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+ E E Apthorp	c R B Cowley b Burton	29	(5)	b Burton	1
* H R Orr	c Burton b Shelford	40	(4)	lbw b Burton	0
Wharmby, G E	c Household b Shelford	5	(6)	b Burton	0
Holdstock, H F	c Golding b Burton	23	(2)	c Harford b Shelford	3
H Squire	b Burton	3	(7)	b Burton	16
A F Morcom	not out	22	(8)	b Shelford	18
Geary, F W	lbw b Shelford	3	(10)	c R B Cowley b Shelford/not out	0
T W Saunders	c Household b Burton	3	(9)	not out/c R B Cowley b Shelford	0
Pilgrim, G A	lbw b Burton	2	(11)	lbw b Shelford	0
Extras		11			14
Total		154			56

Fall of wickets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
First innings	4	15			95	108				154
Second innings	5	11	11	11		17		55	56	56

Burton	24.3	8	52	5	-	-	(1)	10	3	28	6	-	-
Shelford	24	6	72	5	-	-	(2)	9.4	4	14	4	-	-
Marsh	2	1	10	0	-	-							
Coleman	2	0	9	0	-	-							
Extras	-	-	11	0	-	-				14	0	-	-
Total	52.3	15	154	10	-	-		19.4	7	56	10	-	-

Hertfordshire

J N Cowley	run out	5	(1)	b Morcom	0
Golding, A J	b Morcom	26	(2)	c Holdstock b Wharmby	9
+ R B Cowley	c Morcom b Wharmby	0	(3)	c Squire b Wharmby	27
E H Cuthbertson	c Geary b Morcom	28	(4)	c Squire b Wharmby	13
E S Household	c Bocquet b Orr	4	(7)	c and b Morcom	5
C H Titchmarsh	c Morcom b Wharmby	11	(6)	b Morcom	13/14?
Coleman, W E	not out	25	(5)	b Morcom	0
W H Marsh	b Morcom	3	(8)	run out	0
* H M Harford	c Saunders b Morcom	0	(9)	c and b Morcom	1/0?
Burton, F A	b Wharmby	3	(10)	c Pilgrim b Morcom	1
Shelford, W	b Wharmby	10	(11)	not out	3
Extras		5			9
Total		120			81

Fall of wickets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
First innings	5	6		79	79	79	89	89	92	120
Second innings	6		58	58	58	64	67	77	78	81

Wharmby	21.3	9	36	4	-	-	(1)	15	4	37	6	-	-
Geary	7	0	16	0	-	-							
Pilgrim	4	2	9	0	-	-							
Morcom	15	4	35	4	-	-	(2)	14	3	35	3	-	-
Orr	4	0	19	1	-	-							
Extras	-	-	5	1	-	-		-	-	9	1	-	-
Total	51.3	15	120	10	-	-		29	7	81	10	-	-

Notes: Bedfordshire won this closely fought match by nine runs at 6.20 pm on the second day with 10 minutes to spare. Hertfordshire had been set a victory target of 91 runs in 90 minutes. For the winners, Wharmby took 10 wickets in the match for 73 runs, including 6 wickets for 36 runs in the Hertfordshire second innings. Orr made the top score with 40 containing 1 six and 5 fours. For the losers, Burton took 11 wickets in the match for 80 runs, with 5 wickets for 52 runs in the Bedfordshire first innings and 6 for 28 in the second. Shelford took the remaining 9 wickets for 86 runs, including 5 for 72 in the Bedfordshire first innings. On the first day rain interrupted play twice

[Missing: Umpires; first day close of play score; extras breakdown; part fall of wickets; in Bedfordshire second innings check if Geary or Saunders not out; in Hertfordshire first innings boundaries in Cuthbertson's 28, and fall of third wicket; in Hertfordshire second innings check if Titchmarsh scored 13 or 14, and Burton 1 or 0, and fall of second wicket.]

Sources: Hertfordshire Advertiser 1 July; Watford Observer 1 July; Bedford and County Record 1 July; Bedfordshire Standard 30 June; Bedfordshire Times 30 June; Leighton Uzzard Reporter 1 July; Cricket 1 July p 291.

Status: First draft match score- needs to be checked against The Sportsman and Sporting Life for missing details.

