

CRICKET.

PROSPECTS OF DURHAM CITY CLUB.



HARRY AUSTIN.

Whatever is in store for the Durham City Club during the forthcoming season, the fact remains that not one of the clubs in the Durham Senior League will enter the arena with a greater feeling of confidence than the Duncmians - and this despite the fact that A. P. Ashley, last year's captain, has transferred his services to another camp—Whitburn. The cause of this is easy of solution. If we except Ashley and J. H. Burrell, the cream of last year's team is again available, while both in batting and bowling the side gives promise of being infinitely stronger as a result of exceptional talent at hand. Of the old brigade (if we may use the term), Fred Scott has been chosen as captain, and a more popular leader it would be hard to find. As his deputy the mantle has fallen upon F. W. Burgoyne Johnson, a very useful bat, and a wicket keeper with considerable county experience in pre-war days. Whether he will don the pads for Durham is not yet certain.

His brother, George, has also decided to throw in his lot with the club, and as a right arm fast bowler should prove a great acquisition. With C. R. Milam again in evidence, T. Wilson (medium right arm bowler), the new "pro," Harry Austin (slow left arm), and possibly an ex-Lancashire League player named Fletcher, the club should possess an attack second to none in the competition. Variety is there; hence last year's difficulty of good change bowlers has apparently been overcome.

And what of the batting prospects? In F. Scott, C. R. Milam, T. Wilson, George and W. Gibson, and T. Darling, the club has a strong foundation, but the new-comers are calculated to considerably strengthen this department. Apart from the Brothers Johnson, these include J. Dobbs, a teacher at Browney, who prior to service with the Forces played with considerable success in the Nottingham League, and M. H. L. Heywood, one of the premier bats in the Haileybury School XI, and now in residence in the city. H. C. Ferens is now at Cambridge, and T. R. Yeoman at Durham University, and both will undoubtedly offer their services during the summer vacation.

THE NEW "PRO"

Much is expected of the new professional, a young player with excellent credentials. Except for Army cricket with Warwickshire, with which club he spent three profitable seasons ere joining one of the Birmingham Pals' Battalions in September, 1914. He was wounded in the war, and subsequently, while at Eastbourne Convalescent Camp, he indulged in his favourite pastime with some of the leading cricketers of the day, among others, J. W. H. T. Douglas, Hardinge (Kent), and Hayward (Northants). That he shaped well is apparent from the returns of some of the games in which he participated. For Summerdown Camp against Bexhill Public Schools XI, for instance, he captured five wickets in 10 overs for 35 runs. Again, for the same camp against the Cavalry Command Depot in August, 1917, he had four wickets in 11 overs for 21 run and carried out his bat for 11, the highest score in the match.

The same month he put up an exceedingly smart performance against a strong Eton and Harrow XI, led by the famous C. Gibson. The "Scholars" were dismissed at their first venture for 40 runs, eight of the wickets (five clean bowled) falling to Austin in 12.3 overs for 14 runs - average 1.75 per wicket. His other outings with the camp team included a not out innings of 34 against H. F. Morres' XI, in which match he had the satisfaction of taking the wicket of J. W. H. T. Douglas. Thus, as a batsman as well as a bowler, Austin may well prove a valuable asset to the Duncmians in their bid for the championship - a honour which has not come their way since 1910. It should be added that last season the City's new "pro" returned to Warwickshire, and in all cricket took 120 wickets. In his opening matches with the second XI he captured 30 wickets in five games, and as an outcome was given a trial in the county team. He is expected to be in Durham next week, before which it is hoped that a start will be made at the nets.

Apart from his engagement with the City club, Austin will act as coach at Durham School.

Minor Counties Championship.

DURHAM v. STAFFORDSHIRE.

Played at Park Drive.

Following their decisive defeat by Northumberland, the Staffordshire eleven visited West Hartlepool this morning, where they opened the two-days game against the pick of Durham County. The weather was ideal, and the wicket which showed indications of having received careful attention, was in good condition, and promised to be fast.

Durham won the toss and elected to take the first knock. J. J. Common (Baldon) and L. Weight (South Shields) opening the innings. Weight, by the way, is a pro with an average in club cricket of 135. H. Sedgwick and H. F. Morgan handled the bowling, and the innings opened quietly. At the end of a quarter of an hour, when it had been signalled, Weight went a short one to Kinch, worth, but the fielder did not get down quick enough, and the first chance was missed. The scoring was not at all rapid, but Common took full advantage of short-pitched balls, and one of such from Sedgwick he drove nicely to the rails, and he accordingly turned the next delivery for 4. Weight also reached the rails in the next over, and the 20 went up after as many minutes' play. Faulty holding let another 4 hit slip through.

The first wicket fell when the scored reached 28. Common, who had batted consistently for 10 minutes for his 20, being better all the way by a splendid delivery from Sedgwick, which took the batsman's middle stump. Almost immediately afterwards, and with the score at the same total, Weight was likewise sent back falling a victim to Morgan, 18 being his quota.

T. Kinch (West Hartlepool) and G. Scott-Page (South Shields) were now partners, and the Durham captain opened his account with a well-paced 4. The partner also directed a full-toss to the boundary; but on two or three occasions smart fielding in the slips prevented him from materially adding to the total.

At 23, A. Charlesworth took over the bowling vice Sedgwick, and, in playing his first delivery, Scott-Page cut the ball sharply to second slip, but Lockett, although he made a valiant attempt, failed to hold the leather.

Steady batting brought the score to 59, and incidentally a further change in the bowling. J. S. Heath displacing Morgan at the pavilion end. The change, however, did not appear seriously to disturb the batsmen, who continued to play steadily. Scott-Page's bat being particularly busy. In one over from Heath he obtained 15 runs—these including a well-hit 6 and two boundaries from three deliveries, and the century mark was reached at the completion of the hour and 40 minutes' play.

Kinch also played most effectively; indeed, at this point, the operations of the batsmen had the effect of opening out the field, and the boundaries were well guarded. Scott-Page, however, was able to help himself to another 6 hit off Heath. A. Lockett took up the bowling vice Charlesworth, with but little effect, and, after an hour's batting, Scott-Page, amid applause, registered his 50. Kinch was hard on his heels, and before the luncheon interval he had contributed 46. Scott-Page was again let off in the slips, and at 1-20 p.m. Morgan, who was certainly the pick of the batsmen so far, again took over the bowling in the place of Heath.

When the luncheon interval arrived Kinch and Scott-Page were still going strong, the total then being 124 for two wickets.

There was quite a satisfactory attendance when play was resumed at 2-15. Kinch and Scott-Page again facing the bowling of Morgan and Sedgwick. With his score at 46, Kinch returned a high one to Morgan, who could not, however, quite get to the ball, but the next delivery brought about his downfall, when Lockett, at point, effected a smart catch.

The third wicket fell at 134, and when but another run had been added Scott-Page was clean bowled by Morgan, and he returned to the pavilion with a splendidly-compiled 62 to his credit.

E. L. Sqaunce and F. R. Bell (Sunderland) were now partners, and this pair also provided the spectators with an excellent display. Runs still came apace, and at the end of two hours and forty minutes' play the 200 was registered. This was Bell's debut so far as County cricket was concerned, and his selection was quite justified. His 22 was quite valuable, but he at length also fell a victim to a ball from Morgan. Sqaunce was now joined by R. Healey (Darlington), and the Sunderland man, continuing a convincing display, made merry with the bowling, without giving anything away. Yet another bowling change was made, Charlesworth relieving Sedgwick, but it was Morgan who sent Healey back when the Darlington man, in a comparatively short, but lively, innings, had added 21.

Sqaunce, now partnered by Cairns (Craghead), also reached the half-century mark. Four-fifths way the other end the Staffordshire player reached the boundary on several successive occasions. Lockett took over the bowling at the top end, and his game was effective, for his first ball secured Sqaunce's wicket, that player having then compiled 61.

DURHAM.—First Innings.

J. J. Common, b Sedgwick	20
L. Weight, b Morgan	13
T. Kinch, c Lockett, b Morgan	46
G. Scott-Page, b Morgan	62
E. L. Sqaunce, b Lockett	61
F. R. Bell, b Morgan	26
R. Healey, b Morgan	21
Cairns, c Lockett, b Morgan	40
C. R. Milom, b Lockett	0
J. T. Marshall, b Morgan	4
A. Goodrich, not out	0
Extras	16
Total	309

STAFFORDSHIRE.—First Innings.

J. J. Awtrey, b Goodrich	23
A. R. Bickerton, not out	6
J. W. Johnson, not out	1
Total (for 1 wicket)	30

Minor Counties Championship.

DURHAM v. STAFFORDSHIRE.

When play was resumed this morning Staffordshire's total was 180 for four wickets, the not-outs being F. R. Heath (35) and J. S. Heath (4). In contrast to yesterday, the weather, when play commenced, was dull, with the air quite chilly, and no doubt in consequence of this there was but a sprinkling of spectators present at the outset.

Marshall and Goodrich were entrusted with the bowling, and within five minutes, off the former, J. S. Heath gave a possible chance to Sqaunce at first slip. It was, however, a difficult catch, and it was not surprising that the Sunderland man did not succeed in taking it. Good all-round batting sent up the 200, completed in 2 hours 25 minutes, and then Milom took over the bowling in place of Marshall. The brothers Heath, however, were well set, and appeared to have the measure of the bowling. F.R.'s half-century came at the end of 65 minutes' batting, and despite keen fielding, in which Kinch at cover-point was prominent, the score was maintained at a good rate—indeed, 76 runs had been put on in 45 minutes.

