

MATCH NUMBER 8: NORTHUMBERLAND V STAFFORDSHIRE

At The County Ground, Osborne Avenue, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne on Monday 19, Tuesday 20 June 1911

Result: Northumberland won by 45 runs Points: Northumberland 5

Toss: Umpires: Debutants: Northumberland

Staffordshire

First day score: Northumberland

Northumberland

S Anderson	b Barnes	4		c Nichols b Barnes	24
C F Stanger-Leathes	c & b Barnes	0		b Barnes	33
O Richardson	b Barnes	0		absent (death of sister)	
N E Barber	b Barnes	8		b Barnes	2
N R E Wilkinson	c Bourne b Barnes	0		c Dearing b Barnes	0
*F W Gillespie	b Barnes	2	(3)	b Barnes	35
B S Cumberledge	b Barnes	8		c Bucknell b Barnes	17
C M Skinner	c Dearing b Deyes	1		run out	1
G T Milne	b Deyes	0		b Deyes	25
+T Ullathorne	run out	13		not out	6
G Elsey	not out	1		b Deyes	1
Extras		4			1
Total		41			144

Fall of wickets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
First innings	1	1	4	4	14	15	18	18	34	41
Second innings	35	70	72	105	105	106	138	138	144	144

Barnes	11	5	16	7		(1)	22	6	57	6
Deyes	11	5	21	2		()	8.2	1	34	2
Bucknell						()	9	1	41	0
Vost						()	4	2	11	0
Extras	-	-	4	1	-	-			1	1
Total	22	10	41	10	-	-	43.2	10	144	9

Staffordshire

*P Briggs	b Elsey	5	()	c Elsey b Milne	3
Hollowood	c Anderson b Elsey	25	()	c Anderson b Milne	38
J B Fereday	c Milne b Elsey	1	()	lbw b Elsey	5
E Vost	b Elsey	0	()	b Elsey	0
H Ratcliff	st Ullathorne b Milne	20	()	b Milne	0
S F Barnes	c Elsey b Milne	11	()	lbw b Elsey	0
+H Dearing	c Barber b Milne	0	()	b Elsey	3
H E Bourne	b Elsey	0	()	b Elsey	0
J E Nichols	c Gillespie b Elsey	0	()	b Elsey	7
A Bucknell	c Elsey b Milne	1	()	b Elsey	10
G Deyes	not out	0	()	not out	5
Extras		2			5
Total		65			71

Fall of wickets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
First innings	10	12	12	41	57	59	64	64	65	65
Second innings	13	24	24	25	30	38	44	66	70	71

Skinner	1	0	10	0		()				
Milne	19.2	9	25	4		(2)	20	7	29	3
Elsey	19	6	28	6		(1)	20.5	8	37	7
Extras	-	-	2	0	-	-	-	-	5	0
Total	39.2	15	65	10	-	-	40.5	15	71	10

Notes:

[Missing: Toss, breakdown of extras

Sources:

STAFFORDSHIRE - NORTHUMBERLAND.

The Staffordshire cricket team paid their annual visit to Northumberland and Durham this week. As last year, the "Northern tour" synchronized with "Race Week" at Newcastle, when Tyne-side keeps holiday and many thousands of people flock to the side help to swell the holiday crowds that throng the streets and pavilions every form of public entertainment and amusement, not only in Newcastle but throughout the large and busy district of which Newcastle is the centre. Staffordshire's fixtures were with Northumberland at the beautiful Jesmond ground at Newcastle on Monday and Tuesday, and against Durham at Westgate, near Gosforth, on Wednesday and Thursday. In both of these counties a healthy keenness is evinced in county cricket, and the general holiday and the attractiveness of the Staffordshire XI. combined to secure very large attendances at both matches. The crowd at Jesmond on Tuesday and at Westgate on Wednesday considerably outnumbered the best attendance seen at Stoke. The two matches furnished a great contrast in the batting of the Staffordshire side. Against Northumberland it was unaccountably weak and lacking in enterprise, but against Durham, whose bowling is probably stronger than that of their neighbours, it was whole-hearted and even powerful. The result of the Northumberland match was disappointing, especially after the splendid start made on Monday morning, when the home county were dismissed for 41, and Staffordshire passed this score with only three wickets down, but from this point the display of the visiting team was quite unworthy of them. The batting collapsed in an extraordinary manner, and only a trifling amount of means was available for lack of fielding and a short spell of rather loose bowling enabled the home team to make a fair recovery and set Staffordshire 121 runs to make for victory. This task ought, however, to have been readily accomplished, but the batting broke down again and the match was lost by 41 runs. A more despicable exhibition has rarely been given by Staffordshire batsmen. The bowling was no doubt good, but a little enterprise would probably have won the victory which was pretty generally anticipated. The bowling records of Barnes and Eley were the outstanding feature of the game, and credit must be given to Hollowood for some sound and watchful, if not very aggressive, batting. Westgate was captained by Stanger-Leathes, and Staffordshire lacked the services of B. Meakin, E. H. Bourne, and L. F. Taylor. H. E. Bourne was given another trial, and Feraday came into the team. The captaincy devolved upon P. Briggs.