MATCH NUMBER 12 : HERTFORDSHIRE V BEDFORDSHIRE

At The Bushey Cricket Club Ground, Manor House, Bushey on Friday 16, Saturday 17 June 1911

Result: Bedfordshire won by 9 runs Points: Bedfordshire 5

Toss: ~~Bedfordshire~~ Umpires: XXX

First day score: Bedfordshire

26 27
MON TUES

-4 wickets (G E Wharmby, H F Holdstock)

Bedfordshire 1 (R N Bocquet)

Bedfordshire

H Willett
R N Bocquet
+ E E Apthorp
* H R Orr
Wharmby, G E
Holdstock, H F
H Squire
A F Morcom
Geary, F W
T W Saunders
Pilgrim, G A
Extras

b Shelford
st R B Cowley b Shelford
c R B Cowley b Burton
c Burton b Shelford
c Household b Shelford
c Golding b Burton
b Burton
not out
lbw b Shelford
c Household b Burton
lbw b Burton
? X X

0
13
29
40
5
23
3
22
3
3
2
11
154

3.50

b Burton
c Shelford b Burton
b Burton
lbw b Burton
b Burton
c Harford b Shelford
b Burton
b Shelford
c R B Cowley b Shelford
not out
lbw b Shelford
? X X

2
2
1
0
0
3
16
18
0
0
0
14
56

Total

Fall of wickets
First innings
Second innings

1 2 3 4
4 13 3 11
5 11 11 11

5 6 7 8 9 10
95 108 7 55 56 154
17 5 5 5 56

Burton
Shelford
Marsh
Coleman
Extras

24.3 8 52 5
24 6 72 5
2 1 10 0
2 0 5 0
- - 1 0
Total 52.3 15 154 10

(1) 10 3 28 6
(2) 9.4 4 14 4
14 0
Total 19.4 7 56 10

Not in LBR
BT

Hertfordshire

J N Cowley
Golding, A J
+ R B Cowley
E H Cuthbertson
E S Household
C H Titchmarsh
Coleman, W E
W H Marsh
* H M Harford
Burton, F A
Shelford, W
Extras

run out
b Morcom
c Morcom b Wharmby
c Geary b Morcom
c Bocquet b Orr
c Morcom b Wharmby
not out
b Morcom
c Saunders b Morcom
b Wharmby
b Wharmby
b Wharmby
? X X

5
26
0
28
4
11
25
3
0
3
10
5
120

b Morcom
c Holdstock b Wharmby
c Squire b Wharmby
c Squire b Wharmby
c and b Morcom
b Morcom
b Morcom
run out
c and b Morcom
c Pilgrim b Morcom
not out
? X X

0
9
27
13
5
13 14 14 14
0
0
1
1 0
3
9
81

Total

Fall of wickets
First innings
Second innings

1 2 3 4 5 6
5 6 58 79 79 79
6 6 58 58 58 64

7 8 9 10
89 89 92 120
67 77 78 81

Wharmby
Geary
Pilgrim
Morcom
Orr
Extras

21.3 9 36 4
7 0 16 0
4 2 9 0
15 4 35 24
4 0 19 21
- - 5 1
Total 51.3 15 120 10

(1) 15 4 37 6
(2) 14 3 35 3
29 7 81 10

Not in LBR
BT

Notes: Bedfordshire won by nine runs at 7 pm on the second day after Hertfordshire had been set a victory target of 91 runs in 2 1/2 hours. For the winners, Wharmby took 10 wickets in the match 73 runs. Orr made the top score with 40 containing 7 fours. For the losers, Burton took 11 wickets in the match for 80 runs, and Shelford the remaining 9 for 86 runs.

[Missing: Toss, umpires, debutants; first day close of play score; extras breakdown; fall of wickets; in Bedfordshire first innings boundaries in Orr's 40; in Bedfordshire second innings batting order; in Hertfordshire first innings boundaries in Cuthbertson's 28; in Hertfordshire second innings time for innings and batting order, time completed.]

Sources: Watford Observer 1 July (Bob Simons) Leighton Buzzard Reporter 1 July (ADW) Herts Advertiser 1 July (ADW) b3 BS 35 June B Times 30 June (ADW)

Status: First draft match score - to check against Bedfordshire and other sources for missing details.

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Rain interrupted play on the first day

411-40 wickets

2 Hertfordshire 1911

Herts v Beds

Manor House Ground, Bushey

16,17 June

HP hrs as 26,27

Beds won by 9 runs

Points 0

Toss

Umpires

CoP

Beds 1st innings

H Willett		b Shelford	0
RN Bocquet	st RB Cowley	b Shelford	13
+EE Apthorp	c RB Cowley	b Burton	29
*HR Orr	c Burton	b Shelford	40
Wharmby GE	c Household	b Shelford	5
Holdstock	c Golding	b Burton	23
H Squire		b Burton	3
AF Morcom	not out		22
Geary	lbw	b Shelford	3
T Saunders	c Household	b Burton	3
Pilgrim	lbw	b Burton	2
Extras			11
Total	All out	52.3 overs	154

FoW

Bowling

Burton	24.3	8	52	5
Shelford	24	6	72	5
Marsh	2	1	10	0
Coleman	2	0	9	0

16,17 June 1911 (cont)

