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MINOR COUNTIES CRICKET.

FINE PERFORMANCES BY BERKS.

The details, exclusively given in this paper, of Berkshire's opening win in their away fixtures over Oxfordshire, afforded a great deal of satisfaction in the county. The match was distinguished by a fine innings of 167 by A. P. F. Chapman; otherwise the Berkshire batting was not particularly noteworthy, eight of the batsmen only obtaining 36 between them. The total was 277. The Berks bowlers were thoroughly on top on Thursday, the Oxonians having a difficult task as the wicket dried under the influence of a hot sun. Hawksworth had four wickets (at one time his average was 3 for 10), and W. Y. Woodburn, the captain, five. The first innings closed for 138, and with the wicket playing nicely Oxfordshire were all disposed of at the second attempt for 92. Chapman taking 6 for 38. Six of the Oxfordshire men were clean bowled in the second innings. It was a magnificent catch by which de Vitro disposed of Best in the first innings. Berkshire won by an innings and 56 runs. The fielding all through was first-class.

BERKS' TEN-WICKETS VICTORY. AGAINST WILTSHIRE.

Berkshire followed up their success over Oxfordshire by a ten-wickets victory over Wiltshire. Bating first Berks knocked up the brilliant total of 282, the chief contributors being A. P. F. Chapman 86, R. J. Remnant 63, and Hawksworth 27, not out. Equal success attended their efforts during the Wiltshire innings, the wickets falling for 110. Wilt, following on, put up a better show, although their position was practically hopeless. With two wickets down in the second innings on Saturday morning 150 runs were still required to avoid the innings defeat. Newman batted splendidly for 71, but he was unable to secure a partner to stay with him long, and Berkshire needed but 11 runs to win when Chapman bowled J. W. Knight for the last ball. Hinde and Hawksworth were Berkshire's best bowlers, and Lucas, making his debut, did best for Wilt. Scores:

Table of scores for Berkshire v Wiltshire, First Innings. Chapman 86, Remnant 63, Hawksworth 27.

Table of scores for Berkshire v Wiltshire, Second Innings. Chapman 74, Hawksworth 26.

Table of scores for Berkshire v Wiltshire, Wiltshire Innings. Lucas 71, Newman 64.

BERKS LOSE TO CORNWALL.

Berkshire suffered their first defeat in the Minor Counties Championship at Cornwall on Monday and Tuesday, after one of the most exciting games seen for some time. On the first day the game looked safe for Berkshire, for although they were all out for 122, Cornwall were disposed of for 53. The game assumed a different aspect on Tuesday, and Berkshire lost by four wickets.

DEVON v. BERKS.

This game commenced at Exeter on Wednesday. It proved an exciting contest and made 317. Berkshire rep. ed well with 189 for 2. A. P. F. Chapman scoring a quick century. Scores:—

Table of scores for Devon v Berks, First Innings. Chapman 102, Remnant 63.

Table of scores for Devon v Berks, Second Innings. Chapman 74, Hawksworth 26.

Berkshire resumed play on Thursday with their score at 186 for 2 against Devon's 317. Rain fell, and when the Berks' total stood at 226 for 5 the game was left drawn.

To the Editor of the "Reading Mercury and Berks County Paper,"

Sir,—I did not see the letter of the anonymous correspondent in your issue of July 16th in time to answer last week, but as our team "comes out of its shell" to-day (July 23rd), perhaps this is a suitable occasion to reply to him. With regard to trial games, we should be willing to play as many as he likes, provided he will play for the fine of grounds, for we have none of our own. Oxfordshire have many grounds at their disposal, and as they have to get together an entirely new side, trial games were absolutely necessary to them. Berkshire, on the other hand, though they lost many of their players in the war, have always had the nucleus of a team, and last season we really fancied we had a good side, for, after all, the proof of the pudding is in the eating, and had the weather been kind there is little doubt that we should have beaten Staffordshire and become the champion minor county, a title we hope to win this year.

As regards the promising player who was tried at Watford and Port Eliot (not Truro), he lost his place because his fielding was not good enough.

I wish "County Cricketer" had asked me questions on these subjects when (unless I am much mistaken) he spoke to me on the Wellington College ground on Saturday, July 15th, instead of writing anonymously to the papers.