With the score at 210, F. R. Heath's activities were cut short, for he sent a hard catch to Cairns, which the latter, after a little fumbling, succeeded in holding. The batsman's score of 65 included 10 boundaries. J. S. Heath followed almost immediately, failing to play a delivery from Goodrich, and the sixth wicket went down for 212. Cairns relieved Milom at the top end, and later, at 270, Weight went in for Goodrich, but although the bowling was good, the hefty Sedgwick put in some pretty strokes, and helped himself liberally.

At 295 the seventh wicket fell, Lockett striking a ball into the hands of Weight, and with Morgan partnering Sedgwick the 300 went up at the end of three and a half hours' play. About this point Morgan was obliged to retire through a leg injury, and J. Poole filled the vacancy. The latter came within an ace of being run out from the first ball he received. At 12-35 the Durham total was passed, Sedgwick completing a splendidly-compiled 50.

Poole's stay was a comparatively short one, as also was that of Charlesworth, each man being clean bowled, and then Morgan, limping slightly, returned to complete his innings. That batsman celebrated his return by sending Cairns right out of the field for 6. The next delivery he skied but the ball was dropped by Cairns, and at the following delivery Sqaunce also made a good attempt at a running catch from Sedgwick. The batsmen began to play with greater freedom, and twice Morgan skied the ball, but neither Marshall nor Goodrich could retain the leather. Immediately afterwards Sedgwick was stumped, the ball bounding from Common's pads on to the stumps, and the innings closed at 1 p.m. with a score of 353—compiled in four hours.

Durham's second innings opened disastrously, for with the score at 9 Weight failed to reach the crease on a smart return, had scattered his wickets, and further disappointment was occasioned when T. Kinch succumbed to the first ball from J. S. Heath. When the luncheon interval arrived G. Scott-Page and J. J. Common were associated, the score then being 15 for two wickets.

Seven minutes after the resumption, Scott-Page returned, having added only half-a-dozen to the total. Charlesworth took his wicket, the player appearing to be beaten by a ball which broke sharply in. E. L. Sqaunce shortly afterwards joined the procession, Birch neatly taking him in the slips, and the fourth wicket fell for 26. At 30 Common returned a hot one to Charlesworth, who, however, could not hold the ball, but at 32 Bell was sent back by Awtrey, who, fielding tried man, took a splendid catch. Disaster still dogged Durham, and with the next delivery, Common, who had played steadily throughout, was smartly taken by Poole behind the wicket. The sixth wicket thus fell for 32, Common having scored 21 of these. Cairns and Healey, however, initiated a valuable partnership, the former batting with a good deal of freedom, but at 60 he returned, and J. S. Heath, who took a really difficult catch.

J. T. Marshall fell to a leg break from Heath, and the same bowler took Healey's wicket when the batsman had contributed a useful 11. A. Goodrich and C. R. Milom formed the last partnership, but the latter was not allowed a stroke, Goodrich falling to a straight one from Charlesworth. The innings was complete, and Staffordshire required only 32 runs to win.

Awtrey and Bickerton were sent out to knock up the runs for Staffordshire, but at 31 the partnership was dissolved, Awtrey, who was previously raised by Cairns at mid-off, being given Boy to Marshall. Johnson added the required runs, and the innings was declared lost at 5-20, Staffordshire winning by one wicket.

Durham First Innings, 209.

STAFFORDSHIRE.—First Innings	
J. J. Awtrey, b Goodrich	23
A. Bickerton, b Marshall	6
J. W. Johnson, b Bell	1
H. Birch, b Milom	8
F. R. Heath, c Cairns, b Milom	66
J. S. Heath, b Goodrich	33
Sedgwick, st Common, b Weight	50
A. Lockett, c Weight, b Cairns	16
Morgan, not out	20
J. Poole, b Weight	2
A. Charlesworth, b Cairns	8
Extras	18
Total	353

DURHAM.—Second Innings.

J. J. Common, c Poole, b J. S. Heath	21
L. Weight, run out	3
T. Kinch, b J. Heath	0
G. Scott-Page, b Charlesworth	6
E. L. Sqaunce, c Birch, b Charlesworth	1
F. R. Bell, c Awtrey, b Charlesworth	2
R. Healey, b J. S. Heath	11
Cairns, c and b J. S. Heath	21
J. T. Marshall, b J. S. Heath	4
A. Goodrich, b Charlesworth	3
C. R. Milom, not out	0
Extras	4
Total	75

STAFFORDSHIRE.—Second Innings.

J. J. Awtrey, b Marshall	17
A. R. Bickerton, not out	9
J. W. Johnson, not out	1
Extras	5
Total (for 1 wicket)	35

Innings declared closed.

P.A.L. OF WICKETS.

DURHAM.—First Innings	
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	
35 35 151 155 207 245 277 277 309 309	

Second Innings.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	
3 9 18 26 32 32 60 68 75 75	

STAFFORDSHIRE.—First Innings.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	
26 87 102 102 210 242 291 311 327 353	

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

DURHAM.—1st Inns.	M.	R.	W.	O.	2nd Inns.	M.	R.	W.	O.
Sedgwick	21	3	75	1					
Morgan	28	1	101	7					
J. S. Heath	6	0	45	0	11	1	39	5	
Charlesworth	7	1	50	0	12	2	32	4	
Lockett	6	1	26	2					

STAFF.—2nd Inns.

Cairns	23	1	87	2					
Goodrich	22	4	74	2	5	1	11	0	
T. Marshall	15	3	75	1	4	8	19	1	
C. R. Milom	10	1	57	2					
F. R. Bell	5	1	14	1					
Weight	10	1	49	2					

Cairns, Marshall, and Weight each bowled one no-ball.

NOTES ON CRICKET.

PROMISING NORTHUMBERLAND COLT.

Northumberland's successful performance against Staffordshire revealed a marked revival in form since their defeat by Durham at Whitsuntide. A feature of their better-balanced side was the superb batting display of H. Arke, whose powerful and stylish display aroused memories of a famous hard-hitting and polished predecessor, George Simpson.

If the batting inspired renewed confidence in the team, what must be said of the bowling? J. L. Towler fully realised the high expectations of his sponsors to county fame. He took twelve wickets with his fast deliveries, which he sent down with commendable length and deadly accuracy on the wicket. He promises to be a worthy successor to C. M. Skinner, whose bright career was ended all too soon by a fatal attack of pneumonia during the war.

Geoffrey Taylor, the Northumberland County Rugby three-quarter, signalled his debut as a County batsman against Staffordshire with a measure of success rarely attained by a new-comer. A tall and powerful athlete, he cultivated a nice style whilst playing for the Newcastle Royal Grammar School eleven, which he captained prior to the war. During the war he developed his form whilst training or billeted at various camps, and his batting against Staffordshire convincingly demonstrated that he possesses the desired qualities as well as the temperament for representative cricket. Truly he is a recruit of great possibilities for the County.

Since the teams first met in 1914 Staffordshire can claim the more meritorious record of results. They have won twelve out of fourteen games carried to a definite issue. In 1909, when they beat Northumberland by an innings and 138 runs, they scored 403 on the Jesmond ground. On no fewer than seven occasions the Midland eleven has beaten Northumberland by an innings.

Tynemouth's victory against Benwell Hill confirmed the progressive career of the seaside club since their strength was restored by the return of Fred Haswell and N. Kichley from the colours. The latter played a highly meritorious innings for 73. His prowess does not appear to have been impaired in the slightest degree by his war service. On the contrary, he seems more virile and versatile than ever.

A team of Borderers, all well-known celebrities in the national summer pastime, will oppose Mr H. A. Westmacott's side on the Benwell Hill ground on June 17th. The Borderers will be assisted by two notable Northumberland County stalwarts in R. G. Mortimer and Vin Thompson. For upwards of 40 years the Benwell Hill club have occupied the pitch at a nominal rental from the Westmacott family, who were generous patrons of the sport. Recently the land has been sold, and the club will have difficulty in finding another one either so easily accessible or at so low a rental.

The fixture between a team selected from Northumberland and Durham Clubs and the M.C.C., which commences on June 30, shows best the qualities of the North-country cricketers. Marylebone will probably include P. Perrin (Essex), A. P. Day (Kent), C. L. Townsend (the old Gloucester and All-England player), and a Northern representative in A. B. Horsley (then secretary of the Durham County Club).

Of the three centuries of the Durham Senior League games on Saturday, A. P. Ashley put up the best performance. The old Durham City captain recently removed to Whitburn and is now captain of the village team. Already he has played several fine innings for his new club, and on Saturday against Eppleton he knocked up 157 not out.

Mr J. Robinson, the old Burnhope and ex-County cricketer, is now convalescent, after a long illness, the result of a rather serious accident. He is still a staunch supporter of cricket in North-West Durham.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP.

DURHAM v. STAFFORDSHIRE.

Staffordshire, who yesterday opened a two-days' match with Durham at West Hartlepool, relied upon the same team that was so decisively beaten by Northumberland. Conditions at Park Drive were ideal, and a good crowd of enthusiasts were attracted to the enclosure.