Herts 1st innings

JN Cowley	run out			5
Golding AJ		b Morcom		26
+RB Cowley	c Morcom	b Wharmby		0
EH Cuthbertson	c Geary	b Morcom		28
ES Household	c Bocquet	b Orr		4
CH Titchmarsh	c Morcom	b Wharmby		11
Coleman WE	not out			25
WH Marsh		b Morcom		3
*HM Harford	c Saunders	b Morcom		0
Burton FA		b Wharmby		3
Shelford W		b Wharmby		10
Extras				5
Total	All out	51.3 overs		120

FoW

Bowling

Wharmby	21.3	9	36	4
Geary	7	0	16	0
Pilgrim	4	2	9	0
Morcom	15	4	35	2
Orr	4	0	19	2

Beds 2nd innings

H Willett		b Burton		2
RN Bocquet	c Shelford	b Burton		2
+EE Apthorp		b Burton		1
*HR Orr	lbw	b Burton		0
Wharmby GE		b Burton		0
Holdstock	c Harford	b Shelford		3
H Squire		b Burton		16
AF Morcom		b Shelford		18
Geary	c RB Cowley	b Shelford		0
T Saunders	not out			0
Pilgrim	lbw	b Shelford		0
Extras				14
Total	All out	19.4 overs		56

FoW

Bowling

Burton	10	3	28	6
Shelford	9.4	4	14	4

16,17 June 1911 (cont)

Herts 2nd innings

JN Cowley			b Morcom	0
Golding AJ	c Holdstock		b Wharmby	9
+RB Cowley	c Squire		b Wharmby	27
EH Cuthbertson	c Squire		b Wharmby	13
ES Household	c & b		Morcom	5
CH Titchmarsh			b Morcom	13
Coleman WE			b Morcom	0
WH Marsh	run out			0
*HM Harford	c & b		Morcom	1
Burton FA	c Pilgrim		b Morcom	1
Shelford W	not out			3
Extras				9
Total	All out	29 overs		81

FoW

Bowling

Wharmby	15	4	37	6
Morcom	14	3	35	3

Watford Observer 1-7-11 Short account

BEDFORDSHIRE v. HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Monday Bedfordshire opened their county programme with the away match with Hertfordshire at Bushey, near Watford. Before the match there had been a sprinkle, but at the time Mr. Orr won the toss, clouds seemed to be concentrating over the ground from far and near, and to warn him that runs should be made quickly while the opportunity lasted.

Bocquet having made four, Willett let a leg breaker get past him, and he retired in the second over of his second ball. With Apthorp for company, Bocquet seemed settling down when he stepped out to have a slam at Shelford, a very slow bowler, missed it, and was easily stamped. This was the position—15 for 2, 13 of them Bocquet's—when the first sharp shower drove players to cover.

Resuming, after a quarter of an hour's wait, Apthorp and Orr in half an hour put another complexion on affairs. The latter was particularly severe on all loose balls coming from Shelford, and he followed up a couple of boundaries by lifting him over the on boundary for a grand 6. Meanwhile Apthorp was giving a hand in this merry tune, and Marsh having relieved Burton, the "keeper" showed his impartiality by smashing the new bowler for 9 in his first over, the last stroke being a fine square leg hit for 6. The score was jogging along nicely when another copious shower caused a hurried adjournment. The score was then 72 for two wickets. Continual showers and a hail storm allowed of only one more period of play, during which Orr and Apthorp were caught. This stand had been of inestimable service to the side. Its full significance could hardly be appreciated at that stage. In the Skippers 40 were five boundaries, and one six—a sufficient indication of the vigour of his batting.

Holdstock and Wharmby resumed on Tuesday in sunshine, with the glass rising, and with prospects of a day's interesting cricket. The exciting and sensational finish, however, could hardly be foreseen, although the wicket was known to be capable of anything. Holdstock led off with two pretty glances to leg—a favourite stroke of his—off Shelford. Wharmby also mightily smote the same bowler to the leg boundary. But the pitch was very soft, the field keen, and Shelford and Burton, who bowled all the morning unchanged, were making the ball do some queer things. Snorters followed risers, and leg breaks off breaks, indiscriminately. Holdstock beautifully covered all varieties, but his partner, in attempting to swipe Shelford again to the leg boundary, got too much under the ball, it shot up, and Household running in, secured it at mid-on, 95.5.5. With 13 added, Squire, who seemed likely to settle down, played forward to a half-volley, which broke in sharp from the leg, and was bowled. Burton had discovered a much better length than on Monday. Morcom joined Holdstock, and both batted with extreme care. The former now and again got in a scoring hit, but he had his career cut short by a brilliant catch by Golding, who jumping up at mid-off stopped at arm's length a hot drive, and secured the ball on a second attempt. The end was now in sight. Morcom now began to hit, and drove Shelford over a five-foot hedge into the road, the fourth of the innings, but neither of the others could stay long with him, and the venture closed after about an hour's batting in the morning for 154. Burton and Shelford each bowled 24 overs, and each took five wickets, the former for 52 and the latter for 72.