Yours faithfully, CHARLES TURNER, Major, Hon. Sec. Berks County C.C., Thatelham House, Newbury.

[This letter was unavoidably held over last week.—Ed. "R.M."]

BERKS PROGRAMME.

Hawksworth's Benefit.

The home matches commence on Monday next, when Devonshire are played at Reading. This match is for Hawksworth's benefit, and it is hoped that the weather will be kind, and that the attendance will be large. Hawksworth has done great things for Berkshire, and for some years had very few other bowlers to give him any support. Coming into the team in 1910, he has played in every match since that time, except in 1913, when he missed five matches, owing to a damaged hand. During this period he has taken 334 wickets at a cost of 4,611 runs, with the very fine average of 13.8 runs per wicket.

His best performances have been:— Ten wickets for 97 v. Bucks in 1912 (in one innings).

Nine wickets for 33 v. Devon in 1920. Nine wickets for 63 v. Wills in 1910. Eight wickets for 78 v. Cornwall in 1913. Six wickets for 19 v. Herts in 1920. Six wickets for 28 v. Dorset in 1911.

Up to Saturday he had obtained, on four, 13 wickets for 110 runs. It will be seen from the above record how large a share Hawksworth has had in the improved position Berkshire has taken in the Minor Counties Championship. They were very near to bottom in 1909, and have now worked their way up towards the position they aspire to, namely, the top. There must be many sportsmen who would like to help, and who will be unable to be present at the match. Any contribution they may like to send to the hon. treasurer, Berks County C.C., at Barclays Bank, Reading, will be gratefully received and acknowledged.

The remaining county matches are:— Versus Cornwall, at Reading, August 9-10. Versus Wilt, at Watgrave, August 11-12. Versus Oxfordshire, at Reading, August 16-17.

The Reading matches are played on the Biscuit Factory Ground, Kensington Road, which is close to the tramway on the Oxford Road.

READING FACTORY RECREATION CLUB.

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

This match was played at Heathlands' Workingham, on Saturday, and resulted in a win for Mr. Palmer's XI by 194 runs. Factory batted first, and were all out before lunch for 88 runs. Lewis gave a good display for his 34, but no one else reached double figures. Mr. Palmer's XI totalled 172. Chapman gave a bright display for his 75. Barker took 5 wickets for 6 runs. Boroughs and Yeend bowled well for Factory. Scores:—

Table of scores for Biscuit Factory Recreation Club v Mr. R. H. R. Palmer's XI. Chapman 75, Barker 7.

Total 277. Total 92.

FIGURE FOR THE DAY. A. A. Ass. at Kensington Road, 21.10 pm.

WORKINGHAM CRICKET.

Workingham visited Maidenhead on Saturday, when the home team reversed the result of the Workingham match, winning comfortably by 106 runs. The visitors batted fairly consistently, the top scorer being C. Dewson, who was thoroughly in his best form, being knocked up 27 in quick time, his best rise being 6 and several 4s. Maidenhead passed the visitors' total for the loss of five wickets, and continuing, put together the total of 210. Mr. Kirtax was the useful scorer of 28. The scores were:—

Table of scores for Workingham v Maidenhead. Dewson 27, Kirtax 28.

The British Legion entertained the Workingham Police on the Town Club's ground on Saturday, a two-innings match being won by the Police by two wickets and 84 runs. The Legion put together 46 in their first innings, to which the Police replied with 41 (P.C. Greaway 21), but in their second innings the Legion were all dismissed for 38. P.C. Claydon taking 6 for 19. The Police scored the necessary runs for victory without loss of a wicket, continuing to score 86 for 7. W. C. T. Martin, playing as a substitute, scored 51. First innings scores were:—

Table of scores for British Legion v Workingham Police. Martin 51, Greaway 21.

On Wednesday, the Workingham Magpies 2nd XI, entertained the British Legion, winning easily by 53 runs. They scored 27 in their first innings, and taking 7 wickets for 1 run. In their second innings, the Legion declared when their total was 46 for 7, but were unable to do more than 10, who had scored 28 for the loss of four wickets when stumpings were drawn.