Durham elected to bat first, and after the fall of the first and second wickets for 38, a splendid stand was made by T. Kinch and G. Scott-Page, each of whom dealt with the bowling confidently and were going strong when the luncheon interval arrived. This pair brought about many changes in the bowling, but Scott-Page was twice missed when he sent hard catches into the slips. Before the interval he had obtained his 50—this including two six hits—whilst his partner contributed forty-six.

On the resumption, however, this pair did not last very long. Scott-Page (62) falling a victim to Morgan, whilst Kinch (46) was nicely taken in the slips by Lockett, the fourth wicket going down for 155. The third wicket put on 116 in 1hr. 25mins. More bowling changes were made, Morgan being the most successful with the ball, but run-getting went on apace, the 200 going up at the end of 2hrs. 40 mins. Sequence also gave a convincing display and he also reached the half-century mark. His wicket finally went to Lockett for 61. This batsman sent seven successive deliveries to the boundary.

Staffordshire played in fine style on going in to bat, and at the close of play with six wickets standing were in arrears. Score:—

DURHAM—1st Innings.	
J. J. Common, b Sedgwick	20
L. Weight, b Morgan	13
T. Kinch (capt.), b Lockett, b Morgan	46
G. E. Scott-Page, b Morgan	62
C. E. L. Sequence, b Lockett	61
F. R. Bell, b Morgan	25
R. Healey, b Morgan	21
Calens, c Lockett, b Morgan	40
C. R. Milom, b Lockett	0
J. T. Marshall, b Morgan	4
A. Goodrich, not out	0
Extras, 16; total	200

STAFFORDSHIRE—1st Innings.	
J. J. Awley, b Goodrich	23
A. Bickerton, b Marshall	30
J. W. Johnson, b Bell	72
H. Birch, b Milom	6
F. R. Heath, not out	35
J. S. Heath, not out	4
Extras, 16; total (for 5 wickets)	180

DURHAM—1st Innings.		O. M. R. W.	
Sedgwick	21	5	73
Morgan	28	4	101
Charlesworth	7	1	50

DURHAM CITY v. CROOK.	
J. Anderson, c Hall, b Fletcher	36
A. E. Parkin, b F. Wilson	1
J. H. Coulthard, b Fletcher	22
J. Batey, c Healy, b J. Gibson	2
A. Fairclough, c Dean, b Fletcher	7
A. Raylan, c Dean, b Fletcher	3
C. Lambert, not out	1
A. Wood, c F. Wilson, b Fletcher	0
L. Wright, c W. Wilson, b Fletcher	3
R. Blyth, b J. Gibson	3
J. Hobbs, b J. Gibson	9
Extras, 5; total	92

DURHAM CITY.	
J. J. Gibson, b Coulthard	8
F. Wilson, b Anderson	9
N. Bayes, c and b Anderson	2
M. Dean, b Anderson	8
H. Don, c and b Coulthard	18
M. Spring, run out	9
R. Bell, b Coulthard	11
W. Wilson, c Raylan, b Fairclough	41
F. Fletcher, c Wright, b Batey	15
G. Gibson, not out	33
F. Scott, not out	8
Extras, 11; total (for 9 wkts)	173

NEWCASTLE AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.					
TABLE UP TO DATE.					
	Pld.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Pts.
St. Ann's	5	5	0	0	10
Jockville, Whidby	4	3	1	0	6
Spencer's, Newburn	5	2	2	1	5
Hawthorn	4	2	1	1	4
Geoffrey Adams School	4	1	2	1	3
Falling P.M. H.	3	1	2	0	2
Leighton P.M.	4	1	2	1	2
St. Peter's Welfare	4	0	4	0	0

WEST TYNE LEAGUE.					
TABLE TO DATE.					
	Pld.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Pts.
Corbridge	5	5	0	0	10
Ryton	4	4	0	0	8
Newton	5	4	1	0	8
Haydon Bridge	5	3	2	0	6
Hartcliffe	4	3	1	0	6
East Ayle	4	2	3	0	4
Henshaw	7	1	6	0	2
Hunthorpe	4	0	4	0	0
Tynedale	6	0	5	0	0

Add GOLF.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP.

Staffordshire's Easy Win.

In the concluding day's play of this match at West Hartlepool yesterday, Durham collapsed in extraordinary fashion and suffered defeat by nine wickets.

The weather was dull and cold when the brothers Heath resumed Staffordshire's first innings, the visitors having overnight put on 180 for the loss of four wickets. The batsmen continued to score freely until parted at 240, when F. R. Heath was caught by Cairns. The outgoing batsman's total of 66 included 10 boundaries. J. S. Heath did not remain to add many more runs, but Sedgwick, who followed, scored freely, and the 300 was signalled after the Staffordshire innings had lasted 3 1/2 hours. Simultaneously with Sedgwick's completion of his half-century the Durham total was passed and the innings eventually closed for a total of 353. Durham were 44 runs in arrears when they commenced their second venture. Disaster quickly befel them, for at 9 Weight was run out, and Kinch, who followed, was sent back to the pavilion without opening his account. At the luncheon interval Scott-Page and Common were associated, the score being 15 for two, but the interval did not serve to change the complexion of the game, and when the sixth wicket fell—Common being narrowly taken behind the wicket—the total only stood at 32. Cairns and Healey remained together for some time, but at 60 the former was out to a fine catch, and the innings eventually closed for 75. Left with only 32 runs to get to win, Staffordshire accomplished this for the loss of one wicket, and the game ended at 5.50 p.m. in an unexpected win for the Midlanders. Scores:—

STAFFORDSHIRE—1st Innings.	
J. J. Awley, b Goodrich	23
A. Bickerton, b Marshall	30
J. W. Johnson, b Bell	72
H. Birch, b Milom	6
F. R. Heath, c Cairns, b Milom	66
J. S. Heath, b Goodrich	69
Sedgwick, c Common, b Weight	50
A. Lockitt, c Weight, b Cairns	16
Morgan, not out	21
J. Peck, b Weight	8
A. Charlesworth, b Cairns	2
Extras, 16; total	353

DURHAM—2nd Innings.	
T. Kinch, b J. S. Heath	0
Weight, run out	0
J. J. Common, c Peck, b J. S. Heath	21
G. E. Scott-Page, b Charlesworth	6
E. J. Sequence, b Bell, b Charlesworth	1
F. R. Bell, c Awley, b Charlesworth	2
R. Healey, b J. S. Heath	11
Cairns, c and b J. S. Heath	21
J. T. Marshall, b J. S. Heath	4
A. Goodrich, b Charlesworth	3
C. R. Milom, not out	0
Extras, 4; total	75

STAFFORDSHIRE—2nd Innings.		O. M. R. W.	
J. J. Awley, b Marshall	17		
A. Bickerton, not out	30		
J. W. Johnson, not out	4		
Extras, 5; total (for one wicket)	35		

STAFFORDSHIRE—1st Innings.		O. M. R. W.	
Goodrich	23	4	73
Cairns	25	1	67
Marshall	13	3	69

DURHAM—2nd Innings.		O. M. R. W.	
J. S. Heath	11	1	39
Charlesworth	12	2	32
Extras	5	1	11
Marshall	0	4	30

SOUTH NORTHUMBERLAND RESERVES v. BACKWORTH RESERVES.	
At Backworth. Score:—	
South Northumberland Reserves: A. E. Grant, c G. Lowe, b L. Robson, 57; A. Patterton, b G. Lowe, 14; W. A. Kirby, c and b G. Lowe, 7; W. Towler, b G. Lowe, 0; J. W. Hunter, b G. Lowe, 10; R. W. Hutchinson, b G. Lowe, 0; R. Howland, not out, 6; J. R. Clifford-Jones, b W. A. Kirby, 4; E. T. Clifford-Jones, c Milburn, b G. Lowe, 7; F. T. Broadbent, c Kothberg, b G. Lowe, 5; R. Oplis, c and b G. Lowe, 0; extras, 22; total—141.	
Backworth Reserves: G. Jordan, b A. P. Grant, 2; S. Milburn, b R. Oplis, 25; G. Lowe, 0; E. T. Clifford-Jones, b A. E. Grant, 25; M. Auld, b R. Oplis, 5; L. Robson, c A. Patterton, b R. Oplis, 0; L. Smith, not out, 5; O. Osborne, not out, 8; extras, 9; total (for 5 wickets)—69.	

ST. GEORGE'S RESERVES v. WALLSEND RESERVES.	
At Wallsend. Score:—	
St. George's Res.: A. Wood, b Dunlop, 0; S. G. McKay, b Hall, 4; E. N. Ross, c Hall, b Kay, 23; P. P. Phillips, b Hall, 37; J. Johnson, b Innes, 18; I. S. McKenzie, c and b Steele, 14; A. E. Cosham, b Simpson, 25; F. S. Wightman, b Simpson, 1; E. Rankin, c B. Innes, 11; L. Cavan, not out, 2; S. P. P. not out, 6; extras, 14; total (for 9 wickets)—143.	
Wallsend Reserves: J. Hall, b McKenzie, 5; C. Cosham, b Wightman, 13; H. R. Kay, c Wightman, b Cavan, 13; E. Dunlop, b Cosham, 2; H. Innes, b McKenzie, 0; B. Innes, b Cavan, 1; H. G. Steele, c McKenzie, b Rankin, 14; J. Rankin, 2; J. Brown, not out, 0; C. Simpson, b Phillips, b Wightman, 3; total (for 9 wickets)—143.	

