

**MATCH NUMBER 86: BERKSHIRE V CORNWALL – MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP**Played at Reading on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August 1911

Result: Berkshire won by 9 wickets Points: Berkshire 5

Toss: Umpires: Debutants:

First day score:

<b>Cornwall</b>										
W N Bickford-Smith	b Hawkesworth	2	( )	not out						57
A S Whitworth	c Nepean b Hawkesworth	4	( )	c Woodburn b Hawkesworth						8
*H Tresawna	c Shoosmith b Willcocks	11	( )	run out						15
Dr. W S Tresawna	st E F Rowe b Lockhart	10	( )	c Woodburn b Hawkesworth						16
J C Bickford-Smith	c Belcher b Lockhart	2	( )	c Lockhart b Belcher						6
T Romer	b Hawkesworth	35	( )	c Woodburn b Hawkesworth						0
+R F Vibart	c Nepean b Belcher	149	( )	b Belcher						14
R Maunsell	st E F Rowe b Lockhart	4	( )	c E F Rowe b Belcher						6
C Trevarthen	c Bennett b Lockhart	1	( )	b Belcher						12
E Hawkin	c Lockhart b Belcher	37	( )	c & b Woodburn						42
F J Whiting	not out	0	( )	b Belcher						0
Extras		12								16
<b>Total</b>	<b>(all out)</b>	<b>267</b>		<b>(all out)</b>						<b>192</b>

Fall of wickets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
First innings	2	6		41	108			128	258	267
Second innings							117			192

Hawkesworth	24	9	53	3	-	-	( )	21	8	60	3	-	-
Lockhart	24	6	79	4	-	3	( )	11	1	54	0	-	-
Willcocks	5	1	20	1									
Shoosmith	2	0	18	0									
Woodburn	8	0	47	0			( )	3	0	17	1		
Belcher	5.4	0	38	2			( )	12.3	0	45	5		
Extras	-	-	12	0	-	-				16	1	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>68.4</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>47.3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>Berkshire</b>										
H Brougham	b W N Bickford-Smith	49	( )	c J C Bickford-Smith b Whiting						24
W F Willcocks	c W N Bickford-Smith b Hawkin	40								
G G M Bennett	c Maunsell b Trevarthen	105	( )	not out						67
H Shoosmith	c W S Tresawna b H Tresawna	41	( )	not out						31
F E Rowe	b Whiting	30								
DR. W Y Woodburn	b W N Bickford-Smith	28								
G Belcher	c Romer b W N Bickford-Smith	4								
G M Hawkesworth	c H Tresawna b Whiting	4								
+Capt. E F Rowe	c Hawkin b Whiting	4								
J H B Lockhart	not out	4								
Sir C Y Nepean	b Whiting	7								
Extras		20								5
<b>Total</b>	<b>(all out)</b>	<b>336</b>		<b>(1 wicket)</b>						<b>127</b>

Fall of wickets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
First innings		155		278						336
Second innings										

Whiting	22	2	103	4	-	-	( )	13	3	59	1	-	-
Hawkin	8	0	64	0			( )	3	0	20	0		
Trevarthen	15	3	39	1			( )	8	1	23	0		
H Tresawna	12	2	43	1									
Maunsell	3	0	21	0									
Bickford-Smith	8	1	46	4			( )	2	0	18	0		
Extras	-	-	20	0	-	-		-	-	5	0	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>26</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Notes:

[Missing: Toss, umpires breakdown of extras, fall of wickets &amp; close of play score

Sources: The Chronicle



**BERKS v. CORNWALL.**

The second match of the Reading week was versus Cornwall, and what would be an interesting finish was won early on Thursday afternoon by Berkshire by nine wickets. On Wednesday there was a better attendance—in fact, the improvement in this respect has been very satisfactory this season. The visitors went to the wickets first, and the first batsmen made a poor show against Hawksworth, Lockhart and Willocks. Mr. W. N. Bickford Smith was clean bowled by Hawksworth for two, and with the score at 6 the second wicket—Mr. A. S. Whitworth—fell. The third and fourth wickets also were got rid of cheaply, and with the score at 41 for 4 matters looked bad for the west countrymen. Mr. Romer and Vibart then became associated, and runs came much quicker. When Mr. Romer was nicely bowled by Hawksworth the score had reached 108, of which the outgoing batsman claimed 35. Vibart continued to hit freely, scoring plenty of singles and two's—Berkshire's fielding did not let many get as far as the boundary—but for a time no one stayed with him to any appreciable extent. At length Mr. Hawkin, coming in eighth wicket down—the score then being 129—things improved for Cornwall. The newcomer played confidently, but let Vibart do most of the scoring, contenting himself with hitting only the loose balls. Mr. Lockhart's bowling proved to the liking of the pair, and he was given a rest; other bowlers, however, were in turn mastered. Two hundred was reached and a separation was still to be effected. Applause greeted the announcement of Vibart reaching his century, and when the ninth wicket fell the partnership had added no fewer than a hundred and thirty runs to the total. The last wicket took the score another nine runs on, and the innings closed for 257—the highest score registered against Berkshire this season. Over half of this number, however, must be credited to one man—Vibart, who came within one run of 150 when the Berkshire captain caught him off Mr. Belcher. It was a splendid innings, and included a six and nine four's.

