

Sports Notes.

CRICKET PROSPECTS.

[By "Ossoc."]

After eight solid months of the whirl and rush after the ball which is propelled by the feet, it is with no small sense of pleasure that one enters upon the welcome spell during which the quieter and more sedate, but none the less popular, game of cricket holds sway. During the close season column upon column has appeared in the London Press lamenting the decline of our summer game, and putting forward more or less frivolous suggestions for its betterment. I venture to think that cricket in Bedford, as played last season, gave no very pronounced sign of any decline. We had matches galore which to the real cricket enthusiast were sources of pure delight. For a town of its size Bedford gets about as much cricket as any place in the country, and for the most part it is very good class too.

Of course, our county side was not by any means successful, but I am satisfied that the material was there, and that with very little alteration the same side will be capable of hauling their section this season, that is, if luck and circumstances are not always against them. The Bedfordshire team cannot differ very largely from that of the previous season. Mr. Orr once again will lead the side, and what better leader could the team have? There is no more experienced man, no better judge of a player, and, I think, no more popular cricketer in the county. In addition, Mr. Orr is still one of the three best bats and a change bowler of frequent success. It is essential that the captain shall have the undivided support of all the members of the club, and a hope that this happy state of affairs will eventuate may not be ill-timed. Probable members of the side are Messrs. E. E. Apthorp (still without an equal behind the sticks), R. H. Moss, W. E. King, H. Willett, Hastings Squires, Basil Maclear, B. L. Peel, A. F. Morcom, R. W. Rice, Thomson, and Maltby (Grammar School), with Wharmby, Holdstock, and Pilgrim. The latter is not at Lords this year, but is under contract with Beds., and is at present stationed on the Town ground. With average improvement Pilgrim should get a lot of wickets this season, and his success would be very popular in Bedford, where he learnt all his cricket with the local clubs. Then one or two places will undoubtedly be filled as the outcome of the County Trial games, to be initiated this year. To my mind a couple or so of men from the Bedford and Luton League clubs would add greatly to the popularity of the County side amongst League cricketers.

Prophecies, etc., as to the season's prospects for the Bedford Town side and the Club and Ground must necessarily be delayed until after the joint meeting of the clubs, to be held to-morrow, when proposals will be put forward, and in all probability carried through, for amalgamating the two concerns. This will be a wise move, although some confusion may at first be occasioned, especially if the scheme is to be put into motion during the present season. What the exact proposals are I am not at present in a position to say, but it may be taken for granted that in addition to the amalgamation arrangements will be made for deciding upon a recognised headquarters for the club, resultant upon which would undoubtedly follow the formation of a small ground staff. Various suggestions will also come up for consideration, for the removal of the joint debt of the clubs and placing them on a sound financial basis. Altogether, the scheme properly worked opens up prospects of a bright time ahead for Bedfordshire cricket.

Although at the time of writing it is not possible to give the fullest information as to cricket prospects at the Grammar School, I have been able to glean one or two interesting particulars. Maltby will be captain this season, and a very capable skipper he will make. Besides bearing the brunt of the batting he will have to take unto himself the responsibility of getting most of the wickets. Last season, with such a pair of trundlers as H. Grierson and L. Phillips available, P. S. Maltby did not take up bowling seriously, but I am

assured he bowls quite a good medium to fast ball, and P. S. Maltby's work in the slips is quite brilliant. Unless one of the youngsters "comes on" very quickly, however, this will be a barren year for bowlers at the School. Cherry tells me that H. Grierson and L. G. Phillips were the finest pair the School has had during his connection with the cricket, and that extends over many years. This year, however, with not a single bowling colour left, the season will be entered upon with some trepidation. A. S. Thomson and D. F. Roberts are the only other colours remaining, and the former is secretary. He is batting splendidly this season and should get a pile of runs. D. F. Roberts is a first-class wicket keeper, and will be expected to get plenty of runs. Of the new men with chances of getting into the eleven I like R. L. Chatterton (the Dunstable boy), young J. R. Banks, and R. Bolton best. They are all bats, however. R. L. Chatterton is very pretty at the wicket and J. Banks last year struck me as being exceptionally good. Other possibles are F. W. Farrer, Laville (a brother of the two Old Boys, each of whom were fine cricketers), who is small but shows great promise, Knight, who hits, and Williams. Of the bowlers Bear and Bevil are most fancied, the latter's fast-medium right-handed delivery being very dangerous. Young is at times a very warm man with the ball but is erratic. The season commences with the usual trial games, and next week Mr. W. E. King will bring a strong side to oppose the pick of the Grammar School, minus the three colours. Of inter-school games Dulwich and St. Paul's, each of whom were beaten away last year, will come to Bedford, while Leys School and Merchant Taylors School will be visited. The latter school came within an ace of beating Bedford last year; otherwise it was the most successful season in the history of Grammar School cricket. To sum up, if a bowler of any pretensions can be unearthed the School will equal last year's record; failing the finding of such a bowler, the prospects are not so bright. Cherry has got his pitches into splendid trim and the recent rains have been very welcome. Edwards will again be with Mr. Rice at the first eleven net, but a successor to Fenton, to assist Mr. Anderson at the second net, has not yet been engaged.

A record for the past 20 years of Modern School cricket is recorded, no less than eight of last season's colours stopping on. H. E. Warton, last year's skipper, will lead the eleven again, and here also the lack of efficient bowlers is lamented. Warton, of course, is a reliable trundler, but of the others only Harvey is a known bowler. Graham will be missed, it is feared, his rather fast ball being full of danger. The team, almost to a man, are batsmen. A. C. Ingram made several good efforts last season, and is expected to put together some big scores. F. C. W. Newman is essentially a safe bat and he has for a long time been regarded as the most promising man in the team. This year he will give up the wicket-keeping gloves to a namesake, C. T. Newman, a youngster of some merit. F. V. Seymour is another safe bat who is expected to improve. A. Harvey bowls, while C. W. Whitworth is a useful all rounder. G. W. Whitman, despite his extreme lack of inches, bats confidently, and should make a lot of runs. R. H. Foster completes the old colours. He is worth his place for his fielding alone, his picking up and accurate returns coming in for much favourable comment last season. Whitman also fields capitally. Warton, however, will be the most probable man to head the season's averages and his thoughtful, painstaking batting should be a great asset to his side. The season commences on May 20th, with a match against Mr. E. Mobbs' XI, and it need not be doubted that the boys will be fully extended. The first inter-School match is with University College School, for which the Modern will have to journey to Neasden, on May 27th. As at the Grammar School, the season's success or otherwise rests entirely in the hands of the bowlers.

H. Grierson, late Grammar School captain, is going to make a big bid for a Cambridge Blue this season. He is "up" at Pembroke College and hopes that he will turn out to be a source of strength to the Cantabs have been voiced in many of the London papers. He has only to find his form of last season, or, preferably, the season before, to make his Blue a certainty. That swinging, swerving

ball of his has cut through many a fine bat's defence. C. G. Ainsworth, who has played for Bedford Rugby team several times, made 38 in good style in the Cambridge Seniors' game. Keenan, the old Arlesey and Beda county man, is one of the rising hopes of Surrey this year. Frank Pestell is at Warrington this season. Since he turned pro, Pestell has been at Olton, Bedford, East-bourns, and Dukinfield. He is with a club of good standing now and should have a comfortable season. H. W. Timmis, the old Victoria bat, is not available this season, having left England for South Africa.

The prospects of the various Thursday clubs will be dealt with in this column next week. The mid-week cricketers have at the lead this season, and yesterday (Thursday) a full programme was carried out in the Park.

LEAGUE CRICKET PROSPECTS.

[By "Anous."]

The prospects for the season, which will open to-morrow in real earnest, is absolutely the best on record so far as the Bedford and District Cricket League is concerned. Last season was a poor one numerically, for there was a decrease of two clubs as compared with the previous year, but now we find, thanks to the hard work by the League officials on the one hand, and on the other to the fact that cricket clubs, like football clubs, recognise the importance of leagues for the improvement of the game, there has been a marked increase in the number of entrants.

Never, one thinks, since the establishment of the Second Division, has there been so many clubs in the First Division as now. As a veteran—worthy of an old-age pension!—I call to mind the first two or three seasons of the League's existence, when a certain club not unconnected with the publication of our local newspapers, figured at the bottom of the League tables, whilst other clubs put them down for certain victims, and their batsmen and bowlers got up their averages! Now all is changed, in accordance with the policy of the survival of the fittest, and we are no longer "flannelled fools," but content to watch how others play and—freely criticise! This, we find, is a much easier occupation!

Imagine for yourselves the time when we were aspirants to county honours, and having the misfortune to come out with a "blob," walking to the pavilion to the strains of the errand boy's whistle of "If those lips could only speak!" Enough to make anyone retire from the game!

But now to business. The First Division comprises eight teams, all last season's clubs staying in, with the addition of Kempston, who were promoted on their winning the Second Division last year, and Goldington, who have, with commendable sporting spirit, decided to run two teams. This is as it should be; a strong First Division showing plainly that cricket in this county is on the up grade.

The Second Division has this season a number of new clubs, and shows an increase of four over last season. The new entrants are Bolnhurst, Ickwell, Keysoe, South End Working Men's Club, Forder's Pillinge Works, and Wootton Hall End, while the old clubs which are not competing are Kempston (promoted) and the Barracks. The two sections are now made up as follows: Northern Section: Bedford Alma, Blunham, Bolnhurst, Ickwell, Keysoe, Sharnbrook, South End W.M. Club, Queen's Works 2nd. Southern Section: Cranfield, Foundry United, Forder's Pillinge Works, Goldington 2nd, Marston, Printers 2nd, Stagsden, Wootton Hall End.

Of course, all the teams are looking forward to a successful season, and we wish them all well. But they can't all be winners, and to those whose misfortune it is to lose we say, "Buck up, and try again! It is a long lane that has no turning."

From a glance at the composition of the teams likely to take the field for their respective clubs, we do not think there will be many great changes to those which turned out last year. Most of the clubs have fresh players, and a few wielders of the willow have transferred their affections to other clubs. It will be especially interesting to watch the performance of the new clubs in the League, and one of the strongest—on paper—is Bolnhurst. Wootton Hall End, too, have a good side, as also have South End Working Men's Club.

Matches for to-morrow, to be played on the ground of the first-named club:—
First Division.

- Goldington v. Printers.
- Potton St. Mary's v. Victoria.
- Second Division—Northern Section.
- Sharnbrook v. Keysoe.
- Blunham v. Bolnhurst.
- Bedford Alma v. South End W.M. Club.
- Queen's Works 2nd v. Ickwell.

Second Division—Southern Section.
Printers 2nd v. Forder's Pillinge Works.
Stagsden v. Marston.
Cranfield v. Goldington 2nd.
Wootton Hall End v. Foundry United.

BEDS. COUNTY CLUB FIXTURES.

The following is a list of the fixtures of the above club for the present season:—
June 26 and 27.—Hertfordshire, at Bushey.
July 7 and 8.—Hertfordshire, at Elstow School Ground.
July 20 and 21.—Norfolk, on Bedford Grammar School Ground.
August 9 and 10.—Suffolk, at Luton.
August 11 and 12.—Cambridgeshire, at Luton.
August 16 and 17.—Cambridgeshire, at Cambridge.
August 18 and 19.—Norfolk, at Norwich.
August 22 and 23.—Suffolk, at Felixstowe.

BEDFORD C.E.M.S. FIXTURES.

Date.	Opponents.	Where played.
May 4	Belvoir	Home
" 6	Clapham	Home
" 11	Bromham	Away
" 13	Bedford Grammar School II.	Away
" 18	Milton Ernest	Away
" 20	Turvey	Away
" 25	Early Closers	Home
" 27		
June 1	Post Office	Away
" 3	Goldington	Away
" 8	Mr. Wingfield's (Amphill House) XI.	Home
" 10	Clapham	Away
" 15	Bedford Argyle	Home
" 17		
" 22	Coronation	
" 24	Printers	Away
" 29	Beagley's	Home
July 1		
" 6	Bedford Hairdressers	Away
" 8	Goldington	Home
" 13	Bedford Argyle	Away
" 15	Great Barford	Home
" 20	Early Closers	Away
" 22	Amphill Town	Away
" 27	Kempston	Home
" 29		
Aug. 3	Milton Ernest	Away
" 5		
" 10	Bedford Hairdressers	Home
" 12	Turvey	Home
" 17	Post Office	Home
" 19		
" 24	Mr. Wingfield's XI.	Away
" 26	Great Barford	Away
" 31	Beagley's	Away
Sept. 2	Printers	Home
" 7	Belvoir	Away
" 9	Amphill Town	Home
" 14	Bromham	Home
" 16		
" 21		
" 23		
" 28	Kempston	Away

THREE COUNTIES ASYLUM.

The Asylum again have arranged a strong fixture list for the coming season, which opens on May 6th. Dr. Fuller, medical superintendent, will captain the team on all possible occasions, and promises to be a very useful all-round cricketer. The other new players of whom much is expected are Dr. R. B. Hull, a splendid bat and bowler, and S. F. Brister, a good medium-paced bowler and very good bat. Most of the old hands are available. Dr. Dixon, Mr. Lester, the brothers Woodhouse, Saunders, Webb, Buckley, Hutchison, and Robinson. Childs, the old wicket-keeper, it is feared, will not be able to play, owing to infirmity, but it is quite likely a younger player will be engaged in his place.

Appended is fixture list:—
Day. Date. Against.
Sat., May 6.—Queen's Engineering Works.
Wed., May 10.—Letchworth, 2.15 p.m.
Sat., May 13.—Chartered Bank of India, 2.15.
Thurs., May 18.—Beds. Club and Ground.
Sat., May 27.—Higgleswade.
Whit-Monday, June 5.—Battersea.
Sat., June 10.—King's Cross, G.N.R.
Thurs., June 15.—Rev. A. D. Atkinson's XI.
Sat., June 17.—National Bank of India, 2.15.
Sat., June 24.—Eastleigh (Southampton).
Thurs., June 29.—The City Seltnam C.C.
Wed., July 5.—Hitchin.
Thurs., July 13.—Hatfield.
Sat., July 15.—Arlesey, 2.15 p.m.

Wed., July 19. North Staines L.V.C.C.
Wed., July 26.—Leavesden.
Wed., Aug. 2.—Mr. R. L. Hine's XI.
Mon. (B.H.). Aug. 7.—Burntwood Wanderers.
Thurs., Aug. 10.—Ramsey (Mr. R. L. Avery's XI).
Thurs., Aug. 17.—Camberwell.
Wed., Aug. 23.—Bedford Town.
Wed., Aug. 30.—Mr. J. W. King's XI.
Sat., Sept. 9.—Letchworth.
Sat., Sept. 16.—King's Cross G.N.R.

AMALGAMATION OF THE CRICKET CLUBS.

A meeting for the purpose of deciding as to whether the Bedford Town C.C. should amalgamate with the County C.C. was held at the Shire Hall on Saturday afternoon last. Mr. W. W. Marks presided, and there were also present Messrs. D. Piper, J. W. D. Harrison, C. W. Browning, G. T. Fields-Clarke, Pearce, G. Tomlinson, C. Ritson, Capt. Tetley, Dr. Bower, Col. Anderson, and the Rev. G. Apthorp.

The Chairman stated that it would first be necessary to resolve into a meeting of the Town Club. The meeting was called in consequence of a resolution passed at a meeting of the Town Club, which suggested amalgamation with the County Club, and at a meeting of the County Committee it was resolved that the suggestion of amalgamation made by the committee of the Town Club be accepted. It was for that meeting to approve of it. It was quite clear that the two clubs could not go on independently, one or the other would go to the wall, but it was desirable that neither should go to the wall. He (the speaker) hoped the committee that would be appointed would be a representative one and one that would work.

Mr. C. Ritson stated that they were proposing what had been done in Northumberland, and the amalgamation there had proved a great success.

The resolution to the effect that the Town Cricket Club be amalgamated with the County Cricket Club was then put and carried unanimously.

The meeting then resolved into a meeting of the County Club, and the following resolution was unanimously passed: "The recommendation to the General Committee, that the Bedford Town C.C. should be amalgamated with the County C.C. be and is hereby approved as and from this date."

A meeting of the two clubs as a whole was then held, and Capt. Tetley, Col. Anderson, and Mr. H. Willett were added to the committee.

In conclusion, the Chairman said if it was to be a success the committee would have to work.

Notes on Sport.

CRICKET.

MERITORIOUS PERFORMANCES.

Batting.	
McKechnie, Printers v. Goldington	54
Redcliffe, Queen's Works v. Asylum ...	49
Rogers, Printers 2nd v. Forder's	85
Beer, Grammar 2nd v. W. E. King's XI	53*
Willott, W. E. King's XI. v. Grammar 2nd	70*

* Not out.

Bowling.		R. W.
Taylor, Blunham v. Bolnhurst	6-13	
Hunt, Blunham v. Bolnhurst	4-8	
Willsher, Ickwell v. Queen's 2nd	5-25	
Parsley, Queen's 2nd v. Ickwell	7-21	
Clare, Alma v. South End Club	5-17	
King, Sharnbrook v. Kempton	6-13	
Clarke, Potton v. Victoria	4-15	
Lowe, Wootton v. Foundry	5-16	
Fenton, Foundry v. Wootton	8-31	
E. Linger, Stagedan v. Marston	7-14	
Bayes, Sharnbrook 2nd v. Keysoe	5-16	
Hobbs, Cranfield v. Goldington	6-10	

ROUND ABOUT NOTES.

[By "Oosoo"]

A representative number of town and county cricketers met on Saturday for the purpose of considering the positions of the Town and County clubs. The idea of a union of the clubs met with unanimity, so that from henceforth the Bedford Town Club ceases to exist, the whole of the assets, players, and debts being transferred to the county authorities, who will, of course, take unto themselves an agreed number of town representatives. In effect the new order of things will not necessitate so complete an upheaval as the scheme at first suggests. In the past the Club and ground players have been largely recruited from members of the Town side, and I believe a large number of playing members were in the habit of joining both clubs. At Saturday's meeting the actual working of the scheme was not fully gone into, so that it is impossible to give details of the officials, committees, and ground arrangements. I understand, however, that matters relating to the carrying out of the arrangement will be considered at a meeting to be held to-day (Friday).

Various suggestions have been made with the object of relieving the Bedfordshire Cricket Club of its total debt, which now amounts to close upon £120. At the recent meeting it was decided to arrange a shilling subscription. This manner of raising funds has proved immensely successful in various parts of the country, and there is no reason why, if the local sportsmen do their duty, our county club should not only be freed altogether from its present indebtedness but be able to hold up its head once more with a substantial balance on the right side. I think, further, that some scheme might be devised for attracting more people to the matches. It is a matter for genuine regret that so few of the working class cricketers patronise the county games, and I am confident that were a special feature made of one match, some extra inducement given to attract the crowd, the club would not find itself very much wrong when the accounts came to be settled. Our neighbours in Northants., saddled at one time by an overwhelming debt, made violent efforts to put themselves into a more healthy condition. They had no paltry hundred guineas to find, but had to face a deficiency that went into thousands. If I remember aright, a huge bazaar was organised and a large sum realised. With the help of the county sportsmen why should not a bazaar on a big scale be organised in Bedford? This means of raising money has always been successful in Bedford, but I do not remember it having been resorted to before for a sporting object. With the influential patronage which the Beds. club boasts such a bazaar would do away with all Messrs. Marks, Allen and Piper's cares and enable them to devote more time to improving the actual play, which, after all, is the main thing.

The Modern School first eleven have not been long getting going. On Saturday they opposed a team representing the next XVI., and

gave them a rare trouncing. They first skittled the youngsters out for a modest 62, and then proceeded to string up a total of 188 for the loss of only Warton's wicket. This more than bears out my statement that the Modern School will be stronger in batting this season than in any year since A. O. Jones was skipper. Warton helped himself to a well played 62, while F. C. W. Newman was still not out with a total of 88. Ingram also batted well for 23 not out. But what of the bowling? Ingram will bear the brunt undoubtedly. Ingram will be given a trial with his lobs and Newman, relieved of the cares of wicket keeping, is developing expresses of alarming pace. Then "Dick" Rogers has a son coming on, who will possibly be in the eleven. He is still young but delivers a dangerous swerving ball. Altogether big things may be expected from the boys who sport the red and black.

H. Grierson, the Beds. and Grammar School bowler, now at Cambridge, made quite a "splash" on his first appearance at Fenner's. In the Freshman's game he bowled brilliantly and finished with the splendid figures of 15 for 97. This was the best performance by a Freshman at Cambridge for many years. Against Surrey he did not find the wicket so much to his liking, and as the result of 14 overs, four of which were maidens, he "only" secured Hobbs' wicket, at a cost of 34 runs. Grierson should be persevered with, however, because with a sticky, slow wicket he is the most dangerous bowler at either 'Varsity.

The season, as far as the Thursday cricketers are concerned, opened in perfect weather last week (when no fewer than 88 of them engaged in four games in the Park. Thursday cricketers are all terrifically keen during the opening weeks of the season, but later on I have noticed undoubted signs of slackness, and very rarely is it that a captain does not have to pick up a man or two to complete his team. It has been suggested to me that the remedy for this laxity is to be found in the League system. I know from experience that there are a large number of Thursday cricketers who would welcome the formation of a Thursday League, and I also know that there are an equally large number who are not in accord with this idea. Without expressing any opinion, however, I may say that I have partaken in many thoroughly delightful games, all the more enjoyable because there is not that commercial atmosphere, full of cares and worry so often associated with League clubs; yet it can also be said that the institution of a League system would undoubtedly smarten up the men. The rules would enforce a punctual start, a limited period 'tween innings, and the prompt appearance of the "next man in," all three of which are long standing grievances in Thursday cricket.

All the old Thursday clubs have come up to the scratch this year. Beagley's have quite a galaxy of talent. H. M. Howard is a popular choice for skipper, and is a very useful bat. R. Hunter acts as vice-captain. Mr. C. C. Beck, in addition to undertaking the duties of secretary, bowls a very deceptive ball, and should get a good crop of wickets. Messrs. Ruffhead, Tame, and Hunter are the other bowlers, the former being still one of the best wicket-takers in mid-week cricket. The batting will be in the very safe hands of Messrs. D. Turnbull (O.B.G.), H. Willott, M. Page, H. M. Howard, L. Freir, and E. Jarvis. Beagley's will take some beating this year.

The Belvoir have most of their old players with them, only Marchant having left. P. Maxey, both with bat and ball, will be the mainstay of the side; he got a lot of runs last season, and was generally amongst the wickets. G. H. Thomas is another good all-rounder. He bowls a good length ball, turning awkwardly from the leg. W. Parish with his fast ball is a dangerous bowler, and is also looked to for some runs. H. Whiteman will undoubtedly put up some good scores, and promising youngsters in H. Sprague and G. Linger are expected to strengthen the team.

The prospects of the C.E.M.S. are quite bright. As usual, the constitution of their side is uncertain, but it can be taken that E. A. Woodford will be the man principally concerned in the attack along with A. Eagling, whose left-handed swinging ball is often suc-

cessful. Messrs. P. Tingey, A. Goldney, C. Nicholls, and T. Williams constitute the backbone of a good side. The Post Office have that excellent bat and wily bowler, R. Keens, as captain again. For many years now Keens has had an average of over 50 for the Postmen, and the fact that he was only two short of 50 on his first appearance this year should indicate that he is still a power. H. Best is vice-captain and will probably get most wickets. "Captain" has been bowling for a long time now, yet he is almost as good as ever he was. The P.O. will rely on practically the same side as formerly. It is about time some of the younger members of the team "came along" a little—Messrs. Keens, Best, Berrington, Gill, Barker, and Jefferies will not last for ever.

The Argyle were well beaten by the Post Office, but have great hopes of pulling themselves together and putting up some substantial wins. G. Keens is captain, with R. Coleman as assistant. Keens is a good bat and dangerous fast bowler. Coleman takes a lot of wickets with that curious action of his, and is also a bat of some promise. Paulger is a hard hitting and often successful bat, and C. Joyce can generally be depended upon for a respectable score. Gaspar, another good bat, Odce, and Smith are also playing for the Argyle. Other Thursday items next week.

The Grammar School play Beds. Club and Ground on Wednesday. This fixture has been brought forward from Coronation week. Thomson, the Grammar School bat, hurt his foot rather badly at practice the other day, and has been compelled to rest the injured limb. He hopes to be fit for Wednesday's match. Moran, who kept wicket for the Grammar School before Roberts, made 103 for Sandhurst during the week. Phillips, last year's bowler, is at Sandhurst this year, and Candy, who showed much promise with the bat, is in Ceylon.

WITH THE LEAGUE CLUBS.

[By "ANGUS."]

The Opening Day.

The League season opened last Saturday in brilliant weather, and considering that the clubs had had very little practice, satisfactory scores were made. Perhaps the greatest surprise of the day was the heavy defeat of the Second Division champions at the hands of Sharnbrook, whilst another game that upset the calculations of the prophets was that between Potton St. Mary's and Victoria, the latter being defeated. Bolnhurst did poorly at the hands of Blunham, but on the other hand Cranfield showed us how to get runs, three of their men making over 30 each. Some good bowling feats are recorded in our meritorious performances list.

Disappointment at Kempston.

The match at Kempston—so far as the home team was concerned—was of a disappointing character, for with the exception of Folkes the other batsmen cut up badly, and were all dismissed for a small total. Everyone quite expected the Second League champions to make a better show, but rumour says they felt rather nervous, and could do scarcely anything right, several catches being also missed. Sharnbrook, on the other hand, made light of the task set them, and Willett and King passed the "Wainut Boys" total before being parted. Now, buck up, Kempston, and show us some of your old form! For the winners, King (6 for 13) and Clark (4 for 16) bowled unchanged, and for the losers Underwood was the most successful with the spher.

Potton Start Well.

Bedford Victoria had not a full complement of players for their game at Potton on Saturday, but at the same time the "Saints" were not at full strength. Batting first, the homesters, thanks to a capital stand by H. Sargent and Carrington, put up a very respectable total for their ground. Young Sargent was hitting very hard and clean when he had the misfortune to get caught. On the Vics. going to the wickets, they found Clarke and Inskip in splendid form, the former taking 4 for 15 and the latter a like number for 17. They soon got rid of Beagle and the brothers Coleman, and only "Father" Coleman reached double figures. The fielding of Carrington was one of the features of the game. Congratulations, Potton! My sympathies, Vics!

McKechnie's Half Century.

In Russell Park, on Saturday, Goldington made their re-appearance as a First Division club, but did not do very well in better class company. Their captain, Rootham, set a good example, as also did Skerman, but the side was out for half a century. Graham and Quince divided the wickets, the former having 25 runs scored off him, and the latter 21. The Printers' innings was chiefly noteworthy for a well-played 54 by McKechnie, and the new skipper (Dawson) batted nicely for his 27. The Printers won by 95 runs, which augurs well for their career in the League.

Alma's Win.

The game between Bedford Alma and South End Working Men's Club was an even game, if a low scoring one. The Alma won the match by 16 runs, mainly through the batting of Emerton and the bowling of Clare and Johns. The former took five wickets for 17 runs. For the club, who were minus their captain and vice-captain, Whiffin was the only one to reach double figures, whilst Gilbert and Buxton divided the bowling honours.

Cranfield's Easy Win.

Goldington 2nd provided the opposition at Cranfield on Saturday, but they made a very poor show, for the home bowlers (Hobbs, 6 wickets for 10, and Lovesay, 3 for 12) were found to be in almost irresistible form, with the result that only Clark reached double figures. Richardson set a splendid example to the rest of the Cranfield side by scoring 32, and Hobbs and Jack Read also punished the visitors' bowling. Cranfield have made a very good start, and from what one can hear there will not be many visiting teams win at Cranfield.

Parley's Seven Wickets.

Ickwell were the guests of Queen's Works 2nd in Bedford Park on Saturday. The "Workmen" went to the wickets first, but with the exception of Jim Allen they did not offer much resistance to the trundling of Willsher—who has been tried for the Club and Ground—Radford, and Bygraves. The former came out with the very creditable average of 5 wickets for 25. In the batting department, too, Willsher did well, making 35 in good style. A feature of the match was the fine bowling of Parley—one of the oldest League players—who captured seven wickets at the small cost of three runs apiece. That Ickwell will have to be reckoned with in the fight for the Northern Section championship is early evident; they are blessed with a capital attack.

Fenton's Eight.

The visit of Foundry United to Wootton to meet the Hall End team did not turn out quite so well as the Foundrymen anticipated, for they were beaten after a well-contested encounter. The outstanding feature of the match was the splendid trundling of Fenton, who captured eight of the Wootton wickets for 31 runs. With not a big total to face, the Bedford men cut up very poorly against the bowling of Lowe and Co., the former capturing five wickets for 16. The President of the Foundry team (Mr. C. Gordon) accompanied the players to Wootton, showing the deep interest he takes in the club's doings.

Stagden Start Well.

The game between Marston and Stagden, old rivals, was of a low scoring nature. Batting first, the visitors did poorly, only "Johnny" Robinson doing anything of note, and making half the Marston total. The first few wickets of the home team quickly fell, but a very good stand was made by Babbington and Gildewell, who passed their opponents' total before being separated. For the winners E. Linger bowled in capital style, and captured seven wickets at an average cost of two runs each. Stagden must be congratulated on their victory, but at the same time the losers were by no means at full strength, and one fears that they are not likely to be so strong this season as formerly.

Eight "Blobs."

Last week I wrote that Bolnhurst was a strong team on paper, but after their visit to Blunham last Saturday, and their disastrous defeat at the hands of last season's Northern Section champions, I am afraid I was rather misinformed. The new entrants to the League gave a sorry display, being all out for the total of 21. The veteran Fred Taylor was in tip-top form, and captured six wickets for 15, while Hunt accounted for the other four for 8 runs, and had 4 for 9 in the second innings. Some vigorous hitting was indulged in by F. Taylor and Rawlings, and the visitors' total was passed before the fall of the fourth wicket. Bolnhurst went in again, and did much better, making a total of 64, of which A. and B. Whaley scored 16 and 13 respectively.

Fine Bowling at Sharnbrook.

At Sharnbrook on Saturday, Keysoe, new entrants to the League, were the visitors. Going to the wickets first, they made a rather poor show, the best stand being made by Hartop and Ross for the third wicket, who put on 10 runs. The bowling of Hilton and Bayes was very effective, the latter taking 5 wickets for 16, and the former 4 for 20. The first Sharnbrook wicket put on 26, but two others fell for a similar total. However, the home team won the game before the fall of the sixth wicket. There was another good stand for the ninth wicket, Adams and Hilton taking the score from 46 to 70 before being parted. It proved a creditable win for Sharnbrook, but at the same time Keysoe are not likely to be got out so cheaply every week.

Junior Printers' Wide Margin.

Entertaining Forder's Pillinge Works on Saturday, in Bedford Park, the second string of the Printers' club had no difficulty in defeating their rivals. C. Rogers made the best score of the day by running up 85; A. Smith also had a capital played 33 to his credit, and Rubythorn hit well for his 16. The

"Brickmakers" did not do themselves justice with the willow, only one of their players reaching half a score. Rubythorn with his fast bowling came off well, and took 4 wickets for 8 runs, and Luetchford captured 3 for 11—a bowling performance of the highest merit.

First Colts Match.

I have previously announced in these columns that the County Club, with commendable thought for the rising generation of players, have this season arranged for three Colts matches to be played. The first will take place at Dunstable on Empire Day, May 24th, commencing at 11.15 a.m., between teams selected from the Northern part of the county and the Southern part. The former team will be captained by Mr. H. R. Orr and the latter by Mr. E. E. Athorp. The County skipper is anxious that the teams shall be as representative as possible, and names of aspirants to County honours sent to me will be forwarded to the proper quarter.

To-morrow's Matches.

A great game is anticipated in the Park to-morrow, where the Champions (Pyghtle Works) oppose Sharnbrook. The splendid fights between the teams last season are still fresh in our memories. The visitors, one understands, will be represented by a powerful side, while the Pyghtle will have practically the same team as last season.

The following games are down for decision, to be played on the ground of the first-named club:—

BEDFORD LEAGUE.—DIV. I.

Kompston v. Printers.
Goldington v. Potton St. Mary's.
Pyghtle Works v. Sharnbrook.
Victoria v. Queen's Works.

BEDFORD LEAGUE.—DIV. II.

Northern Section.
Bedford Alma v. Keysoe.
South End W.M. Club v. Blunham.
Sharnbrook 2nd v. Ickwell.
Southern Section.
Forder's Pillinge Works v. Cranfield.
Stagden v. Goldington 2nd.
Foundry United v. Printers' 2nd.

BEDFORD LEAGUE.—DIV. I.

POTTON ST. MARY'S v. BEDFORD VICTORIA.

Victoria took the journey to Potton on Saturday with a weakened team, and whilst the locals were not fully represented, they proved highly successful. Scores:—

Potton.—A. A. Sargent, b M. Coleman, 0; H. A. Sargent, c F. Coleman, b A. Beagle, 39; H. J. Carrington, b Fiegehan, 14; T. B. Kitchener, b H. Coleman, 10; H. Inskip, b Beagle, 5; C. F. Mawson, b Beagle, 4; G. Gurney, c & b M. Coleman, 1; G. Barnes, run out, 0; J. Clarke, b Beagle, 0; J. Richardson, not out, 1; extras, 2; total, 76.

Victoria.—A. F. Beagle, c H. Sargent, b J. Clarke, 4; H. Fiegehan, c Carrington, b Inskip, 1; J. B. Jones, b Inskip, 0; E. Taylor, b Clarke, 1; F. H. Coleman, c Gurney, b H. Inskip, 2; M. W. Coleman, c A. Sargent, b J. Clarke, 6; H. Coleman, b H. Inskip, 14; C. Studman, c A. Sargent, b J. Clarke, 0; C. Capon, not out, 0; total, 32.

SHARNBROOK v. KEMPSTON.

Played on the Kempston ground, on Saturday, and ended in favour of the Sharnbrook club by one wicket and 66 runs. Scores:—

Kempston: W. Houghton, c Clark, b King, 0; H. White, b King, 2; J. Brown, b Clark, 4; G. Goldney, c Settle, b Clark, 1; J. Foulkes, c Settle, b King, 15; B. Howe, c King, b Clark, 3; R. Cocking, b King, 2; S. Tysoe, b King, 0; H. Brown, b Clark, 1; C. A. Lowndes, b King, 0; F. Underwood, not out, 1; extras 6; total, 35.

Sharnbrook: W. E. King, c Foulkes, b Houghton, 26; H. Willett, c Foulkes, b Lowndes, 33; L. Clark, b Underwood, 0; O. Boyes, c Howe, b White, 7; W. Settle, b Lowndes, 0; J. E. Jarvis, b Underwood, 13; C. Saunders, lbw., b Tysoe, 10; R. C. Newell, did not bat, 0; L. Stileman-Gibbard, c Houghton, b Underwood, 3; J. Pacey, c Tysoe, b Houghton, 3; H. Denton, not out, 2; extras, 4; total, 101.

PRINTERS v. GOLDINGTON.

This League (1st Division) game was played on Saturday in Russell Park, and won by the Printers in easy style. Scores:—

Goldington.—S. Rootham, b Graham, 16; J. Skerman, b Graham, 10; J. Osbourn, b Graham, 2; W. Fuller, b Quince, 0; R. Smith, b Quince, 0; A. Watts, c and b Graham, 0; H. Crowsley, b Graham, 0; B. Richards, c H. Clarke, b Quince, 3; V. Oclce, c Gough, b Quince, 7; F. King, b Quince, 8; E. Lawton, not out, 0; extras, 4; total, 50.

Printers.—E. Rogers, b Crowsley, 1; H. B. Davies, b Crowsley, 10; Rev. C. H. Mellowes, run out, 10; S. V. Graham, b Crowsley, 0; C. Quince, c King, b Crowsley, 19; A. McKecknie, b Richards, 54; W. Dawson, c Osborn, b Oclce, 27; H. Clarke, b Oclce, 3; T. Chambers, not out, 12; F. Gough, c Watts, b Lawton, 0; T. Crouch, absent, 0; extras, 9; total, 145.

BEDFORD LEAGUE—DIV. I.

Positions of the clubs to date.

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
Bedford Printers.....	1	1	0	0	2
Potton St. Mary's ...	1	1	0	0	2
Sharnbrook	1	1	0	0	2
Bedford Victoria.....	1	0	1	0	0
Goldington	1	0	1	0	0
Kempston	1	0	1	0	0
Pygittle Works	0	0	0	0	0
Queen's Works.....	0	0	0	0	0

BEDFORD LEAGUE.—DIV. II.

WOOTTON HALL END v. FOUNDRY UNITED.

In this game, at Wootton, on Saturday, the new entrants to the League proved successful over the Foundry, after a fairly good game. Scores:—

WOOTTON HALL END.

F. Whitbread, b Lumley	6
F. Loft, b Fenton	9
T. Burraway, c Smith, b Fenton	12
H. Singfield, b Fenton	0
W. H. Mepham, c J. Smith, b Fenton	5
H. Line, c F. Smith, b Fenton	5
E. Faulkner, b Fenton	13
F. Moore, c Mazy, b Howe	12
W. Loft, not out	2
C. Lowe, c Howe, b Fenton	3
Extras	6
Total	75

FOUNDRY UNITED.

O. Fenton, c Lowe, b Whitehead	6
Tennant, b Lowe	2
F. Parker, b Lowe	1
P. Perry, c Singfield, b Whitbread	5
J. Mazy, b Lowe	1
J. Seed, b Mepham	1
J. Lumley, not out	1
J. Smith, c and b Lowe	0
M. Howe, b Lowe	0
Gentle, c Faulkner, b Mepham	6
F. Smith, c Mepham, b Burraway	0
Extras	8
Total	41

BEDFORD ALMA v. SOUTH END WORKING MEN'S CLUB.

Played at Bedford Park on Saturday, and resulted in a win for the Alma by 16 runs. Scores:—

ALMA.

L. Frair, b Burton	8
F. Harrison, b Gilbert	3
J. A. Emmerton, c Parker, b Gilbert	22
O. Lewis, b Gilbert	1
F. Booth, lbw, b Burton	0
T. Johns, st Handscombe, b Burton	6
F. Brimley, c Burton	9
W. Churchman, b Gilbert	0
A. Clare, not out	8
B. Catlin, c White, b Gilbert	1
W. Dillingham, run out	1
Extras	9
Total	60

SOUTHEND W.M.C.

R. Handscombe, run out	1
W. Burton, b Clare	7
Gilbert, b Johns	0
J. Tucker, b Clare	1
S. Peck, b Clare	1
J. White, b Clare	2
Whiffen, c Churchman, b Johns	14
J. Nicholls, run out	0
Hodgkins, run out	0
A. W. Mannings, b Clare	1
Charlton, not out	1
Extras	9
Total	44

STAGSDEN v. MARSTON.

Played at Stagsden on Saturday, and ended in a win for Stagsden by 22 runs. Scores:—

MARSTON.

J. Robinson, b E. Linger	16
G. Faulkner, b F. Ellis	0
R. O. Sharpe, b E. Linger	0

J. Hillson, b E. Linger	0
W. Biggs, lbw, b F. Ellis	1
A. Nicholls, b E. Linger	1
H. Vincent, b B. Collins	3
F. Copperwheat, b E. Linger	7
B. Fells, b E. Linger	2
S. Copperwheat, c W. Linger, b E. Linger	0
W. Odell, not out	0
Extras	2
Total	32

STAGSDEN.

F. Ellis, b Nicholls	0
H. Ellis, b Robinson	2
B. Collins, c and b Nicholls	4
W. Linger, c and b Robinson	5
E. Flute, b Nicholls	0
G. Babbington, b Nicholls	18
W. Ellis, lbw, b Robinson	1
E. Clarke, b Nicholls	1
G. Glidewell, not out	15
A. Clarke, b Biggs	1
E. Linger, run out	4
Extras	3
Total	54

PRINTERS 2ND v. WOOTTON PILLINGE.

This League (2nd Division) match took place in Bedford Park on Saturday, and was won very easily by the Printers. Scores:—

Printers 2nd.—A. Fensome, b Evans, 0; J. N. Day, b Evans, 4; C. Rogers, not out, 85; A. Smith, c Causby, b Evans, 33; T. Berrington, b Brayton, 0; A. Jordan, c and b Evans, 7; T. Rubython, c and b Evans, 7; F. Bartram, b Evans, 7; F. Luetchford, b Evans, 6; B. Beddall, c Evans, b Goodman, 0; Aylmer, b Evans, 0; extras, 4; total, 162.

Wootton Pillinge.—T. Edwards, c Day, b Luetchford, 5; G. Goodman, b Rubython, 3; T. White, run out, 0; L. Brawton, run out, 10; W. Goodman, b Luetchford, 3; F. Causby, c Aylmer, b Luetchford, 2; J. Evans, b Rubython, 0; W. Evans, not out, 3; A. Braines, lbw., b Luetchford, 0; G. Grossmith, c Berrington, b Aylmer, 0; J. Causby, c and b Rubython, 0; extras, 4; total, 30.

SHARNBROOK 2ND v. KEYSOE.

Played at Sharnbrook on Saturday, and ended in a win for the home club by 32 runs. Scores:—

Keysoe: H. J. Stanton, b Bayes, 3; A. Bamford, b Hilton, 4; J. Hartop, b Bayes, 10; W. D. Ross, c and b Hilton, 4; J. Jordan, c and b Bayes, 5; B. Hartop, b Hilton, 1; W. T. Ross, b Bayes, 1; H. Payne, c Evans, b Hilton, 7; E. H. Cuthbert, run out, 0; A. Hall, b Bayes, 0; E. Ruff, not out, 1; extras, 4; Total, 40.

Sharnbrook: J. Betts, c Hall, b W. T. Ross, 19; J. Bayes, c W. D. Ross, b W. T. Ross, 9; H. Goode, b W. T. Ross, 0; B. Parris, c W. D. Ross, b W. T. Ross, 0; T. Coleman, b Stanton, 6; Rev. B. C. Edwards, b Stanton, 0; A. J. Duke, b W. T. Ross, 4; F. Knights, b Stanton, 2; E. Adams, b Stanton, 16; T. Hilton, c Jordan, b Stanton, 9; W. Evans, not out, 0; extras, 9; total, 72.

QUEEN'S WORKS 2ND. v. ICKWELL.

Played in Bedford Park on Saturday, and won by the visitors by 33 runs. Scores:—

Queen's Works 2nd.—J. Allen, c W. Brunt, b Willsher, 11; A. Parsley, c Darnell, b Radford, 8; D. E. Mayhew, c W. Brunt, b Radford, 3; S. Cook, c W. Brunt, b Radford, 0; J. H. Bridgens, b Willsher, 1; A. Jeffries, c Woodford, b Radford, 0; A. Head, b Willsher, 9; W. Covington, b G. Bygraves, 4; J. Boothman, not out, 7; C. Bain, b Willsher, 0; Hailstones, b Willsher, 2; extras, 5; total, 50.

Ickwell.—F. Willsher, b Cook, 35; T. Woodward, lbw, b Parsley, 11; G. Darnell, b Parsley, 0; G. Truin, c Allen, b Parsley, 3; D. Willsher, c Head, b Parsley, 9; L. Byrom, absent, hurt, 0; J. Radford, b Parsley, 0; G. Bygraves, lbw, b Parsley, 1; P. Bygraves, c Bridgens, b Parsley, 6; W. Brunt, b Cook, 2; B. Brunt, not out, 4; extras, 12; total, 83.

CRANFIELD v. GOLDINGTON 2ND.

Played at Cranfield on Saturday, and won in an easy manner by the home team. Scores:—

Goldington.—E. Hopkinson, b Lovesay, 0; E. Plester, c Bedford, b Campion, 4; H. Pestell, c Evans, b Lovesay, 1; A. Clark, b Hobbs, 12; H. Bush, b Hobbs, 5; F. King, b Hobbs, 0; S. Longland, b Lovesay, 0; H. Chillingworth, c Groom, b Hobbs, 8; P. Leach, run out, 0; W. Buck, c Summerford, b Hobbs, 10; W. Deacon, not out, 0; extras, 5; total, 45.

Cranfield.—F. Richardson, b Huck, 32; F.

Summerford, c Plester, b Clarke, 0; W. Evans, c and b Clark, 0; A. Howe, c Bush, b Clark, 8; E. Hobbs, b Clark, 31; J. Read, b King, 33; H. Bedford, b Clark, 0; H. Partridge, c Bush, b Pestell, 2; B. Groom, c Clark, b Pestell, 7; T. Lovesay, run out, 2; W. Campion, not out, 0; extras, 8; total, 123.

BLUNHAM v. BOLNHURST.

The game between the above proved a one-sided affair, and the home team won before the fall of their fourth wicket. Scores:—

Bolnhurst.—A. Whaley, c Taylor, b Hunt, 8; B. Whaley, b Taylor, 5; F. Bull, b Taylor, 0; N. King, b Hunt, 0; F. Parrott, b Taylor, 0; F. Stanton, b Taylor, 0; G. Harper, c M. Maries, b Hunt, 0; H. C. Whitmore, b Taylor, 0; W. Harper, b Hunt,

0; S. Lack, b Taylor, 4; A. Wildman, not out, 0; extras, 4; total, 21.

Blunham.—F. Rawlins, 19; E. Davison, 0; M. Maries, 0; W. Kemp, 2; F. Taylor, 36; F. Battle, 0; T. Maries, 12; F. Saunders, 5; H. Hunt, 12; W. Sims (not out), 3; W. Reid, 0; extras, 4; total, 93.

BEDFORD LEAGUE.—DIV. II.

Positions of the clubs to date.

Northern Section.					
	P	W	L	D	Pts.
Bedford Alma	1	1	0	0	2
Blunham	1	1	0	0	2
Ickwell	1	1	0	0	2
Sharnbrook 2nd	1	1	0	0	2
Bolnhurst.....	0	0	0	0	0
Keysoe	1	0	1	0	0
South End W.M. Club	1	0	1	0	0
Queen's Works 2nd ...	1	0	1	0	0
Southern Section.					
Bedford Printers 2nd.	1	1	0	0	2
Cranfield	1	1	0	0	2
Stagsden	1	1	0	0	2
Wootton Hall End ...	1	1	0	0	2
Foundry United	1	0	1	0	0
Forder's Pillinge W'ks	1	0	1	0	0
Goldington 2nd	1	0	1	0	0
Marston.....	1	0	1	0	0

THREE COUNTIES ASYLUM v. QUEEN'S WORKS.

This match was played on the Asylum ground on Saturday. Ratcliffe played a splendid game for the Works, and when one short of 50 played on. He was batting an hour and ten minutes, against splendid bowling, and should make a lot of runs in League cricket. Freame and Perry added 40 runs for the seventh wicket, the former giving a good example of clean and crisp hitting, and scoring 40, not out, without giving a chance. It was a good match and but for a dropped catch at a critical moment the Queen's might have won. The best bowling for the visitors was done by Goodwin (3 wickets for 7 runs), P. Perry (2 for 32, and Turner. 2 for 47. On batting a second time the Works lost six wickets for 79 (Bird 34 and Freame, not out, 14). Scores:

QUEEN'S WORKS.

J. Ratcliff, b Hull	49
T. Raby, c Woodhouse, b Hutchinson	6
W. F. Cherry, b Hutchinson	0
P. A. Bird, c Hutchinson, b Brister	9
J. Hobkirk, b Brister	0
H. Pearce, c Hull, b Brister	19
G. Goodwin, b Hull	6
G. Freame, not out	40
P. Perry, c Hull, b Hutchinson	21
F. Bowskill, c Woodhouse, b Hutchinson	0
S. Turner, c Albon, b Brister	3
Extras	15
Total	168

THREE COUNTIES ASYLUM.

J. B. Woodhouse, c Pearce, b Ratcliff	26
J. Buckley, c and b Pearce	44
T. W. Saunders, b Turner	8
Dr. Hull, b Goodwin	47
A. Woodhouse, b Perry	10
S. F. Brister, c Goodwin, b Turner	24
O. Webb, b Goodwin	0
G. Robinson, c Pearce, b Goodwin	1
Dr. Dixon, run out	6
L. Hutchinson, not out	6
C. Albon, c Goodwin, b Perry	8
Extras	11
Total	185

BEDFORD NOMADS v. STEVINGTON.

Played at Stevington, on Saturday, and ended in a win for the visitors, for whom Limpus took 4 wickets for 17. Scores:—

Bedford Nomads.—E. G. Barber, lbw., b Cox, 9; F. Andrews, b Ruffhead, 9; J. Limpus, c Field, b Cox, 0; T. Curtis, b Ruffhead, 7; S. Keech, not out, 8; J. Pryer, b Ruffhead, 0; C. Busen, st., b Ruffhead, 3; A. Flute, c and b Curtis, 3; A. Hardy, c and b Curtis, 8; W. Lawrence, b Curtis, 0; A. Wildman, st., b Curtis, 0; extras, 3; total, 50.

Stevington.—H. Field, b Andrews, 0; F. Dawson, st., b Andrews, 18; R. Curtis, c Keech, b Limpus, 0; J. Ruffhead, c Andrews, b Limpus, 1; P. Cox, b Limpus, 2; B. Bird, b Andrews, 1; J. Cox, run out, 0; C. Allen, run out, 0; E. Bird, b Limpus, 3; A. Bowyer, b Andrews, 2; F. Ashley, not out, 0; extras, 5; total, 32.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL 2ND. v. MR. W. E. KING'S XI.

This match was played on the School ground on Wednesday, and a high-scoring game ended in a draw. Scores:

Grammar School 2nd.—R. A. Bradford, b King, 7; P. N. Kennard, b King, 36; J. N. Bolton, c Boyes, b King, 5; R. C. F. Nailer, b King, 0; R. L. Chatterton, b Wooldridge, 36; H. W. Farrer, c and b Keens, 26; E. A. M. Bear, not out, 53; H. B. Wilson, b Keens, 1; G. D. Weir, b Keens, 0; H. D. Weir, not out, 38; G. M. Beville did not bat; extras, 9; total for 8 wickets, 211.

Mr. W. E. King's XI.—W. E. King, c Bolton, b Beville, 25; H. Willett, not out, 70; A. C. Boyes, b Bear, 14; L. Clark, b Bear, 8; G. Lamb, b H. D. Weir, 4; E. Jarvis, b H. D. Weir, 18; extras, 17; total for six wickets, 156. R. Keens, P. K. Beall, C. Wooldridge, W. Settles, H. Smith did not bat.

GOLDINGTON VILLAGE v. PYGHTLE WORKS.

This match was played on Goldington Green on Saturday. The visitors turned up short and the home team lent some of their men and so nine a-side was played. The Works batted first and scored 70, R. Sprague scoring 23. To this the villagers replied with 44. Scores:

Pyghtle Works: F. Redman, c sub., b G. Day, 8; T. E. Willett, c sub., b G. Day, 0; T. Smith, b G. Day, 12; C. West, c sub., b Smith, 2; R. Sprague, c sub., b Smith, 23;

A. Smith, c and b C. Day, 7; A. Marshall, not out, 3; R. Chambers, b G. Day, 0; V. Taylor, c sub., b C. Day, 0; extras, 9; total, 70.

(Goldington Village: E. Wilson, c West, b Redman, 8; S. Tompkins, b Sprague, 11; B. Short, c Marshall, b Sprague, 1; A. Hartop, c and b Redman, 5; G. Day, b Redman, 3; C. Day, b Redman, 1; C. Smith, c Redman, b Sprague, 1; W. Enderby, b Sprague, 6; G. Smith, not out, 2; extras, 6; total, 44.

Northamptonshire County C.C.

YEAR'S HEAVY LOSSES.

Lord Lilford presided on Monday over the annual meeting of the Northamptonshire County Cricket Club, a large number of members being present. In moving the adoption of the report and balance sheet, Lord Lilford referred to the great loss the club had sustained by the death of Mr. Percy W. Dale, the late honorary organising secretary. From the playing point of view last season had been most successful, but the balance sheet unfortunately showed a loss of £861, which, coming on top of the previous debt of £370, was causing the club much anxiety.

Mr. A. J. Darnell, in seconding the motion, pointed out how Northamptonshire had always advocated a policy of progress, without, however, wishing to tinker with the laws of the game. He was strongly in favour of promotion by merit and Saturday starts in county matches.

The report and balance sheet were adopted, and Mr. G. A. T. Vials was elected captain in place of Mr. T. E. Manning, who had retired. Lord Lilford was re-elected president and Mr. L. B. Tebbutt hon. organising secretary.

CRICKET.

County Trial Match at Dunstable.

How Local Players Acquitted Themselves.

The first "colts" match on Wednesday, on the Grammar School ground, at Dunstable, has justified itself, and a score of young aspirants disposed themselves for the benefit of members of the Selection Committee.

In the absence of H. E. Orr, who arrived 1½ hours late, A. D. Turnbull won the toss for the North and opened the batting with E. M. Page. It was not until S. V. Graham arrived that the skipper, pro tem, could find anyone to stay with him, for Page chopped a wide "off" ball into his wicket, and Tycoc, from whom much was expected, was bowled in trying to pull a long hop—both victims of E. Gutteridge, who had opened the attack with A. Muckleston. Graham was slow as compared with Turnbull, and was eventually bowled for 17. He had made a good defence. E. Brown followed, and could not do much with the bowling of F. M. Lyon, who bowled with a nice action, slow, and made the ball turn at times. Meanwhile Turnbull was very lively, and made quite a number of nice strokes from W. E. T. Brandreth, who was bumping them down rather short, and he did not forget to hit the slow bowler. Eventually he was bowled for 48 runs. His was easily the best innings of the day, and was faultless except for an uppish stroke towards cover slip. E. Wilson followed with 30 runs made in his own style, chiefly on the leg side. Pilgrim, too, made quite a number of nice strokes in his 19 runs.

Of the South bowling, Lyon kept the best length, and of the fast bowlers, Brandreth certainly appeared the most dangerous. The South, in their skipper, had a valuable asset as stumper, who "kept" in his usual polished style.

S. V. Graham and Geary opened the attack for the North, and the latter, by some real good bowling, was instrumental in dismissing Gutteridge, Morrel, Hobbs, and Durrant for 10 runs, all clean bowled. With Lyon and Brandreth together, the score was taken to 50 for the next wicket, when Graham bowled Lyon, who had shown good defence for 15. Brandreth still went on and scored 41 before S. Brown beat him. He had played very fair cricket and made the most of the tired period with both Graham's and Geary's bowling. E. Price came next, and although he made 18 runs before Pilgrim, who had relieved Geary, bowled him, his style was not convincing. Muckleston was soon out, but P. Haaswell, a master at the School, was in quite a long time for 8 runs, and although he showed very good style, he never got the ball beyond the fielders. E. E. Apthorp, L. C. E. Thring, and E. Holdstock followed, the former hit out and was well caught by Taylor in the deep field, while Geary bowled Thring with a beauty.

The fielding on both sides was very fair, but with the scores so low the test in this department was not severe. Geary certainly bowled capital, and his five wickets all clean bowled, must enhance the good opinion already expressed in certain quarters. Although he has played in one county match in which he took one wicket for 6 runs he has received no further recognition. Turnbull possesses the right temperament, and ought to improve into a good bat, but in the field a little more dash towards the ball is necessary. Of the North side, every one of the colts asked to play accepted, which speaks well for their keenness.

Of the Northern Selection Committee, Colonel Stevens, Messrs Crossman, Fields, Clarke and L. Clarke, with the skipper, H. E. Orr, watched the game, and in conjunction with the Southern Selection Committee, Messrs W. Brown and E. E. Apthorp, conferred after the game and decided to recommend that Messrs Turnbull, Brandreth, Graham, S. Brown, J. D. King, Lyon, E. Wilson, W. Tycoc, and Geary be given a further trial in the trial matches against Mr Sewell's and Mr Mallett's XI.'s shortly.

The North went in a second time and scored 120 for 8 wickets, Brown making 40, and Graham 25. Subjoined are the first innings' scores:—

NORTH.

D Turnbull, b Brandreth	48
E M Page, b Gutteridge	0
W Tycoc, b Gutteridge	0
S V Graham, c Durrant, b Brandreth	17
S Brown, c Apthorp, b Brandreth	11
G G Smith, c Brandreth, b Durrant	0
J D King, b Brandreth	1
E G Taylor, b Durrant	1
E Wilson, run out	30
H Geary, c and b Brandreth	1
Pilgrim, lbw, b Gutteridge	19
H R Orr, not out	1
Extras	6

Total

Bowling:—Gutteridge, 3 for 32; Muckleston, 0 for 27; Brandreth, 5 for 21; Lyon, 0 for 31; Durrant, 2 for 17.

SOUTH.

H W Mousel, b Geary	2
E C Gutteridge, b Geary	1
G Hobbs, b Geary	2
J M Lyon, b Graham	13
A Durrant, b Geary	0
W R T Brandreth, b Brown	41
H Price, b Pilgrim	18
P Haaswell, b Pilgrim	2
A Muckleston, b Brown	7
E E Apthorp, c King, b Pilgrim	18
L C E Thring, b Geary	2
Holdstock, not out	8
Extras	6

Total

Bowling:—Geary, 5 for 44; Graham, 1 for 10; Brown, 2 for 31; Pilgrim, 3 for 18.

WATERLOWS' (2ND XI) v. COMMERCIAL CARS (2ND XI).

Played at Dunstable on Saturday, the home team winning by 18 runs. A. Jones (16 not out) was the chief batsman of the afternoon. Scores:

WATERLOWS'.		COMMERCIAL CARS.	
A Thorne, b P Smith..	1	Bamfield, b Dickens ..	0
A Dickens, b Pike	2	Bleasney, b F Wright..	0
W Wright, b P Smith ..	4	Pike, c Thorne, b	
L Allen, c H Smith, b		Dickens.....	4
F Smith	2	Willis, run out	2
A Jones, not out.....	16	Brentnall, b F Wright	4
F Wright, b F Smith..	0	Dear, b Dickens	5
F Ward, b Pike	2	P. Smith, c Creamer, b	
E. Horn, run out	3	Dickens.....	4
F Adams, b P Smith..	0	H. Smith, c W Wright,	
A Creamer, c Bamfield		b Dickens	0
b Bleasney.....	4	Muns, not out.....	0
T Watson, c Willis, b		Mooring, c Thorne, b	
Dear	0	Wright	3
Extras.....	1	Extras.....	0
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Total....	35	Total....	22

WATERLOWS' CRICKET CLUB.

DEPARTMENTAL MATCH.

H. FULLARTON'S XI (DREADNOUGHTS) v. E. G. BANNISTER'S XI (BOATMEN).

This match, which took place on Monday evening, had for some little time aroused considerable discussion as to the respective merits of the competing sides, but it was generally agreed that the prowess of the captain of the "Dreadnoughts," the veteran Nottingham cricketer and footballer, would (if he turned out) turn the scale in their favour, and when it was definitely known that he intended to lead his eleven in person, a large concourse of spectators assembled to watch the match. The captain of the "Boatmen," who won the toss, put the "Dreadnoughts" in first, but, contrary to expectations, the batsmen; of whom so much was expected, made but a feeble resistance to the bowling of Randall (3 for 1) and Bannister (5 for 2), and the end soon came with the total at 9, six of which were byes. A Sansom batted well for his one not out. It was now thought that the "Boatmen" had an easy task, but when the first wicket fell for one run their prospects did not look so rosy. A fine stand, however, by Pitcher (who stood up to the lightning-like deliveries of Beauchamp, in spite of being hit all over his body, with great courage) and Randall, doubled the score of their opponents, and the total eventually reached 50, of which Bannister obtained 22 before succumbing to a ball of Beauchamp's. Bunyan (5 for 18) was the most successful bowler for the "Dreadnoughts" and Beauchamp bowled very well indeed, though not with the success that his bowling merited. Lewis, for the losers, was in fine form behind the wicket. Scores:—

H. FULLARTON'S XI.		E. G. BANNISTER'S XI.	
F Bunyan, run out ..	1	W Pitcher, b Bunyan..	7
J W Clarke, b Randall	0	W Yates, c Clarke, b	
W Jesser, b Bannister	1	Bunyan.....	0
H Beauchamp, b Randall.....	0	J H Randall, b Jesser..	9
L Garnett, b Randall	0	E G Bannister (capt),	
C Marshall, run out ..	0	b Beauchamp	22
A Sansom, not out....	1	B Street, b Bunyan..	0
J Lewis, b Bannister..	0	P London, hit wkt, b	
B Valentine, b Bannister	0	Bunyan.....	0
H Dudley, b Bannister	0	C Webber, c Lewis, b	
H Fullarton (Capt.), b		Jesser	0
Bannister	0	A Folkios, b Bunyan..	0
		C Sewell, st Lewis, b	
		Garnett	1
		F Jackson, c Lewis, b	
		Beauchamp	4
		J Deegan, not out	1
		Extras	6
Extras.....	6	Extras	6
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Total....	9	Total	50

IVINGHOE UNITED v. COMMERCIAL CARS.

The first team of the Luton Commercial Cars visited Ivinghoe on Saturday week, and were beaten by six runs. A. V. Smith had his eye severely out and was unable to finish his innings. Scores:—Cars 35, Ivinghoe 41.

TODDINGTON v. LUTON WEDNESDAY.

A keen and interesting game was seen on Wednesday at Toddington between these old rivals. The visitors proved victorious. For Luton, W. Crawley took 3 wickets for 28 runs, and J. W. Oxborough 5 for 52. Scores:—Toddington 94, Luton Wednesday 101 for five wickets.

KENSWORTH v. SLIP END.

Played at Kensworth Park on Saturday.

SLIP END.		KENSWORTH.	
G Norris, b Whinnett	20	L C Dickens, c W	
S Grimsdale, c Joalin,		Gutteridge, b Warren	21
b Dumpleston	8	R Tanner, b Warren..	0
F Warren, b Dickens	0	A Dumpleston, b Gut-	
E Fansome, b Dickens	0	teridge	1
W Gutteridge, b Dickens	5	J Whinnett, b Warren	1
E Newman, b Dickens	0	B Stanbridge, c and b	
A Norris, c Joalin, b		Gutteridge	0
Whinnett	3	W Joalin, b Warren..	0
E Curreant, c and b		S Dumpleston, b Gut-	
Whinnett	0	teridge	2
A Fansome, b Dickens	1	F Flitton, jnr, b Warren	0
H H Samms, not out..	0	V Woodcraft, c Fen-	
S Gutteridge, b Dickens	0	some, b Grimsdale..	3
		C Martin, c & b Warren	1
		F Flitton, snr, not out	0
		Extras.....	2
Extras.....	4		
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Total....	41	Total....	31

Second innings.—Slip End, 42; Kensworth, 48 for 5 wickets.

WATERLOWS' v. COMMERCIAL CARS.

In this match at Luton on Saturday, the visitors were victorious by 60 runs. H. Wright (14) batted well for the Cars. For Waterlows', Muckleston was in good form with the ball, taking 8 wickets for 12 runs; he was also principal scorer with 15. Scores:—

WATERLOWS'.		COMMERCIAL CARS.	
A Muckleston, c Crouch		A Brown, b Muckleston	6
b Brown	15	L Deacon, b Muckle-	
C Holt, c Reeves, b		ston	8
Brown	4	H Wright (capt), c and	
H Bunker, run out ..	5	b Muckleston	14
F Gibbons, b Brown..	11	A Willmott, b Muckle-	
G Heels, b Brown	14	ston	1
H Harris (capt), b		F Bavisier, c Bannister,	
Brown	3	b Coleman	0
H Price, b Brown	4	T Crouch, b Muckle-	
W Gibbons, not out ..	22	ston	0
H Bannister, c Wright,		F Clark, b Muckleston	0
b Crouch	4	W Reeves, c Price, b	
H Coleman, b Crouch	1	Coleman	6
A Creamer, c Curry, b		R Morley, not out ..	2
Brown	4	C H Curry, b Muckle-	
Extras.....	10	ston	5
		A Goodship, b Muckle-	
		ston	0
		Extras.....	2
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Total....	59	Total....	38

HOCKLIFFE v. BILLINGTON.

This match was played at Hockliffe on Saturday and resulted in a win for Hockliffe by 40 runs, W. Creamer taking 3 wickets for 11 runs. Scores:—Hockliffe 102, Billington 62.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP.

BEDFORDSHIRE v. HERTFORDSHIRE.

VICTORY OF THE BEDFORDIANS.

This game was commenced at Bushey on Monday, but very little play took place owing to the rain. The result of Tuesday's play was a grand victory for the Bedfordians by nine runs. Credit is due to the County captain for his spirited effort in the first innings, and he was assisted by Aphorp, Holdstock, and Morcom. The visitors' bowlers, too, were in excellent form, especially Morcom and Wharmby. Scores:—

Bedfordshire.—1st Innings.

H. Willett, b Shelford	0
R. N. Bocquet, st. R. C. Cowley, b Shelford	0
E. E. Aphorp, c Cowley, b Burton	29
H. R. Orr, c Burton, b Shelford	40
Wharmby, c Household, b Shelford	5
Holdstock, c Golding, b Burton	23
H. Squire, b Burton	3
A. F. Morcom, not out	22
Geary, lbw., b Shelford	3
T. Saunders, c Household, b Burton	3
Pilgrim, lbw., b Burton	2
Extras	11

Total ... 154

2nd Innings.

R. N. Bocquet, c Shelford, b Burton	2
Holdstock, c Harford, b Shelford	3
H. Willett, b Burton	2
H. R. Orr, lbw., b Burton	0
E. E. Aphorp, b Burton	1
Wharmby, b Burton	0
H. Squire, b Burton	16
A. F. Morcom, b Shelford	18
T. Saunders, c Cowley, b Shelford	0
Geary, not out	0
Pilgrim, lbw., b Shelford	0
Extras	14

Total ... 56

Hertfordshire.—1st Innings.

I. N. Cowley, run out	5
Golding, b Morcom	26
R. B. Cowley, c Morcom, b Wharmby	0
E. H. Cuthbertson, c Geary, b Morcom	28
E. S. Household, c Bocquet, b Orr	4
C. H. Titchmarsh, c Morcom, b Wharmby	11
Coleman, not out	25
W. H. Marsh, b Morcom	3
H. M. Harford, c Morcom, b Morcom	0
Burton, b Wharmby	3
Shelford, b Wharmby	10
Extras	5

Total ... 120

2nd Innings.

I. N. Cowley, b Morcom	0
Golding, c Holdstock, b Wharmby	9
R. B. Cowley, c Squire, b Wharmby	27
E. H. Cuthbertson, c Squire, b Wharmby	13
Coleman, b Morcom	0
C. H. Titchmarsh, b Morcom	14
E. S. Household, c and b Morcom	5
W. H. Marsh, run out	0
H. M. Harford, c and b Morcom	1
Burton, c Pilgrim, b Morcom	0
Shelford, not out	3
Extras	9

Total ... 81

Bowling Analysis.

Bedfordshire.—1st Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Burton	24.3	8	52	5
Shelford	24	6	72	5
W. H. Marsh	2	1	10	0
Coleman	2	0	9	0

2nd Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Burton	10	3	28	6
Shelford	9.4	4	14	4

Hertfordshire.—1st Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Wharmby	21.3	9	36	4
Geary	7	0	16	0
Pilgrim	4	2	9	0
A. F. Morcom	15	4	35	4
H. R. Orr	4	0	19	1

2nd Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
A. F. Morcom	15	4	37	6
Wharmby	14	3	35	3

WITH THE LEAGUE CLUBS.

[By "ARGVS."]

A Drawn Battle.

The heavy rain of Friday unfortunately spoilt the game between Victoria and Sharnbrook, which was commenced in Bedford Park. The match had been looked forward to by holiday-makers, as it was known that both clubs would turn out powerful elevens. This they did, and it was a pity the game could not be brought to a finish. The visitors won the toss, and put the homesters in to bat. Beagle was unfortunately run out after he had made five owing to a misunderstanding. Keens and Beall batted well for their runs. At 4.30 rain came down steadily, and as there was no prospect of the game being finished, stumps were drawn. Clark took 2 wickets for 45, and Moss 1 for 7.

Excellent Bowling; Brilliant Batting.

The first meeting of the Queen's Works and Goldington furnished two particularly fine performances for the former, thanks to the deadliness of the bowling of Pilgrim, who took 8 for 7, and Perry 3 for 13, the "Villagers" were all out for a score of runs. Radcliff, of whom I have often spoken, again showed his ability as a batsman by beating the individual record of this season by scoring 126 before he was caught. The Lancastrian never gave a chance in the whole of his brilliant innings, and his score included one 6, twelve 4's, and ten 3's. The next highest scorer on the winning side was Perry, who collected 42 in his usual dashing style; he is an ideal Saturday afternoon cricketer. Pity there are not more like you, Perry! The Queen's skipper gave a modest display, and the "old war horse" (Freama), who has been in and out of the Queen's first team more times than probably he would care to remember, as the "whipper in" played a characteristic game. The Queen's won easily, but one would suggest that should an unequal encounter occur again that they, and other strong sides, should give the weaker teams a second chance of batting.

Remarkable Bowling at Potton.

Sharnbrook were the visitors at Potton on Saturday, where some remarkable bowling was witnessed. On a wicket sodden by rain "Skipper" Stileman-Gibbard won the toss, and put the homesters in, in the hope of the wicket improving. The "Saints" could do nothing with the bowling of Moss and Clark, and were all disposed of for 15! Sharnbrook opened none too well, and seven wickets were down for 23. Cochrane then joined Clark, and the pair carried the score to 46, when the former was well caught in the long field by Hutchison. The venture eventually closed for 63. The home team went in a second time, and did somewhat better than in the first innings, A. Sargent making 14 and Banes 10. It was a bowler's wicket, and the trundlers of both sides had capital analyses, Inskip, for Potton, claiming 7 wickets for 26; whilst for the winners Moss had 5 for 8, Clark 4 for 3, and King 5 for 13.