TO-DAY'S CRICKET.

Minor Counties' Championship.

DURHAM v. CHESHIRE.

Weather of a delightful description favoured the opening of this two-days engagement at Westoe to-day. When play commenced there was a big crowd of spectators and the turnstiles were still admitting a steady stream of people.

Cheshire won the toss and elected to bat, the following being the order of the batsmen going in: W. E. Jones, D. Bumphrey, H. N. Hodgson, D. H. Coomber, H. Morris, V. Hope, Clifton, Cook, L. N. Jones, F. A. Harrison, and Tipping.

Goodrich bent down the first over from the top end, Bumphrey cutting him nicely for a single off his third delivery. At the bottom end Cairns took the ball, which yielded a couple to the same batsman from a leg hit. A maiden over followed from Goodrich.

Kent roused enthusiasm by a smart piece of fielding and return which almost had Bumphrey run out. Runs came along at a slow pace, the batsmen taking 13 minutes to reach double figures. Bumphrey drove Goodrich for two, but the bowler had him clean beaten with the next ball, which took his middle stump. (1 for 12.)

The last corner dealt powerfully with a no ball sent down by Cairns and found the boundary. It was from the top end that disaster came again, Goodrich, with a finely pitched ball getting rid of Jones (2 for 18).

Hodgson and Coomber were now together. The former brought up 20 on the board after half an hour's play. Coomber put Goodrich beautifully away past cover point for four, but after this runs were at a premium, neither batsmen seeming disposed to take any liberties.

When 31 was registered Cairns claimed his first victim, Coomber being clean bowled with the last ball of his over.

H. Morris, the next man in, when he had scored two singles, was appealed against by Goodrich for legs, but the umpire's decision was in his favour. An hour's play was taken for 40 runs, and cricket continued on the slow side for a while.

Morris relieved the monotony by a brilliant boundary hit to the on-field and the half century went up.

Hodgson and Morris were together when 60 went up and seven runs later on Cairns was taken off, and the ball given to Marshall. Seventy was posted after an hour and a half's play. Morris hit the new bowler for a 4 and a 2, and another 4 in two overs and 80 appeared on the board.

The same batsman lifted Goodrich away to the boundary, and at the other end Hodgson clipped Marshall away for two, and in the same over the score rose to 90. A hard drive for 3 from the same batsman followed.

When just short of three for the century, Goodrich brought about a separation, beating Hodgson with a slow pitched ball which hit the leg stump. The partnership put on 66 runs, Hodgson's contribution being 29, the getting of which occupied one hour and twenty minutes. V Hope joined Morris. The century was reached after the hour and fifty-five minutes' play. A single only was added when Morris followed Hodgson to the pavilion, the batsman being dismissed by Marshall, who cleaned bowled him.

Morris's innings of 45 included four fours. In the last men before the interval another wicket fell to the credit of Marshall, Clifton being caught out by Goodrich. Six wickets were now down for 101.

After luncheon hour, Hope and Cook resumed. Disaster came swiftly, for with the last ball in Marshall over, Cook, was snapped up behind the wicket by Wilson off Marshall before a run was added. L. N. Jones joined Hope. A big hit by Jones for 4 was applauded. The same batsman drove Goodrich for a couple, and Hope got Marshall finely through the legs also for 4. The batsmen gave the spectators some lively cricket at this time, Jones and Hope each helping themselves to big four hits. The former twice reached the boundary in an over for

Goodrich, and 140 was signalled. Weight, the Shields professional, was brought on to bowl at the top end with the score at 142. Jones cut him for a single. When the same batsman faced him again he chopped a ball into the hands of Turnbull at point, his innings having produced 27 runs. Eight for 148.

With 150 on Milam took the ball from Marshall. The batsmen scored freely off the new bowler, who, however, found compensation in getting rid of Hope, who was caught at mid off by Ashley, the score then being 176. Tipping was the last man in, and the innings was closed for 182.

CHESHIRE.—1st Innings.

D Bumphrey, b Goodrich	9
W E Jones, b Goodrich	4
D H Coomber, b Cairns	9
H W Hodgson, b Goodrich	29
H Morris, b Marshall	45
Clifton, c Goodrich, b Marshall	0
Cook, c Wilson, b Martin	0
L N. Jones, c Turnbull, b Weight	27
Harrison, not out	17
Hope, c Ashley, b Milam	28
Tipping, c Weight, b Milam	3
Extras	11

Total

Bowling Analyses.

CHESHIRE.—1st Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Goodrich ... 29 ... 11 ... 42 ... 3				
Cairns	15	1	45	1
Marshall ... 15 ... 1 ... 53 ... 3				
Weight	6	1	10	1
Milam	4	0	21	2

Durham opened their innings at 3.35 precisely, A. P. Ashley and Weight forming the first partnership. An easy four came to the pair immediately on commencing as the result of a bye. Weight batted steadily, but the Cheshire fielding was smart close in, and not much scope was given to the partnership.

It was clear that runs were rather difficult to get, and when a development for the better was likely, Ashley was dismissed by Clifton with a splendid ball for two. A quarter of an hour at the wickets, the pair had registered 14 runs. T. Kinch, the Durham captain, next was coupled with Weight. He made a good opening, and was applauded for a smart boundary off Cook. A similar success came in the next over off Clifton, when the pair were batting steadily and well against some very fast bowling.

Kinch sent forward a loose ball which nearly cost him his wicket, Morris just being too late to make the catch.

The half century came after forty minutes play when Hope went out to bowl in the place of Clifton.

DURHAM—(First Innings.)

J. P. Ashley, b Clifton	2
Weight, not out	24
Kinch, not out	50
Extras	11

Total (for 1 wicket)..... 87

TO-DAY'S CRICKET.

County Match Resumed at Westoe.

WEIGHT'S BIG SCORE.

Play was resumed at eleven this forenoon at Westoe in fine weather. The overnight scores left the game in a highly interesting position. Cheshire's total of 182 was successfully challenged, Durham's score at the call of time being 235 for nine wickets. This was largely the result of two men, Weight, the local professional and T. Kinch. The former who was the second man in carried out his bat for 101, while Kinch's contribution was 54 obtained by skilful clean batting. Weight's century too, was almost without blemish of any kind and naturally roused intense enthusiasm among local supporters who were again present in record numbers to-day.

The attendance yesterday was officially given as 2,400, the gate receipts being £112, a record for the ground.

Weight (101) resumed the Durham innings in partnership with S. Wilson (5) both men having a warm reception from the crowd when they came out.

Wilson took the first over Cook at the bottom end being the bowler. The batsman was appealed against for legs in the second ball sent down but survived. The fifth ball he got away for a single which brought Weight to the top end and the Stretas professional secured the next over by a short drive. Clifton resumed bowling at the top end and after placing him to the leg past point for four, Weight sneaked in with another single which captured the bowling again. He repeated the effort in the succeeding round much to the delight of the visitors. The next over yielded a single only. Wilson survived an over and a very hard chance behind the wicket. Weight got to work again and drove Clifton for three, and Wilson despatched him almost to the boundary for a couple. A single from Weight brought on the board. J. S. Jones went on to bowl in place of Clifton. Weight hit him brilliantly for a single and Wilson played out the over. A single brought Weight to the other end, where he sliced Jones away to the boundary, but in the same over the bowler had him beaten, and the Durhams innings was closed for 237.

Weight's score of 123, the last wicket having added 22 to the overnight's total. The shrewd professional's figures included thirteen 4's and two 3's. On coming to the pavilion he was loudly cheered for his splendid performance.

Cheshire commenced batting in their second innings at 11.15, Bumphrey taking the first over from Goodrich, who sent down a "maiden." Cairns bowled from the bottom end, W. E. Jones being the batsman. The latter hit a ball to the leg for three. A leg bye for 4 from Goodrich raised the score to double figures. Bumphrey was harassed in the slips—a very hard chance—before he had scored 1. At the other end he got Goodrich away to the boundary at cover point. Twenty went up after 25 minutes' play. Jones looked vigorously after this, a fine drive to mid on and a clean clip through the slips reaching the boundary. He put another away at cover point, most of the runs being got off Cairns. Jones brought up 40 with a drive to mid-off off Goodrich, but in the next over Cairns whipped the bats off his wicket with a fast ball. One for 42. H. W. Hodgson then came in. With six runs added Hodgson was sent back to the pavilion with a duck, Cairns again beating the batsman. Coomber joined Bumphrey and was in obvious difficulties in his first over for Goodrich, who appeared to get a deal of spin upon the ball varying his pace from slow to fast. The fifty mark was passed after forty five minutes play, and the arrears on the Durham score were wiped ten minutes later. A glance to the off brought four—aid run—to the credit of Coomber and he also nicked a four off the same bowler—Cairns. Asley heeled a ball smartly that roared all over a boundary hit and was warmly applauded. A four by Bumphrey off Cairns to square leg raised the score to 70, and both batsmen again hit boundaries in successive overs. 50 runs were posted after an hour and ten minutes play. Milam went on to bowl in place of Goodrich at 83. Coomber promptly cut him for four. At the other end Bumphrey rattled along at a good pace with a four, a 2, and single and the century was reached in quick time.

