

COUNTY CRICKET.

Brilliant Victory Over Devonshire.

Although the proceedings were confined to one day, Berkshire contrived, in the short time at their disposal, to score a memorable triumph over Devonshire, whom they also defeated at Exeter after Devon had declared. The match should have started on Monday, but a continual down-pour rendered a commencement out of the question. On Tuesday, however, the sun shone brilliantly, and with the wicket in good condition, an interesting day's play was looked forward to. No one, however, imagined that a decisive result would be reached or even that an innings each would be concluded. However, the unexpected happened, for Berkshire, after winning the toss, managed to knock up enough runs to force their opponents to follow on, and then, thanks to brilliant bowling by Hawksworth, again dismissed Devonshire for a small score, leaving the home side only 10 runs to get for victory, a feat which they accomplished without the slightest trouble.

Berkshire opened in a fashion which boded ill for their chances of success, for three wickets fell for 32 runs. T. P. Norris and R. F. Morris temporarily stopped the rot, and raised the score to 70, but six wickets were down for 78. At this juncture S. H. Stevens and R. H. R. Palmer came to the rescue and by forceful hitting they raised the Berkshire total to the respectable figure of 195. Both batsmen profited by mistakes in the field, but on the whole they were good value for the runs secured.

If Berkshire commenced badly, Devonshire did even worse, for their first three wickets fell to Dr. Woodburn for four runs. R. S. Clark and Light carried the score to 45, but with the departure of Light for a well-played 41, the Devon batting broke down and the whole side were out for 105. R. F. Morris was the most successful of the Berkshire bowlers, his analysis being: 8 overs, 0 maidens, 29 runs, 5 wickets. Dr. Woodburn took three wickets for 20, while Hawksworth, who bowled well but met with little luck, secured one for 30. Berkshire fielding was very fine, A. P. F. Chapman in particular distinguishing himself.

At the close of the Devon innings some doubt existed as to the position, for the majority of those present, including the umpires and Devon players, were under the impression that no follow on could be enforced in a two-days match unless one team was over 100 runs ahead. Dr. Woodburn, however, was confident that a new rule had been passed dealing with a two-days match in which no play had taken place on the first day. A "Wisden" was hurriedly fetched. Dr. Woodburn found to be correct, and Devon followed on.

It was 4.30 p.m. when Devon commenced batting a second time, and for a time they looked like avoiding defeat, for 56 runs were on the board when the third wicket fell. From now onward, however, Hawksworth was practically unplayable, and thanks largely to his efforts Devonshire were all dismissed for 99, leaving Berks 10 to get for victory. These were obtained without loss. Hawksworth's figures deserve reproduction. They are as follows: 18.3 overs, 5 maidens, 33 runs, 9 wickets. Amongst those who watched the interesting play were Mr. W. Howard Palmer, the Rev. A. G. P. Baines, Captain J. St. J. Wheble, Major Turner and Mr. Barry Blagrove.

Details of the match are as follows:—

BERKSHIRE.

First Innings.

|  |    |
|--|----|
| R. J. F. Remnant, b Sturt              | 9  |
| A. J. W. Croome, st Clark b Jennings   | 8  |
| T. P. Norris, lbw b Light              | 40 |
| A. P. F. Chapman, lbw b Sturt          | 9  |
| Shoosmith, c Clark b Amory             | 9  |
| R. F. Morris, c Carroll b Amory        | 24 |
| Captain Gregson Ellis, c Sharp b Light | 0  |
| S. H. Stevens, c Shelley b Light       | 49 |
| R. H. R. Palmer, c Carroll b Amory     | 42 |
| Dr. W. Y. Woodburn, c Carroll b Amory  | 0  |
| Hawksworth, not out                    | 0  |
| Extras                                 | 5  |

Total ... 195  
Second Innings.—R. J. F. Remnant, not out, 0; A. P. F. Chapman, not out, 14; extras, 0; total (for no wicket), 14.

DEVONSHIRE.

First Innings.

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|--|----|
| F. W. Beech, b Woodburn                | 0  |
| C. S. L. Hopping, c Stevens b Woodburn | 0  |
| R. S. Clark, lbw b Morris              | 24 |
| W. F. Sturt, c Chapman b Woodburn      | 0  |
| Light, c Norris b Morris               | 41 |
| F. H. Carroll, b Woodburn b Morris     | 7  |
| J. H. Amory, c Woodburn b Chapman      | 3  |
| J. P. Shelley, b Morris                | 2  |
| E. G. Butler, not out                  | 12 |
| J. D. Hussey, c Woodburn b Morris      | 2  |
| Jennings, b Hawksworth                 | 5  |
| Extras                                 | 9  |

Total ... 105

Second Innings.—F. W. Beech, b Norris, 3; C. S. L. Hopping, c and b Hawksworth, 4; R. S. Clark, c and b Hawksworth, 21; W. F. Sturt, b Hawksworth, 0; Light, b Hawksworth, 14; F. H. Carroll, b Hawksworth, 7; J. H. Amory, b Hawksworth, 5; J. P. Shelley, c and b Hawksworth, 21; E. G. Butler, c and b Hawksworth, 10; J. D. Hussey, hit wkt b Hawksworth, 4; Jennings, not out, 14; extras, 6; total, 99.

BERKS DEFEAT HERTS.

Following up their victory over Devonshire on Monday and Tuesday in the Minor Counties Cricket Championship, Berkshire gained a further victory over Herts on Wednesday and Thursday. Batting first, Berks compiled 181 runs, thanks largely to a fine innings of 83 by A. P. F. Chapman. Herts could do little against the bowling of Hawksworth, and were all dismissed for 48. The Berkshire fielding was delightful to witness, and Bailey, the Reading professional footballer, especially distinguished himself. Hawksworth's six wickets cost only 19 runs. Following on, Herts did rather better, but ultimately were only able to set Berks 31 to win. The home side were inclined to take matters too easily, and a feeling of alarm was created when four wickets fell for 12 runs. T. P. Norris and A. J. W. Croome, however, mastered the bowling, and the runs were hit off without further loss. This is Berkshire's fourth win in succession.

R. H. R. PALMER SCORES A CENTURY.

Reading Biscuit Factory "A" team defeated Wesley on Saturday on the Kensington Road ground. The chief feature of the Factory innings was a century by R. H. R. Palmer. Playing with great confidence and scoring rapidly all round the wicket, he reached his century in 80 minutes. Just afterwards he was caught in the long-field. His innings of 101 (one 6 and eleven 4's) was a delight to the onlookers. He gave two difficult chances when he was in the 80's, but otherwise his innings was without blemish, and he made the bowling look poor stuff. With the score at 201 for 4 wickets the Factory innings was declared closed. Holmes carried out his bat for a useful 63 (six 4's). He obtained most of his runs on the leg side, and should develop into a very good bat. Seven bowlers were tried, and Hall was the only one who met with success, taking two for 13 runs. Wesley had two hours in which to get the runs, but made no attempt to go out for them, and with five minutes still to run were all out for 62 runs, Factory winning easily by 139 runs. Only two batsmen reached double figures—H. Dudley, who obtained 26 runs, and Maggs, who made 13. A. B. Croome and Manning bowled steadily, the former taking 7 wickets for 33 and Manning bowling 15 overs (7 maidens) for 11 runs, with two wickets. Both teams were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. H. J. Morton.