Victoria Beat Champions.

The return game between Pyghtle Works and Victoria was played in Bedford Park on Saturday. The Vics., who were able to turn out a representative side, won easily. The Works batted first, but only 8 runs had been registered when M. Coleman broke through Geary's defence. On Redman joining Page, runs came at a fair pace, until the former was splendidly taken in the long field by F. Coleman (2 for 26). Page left 10 runs later, and Tysoe was clean bowled by Barnwell's first ball. Simpson made one or two shots, but the whole side were dismissed for the poor total of 64. Barnwell again bowled well, taking 7 wickets for 21. M. Coleman captured 3 for 34. A shower of rain fell during the interval, which, of course, handicapped the Works' bowlers. The two Modernians opened the Vics' innings, and soon set about knocking off the runs, 60 being registered before Newman was bowled. On Beagle joining Warton, the issue was soon put beyond doubt. The latter was second to leave, being out to a good catch by Maxey. One or two wickets then fell cheaply, and soon after six o'clock stumps were pulled up.

Keysoe All Out 141

At Keysoe on Saturday the home team, on a wet wicket, cut up very badly against Blunham, being all dismissed for the low score of 14 runs. The two Blunham bowlers have already done well this season, but never better than on Saturday, when Taylor had six victims for four runs, and Battle three for nine. Blunham had rather a "soft thing" on, and went in for hitting, their opponents' total being passed before the fall of the first wicket. Taylor played a capital innings, doing some wonderful driving, and his cutting was very good.

Printers Beat Cranfield.

It was a very even encounter between the Printers' 2nd and Cranfield which was witnessed in Bedford Park on Saturday, and the homesters secured the verdict by 16 runs. Going to the wickets first, the visitors found the bowling of Clarke very effective, and in the end he had six victims for 27 runs. Only two of Cranfield managed to reach double figures, Richardson being badly run out with the top score of 15. Tucker did very well at the wickets for the Printers, his 25 being the result of sound play, and the next highest scorer was Day, who played a patient innings of 17, and was undefeated at the close. Campion: 4 for 6 and Bedford (5 for 19) were the most successful with the ball for Cranfield.

Good Batting and Bowling by Foundry.

Foundry United accomplished an easy victory over the second string of Goldington on Saturday, thanks to fine batting by Maxey, their captain, who compiled a well-played 66 (including eight 4's), and to useful contributions by Reid and Perry. So well did the Foundry bat that they were able to apply the closure with only half their men out. Goldington gave a rather poor show with the willow, and could do little or nothing against the bowling of Fenton, who is going great guns this season, he capturing six wickets for the small total of seven runs. Sixteen overs sufficed to account for the losers, during which Ashby took four wickets for 28 runs. The Foundry are a greatly improved side this season, and have only been beaten twice.

What's Wrong With South End?

One of the surprises of Saturday's cricket was the breakdown of the South End club at Ickwell, and it is difficult to explain how a batting side like the Clubmen should be all out for the meagre total of 17. They must have had a "day off," for their fielding was about on a par with their batting, they being very slack, and several catches were missed. Law, the top scorer for Ickwell, went in first, and batted very steadily, coming out eighth, after having made 19 singles out of his 23. D. Willsher and Daun hit up their runs in quick time. Burton bowled well for the Clubmen, and had five wickets to his credit. Ickwell followed up good batting by excellent fielding and bowling, F. Willsher taking 5 wickets for 7 runs and Albone 4 for 8.

Wootton Still Undefeated.

Wootton Hall End continued on their way rejoicing on Saturday, when they were at home to their neighbours, Marston, for they gained a couple of points mainly through faulty fielding by the visitors. J. Lowe, who was top scorer for Wootton, was twice badly missed, once before he had scored. On the other hand, the fielding of the home team was much smarter, as shown by the fact that four men were run out. W. G. Mepham and J. Lowe were the pick of the fielders, the former bringing off two splendid catches. The Marston captain (Scotchbrook) did well with the ball, and had the satisfaction of accounting for five of his opponents for 27 runs. Nicholls had 2 for 15, and Robinson a like number for 18. For the winners, Whitbread (4 for 19) and C. Lowe (2 for 23) bowled excellently.

Improved Batting.

It was very satisfactory to notice an improvement in the batting of both Forder's Pillinge Works and Stagsden in the game played by them on Saturday at Wootton Pillinge. Although Forder's have not as yet won a game in the competition, there is a distinct improvement in their play, and with

more practice and confidence they are bound to succeed. Stagsden showed good form with the bat, the innings of W. Linger, E. Beard, and G. Glidewell being very good, and to them must in a great measure be attributed the success of the visitors. For the latter W. Linger also did well with the ball, his 5 wickets only costing 23 runs, while Flute had 3 for 12.

BEDFORD LEAGUE.—DIV. I.

POTTON ST. MARY'S v. SHARNBROOK. This match was played at Potton on Saturday, and was easily won by the visitors. Scores:—

Potton.—H. A. Sargent, b Clark, 0; S. Banes, c Saunders, b Moss, 6; A. Sargent, b Moss, 0; W. Hutchison, b Clark, 0; H. Inskip, c Jarvis, b Moss, 1; C. Marsom, lbw, b Clark, 0; J. Rodwell, c and b Clark, 1; J. Clarke, b Moss, 0; G. Gurney, run out, 2; B. Ginn, not out, 1; G. Banes, b Moss, 0; extras, 4; total, 15.

Sharnbrook.—T. Hilton, c and b Inskip, 2; H. Goodes, c Hutchison, b Inskip, 5; J. E. Jarvis, b Inskip, 9; O. L. Boyes, b Inskip, 7; Rev. R. H. Moss, c Marsom, b Rodwell, 0; C. Saunders, c Marsom, b Inskip, 5; L. G. Stileman-Gibbard, b Rodwell, 0; L. Clark, c Inskip, b Rodwell, 14; R. D. Cochrane, c Hutchison, b Inskip, 12; H. Willett, c A. Sargent, b Inskip, 3; W. E. King, not out, 5; extra, 1; total, 63.

PYGHTLE WORKS v. BEDFORD VICTORIA.

In Bedford Park on Saturday, and won by the latter club in rather easy fashion. Scores: Pyghtle Works: M. Page, c Taylor, b M. Coleman, 19; F. Geary, b M. Coleman, 3; F. Rodman, c F. Coleman, b M. Coleman, 11; H. Maxey, lbw., b Barnwell, 6; W. Tysoe, b Barnwell, 0; Simpson, b Barnwell, 15; E. Wilson, b Barnwell, 2; R. Sprague, c M. Coleman, b Barnwell, 1; T. E. Willitt, b Barnwell, 1; T. Davis, not out, 0; West, b Barnwell, 0; extras, 6; total, 64.

Victoria: H. E. Warton, c Maxey, b Geary, 66; F. C. W. Newman, b Tysoe, 19; A. F. Beagle, b Page, 37; H. J. Beall, b Bedman, 0; F. Coleman, lbw., b Geary, 0; E. G. Taylor, c Redman, b Sprague, 0; F. Barnwell, not out, 6; M. W. Coleman, c West, b Redman, 2; extras, 10; total, 140. A. W. Mayo, H. Coleman, and H. P. Fiegehen did not bat.

QUEEN'S WORKS v. GOLDINGTON.

The former secured an easy win over the "Villagers," in Bedford Park, on Saturday. Scores:

Goldington: S. Rootham, c and b Pilgrim, 12; R. Richards, b Pilgrim, 0; J. Osbourn, c Raby, b Pilgrim, 1; W. Fuller, absent; F. H. King, b Pilgrim, 0; J. Skerman, c Pearce, b Pilgrim, 4; A. Crossley, b Pilgrim, 0; A. Watts, b Pilgrim, 1; H. V. Oclea, absent; F. G. King, b Pilgrim, 2; T. Bishop, not out, 0; extras, 0; total, 20.

Queen's Works: J. Radcliff, c Richards, b Watts, 126; H. Pearce, c and b Crossley, 18; J. Hobkirk, b Rootham, 2; C. Pilgrim, run out, 0; A. Head, b Crossley, 4; G. Goodwin, b G. King, 3; T. Raby, c H. King, b G. King, 8; P. Perry, c Rootham, b H. King, 42; W. Covington, not out, 10; D. E. Mayhew, absent; G. Freama, c Watts, b H. King, 17; extras, 19; total, 249.

Positions of the clubs to date.

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
Sharnbrook	6	5	0	1	11
Queen's Works	6	5	1	0	10
Bedford Printers	6	3	2	1	7
Bedford Victoria	8	2	3	3	7
Potton St. Mary's	4	2	2	0	4
Kempston	5	2	3	0	4
Pyghtle Works	6	1	4	1	3
Goldington	5	0	5	0	0

BEDFORD LEAGUE.—DIV. II. BLUNHAM v. KEYSOE.

At Keysoe, on Saturday, and won easily by the visitors. Scores:—

Keysoe.—H. J. Stanton, b Taylor, 0; W. D. Ross, c Davison, b Taylor, 0; B. Hartop, b Taylor, 0; W. T. Rose, c W. Rawlins, b Battle, 5; J. Hartop, b Taylor, 2; N. Payne, run out, 1; S. Stanton, b Battle, 0; E. H. Cuthbert, c sub., b Battle, 0; A. Hall, c J. Davison, b Taylor, 3; Flute, not out, 2; Stapleton, b Taylor, 0; extras, 1; total, 14.

Blunham.—F. Rawlins, b T. Ross, 11; F. Taylor, b W. D. Ross, 48; M. Maries, b T. Ross, 0; J. Davison, run out, 9; W. Rawlins, b B. Hartop, 7; W. Sims, c H. Stanton, b B. Hartop, 9; F. Saunders, c and b B. Hartop, 3; F. Battle, b B. Hartop, 2; B. Current, not out, 1; extras, 5; total (8 wickets), 95. H. Blaine did not bat.

PRINTERS 2ND v. CRANFIELD.

Played in Bedford Park on Saturday, and won by the homesters. Scores:—

Cranfield: W. Evans, b Clarke, 6; H. Bedford, c and b Rubythorn, 4; A. Howe, c Tucker b Rubythorn, 0; F. Richardson, run out, 15; J. Read, b Clarke, 11; H. Partridge, b Clarke, 8; F. Summerford, b Rogers, 2; B. Groom, b Clarke, 4; V. Denton, b Clarke, 6; T. White, not out, 8; W. Campion, b Clarke, 0; extras, 8; total, 72.

Printers: F. Chambers, b Read, 4; F. Tucker, c Read, b Bedford, 25; C. Rogers, c Howe, b Bedford, 7; W. Woods, c Read, b Bedford, 6; H. Clarke, c Howe, b Read, 7; J. Day, not out, 17; T. Rubythorn, b Campion, 1; J. Boddington, c Richardson, b Campion, 7; F. Luetchford, c Groom, b Campion, 0; E. Fisher, c Richardson, b Campion, 5; F. Aylmer, b Evans, 1; extras, 8; total, 88.

ICKWELL v. SOUTH END W.M.C.

This match was played at Ickwell Green on Saturday, and ended in a surprisingly easy win for the homesters. Scores:—

Ickwell.—A. Law, c Whiffin, b Burton, 23; A. Albone, b Gilbert, 9; A. Shelton, b Burton, 2; F. Willsher, b Gilbert, 6; D. Woodward, run out, 9; E. Dann, b Fowler, 15; L. Byrom, b Billingham, 1; J. Radford, b Burton, 2; G. O. Truin, c Battle, b Burton, 0; D. Willsher, not out, 15; G. Bygraves, c Billingham, b Burton, 4; extras, 10; total, 96.

South End W.M.C.—R. Fowler, b Albone, 2; R. Battle, b Albone, 0; Hopcroft, run out, 0; B. Smith, b F. Willsher, 0; R. Handscombe, c Radford, b F. Willsher, 2; W. H. Peck, b F. Willsher, 0; A. H. Burton, b Albone, 1; T. Billingham, c Shelton, b F. Willsher, 4; J. White, c Woodward, b Albone, 2; T. Gilbert, not out, 1; A. Whiffin, b F. Willsher, 3; extras, 2; total, 17.

WOOTTON HALL END v. MARSTON.

Played at Wootton on Saturday, and won by the homesters. Scores:—

Hall End.—T. Burraway, b Scotchbrook, 1; J. Lowe, c Hillson, b Robinson, 15; S. Faulkner, c Wooding, b Nicholls, 6; F. Loft, b Robinson, 14; W. Loft, c Hillson, b Scotchbrook, 13; W. G. Mepham, c Wooding, b Tuffnell, 0; F. Whitbread, b Nicholls, 11; E. Hutchins, b Scotchbrook, 9; C. Lowe, b Scotchbrook, 1; P. Moore, not out, 1; T. Billing, lbw, b Scotchbrook, 0; extras, 3; total, 74.

Marston.—F. Scotchbrook, c J. Lowe, b C. Lowe, 9; T. Tuffnell, c Mepham, b C. Lowe, 0; J. Robinson, b Whitbread, 8; T. Wooding, c F. Loft, b Whitbread, 2; W. Biggs, c Mepham, b Whitbread, 0; A. Nicholls, c Hutchins, b Whitbread, 1; J. Hillson, not out, 10; H. Faulkner, run out, 5; B. Fells, run out, 2; C. Faulkner, run out, 0; J. Copperwheat, run out, 5; extras, 3; total, 45.

FORDER'S PILLINGE WORKS v. STAGSDEN.

Played at Wootton Pillinge, on Saturday, and ended in a victory for Stagdsden by 19 runs. Scores:—

Forder's Pillinge Works: W. Allen, c S. Beard, b Linger, 8; L. Eroughton, b Linger, 5; A. Bunker, run out, 1; W. Evans, lbw., b T. White, 6; J. Goodman, c Linger, b

Flute, 13; F. Ball, b Flute, 5; G. Grossmith, b Linger, 3; W. Goodman, b Flute, 4; T. White, b Linger, 0; T. Edwards, b Linger, 2; G. Goodman, not out, 5; extras, 8; total, 61.

Stagdsden: H. Ellis, c Ball, b Evans, 4; W. Ellis, run out, 3; T. White, b Evans, 0; S. Beard, b Broughton, 0; E. Beard, b Ball, 22; E. Flute, c Ball, b Evans, 5; W. Linger, b Bunker, 25; G. Babbington, run out, 2; G. Glidewall, b Evans, 12; J. Glidewall, b Evans, 1; A. Riddy, not out, 1; extras, 4; total, 80.

FOUNDRY UNITED v. GOLDINGTON 2ND.

This match was played in Russell Park on Saturday, and ended in an easy win for the Foundry. Scores:—

Foundry United.—C. Fenton, c Joyce, b Smith, 7; P. Parry, b Clarke, 31; J. Reed, c Clarke, b Chillingworth, 45; F. Parker, c Burton, b Pestell, 5; J. Maxey, not out, 66; Skerman, b Swann, 18; extras, 8; total (5 wickets—declared), 178. J. Lumley, W. Dillingham, M. Howe, H. Mardle, and T. Ashby did not bat.

Goldington 2nd.—B. Pestell, c Mardle, b Fenton, 0; A. Clarke, b Fenton, 6; E. Hopkinson, b Ashby, 0; Longland, b Ashby, 7; Burton, b Fenton, 0; Smith, c Lumley, b Fenton, 6; Joyce, b Fenton, 0; W. Skerman, lbw, b Ashby, 4; H. Chillingworth, not out, 0; J. Swann, c Howe, b Ashby, 11; H. Bush, c Howe, b Fenton, 1; extras, 6; total, 41.

Positions of the clubs to date.

	Northern Section.				
	P	W	L	D	Pts.
Bedford Alms	5	5	0	0	10
Blunham	8	5	1	0	10
Ickwell	7	4	3	0	8
South End W.M. Club	7	4	3	0	8
Queen's Works 2nd	6	3	3	0	6
Sharnbrook 2nd	6	3	3	0	6
Bolnhurst	5	1	4	0	2
Keysoe	8	0	8	0	0
Southern Section.					
Wootton Hall End	5	5	0	0	10
Bedford Printers 2nd	6	5	1	0	10
Foundry United	6	4	2	0	8
Cranfield	6	3	2	1	7
Goldington 2nd	7	3	4	0	6
Stagdsden	5	2	3	0	4
Marston	6	1	4	1	3
Forder's Pillinge Wks.	7	0	7	0	0

To-morrow's Matches.

The following games are down for decision, to be played on the ground of the first-named club:—

Bedford League.—Div. I.

Pyghtle Works v. Printers.

Kempston v. Potton St. Mary's.

Sharnbrook v. Goldington.

Bedford League.—Div. II.

Northern Section.

Blunham v. Keysoe.

Queen's Works 2nd v. Bedford Alma.

Bolnhurst v. Sharnbrook 2nd.

Southern Section.

Stagdsden v. Forder's Pillinge Works.

Wootton Hall End v. Cranfield.

Marston v. Printers' 2nd.

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ROUND ABOUT NOTES.

[By "Oozoo."]

During the period of Coronation festivities interest in cricket diminished almost to vanishing point. In view of the many counter-attractions this is not difficult to account for, and, happily, calls for no explanation in this column. Nor does it come within the scope of the present scribbler to comment upon, least of all criticise the local scheme of celebration. But (dare I say so?) as things dragged so drearily in the Park for a considerable period on Coronation Day, a good cricket match would have exercised a very cheering effect which many of those present would have enjoyed. While there was "nothing doing" it was, to say the least, dispiriting to observe so many dolefully drifting about the Park apparently wondering what, if anything, was going to happen next. I noticed dozens of cricketers simply pining for a game.

For a week or more we have had black skies and intermittent rain, and I don't suppose many cricketers have regretted it. Pitches were getting much too hard and it was positively dangerous to stand up to a bowler with any pretensions to pace. I have seen batsmen treadfully knocked about of late (yes, and bowlers too, in another sense). So we cricketers can, for once, join hands with the farmers and rejoice in the rain. But we don't want any more just yet, thank you! Precious little cricket to write about lately—barring the county win, of course, but that is something to be going on with.

Congratulations have been showered on H. Grierson, the old Grammar School cricket captain, on his obtaining that much-coveted honour, his cricket "Blue" at Cambridge. Grierson's first cricket term at Cambridge has been no path of roses. He has had to fight every inch of the way, and it is only now, a few days prior to the great match, that Ireland, the Cantabs' skipper, has satisfied himself that Grierson is the man he wants. On wickets that have been all against his bowling

Grierson has kept the scoring down in a remarkable degree, if he has not actually taken many wickets. Like many another fine cricketer he has suffered through the very extent of his reputation. After his magnificent bowling in the "Freshers" game so much was expected of him and so much written of him that his failure to repeat such a performance had led to misgivings as to his chance of a Blue. But some of the best critics and cricketers in the country have seen Grierson in action and are convinced that he is one of the best amateur left-handers playing. Tom

Hayward, the renowned Surrey bat, was surprised at the cleverness of the Bedford boy's bowling, and took the trouble to say so. The "Sportaman's" critic has been very kind and likens Grierson to Hirst and Dean. He thinks it beyond belief that Cambridge contemplate playing Oxford without him. But his object having been attained Grierson may now accept my small word of congratulations, and so may those who have been instrumental in "bringing him out."—Mr. Rice, Cherry, and Edwards. They have just cause to be proud of their pupil.

Before Grierson, A. F. Morcom was the last Beds. man to get a Blue. Before him Grellett and one or two others were similarly honoured. Morcom, of course, is a Dunstable Grammar School product. A. E. Gibson, who has been playing so well of late for the Club and Ground, was for a long time captain of the Lincolnshire County XI.

Owing to a misunderstanding the C. and G. game with Wolverton arranged for Saturday did not take place.

The Grammar School play Dulwich next Wednesday, at Bedford. F. M. Joyce, who is doing so well for Leicestershire, is the tall hitter and fast bowler who plays for Kendall's XI., and in the O.B.'s matches at the Grammar School. He is an O.B.G.

The County XI. to play in the second championship match, the return with Hertfordshire, on the Elstow School ground, on Friday and Saturday next, has been selected as follows: H. R. Orr (capt.), E. E. Aphthorp, A. F. Morcom, H. Squire, R. N. Bocquet, H. Grierson, H. Willett, S. V. Graham, with Pilgrim, Wharmby, Holdstock and Geary. This, of course, is practically the same team as got home by so narrow a margin in the first game. Grierson is practically certain to play, in which case Geary will drop out. Graham, I understand, is definitely playing this time, to the exclusion of Saunders, the Asylum man. The team will have settled down by the time this game comes off and a good Bedfordshire win may be expected, in the anticipation of which a good crowd should be present.

The teams for the last 'Colts' game (Mr. Sewell's match is off) to be played on the Park on Wednesday next, are as follows:—Mr. Mallett's XI.: (selected from) S. F. Fields-Clarke, A. P. Day, C. A. Steven, A. R. Littlejohn, W. E. King, K. L. Hutchings, K. L. Mallett, A. E. Gibson, R. D. Cochrane, F. Robinson, and R. H. Mallett. Colts XI.: H. R. Orr (capt.), D. Turnbull, W. R. T. Brandrath (Leighton), S. V. Graham, S. Brown (Biggleswade), Lyon (Luton), E. Wilson, W. Tysoe, J. D. King, Geary and R. M. Page. Mr. Mallett informs me that Hutchings and Littlejohn are at present uncertain. In any case this game should prove worth watching, and with such a galaxy of absolutely first-rate talent some stirring cricket may be expected, and what is chiefly to the point, the Colts will be put through their paces in no uncertain style. I am curious to see how our local youngsters will shape at the expresses of A. P. Day and the wily ones of Littlejohn (both of these men having been wonderfully successful in first-class cricket recently). Day I believe, took eight or nine wickets against the Bedford League last season. Wickets are to be pitched at 11.30.

FRIENDLY MATCHES:

BEDS. CLUB AND GROUND v. HUNTINGDON C.C.

This match was played at Huntingdon on Wednesday last and was won by the Bedford team, for whom Pilgrim got six wickets for 51 runs, and Clark, Bocquet and Cochrane all made more than 40. Scores:—

Beds. Club and Ground.—L. Clark, b. Afford, 47; R. N. Bocquet, b. Afford, 45; G. G. Smith, c. Goodliffe, b. Cater, 3; R. Cochrane, b. Turner, 42; H. C. Wilkins, b. Cater, 6; G. Fields-Clarke, c. and b. Afford, 14; A. E. Gibson, b. Turner, 0; G. S. Woodbridge, b. Turner, 0; C. Simpson, b. Cooper, 1; Taylor, b. Turner, 1; Pilgrim, not out, 2; extras, 25; total, 186.

Huntingdon C.C.—F. Spencer, run out, 51; C. M. Keen, b. Pilgrim, 7; G. Gifford, b. Pilgrim, 9; F. Goodliffe, c. Cochrane, b. Woodbridge, 7; B. Ellis, b. Clark, 15; G. Cooper, b. Pilgrim, 14; E. Afford, c. Simpson, b. Clark, 5; F. Goodliffe, c. Cochrane, b. Pilgrim, 1; G. G. Westerman, b. Pilgrim, 2; A. Turner, not out, 4; S. Cater, b. Pilgrim, 0; extras, 6; total, 121.

Beds. C. and G.: 2nd Innings.—49 for three.

MODERN SCHOOL v. ELSTOW SCHOOL.

Elstow School suffered a severe defeat on their own ground on Wednesday against the Modern School, the latter's success being mainly due to the efforts of Newman, who scored 95 runs, not out, and Warton, who scored 24 and took six wickets for 46 runs. For Elstow School Webb, who has only bowled once before this year, took five wickets for 64 runs, and Smith, bowling for the first time this year, took two wickets for 18 runs. Scores:—

Elstow School: P. F. Senier, b. Warton, 0—not out, 15; W. A. G. Southwell, c. Newman, b. Rogers, 4; L. F. Beeson, b. Harvey, 26; A. J. Webb, b. Warton, 3; W. O. Barnes, b. Warton, 0—not out, 12; H. R. Hoare, b. Newman, 9—b. Rogers, 2; R. Smith, c. Foster, b. Harvey, 0—b. Harvey, 11; D. G. McIntyre, c. and b. Warton, 0; N. Baker, b. Warton, 3; N. W. Beeson, c. and b. Warton, 17; G. A. Barnes, not out, 1; extras, 2 and 0; totals, 65 and (2 wickets), 40.

Modern School: H. E. Warton, c. Barnes, b. Webb, 24; F. C. W. Newman, not out, 93; G. W. Whiteman, lbw., b. Webb, 3; A. C. Ingram, c. Baker, b. Webb, 5; F. V. Seymour, c. Southwell, b. Webb, 4; R. H. Foster, c. Barnes, b. McIntyre, 16; C. W. Whitworth, b. Webb, 10; B. L. Rogers, c. and b. Smith, 4; A. Harvey, c. and b. Smith, 1; W. H. Skinner, b. Beeson, 1; C. T. Newman, b. Beeson, 3; extras, 14; total, 178.

THREE COUNTIES ASYLUM v. EAST-LEIGH (SOUTHAMPTON).

This match was played on the Asylum ground on Saturday, and won by the visitors, by 130 runs, after a poor batting display by the home team. For the losers, Hutchison proved the most successful bowler, taking 5 wickets for 77. Scores:—

Eastleigh.—A. H. Mills, b. Webb, 14; A. Long, c. Dr. Hull, b. Hutchison, 62; G. Pinnick, c. and b. Hutchison, 23; A. Woods, b. Webb, 1; M. Rowthorne, c. L. A. Woodhouse, b. Hutchison, 45; G. Stapleton, b. Albon, 13; G. Wesley, c. and b. Buckley, 0; W. Mason, c. Dr. Hull, b. Hutchison, 10; F. Burton, b. Buckley, 20; J. Munday, not out, 6; E. Browning, st. C. Brister, b. Hutchison, 4; extras, 5; total, 203.

The Asylum.—J. R. Woodhouse, b. Browning, 6; T. W. Saunders, c. Burton, b. Pinnick, 12; L. A. Woodhouse, b. Browning, 29; O. Webb, lbw. b. Browning, 8; Dr. Hull, not out, 6; J. H. Buckley, c. Woods, b. Pinnick, 2; S. F. Brister, c. Rowthorne, b. Pinnick, 5; T. Hutchison, b. Pinnick, 0; C. Albon, c. Long, b. Pinnick, 0; C. Brister, lbw. b. Browning, 2; Dr. Dixon, c. Woods, b. Pinnick, 0; extras, 3; total, 73.

FOUNDRY UNITED 2ND v. BEDFORD M.R.

In Bedford Park on Saturday, the Railwaymen proved successful over their rivals. For the latter Hellyer captured six wickets at a cost of 25 runs, and the most successful trundler on the Railway side was Rick, who took four for 34. Scores:—

Bedford M.R.: T. Reid, c. Maddocks, b. Hellyer, 49; J. Markham, b. Hellyer, 9; G. Emmison, b. Hellyer, 4; H. Larkins, run out, 2; F. Cox, c. Adams, b. Hellyer, 4; W. Rick, b. Robinson, 23; A. Webster, b. Hellyer, 2; J. Lumley, run out, 2; E. Land, not out, 23; F. Shadrake, c. and b. Hellyer, 0; A. J. Lun-

nis, b. Robinson, 0; extras, 6; total, 124. Foundry 2nd: F. Pearson, b. Rick, 4; F. Adams, b. Emmison, 5; W. Lumley, b. Rick, 3; G. Robinson, b. Rick, 1; A. Middleton, b.

Webster, 4; A. Devereux, c. Rick, b. Emmison, 1; J. Hellyer, b. Land, 32; J. Maddocks, b. Rick, 14; E. Perry, run out, 13; W. Radley, not out, 0; H. Harvey, b. Webster, 5; extras, 4; total, 86.

KEMPSTON v. NOMADS.

This match was played at Springfield on Saturday, June 24. Scores:—

Kempston: A. R. Powell, b. Taylor, 0; Sgt. M. Eilstop, c. Basin, b. Limpus, 0; B. Howes, b. Limpus, 0; Sergt. Ward, run out, 12; H. Brown, c. Limpus, b. Taylor, 5; C. Olliver, b. Taylor, 3; F. J. Underwood, c. Curtis, b. Limpus, 5; A. Basin, b. Taylor, 10; F. Cannon, c. Keech, b. Limpus, 7; J. Hilton, not out, 6; N. Green, c. Andrews, b. Limpus, 3; extras, 2; total, 53.

Nomads: E. Barker, run out, 5; S. Keech, c. Green, b. Underwood, 2; T. Curtis, b. Underwood, 1; F. Andrews, c. Howes, b. Underwood, 2; J. Limpus, b. Brown, 16; C. Basin, b. Underwood, 3; A. Flute, b. Underwood, 0; C. Creed, c. Hiskop, b. Brown, 5; W. Taylor, b. Olliver, 0; J. Pryer, c. Underwood, b. Olliver, 1; L. Goss, not out, 1; extras, 1; total, 39.

GOLDINGTON VILLAGE v. M.C.C. BAT WORKS.

This match was played on Goldington Green on Saturday, and resulted in a win for the Bat Works. Scores:—

Goldington Village.—G. Smith, c. Hunter, b. Hinde, 0; C. Day, sen., b. Hinde, 3; E. Day, c. Booth, b. Chambers, 0; A. Bailey, b. Chambers, 0; E. Odell, b. Chambers, 0; G. Day, b. Chambers, 0; C. Day, jun., b. Hinde, 2; A. Hartop, c. and b. Hinde, 3; S. Tompkins, not out, 2; W. Endersby, b. Chambers, 11; C. Smith, b. Chambers, 3; total, 34.

M.C.C. Bat Works.—F. Booth, run out, 7; H. Chambers, b. R. Day, 13; W. Blakeley, b. G. Day, 0; J. Hinde, c. Endersby, b. G. Day, 0; S. Southgate, b. Odell, 16; A. Downie, b. A. Bailey, 5; Butterfield, b. Tompkins, 8; B. Hunter, not out, 3; A. Smale, c. G. Day, b. Tompkins, 0; B. Padbury, b. Tompkins, 0; Crosswell, b. Tompkins, 0; total, 52.

SOUTH END WESLEYANS v. CRANFIELD 2ND.

Played at Cranfield on Saturday, and won by South End Wesleyans by 3 wickets and 79 runs. Scores:—

Cranfield.—A. Cox, c. Wells, b. Litchfield, 1; Francis, b. Farmer, 9; Lovesey, c. and b. Farmer, 9; V. White, b. Newbury, 6; Billington, b. Newbury, 0; Salsbury, b. Newbury, 5; Lovell, b. Farmer, 0; Cox, c. Billingham, b. Farmer, 1; Lancaster, b. Newbury, 3; Fountain, b. Farmer, 4; H. White, not out, 1; extras, 5; total, 44.

South End Wesleyans.—H. Farmer, c. Francis, b. Lovesey, 2; B. Sharp, c. Francis, b. Lovesey, 15; B. Brown, c. Francis, b. Lovesey, 57; R. Shotbolt, c. White, b. Lancaster, 2; E. Billingham, c. White, b. Billington, 4; T. Litchfield, c. Lovesey, b. Fountain, 26; A. Newbury, c. Lovesey, b. White, 9; J. Blunt, not out, 3; extras, 5; total (7 wickets), 123. P. G. Fordham, G. Wiggle, and R. Wells did not bat.

CARDINGTON v. WOOTTON VILLAGE.

This game was played at Cardington, on Saturday, and won by the homesters. Joyce compiled a capital 36 for the winners, and Minney was in grand form with the ball, and performed the "bat trick." Scores:—

Cardington.—W. Wilnot, c. and b. Evans, 0; H. Joyce, c. Evans, b. Lovell, 0; Rev. W. Seccombe, lbw. b. Evans, 10; J. Joyce, run out, 36; J. W. Shaw, c. Sinfield, b. Evans, 7; G. Monk, c. and b. Hutchings, 4; S. Wilnot, b. Evans, 9; J. Minney, c. and b. Lovell, 3; J. Smith, b. Lovell, 2; A. Houghton, not out, 1; G. George, b. Evans, 2; extras, 4; total, 78.

Wootton Village.—F. Folkes, run out, 13; B. Pope, c. Monk, b. S. Wilnot, 15; E. Ashpole, b. Minney, 1; J. Evans, b. Minney, 4; J. Lovell, b. Minney, 0; B. Redman, b. Minney, 0; G. Harris, b. S. Wilnot, 9; W. Billington, not out, 2; W. Hutchings, b. Minney, 0; W. Boyles, b. Minney, 0; C. Sinfield, c. J. Joyce, b. Minney, 0; extras, 2; total, 46.

PRINTERS II v. CRANFIELD

A close game was witnessed in this match on Saturday. The Printers eventually won by 16 runs. Clark bowled well against Cranfield, getting 6 wickets for 27. Scores: Cranfield.—W. Evans, b Clarke, 6; H. Bedford, c and b Raby, 4; A. Howe, c Tucker, b Raby, 0; F. Richardson, run out, 15; J. Read, b Clark, 11; H. Partridge, b Clark, 8; F. Summerford, b Rogers, 2; B. Groom, b Clark, 4; V. Denton, b Clark, 6; S. White, not out, 8; W. Champion, b Clarke, 0; extras, 8; total, 72.

Printers' II.—F. Chambers, b J. Read, 4; J. Tucker, c Read, b Bedford, 25; C. Rogers, c Howe, b Bedford, 7; W. Woods, c Read, b Bedford, 6; H. Clark, c Howe, b J. Read, 7; J. Day, not out, 17; T. Rubython, b W. Champion, 1; J. Boddington, c Richardson, b W. Champion, 7; F. Luetchford, c Groom, b W. Champion, 0; E. Fisher, c Richardson, b Champion, 5; Aylmer, b W. Evans, 1; extras, 8; total, 88.

SOUTHEND WESLEYAN C.C. v. CRANFIELD

Cranfield second string were easily beaten by the Wesleyans on Saturday. Cranfield batted first, but, thanks to the splendid bowling of Newbury (4 for 18) and Farmer (5 for 13), the whole side were out for 44. Southend's first wicket fell when only 6 had been scored, but a fine stand by Brown and Sharp took the total up to 40 before Sharp was caught by Francis. Later on Litchfield added 26, and the Wesleyans declared with the total at 123 for 7 wickets. Brown made his 57 without any serious fault. Scores:—

Cranfield: A. Cox, c Wells, b Litchfield, 1; Francis, b Farmer, 9; Lovesey, c and b Farmer, 9; V. White, b Newbury, 8; Billington, b Newbury, 0; Salisbury, b Newbury, 5; Lovell, b Farmer, 0; Cox, c Billingham, b Farmer, 1; Lancaster, b Newbury, 3; Fountain, b Farmer, 4; H. White, not out, 1; extras 5; total 44.

Southend Wesleyans:—H. Farmer, c Francis, b Lovesey, 2; B. Sharp, c Francis, b Lovesey, 15; B. Brown, c Francis, b Lovesey, 57; R. Shotbolt, c V. White, b Lancaster, 2; E. Billingham, c White, b Billington, 4; T. Litchfield, c Lovesey, b Fountain, 26; A. Newbury, c Lovesey, b White, 9; J. Bunt, not out, 3; extras 5; P. G. Fordham, R. Wells, and G. Wiggle did not bat; total (for 7 wickets, declared), 123.

BLETCHLEY PARK CRICKET SEASON
BLETCHLEY PARK v. STEWKEY

Played by invitation of Sir Herbert Leon on his private ground at Bletchley Park on Saturday, this game resulted in a draw, rain having stopped play for about twenty minutes. The home side declared at 133 for 8, but just failed to obtain Stewkey's last wicket before stumps were drawn. During the afternoon the players and their friends were entertained to tea in the cricket pavilion by Lady Leon. Scores:—

Bletchley Park.—A. W. Waterhouse 11, W. Amos 2, J. Edwards 15, A. J. Markham 7, F. Read 0; A. J. Holmes 20, A. Tooth (not out) 66, F. Vince 0, A. J. Heather 1, E. Bland (not out) 11. C. Read did not bat; extras 5, total (for 8 wickets declared) 133.

Stewkey.—H. Dickens 5, A. York 7, E. Keen 7, F. Mead (not out) 45, H. Mayne 1, H. Capp 9, M. Beasley 0, F. Clark 8, O. Horne 0, W. Moxon 18, S. Beasley (not out) 1, extras 8, total (9 wickets) 109.

WOBURN TOWN v. ASPLEY GUISE

Played in Woburn Park on Thursday, a good game resulting in a win on the first innings for the visitors. Opinion was expressed that had the Woburn bowling not been changed the result might have been different. Scores:—

Woburn: Rev. J. L. Buddell, b Crawley, 4; J. Hunt, b Day, 8; J. Andrews, c Day, b Crawley, 17; G. Faux, b Crawley, 0; W. D. Turney, lbw, b Crawley, 1; W. McKay, b Day, 7; Case, c Pegg, b Crawley, 0; Insp. Harlow, c Wooding, b Crawley, 0; J. Steers, c West, b Day, 2; H. Gilby, not out, 3; J. Gilks, c Sinfield, b Day, 3; extras 8; total 52.

Aspley Guise: W. Day, c McKay, b Andrews, 12; S. Sinfield, c McKay, b Hunt, 3; W. Lees, b Buddell, 4; G. Crawley, c Gilby, b McKay, 13; H. Mastyn, b McKay, 2; G. B. West, c Hunt, b Buddell, 0; W. Wooding, b Andrews, 4; L. Hammond, b Andrews, 1; Edginton, b Andrews, 7; J. Pegg, not out, 3; H. Brown, b Andrews, 0; extras 13; total 52.

The unfinished second innings of Woburn resulted in 40 runs, 13 of which were scored by Gilks.

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B.M.S. v. WELLINGBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

The Modernians took their first licking in School cricket on Saturday at Wellingborough with very chastened feelings. During the great partnership of Hazelton and White the Bedford School's bowling was made to look extremely feeble, and there is no doubt that they have got a little stale lately. The two defeats of last week may give them the needed tonic. Scores:

H. E. Warton, b Thomas	86
F. C. W. Newman, b Thomas	21
F. V. Seymour, c Walker, b Thomas	2
A. C. Ingram, b J. White	24
B. L. Rogers, c J. White, b Thomas	7
G. W. Whiteman, b J. White	15
R. H. Foster, st. Partridge, b Thomas	0
C. W. Whitworth, not out	24
A. Harvey, c and b Thomas	30
W. H. Skinner, b J. White	1
G. Hilton, c and b Thomas	1
Extras	8
Total	219

WELLINGBOROUGH SCHOOL.

W. E. Hazelton, c Hilton, b Harvey	166
E. Wright, b Harvey	5
R. White, b Harvey	110
D. C. Sewell, c Newman, b Harvey	11
A. D. Denton, b Harvey	7
G. T. Carter, c Hilton, b Harvey	18
W. Askham, b Harvey	15
A. J. Walker, not out	2
J. White, c Partridge, and A. L. Thomas did not bat.	
Extras	8
Total (for 7 wickets)	342

The Second Eleven met at Bedford. Scores as follows: Wellingborough, 170 for 6, declared (V. V. Bloor, 66 not out). Bedford, 65.

First League.

GOLDINGTON v. VICTORIA.

Played on Russell Park on Saturday, the Victoria-batted first, and thanks chiefly to Keens ran up the respectable score of 163 for 7 wickets. Five other batsmen reached double figures. Goldington made their highest score of the season, just exceeding the century. F. G. King batted well for his 26, and was well backed up by four others, who reached double figures. M. W. Coleman took 5 wickets for 30 and P. H. Coleman 4 for 38. Scores:

A. F. Beagle, b F. H. King	15
H. J. Beall, c Ocle, b F. H. King	1
F. H. Coleman, lbs., b F. H. King	27
A. W. Mayo, b Rootham	11
A. E. Raby, b F. H. King	0
R. Keens, not out	70
F. Baumforth, run out	16
H. Coleman, not out	4
M. W. Coleman, b F. G. King	16
C. Capon and H. J. Fiegehen did not bat.	
Extras	8
Total (for 7 wickets, declared)	168

VICTORIANS.

S. Rootham, b F. H. Coleman	8
V. Ocle, c Baumforth, b F. H. Coleman	1
J. Osbourne, c Beagle, b M. W. Coleman	16
F. H. King, b M. W. Coleman	12
H. Crossley, b F. H. Coleman	11
E. Laughton, b M. W. Coleman	13
F. G. King, b M. W. Coleman	26
T. Skerman, b F. H. Coleman	0
W. Fuller, b M. W. Coleman	0
T. Bishop, b F. H. Coleman	0
A. Watts, not out	2
Extras	10
Total	101

PYGHTLE WORKS v. PRINTERS.

This match in the Park on Saturday gave the Printers an anti-pon exercise in the sun, although the Pyghtle only had 9 men. The Works were in first, and compiled 270 for 2 wickets, and then declared. A brilliant innings was played by R. M. Page, who notched 16 four and one six in making his 133 not out, while the 87 runs which Maxey made was also the result of very clever play. After their trying experience in the sun, the Printers were dismissed cheaply for 93 runs, Tysoe taking 7 wickets for 21. Scores:

R. M. Page, not out	133
T. Willett, b Clark	3
H. Maxey, c Rogers, b Rubythou	87
F. Tysoe, not out	39
W. Tysoe, E. Wilson, R. Sprague, E. West, and T. Davis did not bat.	
Extras	8
Total (for 2 wickets, declared)	270

J. Thorpe, st. Wilson, b Tysoe	1
B. Davies, c Tysoe, b Redman	12
A. H. Poole, b Tysoe	1
F. Chambers, b Tysoe	0
Rev. C. H. Mellows, c Sprague, b Redman	24
W. Dawson, b Redman	24
G. Carter, c and b Tysoe	7
C. Rogers, b Tysoe	4
F. Gough, not out	2
H. Clarke, W. Tysoe	0
Rubythou, c H. Maxey, b Tysoe	5
Extras	13
Total	93

Second League.

PRINTERS 2nd v. MARSTON.

This return game on Saturday at Bedford Park reversed last week's result, and gave victory to the home team. Boddington bowled well, his wickets costing only 12 runs, and F. Tucker made a dashing 59. Scores:

Marston: G. Faulkner, b Harvey, 0; J. Robinson, b Leitchford, 11; T. Wooding, b Boddington, 22; A. White, c Day, b Boddington, 18; J. Hillson, c Tucker, b Boddington, 0; N. Biggs, b Boddington, 0; J. Nicholl, b Woods, 12; J. Copperwheat, c and b Boddington, 14; H. Vincent, c Smith, b Boddington, 0; T. Tuffnell, b Woods, 4; J. Scotchbrook, not out, 1; extras 3; total 53.
Printers, 2nd: J. Tucker, not out, 59; A. Pensons lbw, b Scotchbrook, 11; W. Woods, b White, 17; J. Day, b Tuffnell, 2; A. Smith, b White, 13; W. Harvey, st. Faulkner, b Biggs, 13; T. Berrington, run out, 0; D. Boddington, b Nicholls, 3; E. Fisher, c Biggs, b Nicholls, 0; F. Leitchford, c Faulkner, b Biggs, 11; extras 8; total 137.

Friendlies.

BEDFORD ARGYLL v. RUSHDEN.

Played at Rushden. For the Argyll, Hearn took 5 wickets for 51 runs and Coleman 3 wickets for 19 runs. Scores:

Bedford Argyll.—G. Keens, lbw, b Hyde, 2; Richards, b Hyde, 6; Coleman, not out, 68; Hearn, b Claridge, 0; Perry, c Hyde, 0; Baker, 13; Gasper, c Baker, b Chettle, 20; Ocle, c Denton, b Claridge, 17; Reynolds, b Hyde, 14; Lightfoot, c Denton, b Baker, 0; Churchill, c Denton, b Baker, 12; Langham, c Heygate, b Hyde, 0; extras, 8, total, 160.
Rushden.—Smith, run out, 0; Heygate, c Coleman, b Hearne, 23; Hyde, b Hearn, 14; Denton, b Hearne, 4; Denton, c Langham, b Coleman, 12; Claridge, c Reynolds, b Hearne, 10; McLeod, c Langham, b Coleman, 21; Baker, c Langham, b Hearne, 5; Chettle, lbw, b Coleman, 1; Betts, not out, 18; Linnett, not out, 2; extras, 3; total, 113.

BEDFORD M.R. v. LONDON WYVERN.

This was a very evenly-contested game at the Park on Saturday, and great excitement prevailed when the home team ran out winners a few minutes before time, by four runs. R. Larkins and J. Curtis exhibited good batsmanship for the railway. Scores:

London Wyvern.—J. Slater, c Reid, b Webster, 33; A. Haywood, hit wicket, b Webster, 38; F. Harrison, b Manyweathers, 5; B. A. Pratt, st. Larkins, b Manyweathers, 6; A. Wooding, b Manyweathers, 5; W. Custance, c Markham, b Curtis, 12; J. Thornhill, b Webster, 4; R. W. Nicholls, b Webster, 9; W. E. Bellfield, b Webster, 0; C. Mason, run out, 0; R. Hewitt, not out, 2; extras, 2; total 115.
Midland Railway.—R. Larkins, lbw, b Thornhill, 28; A. Manyweathers, b Thornhill, 20; E. Reid, lbw, b Harrison, 15; A. Webster, c Haywood, b Thornhill, 2; Bartram, b Custance, 4; Curtis, b Thornhill, 27; A. Markham, b Harrison, 11; H. Webster, b Thornhill, 2; F. Lumley, b Thornhill, 3; E. Rollins, not out, 2; E. Holly, did not bat; extras, 5; total, 116.

BEDFORD NOMADS v. NORTHAMPTON MOUNT PLEASANT.

After a good game, the Nomads won their match by 10 runs. Their best bowlers were Andrews (6 for 21), and Taylor (4 for 19). Scores:

Northampton Mount Pleasant.—A. Garratt, b Taylor, 5; C. Tebbut, c and b Andrews, 9; W. Elliot, c Keech, b Andrews, 0; S. Billingham, b Taylor, 0; J. Robinson, c and b Andrews, 4; T. Taylor, lbw, b Taylor, 1; E. Grey, c Andrews, b Taylor, 18; R. Warrington, c and b Andrews, 22; W. Andrews, c Everett, b Andrews, 0; H. Corby, c Taylor, b Andrews, 0; H. Parker, not out, 2; extras, 7; total, 63.
Bedford Nomads.—Pryor, b Garratt, 0; Hobkirk, c Billingham, b Robinson, 14; Andrews, b Robinson, 2; D. Jones, b Robin-

son, 10; S. Keech, c Billingham, b Robinson, 6; Benn, c Andrews, b Robinson, 6; Everett, b Robinson, 13; Creed, b Elliot, 0; W. Taylor, b Robinson, 8; Wildman, c and b Robinson, 6; Hardy, not out, 5; extras, 8; total, 73.

KEMPSTON II. v. "BEDS. TIMES" STAFF.

Played at Springfield on Saturday. Please supply your own comments! Kempston II.—E. Francis, b Lawson, 1; W. Green, lbw, b Lawson, 6; F. J. Underwood, b Chesher, 0; W. Ramsay, c Howe, b Lawson, 9; C. A. Lowndes, c Chesher, b Lawson, 22; F. Cannings, c Ball, b Lawson, 2; H. Peters, run out, 44; J. Brown, not out, 18; D. Garnett, c and b Harris, 20; J. Underwood and F. Harris did not bat; extras, 2; total (for 8 wickets), 130.

"Beds. Times" Staff.—W. Harris, c Ramsay, b Francis, 1; M. Perkins, b Ramsay, b Francis, 1; A. Papps, b Francis, 2; J. Ball, b Underwood, 0; R. Phillips, b Francis, 0; C. Lawson, b Underwood, 3; V. Deacon, b Francis, 0; Reid, b Francis, 1; C. Chesher, b Francis, 0; P. Howe, b Underwood, 0; extras, 2; total, 10.

BEDFORD BAT WORKS v. BARRACKS.

The fashioners of the willow had their revenge over the Soldiers on Saturday, winning a very enjoyable game by 9 runs, thanks to a splendid 62 by H. Chambers, and 17 by G. Dunn. Sergt. Major Hislop was in fine form, making 53, including two sixes; Chambers, with his slow leg brakes, puzzled the Soldiers, taking 4 wickets for 27; Bedell 2 for 21, and Blakesley 2 for 26. Pte. Oakley and Sergt. Ward bowled well for the Soldiers, each taking 4 wickets.

Bat Works.—B. Bedell, b Oakley, 10; C. Rolls, b Ward, 2; W. Blakesley, c Stone, b Ward, 0; H. L. Chambers, b Ward, 62; J. Hinde, b Oakley, 0; G. Dunn, c Brown, b Oakley, 17; S. Southgate, b Mills, 1; A. Downie, b Palmer, 8; R. Padbury, c Palmer, b Oakley, 4; A. Smale, not out, 7; J. Butfield, b Ward, 4; extras, 12; total, 128.

Barracks.—Pte. Oakley, b Blakesley, 0; Sergt. Ward, b Hinde, 6; Sergt. Major Hislop, b Bedell, 53; Drummer Warrington, b Blakesley, 0; Pte. Mills, c and b Hinde, 0; Pte. Stone, c Southgate, b Chambers, 13; Pte. Palmer, c and b Chambers, 7; Corpl. Norman, c Downie, b Chambers, 0; Sergt. Brazier, b Chambers, 7; Pte. Brown, b Bedell, 11; Sergt. Theobald, not out, 17; extras, 2; total, 119.

CELTIC JUNIORS v. MR. VALENTINE'S ELEVEN.

This match was played in the Park on Thursday evening, and ended in a draw, stumps having to be lifted owing to the failing light. Scores:

Celtics.—Stratton, b Quince, 0; Craddock, c and b Finding, 10; Mears, c Quince, b Valentine, 9; Churchill, b Jones, 5; Williamson, c Maxey, b Warton, 15; Ashley, b Quince, 19; Wright, b Quince, 5; West, b Quince, 0; Wise, c Wrench, b Quince, 2; Hornsby, not out, 5; Ives, c Wrench, b Quince, 0; extras, 13; total, 88.

Mr. Valentine's XI.—Quince, c Craddock, b Hornsby, 9; Wrench, c Craddock, b Hornsby, 10; Finding, lbw, b Hornsby, 13; Valentine, c Williamson, b Churchill, 18; Warton, b Churchill, 0; Jones, b Mears, 0; Gibbons, not out, 10; Childs, not out, 6; Cherry, Maxey and Wren did not bat; extras, 2; total, for 6 wickets, 68.

EARLY CLOSERS v. SANDY.

After an interesting game in the Park on Thursday, this match ended in a draw. Early Closers.—J. C. Bottoms 22. P. Caston 0. W. Woods (not out) 100. F. Draper 5. G. Emerson 1. F. Ayres 46. R. Taunton 0. J. Wiles (not out) 6. W. Fuller, H. Bailey and E. Bates did not bat, extras 14, total 194.

Sandy.—W. A. Kempe 0. F. Rawlings 12. G. Dear 1. H. J. Carrington 22. Cleaver 0. Thody 0. S. Logsdon 0. J. Hall 15. O. Wale 0. Williamson (not out) 9. Fuller (not out) 2, total (for 9 wkts.) 61.

HAIRDRESSERS v. C.E.M.S.

The C.E.M.S. were victorious in this match in Bedford Park on Thursday. Hairdressers.—B. Pates 0. Farrar 8. C. Whiffen 1. E. Matthews 29. B. Collins 0. E. Smith 29. G. Roff 3. Whicheloe 0. W. Laake 25. W. H. Linger 19. Green (not out) 0, extras 9, total 125.

C.E.M.S.—Col. Stevens (retired) 60. A. R. Woodford 25. W. Herring 18. P. Maxey (not out) 39. G. H. Thomas 6. P. Paulger (not out) 19. C. Bowdie. H. T. Kitson, Engling, Day and Metcalfe did not bat; extras 3, total (3 wickets) 170.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP.
BEDFORDSHIRE v. HERTFORDSHIRE.
BRILLIANT VICTORY FOR BEDS.

The return match between Bedfordshire and Herts. was commenced on the Elstow School ground, Bedford, last Friday morning, in delightful weather. Among the various fixtures which Beds. is called upon to fulfil the game with our neighbours from the south is generally looked upon as one of the most interesting of the series, but after the close contest at Bushay Park a few days ago when Beds. secured the verdict by the narrow margin of nine runs, special interest was felt to be attached to this the return game. A more ideal day could hardly have been desired, and there was a fair gathering of spectators, including a sprinkling of ladies, when the wicket was pitched. History repeated itself in the matter of the toss, the home skipper being successful with the spin of the coin, and securing the distinct advantage of first knock on an almost perfect wicket. An eleventh hour alteration was necessitated in the home team, Rogers coming in in place of H. Willett, who was unable to spare the time from business. The Herts. team was as advertised.

Holdstock and Wharmby opened the Beds. innings to the bowling of Coleman and Burton, the former taking first over from the far end. Runs came at a fair pace, Wharmby finding the boundary on several occasions. He was particularly pleasing to watch, making many delightful strokes on both sides of the wicket. The half century was reached in just over the half hour, immediately after which Shelford took the ball from Coleman at the far end. He received no better treatment than his colleague, Wharmby being particularly severe on all loose deliveries, claiming 50 out of the first 60 scored. Holdstock had so far been content to play a steady and careful game. With the score at 66 the separation was effected, Wharmby failing to get hold of a slow one from Shelford and was smartly caught at the wicket. R. N. Bocquet was the newcomer, but neither batsman played Shelford with any confidence. Runs came very slowly, seventy going up as the result of an hour's play. At 76 W. H. March relieved Burton at the school end. In his second over he had the Luton professional well beaten and spread-eagled the wickets—84—2—30. Further disaster was in store for Beds., as with the score at 90 Bocquet returned the ball to Shelford. On the home skipper proceeding to the wicket he was given a hearty reception by the spectators. The hundred was hoisted at the end of eighty minutes' play, three runs later Squire got in front of a straight one from Shelford and was out for obstruction. With the advent of Apthorp things improved somewhat, Orr hitting out lustily. Apthorp was never comfortable, however, and with the score at 113 he was easily caught at the wicket by Lemoine. The newcomer, Rogers, was content to play entirely on the defensive, leaving Orr to do the scoring. Several sharp singles were run, but in the case of Shelford both batsmen played him with great caution. The interval arrived with the score at 121.

On the resumption Orr and Rogers carried the score along at a nice rate, the former making some nice shots to the boundary. Burton relieved March, but the batsmen appeared well set and once again things began to appear more rosy for the homesters.

At 170 Coleman went in at the far end, vice Shelford, and shortly afterwards Orr reached his fifty. Immediately afterwards he was unfortunately run out in attempting an impossible run. The partnership produced 73 runs. S. V. Graham, who was making his debut for the county, opened carefully. Shelford relieved Coleman at the far end, and with his first ball had Rogers smartly caught in the slips for an invaluable 32, obtained by careful cricket at a time when runs were badly needed. Saunders did not stay long, for after scoring a brace he was out to an easy catch at long-off. Graham, after showing very promising form, was smartly stumped by Lemoine. H. Grierson and Pilgrim quickly sent

up the second century, the Cambridge Blue delighting the crowd with several huge boundary drives. Eventually the innings closed for 231, the last wicket having added 34. Shelford came out with the excellent average of seven wickets at a cost of eleven runs apiece.

A. K. Gibson and Golding opened the Herts. innings against the bowling of Wharmby and Grierson, the former taking first over at the school end. With his third ball Grierson clean bowled the amateur, but was not balled. In Wharmby's second over Golding returned the ball to the bowler and was promptly dismissed, when only 11 had been scored. With the Rev. F. R. Bonsey in runs came at a steady rate, and at 36 Orr relieved Grierson. In his first over the rev. gentleman twice drove him to the boundary, the second time well outside the ring for a six. Fifty runs were registered in forty minutes. Orr's bowling came in for severe punishment, and at 63 Pilgrim was given the ball at the far end. Despite these changes runs continued to come at a good rate, and at the tea interval the score stood at 81. After the interval Grierson was put on at the school end, and with his third ball bowled Gibson. At the other end Wharmby relieved Pilgrim. The hundred went up at the end of sixty-five minutes, and immediately afterwards Titchmarsh was given out for obstruction. Further disasters were in store for Herts., the Rev. F. R. Bonsey being caught at the wicket off Grierson. He was batting for nearly an hour, and compiled 55 by attractive cricket. E. L. Wright did not stay long, for in his next over Grierson had him easily caught in the slips. March was the newcomer, but after driving Grierson for a couple he was then clean bowled by the old Grammar Boy. With six wickets down for 109 things looked somewhat black for the visitors. Without any addition to the total Household was snapped at the wickets. With the addition of only one Shelford was out to an easy catch, and Lemoine immediately afterwards returned the ball to the bowler and was dismissed. The last two batsmen hit out lustily, and with the score at 130 Orr relieved Grierson at the School end. Time arrived with the score at 131 for nine wickets.

When the game was resumed on Saturday the home county were in an excellent position, Herts. being 100 behind with only one wicket to fall. With the addition of three Grierson had Burton caught, and the innings terminated with Herts. 97 in arrears. H. Grierson and Wharmby shared the bowling honours, the amateur taking five for 50, and the latter five for 46. The order of batting in the Beds. second innings was re-arranged, H. R. Orr taking Wharmby with him to the wicket. Burton and Shelford were the opening bowlers, the former at the School end. In his second over Burton clean bowled the home skipper when only six runs had been scored. With Bocquet in runs came at a good rate, and at 50 a double change was effected in the bowling, Coleman relieving Shelford, and Marsh vice Burton. Runs continued to come freely, and Burton was again tried, this time at the far end. In his first over Bocquet put up one into the slips, and was promptly dismissed for 45, obtained by free and delightful cricket. Wharmby in the meantime was punishing the bowling somewhat, and soon reached the half-century. He was particularly severe on Burton, and in one over drove him twice in succession to the boundary. Shelford was next put on at the School end, and in his second over had Apthorp caught near the boundary. With his next ball Wharmby was out for obstruction. He was at the wicket over an hour, and his 51 included three fours. H. Squire and Rogers were not associated together long, for with the addition of only three Shelford dislodged Squire's off stump. The score board read 114—5—3, Shelford's bowling having brought about a great change in the outlook of the match. To add to the debacle, Graham and Rogers were quickly disposed of, the former being out to an easy catch at long off, whilst Rogers gave a hot return to Shelford which the latter accepted after a bit of juggling with the ball in mid-air. Saunders opened badly, and was fortunate in scoring a couple

for a lofty drive. In the next over Burton clean bowled Saunders, and with Grierson out to an easy catch the innings closed for 122. Holdstock was absent, being prevented from batting owing to a family bereavement. Shelford came out with the fine average of five wickets for 22, or a total for the match of twelve for 100.

Wanting 220 to win, Herts. opened the second venture with Golding and Coleman against the bowling of Grierson and Wharmby, the former taking first over at the School end. Golding commenced scoring very freely, but with 14 on the board he was out to a beautiful catch in the slips.

After lunch wickets fell quickly. A. K. Gibson was bowled by Wharmby for the addition of six, whilst with the score at 38 Grierson claimed Coleman's wicket. The Rev. F. R. Bonsey did not stay long, Wharmby clean bowling him when only ten had been added. With Titchmarsh and Household at the wicket a stand was made, Household contenting himself with defensive tactics whilst Titchmarsh was doing the scoring. Wharmby effected the separation, bowling Household when the score board showed 76. Titchmarsh did not long survive the dismissal of his partner, Grierson bowling him after eight had been added. Further disaster was in store for Herts., as Wright only scored a brace when he succumbed to a straight one from Wharmby. The eighth wicket fell in the next over, Grierson finding Burton's off stump. Marsh and Shelford contented themselves with stone walling, and both Wharmby and Grierson bowled maiden overs in succession. Pilgrim relieved Grierson at the School end, and with his second ball bowled Shelford. Lemoine did not survive the following over, and the innings closed for 95, Beds. thus winning by 124 runs. Score and analysis:—

Beds.—1st Innings.

Holdstock, b W. H. Marsh	30
Wharmby, c Lemoine, b Shelford	52
R. N. Bocquet, c and b Shelford	2
H. Squire, lbw., b Shelford	16
H. R. Orr (capt.), run out	53
E. E. Apthorp, c Lemoine, b Shelford	2
Rogers, c Golding, b Shelford	32
S. V. Graham, st. Lemoine, b Shelford	4
T. Saunders, c Burton, b Marsh	2
H. Grierson, not out	25
Pilgrim, c and b Shelford	6
Extras	7

Total 231

Beds.—2nd Innings.

H. R. Orr, b Burton	2
Wharmby, lbw, b Shelford	51
R. N. Bocquet, c Titchmarsh, b Burton	45
E. E. Apthorp, c Gibson, b Shelford	10
H. Squire, b Shelford	3
Rogers, c and b Shelford	1
S. V. Graham, c Wright, b Burton	2
H. Grierson, c Marsh, b Shelford	3
T. Saunders, b Burton	2
Pilgrim, not out	0
Holdstock absent.	
Extras	3

Total 122

Herts.—1st Innings.

A. K. Gibson, b Grierson	31
Golding, c and b Wharmby	3
Rev. F. R. Bonsey, c Apthorp, b Grierson	55
C. H. Titchmarsh, lbw., b Wharmby	7
E. S. Household, c Apthorp, b Wharmby	6
E. L. Wright, c Rogers, b Grierson	0
W. H. Marsh, b Grierson	2
Burton, c Rogers, b Grierson	5
Shelford, c Bocquet, b Wharmby	0
H. M. Lemoine, c and b Wharmby	0
Coleman, not out	15
Extras	10

Total 134

Herts.—2nd Innings.

Golding, c Graham, b Grierson	13
Coleman, b Grierson	3
A. K. Gibson, b Wharmby	4
Rev. F. R. Bonsey, b Wharmby	21
Titchmarsh, b Grierson	20
Household, b Wharmby	8
E. L. Wright, b Wharmby	2
W. H. Marsh, not out	2
Burton, b Grierson	1
Shelford, b Pilgrim	1
Lemoine, b Pilgrim	0
Total	95

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Beds.—1st Innings.

	o.	m.	r.	w.
Coleman	10	0	36	0
Burton	20	1	65	0
Shelford	27.3	7	78	7
W. H. Marsh	17	0	45	2

Beds.—2nd Innings.

	o.	m.	r.	w.
Coleman	7	0	27	0
Burton	14	0	57	4
Shelford	10.2	3	22	5
Marsh	6	0	19	0

Herts.—1st Innings.

	o.	m.	r.	w.
Wharmby	24	10	46	5
Grierson	17.5	4	50	5
Orr	4	1	20	0
Pilgrim	3	0	8	0

Grierson bowled a wide and two no-balls

Herts.—2nd Innings.

	o.	m.	d.	w.
Grierson	16	7	33	4
Wharmby	21	8	35	4
Pilgrim	1.2	1	0	2
Orr	4	0	17	0

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ROUND ABOUT NOTES.

[By "Oozoo."]

Bedfordshire followed up their recent narrow victory over Herts. at Bushey with a win over the same county, only in much more pronounced a fashion by 124 runs. That splendid ground at Elstow School was the venue and last Friday and Saturday the match days. Mr. Orr did his side good service by winning the toss and it was on a hard, true wicket that those two sturdy and well-tried pros, Wharmby and Holdstock, opened the home county's venture. It did not take Wharmby very many minutes to play himself in, indeed, I have never seen him set about the bowling so early. He dashed balls only a trifle short on the off hard to the boundary and also helped himself to some comfortable shots on the leg side. When at last, after about 40 minutes' play, Wharmby nicked a swinging ball into the wicket-keeper's hands, he had made 52 out of 66 runs registered, a sufficient testimony to his mastery of the bowling. Holdstock, who next had Bocquet as a partner, had meanwhile been showing that imperturbable defence which is his chief characteristic. Shelford, a left-hander, with a nice easy action, was giving the bat-men cause for some anxiety, and for a time runs came at a slow rate. Holdstock was the next to leave, a good ball from the Herts. skipper beating and bowling him for a patient and eminently useful 30. Bocquet had never been comfortable and it was with a half-hearted shot that he returned the ball to Shelford. Hastings Squire, always an attractive man at the wickets, put together 16 in bright style, but five wickets were down for 100, and things were not exactly favourable to Beds. when Orr and Rogers (E.) became associated. The latter had been called upon at the last moment to take the place which should have been Willett's. He is well known to League cricketers as the Printers' first-wicket bat, and most useful bowler. Attached at present to the Modern School ground staff, where his father, the popular "Dick" holds office, Rogers has had experience of professional cricket in Scotland. His inclusion in the side proved to be a happy idea, as he took part in the most productive stand of the innings.

Keeping his end up whilst his captain hit, the pair were together at lunch time, when the score stood at 121 for five. Resuming, runs came more readily, Orr especially laying in the wood. Cheers signalled the skipper's half century, but immediately afterwards, in attempting a fourth run from a big hit

nearly to the on boundary, Orr ran himself out—entirely his own fault. So well did he bat that such an inglorious finish was a big blow to Beds. I really believe that now, despite his undoubted qualification to be included amongst the veterans, Mr. Orr is out and out the best amateur bat at the county's disposal, and he has captained Beds. for 20 years. Seventy-three runs had been added by this stand and the score stood at 185 for six. S. V. Graham, the old Modern boy, was next at the wickets, but he lost Rogers, well caught at first slip, in attempting to drive a curler from Shelford. Rogers had put together a sterling 34, keeping the ball for the most part on the carpet and maintaining a sound defence throughout. He must be played again. Graham batted through a couple of overs and saw Saunders caught from a bad shot to deep mid-off, before he was easily stumped, having got a foot out of his ground in an ineffectual attempt to drive Shelford. He had previously narrowly escaped being stumped. Grierson hit lustily and the last wicket carried the score to 231—more than at one time appeared likely.

To the bowling of Wharmby and Grierson the visitors opened their batting. Golding, when only three, returned a ball hard and high to the Coventry pro, who at the third attempt held the ball. A good start for Beds. This! Then came a long stand between Gibson, who did not, however, seem very comfortable, and the Rev. F. Bonsey, who struck me as being about the safest bat in the game. Wharmby was bowling remarkably well and nearly had Gibson several times, two balls in particular being put up perilously near Mr. Orr at mid-off. Changes in the bowling were rung but no impression was made. Orr proved expensive in his four overs, Bonsey putting him brilliantly to the leg boundary. Pilgrim had an over or two before tea, but nothing came of it, and the short interval found the pair still in and apparently well set. Eighty-one was on the board and only one wicket down when play was continued. But a drop of tea had put new vigour into Bedford's bowlers and the remarkable collapse of Herts. has to be recorded. Grierson bowled grandly from the School end, and Wharmby dealt out balls with destruction written all over them. Gibson fell to a swerver, third ball after tea, and Bonsey, after being missed by Graham in the long field from a wild alam, was well held by Aphorp. Grierson bowled four successive maidens to Coleman, and every batsman had great difficulty playing him. A stubborn last-wicket stand stopped the rot and play was discontinued for the day with the score at 131 for nine. The innings came to a quick conclusion on Saturday morning, Grierson getting the wicket. Thus Herts. were all out for 134, or 97 runs in arrears. Grierson and Wharmby divided the wickets equally for 50 and 46 respectively. A feature of the Beds. fielding had been the magnificent work of Saunders, at cover point, repeated outbursts of applause rewarding his agility in this position. He saved a good 30 runs I should say.

A hundred runs in advance to start with Beds. were on velvet, the only fly in the ointment being the news that Holdstock would take no further part in the game owing to a family bereavement. With the Luton pro. away Wharmby had Orr to open the innings with him. The captain was not allowed to stop long this time, a beauty from Burton finding a weak spot in his defence. But Bocquet, who came in next, was in much better trim than in the previous innings, and he and Wharmby contributed some fine cricket. Bowling changes had no effect until, after he had batted really well for 45 Bocquet was caught in the slips. Wharmby continued his free hitting until he stopped a ball with his leg in lieu of his bat, and had to go for 41. Wharmby's worth to Beds. would be hard to estimate; he is indeed a tower of strength, and in this match he was at his best. But a bad time was ahead for Beds, and after Aphorp had hit a brisk ten nobody could make anything of some fine bowling, and after at one time appearing in an almost impregnable position the homesters found themselves fighting desperately hard for runs. Wickets fell rapidly and the innings only realised 122, leaving Herts. 220 to win, by no means an impossible task on an easy wicket and with all the afternoon to do it in. Shelford was the chief agent in Bed-

fordshire's downfall, his five for 23 in the second innings following on seven for 77 in the first innings, stamping him as a most dangerous trundler. Herts. started indifferently losing a wicket for 13 runs before lunch. With Grierson and Wharmby putting down some first-rate stuff, and the batsmen determined to save their wickets, play during the afternoon became quite tedious. But the fortunes of the Bedford men were in safe hands and by four o'clock Herts. had been dismissed for a paltry 95. It is questionable, in view of this score, if more enterprising methods would not have better served the losing team's purpose. Only the Rev. F. Bonsey, with a dogged 21, and Titchmarsh with an almost equally watchful 29, could do anything with Wharmby (4 for 35), Grierson (4 for 33), and Pilgrim (2 for 0). Pilgrim had only eight balls but managed to hit the stumps twice and had no runs knocked off him, an encouraging feat.

