b Barnes	48	Mr. T. Ullathorne, b	14
Mr. F. W. Gillespie, b	67	Elsey, not out	1
Mr. S. P. Bell, c	37	Extras	4
Deyes	31		
Richardson, c	31	Total	239
Mr. P. Friggs, c	8	Mr. H. D. Stratton, not out	12
Milne, b	8	Vest, not out	8
Fredeley, c	8	Extras	6
Barnes, c	0		
		Total for 3 wickets	41

BOWLING ANALYSIS.—Northumberland—First Innings.

	o.	m.	r.	w.	b.	m.	r.	w.
Barnes	28	7	87	3	8	0	29	0
Deyes	23	4	57	1	2	0	8	0
Gill	20	2	54	1				

Gill bowled one no-ball.

NORTHUMBERLAND v. STAFFORDSHIRE.

When the game was renewed at Newcastle yesterday Northumberland held a commanding position with 186 runs ahead and three of their opponents' wickets down. The only stand was made by Stratton and Vest, the partnership contributing 101. Later four wickets fell for five runs, and the last five only added 16. In their second innings Northumberland put on 172 for eight wickets, and declared. In the short time available for play Staffordshire scored 100 for the loss of five wickets, and the game thus ended in a draw. Full score and analysis:—

NORTHUMBERLAND—Second Innings		STAFFORDSHIRE—Second Innings	
Mr. C. F. Stanger-Leather, c	3	Richardson b	14
Mr. W. G. Davis, c	15	Barnes	3
Norbury, b	42	Ullathorne b	0
Mr. F. W. Gillespie, c	67	Mr. H. D. Stratton b	51
Mr. S. P. Bell, c	37	Norbury	3
Richardson, c	31	Vest b	11
Mr. S. Nesbit, c	14	Mr. J. W. Johnson, c	15
Milne, c	13	Milne	15
Mr. C. M. Stanger, b	11	Bucknell b	30
Mr. J. Ullathorne, run out	14	Gill, not out	14
Elsey, not out	1	Deyes, c	1
Extras	4	Mr. H. Frigg, b	4
		Extras	15
Total	239	Total for 8 wickets	100

BOWLING ANALYSIS.—Northumberland—First Innings.

	o.	m.	r.	w.	b.	m.	r.	w.
Barnes	28	7	87	3	8	0	29	0
Deyes	20	4	57	1	2	0	8	0
Gill	20	2	54	1				

Gill bowled one no-ball.

Second Innings.

	o.	m.	r.	w.	b.	m.	r.	w.
Barnes	10	2	25	1	1	0	20	1
Deyes	21	5	48	3	1	0	9	0
Gill	10	0	54	3	1	0	16	0

Deyes bowled one no-ball.

Staffordshire—First Innings.

	o.	m.	r.	w.	b.	m.	r.	w.
Sainner	15	2	49	2	17	2	44	4
Milne	17.5	7	36	4	9	3	23	0

Norbury bowled one wide.

Second Innings.

	o.	m.	r.	w.	b.	m.	r.	w.
Skinner	7	1	18	0	8	0	23	3
Milne	11	1	37	3	2	0	6	0

HAMPSHIRE v. MIDDLESEX.

Played at Portsmouth on June 23, 24 and 25. Middlesex won by 118 runs.

There was a full day's cricket on the first day of this match, the weather being in marked contrast to that experienced on the majority of other grounds. The feature of the play was the batting of Litteljohn, who made his first hundred for his county. He had much to do with Middlesex scoring as many as 367, for, despite Hendren's contribution of 40, their sixth wicket fell at 128. He made his 129 in 140 minutes, driving finely once he had settled down and hitting seventeen 4's. With the Hon. R. Anson, who played patient cricket, 115 were put on in three-quarters of an hour for the seventh wicket and with Murrell 61 in 45 minutes. Litteljohn scored 91 of the 118 obtained during his stand with Anson, and offered only once chance whilst when 11 to Llewellyn, who had the sun in his eyes. At the end of the day Hampshire made 41 without loss, Mead and Stone in. On Friday the former was soon out, and when the seventh wicket fell at 162 a follow-on appeared to be in store. Brown, however, was at his best and played a really great innings. Sprot made 25 in seven hits, but Kennedy kept up his wicket so successfully that the last partnership put on 97 in an hour and a-half. Brown made his first hundred in important cricket, and, without giving a chance, made sixteen 4's during the 110 minutes he was in. In the last hour of the day Middlesex made 47 for the loss of Warner, and, when the game was resumed on Saturday on a wicket which helped the bowlers considerably, lost their last nine wickets for 92 runs in 70 minutes against Llewellyn and Newman. Hampshire were left with 193 to make on a difficult wicket, and never appeared likely to obtain the runs. Tarrant, making the most of the state of the ground, took seven wickets for 42, and Middlesex won by 118 runs. Score and analysis:—

Table with columns for Hampshire and Middlesex, showing runs, wickets, and bowlers for both first and second innings.

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Llewellyn bowled three wickets and Newman one wide and four no-balls.

Table for Hampshire vs. Staffordshire, showing runs, wickets, and bowlers for both first and second innings.

NORTHUMBERLAND v. STAFFORDSHIRE. Played at Newcastle on June 22 and 23 and left drawn. Score and analysis:—

Table for Northumberland vs. Staffordshire, showing runs, wickets, and bowlers for both first and second innings.

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LANCASHIRE 2ND XI. v. CHESHIRE. Played at Manchester on June 23 and 24 and left drawn. Score and analysis:—

Table for Lancashire 2nd XI vs. Cheshire, showing runs, wickets, and bowlers for both first and second innings.

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WORCESTERSHIRE v. SOMERSET.

Played at Worcester on June 23, 24 and 25. Drawn.

Rain prevented a start being made until after 4 o'clock on the first day, and then a fresh wicket had to be prepared. On a sporting pitch Somerset made 151 for nine wickets by the end of the day, after Robson had been dismissed without a run and Hardy at 25 and Braund at 43. Lewis forced the game finely and Poyntz helped him to add 58 in 45 minutes for the sixth wicket. Not a ball could be bowled on Friday until three o'clock, and then the visitors' innings was quickly finished. The pitch helped the attack to some extent, but, this notwithstanding, Worcestershire made 242 for six wickets before stumps were drawn. Arnold played a remarkably good innings of 109, giving no chance and hitting ten 4's during the 160 minutes he was in. With Bowley he put on 58 and with Burns 92 in 70 minutes. On Saturday the four outstanding wickets went down for 37, and when Somerset had made 96 for five wickets in their second innings rain caused the match to be abandoned. Bisgood batted 75 minutes for 52 and hit eight 4's. Score and analysis:—

Table for Worcestershire vs. Somerset, showing runs, wickets, and bowlers for both first and second innings.

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TONBRIDGE SCHOOL v. DULWICH COLLEGE. Played at Tonbridge on June 22 and won by Tonbridge by 103 runs. Score:—

Table for Tonbridge School vs. Dulwich College, showing runs, wickets, and bowlers for both first and second innings.

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