Rain caused the abandonment of an interesting fixture on Wednesday, when the Town mid week team were at home to a strong eleven arranged by Supr. C. Goddard. The visiting team was composed of several well-known players, including H. Bell of Sussex, whose brother A. E. Bell is the wicket-keeper at Wellington College. When play was abandoned, Wiltshire had scored 41 for 5. The Rev. F. M. C. Harcourt.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP.

Berks v. Devon.

Seldom has a more exciting game been witnessed than that played between Berkshire and Devonshire on the Kennington Road ground on Monday and Tuesday, for although Berkshire were always in a strong position, first the weather and then the clock threatened to rob them of victory.

The outstanding features of the game were the brilliant displays of wicket-keeping by Stevens and Vibart, the magnificent bowling of Hawksworth—his figures for the two innings were 53 overs, 23 maidens (tribute to the accuracy of his length), 80 runs and 9 wickets—and several fine catches, notably those of G. G. M. Bennett, A. P. F. Chapman and R. J. F. Remnant.

The game commenced on Monday morning, when Berks, after winning the toss, batted first on a slow wicket, and reached 144 runs, R. J. F. Remnant (47) and E. C. D. de Vitre (21) being the chief contributors. At one period Berkshire's total appeared likely to be even less, for 7 wickets were down for 85 runs, when a timely partnership between Ryland (14) and de Vitre improved matters.

Going in again the same evening, Berkshire, by the aid of R. J. F. Remnant and Bennett, ran up 30 without loss. During Monday night and early on Tuesday morning rain fell so heavily that an abandonment of the match appeared probable, but by mutual consent play was transferred to a new pitch, and with the weather improving a start was possible after lunch.

Table with columns for batsmen and bowlers. Includes names like R. J. F. Remnant, G. G. M. Bennett, A. P. F. Chapman, and bowling figures for Hawksworth.

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Second Innings.

Table with columns for batsmen and bowlers. Includes names like J. H. Shelley, E. H. Fletcher, and bowling figures for Hawksworth.

BERKSHIRE v CORNWALL.

On Wednesday and Thursday Cornwall were Berkshire's visitors in the Minor Counties Cricket Championship, but owing to heavy rain little play was possible on Wednesday, when Berkshire had scored 115 for the loss of one wicket.

Brilliant weather prevailed on Thursday, when Chapman and Stevens resumed Berkshire's innings, and carried the score to 163 before the second wicket fell. Chapman was not dismissed until he had completed a magnificent century.

The Cornwall batsmen could do little with the deliveries of Hearne and Hawksworth, and were dismissed shortly after three p.m. for 94 runs, only Bickford, who hit brilliantly, and Trevarthen making anything of a show.

Cornwall, 170 runs in arrears, followed on. Continuing to dominate the proceedings, Berkshire won by an innings and 70 runs just before 5.30 p.m.

Table with columns for batsmen and bowlers. Includes names like R. J. F. Remnant, G. G. M. Bennett, and bowling figures for Hawksworth.

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BERKSHIRE v WILTSHIRE.

The match between Berkshire and Wiltshire opened yesterday on an easy wicket, but in consequence of rainstorms only one hour's play was possible in the morning. During that time Wiltshire managed to knock out 65 for two wickets, G. S. Butler being out l.b.w. to the wicket.

Table with columns for batsmen and bowlers. Includes names like G. S. Butler, and bowling figures for Hawksworth.

BRACKNELL CRICKET WEEK.

Bracknell Cricket Week opened on Monday with a match against Egham. The outfield was in excellent condition and the wicket as good as could be wished for, although naturally soft.

Table with columns for batsmen and bowlers. Includes names like W. H. Hinton, C. F. Powley, and bowling figures for Egham.

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THE "MAKER" CUP.

Waddington 57 (to 6), G.W.R. Ath 56. Wesley 31, Hartley Wintney 78. Two remarkable games were seen in the semi-finals of the "A.J. Maker" Cricket Cup Competition on Wednesday.

Table with columns for batsmen and bowlers. Includes names like Waddington, Wesley, and bowling figures.

WARGRAVE CRICKET WEEK.

HIGH SCORING.

Centuries by Care and Remnant.

The Cricket Week at Wargrave has once again proved a remarkable success. Taken on the whole, the weather has not interfered greatly with the play, although some rainstorms have been experienced. Considerable crowds have assembled during the week, and some very fine cricket has been witnessed. The Wargrave team may well feel proud of its performance, for, taken on the first innings, the week's results were as follows: Won 3, drawn 1 (with the match in favour of Wargrave), and lost 1 (this only by one run).