With another single added, however, the partnership was broken, Coomber being smartly taken in the slips by Cairns off Milam. 6 for 101. H. Morris signalled his coming by big hitting, getting 7 off one over. Morris was given a life, being badly missed by Cairns.

Bumphrey reached his 50, but the spectators' applause had barely subsided before he was clean bowled by Marshall, who had just come on in place of Cairns. (4 for 119). Hope assisted Morris to carry the score to 141 when the latter was given out lbw on Milam's appeal. Clifton filled the vacancy and the pair were together at lunch time.

Resuming after the luncheon hour, runs came slowly to Hope and Clifton. A few singles came their way, and a spasmodic four by Hope was the only point of interest during the first quarter of an hour. After half an hour Weight went on to bowl at the top end in place of Goodrich, the advent of new blood being heralded by a boundary hit by Hope. The Cheshire pair stood their ground well, but prolific hitting was conspicuous by its absence.

As the afternoon passed Hope sneaked away for a boundary and Clifton for a three. A few hard hits looked like sending up the Cheshire score with a leap, but some smart fielding on the part of the Durham players very successfully dealt with the batting. At either wicket, however, an occasional ball set a Durham player racing boundarywards.

While it is true that the Durham bowlers were not giving a great deal away—Hope and Clifton had lifted the score of the Cheshires only 34 in an hour—the partnership was standing well in cricket which was slow, and time very valuable to the Durhams was thereby being tantalisingly occupied. Marshall next re-appeared with the ball at the bottom end in relief of Cairns.

Cheshire declared their innings at 4.10 with a total of 275 for 8 wickets, secured in 53 hours.

Scores:—

CHESHIRE.—1st Innings 182.

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

A. P. Asley, b Clifton	2
T. Kinch (capt.), b L. N. Jones	54
J. Turnbull, b Cook	12
F. R. Bell, c Clifton, b L. N. Jones	6
J. A. Tate, b Cook	1
Cairns, b Cook	5
J. T. Marshall, lbw., b Cook	7
C. R. Milam, c L. N. Jones, b Cook	2
A. Goodrich, c and b Cook	6
Weight, b L. N. Jones	123
S. Wilson, not out	3
Extras	11

Total 237

CHESHIRE.—2nd Innings.

W. E. Jones, b Cairns	25
D. Bumphrey, b Marshall	60
H. W. Hodgson, b Cairns	0
D. H. Coomber, c Cairns, b Milam	25
H. Morris, lbw., b Milam	24
V. Hope, c and b F. R. Bell	55
Clifton, c Wilson, b Milam	29
Cook, b Milam	19
L. N. Jones, not out	16
F. A. Harrison, not out	5
Extras	27

Total for 8 wickets 275

Innings declared.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Cook	34	7	90	6
Clifton	11	1	34	1
Hope	5	0	24	0
L. N. Jones	20	1	78	3

CHESHIRE.—2nd Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Goodrich	19	6	40	0
Cairns	27	4	85	2
Milam	12	5	48	4
Marshall	15	2	53	1
Weight	6	1	19	0
Bell	6	4	1	3

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP.

DURHAM v. CHESHIRE.

Following their victory over Northumberland, Cheshire opened the match with Durham, at South Shields, yesterday, the day's play concluding with the score standing in favour of the home county. The visitors, batting first, made 182 runs, and Durham responded with 215 for nine wickets, when the closure arrived. Much interest was shown in the match, the attendance being 2,400, and the gate receipts amounting to £112 11s 8d.

Cheshire's innings occupied just over three hours. W. E. Jones and D. Bounphrey going in first against the bowling of Goodrich and Cairns. Runs at the outset came slowly, and the first three wickets fell for 31. A fine partnership between H. W. Hodgson and H. Morris, however, succeeded in carrying the score to 97, when the former succumbed to a ball from Goodrich for an innings of 29. Another partnership between V. Hope and L. N. Jones proved productive, and they added 55 runs to the total, but the rest of the batsmen did not bat conspicuously. F. A. Harrison, 17 not out when the innings ended for a total of 182, being the most successful of them. Goodrich and Marshall, for Durham, each took three wickets for 42 and 53 runs respectively, the former's balls being difficult to play.

The Durham innings, which started at 3.35, was remarkable for the fine batting performance of Weight, the South Shields pro, who went in at the commencement and was 104 not out when play ceased. He batted cautiously but effectively, and though missed two or three times in the later stages, he gave an excellent display. His first 50 was completed after an hour and a half, and when his century was secured a few minutes before the finish he was the recipient of an enthusiastic ovation from the spectators. Altogether he was batting for 2 hours and 35 minutes. His first partner, A. P. Ashley, was dismissed for 2 within 15 minutes of the innings opening, but his partnership with T. Kinch, the Durham captain, carried the score steadily upwards, the bowlers being Clifton and Cook. Clifton was relieved by Hope when the half-century was registered, and afterwards the latter was succeeded by L. N. Jones. Kinch was bowled by Jones when the score stood at 96 for an innings of 54, after being missed by Morris; and J. Turnbull, who followed on, was the only other batsman on the Durham side to reach double figures.

The match will be resumed at eleven o'clock this morning, when Weight and S. Wilson will resume batting for Durham. Score:—

CHESHIRE.—1st Innings.

W. E. Jones, b Goodrich	4
D. Bounphrey, b Goodrich	9
H. W. Hodgson, b Goodrich	29
D. H. Coomber, b Cairns	9
H. Morris, b Marshall	45
Clifton, c Goodrich, b Marshall	0
V. Hope (capt), c Ashley, b Milam	28
Cook, c Wilson, b Marshall	0
L. N. Jones, c Turnbull, b Weight	27
F. A. Harrison, not out	17
Tipping, c Weight, b Milam	3
Extras, 11; total—182	

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

A. P. Ashley, b Clifton	2
Weight, not out	104
T. Kinch (capt), b L. N. Jones	34
J. Turnbull, b Cook	12
F. R. Bell, c Clifton, b L. N. Jones	6
J. A. Tate, b Cook	1
Clifton, b Cook	5
T. Marshall, bow, b Cook	7
F. R. Milam, c L. N. Jones, b Cook	7
A. Goodrich, c and b Cook	6
S. Wilson, not out	5
Extras, 11; total (for 9 wickets)—215	

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

CHESHIRE.—1st Innings.

O. M. R. W.	O. M. R. W.		
Goodrich	29 11 42 3	Weight	6 1 30 1
Cairns	15 1 45 1	Milam	4 0 21 2
Marshall	15 1 53 3		

NORTHUMBERLAND v. THE REST.

County in a Strong Position.

EXCELLENT BATTING AT JERMOND. Much interesting cricket was associated with the match between the Northumberland County eleven and "The Rest" (consisting of 15 players), on the Osborne Avenue ground, yesterday, and when stumps were drawn at 6.30 the County had 308 to their credit as the total of their first innings, whilst the score of "The Rest" stood at 144 for the loss of seven wickets.

Stanger-Leathes (captain) and L. J. Couves opened for the County, and were not separated until 99 had been made, the first-named being then taken in the slips. His 48 included one 6—a brilliant straight drive into the avenue—and five 4's. J. Clark and Atkinson, of Backworth, commenced the attack, and with 30 on the board W. Dover took the ball from Clark. Forty-five minutes' play produced 50. W. G. Armstrong was substituted for Atkinson shortly afterwards, and Harden was tried at 70, but, as already stated, the County total had reached 99 before a separation was brought about.

Couves left at 101, and W. Mackay and Wingham carried the total to 210, Wingham then being caught by Grey at the wickets. Clark disturbed H. Arkle's stumps at 222, and G. L. Hunting fell to a good catch by Idle at square leg, half the side being out for 240. Mackay and Smith added 31 before the former was bow to Armstrong, who had taken the ball again at the Avenue end. Smith was caught in the slips when 274 runs had been registered. Armstrong clean bowled Milne at 287, and the captain (E. Haswell) took a fine catch at mid-off which accounted for Craig, the innings closing at 308.

W. G. Armstrong and T. A. Caughy opened for "The Rest," the former taking the first over from Milne. It was a "maiden," but in his second over the Benwell Hill bowler clean bowled Caughy with only two runs to the credit of "The Rest." Idle, at the same total, was caught in the slips. Armstrong, with the help of Whitfield, added 20, the latter paying the penalty of putting up one of Milne's. The fourth wicket (Veitch's) fell at 49. Pollard and Armstrong had more than doubled the total when the latter played into the hands of Wingham. Armstrong had been nearly an hour and a half at the wickets and was fifth out at 115. He displayed exceptional skill and judgment, waiting patiently for loose balls. He hit nine 4's, and his was one of the best batting performances of the day. Middleton contributed a useful 19; and Pollock, with 33 to his credit, was still batting splendidly when the closure arrived.

There will be a full day's play to-day.

NORTHUMBERLAND.—1st Innings.

C. F. Stanger-Leathes, c Harden, b Clark	48
L. J. Couves, c Grey, b Harden	37
W. Mackay, bow, b Armstrong	50
Wingham, c Grey, b Clark	60
H. Arkle, b Clark	5
G. L. Hunting, c Idle, b Clark	6
T. P. Smith, c Middleton, b Pollock	16
Hetherington, not out	16
Milne, b Armstrong	9
J. Craig, c Haswell, b Armstrong	2
S. Crozier, b Pollock	10
Extras, 44; total—308	

"THE REST"—1st Innings.