Factory "B" lost to Heckfield at Heckfield on Saturday. Heckfield batted first, and knocked up the useful score of 105, of which Major Scott Murray obtained 47. Upon the Factory going in to bat, wickets fell very cheaply. A. N. Other and Cripps being the only batsmen to offer any resistance against some good bowling by Bartlett, who captured five wickets. Time alone saved Factory from defeat, the game ending in a draw.

Fixtures for Saturday.—Factory "A" v. Mr. R. H. R. Palmer's XI. (Heathlands, Wokingham); Factory "B" v. Reading Post Office (King's Meadow); Factory "C" v. Wyman's C.C. (King's Meadow).

FOOTBALL NEWS.

R.F.C. players report for training on Monday, and amongst those already in the town are Getgood, Christie, Jack Smith and Yarnell. Bailey has been assisting Berkshire at cricket, and Carr was an interested onlooker of the game versus Herts. At a meeting of the Reading Town Council on Thursday evening, a resolution was submitted from the Tramways Committee that the resolution adopted by the committee on the 13th November, 1919, with reference to the fares to be charged on special tramway cars provided for the conveyance of passengers attending football matches at Elm Park be rescinded.

READING AND DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE.

Results of league matches:—

DIVISION I.

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| King's Road Institute, 50; Delta, 106. |
| Tilghurst, 75; Peppard, 71.            |
| *Burghfield, 63; Peppard, 65.          |

DIVISION II.

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| Woodley, 85; Reading Comrades, 8.         |
| Y.M.C.A., 30; Henley Men's Institute, 37. |
| Emmer Green beat Wyman's.                 |
| *Woodley, 75; Wyman's, 24.                |
| * Played on August Bank Holiday.          |

THE LEAGUE TABLES.

DIVISION I.

|                       | P. | W. | L. | D. | Pts. |
|-----------------------|----|----|----|----|------|
| Wokingham Ld. Rd.     | 10 | 8  | 2  | 0  | 16   |
| Delta                 | 9  | 7  | 2  | 0  | 14   |
| Wesley Guild          | 8  | 6  | 2  | 0  | 12   |
| Burghfield            | 9  | 3  | 6  | 0  | 6    |
| Tilghurst             | 9  | 3  | 6  | 0  | 6    |
| Peppard               | 9  | 3  | 6  | 0  | 6    |
| King's Road Institute | 10 | 2  | 8  | 0  | 4    |

DIVISION II.

|                    | P. | W. | L. | D. | Pts. |
|--------------------|----|----|----|----|------|
| Henley Men's Inst. | 9  | 8  | 1  | 0  | 16   |
| Wyman's            | 10 | 7  | 3  | 0  | 14   |
| Woodley            | 8  | 6  | 2  | 0  | 12   |
| Y.M.C.A.           | 8  | 3  | 5  | 0  | 6    |
| Emmer Green        | 10 | 3  | 7  | 0  | 6    |
| Reading Comrades   | 9  | 2  | 7  | 0  | 4    |
| Herbert's          | 9  | 2  | 7  | 0  | 4    |

## MINOR COUNTIES CRICKET.

### BERKS DEFEAT HERTS.

Following up their successes against Devon and Bucks, Berkshire on Wednesday and Thursday in last week defeated Herts by six wickets, as reported in last week's "Reading Observer."

Berks had first knock and ran up the useful score of 181, of which total A. P. F. Chapman, the Cambridge "Blue," had a brilliant innings of 82. Both the Brothers Remnant failed to get runs, but A. J. W. Croome contributed a useful 23. Hertfordshire made an unexpected collapse, batting less than two hours for 48, Sinfield being last out for 20. This remarkable success for Berkshire was chiefly brought about by splendid fielding, for no less than six batsmen were dismissed by brilliant catches. The best of these were two in the long field by Bailey and a low one which R. J. Remnant took at square leg. The ball was travelling at express speed for the boundary, and Remnant had to fling himself down to it. The Rev. C. G. Ward was cleverly run out by Bailey. Herts began their second innings in more solid style, having 51 up for one wicket when stumps were drawn. Proceeding on Thursday they took their score to 163, thus leaving Berkshire to get 31 runs to win. It seemed a very light task, but matters looked black when four wickets went down for 12. T. P. Norris and A. J. W. Croome then knocked off the runs, however. Norris hit a six and R. H. R. Palmer put another into the pavilion. Scores:—

| BERKSHIRE.                                      |                             | HERTS.   |                                  |
|---|-----------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| 1st Innings.                                    | 2nd Innings.                | 1st Innings.                                     | 2nd Innings.                     |
| R. J. F. Remnant c Burton b Hylton Stuart ... 0 | not out ... 8               | H. J. Paris c R. J. Remnant b Chapman ... 4      | b Hawksworth ... 86              |
| A. J. W. Croome b Hylton Stuart 23              | not out ... 14              | Sinfield b Hawksworth ... 20                     | c R. J. Remnant b Chapman ... 14 |
| T. P. Norris b Burton ... 3                     | c Titchmarsh b Burton ... 8 | C. H. Titchmarsh c P. Remnant b Hawksworth ... 6 | c Bailey ... 20                  |
| A. P. F. Chapman b Burton ... 82                |                             | H. J. Gibbon lbw b Hawksworth ... 0              | c Stevens b Chapman ... 3        |
| S. H. Stevens c Marsh b Burton ... 9            |                             | R. B. Cowley c Gregson-Ellis b Hawksworth ... 2  | b Hawksworth ... 0               |
| Capt. Gregson-Ellis b Burton ... 10             |                             | Rev. P. R. Bousey c Bailey b Hawksworth ... 0    | b Woodburn ... 7                 |
| P. Remnant b Burton ... 8                       |                             | B. D. Hylton-Stuart c Bailey b Chapman ... 7     | c Chapman b Norris 10            |
| R. H. R. Palmer run out ... 8                   | b Marsh ... 7               | Rev. C. J. Ward run out ... 5                    | b Hawksworth ... 28              |
| Bailey run out ... 16                           | b Marsh ... 0               | Rev. H. Sturt b Hawksworth ... 3                 | c Croome b Gregson-Ellis ... 34  |
| Dr. W. Y. Woodburn not out ... 15               |                             | Burton b Bailey ... 0                            | b Norris ... 1                   |
| Hawksworth st. Titchmarsh b Marsh ... 13        |                             | W. H. Marsh not out ... 0                        | not out ... 2                    |
| Extras ... 8                                    | Extras ... 1                | Extras ... 1                                     | Extras ... 9                     |
| Total ... 181                                   | Total (8 wks.) ... 33       | Total ... 49                                     | Total ... 163                    |

**Bowling.**

Herts First Innings.—Chapman 2 for 27; Hawksworth 6 for 19; and Bailey 1 for 1.  
 Second Innings.—Chapman 3 for 20; Hawksworth 3 for 39; Bailey 1 for 14; Norris 2 for 17; Gregson-Ellis 1 for 20; and Woodburn 1 for 85.  
 Berks First Innings.—Stuart 2 for 62; Burton 5 for 76; and Marsh 1 for 85.