The week commenced on Saturday with a match against the Berkshire Gentlemen, when Wargrave proved easy winners, thanks to a splendid innings of 130 by P. M. Care, whose hits included three 6's, R. J. F. Remnant (39), D. Carpenter (14), and P. F. Remnant (13). Care also made useful scores. To the Wargrave total of 237 for 8 wickets, the Gentlemen could only respond with 108. The Rev. K. G. Packard was top scorer with 31, H. Lord came next with 21, whilst useful scores were also compiled by H. O. Anderson (19), and W. V. Stokes (17). Reynolds (3 for 17) and Carpenter (2 for 11) were the successful Wargrave bowlers. Scores:—

Table with columns for Wargrave and Berkshire Gentlemen, listing players and their scores. Includes names like P. M. Care, R. J. F. Remnant, D. Carpenter, and H. O. Anderson.

\*Inns. declared closed. The visitors on Bank Holiday were the R.A.F. Uxbridge, and again the home club were the winners. Batting first, Wargrave, with usual contributions by Froud, P. M. Care, Dewe, Moore, and Carpenter, collected 147, to which the visitors replied with 75. Clarke, Ripley, Kinscott, and Smart being the principal scorers. Osborne, of the R.A.F., and Langford, of Wargrave, bowled well, their figures being 5 for 17 and 5 for 11 respectively. In a second innings Wargrave put up 88 for two against the R.A.F. 41 all out. In the latter's innings the damage with the ball was done by Reynolds (5 for 19) and Newberry (5 for 22). Scores:—

Table with columns for Wargrave and R.A.F. Uxbridge, listing players and their scores. Includes names like C. Moore, W. Newberry, and Rev. F. Sherlock.

On Tuesday Lullebrook were entertained, and Wargrave gained their third consecutive victory. The visitors batted first, and could only make 85. Jennings, Capt. Phelps and Hatch being the only batsmen to reach double figures. Wargrave replied with 179, excellent scores being compiled by the Rev. F. Sherlock (62), P. M. Care (48), and H. R. Dewe (36). Newberry, with 6 for 43, and Reynolds (2 for 5), were Wargrave's best bowlers, while for Lullebrook Capt. Phelps took 6 for 53 and Hatch 1 for 65. In a second innings the visitors made 29 for 6 wickets (Squibb 4 for 17).

Wargrave Second Innings.—C. Moore not out 75, W. Newberry b Clifton 20, Rev. F. Sherlock b Kinscott 28, P. M. Care not out 18, extras 2, total (2 wks.) 88. R.A.F. Uxbridge, Second Innings.—Clarke c Dewe b Newberry 13, Ripley st P. M. Care b Newberry 6, Kinscott b Newberry 6, Osborne not out 0, W. Marcham b Kinscott 4, J. Reynolds b 4, Osborne b 4, C. Froud c Garvin b Kinscott 27, J. Langford not out 9, Extras 10, total (3 wks.) 237.

Table with columns for Lullebrook and Wargrave, listing players and their scores. Includes names like A. Richards, P. M. Care, and W. Newberry.

Total 179. Wargrave Second Innings.—E. H. Crowhurst not out 7, H. Grayson b Bradley 2, W. Hatch c Dewe b Squibb 10, H. Grayson c Reynolds b Bradley 3, M. Gale c and b Squibb 7, R. W. South c Newberry b Squibb 4, A. C. Wellbourne c Bradley b Squibb 0, extras 0, total (in wks.) 23.

The opposition on Wednesday was provided by the Constitutional Club, London. This match was left drawn with Wargrave in a very strong position. P. F. Remnant played an excellent innings of 110. The Constitutional Club could only compile 109 for six wickets, when rain interfered with the play. Scores:—

Table with columns for Wargrave and Constitutional Club, listing players and their scores. Includes names like J. Pack, C. D. Care, and P. F. Remnant.