**ANOTHER CENTURY.**

Mr. Willocks accompanied Mr. Brougham to the wickets to commence Berkshire's innings, and for a time both played themselves in. Then each began to score, the Oxonian being the faster to register the runs. When Mr. Willocks was out he had scored forty runs. Mr. Bennett came on the scene and soon found the bowling to his liking, and runs now came at a good rate. The pair were still in when the hundred was hoisted and again when 150 was shown they were together. Five runs later Mr. W. N. Bickford Smith beat Mr. Brougham, and the batsmen left having made a score of 49, the Berkshire total then being 155 for the loss of two wickets. The next man in was Shoosmith, and he, too, found his form, and was the third man on the side who, when he left, had over 40 to his credit. Mr. F. E. Rowe and Mr. Bennett played nicely, and had the satisfaction of passing the visitors' total. Eleven runs on the fourth wicket fell, and with Mr. Bennett dismissed, others fell also. Mr. Bennett, who made 105, hit two six's and fifteen four's, and played fine cricket. Dr. Woodburn was another batsman who started well, and at the close of play had scored 27, and was undefeated. Berkshire were then 56 runs on and had two wickets to fall. The splendid batting side which the home county have was evidenced by the fact that the last two on the list were Mr. J. H. B. Lockhart and Sir Charles Nepean! In the Cornwall second innings Mr. Belcher bowled splendidly, and five of the wickets fell to him at an average of nine each. Hawksworth took 3 for 20 and Dr. Woodburn had one for 17. Mr. W. N. Bickford Smith claimed four Berks first-innings wickets for 4s.

**BERKSHIRE WINNERS.**

On the resumption of play on Thursday morning Dr. Woodburn added only one to his score, when he was dismissed, and the innings was brought to a close soon after with the score at 336—a lead of 68. Cornwall did not do so well in their second innings, and Mr. Belcher and Hawksworth were not stood up to for long, and then excellent bowling was backed up by excellent fielding. Another late stand was made after the seventh wicket had fallen for 117—Mr. W. N. Bickford Smith, who scored 57 not out, and Mr. E. Hawkin 42, obtained runs freely, and the score in the end reached 132. It ought not to have done so, as the Berks men dropped three or four catches in the field which, if held, would probably have kept the score under the hundred. Berkshire were thus set 125 to win with all the afternoon to do it in. The innings was opened by Mr. Bennett and Mr. Brougham, and the latter commenced hitting at once. He played first-class cricket and made some delightful strokes, while Mr. Bennett was seen to make some excellent cuts. Thirty was soon on the board, and then Mr. Brougham should have

been caught at square leg, but the fielder was too deep. The batsman was out soon after through Mr. J. C. Bickford Smith holding a hot drive, after Mr. Brougham had scored 24. Shoosmith came to partner Mr. Bennett, and then the pace slackened down. One ball turned up nasty and hit Mr. Bennett just below the heart, and for a minute or so play was stopped. When it was resumed Mr. Bennett was hardly himself, and for a time runs came very slowly. After a while both batsmen began to hit out again, but both ought to have been caught. Long stop failed to hold one from Mr. Bennett, and the very next ball was hit round to leg by Shoosmith, and square leg misjudged it. After these misses both batsmen played out the game, the necessary runs having been obtained in an hour and ten minutes. At the close Mr. Bennett was not out 67 and Shoosmith not out 31. Full scores and analysis:—

**Cornwall.—First innings.**

W. N. Bickford Smith b Hawksworth	2
A. S. Whitworth c Nepean b Hawksworth	4
H. Trosawna c Shoosmith b Willocks	11
Dr. Trosawna at Capt. Rowe b Lockhart	10
J. C. Bickford Smith c Belcher b Lockhart	2
F. Romer b Hawksworth	35
Vibart c Nepean b Belcher	149
R. Maunsell at Capt. Rowe b Lockhart	4
Trevarthen c Bennett b Lockhart	1
E. Hawkin c Lockhart b Belcher	37
Whiting not out	0
Extras	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>267</b>

**Cornwall.—Second innings.**

H. Trosawna run out	15
A. S. Whitworth c Woodburn b Hawksworth	8
J. C. Bickford Smith c Lockhart b Belcher	6
Dr. Trosawna c Woodburn b Hawksworth	16
Vibart b Belcher	14
F. Romer c Woodburn b Hawksworth	0
W. N. Bickford Smith not out	57
R. Maunsell c Capt. Rowe b Belcher	6
Trevarthen b Belcher	12
E. Hawkin c and b Woodburn	42
Whiting b Belcher	0
Extras	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>192</b>