Dav't Look Old—keep the ravages of Time at Bay by darkening the Grey Strands with LOCKYER'S SULPHUR HAIR RESTORER, which imparts to a natural colour in a few days. Lockyer's preparation is a powerful and approved.

### FIXTURES FOR TO-DAY.

Factory "A" v. Depot, Royal Berks Regt. (Kensington-road).

Factory "C" v. Thomeycroft's 2nd XI. (King's Meadow).

Inter-Departmental Cricket Competition.—Final: Invoice Office v. Engineers (King's Meadow).

## READING BISCUIT FACTORY RECREATION CLUB.

### CRICKET NOTES.

#### FACTORY "A" v. MR. R. H. R. PALMER'S XI.

The Factory side had to face a stiff proposition at Heathlands last Saturday, as Mr. R. H. R. Palmer's team included five players who have assisted Berkshire this season, in addition to E. Garnett and Matt Wright. The home-sters won the toss, and on a slow wicket opened with Garnett and Lyon. At 16, the latter succumbed to a good ball from Manning. The veteran, Matt Wright, opened confidently, and with Garnett batting well the score was carried along to 60 before the former was snapped at the wicket for a useful contribution. With Chapman in, Garnett put up a catch to extra cover and was dismissed for a sound innings of 38. Palmer assisted Chapman to carry the score to 89 before being bowled by a "shooter," and the luncheon interval was then taken. On resuming, Baines and Chapman scored freely and the latter soon completed his half-century. After the partnership had realised 74 runs, Baines was bowled in attempting to hook a short ball. The strong sun had now made the wicket difficult, and the remaining five wickets fell for 46 runs, of which Chapman obtained 35. He was last out for 86 (ten 4's); his innings contained many fine shots on the leg side, and his defence was very sound. On a wicket that gave him little assistance Manning bowled splendidly to take seven wickets for 79 runs.

Owen and A. J. W. Croome opened the Factory innings to the bowling of Hawksworth and Matt Wright. At 15, Owen was caught in the slips, and a couple of runs later Williams was snapped at the wicket. At 24, Croome returned a ball to the bowler, and one run later Colgate was bowled. With four wickets down for 31 the tea interval was taken. The not outs, Leadley and Schute, carried the score to 38 before Hawksworth bowled the latter with a fine ball. Shears was bowled without scoring, and Rice made a few hits before suffering a similar fate. At 43, Holmes was caught in the slips. A. B. Croome then assisted Leadley to carry the total to 58 before being bowled. The innings was brought to a close by Hawksworth securing Leadley's wicket with a good ball. On a wicket that suited him Hawksworth bowled cleverly and took five wickets for 23, whilst Matt Wright claimed the remainder for 34. Scores:—

| MR. R. H. R. PALMER'S XI.                  |   | FACTORY.                                |                   |
|--|---|---|-------------------|
| E. Garnett c Owen b Manning ... 38         | A. Owen c Newbury b Wright ... 4        | A. Owen c Newbury b Wright ... 4        | Wright ... 4      |
| A. R. Lyon b Manning ... 5                 | A. J. W. Croome c & b Wright ... 13     | A. J. W. Croome c & b Wright ... 13     | Wright ... 13     |
| Matt Wright c Schute b Manning ... 14      | C. H. Williams c Baines b Wright ... 1  | C. H. Williams c Baines b Wright ... 1  | Baines ... 1      |
| Manning ... 96                             | A. W. Schute b Hawksworth ... 12        | A. W. Schute b Hawksworth ... 12        | Hawksworth ... 12 |
| A. P. F. Chapman c Colgate b Manning ... 7 | B. T. Colgate b Hawksworth ... 1        | B. T. Colgate b Hawksworth ... 1        | Colgate ... 1     |
| R. H. R. Palmer b Leadley ... 31           | D. G. Leadley b Hawksworth ... 15       | D. G. Leadley b Hawksworth ... 15       | Leadley ... 15    |
| K. J. Baines b Leadley ... 1               | B. G. Shears b Wright ... 0             | B. G. Shears b Wright ... 0             | Shears ... 0      |
| R. O. Brace b Manning ... 4                | J. Rice b Wright ... 0                  | J. Rice b Wright ... 0                  | Rice ... 0        |
| A. E. Croome b Manning ... 8               | H. J. Holmes c Mills b Hawksworth ... 5 | H. J. Holmes c Mills b Hawksworth ... 5 | Mills ... 5       |
| Hawksworth b A. D. Croome b Manning ... 3  | A. B. Croome b Hawksworth ... 8         | A. B. Croome b Hawksworth ... 8         | Croome ... 8      |
| Croome b Manning ... 8                     | Manning not out ... 3                   | Manning not out ... 3                   | Manning ... 3     |
| W. Newbury run out ... 0                   | Extras ... 0                            | Extras ... 0                            | Extras ... 0      |
| S. L. Mills not out ... 3                  | Total ... 210                           | Total ... 210                           | Total ... 61      |