Thursday's match was with Mr. Walker's XI. Wargrave batted first, and knocked up the respectable total of 143. After Pesh had departed, several excellent stands were made. The Constitutional Club, including P. F. Remnant 25, J. Bullock 29, the Rev. F. Sherlock 17, and D. Carpenter 12. The next three wickets fell cheaply, but with Brown and Newberry coming together, the total was considerably augmented, these two players scoring 13 and 20 respectively. Claydon was very successful with the ball, taking five wickets for 50. The opening of Mr. Walker's XI. was not particularly bright, four wickets being down for 21. Capt. Fraser and North then earned the score to 51, when the former, running up to a slow one, missed and was stumped. Claydon followed, and opened his shoulders immediately, being caught when at 25. North stopped to make 11, when he was skinned bowled by Carpenter. The Wargrave score was passed with two wickets in hand, but just afterwards Mortimer was caught with a hard one, and Butler was run out from the next ball, so that the visitors won an exciting match by one run. Wargrave's most successful bowlers were Newberry with 4 for 57, and Carpenter with 1 for 31. Claydon bowled well for Mr. Walker's team, taking 5 wickets for 50. The home club's second innings produced 52 for one wicket (innings declared closed), and Mr. Walker's XI. replied with 38 for three. Scores:—

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Wargrave Second Innings.—W. Marcham not out 17, G. Squibb not out 24, G. Reynolds b Claydon 17, extras 3, total (1 wks.) 52. Mr. F. H. Walker's XI. Second Innings.—G. F. Cameron b Remnant 15, J. H. Adams b Sherlock 6, H. North not out 10, A. L. Pearce c Carpenter b Browning 15, extras 0, total (3 wks.) 88.

WESLEY v. HARTLEY WINTNEY.

This match was played at Prospect Park on Wednesday, and resulted in a victory for the visitors. Wesley opened well, but later their batting broke down completely before the bowling of Toock and Gibbs, the latter taking 6 wickets for 13 runs, and finishing the innings with the bat. A word of praise is due to the losers for their bowling and fielding, but they could not avert defeat. Scores:—

Table with columns for Wesley and Hartley Wintney, listing players and their scores. Includes names like W. G. Lowe, F. G. Ansell, and G. Snyde.

COUNTY FARMERS' CRICKET.

The return cricket match between the Berkshire and Hampshire branches of the National Farmers' Union will be played on August 28th on the Kensington Road Ground, Reading, the use of which has been kindly granted for the occasion by Mr. Howard Palmer. Play will commence at 11.30 a.m., and a cordial invitation to be present is extended to all farmers. There will be no charge for admission. The result of the first match between the two branches was a victory for Berkshire, who scored 263 runs for six wickets in reply to Hampshire's 299.

LONG WITTEHAM v. BERKSHIRE GENTLEMEN.

This match was played at Long Wittenham on Monday, and ended in a win for the Berkshire Gentlemen. W. V. Stokes and H. O. Hopkins batted well for 34 and 34 not out respectively. Scores:—

Table with columns for Long Wittenham and Berkshire Gentlemen, listing players and their scores. Includes names like W. V. Stokes, H. O. Hopkins, and J. Chambers.

NETTLEBED v. WESLEY.

This match was played at Nettledbed on Saturday, and resulted in a win for the home team, Butler's fine bowling contributing largely to the victory. Scores:—

Table with columns for Nettlebed and Wesley, listing players and their scores. Includes names like C. Phelps, A. Brown, and H. Sharp.





COUNTY CRICKET.

BERKSHIRE v. WILTSHIRE.

Honours with the Visitors.

It was an innovation for Berkshire for a home county match to be decided outside Reading, but all that Wargrave and Wargrave cricketers have done for the county justified the choice of venue. The Woodley ground is certainly well adapted for a match of this importance.

Wiltshire won the toss and went in on an easy wicket. Only an hour's play was possible before rain fell. During that hour the visitors obtained 65 at the expense of two wickets, Butler being out l.b.w. to Hinde for 15 and Newman being clean bowled by the same player after he had knocked a single. The downpour continued for some time and made play out of the question until after the tea interval. Water remained in pools on the pitch, the hardness of which made it difficult to clear away. Another start was made after tea, when Bankier was quickly dismissed, being easily run out. An excellent stand was then made by Sandford, who went in first, and Awdry, until the former succumbed to a remarkable left-hand catch by Kennard, who experienced difficulty in holding a really hot drive, but managed to hang on to the ball. Sandford had 73 to his credit, which included a six and nine fours. Wickets fell fairly quickly after this separation, Awdry stopping to get 58 before being caught in the outfield by Croom. The batsman also gave a splendid exhibition of hitting, having knocked a six and seven fours. Off one over from Birch he hit three consecutive fours and a two. Kirkpatrick and Wilson were the only other players to reach double figures, the innings closing for the excellent total of 203. The successful Berkshire bowlers were Hinde with five for 29 and Woodburn with four for 37. A decision to play until 7 p.m. enabled Berkshire to just open their innings, stumps being drawn with 10 runs scored for no wicket.