Thus it was that Bedfordshire gained their second batch of five points, which should put them on top of their section, a position I see no reason why they should not maintain. Another reliable bat may be needed, but I think that with the inclusion of Morcom and Willett the team should need no further alteration, and should be sufficiently strong in all departments to carry them through successfully. In the match under notice Graham was not a success, but I still think that he is a County cricketer. He missed a catch in the first innings but made amends with a smart slip catch later on, and his fielding in the second innings was favourably commented on. But he should learn to throw in so that the ball reaches the wicket keeper or bowler with one hop. The foregoing, in brief, is the story of Bedfordshire's first home match and it may be as well here to point out the one regrettable feature, the small amount of support accorded the fixture. On a pleasant afternoon it is not such a very long way to Elstow School, and in view of the success of the team it was not at all complimentary to see so few supporters. However, perhaps the cricketing fraternity will crowd up in their hundreds to the Grammar School field next week to give the side their support in the game with Norfolk. This should be the match of the year, as Norfolk were the "cock" team in the Minor Counties last year.

Although they went in first and compiled the very respectable total of 219 against Wellingborough Grammar School on Saturday the Modern School suffered a defeat, the severity of which has not been exceeded this season. Warton and Newman, that redoubtable pair of batsmen, made a useful start for Bedford, but the latter, who is batting under the handicap of an injured wrist, was bowled for 21. Warton batted finely, his hitting being at times tremendous. He hit four successive boundaries from White. With 86 to his name the skipper was bowled. Ingram (24), Whitman (15), Whitworth (24 not out), and Harvey (30), all did their share towards the Modern's total. But Wellingborough proved to be in brilliant batting form, and having lost a wicket cheap, Hazelton and K. White were partners in a long stand. Missed before he had made 20 Hazelton settled down quickly and gave a magnificent show. Hardly less brilliant was White, and each man exceeded the century. Hazelton got 166 and White 110. The Modern bowling was weak in the extreme, with the exception of Harvey, who accounted for all seven wickets which fell, for just over 100. When stumps were drawn Wellingborough had 342 for 7 and thus administered the Modern's second successive defeat in smashing style.

The next game Bedfordshire have on their programme in connection with the Minor Counties' Championship is against Norfolk, to be played on the Grammar School ground on Thursday and Friday, July 20 and 21, and the premier club have generously decided to give half the proceeds to the County Hospital. Arrangements for tea on the ground are being made by Mrs. Dymock and Miss F. Orr, and given fine weather the receipts from the game should materially benefit both the coffers of the club and the Hospital.

WITH THE LEAGUE CLUBS.

[By "ARGUS."]

Page Beats the Record.

The second meeting of Pyghtle Works and the Printers, in Bedford Park, on Saturday, provided the latter with a great amount of leather hunting, for the Pyghtle ran up the huge score of 270 for 2 wickets. The latter lost Willett for 3 runs, and then Page and Maxey went in for hitting, and scored at a fast rate, the telegraph board showing 189 before the latter was nicely caught for a well played 87. Then Redman joined the old Modernian, and so well did the pair defy all the Printers' bowlers that "Skipper" Sprague was able to apply the closure without further loss. Page's was a splendid innings, and, although not free from blemish, it was a great effort, and beat the 126 scored by Radcliff several weeks ago. The score also is the second highest ever put together by one individual in the Park.

It would have been to the advantage of the Printers to have effected a draw, but they did not offer to play a stone-walling game. The best stand of the innings was made by Mellows and Dawson, who each scored 24 runs, but none of the other players reached double figures. The Printers nearly effected a draw, however, for the last man (Rubythton) was caught just on time. Tysoe was in excellent form with the ball, and captured 7 wickets at an average of 3 runs apiece, and Redman took the remaining 3 for 42. It was a good game, if somewhat one-sided, and interest was well maintained.

Queen's Win at Potton.

Queen's Works accomplished a very good performance in beating Potton St. Mary's on their own ground on Saturday, for although the visitors put up a very respectable total, the home team did quite as well, and with half their wickets down had scored 72. It was then that Perry found the weak spots in the homesters' defence, and the side was out for an additional seven runs. Radcliff opened the Queen's innings with a well-played 27, and another valuable contribution to the score was made by Bird, who knocked up 35, whilst Head played very nicely for his 15. Young Sargent and Carrington made a capital stand for the first wicket for Potton, and put on 39. "Mr. Extras" was the next highest scorer with 10. For the home team the most successful bowling was done by Inskip (4 for 47) and Banes (3 for 26). On the Queen's side Perry had the capital analysis of 5 wickets for 10, and Goodwin took 2 for 10.

Victoria's Comfortable Win.

The meeting of Goldington and Bedford Victoria, in Russell Park on Saturday, produced some good batting on a run-getting wicket, and following a declaration by the Victoria at 168 for 7 wickets, Goldington made their highest score of the season. Their captain won the toss, and sent the Victoria in to bat. Six of their batmen reached double figures, Keens making a valuable 70 and was undefeated. Francis Coleman was the next highest scorer with 27. F. G. King batted well for 26 for Goldington, and several others made useful scores. The brothers Coleman were very successful with the ball, the "skipper" claiming five victims at a cost of six runs each, and "F.H." had four for 36. For the losers the most successful bowling was done by F. H. King, who took four wickets.

Printers 2nd Turn the Tables.

The second string of the Printers had complete revenge in Bedford Park on Saturday on Marston for their somewhat surprising defeat of the week previous. Boddington and Tucker—in bowling and batting respectively—were the main causes of the visitors' defeat, but at the same time it was not "a walk over" for the Printers. Several of the Marston batmen were prominent, notably Wooding, White, and Copperwheat, notwithstanding the fact that Boddington took 6 wickets for 12 runs and Woods 2 for 15. Tucker and Fensome laid a good foundation for the Printers, and the game was won before the fall of the fourth wicket. Useful contributions were made to the total by Woods, Smith, and Harvey.

Alma's First Defeat: Taylor, 8 for 9.

The meeting of Bedford Alma and Blunham had been looked forward to as being the tit-bit of last Saturday's matches, as up to then the Alma had not met their Waterloo. The Bedford team will remember their visit to Blunham, for they were severely beaten, and Fred Taylor played no small part in their downfall. The villagers had first innings, and Taylor and Rawlins made a fine first wicket stand, putting up over 30 before being parted, despite good bowling by Johns and Clare. Blaine and T. Maries also batted well for their side, and the venture eventually closed at 80. On the Alma going to the wickets, they found Taylor in tip-top form, and he literally skittled them out for the low score of 41. He had the remarkable analysis of 8 wickets for 9 runs, and Battle had the remaining 1 for 11. On the Alma side Catlin (2 for 11), Clare (2 for 27), and Johns (3 for 30) divided the bowling.

Another Success for Foundry.

Foundry United are going strong this season, and on Saturday, against Goldington 2nd, they continued their run of success. Batting first, the "Villagers" put up a good score, which included a well-played 41 by W. Skerman, and Chillingworth put together 15. Fenton was quite the hero of the game, for in addition to taking 6 wickets for 45, he knocked up 70 in first class style. The captain of the Foundrymen, too, was very much in the picture, he compiling 41 by good cricket. Read (29) and F. Smith (26) also played creditably for their side. It was during the partnership of Fenton and Maxey for the second wicket that the game was won, and they are to be congratulated on their scores.

Sharnbrook Again Beat Bolnhurst.

Sharnbrook, on their own ground, again got the better of Bolnhurst, principally owing to a couple of good scores by Stapleton and Jarvis, and to indifferent wicket-keeping on the part of the visitors, which led to 26 extras being recorded. The Sharnbrook total eventually reached the respectable score of 134, which was an excellent one for a country wicket. The visitors did not by any means give a great exhibition of batting, but it was satisfactory to notice an improvement in this respect on the part of the brothers Whaley. Bayce, who the week previous, took 8 for 12, could not get on so well last Saturday, for he only had one wicket. Hilton came out best for the homesters, his 5 wickets costing only 10 runs. Tompkins bowled well for the visitors.

Cranfield Do Well.

The visit of Cranfield to Stagsden on Saturday proved a very successful trip, for they managed to beat the locals in a low scoring game by 7 runs. The homesters went to the wickets first, but so well did Read and Campion bowl that they dismissed their opponents for just over a half century, the best efforts being by Wilding (who went in last) and Pedley. Jack Read was also prominent with the bat, and contributed 23 in good style, which, it is not too much to say, won the match for Cranfield. Linger again bowled very successfully for Stagsden, and he was well helped by Pedley.

South End Club Recover.

South End Club entertained Ickwell on Saturday in Russell Park, and succeeded in reversing the verdict of their visit to the village green. Ickwell came one short, and winning the toss, elected to bat, and compiled the respectable total of 88. The clubmen opened their innings with Peck and Lancaster, and while the former scored freely, Lancaster was content to play the waiting game. Peck was in fine form with the bat, and registered half the side's score after batting for one and a half hours. Included in his score was one 6 and twelve 4's. Four other clubmen obtained double figures. For the visitors Willsher took 5 wickets for 38, and Radford 4 for 44, while for the homesters Burton took 5 for 37, and Gilbert 4 for 41.

To-morrow's Games.

The following games are down for decision, to be played on the ground of the first-named club and it will be observed that all the clubs are engaged:—

Bedford League.—Div. I.
Pyghtle Works v. Queen's Works.
Victoria v. Potton St. Mary's.
Sharnbrook v. Kempston.

Bedford League.—Div. II.
Northern Section.
Keysoe v. Sharnbrook.
Bolnhurst v. Blunham.
South End W.M. Club v. Bedford Alma.
Ickwell v. Queen's Works 2nd.
Southern Section.
Marston v. Stagsden.
Forder's Pillings Works v. Printers.
Goldington 2nd v. Cranfield.
Foundry United v. Wootton Hall End.

BEDFORD LEAGUE.—DIV. I.

POTTON ST. MARY'S v. QUEEN'S WORKS.

Played at Potton on Saturday, when the Queen's won by 33 runs. Scores:—
Queen's Works.—J. Radcliff, b Hutchison, 27; H. Poorce, b Inskip, 0; T. Raby, b Banes, 7; L. G. S. Dodwell, lbw, b Banes, 5; P. A. Bird, b Carrington, 35; G. Goodwin, b Bartle, b Inskip, 4; A. Head, c Sargent, b Inskip, 15; P. Perry, b Inskip, 10; T. Golding, b Banas, 0; R. S. Mackinder, run out, 2; W. Covington, not out, 4; extras, 3; total, 112.

Potton.—B. Sargent, c Dodwell, b Goodwin 37; H. Carrington, st. Raby, b Radcliff, 19; G. Banes, b Perry, 1; W. Hutchison, b Perry, 1; A. Sargent, b Pearce, 7; S. Banas, b Goodwin, 0; H. Inskip, run out, 1; G. Gurney, b Perry, 1; O. Bartle, b Perry, 0; B. Ginn, not out, 2; J. Richardson, b Perry, 0; extras, 10; total, 79.

PYGHTLE WORKS v. PRINTERS.

The former again gained a decisive victory over the Printers in their game in Bedford Park on Saturday. Scores:—

Pyghtle Works.—R. M. Page, not out, 133; T. E. Willett, b Clarke, 3; H. Maxey, c C. Rogers, b Rubythton, 87; F. Redman, not out, 39; W. Tysoe, E. Wilson, R. Sprague, R. West, and T. Davis, did not bat; extras, 8; total (2 wickets—declared), 270.

Printers.—J. Thorpe, st. Wilson, b Tysoe, 1; H. B. Davies, c Tysoe, b Redman, 12; A. W. H. Poole, b Tysoe, 1; F. Chambers, b Tysoe, 0; Rev. C. H. Mellows, c Sprague, b Redman, 24; W. Dawson, b Redman, 24; G. Carter, c and b Tysoe, 7; C. Rogers, b Tysoe, 4; F. Gough, not out, 2; H. Clarke, b Tysoe, 0; T. Rubythton, c Maxey, b Tysoe, 5; extras 13; total, 93.

GOLDINGTON v. VICTORIA.

Played in Russell Park on Saturday, and ended in a comfortable win for the Vics. Scores:—

Victoria: A. F. Beagle, b F. H. King, 15; H. J. Beall, c Oclea, b F. H. King, 1; F. H. Coleman, lbw., b F. H. King, 27; A. W. Mayo, b Rootham, 11; A. E. Raby, b F. H. King, 0; R. Keens, not out, 70; F. Baumborough, run out, 15; H. Coleman, not out, 4; M. W. Coleman, b F. G. King, 16; extras, 8; total (7 wickets, dec.) 168. C. Capon, H. P. Fiegshen did not bat.

Goldington: S. Rootham, b F. Coleman, 8; V. Oclea, c Baumborough, b F. Coleman, 1; J. Osbourn, c Beagle, b M. Coleman, 16; F. H. King, b M. Coleman, 12; H. Crowsley, b H. Coleman, 11; E. Loughton, b M. Coleman, 13; F. G. King, b M. Coleman, 26; J. Skerman, b F. Coleman, 0; W. Fuller, b M. Coleman, 2; T. Bishop, b F. Coleman, 0; A. Watts, not out, 2; extras, 10; total, 101.

Positions of the clubs to date.

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
Sharnbrook	7	0	0	1	13
Queen's Works.....	7	6	1	0	12
Bedford Victoria.....	9	3	3	3	9
Bedford Printers.....	8	3	4	1	7
Pyghtle Works	8	3	4	1	7
Kempston	6	3	3	0	6
Potton St. Mary's ...	6	2	4	0	4
Goldington	7	0	7	0	0

BEDFORD LEAGUE.—DIV. II.
PRINTERS 2ND v. MARSTON.

Played in Bedford Park on Saturday, and ended in a win for the home team. Scores:—Marston.—G. Faulkner, b Harvey, 0; J. Robinson, b Lutchford, 11; T. Wooding, b Boddington, 22; A. White, c Day, b Boddington, 18; J. Hillson, c Tucker, b Boddington, 0; N. Biggs, b Boddington, 0; A. Nicholls, b Woods, 12; J. Copperwheat, c and b Boddington, 14; H. Vincent, c Smith, b Boddington, 0; F. Tuffnell, b Woods, 4; F. Scotchbrook, not out, 1; extras, 3; total, 85.

Printers 2nd.—F. Tucker, not out, 59; A. Fensome, lbw, b Scotchbrook, 11; W. Woods, b White, 17; J. Day, b Tuffnell, 2; A. Smith, b White, 13; W. J. Harvey, st. Faulkner, b Biggs, 13; T. Berrington, run out, 0; J. Boddington, b Nicholls, 3; E. Fisher, c Biggs, b Nicholls, 0; F. Lutchford, c Faulkner, b Biggs, 11; extras, 8; total, 137.

SOUTH END W.M. CLUB v. ICKWELL.

Played in Russell Park on Saturday, and won by the Clubmen. Scores:—

Ickwell: D. Willsher, c Billingham, b Gilbert, 15; P. Bygraves, b Gilbert, 0; J. Radford, c Gilbert, b Burton, 6; F. Woodward, c Smith, b Gilbert, 2; F. Willsher, b Burton, 24; G. Truin, lbw., b Burton, 23; G. Bygraves, c and b Burton, 2; S. Stock, b Burton, 1; W. Ebbs, st. Handscombe, b Gilbert, 12; H. Garner, not out, 0; extras, 3; total, 88.

South End: W. H. Peck, b Radford, 87; A. Lancaster, b Bygraves, 11; T. Billingham, b F. Willsher, 15; W. Grimes, b F. Willsher, 19; R. Handscombe, lbw., b Radford, 0; A. H. Burton, b Radford, 6; R. Battle, b Radford, 12; W. Smith, not out, 4; J. White, b F. Willsher, 2; J. Faulkner, c T. Willsher, b F. Willsher, 0; A. E. Gilbert, b F. Willsher, 1; extras, 7; total, 164.

FOUNDRY UNITED v. GOLDINGTON.

Played in Russell Park on Saturday, and resulted in an easy win for the Foundry. Scores:—

Goldington.—Chillingworth, c Fenton, b Dillingham, 15; H. Bustin, b Fenton, 1; W. Skerman, c Ashby, b Fenton, 41; C. Burton, c and b Fenton, 5; Longland, b Perry, 5; W. Bush, c Reid, b Fenton, 8; H. Pestell, b Fenton, 4; H. Smith, not out, 6; Hopkinson, run out, 0; J. Risley, b Fenton, 0; P. Leach, b Perry, 0; extras, 10; total, 95.

Foundry United.—O. Fenton, b Chillingworth, 70; P. Perry, b Pestell, 0; J. Maxey, b Chillingworth, 41; J. Read, b Skerman, 29; F. Parker, c Skerman, b Smith, 3; J. Lumley, c Longland, b Smith, 7; W. Dillingham, run out, 1; J. Smith, b Skerman, 1; F. Smith, not out, 26; T. Ashby, b Burton, 9; Poulter, c Hopkinson, b Skerman, 5; extras, 7; total, 199.

BLUNHAM v. BEDFORD ALMA.

Played at Blunham on Saturday, and won by the home team. Scores:—

Blunham.—F. Rawlins, b Johns, 17; F. Taylor, run out, 14; H. Blaine, b Catlin, 16; W. Kempe, b Johns, 3; J. Davison, b Catlin, 2; T. Maries, run out, 13; W. Sims, c Churchman, b Johns, 3; M. Maries, b Clare, 0; W. Rawlins, b Clare, 7; H. Hunt, b Clare, 1; F. Battle, not out, 2; extras, 12; total, 90.

Bedford Alma.—F. Booth, c Rawlins, b Taylor, 2; F. Brimley, b Taylor, 1; F. Harrison, b Battle, 8; E. T. Phillips, c Rawlins, b Taylor, 6; J. A. Emmerton, c Sims, b Taylor, 1; W. L. Freir, b Taylor, 5; F. G. Tuffnell, run out, 0; B. Catlin, b Taylor, 1; W. Churchman, b Taylor, 1; A. Clare, hit wkt., b Taylor, 5; T. Johns, not out, 2; extras, 9; total, 41.

SHARNBROOK 2ND v. BOLNHURST.

Played at Sharnbrook on Saturday, and won by the home team. Scores:—

Sharnbrook: J. Bayes, b Lack, 0; J. E. Jarvis, b Lack, 37; R. Newell, b Lack, 10; H. Goodes, c Bull, b Whaley, 3; J. Stapleton, b G. Whitmore, 38; E. Barker, c Whaley, b Tompkins, 9; G. Bell, b Tompkins, 4; J. Pacey, c A. Whaley, b Tompkins, 2; A. J. Duke, b Tompkins, 0; T. Hilton, b Tompkins, 0; W. Evans, not out, 6; extras, 25; total, 134.

Bolnhurst: A. Whaley, c Newell, b Bayes, 9; F. Thompson, run out, 11; S. Asque, b Goodes, 3; F. Parrott, c and b Hilton, 2; B. Whaley, not out, 28; S. Tompkins, b Hilton, 4; H. G. Whitmore, c Barker, b Hilton, 0; H. Bull, b Barker, 0; S. Lack, b Hilton, 0; W. Harper, b Hilton, 0; F. Swales, c Newell, b Barker, 0; extras, 4; total, 58.

STAGSDEN v. CRANFIELD.

This match was played at Stagden on Saturday. Scores:—

Stagsden: E. Flute, c Summerford, b Read, 6; H. Ellis, b Evans, 2; W. Ellis, b Read, 4; W. Linger, run out, 0; B. Collins, b Read, 0; F. Pedley, b Campion, 10; G. Babbington, b Read, 0; C. Wells, b Lovesay, 1; S. White, b Lovesay, 2; A. Clark, b Lovesay, 1; H. Wilding, not out, 14; extras, 13; total, 53.

Cranfield: F. Summerford, c Babbington, b Linger, 2; H. Bedford, b Linger, 0; W. Evans, b Linger, 6; A. Howe, b Linger, 4; F. Richardson, b Linger, 8; J. Read, b Linger, 23; S. White, lbw., b Pedley, 0; T. Lovesay, b Pedley, 0; B. Groom, b Pedley, 5; V. White, not out, 5; W. Campion, b Pedley, 2; extras, 5; total, 60.

Positions of the clubs to date.

	Northern Section.				Pts.
	P	W	L	D	
Blunham	8	7	1	0	14
Bedford Alma	7	6	1	0	12
Sharnbrook 2nd	8	5	3	0	10
South End W.M. Club	8	5	3	0	10
Ickwell	8	4	4	0	8
Queen's Works 2nd	7	3	4	0	6
Bolnhurst	8	1	7	0	2
Keysoe	10	1	9	0	2

	Southern Section.				Pts.
	P	W	L	D	
Wootton Hall End ...	6	6	0	0	12
Bedford Printers 2nd	8	6	2	0	12
Foundry United	7	5	2	0	10
Cranfield	8	4	3	1	9
Stagsden	7	3	4	0	6
Goldington 2nd	8	3	5	0	6
Marston	8	2	5	1	5
Forder's Pil'age W'ks	8	0	8	0	0

FRIENDLY MATCHES.

BEDS. CLUB AND GROUND v. MR. STILEMAN GIBBARD'S XI.

This interesting fixture was fought out on the Goldington-road ground on Wednesday last and resulted in an easy win for the scratch side, for whom W. E. King made 104. Scores:—

Beds. Club and Ground: R. W. Rice, c Saunders, b Read, 36; A. C. Smith, c Stileman Gibbard, b Saunders, 1; Col. Anderson, c Cochrane, b Saunders, 5; Col. Stevens, b Mobbs, 1; L. Clark, b King, 37; R. St. G. Burke, b Read, 14; S. V. Graham, run out, 24; C. N. Peacock, c Stileman Gibbard, b Read, 23; B. F. Moore, b Redman, 9; Taylor, b Mobbs, 5; Pilgrim, not out, 0; extras, 27; total, 182.

Mr. Stileman Gibbard's XI: E. R. Mobbs, c Rice, b Pilgrim, 18; W. E. King, c Smith, b Pilgrim, 104; R. D. Cochrane, b Pilgrim, 43; C. Saunders, lbw., b Pilgrim, 4; G. U. A. Read, c Taylor, b Clark, 40; H. J. Scott, run out, 28; L. G. Stileman-Gibbard, not out, 8; F. Redman, st. Burke, b Clark, 0; Dr. Parbury, b Moore, 11; extras, 21; total (for eight wickets), 277. O. L. Boyes and T. E. Willett did not bat.

BEDFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL v. MERCHANT TAYLORS SCHOOL.

This game took place at Bellingham on Saturday. The Grammar captain (Maltby) won the toss and chose to bat on a very hard wicket. Wickets fell cheaply at the beginning. Thompson had the misfortune to be hit in the face from a rising ball and had to retire. Maltby and Roberts were both dismissed cheaply, the former being bowled off his pads. Seven wickets were down for 70 odd runs, when Bear joined Bradford, and a good stand was made. The pair brought the score up to 140 before Bear was caught, after having played very well for his 42, which included some good leg shots. The rest of the side gave little resistance, and Bedford were

all out for 167. Bradford carried his bat out for a well-played 43. Merchant Taylors started disastrously, five wickets being down for 22. A short stand was then made by Isaac and Miles, but it did not last long. No one remained for any length of time, and the whole side was out for 76. Porter bowled well, taking six for 23. Maltby took four for 44. They bowled unchanged. Truman, of Merchant Taylors, also bowled well, taking seven for 35. Roberts, for the Grammar, was in fine form behind the stumps and brought off three good catches. Bear and Bradford got their colours. Scores:—

Grammar School: A. R. Bradford, not out, 43; G. G. Field, c Spencer, b Greenhill, 12; A. L. Thomson, c Will, b Truman, 10; B. C. Nailer, c Burton, b Truman, 5; N. S. Maltby, b Isaac, 0; D. F. Roberts, c Spencer, b Isaac, 0; R. T. Peel, lbw., b Truman, 5; J. E. Banks, c Greenhill, b Truman, 4; H. B. Wilson, c Greenhill, b Truman, 11; E. M. Bear, c Greenhill, b Truman, 42; A. R. Porter, b Truman, 7; extras, 23; total, 167.

Merchant Taylors: G. B. Benton, c and b Porter, 0; R. H. Spencer, b Porter, 14; T. E. Andrews, c Porter, b Maltby, 2; F. W. Greenhill, c Roberts, b Porter, 2; A. K. Will, lbw., b Maltby, 1; R. A. Hollingberry, b Maltby, 13; D. C. Isaac, c Roberts, b Porter, 9; J. G. Will, c Roberts, b Porter, 3; M. H. Miles, b Porter, 17; G. E. Burton, b Maltby, 5; G. W. Truman, not out, 0; extras, 9; total, 76.

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CRICKET.
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP.
BEDFORDSHIRE v. NORFOLK.
A FASHIONABLE GATHERING.

The above game commenced on the Grammar School ground, Bedford, yesterday, in brilliant weather. The home county were aided by the services of A. F. Morcom, W. C. Boscawen, and Wharmby, their places being taken by N. G. Maltby, Pilgrim, and Pestell, two products of the local cricket League. Last season Norfolk got the better of the Bedfordians on two occasions, but this season it would seem from the great advantage the home team have now in hand that the positions will be reversed. Bedfordshire are this season in a winning vein, and the display given yesterday in batting, bowling, and fielding reflects great credit on all concerned.

Mrs. Dymock and Miss F. Orr had arranged for tea in an enclosure, which was well patronised, and the County Club should benefit by the venture. The Bedford Town Silver Band discoursed sweet music during the afternoon. A large and fashionable company was present in the enclosure and pavilion, among whom were the Lord Lieutenant (Lord St. John), Sir Algernon and Lady Osborn, the Hon. Henry St. John, the Mayor and Mayoress of Bedford (Mr. and Mrs. Hope), Mr. and Mrs. H. Whitbread, Col. and Mrs. Duberly, Major and Mrs. F. A. D. Stevens, Col. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Allen, Mr. W. W. and the Misses Marks, Dr. D. Bower, General Layard, Rev. R. H. Moss, Rev. C. F. and Mrs. Farrar, Mr. R. E. Prothero and Miss Prothero, Rev. G. F. Apthorp, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Morrison, Mr. J. A. Whitchurch, Mr. Herbert King and Miss King (Broom), Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ades, Mr. J. W. D. Harrison, Mr. W. Hatfield Harter, Dr. Stanbury Phillips, Mr. J. W. Crossman, Mr. C. J. Maltby, Mr. Charles Fry, and Mr. F. Hughes.

The Rev. G. B. Raikes won the spin of the coin, and took Treglown in with him to bat on a perfect wicket. The Beds. skipper put on Grierson (School end) and Pilgrim to bowl. It was early evident that the batsmen were not out to take advantage, for a number of leg-balls went unnoticed. The first 12 overs produced 28 runs. Then Pestell displaced Grierson, and with his fifth ball he broke through the captain's defence. Without the addition of further runs off Pestell, he upset Treglown's stumps, the latter having very carefully compiled eight (2 for 37). At 53 Orr went on in place of Pilgrim. After Stevens had been let off in the slips, Saunders was applauded for a bit of smart fielding in mid-field, and followed this up by taking Falcon on the square leg boundary off Orr's "changeables." (3 for 64). Birkbeck evidently did not feel at home with the skipper's bowling, and he let out to one which was smartly returned by Squire from the long field, and Apthorp quickly upset his stumps. (4 for 67). Meanwhile, Stevens was playing a fine game, making the most of his runs off the left-hander, but in the next over he was caught at mid-off by Rogers, after making a capital 28. Half the side were out for 76, brought about by grand fielding and excellent bowling. Wakefield and Thurger made a stand, played free cricket, and the century was signalled after about an hour and a half's play. Grierson then went on vice Orr at the Park end, and Pilgrim relieved Pestell. The pair, however, continued to bat nicely but carefully; some of the strokes made by Wakefield were splendid, his drives being "extra." At 112 Orr resumed operations with the ball, displacing Grierson. Three runs later Pestell "yorked" Thurger for a very carefully compiled 7, and the young pro. had then taken 3 for 45 (6 for 151). The players then adjourned for lunch.

On resuming after lunch, Fulcher joined Wakefield, and 15 were added when the former was snapped at the wicket. Gemmell was the incomer, but at 168 Wakefield fell c. and b. to Grierson. The batsman was well cheered for his splendidly played 71, which included ten 4's. Allsopp and Watson were the last pair, but the former did not long survive Orr's breaks, and was stamped. The innings thus closed for 182.

Holdstock and Rogers opened the Bedfordshire innings to the bowling of Falcon and Allsopp. The pair played pretty cricket, Rogers' off strokes being good, and he compiled 22 out of the first 30. Raikes then went on at the Park end, but runs still continued to come. Rogers kept running out to Raikes' slows; once he returned a hot hand-ful to the bowler, who was unable to hold it. Just afterwards, however, the Luton pro. was nicely taken in the slips by Stevens off Raikes. Willett was the incomer, and opened his account with a single off Wakefield, who had given Allsopp a rest. Runs came at a nice pace, Rogers being the chief scorer, and 60 was signalled after considerably less than an hour's play. Watson was next given a trial with the ball. Rogers was cheered when he made his half century out of 78. Four runs later Willett was clean bowled for a nicely played 17. A cut by Squire past point to the boundary sent in 90, and a little later he sent up the century with a similar shot. He made six boundary hits in succession, and when the tea interval arrived his score stood at 27, and Rogers had amassed 63.

Fulcher and Raikes resumed the attack, and with the latter's third ball Rogers was taken behind the wicket. He had played a brilliant innings. Apthorp was the incomer, and opened with three singles. At 141 Squire's off stump was removed by Fulcher. His score of 36 included eight 4's. The county captain was the next to go to the wicket, and he and Apthorp had a merry time, until at 156 Apthorp was out to a brilliant running catch by Wakefield. Maltby, who made his debut in county cricket, was at the wicket for a long time before he scored, and was eventually disposed of by Wakefield for a single. Saunders was the incomer, and he started scoring from an overthrow, which signalled the double century. Nine runs later Orr was caught by the opposing captain for a dashing display of 41, which included five 4's. (209 for 7). Grierson led off with a couple, and then a drive to the off boundary, which sent up 220. Saunders made some nice strokes, but when he had made 20 he was let off by Wakefield at mid-off. Several bowling changes were tried, and eventually Grierson was taken in the slips by Fulcher off Wakefield. (237 for 8). The Luton amateur was well caught for a capital 28, and was the last batsman for the day. Scores and analysis.

Norfolk.—1st Innings.

C. J. Maltby, c. Pestell	1
Rev. G. B. Raikes, b. Pestell	18
G. A. Stevens, c. Rogers, b. Orr	28
M. Falcon, c. Saunders, b. Orr	10
G. W. Birkbeck, run-out	1
H. R. Wakefield, c. and b. Grierson	71
R. W. Thurger, b. Pestell	7
E. J. Fulcher, c. Apthorp, b. Pilgrim	7
G. Gemmell, b. Orr	12
Allsopp, st. Apthorp, b. Orr	1
Watson, not out	20
Extras	8
Total	182

Bowling Analysis.

Norfolk.—1st Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
H. Grierson	12	5	27	1
Pilgrim	16	2	41	1
Pestell	15	3	70	3
H. R. Orr	10.2	2	36	4

Beds.—1st Innings.

Holdstock, c. Stevens, b. Raikes	14
Rogers, c. Thurger, b. Raikes	64
H. Willett, b. Watson	17
H. Squire, b. Fulcher	36
E. E. Apthorp, c. Wakefield, b. Falcon	24
H. R. Orr, c. Raikes, b. Falcon	40
N. Maltby, b. Wakefield	1
T. Saunders, c. Stevens, b. Raikes	25
H. Grierson, c. Fulcher, b. Wakefield	13
Pestell, not out	2
Extras	9
Total (9 wickets)	245

Pilgrim to bat.

OLD BEDFORDIANS' CRICKET WEEK.

THE FIRST MATCH.

OLD BEDFORDIANS v. MR. D. W. BREWSTER'S XI.

Grierson opened the Old Bedfordians' week with another personal triumph on the auld ground. Bowling from the Park end, in his second over he captured three wickets in four balls, and just missed the hat-trick. In the next over two more fell to him, and thus he dismissed half the side for four runs. For the seventh wicket the visitors made their only stand, and carried the score from 41 to 97. Basil Maclear also bowled well, and obtained his four wickets for 32 runs. The O.B.'s batting was extremely irregular. Peel and Reeves put on 71 for the first wicket, and Grierson and Hope added exactly the same number for the last wicket. 36 of the other 44 were scored by B. Maclear and Turnbull for the sixth wicket. The wickets fell: 71, 71, 72, 76, 76, 112, 113, 117, 117, 188. Grierson hit vigorously for his 51, which included nine boundaries. Scores:

MR. D. W. BREWSTER'S XI.	
J. R. Cocke, c and b Grierson	2
G. Herbert, c Maclear, b Grierson	2
J. Bowstead, c Grierson, b Maclear	31
J. Houghton, b Grierson	0
A. J. Coxon, b Grierson	3
A. Wilkins, b Grierson	5
R. L. Bowen, c Smith, b Maclear	8
F. L. Thomas, c Peel, b Maclear	1
J. R. Phalk, c Hemsley, b Grierson	14
D. W. Brewster, c Grierson, b Maclear	0
G. Felton (not out)	5
Extras	28
Total	99

OLD BEDFORDIANS.

C. L. E. Peel, b Cocke	43
R. M. E. Reeves, st. Coxon, b Cocke	23
A. G. Smith, c Brewster, b Cocke	70
Rev. F. Howard, b Herbert	0
L. A. N. Brooks, c Wilkins, b Herbert	4
B. Maclear, st. Coxon, b Cocke	14
D. Turnbull, c Felton, b Cocke	20
A. G. Hemsley, c Coxon, b Cocke	4
H. Grierson (not out)	51
O. Kendall, b Bowen	0
F. J. Hope, b Cocke	6
Extras	21
Total	186

BEDS. CLUB & GROUND v. WOLVERTON.

This return match was played on Saturday on the Goldington-road Ground, when the Beds. team reaped an ample revenge for their one run defeat at Wolverton. L. A. N. Brooks, O.B., who is in England on holiday for some time, played good cricket, and R. W. Rice carried the score from 80 to 157 for the sixth wicket. Scores:—

WOLVERTON.	
D. Mackey, c Grierson, b Smith	18
W. J. Brown, c Burke, b Pilgrim	22
T. Henson, b Anderson	0
E. Brocklehurst, c Taylor, b Anderson	4
L. Bull, run out	0
G. Scott, b Pilgrim	6
G. Goodman, run out	14
A. Walton, b Anderson	7
W. Dew, c Grierson, b Anderson	6
F. Rich, not out	13
H. Robinson, c Turnbull, b Smith	0
Extras	10
Total	100

Wolverton went in again, and scored 38 for 4 wickets.

BEDS. c. & G.	
D. Turnbull, b Rich	19
A. C. Smith, c Maltby, b Scott	20
Colonel Anderson, c Goodman, b Brown	10
H. Grierson, c Brocklehurst, b Brown	21
L. A. N. Brooks, c Brocklehurst, b Rich	39
Pilgrim, c Brocklehurst, b Scott	0
R. W. Rice, c Scott, b Rich	83
Col. Stevens, st. Dew, b Rich	2
R. St. G. Burke, c Rich, b Scott	8
D. Wilkins, b Brown	23
Taylor, not out	6
Extras	4
Total	235

Friendlies.

SOUTHEND WESLEYANS v. COTTON END.

A fortnight ago Cotton End were successful in inflicting the first defeat of the season upon Southend Wesleyans, but on Saturday the Wesleyans returned the compliment with interest, for although Cotton End defeated the Wesleyans by 50, the Wesleyans beat them by over 80. Scores:—

SOUTHEND WESLEYANS.—Sharp, b A. Ballard, 11; Farmer, c Burr, b Sanderson, 7; Brown, b Hyde, 13; Litchfield, b Sanderson, 0; Billingham, b A. Ballard, 6; Newbury, c and b A. Ballard, 8; Fordham, b E. Ballard, 28; Bishop, c Sanderson, b A. Ballard, 30; Blunt, run out, 1; Wiggle, b A. Ballard, 0; Shotbolt (not out), 6; extras, 10; total, 120.	
Cotton End.—Hillyard, b Newbury, 9; Hyde, b Newbury, 0; E. Ballard, b Newbury, 3; A. Ballard, b Newbury, 9; Burr, c and b Newbury, 5; Starmore, b Newbury, 10; Stapleton, b Litchfield, 1; Green, b Newbury, 0; Sanderson, b Newbury, 12; Pettit, c and b Litchfield, 1; Newbury (not out), 0; extras, 3; total, 44.	

SOUTHEND ATHLETIC v. J. MILLARD'S XI.

On Thursday evening this interesting match was witnessed in the Russell Park. The scratch eleven came off victorious by three wickets and 32 runs. For the winners F. G. King made an excellent 54 (not out); H. Farmer and King bowled well for the visitors. Scores:—

J. Millard's XI.—Herb. Farmer, b Crisp, 0; F. Whiffen, b F. Whiffen, 10; F. G. King (not out), 54; S. Longland, b F. Whiffen, 3; M. Wells, b Crisp, 3; P. Smith, b Crisp, 9; J. Millard, b L. Whiffen, 3; W. Armstrong, b Turner, 4; extras, 6; total for seven wickets, declared, 92. Covington, H. Farmer, and F. H. Barker did not bat.	
Southend Athletic.—B. Sharp, b Farmer, 2; S. Whiffen, c Longland, b King, 2; Kirk, b King, 3; H. Crisp, lbw, b Farmer, 10; S. Murdoch, b King, 13; F. Whiffen, c Fk. Whiffen, b King, 6; Turner, b Farmer, 0; J. Dunkley, b King, 4; Brown (not out), 0; King, absent; Gaunt, b Farmer, 5; extras, 16; total, 60.	

HOWBURY v. BEDFORD M.R.

Played on Saturday at Howbury. The Railwaymen had a weak team out, and were well beaten. Howbury took first knock, and, aided by dropped catches, applied the closure at 102 for six. The Railwaymen batted very manfully, and could only reply with 39. Mr. Polhill kindly provided tea. Scores:—

Howbury.—E. Laughton, b Curtis, 33; C. Harrison, b Emmission, 6; J. Hainden, b Manyweathers, 8; V. Farr, b Rick, 8; T. G. Smith (not out), 30; E. Butfield, b Manyweathers, 0; A. James, c Emmission, b Rick, 14; extras, 3; total (for six wickets), 102. C. H. Polhill, A. Downie, F. Bloy, and T. B. Otheu did not bat.	
Bedford M.R.—A. Manyweathers, c Polhill, b Smith, 5; T. Reid, c Othen, b Haynes, 0; W. Rick, c and b Smith, 5; G. Emmission, c Othen, b Smith, 0; F. Curtis, c Farr, b Haynes, 6; A. Bartram, b Smith, 3; F. Rawlins, c Othen, b Haynes, 5; H. Webster, c Haynes, b Smith, 0; F. Lumley, run out, 9; C. Rawlins, c and b Haynes, 0; B. Short (not out), 1; extras, 3; total, 39.	

"BEDS. TIMES" v. CLAPHAM.

This was a most interesting match at Clapham on Saturday, the homesters managing to win by only 10 runs. The "Dreadnoughts," the name of which ought to frighten people, but which is apparently not very effective, went in first and totalled 40. Their top scorer was F. Curehin, who played a "not out" innings, while Carter and White also batted well. When Clapham took the willow their first three wickets were down for 3 runs, but Seymour—who gave an easy chance at the wicket at the beginning of his innings adopted the "Clapham" policy, and notched 35 runs. The rest made a rather feeble display, owing to the bowling of C. C. Carter, who maintained a good length throughout, and varied his pace with effect, as his analysis of eight wickets for 16 runs shows. Seymour was most successful of the Clapham bowlers, taking seven wickets for 17. Scores:—

"Beds. Times."—W. Deacon, c Headland, b Seymour, 2; S. Perkins, b Seymour, 1; N. G. Phelps, c Jones, b Seymour, 0; C. Lawson, c Butcher, b Seymour, 0; R. Phillips, b Seymour, 0; F. Curehin (not out), 13; J. Ball, run out, 5; F. White, lbw, b Seymour, 8; G. Loveday, run out, 0; C. C. Carter, c Butcher, b Seymour, 8; R. A. Parrott, run out, 1; extras, 2; total, 40.

Clapham.—A. Headland, b Carter, 0; P. Inskip, run out, 1; J. Gurr, c Lawson, b Carter, 0; G. Waller, b Carter, 2; R. Rogers, c Parrott, b Carter, 1; Rev. A. H. Sproule, c Phillips, b Carter, 1; H. Butcher, lbw, b Lawson, 7; T. Jones (not out), 0; F. Smith, st. Phillips, b Carter, 0; Seymour, st. Phillips, b Carter, 35; J. Green, c Parrott, b Carter, 0; extras, 3; total, 50.

Cricket Notes.

THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL HOUSE MATCHES.

Correspondents in the current "Quel" are much exercised as to the way in which the Grammar School House matches are spread out over many weeks, a procedure which they claim robs the matches of interest. There is reason as well as humour in the following grumble:—

To the Editor of the "Quel."
Dear Sir,—May I in your columns utter a grumble about the institution which under the pseudonym of "House Matches" wanders along throughout the term and crops up at odd corners and unexpected moments? Indeed the "House Matches" seem to be playing a species of hide and seek in the Quel Calendar with the various other school fixtures and outside the Calendar with the "ventures" of the U.L.C. "House Matches" certainly is a pseudonym, for who could dignify with the title "Matches" the present lingo and halting contest over which so much incipient enthusiasm is choked by the sands of time before the weary struggle toils its way to the death agony? Is it a match when one XI. bats on a plumb fast wicket in May, massacres its opponents on a "glue pot" in June, has its second innings, just after a convenient thunderstorm, on a batsman's paradise when no bowler can stand up or hold the waterlogged ball, and crowns its slaughter when the other side bats on a hopeless "crumbler" in July? Yet of such are the "House Matches!"

Could not the afternoon of the last three weeks of term be given up to House Matches?—or, anyhow, could they not be begun, continued, and ended, on consecutive days? They might then be living thrilling games instead of the uninteresting things they now are, and they would foster far more enthusiasm, of which there is not such a superfluity that what there might be should be unnecessarily lost.

Finally, would it not be possible and advisable to play off Senior and Junior House Matches concurrently? If this were the arrangement, the Juniors of some Houses would no longer be able to pilfer the Senior House Cup and then, fresh from the theft, assassinate as Senior Juniors the other Competitors in the Junior Contest. Surely the ground, in spite of the plantains, is capable of providing a sufficient number of wickets fit to play on, or could not the various House raise separate Senior and Junior Elevens?

Yours truly,
SQUARE LEG.

First League.

PRINTERS v. SHARNBROOK.

The intervention of time saved Sharnbrook from probable defeat, at the Park on Saturday. The Printers batted well. The spirited century which W. Dawson compiled, and the 53 runs of A. McKechnie deserved the applause they gained. Scores:—

PRINTERS.	
H. B. Davies, c Evans, b Stileman-Gibbard	38
W. Dawson, c Clark, b Stileman-Gibbard	101
S. V. Grahame, c Jarvice, Stileman-Gibbard	24
G. Carter, run out	8
A. McKechnie, not out	53
H. Chambers, b Moss	16
W. D. Cook, c Bell, b Moss	2
T. Crouch, c Evans, b Moss	2
H. Clarke, c Jarvis, b Moss	4
B. Biddall, not out	3
T. Crouch did not bat.	

Total (for 8 wickets, declared)...254

SHARNBROOK.

W. E. King, run out	10
H. Willett, c Clarke, b Crouch	13
L. Clark, not out	30
J. E. Jarvis, c Dawson, b Graham	6
G. L. Boyes, run out	5
C. Saunders, not out	24
Rev. R. H. Moss, Stileman-Gibbard, T. Hilton, G. Bell, and W. Evans did not bat.	
Extras	6

Total (for 4 wks.)... 94

QUEEN'S WORKS v. VICTORIA.

The Vics. won this match at the Park on Saturday, chiefly through the good average maintained by their batsmen, and the fine bowling of Barnwell, whose analysis was 7 wickets for 21 runs. When stumps were drawn, Victoria were still two wickets in hand. Scores:—

QUEEN'S WORKS.	
J. Radcliff, b Barnwell	13
A. Head, b Barnwell	0
G. Goodwin, b Barnwell	0
H. Pearce, b Barnwell	19
P. A. Bird, b Barnwell	29
P. Perry, c Beagle, b M. Coleman	16
T. Raby, b Barnwell	0
G. Freame, b Barnwell	0
T. Golding, b M. Coleman	1
R. S. Muckindly, not out	1
S. Turner, b M. Coleman	0
Extras	3

Total 82

VICTORIA.

A. Keens, b Turner	14
F. H. Coleman, b Turner	4
S. Brown, c Goodwin, b Perry	0
W. Brown, lbw., b Ratcliffe	24
R. F. Beagle, c Mckindly, b Goodwin	35
E. G. Taylor, c Pearce, b Ratcliffe	20
T. Barnwell, c Goodwin, b Ratcliffe	20
C. Studman, not out	20
A. E. Raby, st. T. Raby, b Pearce	7
F. Baunbrough and M. W. Coleman did not bat.	
Extras	14

Total (for 8 wickets)...158

KEMPSTON v. PYGHTLE WORKS.

The Works succumbed to the Kempstonians on the Springfield Ground on Saturday. It was unfortunate that only eight Pyghtle men were able to take the field. Scores:—

KEMPSTON.	
N. Chambers, b Tysoe	12
H. Brown, c Sprague, b Redman	10
J. Brown, b Joyce	7
J. Folkes, c Joyce, b Draper	31
G. P. Goldney, b Joyce	0
W. Houghton, b Tysoe	15
R. G. Cocking, c sub, b Redman	13
H. White, b Redman	23
H. P. Cocking, b Redman	8
W. Green, b Redman	2
C. A. Lowndes (not out)	7
Extras	15

Total143

PYGHTLE WORKS.

F. Redman, b H. P. Cocking	1
E. Wilson, b H. P. Cocking	0
W. Tysoe, c and b Lowndes	6
J. H. Joyce, lbw. b H. P. Cocking	7
R. Sprague, c White, b Lowndes	0
W. Draper, c J. Brown, b Lowndes	5
T. Davis, b Lowndes	6
W. West (not out)	0
Extras	6

Total31

Second League.

BOLNHURST v. QUEEN'S 2nd.

An exciting match ended in victory for the Queen's by 38 runs and 3 wickets. Covington took 8 wickets for 37 for the winners. Scores:—

BOLNHURST.	
B. Whaley, b Covington	11
A. Whaley, c Hailstone, b Covington	1
F. Thompson, c Covington, b Parsley	17
N. King, c and b Covington	7
E. Asque, b Covington	0
T. Parrott, b Mayhew	18
S. Tompkins, b Covington	16
A. G. Whitmore, not out	9
S. Lack, b Covington	3
C. Harper, c Jefferies, b Covington	0
H. Whitmore, c Boothman, b Covington	5
Extras	7
Total	89

Queen's 2nd: D. Mayhew, c Whaley, b Tompkins, 8; A. Burchill, c Whaley, b King, 23; W. Covington, c Whitmore, b Lack, 8; S. Cook, b Tompkins, 21; A. Jefferies, lbw., b Lack, 0; W. Tysoe, not out, 18; H. Briden, c King, b Tompkins, 13; J. Smith, not out, 18; J. Hailstone, b Lack, 0; J. Boothman and A. Parsley did not bat; extras 18; total for 7 wickets 127.

FOUNDRY UNITED v. PRINTERS 2nd.

This match, played on Saturday at Bedford Park, yielded an interesting game, and ended in a draw. Scores:—

FOUNDRY UNITED.	
J. Maxey, c Smith, b Day	36
J. Lumley, b Rogers	27
J. Ready, run out	8
C. Fenton, b Woods	15
P. Perry, b Rogers	9
F. Smith, b Rogers	5
F. Parker, c Woods, b Rogers	17
M. Howe, b Rogers	8
Devereaux, c Gough, b Day	11
Middleton, not out	5
W. Dillingham, c Tucker, b Day	9
Extras	15
Total	165

Printers 2nd: A. Fensome, c Perry, b Fenton, 4; F. Tucker, run out, 26; C. Rogers, c Read, b Howe, 34; W. Woods, b Perry, 3; J. Day, c Perry, b Howe, 0; A. Smith, c Smith, b Fenton, 32; J. Harvey, b Fenton, 15; T. Berrington, ct. Smith, b Dillingham, 1; F. Gough, not out, 6; E. Fisher and F. Bart-ram did not bat; extras 4; total for 8 wickets 125.

GOLDINGTON 2ND v. STAGSDEN.

Stagsden walked over their rivals in this match on Saturday in Russell Park, largely through the bowling of Linger and Collins. Scores:—

GOLDINGTON.	
Postell, b Linger	0
J. Swann, Beard, b Collins	1
Barton, b Linger	5
Chillingworth, c Beard, b Linger	0
Smith, b Linger	4
W. Sharman, run out	6
H. Joyce, c Linger, b Collins	1
Pell, c Linger, b Collins	4
Longland (not out)	6
Leach, b Linger	0
Bush, b Collins	0
Extras	2
Total	29

Stagsden.—T. White, c Longland, b Swann, 3; W. Ellis, c Skerman, b Pestell, 25; H. Ellis, c Skerman, b Pestell, 27; Findig, lbw. b Pestell, 15; Wells, b Pestell, 0; Beard, b Burton, 1; B. Collins (not out), 15; W. Linger, c Chillingworth, b Pestell, 40; G. Glidewell, b Swann, 0; J. Glidewell, c Chillingworth, b Pestell, 0; G. Wright, b Swann, 0; extras, 6; total, 132.

Minor Counties Championship

BEDFORDSHIRE v. NORFOLK.

BRILLIANT BATTING BY BOTH SIDES.

BEDS. GAIN THREE POINTS.

The first meeting of Bedfordshire and Norfolk took place on the Grammar School ground on Thursday and Friday last week. The home county was minus the services of A. F. Morcom, N. C. Hocquet, and Wharmby, their places being taken by N. C. Maltby, Pilgrim, and Pestell, two products of the local cricket League. Last season Norfolk got the better of the Bedfordians on two occasions, but in the game under notice the homesters were the best side. Bedfordshire all this season in a winning vein, and the display given in batting, bowling, and fielding reflects great credit on all concerned. That Bedfordshire made such a creditable show is very gratifying, and should cause supporters to rally round the club. The first day's proceedings were distinctly in favour of the home county, but Friday morning saw a change in the fortunes of the visitors. The "sporting parson," as the Norfolk skipper is familiarly called, and Stevens played with determination, and had the satisfaction of turning the tide of fortune somewhat in their side's favour. The task set of Bedfordshire getting 244 in about two hours was, of course, bordering on the impossible, but the captain fell in a brave attempt at making a bold bid for victory. A word may be said about the fielding; we have seldom seen better, and the catches taken by Holdstock in the country on Friday with the glaring sun in his eyes were indeed creditable.

The visiting captain won the toss and opened the innings with Tregloun. Wickets fell at regular intervals, the best stand of the innings being made by Wakefield, who compiled a capital 71. The venture reached a total of 182, and late in the afternoon the home county had the satisfaction of passing their opponents' score. Norfolk did much better in the second innings, a great stand being made by Raikes and Stevens, who put on 147 for the third wicket. It was almost impossible for Bedfordshire to knock off the required runs for victory in the time at their disposal, but the score of 130 for four wickets was a good one. Full scores and analysis:—

Norfolk.—1st Innings.

C. J. H. Tregloun, b Pestell	8
Rev. G. B. Raikes, b Pestell	19
G. A. Stevens, c Rogers, b Orr	28
M. Falcon, c Saunders, b Orr	10
G. W. Birkbeck, run out	1
H. R. Wakefield, c and b Grierson	71
R. W. Thurger, b Pestell	7
E. J. Fulcher, c Apthorp, b Pilgrim	7
G. Gemmell, b Orr	12
Allsopp, st. Apthorp, b Orr	1
Watson, not out	20
Extras	8
Total	182

Norfolk.—2nd Innings.

M. Falcon, c Rogers, b Orr	20
G. W. Birkbeck, c Apthorp, b Pilgrim	27
G. A. Stevens, c Maltby, b Grierson	108
G. B. Raikes, c Apthorp, b Orr	66
H. B. Wakefield, c Holdstock, b Orr	17
C. J. H. Tregloun, not out	18
E. G. Fulcher, b Grierson	4
G. Gemmell, b Pestell	26
Watson, c Pilgrim, b Orr	7
R. W. Thurger, c Holdstock, b Orr	12
Allsopp, absent	0
Extras	23
Total	328

Beds.—1st Innings.

Holdstock, c Stevens, b Raikes	14
Rogers, c Thurger, b Raikes	64
H. Willett, b Watson	17
H. Squire, b Fulcher	36
E. E. Apthorp, c Wakefield, b Falcon	24
H. R. Orr, c Raikes, b Falcon	40
N. Maltby, b Wakefield	1
T. Saunders, c Stevens, b Raikes	25
H. Grierson, c Fulcher, b Wakefield	13
Pestell, not out	20
Pilgrim, lbw., b Watson	3
Extras	10
Total	267

BEDS.—2nd Innings.

H. R. Orr, b Falcon	0
N. Maltby, c Thurger, b Raikes	11
Rogers, c Fulcher, b Birkbeck	57
Holdstock, st. Thurger, b Raikes	6
H. Squire, not out	45
E. E. Apthorp, not out	3
Extras	8
Total (4 wickets)	130

H. Willett, T. Saunders, Pestell, H. Grierson, and Pilgrim did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Norfolk.—1st Innings.

	o.	m.	r.	w.
H. Grierson	12	5	27	1
Pilgrim	16	2	41	1
Pestell	15	3	70	3
H. R. Orr	10.2	2	36	4

Norfolk.—2nd Innings.

	o.	m.	r.	w.
Pestell	18	1	78	1
Pilgrim	13	2	43	1
H. R. Orr	22.3	1	88	5
H. Grierson	21	2	77	2
Holdstock	3	0	19	0

Beds.—1st Innings.

	o.	m.	r.	w.
Falcon	18	2	60	2
Allsopp	6	1	19	0
Raikes	19	1	61	3
Wakefield	13	3	28	2
Watson	15.5	3	59	1
Fulcher	12	3	30	1

Falcon bowled a wide ball and Fulcher a no-ball.

BEDS.—2nd Innings.

	o.	m.	r.	w.
Falcon	5	1	18	1
Wakefield	8	2	19	—
Raikes	11	1	36	2
Watson	5	1	7	—
Birkbeck	11	1	28	1
Fulcher	2	—	14	—

No. Matches. No. Points.

	Played.	Won:	Won on 1st Inn.	Drawn.	Possible.	Obtained.	Percentage.
Bedfordshire	3	2	1	0	15	13	86.68
Staffordshire	5	4	0	0	25	20	80.00
Durham	4	4	0	0	20	20	100.00
Hertfordshire	6	3	0	0	30	16	53.33
Northumberland	5	2	1	0	25	11	44.00
Cambridgeshire	2	0	1	0	10	3	30.00
Lincolnshire	4	1	0	0	20	6	30.00
Cheshire	5	1	0	0	25	5	20.00
Norfolk	3	0	0	0	15	1	6.66

Suffolk has not played any matches.

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* Not out.

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ROUND ABOUT NOTES.

[By "Oozoo."]

Whoever would have thought that Bedfordshire, minus their two most dangerous and consistent bowlers, Wharmby and Morcom, would be capable of getting Norfolk, champion county as they are, out on a magnificent wicket for a paltry 182. But that is, as is now ancient history, what the Beds. bowlers actually accomplished. It was a triumph of steady rather than brilliant bowling, backed up by fielding that would have done credit to any first-class county. It was a bad blow for Beds. when Wharmby wrote off, but the difficulty as to another bowler was solved by the inclusion of Frank Pestell, whose work for Warrington has been most praiseworthy this year. Thus it was that three of the four professionals on the side of the home county were youngsters, born and bred and had learnt practically all their cricket within a mile of the Town Bridge.

Without Wharmby and Bocquet, two of the few batting successes of the Herts. match, the batting strength of the side, on paper, gave rise to some reasonable trepidation, but all turned out well and in the first innings, of which consistency was the ruling note, young Rogers bore off the palm for the highest score. Norfolk were more at home during their second knock and in the end left Beds. with 244 to get in just over a couple of hours. Evidently with the idea of having a "go" for the runs Orr went in first, but failed to survive the first over. From that point Beds. gave up hope of getting the runs and with three wickets down within half an hour, they were, for a time, fighting with their backs to the wall. Norfolk put every ounce into getting them out and play for an hour was intensely interesting. Rogers and

Hastings Squire were the heroes of the Bedfordshire innings; had they not stopped together at such an opportune moment it is doubtful if we should be rejoicing in the capture of a further three points. When play came to a close, however, Beds. were in a very happy position, and had time allowed they must have bagged the full complement of points.

Norfolk came to Bedford under the stigma of a sound thrashing earlier in the week at the hands of Herts. (whom Beds. twice have defeated). They were anxious to make amends for an innings defeat and meant to make Beds. their victims. They had every encouragement. First use of Cherry's very best wicket and the knowledge that their opponents were badly handicapped for bowlers. Play at first was very slow, Grierson and Pilgrim keeping excellent lengths. When at last a change was necessary and Pestell displaced the Cantab success was not long delayed, and in the first two overs the Elstow youth clean bowled Tregloun and the Rev. G. B. Raikes. S. A. Stevens, that wonderful young batsman (who made three centuries last week), and M. Falcon, the well-known Cambridge secretary, were now associated, and a formidable pair they are. But Beds. were out for a win and Falcon, who never appeared comfortable to Orr's wily ones, let out to a leg ball and was handsomely caught on the square leg boundary by that sprightly fieldsman, Saunders. Stevens was missed in the slips and appeared to be well away for a big score when he also fell a victim to a snare of Orr's.

Wakefield, a youngster up at Oxford, and son of Bishop Wakefield, of Norwich, was the only one of the remaining batsmen to do anything. He batted in grand style, the bowling appearing to present little difficulty to him. He had compiled a brilliant 71 ere Grierson got him, c and b. The last man in gave a little trouble but 182 was the total realised. Orr had the best figures and bowled really well. Grierson's 12 overs for 27 runs shows what a really difficult bowler he is to score off. Pestell has improved considerably since he left Bedfordshire. He bothered the batsmen with his swinging, swerving ball, but neither his or Pilgrim's figures say how well they bowled.

Rogers and Holdstock opened for Beds and runs came very slowly, what scoring there was being done by the Modern School pro. Holdstock is a proverbial slow starter, but somehow this year he can't get going, and in this match after batting quite a long while for 14 he was bagged in the slips. Rogers was showing capital form and with Willett keeping his end up things were not going so badly for Beds. But Willett did not stay a great while, a beautiful ball putting his stumps awry. Squire and Rogers were partners in a good stand prior to tea, and the pair were still together when the halt was called.

The tea interval proved, as it has many times proved before, disastrous for the batting side. Rogers was immediately caught behind the wicket for a really splendid 63. He is justifying his inclusion with a vengeance. Squire was out soon after, having hit boisterously, his 36 containing a nice batch of eight boundaries. Orr and Apthorp were assisted in a merry stand until the latter was out to a ripping catch by Wakefield. There was still a chance that Norfolk would lead on the first innings and Orr was the right man to be at the wickets at such a juncture. He hit as if he had not a care in the world and the danger was soon past. Maltby did not make much of a show, but Saunders and Grierson each made a few, and in the end Beds. had a lead of 85.

On Friday Norfolk made a heroic effort to pull the match out of the fire. Two wickets were lost in wiping off the arrears and at lunch things were not altogether hopeful. But Norfolk were all out for the total spoils and Stevens and Balkes put up a bold opposition to whatever bowling Mr. Orr could put against them. The burly old Norwich schoolboy batted magnificently and it was not until he had exceeded the hundred (his third,

in four years; on the Grammar School ground) that he was out. So well did the Norfolk batsmen support him that the innings realised over three hundred, and Bedfordshire were left to get 244 in a couple of hours, a task they found impossible. But this second venture of Bedfordshire's further emphasised the fact that in "Dick" Rogers' son the county have a rare "find," a somewhat ungainly figure at the wicket, he nevertheless bats very prettily, and I think, would make still more runs were he smarter between the wickets. And I have known him to get a heap of wickets with that crafty slow ball of his. Have we a J. W. Hearne in the making? With 143 on the board for three wickets and no chance of a definite finish being arrived at the game was abandoned. In every department Bedfordshire shone and they must be congratulated on taking three points out of such doughty opponents. We may see Beds. heading their section this year. They have a good start.

The excellent form shown by Bedfordshire this season has brought them to the top of the table in the North and East Section of the Minor Counties Championship, with a grand percentage of 86.68. It is very satisfactory to notice this, and all good Bedfordians hope the position will be maintained. The table given below is made up to July 22 inclusive.

Congratulations to Rogers, who, for his brilliant batting display last week, has been presented with a county cap, and has been invited to play in the remainder of this season's matches for the County. The Modern School pro. has well earned both honours. T. Saunders, the Arlesley amateur, who was given his cap last season, has also been invited to take part in the remaining games.

It is satisfactory to note that the Norfolk team were very pleased with their visit to Bedford last week. In conversation with the writer, their Secretary said his fellows always enjoyed playing against Bedfordshire, as they were such good sportsmen. The Norfolk skipper also confirmed this.

Commenting on last Saturday's Modern School match, the "Sportsman" says:—C. C. Aston had it all to himself again in the fight against Bedford Modern School, who ran up 288 before declaring for four wickets against University College School. Aston bowled Warton for five, A. C. Ingram for 56, and C. W. Whitworth for 37, F. C. W. Newman being most unluckily run out when only eight short of the century. With two hours to get the runs, the home side never looked like it, and it was only another plucky and dogged innings of Aston which saved them from a very heavy reverse, and robbed the Bedford boys of a thoroughly deserved win. When stumps were drawn the score stood at 113 for 9 wickets, and Aston was still there with 49 to his credit.

WITH THE LEAGUE CLUBS.

[By 'Arous']

Sharnbrook Surprised.

Perhaps the greatest surprise in the whole of last Saturday's League cricket was the manner in which the Printers tackled the bowling of Sharnbrook, and amassed the huge total of 254 for 8 wickets. The Printers' skipper, "Billy" Dawson, and the veteran Ben Davis went for the bowling of Stileman-Gibbard's men in the most approved style, and the latter ran up a total of 101 before being caught. He was in splendid form, and never gave a chance in the whole of his innings. His hits included a 6, 5, twelve 4's, four 3's, and nine 2's. Later McKecknie ran up just over the half century, and was undefeated when the innings was declared. He hit six 4's and four 3's.

Left with only an hour and twenty minutes to bat, it was of course impossible to get the runs, but Sharnbrook, who, by the way, won the toss and put their opponents in, did not attempt the "stone-walling" game. They had four wickets down for 39, after which Clark and Saunders became associated, and they played out time, the score then being 94 for 4 wickets. I venture to think Sharnbrook were a little surprised at the turn events took, for we cannot think that they bargained for so much "leather hunting"!

Goldington's First Win.

The Goldington players will, one would think, long remember their first visit to Potton, which took place on Saturday, for, thanks to a good example set by the skipper, they were able to score their first victory of the season. The "villagers" had first knock, and Rootham compiled 32 in first-rate style, and F. G. King was also to the fore with a valuable 28. Fuller and Watts also did well. H. Inskip made the highest score for St. Mary's, but their response to Goldington's 109 was a poor one, and they were all dismissed for half a century. For the visitors F. H. King was the most successful trundler, his five wickets costing only 27 runs. Crowsley had 2 for 21.

Splendid Bowling by Barnwell.

The return game between the old rivals, Queen's Works and Victoria, in Bedford Park, on Saturday, ended in a handsome win for the last named. The Works elected to bat first on what appeared to be a batsman's wicket, but they were all dismissed for the moderate total of 82, owing chiefly to remarkable bowling by Barnwell. In 12 overs he captured 7 wickets for 21 runs, hitting the stumps on every occasion, and his victims included the Queen's best batsmen. M. W. Coleman did not meet with success until his last over, when he took the last three wickets for 24 runs. P. A. Bird batted well for his 29, which included a 5 and four 4's.

The Victoria also opened their innings poorly, losing two wickets for 11 runs. Then W. Brown and Keens carried the total to 43, when the former was out for obstruction. In his 24 he hit five 4's. Keens was out directly after, but Taylor and Beagle defied all the bowling, and 105 had been registered ere Beagle left. Barnwell and Taylor then continued to hit out merrily, until the latter was beautifully taken in the long field by Pearce. Stumps were drawn when eight wickets had fallen, Studman being not out with 20 to his credit. Thus the Vics. had ample revenge for their defeat by the Works at the commencement of the season by the narrow margin of two runs.

Pyghtle Works Collapse.

Following some good performances by Pyghtle Works, they came a cropper at Kempston on Saturday, against the local club. Unfortunately, the visitors could only muster eight men. Batting first, Kempston put up the very useful score of 143, thanks to several double figure innings, Folkes and White doing best. The batting display of the Workmen was, to say the least, very poor, the highest total being 7 by Joyce. H. P. Cocking captured 3 wickets at the small cost of 7 runs, and Lowndes had 4 for 18, the whole side being out for 31.

Fine Performance by Marston.

The return game between Marston and Wootton Hall End furnished a mild surprise in the local cricket world, as the former, playing at home, scored an excellent victory

by 28 runs over their powerful opponents. The homesters batted first, but started rather badly. However, Nicholls (22) and G. Faulkner made a splendid stand for the last wicket, and put on 30 runs. Whitbread was the most useful bowler for the visitors, he securing 3 wickets for 16 runs. Wootton started their venture fairly well, having a total of 19 runs for three wickets. Whitbread was top scorer with 15. For the winners Tuffnell and Nicholls shared the bowling honours, the former securing 5 for 22, and the latter 4 for 17. G. Faulkner again kept wicket finely for Marston, and is fast making a name for himself in that direction.

Alma Just Get Home.

The visit of Bedford Alma to Keysoe did not prove such a "snip" for the Bedfordians

as one would have thought. Going in first, the crack batsmen did not come off, for Booth and Tuffnell were the only two to make a show against the deliveries of Bamford, who had eight wickets very cheap. As it was, a very moderate total was the result of their effort, and Keysoe stood a good chance of victory. However, their skipper was soon out, but W. T. Ross did very well, and defied the bowling for some time. The home total reached 53, which was 10 less than that compiled by the Alma. The visitors' bowling was shared by Clare (3 for 17), Dear (3 for 19), and Catlin (2 for 7).

A Drawn Battle.

The contest between Foundry United and Printers 2nd was indeed a hard fought one, and there was not much difference between the merits of the elevens. Foundry had first knock, and good scores were made by Maxey, Lumley, and Parker, with the result that 165 was registered before the side was out. After losing their captain for 4 runs, the hopes of the Printers rose, as Tucker and Rogers made a good stand, and the score was later on materially augmented by Smith and Harvey. For once in a way Fenton did not meet with much success in bowling, he only taking 2 for 44, while Horne had a couple of wickets for 25.

Covington's Successful Bowling.

Thanks in a great measure to the successful bowling of Covington (8 for 37), Queen's Works 2nd were able to gain a decisive victory over their guests (Bolnhurst) in Bedford Park on Saturday. Tompkins, Parrott, and B. Whaley batted very well for Bolnhurst, but the secret of the villagers' non-success appears to be in their attack. The bowling for the most part was badly directed, and length seemed to be a secondary consideration. It is much better to bowl slow and straight than to endeavour to bowl fast and loose. Bowskill, Cook, and Smith (not out 18) were the mainstay of the Queen's side, who are to be congratulated on their improved play this season.

Taylor Again to the Front.

South End Working Men's Club were the visitors at Blunham on Saturday, and received a dressing down at the hands of the homesters. The market gardeners batted first, and compiled the excellent total of 131, for which for the main part they were indebted to an excellent innings by Fred Taylor, who put 71 together in good style and scored 20 in one over. The brothers Rawlins, too, did well with the willow. On the Clubmen going to the wickets, they found Hunt and Taylor in such fine form that they were all dismissed for the paltry total of 22, not one reaching double figures. Hunt bowled splendidly, and had half the side out for 6 runs, while Taylor had 3 for 11. Thus Blunham had ample revenge for their defeat at the hands of the Clubmen early in the season.

Goldington 2nd Outplayed.

The game in Russell Park on Saturday between Goldington 2nd and Stagsden ended in the easiest of victories for the visitors. Having first knock, Goldington were out in quick time for one less than 30, W. Linger taking 5 for 10, and Collins 4 for 17. Thus Stagsden's was an easy task, and W. Linger was again prominent, hitting up 40 by nice cricket, while the brothers Ellis made useful scores. Collins (not out) and Finding also helped with their contributions to swell the total, which reached the highly satisfactory number of 131.

To-morrow's Matches.