Herts had nearly an hour's batting before lunch. Two early successes brightened Bedfordshire's prospects, for at 5 a swift return by Willett ran out J. N. Cowley, and with only a single added, Morcom accepted a hard chance in the slips off Wharmby, which closed R. B. Cowley's account. Cuthbertson and Golding played quietly now until the lunch plates were rattling invitingly, but off the last ball before the interval Cuthbertson was easily taken at point off Morcom. Golding sent a ball from Orr into the open window of a house on the opposite side of the road, but at 79 Orr had the satisfaction of seeing Titchmarsh, who had been toying with his slows, get under one, and present Bocquet with an easy catch behind the stumps.

With the separation of Titchmarsh and Golding events moved fast. At this period the Beds. bowling was remarkably fine. At the same score Morcom bowled Golding. Marsh made three of the next ten before Morcom yoked him. 89.7.3. The home skipper's stay was very short, for with the total unchanged, he only half got hold of one of Morcom's "sticking" deliveries, and Saunders, running in from mid-on, took the ball almost on the ground in another brilliant effort. At 92 Marsh played on. The last pair gave considerable trouble on a rapidly drying wicket, scoring quite freely, and were beginning to cause anxiety when a beautiful ball from Wharmby settled the matter, and Bedfordshire led on the first innings by 34. Morcom's four wickets cost 35, Wharmby's four 36, and Orr's one 19. Geary and Pilgrim bowled without success.

Bedfordshire cut an inglorious figure on their second attempt. Bocquet was caught at short slip with the score at five. At 11 disasters came in battalions, for Holdstock gave an easy catch, Willett cut the ball into his wickets, and Orr was given out l.b.w. to the first ball he received. Thus in a quarter of an hour Bedfordshire had lost four wickets for 11 runs. Apthorp and Wharmby kept up the merry procession, six wickets being down for 17. Having been let off at the wicket, Squire settled down with Morcom to somewhat retrieve the honour of the side. The latter showed a partiality for swiping Burton, but nothing came to hand, despite specially placed men. Then Squire went for Burton. Shelford brought about the separation with a daisy cutter which took Squires unawares, and then the procession was renewed, Morcom retiring at 55, and Saunders and Pilgrim at 56. The innings had lasted exactly an hour to a minute. Burton and Shelford bowled unchanged, the former taking six wickets for 28, and the latter four for 14.

This left Herts with 91 runs to get in 91 minutes. That the task was not a light one was evident when Morcom clean bowled J. Cowley with a shooter with only six scored. However, the bowlers met with no further success for another half-an-hour, when Golding was caught by Holdstock in the long field off Wharmby. He had batted 35 minutes for 9 runs. Meantime the sun hid himself under a cloud and the pitch improved perceptibly, Wharmby failing to get anything like the turn on the ball which had made Burton so unplayable. Every run had to be worked for though. Soon after, R. Cowley was nearly taken at mid-off, but Squires just failed to get to it. Every scoring hit was loudly applauded, and the home crowd's spirits rose with the score. At fifty-eight, Squire did a double service for his county, for off consecutive balls he caught both Cowley and Cuthbertson. With the score unaltered Morcom bowled Coleman and the game did not look quite the certainty for Herts, it did a few short minutes before. A magnificent catch with outstretched hand with the ball going away from him, by Morcom, closed Household's career at 64. The position now was decidedly interesting. With half an hour to go, Herts wanted 27 to win, and had four wickets to fall. With three added, Marsh was run out through trying to sneak a run. Titchmarsh revived the home hopes by two glorious leg glances to boundary off Wharmby. Then he survived Wharmby's confident appeal for l.b.w. Harford returned one to Morcom, and so the balance was poised again. 77.8.1. One more and Morcom bowled Titchmarsh, then Morcom tempted Burton, who tapped a "sticker" into Pilgrim's hands at point, and Beds. had brought off a sensational victory by nine runs, with ten minutes to spare. Morcom's six wickets cost 37 runs, but his last five he obtained at one run apiece. Wharmby's three cost 35.