**Berkshire.—First innings.**

H. Brougham b W. N. Bickford Smith	49
W. F. Willocks c W. N. Bickford Smith b Hawkin	40
G. G. M. Bennett c Maunsell b Trevarthen	105
Shoosmith c Dr. Trosawna b H. Trosawna	41
F. E. Rowe b Whiting	30
Dr. W. Y. Woodburn b W. R. Bickford Smith	23
G. Belcher c Romer b W. N. Bickford Smith	4
Hawksworth c H. Trosawna b Whiting	4
Capt. B. E. Rowe c Hawkin b Whiting	4
J. H. B. Lockhart not out	7
Sir C. Y. Nepean b Whiting	20
Extras	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>356</b>

**Berkshire.—Second innings.**

H. Brougham c J. C. Bickford Smith b Whiting	24
G. G. M. Bennett not out	67
Shoosmith not out	31
Extras	5
<b>Total (1 wicket)</b>	<b>127</b>

**BOWLING ANALYSIS.**

**Berkshire.—First innings.**

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Whiting	22	2	163	3
Hawkin	8	0	64	0
Trevarthen	15	3	39	1
H. Trosawna	12	2	43	1
Maunsell	3	0	21	0
W. N. B. Smith	8	1	46	4

**Berkshire.—Second innings.**

Whiting	15	3	59	1
W. N. B. Smith	2	0	18	0
Trevarthen	9	1	23	0
Hawkin	3	0	20	0

**Cornwall.—First innings.**

Hawksworth	24	9	53	3
Lockhart	24	6	79	4
Willocks	5	1	20	1
Shoosmith	8	0	18	0
Woodburn	8	0	47	0
Belcher	5.4	0	38	2

**Lockhart delivered 3 no-balls.**

**Cornwall.—Second innings.**

Hawksworth	21	8	60	3
Lockhart	11	1	54	0
Belcher	12.3	0	45	5
Woodburn	3	0	17	1

**BERKSHIRE AND THE CHAMPIONSHIP.**

Under ordinary circumstances Berkshire's win on Wednesday and Thursday would have assured them of the championship of the south and west division irrespective of the result of yesterday's and to-day's games against Devonshire, for Surrey 2nd, their nearest opponents, have lost a match and won one on the first innings only. But last year Surrey introduced a rule whereby the runners-up can—if the teams have not met during the season—challenge the first county for the championship. The reason for the rule was that Berkshire last year were given as champions, while Glamorgan had as good a general record, and had the teams not a different result might have been arrived at. Under this new rule, then, Surrey 2nd, who are at the present moment second, have issued a challenge to Berkshire. This proceeding was premature as it was received by the Berkshire Committee on Wednesday. Had Berkshire lost the Cornwall match and should Devon have won, Surrey would have been on top.

**THE MATCH v. SURREY.**

Arrangements have been made with regard to playing Surrey, and Mr. Croom is busy preparing a pitch. The match—if it takes place, will probably be played on Wednesday and Thursday next, so the Wednesday folk should make a point of seeing it, as it is sure to be the most interesting game played at the County Ground this summer. Surrey will be sure to put out a strong side, and the rules of the competition do not debar them from playing first-class men. Should Berkshire succeed—no one, of course, thinks of defeat—they will have to play Staffordshire or Bedfordshire for the championship of the whole minor counties. It will probably be Bedfordshire. The Minor Counties (south and west) table is appended:—

**MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP. SOUTH AND WEST DIVISION.**

	P.	W.	L.	W. L.	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	Points.	Per Cent.
Berkshire	8	8	0	0	0	40	40	100.00								
Surrey 2nd	8	6	1	0	0	40	33	82.50								
Kent 2nd	9	7	2	0	0	43	35	77.77								
Glamorgan	9	6	2	1	0	45	33	73.33								
Monmouth	7	4	2	1	0	35	21	60.00								
Bucks	8	2	4	1	1	40	14	35.00								
Dorset	5	0	3	3	0	30	9	30.00								
Devon	8	2	8	0	3	40	18	32.50								
Cornwall	7	3	5	0	0	35	10	28.57								
Wiltshire	9	3	8	0	1	45	1	2.22								
Carmarthen	7	0	7	0	0	35	0	0								

The match Berkshire v. Carmarthenshire at Llanelly on August 4th, which was abandoned before either side had completed an innings, is not included in the table.

THE DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAINED.

By virtue of their win over Cornwall, Berkshire, for the second season in succession, succeeded in winning the division of the Minor Counties Cricket Championship to which they are attached. Before, however, they can claim the Minor Counties Championship itself they have two matches to play and win. A new rule states that the runners-up in a division may challenge the champions on condition that they do not meet them in the competition.