W. G. Armstrong, c and b Wingham	63
T. A. Caughy, b Milne	0
G. W. Idle, b Smith, b Milne	0
H. Whitfield, c Smith, b Milne	14
A. E. Veitch, c and b Crozier	14
Atkinson, b Wingham	1
J. P. Middleton, c Craig, b Hetherington	19
C. W. Pollock, not out	33
Extras, 4; total (for 7 wickets)—144	

R. E. Westcott, F. Haswell (captain), G. W. Purdy, c V. G. Grey, W. Dover, J. Clark, and Harden, to bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

NORTHUMBERLAND.—1st Innings.

O. M. R. W.	O. M. R. W.		
Atkinson	19 2 49 1	Harden	17 3 50 1
Pollock	7 3 0 21	Dover	8 0 25 0
Armstrong	11 1 35 3	Middleton	10 1 19 0
C. Clark	23 2 65 4		

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP.

Drawn Game at South Shields.

The Minor Counties Championship match between Durham and Cheshire, at South Shields, concluded yesterday in a draw. Durham, resuming their unfinished first innings yesterday, carried the score from 215 to 237, giving the home county an advantage of 55 runs over the visitors. Cheshire, however, showed brilliant batting form in their second venture at the wickets, and after compiling 275 for eight wickets, declared, leaving Durham with 221 to get to win in two hours. This they were unable to accomplish, and indeed they came very near to defeat, their last man being in when time expired, and their score standing at 135 when stumps were drawn. Score:—

CHESHIRE.—1st Innings, 182.

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

A. P. Ashley, b Clifton	2
Weight, b L. N. Jones	123
T. Kinch (capt), b L. N. Jones	64
J. Turnbull, b Cook	12
F. R. Bell, c Clifton, b L. N. Jones	6
J. A. Tate, b Cook	1
Clifton, b Cook	5
T. Marshall, bow, b Cook	7
F. R. Milam, c L. N. Jones, b Cook	7
A. Goodrich, c and b Cook	6
S. Wilson, not out	5
Extras, 11; total—237	

CHESHIRE.—2nd Innings.

W. E. Jones, b Cairns	25
D. Bounphrey, b Marshall	50
H. W. Hodgson, b Cairns	26
D. H. Coomber, c Cairns, b Milam	26
H. Morris, bow, b Milam	24
V. Hope (capt), c and b Bell	55
Cook, c Milam, b Milam	29
L. N. Jones, not out	19
F. A. Harrison, not out	16
Extras, 27; total (for 8 wickets)—275	

CHESHIRE.—2nd Innings.

A. P. Ashley, c L. N. Jones, b C. Clark	6
Weight, c Hodgson, b L. N. Jones	44
T. Kinch, c Tipping, b L. N. Jones	44
J. Turnbull, b L. N. Jones	6
F. R. Bell, b L. N. Jones	6
J. A. Tate, b L. N. Jones	1
Clifton, c Mar, c b L. N. Jones	7
T. Marshall, not out	8
C. R. Milam, b L. N. Jones	37
A. Goodrich, b L. N. Jones	5
S. Wilson, not out	5
Extras, 4; total (for 9 wickets)—125	

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

CHESHIRE.—1st Innings.

O. M. R. W.	O. M. R. W.		
Goodrich	29 11 42 3	Weight	6 1 30 1
Cairns	15 1 45 1	Milam	4 0 21 2
Marshall	15 1 53 3		

DURHAM.—2nd Innings.

Clark	34 7 80 6	Hope	5 0 24 0
Clifton	11 1 34 1	L. N. Jones	21 7 38 3

CHESHIRE.—2nd Innings.

Goodrich	19 6 49 0	Marshall	15 2 53 1
Winn	27 4 85 2	Weight	6 1 30 1
Milam	12 3 48 2	Hetherington	6 4 3 1

DURHAM.—2nd Innings.

L. N. Jones	24 6 73 8	Hodgson	6 2 19 0
Cook	17 4 33 1		

NORTHUMBERLAND v. THE REST.

Victory of the County Eleven.

Within five minutes of the fall of time, the Northumberland County eleven gained a victory over "The Rest," by 174 runs. The defeated fifteen had 144 for seven wickets to their credit at the close of the first day's play, and on the resumption yesterday C. W. Pollock, not out 33, added only six before his (the eighth) wicket fell at 116. R. E. Westcott, F. Haswell and C. W. Purdy made rather substantial contributions, and the innings ended at mid-day after an hour's play, with a total of 280, leaving the County with a lead of 78. They fared very badly in the early part of their second innings, the first and second wickets falling at five, the third at 13 and the fourth at 45. G. D. Hunting and Wingham materially improved the situation. When Wingham was caught out the total was 130, to which the retiring batsman had contributed 59. Hunting completed his half century just after losing Wingham, and he continued to score rapidly after the arrival of T. P. Smith, and when the County captain declared shortly after three o'clock, Hunting had completed a score of 117, which included six 6's and eleven 4's.

Upon "The Rest" was laid the task of making 318 runs to win in about three hours. They opened with W. G. Armstrong and T. A. Caughy, and these two were together quite half an hour when Hetherington beat Armstrong, the total then being 23. The second and third wickets fell at 43. Wingham took the place of Milne, and off the fifth ball he sent up Pollock, who was caught at the wicket, the score then being 64. With an addition of two runs Caughy played on to his wicket. When the last man, Harden, joined Idle the total had reached 125, but little more than 20 minutes remained for play. After bringing the score up to 143, the end arrived when Idle was caught off Wingham's delivery. Score:—

NORTHUMBERLAND.—1st Innings, 308.

"THE REST"—1st Innings.

W. G. Armstrong, c and b Wingham	63
T. A. Caughy, b Milne	0
G. W. Idle, b Smith, b Milne	0
H. Whitfield, c Smith, b Milne	14
A. E. Veitch, c and b Crozier	14
Atkinson, b Wingham	1
J. P. Middleton, c Craig, b Hetherington	19
C. W. Pollock, c and b Milne	33
R. E. Westcott, c and b Milne	39
F. Haswell, c and b Hetherington	39
H. W. Purdy, c Wingham, b Milne	59
V. G. Grey, c Stanger-Leathes, b Hetherington	15
J. Clark, c Hetherington, b Milne	0
Dover, not out	3
Harden, bow, b Hetherington	0
Extras, 4; total—143	

NORTHUMBERLAND.—2nd Innings.

C. F. Stanger-Leathes, c Grey, b Clark	5
L. J. Couves, bow, b Middleton	3
W. Mackay, c Idle, b Middleton	14
H. Arkle, b Clark	14
Wingham, c Whitfield, b Clark	59
G. L. Hunting, not out	117
T. P. Smith, not out	33
Extras, 17; total (for 8 wickets)—239	

"THE REST"—2nd Innings.

W. G. Armstrong, c Hetherington	11
T. A. Caughy, c Hetherington	49
S. Whitfield, c Milne, b Hetherington	7
A. E. Veitch, c Stanger-Leathes	7
Hetherington	6
C. W. Pollock, c Craig, b Wingham	4
Atkinson, b Hetherington	13
J. P. Middleton, b Wingham	2
R. E. Westcott, c and b Milne	4
F. Haswell, b Wingham	4
G. W. Idle, not out	9
V. G. Grey, b Hetherington	4
G. W. Purdy, c and b Wingham	7
W. Dover, c and b Wingham	23
J. Clark, c Smith, b Hetherington	6
Harden, not out	0
Extras, 10; total—143	

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

NORTHUMBERLAND.—1st Innings.

O. M. R. W.	O. M. R. W.		
Atkinson	19 2 49 1	Harden	17 3 50 1
Pollock	7 3 0 21	Dover	8 0 25 0
Armstrong	11 1 35 3	Middleton	10 1 19 0
C. Clark	23 2 65 4		

"THE REST"—1st Innings.

Milne	23 13 48 7	Arkle	1 1 33 0
Hetherington	22 3 79 4	Wingham	11 1 43 0
Crozier	6 1 18 1		

NORTHUMBERLAND.—2nd Innings.

Clark	16 2 49 3	Dover	8 0 25 0
Middleton	10 1 19 0	Armstrong	4 1 36 0
Pollock	7 3 0 21	Hetherington	6 0 37 0
Atkinson	6 0 31 0	Pollock	3 0 13 0

"THE REST"—2nd Innings.

Hetherington	27 9 59 7	Milne	14 4 34 0
Wingham	11 2 35 6		

MIGHTY HITTING.

Hunting in Form at Jesmond.

VICTORY FOR COUNTY.

Everything in the concluding day's play of the cricket match, at Jesmond, Newcastle yesterday, between Northumberland County and a side of fifteen representing the Rest of the County was dwarfed by the brilliant performance of Hunting, the like of whose batting has not been seen on the Osborne Avenue ground for a very long time.

Hunting has been a stranger to county and club cricket all the season, which makes the compilation of 117 not out against fairly good bowling all the more meritorious. He opened his account at a time when the County batting needed stiffening—they had lost four wickets for 45—and he early settled down to subsequently hit the bowling to all parts of the field.

