

SECOND DIVISION.

ASTON UNITY BEAT MOSELEY IN THE RAIN.

Meeting Aston Unity at Trinity Road, Moseley, batting first, compiled 186, and after the interval the players turned out in a drizzling rain and stuck it to the finish. The Unity responded with 193 for eight wickets, when stumps were drawn. Husselbee, for the Unity, had six wickets for 46. Scores:—

Moseley: G. E. Tyler c Cox b Husselbee 1, G. E. Payne a and b Bullett 23, R. B. Stephenson c Jones b Husselbee 53, H. Cornish c Lewis b Husselbee 43, E. P. Cross c Lewis b Husselbee 8, P. Slattery c Lewis b Jones 25, F. A. H. Robert b Husselbee 1, W. H. Dars b Husselbee 4, E. D. Cault c Swadkins b Jones 8, J. C. Dykes b Jones 14, R. Truscott not out, extras 7; total 186.

Aston Unity: T. H. Jenkins lbw b Dykes 24, E. G. Cox b Truscott 0, L. T. Jones c Cross b Truscott 5, A. E. Morgan c Payne b Cornish 22, J. J. Russell c Slattery b Dykes 42, V. Bell c Slattery b Dars 4, A. E. Husselbee c Roberts b Cault 18, W. H. Lewis not out 33, O. T. Rosbrook c Cross b Slattery 3, E. W. Bulpitt not out 11 (E. A. Swadkins d.d. not bat), extras 15; total for eight wickets 193.

A DRAW AT KIDDERMINSTER.

At Kidderminster Old Hill made their first appearance in the Birmingham League. A draw was the result. The game was noteworthy for a fine innings of H. Hoekler, who made 80. Surfleet had four wickets for 23 runs. Rain stopped play.

Kidderminster:—H. Hoekler c Kirkeham b Conroy 60, J. M. Surfleet b Whitworth 16, W. D. R. Bowen b Palmer 3, J. Barber b Palmer 1, W. Hewins c Eley b Kirkeham 4, F. Tubb b Kirkeham 1, L. Tooley b Conroy 7, N. Buryford lbw b Kirkeham 0, J. Berrford b Conroy 0, J. W. Richardson run out 3, F. Mumford not out 6, extras 9; total 126.

Old Hill:—C. Palmer c Hewins b Barber 4, F. Carpenter b Surfleet 2, N. Gibbs c Berrford b Surfleet 1, N. Newton c Bowen b Surfleet 6, W. Walker c and b Bowen 1, J. Kirkeham c and b Surfleet 1, J. Conroy b Barber 21, J. Walker not out 7, W. Hooley not out 21 (H. Whitworth, A. N. Othar did not bat), extras 2; total for seven wickets 74.

MITCHELLS BEATEN AT DUDLEY.

Dudley met Mitchells and Butlers at Dudley. The home side's first wicket fell for 1 run, and both teams were 46 for six. Wright captured six wickets for 29.

Mitchells and Butlers:—E. Hadley at Darby b Wright 26, J. A. Lones c Morgan b Brown 1, G. A. Holloway at Darby b Wright 3, W. O. Butler b Brown 1, W. Perkins c Eze b Wright 9, C. Harbage b Evans 3, S. Cox c Morgan b Evans 2, P. Campbell at Darby b Wright 4, G. Morgan c Brown b Wright 3, E. J. Hooker b Wright 3, F. C. Smith not out 1, extra 1; total 62.

Dudley:—W. Eze b Hooker 0, E. Morgan c Butler b Morgan 10, H. Stevens c Lones b Hooker 4, K. V. Hooper b Campbell 23, J. Wright c Hadley b Morgan 0, B. Evans c Holloway b Smith 4, J. S. Cartwright not out 8, H. Street not out 15, extras 7; total (six wickets) 66. A. Kendrick, H. Kelsall, and W. G. Dery did not bat.

WALSALL'S ESCAPE AT SMETHWICK.

In the match between Smethwick and Walsall Dormans, the captain of home club, made 36, while C. Wheldon took 4 wickets for 14 runs. The home side was within an ace of victory when rain stopped play.

Smethwick: R. F. Stubbs lbw b Hoigate 1, L. Webster run out 8, H. Albin c Whitehouse b Beebes 1, L. J. Lawson b Hoigate 0, W. D. Dormans c Beebes b Hoigate 59, L. Morris b Hoigate 26, W. Bloor b Biddulph 34, R. Greenwell c Beebes b Hoigate 39, A. Haagraves c Wootton b Biddulph 6, F. Berry not out 11, C. Wheldon c Bullock b Ross 9, extras 13; total 209.

Walsall: Haagraves b Berry 5, A. Ross b Wheldon 1, W. H. Taylor b Wheldon 5, J. H. Halsgate b Wheldon 0, B. L. Biddulph c and b Dormans 11, C. Beedmore c and b Wheldon 7, H. W. Beebes not out 1, H. A. Tucker not out 1 (Whitehouse, Bullock, and Wootton did not bat); total (6 wks) 31.