Scores:

BEDFORDSHIRE.	
First Innings.	
H. Willett, b Shelford	1
R. N. Bocquet, st R. B. Cowley, b Shelford	4
E. E. Apthorp, c R. B. Cowley, b Burton	13
H. R. Orr, c Burton, b Shelford	19
Wharmby, c Household, b Shelford	24
Holdstock, c Golding, b Burton	28
Squire, b Burton	36
Morcom, not out	55
Geary, lbw, b Shelford	56
Saunders, c Household, b Burton	56
Pilgrim, lbw, b Burton	56
Extras	11
Total	154
Second Innings.	
R. N. Bocquet, c Shelford, b Burton	5
Holdstock, c Harford, b Shelford	9
H. Willett, b Burton	11
H. R. Orr, lbw, b Burton	17
E. E. Apthorp, b Burton	17
Wharmby, b Burton	17
E. H. Squire, b Burton	17
A. F. Morcom, b Shelford	17
T. Saunders, c R. Cowley, b Shelford	17
Geary, not out	17
Pilgrim, lbw, b Shelford	17
Extras	14
Total	154
HERTFORDSHIRE.	
First Innings.	
J. N. Cowley, run out	5
Golding, b Morcom	9
R. B. Cowley, c Morcom, b Wharmby	13
E. H. Cuthbertson, c Geary, b Morcom	17
E. S. Household, c Bocquet, b Orr	24
C. H. Titchmarsh, c Morcom, b Wharmby	28
Coleman, not out	56
W. H. Marsh, c and b Morcom	56
H. M. Harford, c Saunders, b Morcom	56
Burton, b Wharmby	56
Shelford, b Wharmby	56
Extras	11
Total	154
Second Innings.	
J. N. Cowley, b Morcom	5
Golding, c Holdstock, b Wharmby	9
R. B. Cowley, c Squire, b Wharmby	13
E. H. Cuthbertson, c Squire, b Wharmby	17
Coleman, b Morcom	17
C. H. Titchmarsh, b Morcom	17
E. Household, c and b Morcom	17
W. H. Marsh, run out	17
H. M. Harford, c and b Morcom	17
Burton, c Pilgrim, b Morcom	17
Shelford, not out	17
Extras	14
Total	154

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 Apthorp, 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. Apthorp, 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. Apthorp, 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 Saunders, 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	24.5	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	23	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

A re-arrangement of the county groupings gave Bedfordshire the opportunity to renew their old rivalry with their neighbours in Herts. The game came off on Monday and Tuesday last at Bushey, and ended, rather surprisingly, it must be admitted, in a victory for Beds. by nine runs. So frequently have our county been beaten by narrow margins during recent years that it is a genuine pleasure to be able to record this one little portion of, shall we say, luck. Beds. have never been treated very kindly by the gods and it is to be sincerely hoped that their luck has now changed for the good. From the 13 selected men Grierson and Graham did not play. The former was of course engaged fighting for his Blue, while Graham was not asked. This latter omission I regard as ill advised, because I am confident that Graham, young and always improving as he is, would be of material service to the county side. I quite recognise that in Grierson's absence a left-handed trundler was essential, and that Geary was the man to play, but I maintain that the old Modern boy, possessing the "cricket temperament," as he undoubtedly does, would have been less likely to have been attacked by nerves than at least one member of the eleven who actually played. But still, the team won, so why grumble?

Mr. Orr won the toss and decided to make the most of his chance. Rain was imminent and runs, if they were to be made at all, were to be made quickly. Willett failing, Bocquet, Apthorp and the skipper (all naturally free hitters) were next on the sheet. And the policy was justified, because these three laid the foundation of a total of 154, which, as after events proved, won the game for Beds. Bocquet was showing up well, when he got out of his ground to a slow one and was stumped. Then came the stand of the innings, those two old hands, who have stood with their backs to the wall for the county many and many a time; Orr and Apthorp. Rain had driven the men in once or twice and the wicket was getting slow. The veteran couple decided very wisely to have a slam, and they quickly got to work and had taken the score to 72 for two when lunch was called. Only a brief spell was possible after lunch, but a bad time it was for the batsmen, Orr and his partner each falling to a catch at mid-off. Orr hit six fours and a grand six in his 40, while Apthorp had some fine shots in his invaluable 28. Only Holdstock and Morcom did anything after this, both hitting well, the latter especially. One hundred and fifty-four was the total reached, and this, on an essentially bowler's wicket, was good business.

Wharmby and Geary opened the attack for Beds. on Tuesday, and runs came at a painfully slow rate. A smart piece of fielding accounted for the first wicket and a catch by Morcom led to another wicket falling for very few runs. Then came a longish stand and Geary, who had bowled seven overs really well, and had kept the batsmen always playing, was displaced by Pilgrim, who only bowled four overs, two of which were maidens, for nine runs; before he too was relieved. It was wickets that were wanted, and these right quickly. At length Morcom clean bowled Golding, and Wharmby took a couple of wickets before being taken off. Eventually, Wharmby coming on again, finished off the innings for 120. Wharmby had four wickets for 36 in 21 overs, and Morcom got two for 32. Beds. made a wretched show in the second attempt, 56 being the sum total scored. Of these Morcom, Squire and "extras" contributed 48. Willett was again bowled for a trifle and Bocquet, Apthorp, Orr, Wharmby, Geary, Holdstock, Saunders, and Pilgrim all failed. In the light of this awful show I think it must have been that Beds. were trying to force the game and snatch a win. They certainly left things very close, leaving Herts only 90 to get. But this proved too much and Beds. triumphed by nine runs. For this success they owe a debt of gratitude to Wharmby (three for 35), and Morcom (six for 37), who bowled splendidly in the Herts. second venture, backed up by some exceptionally good fielding. To sum up, this first county game showed us that Beds. have a splendid fielding side, and a more than useful set of bowlers. The batting failures, I fancy, need not be taken seriously, the conditions being all in favour of the man with the ball. It was a very long day's cricket on Tuesday, and I hasten to congratulate Mr. Orr and his men on their successful season's start. It should do the team themselves some good and will undoubtedly stimulate interest in the county town.