#### FACTORY "B" v. READING POST OFFICE.

This match was played on the King's Meadow ground on Saturday. The Factory batted first, and after Godden had been dismissed with the total at 16, South and Cass carried the score to 34, when the latter was out for obstruction for a useful knock of 39. After the dismissal of South, who showed excellent form in compiling 52, Drown alone offered any resistance to some good bowling by Cooper and Williams. The total finally reached 123. The Post Office made a bad start, three wickets falling for 11 runs and half the side was out for 28. Only Cooper and Hall offered any resistance to some excellent bowling by Jones, who captured seven wickets for 20. Scores:—

| FACTORY.                             |                                       | READING POST OFFICE.                  |                |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| C. Godden b Cooper ... 5             | W. F. Laremore b Jones ... 8          | W. F. Laremore b Jones ... 8          | Jones ... 8    |
| A. E. South b Cooper ... 52          | C. E. Beasley b Jones ... 8           | C. E. Beasley b Jones ... 8           | Beasley ... 8  |
| T. T. Cass lbw b Cooper ... 30       | J. Clarke c Hibbird b Jones ... 0     | J. Clarke c Hibbird b Jones ... 0     | Hibbird ... 0  |
| W. Drown c Hall b Williams ... 14    | W. J. Cooper c Hibbird b Jones ... 13 | W. J. Cooper c Hibbird b Jones ... 13 | Jones ... 13   |
| H. Cripps b Williams ... 0           | F. Davis b Godden ... 3               | F. Davis b Godden ... 3               | Godden ... 3   |
| E. H. Jones c Davis b Williams ... 8 | E. Williams run out ... 5             | E. Williams run out ... 5             | Williams ... 5 |
| R. LeMare b Williams ... 0           | J. Burke b Jones ... 7                | J. Burke b Jones ... 7                | Burke ... 7    |
| A. H. Berry b Cooper ... 2           | O. E. Hall b Jones ... 17             | O. E. Hall b Jones ... 17             | Hall ... 17    |
| A. G. W. Brown b Cooper ... 0        | W. Batten b Jones ... 0               | W. Batten b Jones ... 0               | Batten ... 0   |
| A. Barnett not out ... 0             | A. Barber b Godden ... 4              | A. Barber b Godden ... 4              | Barber ... 4   |
| C. E. Hibbird b Cooper ... 0         | K. T. Thomas not out ... 1            | K. T. Thomas not out ... 1            | Thomas ... 1   |
| Extras ... 8                         | Extras ... 3                          | Extras ... 3                          | Extras ... 3   |
| Total ... 123                        | Total ... 69                          | Total ... 123                         | Total ... 69   |

READING & DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE.

Division I.

WOKINGHAM LONDON ROAD v. BURGHFIELD.

Played at Wokingham on Saturday. Burghfield batted first and were put out for the low score of 31. H. Bedford (11) batted well for his runs. "Joe" Sargeant, for London Road, was almost unplayable, his analysis reading 9 overs, 4 maidens, 8 runs, 6 wickets. On going to the wickets, London Road found runs just as difficult to obtain as the visitors had done, and were only successful in winning by the narrow margin of five runs, after one of the best sporting games ever witnessed on the ground. Sargeant (9), Denton and Mitchell (8 each) were the chief scorers. The fielding of London Road had been good, but Burghfield were brilliant, no less than six London Road batsmen being caught out. R. Read bowled with success and secured seven wickets.

The visitors were entertained to tea on the ground, thanks to the generosity of two of the London Road C.C. vice-presidents, Mr. H. Pearson and Col. J. F. Humby, D.S.O. After a very pleasant repast, Mr. C. Higgs (hon. sec., Burghfield), on behalf of the Burghfield Sports Club, thanked the London Road Club for so royally entertaining them. It was a pleasure to come to Wokingham. Whether they won or lost, they wished Wokingham success. Mr. T. May (captain, London Road) thanked Mr. Higgs, and said they had not forgotten the treat Burghfield gave them on their recent visit. Mr. May expressed the thanks of the London Road Club to Mr. Pearson, one of their vice-presidents, for so kindly enabling the club to provide the tea, and asked Mr. Davidson, who was present, kindly to convey their thanks. The club were also grateful to Col. Humby. Mr. Davidson said Mr. Pearson regretted he could not himself be present, as he always enjoyed a cricket match, but he hoped both teams would thoroughly enjoy themselves. For his own part, he hoped the time would come when every visiting team, coming as Burghfield did, would be entertained to tea. It may be stated that Mr. George Clements ably arranged the tea, which was supplied by Mr. Hambleton, of Wokingham.

This was London Road's last home match, only one more fixture—versus Delta at Caversham—being down for decision. Scores:—

| BURGHFIELD.                         |                                     | WOKINGHAM LONDON ROAD.             |                                     |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| H. Bedford c Boyd b Sargeant ... 1  | W. Denton c Peart b Read ... 8      | E. W. Evans c Feltham b Read ... 0 | Read ... 0                          |
| W. Gibson b Denton ... 4            | G. Day b Read ... 1                 | H. Boyd c Kitley b Read ... 0      | J. Sargeant c Hutchins b Read ... 9 |
| F. Feltham c Day b Denton ... 2     | H. Mitchell c Feltham b Read ... 8  | A. Sadler c Kitley b Read ... 0    | V. Fitcher lbw b Kitley ... 5       |
| S. Hathaway run out ... 0           | E. Peart b Sargeant ... 1           | A. Gater run out ... 0             | E. Eymor not out ... 5              |
| H. Bedford not out ... 11           | E. C. Higgs b Sargeant ... 0        | T. May b Kitley ... 0              | Extras ... 0                        |
| H. Read b Sargeant ... 5            | J. Hutchins c Denton b Sadler ... 1 | Extras ... 0                       | Total ... 81                        |
| H. Dora c b Sargeant ... 0          | Extras ... 0                        | Total ... 88                       |                                     |
| E. Kitley b Sargeant ... 0          |                                     |                                    |                                     |
| E. Peart b Sargeant ... 1           |                                     |                                    |                                     |
| E. C. Higgs b Sargeant ... 0        |                                     |                                    |                                     |
| J. Hutchins c Denton b Sadler ... 1 |                                     |                                    |                                     |
| Extras ... 0                        |                                     |                                    |                                     |
| Total ... 81                        |                                     |                                    |                                     |

OTHER MATCHES.

BEAR WOOD v. SWALLOWFIELD.

Played at Swallowfield, Bear Wood winning after an exciting finish, the last wicket making 18 runs, of which Major Bayley claimed 15. Scores:—

| SWALLOWFIELD.                         |                                      | BEAR WOOD.                           |                                 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| C. Twiner b C. Silver ... 2           | J. Hunt b Twiner ... 8               | E. J. Bartlett c Cole b Twiner ... 1 | G. Stevens b Twiner ... 2       |
| H. Jessett b Sargeant ... 8           | E. J. Bartlett c Cole b Twiner ... 1 | C. Sarjeant c b Twiner ... 0         | E. Silver c Bye b Jessett ... 1 |
| E. Day c E. Silver b C. Silver ... 8  | C. Furr c Leadbetter b Jessett ... 3 | C. Silver b Jessett ... 2            | P. Leach b Twiner ... 0         |
| W. Taplin c b Sargeant ... 8          | C. Silver b Jessett ... 2            | P. Leach b Twiner ... 0              | Major Bayley not out ... 15     |
| G. Bye b C. Silver ... 9              | C. Silver b Jessett ... 2            | Major Bayley not out ... 15          | Extras ... 0                    |
| H. Cole c b C. Silver ... 0           | C. Silver b Jessett ... 2            | Major Bayley not out ... 15          | Extras ... 0                    |
| W. Harding c Leach b C. Silver ... 0  | C. Silver b Jessett ... 2            | Major Bayley not out ... 15          | Extras ... 0                    |
| I. Lake c b Sargeant ... 0            | C. Silver b Jessett ... 2            | Major Bayley not out ... 15          | Extras ... 0                    |
| W. Leadbetter c Bayley b Silver ... 0 | C. Silver b Jessett ... 2            | Major Bayley not out ... 15          | Extras ... 0                    |
| J. Lowe not out ... 0                 | C. Silver b Jessett ... 2            | Major Bayley not out ... 15          | Extras ... 0                    |
| V. Leadbetter b C. Silver ... 1       | C. Silver b Jessett ... 2            | Major Bayley not out ... 15          | Extras ... 0                    |
| Extras ... 2                          | C. Silver b Jessett ... 2            | Major Bayley not out ... 15          | Extras ... 0                    |
| Total ... 83                          | C. Silver b Jessett ... 2            | Major Bayley not out ... 15          | Extras ... 0                    |