DARTMOUTH BEAT STOURBRIDGE.

At West Bromwich, the home team gaining an easy victory.

Dartmouth: F. Moore c Allen b Fleming 29, A. Timmins c Dundas b Dunn 9, E. F. Sparkes c and b Allen 0, R. H. Dwyer c Parkes b Lane 63, J. H. Sherwell c Parkes b Allen 1, J. W. Carter b Fleming 13, J. R. Buriton b Bates 5, C. Parish c Dundas b Parkes 14, A. G. Ball not out 4, C. Stephens c Dundas b Parkes 1, P. Taylor b Allen 2, extras 16; total 147.

Stourbridge: S. Fleming b Sparkes 2, W. Glass c Timmins b Sherwell 7, G. Hamboock c Dwyer b Sherwell 2, F. Wainwright c Sparkes 1, H. Ross c Ball b Sherwell 0, J. Parkes run out 0, J. Parkes c Sherwell 0, J. Dunn c Ball b Sherwell 7, V. Allen not out 6, S. Williams b Sparkes 4, J. Dundas b Sparkes 0, extras 4; total 58.

OTHER MATCHES.

MR. B. KEELEY'S XI. v. MR. H. H. BROWN'S XI.—The opening match of the season between teams captained by the captain of the 1st and 2nd elevens respectively took place at Lichfield on Saturday. Scores:—Mr. B. Keeley's XI: Cooper b Worthington 0, Moore b Worthington 0, Russell at Worthington 6, Burgess c Worthington 6, Webb c Bull 18, Barker c Bull 15, Marsh b Worthington 3, Fanner b Worthington 0, Mann c Worthington 18, Jackson not out 6, extras 4; total 156. Mr. H. H. Brown's XI: Worthington c Cooper 30, Bull b Webb 7, Ford not out 8, Richardson b Webb 1, J. Barrow run out 15, H. Barrow not out 0, R. J. Lewis c Cooper 3, extras 3; total (five wickets), 63. Rain stopped play.

BROMSGROVE v. BIRMINGHAM PICKWICK.—At Bromsgrove, Pickwick: H. Ordway c Matthews b Wilson 2, E. J. Morris c Banner b Perkins 3, J. W. Tomkins run out 1, E. Hitchinson c Howitt b Hodggetts 29, F. E. Wilkes c Braxler b Hodggetts 23, A. E. Wilkes c Fowler b Hodggetts 19, B. S. Latex c Banner b Fowler 15, H. Morris b Braxler 3, F. Fowler not out 34, W. Swales c Perkins b R. Wilson 10, H. Poolton b Hodggetts 16, extras 2; total 155. Bromsgrove: J. H. Banner not out 19, Rev. J. P. Fowler b A. E. Wilkes 9, W. H. Jeffries not out 30 (J. R. Wilson, W. Howitt, E. Perkins, H. Walker, L. Hodggetts, S. J. Braxler, A. Matthews and D. Weaver did not bat), extras 7; total (for one wicket) 84.

ASHFIELD v. HARBOURNE.—At Yardley Wood Road, Harborne: C. P. Ellerker c Johnson b R. Turner 3, J. E. Newey c Pattison b G. Frasier 16, I. W. Brath c Burgum b H. Santall 21, E. G. Whitehouse c of out 40, A. M. Briggs b H. Turner 6, E. W. Norton c and b C. Johnson 15, F. Griffiths c Baker b O. Johnson 0, A. O. Mackie b Santall 9, W. Norton c Pattison b R. Turner 5 (d. H. Richards and L. David did not bat), extras 8; total 135. Ashfield: A. Baker b Newey 4, H. Burgum not out 39, F. Box b Griffiths 4, H. Santall not out 1 (G. Frasier, B. C. C. Tipper, A. Furno, H. Harper, R. Turner, L. Pattison, and C. Johnson did not bat); total (two wickets) 45.

BIRMINGHAM UNION v. KING'S HEATH.—At King's Heath, Birmingham Union: C. F. Beckwood b Simpkins 0, F. J. Bunn b Stanley 23, E. Stacey c Illingworth b Broberg 19, W. C. White b Broberg 0, G. Wheeler c Bowker b Broberg 0, H. Thorpe c A. Barton b Bowker 13, C. Bowker run out 0, L. Hunt b Stanley 1, C. Brown b Bowker 1, H. R. Tweedie not out 1, W. B. Whitton b Stanley 1, extras 5; total 63. King's Heath: W. Evans b Whitton 6, C. O. Bates b Whitton 32, H. Ward b Bowker 0, J. Simpkins not out 5, extras 3; total 66. L. M. Bowker, G. W. Barton, W. Stanley, J. Broberg, H. Lowe, A. H. Barton, and C. Illingworth did not bat.

BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE.

NARROW ESCAPE FOR MITCHELLS AT OLD HILL.