Berkshire did themselves a very bad turn on Saturday morning, when they collapsed before Newman and Sandford and were all dismissed for a total of 93. The ball came off the pitch slowly and the bowlers made the most of the advantage accruing to them. There was a fair start, but Croom, who had scored 24, got his leg in front of a straight one, and A. P. F. Chapman, after a small total for him of 32, played back to a ball from Newman, which he should have played forward to, and was bowled. After this there was a procession, the 70 going up with seven wickets down. It became a question whether Berkshire would save the follow-on, and every stroke was eagerly watched. H. H. C. Birch was soon out l.b.w. to Newman (77 for eight), and Hawksworth came in. Unfortunately the latter was very lame and therefore only a very sure run was possible. De Vitro was showing capital form, hitting hard whenever possible. Off Sandford he had a life, and from the following ball Hawksworth was dropped. The clever defence of both players evoked warm commendation from the other Berkshire players, of whom Chapman was one of the most anxious about the follow-on. Unfortunately, when the pair seemed likely to make a good stay Hawksworth failed to get hold of one from Newman, and was caught in the long field. His innings was certainly worth more than the seven recorded in the score book; 91 for 9. The end soon came. Hinde being bowled with the total at 93, Berkshire thus having to follow on. De Vitro's 15 was, under the circumstances, one of the best of his achievements, and he was congratulated by the Wiltshire captain on his dogged play.

A. J. F. Kennard and A. J. Croom had two or three overs before lunch, and had resumed in excellent style after lunch, when rain fell heavily, making further play impossible, and the game had to be abandoned at four o'clock. Berkshire had scored 12 for no wicket. The abandonment was unlucky for Berkshire, for the home county would doubtless have put up a much better show in the second innings, and a sporting finish might have resulted. Wiltshire gained two points by leading on the first innings.

Quite a number of well-known supporters of the Berkshire County Cricket Club were present on Saturday, including Sir William Cunn, Sir James Kennard, M.P., the Messrs. Chapman (father and uncle of the Cambridge Blue), Mr. F. W. Finch, Colonel Barker, Captain J. St. L. Whible, the Rev. A. G. P. Barnes, etc.

The catering on both days was admirably carried out by Mr. F. G. Godwin.

WILTS.

G. S. Butler l.b.w. b Hinde	15
T. C. G. Sandford c R. Kennard b Woodburn	73
A. Newman b Hinde	1
A. A. Bankier run out	0
R. W. Awdry c Croom b Woodburn	58
G. G. Devonport c Hinde b Woodburn	0
A. G. Enson b Woodburn	0
R. C. R. Kirkpatrick c Hearne b Hinde	16
A. A. Bray b Hinde	0
E. H. Wilson b Hinde	8
Bright not out	10
Extras	1
Total	203

BERKS.

R. J. F. Kennard c and b Newman	0
Croom l.b.w. b Newman	24
A. P. F. Chapman b Newman	32
S. H. Stevens b Sandford	0
W. Y. Woodburn b Newman	0
P. F. Kennard b Sandford	0
Hearne (C.) b Sandford	0
H. H. C. Birch l.b.w. b Newman	2
E. D. de Vitro not out	15
Hawksworth c R. Kennard b Newman	7
H. M. Hinde b Sandford	0
Extras	1
Total	95
Second Innings—R. J. F. Kennard not out 10, Croom not out 2, total (no wkt.) 12.	

BERKS v. OXON.

Another Century by Chapman.