A VISIT TO EALING.

ANOTHER CRICKET VICTORY FOR READING POLICE.

Rain marked the departure from Reading on Thursday morning in last week of the party of policemen cricketers in Mr. R. Lewis' char-a-banc to Ealing. However, it was sufficiently fine weather at Ealing to allow the two teams to finish their respective innings, the result being that the visitors achieved a further brilliant success by defeating the Ealing Police ("X" Division, Metropolitan Police) with apparent ease.

Although not a spectator of the match and not having received any hints from a spectator, one is convinced that the Reading police did win with ease, because one has only to look at the scores of the respective teams—107 to 43 runs. A closer glance at the scores, which are appended, would also lead one to suppose that the wicket was first and foremost a bowler's wicket, and this is substantiated by an examination of the different bowling analyses. Both in the batting and bowling departments it is clearly indicated that the visitors were the better, and, further, that Searle and Blake were the pick of the twenty-two players. But these two batsmen both fell to the bowling of Lemon, who also dismissed the other chief scorer of the visitors' side, Williams, so he must be considered a power to be reckoned with. Searle's excellent bowling analysis with an average of 3.66 (six for 22) and his score of 26 runs was a good performance. On the other hand, both Blake and Searle have been known to do better with the bat, especially the former, who has several centuries to his credit this season alone. The scores were:—

| READING POLICE.                |                        | EALING "X" DIVISION.           |                             |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Skinner c Thursby b Rowe ... 0 | May run out ... 11     | Searle c May b Lemon ... 26    | Morgan b Blake ... 0        |
| Searle c May b Lemon ... 26    | Firth b Blake ... 26   | Blake c Lamb b Rowe ... 7      | Lemon c b Blake ... 2       |
| Blake c Lamb b Rowe ... 7      | Lawrence run out ... 0 | Phassy c Matlock b Rowe ... 1  | Thursby b Searle ... 0      |
| Lancaster b Rowe ... 0         | Lamb b Rowe ... 8      | Neal c Lamb b Rowe ... 8       | Salver b Searle ... 1       |
| Neal c Lamb b Rowe ... 8       | Salver b Searle ... 1  | Humphries c Lamb b Lemon ... 5 | Matlock b Searle ... 0      |
| Lemon ... 9                    | Matlock b Searle ... 0 | Grace run out ... 9            | Rowe c Grace b Searle ... 6 |
| Williams b Lemon ... 17        | Baker not out ... 0    | Williams b Lemon ... 17        | Baker not out ... 0         |
| Pope not out ... 1             | Extras ... 7           | Pope not out ... 1             | Extras ... 7                |
| Extras ... 1                   | Total ... 43           | Extras ... 1                   | Total ... 43                |
| Total ... 107                  |                        | Total ... 43                   |                             |

Bowling Analyses.—Reading Police: Searle 6 for 22, Blake 3 for 16. Ealing Police: Rowe 3 for 37, Lemon 6 for 67.

CROWTHORNE v. BROADMOOR.

Played at Wellington College on Saturday, and resulted in another victory for Crowthorne by 20 runs. F. Barrett, of Crowthorne, took 7 wickets for 11 runs. Scores:—

| CROWTHORNE.                         |                               | BROADMOOR.                   |                                  |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| W. Welch c Hull b Bush ... 0        | Rev. Whiteley b Barrett ... 7 | M. A. Rust c b Barrett ... 2 | G. A. Penson b Barrett ... 0     |
| W. Finch c Penson b Bush ... 1      | G. A. Penson b Barrett ... 0  | G. A. Penson b Barrett ... 0 | B. Mital run out ... 0           |
| F. Henley b Bush ... 12             | A. M. Whiteley not out ... 8  | A. M. Whiteley not out ... 8 | W. Hull b Barrett ... 4          |
| G. Webb b Whiteley jun. ... 1       | W. Hull b Barrett ... 4       | W. Hull b Barrett ... 4      | A. Hull c Tanner b Barrett ... 1 |
| F. Barrett b Bush ... 0             | F. Froome c Warner b ... 2    | F. Froome c Warner b ... 2   | F. Denton b Webb ... 2           |
| H. Warner c Froome b Bush ... 12    | F. Denton b Webb ... 2        | F. Denton b Webb ... 2       | J. Hull b Barrett ... 0          |
| S. Denton not out ... 7             | J. Hull b Barrett ... 0       | J. Hull b Barrett ... 0      | S. Watson b Barrett ... 0        |
| S. Tanner c b Bush ... 0            | S. Watson b Barrett ... 0     | S. Watson b Barrett ... 0    | Extras ... 1                     |
| A. Robinson b Bush ... 0            | Extras ... 1                  | Extras ... 1                 | Total ... 27                     |
| S. David b Bush ... 0               | Total ... 47                  | Total ... 27                 |                                  |
| S. Collis lbw b Whiteley sen. ... 2 |                               |                              |                                  |
| Extras ... 12                       |                               |                              |                                  |
| Total ... 47                        |                               |                              |                                  |

SUNNINGHILL v. WOKINGHAM MAGPIES.