It is not often one has the opportunity of watching Mitchell and Butlers striving their utmost to avoid defeat, yet this was what happened at Old Hill on Saturday. The last man came in at eight o'clock and it was agreed to play for ten minutes longer, but the home bowlers could make little impression on the sturdy defence presented by E. Richards and H. Payne. They refused to be tempted, and George Harris, who was entrusted with the last over of the game, had as many as seven men within a few paces of Richards, but all their scheming was useless, and the batsmen received quite an ovation on retiring. The visitors won the toss, but made a big mistake when they gave Old Hill the privilege of batting first. From a batsman's point of view the wicket was as near perfect as it could be, and although Old Hill opened weakly—three wickets being down for only 12 runs—they finished as very few expected them to do. They were at the stumps just over three hours for their 230, and the registration of Homer's 67 occupied two hours and thirty-seven minutes. Just when the side was beginning to need a little encouragement, Homer, Meunier, and Connop stemmed the tide of misfortune. The Cape Hill team had less than two hours in which to make their reply, and although they started somewhat shakily, only 19 runs being on the board for two wickets, the association of J. F. Stevenson, and then W. Hatfield with Wilkinson, completely altered matters. Stevenson was distinctly unfortunate in being run out, and then W. Hatfield treated the crowd to some hurricane hitting. He made only seven scoring strokes, and the first five balls he received went for 4, 6, 4, 6, and 1. A 2 and a single were his other contributions until he fell a victim to Meunier. Then the net set in, and considerable excitement prevailed while the Old Hill bowlers made futile efforts to capture the last wicket.

Table with columns for Old Hill and Mitchell & Butlers, listing players and their scores. Includes totals for both teams.

Bowling Analysis table for Old Hill and Mitchell & Butlers, showing overs, maidens, runs, and wickets for each bowler.

MOSELEY BEAT SMETHWICK. A BRILLIANT BATTING DISPLAY BY F. G. STEPHENS.

There was some entertaining cricket witnessed in the match at Brookfields between Smethwick and Moseley, and the visitors from the Reddings gained a well-deserved victory. Batting first on a fast wicket, Moseley ran up the useful total of 281 for seven wickets when the closure was applied. F. G. Stephens was the chief contributor to this total, playing a grand innings of 92 before being caught and bowled by Dexter, this being the latter's first wicket for Smethwick; while W. J. Beaver and H. Baynton also scored freely later in the innings, the first-mentioned putting on a fine 61 and Baynton 40, both being undefeated when the innings was closed. Dexter made a splendid effort when Smethwick started on their formidable task, but he did not receive much assistance, and the side being dismissed for 176, Moseley won handsomely by 105 runs.

Table with columns for Moseley and Smethwick, listing players and their scores. Includes totals for both teams.

KIDDERMINSTER'S POOR FORM. DARTMOUTH PROFESSIONAL'S FINE ALL-ROUND DISPLAY.

Kidderminster failed badly at Chester Road, against West Bromwich Dartmouth. Conway, the Worcester player, turned out for the home side, but E. C. Baxter and E. J. Gore were absentees. Kidderminster made

little use of their opportunity in taking first innings, being all put out for 66 runs. The chief credit belongs to Spring, the West Bromwich Dartmouth professional, who bowled extremely well, taking seven wickets for 27 runs. At one period of the game he had claimed four wickets at a cost of only 2 runs. Walker, too, bowled well, taking three wickets for 28 runs. The only players to do themselves justice on the Kidderminster side were H. L. Thompson and J. B. Higgins. The former collected 17, and was top scorer. The whole side were dismissed under ninety minutes, Spring and Walker bowling unchanged. The Dartmouth lost three wickets before the Kidderminster total was passed, and even then the home team had hard luck. Conway bowled one over, then had to retire. He had split his hand when batting, and could not grip the ball. With 30 the board half the total were byes. J. B. Higgins bowled three overs, when he strained his leg and had to retire. This was unfortunate for Kidderminster, who were thus robbed of their attack. The Dartmouth total reached 157, of which number Spring got 41 by vigorous cricket. It was the professional's match; and his batting was clean and well-timed. He struck four 4's in his useful contribution. Spring left with the total at 100. The West Bromwich fielding was clean and smart, and mention should be made of the two catches by H. L. Higgins. W. G. Gethin claimed five wickets for 27 runs, and bowled even better than his figures suggest. Conway may be kept out of the team for two or three matches.

Table with columns for Kidderminster and Dartmouth, listing players and their scores. Includes bowling analysis for both teams.

SLOW BATTING BY STOURBRIDGE. GOOD PERFORMANCE BY A DUDLEY BOWLER.