Surrey 2nd are the runners-up in the division in which Berkshire figure, and as no fixtures were arranged between Berkshire and Surrey 2nd, the latter have taken advantage of the rule and issued a challenge to Berkshire. Surrey 2nd have lost one match. Should Berkshire beat Surrey 2nd they play the champions of the other section of the Minor Counties Championship Competition for championship honours.

Table with 2 columns: 1st Innings, 2nd Innings. Lists players and scores for Cornwall.

Table with 2 columns: 1st Innings, 2nd Innings. Lists players and scores for Berkshire.

ANALYSIS OF THE BOWLING.

Table with 2 columns: CORNWALL—First Innings, BERKSHIRE—First Innings. Shows bowling statistics.

Table with 2 columns: CORNWALL—Second Innings, BERKSHIRE—Second Innings. Shows bowling statistics.

ROLLING ANALYSIS.

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ROLLING ANALYSIS.

Table with 2 columns: CORNWALL—Second Innings, BERKSHIRE—Second Innings. Shows rolling statistics.

Berkshire v. Cornwall.

Berkshire's second match of the week commenced on Wednesday, when Cornwall were the visitors. Only one change was made in the home county's team, F. E. Rowe coming in for Mr. Murdoch. The attendance of spectators was small when Cornwall, having won the toss, started their first innings very badly. They lost the first wicket with the score at five, and another with only one run added, and half the side was out for 41. Sixty-seven runs were added for the sixth wicket by Vibart and Romer, but it was the ninth wicket partnership of Vibart and Hawken which made the stand of the innings, these two putting on 130 runs. Vibart, who has not previously reached his half-century, although twice within two or three runs of it, batted splendidly for his total of 149, which included four 6's and eighteen 4's. The innings totalled 267. Berkshire made an excellent start when their turn came to bat. H. Brougham and H. F. Willcocks commenced scoring rapidly and each got into the forties. G. G. M. Bennett succeeded Willcocks, and quickly settled down to delightfully free cricket. Shoosmith and F. E. Rowe made useful partners, and the score mounted at a great pace, the third century being well in sight when Bennett's fine innings of 105 came to an end. He hit two 6's and fifteen 4's. In the last half-hour Berkshire fared badly, for G. Belcher, Capt. Rowe and Hawken fell to very poor strokes, but at the end of the day the home county held a lead of over 50 runs with two wickets still in hand.

Berkshire's first innings lead was increased to 69 on Thursday morning. The visitors did poorly against some excellent bowling in their second innings and eight wickets went down for 117 runs. W. N. Bickford-Smith, who was batting very steadily, was then joined by Trevarthen, and these two put on 75 runs before they were parted. The whole side was out for 192, so that Berkshire were left with 124 to get to win. These were obtained for the loss of Mr. Brougham's wicket, Mr. Bennett again batting well for his 67 not out. The match ended early in the afternoon in a victory for Berkshire by nine wickets.

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ROLLING ANALYSIS.

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ROLLING ANALYSIS.

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Berkshire to Play Surrey II.

Berkshire will play Surrey II. next Wednesday and Thursday on the Reading Amateur Sports Club ground, and the winners will qualify to play in the deciding match with the winners of the North and East Division.

To the Editor.

Sir,—For the second year in succession Berkshire has come out top of their group in the Minor Counties Cricket Championship. A semi-final match has now to be played with Surrey II., and this will take place on the Sports Club Ground on Wednesday and Thursday next, the 23rd and 24th inst. It is hoped that all lovers of cricket will support, by their presence, the county team, who have played such a good game with such success.

Yours, CHARLES TURNER, Major, Hon. Secretary.

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ACSH/MCCA COLLECTION OF MINOR COUNTIES SCORES PROJECT : 1895 TO DATE

MATCH NUMBER: 7 HOME TEAM: BERKSHIRE VERSUS: CORNWALL  
 Ground: READING Venue: Date: 16/17 AUGUST 1911  
 Toss won by: ? Result: Berkshire won by 9 wickets

BATTING CORNWALL										FIRST INNINGS:					SECOND INNINGS				
Ord	Name	How Out	Runs	Mins	Balls	6s	4s	Ord	How Out	Runs	Mins	Balls	6s						
1	W B/SMITH	l. Hawkesworth	2						N. O.	57									
2	A. WHITWORTH	c Nepean	4						c Woodson l. Hawkesworth	8									
3	H. TRGSAWNA	c Shoosmith & Willocks	11						RUN OUT	15									
4	W. TRGSAWNA	St Rome & Lockhart	10						c Woodson & Hawkesworth	15									
5	J B/SMITH	c Belcher	2						c Lockhart & Belcher	5									
6	T ROMER	l. Hawkesworth	35						c Woodson & Hawkes	0									
7	VIBART	c Nepean & Belcher	149						l. Belcher	14									
8	R. MAUNSELL	St Rome & Lockhart	4						St Rome & "	6									
9	TRFVARTHEN	c Bennett	1						l. "	42									
10	E. HAWKEN	c Lockhart & Belcher	30						c & l. Woodson	12									
11	WHITING	N. O.	0						l. Belcher	0									
Extras			12					b lb w nb			16								
TOTAL			267					Mins: Overs:			192								