The annual game between a team selected from the Cricket League and Great Barford House will take place to-morrow at Great Barford. The League have got together a very representative side, although not by any means the strongest, as Sharnbrook and Queen's Works have made no contributions. One thing in favour of the Leaguers is that the side is principally composed of youngsters, who will have every opportunity of showing what they can do. The team to represent the visitors is: H. B. Davies (captain), W. Dawson (Printers), A. F. Beagle, F. H. Coleman, R. Keens, F. W. Barnwell (Victoria), H. Maxey, F. Redman, F. Geary (Pyghtle Works), H. A. Sargent, and H. J. Carrington (Potton St. Mary's). The team got together by that grand sportsman, Mr. J. A. Whitchurch, is, of course, a powerful one, but it must not be forgotten that the League gave a very creditable show last year. Mr. Whitchurch's team has been going great guns this week, and the task set the Leaguers is a formidable one. When we come to consider that they will be pitted against such men as S. E. Day (Kent), A. B. Littlejohn and E. S. Littlejohn (Middlesex), C. Adamson, T. Kinch, and W. J. Nimmo (Durham), Hastings Squire (Beds.), and R. H. Mallett (captain), they have taken on a big task, which should bring out any good qualities they may possess.

Bedford League.—Div. I.

Sharnbrook v. Queen's Works.

Bedford League.—Div. II.

Ickwell v. Keysoe.

Bedford Alma v. Bolnhurst.

Queen's Works 2nd v. Blunham.

Foundry United v. Forder's Pillinge Works.

Cranfield v. Marston.

Wootton Hall End v. Stagsden.

Low Scoring at Cranfield.

The return game between Cranfield and Forder's Pillinge Works was a low scoring one, and the bowlers on each side had good analyses. Partridge was the only man on the home side to gain double figures, while on the side of the visitors "Mr. Extras" supplied the top score.

BEDFORD LEAGUE.—DIV. I.

PRINTERS v. SHARNBROOK.

Printers sprung a surprise on the visitors in Bedford Park on Saturday, but a draw was the result. Scores:—

Printers.—H. B. Davies, c Evans, b Gibbard, 33; W. Dawson, c Clark, b Gibbard, 101; S. V. Graham, c Jarvis, b Gibbard, 24; G. Carter, run out, 8; A. McKecknie, not out, 53; H. Chambers, b Moss, 16; W. D. Cooke, c Bell, b Moss, 2; T. Crowsley, c Evans, b Moss, 4; H. Clarke, c Jarvis, b Moss, 4; B. Beddall, not out, 3; extras, 8; total (eight wickets, etc.), 254.

Sharnbrook.—W. E. King, run out, 10; H. Willett, c Clarke, b Crouch, 13; L. Clark, not out, 30; J. E. Jarvis, c Dawson, b Graham, 6; O. L. Boyes, run out, 5; E. C. Saunders, not out, 24; extras, 6; total (four wickets), 94. Rev. R. H. Moss, L. G. Stileman-Gibbard, T. Hilton, G. Bell, and W. Evans did not bat.

QUEEN'S WORKS v. VICTORIA.

In Bedford Park, on Saturday, the last-named club scored an easy victory. Scores:—

Queen's Works.—J. Ratcliff, b Barnwell, 13; As Head, b Barnwell, 0; G. Goodwin, b Barnwell, 0; P. A. Bird, b Barnwell, 29; H. Pearce, b Barnwell, 19; B. Perry, c Beagle, b M. Coleman, 16; T. Raby, b Barnwell, 0; G. Freame, b Barnwell, 0; J. T. Golding, b M. Coleman, 1; R. S. Mackinder, not out, 1; S. Turner, b M. Coleman, 0; extras, 3; total, 82.

Victoria.—R. Keens, b Turner, 14; F. H. Coleman, b Turner, 4; S. Brown, c Goodwin, b Perry, 0; W. Brown, lbw, b Ratcliff, 24; A. F. Beagle, c Mackinder, b Goodwin, 35; E. G. Taylor, c Pearce, b Ratcliff, 20; F. Barnwell, c Goodwin, b Ratcliff, 20; A. E. Raby, st. Raby, b Pearce, 7; C. Studman, not out, 20; extras, 14; total (8 wickets), 158. F. Baumbrough and M. W. Coleman did not bat.

KEMPSTON v. PYGHTLE WORKS.

This match was played at Kempston, on the Springfield ground, and resulted in an easy victory for the home team. The Pyghtle Works were, unfortunately, unable to field more than eight men. Scores:—

Kempston: N. Chambers, b Tysoe, 12; H. Brown, c Sprague, b Redman, 10; J. Brown, b Joyce, 7; J. Folkes, c Joyce, b Draper, 31; G. P. Goldney, b Joyce, 0; W. Houghton, b Tysoe, 15; R. Cocking, c sub., b Redman, 13; H. White, b Redman, 23; H. P. Cocking, b Redman, 8; W. Green, b Redman, 2; C. A. Lowndes, not out, 7; extras, 15; total, 143.

Pyghtle Works.—F. Redman, b H. P. Cocking, 1; E. Wilson, b H. P. Cocking, 0; W. Tysoe, c and b Lowndes, 6; J. H. Joyce, lbw, b H. P. Cocking, 7; R. Sprague, c White, b Lowndes, 0; W. Draper, c J. Brown, b Lowndes, 5; T. Davis, b Lowndes, 6; W. West, not out, 0; extras, 6; total, 31.

GOLDINGTON v. POTTON ST. MARY'S.

This match was played at Potton on Saturday. Scores:—

Goldington.—S. Rootham, c Sargent, b Rodwell, 32; F. H. King, st. Gurney, b Clarke, 4; J. Osbourn, b Clarke, 0; R. R. Richards, c Inskip, b Rodwell, 3; F. G. King, c Hutchison, b Rodwell, 28; H. V. Ocle, b Rodwell, 1; W. Fuller, b Rodwell, 13; J. Skerman, b Rodwell, 1; A. Watts, c Clarke, b Rodwell, 11; H. Chapman, not out, 5; H. Crowsley, b Rodwell, 0; extras, 11; total, 109.

Potton.—H. Sargent, c and b F. H. King, 0; H. Carrington, c and b F. H. King, 1; B. Ginn, run out, 5; W. Hutchison, b F. H. King, 0; B. Kitchener, b F. H. King, 0; H. Inskip, b F. H. King, 23; G. Gurney, run out, 4; T. Rodwell, c Osbourn, b Crowsley, 4; C. Marsom, c Chapman, b Crowsley, 10; J. Clarke, not out, 2; Geo. Banes, run out, 1; extras, 2; total, 50.

Position of the clubs to date.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Sharnbrook	9	7	0	2	16
Queen's Works	9	7	2	0	14
Bedford Victoria	11	5	3	3	13
Bedford Printers	9	3	4	2	8
Pyghtle Works	10	3	6	1	7
Kempston	8	4	4	0	8
Potton St. Mary's	8	2	6	0	4
Goldington	8	0	8	0	0

BEDFORD LEAGUE.—DIV. II.

QUEEN'S WORKS 2ND v. BOLNHURST.

In Bedford Park, on Saturday, the home team, scored a meritorious win. Scores:—

Bolnhurst.—B. Whaley, b Covington, 11; A. Whaley, c Hailstone, b Covington, 1; F. Thompson, c Covington, b Parsley, 17; W. King, c and b Covington, 7; E. Asque, b Covington, 0; F. Parrott, b Mayhew, 13; S. Tompkins, b Covington, 16; H. G. Whitmore, not out, 9; S. Lack, b Covington, 3; C. Harper, c Jefferies, b Covington, 0; H. Whitmore, c Boothman, b Covington, 5; extras, 7; total, 89.

Queen's Works 2nd.—D. Mayhew, c B. Whaley, b King, 23; A. Bouskill, c B. Whaley, b King, 23; W. Covington, c G. Whitmore, b Lack, 8; S. Cook, b Tompkins, 21; A. Jefferies, lbw, b Lack, 0; W. Tysoe, not out, 18; H. Bridgens, c King, b Tompkins, 13; J. Smith, not out, 18; A. Hailstone, b Lack, 0; extras, 18; total (7 wickets), 127. A Parsley and J. Boothman did not bat.

FOUNDRY UNITED v. PRINTERS 2ND.

This game, in Bedford Park, on Saturday, ended in a draw. Scores:—

Foundry United.—J. Maxey, c Smith, b Day, 36; J. Lumley, b Rogers, 27; J. Reid, run out, 8; C. Fenton, b Woods, 15; P. Perry, b Rogers, 9; F. Smith, b Rogers, 5; F. Parker, c Rogers, b Woods, 17; M. Howe, b Rogers, 8; T. Devereux, c Gough, b Day, 11; Middleton, not out, 5; W. Dillingham, c Tucker, b Day, 9; extras, 15; total, 165.

Printers 2nd.—A. Fensome, c Perry, b Fenton, 4; F. Tucker, run out, 26; C. Rogers, c Reid, b Howe, 34; W. Woods, b Perry, 3; J. Day, c Perry, b Howe, 0; A. Smith, c Smith, b Fenton, 32; J. Harvey, b Fenton, 15; T. Berrington, st. Smith, b Dillingham, 1; F. Gough, not out, 6; extras, 4; total (for eight wickets), 125. J. Bartram and E. Fisher did not bat.

GOLDINGTON 2ND v. STAGSDEN.

Goldington put up a very poor show against Stagsden in Russell Park on Saturday last, chiefly owing to the splendid bowling of Linger (5 for 10) and Collins (4 for 17). Scores:—

Goldington.—Pestell, b Linger, 0; J. Swann, c Beard, b Collins, 1; Burton, b Linger, 5; Chillingworth, c Beard, b Linger, 0; Smith, b Linger, 4; W. Skerman, run out, 6; H. Joyce, c Linger, b Collins, 1; Pell, c Linger, b Collins, 4; Longland, not out, 6; Leach, b Linger, 0; Bush, b Collins, 0; extras, 2; total, 29.

Stagsden.—T. White, c Longland, b Swann, 3; W. Ellis, c Skerman, b Pestell, 25; H. Ellis, c Skerman, b Pestell, 27; Finding, lbw, b Pestell, 15; Wells, b Pestell, 0; Beard, b Burton, 1; B. Collins, not out, 15; W. Linger, c Chillingworth, b Pestell, 40; G. Glidewell, b Swann, 0; J. Glidewell, c Chillingworth, b Pestell, 0; G. Wright, b Swann, 0; extras, 6; total, 132.

KEYSOE v. BEDFORD ALMA.

Bedford Alma took a trip on Saturday to Keysoe to meet the village club, and won the game by 10 runs. Scores:—

Bedford Alma.—F. Booth, lbw., b Bamford, 12; F. Harrison, c Hartop, b W. T. Ross, 8; F. Brimley, b W. T. Ross, 3; B. Catlin, b Bamford, 7; J. A. Emmerton, b Bamford, 0; C. T. Phillips, lbw., b Bamford, 1; T. G. Tuffnell, c Ross, b Bamford, 13; W. Churchman, b Bamford, 4; A. Clare, b Bamford, 5; J. Bates, b Bamford, 1; G. Dear, not out, 3; extras, 6; total, 63.

Keysoe.—H. J. Stanton, c and b Dear, 3; W. T. Ross, b Catlin, 15; J. Jordan, b Clare, 1; W. B. Hartop, b Clare, 6; A. Bamford, c Clare, b Dear, 6; W. D. Ross, c Churchman, b Dear, 2; J. Hartop, c Catlin, b Harrison, 4; H. Payne, c Catlin, b Clare, 2; J. Wagstaff, c Harrison, b Catlin, 4; W. Flute, not out, 5; J. Filseil, run out, 1; total, 53.

MARSTON v. WOOTTON HALL END.

The return game between Marston and Wootton Hall End was played at Marston on Saturday. Scores:—

Marston.—J. Hillson, b C. Lowe, 7; F. Scotchbrook, b C. Lowe, 0; F. Tuffnell, c Billing, b Whitbread, 4; A. White, b Whitbread, 3; T. Wooding, b Whitbread, 5; F. Hillson, run out, 7; A. Nicholls, not out, 22; J. Robinson, run out, 2; H. Faulkner, b Mephram, 2; J. Copperwheat, b C. Lowe, 0; G. Faulkner, b C. Lowe, 12; extras, 6; total, 70.

Wootton Hall End.—S. Faulkner, st. G. Faulkner, b Tuffnell, 1; F. Whitbread, b Tuffnell, 13; T. Burraway, c Tuffnell, b A. Nicholls, 4; J. Lowe, b Tuffnell, 4; P. Moore, b Tuffnell, 0; F. Loft, b Nicholls, 5; W. Mephram, c F. Hillson, b Nicholls, 2; W. Loft, c J. Hillson, b Tuffnell, 6; C. Lowe, b Nicholls, 0; G. Hutchings, not out, 3; F. Billing, run out, 1; extras, 3; total, 42.

BLUNHAM v. SOUTH END W.M. CLUB.

This match was played at Blunham on Saturday, and won by the home team. Scores:—

Blunham.—F. Taylor, b Burton, 71; F. Rawlins, lbw., b Gilbert, 19; W. Kempe, c Handscombe, b Burton, 3; H. Blaine, b Gilbert, 6; J. Davison, c White, b Burton, 1; W. Rawlins, c and b Faulkner, 14; W. Sims, c Gilbert, b Faulkner, 3; T. Maries, b Faulkner, 2; F. Battle, run out, 3; H. Hunt, not out, 4; extras, 4; total, 131.

South-End W.M.C.—W. Peck, b Taylor, 0; A. Lancaster, run out, 0; R. Handscombe, b Hunt, 1; W. J. Grimes, b Taylor, 3; J. White, c Kempe, b Hunt, 1; A. H. Burton, c T. Maries, b Taylor, 5; R. Battle, b Hunt, 0; H. Faulkner, b Hunt, 4; J. Chapman, c Sims, b Hunt, 1; E. A. Gilbert, run out, 0; R. Fowler, not out, 2; extras, 5; total, 22.

ICKWELL v. SHARNBROOK 2ND

This match was played at Ickwell on Saturday. The visitors could only field eight men, and were defeated. Scores:—

Ickwell.—G. Darnell, b Barker, 6; P. Bygraves, b Bayes, 0; A. Shelton, b Bayes, 2; W. Ebbs, c Colman, b Bayes, 2; W. Willsher, b Barker, 8; G. O. Truin, run out, 2; J. Radford, b Bayes, 0; T. Willsher, c Stapleton, b Bayes, 2; G. Bygraves, b Barker, 2; G. Phil-

lips, c Betts, 4; W. Brunt, not out, 0; extras, 5; total, 33.

Sharnbrook.—J. Betts, b F. Willsher, 3; E. Barker, b F. Willsher, 3; J. Bayes, b F. Willsher, 0; J. Stapleton, run out, 5; H. Goodes, b A. Shelton, 7; S. Coleman, not out, 0; J. Pacey, b F. Willsher, 0; E. Knight, c Willsher, b A. Shelton, 1; extras, 4; total, 23.

CRANFIELD v. FORDER'S PILLINGE WORKS.

The game at Cranfield between the village club and Forder's Pillinge Works was a low scoring one, and was won by the homesters. Scores:—

Cranfield.—W. Evans, b Broughton, 0; S. White, c Causby, b Broughton, 0; T. Lovesy, b Broughton, 0; J. Read, run out, 4; F. Summerford, b Evans, 4; H. Bedford, b Broughton, 1; H. Partridge, b Broughton, 10; B. Groom, c Grossmith, b Broughton, 4; G. Evans, not out, 4; W. Francis, c and b Broughton, 7; W. Campion, b Evans, 2; extras 8; total 44.

Forder's Pillinge Works.—L. Edwards, b Campion, 0; F. Causby, b Read, 6; W. Allen, b Lovesy, 9; M. Cook, b Read, 0; C. Broughton, b Read, 3; A. Bunker, b Lovesy, 0; J. Evans, c and b Lovesy, 2; H. Saddler, b Read, 0; W. Goodman, b Lovesy, 3; G. Grossmith, not out, 0; F. Butler, b Read, 1; extras 15; total 39.

Positions of the clubs to date.

Northern Section.					
Blunham	10	9	1	0	18
Bedford Alma	9	8	1	0	16
Sharnbrook 2nd	10	5	4	1	11
South End W.M. Club	10	5	5	0	10
Ickwell	10	6	4	0	12
Queen's Works 2nd	9	4	5	0	8
Keysoe	12	1	10	1	3
Bolnhurst	10	1	9	0	2

Southern Section.

Bedf'd Printers 2nd	10	7	2	1	15
Wootton Hall End	8	6	2	0	12
Foundry United	9	6	2	1	13
Cranfield	10	5	4	1	11
Goldington 2nd	10	4	6	0	8
Marston	10	4	5	1	9
Stagsden	9	3	6	0	6
F'd'r's Pillinge W'ks	10	0	10	0	0

FRIENDLY MATCHES.

BEDS. CLUB AND GROUND v. WOLVERTON.

With a strong team out the Beds. Club and Ground experienced no difficulty in obtaining a victory over Wolverton, on the Goldington-road ground, on Saturday last. Going in first the homesters knocked up the excellent total of 235 runs, to which Rice, who was in fine form, contributed 83. Wolverton could only reply with 100, and on going in a second time lost four wickets for 17 runs.

These clubs met earlier in the season, and after an exciting game Wolverton secured a victory by the margin of one run. Therefore, the Club and Ground, by their easy win on Saturday, obtained ample revenge. Scores:—

Beds. Club and Ground.—D. Turnbull, b Rich, 19; A. C. Smith, c Mackey, b Scott, 20; Col. Anderson, c Goodman, b Brown, 10; H. Grierson, c Brocklehurst, b Brown, 21; L. A. N. Brooks, c Brocklehurst, b Brown, 39; Pilgrim, c Brocklehurst, b Scott, 0; R. W. Rice, c Scott, b Rich, 83; Col. Stevens, st. Dew, b Rich, 2; R. St. G. Burke, c Rich, b Scott, 8; D. Wilkins, b Brown, 23; Taylor, not out, 5; extras, 5; total, 235.

Wolverton.—D. Mackey, c Grierson, b A. C. Smith, 18; W. J. Brown, c St. Burke, b Pilgrim, 22; T. Henson, b Col. Anderson, 0; E. Brocklehurst, c Taylor, b Col. Anderson, 4; L. Bull, run out, 0; G. Scott, b Pilgrim, not out, 5; Goodman, run out, 14; A. Walter, b Col. Anderson, 7; W. Dew, c Grierson, b Col. Anderson, 6; F. Rich, not out, 13; H. Robinson, c Turnbull, b A. C. Smith, 0; extras, 10; total, 100.

ELSTOW SCHOOL v. OLD ELSTONIANS.

The Old Elstonians, in this match at Elstow with Elstow School, on Saturday, secured an easy victory by 141 runs. For the victors R. G. Pridmore batted magnificently, passing the century by seven, whilst for the School H. R. Hoare headed the score with 25. Camroux's bowling for the old Elstonians was very effective. Scores:—

Elstow School.—H. R. Hoare, b Bennie, 25; W. Southwell, b Bennie, 0; L. F. Beeson, c Bush, b Camroux, 1; P. F. Senior, b Camroux, 0; W. O. Barnes, b Camroux, 8; A. J. Webb, c Wootton, b Scholes, 8; R. Smith, c Pridmore, b Scholes, 9; J. Speirs, c Redfern, b Pridmore, 7; D. G. McIntyre, at Enriquez, b Scholes, 4; N. Baker, not out, 18; G. Barnes, c Rose, b Camroux, 4; extras, 18; total, 102.

Old Elstonians.—J. P. White, c Webb, b G. Barnes, 6; R. G. Pridmore, c Webb, b G. Barnes, 107; W. N. Scholas, c Smith, b G. Barnes, 0; H. R. Rennie, b Baker, 24; H. Rose, c and b Baker, 18; L. F. Bush, b Baker, 0; J. J. Wootton, run out, 17; F. Redfern, c Speirs, b McIntyre, 12; M. Enriquez, c W. Barnes, b G. Barnes, 18; G. Camroux, b G. Barnes, 15; J. D. Twinberrow, not out, 0; extras, 25; total, 243.

BEDFORD MODERN SCHOOL v. UNIVERSITY COLLEGE SCHOOL. (HAMPSTEAD).

The Modern School journeyed to Neasden on Saturday to meet University College School, and the game ended in a draw. The Bedford boys were in good form with the willow, Newman and Seymour especially doing well. Harvey, for the Modern School, bowled better than his club-mate (Warton), who got some wickets rather luckily. Warton had four for 26 and Harvey four for 42. Scores:—

Bedford Modern School.—H. E. Warton, b Aston, 5; F. C. W. Newman, run out, 92; A. A. Ingram, b Aston, 56; F. V. Seymour, not out, 79; C. W. Whitworth, b Aston, 37; extras, 19; total (four wickets), 283. B. L. Rogers, R. H. Foster, A. Harvey, W. H. Skinner, G. H. Cartwright, and G. Hilton did not bat.

University College School.—R. E. F. Sneath, c Ingram, b Harvey, 2; N. G. J. Munro, b Harvey, 5; A. E. Reilly, b Warton, 18; H. C. Case, b Warton, 3; C. C. Aston, not out, 49; P. S. Purry, c Whitworth, b Warton, 0; J. E. Griffiths, b Warton, 20; K. M. Taylor, b Rogers, 2; W. J. S. Hopson, c Ingram, b Harvey, 2; S. B. Smith, hit wicket, b Harvey, 4; F. M. Cray, not out, 0; extras, 8; total (nine wickets), 113.

COTTON END v. SOUTH END WESLEYANS.

It was an easy victory the South End Wesleyans obtained over Cotton End in Russell Park on Saturday last. Newbury, with the ball, was in fine form, and secured 6 wickets for 10 runs. Scores:—

Cotton End.—Hillyard, b Newbury, 9; Hyde, b Newbury, 0; E. Ballard, b Newbury, 3; A. Ballard, b Newbury, 0; J. Burr, c and b Newbury, 5; C. Starmore, b Newbury, 10; Stapleton, b Litchfield, 1; Green, b Newbury, 0; Sanderson, b Newbury, 12; Pettit, c and b Litchfield, 1; Newbury, not out, 0; extras, 3; total, 44.

South End Wesleyans.—Sharp, b A. Ballard, 11; Farmer, c Burr, b Sanderson, 7; Brown, b Hyde, 13; Litchfield, b Sanderson, 0; Billingham, b Ballard, 6; Newbury, c A. Ballard, b Hyde, 8; Fordham, b E. Ballard, 28; Bishop, c Sanderson, b A. Ballard, 30; Blunt, run out, 1; Wiggle, b Ballard, 0; Shotbolt, not out, 6; extras, 10; total, 120.

HOWBURY v. BEDFORD M.R.

Played on Saturday, at Howbury. The Railwaymen were weakly represented and met with a severe defeat. Howbury batted first and aided by mistakes in the field, scored 102 for six, when they applied the closure. The visitors batted very tamely and could only reply with 39. Mr. Polhill kindly provided tea for the players. Scores:—

Howbury.—E. Laughton, b Curtis, 33; C. Harrison, b Emmison, 6; J. Haynes, b Manyweathers, 8; V. Farr, b Rick, 8; S. G. Smith, not out, 30; E. Butfield, c Manyweathers, 0; A. James, c Emmison, b Rick, 14; extras, 3; total (six wickets), 102. C. H. Polhill, A. Downie, F. Bloy, and T. B. Othen did not bat.

Bedford M.R.—A. Manyweathers, c Polhill, b Smith, 5; T. Reid, c Othen, b Haynes, 0; W. Rick, c and b Smith, 5; G. Emmison, c Othen, b Smith, 0; F. Curtis, c Farr, b Haynes, 6; A. Bartram, b Smith, 5; F. Rawlings, c Othen, b Haynes, 5; H. Webster, c Haynes, b Smith, 0; F. Lumley, run out, 9; C. Rawlins, c and b Haynes, 0; B. Short, not out, 1; extras, 3; total, 39.

BEDFORD HAIRDRESSERS v. COLMWORTH.

A match was played at Colmworth on Thursday week between the Hairdressers from Bedford and the home club, which ended in a win for the visitors. Scores:—

Hairdressers.—E. Smith, b Lack, 0; Farrer, b Lack, 0; Whiffen, b King, 16; Monhur, c F. Lack, b S. Lack, 16; Collins, b Lack, 0; Pate, c Parrott, b Ross, 14; Mayes, c Stanton, b King, 0; Roff, b King, 3; Blakeman, c Stanton, b Ross, 4; Cook, not out, 6; Welford, b King, 1; extras, 15; total, 75.

Colmworth.—N. King, c Farrer, b Pate, 12; F. Thompson, c Farrer, b Whiffen, 8; B. Whaley, c Smith, b Whiffen, 0; A. Whaley, b Pate, 7; W. Ross, b Whiffen, 3; F. Stanton, c Smith, b Pate, 3; S. Lack, c Pate, b Whiffen, 6; F. Parrott, b Whiffen, 0; F. Lack, run out, 1; Frank Stanton, c Whiffen, b Pate, 7; E. Stanton, not out, 4; extras, 9; total, 60.

LITTLE STAUGHTON (TOP END) v. BOLNHURST.

Monday last being feast day at Little Staughton, Bolnhurst visited the Top End team and won by 23 runs on the first innings. Bolnhurst batted a second time and made 61 for six wickets, S. Harper being top scorer with 21, not out. Scores:—

Bolnhurst.—B. Whaley, b A. Marshall, 0; F. Swales, c J. Mathews, b W. Marshall, 3; A. Whaley, c J. Mathews, b W. Marshall, 0; W. Harper, b A. Marshall, 3; F. Parrott, b A. Marshall, 30; H. Swepston, c and b A. Marshall, 0; S. Harper, b A. Marshall, 0; H. G. Whitmore, b J. Mathews, 10; A. Wildman, lbw., b A. Marshall, 0; H. Whitmore, c and b A. Marshall, 11; A. Bedford, not out, 0; extras, 13; total, 70.

Little Staughton (Top End).—F. Smith, run out, 0; L. Mathews, b H. G. Whitmore, 3; A. Marshall, b H. G. Whitmore, 1; W. Briars, b H. G. Whitmore, 15; G. Mathews, b H. G. Whitmore, 0; G. Bradfield, run out, 0; H. Smith, run out, 2; W. Marshall, b H. G. Whitmore, 6; G. Crisell, not out, 12; R. Richards, b W. Harper, 4; F. Robins, b H. G. Whitmore, 1; extras, 3; total, 47.

AMPTHILL v. BEDFORD C.E.M.S.

The game between the above teams was played on the Ampthill ground, on Saturday, and resulted in a win for the home team, despite good bowling by Goldney, who took five wickets for 37. Crossman was also prominent with the ball, his three wickets costing 31 runs. Scores:—

Ampthill.—J. Hall, b Goldney, 2; T. Facer, c Woodgates, b Crossman, 4; W. Stapleton, b Crossman, 18; H. Barfoot, c Nevatt, b Goldney, 5; P. Barfoot, c B. Gilbert, b Crossman, 14; A. Lowe, c and b Goldney, 9; T. Wright, b Goldney, 1; A. Letts, b Goldney, 14; R. Thompson, not out, 4; L. Whitbread, c Stambidge, b Gilbert, 0; Gill, b B. Gilbert, 0; extras, 11; total, 82.

C.E.M.S.—C. N. Peacock, b Stapleton, 9; N. Gilbert, b Stapleton, 13; B. Gilbert, c Wright, b Stapleton, 0; Crossman, c Letts, b Stapleton, 5; Clarke, c Lowe, b Stapleton, 0; Goldney, b Stapleton, 2; Nevatt, c Thompson, b Stapleton, 2; R. Stearn, b Stapleton, 3; G. Stanbridge, run out, 2; Davis, c Letts, b Stapleton, 0; Woodgates, not out, 0; extras, 6; total, 42.

OLD MODERNIANS' CRICKET WEEK.

To-day the Old Modernians' cricket Week commences and the matches that have been arranged should prove most interesting. The week will include three matches, each occupying two days, wickets being pitched each day at 11.30. The fixtures are as follows: July 28 and 29, Past v. Present; July 31 and Aug. 1, Old Modernians v. Beds. Club and Ground; Aug. 2 and 3, Old Modernians v. C. Saunders' XI.

The team to represent the Old Boys will be selected from: J. O. Anderson, I. M. G. Hunt, H. Willett, W. E. King, G. U. A. Read, C. Linnell, the Rev. L. G. Brown, R. N. Bocquet, S. V. Graham, E. B. Mobbs, the Rev. W. K. Roberts, H. W. Hodgson, A. W. H. Poole, E. C. Oliver, R. M. Page, and E. G. Taylor.

Notes on Sport.

CRICKET.

MERITORIOUS PERFORMANCES.

Batting.

Stevens, Norfolk v. Bedfordshire	108
Pridmore, Old Elstonians v. Elstow	107
Dawson, Printers v. Sharnbrook	104
Newman, Modern School v. University College School	92
Rice, Beds. C. and G. v. Wolverton	83
Seymour, Modern School v. University College School	79*
Wakefield, Norfolk v. Bedfordshire	71
Taylor, Blunham v. South End W.M. Club	71
Raikes, Norfolk v. Bedfordshire	66
Rogers, Bedfordshire v. Norfolk	64
Graham, Beds. C. and G. v. Old Bedfordians	68
Burke, Beds. C. and G. v. Old Bedfordians	61
Maclear, Old Bedfordians v. Beds. C. and G.	60*
Rogers, Bedfordshire v. Norfolk	59
Ingram, Modern School v. University College School	56
McKechzie, Printers v. Sharnbrook	53*
Grierson, Old Bedfordians v. Mr. Brewster's XI.	51*
Aston, University College School v. Modern School	49*
Squire, Bedfordshire v. Norfolk	45*

Bowling.

	W. R.
Newbury, South End Wes. v. Cotton End	8-10
Barwell, Victoria v. Queen's Works	7-21
Covington, Queen's Works 2nd v. Bolnhurst	8-37
Hunt, Blunham v. South End W.M. Club	5-6
W. Linger, Stagden v. Goldington 2nd	5-10
Tuffnell, Marston v. Wootton Hall End	5-22
F. H. King, Goldington v. Pottton St. Mary's	5-27
Nicholls, Marston v. Wootton Hall End	4-17
Collins, Stagden v. Goldington 2nd	4-17
Lowndes, Kempston v. Pyghtle Works	4-18
H. P. Cocking, Kempston v. Pyghtle Works	3-7
Taylor, Blunham v. South End W.M. Club	3-11

Commenting on last Saturday's Modern School match, the "Sportsman" says:—C. C. Aston had it all to himself again in the fight against Bedford Modern School, who ran up 283 before declaring for four wickets against University College School. Aston bowled Warton for five, A. C. Ingram for 56, and C. W. Whitworth for 37, F. C. W. Newman being most unluckily run out when only eight short of the century. With two hours to get the runs, the home side never looked like it, and it was only another plucky and dogged innings of Aston which saved them from a very heavy reverse, and robbed the Bedford boys of a thoroughly deserved win. When stumps were drawn the score stood at 113 for 9 wickets, and Aston was still there with 49 to his credit.

ROUND ABOUT NOTES.

The Grammar School concluded their season with the annual game against the Old Bedfordians. Although scoring 203 runs they found it impossible to check the scoring promiscuity of the O.B.'s (Peel in particular), and sustained a severe defeat. In some ways the season has been an unsatisfactory one, but it must be said that taking into account a very limited supply of talent at his disposal Maltby has carried his team through the season with a greater measure of success than at first seemed probable. The dearth of bowling has been badly felt and in several instances has the batting given the side what could have been a winning score, only to find the bowling totally inadequate.

Maltby alone has batted with anything approaching consistency, yet despite his average of 43.81 admittedly a fine one in any cricket, does not consider that he has done himself justice. To tell the truth, Maltby has had very little luck, the manner in which he has several times lost his wicket being most unfortunate. The greatest disappointment in a team has been Thomson. By reason of his batting last year and making allowance for a natural improvement, he was written down at the commencement of the season as the most likely man in the side to make runs. But he has failed dismally and has to be content with 212 runs as the result of 12 visits to the wicket.

Other men who have failed to carry out expectations were Banks, who, apart from a match-winning 70 against Leys School, did nothing at all; Bradford could only muster 107 in ten attempts, and Bolton, who was said to be a bat of great promise, lost his wicket in the side quite early. Chatterton, the Dunstable boy, never gave a glimpse of the man which those who know him are confident he possesses. The only century recorded was Maltby's not out innings of 107 against St. Paul's. Maltby and Bear were the two best all-rounders in the side, they occupying the two first places in both bowling and batting, and Bear is a ninth-wicket batsman who had 36 wickets for 628 runs, not at all bad figures, considering what a batsman's paradise has been the School pitch this season, and also considering what very little sport he has had.

Roberts has kept a brilliant wicket and conducted several lively little batting displays. While on the whole the fielding has been good, Willett's work at cover-point was at times wonderfully smart. Wilson has also been very keen in the field and was at the last moment given his colours. In the match play team has done fairly well, while in the inter-school games they have more than held their own. A resumé of the season's work would be incomplete were mention not made of the continued excellence of the wickets prepared by Cherry—batsmen have a deal to thank him for.

The Old Bedfordians had a rare good time during their recent annual cricket week. Following on a one-sided victory over the School they came down very heavily on those ancient rivals of theirs, the Old Paulines. It was a pretty warm team which did duty and the Paulines' bowlers had an anxious time. During the first the O.B.'s took their time getting 302 for eight wickets. They hardly left themselves time to get the visitors out and mainly made it impossible for the Paulines to get the runs. Grellett, missed behind the net first ball of the match, was never afterwards worried with the bowling; it was until he had amassed a smashing 69 that succumbed.

That sturdy yet very steady bat, the Rev. F. Howard, once more exceeded the half-century. He is just about the most consistent scorer I know. H. B. Orr went in with an uncomfortable total on the board and it can be imagined that he did not let the grass grow under his feet, not he; he proceeded to knock coat off the ball and gave the tired fielders a terrible time. For a seeming veteran Orr possesses remarkable vigour and his was compiled in good time. With the 111 he exceeded the closure was applied. The Paulines did not make much of it, and restricted themselves to play-out time, an object they just failed to achieve, the last wicket falling almost on

the bat. Tubbs and Bewsher offered a stubborn resistance for some time and the latter, who is a stable batsman in London and Southern net circles, appeared to be well set when he laced his leg in front of one of Grierson's right balls.

The remaining O.P.'s only Pollard made sort of a stand, having gathered 29 and got not out at the finish. Orr, coming on at a critical period, turned what appeared to be a certain drawn game into a home victory, batsmen finding his high, hanging ball puzzling. The innings eventually reached 136. Orr had four wickets for 34, Grierson three for 41, Pearce two for 14, and Basil Maclear two for 21. The concluding stages were contested amidst great excitement and the O.B.'s were given a rousing reception on their return to the pavilion. They won all their matches, a fact not equalled for some considerable time.

Although not so successful as the O.B.'s of the Grammar School, the Old Modernians have had a ripping good week. The tit-bit of the series was, of course, the game with the School. This provided a struggle replete with incident, and the interest was sustained up to the closing few minutes, not had at all for a two day's fixture. In addition interest was enhanced by the fact that Newman had to get 60 runs to beat the School batting record. In the end the School won by four wickets, but it was only a noteworthy batting display by Whiteman and Newman in the School's second innings that forced the win, the winning hit coming close on time. Batting first the O.M.'s, who had a very good side, did not do anything startling. Only three men reached double figures, but as these all made decent scores, the total of 203 was reached. S. V. Graham headed the scores with 85 and a splendid knock it was too. J. O. Anderson (what a pleasure it is to see him amongst us again) was only one short of 50, and he got them well. The Rev. W. K. Roberts went in fourth wicket and showed an impregnable front, being not out at the finish for 44.

The School replied with 284. Newman, batting confidently, reached 60 and was heartily cheered; he and Warton put on 85 for the first wicket and the good work was carried on by Ingram (24), Whiteman (24), Foster (who batted cleverly for 45, not out), and Harvey (who came in late and hit hard and often for 50). The O.M.'s bowling was very limited, Willett being most successful with seven for 68—quite a new line for Willett, this. The Old Boys batted more consistently in the second knock, but did not get so many runs. Willett played a resolute game for his 70 and further contributions to the total of 179 were Graham's 24, Roberts' 27, Turner's 23, and Armstrong's 18. With 90 minutes to get the necessary 103 runs the Modern had a good sporting chance of winning—or losing. They went in to get the runs, but lost Warton, Ingram, and Seymour early. Newman and Whiteman stopped the rot and in the end amidst a great shout of excitement the match was won. Young Whiteman batted cleverly at a trying period and Newman again showed remarkable form. What a season he has had!

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On Tuesday and Wednesday the Old Modernians entertained the Beds. Club and Ground, and so high was the scoring on both sides that it was found impossible to finish the game in the allotted time. The O.B.'s batted first and in an innings of 266, in which there were several good individual efforts, King's 78 was the bright particular feature. He was quite brilliant and was unfortunate enough to run himself out. Turner was hardly less prominent in his finely-obtained 67. The C. and G., chiefly owing to the efforts of L. G. Stileman-Gibbard (53), C. L. K. Pepl (85), and Col. Anderson (51), managed to top the O.M.'s score, their venture not ending until 309 was on the board. The homesters made light of their task in knocking off the arrears. Willett and King started well and after the former had been caught behind the wicket, King and Graham were partners in a delightful stand. All the bowling came in for equally severe treatment, and runs were put on at a fast rate. Rain drove the men in twice, and when the score had reached 220 and only one wicket down the closure was applied. King never gave a chance compiling his century, and his batting in both innings was almost

perfect. He cannot possibly be left out of the next county team if current form is considered. Graham's was a fine 50. With no chance of the C. and G. getting the runs all interest left the game. Three wickets fell for 91, Anderson batting briskly for 37 and Peel for 32.

E. H. D. Sewell, of Bedford, whose son is making rapid strides as a cricketer at the Grammar School, has been making a lot of runs lately, and last week hit up a rapid 110, including thirteen 4's, for Slough against P. H. Elliot's, and R. E. Eiloart, the Hampshire cricketer, and a fine innings of 142 against Sutton in the latter's week.

A capital game was witnessed on the Goldington-road ground on Wednesday between the Club and Ground and Huntingdon. The Club and Ground had a powerful side on duty, and some extraordinary fast scoring was witnessed, at one time 210 being registered in 1 hour 20 minutes. The homesters batted first, and Rice was out to a beautiful long field catch when he had made 78, which included one 6 and eight 4's. Another mighty hitter was Orr, who had twelve 4's to his credit out of 52. He and Turnbull put on 86 for the third wicket. Burke's 47 was another good contribution to the day's sport, as he hit up one 6 and eight 4's. The County captain had a good time with the ball, and besides capturing eight wickets for 68 he brought off an excellent one-handed catch, which dismissed Seymour. More power to his elbow!

Grammar School Averages. BATTING.

Name.	Inns.	Runs.	not out	Highest Score.	Avg.
N. S. Maltby	13	482	2	107*	43.81
E. M. Bear	11	207	2	49	23.00
D. F. Roberts	15	251	0	57	19.30
A. L. Thomson	12	212	0	55	17.66
R. F. Nailer	13	189	2	48	17.18
J. R. Banks	13	156	1	70*	13.00
A. R. Bradford	10	107	1	43*	11.88
C. G. Field	6	67	0	26	11.16
H. D. Weir	10	85	2	22	10.62
H. B. Wilson	10	86	1	23	9.55
R. L. Chatterton	7	50	0	27	7.14

* Not out.

BOWLING.

Name.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
E. M. Bear	628	36	17.4
N. S. Maltby	602	27	22.2
J. R. Banks	456	16	28.5
H. D. Weir	405	14	28.9

Winner of Average Bat, N. S. Maltby. Winner of Average Ball, E. M. Bear. Winner of Fielding Bat, R. F. Nailer.

Collections for the County Cricket Club on Wednesday and Friday during the Great Barford House Cricket Week resulted in £1 6s. 8d. and £2 5s. being taken. T. Kinch had an average of 101 for the week and made the record for the ground, 123, not out, on Saturday. A. R. Litteljohn's 145 at Northampton is the highest score made for Great Barford House. During the week Great Barford House scored 1,324 runs for 36 wickets, against 878 runs for 60 wickets scored by their opponents.

Next Week's County Matches.

There are a couple of county games down for decision at Wardown Park, Luton, next week. Wednesday and Thursday are set apart for the visit of Suffolk, and the following players have been selected to represent Bedfordshire: Messrs. H. E. Orr (captain), E. E. Athorp, A. F. Mason, H. Grierson, B. L. Peel, N. O. Boscobel, G. Leventhorpe, and Capt. B. Maclear, with Wharmby, Holdstock, and Rogers. The reserves are S. V. Graham and R. J. Moran. It will be seen that the home county will be strongly represented, and with any reasonable luck the players should render a good account of themselves. For the game on Friday and Saturday, versus Cambridgeshire, T. Saunders, the Arlesey amateur, will displace Capt. Maclear.

WITH THE LEAGUE CLUBS.

Great Barford House Match.

The annual game between Great Barford House and a team selected from the Bedford and District Cricket League took place at Great Barford House on Saturday, and ended in a draw. The home eleven had a very strong side out, including several county players from Kent, Middlesex, Durham, and Beds., and they put together no fewer than 262 runs before Mr. Mallett applied the closure. Kinch's 123 was a brilliant innings, and not a chance was given. The batting and bowling of the Leaguers was all that could be desired, but, if one may say so, we were disappointed with Barnwell, for although he bowled well, and was put on on four different occasions, he did not succeed in taking a wicket. The teams were entertained at lunch and tea, and out-door games, such as garden golf, were indulged in.

The Game Described.

The home team won the toss, and Ben Davies and his men took the field at 12 o'clock. The wicket was perfect, as also was the weather. K. L. Mallett and S. E. Day opened the innings to the bowling of Barnwell and Geary, but ere long the Kent amateur pulled one of George's on to his wicket. (1 for 17.) Litteljohn was the newcomer, but Mallett did most of the scoring, soon knocking up 30, when he was nicely taken at cover point. (2 for 52.) The next to leave was Litteljohn, who, after playing beautiful cricket, was run out from a good return by Massey. (3 for 87.) The home skipper did not give much trouble, being clean bowled in playing forward to Redman. (4 for 110.) Then came the stand of the day, Squire joining Kinch. These took the score to 147 before lunch. On resuming, runs came freely, and despite many bowling changes they were not parted till 247 runs had been registered, when Squire got well out of his ground to one of Keen's deliveries, missed it, and paid the penalty. The partnership had realised 137 runs. The next two wickets fell cheaply, and with the score at 262 for 7, the closure was applied. Kinch was undefeated, with 123 to his credit. He made many beautiful strokes, scoring all round the wicket. This is the highest individual score made on the ground, just beating Ling's 122 of Tuesday.

How the League Fared.

Keens and Davies opened the innings for the visitors. Runs came steadily, but with the score at 32 Mallett upset Keens' stumps. Maxey was the newcomer, and helped the skipper to put on 43 for the second wicket, when he was smartly caught and bowled. (2 for 75.) Five runs later Davies was bowled, and Carrington failed to score. (4 for 80.) More trouble was in store for the visitors, Geary and Dawson being sent back for the addition of 16. (6 for 96.) Things looked none too rosy for the League team, with over an hour to play. However, Redman joined Beagle, and these two remained together till stumps were drawn. Both played themselves in carefully, but did not fail to score from any loose balls. Beagle obtained his 50, and Redman was only 9 short. The latter hit eight boundaries. As it was seen there was no chance of finishing the game, stumps were drawn at a few minutes to seven.

Mr. J. Arnold Whitchurch, hon. secretary of the Great Barford House C.C., in a letter to Mr. H. Eaton, secretary of the Bedford Cricket League, on last Saturday's match between the two sides, says: "We all much enjoyed Saturday's game, and the League team played splendid cricket." Mr. Whitchurch enclosed a donation from the Great Barford House C.C. to the League funds.

Queen's Account for Sharnbrook.

The return game between Queen's Works and Sharnbrook was played in Bedford Park on Saturday, owing to the unfitness of the villagers' wicket. There was a large number of spectators present, but one fancied that no one expected the Queen's to so completely turn the tables on their visitors as they did. Batting first, on an almost perfect wicket, Sharnbrook cut up badly before the bowling of Perry and Turner. The former seemed almost unplayable, and his six wickets only cost 32 runs. He and Pilgrim opened the attack, but the latter did not succeed in getting wickets, and was displaced by Turner.

At 21 Gibbard was caught, but a stand was made by King and Cochrane, they putting on 33 for the second wicket. After this, however, Perry appears to have found the weak spot in the batsmen's defence, for the whole side was dismissed for the small score of 78. Ratcliff and Goodwin opened the Queen's innings, but at 18 the latter was well caught. At 40 Ratcliff left, but Pearce and Bird made a good stand, and took the score to 72 before Bird was out. Head joined his captain, and the pair had the satisfaction of passing their opponents' total. The best stand of the day was that between Perry and Pilgrim, who put on 89 for the sixth wicket. The County pro's contribution of 69 was the result of good hard hitting, and his score included one 8, one 6, two 5's, and eight 4's. At 206 Pilgrim was out, and stumps were drawn, the Queen's having won a great victory, and as a result are now level on the table with Sharnbrook, so that the fight for the championship is in a very interesting position.

Surprising Defeat of Blunham.

Perhaps the greatest surprise of Saturday's Second League matches was the defeat of Blunham at the hands of Queen's Works 2nd in Russell Park, and thanks to this the villagers have now lost their hold of the top position of the Northern Section. They made a very poor show against the trundling of Covington (5 for 24) and Parsley (5 for 29), but it must be stated that they were without, what has often been the valuable services, of Fred Taylor. Hunt made a brave attempt to save his side, and Davison and Kempe did fairly well, but the innings only yielded 56. The Queen's had 3 wickets down for 21, but Bridgens (who played a fine game) and Covington took the score to 52, and the game was well won before the fall of the fifth wicket. Hunt was the most successful bowler for Blunham, his 4 wickets costing 41 runs while Sims took 2 for 4 and Battle 2 for 23.

Ickwell Overcome Keysoe.

The visit of Keysoe to Ickwell on Saturday provided the homesters with a well-won brace of points. Keysoe are weak in batting this season, and Saturday's exhibition proved no exception to the rule. Payne, however, batted well for the visitors, although he was missed before he had scored. Hyrom and Shelton bowled successfully for the homesters, and the former was in good form with the willow, for although he was twice misread from easy catches, his 46 was a credit to him. His strokes included one 5; three 4's, four 3's, and six 2's.

Dillingham, 6-16.

The task set Foundry United on Saturday was by no means a difficult one. Forder's Pillings Works do not appear to be able to get off the mark this season, and have yet to win their first game. So well did Dillingham (6 for 16) and Easton (4 for 18) bowl that they dismissed their opponents for 50, not one of the aids reaching double figures. The Foundry captain took Lumley in with him to open the innings, and the game was won before the latter was bowled at 46. Easton was the incomer, and a great stand was made 86 runs being put on. At 165 Forder's had evidently had enough of the unequal contest, for the game came to an abrupt conclusion, there being still over an hour left for play.

A Tie at Cranfield.

There was plenty of excitement in the game at Cranfield last Saturday, when the villagers entertained their old opponents, Marston. Marston went to the wickets first, but only "Mr. Extras" was prominent in the scoring line, and the 19 to his credit will show, not only Cranfield but other teams, the value of good fielding and wicket-keeping; but for this the homesters might have bagged points instead of dividing them. Jack Read was again in grand form for Cranfield, his 4 wickets costing only 18 runs, and Lovesey was also a tower of strength in the same line. Richardson and Read made a good stand for Cranfield, and then a procession followed, there being five "ducks." When the score stood "51 all" Campion was run out in endeavouring to get the winning run, so that the game resulted in a tie.

Good Bowling by Bates.

For once in a way the brothers Whaley gave us a glimpse of their batting abilities when, playing for Bolnhurst against their

old club mates, Bedford Alma, they made the two highest scores of the side. With the exception of these two, however, Thomeon was the only one to get into double figures, and the total eventually reached 68. Booth set up a sound defence for the Alma, and compiled a valuable 85. Tuffnell came along with a well-played 32, and altogether the Alma's response reached 181 for 7 wickets. This victory puts the Bedford club at the top of the League.

Wootton's Easy Victory.

Harvest operations prevented Stagsden raising a full complement of players for their game at Wootton, on Saturday, with the Hall End club, but they gained substitutes so as to make up the team, and both sides played ten men. For the homesters Burroway played a hard-hit innings of 24, and Loft was also to the fore with 18. Collins, for the losers, played good cricket for his 13, and also took 4 wickets for 33, while Linger had 5 victims for 33. On the winning side, Whitebread (5 for 13) and C. Lowe (4 for 11) bowled splendidly.

To-Morrow's Matches.

Sharnbrook 2nd have scratched to Bedford Alma, so that the fixture between the two teams for to-morrow is "off."

The following games are down for decision, to be played on the ground of the first named club—

- Bedford League—Division I.
- Pyghtle Works v Kempston.
- Goldington v Sharnbrook.
- Potton St. Mary's v Printers.
- Bedford League—Division II.
- Northern Section.
- Bolnhurst v South End W.M. Club.
- Southern Section.
- Marston v Goldington 2nd.
- Wootton Hall End v Printers 2nd.

BEDFORD LEAGUE.—DIV. I.

QUEEN'S WORKS v SHARNBROOK.

Played in Bedford Park on Saturday, and easily won by Queen's Works, so that the competition in the First Division is now in an interesting state. Queen's had won before their third wicket fell. Scores:—

Sharnbrook.—L. G. Stileman-Gibbard, b Perry, 3; W. E. King, c Pearce, b Perry, 33; E. Cochrane, b Perry, 21; D. Turnbull, lbw, b Perry, 0; C. Saunders, c Head, b Turner, 2; J. E. Jarvis, c Pearce, b Perry, 6; R. H. Moss, b Turner, 4; J. Stapleton, c Baby, b Perry, 0; H. Goodes, b Turner, 7; J. Bayes, not out, 1; J. Batta, c Pearce, b Turner, 0; extras, 2; total, 78.

Queen's Works.—J. Ratcliff, b King, 29; G. Goodwin, c Stapleton, b Moss, 8; H. Pearce, c Bayes, b Moss, 38; P. A. Bird, b Moss, 13; A. Head, lbw, b Moss, 1; P. Perry, b Saunders, 37; G. Pilgrim, lbw, b Turnbull, 69; E. Mackinder, not out, 4; extras, 7; total (7 wickets), 206. T. Raby, T. Golding, and S. Turner did not bat.

Position of the clubs to date.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Sharnbrook	10	7	1	2	16
Queen's Works	10	8	2	0	16
Bedford Victoria	11	5	3	3	13
Bedford Printers	9	3	4	2	8
Pyghtle Works	10	3	6	1	7
Kempston	8	4	4	0	8
Potton St. Mary's	8	2	6	0	4
Goldington	9	1	8	0	2

BEDFORD LEAGUE.—DIV. II.
FORDER'S PILLINGE WORKS v.
FOUNDRY UNITED.

The Foundry United obtained a brilliant victory over Wootton Pillinge in Russell Park on Saturday, mainly owing to the efforts of Maxey and Fenton. The Pillinge acted very unsportsmanlike at the finish, and would not field after the Foundry had knocked up 165, although another 1½ hours remained for them to bat. Scores:—

Wootton Pillinge.—I. Ellis, b Dillingham, 2; A. Allen, c and b Dillingham, 3; F. Causby, b Fenton, 2; F. Ball, b Fenton, 0; L. Broughton, c and b Fenton, 2; G. Goodman, b Dillingham, 0; A. Braines, b Dillingham, 5; W. Goodmas, b Dillingham, 0; W. Evans, not out, 9; G. Goodman, b Dillingham, 3; B. Gilbert, b Fenton, 2; extras, 2; total, 30.

Foundry United.—J. Maxey, not out, 53; J. Lumley, b Ball, 34; C. Fenton, b Evans, 51; P. Perry, c Allen, b Broughton, 7; F. Smith, not out, 14; extras, 6; total (3 wickets), 165. F. Parker, F. Adams, M. Howe, M. Middleton, W. Dillingham, and W. Poulter did not bat.

ALMA v. BOLNHURST.

Played in Bedford Park on Saturday, and easily won by Alma, for whom Bates took 6 wickets for 25 runs. Scores:—

Bolnhurst.—A. Whaley, c Harrison, b Bates, 17; F. Thompson, run out, 0; B. Whaley, c Catlin, b Bates, 26; F. Parrott, b Bates, 2; N. King, b Bates, 1; S. Tompkins, c Churchman, b Bates, 8; H. G. Whitmore, b Bates, 0; E. Anque, b Harrison, 0; S. Lack, c Clark, b Catlin, 0; A. Thompson, c and b Harrison, 10; H. Whitmore, not out, 0; extras, 4; total, 68.

Alma.—F. Booth, c Lack, b Thompson, 85; E. Phillips, c B. Whaley, b Tompkins, 16; O. Lewin, retired, 15; F. Harrison, b King, 18; B. Catlin, c B. Whaley, b Tompkins, 1; F. G. Tuffnell, not out, 22; W. Churchman, c and b B. Whaley, 0; J. Karmerton, c King, b B. Whaley, 4; J. Bates, st. Parrott, b B. Whaley, 0; extras, 0; total (4 wickets), 150. Goldney and Davis absent.

KEYSOE v. ICKWELL.

The return game between Ickwell and Keysoe took place on Ickwell Green on Saturday, and was won by the home team. Scores:—

Keysoe.—H. Stanton, c Stock, b Byron, 4; W. Bond, b Willsher, b Byron, 0; J. Whitlock, b Byron, 5; B. Hartop, c Byron, b Shelton, 2; D. Ross, b Byron, 0; J. Hartop, c and b Shelton, 0; H. Payne, not out, 16; J. Wagstaff, c Darnell, b Byron, 2; J. Filzell, c Willsher, b Shelton, 0; E. Huff, b Shelton, 4; A. Hall, c and b Shelton, 1; extras, 2; total, 26.

Ickwell.—D. Willsher, c Filzell, b W. T. Ross, 3; F. Truin, c Filzell, b J. Hartop, 10; J. Radford, b J. Hartop, 15; W. Shelton, c Hartop, b B. Hartop, 7; L. Byron, c Ross, b Payne, 46; T. Woodward, b W. D. Ross, 11; G. Darnell, c Whitlock, b Payne, 6; W. Brunt, b J. Hartop, 5; G. Bygraves, not out, 7; W. Stubs, b J. Hartop, 1; Stock, c Stanton, b J. Hartop, 3; extras, 16; total, 120.

CRANFIELD v. MARSTON.

The result of the game at Cranfield on Saturday, between the villagers and Marston, resulted in a tie. Scores:—

Marston.—J. Robinson, c Richardson, b Lovsey, 3; E. Hillson, c Champion, b Lovsey, 1; A. Nicholls, c Read, b Lovsey, 6; J. Hillson, b Read, 4; F. Scotchbrook, c Partridge, b Read, 0; W. Biggs, lbw, b Lovsey, 4; F. Tuffnell, b Lovsey, 3; F. Wooding, b Lovsey, 7; J. Biggs, b Read, 0; H. Faulkner, b Read, 0; G. Faulkner, not out, 8; extras, 19; total, 51.

Cranfield.—H. Partridge, c Hillson, b Nicholls, 3; H. Bedford, c Robinson, b Nicholls, 4; F. Richardson, c Biggs, b Nicholls, 15; J. Read, c Biggs, b Tuffnell, 15; W. Evans, lbw, b Robinson, 0; F. Summerford, st. 0; B. Groom, b Nicholls, 0; S. White, b Tuffnell, 0; T. Lovsey, not out, 0; V. Denton, c Hillson, b Tuffnell, 5; W. Champion, run out, 3; extras, 4; total, 51.

WOOTTON HALL END v. STAGSDEN.

At Wootton on Saturday the Hall End club were opposed by Stagsgden, who were easily defeated. Scores:—

Hall End.—T. Burroway, c Burley, b Collins, 24; W. G. Mepham, c Ellis, b Collins, 6; S. Faulkner, b Collins, 0; F. Whitbread, b Collins, 3; J. Lowe, c Ellis, b Linger, 9; F. Loft, not out, 15; W. Loft, b Linger, 0; G. Hutchings, b Linger, 7; C. Lowe, c Collins, b Linger, 0; Ford, b Linger, 3; extras, 9; total, 78.

Stagsgden.—J. Ellis, b Lowe, 6; W. Glidewell, b Whitbread, 1; W. Linger, c Whitbread, b Lowe, 2; B. Collins, c Mepham, b Lowe, 13; E. Beard, b Whitbread, 0; A. Burley, b Whitbread, 0; W. Hutchings, c Burroway, b Lowe, 0; J. Savage, b Whitbread, 0; A. Breed, c and b Whitbread, 2; J. Jones, not out, 0; extras, 2; total, 26.

BLUNHAM v. QUEEN'S WORKS 2ND.

The second team of the Queen's experienced no difficulty in obtaining a victory over Blunham, in Russell Park, on Saturday. Scores:—

Blunham.—F. Rawlins, c Mayhew, b Parsley, 0; W. Kemp, b Parsley, 11; C. Davison, b Covington, 5; W. Rawlins, c Hailstone, b Covington, 0; J. Davison, c Hailstone, b Parsley, 12; T. Maries, c and b Parsley, 0; W. Simms, c Hailstone, b Covington, 1; C. Maries, b Parsley, 0; F. Battle, b Covington, 0; H. Hunt, b Covington, 20; B. Current, not out, 4; extras, 3; total, 66.

Queen's Works 2nd.—D. E. Mayhew, run out, 5; J. Smith, b F. Battle, 0; J. Jefferies, b Battle, 0; H. Bridgens, c Current, b Battle, 47; W. Covington, b Hunt, 16; S. Cook, b Hunt, 10; A. Parsley, b Hunt, 8; A. Hailstone, c Simms, b Hunt, 4; N. Tysoc, not out, 18; J. Boothman, run out, 0; J. John-

Position of the clubs to date.

Northern Section.					
Blunham	11	9	2	0	18
Bedford Alma	10	9	1	0	18
Ickwell	11	7	4	0	14
Sharnbrook 2nd	10	5	4	1	11
South End WM Club	10	5	5	0	10
Queen's Works 2nd	10	5	5	0	10
Keysoe	13	1	11	1	3
Bolnhurst	11	1	10	0	2

Southern Section.					
Bedf'd Printers 2nd	10	7	2	1	15
Foundry United	10	7	2	1	15
Wootton Hall End	9	7	2	0	14
Cranfield	11	5	4	2	12
Marston	11	4	5	2	10
Goldington 2nd	10	4	6	0	8
Stagsgden	10	3	7	0	6
F'd'r's Pillinge W'ks	11	0	11	0	0

FRIENDLY MATCHES.

PRINTERS II. v. SOUTH END W.M. CLUB.

This friendly game was played in the Park on Saturday, and won by the Printers by 29 runs. For the winners Carter (3 for 1) and Berrington (4 for 12) did the best bowling, and for the losers Gilbert's 8 wickets cost 68 runs. Scores:—

South End Club.—Lancaster, c Jordan, b Clarke, 2; Handscombe, c Berrington, b Rogers, 11; Grimes, c Cooke, b Berrington, 27; Smith, b Berrington, 8; Faulkner, c Rogers, b Berrington, 3; Gilbert, b Berrington, 5; Battle, b Carter, 2; White, b Jordan, 9; Fowler, not out, 6; Hodgkins, b Carter, 0; Nicholls, b Carter, 0; extras, 12; total, 85.

Printers' II.—A. Jordan, b Gilbert, 0; C. Rogers, st. Handscombe, b Gilbert, 11; W. D. Cooke, c Grimes, b Faulkner, 12; F. Tucker, b Faulkner, 11; J. Day, b Faulkner, 3; G. Carter, b Gilbert, 17; H. Clarke, b Gilbert, 29; A. Raby, c and b Gilbert, 11; A. Fensome, c Hodgkins, b Gilbert, 7; B. Bedell, not out, 0; T. Berrington, b Gilbert, 0; extras, 3; total, 104.

OLD BEDFORDIANS' CRICKET WEEK.

OLD BEDFORDIANS v. OLD PAULINES.

The Old Bedfordians, on Saturday, brought a most successful week to a close with a decisive victory over the Old Paulines. Scores:—

Old Bedfordians.—E. C. Grellett, c Norman, b Pearson, 69; B. L. Peel, b Norman, 2; Rev. F. J. Howard, b Norman, 71; Capt. B. Maclear, b Norman, 6; A. G. Hamaley, lbw, b Sargent, 26; H. R. Orr, run out, 65;

F. Kendall, b Norman, 1; M. M. G. Reeves, b Bolter, 27; W. R. Pearce, not out, 15; extras, 20; total (8 wickets—declared), 302. A. C. Smith, C. L. K. Peel, and H. Grierson did not bat. Norman took 4 wickets for 71 runs.

Old Paulines.—T. D. Bailey, c Smith, b Pierce, 0; L. Tubba, c Maclear, b Grierson, 32; F. W. Bewaher, lbw, b Grierson, 29; C. A. Bolter, b Maclear, 0; T. Norman, c Pearce, b Grierson, 8; E. W. Sharpe, lbw, b Orr, 12; D. P. Pollard, not out, 29; T. P. Sargent, b Maclear, 7; L. H. S. Matthews, st. Reeves, b Orr, 2; G. Bailey, b Pierce, 7; P. H. Cobb, c Pearce, b Orr, 0; A. Pearson, lbw, b Orr, 1; extras, 8; total, 136. Grierson took 3 wickets for 41, Pearce 2 for 14, Orr 4 for 34, Maclear 2 for 22.

GREAT BARFORD HOUSE CRICKET WEEK.

v. NORTHANTS CLUB AND GROUND.

The Great Barford House team took the journey to Northampton on Wednesday week, and very easily accounted for the Northants. Club and Ground. Littelljohn compiled 145 in first class style, and his hits included two 6's and twenty-three 4's. Kinch (56) and King (46) did well for their side. Littelljohn was also prominent with the ball, taking 7 wickets for 41, and Nimmo had 4 for 65. Scores:—

Great Barford House.—A. R. Littelljohn, b Ridge, 145; W. E. King, b Ryan, 46; T. Kinch, c Stileman-Gibbard, b Evans, 56; H. Squire, not out, 7; extras, 10; total (3 wickets), 264. Innings declared. E. B. Proud, S. E. Day, T. Day, J. Squire, T. Thorpe, K. L. Mallett, W. J. Nimmo, E. H. Mallett did not bat.

Northants Club and Ground.—W. Denton, c and b Littelljohn, 39; L. G. Stileman-Gibbard, st. S. E. Day, b Littelljohn, 1; A. P. Hawtin, lbw, b Littelljohn, 9; J. S. Denton, c and b Littelljohn, 11; J. Ryan, c and b Littelljohn, 15; D. Stileman, c Squire, b Nimmo, 13; Dr. Lloyd Evans, c Kinch, b Nimmo, 4; W. H. Ridge, c T. Day, b Nimmo, 15; Ellis, lbw, b Littelljohn, 8; A. Winterbottom, b Littelljohn, 3; E. Speakman, not out, 0; C. H. Buxton, b Nimmo, 1; total, 120.

v. MR. H. R. ORR'S XI.

Great Barford House, on Friday, were opposed by Mr. H. R. Orr's XI, on the Great Barford pitch, and the game ended in a draw. Proud was the top scorer for the home team, with 75, while Orr headed the list for his side. Scores:—

Great Barford House.—W. J. Nimmo, b Gutteridge, 17; E. B. Proud, c King, b Pilgrim, 75; E. S. Littelljohn, b Anderson, 23; K. L. Mallett, b Anderson, 2; J. B. Squire, c Orr, b Pilgrim, 17; F. P. T. Day, c Wilson, b Orr, 6; Rev. F. Fawcay Maurice, st. Wilson, b Orr, 15; H. Squire, not out, 36; T. Kinch, not out, 47; extras, 13; total (7 wickets), 248. F. Geary and S. E. Day did not bat.

Mr. H. R. Orr's XI.—J. D. King, c Mallett, b Geary, 2; D. A. Wilkins, c J. B. Squire, b Mallett, 6; B. Gutteridge, c Geary, b Littelljohn, 27; D. Turnbull, b Mallett, 2; H. R. Orr, c Proud, b Littelljohn, 63; Col. Anderson, b Maurice, 36; W. J. Meakin, c Nimmo, b Maurice, 4; R. S. Morley, not out, 7; extras, 4; total (7 wickets), 153. Pilgrim, Taylor, and Wilson did not bat.

v. BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

The Great Barford House Club brought their cricket week to a successful termination on Saturday by meeting a team selected from the Bedford and District Cricket League. Kinch, of Durham, made a capital century, and Mr. Mallett declared at 262 for eight wickets. The Leaguers replied with 178 for six wickets, Beagle (not out, 51,) Davies (40), and Redman (not out, 41) showing excellent form. Scores:—

Great Barford House.—K. L. Mallett, c Carrington, b Geary, 30; S. E. Day, b Geary, 2; E. S. Litteljohn, run out, 30; T. Kinch, not out, 123; R. H. Mallett, b Redman, 7; H. Squire, st Dawson, b Keena, 53; W. J. Nimmo, b Sargent, 2; T. P. S. Day, c Davies, b Redman, 0; E. P. Proud, not out, 0; extras, 15; total (seven wickets, declared), 262. S. V. Sworder and J. A. Whitechurch did not bat.

Bedford League.—H. B. Davies, b K. L. Mallett, 40; R. Keena, b K. L. Mallett, 14; H. Maxey, c and b K. L. Mallett, 22; H. F. Carrington, b Nimmo, 0; A. F. Beagle, not out, 51; F. Geary, c Sworder, b K. L. Mallett, 4; W. Dawson, b Nimmo, 0; F. Redman, not out, 41; extras, 6; total (six wickets), 178. H. A. Sargent, F. H. Coleman, and F. Barnwell did not bat.

OLD MODERNIANS' CRICKET WEEK.
OLD MODERNIANS v. BEDFORD MODERN SCHOOL.

The annual match took place on the Modern School ground on Friday and Saturday between the Past and Present boys of the Modern School. The Present won a very interesting game by four wickets. A feature of the game was the scoring of 52 out of 60 by Newman, the Modern's prolific run-getter. In the Old Boys' first innings Harvey took 6 wickets for 51 runs, and in the Modernians' first innings Willett captured 7 for 68. Scores:—

Old Modernians.—H. Willett, b Harvey, 4; W. C. D. Turner, c Whitworth, b Warton, 1; E. R. Mobbs, b Harvey, 2; S. V. Graham, c Ingram, b Harvey, 85; J. O. Anderson, b Newman, 49; Rev. W. K. Roberts, not out, 44; G. P. Armstrong, b Harvey, 8; E. C. Oliver, b Harvey, 0; C. N. Peacock, run out, 6; A. W. H. Poole, b Newman, 0; P. H. Horton, c Ingram, b Harvey, 2; extras, 6; total, 208.

Bedford Modern School.—H. E. Warton, b Armstrong, 22; F. C. W. Newman, b Willett, 60; A. C. Ingram, c Graham, b Willett, 24; F. V. Seymore, c Poole, b Willett, 0; B. L. Rogers, b Willett, 15; G. W. Whitman, c and b Willett, 24; C. W. Whitworth, b Willett, 0; R. H. Foster, not out, 45; A. Harvey, c and b Turner, 50; W. H. Skinner, b Oliver, 6; G. Hilton, c Mobbs, b Willett, 1; extras, 37; total, 284.

Old Modernians (2nd innings).—H. Willett, c Hilton, b Harvey, 70; Rev. W. K. Roberts, b Rogers, 27; E. C. Oliver, c Newman, b Warton, 1; T. O. Anderson, b Warton, 0; W. C. D. Turner, b Foster, 23; E. R. Mobbs, c Rogers, b Warton, 8; S. V. Graham, b Warton, 24; G. P. Armstrong, b Harvey, 18; C. N. Peacock, b Warton, 0; A. W. H. Poole, b Harvey, 0; P. H. Horton, not out, 0; extras, 8; total, 179.

Modern School (2nd innings).—H. E. Warton, b Graham, 3; F. Newman, c Turner, b Willett, 52; A. C. Ingram, run out, 4; F. V. Seymore, c Poole, b Willett, 0; A. Harvey, c and b Graham, 6; R. H. Foster, b Graham, 0; G. W. Whitman, not out, 32; C. W. Whitworth, not out, 9; extras, 2; total, 108. B. Rogers, W. H. Skinner, and G. Hilton did not bat.

OLD MODERNIANS v. BEDS. CLUB AND GROUND.

This interesting fixture was commenced on the Modern School ground on Monday. The Old Modernians compiled the very useful total of 366, mainly by the help of King and Turner. King batted splendidly for his 78, which included ten fours, and he looked fit for a century, when he was unfortunately run out. Turner also played very confident cricket. Orr bowled best for the visitors, taking 5 wickets for 117 runs. The Club and Ground made 141 for 4 wickets when stumps were drawn for the day, thus leaving the game in a very even position. The full scores were as follows:—

The second day's play of this match took place on Tuesday. On resum-

ing, Peel was not dismissed until he had made 85, while Colonel Anderson just passed his 50. The Club and Ground led on the first innings by 43, but had rather the worst in the second venture, the Old Boys compiling the score of 220 for one wicket before declaring. King, who batted brilliantly in the first innings, was again in splendid form, and made 103 not out. Included in his score were fifteen 4's. Graham also hit up a very useful 51 not out, and included in this total were eight 4's. The Club and Ground could only reply with 91 for 3 wickets, when time arrived. The game thus ended in a draw. Complete scores:—

Old Modernians.—H. Willett, c Orr, b Grierson, 7; W. E. King, run out, 78; S. V. Graham, c Peel, b Grierson, 13; H. E. Warton, c Peel, b Orr, 8; W. C. D. Turner, b Orr, 67; R. McLinnell, b Anderson, 4; E. G. Taylor, b Orr, 25; A. W. H. Poole, b Orr, 17; W. R. Thomas, c Stileman-Gibbard, b Orr, 2; R. Foster, not out, 14; A. Harvey, b Wilkins, 23; extras, 8; total 266.

