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GRANTHAM CRICKET CLUB.

SEASON 1911.

A FINE RECORD.

With their match against Newark, last Saturday, the Grantham Cricket Club fixture-card for the season 1911 was brought to a close. There is yet one great match to come, that between Grantham and District v. Sir Arthur Priestley's team, next Friday and Saturday, but, as this will not affect the statistics, a survey of the season may now be given. Taking the figures throughout, the Club has experienced one of its most successful seasons; not a record, perhaps, but certainly the array of figures shows that the Club has flourished with both bat and ball, and is stronger than it has been for some years. In one or two respects, the figures of the past have been beaten; the individual bowling performance, for instance, while in one other important column, that for drawn matches, the minimum has been reached. When one considers the accepted fact that the past summer's wickets have been much in favour of the batsman, it is somewhat singular that out of 33 matches played there should have been only four of them uncompleted. This, at any rate, proves that Grantham are a fighting team! We have not had the memorable batting partnerships this year which distinguished 1910, the only reason being, as we are inclined to believe, because one of the pair has been less in the field this season! Nevertheless, there have been some long innings, chief amongst which may be put W. E. Thompson's 100 not out, 85, 73, 66, 54, and 50 not out; W. Baines' 85, 80 not out, and 58; W. H. Wilkinson's 52 and 51; M. W. Appley's 75 not out, 12, and 67; Clarke's 82; Cannell's 55; the Rev. E. J. Goldsmith's 104 not out, 72 not out; W. W. Winn's 56 not out; H. C. Radkin's 61 not out; and T. H. Bowman's 75.

Most of the matches have been of a very interesting character, some of them positively exciting, and the cricket shown has been good to the extreme. Very close finishes have been experienced on several occasions, and the season's work has, if anything, enhanced Grantham's reputation. Coming to individual performances, it is not at all surprising to find that the captain, W. E. Thompson, again comes first on the batting list, with the fine figures of over 50 per innings for fifteen innings—his best average since 1907. How consistent his batting has been for the last ten seasons the following will show:

Year	Inns.	Times not out.	Hght.	Total runs.	Avg.
1902	20	3	83	622	36.5
1903	23	8	74	806	55.75
1904	34	5	116	1,112	38.3
1905	20	2	120	827	45.9
1906	51	4	83	1,032	38.2
1907	23	4	125	974	51.2
1908	21	4	117	804	47.2
1909	20	6	123	649	45.3
1910	25	4	150	915	48.1
1911	15	3	100	602	50.1

Figures such as these denote the master-hand, through all sorts of seasons and conditions. The Rev. E. J. Goldsmith, nearest amongst cricketers, has again done full service to the Club, going to the wicket 28 times and having the fine average of over 25 runs per innings. Of M. W. Appley's playing, one cannot speak too highly. In both batting and bowling he has taken a distinctive part in the success of the season, and has worked throughout with his whole heart in the Club, alike on the field of action and in the Committee-room. He has played in nearly every match, and the fact that he has scored 556 runs and taken 119 wickets proves his all-round capabilities. So far as my records tell, no Grantham C.C. player has before taken so many wickets, and it is a performance which M. W. himself will find it hard to surpass, though I naturally should like to see him accomplish it! Another player of many innings is W. H. Wilkinson, one of the keenest members of the keen band, and one who has been ever ready to take up the bat in defence of his Club. An average of 15.4 for 25 innings is decidedly useful, and, moreover, he gets them well—such brisk hitting and laying-on to the loose ones that the spectator so well appreciates. Baines, Vincent, and Radkin have been to the wickets not so many times, but have made capital use of their opportunities, as their high place in the averages attests. C. de Paravicini and T. H. Bowman are names new to the Club's statistics, but so well are they placed that one hopes to meet with them frequently in the future. The bowling figures lend themselves to throw up in high relief the great work done by Appley. It seems little short of extraordinary that one bowler should take 100 wickets more than the next successful trundler, but in this case so it is. His best performances have been 7 for 31, 7 for 36, 6 for 25, and 6 for 34 (twice). In twenty-one matches he secured 4 or more wickets.

Of wickets captured other than bowled, catches were made as follows:—Allen 15, Rev. Goldsmith 2, Appley 7, and Nott 5; while Allen stumped out 5, Paravicini 2, and Rev. Goldsmith and Hayward one each. It is somewhat singular that the number of wickets lost by Grantham and opponents should be exactly the same—233. Of course, all figures in this review refer to the first eleven matches only.