The match at Dudley, where the local team were opposed by Stourbridge, did not provide the spectators, of whom there was a large attendance, with much excitement, the batting at times being painfully slow. Dudley lost the first two wickets for only 9 runs, both batsmen being out to catches. The Dudley professional, who opened his score with the first boundary of the match, got into double figures; but the captain, who joined him, had a short life. The felling of the Stourbridge men continued to be excellent, for when the total stood at only 37 five of the Dudley men had been dismissed by catches off Higginson and Elock. Fifty minutes elapsed before Dudley's score reached half a century. K. P. Jeavons and H. Brown made a creditable stand, the latter with 28 contributing the largest individual score of the match. Jeavons was dismissed by a brilliant one-handed catch by A. Tate. When the last batsman joined Brown the century was reached, and directly afterwards the latter was smartly caught by Moberley. No fewer than seven of the Dudley batsmen were caught. The visitors opened cautiously. With Mantle and Root bowling only seven singles were registered in the first eight overs, which included four successive maidens. F. Tate batted thirty-four minutes for only 8, and J. D. Higginson's 13 was the highest contribution for his side. Six wickets fell for 50 and eight for 76. The last three batsmen added only a single each. The side were batting for over two hours for the insignificant total of 76. An outstanding feature of the innings was the bowling of Mantle, who captured five wickets for 33. Root had the same number of wickets for 45.

Table with columns for Dudley and Stourbridge, listing players and their scores. Includes bowling analysis for both teams.

Bowling Analysis table for Dudley and Stourbridge, showing overs, maidens, runs, and wickets for each bowler.

ASTON UNITY'S BIG TOTAL. HEWSON MAKES A FINE EFFORT FOR WALSALL.

A large crowd congregated at Trinity Road to witness the match between the Unity and Walsall, which resulted in a win by 100 runs for the home side. The Unity took first knock, J. Rhodes and E. T. Edden being opposed by G. Hawley and Brammer. The pair hit out with good effect, but when B. Taylor went on as a change bowler after Pearman-Smith had been given an over, Edden was smartly bowled with the total at 49, while Rhodes, with only 4 runs added, was dismissed with a brilliant catch by Eglington, who was standing close in at square-leg. With S. Ogden and Bucknell together, some good hitting was done, but the great feature of the Unity innings was the display given by K. F. Odell. After being missed by Eglington before he had reached double figures, the batsman settled down and hit out in brilliant fashion, punishing all the bowlers with the utmost freedom. In attempting a big drive he was out to Brammer with a well-delivered ball. His total of 94 included several 6's. The other batsmen gave little trouble, but with nine wickets down for 241 the Unity captain declared. The visitors were left with a big task to perform, and they started none too well, the first wicket falling at 7, while half the side was out for 70. With the exception of N. Hewson, none of the batsmen seemed at home against the bowling of Pegler and Odell. Going in first Hewson carried out his bat for 64. It was a faultless display, and he had a great ovation on returning. Scores:—

Table with columns for Aston Unity and Walsall, listing players and their scores. Includes bowling analysis for both teams.

Bowling Analysis table for Aston Unity and Walsall, showing overs, maidens, runs, and wickets for each bowler.

Table to Date showing cumulative scores for both teams throughout the match.

SECOND LEAGUE. SMETHWICK'S DECISIVE VICTORY AT THE REDDINGS.

Moseley were well beaten at the Reddings, and one of the main reasons of their downfall was their poor work in the field. A marked improvement in this respect will have to be shown if the team are to gain a good position in the table. Lawson and W. D. Dorman hit a vigorous style for the visitors, the former scoring 38 of his runs with success by capturing four wickets for 12 runs. G. E. Trier batted well for Moseley, but, with the exception of W. Truscott, no-one else reached double figures. The latter was again the most successful bowler, with five wickets for 36, but his figure suffered by the poor support he received. Smethwick: H. Allbut b Dykes 1, C. Wheldon b Truscott 14, W. Proctor b Truscott 3, R. E. Yorks b Stafford b Dykes 11, W. Dorman o Norwood b Dyke 6, L. J. Lawson o Dykes b Slattery 24, E. N. Webster b Dykes 17, W. D. Dorman b Truscott 22, E. Gravel not out 17, H. Harcourt b Truscott 11, F. Berry o Truscott 5, extras 18, total 182. Moseley: E. P. Oram b Berry 2, G. E. Trier b W. D. Dorman 33, J. C. Dykes o W. Dorman b Berry 4, H. Truscott b Stafford o W. D. Dorman 2, T. C. Hill run out 9, T. A. M. Uest not out 7, Y. G. Roberts o Webster b Wheldon 1, extras 9, total 85.

Table with columns for Smethwick and Moseley, listing players and their scores. Includes bowling analysis for both teams.

DUDLEY WIN AT AMBLECOTE.

In the match at Amblesote between Stourbridge II. and Dudley...

HEAVY DEFEAT OF KIDDERMINSTER.

Kidderminster were short of four of their regular players at Sandwell Park...

ASTON UNITY WIN AT WALSALL.

At Walsall, the visitors winning easily. Greenway batted in vigorous fashion...

CLUB MATCHES.

RUGBY v. LINGSTON VANTHOE.—At Rugby. Thanks largely to a good second-wicket stand by King and Howard...