All deliveries seemed to come alike to him, and although he gave two hard catches before he had reached his 50, he later treated almost every ball as a rising ball, and he hit no fewer than six mighty sixes and eleven fours. With Wingham he carried the total from 45 to 130 when Wingham, whose strokes were well executed, was out to a smart catch by Whitfield on the boundary, and later he was ably assisted by Smith.

The innings was closed after 2 1/4 hours at 239 for five wickets, which left the Rest needing 818 to win, and there being only 2 1/4 hours left for play there was no prospect of their winning. Contrary to expectation the Rest did not adopt a cautious policy, which probably accounted for their defeat by 174 runs, though it was not until five minutes before the drawing of stumps that the last wicket fell. Compared with the first innings the batting of the Rest was disappointing, and only Chumbley could be congratulated on his effort.

The bowling honours were shared by Hetherington, who bowled throughout the innings, and Wingham, and the former with Milne obtained some cheap wickets in the morning.

Northumberland County—1st Innings, 30h.

THE REST—1st Innings.	
W G Armstrong, c and b Wingham	45
T A Caughes, b Milne	0
G W Lyle, c Smith, b Milne	0
N Whitfield, c Smith, b Milne	14
A E Veitch, c and b Crozier	10
C W Bullock, c Craig, b Milne	39
Atkinson, b Wingham	1
J P Middleton, c Craig, b Hetherington	19
R E Westcott, c Hunting, b Milne	39
F Haswell, c and b Hetherington	18
G W Brady, c Wingham, b Milne	13
V G Grey, c Banger-Lester, b Hetherington	7
W Dover, not out	3
J Clark, c Hetherington, b Milne	0
Harden, lbw, b Hetherington	0
Extras	4
Total	230

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY—2nd Innings.	
F Briggs, Leathes, c Grey, b Clark	5
J Coates, lbw, b Middleton	5
W McKay, c Lyle, b Middleton	0
Wingham, c Whitfield, b Clark	59
H Arkle, b Clark	14
G L Hunting, not out	117
T P Smith, not out	24
Extras	17
Total (8 wickets)	238

Hetherington, Milne, J Craig, and A Crozier did not bat. Innings declared closed.

THE REST—2nd Innings.	
W G Armstrong, b Hetherington	11
T A Caughes, b Hetherington	40
N Whitfield, c Milne, b Hetherington	7
A E Veitch, c Banger-Lester, b Hetherington	4
C W Bullock, c Clark, b Wingham	15
Atkinson, b Hetherington	15
J P Middleton, b Wingham	2
R E Westcott, b Wingham	4
F Haswell, b Wingham	4
G W Brady, run out	4
V G Grey, b Hetherington	7
G L Hunting, b Wingham	23
W Dover, c and b Wingham	6
J Clark, c Smith, b Hetherington	0
Harden, not out	3
Extras	10
Total	148

BOWLING ANALYSES	
The Rest—1st Innings	
Wright	Overs. Mdns. Runs. Wkts.
Hetherington	29 .. 13 .. 88 .. 7
Crozier	8 .. 3 .. 79 .. 4
Arkle	8 .. 1 .. 10 .. 1
Wingham	11 .. 1 .. 43 .. 0
Wingham	10 .. 1 .. 88 .. 2
Northumberland County—2nd Innings.	
Clark	15 .. 0 .. 45 .. 5
Middleton	10 .. 0 .. 37 .. 2
Ward	7 .. 0 .. 16 .. 0
Atkinson	6 .. 0 .. 54 .. 0
Dover	4 .. 1 .. 16 .. 0
Armstrong	5 .. 0 .. 37 .. 0
Harden	3 .. 0 .. 18 .. 0
Bullock	2 .. 0 .. 21 .. 0
The Rest—2nd Innings.	
Hetherington	27 .. 9 .. 80 .. 7
Wingham	14 .. 2 .. 36 .. 6
Milne	14 .. 4 .. 59 .. 0

LAST BALL DECISION.

Thrilling Finish to South Shields Game.

A keen finish was provided in the Minor Counties Cricket Championship match between Durham and Cheshire at South Shields yesterday.

The Cheshire declared their innings closed with 275 for eight wickets after batting for 3 1/2 hours, leaving the Durhamians the task of raising more than 220 to win in two hours. This, as events proved, was an impossibility, and the last two men were batting with 15 minutes to go and the score standing at a little over the century.

J. T. Marshall (Appleton) and S. Wilson (Burnmoor) were set the task of saving Durham from defeat, and displaying great coolness and resource, they forced a draw, though the last ball might have been fatal to the side.

Jones, who throughout the innings had bowled with deadly effect, sent down a fast ball which Marshall did not appear to hit. The wicket-keeper caught the rebound, and thinking it had glanced off the bat immediately appealed. On the umpire's decision rested the result of the fixture, and he gave "Not out."

Durham had fared badly at the outset, five wickets falling in a little over half an hour for 52. Weight was again the highest scorer, but he failed to emulate his splendid performance of 123 in the first innings.

Cheshire—1st Innings, 182.

DURHAM—1st Innings.	
A P Arkley, b Giffen	12
Weight, b L N Jones	123
T Kinch, b L N Jones	54
J Turnbull, b Cook	12
F R Bell, b Clifton, b L N Jones	6
T A Tate, b Cook	1
Cairns, b Cook	1
J T Marshall, lbw, b Cook	7
G R Milne, b L N Jones, b Cook	2
A Goodrich, c and b Cook	5
S Wilson, not out	8
Extras	11
Total	237

CHESHIRE—2nd Innings.	
W E Jones, b Cairns	25
H W Holman, b Cairns	50
D Bonnington, b Marshall	50
D H Coomber, c Cairns, b Milne	20
H Morris, lbw, b Milne	24
V Hope, c and b Bell	50
Clifton, Wilson, b Milne	29
Cook, b Milne	19
L N Jones, not out	15
F A Harrison, not out	15
Extras	27
Total (104 1/2 wickets)	374

DURHAM—2nd Innings.	
A P Arkley, c L N Jones, b Cook	4
Weight, c Holman, b L N Jones	44
T Kinch, c Tipping, b L N Jones	0
J Turnbull, b L N Jones	5
F R Bell, b L N Jones	8
J A Tate, b L N Jones	1
Cairns, c Morris, b L N Jones	8
J T Marshall, not out	37
G R Milne, b L N Jones	5
A Goodrich, b L N Jones	5
S Wilson, not out	2
Extras	2
Total (for 6 wickets)	136

BOWLING ANALYSES	
Durham—1st Innings.	
Overs. Mdns. Runs. Wkts.	
Cook	34 .. 7 .. 80 .. 6
Clifton	11 .. 1 .. 31 .. 1
Milne	5 .. 0 .. 24 .. 0
L N Jones	40 .. 1 .. 78 .. 5
Cheshire—2nd Innings.	
Overs. Mdns. Runs. Wkts.	
Goodrich	13 .. 4 .. 40 .. 2
Cairns	17 .. 4 .. 86 .. 2
Milne	12 .. 3 .. 58 .. 4
Marshall	5 .. 0 .. 35 .. 1
Weight	6 .. 1 .. 19 .. 0
Bell	6 .. 4 .. 13 .. 1
Durham—2nd Innings.	
Overs. Mdns. Runs. Wkts.	
L N Jones	24 .. 5 .. 73 .. 8
Cook	17 .. 4 .. 89 .. 1
Holman	6 .. 2 .. 19 .. 0

BOSFORTH CRICKETERS WIN.

The third match of the South Northumberland tour, in the Wiseton district was played against Workop yesterday, each side playing 12 men. For South Northumberland, who won in easy fashion, Taylor captured four wickets for 31 runs. Scores:—

SOUTH NORTHUMBERLAND	
W T Stevens, run out	59
F Scott, lbw, b Hall	30
F Harrison, b Hall	8
Cook, c Harrison, b Copstake	54
R W Bell, b Copstake	47
A W Clark, c and b Copstake	11
J Wallace, c and b Harrison	10
T Matthews, not out	5
A B Bailey, not out	10
Extras	6
Total (for 7 wickets)	238
Innings declared closed.	
WORKOP.	
F Hall, b Taylor	5
E Alston, b Curtis	8
G Harrison, b Taylor	4
G Warner, b Curtis	0
W Copstake, b Matthews, b Taylor	12
A White, b Curtis	0
Chapman, lbw, b Curtis	1
E L Harvey, b Cook	20
T Cochrane, run out	1
H Bell, not out	17
B Tomlinson, lbw, b Taylor	9
Extras	9
Total	87

DURHAM ENTERTAIN NORTHUMBERLAND.

HOME COUNTY'S MODERATE START.

(By "ARGUS.")

Durham's concluding engagement of the season so far as the Minor Counties Championship is concerned was opened at Ashbrooke to-day. Northumberland were the visitors.

The attractive encounter drew about 2,000 spectators to witness the opening play, but it was unfortunate that the weather was none too sure. Just before the start there was a slight shower, but the players were able to take the field within a few minutes of the scheduled time.