Season	Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.
1892	39	15	11	13
1893	41	19	8	14
1894	43	17	11	15
1895	36	20	8	8
1896	39	17	8	14
1897	36	19	7	10
1898	34	17	10	6
1899	27	13	5	4
1900	33	11	11	6
1901	33	11	15	7
1902	29	12	11	6
1903	27	9	11	6
1904	40	19	13	8
1905	29	6	9	14

Year	Inns.	Runs.	Wickets.	Avge.
1906	34	634	6	15
1907	32	326	8	16
1908	33	308	9	11
1909	36	361	11	8
1910	36	354	15	40
1911	33	317	17	4

Season	Total scored.	Grantham.			Opponents.		
		Runs.	Wkts.	Avge.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avge.
1895	7,004	3,817	312	12.25	3,187	319	10.05
1896	7,872	4,060	351	12.25	2,612	353	10.05
1897	6,890	4,057	293	13.64	2,835	344	8.11
1898	5,553	2,873	258	10.72	2,690	298	8.99
1899	5,293	2,985	195	15.26	2,305	249	9.2
1900	6,530	3,404	245	14.0	3,126	259	12.0
1901	7,706	4,104	270	15.2	3,602	278	12.9
1902	6,508	3,514	206	17.05	2,994	242	12.37
1903	6,816	3,392	173	19.60	3,424	222	15.42
1904	10,623	5,855	314	18.68	4,758	314	15.15
1905	8,254	3,953	256	15.5	4,301	258	16.00
1906	10,792	5,217	287	18.17	5,575	298	18.70
1907	8,491	4,357	261	16.75	4,124	259	15.53
1908	10,004	4,256	256	16.0	5,748	310	18.54
1909	10,352	4,761	295	16.13	5,591	303	18.63
1910	10,056	4,824	285	16.9	5,232	331	15.8
1911	10,698	5,664	293	19.3	5,034	293	17.1

Month	Date	Match	Grantham	Opponent	Result
April	29	Newark	A	w 125 (6)	113
May	6	Egerton Park	A	w 185 (3*)	121
	11	Notts. Forest	A	w 170	80
	13	Lincoln Lindum	H	d 192 (7*)	107 (9)
	20	St. Stephen's	H	w 105 (7)	102
	25	Notts. Banks	H	w 159	94
	27	Peterborough	A	w 183	80
June	1	Notts. Commercial	A	d 113	193
	3	Egerton Park	H	d 132	176
	8	Peterborough	H	w 209	183
	10	Notts. Amateurs	A	d 122	296 (4*)
	15	Notts. Banks	A	d 228 (6*)	105 (3)
	17	Radcliffe	H	w 138 (4)	99
	29	Peterborough	A	w 237	169
July	1	Notts. Commercial	H	d 157 (7*)	135 (8)
	6	Notts. Forest	H	d 184	184
	8	Lincoln Lindum	A	d 120	159 (3)
	13	Druids, Skegness	A	d 57	124
	15	Notts. Forest Ama.	H	d 138	155 (5)
	19-20	Old Rossellia	H	d 125	229
				d 96	154 (6*)
	20-21	M.C.C.	H	d 108	316
				d 164	78
	27	Rev. Green's XI	H	w 221 (6)	122
	29	Notts. Amateurs	H	w 195 (8*)	48
Aug.	1	Notts. Commercial	H	w 191	168
	5	Notts. Commercial	A	w 228 (6*)	103
	10	Burghey Park	H	d 154	176 (2)
	12	Peterborough	H	d 87	226 (4*)
	17	Sleaford	A	d 153	169 (8)
	19	Radcliffe	A	w 190	88
	24	Sleaford	H	w 193 (1*)	66
	26	Blackwell	H	w 172	143
	31	Burghey Park	A	w 255 (2)	162
Sept.	2	Newark	H	d 119	103 (7)

Player	Batting Averages (Three or more Innings)			
	Inns.	Times not out.	Total runs.	Avge.
W. E. Thompson	15	3	1007	60.2
W. Baines	8	1	83	27.8
T. Vincent	5	2	37	10.9
H. C. Radkin	10	3	61	27.8
Rev. E. J. Goldsmith	28	3	1047	35.9
T. Hedworth	6	1	27	11.3
M. W. Appley	31	4	75	20.5
F. S. Cannell	10	0	55	19.2
W. Whitest	5	0	34	18.2
C. de Paravicini	6	0	27	17.0
J. W. Clarke	18	0	82	16.5
T. H. Bowman	5	0	75	15.4
T. W. Winn	16	1	58	15.6
F. W. Hilson	7	2	22	14.4
H. C. Dell	13	2	45	13.7
W. H. Wilkinson	28	0	52	13.4
W. Britt	3	0	35	13.6
S. F. Nott	22	4	47	12.2
H. C. Kent	6	1	25	12.2
J. J. Hayward	4	1	16	11
W. C. C. Cox	6	0	17	10.8
A. R. Rootisby	8	1	15	9.1
E. W. Rayson	8	1	19	8.5
J. Fillingham	3	1	8	8.5
T. Heald	4	0	15	8
E. G. Appley	3	1	15	7.5
R. Mann	5	0	9	5
Allen	19	3	14	4.6