BATTING BERKS.										FIRST INNINGS:					SECOND INNINGS				
Ord	Name	How Out	Runs	Mins	Balls	6s	4s	Ord	How Out	Runs	Mins	Balls	6s						
1	WILLOX	c B/SMITH & HAWKEN	36																
2	BROUGHAM	l. B/SMITH	42					1	c J B/SMITH & WHITING	24									
3	BENNETT	c Maunsell & Trivett	106					2	N. O.	67									
4	E. ROWE (NK)	l. Whiting	30						l.										
5	SHOOSMITH	c W. Trice & H. Trice	41					3	N. O.	31									
6	B. CLICHER	c Romer & W B/SMITH	4																
7	HAWKSWORTH	c H. Trice & Whiting	4																
8	Capt. ROWE	c Hawken & W B/SMITH	17																
9	Dr WOODBURN	l. "	29																
10	J. LOCKHART	N. O.	4																
11	Sr. C. NEPEAN	l. Whiting	7																
Extras			20					b lb w nb			5								
TOTAL			336					Mins: Overs:			127	-	1						

BOWLING										FIRST INNS:					SECOND INNINGS					FALL OF WICKETS		
Ord	Name	O	M	R	W	w	nb	Ord	O	M	R	W	w	nb	Wkt	1st	2nd	1st				
1															1st							
2															2nd							
3															3rd							
4															4th							
5															5th							
6															6th							
7															7th							
8															8th							
9															9th							
10															10th							
Extras/ROs																						
TOTAL															Close of Play:							
Ord	Name	O	M	R	W	w	nb	Ord	O	M	R	W	w	nb								
1																						
2															Umpires:							
3															Scorers: -							
4															Debutants: -							
5															Sources: R. C. G							
6															24/8/1911							
7															Completed by: C. Clarke							
8															Date: 21/1/02							
9																						
10																						
Extras																						
TOTAL																						

Bowling figures a/a.

**CRICKET.**

**BERKSHIRE v. CORNWALL.**

The match was resumed at Reading, and terminated in a victory for Berkshire by nine wickets.

**CORNWALL—1st innings.**

W. N. Bickford-Smith, b Hawksworth...	2
S. Whitworth, c Nepean, b Hawksworth	4
H. Tresawna, c Shoosmith, b Willcocks	11
F. Tresawna, c E. F. Rowe, b Lockhart	10
J. C. Bickford-Smith, c Belcher, b Lockhart	2
T. Romer, b Hawksworth	35
Vibart, c Nepean, b Belcher	149
R. Maunsell, st E. F. Rowe, b Lockhart	4
Trevarthen, c Bennett, b Lockhart	1
E. Hawken, c Lockhart, b Belcher	37
Whiting, not out	0
Extras	12

**2nd Innings.**

W. N. Bickford-Smith, not out	57
S. Whitworth, c Woodburn, b Hawksworth	8
H. Tresawna, run out	15
Dr. Tresawna, c Woodburn, b Hawksworth	16
J. C. Bickford-Smith, c Lockhart, b Belcher	6
T. Romer, c Woodburn, b Hawksworth	0
Vibart, b Belcher	14
R. Maunsell, c Rowe, b Belcher	6
Trevarthen, b Belcher	42
E. Hawken, c and b Woodburn	12
Whiting, b Belcher	0
Extras	16

**BERKSHIRE—1st Innings.**

H. Brougham, b W. N. B. Smith	49
H. F. Willcocks, c W. N. B. Smith, b Hawken	40
G. G. Bennett, c Maunsell, b Trevarthen	105
Shoosmith, c Dr. Tresawna, b Tresawna	41
P. E. Rowe, b Whiting	30
Dr. W. Y. Woodburn, not out	27
G. Belcher, c Romer, b W. N. B. Smith	4
Hawksworth, c Tresawna, b Whiting	4
Capt. E. F. Rowe, c Hawken, b W. N. B. Smith	4
J. H. B. Lockhart and Sir C. T. Nepean to bat	4
Extras	19

**2nd Innings.**

H. Brougham, c J. C. Bickford-Smith, b Whiting	24
G. G. Bennett, not out	67
Shoosmith, not out	50
Extras	5

**Total (11 wkt.)** ..... 127  
 Berkshire won by nine wickets.

**BOWLING ANALYSIS.**

**CORNWALL—1st innings—**Hawksworth, 240-8m, 53r, 3v; Lockhart, 24-0-39-4; Willcocks, 5-1-20-1; Shoosmith, 9-0-18-0; Woodburn, 9-0-47-0; Belcher, 5-4-0-0-3-2.