Played at Sunninghill on Saturday, and after a very pleasant game victory rested with the home-sters by eight runs. Kennedy and Martin batted well for the Magpies, as did Robinson and Hurford for the winners. Scores:—

| MAGPIES.                              |                                  | SUNNINGHILL.                     |                                  |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| W. Brown c b Watts ... 0              | Rev. Knowles lbw b Kent ... 7    | A. Adams c Kent b Kennedy ... 1  | E. Newman c b Kent ... 1         |
| B. Payne b Watts ... 6                | E. Newman c b Kent ... 1         | H. Blay c Berry b Kennedy ... 7  | G. Hayes c Payne b Kent ... 6    |
| E. Kennedy b Blay ... 28              | J. Hurford b Liddiard ... 15     | J. Hurford b Liddiard ... 15     | E. Ansell c Berry b Kent ... 0   |
| W. Martin b Newman ... 13             | E. Ansell c Berry b Kent ... 0   | E. Ansell c Berry b Kent ... 0   | R. Robinson not out ... 21       |
| S. Berry b Blay ... 2                 | R. Robinson not out ... 21       | R. Robinson not out ... 21       | F. Watta c Kent b Liddiard ... 2 |
| H. Challis b Blay ... 3               | F. Watta c Kent b Liddiard ... 2 | F. Watta c Kent b Liddiard ... 2 | L. Sarnay b Kennedy ... 6        |
| A. H. Jones st Hurford b Newman ... 0 | L. Sarnay b Kennedy ... 6        | L. Sarnay b Kennedy ... 6        |                                  |
| J. Liddiard b Newman ... 4            |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| F. Langley c Ansell b Blay ... 4      |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Blay ... 0                            |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| W. Phillips c Knowles b Blay ... 0    |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| H. Kent not out ... 0                 |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Extras ... 4                          |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Total ... 62                          |                                  |                                  |                                  |

COUNTY CRICKET.

Berks' Splendid Victory Over Bucks.

The return match in the Minor Counties Championship between Berks. and Bucks took place at Slough, when Berkshire, after having all the worst of the opening, made a splendid recovery, and won by 31 runs. Berkshire won the first match at Reading by 76 runs. This double victory is highly creditable, as Bucks have been performing well.

The wicket was on the slow side when the game started owing to the heavy dew overnight, and this largely accounts for the smallness of the score. It recovered, however, later, and runs, which had been so difficult to get earlier, came much more freely.

Berkshire opened their innings with R. J. Remnant and A. J. Croom, to the bowling of Hazelton and Sewell, but the former was caught at 21 by Franklin of J. Whiting, who had replaced Sewell. Norris and Captain Ellis were victims to the fast bowler, but Stone, the Hampshire "pro," who has just qualified for Berks, hit freely, though both Croom and Stone were eventually beaten by Whiting, who captured the first five wickets. With the fall of the fourth wicket there came a quick change, and although Woodburn put together 11, the innings closed before luncheon for 95, three batsmen failing to score. J. Whiting obtained seven wickets for 39 runs and Hazelton three for 40.

Bucks made an even more disastrous start when the game recommenced, losing two good wickets for six runs. Durlacher (the Wellingtonian, a good bat and brilliant field) and Le Gros took the score to 43, but J. Whiting and Kent were got rid of very cheaply, and six wickets were down for 49. Hazelton (Gwyn and Sewell, however, offered a stubborn defense, and the Berkshire score was passed before the fall of the eighth wicket, the innings realising 131, after just over two hours' play, giving Bucks a lead of 36. Hawksworth and Woodburn took three wickets each for 42 and 41 runs respectively, Norris two for 16, and Bailey one for 20.

Berks fared even worse at the opening of their second venture after the tea interval, A. J. Croom and R. J. Remnant both being bowled before they had scored. Captain Ellis, Norris, Stone and Palmer followed in quick succession, and six wickets had fallen when the telegraph recorded 38 runs, or only two runs beyond the opponents' total. It was at this point that P. F. Remnant, the old Eton boy, and Bailey made a most invaluable stand, which added 51 runs to the total, the professional being thrown out in attempting a short run. Durlacher, who was fielding very smartly and covering a lot of ground, making a smart return, which was cleverly taken by Hazelton. Woodburn assisted Remnant to add 36 without further loss, and when stumps were drawn Berks had totalled 125 for seven, Remnant having subscribed 43 and Woodburn 51.

Less than three-quarters of an hour the following morning was sufficient to close the Berkshire innings. Woodburn was caught by Hazelton off his own bowling when the score stood at 145, the eighth wicket having added 76, of which the outgoing batsman was credited with 27. Hawksworth and A. B. Croom did not offer much resistance, but P. F. Remnant continued to bat with delightful freedom, and was still unbeaten at the close. His 66, which included five fives, was an invaluable contribution to a total of 164. Sewell captured four wickets for 54 runs, Hazelton three for 36, but J. Whiting, who had met with such success in the first innings, had 53 scored off him for two wickets.

Requiring 128 to win, Franklin and Durlacher opened the innings, whilst Woodburn and Hawksworth shared the attack. Although no liberties were taken with the bowling, runs came fairly freely. Durlacher, who was shaping well, was clean bowled with the score at 24, and Franklin shared a similar fate from the amateur bowler at 37, whilst Le Gros was caught at mid-on from a hard knock when he had made 12. Tibbles (22) was snapped in the slips, after having given one hard chance in the same quarter. With 69 on the board for four Bucks still looked like winning. F. Whiting offered little resistance, and at the interval the score was 70 for five. After luncheon came a rapid change in the fortunes, the remaining batsmen showing little confidence. True, the bowling was good, but scarcely sufficient to account for the poor display. Gwyn was caught before scoring, Kent was out l.b.w., and Hazelton was stumped with 92 runs for eight. Bucks' chances were yet small. To make matters worse, Sewell's wicket was thrown away in attempting an impossible run, and J. Whiting played on his first ball, the innings closing for 96, leaving Berkshire winners as stated. Hawksworth and Woodburn bowled unchanged, the former getting five wickets for 26 and the latter four for 61.

**BERKSHIRE—First Innings.**

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| R. J. F. Remnant, c Franklin, b J. Whiting | 10        |
| A. J. W. Croom, b Whiting                  | 26        |
| T. P. Norris, c Sewell, b J. Whiting       | 5         |
| Capt. Gregson Ellis, b J. Whiting          | 0         |
| Stone, c Gwyn, b J. Whiting                | 23        |
| P. F. Remnant, b Hazelton                  | 0         |
| R. H. R. Palmer, b J. Whiting              | 0         |
| Bailey, b Hazelton                         | 2         |
| W. G. Woodburn, c Durlacher, b Hazelton    | 14        |
| A. B. Croom, b J. Whiting                  | 0         |
| Hawksworth, not out                        | 1         |
| Extras                                     | 9         |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b>96</b> |

**Second Innings.**

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| A. J. W. Croom, c Franklin, b J. Whiting  | 0          |
| R. J. F. Remnant, b Sewell                | 0          |
| Capt. Gregson Ellis, c Franklin, b Sewell | 9          |
| T. P. Norris, c Durlacher, b J. Whiting   | 13         |
| Stone, c Durlacher, b Sewell              | 4          |
| P. F. Remnant, not out                    | 66         |
| R. H. R. Palmer, c Kent, b Sewell         | 3          |
| Bailey, run out                           | 33         |
| W. G. Woodburn, c and b Hazelton          | 27         |
| Hawksworth, b Hazelton                    | 2          |
| A. B. Croom, l.b.w., b Hazelton           | 0          |
| Extras                                    | 6          |
| <b>Total</b>                              | <b>163</b> |