The sun was shining brightly when about 90 minutes before noon on Monday the Staffordshire team took the field, the home captain having won the toss and taken first innings. Northumberland sent in two men of free-scoring temperament in C. F. Stanger-Leathes and S. Anderson, but against Barnes's bowling they made a disastrous start, from which the side were not able to recover. With only one run scored, Barnes called for a new ball, and Stanger-Leathes with the fifth ball of the match and the first the batsman had received. Richardson, a seasoned professional who has made a lot of runs for his county, followed, but he was unluckily out in Barnes's next over. Two wickets for one run was a bad start, but there was worse to come. N. E. Barber joined Barnes, and the latter bowled two and a single run from Deyes, who opened the bowling at the other end. On facing Barnes, however, Anderson was "belled" by a beauty, whilst in the next over N. R. E. Wilkinson, trying to hit to leg a ball of good length with some egg spin on it, edged it up to leg slip where Bert Bourne made a comfortable catch. This put Barnes on his feet for two wickets for one run and the total had only reached four. F. W. Gillespie, the home captain and one of the very best batsmen in second-class cricket, then joined Barnes, who betrayed a propensity for hitting. He got Barnes away nicely to the fine-leg boundary, and lifted him over extra-cover to the pavilion rails, but in having done this put Barnes on his feet for two wickets for one run and the total had only reached four. F. W. Gillespie, the home captain and one of the very best batsmen in second-class cricket, then joined Barnes, who betrayed a propensity for hitting. He got Barnes away nicely to the fine-leg boundary, and lifted him over extra-cover to the pavilion rails, but in having done this put Barnes on his feet for two wickets for one run and the total had only reached four. F. W. Gillespie, the home captain and one of the very best batsmen in second-class cricket, then joined Barnes, who betrayed a propensity for hitting. He got Barnes away nicely to the fine-leg boundary, and lifted him over extra-cover to the pavilion rails, but in having done this put Barnes on his feet for two wickets for one run and the total had only reached four.

to the score a beautiful ball, that whipped back from the off, bowled the Staffordshire captain. Two runs later, Feraday was taken in the slips from a ball that rose a little, and lost playfully to all he received. Barnes then struck a ball which rebounded into the wicket—a piece of extremely ill luck for the batsman and the side. Three wickets had thus gone for 12 runs, and Eley had taken them all for one run, when H. Ratcliff joined Hollowood. As against Cheshire at Stoke, the two made an invaluable stand, and both played really good cricket. Indeed, Hollowood has again proved of great value to the side, and the Staffordshire recruit has already won confidence and bats with the coolness and soundness of a veteran. The pair had only added seven runs, during the scoring of which lightning was playing about the ground and thunder crackling like artillery fire, when the rain came down again. For about three-quarters of an hour the bowlers continued heavily, and attempts to protect the footmarks with tarpaulins were so unsuccessful that there were puddles at each end of the wicket when the rain ceased. The consequence was a wait of altogether about three hours. It was 5.40 when play was resumed, and it was soon evident that the rain had not improved the pitch. Hollowood got two runs from Eley, two to leg and one fine off drive, but Barnes was expected to take the wicket under the ball in turning the right-handed bowler to leg, and was caught in the deep field. He had been at the wicket an hour. Barnes was applauded when he walked to the wicket, and he and Ratcliff scored quietly, the half-century appearing 70 minutes from the start of the two sides playing out time, but Barnes unhappily touched the ball with his bat, and was caught at first slip with five minutes left for play. B. Dearing played through a couple of overs, but tried to score on the leg side from Milne just on time, and was caught by a fielder in an unusual position as a kind of extra mid-on. Thus six wickets were down, and the batting was in a bad way for the day, and Ratcliff was not out with 15 to his credit, having been at the wicket nearly an hour.