**2nd innings—**Hawksworth, 21-8-60-3; Lockhart, 11-1-34-0; Belcher, 12-3-0-45-5; Woodburn, 3-0-17-1.

**BERKSHIRE—1st innings—**Whiting, 22-1-2-10-3; Hawken, 3-0-64-1; Trevarthen, 15-3-30-1; W. N. Bickford-Smith, 8-1-46-4; Tresawna, 12-2-43-1; Maunsell, 2-0-21-0.

**2nd innings—**Whiting, 13-3-59-1; W. N. Bickford-Smith, 2-0-18-0; Trevarthen, 8-0-23-0.

**CORNWALL COUNTY CRICKET TOUR.**

(By Our Special Correspondent).

**THE MATCHES WITH BERKS. AND DORSET.**

It is a five hours' journey from Hylhe to Reading, with breaks at Ashford, where the S.E. and C.R. have their carriage works, and Tonbridge, with its old houses and still older castle. Here, too, is the nursery of Kent cricket, full of healthy youngsters who will keep Kent at the top, or very near it, for some years to come. I wish we could afford a nursery in Cornwall, but I am afraid we shall never be able to. Nurseries of all sorts are very expensive to keep up, but I must get on to the actual cricket, or your readers will be inclined to grumble. For the benefit of those who do not know the Reading ground, I may say that it is one of the largest and fastest—some say the fastest—in England. You can get an idea of its size from the fact that on many Saturdays in the winter two football matches—Rugby and Association—and two hockey matches are going on at the same time, without in any way encroaching on the middle space kept for cricket. Just imagine a clean hit out of a ground of that size! Yet Vibart nearly did it. Over 130 yards he drove one from hit to pitch. Just measure it for curiosity, and then see how many strokes you can do in it. Our captain who, I believe, had lost the toss in every other match, called right this time, and sent in W. N. Bickford-Smith and A. S. Whitworth to face Hawkesworth, the old Holsworthy and Devon professional, and now coach at Bradfield College, and Lockhart, who got his blue for Cambridge last year, or the year before, I forget which. Hawkesworth is slow right hand medium, and Lockhart is a "googlie" man. The professional kept a perfect length, and finding a spot, soon had a couple of victims. With the score at 5 he clean bowled "W. N." with a ball that came from leg, and in the next over had Whitworth easily taken at point (6-2-4). Lockhart was also at his best, so that it took 25 minutes to get 10 on the board, and 33 minutes to score the first boundary, a drive to the on of Hawkesworth by Dr. Tresawna, who, however, with the total 21, was "stumped" in jumping out to Lockhart. (21-3-10). J. C. Bickford-Smith added a couple only to the score before putting one of the "wrong uns" quietly into short leg's hands. Romer joined Tresawna, who was batting very steadily, and 30 was signalled after one hour's play, so good had the attack been. At 40 Willcocks, fast medium left, came on at the pavilion end for Hawkesworth, and got Tresawna caught at second slip off his third ball (41-5-11). Vibart followed, and began the innings of his life, and one of the best it has ever been our luck to see. I doubt if a better innings could be played. Each batsman got the "googlie" for 4, and then Vibart lifted Willcocks to the on for six, got Lockhart for a brace of fours, and sent a full toss of the left hander's well over the line for another six. A four to Romer sent 80 up. With seven on Woodburn, medium right, took a turn at the town end, and at 90 Hawkesworth came back again. The 100 appeared after 96 minutes' play, so that 70 had been scored in 36 minutes—good going! Romer took his score to 35, when a fine ball from Hawkesworth just removed the off bail. The St. Austell cricketer had gone in when things were looking bad, and deserves much credit for the cool and confident way he played from the start. (108-6-35). Maunsell did not get a chance to score until Vibart had knocked off Woodburn for Lockhart at 120. The left hander pulled the new bowler for four, but was cleverly stumped two balls after (125-7-4). Lunch. On resuming, Trevarthen got a single before being caught, and then Hawken and Vibart entered on a partnership that produced no less than 150 runs. I wonder if it is a record for the county! It certainly is for the ninth wicket. Vibart got going again at once with a huge drive for six off Hawkesworth, and then punished Lockhart to the extent of four successive boundaries amid much cheering. This brought on Woodburn, off whom the Cornish stumper made some delightful cuts. Hawken followed suit with many pretty off strokes—his best shots. A three to leg off Woodburn gave Vibart his century after 74 minutes' batting. Belcher, fast medium right, and Shoosmith, medium right, came on at 200 with the new ball. The Reading professional was severely dealt with, and came off after two overs had resulted in 18 runs. 250 went up at three p.m., when the pair had put on 101. Lockhart took Shoosmith's place now, and nearly got Vibart caught deep on the on

side when his total was 127, but Bennett mis-judged the flight of the ball. 250 went up at 3.10 p.m. The Troon professional greeted this with an enormous drive off Belcher that nearly cleared the ground. In attempting to repeat the stroke in the same bowler's next over he skied the ball to Nepean, who caught it close in. He had got his 149 runs in 120 minutes, and as one of the Berkshire team said, "He deserved every one of them." He got 5 sixes, 18 fours, 5 threes, 5 twos, and the rest in singles. All this time Hawken had been showing excellent form; in fact, I have never seen him bat so well. Whiting played a maiden from Lockhart, and extras took the score to 267, the highest got by any visiting side at Reading, when Lockhart caught Hawken at slip off Belcher. Duration of innings, 3 hours 5 minutes.