Cricket.

It seldom occurs that three and a half innings in county cricket are crowded into one day. That of itself would make the Beds. v. Herts. match this week noteworthy. Yet the one thing for which the match will long be remembered was the magnificent uphill fight the team waged during the last 90 minutes, after an exhibition of rank bad batting had to all appearances left their position hopeless. For anything like it in the annals of the club one has to go back to the renowned Staffordshire match, when after letting Barnes trundle them out for 23 Bedfordshire pulled off a great victory.

One could not help admiring the spirit of the men as they left the pavilion that last time. "We have won matches before when it seemed impossible, and we can again," observed one. And then the Staffs. precedent was mentioned, and several other brilliant eleventh hour recoveries. It was known that the wicket was getting faster and easier, but another consideration entered, viz., that a faster wicket was much more to the liking of Wharmby and Morcom.

After all, that small score in the second innings was a blessing in disguise. But for that, undoubtedly Beds. would have had to be satisfied with the three points for a first innings victory instead of the full five points, for even an optimistic sporting skipper like Mr. Orr dared not have risked his three points already won to have declared with such a total, treacherous as the wicket was. Allowance, too, must be made for the fact that this was the first slow wicket of the season.

When Bedfordshire began their second innings at 3.50, there was just a sporting chance that a definite conclusion might be reached. If Herts., who had nothing to lose now, and everything to gain, could get Bedfordshire out for a trifle and quickly, they might knock off the runs. In the first part of this proposition they succeeded beyond their fondest dreams. Burton at first was simply unplayable. While bowling very fast, he was keeping a perfect length, and making the ball twist and turn at will, and nip up from the pitch at an alarming pace. He was a real artist, and his performance delighted the crowd enormously. In his third and fourth overs, both maidens, he bowled Willett, got Orr given out the first ball, and bowled Apthorp and Wharmby, surely a bag good enough for any bowler.

It was in the second part of the proposition that the home county miscalculated grievously. They had ample time to make the 91 needed for victory, and when at 6 o'clock they had eight wickets in hand and only wanted 31 runs, it seemed a dead cert. for them. "But never prophesy until you know" is an exceptionally good maxim in cricket, and especially on a wicket like that. Herts. had their first doubts when Squire caught Cowley and Cuthbertson off consecutive balls and enabled Wharmby, who was working heroically, to smash up the partnership which was threatening big disaster. Then Morcom got on the spot. With only four runs added four more wickets had fallen. 27 runs and four wickets to fall is quite a different prospect to 31 runs and eight wickets to fall. Morcom was bowling like one possessed, mixing up fast shooters, yorkers, and that special deadly thing, which began to be known as the "sticker." Amid tense excitement, Morcom flung them down, and when Titchmarsh left, Herts. felt their case was hopeless. And it was.

Morcom was the star performer of the winning side. Besides his wonderful bowling, he batted admirably in both innings. There was one special delivery about which the opposing batsmen discoursed most eloquently. They knew exactly what it did, but they never knew when to expect it. It came to be known as the "sticker." In delivery and pace it was like the rest, but when it struck the pitch it seemed to stop dead, and then either shoot, or come up

slowly. In either case the batsman was caught napping, for if it shot it bowled him, and if he hit it he was invariably too soon and gave an easy catch.

Mr. Orr is to be congratulated on the management of his bowling, or rather, perhaps, in the confidence he displayed in Morcom and Wharmby. While R. Cowley and Cuthbertson were surely if laboriously piling on the runs and seemed likely to knock them off, he showed fine judgment in keeping his original bowlers on. A slip here would have meant the loss of the game. Both were bowling magnificently, as witness the eulogy of the Herts. batsmen. Nothing, either, was given away in the field. In that last innings, Bedfordshire, to a man, put everything they knew into it. Herts. pay the return visit next week, when another fine game should be seen on the Elstow School Ground.

Hertfordshire have a capture in young Burton. Mr. Orr formed a very high opinion of him, and his work in this match stamps him as a class bowler. He is the son of Burton, the old Middlesex cricketer; his brother was umpiring in this match and has played for Northants., so that he comes of cricketing stock. Last year he took over 70 wickets for Herts. He has a nice easy action, excellent length, and a splendid variety of balls, which he mixes with great art. His capture comes opportunely for Herts., as they have lost White, formerly a mainstay of their attack, who has been appointed one of the head professionals at Lords.