Tuesday was a glorious day, the sun shined brilliantly and continuously, and a cool breeze blowing across the pretty Jesmond ground. The effect of the sun and wind upon the wicket appeared to be to make it still difficult, and, except for a short time at the beginning of the home county's second innings, the bowlers had matters largely their own way. The resumption of the game at 11.5 was followed by startling and lamentable developments for Staffordshire. Ratcliff (15) was out for the second time by Nichols, who was caught high up in the slips at 64. H. E. Bourne followed, and Ratcliff hit one four before stepping out to the left-hand and being stepped. His 50 occupied 70 minutes, and though his hits included 3 sixes, many of them were hard, low off drives which were aided near the boundary. Bourne did not shape well, and left at 65, whilst Bucknell was caught in the slips at the same total, and the innings closed at 11.25. Twenty minutes' play had sufficed to dispose of Staffordshire's four outstanding batsmen for an addition of six runs, and instead of a winning margin on the first day, Ratcliff (15) was out for the second time by the dismissal of Northumberland, Staffordshire had only the small advantage of 24 runs. Eley and Milne had bowled exceedingly well, and whilst the former was turning sharply from the off, the left-hander made them go from the leg appreciably. But when he has been bowled, it is not possible to describe the Staffordshire batting, taken as a whole, as other than weak. Man after man was cramped and timid, and one sighed for someone to take an aggressive attitude and attack the bowling with some spirit, even as the Northumberland amateurs did that of Staffordshire when they went in to face the deficit of 24 runs at 11.25.

Facing Barnes, Anderson was hit late to the rails, got him to the square leg boundary, and off drove him to the pavilion rails, scoring 12 from the first over. Bucknell was the other bowler, and the batsmen taking a short run on the off, Nichols gave away four overthrows. The batsmen were smart between the wickets, and Anderson was in telling fashion. He hit Bucknell round to leg for four and cut a short one from the same bowler behind point to the boundary, so that the arrears were wiped out and 35 scored in 15 minutes. Anderson then failed in an attempt to hook a short ball from Barnes and put it up close on the leg side. Nichols ran from short leg and, by a fine catch, Anderson's innings included five fours. Stanger-Leathes, who joined by Gillespie, and Deyes took the ball from Bucknell. Neither bowler had been at all steady in his length, but the bowling improved and the scoring slowed down considerably. However, Deyes favoured Stanger-Leathes with a full pitch, which went for four to the leg side and was returned by a square leg hit to the boundary, which sent up 50 to 35 at the start. Staffordshire's advantage having now entirely disappeared. Barnes gave Stanger-Leathes a half-volley, which was promptly on-driven clean out of the field for six, and when Gillespie got to that end he hit a very short one to leg for four. Just prior to this he had given Barnes an easy return, which the bowler should have better taken with difficulty, but taking it rather too easily, Barnes had the misfortune to drop it. The second wicket realized exactly the same number of runs as the first, and when at last Barnes bowled Stanger-Leathes the total had reached 70. The out-going batsman had been 55 minutes at the wicket and hit a six, a five (four for an overthrow) and three fours. He fell in trying to drive the ball turning from the leg and hitting the off-stump. Barber was soon bowled in precisely the same way, but Gillespie and Cumberlege made a further stand, and Vost took up the bowling in place of Deyes, but Gillespie got him to the leg boundary and cut him late for four. Barnes was now having a much better length than at the start, and he seemed able to "do" more on the wicket than while it retained the immediate effect of the roller. Cumberlege was uncomfortable with Barnes, and was several times beaten, but when Bucknell resumed, Vost, Gillespie got three fours from him in succession—two leg hits and an off drive—scoring up 100 at 1.10 at the result 85 minus batting. Barnes beat the Northumbrian captain a number of times. He went forward to one on the leg stump which went sharply away and missed the off stump, but, trying to drive the next ball, he was bowled. He had been at the wicket 70 minutes and hit six runs. Wilkinson fell to a smart catch at the wicket from the first ball he received, and Skinner foulishly ran himself out a run later. Cumberlege and Milne effected yet another stand, however, the former batting in stolid fashion, and the left-hander hitting in lusty and lucky fashion. He was almost caught at cover-point before lunch from Bucknell, and should have been quite easily taken at point by Hollowood from Barnes after lunch, with his score at 16. Deyes shared the bowling with Barnes on the resumption, and both batsmen put the ball up in the

slips in dangerous manner. Both left at 138, Cumberlege finely caught at mid-off, and Milne having his off stump shot out of the ground by Deyes, who was now bowling his fastest. He soon served Eley in the same manner, and Richardson, being absent owing to a sudden bereavement, the innings closed for 144 at 2.45, having occupied 2 1/2 hours. Cumberlege was batting 80 minutes for his 17 runs.