At 3.30 Berks started with Brougham and Willcocks to the bowling of Whiting, at the pavilion end, and Hawken. Willcocks, who is in the Army, had been telegraphed for to go on strike duty, but he managed to rattle up 40 in 17 minutes before hurrying off to catch his train (40-1-40). Note that Brougham had not scored, and that there were no extras! Bennett joined the old Wellington boy, and the two best bats on the Berks side carried the total to 155 by beautiful cricket, when "W. N." bowled the latter (155-2-49). Trevarthen, Tresawna, Maunsell, had also gone on, but so rapid was the scoring that 100 was telegraphed in 47 minutes, and the 150 in 72 minutes. Shoosmith helped Bennett, who was nearly c and b by "W. N." at 80, to take the total to 216, when a fine catch deep on the leg side disposed of the amateur for a freely-hit 106, in which there were two sixes and fifteen 4's. I should add that 200 was made in 90 minutes, and that Bennett got his century in 69 minutes (218-3-105). F. E. Rowe, who has, I think, played for Essex, stayed with Shoosmith through various bowling changes till 279, when Whiting bowled him (279-5-30). With the advent of Dr. Woodburn, a left-hander, the scoring became much slower against the steady bowling of Tresawna and "W. N." and the generally good fielding. With eight on Shoosmith got under one that Dr. Tresawna easily took on the leg side. He had batted very correctly for 41 (287-5-41). Belcher got a 2 and two singles, and was then splendidly taken by Romer, who, strange to say, had missed him the ball before, deep on the on side off "W. N." The best catch of the tour (307-6-4). Hawkesworth got a four off Whiting, but was out next ball to an easy catch at point (318-7-4). Hawken caught Capt. Powe, an old Essex stumper, at mid-off in "W. N.'s" next over, and stumps were drawn with the score board showing 323-6-4. Dr. Woodburn (not out 27) and Sir Charles Nepean commenced at 10.30 on Thursday to "W. N." and Whiting. The Berkshire captain scored six off the unfinished over, and each player got a single in Whiting's first over, but the third ball of Bickford-Smith's next over clean bowled the doctor (332-9-23). Lockhart got a four through the slips, and Sir Charles was bowled in hitting out at Whiting (336-10-7). Duration of innings 3½ hours. W. N. Bickford-Smith, 4 for 46, was by far the most successful bowler.

sixty-nine to the bad, Cornwall opened their second innings with H. Tresawna and Whitworth, and Hawkesworth and Lockhart again bowled. The captain played a maiden from the professional, and Whitworth got a 2 and a single off the googlies, and facing Hawkesworth cut him sweetly for 4, but put up on easy catch to point in the same bowler's next over (101-8). J. C. Bickford-Smith and the skipper played three maidens. At length a four straight to "J. C." off Lockhart, and a four to leg by his partner off Hawkesworth brought 29 up after 31 minutes' play. At 25 Belcher relieved Lockhart, who caught "J. C." at second slip off him with the score unchanged (23-2-6). The brothers Tresawna played such good cricket that a big stand seemed likely before the elder brother was smartly run out (35-3-15). Vibart and the doctor had the 50 up in exactly 50 minutes, both men driving cleanly. Twice in succession Tresawna got Hawkesworth to the off boundary, but the next ball kicked badly, and point got a "sitter" (59-4-16). Romer came in to see Vibart bowled in attempting to drive Belcher (63-5-14). "W. N." got a straight boundary off Belcher, and then lost Romer, who shared the same fate as the doctor and Whitworth. "W. N." again drove Belcher for 4, and Maunsell got the pro. to leg for a like number, and for a couple before being caught at the wicket off Belcher (86-7-6). With Hawken in "W. N." got a brace of fours off Hawkesworth, and cut Belcher to the boundary, sending up the 100 in 87 minutes. At this point Lockhart went on for Belcher. Hawken gave an awkward chance to mid-off, and then drove the new bowler for