ROSS v. GLOUCESTER CITY.—At the Park, Ross. Bowler Fowler for Gloucester took six wickets for 27 and M. M. M. for 27...

ASTWOOD BANK v. BIRMINGHAM CORPORATION TRAMS.—At Astwood Bank. Astwood Bank: Rev. G. Trinder...

BIRMINGHAM UNION v. PENNY BARR.—At Erdington. Birmingham Union: Rev. Davies...

RUGBY SCHOOL II v. WARRICK SCHOOL.—At Rugby. Warwick School: Burford...

Smith not out 45, J. Smith v. Willetts b Williams 0, extras 10, total 85...

MALVERN COLLEGE v. KEBLE COLLEGE, OXFORD.—At Malvern. Malvern College: P. F. Stubbs...

FIVE WAYS O. v. HALLIFIELD.—At Huddersfield. Five Ways O.: H. Wharton...

R.E.H.B. v. DENSTONE COLLEGE.—At Denstone. R.E.H.B.: H. Wharton...

HARBORNE v. OLTON.—At Olton. Olton: B. W. Qualls...

SHERWSBURY SCHOOL v. WOLVERHAMPTON.—At Sherwsbury. Sherwsbury School: G. F. Beddows...

BROMSGROVE SCHOOL v. BARNET GREEN.—At Chard. Barnet Green: J. W. Denton...

SPARKHILL BELVEDERE v. MOSELEY ASHFIELD.—At the County Ground, Belvedere: J. C. Britton...

KING'S HEATH v. BOURNVILLE.—At King's Heath. Bournville: R. K. Turner...

LICHFIELD II v. SMALL HEATH II.—At Lichfield. Lichfield II: R. F. Moore...

CHILTERN v. EYESHAM.—On the Victoria Ground, Chiltern: H. Williams...

J. G. H. Ferner b Hancock 1, T. H. Fordon run out 10, G. Keeling b Hancock 3, V. H. E. Ford not out 13, W. T. O'Leary not out 7...

HARBORNE SOMERVILLE v. NETTLEFOLDS GREENE WICK.—At Harborne. Nettlesolds: Cooper b Sherrill...

SUTTON COLDFIELD v. CHESTER ROAD.—At Sutton. Sutton Coldfield: G. L. Miller...

COVENTRY AND NORTH WADSWICKSHIRE v. BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY.—At Bournville. Coventry: C. Hand...

SMALL HEATH v. LICHFIELD.—At Small Heath. Lichfield: B. Keeley...

BIRMINGHAM UNION v. MEASTON.—At Birmingham. Birmingham Union: F. J. Dunn...

HARBORNE II v. OLTON II.—At Harborne. Olton II: Norton b Ellerker...

BROMSGROVE II v. SOFWOOD.—At Bromsgrove. Sofwood: S. Williams...

BIRKSWELL v. POKWICK II.—At Birkswell. Pokwick II: G. Holmes...

BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE.

H. L. HIGGINS PLAYS A BIG INNINGS FOR KIDDERMINSTER.

The Birmingham League match between Stourbridge and Kidderminster, on the former's ground, ended in a draw. H. L. Higgins played a fine three-figure innings for Kidderminster, who declared after scoring 226 for the loss of six wickets, and Stourbridge responded with 134 for five wickets. For Kidderminster, J. B. Higgins took five wickets for 67 runs.

Kidderminster.—H. L. Higgins c Davis b Allechurch 108, A. Wilkes c Bryant b Elcock 6, L. J. Thompson b Allechurch 13, G. B. Tomlinson b Davis 41, J. B. Higgins lbw b A. Tate 8, H. Broad b Perry 20, W. G. Gaithe not out 30 (Conway, C. S. Aston, A. J. Pretty, and A. J. Handley did not bat), extras 6; total (for six wickets), 206.

Stourbridge.—A. W. Robinson not out 78, T. Allechurch b J. B. Higgins 24, H. Bryant b J. B. Higgins 8, A. Hall b J. B. Higgins 6, H. Perry b J. B. Higgins 21, G. Clarke c and b J. B. Higgins 6 (J. D. Higgins, W. Hicock, P. Davis, F. Tate, and A. Tate did not bat), extras 8; total (for five wickets), 134.

TABLE TO DATE.

Team	R	W	D	L	P
Meadley	0	0	1	0	9
Mitbells and Butlers	0	0	1	0	10
Walsall	0	0	0	0	0
West Bromwich	0	0	0	0	0
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Ashton Uddly	0	0	0	0	0
Dudley	0	0	0	0	0
Stourbridge	0	0	0	0	0
Old Hill	0	0	0	0	0
Kidderminster	0	0	0	0	0
Smethwick	0	0	0	0	0

INTER-LEAGUE MATCH: SUBURBAN LEAGUE (Div. II.) v. PARKS LEAGUE (Div. II.).—At Hamstead Hall Road, Handsworth. Suburban League: Bennett b Summers 18, Craddock c Bird b Giblin 18, Macey b Palmer 4, Middleton lbw b Giblin 1, Eary b Summers 8, Montfield lbw b Ditchhouse 4, Smith b Williams 28, Tansley c Lee b Summers 1, Palmer c and b Summers 4, Rogov 6 Summers 0, Willetts not out 6, extras 10; total 54. Parks League: Lee run out 1, Giblin hit with b Willetts 6, J. Bird lbw b Smith 18, Williams 6, Willetts 6, F. Michael b Eary 8, Ditchhouse c Smith 1, Palmer b Smith 4, McClurg 5, Smith 3, Summers c Craddock b Willetts 13, Fawl b Eary 1, Underwood not out 2, extras 11; total 52.