**Bucks—First Innings.**

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| W. B. Franklin, run out                       | 1          |
| F. J. Tibbles, c Woodburn, b Hawksworth       | 1          |
| P. N. Durlacher, b Hawksworth                 | 27         |
| P. W. Le Gros, c R. J. F. Remnant, b Woodburn | 14         |
| F. Whiting, b Woodburn                        | 3          |
| T. R. Kent, b Woodburn                        | 0          |
| W. E. Hazelton, c A. J. Croom, b Norris       | 37         |
| L. W. Gwyn, b Bailey                          | 15         |
| D. A. D. Sewell, b Hawksworth                 | 15         |
| C. Powell, c P. F. Remnant, b Norris          | 9          |
| J. Whiting, not out                           | 0          |
| Extras  | 10         |
| <b>Total</b>                                  | <b>131</b> |

**Second Innings.**

|                                       |           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| W. B. Franklin, b Hawksworth          | 11        |
| P. N. Durlacher, b Woodburn           | 16        |
| E. J. Tibbles, c Gregson, b Woodburn  | 22        |
| P. W. Le Gros, c Palmer, b Hawksworth | 12        |
| F. Whiting, b Woodburn                | 4         |
| T. R. Kent, l.b.w., b Hawksworth      | 7         |
| W. E. Hazelton, st Stone, b Woodburn  | 8         |
| L. W. Gwyn, c Woodburn, b Hawksworth  | 0         |
| D. A. D. Sewell, run out              | 7         |
| C. Powell, not out                    | 0         |
| J. Whiting, b Hawksworth              | 0         |
| Extras                                | 9         |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>96</b> |

MINOR COUNTIES' COMPETITION.

Berkshire Second.

The following is the position of the minor counties up to August 14th:—

|                | Played | Won | Won by Innings | Lost by Innings | Drawn | P. into pass | P. out of field | Percentage |
|----------------|--------|-----|----------------|-----------------|-------|--------------|-----------------|------------|
| Staffordshire  | 9      | 6   | 0              | 1               | 1     | 40           | 31              | 77.50      |
| Berkshire      | 6      | 4   | 1              | 0               | 0     | 30           | 23              | 76.66      |
| Kent II.       | 7      | 3   | 1              | 0               | 2     | 25           | 18              | 72.00      |
| Norfolk        | 6      | 4   | 0              | 0               | 0     | 30           | 20              | 66.66      |
| Glamorgan      | 8      | 4   | 2              | 0               | 0     | 40           | 25              | 62.50      |
| Bucks          | 7      | 4   | 0              | 2               | 0     | 35           | 22              | 62.85      |
| Cheshire       | 7      | 2   | 2              | 2               | 0     | 35           | 18              | 51.42      |
| Hertfordshire  | 6      | 3   | 0              | 0               | 0     | 30           | 15              | 50.00      |
| Devon          | 5      | 2   | 0              | 0               | 0     | 25           | 10              | 40.00      |
| Northumberland | 4      | 1   | 1              | 0               | 0     | 20           | 8               | 40.00      |
| Wiltshire      | 6      | 1   | 1              | 1               | 1     | 25           | 9               | 36.00      |
| Durham         | 6      | 1   | 1              | 2               | 0     | 30           | 10              | 33.33      |
| Bedfordshire   | 7      | 2   | 0              | 1               | 0     | 35           | 11              | 31.42      |
| Essex II.      | 8      | 0   | 1              | 2               | 2     | 30           | 5               | 16.66      |
| Surrey II.     | 8      | 0   | 1              | 0               | 2     | 30           | 3               | 10.00      |
| Dorset         | 4      | 0   | 0              | 0               | 0     | 20           | 0               | —          |

**BERKSHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB.**

**Review of the Season.**

Berkshire ended their season with a victory over Bucks at Slough, which brought them up to second place (equal with Kent 11) in the Minor Counties' Championship, a very satisfactory position for a practically new team. The only match lost, the first against Herts, was played on a mud-hoop and before the team had settled down. And there is little doubt that, but for the weather, the Bucks match at Reading would have been won outright instead of only on the first innings. The batting was sound throughout, and Hawksworth bowled magnificently, being backed up by really good fielding. A fast bowler is badly wanted, and it is hoped he may be forthcoming next season, the prospects for which are good. The only thing wanted is the support of the public; let us hope that it was only the deplorable weather that kept them away. Surely there must be heaps of cricket lovers in Reading who can appreciate cricket which is really first-class, both as regards batting, bowling and fielding; it is worth paying many sixpences to see Chapman fielding. Let us hope they will turn up in crowds next season.

**Results of county matches, 1920:—**

Played 6, won 4, lost 1, won on first innings, 1.

Berks v. Herts, at Watford, July 12th and 13th. First innings: Berks 148, Herts 156; second innings: Berks 134, Herts 130 for three wickets. Herts won by seven wickets.

Berks v. Devon, at Exeter, July 21st and 22nd. First innings: Berks 185, Devon 153; second innings: Berks 244 for six wickets, Devon 273 for nine wickets declared. Berks won by four wickets.

Berks v. Bucks, at Reading, July 28th and 29th. First innings: Berks 352, Bucks 276; second innings: Bucks 97 for four wickets. Berks won on first innings.

Berks v. Devon, at Reading, August 2nd and 3rd. First innings: Berks 195, Devon 105; second innings: Berks 14 for no wicket, Devon 99. Berks won by 10 wickets.

Berks v. Herts, at Reading, August 4th and 5th. First innings: Berks 181, Herts 48; second innings: Berks 33 for four wickets, Herts 163. Berks won by six wickets.

Berks v. Bucks, at Slough, August 11th and 12th. First innings: Berks 95, Bucks 131; second innings: Berks 163, Bucks 96. Berks won by 31 runs.