4. At 115 Hawkesworth, who had bowled 17 overs, gave place to Dr. Woodburn, who caught and bowled the Lanhydrock man off the fourth ball of his first over (117-8-12). Trevarthen began with a snick from 4, following which his partner made a fine straight drive off Lockhart for 6. The two Helston men were now putting on runs rapidly, "W. N." punishing the "googlies" for 14 in one over, and bringing his own score to 52. Hawkesworth came on again at 163 vice Woodburn, and Belcher for Lockhart at 172. Trevarthen twice got the pro. just cover for 4, and at lunch time had made 40 out of the 135 scored. After the interval he had only added two when Belcher beat him with a ball that kept low, and got Whiting the same way three balls later, leaving "W. N." to carry out his bat for a very sound 57, in which there were nine fours and a six. Total, 192. At 2.15 Berks started on their task of getting 124 to win with Bennett and Brougham. Whiting and "W. N." were the bowlers. Both men got going at once, and in ten minutes 30 was up. With four on J. C. Bickford-Smith at mid-off safely held one from Brougham off Whiting. On Shoosmith's arrival Trevarthen was tried for "W. N.", and the pace slackened considerably, the next 20 taking 25 minutes. The fielding about this time was exceptionally good. Bennett, however, soon got lively again, and made some beautiful drives, one short arm shot for 6 off Whiting being much applauded. In spite of changes the runs were rapidly hit off, and at 3.15 Bennett made the winning stroke, a four off Hawken—127 in the hour, against some really good fielding! Not bad work! Bennett 67, Shoosmith 51. Berks won by 9 wickets.

BERKSHIRE v. CORNWALL.

FINE INNINGS BY VIHART.

This match opened at Reading yesterday. Berkshire, who so far this season are unbeaten, lost the test, and Cornwall decided to bat first, but their start was a disastrous one. Four wickets were actually down for 23, and half the side were disposed of for 21. But on Vihart going to the wicket a complete change came over the game. He completely collared the Berks bowling, and his driving was super-fine. He has seldom been seen on the ground—and on one occasion he lifted the ball over the partition of Belcher's bowling for six. Vihart was at the wicket about an hour and a half, and his 148 included eighteen 4's and five 6's. He gave three chances, being rather badly missed when in the thirties. A word of praise is also due to E. Hawken, who with Vihart put on no fewer than 126 runs for the eighth wicket. Vihart also received valuable assistance from T. Bomer, who played well for his 21. Cornwall's 227 is the largest score made by a visiting side on the county ground at Reading this season.

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MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP.

BERKSHIRE DEFEAT CORNWALL.

The match between Berkshire and Cornwall was resumed at Reading yesterday, and terminated in a victory for Berkshire by five wickets. Berkshire played for the second consecutive year under the aegis of the Berkshire Cricket Club, and they were in excellent form. The victory in the previous match at the hands of the Berkshire team in the previous match, was the result of the Berkshire team's superior batting and bowling. Berkshire's innings was quickly finished off, and Cornwall's batting in their second innings, with very exceptions, breaking down badly. Berkshire were left with only 126 to get to win. Cornwall had actually seven wickets down for 26 runs, but as W. N. Rickford-Smith and Trevarthen, becoming associated in their positions, were improved wonderfully. The pair stood coolly as the only two men who could resist the attack and make runs with accuracy and versatility. Rickford-Smith, as did Vihart the previous day, showed the delights of driving and change of cutting. The same did he add the last to the boundary, one being a 6, and he never made a mistake, and was undisturbed at the finish. The partnership for the eighth wicket produced 73 runs. Vihart, the remainder of the previous day, was never comfortable, and was well bowled with his nose at 34. When Berkshire went to the wicket Cornwall's innings was quickly finished off, and Cornwall's batting was being beaten by the bowling, and they offered an encouragement to the Berkshire bowlers. At the same time the bowling encouragement to the Berkshire bowlers was extremely good and deserved a better reward. A word of praise is due to Cornwall for their batting, which always reached a high standard. Their ground fielding was especially good. On the whole Cornwall created a very good impression, and fared better than many of the teams that have opposed Berkshire this season. Score:—

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AN AMERICAN VIEW OF CRICKET.

"The principle of cricket it seems," remarks an American, "is simple enough. Two sets of thin upright staves, about three feet high, are driven into the ground about forty feet apart. Upon the summit of these staves a frail strip of wood is placed, which it is the object of the pitcher to dislodge with a ball. In this, however, he is continually frustrated by the action of a player who stands immediately in front of each of the upright staves. This player, by the aid of a short flat club (technically known, I overheard, as a 'boundary'), prevents the pitcher from dislodging the strip of wood, and occasionally strikes the ball into remote parts of the field. According to the rules, the moment the ball is struck by the boundary, both of the strikers, called 'bounders,' commence to run backwards and forwards between their respective stations, and the scoring is regulated according to the runs thus made. The more remote, therefore, the bounder sends the ball, the more opportunity to score points for his side. But as this exercise is, except for the youngest and most agile, very severe, it is not surprising to observe that many bounders restrain the force of their strokes, and so keep the ball well within range and save themselves much arduous exercise."

BERKSHIRE v. CORNWALL.—Played at Reading on August 16 and 17 and won by Berkshire by nine wickets. Score and analysis:—

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