Wharmby has had a fine season so far with the Coventry and North Warwickshire Club. He has scored nearly 1,000 runs, and has an average of over 100. Among his innings are 120 (not out) v. Birmingham Non-descripts, 150 v. Sutton Coldfield, 87 v. Oratory School, Birmingham, 67 not out v. Yardley, 150 v. Uppingham Rovers and 72 v. Aston Unity.

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SUSSEX MARTLETS v. OXFORD UNIVERSITY AUTHENTICS.—Played at the County Ground, Hove, on June 26 and 27. Score:—

SUSSEX MARTLETS.		Second Innings.	
First Innings.		Second Innings.	
R. K. Simms, b Cartwright	4	c Belcher, b Snell	15
H. R. Kirby, b Cartwright	4	c Sandeman, b Graham	0
E. H. Holloway, c Sandeman, b Cartwright	23	b Sandeman	33
W. H. Hamsbotham, c Graham, b Cartwright	1	c Barley, b Cartwright	0
Hon. B. Butler, c and b Sandeman	0	c Barley, b Snell	28
G. C. Dowling, c and b Cartwright	16	c Belcher, b Snell	24
W. G. Heasman, b Snell	29	lbw, b Snell	7
A. F. Somers, c Boyd, b Sandeman	3	c Graham, b Snell	3
H. L. Havers, not out	12	b Cartwright	2
H. Keen, b Snell	0	c Boyd, b Snell	12
G. Hornung, b Sandeman	2	not out	2
B 3, lb 1, w 2	6	B 4, w 1	5
Total	100	Total	140

OXFORD UNIVERSITY AUTHENTICS.		Second Innings.	
First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Rev. A. H. Belcher, b Dowling	18	b Holloway	11
J. C. Masterman, b Dowling	1	run out	4
R. M. Heywood, c and b Dowling	17	b Holloway	4
G. H. M. Cartwright, c Somers, b Dowling	32	lbw, b Dowling	2
A. J. Boyd, c Kirby, b Dowling	12	b Holloway	2
J. E. Snell, c Ramsbotham, b Dowling	7	c Keen, b Dowling	23
G. J. P. Senhouse, c Kirby, b Simms	35	b Holloway	3
Affrench Blake, b Holloway	0	c Heasman, b Dowling	5
O. B. Graham, b Simms	3	b Dowling	6
J. C. Barley, not out	2	c Kirby, b Holloway	8
G. A. C. Sandeman, lbw, b Holloway	0	not out	1
B 9, lb 2, w 3	14	B 5, lb 1, w 4	10
Total	141	Total	80

DURHAM v. STAFFORDSHIRE.—Played at South Shields on June 21 and 22 and won by Staffordshire by an innings and 164 runs. Barnes carried off all the honours. Score and analysis:—

STAFFORDSHIRE.		Second Innings.	
First Innings.		Second Innings.	
E. H. Bourne, c Bewick, b Morris	15	Vost, c Bewick, b Adamson	44
Hollowood, c Henley, b Morris	0	Bucknell, b Morris	57
Barnes, c Gore, b Hendren	136	Dearing, not out	5
Fereday, c Ashley, b Morris	40	Deyes, c Bradford, b Morris	41
H. Ratcliffe, b Morris	0	Byes, &c.	18
P. Briggs, b Hendren	3	Total	396
Nicholls, b Harrison	37		

DURHAM.		Second Innings.	
First Innings.		Second Innings.	
C. Adamson, b Barnes	8	c Nicholls, b Bourne	0
T. A. Bradford, b Barnes	8	b Barnes	48
Hendren, lbw, b Barnes	1	lbw, b Barnes	41
W. Curry, st Dearing, b Barnes	11	c Dearing, b Barnes	1
Harrison, b Barnes	13	b Barnes	0
G. F. Gore, b Barnes	4	b Barnes	0
R. Healey, b Barnes	2	b Barnes	2
A. P. Ashley, st Dearing, b Bourne	4	not out	24
T. Coulson, b Barnes	3	b Nicholls	2
Morris, not out	4	b Barnes	20
J. Bewick, b Barnes	3	b Barnes	0
Byes, &c.	11	Byes, &c.	22
Total	72	Total	160

STAFFORDSHIRE.		Second Innings.	
O.	M.	R.	W.
Morris	36.5	4	123
Bewick	16	3	49
Hendren	22	2	84

DURHAM.		Second Innings.	
O.	M.	R.	W.
Barnes	19.4	6	37
Deyes	4	2	3
Nicholls	5	0	11
Bucknell	6	3	5
Bourne	4	0	5

Obituary.