Player	Bowling (12 or more overs)				
	O.	M.	R.	W. Avg.	
T. Heald	40.2	7	117	11	10.6
J. W. Clarke	54.1	11	169	14	12.0
M. W. Appley	515.5	107	1467	119	12.3
W. E. Thompson	82	14	273	19	14.6
E. W. Rayson	13.5	5	46	3	15.3
W. Britt	100	23	253	17	15.4
W. H. Wilkinson	37.5	7	102	6	17
F. S. Cannell	58.2	4	237	12	19.7
H. C. Kent	45	16	120	6	20
T. Hedworth	18	3	62	3	20.6
W. Whitest	21	3	104	5	20.8
C. de Paravicini	13	4	63	3	21
F. W. Hilson	101.2	18	363	18	21.2
R. G. English	28	3	109	5	21.8
T. H. Bowman	19	2	90	4	22.5
S. F. Nott	81.3	8	378	15	25.2
E. W. Day	14	2	52	2	26
C. L. Prior	30	7	137	4	34.2
A. R. Rootisby	10	1	68	1	68

SPALDING CRICKET CLUB.

THE SEASON'S WORK.

Special Review.

[BY SPECTATOR.]

The Spalding Cricket Club brought a brief, but interesting, season's work to a close with the home fixture against Lincoln Lindum. While the depleted programme gives cause for regret and even apprehension for the future of the Club, at the same time there have been some bright features connected with the 1911 cricket, and there have been some highly creditable performances by our local men both collectively and individually. Out of ten games played, the club have just won half outright. There are three losses, one of which was by a mere hair's breadth. One of the drawn games was favourable to Spalding, while the other may be said to have been fairly even. There have been some splendid contests, and the games with Notte, Ramblers, Leicester Gents, and Lincoln Lindum proved some of the best and sharpest contests seen on the "Black Swan" ground for years.

Future prospects for Spalding cricket are not promising, and we hear of a disbandment of the club before another season, owing to reduced membership and general lack of interest. The club certainly never has been at so low an ebb in all its history, which is saying much. Threatened institutions live long, however, and in all probability Spalding Cricket Club will again be in active existence in May, 1912, and it is to be hoped that with an accession of new members and players that may come their way, they will be able to resume some of their former glories.

RESULTS OF MATCHES.

Peterborough (away), May 20th.—Spalding 140, Peterborough 57. Won by 83 runs.
Boston (home), June 3rd.—Spalding 242 for 5 wickets (declared), Boston 130. Won by 112 runs.

Sleaford (home), June 10th.—Sleaford 251 for 8 wickets (declared), Spalding 165. Lost by 85 runs.

Peterborough (home), June 17th.—Spalding 223 for 5 wickets (declared), Peterborough 172 for 6 wickets. Drawn.

Notte, Ramblers (home), July 6th.—Spalding 229, Notte, Ramblers 170. Won by 39 runs.

Sleaford (away), July 8th.—Spalding 148, Sleaford 60. Won by 88 runs.

Druids (away), July 15th.—Druids 230, Spalding 65 and 99 for 1. Lost by 165 runs.

Leicestershire Gents (home), Gents 115 and 136, Spalding 123 and 122. Lost by 6 runs.

Boston (away), July 23th.—Boston 64, Spalding 170. Won by 106 runs.

Lincoln Lindum (home), August 12th.—Lincoln 222 for 4 wickets (declared), Spalding 195 for 5 wickets. Drawn.

The games: Lincoln (away), June 24th; Peterborough (away), July 15th; Peterborough (home), August 10th; and Grimsby (home), July 22nd, scratched. In the first instance owing to wet, and in the three latter cases through the visiting sides failing to raise teams.