The two main features in this match, commenced on the Kensington Road ground on Wednesday, where Croom had prepared a wicket which, under existing conditions, was highly creditable to him, were the equality of the batting of the Berkshire men, and the very smart wicket keeping of S. H. Stevens. True, that splendid all-round cricketer, A. P. F. Chapman, was again top scorer for the home county, but he was not so far ahead of his contemporaries as he has been on occasion, his contribution (totaling 45, with several of the others exceeding either 30 or 20, with the result that when the last wicket fell Berks had put up the respectable score of 215. The following figures, which represent the fall of the wickets, show in a nutshell form the advance made as the game progressed: 1-21, 2-31, 3-40, 4-132, 5-162, 6-171, 7-189, 8-195, 9 and 10-245.

Young Croom, just as he appeared to have become well set, had the misfortune to get his leg in front of a ball. Chapman filled the vacancy, but was destined to quickly lose the partnership of Stokes, who had batted patiently for H. Fryer, who now joined Chapman, put up a very solid defence, what time the Cambridge King was merely putting on the act. With this score at 90 Holiday cleverly got a ball past Chapman, whose cricket had, as usual, been bright and enterprising. Dr. Woodburn, by sound batting, was responsible for 23, when he fell to a twister from Masterman, and Stevens followed to quickly knock up 37, when he too fell a victim to Masterman's bowling. Fryer was, at last, neatly caught by Wakelin after a most carefully compiled 37, and de Vitro went a few runs later. Then, after Barker, Hearne and Hawksworth had each contributed useful additions, the innings closed with Hawksworth being cleverly caught on the edge of the boundary by Cotton. The fielding of the Oxonians had been crisp throughout.

Oxfordshire opened very slowly, and their batting was, for the most part, of the tedious character; the only batsman to show any enterprise at all being R. A. Phayre, and even he was terribly dull at times. True, the Berkshire bowling allowed of no liberties, but Oxfordshire occupied nearly three hours in registering 119 runs for the loss of eight wickets. Stevens distinguishing himself by cleverly snuffing three of them.

Owing to the heavy rains during the night and morning the wicket used on the previous day was found to be quite unplayable, while the ground generally was too soddened to permit of a ball being bowled prior to luncheon being taken. Groundsman Croom very speedily had another wicket ready, and this played unexpectedly well. A start was made in favourable weather (but a rather nasty wind) at 1.20. Masterman defied all efforts to dislodge him, but Wakelin and Holiday were easily overcome, and the Oxfordshire innings closed for 147, Masterman being not out with 39. It should be mentioned that the catch which de Vitro effected in the slips the previous day when disposing of Rogers was one of the smartest of the match.

On Chapman and Stokes opening the second innings of Berkshire it at once became evident that the former was out to "slog," and he punished the bowling unmercifully, ball after ball being sent to the boundary, to the evident delight of a very good gathering of spectators. The Light Blue withered in 50 runs in 39 minutes, and 108 in an hour and ten minutes, and in all took an hour and 25 minutes in totalling 133 not out. He was responsible for five sixes and 13 fours.

With the total at 187 for three wickets Captain Woodburn declared the Berkshire innings closed. For the whole of the county matches Chapman's batting average works out at the following splendid figures: 80.5.

Oxfordshire, who showed much enterprise, played out time, losing seven wickets in the process for 247. Berks take two points.

The catering of Mr. A. C. Bond, of West Street, Reading, has afforded complete satisfaction each day. Scores:—

BERKSHIRE.—First Innings.

J. W. Stokes b Masterman	14
R. A. Ostrhan c Stevens b Hawksworth	13
Croom l.b.w. b Masterman	24
A. P. F. Chapman b Holiday	45
E. H. Fryer c Wakelin b Rogers	37
Dr. W. Y. Woodburn b Masterman	23
S. H. Stevens b Masterman	37
E. D. de Vitro b Holiday	15
A. G. Barker b Wakelin	16
Hearne b Wakelin	16
Hawksworth c Cotton b Masterman	26
H. M. Hinde not out	10
Extras	0
Total	245

OXFORDSHIRE.—First Innings.

Rogers c de Vitro b Hinde	15
R. A. Phayre c Stevens b Hawksworth	16
A. F. Alington b Hawksworth	0
M. J. Hinde	16
Major W. T. Brooks b Hinde	0
W. Stradling b de Vitro	23
J. C. Masterman not out	5
J. A. G. Kennard c Stevens b Hinde	8
Wakelin (E.) c Stevens b Hinde	1
G. Holiday c and b Hawksworth	10
Extras	0
Total	147

BERKSHIRE.—Second Innings.