Set 121 runs to get for victory, Staffordshire entered upon the task at 3 o'clock with P. Briggs and Hollowood, the bowling being shared by Eley and Milne. Hollowood came Eley for four and drove him just out of the reach of mid-off the boundary, but the Staffordshire captain was not comfortable and put one from the left-hander up at mid-wicket in dangerous fashion. With 13 scored, Briggs played forward at Milne, and the ball turning a little from the leg he smacked it into the hands of Eley at a short slip. The fielders rolled over in taking a low catch. Feraday, joined Hollowood, and the total rose slowly to 20, when seven maiden overs were bowled in succession. Feraday was missed at the wicket from Eley, and then the batsmen snatched a sharp single, the first run scored for 20 minutes. Both men were bowling wonderfully well, and the batsmen were strictly on the defensive, not a loose ball being sent down. The home side was also fielding keenly and making a bold bid for victory. Their keenness was rewarded with a series of successes, for in the next quarter of an hour four wickets went down for an addition of six runs, to the great delight of the spectators, who had largely increased in numbers. The net set in when Feraday, playing forward to Eley, missed the ball and was bowled with the total at 24. Vost had a most unfortunate and remarkable experience, for, as in the first innings, he was dismissed by the first ball he received. This time he was clean bowled. H. Ratcliff stopped a few balls in confident style, but facing Milne had his off stump upset by a good ball that turned from the leg. Barnes looked like helping Hollowood to stop the roll, but he, too, was given out for obstruction—a decision which will appear to commend itself to him. Nichols scored seven out of eight, getting Eley round to leg for four, but the next ball whipped back quickly and bowled his middle stump. Hollowood appeared quite comfortable, but the tale of disaster continued at the other end, for Bourne was bowled all over his wicket, and seven men were out for 44. Hollowood and Bucknell added 27, but Eley bowled the North Staffordshire man, and then Hollowood's great effort came to an end, for, lifting Milne to long-off, he was caught, after being at the wicket an hour and 40 minutes. He gave no chance, and his resistance to the bowling did not furnish a flattering commentary upon the batting of the remainder of the side. Dearing soon succumbed, the innings was over in an hour and three-quarters, and Staffordshire were thoroughly beaten. Their batting had been put to the test and found wanting. The following are the scores and analysis—

Table with 2 columns: 1st Innings and 2nd Innings. Lists players and their scores for both teams.

Table with 2 columns: 1st Innings and 2nd Innings. Lists players and their scores for Staffordshire.

Table with 2 columns: 1st Innings and 2nd Innings. Lists players and their scores for Northumberland.

Table with 2 columns: 1st Innings and 2nd Innings. Lists players and their scores for Staffordshire.

MATCH NUMBER 8: NORTHUMBERLAND V STAFFORDSHIRE

At The County Ground, Osborne Avenue, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne on Monday 19, Tuesday 20 June 1911

Result: Northumberland won by 45 runs Points: Northumberland 5

Toss:

Umpires:

Debutants: Northumberland

Staffordshire

First day score: Northumberland

Umpires J.Gregory & S.Atkinson

Toss Northumberland

Northumberland 1st Inns

4 byes

Staffordshire 1st Inns

1 bye 1 no ball (Bowled by Elsey)

Close of play (Staffordshire 1st Inns 59-6 (Ratcliff 15 n.o.)

Northumberland 2nd Inns

Cumberledge (5), Wilkinson (6) , Skinner (7), Milne (8), Ullathorne (9), Elsey (10)

1 no ball bowled by Barnes

Staffordshire 2nd Inns

Nicholls(7), Bucknell (9), Dearing (10)

4 byes and 1 leg bye

Notes: Northumberland won this first match of Staffordshire's Northern tour, after being bowled out for 41 in the 1st innings turned the game around. Barnes match figures of 13-73 for Staffordshire were slightly outshone by Elsey's 13-65 for Northumberland in a match dominated by the bowling. Three hours were lost to heavy rain on the Monday from 220 to 540, and as reported it was soon evident that the weather had not improved the pitch.

[Missing:

Sources: Staffordshire Annual Report, Staffordshire CCC scorebook, Staffordshire Advertiser (June 24)