Beds. Club and Ground.—L. G. Stileman-Gibbard, b Warton, 55; R. W. Rice, b McLinnell, 22; D. Stileman, b Warton, 18; B. L. Peel, b McLinnell, 13; C. L. K. Peel, c Warton, b Harvey, 85; Col. Anderson, b King, 51; D. A. Wilkins, b McLinnell, 0; R. St. G. Burke, b McLinnell, 0; D. Turnbull, not out, 31; H. Grierson, c McLinnell, 1; H. E. Orr, b McLinnell, 13; extras, 23; total, 309.

Old Modernians (2nd innings).—H. Willett, c Peel, b Orr, 28; W. E. King, not out, 103; S. V. Graham, not out, 51; extras, 28; total (2 wickets), 220. H. E. Warton, C. D. Turner, R. H. Foster, R. McLinnell, E. G. Taylor, A. W. H. Poole, W. R. Thomas, and A. Harvey did not bat.

Club and Ground (2nd innings).—Col. Anderson, c Foster, b King, 34; B. L. Peel, not out, 32; D. A. Wilkins, c Graham, b King, 0; D. Turnbull, c Willett, b McLinnell, 13; C. L. K. Peel, not out, 6; extras, 3; total (3 wickets), 91. L. G. Stileman-Gibbard, R. W. Rice, D. Stileman, H. Grierson, R. St. G. Burke, and H. Orr did not bat.

OLD MODERNIANS v. MR. C. SAUNDERS' XI.

The last match of the Old Modernians' cricket week was commenced on Wednesday on the Modern School ground, when the Old Boys gained a big advantage over their opponents on the first innings. Knight, Pool and Neilson were the only men to show any form for the visitors, who were trundled out for a modest 152. Graham and Rogers did the bowling for the Modernians, taking five wickets for 55 and four for 45 respectively. On the home team going to the wickets they never looked like losing on the first innings, for the second wicket did not fall until 108 had been scored, and although the third went down without additional runs, Graham and Turner became associated and were not parted before stumps were drawn for the day, having added nearly 200 during their partnership. Turner was not out with 119 to his credit, and played a brilliant innings, while Graham had scored 114, being also not out, and having played splendidly for his runs. Scores:—

Mr. C. Saunders' XI.—S. G. Smith, b Graham, 4; W. F. Neilson, c Whitworth, b Rogers, 30; C. J. T. Pool, c King, b Rogers, 35; A. F. Knight, b Graham, 53; C. C. Simpson, b Rogers, 1; G. W. Gruggen, b Graham, 6; Rev. F. L. Powys-Maurice, b Graham, 7; C. A. Neilson, run out, 2; E. Wright, b Graham, 2; L. G. Stileman-Gibbard, c Graham, b Rogers, 3; C. Saunders, not out, 6; extras, 3; total, 152.

Old Modernians.—H. Willett, c C. Neilson, b Saunders, 42; W. E. King, c Pool, b Powys-Maurice, 20; S. V. Graham, not out, 114; H. E. Warton, b Saunders, 0; W. C. D. Turner, not out, 119; extras, 9; total (for three wickets), 304. H. W. Hodgson, R. H. Foster, E. G. Taylor, F. V. Seymour, B. L. Rogers, and C. W. Whitworth to bat.

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POLICEMEN AT CRICKET.

MATCH BETWEEN BEDFORD AND CAMBRIDGE TEAMS.

With the deserving object in view of providing funds for the Bedford County Hospital and the Redhill Police Orphanage Fund, a cricket match between teams representing the policemen of Bedford and of Cambridge was played on the Goldington road ground yesterday, in delightful weather. There was a large attendance throughout the day and the match resulted in a sum of between £20 and £30 being given to needy charities. The Bedford Town Silver Band rendered an excellent programme of music. A luncheon was held on the ground and was presided over by the Chief Constable (Mr. F. Timbrell), and he was supported by Messrs. H. C. Williams, C. Stimson, W. H. Allport, H. Tebbs, W. Roff, H. W. Longhurst, C. Carter, J. W. Carter, and Inspector Cox.

After the loyal toast had been drunk the Chairman proposed the health of the visiting team, and Inspector Cox, on behalf of the Cambridge Police, said that it gave them great pleasure on any occasion to visit Bedford, as the Bedford team were thorough sporting men. It also gave them great pleasure to take part in assisting the police orphanage. In conclusion, he proposed the health of the Bedford Police Team.—The Chief Constable of Bedford, in responding, welcomed the visitors from Cambridge, and referred to what they were able to do with the proceeds of last year's match. In yesterday's match the Bedford police experienced hard luck in not winning. Taking first knock the local men put up the respectable total of 129, mainly owing to good individual innings of 31 and 21 by Luetchford and Emmings. On Cambridge going in it looked as though they were to experience their first defeat since the matches have been organised. Four wickets were down for 49 runs, compared with Bedford's 4 for 75. Clark, a new member of the Cambridge force, in a different aspect was put on the situation. Twice in his innings he was badly missed. Before Clark had made 20 runs Green dropped an easy catch. Chambers, however, in less than three overs, captured four wickets at the cost of ten runs. Boddington captured three wickets for 42 runs. Scores:—

Bedford Police.—Luetchford, b Clark, 35; Green, b Fell, 5; Boddington, b Berry, 3; Kirby, b Fell, 15; Jennings, b Clark, 9; Chambers, c Clark, b Law, 1; Markham, b Law, 0; Emmings, b Berry, 21; Turney, b Fell, 16; Goodyer, b Fell, 10; Wilson, not out, 1; extras, 13; total, 129.

Cambridge Police.—Berry, b Boddington, 4; Nelson, run out, 7; Fell, b Boddington, 6; Clark, b Chambers, 78; Law, b Luetchford, 6; Dilley, b Boddington, 5; Hurst, run out, 13; Inspector Cox, b Chambers, 3; Ward, c and b Chambers, 4; Gregory, not out, 8; Burrell, c and b Chambers, 0; extras, 7; total, 141.

First League.

PRINTERS v. KEMPSTON.

The Printers won this match on Saturday by 100 runs. For Kempston, Cocking obtained 4 wickets for 17, Tysoe 3 for 31, and Houghton 3 for 34, while the best trundlers for the Printers were Best (5 for 34) and Quince (3 for 18). Kempston were playing only nine men. Scores:—

PRINTERS.	
W. Dawson, b Tysoe	86
H. B. Davies, c Folkes, b Houghton	11
C. Quince, b Houghton	6
S. Rogers, c and b Houghton	9
G. Carter, c Chambers, b Tysoe	13
H. Chambers, c sub., b Tysoe	6
R. Foster, c sub., b Cocking	3
C. Clark, c Rogers, b Cocking	7
T. Rubython, c Chambers, b Cocking	8
E. Fisher, not out	1
H. Best, o Houghton, b Cocking	0
Extras	4
Total	154

KEMPSTON.	
M. Chambers, b Best	0
J. Brown, c Dawson, b Best	2
R. Cocking, b Best	0
J. Folkes, b Best	16
M. Freeman, b Quince	2
T. Tysoe, c Best, b Quince	11
Sergt. Ward, b Quince	5
B. Howes, not out	0
W. Houghton, lbw., b Best	18
Extras	2
Total	54

VICTORIA v. GOLDINGTON.

Goldington came to the Park on Saturday and sustained a heavy defeat. Owing largely to the excellent bowling of Barnwell (7 for 41) the visitors were all out for 73, to which Victoria replied with 231 runs for 4 wickets. Scores:—

GOLDINGTON.	
S. Rootham, b Barnwell	9
F. King, senr., b Barnwell	10
J. Skerman, c Warton, b Barnwell	19
F. King, jun., b Barnwell	0
H. Chapman, b Barnwell	0
W. Skerman, b M. Coleman	8
J. Osborne, c Feighan, b A. B. Coleman	7
A. Chillingworth, b A. B. Coleman	7
H. V. Colee, b Barnwell	4
E. Laughton, not out	4
Crowley, b Barnwell	3
Extras	8
Total	73

VICTORIA.	
R. Keens, retired	54
S. Brown, c and b Crowsley	25
W. Brown, c Laughton, b King, jun.	63
H. E. Warton, b King, jun.	65
A. B. Coleman, not out	44
F. Barnwell, not out	7
M. W. Coleman, H. P. Feighan, A. E. Raby, C. Capon, and E. G. Taylor did not bat.	
Extras	23
Total (for 4 wkts.)	231

Second League.

WOOTTON HALL END v. PRINTERS 2nd.

League cricket has provided some interesting finishes in the Park this season, and not the least exciting was witnessed on Saturday, when the Printers won on a last wicket stand. With 9 wickets down they required 14 runs to win, and there was great applause when T. Smith knocked the winning hit. He was later carried off the field. E. Rogers, against Wootton, took 6 wickets for 31, while for the countrymen, Whitbread had 5 for 28. Scores:—

Wootton Hall End: C. Lowe, b Harvey, 6; T. Loft, b Rogers, 0; T. Burraway, c and b Harvey, 16; L. Foster, b Rogers, 9; T. Whitbread, lbw., b Rogers, 6; J. Lowe, b Harvey, 3; W. Mepham, b Boddington, 13; H. Sinfield, b Rogers, 1; S. Faulkner, not out, 6; G. Lambert, b Rogers, 2; G. Hutchins, b Rogers, 7; extras 8; total 77.
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Printers 2nd: A. Fensome, c Lambert, b Lowe, 1; J. Boddington, st Loft, b Whitbread, 12; W. Woods, c Whitbread, b Lowe, 16; F. Tucker, b Lowe, 0; S. Keech, c Faulkner, b Whitbread, 1; E. Rogers, c Caulkner, b Whitbread, 8; A. Smith, c and b Lowe, 4; J. Day, b Whitbread, 0; J. Harvey, b Mepham, 16; T. Berrington, not out, 6; T. Smith, st. Loft, b Whitbread, 25; extras 9; total 98.

Friendlies.

"BEDS. TIMES" v. TIMAEUS' XI.

Cardington scratched on Saturday, the "Dreadnoughts" playing an eleven under the captaincy of S. Middleton, when an exhilarating game ensued. The "Times" made their highest score of the season owing largely to the dashing tactics of Phillips, Shields and G. Loveday, who were responsible for 53 of the 87 runs. Against them the bowling of H. Evans, the "Alma" man, was very effective, as is shown by the analysis of 6 wickets for 20 runs. Dennis took 3 for 27. This pair also made most of the runs, the former making nine fours and one five in his innings of 54, while the latter knocked 23, the remaining batsmen getting 8 runs between them. This can be accounted for by the bowling of Carter, whose well mixed balls added to a good length, gained him 6 wickets for 33, while Lawson took 3 wickets for 14 runs. Phillips shone behind the sticks, stumping one man and catching four. In a sensational finish Timaeus won by 2 runs. Scores:—

"Beds. Times":—S. Loveday, b Evans, 5; C. Carter, b Evans, 1; F. White, b Evans, 7; N. G. Phelps, b Dennis, 0; C. Lawson, b Dennis, 3; R. Phillips, c S. Middleton, b Dennis, 23; G. Shields, b S. Middleton, 19; G. Loveday, c S. Middleton, b Evans, 11; B. Papps, b Evans, 0; R. A. Parrott, b Evans, 7; G. Deacon, not out, 0; extras, 11; total, 87.

Timaeus XI.—M. Slade, b Phelps, 5; C. Middleton, c Phillips, b Carter, 2; H. Evans, b Carter, 54; W. Noble, c White, b Carter, 0; S. Middleton, c Phillips, b Carter, 1; A. Dennis, c Phillips, b Lawson, 23; H. Ashton, b Carter, 0; A. Wootton, not out, 1; W. Foote, st Phillips, b Lawson, 0; C. Hardwick, b Carter, 0; G. Rasbury, c Phillip, b Lawson, 0; extras, 3; total, 89.

FOUNDRY UNITED v. CLAPHAM.

Played at Clapham on Saturday, and ended in an easy victory for the homesters. Tysoe batted splendidly for his 85, which included one 6, and ten 4s, the Rev. A. H. Sproule also batted well for his runs. Seymour was in fine form with the ball, taking 6 wickets for 19 runs, and Tysoe 4 wickets for 24. Scores:—

Foundry United: L. Freir, c and b Seymour, 6; C. Fenton, b Tysoe, 17; A. Middleton, b Tysoe, 2; W. Lumley, b Seymour, 0; F. Adams, c Tysoe, b Seymour, 1; J. Lumley, c Lilley, b Seymour, 2; T. Pateman, b Seymour, 3; T. Perry, c and b Tysoe, 0; G. Robinson, c and b Tysoe, 0; Humbertstone, b Seymour, 7; W. Dillingham, not out, 4; extras 7; total 49.
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Clapham: T. Jones, b Dillingham, 8; S. Green, b Fenton, 4; R. Millard, b Fenton, 2; A. Seymour, b Dillingham, 3; W. Tysoe, c and b Freir, 85; A. Headland, b Fenton, 0; Rev. A. H. Sproule, run out, 19; F. Smith, b Robinson, 7; G. Lilley, not out, 0; S. Turner and H. Scrivener did not bat; extras 14; total 142 for 8 wickets.

BEDFORD ARGYLE v. RUSHDEN THURSDAY.

Played at the Park on Thursday and won by the visitors, for whom R. Hyde obtained seven wickets for 50 runs. Scores:— Bedford Argyle.—F. Redman 43, A. Alcock 3, J. Naylor 17, G. Keens 7, A. W. Hearn 12, J. Churchill (not out) 25, Wilson 4, F. C. Reynolds 7, Sexton 4, Manton 2, Langham 0, extras 5, total 129.

Rushden Thursday.—R. Smith 17, F. L. Heygate 31, R. Hyde 26, D. Denton 2, S. Sabey 14, H. Denton 9, G. A. McLeod (not out) 26, J. W. Reynolds 0, S. Short 6, A. Marriot 22, Turner 0, extras 15, total 168.

BEAGLEY'S v. BROMHAM.

A draw was the result of this match on Thursday at Bedford Park. Scores:— Beagley's.—M. Page 26, D. Turnbull 71, Nicholas (not out) 77, J. Ruffhead 9, C. Harrison 1, J. Jarvis 6, extras 11, total (for five wickets), 205. W. L. Freir, H. M. Howard, W. R. Thomas, and H. Howard did not bat. Bromham.—M. Woodcock 7, A. Woodcock 26, C. Skerington 13, W. Blackburn 27, B. Howes 27, A. J. Risley 2, E. Stuart did not bat, F. West (not out) 0, D. Daniels 35, Barrington did not bat, F. W. Pedley (not out) 0, extras 11, total (7 wickets) 149.

EARLY CLOSERS v. MR. DRAPER'S XI.

An exciting match ended in a draw on Thursday at the Park. For Mr. Draper's team Brimley took four wickets for 29 runs, while for the Closers, Rogers three for 24, and Bailey three for 54, bowled well. Scores:—

Early Closers.—R. Haddon 10, T. Whitman 55, E. Rogers 20, J. Osborne 27, B. Bailey 19, W. Smith 8, R. Tawnton 0, A. Finding 19, Woods 1, Clayson (not out), 5, extras 11, total 176.

Mr. Draper's XI.—S. Rootham 9, H. Chapman 30, G. Emerson 3, F. Brimley 0, H. Grasper 11, H. Bush 13, T. King (not out) 36, W. Yorks 0, A. Edwards (not out) 20, F. Draper did not bat, extras 25, total (seven wickets) 147.

Cricket Notes.

The week-end has seen all the Minor Counties pushing on with their programmes. Thursday afternoon's results considerably strengthened Bedfordshire's position at the head of this table, for while we rejoiced in a full victory over Suffolk, Staffordshire were playing a friendly with Glamorgan. Cambridgeshire gave further evidence of their extraordinary improvement this season by scoring 466 against Norfolk and obtaining three points for a first innings leads of 126. Cambridgeshire had two centuries, K. G. Reid 101 and H. C. Tebbutt 127. As they have previously topped this huge score this season by making 473 against Suffolk, Cambs. are a batting side of no mean order.

Norfolk look like going through the season without a success. Strange form this for Champions. Perhaps they are keeping something in reserve for Bedfordshire when they go to Norwich to close their Cricket Week next Friday and Saturday. In 1908 Bedfordshire won there by ten wickets, after having beaten Norfolk on the Grammar School field on the first innings. Bedfordshire will be content to repeat this history in 1911.

The above note was written before the result of yesterday's play reached us. Norfolk yesterday had the better of the play of the first day of their Norwich Week, compiling 308 as against Herts. 154 for seven wickets. E. C. Grellett, O.B., made 27, and J. O. Anderson, O.B.M., 21 (not out), of Herts. 154; Yesterday, too, Cambs. finished off in a good position against Lincolnshire, for with 9 wickets down of their second innings Lincolnshire were only 139 on.

The Suffolk match at Luton will be memorable chiefly for the real British pluck shown by the visitors on Thursday afternoon in fighting a stern up-hill battle all the afternoon. At 3 o'clock they required 170 runs to save the innings defeat with four wickets down in the second attempt, their fourteen having fallen for 159. This was a position that would have excused the most pugnacious cricket Halsburian form taking too rosy a view of his fighting chances. The Suffolk batsmen, however, did not give one the impression of men who felt all was lost. If possible they intended saving the one point still left to them if only they could prevent a definite conclusion. And they came very near achieving their purpose. First Watson and Bennett played with extreme caution, and gradually they got on something like terms with Bedfordshire's smart attack, and the runs began to tot up. It was evident, too, as the afternoon wore on Bedfordshire were tiring, for the bowling lost some of its ginger, and the fielding was hardly so close.

When these men left Raynor and Long took up the strain, and when once set, played bright and attractive cricket, which pushed the score along at a telling pace. At five o'clock these two were still in possession, and the arrears all but knocked off. So far only three more wickets had fallen since 3 o'clock, and 160 of the 170 wanted to save an inglorious innings defeat had been obtained. Ten minutes later Ling departed, but Titchmarsh and Trudgett gave Raynor such assistance that at 5.30 it looked odds against Bedfordshire getting a full victory. However, Grierson's brace of good catches cleared the way, a smart run out by Wharmby abruptly terminated Suffolk's heroic attempt, and it was child's play to knock off the 33 runs required in half an hour. But for those timely catches and Wharmby's fine return, Bedfordshire would have been left mourning the loss of two valuable points.

COUNTY CRICKET AT LUTON

SUFFOLK WELL BEATEN.

CAMBRIDGE OUTPLAYED.

Resuming on Thursday morning, Suffolk were confronted with a very difficult task and one which, at any time, they never really gave any promise of accomplishing. It will be remembered that the Bedfordshire team had the day previously compiled the extremely creditable total of 323, and Suffolk at the close of play had only scored 15 runs with two wickets down.

Not a single run had been added to the overnight score when Mustard was caught off Grierson. Wickets fell at regular intervals. Toward the close of the innings, Graham, who had batted so well for the home team, took the ball and, in just two overs, at a cost of only nine runs, secured three wickets. Grierson then did well with the ball, capturing three wickets at a cost of only 19 runs. The innings realised only 113—210 less than Bedfordshire. Suffolk were again sent to the wickets after lunch and succeeded in running up a total of 232. The wickets fell regularly and no brilliant performance was witnessed. Raynor's was the last wicket to fall, he being run out after a well-played 70. Bedfordshire were thus set to secure 33 to win. This they did in about half-an-hour, with ten minutes to spare and a loss of only one wicket. Beds thus won by nine wickets, making their percentage to date 90.

The full scores were:—

Bedfordshire.—First innings.

R. L. Peel c Titchmarsh b Penfold	18
Holdstock c Lang b Waters	43
Rogers lbw b Trudgett	8
Wharaby run out	14
H. R. Orr c Raynor b Penfold	30
E. K. Anthorp c Penfold b Trudgett	54
A. F. Morcom run out	59
S. V. Graham not out	56
G. S. Leventhorpe b Waters	11
A. J. Mander c Raynor b Mustard	16
H. Grierson b Penfold	6
Extras	11

Total 323

Second Innings.

Rogers c Lang b Trudgett	13
G. S. Leventhorpe not out	3
H. Grierson not out	17
Extras	0

Total (for 1 wk.)... 33

Suffolk.—First innings.

A. K. Watson c Graham b Morcom	2
F. P. Wood c Rogers b Grierson	1
W. Randall b Peel	41
D. Mustard c Morcom b Grierson	1
S. G. Bennett c Orr b Grierson	9
K. Raynor b Peel	12
A. H. Lang b Graham	15
F. L. Titchmarsh c Orr b Graham	4
Penfold b Morcom	3
Trudgett c Rogers b Graham	5
Waters not out	11
Extras	9

Total 113

Second Innings.

A. K. Watson b Peel	32
F. P. Wood b Morcom	0
W. Randall run out	1
D. Mustard b Morcom	20
S. G. Bennett lbw b Orr	20
K. Raynor run out	70
A. H. Lang c Grierson b Morcom	46
F. L. Titchmarsh c Grierson b Wharaby	11
Penfold not out	3
Trudgett st. Anthorp b Grierson	16
Waters c Graham b Morcom	1
Extras	16

Total 242

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Bedfordshire.—First Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Penfold	37.3	15	93	3
Raynor	24	1	92	0
Trudgett	18	3	50	2
Waters	24	7	69	2
Wood	4	2	6	0
Mustard	1	0	2	1

Second Innings.

Penfold	4	0	24	0
Trudgett	3.5	2	9	1

Suffolk.—First Innings.

A. Morcom	22	9	37	2
H. Grierson	15	8	19	3
Wharaby	2	1	1	0
H. R. Orr	9	3	10	0
R. L. Peel	10	2	28	2
S. V. Graham	2.2	0	9	8

Second Innings.

A. Morcom	25	2	81	4
S. V. Graham	6	2	18	0
H. Grierson	51	0	21	1
R. L. Peel	14	2	39	1
H. R. Orr	9	0	53	1
Wharaby	6.3	1	14	1

LIVELY BATTING AGAINST CAMBRIDGE.

Cambridgeshire, who had been doing well during the week, came to Luton on Friday to pay off a score, for last year they lost both of their matches against this county. These two games were the only matches won by Bedfordshire, but Cambs did even worse, going through the season without winning a game. This year Beds are holding their position at the top of the table, and Cambs have done better, having obtained 14 points out of a possible 20 before coming to Watdown Park. Beds made two changes in their team. Heddstock stood down owing to a slight injury received the previous night, and A. J. Mauder was also off the list, the new men being R. N. Bocquet and T. Saunders, with the result that Luton was unrepresented in this fixture. The visitors were captained by H. C. Tebbutt.

Favoured by the spin of the coin, Cambs opened their innings at a quarter to twelve, the brothers Reid leading off. The opening was not very auspicious, as L. J. Reid was caught in the slips when the score was only one up. At 31 his brother also retired, having put up a nice catch for Apthorp to take. The third wicket went down at 40, and when play had been in progress an hour the total was only 50, with three wickets down. Just before the 100 was attained Skipper Tebbutt lifted to square leg, and Morcom was in the right place to prevent his making as big a score as he did the previous day. Ling was then 31, Apthorp having just missed a chance of stumping him. It was not a very expensive miss, for at 43 Wharmby took him in the long field. With 109 on the board and five wickets down came the interval for lunch.

Into some steady play after lunch a little variety was introduced when Whybro played into the wicket keeper's hands, and Bocock mistook him by making the same mistake. Pigg in the meantime, was making some fine hits of Orr's slows. He put one into Wharmby's hands, and somewhat to the astonishment of the spectators he dropped it. Pigg showed his delight by at once sending one into the country for six, and Orr then went off. Morcom took on, and when he had been hit for one he succeeded in disturbing Hart's leg stump. At half-past three all the wickets had fallen for the fairly respectable total of 212, all secured by unexciting play.

When Wharmby and Rogers went to the crease at a quarter to four the former soon showed that he was out to force along the score. He hit with the greatest freedom, and made a number of fours. When the score was at 60 he gave a difficult chance to Bocock, but the ball went through the latter's hands and on to the boundary. He had reached his 50 when the score stood at 70. The 100 was up in 75 minutes, and was well applauded. Without stopping for tea, they kept Cambs leather-lacing until at 120 Rogers was run out. He had lifted a ball and started to run, but stumped in the middle of the crease, as it appeared to be a most obvious catch. The catch was made, but the player responsible atoned for his misdeed by returning the ball so smartly that Rogers had no time to get to the crease.

The fine opening partnership realized 129. Five runs later Wharmby gave an easy catch in the slip and returned to the pavilion with 86 to his credit. This included 12 fours. Bocquet, who had succeeded Rogers, played on after making one or two, but without dislodging the ball, and with Orr, the Beds' captain, as partner, the score was carried forward at a good rate until the Cambs total was passed without any more wickets falling. At 224 Orr left to a catch at long on, having with Bocquet added 90 in just over half an hour. Peel took up the game in the same spirited fashion, and nearly another 40 were added before Bocquet had to leave. This was due to one of the most magnificent catches one could wish to see. Ling was looking at the upper end. Bocquet returned to him at a terrific pace, and, stepping just out of the line of the ball, he made a catch which must be almost unequalled in the annals of cricket. He received quite an ovation for this fine dismissal of a batsman who had made his 14 in less than an hour, and looked like staying for a century. This was at 232, and when another 6 had been added play ended for the day.

Being in such a strong position when they returned on Saturday morning it was confidently anticipated that Beds would have another complete win to their credit, but the day's cricket was rather disappointing, and in the

conclusion they only obtained three points for leading on the first innings in an unfinished match.

Beds remained at the wickets for an hour and twenty minutes, and, adding 117 in that time, brought their total up to 335. Play was not as bright as it was overnight, but Leventhorpe's 60 not out was well worth watching.

When Cambs went out to commence their second innings at 12.15 they were 173 behind, and it seemed quite feasible that the home eleven would have an innings victory. Cambs lost half their side for 111, which made Beds prospects still more rosy, but they then settled down to purely defensive cricket. It was largely the result of a patient partnership by the captain, Tebbutt, and Watts that the side were pulled out of danger, and the arrears were knocked off with three wickets still in hand. But even that should not have placed a win out of reach had the fielders availed themselves of the chances which were offered. There were some very fair chances which were missed, and one or two of the new lives given to Cambridge in this way had a material effect on their total.

At half-past five the tenth wicket partnership was still steadily adding runs, and a fairly easy catch in the slips having just been missed, it was decided that as Beds could not possibly make the necessary runs to win in the time available, even if the tenth wicket fell quickly, stumps should be drawn, some of the visitors being anxious to get away.

At the end of the match Beds had played five matches in the Minor Counties Championship, and had won three outright, and the other two on the result of the first innings. This gave them a percentage of 84, with 21 points to their credit out of a possible 25.

Full scores:—

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.—First Innings.

L. J. Reid o Leventhorpe b Morcom	9
K. G. Reid o Apthorp b Peel	16
F. W. Wilson b Peel	6
Ling o Wharmby b Orr	43
H. C. Tebbutt o Morcom b Orr	25
R. H. V. Whybro o Apthorp b Peel	10
B. W. Pigg o Rogers b Peel	40
O. W. Bocock o Apthorp b Peel	12
H. B. Hart b Morcom	8
Watts not out	14
Coulson b Morcom	17
Extras	12
Total	212

Second Innings.

L. J. Reid o Rogers b Grierson	5
K. G. Reid o Leventhorpe b Wharmby	30
F. W. Wilson o Graham b Orr	14
Ling b Wharmby	41
H. C. Tebbutt b Peel	19
R. Whybro o Grierson b Wharmby	6
B. W. Pigg b Graham	37
O. W. Bocock not out	46
H. B. Hart b Orr	15
Watts o Peel b Grierson	14
Coulson not out	34
Extras	15
Total (for 9 wks.)	276

BEDFORDSHIRE.

Wharmby o L. J. Reid b Coulson	26
Rogers run out	39
R. N. Bocquet o and b Ling	64
H. R. Orr o Ling b L. J. Reid	45
B. L. Peel st Watts b L. J. Reid	21
A. F. Morcom o and b Coulson	27
S. V. Graham st Watts b L. J. Reid	11
E. E. Apthorp o Watts b Coulson	6
G. S. Leventhorpe not out	60
H. Grierson lbw b L. J. Reid	1
T. W. Saunders b Ling	9
Extras	16
Total	335

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.—First Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
A. F. Morcom	15.4	7	27	3
H. Grierson	4	0	18	0
B. L. Peel	20	4	72	5
H. R. Orr	16	1	59	2
S. V. Graham	3	1	10	0
Wharmby	4	1	14	0

Second Innings.

A. F. Morcom	19	9	21	0
H. Grierson	19	7	38	2
B. L. Peel	15	6	29	1
H. R. Orr	26	6	110	2
S. V. Graham	4	1	15	1
Wharmby	23	8	48	3

BEDFORDSHIRE.

Coulson	33	7	109	3
K. G. Reid	9	0	50	0
H. C. Tebbutt	8	0	50	0
R. H. V. Whybro	8	0	47	0
F. W. Wilson	5	1	20	0
L. J. Reid	14	0	81	4
Ling	2.4	0	12	2

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CANTON v. ST. SAVIOUR'S.

The above teams met on the People's Park, Luton, on Saturday, in a return match. St. Saviour's gaining a victory by 52 runs.

Scores:—

CANTON.	
Walters b Chambers	11
C. Pakes b Smith	4
Thornhill b Chambers	4
French b Chambers	1
Langford run out	2
Halsey b Chambers	2
H. Pakes b Chambers	0
J. Barnby c Lloyd b Chambers	7
S. Pakes c Allen b Chambers	0
Hammond not out	5
Kennedy b Smith	0
Extras	2
Total	36

St. Saviour's.	
Brandson b Kennedy	0
Standish b Kennedy	7
Kingham c Barnby b Kennedy	9
G. Young c Barnby b Halsey	20
Smith not out	11
Chambers c Langford b French	8
E. Young b Halsey	11
Allen b Halsey	7
Lloyd c H. Pakes b Halsey	1
Ansell c C. Pakes b French	1
Seabrook b Halsey	6
Extras	7
Total	88

LEIGHTON BUZZARD v. BERKHAMSTED.

Visiting Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, Berkhamsted suffered defeat by 53 runs.

Scores:—

LEIGHTON BUZZARD.	
R. C. Gutteridge b Cowley	62
A. Holbrow b Tutt	26
K. Eyles b Tutt	2
S. Bunker c Cowley b Tutt	4
F. Smith b Tutt	55
H. Turner c Stephens b Cowley	4
F. W. Bloxham c Stephens b Cowley	7
A. H. Sharp c Joint b Cowley	8
H. Birdsey lbw b Tutt	5
A. Radford b Cowley	10
A. E. Tutt not out	1
Extras	16
Total	189

BERKHAMSTED.	
A. Butcher c Smith b Gutteridge	19
W. E. Warren b Gutteridge	13
J. N. Cowley b Smith	29
F. H. Deighton lbw b Gutteridge	2
T. F. Dwight c Bunker b Smith	54
A. G. Stevens c Holbrow b Gutteridge	5
W. Clements b Smith	0
C. Joint b Gutteridge	4
B. C. H. Tutt b Smith	6
A. E. Lookey b Gutteridge	1
A. J. Higson not out	1
Extras	12
Total	146

SILSOE v. GREENFIELD.

This return match was played in West Park on Wednesday, last in very hot weather, and the home eleven managed to win by 63 runs on the first innings. Greenfield batted first and made 58 runs. A. Waddington 33. Silsoe then put together 121 runs, Wombwell's contribution being 30 and B. Webb's 27. Scores:—

Scores:—

GREENFIELD.	
E. Crawley b Novell	6
S. Weston run out	0
A. Waddington b Tysoe	33
G. Rosson b Wombwell	1
J. Dunston b Tysoe	1
W. Taylor c Tysoe b Wombwell	1
F. Weston b Tysoe	0
C. Lane c Whittemore b Wombwell	0
J. Cherry c and b Tysoe	5
S. Matthews not out	0
F. Taylor b Tysoe	0
Extras	11
Total	58

SILSOE.	
J. Copperwheat lbw b Crawley	2
B. Webb b Taylor	27
R. Mann b Waddington	0
W. Wombwell b Taylor	30
C. Mertin b Waddington	11
W. Novell run out	3
H. Whittemore c Taylor b Waddington	4
D. Sanworth run out	3
L. Miller b Matthews	5
A. Morgan b Dunston	6
Extras	15
Total	121

WITH THE LOCAL CLUBS

The championship of the Luton League this year goes to Dunstable. Waterlows have won that honour for the ancient borough. And they have won it well. They have proved themselves quite the best team in the League, and no one can doubt for a moment their great superiority over their confederates. True, they have had to haul down their colours on two occasions, but in one case the margin against them was only 3 runs, and in the second only 2 runs separated the winning and losing scores. So no team can claim to have taken much change out of the men from Dunstable.

'Tis rather strange to relate that the two teams who share the honour of having taken a couple of points out of the champions are at present the two lowest in the League table. But so it is. The teams who won this distinction are the Vauxhall Motors and Kent's Athletic. The Vauxhall are at the bottom of the ladder. They have only one victory in their basket, the one they scored at the expense of Waterlows. The two points they then earned represents their only success of the season. Then, too, Kent's Athletic, who defeated the champions on June 29th by 77 runs to 75, have only won three out of the eleven matches they have played. The only team they have been fortunate enough to beat in addition to Waterlows, is the Vauxhall, whom they have vanquished twice. 'Tis indeed strange, then, that these two clubs, who have generally been finding themselves a wee bit outclassed, should be the two teams to defeat the champions of the season. But relative form is, indeed, an uncertain quantity.

Waterlows lost their first match on the opening day of the campaign. But this early defeat did not deter from their purpose. They had set themselves the task of winning the championship, and they meant to do it. It must have been tantalising to them to have to acknowledge defeat first time out, and by such a small margin as three runs, too. But they did not brood over this defeat. They resumed their task with the same set purpose in view, and the next Luton team they played realised this fact, too. Commercial Cars happened to be this team, and though previous to meeting Waterlows they had played and won two matches in very convincing fashion, yet they had to acknowledge defeat on their own pitch by 60 runs when they met Waterlows.

Since this victory the Dunstable men have been careering along with their path beset with victories. With the exception of Kent's Athletic, who, I have already stated, carried the distinction of defeating the leaders by two runs, no team has been able to check the onward march of the Dunstable players. Only one team came anywhere near accomplishing this feat. That team was High Town, who gave them a bit of a fright at Dunstable on June 24th. The High Townians should really have won this match. But after having victory almost within their grasp, they collapsed to such an extent that a possible victory was changed to a 11-run defeat—the scores were: Waterlows, 55; High Town, 44.

All their other matches Waterlows have won with ease. And Luton people have had a taste of what they can do. Four times have the champions visited the People's Park this season. On the first they were defeated by Vauxhall Motors, but the others are the results of their other three visits:—June 10th: Waterlows, 116; High Town, 65. July 29th: Waterlows, 117; Friend's Athletic, 64. August 12th: Waterlows, 117; St. Matthew's, 32. These are convincing figures, and when one pauses to look at them carefully, rather startling figures, too. Waterlows defeated the High Towners by 55. They also beat the Friends by the same figure, each team in this match scoring one run more. Then when we come to the last match, we find the Dunstable chaps scoring exactly the same total as in their match with the Friends, and dismissing their opponents for exactly half of the total which the Friends secured! One could be tempted to write a tale around the figures. They are, indeed, rather remarkable.

When Waterlows visited Luton to try conclusions with the Friends, there was then just a possible chance that the Friends might outwit their opponents. They were boldly challenging the leader's position. But what a fall the Friends experienced! And coming nearer to date, what a whacking the St. Matthew's received on the Park on Saturday!

The Saints possessed a likely chance of accomplishing what the Friends were unable to do. They had the following fact to act as a spur to goad them on: A victory for the Saints would have placed them on an equality with the "Printers' men," as each would then have lost three matches. But we are now discussing an abstract quantity. We are thinking about what might have been. I suppose I shall be told that I must write about what really happened. And so I will.

And that can be written in a few words. The Saints went the way of the Friends. They were beaten, and beaten with ease. Waterlows bated first, as they did in their game with the Friends, and at one time they had 99 runs on the board with only three wickets gone. But F. Barton, brother to R. of that name, who was assisting the Saints for this match, claimed a very marked acquaintance with the in-coming batsmen. He polished off the remaining 7 wickets for 17 runs. And there is no telling what might have been had he have went on bowling earlier. When he did start he certainly made his mark.

But Waterlows had got enough. Many, too many, for the Saints, as it proved. The latter's batsmen made a sorry show. The whole eleven were skittled out for 32. And Waterlows had made the championship their own. And as I have already written: They thoroughly deserve it.

ONLOOKER.

Bedfordshire v Cambridgeshire.

First Innings Victory.

A Tame Finish.

Cambridgeshire were the guests of the Bedfordshire Club at Wardown Park, Luton, last Friday and Saturday in beautiful weather. The visitors have been doing very well this season, as they have beaten Norfolk and Suffolk and taken points out of Norfolk and Hertfordshire. They, however, went through the last two seasons without winning a match, and last year provided Bedfordshire with their only two victories.

Two changes were made in the home team which beat Suffolk on Thursday, Bocquet and Saunders displacing Holdstock (injured) and Mander. Another good wicket had been prepared by Holdstock, the Luton Town pro., and with a continuance of the fine weather plenty of scoring was looked forward to, nor were the spectators disappointed.

Friday's Play.

The Cambs. captain (Tebbutt) won the toss, and the brothers Reid shared the batting to the bowling of Morcom and Grierson. In the former's second over "L. J." was caught by Leventhorpe in the slips when only 9 runs appeared on the board. K. G. Reid and Wilson then made a short stand, and 31 was the total when Grierson gave way to Peel, and it had the effect of shifting "K. G.," who was caught at the wicket. Three overs later the new bowler upset Wilson with a bailer. Three for 40 appeared on the board when Tebbutt joined Ling, and during their partnership the 50 was sent up after an hour's play. At 61 Orr went on with his slow pace Morcom, but the batsmen, often tempted, made some nice strokes. When the pair had put on 45 Morcom took Tebbutt splendidly on the square leg boundary. At 109 Ling finished up his career by being caught by Wharmby in the country. The pro. had played sound and attractive cricket for his 43, which included five 4's and three 3's, and beyond a chance of stumping when he had made 31 his innings was free from blemish. The century went up in about as many minutes, but with Whybro and Pigg at the wickets there was a lull in the scoring, and at lunch the total was 115 for 5.

After lunch Whybro quickly got going with a four and a single off Orr, but getting to the other end he was caught at the wicket off Peel. Boccock was out in a similar way after making 12 out of 38. Pigg in the meantime was doing the major part of the scoring, making several big hits, and once he gave a good chance to Wharmby in the country. Pigg showed his gratitude by hitting a six in the same over, and Orr being somewhat heavily punished he went off at 180 in favour of Morcom. With the addition of one run the new bowler found a weak spot in Hart's defence. Pigg's career was brought to a close by Morcom taking him in the slips (9 for 181). With Coulson in, the 200 was sent up, about 3 hours having been taken in getting the runs. It was a good last wicket stand by Coulson and Watts, and the effort realised 31 runs. The innings closed for 212, the tail end of the side having done much better than the first three wickets.

Wharmby and Rogers opened the Beds. innings at five minutes to four to the bowling of Coulson and K. G. Reid. Wharmby, having more of the bowling than his partner, made 17 out of 21, getting in a fine cut for 3 past point and a square leg hit to the boundary. At 23 the visiting skipper tried his hand with the ball, but runs continued to come at a moderate rate, and at 35 Whybro displaced Tebbutt, and then Wilson was put on. Wharmby sent up the half century with a splendid off drive, followed by a boundary hit off the next ball also. At 60 Wharmby gave a hard chance to Boccock at leg, the ball going to the boundary. Seven runs later Wharmby registered his 50 with a cut through the slips for 4. Coulson went on again vice Wilson, and Tebbutt tried his luck as a fast bowler. Nine runs were the product of the over, in which Wharmby was caught in the slips off a no-ball. Rogers sent up 90 with a leg shot to the boundary and snicked another just by his stumps. A cher went up as the 100 was registered in an hour and a quarter, Wharmby having made 64 and Rogers 31. Runs, notwithstanding bowling changes, still continued to come, until at 129 Rogers was run out in trying

a run for a catch. He had not given a chance during his innings of 39, and his hits included four 4's and four 3's. Wharmby did not long survive Rogers, for at 134 he was taken in the slips by L. J. Reid. Wharmby played splendid cricket, and although he gave a couple of hard chances his innings was worthy of him. Included in his contribution of 86 were 12 boundary hits and three 3's. Bocquet filled the vacancy caused by Rogers' retirement, and Orr, when he went in in place of Wharmby, treated the spectators to some typical hitting, allowing very few balls to pass him. Bocquet was always doing well, having scored 21, and Orr 31, the total being at this time 190. Five runs later another new bowler in L. J. Reid was tried, and Orr sent up the 200 with a drive to the off boundary, the time occupied in putting on this double century being 24 hours. The Cambridge score was passed amidst applause, and at 224 Orr was grandly caught at long on by Ling. The pair had put on 90 in 37 minutes, and the skipper's collection of 45 was the result of a dashing display of batting. Peel was the next arrival at the wickets and he and Bocquet carried on the work so well begun. At 247 the last-named completed his half-century. Just before the close of play Ling was put on to bowl and caught Bocquet one handed from a hard drive, for which he was applauded. Bocquet had made 64, which included eight 4's in capital style, and only gave one difficult chance (4 for 262). Morcom filled the vacancy and shortly afterwards stumps were drawn for the day.

Saturday's Play.

At 10.30 on Saturday morning Beds. started out on the task of converting three points already gained into a total of five. With a lead of 56 and six wickets in hand, it was obviously Bedfordshire's advantage to force the cricket, and this they did, but it did not work satisfactorily, for only 117 were added by the remaining batsmen, and of these 51 came from the last wicket partnership.

Peel and Morcom were the overnight not outs, but the former failed to add to his score when play was resumed on Saturday, for after Morcom had registered a boundary and a 2 off Coulson, Peel was stumped off L. J. Reid's second ball. Twenty-four runs later Morcom was caught and bowled by the ex-Grammar School pro. Apthorp sent up the third century with a stroke to leg, from which he was nearly caught. At 310 Watts stumped Graham, off L. J. Reid's "googly" bowling, and half a dozen runs later he caught his rival stumper at the other end. Leventhorpe was let off in the slips when he had registered a dozen, and it proved a very expensive mistake, for he started to hit in brilliant style. At 334 he lost the partnership of Grierson, who got his leg in front of one of Reid's slows, but Saunders offered a stubborn defence, being content to score five whilst his partner made his half-century, as the result of only 20 minutes' batting. Three times in one over Leventhorpe got Whybro to the boundary, and this brought on Ling, who quickly disposed of Saunders, and the innings closed for 363. Eighty minutes' play had produced 123 runs, and included in Leventhorpe's delightful 60 were one five and eight 4's.

Wanting 174 to save an innings' defeat Cambridge commenced their second innings at 12.15 with the brothers Reid, who did not seem at all comfortable with the bowling of Morcom and Peel. At 22 Grierson displaced Morcom and a separation was effected, Rogers snapping "L. J.," who had taken 35 minutes to score five. Only 40 runs were registered in the first hour, and at 48 Wharmby went on for Grierson, and off his first ball "K. G." made a poor leg stroke, and Leventhorpe ran from mid-on and caught him. Orr went on bowling and Wilson and Ling occasionally relieved the monotony by getting the ball past the fielders, but lunch-time arrived with the score at 66 for two wickets.

The interval, as it often does, proved disastrous to the batsmen, for Wilson had only added a single when he was taken at short leg. Runs came very slowly and play had been in progress an hour and three-quarters ere the century was hoisted. Three runs later, however, Wharmby broke through Ling's defence. He had batted well for his 41, and his effort included one six and half-a-dozen boundary hits. Whybro was caught at mid-on after scoring six, and half the side were out for 111, after which Tebbutt and Watts settled down with the evident determination of playing on the defence. Ten out

of 17 overs were maidens, and when once Tebbutt did score there were ironical cheers. With 120 on the board Wharmby injured his side, and had to leave the field, but re-appeared later. At 135 Tebbutt departed from his stone-walling policy, endeavoured to pull one from Peel, and missed it. The pair had put on 24 in three-quarters of an hour. After losing his captain Watts had a "go" and the result was the same, being taken by Peel at cover point, having taken an hour to compile 14! Without further loss the visitors wiped off the arrears, having taken three hours and 20 minutes to complete the task. After making 15 Pigg was let off by Morcom in the country, and at 26 Saunders missed him in the slips. Graham was put on, and in his second over he upset the stumps of Pigg, the score standing at eight for 215. Boccock and Hart were together for a time and once the latter was missed in the slips by Graham, but with Orr going on in place of the Old Modernian he bowled Hart with his second ball (9 for 233). Another stand was made by Boccock and Coulson, and Wharmby and Peel were put on again. Coulson batted very well and scored at a fast rate. At 5.30, there being no prospect of the game being brought to a definite conclusion, it was decided to draw stumps. Beds. thus won three points on the first innings. Full score and analysis:—

Cambridgeshire.—1st Innings.

L. J. Reid, c Leventhorpe, b Morcom	9
K. G. Reid, c Apthorp, b Peel	16
F. W. Wilson, b Peel	6
Ling, c Wharmby, b Orr	43
H. C. Tebbutt, c Morcom, b Orr	25
R. H. V. Whybro, c Apthorp, b Peel	10
B. W. Pigg, c Rogers, b Peel	40
O. W. Boccock, c Apthorp, b Peel	12
H. B. Hart, b Morcom	8
Watts, not out	14
Coulson, b Morcom	17
Extras	12
Total	212

Bedfordshire.—1st Innings.

Wharmby, c L. J. Reid, b Coulson	86
Rogers, run out	39
R. N. Bocquet, c and b Ling	64
H. R. Orr, c Ling, b L. J. Reid	45
B. L. Peel, c Watts, b L. J. Reid	21
A. F. Morcom, c and b Coulson	27
S. V. Graham, st. Watts, b L. J. Reid	11
E. E. Apthorp, c Watts, b Coulson	6
G. S. Leventhorpe, not out	60
H. Grierson, lbw, b L. J. Reid	1
T. W. Saunders, b Ling	9
Extras	16
Total	385

Cambs.—2nd Innings.

L. J. Reid, c Rogers, b Grierson	5
K. G. Reid, c Leventhorpe, b Wharmby	20
F. W. Wilson, c Graham, b Orr	14
Ling, b Wharmby	41
H. C. Tebbutt, b Peel	19
R. H. V. Whybro, c Grierson, b Wharmby	6
Watts, c Peel, b Grierson	14
B. W. Pigg, b Graham	37
O. W. Boccock, not out	46
H. B. Hart, b Orr	15
Coulson, not out	34
Extras	15
Total (9 wickets)	276

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Cambs.—1st Innings.

	o.	m.	r.	w.
Morcom	15.4	8	27	3
Grierson	4	0	18	0
Peel	20	4	72	5
Orr	16	1	59	2
Wharmby	4	1	14	0
Graham	3	1	10	0

Cambs.—2nd Innings.

Morcom	19	9	21	0
Peel	15	6	29	1
Grierson	19	8	38	2
Orr	26	6	110	2
Wharmby	23	8	48	3
Graham	4	1	15	1

Bedfordshire.

Coulson	33	7	109	3
K. G. Reid	9	0	50	0
Tebbutt	8	0	50	0
Whybro	8	0	47	0
Wilson	5	1	20	0
L. J. Reid	14	0	81	4
Ling	2.4	0	12	2

Tebbutt bowled a wide and two no-balls.

County Cricket.
Minor Counties' Championship.
Beds. v. Cambs.
Another Three Points Gained.

There was almost a perfect wicket at Fanner's, Cambridge, on Wednesday when the return match between Cambs. and Beds. was commenced. The home side had a stronger team out than they had at Luton, O. W. Bocock, F. W. Wilson, R. H. V. Whybro, and H. B. Hart being displaced by J. E. Collier, T. W. C. Hunt, C. H. Pigg, and G. A. Rose. Bedfordshire had Holdstock back in the team, Rogers standing down.

WEDNESDAY'S PLAY.

The visitors won the toss and sent in Peel and Holdstock, Coulson and Rose sharing the attack. In his second over Coulson beat Peel, but Holdstock and Bocquet settled down, and when 70 went up there had been five bowling changes. One run later Bernard Pigg caught Bocquet off his brother's bowling. When near his 50 Holdstock made a couple of bad strokes, playing Coulson just clear of the slip, and nearly being caught and bowled by C. H. Pigg. At 87 Orr was easily caught at cover-point, whilst Apthorp fell in the same over after being quite at sea with the three balls he received. Morcom came in and driving C. H. Pigg to the off boundary, sent up the hundred after an hour and twenty minutes' play. The following over from the opposite end saw Holdstock reach his fifty. Tebbutt, the Cambridge captain, continued to change his bowling fairly frequently. Lunch was taken with the score at 153 for 4, Holdstock being then 67 and Morcom 38. After the interval J. J. Reid was given a turn with the ball, he being the seventh bowler to be put on. Morcom was very nearly caught in the slips in Reid's second over, but then scored fast from him, reaching his half century in an hour, the wicket having then put on a hundred. The batsmen were now well set and after two and a quarter hour's play the 200 was telegraphed. K. G. Reid was then given a turn with the ball but Holdstock drove his first ball to the on boundary and reached his century after having been batting for two hours and 25 minutes. B. W. Pigg took the opposite end and had Holdstock out leg before. He gave a splendid exhibition of careful cricket, giving no chances and hitting five 4's and eight 3's. The wicket added 130. Tebbutt went on himself, making the ninth Cambs. man to have a trial with the leather. Wharmby took 16 off his sixth over, which carried him to fifty, after only just over thirty-five minutes' play. The 300 went up almost immediately afterwards and only five wickets down. Morcom reached his 100 after two and a half hours batting, but for about an hour the cricket had been very slow, singles being very much in evidence. Wharmby reached his hundred in an hour and 40 minutes, but ten minutes later was caught in the country, the wicket having added the splendid total of 176. He hit twelve boundaries. At 4.45 Bedfordshire declared with the grand total of 405 for six wickets, their highest score of the season. The Cambridge University Blue was then undefeated with 134 to his credit. He had batted for three hours and a quarter, and made scarcely a bad stroke. Most of his runs were made by singles, and his strokes included one 5 (from an over-throw) and nine 4's. Like Holdstock and Wharmby he took no risks. Cambridgeshire were left with an hour and a half's batting, and had lost two wickets for 55, when disaster overtook them, for two more wickets fell at the same total. L. J. Reid and Ling played sound cricket.

THURSDAY'S PLAY.

When the match was resumed on Thursday morning Beds. were well on their way for three points for the lead on the first innings, as Cambs., with four of their best

batsmen gone, were 350 runs in arrears. Morcom took the orchard end but at the opposite end Peel only bowled one over before he was displaced by Orr. With 68 up Ling was beaten by a splendid ball from Morcom, whilst that bowler also beat the newcomer, Hunt, two balls later. With the first ball of the next over Orr had Tebbutt caught at deep square leg. With B. W. Pigg and Watts together the score was taken to 100, which had occupied just about two hours to compile. The total had not increased when the professional was caught behind the wicket. B. W. Pigg and Rose added another 30. Coulson was missed by Apthorp before he had scored and the wicket afterwards added 52, B. W. Pigg, who should have been stumped when 22, being not out 70. This left Cambs. with 223 to save the innings defeat. They had twenty minutes batting before lunch against Grierson, Graham, and Morcom, Ling scoring 8 and L. J. Reid 3. After lunch, Wharmby, who had strained himself, was not able to field, and his place was taken by Rogers. Ling scored a few 4's from Grierson, but otherwise the cricket was slower than it was the previous day, Cambs. evidently being out to save defeat. Orr and Peel at length took charge of the attack, but could not break through the defence. The hundred was signalled after the innings had been in progress an hour and a half. The previous innings Cambs. had eight of their wickets down for this total. Five minutes later Ling reached his fifty, being eight minutes ahead of Reid. Bowling changes were frequent and with both batsmen playing very carefully, runs continued to come at a very slow pace.

After the tea interval Ling gave a sharp chance to Apthorp behind the sticks. His total then stood at 74; he made five more and was then caught and bowled by the County skipper. The partnership had yielded 178, a score which had taken two hours and 50 minutes to compile. Reid succumbed five minutes later. With no chance of bringing the game to a definite conclusion stumps were drawn early, so that Bedford gained three more points by winning on the first innings. Full score and analysis:—

Beds.—1st Innings.

B. L. Peel, b Coulson	4
Holdstock, l.b.w., b B. W. Pigg.....	103
R. N. Bocquet, c B. W. Pigg, b C. H. Pigg	23
H. R. Orr, c Hunt, b C. H. Pigg...	8
E. E. Apthorp, c L. J. Reid, b C. H. Pigg	0
A. F. Morcom, not out	134
Wharmby, c Collier, b Hunt	105
S. G. Leventhorpe, not out	10
Extras	18
Total (6 wickets dec.)	405

S. V. Graham, T. Saunders, and H. Grierson did not bat.

Cambridgeshire.—1st Innings.

L. J. Reid, b Orr	32
K. G. Reid, c Apthorp, b Morcom ..	0
C. H. Pigg, b Orr	0
F. E. Collier, lbw., b Orr	0
Ling, b Morcom	25
H. C. Tebbutt, c H. Saunders, b Orr	5
W. C. Hunt, b Morcom	0
B. W. Pigg, not out	70
G. A. Rose, c Wharmby, b Morcom ..	11
Watts, c Apthorp, b Morcom.....	12
Coulson, c Saunders, b Grierson.....	12
Extras	15
Total	182

Cambs.—2nd Innings.

L. J. Reid, b Peel	82
Ling, c and b Orr	79
F. E. Collier, b Peels	10
W. C. Hunt, c Grierson, b Orr	21
C. H. Pigg, c Graham, b Orr	14
K. G. Reid, not out	16
H. C. Tebbutt, not out	13
Extras	25
Total (for 5 wickets)	260

B. W. Pigg, G. A. Rose, Watts, and Coulson did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Beds.—1st Innings.		Cambs.—1st Innings.		Cambs.—2nd Innings.			
o.	m.	r.	w.	o.	m.	r.	w.
Coulson	32	5	88	A. F. Morcom	26	12	54
K. Reid	2	0	12	H. Grierson	6.1	3	9
Rose	12	0	49	B. L. Peel	6	2	11
L. J. Reid	4	0	25	H. R. Orr	24	4	83
Hunt	17	0	58	Wharmby	3	0	10
Ling	4	0	19	Grierson bowled a wide.			
B. Pigg	8	0	35	Cambs.—2nd Innings.			
C. Pigg	15	1	68	H. Grierson	12	5	33
Tebbutt	6	1	38	R. N. Bocquet	4	0	18
				S. V. Graham	7	0	15
				B. L. Peel	16	6	50
				A. F. Morcom	12	4	21
				Holdstock	6	2	18
				H. R. Orr	24	3	80

Graham bowled a wide.

Notes on Sport.

ROUND ABOUT NOTES.

The County Matches.

Congratulations to Bedfordshire on their successes over Suffolk and Cambridgeshire last week. The County XI have been doing extra well this season, and the all-round displays given against the two counties above-mentioned were almost all that could be desired. To obtain eight points out of a possible ten is indeed very good, and reflects credit on all concerned. The batting of the side was, of course, the feature of the two matches, while the bowling was, taken all round, of a high order. If one would criticise the failure of the team in any branch of the game it was in the fielding, and that on the last day of the two matches.

During the period several catches were missed, which, had they been held, would probably have made all the difference to the game with Cambridgeshire, but at the same time we cannot expect everything to come off trumps, and were everything put down as certainties there would be no sport. It is the glorious uncertainty which gives added interest to all our games, and when any team—County or otherwise—collects eight points out of a possible ten, there is not much fault to be found.

The Suffolk Game.

The first of the two games under notice was against Suffolk, one of the finest fielding teams we have seen this season. The splendid score of 323 made by Bedfordshire at Wardown Park, Luton, on Wednesday, was amassed by good, sound cricket, and every run obtained was well worked for, seeing that the fielding of the visitors was above the average. It is satisfactory to notice that none of the Bedfordshire side failed with the bat, while only two made single figures. The play was rather slow for a start on an easy scoring ground, and the contribution made by the Luton pro. (Holdstock), followed by scores topping the half century by Aphorpe, Morcom, and Graham, were all of the best.

The County skipper had a lively innings for 30, and while we like to see the seniors make plenty of runs, the spectators were especially interested in the doings of young Graham, who played a delightful innings of 56 without giving a chance. Wharmby was badly run out through a misunderstanding when he had made 14. Morcom lost his wicket owing to the smartness of the opposing field, but while he was in he indulged in some fine hitting. The other Luton representative, Mander, who played in County cricket for the first time, did fairly well with the bat, and only wants encouragement.

Suffolk gave a rather poor display in batting in the first innings, but improved considerably in their second venture, the 70 made by Raynor being a very good innings. The Bedfordshire bowlers had very good analyses, Graham (3 for 9) coming out best in the first innings, but failed to get a wicket in the second. Morcom, Grierson, and Peel bore the brunt of the attack, with the skipper often going on, and how well they performed their task is evident by the nine wickets victory gained by the home county. The fielding, too, was of a high order, and the wicket-keeping of Aphorpe was all that could be wished for.

Tall Scoring by the Asylum.

The Three Counties Asylum put up another huge total last week, when they received a visit from Mr. L. R. Avery's XI. Thanks to some fine batting by Dr. Hull (105), J. R. Woodhouse (89), and Dr. Fuller (46 not out), the Asylum piled up 326 runs. Mr. Avery had a good all-round eleven on duty, and though Longbourne (84) played a free and punishing innings, ably assisted by Hugill (48), and Hildred (26), they had to admit defeat by 110 runs. Buckley was the most successful bowler for the Asylum, his five wickets costing 74 runs.

The Cambridge Game.

The Bedfordians were not quite so successful in their second game last week as in the first, for they only managed to bag three points out of a possible five. This, in a measure, was due, as we have said, to some dropped catches. Bocquet and Saunders were brought into the team which beat Suffolk, Holdstock, who fell heavily the previous day and was injured, and Mander standing down, so that Luton had not a representative in the County team. Cambridgeshire have been doing very well this season, much better, in fact, than for several seasons previously.

The batting of the visitors was fairly even in character, not one of them going to the wickets in vain. The best innings of the side was undoubtedly that by Ling, who collected 43 of the best. Another good contribution was added by B. W. Pigg, and the total eventually reached 212. Bedfordshire started batting in a splendid manner, and Wharmby and Rogers set a good foundation by putting on 129 for the first wicket. Then Bocquet and Orr gladdened the hearts of the spectators by some dashing play, hard hitting being the order. Bocquet's 64 and Orr's 45 were obtained by cricket which was well worth going a long way to see, and it was during their partnership that the Cambridgeshire total was passed. On Saturday the home side tried to make as many runs as possible in a short time, and it was in this particular kind of play that Leventhorpe shone, for he collected 60 in capital style.

Cambridgeshire started their second innings with their backs to the wall, as it were, for they were 174 runs behind on the first innings, and, of course, wanted to save a complete beating. By extraordinarily careful batting they succeeded in playing out time. Ling was again to the front with a well got 41, while Bocquet, who has experienced very hard luck this season in his batting, played a capital innings of 46 not out. All were pleased to see the success which attended the efforts of Harry Coulson, who is well-known in Bedford, for not only was he pro. at the Grammar School, but he played League cricket for the defunct Keysoe Park Club. He bowled splendidly and kept a good length, notwithstanding the punishment he received. He also did well with the bat, especially in the second innings.

Bedfordshire's Position.

Staffordshire having played two more matches than Bedfordshire, and won six out of seven, as against Bedfordshire's three won and two won on the first innings out of five, have a slightly better percentage than our county in the Minor Counties Championship table compiled up to the end of last week, as will be seen from the table we print below:—

	Played	Won.	Won on 1st inn.	Lost on 1st inn.	Drawn.	Possible.	Obtained.	Percentage.
Staffordshire	7	6	0	0	0	35	30	85.71
Bedfordshire	5	3	2	0	0	25	21	84.00
Durham	9	6	0	1	0	45	31	68.88
Hertfordshire	7	4	0	1	0	35	21	60.00
Cambridgeshire	7	2	2	2	0	35	18	51.42
Northumbriand	7	3	1	0	0	35	18	51.42
Lincolnshire	7	2	1	0	0	35	15	37.14
Suffolk	6	1	2	0	0	30	11	36.66
Cheshire	8	1	0	1	0	40	6	15.00
Norfolk	9	0	0	3	0	45	3	6.66

Five points for a win. Three points to the winner and one to the loser in a match decided on the first innings. Drawn matches—i.e., matches in which no result on the first innings is attained—ignored.

N. Baker, the Elstow School boy, did not exactly cover himself with glory in playing for the Public Schools against Essex Club and Ground last Monday and Tuesday at Leyton. He only made 2 and 7 in his two innings, and did not succeed in taking any wickets although bowling fairly well. The Public Schools were beaten by nine wickets.

So satisfied were the Executive of the County Club with the performance of S. V. Graam at Luton last Wednesday and Thursday that he has been invited to take part in the remaining County games. This is as it should be, for the youngster gave a good all-

round display, and was one of the best men in a thoroughly good team.

Mr. Orr's XI. v. League.

Mr. H. R. Orr has got together a powerful side to oppose the Bedford and District Cricket League on the Goldington-rd. ground on Thursday, the 24th inst., this day being set apart for the benefit of Jack Taylor, the ground man. The team will comprise: H. R. Orr (capt.), Col. Stevens, A. D. Wilkins, Col. Anderson, H. Grierson, E. E. Aphorpe, J. D. King, D. Turnbull, A. E. Gibson, with Holdstock and Taylor. It will be observed that, on paper, the side can be depended upon to make a pile of runs, but there is a weakness in the bowling department. Wickets are to be pitched at 11.30 a.m.

The League Team.

Notwithstanding the fact that the game will be played on Thursday, the League have been able to get together a very good side, and one which should render a good account of itself. The following have promised to play: Messrs. H. B. Davies (captain), E. Rogers, S. V. Graham, and W. Dawson (Printers), H. Willett, W. E. King (Sharnbrook), F. Redinan, R. M. Page (Pygittle Works), F. Barnwell (Victoria), J. Ratcliff, and P. Perry (Queen's Works).

The Thursday Clubs.

Beagley's entertained the Bromham team in the Park, and the game ended in a draw in favour of Beagley's. The home team batted first, and put together the capital score of 201 for 5 wickets before declaring, for which total they were mainly indebted to Nicholas and Turnbull, the former putting up a splendid innings of 77 not out, while Turnbull got 71. For Bromham, Daniels played a good innings of 35, included in which there were no less than eight 4's. Howes, Blackburn, and A. Woodcock also batted well for the visitors, whose total reached 149 for seven wickets.

Mr. F. Draper, of the Early Closers, got together a rather strong eleven to oppose his club in Bedford Park, when a very even match resulted in a draw. The Early Closers compiled the respectable total of 176, of which Whiteman got 55 by fine batting, to which Mr. Draper's XI. replied with 147 for 7 wickets when time was called. King, not out 36, H. Chapman 30, and A. Edwards, not out 20, batted best for the scratch side, while "Mr. Extras" put up a useful 25.

Bedford Argyle entertained Rushden Thursday in Bedford Park, and were beaten by the visitors after a good struggle. The homesters went to the wickets first and thanks to Redman (43) and Churchill (25, not out), they compiled 129. On the visitors' side Heygate (31), Hyde (26), McLeod (not out, 26), and Marriot (22), were the principal scorers, the total reaching 168.

WITH THE LEAGUE CLUBS.

Good Batting and Bowling by Vics.

Bedford Victoria had rather an easy task on hand last Saturday, when they opposed Goldington in the Park, in beautiful weather. The visitors batted first, but did not shape very well at Barnwell's deliveries, who came out with the capital analysis of seven wickets for 41, six of which were clean bowled, and A. Coleman took 2 for 13. Their total reached 78, of which J. Skerman and F. King compiled 19 and 10 respectively. The Victoria batsmen were in good form, and passed their opponents' total before the fall of the second wicket. The Modern School boy, Warton, was top scorer with 65, and other notable contributions were made by W. Brown, R. Keens, and A. B. Coleman. The total had reached 261 when stumps were drawn.

Printers Turn the Tables.

Kempston were the guests of the Printers' first team in Bedford Park on Saturday, when the homesters had ample revenge for a very severe defeat sustained earlier in the season. The Printers batted first, and put up the respectable total of 154, of which Dawson, the Printers' skipper, came out on top with a capital 86. The bowling for Kempston was done by Cocking (4 for 17), Tysoe (3 for 31), and Houghton (3 for 34). The Kempston team could only bat nine men, and did not give their opponents much trouble, being all out for 54, Best getting 5 wickets for 34, and Quince 3 for 18.

Potton St. Mary's Scratch.

Potton St. Mary's could not raise a team last Saturday to receive the Pyghtle Works, and the points are accordingly conceded to the Bedford team.

An Exciting Finish.

Printers' 2nd and Wootton Hall End met for the second time in two weeks on Saturday in Bedford Park, when the previous week's result was reversed, the Printers clipping the wings of the League leaders. The visitors batted first, and made 77, Burraway and Mephram doing best with the bat, while for the Printers Rogers took 6 wickets for 31. The Printers started none too well, and the game began to get very exciting when they had 7 wickets down and still wanted 20 runs to win. When, however, two more wickets went down for 5 runs, it was thought there was no hope of success, but Berrington and Smith made a stand. With 10 to win, Hutchings missed the easiest of catches, and thus lost the game for Wootton, for their total was passed amidst loud cheering. On Smith being stumped his clubmates "chaired" him back. His display was a good one, and saved the situation, he going in last and making top score.

Foundry's Walk-over.

Foundry United were to have played Stagsden in Russell Park on Saturday, but the game was scratched owing to the villagers being busy with harvest, and consequently could not raise a team. The points therefore go to the Foundrymen, which, thanks to the beating of Wootton Hall End by the Printers, takes them to the top of the table, with the Printers close behind.

Ickwell Surprise Blunham.

Ickwell prepared a grand surprise for Blunham last Saturday. The game was played on the Blunham pitch, and the wicket was very fast. The visitors turned out their strongest team of the season, with the evident determination of upsetting the calculations of Taylor, Rawlins, and Co. Batting first, Ickwell were found to be in tip-top form, Albone and Darnell putting on 41 for the first wicket. Other useful contributions followed, and the sixth wicket fell at 99, the seventh at 147, and the side were all out with the addition of 3 runs. The most successful bowling for the homesters was done by Taylor (3 for 29), Maries (2 for 9), and Sims (2 for 25).

Blunham thus had a big total to face; in fact, one of the largest put up against them this season. On going to the wickets, they found Shelton and Willsher almost unplayable, the former especially being deadly, and his figures read:—

4 overs, 7 runs, 5 wickets.

In his last two overs Shelton took two wickets in each over for no runs. Blunham were all out for the small total of 57. Rawlins made a very good stand for his side, and Sims also assisted in the endeavour to stem the tide of adversity, but all to no purpose,

for Blunham had run up against Ickwell at an unfortunate time, for the visitors could do scarcely anything wrong. At the same time credit is due to Ickwell for their excellent play both in batting and bowling.

To-morrow's Matches.

The following games are down for decision, to be played on the ground of the first named club:—

Bedford League.—Div. I.

Goldington v. Kempston.
Sharnbrook v. Printers.
Potton St. Mary's v. Queen's Works.

Bedford League.—Div. II.

Northern Section.
Bedford Alma v. Blunham.
Ickwell v. Bolnhurst.
Southern Section
Wootton Hall End v. Forder's Pillinge Works.
Foundry United v. Marston.
Cranfield v. Stagsden.
Printers 2nd v. Goldington 2nd.

BEDFORD LEAGUE.—DIV. I.

BEDFORD PRINTERS v. KEMPSTON.

In Bedford Park on Saturday the Printers received a visit from Kempston, and the game was won easily by the homesters.

Scores.
Printers: W. Dawson, b Tysoe, 86; H. V. Davis, c Folkes, b Houghton, 11; C. Quince, b Houghton, 6; S. Rogers, c and b Houghton, 9; G. Carter, c Chambers, b Tysoe, 13; H. Chambers, c sub., b Tysoe, 6; R. Foster, c sub., b Cocking, 3; H. Clark, c Brown, b Cocking, 8; T. Rubythorn, c Chambers, b Cocking, 7; E. Fisher, not out, 0; H. Best, c Houghton, b Cocking, 1; extras, 4; total, 154.

Kempston: N. Chambers, b Best, 0; J. Brown, c Dawson, b Best, 2; R. Cocking, b Best, 0; J. Folkes, b Best, 16; M. Freeman, b Quince, 2; S. Tysoe, c Best, b Quince, 11; Sergt. Ward, b Quince, 5; B. Howes, not out, 0; W. Houghton, lbw., b Best, 16; extras, 2; total, 54.

BEDFORD VICTORIA v. GOLDINGTON.

The Victoria gained a very easy victory over Goldington in Bedford Park on Saturday.