G. ARBER.

George Arber, who died at 2, The Lees, Malvern, on June 22nd, aged 71, after a long illness, was for 39 years cricket professional and groundsman at Malvern College, coaching the Foster brothers and other Old Malvernians whose names are prominent in the cricket world. He was born at Cambridge on June 12th, 1841, and played his first match at Lord's, for Colts of the North v. Colts of the South, in May, 1869, when he obtained eleven wickets for 49 runs. In *Scores and Biographies* (xi., 15) he was described as "a fast round-armed bowler, and an average batsman. . . Height, 5 ft. 7 in., and weight 11 st. 6 lb."

Arber went to Malvern as professional in 1868 and was retained as groundsman until about four years ago. He was one of nature's gentlemen, commanding the respect of all who knew him and the affection of those who knew him best. His success in the match at Lord's in 1869 led him to be summoned to the pavilion and offered an engagement on the spot, but, having previously accepted the Malvern appointment, had to decline the honour. For some years he appeared occasionally in the Worcestershire eleven. He claimed to be the maker of the first cinder track for tennis.

HERTFORDSHIRE v. BEDFORDSHIRE.—Played at Bushey on June 26 and 27 and won by Bedfordshire by 9 runs. Score and analysis:—

HERTFORDSHIRE.		Second Innings.	
First Innings.		Second Innings.	
H. Willett, b Shelford	0	b Burton	2
R. N. Bocquet, st R. B. Cowley, b Shelford	13	c Shelford, b Burton	2
E. E. Athorp, c R. B. Cowley, b Burton	29	b Burton	1
H. R. Orr, c Burton, b Shelford	40	lbw, b Burton	0
Wharmby, c Household, b Shelford	5	b Burton	0
Holdstock, c Golding, b Burton	23	c Harford, b Shelford	3
H. Squire, b Burton	3	b Burton	16
A. F. Morcom, not out	22	b Shelford	0
Geary, lbw, b Shelford	3	c R. B. Cowley, b Shelford	0
T. Saunders, c Household, b Burton	3	not out	0
Pilgrim, lbw, b Burton	2	lbw, b Shelford	0
Byes, &c.	11	Byes, &c.	14
Total	154	Total	56

HERTFORDSHIRE.		Second Innings.	
First Innings.		Second Innings.	
J. N. Cowley, run out	5	b Morcom	0
Golding, b Morcom	26	c Holdstock, b Wharmby	9
R. B. Cowley, c Morcom, b Wharmby	0	c Squire, b Wharmby	27
E. H. Cuthbertson, c Geary, b Morcom	23	c Squire, b Wharmby	13
E. S. Household, c Bocquet, b Orr	4	c and b Morcom	5
C. H. Titchmarsh, c Morcom, b Wharmby	11	b Morcom	14
Coleman, not out	35	b Morcom	0
W. H. Marsh, b Morcom	3	run out	0
H. M. Harford, c Saunders, b Morcom	0	c and b Morcom	1
Benton, b Wharmby	3	c Pilgrim, b Morcom	0
Shelford, b Wharmby	10	not out	3
Byes, &c.	5	Byes, &c.	9
Total	120	Total	81

BEDFORDSHIRE.		Second Innings.	
O.	M.	R.	W.
Burton	24.3	3	52
Shelford	24	6	72
Marsh	2	1	10
Coleman	2	0	9

HERTFORDSHIRE.		Second Innings.	
O.	M.	R.	W.
Wharmby	21.3	9	36
Geary	7	0	16
Pilgrim	4	2	9
Morcom	15	4	35
Orr	4	0	19

HAMPSTEAD v. HANWELL ASYLUM.—Played at Hanwell Asylum on June 24. Score:—

HAMPSTEAD.		Second Innings.	
G.M. Hodgson, c Howell, b Springle	3	A. R. Litteljohn, c Whinney, b Saunders	46
T. H. Farmiloe, c Litteljohn, b Springle	11	F. Reynold, b Saunders	22
J. Mackie, b Springle	30	J. B. Howell, lbw, b Saunders	1
A. J. Saunders, b Litteljohn	0	C. L. Louch, b Saunders	0
W. Danby, c and b Litteljohn	11	B. Springle, run out	2
E. W. Whinney, c Briggs, b Springle	8	G. Brandon, c E. P. D. Davis, b Mackie	1
T. M. Farmiloe, b Litteljohn	0	J. Briggs, not out	3
De Tripp, st Sutton, b Litteljohn	17	A. Sutton, c H. P. Davis, b Mackie	13
L. J. Marcus, b Springle	17	E. Carter, b Mackie	5
H. P. Davis, b Litteljohn	3	J. Copper, b Saunders	0
E. P. D. Davis, not out	0	C. Lawyer, c and b Mackie	5
Byes, &c.	0	B 17, lb 4	21
Total	90	Total	119