ASTON UNITY v. THE ORATORY.—At Trinity Road. Edden had eight wickets for 16 runs and Emery two for 2. Score: The Oratory: E. Elwes b Edden 6—b Heads 6, R. Hope c Dorey b Edden 6—c and b Heads 6, E. Dean c sub. b Edden 6—c Heads b Wilson 1, V. Hankin c Darban b Edden 1—c Edden b Wilson 3, T. Fallick not out 7—b Swadkins 28, J. McDonnell b Edden 3—c Edden b Wilson 4, G. Berridge b Emery 6—b Heads 6, K. Woods c Edden 1—c Emery b Swadkins 11, E. Goddard b Edden 6, C. McNabb b Edden 6—not out 8, C. Dorraser b Emery 8, extras 3—11; total, 144 (eight wickets) 68. Aston Unity: W. H. Lewis c Elwes b McNabb 43, J. E. Heads b McDonnell 8, R. A. Swadkins c Hope b Dean 4, Rev. L. W. S. Curwood not out 23, Joe W. Emery b McNabb 4, S. Wilson c and b Dean 3, S. Ogden not out 23 (H. F. Adell, A. Dorey, E. T. Edden, and G. R. Darban did not bat), extras 11; total, 166 wickets, 124 balls, 100 runs.

KENT II'S BATSMEN FAIL AGAINST STAFFORDSHIRE.

After an unpromising start in their Second-Class Counties' match with Kent II., at Blackheath, yesterday, Staffordshire compiled a total of 220 in three and a three-quarters hours on a difficult wicket against good bowling. The chief scorer again was B. Meakin (captain of the team), who made 80 in fine style, giving only one chance, and that when he was 70. Wright took four wickets for 16, and F. Duttall five for 98. Kent collapsed before Sedgwick and J. S. Heath, losing seven wickets for 61.

STAFFORDSHIRE.—1st Innings.	2nd Innings.
A. A. Bickerton c Ashdown b F. Duttall	11
N. P. Hewson c W. Duttall b Cook	38
W. W. Johnson c Hearn b F. Duttall	8
J. S. Heath b F. Duttall	1
J. J. Awty c Wright b F. Duttall	2
B. Meakin c Povey b Wright	80
C. H. Campbell lbw b F. Duttall	43
Sedgwick c F. Duttall b Wright	8
H. Birch b Wright	4
E. J. Barber not out	16
J. Poole b Wright	8
Extras	11
Total	230
KENT II.—1st Innings.	2nd Innings.
W. Duttall c Poole b Sedgwick	3
Ashdown b Heath	5
Duttall (P.) b Sedgwick	16
L. L. Hollis c Awty b Heath	0
L. N. Nimmo c Poole b Heath	5
A. E. Birch b Heath	10
Povey lbw b Birch	1
A. F. L. Lewis b Sedgwick	16
Hearn not out	0
Extras	5
Total (seven wickets)	61

STAFFORDSHIRE'S GOOD START AGAINST CHESHIRE.

Staffordshire made a fine start in the return match with Cheshire, at Forthill, scoring 312 in four and a half hours against good bowling. Cook, the Bobbington professional, did particularly well, bowling 43.5 overs for 103 runs and seven wickets.

STAFFORDSHIRE.—1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
E. H. Bourne lbw b Cook	1	.....	.....
N. P. Harrison b Cook	37	.....	.....
J. W. Johnston c Twainlow b Cook	60	.....	.....
B. Menkin b Cook	44	.....	.....
F. R. Heath b Cook	23	.....	.....
A. A. Bickerton b Cook	38	.....	.....
Sedgwick lbw b W. Jones	61	.....	.....
J. S. Heath c L. Jones b W. Jones	11	.....	.....
A. Lockett b Cook	9	.....	.....
J. Poole c Denton b W. Jones	8	.....	.....
Morgan not out	0	.....	.....
Extras	31	.....	.....
Total	312	Total	.....
CHESHIRE.—1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
B. Boushrey run out	16	.....	.....
W. E. Jones b Lockett	23	.....	.....
H. W. Hodgson not out	18	.....	.....
H. Morris not out	0	.....	.....
Extras	4	.....	.....
Total (two wickets)	58	Total	.....

STAFFORDSHIRE'S INNINGS WIN OVER CHESHIRE.