	No. of Inns.	Times not out	Most in Inns.	Total runs	Aver.
E. T. Cooke	10	0	198	388	38.80
S. H. Barlow	5	0	79	135	27.00
H. Stapley	3	1	32*	60	30.00
J. N. Worman	7	0	65	223	29.00
A. S. Hatt	6	1	92	135	27.00
W. J. Deacon, Jun.	3	0	39	72	24.00
G. H. Salaman	8	1	93*	146	29.85
C. C. Harrison	5	0	35	78	15.60
H. Hargreaves	4	1	33*	35	11.66
C. L. Harvey	4	2	11	18	9.00
W. Whitted	5	0	21	43	8.60
R. S. Appleby	3	0	13	23	7.66
C. H. C. Brady	6	1	11*	31	6.23
E. Dalton	8	1	7	28	4.00

* Signifies not out.

The following also batted: Riley 2 for 42, A. S. Barlow 2 for 39, H. J. Bullivant 2 for 20, Rev. C. J. S. Ward 2 for 12, L. J. Driver 2 for 11, G. H. Hills 2 for 11, J. A. Oserby 2 for 10, J. C. Harrison 2 for 4, and H. S. Cheesewright 2 for 0. The following played in one innings only: L. R. Chearvin 64*, S. H. Wilkinson 17, W. H. Grassam 13*, A. Dickens 12, H. E. Dennis 10, C. Brittain 9, G. A. Sindall 4, G. J. Healey 4, A. M. Rushton 1, J. Allen 1, E. T. Waring 0*, C. M. Bowser 0*, H. H. Beardsley 0, S. English 0, and F. Myers 0.

BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	AV.
C. L. Harvey	2	0	6	1	6.00
Riley	29.3	5	77	9	8.55
A. Dickens	15	1	61	6	10.16
W. Whitted	32	5	146	13	11.23
S. H. Barlow	11	1	48	4	12.75
G. H. Salaman	54.1	3	250	19	13.15
J. N. Worman	118.2	21	389	27	14.40
A. S. Barlow	2	0	16	1	16.00
C. C. Harrison	5	0	55	2	17.50
E. T. Cooke	57	16	189	9	21.00
L. J. Driver	8	1	33	1	33.00
H. Stapley	16	0	67	2	33.50
J. A. Oserby	7	0	37	1	37.00

The following bowled, but failed to take a wicket: C. Potter 0 for 2, G. J. Healey 0 for 14, J. C. Harrison 0 for 23, and E. S. Appleby 0 for 67.

Last year, C. C. Harrison was top of the batting with an average of 43.25 per innings for 5 innings played (once not out). J. N. Worman followed closely with an average of 42.25 for six innings (twice not out). In bowling G. H. Salaman was first, having taken 20 wickets at an average cost of 11.45 each. J. N. Worman's 22 wickets averaged 12.50, and E. T. Cooke's 37 came out at 12.97 each.

It is interesting to note that Spalding have this season scored altogether 1,802 runs, while their opponents have an aggregate of 1,607. Thus, for each time they have appeared at the wickets, the club have averaged 163 runs, while the opposition figure out at 146.

No account is taken, in the foregoing calculation, of the score of 99 for one wicket made by Spalding against the Druids in the second innings at Skegness on 15th July—the only instance of an incomplete innings in one-day matches.

Spalding batsmen have averaged 18.96 runs per man during the season. Opposing batsmen have averaged 16.39 each.

Spalding have been successful in winning the toss on five occasions to their opponents' five. On three occasions they declared their innings closed, while likewise in three matches the opposition have put on the closure.

The highest innings played for the club was 242 runs for 5 wickets (declared) against Boston on the home ground on June 3rd. The lowest was at Skegness on the 15th July, when, against the Druids in the first innings, Spalding were dismissed for 65 runs. The highest score against Spalding was made by Sleaford on the home ground on 10th June, when the visitors put on 251 for 8 wickets (declared), whilst the lowest was 57, made by Peterborough on the City ground in the opening fixture on May 20th.

In view of Sleaford's honour of the highest aggregate, it is of interest to recall that the Sleaford club hold the record lowest innings score for a great number of years in Spalding matches. This was at Spalding on 14th June, 1900, when they were dismissed for 26 runs. Lowings was the home pro at the time, and the popular Charles had not a little to do with this phenomenally low score by a fine bowling feat.

The number of catches made during the season are as follows: E. T. Cooke and J. N. Worman six each, H. Hargreaves caught four and stumped one, G. H. Salaman and C. C. Harrison three each, C. L. Harvey, A. S. Hatt, W. Whitted, H. S. Cheesewright, and H. E. Dennis two each, and H. H. Beardsley, E. T. Waring, G. J. Healey, H. Stapley, F. Myers, W. H. Grassam, E. S. Appleby, Riley, and S. H. Hills one each. S. H. Barlow stumped one.