**BATTING AVERAGES.**

|                     | No. of Inns. | Not out. | Total Runs. | Most in Inns. | Average. |
|---------------------|--------------|----------|-------------|---------------|----------|
| A. P. F. Chapman    | 5            | 1        | 161         | 82            | 40.02    |
| R. J. F. Remnant    | 11           | 1        | 277         | 150           | 27.70    |
| K. Baines           | 4            | 0        | 104         | 56            | 26.00    |
| P. Remnant          | 7            | 1        | 146         | 66*           | 24.33    |
| R. H. R. Palmer     | 8            | 1        | 139         | 65            | 19.85    |
| Mai. K. I. Nicholl  | 4            | 0        | 77          | 56            | 19.25    |
| T. P. Norris        | 10           | 1        | 172         | 40            | 19.11    |
| Capt. Gregson Ellis | 9            | 0        | 154         | 88            | 17.11    |
| Stone               | 4            | 0        | 66          | 28            | 16.50    |
| A. J. W. Croom      | 6            | 1        | 82          | 26            | 16.40    |
| Bailey              | 6            | 0        | 77          | 33            | 12.83    |
| Hawksworth          | 8            | 5        | 34          | 13            | 11.33    |
| Dr. Woodburn        | 10           | 2        | 74          | 27            | 9.25     |

The following batted in less than four innings: E. C. O. De Vitre, 0; G. Iremonger, 0 and 2\*; S. L. Mills, 0 and 6; S. H. Steens, 4 and 9; Shoosmith, 9; H. F. Morris, 24; A. R. Croom, 0 and 0.

\*Signifies not out.

**BOWLING AVERAGES.**

|                  | Overs. | Maidens. | Runs. | Wkts. | Average. |
|------------------|--------|----------|-------|-------|----------|
| Hawksworth       | 303.2  | 123      | 540   | 49    | 11.02    |
| T. P. Norris     | 59.4   | 11       | 172   | 13    | 13.23    |
| Dr. Woodburn     | 127    | 26       | 362   | 16    | 22.06    |
| A. P. F. Chapman | 66     | 13       | 218   | 7     | 31.14    |
| Bailey           | 44     | 19       | 97    | 3     | 32.33    |

The following also bowled:—S. L. Mills, 24 overs, 6 maidens, 37 runs, 0 wickets; R. J. Remnant, 6, 0, 12, 0; H. F. Morris, 16, 1, 54, 5; Shoosmith, 3, 0, 9, 0; Capt. Gregson Ellis, 24, 3, 74, 3.

**A. P. F. CHAPMAN'S CENTURY.**

A. P. F. Chapman, the young Berkshire and Cambridge University cricketer (who was only 20 years of age on Friday last week), enjoyed the distinction of making a hundred, his second this season, against the best bowling in England. He was assisting the Gentlemen v. the Players. Once or twice on Monday evening he had been beaten, and a few strokes in the slips on Tuesday were a trifle uncertain; but otherwise his batting, despite the fact that he made his 101 out of 177 in something over two hours, was without blemish. Included in his hits were twelve 4's. In addition to batting so well, Chapman fielded beautifully, being repeatedly cheered for his brilliant saving in the long field.

**MINOR COUNTIES' CRICKET.**

**BERKSHIRE CLUB'S SUCCESSFUL SEASON.**

The minor counties have had what might be well termed a record season, both financially and in the high standard of play reached. Whereas in the past a hundred spectators were considered a good gate, there have been gates of 2,000 on several occasions this season, a thing unheard of in pre-war days. Such gates as these, however, have not been known at Kensington-road this year. Championship honours, which hung in the balance until the concluding fixtures, were gained by Staffordshire. Berkshire, the runners-up, were assisted by A. P. F. Chapman, the Cantab, and Hawksworth bowled very consistently for them. Their fielding was magnificent, and the Old Reading ground, thanks no doubt to A. E. Kelf, of Sussex, was a paradise to play on. The latter was attached to the R.A.F. there during the war. Bailey also performed some excellent things with both bat and ball and was responsible for several brilliant catches. Dr. Woodburn, the captain of the team, displayed great skill in handling his men and also gathered in a goodly harvest of wickets with his well-lengthened bowling. It is a great pity that the Berkshire team was not able to try conclusions with the Staffordshire side, as more satisfaction would result from the knowledge that the better of the two teams, whichever won, was at the top of the table. The final positions, as follows, have been compiled according to averages:—

|               | P. | W. | 1st ins. | 2nd ins. | D. | pts. | Per cent. |       |
|---------------|----|----|----------|----------|----|------|-----------|-------|
| Staffordshire | 10 | 7  | 0        | 1        | 1  | 46   | 88        | 80.63 |
| Berkshire     | 6  | 4  | 1        | 0        | 0  | 80   | 23        | 70.60 |
| Kent II.      | 8  | 4  | 1        | 0        | 2  | 20   | 26        | 76.68 |

**READING BISCUIT FACTORY RECREATION CLUB.**

**CRICKET.**

**FACTORY "A" v. GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY, LONDON.**

Played on the Kensington-road ground on Saturday last. The visitors won the toss and made a very bad start, three wickets being down for 13 runs. The innings eventually closed for 129 runs. Tuftery was the only batsman who played the bowling with any confidence, and by scoring 71 (twelve 4's) saved his side from disaster. Croom and Manning both bowled well, the former taking four wickets for 44 runs.

The home team made light work of their task, R. H. R. Palmer and Williams putting on 80 runs for the first wicket. Williams and Colgate then took the score to 101 before the former was bowled, having made 60 (nine 4's) by very fine cricket. Colgate and Owen were undefeated when stumps were drawn, the score being 161 for two wickets. The Factory thus won easily. Scores:—

| G. W. RAILWAY, LONDON. |            | FACTORY.        |                        |            |                 |              |
|------------------------|------------|-----------------|------------------------|------------|-----------------|--------------|
| B. Gibbs b Manning     | 2          | R. H. R. Palmer | c A. J. Wright b Gibbs | 28         |                 |              |
| P. C. Wright           | c Palmer   | b               | C. H. Williams         | b Cook     | 60              |              |
| Manning                | ...        | 0               | R. T. Colgate          | not out    | 42              |              |
| J. C. Cook             | run out    | ...             | A. Owen                | not out    | 26              |              |
| J. R. Tuftery          | c & b Owen | 77              | T. T. Cass             | A. South   | B               |              |
| J. W. Leaver           | c Croom    | ...             | G. Shears              | W. Thomas  | H               |              |
| C. W. Allright         | c Colgate  | b               | H. Cripps              | C. Manning | and A. B. Croom | did not bat. |
| Croom                  | ...        | 6               |                        |            |                 |              |
| T. T. Mead             | c Colgate  | b               |                        |            |                 |              |
| Croom                  | ...        | 8               |                        |            |                 |              |
| A. J. Weight           | c Owen     | b               |                        |            |                 |              |
| Cass                   | ...        | 10              |                        |            |                 |              |
| A. Gregson             | c Owen     | b               |                        |            |                 |              |
| Manning                | ...        | 1               |                        |            |                 |              |
| F. W. Honeyball        | lbw        | b               |                        |            |                 |              |
| Croom                  | ...        | 14              |                        |            |                 |              |
| Morris                 | not out    | ...             |                        |            |                 |              |
| Extras                 | ...        | 8               |                        |            |                 |              |
| Total                  | ...        | 129             | Extras                 | ...        | 6               |              |
|                        |            |                 | Total (2 wkts.)        | ...        | 161             |              |