In spite of frequent showers which caused three adjournments, Staffordshire had beaten Cheshire at Forthill by half-past four yesterday by an innings and 51 runs. During the day eighteen Cheshire wickets fell for 203, the visitors following on 151 behind and then faring badly against the fine bowling by Sedgwick.

STAFFORDSHIRE.—1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
E. H. Bourne lbw b Cook	3	.....	.....
N. P. Harrison b Cook	37	.....	.....
J. W. Johnston c Twainlow b Cook	60	.....	.....
B. Menkin b Cook	44	.....	.....
F. R. Heath b Cook	23	.....	.....
A. A. Bickerton b Cook	38	.....	.....
Sedgwick lbw b W. Jones	61	.....	.....
J. S. Heath c L. Jones b W. Jones	11	.....	.....
A. Lockett b Cook	9	.....	.....
J. Poole c Denton b W. Jones	8	.....	.....
Morgan not out	0	.....	.....
Extras	31	.....	.....
Total	312	Total	.....
CHESHIRE.—1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
B. Boushrey run out	16	b Morgan	10
W. E. Jones b Lockett	23	c Morgan b Sedgwick	6
H. W. Hodgson b Lockett	23	b Morgan	12
H. Morris c Bourne b Lockett	0	c Johnson b Sedgwick	3
V. Hope b Sedgwick	14	b Morgan	10
Denton c Heath b Sedgwick	4	st Poole b Morgan	3
E. H. Martley c Poole b Sedgwick	3	c Poole b Sedgwick	3
L. N. Jones c Morgan	20	not out	27
F. A. Harrison c Johnston b Morgan	15	b Sedgwick	10
Cook not out	64	b Sedgwick	6
C. Twainlow b Sedgwick	3	b Sedgwick	6
Extras	8	Extras	8
Total	203	Total	151

WARWICKSHIRE'S LEAD TO THE COUNTIES.

AN EFFORT TO BRIGHTEN CRICKET.

SUCCESS OF F. S. G. CALTHORPE'S CAPTAINCY.

Warwickshire county cricket is still in its post-war reconstructive stage, and in reviewing the performances of its representatives in 1920 criticism should be tempered by a liberal measure of charity. As they lost thirteen of their county championship matches and won only seven, their record is not one to arouse feelings of envy; nevertheless, it is one that is not altogether unsatisfactory. Seven successes are not many, but they are seven times better than 1919's dismal record of one victory. Shrewd supporters of the club, who know the limitations of the best eleven that could be placed in the field, hardly expected as much. Equipped only with fast-wicket bowlers, Warwickshire have suffered more than the majority of clubs from the effects of the wet season, and the victories they have gained on lifeless or easy-paced pitches are more creditable to them than the defeats they have sustained are discreditably. Particular matches, here and there, have produced disappointing exhibitions, which have been commented on at the time, but, viewed as a whole, the performances in the heaviest programme the club have undertaken have been at least encouraging.

It has seemed to an observer who has followed the team through the whole of the programme that a deliberate attempt has been made to break away from some of the conventions of three-day matches, and to play really bright cricket. The policy has involved the taking of big risks, frequently with disastrous results, but it has not failed, and because it accords with the spirit of the age it is worth persisting in. The Hon. F. S. G. Calthorpe, in his first year of captaincy, has proved an inspiring leader in this connection. He has welded the team into a happy band and won the confidence of all who have played under him, and, working hard with both bat and ball, has ever led the way in courage and enterprise. For one who had had comparatively little previous experience of county cricket, he has shown high promise as a leader, and as with further experience he acquires mastery of the all-important art of fielding tactics, Warwickshire supporters will confidently expect him to take his place among the most distinguished leaders of the game. His example has been emulated by all on the side, and the support he has been able to command of 'Varsity men—support that one hopes will become a permanent feature—has helped to make Warwickshire highly attractive members of the county championship competition.

ERRATIC BATTING.

The policy adopted, however, has had a dangerous tendency to encourage reckless batting. Players have gone to extremes in their readiness to "get on or get out," and have often penalised their side by falling into the most obvious traps through failing to exercise, not caution, but ordinary common sense. Consequently the batting generally has been erratic. Sometimes there have been brilliant displays, and at other times the opposing bowlers have had remarkable analyses thrust upon them. Individually, the most consistent run-getters have been Quaife and Bates, both of whom aggregated over 1,000; Calthorpe and Charlesworth, who exceeded 800; G. W. Stephens, one of the most brilliant bats seen this season; E. L. Holdsworth; and, in his superb daring, G. A. Rotherham. H. Venn, the Cranbury amateur, distinguished himself by making a century against Kent at Catford (when the assistance of a slow bowler would probably have turned defeat into victory), but was very disappointing afterwards. C. A. Fiddian Green was the most promising of the new-comers to the side, and proved himself to be a sound and stylish player, while F. B. Santall and B. W. Quaife were youthful recruits who more than justified the totals given them.

