

MINOR COUNTIES.

ESSEX II. v. SURREY II.

The Surrey second team gained some advantage over the Essex second string in the Minor Counties match at Leyton on Wednesday, for at the close they were 144 runs behind with eight wickets still to fall. Essex gave a consistent batting display, and the best stand of the innings was that for the eighth wicket, between Littlehale and Martin, which realised 58.

Although the Surrey second team gained a big advantage over the Essex second string in their match at Leyton on Thursday, they were unable to force this home and the game had to be left drawn. Surrey's advantage was mainly due to a wonderful stand by Cook and Shepherd, who, coming together on Wednesday evening when two wickets had fallen for 60 runs, advanced the score by 200 before they were parted. Shepherd played a great innings, and in his stay of just over three hours he hit one six and thirty-seven 4's. Cook also hit with vigour, and his score included twenty-five 4's. Score:--

ESSEX II.

S. J. Bulgin b Jennings	...	3
G. Norman st Sullivan b Shepherd	...	51
L. J. Phillips c Cook b Abel	...	30
P. S. Common b Gilbert	...	10
Carpenter b Shepherd	...	10
G. C. Ward c Sullivan b Shepherd	...	2
Rev. C. G. Littlehale b Shepherd	...	41
A. D. Martin c Roberts b Abel	...	41
N. Calnan b Shepherd	...	21
H. S. Mather c and b Jennings	...	3
H. J. Mayes not out	...	0
Extras	...	13
		254

Second Innings.

S. J. Bulgin b Shepherd	...	30
G. Norman run out	...	13
L. J. Phillips c Sullivan b Booth	...	64
P. S. Common c Abel b Gilbert	...	12
Carpenter c and b Shepherd	...	64
G. C. Ward st Sullivan b Booth	...	19
Rev. G. C. Littlehale lbw. b Shepherd	...	0
A. D. Martin b Shepherd	...	17
N. Calnan c Booth b Abel	...	12
H. J. Mayes not out	...	3
H. S. Mather not out	...	19
Extras	...	11
(for nine wickets)		264

SURREY II.

O. Roberts c Littlehale b Martin	...	21
T. Abel c Phillips b Martin	...	20
W. F. Cook c Littlehale b Phillips	...	108
Shepherd lbw. b Carpenter	...	236
Cole b Carpenter	...	13
F. Gilbert b Carpenter	...	13
J. M. Swanson not out	...	0
C. Booth not out	...	6
Extras	...	29
(Innings declared for six wickets)		446
A. W. P. Ratty Sullivan and Jennings	...	did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

ESSEX II.--First Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W
Shepherd	26.1	3	07	5
Jennings	24	7	57	2
Roberts	12	1	30	0
Booth	4	2	8	0
Abell (T.)	12	2	42	2
Gilbert	8	0	25	1
Cole	2	0	11	0

Roberts bowled one no-ball.