Durham named the spin of the coin and naturally took first knock on a wicket which had been well prepared, but was rather slow. The opening pair, A. P. Ashley and Weight, played themselves in very deliberately against Milne and the fast bowler from South Northumberland, J. L. Towler. Milne's slows troubled both batsmen not a little, but Ashley in particular found Towler's leg balls much more profitable than his off deliveries. The wicket, however, did not produce sufficient "fire" for the fast bowler, though runs were for a while at a discount owing to the very quick holding of the Northumberland men. In this respect Wingham and Arkwright excelled. When thirty runs had come in half an hour's play Stanger-Leathes made his first change, Hetherton displacing Towler. Five runs later the new bowler had Ashley caught at mid-on by Towler, and with the addition of another six runs one of Milne's few fast deliveries found its way to Weight's stumps. Scott-Page poked about in an uncertain manner to both Milne and Hetherton, whilst Kinch preserved a sound defence until rain drove the players from the enclosure for a quarter of an hour. On their return it was not surprising that Scott-Page should make an early return to pavilion by reason of Milne bowling him. The South Shields batsmen had been uncomfortable from the start.

With Kinch and E. L. Squance together there were hopes of a revival of Durham's fortunes, but at 61 Milne successfully appealed for leg-before against the Durham Captain, who had been allowing Squance to do the scoring. Common joined Squance, who was playing with absolute confidence. During the first hour and a-half's play there had been 16 maidens out of the 40 overs bowled. The Sunderland player did all the scoring, but he had a piece of luck when he had 24 to his credit. He played one of Hetherton's deliveries down on to his wicket, but the balls did not budge. Then he "spooned" one up in front of his wicket and Wilkinson just failed to reach it. Meanwhile Common took a quarter of an hour to get his first run—rather unusual for the Boldon stumper. Squance had another piece of luck when he snicked Hetherton almost on to his off stump, but a brilliant big stroke to the boundary off the next ball brought the hundred to the board in an hour and fifty minutes. Just before lunch Common was out lbw. to Hetherton.

E. L. Squance had his clubmate, F. R. Bell, in association with him after launch. It had been raining in the meantime, but the wicket had been protected by covers. Squance reached his 50 and then attempted to pull one from Hetherton which bounced up awkwardly, and Towler was in a nice position to take a catch. T. C. Squance stayed, but a few minutes before Hetherton had been well beaten with a ball which Squance opened his shoulders to and missed completely. The Whitburn player, J. B. Bell, also only lasted a few minutes, but he had made three nice strokes which brought him nine runs. The Sunderland left hander played a pretty bat and twice put Milne to boundary, but he soon lost the partnership of Ingram, for the latter turned to play Milne to leg and was caught at deep square leg. The innings closed for 130 runs by Bell being caught through spooning a "bumpy" delivery from Hetherton, and Wilkinson making a catch as the result of a commendable effort. It was not altogether a bright score on such a wicket.

Northumberland opened with Stanger-Leathes and the ex-Cambridge Varsity captain, J. S. F. Morrison, the attack being in the hands of Goodrick and Weight. Excepting for a straight drive over Goodrick's head by Morrison, scoring was very slow, the batsmen carefully selecting the balls to hit, which were few and far between. The first half-hour only produced 17 runs, so the crowd, which must have numbered well on to 5,000, had little to get enthusiastic about.

DURHAM.

A. P. Ashley, c Towler, b Hetherton	20
Weight, b Milne	15
T. Kinch, lbw, b Milne	9
A. Scott-Page, b Milne	4
J. L. Common, lbw, b Hetherton	4
E. L. Squance, c Towler, b Hetherton	50
F. R. Bell, c Wilkinson, b Hetherton	13
T. C. Squance, b Hetherton	0
J. P. Bell, b Milne	9
A. J. Ingram, c Mackay, b Milne	0
A. Goodrick, not out	0
Extras	4
Total	130

NORTHUMBERLAND.

C. F. Stanger-Leathes, lbw, b Weight	14
J. S. F. Morrison, b Weight	54
W. G. Mackay, not out	7
Wingham, not out	5
Extras	0
Total for 2 wickets	80

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

DURHAM.—1st innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Milne	29	10	65	5
Towler	8	2	14	0
Hetherton	21.4	6	45	5

FALL OF WICKETS.

DURHAM.—1st innings.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
56	42	66	61	102	113	117	126	190	130

DURHAM'S EFFORT, TO AVOID DEFEAT BY NORTHUMBERLAND.

BELL'S BIG HITS.

(By "ARGUS.")

When the County game at Ashbrooke was resumed to-day Durham were 70 runs in arrears on the first innings, and it was quite obvious that there would need to be a general improvement both in their batting and bowling if defeat was to be avoided.

The weather was showery; indeed, just before the time of commencement there was a heavy fall of rain, but not sufficient to delay the start more than five minutes. Durham again opened with the Whitburn captain and Weight, and runs came at a much faster rate than yesterday. Towler was taken out of the attack after bowling four overs, Hetherton taking his place. Both batsmen played some delightful strokes, and received the due appreciation of the thousand or so spectators, and despite two short stoppages owing to showers the score was taken to 48 in thirty-five minutes before the first wicket fell, Weight being well beaten by George Milne. Ashley and Kinch rubbed off the arrears, but at 78 the Whitburn player, when he seemed to be going strongly, with his eye well in, put up one of Hetherton's deliveries to Wingham, who held the ball easily. It was then that disaster befel the Durham side. Kinch was stumped before any further runs had been recorded, and E. L. Squance was beaten to the world and bowled by Milne before he had scored.

Whilst Scott-Page and Common were together there was another short stoppage. When play was resumed the South Shields player got the ball away very cleverly on two or three occasions, but at the fateful 13 he got under a delivery from Hetherton when it bumped up, and the "slicer" was caught by the bowler. Thus with half the side dismissed Durham were only 30 runs to the good.

Both Common and F. R. Bell got 3's off Milne by well-placed shots, though the Boldon stumper was rather fortunate later in finding Mackay misjudging a high drive of his off Hetherton. But fortune is with the brave, and Durham might have been in a better position had a little shoulder-opening been used earlier. A glorious off-drive by Bell produced a boundary, and then he got a 2 from a leg ball by Milne. In the next over from Milne Bell obtained the first 6 of the match by a mighty leg drive, causing Milne to change his tactics, and bowl from the other side of the wicket to the left-hander. Bell got another 6 hit on the leg side off Hetherton, and followed with a square drive to the boundary, to the delight of the crowd. Two overs later the Sunderland amateur drove Hetherton into the dug-field for another 6. The Tynedale bowler seemed occasionally to find the same bare patch which Weight had found yesterday, and when he beat on to it the ball was a difficult one.

When lunch was taken the pair had put on 49 runs, 35 of which had been scored by Bell.

Very quickly after lunch Bell reached his 50, but when he had added another nine he was dismissed through a fine catch in the country by Morrison. The Sunderland man's display had undoubtedly been better than any other with the whole game. In three quarters of an hour he had hit 50 of the 77 runs put on by the partnership with Common, and he was deservedly applauded on his way to the pavilion. His hits included three 6's, seven 4's, and one 3.

DURHAM: 1st innings, 130.

NORTHUMBERLAND.

C. F. Stanger-Leathes, lbw, b Weight	14
J. S. F. Morrison, b Weight	54
W. G. Mackay, b Weight	7
Wingham, b J. P. Bell	5
C. G. Arkwright, b Weight	33
J. L. Couves, b Weight	3
G. G. C. Taylor, c Common, b J. P. Bell	0
J. L. Towler, b Weight	5
Hetherton, b E. L. Squance	13
Milne, not out	16
G. E. Wilkinson, b Weight	0
Extras	4
Total	200

DURHAM.

Second Innings.

A. P. Ashley, c Wingham, b Hetherton	37
Weight, b Milne	23
T. Kinch, c Wilkinson, b Milne	12
A. Scott-Page, c and b Hetherton	13
E. L. Squance, b Milne	0
J. L. Common, not out	35
F. R. Bell, c Morrison, b Milne	59
T. C. Squance, not out	6
Extras	9
Total for 6 wickets	193

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

NORTHUMBERLAND.—1st innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Goodrick	10	2	30	0
Weight	26.1	7	68	7
F. R. Bell	5	0	32	0
E. Squance	2	1	2	1
J. P. Bell	12	2	41	2
Ingram	5	1	14	0

FALL OF WICKETS.

NORTHUMBERLAND.—1st innings.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
59	72	89	145	162	165	169	193	200	

DURHAM.—Second Innings.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
48	78	78	82	109					

Durham Senior League. SEAHAM HARBOUR v. DURHAM CITY.

At Seaham. Score:—

DURHAM CITY.

T. Darlington, lbw, b Roberts	0
Austin (pro.), c Smith, b Dale	23
G. Gibson, b Dale	33
T. R. Yeoman, c Roberts, b Dale	10
F. Scott, b Dale	11
T. Wilson, b Dale	0
G. Gibson, c E. Sandell, b J. G. Scott	8
P. Fletcher, c Sheaton, b J. G. Scott	3
W. H. Wilson, c Sheaton, b J. G. Scott	3
J. Sowerly, c Allen, b J. G. Scott	7
J. H. Hurvell, not out	10
Extras	14
Total	121

SEAHAM HARBOUR.

J. Dale, c and b Austin	4
H. Scott, c Gibson, b Austin	0
J. Trembling, b Austin	0
J. Roberts, b Barry	0
A. Allan, b Barry	7
A. Sandell, c and b Austin	1
J. G. Scott, c and b Austin	1
P. Smith, c Darlington, b Austin	11
A. Sheaton, not out	2
E. Sandell, b Barry	13
R. Hall, c Fletcher, b Austin	0
Extras	2
Total	37