Scores:
Goldington.—S. Rootham, b Barnwell, 9; F. King, b Barnwell, 10; J. Skerman, b Barnwell, 19; F. King, jun., b Barnwell, 19; H. Chapman, b Barnwell, 0; W. Skerman, b M. Coleman, 8; J. Osborne, c Feighan, b A. B. Coleman, 6; H. Chillingworth, b Coleman, 7; H. V. Oclea, b Barnwell, 4; E. Laughton, not out, 4; Crowley, b Barnwell, 3; extras, 8; total, 78.

Victoria: R. Keens, retired, 54; S. Brown, c and b Crowley, 25; W. Brown, c Laughton, b King, jun., 63; H. E. Warton, b King, jun., 65; A. B. Coleman, not out, 44; F. Barnwell, not out, 7; extras, 23; total (four wickets), 281. M. W. Coleman, H. P. Feighan, A. E. Rabey, C. Capon, and E. G. Taylor did not bat.

Position of the clubs to date.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Sharnbrook	11	8	1	2	18
Queen's Works	10	8	2	0	16
Bedford Victoria	12	6	3	3	15
Bedford Printers	11	5	4	2	12
Pyghtle Works	12	5	6	1	11
Kempston	10	4	6	0	8
Potton St. Mary's	10	2	8	0	4
Goldington	11	1	10	0	2

BEDFORD LEAGUE.—DIV. II.

BEDFORD PRINTERS 2nd v. WOOTTON HALL END.

There was an exciting finish in Bedford Park on Saturday in the game between the second eleven of the Printers and Wootton Hall End.

Scores:—
Wootton Hall End.—C. Lowe, b Harvey, 6; F. Loft, b Rogers, 0; T. Burraway, c Rogers, b Harvey, 16; D. Foster, b Rogers, 9; F. Whitbread, lbw., b Rogers, 6; J. Lowe, b Harvey, 3; W. Mephram, b Boddington, 13; H. Sinfield, b Rogers, 1; S. Faulkner, not out, 6; J. Lambert, b Rogers, 2; G. Hutchings, b Rogers, 7; extras, 8; total, 77.

Printers 2nd.—A. Fensome, c Lambert, b Lowe, 1; J. Boddington, st Loft, b Whitbread, 12; W. Woods, c Whitbread, b Lowe, 16; F. Tucker, b Lowe, 0; S. Keech, c Faulkner, b Whitbread, 1; E. Rogers, c Faulkner, b Whitbread, 8; A. Smith, b Lowe, 4; J. Day, b Whitbread, 0; J. Harvey, b Mephram, 16; T. Berrington, not out, 6; T. Smith, st Loft, b Whitbread, 25; extras, 9; total, 98.

FOUNDRY UNITED v. STAGSDEN.

This match, which was to have been played in Russell Park on Saturday last was scratched by the Foundry, consequently the points go to Stagsden.

BLUNHAM v. ICKWELL.

Ickwell were the visitors to Blunham on Saturday, and succeeded in easily defeating the homesters. Scores:—

Ickwell.—E. Albone, b Taylor, 32; G. Darnell, b Taylor, 29; D. Woodward, c Hunt, b Battle, 2; E. Jones, b Taylor, 17; T. Woodward, c Taylor, b Sims, 4; F. Willsher, c Blaine, b Davison, 29; L. Byrom, b Sims, 0; A. Shelton, c Sims, b Maries, 15; J. Radford, b Maries, 0; D. Fuller, not out, 1; W. Willsher, did not bat, 0; extras, 21; total, 150.

Blunham.—F. Taylor, b Albone, 2; H. Blaine, b F. Willsher, 9; F. Rawlins, c W. Willsher, b F. Willsher, 17; J. Davison, b Albone, 1; H. Hunt, c Albone, b Shelton, 8; M. Allen, b Byrom, 5; W. Sims, c Albone, b Shelton, 10; T. Maries, c D. Woodward, b Shelton, 0; F. Battle, c F. Willsher, b Shelton, 0; C. Davison, not out, 0; W. Rawlins, b Shelton, 0; extras, 5; total, 57.

Position of the clubs to date.

	Northern Section.				
	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Bedford Alma	11	10	1	0	20
Blunham	12	9	3	0	18
Ickwell	12	8	4	0	16
Sharnbrook 2nd	11	5	6	1	11
South End W.M. Club	12	6	6	0	12
Queen's Works 2nd	10	5	5	0	10
Bolnhurst	12	2	10	0	4
Keysoe	14	1	12	1	3

Southern Section.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Foundry United	11	8	2	1	17
B'dfd Printers 2nd	12	8	3	1	17
Wootton Hall End	11	8	3	0	16
Cranfield	11	5	4	2	12
Marston	12	5	5	2	12
Goldington 2nd	11	4	7	0	8
Stagsden	11	3	8	0	6
F'd'r's Pillinge W'ks	11	0	11	0	0

FRIENDLY MATCHES.

"BEDS. TIMES" v. TIMÆUS'S.

The newspaper people experienced very hard luck in not winning their match last Saturday in Russell Park. It was a close game and Timæus's secured a victory after a hard struggle by the narrow margin of two runs. The "Beds. Times" took first knock and started badly. A stand by Phillips and Shields put them on their legs, however, and when the last wicket was down 87 appeared on the board—a good total for them.

On going in it appeared that Timæus's were out for a high score, for at the fall of the third wicket 61 were registered, thanks to a splendid innings by Evans. Expectations still ran high at the fall of the sixth wicket, when 85 appeared on the board. Within the next ten minutes a different aspect was put on the situation, and it seemed doubtful whether they would snatch a victory, as the last five men were dismissed for one run. Carter, for the "Times," was in good form and took six wickets for 31 runs, whilst on the other side Evans was the best trundler and secured six wickets at the cost of 26 runs. Scores:—

"Beds. Times".—S. Loveday, b Evans, 5; C. Carter, b Evans, 1; F. White, b Evans, 7; N. G. Phelps, b Evans, 0; C. Lawson, b Dennis, 3; D. Phillips, c S. Middleton, b Dennis, 23; Shields, b P. Middleton, 19; G. Loveday, c S. Middleton, b Evans, 11; B. Papps, b Evans, 0; R. Parrott, b Evans, 7; G. Deacon, not out, 0; extras, 11; total, 87.

Timæus' XI.—M. Slade, b Phelps, 5; C. Middleton, c Phillips, b Carter, 2; H. Evans, b Carter, 54; W. Noble, c White, b Carter, 0; S. Middleton, c Phillips, b Carter, 1; A. Dennis, c Phillips, b Lawson, 23; H. Ashton, b Carter, 0; A. Wootton, not out, 1; W. Foote, st. Phillips, b Lawson, 0; C. Hardwick, b Carter, 0; G. Rasbary, c Phillips, b Lawson, 0; extras, 3; total, 89.

SILSOE v. GREENFIELD.

The return match between Silsoe and Greenfield was played in Wrest Park on Wednesday week in very hot weather, and the home eleven managed to win by 63 runs on the 1st innings. Greenfield batted first and made 58 runs, A. Waddington scoring 33. Silsoe then put together 121 runs, Wombwell's contribution being 30 and B. Webb's 27. Scores:—

Greenfield.—E. Crawley, b Lovell, 6; S. Weston, run out, 0; A. Waddington, b Tysoe, 33; G. Rosson, b Wombwell, 1; J. Dunston, b Tysoe, 1; W. Taylor, c Tysoe, b Wombwell, 1; F. Weston, b Tysoe, 0; C. Lane, c Whitteman, b Wombwell, 0; J. Cherry, c and b Tysoe, 5; S. Matthews, not out, 0; F. Taylor, b Tysoe, 0; extras, 11; total, 58.

Silsoe.—J. Copperwheat, lbw., b Crawley, 2; B. Webb, b Taylor, 27; R. Mann, b Waddington, 0; W. Wombwell, b Taylor, 30; C. Martin, b Waddington, 11; W. Lovell, run out, 3; H. Whitteman, c Taylor, b Waddington, 4; D. Stanworth, run out, 3; L. Miller, b Matthews, 5; A. Morgan, c Durston, 6; extras, 15; total, 121.

BLETCHLEY PARK v. GREAT BRICK-HILL.

Played on Sir Herbert Leon's private ground at Bletchley Park on Saturday, and ended in an easy win for the home side. Scores:—

Bletchley Park.—G. S. Scott, b Hart, 6; E. Bland, c Hart, b Booth, 41; T. W. Gilbert, b Hammond, 25; A. J. Holmes, c and b Hart, 28; A. J. Markham, b Hart, 13; J. Edwards, run out, 1; T. Mead, c and b Tooth, 7; H. Fowler, b Tooth, 0; W. Amos, not out, 21; R. Cook, b Tooth, 26; S. Parker, b Tooth, 0; extras, 23; total, 183.

Great Brickhill.—F. Hart, b Cook, 0; A. Tooth, b Amos, 6; B. Tooth, c Amos, b Mead, 19; F. Clements, b Scott, 4; G. Holdom, c Holmes, b Scott, 0; G. Hammond, b Mead, 2; R. Bloxham, not out, 1; F. Turner, b Bland, 0; W. Harmer, b Amos, 0; C. Holdom, b Amos, 4; A. Curtis, b Amos, 0; extras, 30; total, 66.

PICTS HILL v. OAKLEY HOUSE.

This match was played at Turvey on Tuesday. Scores:—

Picts Hill.—Turnbull, b R. Lambert, 47; Bunbury, c and b E. Buller, 12; Nicholas, c Pennant, b Buller, 26; Veitch, c M. F. Buller, b Anson, 12; R. L. Cunliffe, b Anson, 22; J. R. Cunliffe, b E. Crossman, 2; G. A. Crespiigny, b Anson, 4; R. Booth, b E. Crossman, 0; N. Argenti, not out, 18; Crossman, c M. L. Buller, b E. T. Buller, 5; T. Hill, b E. T. Buller, 0; extras, 38; total, 186. 2nd Innings.—Turnbull, not out, 50; Bunbury, b E. T. Buller, 15; Nicholas, st. M. L. Buller, b E. T. Buller, 7; Veitch, c E. T. Buller, b Lambert, 5; R. L. Cunliffe, b Pennant, 1; G. A. Crespiigny, st. N. L. Buller, b Lambert, 3; R. Booth, c Pennant, b Lambert, 9; extras, 14; total (6 wickets), 104.

Oakley House.—C. Douglas Pennant, b Bunbury, 2; G. Williams, st. Nicholas, b R. L. Cunliffe, 5; E. H. Anson, b Bunbury, 20; G. Lane, b Bunbury, 11; L. Lambert, b Cunliffe, 1; E. T. Buller, c Nicholas, b Cunliffe, 26; M. F. Buller, b Bunbury, 0; M. L. Buller, c Veitch, b Turnbull, 1; E. Crossman, b Cunliffe, 2; J. Prothero, not out, 0; Hon. G. Russell, st. Nicholas, b Cunliffe, 0; total, 74. 2nd Innings.—C. Douglas Pennant, not out, 108; G. Williams, b Veitch, 23; E. H. Anson, b Cunliffe, 12; G. Lane, c Veitch, b Cunliffe, 0; R. Lambert, st. Nicholas, b Cunliffe, 14; E. T. Buller, not out, 38; extras, 19; total (4 wickets), 214.

OAKLEY HOUSE v. PICTS HILL.

The return match was played at Oakley yesterday (Wednesday). Scores:—

Picts Hill.—Turnbull, c Prothero, b Anson, 4; Bunbury, c Anson, 2; Nicholas, run out, 76; Veitch, b E. T. Buller, 2; R. L. Cunliffe, b E. T. Buller, 28; R. Booth, c M. T. Buller, b E. T. Buller, 4; W. Argenti, b E. T. Buller, 4; J. R. Cunliffe, b E. Crossman, 8; G. A. Crespiigny, b Buller, 2; Crossman, not out, 2; T. Hill, c Williams, b Anson, 8; extras, 4; total, 144. 2nd Innings.—Turnbull, c Pennant, b E. T. Buller, 9; Bunbury, b Anson, 1; Nicholas, hit wicket, b Anson, 131; Veitch, run out, 10; R. L. Cunliffe, lbw., b Anson, 13; R. Booth, b Anson, 4; N. Argenti, c Pennant, b Lambert, 15; J. R. Cunliffe, b Buller, 10; G. A. Crespiigny, b Anson, 5; Crossman, not out, 8; T. Hill, b Anson, 0; extras, 12; total, 218.

Oakley House.—C. Douglas Pennant, b Cunliffe, 16; E. H. Anson, lbw, b Bunbury, 18; G. Williams, st. Nicholas, b Cunliffe, 2; G. Lane, b Cunliffe, 13; R. Lambert, c Cunliffe, b Turnbull, 26; E. T. Buller, c Cunliffe, b Bunbury, 2; M. L. Buller, b Turnbull, 28; R. J. Prothero, lbw, b Cunliffe, 0; M. F. Buller, b Cunliffe, 4; Hon. G. Russell, not out, 8; E. Crossman, b Turnbull, 1; extras, 9; total, 127. 2nd Innings.—C. Douglas Pennant, st. Nicholas, b Cunliffe, 13; E. H. Anson, b Turnbull, 9; G. Williams, c Booth, b Turnbull, 10; G. Lane, b Cunliffe, 50; R. Lambert, c Crossman, b Turnbull, 14; E. T. Buller, c Turnbull, b Cunliffe, 0; M. L. Buller, b Cunliffe, 3; R. J. Prothero, c and b Cunliffe, 7; M. F. Buller, not out, 8; Hon. G. Russell, b Cunliffe, 0; E. Crossman, b Turnbull, 2; extra, 1; total, 117.

THREE COUNTIES ASYLUM v. ARLESEY.

This match was played on the Asylum ground on Saturday, and won by the home team by 74 runs, for whom Woodhouse made 53 and Lester 52. Buckley (4 for 36) and S. F. Brister (3 for 22) were the most successful bowlers. Scores:—

Arlesey.—C. Cox, b Buckley, 15; T. King, b Buckley, 9; A. Page, c C. Brister, b Buckley, 12; P. King, b Hutchison, 8; W. Soley, c Webb, b Buckley, 11; W. Robinson, c Buckley, b Webb, 9; W. Topham, b S. F. Brister, 0; C. Dear, b Webb, 5; F. Rainbow, not out, 15; F. Favell, b S. F. Brister, 8; T. J. Faulkner, b S. F. Brister, 0; extras, 3; total, 95.

Three Counties' Asylum.—J. R. Woodhouse, st. C. Dear, b Soley, 53; O. Webb, b T. King, 5; J. H. Buckley, b T. King, 12; S. F. Brister, lbw, b T. King, 11; H. Lester, b T. King, 52; Dr. Dixon, b P. King, 1; C. Albon, b P. King, 8; C. Brister, not out, 21; T. Hutchison, c Rainbow, b T. King, 0; C. Pincock, b T. King, 0; H. E. Swift, not out, 0; extras, 6; total (9 wickets), 169.

THREE COUNTIES ASYLUM v. MR. L. R. AVERY'S XI.

Played at the Asylum on Thursday week. Scores:—

Asylum.—J. R. Woodhouse, c Perkins, b Betts, 89; T. W. Saunders, c Avery, b Longbourne, 3; Dr. Hull, c and b Hildred, 105; O. Webb, c Hildred, b Betts, 0; Dr. Fuller, not out, 46; L. A. Woodhouse, b Harrison, 19; C. Albon, c Palmer, b Sergeant, 3; S. F. Brister, c Perkins, b Sergeant, 0; J. H. Buckley, c Longbourne, b Sergeant, 7; T. Hutchison, c and b Sergeant, 18; C. Brister, c Hugill, b Betts, 15; extras, 21; total, 326.

Mr. L. R. Avery's XI.—R. Sergeant, b Buckley, 2; R. Harrison, c C. Brister, b Buckley, 21; J. H. Hugill, lbw, b Dr. Hull, 48; H. R. Longbourne, c Saunders, b Buckley, 84; Rev. R. S. Bagshaw, b Saunders, 11; F. G. Betts, c Dr. Hull, b Albon, 8; E. Hildred, c Hutchison, b Buckley, 26; J. Perkins, b S. F. Brister, 1; A. H. Palmer, b Buckley, 5; J. C. Rodwell, b S. F. Brister, 0; L. R. Avery, not out, 4; extras, 6; total, 216.

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BEDS. CLUB & GROUND v. KETTERING.

In this return contest on Saturday the men from Kettering visited the Goldington-road Ground, but in spite of strong and virile batting the game ended in a draw. The visitors were somewhat late in arriving, and the match did not begin until 3.45. From then until 7 o'clock, however, play was fast and lively. Kettering took the initial innings, and declared after 1½ hour's sound play, with 5 wickets down for 240 runs. Dainty, Conant, and Darby were responsible for 171 runs between them, the result of beautiful batsmanship. The Clubmen, on taking the willow, exhibited the same style of cricket, and especially admirable was the innings of F. W. H. Nicholas, who, after scoring 15 4's, and only making 8 singles, was robbed of his century by 7 runs, owing to the drawing of stumps. One 6 was included in his score. Scores:—

KETTERING.	
N. Conant, b Winkins	58
W. H. Darby, c Taylor b Wilkins	49
A. J. Hawes, c and b Wilkins	13
J. E. P. Dainty, b Knowles	66
E. Wright, c Col. Stevens, b Knowles	31
D. Bird, not out	13
H. B. Judkins, not out	8
B. J. Timson, W. A. Stanley, C. W. Clarke and Panter did not bat.	
Extras	4
Total (for 5 wks., declared).....	240

BEDS. CLUB & GROUND.	
A. D. Wilkins, b Panter	5
F. W. H. Nicholas, not out	93
L. H. Knowles, b Hawes	30
D. Turnbull, b Judkins	14
J. D. King, not out	10
Col. Stevens, S. Woodbridge, Taylor, C. Stevens, Pilgrim, and G. M. Taylor did not bat.	
Extras	26
Total (for 3 wks.).....	178

First League.

KEMPSTON v. GOLDINGTON.

At Russell Park on Saturday, the Kempstonians were in fighting form, and after trundling Goldington out for 57, scored 240 for 5 wickets. Scores:—

GOLDINGTON.	
S. Rootham, c Folkes, b Cocking	9
Skerman, run out	0
E. Laughton, c Houghton, b Cocking	11
F. G. King, b Cocking	0
J. Osbourne, c Folkes, b Cocking	12
F. King, c and b Francis	3
W. Buck, c and b Cocking	4
H. Chapman, not out	0
H. V. O'Leary, b Cocking	2
H. Crowsley, b Cocking	3
T. Bishop, run out	5
Extras	8
Total	57

KEMPSTON.	
J. Brown, b Skerman	18
H. P. Cocking, b F. King	29
J. Folkes, c Osbourne, b Buck	107
E. Francis, c King, b Crowsley	34
S. Tysoe, retired	34
W. Houghton, not out	6
R. Cocking, c and b Rootham	12
R. Robinson and W. Hamsey did not bat.	
Total (for 5 weeks).....	240

Second League.

BLUNHAM v. ALMA.

Played at Bedford Park on Saturday, when the home men were rather badly beaten. For the Alma, out of 9 overs Limpus bowled 5 maidens and obtained 4 wickets for 9 runs. Scores:—

Blunham: F. Rawlins, b Catlin, 59; M. Maries, lbw., b Dear, 16; W. Kemp, b Limpus, 3; F. Taylor, c Bates, b Catlin, 0; T. Davison, c Harrison, b Catlin, 10; W. Rawlins, c Brimley, b Limpus, 21; W. Sims, b Limpus, 0; T. Maries, b Limpus, 6; F. Battle, b Clare, 8; H. Currant, b Clare, 1; S. Chambers, not out, 4; extras 9; total 131.
Alma: F. Booth, b Taylor, 0; W. Church, man, c Kemp, b Taylor, 1; F. Harrison, b Taylor, 0; F. Brimley, b Taylor, 0; L. Freir, c Rawlins, b Kemp, 11; B. Catlin, retired, hurt, 4; T. G. Tuffnell, b Taylor, 8; A. Clare, c and b Kemp, 2; G. Dear, not out, 6; J. Bates, b Kemp, 2; extras 4; total 33.

PRINTERS, 2nd v. GOLDINGTON 2nd.

The Printers were victorious by 115 runs in this game on Saturday, at Russell Park. Scores:—

Printers 2nd: J. Day, c Burton, b Smith, 4; F. Tucker, b Chillingworth, 27; C. Rogers, c Sub., b Smith, 8; S. Keech, c Burton, b Smith, 6; J. Harvey, c Sub., b Chillingworth, 33; A. Smith, b Chillingworth, 24; K. Chambers, b Pestell, 11; W. Woods, c Burton, b Smith, 0; T. Smith, c Chillingworth, b Pestell, 0; E. Fisher, not out, 2; A. Fensome, b Sharman, 11; extras 11; total 207.
Goldington 2nd: T. Chillingworth, lbw., b Woods, 25; W. Skerman, c and b Rogers, 10; H. Smith, not out, 27; D. Joyce, c Keech, b Woods, 16; H. Pestell, run out, 0; E. Hopkinson, c and b Day, 0; H. Bush, b Woods, 4; W. Deacon, b Day, 1; C. Burton, c Smith, b Woods, 0; J. Risely, b Day, 0; extras 9; total 92.

Friendlies.

CLAPHAM PARK HOUSE v. CLAPHAM.

Played at Clapham, on Thursday. Batting first on a tricky wicket, Park House compiled 51, H. A. Knight being chief contributor with 19. Clapham responded with a meagre 20, of which A. Millard made 13. Batting a second time, Clapham fared better with a total of 43, but Park House knocked off the necessary runs for the loss of two wickets. Loakes bowled well for the winners, at one time taking four wickets with successive balls.

C.E.M.S. v. POST OFFICE.

Played in the Park on Thursday. Scores: C.E.M.S.—Col. Stevens 40, R. Foster 32, E. A. Woodford 9, Rev. L. Gilbert (not out) 63, C. G. Steven 18, R. Day 0, S. V. Williams 3, Ellis (not out) 13, extras 20; total (for 6 wickets dec.) 189. Eagling, Metcalfe, and Stratton did not bat. Post Office.—J. Barker 29, F. Craddock 7, A. W. Neal (retired) 3, S. Clark 7, R. Keens (not out) 167, T. Berrington 22, A. Spavins 3, A. Turtle (not out) 5, extras 16; total (for 6) 198.

Cricket Notes.

Beds. were out of the hunt for Championship honours when they left Cambridge on Thursday evening for Norfolk, for had they gained the whole of the remaining 10 points, they would still have been one point below Staffordshire. The sad fall from grace, therefore on Saturday, did not affect the issue, disappointing as it was, after the county's great form. Norfolk had a wonderful time in the Norwich week, capturing 13 of the 15 points, and to some extent retrieving their position among the counties.

There was a remarkable similarity between the county's two games with Cambridgeshire. In the first meeting at Warden Park, Cambridgeshire started their second innings at noon on the second day in a minority of 175. At Fenner's on Thursday at about one o'clock they went in again in a minority of 223. In each instance Cambs. brought off a big surprise, by keeping their end up until it was impossible for Bedfordshire to win outright. They played "defensive cricket" to perfection, or to desperation, according to the point of view. It may be "tactics" from Cambs. point of view, but it was just the exhibition to sicken spectators who wanted to see bright cricket. Far more exciting and exhilarating play could be seen for nothing in the Junior matches on Parkers' Piece adjoining, and it was not surprising that that was where the spectators were.

A Cambridge scribe described it as "discreet" batting. It may have been, but a little more valour would have been acceptable. What is more wearisome than to see a batsman repressing his natural propensity to hit, and tap, tap, tap, over after over? Certainly, Cambs. saved a point, but in any event it was an exhibition that profited the real interests of the game nothing, and is not at all unlikely that Cambs. would have fared better if they had adopted a braver course.

Bedfordshire began their last match of the season at Elixstowe this morning. Suffolk have been doing none too well, but they announced a stronger side, including Cobbold and Ireland, than have been on duty

so far, for this match and will probably make Bedford go all the way for victory. Bedfordshire's side will be the same as that which represented the county at Norwich.

On Thursday Herts. beat Suffolk by an innings and 77 runs, and Norfolk followed up a first innings victory over Herts. with their first victory of the season at Northumberland's expense, by ten wickets. Bedfordshire went on from Cambridge on Thursday night ready to fill the bill for the last match of the Norwich Cricket Week.

Mr. "Jack" Taylor takes his annual benefit on Thursday on the Goldington-road ground. Bedfordshire will then be home from their tour, and Mr. Orr will have a godly proportion of the county side at his disposal to meet the powerful eleven announced to represent the League.

The teams are as follows:—Mr. Orr's XI.: Selected from H. R. Orr (Captain), Col. Stevens, A. D. Wilkins, Col. Anderson, H. Grierson, E. E. Apthorp, J. D. King, D. Turnbull, A. E. Gibson, T. W. Saunders, Holdstock and Taylor.—League: H. B. Davies, E. Rogers, S. V. Graham, and W. Dawson (Printers); H. Willett and W. E. King (Sharnbrook); F. Redman and E. M. Page (Pyghtle Works); F. Barnwell (Victoria); J. Ratcliff and P. Perry (Queen's Works).

W. C. D. Turner, O.B.M., who made several good scores in the Old Modernians' Cricket Week, made 64 for Eastbourne against the M.C.C. on Saturday.

The painful circumstances of the seizure of Tom Brown, on Wednesday, caused great concern amongst Bedfordshire cricketers. "Tom," who was better known as "Bumper" for his ability to make the ball bump on all sorts of wickets, was the county pro who most filled the popular mind, and especially of the rising generation of cricketers, in the days of our youth. The mainstay of the county's bowling, he was also a reliable and prolific bat. Since his retirement from county cricket, "Tom" has unpinned regularly in first-class county matches. The seizure was attributed to the great heat. On Friday he was well enough to leave St. Mary's Hospital and put in an appearance at Lord's. Later in the day he left for his home at Dunstable.

The "Sportsman" of this morning, in its round of the Public Schools, reached the Bedford Grammar School. In the introduction to a detailed description of the season, it says:—Taken all round, the season of 1911 may be written down as satisfactory, as, even though the percentage of losses greatly predominates, yet three of the four School matches were won, and the first match against the Old Boys, only lost after a great struggle. N. V. S. Maltby, the captain, has been the outstanding personality, in the field as captain and in the slips, at the wicket as the batsman of the side, and in the bowling department, where he has taken twenty-seven wickets. He is hunted home by E. M. Bear, the most consistent bowler of the eleven, who heads the bowling averages, and is second, if not a very good one, to the captain in the batting averages. One other feature of the season has been the wicket-keeping of Roberts, one of the best stumpers the School has ever known. The fielding has reached a high standard. Maltby leaving no stone unturned to secure soundness in this department, and he has set an excellent example himself. Nailer, at cover, also being brilliant, and Wilson doing splendid service in the long field. The record may not read too well on paper, but had it not been for the fielding it might have made really painful reading. There was an unfortunate dearth of left-hand bowlers in the School, and as the bowling would have to be entrusted to new-comers, who at the beginning of the term were an unknown quantity, Maltby at once started, and with gratifying success, on bringing the team up to the mark in the field.

Cricket.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE v. BEDFORDSHIRE.

Bedfordshire, who took three points from Cambridgeshire at Wardown Park a few days since, repeated the performance in the return match at Fenner's, Cambridge. The match was left drawn on Thursday last, and Bedfordshire scored their three points for a handsome lead on the first innings, as was the case at Wardown. Last year Cambridgeshire lost both matches to our county eleven.

The success of Bedfordshire on this occasion was largely due to some splendid batting when they opened their innings on Wednesday, the innings being declared at 405 for six wickets, there being three centuries. There was one alteration in the Beds team, Rogers standing out for Holdstock, the Luton man, who could not play at Wardown owing to a slight injury received in the previous day's game with Suffolk.

Holdstock amply justified his inclusion in the team by putting on 103, but even this was overtopped by Wharmby, who followed up his 87 at Luton against Combs with 105, and by A. F. Morecom, whose 134 not out will considerably improve his average.

When Combs went to the wicket they were not very successful. They were all dismissed for 182, Morecom getting five for 54. They had to follow on, and then shone much better, having put on 260 for the loss of five wickets when stumps were drawn. Full scores:—

BEDFORDSHIRE.—First innings.

R. I. Peel b Coulson	4
Holdstock lbw b H. W. Pigg	103
H. H. Boquet c B. W. b C. H. Pigg	23
H. R. Orr c Hunt b C. H. Pigg	8
K. E. Apthorp c I. J. Reid b C. H. Pigg	0
A. F. Morecom not out	134
Wharmby c Collier b Hunt	105
G. S. Leventhorpe not out	10
Extras	18

Total (6 wkts) 405*

T. Saunders, H. Grierson, and S. B. Graham did not bat.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.—First innings.

L. J. Reid b Orr	32
K. Reid c Apthorp b Morecom	0
Ling b Morecom	25
C. H. Pigg b Orr	0
F. K. Collier lbw b Orr	0
H. C. Tebbutt c Saunders b Orr	5
W. C. Hunt b Morecom	0
B. W. Pigg not out	70
G. A. Rose c Wharmby b Morecom	11
Watts c Apthorp b Morecom	12
Coulson c Saunders b Grierson	12
Extras	15

Total 182

Second innings.

I. J. Reid b Peel	82
K. G. Reid not out	16
Ling c and b Orr	79
C. H. Pigg c Graham b Orr	14
F. K. Collier b Peel	10
H. C. Tebbutt not out	13
W. C. Hunt c Grierson b Orr	21
Extras	25

Total (for 5 wkts.)... 260

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

BEDFORDSHIRE.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Coulson	32	5	88	1
K. G. Reid	2	0	12	0
Rose	12	0	49	0
I. J. Reid	4	0	25	0
Hunt	17	0	58	1
Ling	4	0	19	0
B. W. Pigg	8	0	36	1
C. H. Pigg	15	1	68	3
Tebbutt	6	1	33	0

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.—First innings.

Morecom	26	12	54	5
Grierson	6.1	3	9	1
Peel	6	2	11	0
Orr	24	4	83	4
Wharmby	3	0	10	0

Second innings.

Grierson	12	5	33	0
Boquet	4	0	18	0
Graham	7	2	15	0
Peel	16	6	50	2
Morecom	12	4	21	0
Holdstock	6	2	18	0
Orr	24	3	80	3

Graham bowled one wide.

NORFOLK v. BEDFORDSHIRE.

Bedfordshire were at Norwich on Friday and Saturday, and the home team concluded their season in splendid style by gaining a victory by nine wickets. They had previously only won one match outright and two on the first innings out of the eleven played, and can now congratulate themselves on being the first team to defeat Bedfordshire this season.

On Friday, Beds were all out for 202, and Norfolk had just gone by their total to 206 for seven wickets at the conclusion of the day's play. The innings ended on Saturday morning, when only another dozen had been added, so they only had a lead of 16 on the first innings.

Then Norfolk got five Bedfordshire wickets down for 48 in just under the hour. Orr, the captain, was, however, missed at 4, and after this escape he helped Anthorp to add 68 for the sixth wicket in 40 minutes, but after lunch the four remaining wickets fell quickly, and Norfolk were left with 138 to get. The wicket was of the sporting type, and Norfolk lost Raikes at 19. At 38 Collinson retired with a cut finger, but Falcon, driving finely, and Stevens hit off the runs, Norfolk winning at four o'clock by nine wickets.

The Norfolk team have ended the season in a very humble position in the North and East Section of the Minor Counties' Championship, having only obtained 18 points out of a possible 60, or a percentage of 30. Of these, 13 points were obtained last week out of the 15 possible in the Norwich week, so the best wicket was apparently kept to finish off the season. Beds, at the end of the match, were in a much better position, but they had fallen from their place at the head of the Division, Bedfordshire having surpassed them.

Scores and analysis:—

Bedfordshire.—First innings.

Wharmby run out	53
Holdstock lbw b Watson	9
R. J. Moran c Thursby b Watson	17
A. F. Morcom c Thursby b Watson	0
H. R. Orr c Falcon b Raikes	27
E. E. Anthorp b Watson	4
R. N. Boquet not out	52
S. V. Graham st Thurgar b Raikes	3
G. S. Leventhorpe c Collinson b Raikes	11
T. Saunders b Fulcher	14
H. Grierson b Fulcher	6
Extras	2
Total	202

Second innings.

Wharmby lbw b Falcon	14
Holdstock c Colman b Raikes	4
E. J. Moran c Fulcher b Falcon	1
A. F. Morcom b Falcon	1
H. R. Orr st Thurgar b Raikes	60
E. E. Anthorp c Collinson b Raikes	33
R. N. Boquet c Thurgar b Falcon	13
S. V. Graham c Colman b Raikes	0
G. S. Leventhorpe b Falcon	14
T. Saunders not out	3
H. Grierson c Collinson b Raikes	0
Extras	10
Total	153

NORFOLK.—First innings.

M. Falcon c Anthorp b Wharmby	61
R. W. Collinson run out	1
G. A. Stevens b Wharmby	32
G. W. Parkbeck b Morcom	50
G. R. Colman c and b Graham	1
M. H. Thursby c Leventhorpe b Graham	1
Rev. G. B. Raikes lbw b Grierson	26
R. W. Thurgar c Leventhorpe b Grierson	21
R. J. Fulcher b Wharmby	8
Gibson c Orr b Wharmby	2
Watson not out	0
Extras	15
Total	218

Second innings.

M. Falcon not out	51
R. W. Collinson retired hurt	22
G. A. Stevens not out	58
Rev. G. B. Raikes c Orr b Grierson	4
Extras	5
Total (for 1 wkt.)	140

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Bedfordshire—First innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Falcon	5	1	14	0
Gibson	2	0	22	0
Watson	26	2	26	4
Raikes	22	2	37	3
Fulcher	3.3	0	11	2

Second innings.

Falcon	15	6	51	5
Gibson	17.5	2	32	5
Fulcher	8	0	30	0
Raikes	3	0	10	0

Norfolk—First innings.

Morcom	14	1	44	1
Grierson	12.3	2	65	2
Wharmby	8	1	33	4
Orr	5	1	14	0
Graham	11	1	23	0

Second innings.

Wharmby	8	1	27	0
Grierson	8.4	1	30	1
Morcom	5	2	25	0
Orr	2	0	19	0
Graham	2	0	14	0

Cricket.

Minor Counties Championship.

Norfolk v. Bedfordshire.

Bedfordshire's First Defeat.

The Bedfordshire team continued their tour on Friday, going on from Cambridge to Norwich, where they were opposed by Norfolk. The home team were champions of their division last season, but during the present term have not had the best of luck, with the result that, previous to their meeting Bedfordshire, they figured at the bottom of the table. They have some very capable players on their side, such as Falcon, G. A. Stevens, and the Rev. G. B. Raikes (the skipper of the side).

The Bedfordshire team felt fairly confident of success, for it must be remembered that, with an admittedly weak side, they beat the Norfolkians at Bedford on the first innings. The visitors had the same team on duty which did so well at Cambridge earlier in the week, with the exception that E. J. Moran displaced B. E. Peel.

The play on Friday was of an even character, for when play ceased Bedfordshire had been disposed of for 202, and the Norfolk total stood at 205 for 7 wickets. Throughout the whole match the batsmen had to struggle hard for runs, the bowling on a wicket of different paces being always very good, and the fielding very smart. It is unfortunate that the Bedfordians were beaten after doing so well during this season, but there was no fluke about Norfolk's win, it coming as the result of excellent play, and very thoroughly deserved their success.

The visitors' skipper (Mr. H. R. Orr) won in the spin of the coin, and sent in his only two professionals, Holdstock and Wharmby. The wicket was found to be helpful to the bowlers, and Holdstock was soon disposed of. Wharmby scored very fast at the outset, and hit up 18, including a couple of great hits for six each time, off Gibson's second over. Wharmby piled up 53 in an hour, and was most unfortunate in losing his wicket through a misunderstanding with Orr with reference to a short run. Moran went on nicely for a time, but when he had 17 to his credit, both he and Morcom were out to balls which kicked. Seven wickets were down in an hour and a half for 119, this score being due to some extent to the excellent batting of Bocquet, who performed admirably for 52, at which score he was undefeated, when the innings terminated. A word must be said of Orr, who was in his usual punishable mood, and collected 27, whilst the Arlesey amateur notched 14 in fairly good style. The innings closed for 202, which was a moderate score for such a good batting side as the visitors.

On the home team commencing batting, disaster soon overtook them, for Collinson ran himself out when he had scored a single. Falcon and Stevens then made a stand. The last-named was missed at 7, but when he had added another 25 Wharmby upset his stumps. Falcon kept plodding along, and it took him 105 minutes to compile 61, he being well taken by Apthorp. Half the side were out for 121 in a couple of hours, but Birkbeck and Raikes, on getting together batted splendidly, adding 62 in 40 minutes. Bedfordshire's total was passed in the last over of the day, Norfolk then having three wickets in hand.

When play was resumed on Saturday morning the three last home wickets were disposed of for the addition of 12 runs, and Bedfordshire began their second innings with a deficit of 16 runs. Holdstock and Moran were dismissed before the arrears were wiped out, and the game continued to go so badly with Bedfordshire that half the side were out in 50 minutes for 48 runs. Then the county skipper and Apthorp made an heroic effort to stem the tide of adversity, and added 68 in 40 minutes. Orr's contribution of 60 was one of the veteran's best efforts, and he was loudly applauded when he came out. He was badly missed when he had made 4, but otherwise his batting was perfect. He was at the wicket an hour and a half, and included in his score were eight 4's. Apthorp's 33 was also the result

of very free hitting. Leventhorpe was the next to make somewhat of a stand, but directly after lunch four wickets fell quickly, the last three going down in one over. The bowling of Falcon and Raikes was very good, the former taking 5 for 51 and the latter 5 for 52. The innings realised 153.

Wanting 138 for victory, Norfolk started on their task with a seeming light heart, but the Bedfordians stuck gamely to their work. The homesters lost their skipper at 19, he being caught by Orr off Grierson's bowling. At 38 Collinson retired with a cut finger from a rising ball. Then Falcon joined Stevens, and the pair had a merry time, hitting superbly all round the wicket, and knocking off the remaining 100 runs required for victory. Falcon made one great drive off Morcom, the leather going out of the ground. Full scores:—

Bedfordshire.—1st Innings.

Holdstock, lbw, b Watson	9
Wharmby, run out	53
E. J. Moran, c Thursby, b Watson	17
A. F. Morcom, c Thursby, b Watson	0
H. R. Orr, c Falcon, b Raikes	27
E. E. Apthorp, b Watson	8
R. N. Bocquet, not out	52
S. V. Graham, st. Thurgar, b Raikes	3
G. S. Leventhorpe, c Collinson, b Raikes	11
T. Saunders, b Fulcher	14
H. Grierson, b Fulcher	6
Extras	2

Total 202

Norfolk.—1st Innings.

M. Falcon, c Apthorp, b Wharmby	61
R. W. Collinson, run out	1
G. A. Stevens, b Wharmby	32
G. W. Birkbeck, b Morcom	50
G. R. Colman, c and b Graham	1
Rev. G. B. Raikes, lbw, b Grierson	26
R. W. Thurgar, c Leventhorpe, b Grierson	21
E. J. Fulcher, b Wharmby	8
Gibson, c Orr, b Wharmby	2
Watson, not out	0
Extras	15

Total 218

Bedfordshire.—2nd Innings.

Wharmby, lbw, b Falcon	14
Holdstock, c Coleman, b Raikes	4
E. J. Moran, c Fulcher, b Falcon	1
R. N. Bocquet, c Thurgar, b Falcon	13
H. R. Orr, st. Thurgar, b Raikes	60
A. F. Morcom, b Falcon	1
E. E. Apthorp, c Collinson, b Raikes	33
G. S. Leventhorpe, b Falcon	14
T. Saunders, not out	3
H. Grierson, c Collinson, b Raikes	0
S. V. Graham, c Colman, b Raikes	0
Extras	10

Total 153

Norfolk.—2nd Innings.

Rev. G. B. Raikes, c Orr, b Grierson	4
R. W. Collinson, retired hurt	22
G. A. Stevens, not out	58
M. Falcon, not out	51
Extras	5

Total (1 wicket) 140

Notes on Sport.

ROUND ABOUT NOTES.

Three Separate Centuries.

The peculiarity about Bedfordshire's game with Cambridgeshire was—as on the first occasion of the meeting between these teams—the second innings display of Bedfordshire's opponents. Cambridgeshire rose to the occasion last week in their second venture just the same as they did the week previous at Luton. Bedfordshire's innings was a splendid one, and Morcom, Holdstock, and Wharmby each topped the century, Mr. Orr feeling quite safe in declaring when the total stood at 405 for 6 wickets.

Cambridge supporters and players cannot complain that Tebutt did not change his bowlers, for there were no fewer than nine put on, and most of these were given several turns. The batting of the visitors was all that could be desired. Holdstock's 103 was compiled by careful cricket, but when nearing his half century he made a couple of bad strokes which nearly ended his career. However, he did much better after this, and with Morcom as his partner the pair led the fielders a merry dance, and put on 130 between them. Then Morcom had the assistance of Wharmby, and the fielders were again kept busy, this pair knocking up 176 as the result of the partnership. The 'Varsity man's contribution was very carefully compiled, as it took him three hours and a quarter to make 134, and most of his runs were made by singles. Wharmby, too, played very good cricket, and made 16 from an over from the opposing captain, by which means he reached his 50, the time occupied being 35 minutes. The pro. reached his 100 in an hour and 40 minutes, but he was eventually taken in the country for 105.

Cambridgeshire were left some time to bat on Wednesday, but made a rather poor show, as they lost four wickets for 55. They did not improve a great deal the next morning, for without B. W. Pigg's contribution of 70 they would have been in a very bad position. They were left with 223 to save the innings' defeat, and Bedfordshire then had a fair chance of bagging the five points at stake, but Cambridge, with their backs to the wall, played up pluckily, and with determination. The first century was reached after an hour and a-half's play, and it might be mentioned that in the previous innings eight of their men were disposed of for this total. Notwithstanding numerous bowling changes, runs continued to come. L. J. Reid and Ling, 82 and 79 respectively, gave a good start to the homesters, and it was they who saved their side from defeat. They put on 178 between them in two hours and 50 minutes. Half the side were out for 260, and then, being 43 runs ahead of the Beds. total, with no prospect of the game coming to a definite conclusion, an early cessation of hostilities was agreed to. The visiting county took three points by winning on the first innings, and with a little luck ought to have had five.

Bedfordshire Taste Defeat.

The visit of the Bedfordians to Norwich was by no means crowned with success, for there they encountered their first defeat of the season, and that by no narrow margin. Norfolk did very well last week—the Norwich Cricket Week—for they gained 13 points out of a possible 15. They have this season had a lot of what is commonly known in sporting circles as 'hard luck,' for when they played at Bedford they struck one as being a very good all-round eleven. They gave us further proof of this last week end, when they upset Bedfordshire's record by beating them by 9 wickets.

The visiting County put on 202 as the result of their first innings, the principal contributors being Wharmby (53) and Bocquet (52 not out), the next highest scorer being the captain, who hit up 27, all very well got. Wharmby has proved a consistent scorer this season, and it was unfortunate that he was run out just after he had made his half century. Bocquet, too, played very well indeed for his runs, and was undefeated at the close. The home

County did not do much better in the batting line than the visitors, their top scorer being Falcon (61), a player of merit, who has made several centuries this season. Birkbeck's 50 was a feature of the innings, for he scored at a good rate, he and Raikes adding 62 in 40 minutes. Stevens, Raikes, and Thurgar all helped to swell the total, which beat the Beds. aggregate by 16.

It was in the second innings that Bedfordshire showed a marked falling-off in their run-getting powers, for with the exception of Orr and Apthorp the side batted very poorly, the rest only making 60 between them. This was to a great extent due to some excellent bowling by Falcon and Raikes, who captured 5 wickets each. The side was all out for 153, which was a disappointing total for an admittedly good batting side like Bedfordshire. The task set Norfolk, therefore, was not a great one, and they made short work of the 138 runs required for victory. After losing their captain, Stevens and Falcon punished the bowling to such tune that the game was soon at an end.

Bedfordshire's Position.

By reason of their failure to gather points at the expense of Norfolk at Norwich on Friday and Saturday last, Bedfordshire retire to third place on the divisional table, Staffordshire, who have a lead now of 20 in the table of percentage, and Durham, with a fractional point lead, going above the Beds. team. Since the table was made up Bedfordshire have also succumbed to Suffolk. The defeat at the hands of Norfolk cannot have caused much surprise in the country, as the men must inevitably be feeling the effects of their strenuous work since the commencement of the month. Rather, however, than case around for extenuating circumstances, we would expound on the altogether successful period which preceded this isolated defeat. Never before, in the recent history of the club, have they attained such a lofty position, and never before has Mr. Orr had so promising a set of youngsters under his guidance. Grierson, Graham, Saunders, Bocquet, Moran, and Leventhorpe may all be included amongst that young blood which will soon have to bear the brunt of the work in our inter-county engagements—Messrs. Orr, Apthorp, Wharmby, Holdstock, and Squire cannot last for ever, although up to the present they have still been able to give the young 'uns points.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Possible.	Obtained.	Percentage.
Staffordshire...	9	8	0	0	36	35	87.50
Durham	7	6	0	1	45	31	68.88
Bedfordshire...	5	3	0	0	36	24	66.67
Herefordshire...	6	3	0	0	45	27	60.00
Northamptonshire...	8	3	1	0	40	18	45.00
Cambridgeshire	9	2	2	3	45	19	42.22
Lincolnshire ...	9	3	1	0	45	18	40.00
Suffolk	7	1	2	0	36	11	31.42
Norfolk	12	2	1	3	60	16	26.66
Cheeshire	8	1	0	1	40	6	15.00

Five points for a win. Three points to the winner and one to the loser in a match decided on the first innings. Drawn matches—i.e., matches in which no result on the first innings is obtained—ignored.

Preliminary Scoring.

The return match between Beds. Club and Ground and Kettering was played on the Goldington-road ground on Saturday, and after some bright cricket ended in a draw slightly in favour of Bedford. Unfortunately, owing to the strike, Kettering did not arrive in Bedford until 3 o'clock, and it was 3.40 before a start was made. Kettering won the toss, and batted first on a perfect wicket. Constant and Darby played splendid, and boundaries were plentiful. Dainty and Wright then made a great stand, and eventually Kettering declared, having made the useful score of 240. Bedford were left an hour and a quarter to bat, arrangements being made to play until 7 o'clock. Bedford lost Wilkins early, but Nicholas (a visitor to Bedford) and Turnbull went in for some hard hitting, and runs came very fast. Nicholas had several "fives," but made some beautiful strokes. King also played well. At five minutes to seven wickets were pulled up;

the light being very bad. Bedford would no doubt have won had they had a little more time.

Run-getting at the Asylum.

The Three Counties Asylum batmen have been in excellent form this season, and have on several occasions piled up very high scores. Another instance of this was given last week, when Mr. W. Primett took a team to oppose the homesters. The brothers Woodhouse led off with the tall score of 131 for the first wicket, and J. R. Woodhouse exceeded the century for the third time this season. Their play was of a high order, and the same remark might be applied to the batting of Webb. The Asylum applied the closure at 295 for seven wickets. The visitors had a powerful batting side, and Harry Williams and Sid Brown (once a pro. for Bedfordshire) both batted in brilliant form, making 55 and 50 respectively, while Primett, who captained the side, played a good innings for 22. However, the visitors were all out for 209, and were thus beaten by 86 runs.

Bedford Grammar School.

Reviewing the past cricket season of the Grammar School, the "Sportsman" says:—Taken all round, the season of 1911 may be written down as satisfactory, as, even though the percentage of losses greatly predominates, yet three of the four school matches were won, and the first match against the Old Boys only lost after a great struggle. N. V. S. Maltby, the captain, has been the outstanding personality, in the field as captain and in the slips, at the wicket as the batsman of the side, and in the bowling department, where he has taken 27 wickets. He is hunted home by E. M. Bear, the most consistent bowler of the eleven, who heads the bowling averages, and is second, if not a very good one, to the captain in the batting averages. One other feature of the season has been the wicket-keeping of Roberts, one of the best stumpers the School has ever known.

The fielding has reached a high standard, Maltby leaving no stone unturned to secure soundness in this department, and he has set an excellent example himself. Nailer, at cover, also being brilliant, and Wilson doing splendid service in the long field. The record may not read too well on paper, but had it not been for the fielding, it might have made really painful reading. There was an unfortunate dearth of left-hand bowlers in the school, and as the bowling would have to be entrusted to new-comers, who at the beginning of the term were an unknown quantity, Maltby at once started, and with gratifying success, on bringing the team up to the mark in the field.

Thursday's Matches.

Thursday's cricket was marked by two happenings which must be without precedent in the history of Park cricket. Two teams having reached a total which they thought their opponents incapable of reaching, in the fullness of their wisdom, availed themselves of the opportunity of declaring. In both cases they were beaten. The most surprising result was undoubtedly in the Beagleys and Police game. The former team put up 164 for 4, of which D. Turnbull got 105 in great style. Left with 1½ hours to get the runs the sturdy Policemen were not dismayed. Sergt. Wheatley hit up a lusty 32. Rogers batted well for 51, including some capital shots through the slips, and Boddington, with 45, went a long way towards winning the match. In the end the police gained a sensational victory by two wickets. Beagley's have probably the strongest batting side of any club in the town, but their bowling, without Ruffhead and Beck, is a negligible quantity.

In the other game, that between C.E.M.S. and Post Office, the Society thought 189 for 6 would be sufficient, and so it would have been under ordinary circumstances. Reg. Keens, however, was in brilliant form, and on a wicket giving the bowlers no assistance he had a merry time. The opposing team's total was passed for the loss of six wickets and at the end Keens was not out for a great innings of 107. One has rarely seen such splendid hitting all round the wicket. The above two matches each concluded amidst excitement.

The Early Closers were able to declare with 172 for eight and got the Argyle out for 78. During the time he was at the wickets Nailor made some huge hits. Bottoms, Whiteman, and Ayres made the runs for the Closers, the latter getting 50 in fine style.

Sudden illness of T. Brown.

Shortly after the luncheon interval in the M.C.C. v. Dorsetshire match at Lord's a painful incident was witnessed, T. Brown, the ex-Bedfordshire cricketer and first-class county umpire, being seized with a fit whilst viewing the game from the players' room adjoining the pavilion. His screams were so terrible that the match was stopped for about half an hour. Dr. F. W. P. Holton, who was playing for the M.C.C., and another medical gentleman attended Brown, who was eventually conveyed on the police ambulance to St. Mary's Hospital. On Friday he will be well enough to return to his home at Dunstable. Brown, who was umpiring early in the week in M.C.C. v. Wiltshire at Lord's, had not previously been subject to fits, and the seizure is probably the result of the heat. All good Bedfordians will wish "Bumper" a speedy recovery to his usual good health. He played for the County over 20 years ago, and was always a true and valued servant. He derived the name of "Bumper" because of his fast bowling, and his habit of bumping 'em.

Mr. R. H. Mallett, of Great Barford, was playing for the M.C.C. against Dorsetshire at Lords last week end. Although the home team won by 175 runs, Mr. Mallett only succeeded in making four in the first innings, and did not bat in the second.

A number of Bedfordians were engaged in the Ealing cricket week. Playing for Ealing against Mr. F. R. Dangar's XI, which included W. Williams, the old Middlesex amateur, and A. F. Morcom. Getting first use of the wicket, the home side started with the brothers Littelljohn, but Morcom got E. S. for a single, and H. K. Wedd and J. H. A. Tolkein, following in, gave little trouble. J. P. Sargent, however, rendered A. R. Littelljohn great assistance, and reached the half century before being caught, while his partner played free cricket, and was not dismissed until he had credited himself with 149. H. D. Moffatt (31) and C. A. Bolter (57) then carried the total to 316 for five without being parted, and a declaration was made. Their opponents started none too well, and, although G. S. Churchill scored 36 and D. R. Osborne 20, soon lost five wickets, three of these falling to Bolter.

Then, however, H. R. Orr and E. Apthorp changed the complexion of the game by making 75 and 65 respectively, and with Capt. Maclear adding 33, the innings was not completed until 435 had been registered, leaving the home side with an advantage of 33. In Ealing's second attempt Williams got both the Littelljohns very cheaply, A. R. falling to score, while his brother only booked a couple. Bolter again proved his capabilities, and was not sent back until he had obtained 48, and with 43 and 44 (not out) as the results of efforts by S. Hassan Shah and Tolkein, the innings realized 192. Wanting 226 to win, the visitors were none too happy, only two of them meeting with any success, Capt. Maclear getting 45 and Morcom 88 (not out). At the call of time 31 were required, and with Morcom well in another half-hour might have seen a good finish.

WITH THE LEAGUE CLUBS.

Folkes Makes a Century.

The game in Russell Park on Saturday between Goldington and Kempston furnished the visitors with a capital victory. Goldington gave rather a poor show all round, and although most of their side scored, the aggregate only reached 57, Osbourn and Laughton doing best. H. P. Cocking came through very successfully with the ball, his seven wickets costing only 33 runs. The Kempston innings was chiefly remarkable for a grand innings of 107 by Folkes, a player who has done much for Kempston cricket. He was the last man out, and some of his shots were very good. Francis, too, played nicely for his 34, as also did Tysoc (34) and H. P. Cocking. Kempston made quite a pile of runs, and when play ceased only half their wickets were down for 240.

Foundry Surprised by Marston.

Foundry United met with a rather serious set back last Saturday in Russell Park, when they entertained Marston, for the villagers succeeded in gaining a handsome victory over their powerful rivals—a defeat for the Foundrymen which will probably have an appreciable effect on their chances for championship honours. Biting first, the homesters cut up badly before the bowling of Tuffnell and Nicholls, the latter at one time having five victims for four runs, and finished up with six for seventeen. Fenton made 16 in four shots, and then there was a succession of failures.

Middleton and Dillingham tried to make a show for the Foundry, and put on 23 for the ninth wicket, but the whole side succumbed for 59. Thanks to a good stand by Faulkner and Tuffnell, Marston put on 37 for the first wicket, and the visitors had won the game before their fourth wicket fell. Half the side were out for 72, but the other men only succeeded in scoring 20 runs. Fenton was not so successful with the ball as he has been on several occasions this season, for he only succeeded in taking 3 wickets for 41 runs. Perry came out very well with 5 wickets for 20, and had he been put on earlier there would probably have been a different result to chronicle. A word must be said of the good fielding by Marston, not one mistake being made.

Hall End Beat Their Rivals.

The game between those rivals, Wootton Hall End and Forder's Pillinge Works, on Saturday at Wootton, ended in an easy win for the Hall End brigade. Batting first, the homesters made a very poor start, as no fewer than five wickets were down for 12 runs. Then a stand took place by Loft and Mephram, the partnership yielding 57 runs, and eventually the innings totalled 123. Forder's could only reply with 38 against the bowling of Whitbread and C. Lowe, the former taking 4 wickets for 15, and the latter 5 for 18. Only one man (Causby) reached double figures.

Cranfield's Comfortable Win.

Cranfield again proved their superiority over Stagsden last Saturday, when, on their own ground, they beat their opponents rather comfortably. Cranfield had first use of the pitch, but the first few wickets did not give any indication of the score the side eventually made, but thanks to good batting by Hobbs and Lovesay, and a capital effort by Bedford, the home captain was able to apply the clousure at 102 for 9 wickets. The visitors batted two men short, and only managed to put together 63, of which Beard compiled 18 and H. Ellis 12. Read was the most successful bowler for Cranfield, he taking three wickets for 17 runs.

Printers Big Score.

The return game between the second stings of the Printers and Goldington took place in Bedford Park on Saturday, and furnished the former club with a well-earned victory. The Printers did not by any means give a good show at the start, the largest score made being chiefly due to a very fine innings by A. Smith, who made 94 before being bowled. His hits included one 6, one 5, and eighteen 4's. Harvey and Tucker were also prominent with the bat. Goldington started off very well, Chillingworth, H. Smith, and

Joyce making good contributions, and 82 had been registered at the fall of the fourth wicket. Then a rot set in, the batting going to pieces before the deliveries of Woods and Day, the latter taking three wickets for 4 runs. Thus the remaining six wickets only added 10 runs, and the Printers claimed the victory just before the expiration of the four hours.

Bolnhurst All Out for 10!

Bolnhurst will no doubt remember their first visit to Ickwell, which took place last Saturday. They had not a full complement of players, being two short, but it is hard to explain how they were disposed of for such a very poor total as 10. Ickwell were indebted to the brothers Willaher, who made 37 and 20 by good, sound cricket, and "Mr. Extras" was also very much in evidence. With these exceptions, however, the rest of the side did not do much. There is very little to be said of Bolnhurst's total; it was a very disappointing display, and A. Whaley was top scorer with 5, and there were five "ducks."

Alma Soundly Beaten.

Bedford Alma were beaten by Blunham in a most comfortable way on Saturday in Bedford Park. The visitors batted first and immediately began to knock the bowling about. F. Rawlins, who went in first, made 59 out of the first 70, before being bowled by Catlin, and his hits included twelve 4's. The wickets fell rather fast after the second went down, but W. Rawlins made a good stand for his 21. On the Alma going to the wicket they could do nothing with the bowling of Taylor, who at one time had the remarkable figures of five wickets for no runs. With half the side out for seven runs Limpus went in and snicked a single off Taylor, and a few minutes later cut him for two 4's and a 2. Catlin, who had batted about twenty minutes for 4, was hit on the face by a fast ball from Taylor and had to retire. Booth, Freir, Harrison, and Brierley were all victims of Taylor's, none of them scoring. Taylor's average at the finish was six wickets for 21 runs, while Kemp had three for 13. Limpus was the most useful man on the Alma side, getting top score and taking four wickets for nine runs. He had nine over, five of them being maidens. Catlin took three wickets for 13 runs.

The Black List.

It is not often that we have scratchings in the First Division of the League, but last Saturday two were recorded. The Printers were unable to raise a team to visit Sharnbrook, and Potton St. Mary's conceded the points to Queen's Works. In the Second Division Sharnbrook 2nd have retired from the competition, and the points are added on to the clubs they have not played.

To-morrow's Matches.

The following games are down for decision, to be played on the ground of the first-named club:—

Bedford League—Div. I.
Queen's Works v. Printers.
Goldington v. Pyghle Works.
Kempston v. Bedford Victoria.
Sharnbrook v. Potton St. Mary's.

Bedford League—Div. II.
Northern Section.
Ickwell v. Bedford Alma.
Queen's Works 2nd v. South End Working Men's Club.

Southern Section.
Forder's Pillinge Works v. Marston.
Foundry United v. Cranfield.
Wootton Hall End v. Goldington 2nd.
Printers 2nd v. Stagsden.

BEDFORD LEAGUE.—DIV. I.

GOLDINGTON v. KEMPSTON.

Kempston were the guests of Goldington in Russell Park on Saturday. The latter gave a poor exhibition with the bat, and were all out for 57. Kempston, on the other hand, gave a good batting exhibition, Folkes making a very good century. Scores: Goldington.—S. Rootham, c Folkes, b Cocking, 9; Skerman, run out, 0; E. Laughton, c Houghton, b Cocking, 11; F. G. King, b Cocking, 0; J. Osbourne, c Folkes, b Cocking, 12; F. King, c and b Francis, 3; W. Buck, c and b Cocking, 4; H. Chapman, not out, 0; H. V. Oules, b Cocking, 2; H. Crowley, b Cocking, 3; T. Bishop, run out, 5; extras, 8; total, 57.

Kempston.—J. Brown, b Skerman, 18; H. P. Cocking, b F. King, 29; J. Folkes, c Osbourne, b Buck, 107; E. Francis, c King, b Crowley, 34; S. Tysoc, retired, 34; W. Houghton, not out, 5; R. Cocking, c and b Rootham, 12; total (5 wickets), 240. R. Robinson and W. Ramsey did not bat.

Position of the clubs to date.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Sharnbrook	12	9	1	2	29
Queen's Works	11	9	2	0	18
Bedford Victoria	12	6	3	3	15
Bedford Printers	12	5	5	2	12
Pyghtle Works	12	5	6	1	11
Kempston	11	5	6	0	10
Potton St. Mary's	11	2	9	0	4
Goldington	12	1	11	0	2

BEDFORD LEAGUE.—DIV. II.

FOUNDRY UNITED v. MARSTON.

The Foundrymen entertained Marston on Saturday in Russell Park, and the game ended in a surprising win for the visitors. Scores:

Foundry United.—J. Massey, run out, 2; J. Lumley, b Tuffnell, 6; C. Fenton, c Marston, b Tuffnell, 15; F. Perry, b Nicholls, 1; R. Reid, b Nicholls, 0; F. Smith, b Nicholls, 0; B. Devereux, c Howe, b Nicholls, 0; Horns, c Tuffnell, b Nicholls, 0; M. Middleton, c Nicholls, b Tuffnell, 20; W. Dillingham, not out, 9; W. Foulter, b Nicholls, 1; extras 2; total 50.

Marston.—J. Faulkner, b Perry, 19; Tuffnell, b Perry, 24; A. Nicholls, b Perry, 1; H. Vincent, run out, 17; A. White, run out, 21; F. Hillson, b Perry, 0; J. Copperwheat, b Perry, 0; F. Scotchbrook, c Reid, b Fenton, 3; J. Robinson, b Fenton, 0; C. Howe, not out, 0; H. Faulkner, b Fenton, 0; extras 7; total 92.

ICKWELL v. BOLNHURST.

At Ickwell on Saturday, Bolnhurst were the visitors, and were easily defeated. Scores:—

Ickwell.—Figalo, b Lack, 4; T. Woodward, c Whitmore, b Lack, 0; P. Bygraves, c Lack, b Whitmore, 8; A. Shelton, b Lack, 9; G. Fruin, b Lack, 12; D. Willsher, b Harper, 37; J. Radford, run out, 4; G. Bygraves, not out, 8; W. Pates, b Lack, 1; G. Phillips, c Harper, b Whitmore, 2; F. Willsher, run out, 20; extras 23; total 126.

Bolnhurst.—F. Parrott, b Shelton, 0; F. Stanton, c D. Willsher, b Radford, 0; A. Whaley, run out, 5; B. Whaley, b Shelton, 0; H. Whitmore, b Shelton, 1; J. Bull, lbw, b Radford, 3; S. Lack, c Bygraves, b Radford, 0; W. Harper, b Radford, 0; A. Thompson, not out, 1; extras 0; total 10.

BEDFORD ALMA v. BLUNHAM.

This match was played in Bedford Park on Saturday, and resulted in an easy win for the visitors. Scores:

Blunham.—F. Rawlins, b Catlin, 59; M. Maries, lbw, b Dear, 10; W. Kemp, b Limpus, 3; F. Taylor, c Bates, b Catlin, 0; T. Davison, c Harrison, b Catlin, 10; W. Rawlins, c Brimley, b Limpus, 21; W. Sims, b Limpus, 0; T. Maries, b Limpus, 6; E. Battle, b Clare, 8; H. Curran, b Clare, 1; S. Chambers, not out, 4; extras, 9; total, 131.

Alma.—F. Booth, b Taylor, 0; W. Churchman, c Kemp, b Taylor, 1; B. Catlin, retired hurt, 4; F. Brimley, b Taylor, 0; L. Freir, c Rawlins, b Taylor, 0; F. Harrison, b Taylor, 0; J. Limpus, c Taylor, b Kemp, 11; T. G. Tuffnell, b Taylor, 8; A. Clare, c and b Kemp, 2; G. Dear, not out, 6; J. Bates, b Kemp, 2; extras, 4; total, 38.

PRINTERS' 2ND. v. GOLDINGTON 2ND.

These teams met in Bedford Park on Saturday, when the Printers gained a fine victory. Scores:—

Printers 2nd.—J. Day, c Burton, b Smith, 4; F. Tucker, b Chillingworth, 27; C. Rogers, c sub., b Smith, 8; S. Keech, c Burton, b Smith, 6; J. Harvey, c sub., b Chillingworth, 33; F. Smith, b Chillingworth, 94; K. Chambers, b Pestell, 11; W. Woods, c Burton, b Smith, 0; T. Smith, c Chillingworth, b Pestell, 0; E. Fisher, not out, 2; A. Fensome, b Skerman, 11; extras, 11; total, 207.

Goldington 2nd.—H. Chillingworth, lbw, b Wood, 25; W. Sharman, c and b Rogers, 10; H. Smith, not out, 27; D. Joyce, c Keech, b Wood, 16; H. Pestell, run out, 0; E. Hopkinson, c and b Day, 0; H. Bush, b Woods, 4; W. Deacon, b Day, 1; C. Burton, c Smith, b Woods, 0; J. Riseley, b Day, 0; extras, 9; total, 92.

CRANFIELD v. STAGSDEN.

The return game between Cranfield and Stagsden took place on the ground of the first named on Saturday, and was won by the home team. Scores:—

Cranfield.—H. Partridge, c Bird, b Collins, 5; W. Evans, b Collins, 0; F. Richardson, b F. Ellis, 3; A. Howe, st. Collins, 0; J. Read, b F. Ellis, 6; E. Hobbs, c Collins, b F. Ellis, 18; W. Hobbs, b F. Ellis, 3; H. Bedford, not out, 29; B. Groom, b F. Ellis, 1; W. Campion, c and b F. Ellis, 0; T. Lovey, not out, 21; extras 16; total (9 wkts dec) 102.

Stagsden.—H. Ellis, run out, 12; W. Ellis, b W. Campion, 1; B. Collins, b J. Read, 2; B. Bird, b J. Read, 6; F. Ellis, b T. Lovey, 0; E. Beard, b H. Bedford, 18; G. Gidwell, run out, 4; G. Wright not out, 5; A. Burley, c W. Hobbs, b J. Read, 1; extras 14; total 63.

WOOTTON HALL END v. FORDER'S PILLINGE WORKS.

This match was played at Wootton and ended in a win for the Hall End. Scores:—

Hall End.—F. Whitbread, b Broughton, 1; C. Lowe, b Evans, 2; T. Burraway, b Evans, 2; W. Loft, b Evans, 0; F. Loft, c Hare, b Allen, 44; W. Mephram, b Evans, 28; J. Lowe, c Evans, b Broughton, 0; G. Hutchings, b Ball, 13; S. Faulkner, b Broughton, 9; W. Hutchings, not out, 5; E. Ashpole, b Evans, 3; extras 16; total 123.

Forder's.—G. Grossmith, c and b Whitbread, 0; W. Goodman, c and b Whitbread, 1; W. Evans, b C. Lowe, 4; F. Ball, c Lowe, b Whitbread, 6; L. Broughton, b C. Lowe, 1; J. Hare, c J. Lowe, b Whitbread, 8; F. Causby, b Lowe, 12; P. Causby, run out, 0; W. Allen, b Lowe, 1; G. Copperwheat, c Mephram, b Lowe, 0; T. Butter, not out, 0; extras 5; total 38.

Position of the clubs to date.

Northern Section.					
	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Blunham	14	11	3	0	22
Bedford Alma	12	10	2	0	20
Ickwell	13	9	4	0	18
South End W. M. C.	13	7	6	0	14
Queen's Works 2nd	11	6	5	0	12
Sharnbrook 2nd	14	5	9	1	11
Bolnhurst	12	3	11	0	4
Keysoe	14	1	12	1	3

Southern Section.					
	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
R'd'd Printers 2nd	13	9	3	1	18
Wootton Hall End	12	9	3	0	18
Foundry United	12	8	3	1	17
Cranfield	12	6	4	2	14
Marston	13	6	5	2	14
Goldington 2nd	13	4	9	0	8
Stagsden	12	3	9	0	6
F'd'r's Pillinge W'ks	13	1	12	0	2

FRIENDLY MATCHES.

THREE COUNTIES ASYLUM v. MR. W. PRIMETT'S XI.

This match was played at the Asylum on Thursday week and won by the home team by 86 runs. Scores:—

The Asylum.—J. R. Woodhouse, b Hassard, 111; L. A. Woodhouse, c Hassard, b Wright, 78; Dr. Hull, c Penn, b Knight, 12; O. Webb, b Brown, 47; Dr. Dixon, b Hassard, 0; C. Albon, b Brown, 6; Rev. A. D. Atkinson, lbw., b Hassard, 4; J. H. Buckley, not out, 8; extras, 29; total (seven wickets, dec.), 295. S. F. Brister, T. Hutchison, and C. Brister did not bat.

Mr. Primett's XI.—H. Williams, c Atkinson, b Hutchison, 56; H. Knight, c and b Webb, 31; T. Hassard, b S. Brister, 0; C. Cox, c S. Brister, b Hutchison, 8; S. Brown, c Atkinson, b S. Buckley, 50; C. Penn, b Hull, 6; C. Rainbow, c Dixon, b Buckley, 12; G. T. Ansell, b Buckley, 0; W. Wright, b S. Brister, 4; A. Ansell, not out, 9; W. Primett, b Hull, 22; extras, 11; total, 209.

GREAT BARFORD v. C.E.M.S.

This match was played at Great Barford on Saturday, and after a very interesting game ended in a draw. Scores:—

Great Barford.—W. Parish, b Keens, 1; A. Pym, b Keens, 29; F. Geary, b Peacock, 27; R. H. Mallett, lbw., b Peacock, 22; F. Robinson, b Foster, 30; B. Sabey, c Williams, b B. Gilbert, 6; J. A. Whitchurch, c and b Keens, 12; A. Norman, c and b B. Gilbert, 8; J. B. Robinson, not out, 36; J. Draper, b B. Gilbert, 5; G. Hall, not out, 9; extras, 14; total (nine wickets), 199.