As W. C. Hands contracted a severe attack of pleurisy in June—as a result of playing cricket in wet weather—and is only now convalescent, Howell, Calthorpe, and Quaife had to carry on the bowling practically unaided until Rotherham was available. They bowled well. Howell was so successful that he not only was selected for both Players v. Gentlemen matches but also has had the crowning honour of being chosen as test bowler for the M.C.C. team to visit Australia; and Calthorpe's form secured him a place in the Gentlemen's eleven that met the Players at the Oval. The appended averages show that Howell took 226 wickets for Warwickshire at a cost of 17 runs each, and Calthorpe 88 at a cost of 33 runs each; but these figures do not do full justice to the gaily. And here one touches what was probably

the chief fault of Warwickshire's cricket, since fifty per cent. of the catches offered been held. Warwickshire would not have been overwhelmed so frequently; and had greater judgment been shown in setting the field, an incredible number of runs would have been saved. The bowlers—quite a considerable body numerically—were largely to blame. They usually asked for an orthodox field, and then omitted to bowl to it, concentrating with more energy and persistence than thoughtfulness on trying to knock down the stumps. A glut of slips, who rarely touched the ball, and a deserted long field, where "four's" were abundant, was a familiar sight. And the fieldsmen themselves showed remarkably little initiative, rarely adapting themselves to the play of the batsmen; and, incidentally, the manner in which some of them have been in the habit of returning the ball to the bowler or wicket-keeper has said little for their sense of direction or their judgment. It is to be hoped that Warwickshire will strive in the future, as they have tried during the past season to be one of the brightest batting sides in the country; but if that is their intention it is of the first importance that the fielding and generalship should be so efficient that opponents may be dismissed cheaply.

WANT OF A SLOW BOWLER.

The county club have been disappointed by their failure to discover a potential first-class slow bowler able to make the ball spin. Several possible recruits made fleeting appearances, but it can hardly be said that they had trials. There would seem to be a great need for the organization of a club team in which young players might obtain useful practice of a moderately good class before making a debut in the county eleven. The Club and Ground matches, the only medium at present available, are valueless for the purpose of practice for testing a player's worth, because of the weakness of the opposition usually met. It ought not to be impossible to attempt something more ambitious than the present arrangements permit.

Financially the season has been quite satisfactory. The public have shown their appreciation of the type of cricket played by the team by large attendances at the matches, and the gate receipts have amounted to about £5,000. Had normal summer weather prevailed this sum might easily have been doubled, but as it is, after spending £2,000 on ground improvements and meeting all expenses a satisfactory balance will remain. At the same time the club need substantial support in membership as well as gate receipts. Match and travelling expenses are very heavy, and as professional cricketers, like all other wage earners, expect enhanced payment, there have to be heavy disbursements in order that Warwickshire may not suffer in competition with league clubs.

A complete record of the season's results, together with the principal individual batting and bowling performances, appeared in Saturday's "Birmingham Post."

THE AVERAGES.

BATTING.					
	Inns.	Runs.	as Inn.	Not out.	Avg.
G. W. Stephens	15	618	111	1	43.71
Quaife (W. O.)	20	1255	126	0	62.76
Ray, E. F. Waddy	15	394	71	1	27.43
Bates	51	1219	90	2	24.57
Hon. F. S. G. Calthorpe	43	877	66	2	22.27
Charlesworth	23	821	35	0	35.70
E. L. Holdsworth	19	439	141	0	23.08
W. C. Hands	9	158	21	0	17.56
G. A. Rotherham	10	354	63	1	35.40
C. A. Fiddian Green	20	328	25	0	16.40
Smith	20	738	60	0	36.90
H. Venn	20	590	115	0	29.50
Captain, C. F. Osawa	11	177	79	1	17.90
Samuel C.	21	253	24	0	12.05
C. E. South	17	132	24	0	13.20
C. E. Barber	6	80	22	0	13.33
B. W. Quaife	4	36	20	0	12.00
Howell (H.)	41	138	21	13	8.17
Robert J. J.	16	99	23	0	7.52
G. H. Richardson	6	18	3	0	3.00
Mr. W. J. Rice	4	15	3	0	3.75
Ellingworth	12	17	2	0	1.42
Howell (A.)	10	7	0	1	—

Signifies not out.

BOWLING.					
	Overs.	Mds.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avg.
Howell (H.)	261.4	157	2578	136	17.96
W. C. Hands	150.1	20	490	26	18.46
Hon. F. S. G. Calthorpe	433.3	59	1325	55	23.91
Quaife	144.4	21	450	16	28.12
Charlesworth	68.3	10	298	10	29.80
Howell (A.)	68.3	6	273	3	31.20
G. A. Rotherham	72	0	273	3	31.20
Ellingworth	40	0	273	3	31.20
F. B. Santall	40	0	273	3	31.20
Howell (H.)	40	0	273	3	31.20

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In the match at Bromfield Wheldons, for Smethwick, took ...

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