No record of missed catches has been kept, therefore we have no figures to hand. We have it on undoubted authority, however, that these have been fewer than usual. The Spalding fielding has often this year attained a high standard, and the rule has been that chances, even very difficult ones, have been accepted.

Number of matches played, 16; won, 5; lost 3; drawn 2.

Last year the number of games played was 14, of which 6 were won, 6 lost, 1 drawn, and 1 abandoned.

PAPS ABOUT PLATFES.

E. T. Cooke, captain of the club, has had a good season as a batsman for Spalding, and deservedly comes off as premier bat of the year. His average of 38.80 for ten innings is decidedly good, and is much better than last season, when he came third on the list with

interesting parallel to C. H. C. Brady's record of five fours in an over performed at Peterborough in 1898. As a feat of fast scoring and hurricane hitting, Cooke's recent 108 puts into the shade his own performance of 156 not out against the Druids at Skegness some years ago. On that occasion, A. H. Hornby had made 150 for the other side.

an aggregate of 271 runs, with an average of 22.58. A few weeks ago the skipper was third on the list, but with scores of 70 against Boston and 108 against Lincoln Lindum he has come to the top with a rush, in the last two games. Cooke has gone off a bit as a bowler and has seldom done himself justice this season on any one occasion. His appearances for the county have been rare, and it has been as a bowler that he has gained county distinctions in past seasons. Cooke's 108 against Lincoln recently was a marvellous piece of fast scoring, the runs being made in about an hour. He set up on that occasion a new record of three sixes in an over, which were hit off by Day, the county pro, and provides an

J. N. Worman has again done signal service for Spalding, and has proved himself by his brilliant all-round play to be the abet-anchor of the side. He has scored more runs in 1911, but his average drops from 42.25 to 29.00. He has this year bowled more than anyone and taken most wickets, while his smartness as a slip catch has again thrilled the local spectators. The critics said that Norfolk had got the best out of Worman; but those privileged ones who saw the Donington master scoring runs against Barnes and Co. at Lincoln in the Staffordshire match, hold that there is something left for Lincolnshire still. Our Special Commissioner has been engaged now for three seasons searching club cricket for a "better sport" than Worman, but failure still dogs his footsteps, and he is getting a little tired of his self-imposed task.

A. S. Hatt has once more good figures to show, and although he has only been able to aid Spalding six times, he has rendered good service. His best feat was a fine 92 made against Boston on the "Black Swan" ground. Hatt invariably does well against the "Stumpites," and his repeated successes against their bowling are proverbial. He has played a lot of Essex Club and Ground cricket in his time, and at a period when J. W. H. T. Douglas, the Essex captain, was in his cradle, the Moulton master was delighting cricket crowds and breaking bowlers' hearts at will on the "Black Swan" ground. Next to Douglas's father, there is no man in England prouder than A. S. Hatt of the fact that the old Moulton Grammar School boy has been chosen for all England in Australia.

W. J. Deacon, Jun., is a well-known Peterborough batsman, who, along with A. Dickens, has rendered assistance on two or three occasions.

G. H. Salaman, the vice-captain, has had a very successful year as both batsman and bowler, and Spalding could ill afford to dispense with his valuable all-round aid. He is practically at the head of the bowling, and chief of the work has devolved upon him and J. N. Worman. A. oricket optimist, Salaman is like H. Dods, a former member, a trier all the way. When S. H. Barlow, owing to accident, could not respond to the recent county invitation to play against Cambs., there was no other man for the post but the ex-Leicester man, and he did really well in his first county match. Spalding cricket lovers owe G. H. Salaman a debt of gratitude, for it was he who organised the Leicester Gents match.

C. C. Harrison, not the least skilful of five cricket playing brothers from the Holbeach district, has proved an ideal first wicket batsman for Spalding, and had he been able to turn out oftener it would have been to the undoubted advantage of the side. He has a good batting style, plays himself in carefully, and has a good defence, but without his hitting powers.

H. Hargreaves has only appeared rarely, and neither as batsman or wicket-keeper has he seemed to do himself justice. Cricketers thrive on practice, and it is a pity that the ex-Hindersfield man could not play regularly, for such would have been to the mutual advantage of club and individual. He was seen to great advantage at Sleaford, where he scored 33 not out and "kept" finely, dismissing three batsmen.

C. L. Harvey, formerly captain of the club, rarely appears now, but cricket lovers look for many more appearances from him in future games.