C.E.M.S.—C. N. Peacock, b Mallett, 8; B. Keens, b Mallett, 2; Rev. Gilbert, c Norman, b Whitchurch, 79; R. N. Foster, not out, 58; B. Gilbert, b Geary, 4; G. Whitman, b Mallett, 15; N. Gilbert, b Whitlock, 17; V. Williams, b Whitman, and E. H. Clarke did not bat.

FRIENDLY MATCHES.

**BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE v.
MR. H. R. ORR'S XI.
SPLENDID VICTORY FOR THE
LEAGUERS.**

Mr. Orr had a powerful side on duty yesterday to oppose an eleven selected from the Bedford and District League, on the Goldington-road ground. The League had also a very capable eleven, under the captaincy of H. B. Davies, and the game was set apart for the benefit of Jack Taylor, the groundman.

Battling first, Mr. Orr's team performed very moderately, and half the side was out for 29. Then Apthorp and Nicholas made a bit of a stand and took the total to 40, but the best effort was made for the last wicket between Grierson and Wilkins, the pair putting on 52. Grierson's was a fine innings and included one 6 and four 4's. The poor score made by Mr. Orr's team was accounted for by the splendid bowling of Wilfred King, who had the capital analysis of seven wickets for 54, while Barnwell had 3 for 44.

The Leaguers gave a capital exhibition with the bat, and Ratcliffe and Rogers were the first pair in. The latter was out at 46, and when Kink joined the Queen's Works representative there was some capital hitting and they were not parted until 111 appeared on the board. Willett's innings was short and sweet, and then came another fine effort by Rodman, whose 44 included two 6's and six 4's. His clubmate, Page, played nicely for his 26, while the captain compiled 14 by careful play. Grierson was the most successful bowler, his half-dozen wickets costing 88 runs; Orr took two for 52 and Gibson one for 22. Scores:—

Mr. H. R. Orr's XI.	
J. D. King, c King, b Barnwell	7
H. Holdstock, b King	7
Col. Stevens, c Davies, b King	0
D. Turnbull, lbw., b Barnwell	5
A. E. Gibson, c and b King	5
K. E. Apthorp, b King	9
H. Nicholas, c Wilson, b King	4
H. R. Orr, b King	9
Col. Anderson, b Barnwell	13
D. Wilkins, not out	13
H. Grierson, c Rogers, b King	35
Extras	15

Total 120

The League.

J. Ratcliffe (Queen's Works), c Turnbull, b Grierson	82
E. Rogers (Printers), c Apthorp, b Orr	8
W. E. King (Sharnbrook), c Apthorp, b Anderson	39
H. Willett (Sharnbrook), st Apthorp, b Orr	17
H. B. Davies (Printers), c Holdstock, b Grierson	14
F. Radman (Pyghtle Works), st Apthorp, b Grierson	44
R. M. Page (Pyghtle Works), b Grierson	26
E. Wilson (Pyghtle Works), st. Apthorp, b Grierson	10
S. V. Graham (Printers), c Nicholas, b Grierson	4
P. Perry (Queen's Works), c Holdstock, b Gibson	1
F. Barnwell (Victoria), not out	13
Extras	13

Total 258

BEDFORD PARK MATCHES.

The following are the results of the matches played in the Bedford Park yesterday: Great Barford 125, Beagley's 129 for eight; Early Closers 94, Hairdressers 134 for five; Belvoir 169, Mr. Whiteman's XI. 130 for six.

**BEDS. CLUB AND GROUND v. THREE
COUNTIES ASYLUM.**

The Beds. Club and Ground paid their annual visit to the Three Counties Asylum on Wednesday, and won in surprisingly easy fashion. It is seldom the Asylum players are dismissed so cheaply as they were, but this must be ascribed to the admirable bowling of Jack Taylor, who captured eight wickets for 69 runs. He also caught one man and threw out another. Taylor thus had a hand in the dismissal of the whole of the Asylum side. The Club and Ground started moderately, but Nicholas and Stevens made a great stand, and the homesters' total was passed before the fall

of the third wicket. Nicholas hit thirteen 4's and Stevens nine boundaries. Scores:—Asylum.—J. R. Woodhouse, b Taylor, 9; J. H. Buckley, c Crossman, b Taylor, 0; C. Albon, b Taylor, 8; Dr. Hull, c Taylor, b Pilgrim, 12; L. A. Woodhouse, run out, 17; Dr. Fuller, b Taylor, 0; S. F. Brister, not out, 26; O. Webb, c Wilkins, b Taylor, 2; H. Lister, b Taylor, 4; T. Hutchison, c Fellowes, b Taylor, 0; C. Brister, c Fellowes, b Taylor, 22; extras, 0; total, 100.

Club and Ground.—A. D. Wilkins, b Hull, 8; J. D. King, c Woodhouse, b Brister, 3; F. W. Nicholas, c Lester, b Brister, 65; Col. Stevens, b Webb, 47; L. Knowles, b Webb, 5; D. Turnbull, c Albon, b Hull, 40; J. Taylor, c Lester, b Hutchison, 13; G. Pilgrim, not out, 31; C. S. Woodbridge, b Hutchison, 5; A. Filose, c Woodhouse, b Brister, 1; A. Crossman, b Brister, 0; extras, 7; total, 225.

**RUGBY FOOTBALL.
Bedford R.U.**

It seems hardly possible that in less than ten days' time Bedford will be meeting the Leicester "Tigers" on the Welford-road ground, Leicester, but anyhow, such is the case. Several of the Bedford players have started training, and Mr. R. C. Stafford will leave no stone unturned to get his men ready for the fray. The Bedford R.U. are to be congratulated on selecting Mr. Stafford for Captain. A more popular player never donned the town colours than "R.C."

The prospects for the coming season are much brighter than for several years past, but unfortunately, the club will not have their best team out for quite another month. Taking the back position first, we expect to see J. D. King, the old Leys School boy, playing in that position. King's great feature is his wonderful kicking. The three-quarter line should be very strong; with L. A. N. Brooks and A. D. Head on the wings, and with Crouch and Irving (who played for Penrith), Bedford will take some beating. Mr. Irving expects to open a sports outfitters' shop in Bedford shortly, so we may be pretty sure about him playing pretty regularly.

R. G. Cocking and H. Willett will be the halves. One may expect Cocking to score more tries this season, being much faster than he was last year.

Of the great pack of last season several will be missing. Haynes and Lacey have gone but several new men are coming along, perhaps the best being Pacey, the old Modern boy, who can tackle better than many "threes" can. The forwards will probably be:—A. V. Manton, A. Hall, A. J. Osbourn, J. McNeil, Aldridge, Pacey, R. C. Stafford, and perhaps Wemyss, of last season's Grammar School XV.

To-morrow at 6.30 two XV's will turn out and we shall have more to say about Bedford's prospect for 1911-12.

B. Hall will leave England on Thursday, August 31st for Australia on the new boat "Demosthenes," which makes her maiden voyage. Every Bedfordian will wish Hall the best of luck in his new sphere of life.

J. E. Jarvis has accepted the position of team secretary of the Bedford R.U. and captain of the "A" Team, and in doing so has taken over very onerous duties.

Bedford Athletic.

The Bedford Athletic Club again promises to be a fairly strong combination. F. Booth, who has done much good work for the club, has been elected as captain of the side. Their old ground not being available for football purposes, the club has taken over the Chaucer-road enclosure, which is fairly suitable, and a successful season is being looked forward to.

The Northampton Rugby F.C. is losing the services of one of its most prominent players in the person of J. N. Beasley, one of their centre three-quarters, who sails for Queensland, Australia. Beasley, in addition to playing for Northampton and the East Midlands, has assisted his county at both cricket and hockey. At a farewell gathering on Friday, E. R. Mobbs, on behalf of a host of subscribers, presented Beasley with a handsome fitted suit case as a farewell gift.

WITH THE LEAGUE CLUBS.

Folkes Makes a Century.

The game in Russell Park on Saturday between Goldington and Kempston furnished the visitors with a capital victory. Goldington gave rather a poor show all round, and although most of their side scored, the aggregate only reached 57, Osbourn and Laughton doing best. H. P. Cocking came through very successfully with the ball, his seven wickets costing only 33 runs. The Kempston innings was chiefly remarkable for a grand innings of 107 by Folkes, a player who has done much for Kempston cricket. He was the last man out, and some of his shots were very good. Francis, too, played nicely for his 34, as also did Tysoe (34) and H. P. Cocking. Kempston made quite a pile of runs, and when play ceased only half their wickets were down for 240.

Foundry Surprised by Marston.

Foundry United met with a rather serious set back last Saturday in Russell Park, when they entertained Marston, for the villagers succeeded in gaining a handsome victory over their powerful rivals—a defeat for the Foundrymen which will probably have an appreciable effect on their chances for championship honours. Bating first, the home-sters cut up badly before the bowling of Tuffnell and Nicholls, the latter at one time having five victims for four runs, and finished up with six for seventeen. Fenton made 16 in four shots, and then there was a succession of failures.

Middleton and Dillingham tried to make a show for the Foundry, and put on 23 for the ninth wicket, but the whole side succumbed for 59. Thanks to a good stand by Faulkner and Tuffnell, Marston put on 37 for the first wicket, and the visitors had won the game before their fourth wicket fell. Half the side were out for 72, but the other men only succeeded in scoring 20 runs. Fenton was not so successful with the ball as he has been on several occasions this season, for he only succeeded in taking 3 wickets for 41 runs. Perry came out very well with 5 wickets for 20, and had he been put on earlier there would probably have been a different result to chronicle. A word must be said of the good fielding by Marston, not one mistake being made.

Hall End Beat Their Rivals.

The game between those rivals, Wootton Hall End and Forder's Pilling Works, on Saturday at Wootton, ended in an easy win for the Hall End brigade. Bating first, the home-sters made a very poor start, as no fewer than five wickets were down for 12 runs. Then a stand took place by Loft and Mapham, the partnership yielding 57 runs, and eventually the innings totalled 123. Forder's could only reply with 38 against the bowling of Whitbread and C. Lowe, the former taking 4 wickets for 15, and the latter 5 for 18. Only one man (Causby) reached double figures.

Cranfield's Comfortable Win.

Cranfield again proved their superiority over Stagsden last Saturday, when, on their own ground, they beat their opponents rather comfortably. Cranfield had first use of the pitch, but the first few wickets did not give any indication of the score the side eventually made, but thanks to good batting by Hobbs and Lovesay, and a capital effort by Bedford, the home captain was able to apply the closure at 102 for 9 wickets. The visitors batted two men short, and only managed to put together £3, of which Beard compiled 18 and H. Ellis 12. Beard was the most successful bowler for Cranfield, he taking three wickets for 17 runs.

Printers' Big Score.

The return game between the second stings of the Printers and Goldington took place in Bedford Park on Saturday, and furnished the former club with a well-earned victory. The Printers did not by any means give a good show at the start, the largest score made being chiefly due to a very fine innings by A. Smith, who made 94 before being bowled. His hits included one 6, one 5, and eighteen 4's. Harvey and Tucker were also prominent with the bat. Goldington started off very well, Chillingworth, H. Smith, and Joyce making good contributions, and 82 had been registered at the fall of the fourth wicket. Then a rot set in, the batting going to pieces before the deliveries of Woods and Day, the latter taking three wickets for

4 runs. Thus the remaining six wickets only added 10 runs, and the Printers claimed the victory just before the expiration of the four hours.

Bolnhurst All Out for 10!

Bolnhurst will no doubt remember their first visit to Ickwell, which took place last Saturday. They had not a full complement of players, being two short, but it is hard to explain how they were disposed of for such a very poor total as 10. Ickwell were indebted to the brothers Willsher, who made 37 and 20 by good, sound cricket, and "Mr. Extras" was also very much in evidence. With these exceptions, however, the rest of the side did not do much. There is very little to be said of Bolnhurst's total; it was a very disappointing display, and A. Whaley was top scorer with 5, and there were five "ducks."

Alma Soundly Beaten.

Bedford Alma were beaten by Blunham in a most comfortable way on Saturday in Bedford Park. The visitors batted first and immediately began to knock the bowling about. F. Rawlins, who went in first, made 59 out of the first 70, before being bowled by Catlin, and his hits included twelve 4's. The wickets fell rather fast after the second went down, but W. Rawlins made a good stand for his 21. On the Alma going to the wicket they could do nothing with the bowling of Taylor, who at one time had the remarkable figures of five wickets for no runs. With half the side out for seven runs Limpus went in and snicked a single off Taylor, and a few minutes later cut him for two 4's and a 2. Catlin, who had batted about twenty minutes for 4, was hit on the face by a fast ball from Taylor and had to retire. Booth, Freir, Harrison, and Brierley were all victims of Taylor's, none of them scoring. Taylor's average at the finish was six wickets for 21 runs, while Kemp had three for 13. Limpus was the most useful man on the Alma side, getting top score and taking four wickets for nine runs. He had nine overs, five of them being maidens. Catlin took three wickets for 15 runs.

The Black List.

It is not often that we have scratchings in the First Division of the League, but last Saturday two were recorded. The Printers were unable to raise a team to visit Sharnbrook, and Potton St. Mary's conceded the points to Queen's Works. In the Second Division Sharnbrook 2nd have retired from the competition, and the points are added on to the clubs they have not played.

To-morrow's Matches.

The following games are down for decision, to be played on the ground of the first-named club:—

Bedford League—Div. I.
Queen's Works v. Printers.
Goldington v. Pyghtle Works.
Kempston v. Bedford Victoria.
Sharnbrook v. Potton St. Mary's.

BEDFORD LEAGUE.—DIV. I.

GOLDINGTON v. KEMPSTON.

Kempston were the guests of Goldington in Russell Park on Saturday. The latter gave a poor exhibition with the bat, and were all out for 57. Kempston, on the other hand, gave a good batting exhibition, Folkes making a very good century. Scores: Goldington.—S. Rootham, c. Folkes, b. Cocking, 9; Skerman, run out, 0; E. Laughton, c. Houghton, b. Cocking, 11; F. G. King, b. Cocking, 0; J. Osbourne, c. Folkes, b. Cocking, 12; F. King, c. and b. Francis, 3; W. Buck, c. and b. Cocking, 4; H. Chapman, not out, 0; H. V. Oelsee, b. Cocking, 2; H. Crowsley, b. Cocking, 3; T. Bishop, run out, 5; extras, 8; total, 57.

Kempston.—J. Brown, b. Skerman, 18; H. P. Cocking, b. F. King, 29; J. Folkes, c. Osbourne, b. Buck, 107; E. Francis, c. King, b. Crowley, 34; S. Tysoe, retired, 34; W. Houghton, not out, 6; R. Cocking, c. and b. Rootham, 12; total (5 wickets), 240. R. Robinson and W. Ramsey did not bat.

Position of the clubs to date.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Sharnbrook	12	9	1	2	10
Queen's Works	11	9	2	0	13
Bedford Victoria	12	6	3	3	15
Bedford Printers	12	5	5	2	12
Pyghtle Works	12	5	6	1	11
Kempston	11	5	6	0	10
Potton St. Mary's	11	2	9	0	4
Goldington	12	1	11	0	2

BEDFORD LEAGUE.—DIV. II.

FOUNDRY UNITED v. MARSTON.

The Foundrymen entertained Marston on Saturday in Russell Park, and the game ended in a surprising win for the visitors. Scores: Foundry United.—J. Maxey, run out, 2; J. Lumley, b. Tuffnell, 6; C. Fenton, c. Hillson, b. Tuffnell, 16; P. Perry, b. Nicholls, 1; J. Reid, b. Nicholls, 0; F. Smith, b. Nicholls, 0; B. Devereux, c. Howe, b. Nicholls, 0; M. Horne, c. Tuffnell, b. Nicholls, 0; M. Middleton, c. Nicholls, b. Tuffnell, 20; W. Dillingham, not out, 9; W. Poulter, b. Nicholls, 3; extras 2; total 59.

Marston.—J. Faulkner, b. Perry, 19; F. Tuffnell, b. Perry, 24; A. Nicholls, b. Perry, 1; H. Vincent, run out, 17; A. White, run out, 21; F. Hillson, b. Perry, 0; J. Copperwheat, b. Perry, 0; F. Scotchbrook, c. Reid, b. Fenton, 3; J. Robinson, b. Fenton, 0; C. Howe, not out, 0; H. Faulkner, b. Fenton, 0; extras 7; total 92.

ICKWELL v. BOLNHURST.

At Ickwell on Saturday, Bolnhurst were the visitors, and were easily defeated. Scores:—

Ickwell.—Flgale, b. Lack, 4; T. Woodward, c. Whitmore, b. lack, 0; P. Bygraves, c. Lack, b. Whitmore, 8; A. Shelton, b. Lack, 9; G. Fruin, b. Lack, 12; D. Willsher, b. Harper, 37; J. Radford, run out, 4; G. Bygraves, not out, 8; W. Pates, b. Lack, 1; G. Phillips, c. Harper, b. Whitmore, 2; F. Willsher, run out, 20; extras 23; total 126.

Bolnhurst.—F. Parrott, b. Shelton, 0; F. Stanton, c. D. Willsher, b. Radford, 0; A. Whaley, run out, 5; B. Whaley, b. Shelton, 0; H. Whitmore, b. Shelton, 1; J. Bull, lbw, b. Radford, 3; S. Lack, c. Bygraves, b. Radford, 0; W. Harper, b. Radford, 0; A. Thompson, not out, 1; extras 0; total 10.

BEDFORD ALMA v. BLUNHAM.

This match was played in Bedford Park on Saturday, and resulted in an easy win for the visitors. Scores:—

Blunham.—F. Rawlins, b. Catlin, 59; M. Maries, lbw, b. Dear, 10; W. Kemp, b. Limpus, 3; F. Taylor, c. Bates, b. Catlin, 0; T. Davison, c. Harrison, b. Catlin, 10; W. Rawlins, c. Brimley, b. Limpus, 21; W. Sims, b. Limpus, 0; T. Maries, b. Limpus, 6; F. Battle, b. Clare, 8; H. Currant, b. Clare, 1; S. Chambers, not out, 4; extras, 9; total, 131.

Alma.—F. Booth, b. Taylor, 0; W. Churchman, c. Kemp, b. Taylor, 1; B. Catlin, retired hurt, 4; F. Brimley, b. Taylor, 0; I. Freir, c. Rawlins, b. Taylor, 0; F. Harrison, b. Taylor, 0; J. Limpus, c. Taylor, b. Kemp, 11; T. G. Tuffnell, b. Taylor, 8; A. Clare, c. and b. Kemp, 2; G. Dear, not out, 6; J. Bates, b. Kemp, 2; extras, 4; total, 38.

PRINTERS' 2ND. v. GOLDINGTON 2ND.

These teams met in Bedford Park on Saturday, when the Printers gained a fine victory. Scores:—

Printers 2nd.—J. Day, c. Burton, b. Smith, 4; F. Tucker, b. Chillingworth, 27; C. Rogers, c. sub., b. Smith, 8; S. Keech, c. Burton, b. Smith, 6; J. Harvey, c. sub., b. Chillingworth, 33; F. Smith, b. Chillingworth, 94; K. Chambers, b. Pestall, 11; W. Woods, c. Burton, b. Smith, 0; T. Smith, c. Chillingworth, b. Pestall, 0; E. Fisher, not out, 2; A. Fensome, b. Skerman, 11; extras, 11; total, 207.

Goldington 2nd.—H. Chillingworth, lbw, b. Wood, 25; W. Sharman, c. and b. Rogers, 10; H. Smith, not out, 27; D. Joyce, c. Keech, b. Wood, 16; H. Pestall, run out, 0; E. Hopkinson, c. and b. Day, 0; H. Bush, b. Woods, 4; W. Deacon, b. Day, 1; C. Burton, c. Smith, b. Woods, 0; J. Riseley, b. Day, 0; extras, 9; total, 92.

CRANFIELD v. STAGSDEN.

The return game between Cranfield and Stagsden took place on the ground of the first named on Saturday, and was won by the home team. Scores:—

Cranfield.—H. Partridge, c Bird, b Collins, 5; W. Evans, b Collins, 0; F. Richardson, b F. Ellis, 3; A. Howe, st. Collins, 0; J. Read, b F. Ellis, 6; E. Hobbs, c Collins, b F. Ellis, 18; W. Hobbs, b F. Ellis, 3; H. Bedford, not out, 29; B. Groom, b F. Ellis, 1; W. Campion, c and b F. Ellis, 0; T. Lovesay, not out, 21; extras 16; total (9 wkts. dec.) 102.

Stagsden.—H. Ellis, run out, 12; W. Ellis, b W. Campion, 1; B. Collins, b J. Read, 2; B. Bird, b J. Read, 6; F. Ellis, b T. Lovesay, 0; E. Beard, b H. Bedford, 18; G. Glidwell, run out, 4; G. Wright not out, 5; A. Burley, c W. Hobbs, b J. Read, 1; extras 14; total 63.

WOOTTON HALL END v. FORDER'S PILLINGE WORKS.

This match was played at Wootton and ended in a win for the Hall End. Scores:—

Hall End.—F. Whitbread, b Broughton, 1; C. Lowe, b Evans, 2; T. Burraway, b Evans, 2; W. Loft, b Evans, 0; F. Loft, c Hare, b Allen, 44; W. Mephram, b Evans, 23; J. Lowe, c Evans, b Broughton, 0; G. Hutchings, b Ball, 13; S. Faulkner, b Broughton, 9; W. Hutchings, not out, 5; E. Ashpole, b Evans, 3; extras 16; total 123.

Forder's.—G. Grossmith, c and b Whitbread, 0; W. Goodman, c and b Whitbread, 1; W. Evans, b C. Lowe, 4; F. Ball, c Lowe, b Whitbread, 6; L. Broughton, b C. Lowe, 1; J. Hare, c J. Lowe, b Whitbread, 8; F. Causby, b Lowe, 12; P. Causby, run out, 0; W. Allen, b Lowe, 1; G. Copperwheat, c Mephram, b Lowe, 0; T. Butter, not out, 0; extras 5; total 38.

Position of the clubs to date.

Northern Section.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Blunham	14	11	3	0	22
Bedford Alma	12	10	2	0	20
Ickwell	13	9	4	0	18
South End W. M. C.	13	7	6	0	14
Queen's Works 2nd	11	6	5	0	12
Sharnbrook 2nd	14	5	9	1	11
Bolnhurst	13	2	11	0	4
Keysoe	14	1	12	1	3

Southern Section.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
B'd'd Printers 2nd	13	9	3	1	19
Wootton Hall End	12	9	3	0	18
Foundry United	12	8	3	1	17
Cranfield	12	6	4	2	14
Marston	13	6	5	2	14
Goldington 2nd	13	4	9	0	8
Stagsden	12	3	9	0	6
F'd'r's Pillinge W'ks	13	1	12	0	2

FRIENDLY MATCHES.

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Mr. Primett's XI.—H. Williams, c Atkinson, b Hutchison, 56; H. Knight, c and b Webb, 31; T. Hassard, b S. Brister, 0; C. Cox, c S. Brister, b Hutchison, 8; S. Brown, c Atkinson, b S. Buckley, 50; C. Penn, b Hull, 6; C. Rainbow, c Dixon, b Buckley, 12; G. T. Ansell, b Buckley, 0; W. Wright, b S. Brister, 4; A. Ansell, not out, 9; W. Primett, b Hull, 22; extras, 11; total, 209.

GREAT BARFORD v. C.E.M.S.

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Great Barford.—W. Parish, b Keens, 1; A. Pym, b Keens, 29; F. Geary, b Peacock, 27; R. H. Mallett, lbw., b Peacock, 22; F. Robinson, b Foster, 30; B. Sabey, c Williams, b B. Gilbert, 6; J. A. Whitechurch, c and b Keens, 12; A. Norman, c and b B. Gilbert, 8; J. B.

Robinson, not out, 36; J. Draper, b B. Gilbert, 5; G. Hall, not out, 9; extras, 14; total (nine wickets), 199.

C.E.M.S.—C. N. Peacock, b Mallett, 8; R. Keens, b Mallett, 2; Rev. Gilbert, c Norman, b Whitechurch, 79; R. N. Foster, not out, 58; B. Gilbert, b Geary, 4; G. Whitman, b Mallett, 15; N. Gilbert, b Whitechurch, 15; extras, 5; total (five wickets), 171. N. Gilbert, W. Whitlock, L. V. Williams, E. Whitmore, and P. H. Clarke did not bat.

BEDS. CLUB AND GROUND v. KETTERING.

The Club and Ground received a visit from Kettering on Saturday afternoon, the game being played on the Goldington-road enclosure. A late start was made, owing to the late arrival of the visitors, and the game ended in a draw. Scores:—

Kettering.—N. Conant, b Wilkins, 56; W. H. Darby, c Taylor, b Wilkins, 49; A. J. Hawes, c and b Wilkins, 13; J. E. P. Dainty, b Knowles, 66; E. Wright, c Col. Stevens, b Knowles, 31; D. Bird, not out, 13; H. B. Judkins, not out, 8; extras, 4; total, 240. (Innings declared closed.) B. J. Timson, W. A. Stanley, C. W. Clarke, and Panter did not bat.

Beds. Club and Ground.—A. D. Wilkins, b Panter, 5; F. W. H. Nicholas, not out, 83; L. H. Knowles, b Hawes, 30; D. Turnbull, b Judkins, 14; J. D. King, not out, 10; extras, 10; total (3 wickets), 178. Col. Stevens, S. Woodbridge, Taylor, C. Stevens, Pilgrim, and G. M. Taylor did not bat.

OAKLEY v. QUEEN'S WORKS 2nd.

The second string of Queen's Works took the trip to Oakley on Saturday to meet the villagers, the latter team winning on the first innings. In their second venture Oakley made 89 for 5 wickets, of which R. W. Herrick made 37 and Line 11. Scores:—

Oakley.—R. E. Prothero, b Covington, 24; J. Ruffhead, c Tysoe, b Paraley, 1; R. W. Horrell, b Covington, 16; A. Pepper, c Boothman, b Covington, 16; R. J. Prothero, run out, 9; C. Line, c Paisley, b Cook, 2; W. Perkins, b Cook, 0; A. Tatman, c Hailstones, b Covington, 0; H. Payne, b Cook, 0; S. R. Quenby, b Cook, 0; S. Hurst, not out, 5; extra, 1; total, 74.

Queen's Works 2nd.—W. Tysoe, b Ruffhead, 0; J. Finding, b Pepper, 10; D. Mayhew, b Ruffhead, 3; S. Cook, c Pepper, b Ruffhead, 0; W. Covington, run out, 3; A. Paraley, c R. J. Prothero, b Ruffhead, 15; W. Mills, c Hurst, b Ruffhead, 3; J. Smith, c Payne, b Ruffhead, 6; J. Jefferies, not out, 0; J. Boothman, c Perkins, b Pepper, 0; A. Hailstones, b Ruffhead, 0; extras, 7; total, 44.

HARROLD v. CLAPHAM.

A game between Harrold and Clapham was played at Harrold on Saturday, and ended in a victory for the visitors, for whom Turner took 7 wickets very cheaply. Scores:—

Clapham.—F. Waller, b Parriss, 8; T. Jones, c Le Fevre, b Clayson, 3; A. Pain, c Clayson, b Stratton, 11; W. Tysoe, lbw, b Clayson, 1; H. Butcher, c and b Parriss, 0; Rev. A. H. Sproule, c and b Franklin, 0; S. Turner, c Orpin, b Parriss, 12; A. Headland, b Stratton, 4; A. Peacock, c Le Fevre, b Franklin, 8; F. Smith, lbw, b Clayson, 7; P. Inskip, not out, 3; extras, 6; total, 63.

Harrold.—Le Fevre, b Turner, 6; J. Clayson, b Tysoe, 0; A. Chambers, c and b Turner, 0; B. Clayson, b Tysoe, 8; B. Parriss, b Tysoe, 0; C. Stratton, b Turner, 0; J. B. Clayson, not out, 14; W. Parriss, b Turner, 0; S. Orpin, b Turner, 8; F. Franklin, b Turner, 5; F. Tinsley, b Turner, 2; extras, 2; total, 45.

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Bedford League.—Div. II.

Northern Section.
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Southern Section.

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Printers' 2nd v. Stagsden.

Prolific Scoring.

The return match between Beds. Club and Ground and Kettering was played on the Goldington-road ground on Saturday, and after some bright cricket ended in a draw slightly in favour of Bedford. Unfortunately, owing to the strike, Kettering did not arrive in Bedford until 3 o'clock, and it was 3.40 before a start was made. Kettering won the toss, and batted first on a perfect wicket. Contant and Darby played splendid, and boundaries were plentiful. Dainty and Wright then made a great stand, and eventually Kettering declared, having made the useful score of 240. Bedford were left an hour and a quarter to bat, arrangements being made to play until 7 o'clock. Bedford lost Wilkins early, but Nicholas (a visitor to Bedford) and Turnbull went in for some hard hitting, and runs came very fast. Nicholas had several "lives," but made some beautiful strokes. King also played well. At five minutes to seven wickets were pulled up; the light being very bad. Bedford would no doubt have won had they had a little more time.

Run-getting at the Asylum.

The Three Counties Asylum batsmen have been in excellent form this season, and have on several occasions piled up very high scores. Another instance of this was given last week, when Mr. W. Primett took a team to oppose the homesters. The brothers Woodhouse led off with the tall score of 131 for the first wicket, and J. R. Woodhouse exceeded the century for the third time this season. Their play was of a high order, and the same remark might be applied to the batting of Webb. The Asylum applied the closure at 295 for seven wickets. The visitors had a powerful batting side, and Harry Williams and Sid Brown (once a pro. for Bedfordshire) both batted in brilliant form, making 56 and 50 respectively, while Primett, who captained the side, played a good innings for 22. However, the visitors were all out for 208, and were thus beaten by 86 runs.

Bedford Grammar School.

Reviewing the past cricket season of the Grammar School, the "Sportsman" says:—Taken all round, the season of 1911 may be written down as satisfactory, as, even though the percentage of losses greatly predominates, yet three of the four school matches were won, and the first match against the Old Boys only lost after a great struggle. N. V. S. Maltby, the captain, has been the outstanding personality, in the field as captain and in the slips, at the wicket as the batsman of the side, and in the bowling department, where he has taken 27 wickets. He is lunted home by E. M. Bear, the most consistent bowler of the eleven, who heads the bowling averages, and is second, if not a very good one, to the captain in the batting averages. One other feature of the season has been the wicket-keeping of Roberts, one of the best stumpers the School has ever known.

The fielding has reached a high standard, Maltby leaving no stone unturned to secure soundness in this department, and he has set an excellent example himself. Nailer, at cover, also being brilliant, and Wilson doing splendid service in the long field. The record may not read too well on paper, but had it not been for the fielding, it might have made really painful reading. There was an unfortunate dearth of left-hand bowlers in the school, and as the bowling would have to be entrusted to new-comers, who at the beginning of the term were an unknown quantity, Maltby at once started, and with gratifying success, on bringing the team up to the mark in the field.

Thursday's Matches.

Thursday's cricket was marked by two happenings which must be without precedent in the history of Park cricket. Two teams having reached a total which they thought their opponents incapable of reaching, in the fullness of their wisdom, availed themselves of the opportunity of declaring. In both cases they were beaten. The most surprising result was undoubtedly in the Beagleys and Police game. The former team put up 164 for 4, of which D. Turnbull got 105 in great style. Left with 1½ hours to get the runs the sturdy Policemen were not dismayed. Sergt. Wheatley hit up a lusty 32. Rogers batted well for 51, including some capital shots through the slips, and Boddington, with 45, went a long way towards winning the match. In the end

the police gained a sensational victory by two wickets. Beagley's have probably the strongest batting side of any club in the town, but their bowling, without Ruffhead and Beck, is a negligible quantity.

In the other game, that between C.E.M.S. and Post Office, the Society thought 189 for 6 would be sufficient, and so it would have been under ordinary circumstances. Reg. Keens, however, was in brilliant form, and on a wicket giving the bowlers no assistance he had a merry time. The opposing team's total was passed for the loss of six wickets and at the end Keens was not out for a great innings of 107. One has rarely seen such splendid hitting all round the wicket. The above two matches each concluded amidst excitement.

The Early Closers were able to declare with 172 for eight and got the Argyle out for 78. During the time he was at the wickets Nailer made some huge hits. Bottoms, Whiteman, and Ayres made the runs for the Closers, the latter getting 50 in fine style.

Sudden illness of T. Brown.

Shortly after the luncheon interval in the M.C.C. v. Dorsetshire match at Lord's a painful incident was witnessed, T. Brown, the ex-Bedfordshire cricketer and first-class county umpire, being seized with a fit whilst viewing the game from the players' room adjoining the pavilion. His screams were so terrible that the match was stopped for about half an hour. Dr. F. W. P. Holton, who was playing for the M.C.C., and another medical gentleman attended Brown, who was eventually conveyed on the police ambulance to St. Mary's Hospital. On Friday he will be well enough to return to his home at Dunstable. Brown, who was umpiring early in the week in M.C.C. v. Wiltshire at Lord's, had not previously been subject to fits, and the seizure is probably the result of the heat. All good Bedfordians will wish "Bumper" a speedy recovery to his usual good health. He played for the County over 20 years ago, and was always a true and valued servant. He derived the name of "Bumper" because of his fast bowling, and his habit of bumping 'em.

Mr. R. H. Mallett, of Great Barford, was playing for the M.C.C. against Dorsetshire at Lords last week end. Although the home team won by 173 runs, Mr. Mallett only succeeded in making four in the first innings, and did not bat in the second.

A number of Bedfordians were engaged in the Ealing cricket week. Playing for Ealing against Mr. F. R. Dangar's XI, which included W. Williams, the old Middlesex amateur, and A. F. Morcom. Getting first use of the wicket, the home side started with the brothers Litteljohn, but Morcom got E. S. for a single, and H. K. Wedd and J. H. A. Tolkein, following in, gave little trouble. J. P. Sargent, however, rendered A. R. Litteljohn great assistance, and reached the half century before being caught, while his partner played free cricket, and was not dismissed until he had credited himself with 149. H. D. Moffatt (31) and C. A. Bolter (57) then carried the total to 316 for five without being parted, and a declaration was made. Their opponents started none too well, and, although G. S. Churchill scored 36 and D. R. Osborne 20, soon lost five wickets, three of these falling to Bolter.

Then, however, H. R. Orr and E. Aphorpe exchanged the complexion of the game by making 75 and 65 respectively, and with

Capt. Maclear adding 66, the innings was not completed until 283 had been registered, leaving the home side with an advantage of 33. In Ealing's second attempt Williams got both the Litteljohns very cheaply, A. R. failing to score, while his brother only booked a couple. Bolter again proved his capabilities, and was not sent back until he had obtained 48, and with 43 and 44 (not out) as the results of efforts by S. Hassan Shah and Tolkein, the innings realised 192. Wanting 226 to win, the visitors were none too happy, only two of them meeting with any success, Capt. Maclear getting 45 and Morcom 88 (not out). At the call of time 31 were required, and with Morcom well in another half-hour might have seen a good finish.

FOUNDRY UNITED v. MARSTON.

The Marstonians had an unexpected victory at Russell Park on Saturday over the Foundry men. Scores:

Foundry United.—J. Maxey, run out, 2; J. Lumley, b Tuffnell, 6; C. Fenton, c Hillson, b Tuffnell, 16; P. Perry, b Nicholls, 1; J. Reid, b Nicholls, 0; F. Smith, b Nicholls, 0; B. Devoreux, c Howe, b Nicholls, 0; M. Horne, c Tuffnell, b Nicholls, 0; M. Middleton, c Nicholls, b Tuffnell, 20; W. Dillingham, not out, 9; W. Foulter, b Nicholls, 3; extras, 2; total, 59.

Marston.—J. Faulkner, b Perry, 19; F. Tuffnell, b Perry, 24; A. Nicholls, b Perry, 1; H. Vincent, run out, 17; A. White, run out, 31; F. Hillson, b Perry, 0; J. Copperwheat, b Perry, 0; F. Scotchbrook, c Reid, b Fenton, 3; J. Robinson, b Fenton, 0; C. Howe, not out, 0; H. Faulkner, b Fenton, 0; extras, 7; total, 92.

BEDFORD BARRACKS v. ASPLEY GUISE.

Played at the Barracks on Saturday, the home club winning by 20 runs. S. G. Wilkinson batted well for the visitors, while Lieut. Horsford, Wards and Brazier did good service for the homesters, who entertained their opponents to tea during the interval.

Aspley Guise.—S. G. Wilkinson, c Forde, b Jaggard, 57; A. R. Sinfeld, b Jaggard, 0; H. Checkley, b Jaggard, 2; F. Barnwell, c Horsford, b Mills, 6; G. Barnwell, b Mills, 10; Rev. J. C. Maltby, b Mills, 0; S. Sinfeld, b Jaggard, 7; F. Fleet, c Horsford, b Mills, 5; J. Brown, c Horsford, b Mills, 0; J. Steers, not out, 0; A. Fleet, c Horsford, b Mills, 0; extras, 1; total, 88.

Barracks.—Lieut. Horsford, c Wilkinson, b F. Barnwell, 16; Lieut. Forde, c Wilkinson, b G. Barnwell, 9; Sergt. Major Hyslop, b F. Barnwell, 2; Col. Sergt. Webb, b F. Barnwell, 0; Pte. Burr, b G. Barnwell, 10; Col. Sergt. Carter, b F. Barnwell, 0; Sergt. Wards, c Sub., b F. Barnwell, 23; Pte. Oakley, b G. Barnwell, 7; Sergt. Brazier, b F. Barnwell, 16; Pte. Jaggard, b G. Barnwell, 1; Pte. Mills, not out, 13; extras, 7; total, 108.

FLITWICK v. PULLOXHILL.

Played at Flitwick on Saturday. This was evidently the visitors' day out, as they won a good match by 21 runs. For Flitwick J. Chapman took 9 wickets, D. Roberts 2, and J. Ransome 3. Parker accounted for 6 of the Flitwick batsmen, and R. Gudgin 3. Scores:—

Flitwick: D. Roberts 26, A. W. Hawtin 16, J. Ransome 7, H. J. Pedder 0, T. Virgin 0, E. Lawrence 8, W. G. Hall 0, W. Short 2, A. Groom (not out) 8, Brinkler 3, J. Chapman 4, extras 8, total 82.

Pulloxhill: Parker 0, H. Evans 10, G. Roeseon 20, R. Tookev 3, T. Godfrey 24, E. Hedges 27, W. Annwell 1, R. Gudgin 2, T. Hedges 0, F. Dale 2, J. Vass 1, extras 13, total 109.

BLETCHLEY PARK v. SHENLEY AND DISTRICT.

Played on Sir Herbert Leon's private ground at Bletchley Park last Saturday, this game resulted in a close finish, the visitors winning by 3 runs only. Scoring was not high on either side, though the fault cannot be attributed to the wicket, which, in spite of the long continued drought was all that could be desired. Lady Leon entertained the visitors, players, and friends during the afternoon to tea in the Pavilion. Scores:—

Shenley and District: H. Kitchener 13, C. Burges 8, J. King-Studman 0, F. Markham 3, E. Higgs 16, C. Powell 3, W. Knibbs 4, T. Daniels 0, A. Jenkins 7, G. Franklin 0, F. Gurney (not out) 0, extras 17, total 71. Second innings: C. Burgess 2, T. Daniels 1, H. Kitchener (not out) 45, E. Powell 0, F. Gurney 4, J. King-Studman (not out) 16, E. Higgs, F. Markham, A. Jenkins, G. Franklin and W. Knibbs did not bat, extras 11, total for 4 wickets 73.

Bletchley Park: W. Amos 11, J. W. Woods 7, E. Bland 18, H. Holbrow 13, F. Markham 0, G. G. Scott 2, G. Gilbert 15, B. Tooth 0, W. Beckett 1, W. Muckley (not out) 1, P. Ingram 0, extras 0, total 68.

CRANFIELD v. STAGSDEN.

Batting first the home team ran up 102 for 9 wickets at Cranfield against Staggsden on Saturday. The "strike" prevented two of the homesters from taking advantage of a cheap trip to Blackpool on Saturday, and it had the effect of putting them in a "striking" mood, and after they had "struck" up 40 odd for the last wicket, the captain declared their "strike" at an end, for the visitors wanted to "strike," but they had a man short and had to be satisfied with 63, when the "strike" was declared settled.

Cranfield.—H. Partridge, c and b Collins, 5; W. Evans, b Collins, 0; F. Richardson, b F. Ellis, 3; A. Howe, st B. Collins, 0; J. Read, b F. Ellis, 6; E. Hobbs, c Collins, b F. Ellis, 18; W. Hobbs, b F. Ellis, 3; H. Bedford, not out, 29; E. Groom, b F. Ellis, 1; W. Campion, c W. Ellis, b F. Ellis, 0; F. Lovesey, not out, 21; extras, 16; total (9 wkts. dec.) 102.

Staggsden.—H. Ellis, run out, 12; W. Ellis, b W. Campion, 1; B. Collins, b J. Read, 2; B. Bird, b J. Read, 6; F. Ellis, b T. Lovesey, 0; E. Beard, b H. Bedford, 18; G. Glidwell, run out, 4; G. Wright, not out, 5; A. Burley, c W. Hobbs, b J. Read, 1; P. Savage, run out, 0; extras, 14; total, 63.

MR. RENTON XI. v. W. DAY'S XI.

At Aspley Guise Cricket ground. Scores: Aspley Guise: 1st innings: W. Lees, b Orchard, 2; V. J. Brown, c West, b Tanqueray, 2; W. Day, b Orchard, 2; R. Neville, b Orchard, 2; E. Day, run out, 14; J. Fleet, c F. Renton, b Orchard, 8; L. Hammond, b F. Renton, 7; W. Cullingford, b Renton, 62; C. Lees, b F. Renton, 2; C. Boon, run out, 0; B. Lawman, not out, 2; extras 3; total 46. 2nd innings: E. Day, b F. Renton, 4; V. J. Brown, c and b F. Renton, 9; W. Lees, c Orchard, b H. Hamilton, 10; R. Neville, c C. Hamilton, b F. Renton, 1; L. Hammond, c E. Renton, b H. Hamilton, 1; W. Day, not out, 24; J. Fleet, b Orchard, 8; C. Lees, c E. Renton, b F. Renton, 6; C. Boon, not out, 6; W. Cullingford and B. Lawman did not bat; extras 3; total for 7 wickets (declared), 72.

Mr. Renton's XI: 1st innings—T. Tanqueray, c Neville, b W. Day, 7; H. Hamilton, b V. J. Brown, 0; R. F. Gore-Browne, b W. Day, 1; F. Fisher, b B. J. Brown, 3; W. Orchard, c W. Lees, b B. J. Brown, 0; G. West, b E. Day, 14; R. K. D. Renton, c J. Fleet, b W. Day, 0; H. N. L. Renton, b E. Day, 22; C. Hamilton, c and b E. Day, 0; W. Collett-Mason, not out, 1; G. F. G. Renton, c C. Boon, b E. Day, 0; total 49. 2nd innings: A. F. G. Renton, c J. Fleet, b E. Day, 1; G. West, c W. Lees, b W. Day, 11; H. N. Renton, lbw., b E. Day, 4; F. Fisher, c Lawman, b W. Day, 17; T. Tanqueray, not out, 25; W. Orchard, lbw., b V. J. Brown, 4; R. F. Gore-Browne, c J. Fleet, b E. Day, 3; H. Hamilton, c W. Day, b V. J. Brown, 5; C. Hamilton, R. A. D. Renton, and W. Collett-Mason did not bat; total for 7 wickets 70.

Cricket

MR. H. ORR'S XI. v. BEDFORD LEAGUE.

We are glad to note that Mr. "Jack" Taylor, the C. and G. groundsman, got a good benefit on Thursday, thanks chiefly to a satisfactory subscription list. Mr. Orr opposed a strong XI, including several county players against a really representative League XI. Batting first, the scratch XI, fared badly against King and Barnwell. To what extent the bowlers were assisted by the wicket was the subject of much speculation and contention. Undoubtedly the heavy dew and light shower on the hard surface did affect the wicket in the first hour, and the bowlers, with a little "devil" in their deliveries, made the ball "do things." King was particularly unplayable, and his fine average of seven for 54 tells its own story. Barnwell took the other three for 44. But for a last wicket stand by Grierson and Wilkins, which took the score from 68 to 120, the total would have been very insignificant. Any doubt as to the result was soon dispelled, as after Rogers had left at 44, King and Radcliffe, both of whom batted admirably, carried the score to 111, and the runs were knocked off before the fall of the third wicket. Redman used the long handle, and in his short stay hit two sixes and 6 fours. Radcliffe, King and Page also hit sixes. Grierson captured 6 wickets for 37, and Orr two for 52, and Gibson one for 23.

MR. ORR'S XI.	
J. D. King, c W. E. King, b Barnwell	7
H. Holdstock, b King	7
Col. Stevens, c Davis, b King	0
D. Turnbull, lbw, b Barnwell	5
A. E. Gibson, b King	5
E. E. Apthorp, b King	9
H. Nicholas, c Wilson, b King	4
H. R. Orr, b King	9
Colonel Anderson, b Barnwell	13
D. Wilkins, not out	11
H. Grierson, c Rogers, b King	35
Extras	15
Total	120

BEDFORD LEAGUE.	
E. Rogers, c Apthorp, b Orr	8
J. Radcliffe, c Turnbull, b Grierson	82
W. E. King, c Apthorp, b Anderson	39
H. Willett, st Apthorp, b Orr	17
H. B. Davies, c Holdstock, b Grierson	14
F. Redman, st Apthorp, b Grierson	44
E. M. Page, b Grierson	26
E. Wilson, st Apthorp, b Grierson	10
S. V. Graham, c Nicholas, b Grierson	4
P. Perry, c Holdstock, b Gibson	1
F. Barnwell, not out	0
Extras	13
Total	254

BSDS. CLUB AND GROUND v. GREAT BARFORD.

The Clubmen brought their cricket season to a successful end on Saturday at Goldington-road, when they won an easy victory over Great Barford. Batting first, they were able, through the steady average maintained by all the batsmen, to declare with six wickets down for 182 runs. The Barford men, apart from F. Robinson and J. D. King, failed to attain double figures. Grierson and Pilgrim shared the wickets, the former taking 5 for 49, while the latter took 5 for 19. Scores:

BEDS. CLUB AND GROUND.	
D. Turnbull, b Geary	1
L. Knowles, c King, b Maurice	43
F. W. Nicholas, c Maurice, b King	20
E. E. Apthorp, lbw, b Maurice	22
Col. Anderson, c R. King, b Maurice	39
A. E. Gibson, c King, b Maurice	32
C. N. Peacock, not out	5
C. B. Stevens, not out	10
Pilgrim and Taylor did not bat	
Extras	3
Total (6 wkts.)	182

GREAT BARFORD.	
J. D. King, c Turnbull, b Grierson	19
K. L. Mallett, c Taylor, b Grierson	4
H. R. Kirby, c Apthorp, b Pilgrim	1
T. Geary, b Pilgrim	8
Rev. F. Powys-Maurice, b Grierson	8
R. H. Mallett, c Knowles, b Pilgrim	0
F. Robinson, not out	29
A. Pym, lbw, b Pilgrim	3
R. King, b Pilgrim	0
B. W. Sahay, lbw, b Grierson	3
H. Maurice, b Grierson	0
Extras	11
Total	79

FIRST DIVISION.

QUEEN'S WORKS v. PRINTERS.

The Printers batted first on Saturday at Bedford Park, and totalled 157, of which H. B. Davies, H. Rogers, and G. Carter, through lively and confident batting, were responsible for 108 runs between them. The Works did not make a very brilliant response but steady play by Golding and Raby staved off defeat for them and caused the game to result in a draw. Scores:

PRINTERS.	
E. Rogers, lbw, b Ratcliff	7
H. B. Davies, run out	46
W. Dawson, b Turner	7
Rev. C. H. Mallowes, b Turner	4
A. McKechnie, b Pearce	15
H. Rogers, c Golding, b Turner	38
S. V. Graham, c Ratcliff, b Pearce	3
G. Carter, b Perry	24
H. Clarke, b Pearce	5
T. Crouch, not out	1
Extras	7
Total	157

QUEEN'S WORKS.	
J. Ratcliff, b Graham	14
G. Goodwin, b Graham	4
H. Pearce, b Graham	2
P. Perry, c Carter, b E. Rogers	11
A. Head, b Graham	0
W. Covington, b Graham	0
T. Golding, c Carter, b Graham	25
W. Tysoe, b E. Rogers	0
T. Raby, not out	8
H. S. Mackinder, b Graham	0
S. Turner, not out	0
Extras	6
Total (9 wkts.)	70

GOLDINGTON v. PYGHTELE WORKS.

The Pyghtle men won this match at Russell Park on Saturday, but Goldington batted pluckily. Scores:

GOLDINGTON.	
S. Rootham, lbw, b Redman	11
F. King, b Tysoe	9
E. Laughton, c Sprague, b Redman	3
H. R. Smith, c Maxey, b Morley	34
J. Osbourn, c and b Redman	8
J. Skerman, c Page, b Sprague	16
A. Watts, run out	0
W. Fuller, c Whiteman, b Redman	23
H. V. Oclée, run out	0
H. Crowsley, c Maxey, b Redman	0
F. King jun., not out	3
Extras	10
Total	117

PYGHTELE WORKS.	
M. Page, c Odell, b F. G. King	8
F. Redman, c Goldney, b F. H. King	45
Whiteman, b F. H. King	17
W. Tysoe, b F. H. King	27
R. S. Morley, b F. H. King	0
Joyce, lbw, b F. H. King	12
R. Sprague, not out	13
W. Draper, not out	4
West and H. Maxey did not bat	
Extras	2
Total (6 wkts.)	128

KEMPSTON v. VICTORIA.

The Kempstonians were helpless against the excellent bowling of F. Barnwell on Saturday, whose analysis was 8 wickets for 16 runs. F. C. W. Newman made a virile 52 for the Vics., who won by 95 runs. Scores:

VICTORIA.	
F. C. W. Newman, b Francis	52
H. E. Warton, b H. Cocking	14
A. F. Beagle, run out	6
C. S. Brown, b H. Cocking	2
F. H. Coleman, b Underwood	0
P. M. Coleman, c Houghton, b Francis	1
F. Barnwell, b Francis	7
H. P. Newman, c Houghton, b Cocking	11
F. Baumbrough, b Cocking	12
M. W. Coleman, b Cocking	7
A. E. Raby, not out	11
Extras	1
Total	134

KEMPSTON.	
J. Brown, b Barnwell	0
H. Cocking, b Barnwell	0
R. Cocking, b Barnwell	4
J. Foulke, b M. Coleman	5
E. Francis, c Beagle, b Barnwell	1
H. Brown, b M. Coleman	1
S. Tysoe, b Barnwell	8
Sergt. Ward, c Baumbrough, b Barnwell	0
W. Freeman, b Baumbrough	5
W. Houghton, not out	8
F. Underwood, b Barnwell	5
Extras	4
Total	39

SECOND DIVISION.

PRINTERS II. v. STAGSDEN.

The Printers were on the war-path on Saturday, when they compiled 201 runs for 5 wickets, and scuttled out Stagsden for 58 runs. W. Woods played a really splendid innings, using defensive and aggressive methods at the right time, and he was well backed up by the other batsmen. Scores:—

Printers II.—F. Tucker, c Linger, b Ellis, 2; T. Berrington, run out, 23; C. Rogers, b Linger, 0; W. Woods, not out, 83; S. Keech, b Ellis, 10; A. Smith, b Linger, 30; H. Chambers, not out, 42; extras, 11; total (5 wickets), 201. W. Harvey, S. Boddington, F. Luetchford, and E. Fisher, did not bat. Stagsden.—B. Collins, run out, 10; F. Finding, b Rogers, 0; W. Ellis, b Rogers, 0; E. Beard, lbw, b Harvey, 4; F. Ellis, c Rogers, b Luetchford, 20; B. Bird, c Tucker, b Luetchford, 7; W. Linger, c Harvey, b Boddington, 4; G. Babbington, b Luetchford, 4; W. Manning, not out, 0; H. Ellis, b Harvey, 1; G. Wright, b Luetchford, 0; extras, 11; total, 58.

FOUNDRY UNITED v. CRANFIELD.

The countrymen, visiting Bedford on Saturday, administered a heavy defeat to the Foundry United. Scores:—

Foundry United.—J. Maxey, b J. Read, 13; J. Lumley, run out, 4; C. Fenton, b Lovesy, 3; P. Perry, c Lovesy, b E. Hobbs, 20; J. Reid, c and b Lovesy, 0; F. Smith, b J. Read, 0; C. Parker, b J. Read, 9; M. Howe, b Lovesy, 6; M. Middleton, c and b Read, 0; B. Devereaux, not out, 9; W. Poulter, b Lovesy, 0; extras, 3; total, 67. Cranfield.—F. Richardson, b Fordham, 0; H. Partridge, lbw, b Fenton, 9; H. Bedford, b Fenton, 1; W. Hobbs, b Smith, 12; J. Read, b Perry, 0; W. Evans, b Perry, 0; F. Summerfield, b Devereaux, 90; L. Lovesy, c and b Howe, 6; E. Hobbs, b Howe, 31; W. Campion, not out, 4; F. White, c and b Devereaux, 5; extras, 35; total, 193.

QUEEN'S WORKS II. v. SOUTH END WORKING-MEN'S CLUB.

The Works won a close and strenuous game at the Park on Saturday by 14 runs. Scores:—

South End W.M.C.—Chapman, c Boothman, b Cook, 16; A. Lancaster, run out, 11; Faulkner, b Cook, 17; R. Handcombe, c Smith, b Parsley, 10; Smith, not out, 9; J. White, c Cook, b Parsley, 1; Charlton, c Smith, b Parsley, 0; A. E. Gilbert, b Cook, 0; Hodgkin, b Parsley, 1; Manning, c Parsley, b Cook, 4; O. Burton, did not bat; extras, 0; total, 74.

Queen's Works II.—D. E. Mawhey, b Faulkner, 17; A. Bowskill, lbw, b Gilbert, 4; S. Cook, b Chapman, 6; A. Parsley, b Chapman, 6; A. Jefferies, b Gilbert, 1; W. Mills, c Smith, b Faulkner, 8; W. Hamblet, run out, 2; J. Smith, run out, 0; A. Hailstone, not out, 25; J. Boothman, c Smith, b Gilbert, 2; J. Frost, c Lancaster, b Faulkner, 8; extras, 9; total, 88.

WOOTTON HALL END v. GOLDINGTON 2nd XI.

At Wootton on Saturday, Goldington 2nd XI. cut a sorry figure. They turned up with ten men, but a substitute was found to field for them. Batting first Hall End lost their first wicket for 2 runs, but afterwards runs came freely, and the innings was declared closed at 188 for 5 wickets. In reply to this Goldington could only muster 40. T. Burraway bowling with marked success, taking 7 wickets for 11 runs. Scores:—

Hall End: C. Lowe, c Bishop, b Skerman, 1; T. Burraway, c Bishop, b Pestell, 20; W. Mephram, c and b Skerman, 23; S. Faulkner, c Chillingworth, b Skerman, 46; J. Lowe, b Pestell, 70; H. Sinfeld, not out, 10; F. Loft, not out, 4; W. Loft, F. Cooper, E. Hutchings, and P. Moore did not bat; extras 14; total for 5 wickets, 188.

Goldington: H. Bush, run out, 0; H. Chillingworth, c Mephram, b Lowe, 15; T. Bishop, b Burraway, 1; H. Pestell, b Burraway, 0; E. Hopkinson, not out, 7; J. Swan, b Burraway, 2; C. Burton, c Hutchings, b Burraway, 2; A. Skerman, c J. Lowe, b Burraway, 9; T. Litchfield, b Burraway, 0; H. Farmer, b Burraway, 0; extras 6; total 40.

ICKWELL v. BEDFORD ALMA.

This match was played at Ickwell, on August 26th, and won by the home men. Scores:—

Alma: F. Booth; c E. Albone, b F. Willsher, 3; W. Freir, c Darnell, b E. Albone, 11; F. Harrison, lbw., b F. Willsher, 3; A. Davey, b F. Willsher, 3; J. Limpus, b E. Albone, 5; F. Brimley, c D. Willsher, b F. Willsher, 1; J. Emmerton, b E. Albone, 4; T. Tuffnell, lbw., b E. Albone, 1; A. Clare, c Darnell, b E. Albone, 0; T. Johns, not out, 0; W. Churchman, c G. Bygraves, b E. Albone, 1; extras 1; total 32.

Ickwell: E. Albone, c Tuffnell, b Johns, 11; G. Darnell, b Johns, 10; F. Willsher, b Limpus, 3; C. Jones, b Johns, 3; L. Byron, b Limpus, 0; A. Shelton, c Churchman, b Limpus, 0; F. Woodward, b Johns, 0; J. Radford, b Johns, 11; D. Willsher, c Emmerton, b Johns, 0; P. Bygraves, not out, 1; G. Bygraves, c Johns, b Clare, 0; extras 5; total 44.

"BEDS. TIMES" v. KEMPSTON RES.

The "Dreadnoughts" were to have played Kempston Reserves at Russell Park on Saturday, but

Perhaps they still felt the effects of the Fair;

Or to lose to the "Times" they didn't much care.

Anyway, it is true, when they should have been there,

They were not.

MR. WHITEMAN'S XI. v. BELVOIR.

Played on Thursday. Scores:—
Belvoir: P. Maxey 37, C. Brodie 6, C. S. Brown 0, W. E. Parrish 53, A. Sprague 18, P. Goldney 1, G. Thomas 17, A. Middleton 10, G. Linger 4, A. Steers 3, A. Smith 3, extras 17, total 169.

Mr. Whiteman's XI.: F. W. Newman 76, R. Nailor 0, F. W. Seymour 0, B. L. Rogers 4, A. Smith 12, G. W. Whiteman 27, W. A. Skinner, A. Alcock, R. Goldney, J. Huber, and F. S. Kemp did not bat, extras 11, total for 6 wickets 130.

EARLY CLOSERS v. HAIRDRESSERS.

Played on Thursday at Bedford Park. Scores:—

Early Closers:—C. Quince 0, L. C. Bottoms 4; W. Wood 33, T. Whiteman 4, F. Draper 3, F. Ayres 22, Brimley 17, E. Taunton 4, L. Oolee 0, B. Bates (not out) 0, A. Handcock 0, extras 7, total 94.

Hairdressers: R. Haddon 13, C. Smith 25, C. Markham 16, B. Pate 0, A. Matthews 0, W. Whiffen (not out) 39, F. Cook (not out) 39, G. Roff, B. Collins, W. L. Farrar, and C. Dunham did not bat, extras 2, total for 5 wickets 134.

GREAT BARFORD v. BEAGLEY'S.

Played at Bedford Park on Thursday. Scores:—

Great Barford: K. L. Mallett 8, A. Pym 10, F. Geary 16, R. W. Mallett 2, F. Robinson 30, J. N. Whitchurch 1, Newman 19, B. Robinson 5, N. Norman 17, G. Westley 11, G. Freir (not out) 0, extras 6, total 125.

Beagley's: J. Jarvis 6, H. E. Warton 12, C. Rogers 10, J. W. Ruffhead 18, F. Baum-borough 0, W. R. Thomas 14, W. L. Freir 48, C. Paulger 14, Keech (not out) 0, Limpus (not out) 4, E. C. Harrison did not bat, extras 2, total for 8 wickets 129.

Notes on Sport.

ROUND ABOUT NOTES.

Bedfordshire County Club.

Another season, so far as the Bedfordshire County Club is concerned, has passed. In many ways the season now concluded has been a memorable one. Mr. Piper resigned the secretaryship in June through press of business, and was succeeded by Mr. A. E. Gibson, a good cricketer, who, it is hoped, when he gets accustomed to the work, will prove to be an energetic and effective secretary. During his brief connection with the club he has been the means, in different ways, of putting the club on a sound footing. The amalgamation of the Town and County Clubs has proved a wise move, the standard of play and the general efficiency of the teams doing duty having improved considerably. The "Shilling Fund" brought in a useful sum, and with the materialisation of several suggested schemes for "raising the wind" there is genuine reason to be hopeful for a favourable balance in the near future.

A Review of the Season.

On the actual field play, which after all is the chief consideration a greater esprit de corps has been noticed and although some of the later results were not favourable the season can be written down as a very successful one. With three games won outright, three won on the first innings, and but two losses Mr. Orr's men have done exceedingly well. Prior to going on tour the record was very flattering, not a single match having been lost. Herts., who have not been going great guns this year, yielded Beds. the maximum points in both games. At Bushey, a low scoring and intensely exciting game ended in Bedford's favour by a very narrow margin. The return game on the Elstow School ground gave Beds. a comfortable win, although at one time in the game a difficult result appeared possible. Norfolk, badly left behind in the first innings, on the Grammar School ground, yet managed to pull the game round by some useful scoring in the second knock, so that Beds. had to be content with a first innings lead. The Luton games later in the season proved equally productive for the home county, Suffolk were comfortable over-comes, but Cambs., aided by a little slack fielding on their opponents part, managed to get off lightly, giving up the three points only.

The Annual Tour.

Then came the annual tour. Cambridgeshire were first met at Cambridge, and here Beds. excelled themselves in the first knock, no fewer than three centuries being recorded. But in this match again Bedfordshire failed to secure the maximum points, the Cambs. batting proving very stubborn. From the University town the tourists visited Norwich and Felixtowe, and were well beaten at these places by Norwich and Suffolk respectively, and so deprived of whatever chance of divisional honours they at any time possessed. The falling off in the two later games must be put down to the men being stale following their strenuous work in the preceding games.

The Players.

Individually, several reputations have been made, while one or two have been somewhat damaged. No outstanding brilliancy on the part of any player has to be recorded. But the averages show us a surprise. Whoever would have thought a couple of seasons back that A. F. Morcom would so phenomenally improve his batting as to conclude the season 1911 well ahead in the table. But the fact remains that Morcom has been one of the batting stalwarts of the side, and his splendid figures of 38.71 by no means flatter him. His not out, 134, against Cambs. was a fine effort. Wharmby shares the all-round honours with Morcom. The Coventry pro. has a batting average of 35.18, and has scored more runs than any member of the team. He also was a centurion against Cambs. His bowling figures were 31 wickets at 14.09, while Morcom had one more wicket at 14.37. So it must be that the honours of the campaign may safely be said to have been borne off by

these two. But there are several more successes, most noticeable amongst whom is R. N. Bocquet, whose consistent scoring has been one of the features of the season. He has proved a decided acquisition. Leventhorpe, with an average of 32.2, has done remarkably well. The side has suffered no doubt from the inability of B. L. Peel to play more often, and he consequently does not take his customary high place in the tables.

H. R. Orr has captained the side in his usual style. He has put together several useful scores and taken plenty of wickets. Squire has not made many appearances, while Holdstock has not been in the good form we know he possesses. Apart from his hundred against Cambridgeshire he has done little. Rogers did well in the home engagements, notably in the first Norfolk match, but his more recent appearances have not been marked by anything exceptional. He has been handicapped by an injured leg, however. S. V. Graham, the only product of the North v. South Colts match, has suffered through inexperience, but his innings of 60, not out, at Luton, stamped him as a youth of more than average promise. Willett has not taken seriously to cricket this year—which is a pity. Grierson has not met with any pronounced success with the ball, and has never bowled better than in the Herts. games. He has obviously felt the effects of his arduous early season work for the Cantabs.

The Fielding.

So much for the batting and bowling. Just a word now on the fielding and then we will draw down the curtains on another season's cricket. In the opening games, and for that matter, in every game, the men were "on their toes" throughout. The utmost keenness was displayed and although a number of catches were missed they were more the result of over anxiety than indolent and slack fielding. Saunders' work at cover has been freely commented on and many nice things have been said concerning him. Graham has fairly good. Apthorp as put in some tremendous work behind the sticks. He is a brilliant keeper and has acted up to his reputation. It has been a trying season for him, considering the excessive heat, but he has done his part with credit. He has taken quite a number of catches this season.

Averages of the Bedfordshire Team.

Matches played, 8; won outright, 3; won on first innings, 3; lost, 2.

Batting:—					
A. F. Morcom	...	9	2	134*	271 38.71
Wharmby	...	11	0	105	387 35.18
G. S. Leventhorpe	.....	8	3	60*	161 32.2
R. N. Bocquet	...	10	1	64	279 31.0
H. R. Orr	...	13	0	60	333 25.61
H. Squire	...	6	1	45*	119 23.8
Holdstock	...	11	0	103	261 23.72
Rogers	...	9	0	64	212 23.55
E. E. Apthorp	...	13	1	54	206 17.16
B. L. Peel	...	3	0	21	43 14.33
H. Grierson	...	10	3	25*	93 13.28
S. V. Graham	...	8	1	56*	81 11.57
T. Saunders	...	10	2	25	60 7.5
H. Willett	...	3	0	17	19 6.33
Pilgrim	...	5	1	6	11 2.75

* Signifies not out.

The following have also batted:—A. J. Mander, once for 16 runs; Pestell, once not out for 20 runs; N. Maltby, twice for 12 runs; E. J. Moran, twice for 18 runs; and Geary, 3 at twice (once not out).

Bowling:—

Wharmby	...	196	60	437	31 14.09
A. F. Morcom	...	196.5	64	460	32 14.37
S. V. Graham	.....	37.2	14	103	6 17.16
B. L. Peel	...	81	22	229	11 20.81
H. Grierson	.....	174.1	49	521	25 20.84
Pilgrim	...	37.2	7	101	4 25.25
H. R. Orr	.....	170.2	24	652	25 26.08
Pestell	...	33	4	148	4 37.0

The following have also bowled:—Holdstock, 9—2—37—0; Geary, 7—0—16—0; R. N. Bocquet, 4—0—18—0.

County	Matches played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Possible	Obtained	Percentage
Staffordshire	...	10	7	0	0	35	87.50
Durham	...	8	3	0	0	36	72.00
Bedfordshire	...	8	3	0	0	40	60.00
Hertfordshire	...	6	0	2	0	50	54.00
C'bridgeshire	...	3	2	3	0	50	24 48.00
North'mb'r'l'd	...	3	1	0	0	40	18 45.00
Suffolk	...	8	2	2	0	40	16 40.00
Lincolnshire	...	10	3	1	0	60	18 36.00
Norfolk	...	12	2	1	3	60	16 26.66
Cheshire	...	8	1	0	1	40	6 15.00

Five points for a win. Three points to the winner and one to the loser in a match decided on the first innings. Drawn matches—i.e., matches in which no result on the first innings is attained—ignored.

The Club and Ground Season.

The season which concluded last Saturday may be put down as the best experienced in the annals of the combination, for they have scored some capital victories. In the greater number of games excellent elevens have done duty—more than can be said of some past seasons—which proves conclusively that the absorption of the Bedford Town Club was a step in the right direction. More games have been played, and more successes gained. Some notable victories include those over the Grammar School (twice), the Modern School, and the Three Counties Asylum, all admittedly strong combinations.

During the season the Beds. Club and Ground have played 18 matches, of which 11 were won, 4 lost, and 3 drawn. This is a record of which any club might be proud. A number of very good players have assisted the Club and Ground, one of the most successful being R. D. Cochrane, who played pretty regularly and made some big scores, and on one occasion, against the Grammar School, he hit up 115 out of 182, and won the match. Another matter which stands out as a good performance was that by Taylor, the groundsman, for besides getting good wickets he can do something with both bat and ball. His best performance of the season occurred last week, when, playing against the Three Counties Asylum, he accounted for the whole of the team for 100 runs. H. R. Orr played several good innings, and other prominent players who rendered yeoman service included Col. Stevens, A. E. Gibson, H. Grierson, Pilgrim, D. Turnbull, L. Knowles, and D. Wilkins. We hope to publish the averages next week.

A Fine "Scratch" Game.

The annual game between teams selected by Mr. Herbert King, of Broom, and Mr. H. R. Orr was played in Southill Park on Tuesday, the match resulting in a comfortable win for Mr. Orr's team. Mr. King's players had first use of the wicket, and compiled 157, H. C. Tebbutt, the Cambridgeshire captain, hitting up a capital 74, which included nine 4's. He was let off just before he had made 50, but otherwise he gave no chance. The brothers King also did well. The most successful bowling was done by Barnwell (5 for 39) and Orr (2 for 25).

Some very even scoring was done by Mr. Orr's eleven, Stevens coming out best with 65 to his credit, his hits including two 6's and ten 4's. Another good effort was that by the captain of the side, who hit up 36, and was then run out. The County secretary compiled 32, and there were several other useful contributions. Eight bowlers were tried against Mr. Orr's players, Tebbutt (3 for 36) and Grierson (2 for 70) coming out best. As is usual in these games, both teams were hospitably entertained by Mr. Herbert King at lunch and tea, and a jolly good time was spent. Both the wicket and the out-fielding at Southill Park are very good, and as a cricket ground will compare with any in the county.

The Beds. Club and Ground had an exceptionally strong team out against Great Barford House on the Goldington-road ground last Saturday, with the result that the visitors were easily defeated. Taking first knock the Club and Ground, by means of consistent scoring, put up the respectable total of 182 for the loss of seven wickets. Their opponents could make no stand against the bowling of Pilgrim (5 for 19) and Grierson (5 for 49), and the whole team was dismissed for the total of 79 runs.

Wellingboro' Grammar School.

Commenting on the season's work of the Wellingborough Grammar School the "Sportsman" says:—

"Great interest is always taken by both schools in the Modern match, and on the latter's ground the first game was drawn, the two Whites (K. seventy-six and J. forty-five) being the principal contributors to the visitors' total of 241. J. White bowled very well, and six wickets of the home side were soon down, but then R. L. Rogers joined C. W. Whitworth, and the pair played out time, the score reaching 168. Whitworth carried his bat for an excellent forty-three and Rogers for twelve.

The Modern Boys won the toss in the return at Wellingborough, and, thanks to a fine eighty-six by H. E. Warton, ran up 219, seven of the wickets falling to some good bowling by Thomas. This score the home side actually passed for the loss of one wicket. Hazleton and K. White both playing magnificent cricket for one hundred and sixty-six and one hundred and ten. The same pair, with one hundred and nine and eighty-one respectively, were responsible for a like defeat of Elstoy School, who against some fine bowling by J. White, who took seven wickets, could only put together fifty-seven.

"The Bedfordshire Club and Ground match showed the School in a very favourable all-round light, though Partridge, who made two catches at the wicket, was hardly so reliable as usual in the matter of extras—against Lord Lilford's XI. he only allowed one. The Club put together the formidable score of 283, J. White and Sewell each taking four and Hazleton the other two. Col. Anderson played a fine innings of ninety-six, and with R. C. Cochrane (fifty-two) and Col. Stevens (thirty-eight) made useful stands for the fourth and fifth wickets. The School lost two valuable wickets before double figures were up, and in the absence of K. White matters looked far from cheerful, but some determined hitting by Sewell (forty-one) and J. White (sixty-nine) pulled the game round, and Heading (fifty-two), Pettifor (sixty-eight), and Partridge (forty-one) enabled the School to win comfortably, the last wicket falling at 367. A very fine performance."

Tom Brown, the old Bedfordshire cricketer, has left the hospital after his recent illness, and is recuperating at his home at Dunstable.

Mr. E. H. D. Sewell has something to say with reference to the English team to visit Australia in an article in the "Sporting Life":—

"The M.C.C. team for Australia has been completed by the inclusion of Vine, of Sussex, as I expected," writes Mr. Sewell. "This is a further addition to the steady batting strength of the team as well as to its energetic fielding and bowling forces. Vine, having been at one end on 33 occasions while 100 runs and more have been hit for the first Sussex wicket with C. B. Fry, will have a fellow feeling with Iremonger, who has shared in 24 similar partnerships with A. O. Jones, and Hobbs, who has been there 26 times with Hayward."

"What with Vine, Hobbs, Rhodes, Kincaid, Iremonger, Mead, Douglas, and himself to choose from, F. F. Warner has no easy task to pick his regular first pair. Rhodes and Hobbs are the proved best for Test match purposes, but it does not follow that the team does not possess a better. This plethora of first-pair batsmen is the chief weakness of the team's batting. Men accustomed to that task are frequently at sea at No. 4, 5, or 6, so much so as to be almost different batsmen."

"It is to be hoped that Hobbs, Woolley, and Foister will not alter their game 'down under' in the cause of slow and sure. A leaven of dash is necessary in every team, especially in this one. The impression seems to have got abroad that only stickers do well in Test cricket in Australia. In face of the performances of McLaren, Trumper, and Hall, to name only three it is difficult to understand why this is so. I have all along been strongly in favour of sending out as many of our solid players as we can, but only because we do not happen just now to be well supplied with MacLarens, Spooners, and Tyldesleys. Their type is, however, more essential to success in three-day Test cricket than in the more dolce far niente affair in Australia."

"The good bat who makes 75 in ninety minutes is more valuable here than the man who gets 100 in two and a half hours, always excepting Hayward and Fry, who may make their runs in Test cricket just how, and as fast or as slow as they please. The thing is to see them in a Test match at all. That would indeed be a great treat. One which we have not had since August, 1905!"

Ye Olde Top Hats.

The annual game between the married and single men of the Conservative Club, Bedford, who annually test their abilities with the leather and the willow in top hats, will take place on the Goldington-road ground on Thursday next, wickets being pitched at 3.20. Previous games have proved highly entertaining to spectators and players alike, and the game for next Thursday is being looked forward to with keen interest. The Benedicts are reported to be a "hot" lot, but on the other hand those who have so far withstood the charms of the feminine gender are fully prepared.

Some of the Old Warden cricketers who had been playing Goldington Village on Saturday ventured on the river afterwards, and five of them—probably owing to the excitement over their victory—were unable to manage the boat, which turned turtle, with the result that all of them had the unpleasant experience of borrowing fresh suits before they could proceed home.

Thursday Club Matches.

The outstanding feature of Thursday's cricket was the defeat, for the first time since the fixtures were instituted, of Great Barford by Beagley's. Barford batted first and notched the useful score of 171. Robinson, with 30, was the principal contributor, and his was a "heady" innings. Other useful scores came from Newman, Geary, and Norman. Ruffhead and Warton bowled unchanged and did capitally. In the interval Mr. Beagley entertained both teams at tea in the pavilion. With Mr. Mallett prolonging play in a most sportsmanlike manner, the home-esters were enabled to win with two wickets to spare. For this happy state of affairs Beagley's were indebted to Freir, Pauger, Ruffhead, Thomas, and Warton, all of whom made respectable scores. Beagley's victory was all the more noteworthy inasmuch as they were weakly represented.

The defeat of the Early Closers at the hands of the Hairdressers was certainly not expected. But whereas the Closers could only muster 94 against the bowling of Whiffin and Pate, the Hairdressers put up the fine score of 134 for five. The winners must thank Whiffin and Cook for a fine stand, which rendered their victory possible. They hit very hard, if in unorthodox fashion. Congratulations to Mr. Roff on this very fine victory. The Hairdressers are a deserving side.

WITH THE LEAGUE CLUBS.

Fortunate Queen's Works.

Queen's Works were by no means fully represented for their return game with the Printers, and were very fortunate to divide the spoils. The Printers, with a strong side, put together the useful total of 157, of which Davies made 46 by very good cricket. Another notable contribution was that by young Rogers, who put together 38, and Carter was also prominent in the scoring line with 24, he and Rogers putting on 50 for the seventh wicket. The Queen's tried five bowlers, the most successful being Pearce (3 for 32) and Turner (3 for 55).

The Queen's were not left with enough time in which to get the runs, even had they been able. They gave a poor show with the willow, and not even Ratcliff could get going. The seventh wicket fell at 46, and all seemed to be over, but Golding and Raby on getting together, played careful cricket, keeping their wickets up for fully three-quarters of an hour, and saving their side from defeat. Golding was eighth out for seventy, and Mackinder was dismissed in the last over of the game, but Raby and Turner played out time.

Victoria's Easy Task.

The task set the Victoria on Saturday proved an easy one, for at Kempston they scored a comfortable win. The visitors won the toss, and notwithstanding good bowling by the Kempstonians, they ran up the respectable total of 134. F. C. W. Newman, the Modern School boy, went in first and was seventh out, having made a capital 52. The tail wagged merrily, M. Coleman and Raby adding 23 for the last wicket. H. Cocking bowled well, and captured 5 wickets rather cheaply. The homesters could do little against the bowling of Barnwell, who claimed eight victims for 16 runs. Not one of the Kempstonians was successful in reaching double figures, Tysoe being the top scorer with eight.

Redman's All-round Display.

Thanks to a brilliant display with both bat and ball by Redman, Pyghtle Works scored a comfortable win over Goldington in Russell Park on Saturday. The villagers, however, gave a much better show than for some time, and compiled a total of 117. R. H. Smith and W. Fuller being the chief contributors. Redman bowled excellently, his 5 wickets costing only 49 runs. He followed up this performance by making 45 runs, top score for the Pyghtle Works. Tysoe's 27 was the result of a good knock, while Whiteman (17) and the captain (13 not out) also helped to swell the total for the champions, which reached 128 for 6 wickets.

Potton Scratch.

Potton St. Mary's scratched to Sharnbrook, and the points are added on to the disappointed club's total.

An Even Game.

An evenly contested game took place in Bedford Park on Saturday between South End Working Men's Club and Queen's Works 2nd. Batting first, the club men did very well for a start, the first four wickets putting on 40 runs, but after this there was a collapse, and the whole side was out for 74. The chief scorers were Faulkner, Chapman, Lancaster, and Sandcomb, while the Queen's captain and Parsley bowled unchanged, they were having four wickets, Parsley's being at the expense of 32 runs, and Cook's at 15. The first few batsmen on the Queen's side did very poorly, and seven were out for 38 runs, of which Mayhew made 17. Then Hallstone went in, and indulged in some lusty hitting, his 26 including one 6, one 4, two 3's, and two 2's. Boothman and then Frost helped him to pass the Clubmen's total, and the Works scored another victory by 14 runs. This season is the most successful the second string of the Works Club has ever experienced in League cricket.

Printers' Superiority Over Stagden.

On Saturday, in Bedford Park, Printers 2nd compiled the large total of 201 against Stagden, thanks to some very good hitting on the part of Woods, who was undefeated

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RUGBY FOOTBALL.

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A Trial Game.

Last Saturday evening a trial game was played on the Goldington-road ground, between teams captained by R. C. Stafford and J. E. Jarvis. Despite some rain during the week the ground was rather too hard for vigorous play, but at times some very nice combination was witnessed by a fairly large number of spectators. Stafford, although having only twelve men on duty, had a rather strong side, while Jarvis's lot was composed chiefly of "A" teamers. The Town captain's men got over their opponents' line on six occasions, but not one of the tries were converted, while Jarvis's team scored three tries.

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Grammar School.

Bedford Grammar School will have to call upon a number of their last season's Second XV, to do duty for them during this season, as there are only three of last season's first colours left. These are R. V. Knight (who has been elected captain), H. B. R. Cox (vice-captain), and M. K. Bird. There are plenty of their youngsters in the school, and it is expected that as soon as the pupils re-assemble after the vacation a good XV will be moulded into shape.

Modern School.

The Modern School are in a much better position so far as last season's players are concerned, for they will be able to call upon the services of no fewer than ten first XV "colours," and that being so, should have a powerful side for the coming season.

Eltow School.

Eltow School, on the other hand, will be greatly handicapped, as only two first teamers are expected back for the Christmas term. Those whose privilege it was last season to see the boys play saw one of the best XV's that have ever donned the Eltow colours. They only lost one game during their season, and that was against the Old Eltonians. A player who will be sorely missed is D. M. Grant, who has finished his career at the school. He was one of the best boys turned out of that establishment and one of the cleverest public school boys playing last season.

A Fine "Scratch" Game.

The annual game between teams selected by Mr. Herbert King, of Broom, and Mr. H. R. Orr was played in Southill Park on Tuesday, the match resulting in a comfortable win for Mr. Orr's team. Mr. King's players had first use of the wicket, and compiled 157, H. C. Tebbutt, the Cambridgeshire captain, hitting up a capital 74, which included nine 4's. He was let off just before he had made 50, but otherwise he gave no chance. The brothers King also did well. The most successful bowling was done by Barnwell (5 for 39) and Orr (2 for 25).

Some very even scoring was done by Mr. Orr's eleven, Stevens coming out best with 65 to his credit, his hits including two 6's and ten 4's. Another good effort was that by the captain of the side, who hit up 36, and was then run out. The County secretary compiled 32, and there were several other useful contributions. Eight bowlers were tried against Mr. Orr's players, Tebbutt (3 for 36) and Grierson (2 for 70) coming out best. As is usual in these games, both teams were hospitably entertained by Mr. Herbert King at lunch and tea, and a jolly good time was spent. Both the wicket and the out-fielding at Southill Park are very good, and as a cricket ground will compare with any in the county.

The Beds. Club and Ground had an exceptionally strong team out against Great Barford House on the Goldington-road ground last Saturday, with the result that the visitors were easily defeated. Taking first knock the Club and Ground, by means of consistent scoring, put up the respectable total of 182 for the loss of seven wickets. Their opponents could make no stand against the bowling of Pilgrim (5 for 19) and Grierson (5 for 49), and the whole team was dismissed for the total of 79 runs.

Wellingbore' Grammar School.

Commenting on the season's work of the Wellingborough Grammar School the "Sportman" says:—

"Great interest is always taken by both schools in the Modern match, and on the latter's ground the first game was drawn, the two Whites (K. seventy-six and J. forty-five) being the principal contributors to the visitors' total of 241. J. White bowled very well, and six wickets of the home side were soon down, but then B. L. Rogers joined C. W. Whitworth, and the pair played out time, the score reaching 168. Whitworth carried his bat for an excellent forty-three and Rogers for twelve.

The Modern Boys won the toss in the return at Wellingborough, and, thanks to a fine eighty-six by H. E. Warton, ran up 219, seven of the wickets falling to some good bowling by Thomas. This score the home side actually passed for the loss of one wicket. Hazelton and K. White both playing magnificent cricket for one hundred and sixty-six and one hundred and ten. The same pair, with one hundred and nine and eighty-one respectively, were responsible for a like defeat of Elstoy School, who against some fine bowling by J. White, who took seven wickets, could only put together fifty-seven.

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Tom Brown, the old Bedfordshire cricketer, has left the hospital after his recent illness, and is recuperating at his home at Dunstable.

Mr. E. H. D. Sewell has something to say with reference to the English team to visit Australia in an article in the "Sporting Life":—

"The M.C.C. team for Australia has been completed by the inclusion of Vine, of Sussex, as I expected," writes Mr. Sewell. "This is a further addition to the steady batting strength of the team as well as to its energetic fielding and bowling forces. Vine, having been at one end on 33 occasions while 100 runs and more have been hit for the first Sussex wicket with C. B. Fry, will have a fellow feeling with Iremonger, who has shared in 24 similar partnerships with A. O. Jones,

and Hobbs, who has been there 26 times with Hayward.

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Ye Olde Top Hats.

The annual game between the married and single men of the Conservative Club, Bedford, who annually test their abilities with the leather and the willow in top hats, will take place on the Goldington-road ground on Thursday next, wickets being pitched at 3.20. Previous games have proved highly entertaining to spectators and players alike, and the game for next Thursday is being looked forward to with keen interest. The Benedicts are reported to be a "hot" lot, but on the other hand those who have so far withstood the charms of the feminine gender are fully prepared.

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Potton St. Mary's scratched to Sharnbrook, and the points are added on to the disappointed club's total.

An Even Game.

An evenly contested game took place in Bedford Park on Saturday between South End Working Men's Club and Queen's Works 2nd. Batting first, the club men did very well for a start, the first four wickets putting on 60 runs, but after this there was a collapse, and the whole side was out for 74. The chief scorers were Faulkner, Chapman, Lancaster, and Handscomb, while the Queen's captain and Parsley bowled unchanged, they each having four wickets, Parsley's being at the expense of 32 runs, and Cook's at 35. The first few batsmen on the Queen's side did very poorly, and seven were out for 38 runs, of which Mayhew made 17. Then Hailstone went in, and indulged in some lusty hitting, his 25 including one 6, one 4, two 3's, and two 2's. Boothman and then Frost helped him to pass the Clubmen's total, and the Works scored another victory by 14 runs. This season is the most successful the second string of the Works Club has ever experienced in League cricket.

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REVIEW OF THE COUNTY CRICKET SEASON.

On Wednesday, August 23rd, Bedfordshire wrote "finis" to a splendid season by being defeated outright. 'A good beginning makes a good ending,' says a wise old 'saw, but an irreproachable beginning by the County Eleven could not keep them from two defeats at the end of the season. There are explanations for this, as there are for all apparently incomprehensible things, and they are these; on both occasions Bedfordshire opponents had the better of the wicket, they also had the advantage of being at home, and they got what was perhaps the best batting side in this group of Minor Counties Championship on what was essentially a bowler's wicket, but more anon.

Skipped by the redoubtable Mr H. R. Orr, the team has experienced what may be termed its best season since 1906. Indeed, Mr Orr's fine form and excellent generalship have been among the brightest features of the county's programme, for there are few more attractive and aggressive batsmen than he. All cricketers must offer Mr Orr congratulations not only on the way he has led the county, but on the fact that despite his having been described as a "veteran," more than once, for the first time in his long cricketing career he has brought off the double event so highly esteemed by cricketers—the 1,000 runs and the 100 wickets. Mr Orr has exceeded his 1,000 runs before, but this is the first season in which he has brought off the double event. Chief amongst his men's smart performances are the dismissal of Norfolk on the Bedford Grammar School ground on July 20th for 182 runs, which was largely due to the splendid fielding of the whole team, and the bowling of Pestell and Orr. Other meritorious performances in which the whole team shared were the dismissal of Cambridgeshire—a side which has thrice passed 400—for less than 200 on two occasions.

As mentioned above this season is the best since 1906, and it is similar in more than one respect. That year Beds came out third in the championship with a percentage of 66.66. This year they came third in the division with a percentage of 60, and it was not till late in the season—the 7th match—on both occasions that the colours were lowered. 1907 saw a rapid decline in the fortunes of the team, and they were fourth of a group of five, with a percentage of 32.5. In 1908 they showed better form, being second of a group of five with a percentage of 57.25. Herts, with 60 per cent, were top. In 1909 the percentage was 41.11, and the team were third of a group of six. Last year the percentage dropped to 25 and the XI were 8th in a division of ten elevens. This year, with no great alteration in the team, the county have risen to third place in the division with a percentage of 60.

The season opened on June 26th with a fixture with Hertfordshire at Bushey, near Watford. It was one of the few matches where bad weather hindered the play. Bedfordshire made 154 (H. R. Orr 40, E. E. Apthorp 24, Holdstock 23, and Morcom 22 not out) on their first innings, which owing to the weather, was not completed until an hour before lunch on the second day. The wicket was very tricky, and Herts were all dismissed for 120. In Bedford's second innings they cut an inglorious figure, and were all out for 56. This left Herts with 91 runs to get in 91 minutes—not a very difficult task apparently—to win five points in the Championship. The Beds bowlers were in fine form, and every run for Herts had to be worked for, the field was wonderfully keen, and the whole side were out for 81, Beds having won a sensational victory by 9 runs, with only 10 minutes to spare. Beds have to thank Morcom for his splendid services on this occasion. His six wickets cost 37 runs, but his last five he obtained for five runs.

The return match with Herts, furnished the second match of the season, and the first home fixture on the Elstow School ground on July 7th and 8th. In view of Beds' narrow victory of the preceding week, an exciting game was anticipated. Beds made a total of 231, and the day's play closed with Herts' total at 131 for 9. Only three more were added next morning for the remaining wicket. The second innings opened inauspiciously, but Wharmby (51) and E. N. Bocquet (45) made a splendid stand. Apthorp, who followed Bocquet, was the only other one to do anything with the bowling, and the innings closed for 122. Holdstock having been prevented from batting by a family bereavement. Herts required 220 to win

when they opened their innings, but Grierson, Wharmby, and Pilgrim had them all dismissed for 95, so that Beds captured another five points.

The County's third fixture was with Norfolk on the Bedford Grammar School ground, when they ventured into the alluring domains of Charity Cricket. The first day of the match—Thursday, July 20th—saw the largest crowd that has ever gathered at a county match in Bedford. There was afternoon tea and a band to set off the brilliant batting of the home side, who were short of Morcom and Wharmby. The visitors batted first, and largely owing to the generalship of Mr Orr, who mixed the bowling well, the innings closed at 182, whereas the home team made 267. Norfolk, in their second innings, showed that they were really a fine batting side, and made their comparatively cheap dismissal on the previous day an even more meritorious performance than was at first thought. The score was 226, when A. Stevens was dismissed for 108. Mr Orr then put himself on instead of Pilgrim, and the other seven wickets went down for another 102 runs, Orr having taken five wickets for 88. After the opening of Bedfordshire's second innings, when the score stood at 130 for four, the Norfolk skipper saw that he had an insuperable task, and the game was concluded. Of the 130 made in the second innings, Rogers made 59 and H. Squire 45 not out.

The county team took the field for the fourth time on August 9th and 10th, when they met Suffolk, the "dark horse" of the competition. The result was the best victory that the team obtained. Beds batted first, and sent up the magnificent total of 323, the consistency of the batting being again evident. Morcom made 59, Graham 56 not out, Apthorp 54, Holdstock 43, and Orr 40. The hour that was left of the first day was spent by Suffolk in making 15 runs, for which they lost two valuable wickets. Next day, Graham, Grierson, and Peel made a vigorous attack, and Suffolk were all out for 118 before lunch. Suffolk followed on, and lost four wickets for thirty runs, and an early finish seemed probable. At 5.10 Suffolk had wiped off arrears, two brilliant catches by Grierson hastened the end of the innings, which came half-an-hour from time. It was undoubtedly a magnificent effort to capture a point, but it just failed. Rogers (13), Grierson (17 not out), and Leventhorpe knocked off the 33 which Beds wanted in 15 minutes.

Cambridgeshire were the opposition for the fifth fixture, which was played on August 11th and 12th, at Luton, and was the completion of the home programme. Cambs had the good fortune to win the toss, and to bat on a perfect wicket, but they only compiled 212—a tribute to a splendid attack by Orr, Morcom and Peel for Bedfordshire, well supported in the field. The afternoon was well advanced when Rogers and Wharmby opened the Beds innings. They set a good example, which was followed by most of the other members of the side. At noon the following day, the venture came to an end, having produced 385. Wharmby made 86, R. N. Bocquet 64, G. S. Leventhorpe 60 not out, H. E. Orr 48, and Rogers 39. This left 54 hours to decide whether Beds should have 5 or 3 points, and Cambs 0 or 1. Cambridge played "discreet" cricket, and the brilliant sun hindered the field. Altogether five catches were dropped, any of which would probably have won the match outright, and the bowlers lost heart. There is no need to retell the story of the afternoon, which spoilt Beds chances of winning the championship. Cambridge managed to play out time on their last wicket, having made 267 for nine in five and half hours.

The next fixture was the return match with Cambs, when Beds journeyed to Cambridge and met the home team on Fenner's on August 15th and 16th. An hour and a half before the end of the day, the innings was declared at 405 for 6 wickets, A. F. Morcom having made 184 without being defeated, Wharmby 105, and Holdstock 103. Bocquet was next best scorer with only 23 to his credit. Cambridge's best average was C. Pigg, three for 68. Before stumps were drawn, Cambs had four wickets down for only 55, and on the following morning they opened inauspiciously, but the tail wagged well, and headed by B. N. Pigg with 70, they took the score to 182. Cambs followed on 223 behind, and with the same tactics as at Luton, they played for their one point. When Cambs had made 240 for six, Beds gave up the struggle, and left with three points instead of the five, which the batting of the first innings merited.

The seventh fixture, and incidentally the first loss, was the return match with Norfolk at Lakenham on Aug. 18th and 19th. The visitors batting first lost seven wickets for 119 runs, and

it was only by a determined effort of the "end" that the second century was just topped. Norfolk sent up 110 for two wickets, but three wickets fell rapidly. Eventually the score reached 218—a lead of 16. Beds second venture only produced 159, and thus when Norfolk went in they only wanted 138 to win outright. For the loss of one wicket 140 runs were knocked up, and Beds succumbed for the first time.

The concluding match was played against Suffolk at Felixtowe on August 22nd and 23rd. Suffolk batted first with an easy pitch. They compiled 192, Wharmby, Morcom, and Orr securing the wickets. Beds went in, but the wicket got worse, and was admirably suited to the bowling of Penfold and Trudgett. Coupled with this the light got worse, but Beds managed to get 104 for 5, when bad light caused an early closure. On the resumption next morning Penfold and Trudgett were still "on," and they had the whole side out for 158. In the second innings Suffolk made 139 and dismissed the visitors for 120, thus winning outright. It was a mournful conclusion to a good season, but fate played into Suffolk's hands, and Beds players must deprecate what little comfort they can from that fact.

THE COUNTY AVERAGES.

Matches played 8, won outright 3, won on first innings 3, and lost 2.

BATTING.

	Inns.	not out.	Times		aver.
			score.	runs.	
A. F. Morcom	9	2	134*	271	38.71
Wharmby	11	0	105	387	35.18
G. S. Leventhorpe	8	3	60*	161	32.2
R. N. Bocquet	10	1	64	279	31.0
H. R. Orr	13	0	60	333	25.61
H. Squire	6	1	45*	119	23.8
Holdstock	11	0	103	261	23.72
Rogers	9	0	64	212	23.55
E. E. Apthorp	13	1	54	206	17.16
B. L. Peel	3	0	21	43	14.33
H. Grierson	10	3	25*	93	13.28
S. V. Graham	8	1	56*	81	11.57
T. Saunders	10	2	25	60	7.5
H. Willett	3	0	17	19	6.33
Pilgrim	6	1	6	11	2.75

* Signifies not out.

The following have also batted:—A. J. Mander once for 16 runs; Pestell once not out for 20 runs; N. Maltby twice for 12 runs, and E. J. Moran twice for 18 runs; Geary 3, out twice, once not out.

BOWLING.

	o.	m.	r.	w.	av.
Wharmby	196	60	437	31	14.09
A. F. Morcom	196.5	64	460	32	14.37
S. V. Graham	37.2	14	103	6	17.10
B. L. Peel	81	22	229	11	20.81
H. Grierson	174.1	49	521	25	20.84
Pilgrim	37.2	7	101	4	25.25
H. R. Orr	170.2	24	652	25	26.08
Pestell	33	4	148	4	37.0

The following have also bowled:—Holdstock, 9, 2, 37, 0; Geary, 7, 0, 16, 0; R. N. Bocquet, 4, 0, 18, 0.

Of the new men R. N. Bocquet comes out the best in the batting. S. V. Graham shows himself a good all-round man.

The following are the final positions of this division of the Minor Counties Championship. Staffs now have to meet Berks, the champions of the other division, to finally decide the championship:—

	Played.	Won.	Won on 1st Inn.	Lost on 1st Inn.	Possible.	Obtained.	Percentage.
Staffordshire	8	7	0	0	40	35	87.50
Durham	10	7	0	1	50	36	72.00
Bedfordshire	8	3	3	0	40	24	60.00
Hertfordshire	10	5	0	2	50	27	54.00
Cambridgeshire	10	3	2	3	50	24	48.00
Northumberland	8	3	1	0	40	18	45.00
Suffolk	8	2	2	0	40	16	40.00
Lincolnshire	10	3	1	0	50	18	36.00
Norfolk	12	2	1	3	60	16	26.66
Cheshire	8	1	0	1	40	6	15.00

CRICKET.

ROUND ABOUT NOTES.

With the advent of football the curtain is, of course, making a rapid descent on cricket, though followers of the summer pastime will ere long have their interest in the game revived by the doings of the team which is to tour Australia. To the regret of all enthusiasts those fine batsmen, C. B. Fry and R. H. Spooner have been compelled to decline the invitation extended to them to play against the "Cornstalks." Both have enjoyed great seasons, never greater perhaps, and therefore more's the pity that they cannot go. It is, however, generally agreed amongst the critics that the selected band is a strong one, and the captain, P. F. Warner, has expressed the same opinion. Certain it is that this side will be captained by one who has unlimited enthusiasm, in addition to ability of a high order, and that if the men reproduce such form as they have shown at home, strong as the Australians undoubtedly are, the Colonials will have all their work cut out to retain the "ashes."

More High Scoring.

The wicket at the Three Counties Asylum is notoriously a run-getting wicket, and the result of the game last week between Mr. J. D. King's XI. and the Asylum proved no exception to the rule. J. Woodhouse was the first Asylum man out before 20 was reached, and then his brother and Dr. Hull took the score to 66 before the latter was bowled round his legs. Dr. Fuller and Webb then came together, and remained at the wickets until lunch. On resuming, Orr quickly bowled Webb, Dr. Fuller was smartly run

out, and it looked as though the innings would be all over for less than 150. At this juncture, however, Albon rose to the occasion finely, and with Buckley giving good assistance, the score rose rapidly. But two fine catches in the country by J. D. King and a smart piece of stumping by Nicholas sufficed to bring the innings to a conclusion for 202. Orr continually had the batsmen in difficulties, and got 5 wickets for 53 runs. Grierson, who bowled well at the beginning, obtained 3 wickets for 52.

Wright and H. King opened the innings for the visitors. Wright began rather shakily, being missed in the slips in his second over, and giving an easy chance of stumping soon after. However, he soon struck his form, and the pair scored at a great pace, and were not separated until 83 was on the board, when King was caught and bowled by S. Briester. Wright left soon after, being stumped by C. Briester in attempting a drive. Tebbutt and Orr then completely "collared" the bowling, and took the score to within 10 of that of the Asylum before the County captain was bowled by Briester for a brilliant 51. Tebbutt treated the spectators to some lovely strokes on the leg side, scoring the majority of his runs in that way. The Asylum's total was passed with six wickets in hand, and there was every prospect of a large score. However, Briester bowled very well, and dismissed the remaining six batsmen with only 30 runs added. In all he took 7 wickets for under 50 runs.

The Asylum players put up another good score on Saturday, when, opposing St. Neots, they amassed the total of 260 for eight wickets and then declared. The brothers J. R. and L. A. Woodhouse scored 57 and 32 respectively, and then came other useful contributions by Albon and T. Saunders. Notwithstanding fine innings by Crouch (51), McKechnie (37), and Rose (53) the visitors only managed to put together 175, and were thus beaten by 85 runs. Webb took 6 wickets for 46 for the Asylum.

H. Grierson, who had such a splendidly successful season last year at Bedford Grammar School, has hardly met with the success anticipated at the University, but the wickets have not been at all suitable to his slow medium deliveries. For the County, however, he has done great things, and comes out with the excellent figures of 25 wickets for just over 20 runs apiece, H. R. Orr, another Bedfordian, taking a similar number for 26 runs each. Orr, too, averages 25.61 for 13 innings, and Grierson 13.28 for 10. N.

S. V. Maltby, this year's brilliant captain of the Grammar School—an eleven below the average form—has only batted a couple of times.

County Captain's Form.

This has undoubtedly been one of the best seasons experienced by Mr. H. R. Orr. He has shown grand form all through, and his latest effort was a very creditable one. Playing for Mr. Crossman's XI. on Monday in Bedford Park against Mr. A. E. Gibson's XI., the County captain compiled 94 in capital style before being bowled, and in the same match he captured seven of Mr. Gibson's team's wickets for 45. Leventhorpe was in good form for the losers, his 67 being quite worthy of him. J. D. King, too, played well for 35 not out. Barnwell was a prominent man on Mr. Crossman's side, making 35 in quick time, and Col. Stevens' 27 was also a good innings. Some successful bowling was done by Redman, who had 3 wickets for 13, and for the losers Leventhorpe's five wickets cost 43, while R. King obtained 3 wickets at a cost of 34 runs.

Remarkable Cricket.

A match was played last week at Emberton between the local club and Olney. Olney won the toss, and put their opponents in, quite confident of an easy victory, and at first their confidence seemed to be justified, seeing that Emberton were all out for 54. Olney then started to overwhelm this modest score, but alas! they had under-estimated the quality of the Emberton bowling. Up to the fall of the seventh wicket not a run had been scored, but S. Drage made a valiant effort to retrieve the fortunes of his side, and although he made top score, the whole side were out for one run! That generally successful run-getter, "Mr. Extras," had to be content with a "duck." The veteran, C. Stanton, and his son were responsible for the dismissal of the Olney players in 5 overs and 4 balls.

Modern School.

Bedford Modern School have had, in many respects, a remarkable season. Of the twelve matches played, seven were won, three drawn, and two lost, two of the drawn matches being greatly in favour of the School. So far as concerns the batting, this has been a record year. The eleven were stronger than any eleven since the days of A. O. Jones, who was their shining light in 1890, says the "Sportsman." The individual performance of F. C. W. Newman, who scored 898 runs in 13 innings, with an average of 89.8, creates a record for the School, beating that of A. J. Turner in 1895, who scored 846 runs, with an average of 84.6. Further, the highest individual score of 206 not out, made by the captain, H. E. Warton, constitutes another School record. We shall expect to hear great things in the future of these two batsmen, whose capacity for run-getting is so abnormal, even in a season such as we have had. F. C. W. Newman seemed rarely to make less than a century, though we think that his record, so far as centuries is concerned, was beaten in 1896 by T. L. Taylor, of Uppingham, who scored during that School season six centuries in succession.

A. Harvey heads the bowling averages with 48 wickets at a cost of 12.39 runs apiece, by no means a bad performance. H. E. Warton is second with 40 for 15.20 apiece, and had the batting of the side not been so remarkable, they would probably have regarded the bowling department as quite satisfactory, if not actually strong. The batting, however, with five players averaging well over 20, with eight players whose totals exceed the century, shines with a brilliance which eclipses all else. The fielding of the side deserves the highest praise, and we feel that too much can never be said about this department of the game. Catches were rarely dropped. The ground fielding was smart and clean, and the returns were quick and accurate. The greater number of the present members of the first and second elevens will in all probability have left before next season. Luckily, however, the under 14 eleven has been as remarkable for merit as the first eleven. Truly an annus mirabilis. From these younger boys will, therefore, be recruited next year's team,

with the chance of finding some first-class talent, if they develop reasonably according to the promise they have already shown.

Batting Averages.

	Inns	o	M.	R.	W.	Aver.
F. C. W. Newman	13	1	559	206*	8	89.80
H. E. Warton	13	3	131	43*	7	46.58
C. W. Whitworth	11	3	236	70	29	32.75
G. W. Whiteman	10	2	157	79*	19	29.50
A. C. Ingram	7	0	128	50	18	27.42
F. V. Seymour	9	2	109	45*	15	19.62
A. Harvey	7	2	73	15	14	18.28
R. H. Foster	5	2	16	6*	5	15.57
B. L. Rogers	3	1	2	1*	1	14.60
W. H. Skinner	3	1	2	1*	1	6* 5.33
G. Hilton	3	1	2	1*	1	1.00

* Signifies not out.

Bowling Averages.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Aver.
A. Harvey	140	23	605	48	12.39
H. E. Warton	177	27	608	40	15.20
F. C. W. Newman	90	18	313	15	20.82
F. V. Seymour	13	0	73	3	24.33
B. L. Rogers	110	11	503	15	33.53
R. H. Foster	8	0	43	1	43.00

Catches: G. Hilton, 7; A. C. Ingram, 6; F. C. W. Newman, 5; G. W. Whiteman, C. W. Whitworth, and R. H. Foster, 3 each; B. L. Rogers, 2; F. V. Seymour and W. H. Skinner, 1 each.

Aggregate of 1st XI.—2,828.

Elstow School Averages.

The record of the first eleven of the Elstow School of 14 matches played, won 5, and lost 9 is not up to the standard of previous years. Several good victories, however, have been gained in club matches, but the team did not show to advantage in some of their school games.

School Matches.

	Batting.				
L. F. Beeson	8	0	73	249	31.13
W. Southwell	8	0	97	159	19.89
H. R. Hoare	8	0	40	134	16.75
R. Smith	8	0	25	95	11.88
G. Barnes	5	3	11*	23	11.50
A. J. Webb	8	1	24*	74	10.57
N. Baker	5	2	18*	29	9.67
P. F. Senior	8	1	34	65	9.29
J. Speirs	3	1	10*	18	9.00
W. Barnes	6	0	22	48	8.00
D. McIntyre	6	0	8	31	5.17

	Bowling.				
	o.	m.	r.	w.	Aver.
G. A. Barnes	32.1	4	125	8	15.63
A. J. Webb	56.3	7	193	12	16.08
N. Baker	60.7	10	229	11	20.82
D. McIntyre	102	20	299	13	23.00
W. Southwell	36	1	188	7	26.86

Club Matches.

	Batting.				
Mr. H. R. Orr	6	1	136	64	27.20
L. F. Beeson	6	0	143	58	23.83
Mr. V. F. de Lisle	6	0	124	66	20.66
R. Smith	6	0	58	38	9.66
Mr. H. Duchesno	4	1	25	12	8.33
D. McIntyre	5	1	26	17*	6.50
W. Southwell	6	0	37	18	6.15
P. F. Senior	5	0	26	14	5.20
G. A. Barnes	5	2*	13	3*	4.33
A. J. Webb	6	1	15	10*	3.00

	Bowling.				
	o.	m.	r.	w.	Aver.
G. Freeman	14.4	1	57	6	9.50
Mr. H. R. Orr	82.4	9	310	32	9.69
N. Baker	26.4	4	84	8	10.50
W. Southwell	19	3	61	5	12.20
R. Smith	19	4	65	5	13.00
D. McIntyre	54	9	147	8	18.30

Club and Ground Averages.

Last week we commented on the season enjoyed by the Beds. Club and Ground. Of the 26 games played, 15 were won, 2 drawn, and 9 lost. This is a great improvement on previous seasons, and is eminently satisfactory. Some of the players have done remarkably well in batting, and no fewer than fourteen have averages of over 20. In the bowling department, however, not such a good record is to be chronicled, owing, of course, to the dryness of the season.

Batting.					
F. W. H. Nicholas...	3	1	93*	178	89.00
H. R. Orr...	4	0	71	229	57.25
B. L. Peel...	3	1	62	107	53.5
R. D. Cochrane...	8	2	115*	306	51.0
R. W. Rice...	5	0	83	237	47.4
C. L. K. Peel...	3	1	85	92	46.0
H. Willett...	4	0	104	177	44.25
R. N. Bocquet...	6	0	70	210	35.0
L. G. Stileman-					
Gibbard...	11	2	57	306	34.0
W. E. King...	5	0	105	156	31.2
A. C. Smith...	6	0	81	187	31.16
Col. Anderson...	16	1	96	383	25.53
S. V. Graham...	4	0	68	96	24.0
W. R. Pearce...	8	1	42*	145	20.71
L. Knowles...	5	0	48	98	19.8
Col. Stevens...	16	0	47	275	17.8
D. Turnbull...	14	2	46*	192	16.0
R. St. G. Burke...	14	1	61	201	15.46
L. Clark...	12	0	47	186	15.5
O. L. Boyes...	7	3	27*	57	14.25
A. F. Beagle...	5	0	42	68	13.6
C. S. Wooldridge...	11	3	29*	103	12.87
G. G. Smith...	9	2	18	85	12.14
W. K. Meakin...	9	1	31	92	11.5
G. T. Fields-Clarke	3	0	16	34	11.33
A. E. Gibson...	10	1	32	99	11.0
A. D. Wilkins...	15	2	25*	126	9.69
H. Grierson...	4	0	21	38	9.5
D. Wilkins...	6	0	23	53	8.83
Pilgrim...	13	5	31*	67	8.37
Taylor...	8	1	13*	50	7.14
C. B. Stevens...	4	1	10*	17	5.4
J. D. King...	10	3	10*	32	4.57
Dr. Holmes...	7	0	10	26	3.71
E. F. Driver...	4	0	7	14	3.5
G. M. Lamb...	4	1	4	4	1.33

* Signifies not out.

The following have also batted: Twice, C. N. Peacock, 28; R. Speirs, 2. Once, L. N. Brooks, 39; E. E. Apthorp, 32; R. H. Mallett, 31; R. Gutteridge, 27; Major Woodcock, 26*; K. L. Mallett, 16; D. Stileman, 18; Mr. Gerrard, 9; B. F. Moore, 9; C. J. Scott, 9; A. King, 8; M. M. Wilson, 8; R. S. Mosley, 7*; F. Barnwell, 3*; G. H. R. Freeborn, 3; Rev. C. H. Mellowes, 2; C. E. Sirrpson, 1; A. Telose, 1; E. Crossman, 0; T. H. Wilson, 0; H. Tomlinson, 0; E. Rogers, 0; and R. Sprague, 0.

Bowling.					
H. Tomlinson...	2.5	0	17	4	4.25
W. R. Pearce...	48	8	127	18	7.05
O. L. Boyes...	11.2	2	34	4	8.5
R. H. Mallett...	10	0	32	3	10.66
A. E. Gibson...	34	3	120	10	12.0
E. T. Driver...	23	3	77	6	12.85
H. Grierson...	61.5	7	192	14	13.71
R. N. Bocquet...	9	2	28	2	14.0
Pilgrim...	26.3	47	756	51	14.82
A. C. Smith...	7	1	31	2	15.5
H. R. Orr...	67.1	3	352	22	16.0
L. Clark...	171	27	560	31	18.06
C. S. Wooldridge...	14	1	76	4	19.0
Taylor...	52	5	223	11	20.27
L. G. Stileman-					
Gibbard...	18	2	61	3	20.33
A. D. Wilkins...	19	0	143	7	20.42
R. D. Cochrane...	15.3	2	62	3	20.66
Col. Anderson...	98	12	376	14	26.85
L. Knowles...	10	0	52	2	26.0
G. T. Fields-Clarke...	25	1	95	3	31.66
D. Wilkins...	17	1	75	2	37.5
F. Barnwell...	15	2	78	2	39.0
S. V. Graham...	20	2	81	2	40.5
B. L. Peel...	20	3	94	2	47.0

The following have also bowled:—A. F. Beagle, 17—1—103—1; W. E. King, 17—4—39—1; K. L. Mallett, 6—1—16—1; R. Gutteridge, 10—2—32—1; B. F. Moore, 5—0—24—1; J. D. King, 3—0—34—0; W. K. Meakin, 3—0—11—0; C. Stevens, 3—0—16—0.

Minor Counties Final.

On Friday Staffordshire won the championship of the Minor Counties Competition by registering a crushing defeat on Surrey 2nd. The game was played at Stoke, and the home team, thanks to good all round form, won easily by 334 runs. The play of Stoke was quite first-class, and Surrey's second team was quite outplayed. Set the colossal task of making 462 in their second innings, Surrey had overnight made 59 for the loss of one wicket. On Friday the wicket looked perfect, but Barnes bowled in his greatest form, and his leg breaks at varying pace were almost unplayable, and in the hour which sufficed to end the Surrey innings he bowled seven overs for 26 runs and 6 wickets. The scores were: Staffordshire, 289 and 255; Surrey 2nd, 83 and 127. Barnes has the remarkable analysis for the season of 104 wickets for 750 runs; average, 7.21.

Norman and Claude Keenan distinguished themselves in the cricket field last week. Norman, playing for the Young Professionals of Surrey v. Young Amateurs, scored 99, when he was snapped at the wicket. He has now scored over 1,000 runs and taken 136 wickets this season. His brother, Claude K. Keenan, playing for Epsom on Saturday last, scored 81 out of a total of 267 for 7 wickets, when they declared. He then took nine of the Ewell wickets for 22. The latter, owing to his occupation, has not had much chance of playing this season.

Notes on Sport.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

LEICESTER v. BEDFORD.

SPECIAL REPORT.

Bedford's Grand Fight.

The Bedford Rugby Football Club opened their season at Leicester on Saturday, with a match with the "Tigers," on the Welford ground. The weather was glorious for cricket but for football it was much too warm. Some five thousand spectators attended and hundreds of ladies were there in light summer attire, introducing a touch of colour rarely seen on a football ground. The heat, however, did not affect the players to the extent of spoiling the game, for it was a very strenuous one all the way through.

Bedford have only one match with Leicester and although they have not now beaten them for some years, they invariably win the "Tigers" a good game. Last year's game, at Bedford, in December, resulted in a victory for the visitors by two tries to one. The "Tigers" fielded a powerful side and it was little doubt if the men played up to expectation little doubt need exist about the result.

The Bedford team was not up to full strength and it was in the back division that they were outclassed. At full back J. D. King was far and away the best of the backs, and he did his side yeoman service. The three-quarters did not seem to work well together and at times the passing was very erratic. Heard did not get many chances and when he did get the ball he was too well marked to get away. H. Willett was unable to play, and his place at half-back was taken by A. Minahan, nephew to Mr. J. H. Minahan, who shows promise of better things to come. R. G. Cocking played a good game and appeared to be well up to last year's form. The Bedford pack worked well together and show signs of doing big things as the season advances.

Teams:—

Leicester: D. Ellwood; P. W. Lawrie, J. R. Watson, W. J. Bream, and O. J. Hargreave; G. Wood and F. Taylor; J. C. Burdett, W. J. Allen, G. Groasley, G. Hopkins, G. Ward, F. Taylor, H. S. B. Laurie, and M. S. Scott.

Bedford: J. D. King; A. D. Heard, W. H. Irving, R. N. Rowbotham, and C. C. Stafford; A. Minahan and R. G. Cocking; R. C. Stafford, A. V. Manton, A. Hall, A. J. Osbourn, R. Pacey, K. Kelly, D. Aldridge, and W. Perry.

Referee: Mr. C. R. Stevens (Welsh Union).

Commenting on the work of the Bedford team "B. B." in the "Sporting Life" says: The Bedford team, I would here remark, are quite remarkable for their imposing physique. Except the halves, A. Minahan and R. G. Cocking, the side are made up of young giants, with R. C. Stafford the most striking of the lot. This Stafford, who made Bedford's one try, is a rare forward; clumsy he may be in the way in which he does his work, but splendidly effective, and I have an idea that when the season gets a little older the Bedford pack will be quite a good one. They just want those finishing touches that will come from playing together; systematic drilling should work wonders.

I was really much impressed by some of the work of the Bedford pack in the early stages of the game, when, if someone had been there to galvanise them into a whole and united body of men, they would probably have given much concern to Leicester. As it was, taking the match through, their play was little inferior to that of the Leicester pack.

In a way King perhaps, only because he had more work to do, was even more prominent than Ellwood; if his display on Saturday may be taken as a guide to his true football, then Bedford have a most accomplished full-back. I was anxious to see Heard in full tilt, but he had no real opportunity to show off his paces, and as for C. C. Stafford, R. N. Rowbotham, and W. H. Irving, they were, if it can be fair to criticize at all, only moderate. I formed a favourable impression of R. G. Cocking, who operated at the base of the scrum, and Minahan will be seen to better advantage.

Bedford At Home to Olney.

At the time of writing the exact composition of the Bedford team to oppose Olney on the Goldington-road ground to-morrow is not known, but certain it is that it will be a strong one, and if the men play up anything like they did at Leicester last week and there should be no difficulty in Bedford registering their first win of the season. Olney have a reputation for playing a bustling game, which, of course, may put the Bedford men off their play for a time, but science is bound to toll in the long run. The following are expected to turn out for

Bedford: J. D. King, back; H. Willett, C. C. Stafford, W. H. Irving, A. D. Heard, three-quarters; R. Cocking and A. Minahan, half-backs; R. C. Stafford (capt.), A. V. Manton, A. Hall, A. J. Osbourn, R. Pacey, R. H. Kellie, A. Aldridge, and A. N. Other. A practice game was held last evening, when the remaining forward was selected.

E. Nailer, the Bedford forward, leaves England for South Africa next month.

It is expected that D. M. Grant, the Old Elstonian, will play for Richmond in the three-quarter line.

A meeting of the Kempston R.U. was held last Friday, at which it was decided to wind up the club. Kempston have struggled very hard for some time to keep afloat, but the end has come at last. It will be a disappointment to a good many, and to none more than Mr. A. Odell, the genial hon. treasurer, who has worked very hard for the club.

H. G. Shelton, the Old Bedfordian, will captain the first XV. of Rosalyn Park. This club will be very strong this season, and will also run two "A" teams. It is in its 33rd year of existence, and owing to the disbanding of Marlborough Nomads will have the assistance of all Old Marlburians. In addition to this new source of strength, practically the whole of the best of the Lennox Club, who have also disbanded, have joined. Rosalyn Park are duo at Bedford on October 28th.

CRICKET.

ROUND ABOUT NOTES.

With the advent of football the curtain is, of course, making a rapid descent on cricket, though followers of the summer pastime will ere long have their interest in the game revived by the doings of the team which is to tour Australia. To the regret of all enthusiasts those fine batsmen, C. B. Fry and R. H. Spooner have been compelled to decline the invitation extended to them to play against the "Cornstalks." Both have enjoyed great seasons, never greater perhaps, and therefore more's the pity that they cannot go. It is, however, generally agreed amongst the critics that the selected band is a strong one, and the captain, P. F. Warner, has expressed the same opinion. Certain it is that the side will be captained by one who has unlimited enthusiasm, in addition to ability of a high order, and that if the men reproduce such form as they have shown at home, strong as the Australians undoubtedly are, the Colonials will have all their work cut out to retain the "ashes."

More High Scoring.

The wicket at the Three Counties Asylum is notoriously a run-getting wicket, and the result of the game last week between Mr. J. D. King's XI. and the Asylum proved no exception to the rule. J. Woodhouse was the first Asylum man out before 20 was reached, and then his brother and Dr. Hull took the score to 66 before the latter was bowled round his legs. Dr. Fuller and Webb then came together, and remained at the wickets until lunch. On resuming, Orr quickly bowled Webb, Dr. Fuller was smartly run out, and it looked as though the innings would be all over for less than 150. At this juncture, however, Albon rose to the occasion finely, and with Buckley giving good assistance, the score rose rapidly. But two fine catches in the country by J. D. King and a smart piece of stumping by Nicholas sufficed to bring the innings to a conclusion for 202. Orr continually had the batsmen in difficulties, and got 5 wickets for 53 runs. Grierson, who bowled well at the beginning, obtained 3 wickets for 52.

Wright and H. King opened the innings for the visitors. Wright began rather shakily, being missed in the slips in his second over, and giving an easy chance of stumping soon after. However, he soon struck his form, and the pair scored at a great pace, and were not separated until 83 was on the board, when King was caught and bowled by S. Brister. Wright left soon after, being stumped by C. Brister in attempting a drive. Tebbutt and Orr then completely "collared" the bowling, and took the score to within 10 of that of the Asylum before the County captain was bowled by Brister for a brilliant 51. Tebbutt treated the spectators to some lovely strokes on the leg side, scoring the majority of his runs in that way. The Asylum's total was passed with six wickets in hand, and there was every prospect of a large score. However, Brister bowled very well, and dismissed the remaining six batsmen with only 30 runs added. In all he took 7 wickets for under 50 runs.

The Asylum players put up another good score on Saturday, when, opposing St. Neots, they amassed the total of 260 for eight wickets and then declared. The brothers J. R. and L. A. Woodhouse scored 57 and 32 respectively, and then came other useful contributions by Albon and T. Saunders. Notwithstanding fine innings by Crouch (51), McKechnie (37), and Rose (53) the visitors only managed to put together 175, and were thus beaten by 85 runs. Webb took 6 wickets for 46 for the Asylum.

H. Grierson, who had such a splendidly successful season last year at Bedford Grammar School, has hardly met with the success anticipated at the University, but the wickets have not been at all suitable to his slow medium deliveries. For the County, however, he has done great things, and comes out with the excellent figures of 25 wickets for just over 20 runs apiece, H. R. Orr,

another Bedfordian, taking a similar number for 26 runs each. Orr, too, averages 25.61 for 13 innings, and Grierson 13.28 for 10. N. S. V. Maltby, this year's brilliant captain of the Grammar School—an eleven below the average form—has only batted a couple of times.

County Captain's Form.

This has undoubtedly been one of the best seasons experienced by Mr. H. R. Orr. He has shown grand form all through, and his latest effort was a very creditable one. Playing for Mr. Crossman's XI. on Monday in Bedford Park against Mr. A. E. Gibson's XI., the County captain compiled 94 in capital style before being bowled, and in the same match he captured seven of Mr. Gibson's team's wickets for 45. Leventhorpe was in good form for the losers, his 67 being quite worthy of him. J. D. King, too, played well for 35 not out. Barnwell was a prominent man on Mr. Crossman's side, making 35 in quick time, and Col. Stevens' 27 was also a good innings. Some successful bowling was done by Redman, who had 3 wickets for 13, and for the losers Leventhorpe's five wickets cost 43, while R. King obtained 3 wickets at a cost of 34 runs.

Remarkable Cricket.

A match was played last week at Emberton between the local club and Olney. Olney won the toss, and put their opponents in, quite confident of an easy victory, and at first their confidence seemed to be justified, seeing that Emberton were all out for 54. Olney then started to overwhelm this modest score, but alas! they had under-estimated the quality of the Emberton bowling. Up to the fall of the seventh wicket not a run had been scored, but S. Drage made a valiant effort to retrieve the fortunes of his side, and although he made top score, the whole side were out for one run! That generally successful run-getter, "Mr. Extras," had to be content with a "duck." The veteran, C. Stanton, and his son were responsible for the dismissal of the Olney players in 5 overs and 4 balls.

Bedfordshire County Cricket Club.

TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual report on the year's working of the County Cricket Club, which will be presented to the annual meeting to be held in the Shire Hall to-day, at 3 o'clock, reads as follows:—

"The committee beg to present their 12th annual report which is the first report which they have had the opportunity of presenting to the members since the amalgamation of the County Cricket Club with the Bedford Town Cricket Club. Up to the present time there has been no opportunity of forming an estimate of the advantage or disadvantage of this amalgamation owing to the fact that at the time of the amalgamation each club had made its programme for the season 1911, and although the amalgamation took place in name it is impossible to fuse the working of the two clubs until the joint programme can be arranged for the season 1912. Up to the present time therefore there has been no opportunity of effecting any economy by the amalgamation. The advantages of the amalgamation lie—in the avoidance of the difficulty which previously was experienced in raising teams for the two clubs when matches happened to fall on the same date; in raising the standard of the club and ground matches; in the possession of a ground on which to play such matches, and in the possibility of the two clubs being carried on more economically when amalgamated than separately.

Your committee regret that in view of the increase of work consequent on the amalgamation of the two clubs, the assistant secretary, Mr. Donald Piper, found it necessary to resign his appointment. The committee desire to place on record their appreciation of Mr. Piper's services during the seven years that he acted as assistant secretary.

The committee are glad to report that the season 1911 has proved to be one of the most successful which the county eleven has experienced since the establishment of the county club. Matches were played with the same counties as in the previous year, i.e., Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridge and Herts. Of the eight matches played six were won (three outright and three on the first innings), and only two were lost, 1906 being the only previous year in which the county eleven only lost two matches. For the greater part of the season Bedfordshire was the leading county in the north and east division of England, but unfortunately the loss of the last two matches deprived them of that position. The committee desire to congratulate the captain, Mr. H. R. Orr, on the success of his team and upon his own personal performance. Mr. A. F. Morcom headed the batting averages with an average of 38.71 and was second in the bowling averages with an average of 14.37 for 32 wickets.

The detailed result of the County matches in which Bedfordshire engaged are as follows:—

June 26th and 27th, v. Hertfordshire. Played at Bushey, Beds. 154 and 56; Herts. 120 and 81; won by 9 runs.

July 7th and 8th, v. Hertfordshire. Played on Elatow School ground at Bedford. Bedfordshire 231 and 122; Hertfordshire 134 and 95; won by 124 runs.

July 20th and 21st v. Norfolk. Played on the Grammar School ground, Bedford. Beds. 267 and 130 for four wickets; Norfolk 182 and 328. Won on first innings by 85 runs.

August 9th and 10th v. Suffolk. Played at Luton. Beds. 323 and 33 for one wicket; Suffolk 113 and 242; won by nine wickets.

August 11th and 12th v. Cambridgeshire. Played at Luton. Beds. 385; Cambs. 212 and 216 for nine wickets. Won on first innings by 173 runs.

August 16th and 17th v. Cambridgeshire. Played at Cambridge. Beds. 405 for six wickets, declared; Cambs. 182 and 260 for five wickets; won on first innings by 223 runs.

August 18th and 19th v. Norfolk. Played at Norwich. Beds. 202 and 153; Norfolk 218 and 140 for one wicket. Lost by nine wickets.

August 22nd and 23rd v. Suffolk. Played at Felixstowe. Beds. 153 and 129; Suffolk 192 and 139; lost by 58 runs.

In view of the fact that the amalgamated club had to face a deficit on the finances of the County Cricket Club of £66 17s. 4d., and on the Bedford Town Club of £75 6s., it was decided to organise a shilling fund in the hope of realising a sufficient sum to enable the Club to commence the season of 1912 free from debt. Your Committee regret that up to the present time this fund has only produced the sum of £59 5s. 6d., but they trust that a substantial additional amount will be received before the commencement of the ensuing season. It is the experience of almost every cricket club that year by year they have to face a falling off in subscriptions, and if the Club is to prove a success it behoves every member to do what he can to obtain new subscribers. It will be seen from the balance sheet that a sum of £11 0s. 7d. was received as the proceeds of the tea which was provided during the match with Norfolk on the Grammar School ground. The total profit on the tea amounted to £22 1s. 2d., half of that sum being divided to the County Hospital. This match attracted the largest attendance which has been seen on the Grammar School ground at a County match, the President of the Club (the Lord Lieutenant) and numerous other supporters of the Club in the County being present. Your Committee hope to make this benefit match an annual fixture. The Committee desire to record their very sincere thanks to Mrs. Dymock and Miss F. Orr who provided the tea, and their thanks are also due to the ladies who assisted them.

It is hoped that the Bedfordshire Club may receive a substantial sum as their share of the receipts from the matches in the triangular contest next year.

In the opinion of your Committee there can be no doubt that much more general interest is taken in cricket throughout the county than was the case 12 years ago when the County Club came into existence. At the present time there is a cricket club in nearly every village within a ten-mile radius of Bedford, and also at Luton and in numerous other places in the county. Your Committee look forward with interest to the time when the Cricket League will produce young cricketers possessing ability which will qualify them for the County XI.

Your Committee have again to express their thanks to the Headmasters of the Bedford Grammar School and the Elatow School for having granted the use of their grounds for county matches. The thanks of the Club are also due to the Hon. Secretaries.

BALANCE SHEET.

The Committee in their balance sheet, which shows a deficit of £156 4s. 6d., point out that there still remains outstanding £17 5s. 6d. in unpaid subscriptions. The total receipts amounted to £533 0s. 11d., the principal items on the receipts side being subscriptions £358 10s. 6d., shilling fund £59 5s. 6d., gate money (North v. South 16s. 2d., v. Herts. £6 3s., v. Norfolk £11 10s. 6d., v. Suffolk £13 7s., v. Cambs. £14 1s.) £45 17s. 8d. On the expenditure side the professionals and groundsmen accounted for £196 9s., and the match expenses, including umpires for home matches £175 17s. 3d. Talent money for pros came to £3, while the Club and Ground matches cost £35 9s. 1d. Other items were: Assistant Secretaries £45, poor and water rates £13 10s. 1d., and share of gate to Luton Town Council (for use of Wardown Park) £5 9s.

Bedfordshire County Cricket Club.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

There was a large attendance of gentlemen interested in cricket at the Shire Hall, Bedford, on Friday afternoon last, the occasion of the annual general meeting of the Bedfordshire County Cricket Club. Special interest attached to the meeting by reason of the fact that it was the first to be held since the amalgamation of the County Cricket Club with the Bedford Town Cricket Club. Among others present were the Mayor of Bedford (Mr. W. Roff), Colonel Stevens, Colonel Anderson, Lieut.-Colonel W. H. James, Major Woodcock, Mr. W. W. Marks and Mr. R. W. Allen (Joint Hon. Secretaries), General C. L. Layard, Messrs. L. G. Stileman-Gibbard, J. Holmes, D. Turnbull, J. W. Crossman, T. H. G. Pearson, L. Clark, G. T. Fields-Clarke, E. Crossman, H. R. Orr, R. W. Rice, A. W. Ades, Donald Piper, C. Ross, H. C. Stockholm, etc.

The Mayor, who was elected Chairman, said he did not know much about cricket himself, but had been interested to read in the papers that morning how General Baden-Powell had said that cricket was a poor game for boys to play. If cricket were not kept up in the schools the game would stand a very poor chance in the future. It was always a pleasure to him (the speaker) to sit in the shade on a hot summer's afternoon and see the cricketers working hard in the sun.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual report and balance sheet, particulars of which have already appeared in these columns, were presented.

Mr. Stileman-Gibbard proposed and General Layard seconded the adoption of the report.

Major Woodcock said he would like to ask a few questions with reference to the balance sheet. There was a very large item of £195 6s., but the only information given was the words "professionals and groundsmen." It did not say how many groundsmen there were, whether only in Bedford or Luton and other places. The next item was £175 for match expenses, in which the amounts were apportioned to the various matches, but there was no apportioning of the various sums making up the £195. If the Secretary could tell them a little as to how the money was expended, how many groundsmen and professionals were employed, and what they were paid, it would be a decided advantage to the club. It seemed to him that as they were considerably in debt they would have to practice economy in one way or another, and there seemed to be no other item on which they could save except in respect to the groundsmen and professionals. It seemed to him that too much money was being spent on professionals, and if they could not afford it they had better not do it. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Marks said that there was nothing so disappointing to Mr. Allen or himself as annual meetings at which no observations were made, since it showed how little interest was taken. He hoped the members of the amalgamated clubs would take an interest in the club and see that things were well done. At the outset of the report the Committee stated that although the clubs were nominally amalgamated they would not be amalgamated in the prospect of making any economy until the next year. As far as the details of the items on the balance sheet were concerned, they were bound to have them presented in that way, owing to the difficulty of putting the detailed expenses in full. He might state that there would be a considerable reduction in the sum of £195 next year. The groundsmen for the Bedford Town ground was one of the liabilities they took over. Before the amalgamation they had no groundsmen, and paid men simply for providing a wicket. The salaries for professionals included Pilgrim, Wharmby and Holdstock, and Pestell for the one match the club brought him down for. If the question were directed to enquire whether the club intended to effect economy, he might say they did. They meant to reduce it by dispensing with one professional entirely, and he would like

to tell the annual meeting that it was decided at the general committee meeting that whosoever was appointed on the General Committee, no time should be lost in fixing dates for the Committee to meet. He hoped to send out notices for the meeting of the General Committee on Saturday, so that they would get to work at once, appoint the sub-committees, and get to business.

Mr. Crossman pointed out that there would be other savings, in the case of Wharmby.

Mr. Marks added that he entirely agreed with the criticism to the balance sheet, to the extent that it was perfectly impossible for them to keep on as they were at present, unless they could alter the balance sheet and have a different one next year there would be an end of the whole thing. He hoped, however, the members of the club would put their shoulders to the wheel, and determine there should be an improvement in the financial position. It could be done in two ways: by reducing the expenditure and getting new subscriptions.

A member pointed out the the deficiency for the year was only £14.

Mr. Marks said the outstanding subscriptions were about £13 15s.

Mr. Ade suggested that when the Committee was formed it would be rather a good thing to have a small finance committee appointed.

A member asked, with regard to the outstanding deficit, whether anything was proposed to be done with a view to wiping it off. It appeared to be hanging around their necks.

Mr. Marks said it was the deficit of the two clubs. It was hoped that the annual deficit would either disappear quickly or be gradually reduced. If they could not wipe off the £150 in a year they must carry it forward and do what they could to get it reduced. In the coming season they hoped to get a sum from the triangular test matches.

Mr. L. Clark asked why the expenses for the home and away matches with Norfolk this year should be so much greater than they were in 1909.

Mr. Allen said the expenses of the matches away this year were more than last year owing to the difficulty they had last December in arranging the matches to follow consecutively one another. This year they had three or four days between the away matches with Norfolk and Suffolk, and they had to pay the expenses of the professionals and amateurs during the days they were not playing. That he thought was the reason why the expenses this year were greater.

The report and balance sheet were adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following were elected vice-presidents: The High Sheriff of Bedfordshire (Mr. C. R. S. Payne), the Rt. Hon. the Viscount Peel, the Rt. Hon. the Lord Amphilil, G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., the Rt. Hon. the Lord Lucas, the Rt. Hon. the Lord Ashton of Hyde, Colonel the Hon. R. V. Dillon, Sir Algernon K. B. Osborn, Bart., Sir Julius Wernher, Bart., Mr. W. H. Allen, Mr. R. W. Allen, Mr. W. A. Attenborough, Mr. T. H. Barnard, Mr. Frederick Bassett, Colonel Blakeney Booth, Dr. Bower, Mr. Francis Crawley, Mr. W. G. Hatfield Barte, the Rev. C. F. Farrar, Mr.

W. L. Fitzpatrick, D.L., Mr. Oswald Fordham, Mr. J. W. D. Harrison, Mr. J. H. Howard, Colonel James, Mr. C. W. Kaye, Mr. Montague Lamb, Mr. F. G. Lomax, Mr. R. H. Mullett, Mr. W. W. Marks, Mr. R. E. Prothero, M.V.O., Mr. Francis Pym, D.L., Mr. C. Guy Pym, D.L., Mr. Leopold De Rothschild, Col. Shuttleworth, Mr. L. C. R. Thring, Mr. C. Wells, Mr. A. H. Wingfield, D.L., Mr. S. Whitbread, D.L., Mr. S. Howard Whitbread, D.L., the Mayor of Bedford (Mr. W. Roff), Major Glyn and Mr. G. Hargreaves.

The General Committee were elected en bloc as follows:—Colonel Anderson, Mr. H. Browning, Mr. L. Clark, Mr. J. W. Crossman, Mr. G. T. Fields-Clarke, Mr. C. King, Mr. H. King, Mr. R. H. Mallett, the Hon. Secretaries, the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. R. Orr, Mr. T. H. G. Pearson, Mr. D. Piper, Mr. R. W. Rice, Colonel Stevens, Mr. L. G. Stileman-Gibbard, Captain Tetley, Mr. L. C. R. Thring, Mr. J. A. Whitchurch, Mr. H. Willett. It was announced that the Rev. G. F. Aphorpe and the Rev. H. R. Moss had resigned from the Committee.

Mr. Fields-Clarke proposed and Mr. Crossman seconded the re-election of Mr. W. W. Marks and Mr. R. W. Allen as hon. secs.

The Mayor said there was one little thing that had been omitted. They had re-appointed the hon. secretaries to do the work of the club for the coming year, but had forgotten to thank them for their services during the past year. He had great pleasure in proposing that a vote of thanks be accorded them, and entered on the minutes, as he thought they should acknowledge the services they had rendered.

Mr. Pearson seconded, and the proposition was carried unanimously.

Mr. Marks said that as far as he was concerned he was still quite as keen about the club as at any time during the last twelve years; in fact he felt keener because he meant to do all he could, and he was sure Mr. Allen would do so too, to see that the amalgamation did not fizzle out. (Hear, hear.)

On the proposition of Mr. Marks, it was unanimously decided to re-elect Mr. T. Barnard as hon. treasurer.

Col. Anderson proposed that Mr. Orr be re-elected captain.

Mr. Pearson seconded, and it was carried.

Mr. Allen moved that Mr. Ades and Mr. Hulet be re-elected hon. auditors, and that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded them for their services during the past year. They were very thankful to Mr. Ades for the way he audited the accounts, for the past season had been a particularly difficult one owing to the amalgamation.

Mr. Stileman-Gibbard seconded, and it was carried unanimously.

Mr. Ades said he thanked them on behalf of Mr. Hallett and himself for the vote of thanks accorded them. With reference to the balance sheet, he thought some movement should be started, by means of a bazaar or some other function, whereby the deficit could be wiped off and the club could start again with fresh life. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Allen proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor for presiding. It was the first occasion, he said, that a Mayor of Bedford had presided over one of his meetings. He thought they could all look forward to receiving the Mayor in the cricket field during the cricket season. (Hear, hear.)

A voice: And the Corporation as well. (Laughter.)

Mr. Allen: Yes, and the Corporation.

Mr. Marks seconded. He was very much surprised, he said, to see Mr. Roff enter the meeting. They all knew the Mayor was a good sportsman, and frequented such places as football grounds and cricket grounds. He hoped the Mayor would not only come to the County matches but also to the Club and Ground matches. It was extremely good of the Mayor to attend the meeting in his year of office; if there were any time he might have been excused for not being present it was this year. It showed his appreciation of his office. (Hear, hear.)

The Mayor said he thanked them for their kind words. He was very fond of having his time filled up profitably and also pleasantly, and he had great pleasure in watching the cricket matches.

THREE COUNTIES ASYLUM C.C.

The averages of the Asylum team are just to hand and as usual they reveal a very satisfactory state of affairs. 26 matches were played, 16 of which were won, 7 lost, and the remainder drawn. L. A. Woodhouse heads the batting analysis with the splendid figures of 47.66 for 16 innings. T. W. Saunders, who fielded so brilliantly at cover for the county, scored 919 runs in 22 innings, at an average of 43.76. Dr. Hull was the best all-round man in the team, being third in the batting table with 40.81, and top of the bowling list with 52 wickets at 13.24 runs apiece. No fewer than 7 Asylum men have averages of over 20—a fine testimony to the batting strength of the team. Ten centuries were scored during the season, Saunders accounting for four and Dr. Hull and L. A. Woodhouse three each. The brunt of the bowling was borne by Dr. Hull, S. F. Brister, J. H. Buckley, Webb, and Hutchison. The figures are as follows:—

BATTING.

	Inns.		Not out.		Inns.		T't'l.		Av.	
L. A. Woodhouse	16	1	99	715	47.66					
T. W. Saunders	22	1	155	919	43.76					
Dr. Hull	25	3	124	898	40.81					
J. R. Woodhouse	25	2	114*	859	37.34					
O. Webb	24	1	82	611	27.43					
H. Lester	10	2	52	207	25.87					
C. Albon	20	2	55	370	20.55					
S. F. Brister	22	1	85	369	17.57					
T. Hutchison	17	4	46*	187	14.38					
J. H. Buckley ...	24	4	44	267	13.35					
G. Robinson	5	1	27*	53	13.25					
Dr. Fuller	12	2	46*	111	11.10					
Dr. Dixon	8	1	36	71	10.14					
C. Brister	15	4	22	100	9.09					

BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
Dr. Hull	193.2	31	694	52	13.24
S. F. Brister ...	144.5	22	525	39	13.46
J. H. Buckley ...	301	39	1114	74	15.05
O. Webb	117.4	9	521	31	16.80
T. Hutchison ...	285	29	1056	52	20.30
C. Albon	34.3	1	199	9	22.11