A. P. F. Chapman not out	113
J. W. Stokes b Kennard	19
S. H. Stevens c and b Stradling	25
E. H. Fryer b Wakelin	7
E. D. de Vitro not out	5
Extras	0
Total (5 wks., declared)	167

OXFORDSHIRE.—Second Innings.

Rogers c Chapman b Hinde	12
Ostrhan b Hearne	67
Phayre c Barker b Hinde	12
Brooks b Chapman	12
Cotton run out	58
Alington not out	9
Stradling b Chapman	3
Masterman b Chapman	50
Holiday not out	8
Kennard and Wakelin did not bat.	14
Extras	0
Total (7 wks.)	247

Bowling—Berkshire: First Innings: Masterman 5 for 69, Wakelin 2 for 31, Oxfordshire: First Innings: Hinde 5 for 51, Hawksworth 4 for 47, Second Innings: Chapman 3 for 23.

HOW BERKS LOST IN CORNWALL.

We have received inquiries as to how it came about that Berkshire lost their match at Camborne against Cornwall on July 31st and August 1st after securing a good lead on the first innings. It may be explained that Berkshire, after having seven wickets down for 46, compiled 142, Hawksworth being responsible for a splendid 51. Berkshire dismissed Cornwall for the small figure of 53, Hawksworth taking four wickets for 26 and Chapman four for 29. Berkshire in their second innings compiled 184, A. P. F. Chapman hitting up 78, which included ten sixes—three in one over. G. G. M. Bennett obtained 30 and A. J. F. Kennard (who had scored 22 in the first innings) 25. As they were over 250 ahead it seemed a good thing for Berkshire, but the visiting bowlers were badly punished, Irwin scoring 75 not out, K. Schofield 50 and G. H. Birchfield 33 not out. In the end Cornwall won by four wickets—a surprising result and one which seriously affected Berkshire's chances.

SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER 1922

BERKSHIRE'S SEASON.

Berkshire have had a successful season, though not comparable to last year, when but for one slip they should have won the Minor Counties' Championship. This year, again, Berkshire had a good chance, but lost it by their unexpected failure to do well at Wargrave last Saturday. They have scored handsome victories over Oxfordshire and Wiltshire away and Devon and Cornwall at home.

A. P. F. Chapman, the Cambridge Blue, has again rendered Berkshire splendid service. His scores included 167 against Oxfordshire (including four sixes and 23 fours), 140 v. Devon away, 105 against Cornwall at Reading, 133 not out and 45 against Oxfordshire at Reading. He also hit up 86 against Wiltshire away (16 fours) and 78 against Cornwall away (10 sixes). A. J. P. Remnant has been one of the most consistent scorers in the team and has done splendid service. His chief scores have been 83 against Wiltshire away, 42 and 25 against Cornwall away, 47 and 77 against Devon at Reading, 35 against Cornwall at Reading, as well as a good score against Devon away. G. G. M. Bennett can boast of scores of 52, 30 and 24. Hawksworth was responsible for a very valuable 51 in Cornwall and a 27 not out, and several others, including S. H. Stevens and E. C. D. de Vitre, have done excellently.

The following are the chief bowling feats:-

Versus Oxon away.—First innings: Hawksworth, 5 for 45; Dr. Woodburn, 4 for 44. Second innings: A. P. F. Chapman, 6 for 38.

Versus Wiltshire away.—First innings: H. M. Hinde, 4 for 15; Hawksworth 3 for 21; Chapman 2 for 31. Second innings: Chapman 2 for 12; H. M. Hinde, 3 for 52; Hawksworth, 1 for 77.

Versus Cornwall.—First innings: Chapman 1 for 29; Hawksworth, 4 for 20. Second innings: Chapman, 2 for 52.

Versus Devon.—Hawksworth, 3 for 11; Hinde, 3 for 35.

Versus Devon home.—First innings: Hawksworth, 3 for 25; Hinde, 5 for 31. Second innings: Hawksworth, 6 for 55; Hinde, 3 for 28.

Versus Cornwall home.—First innings: Hawksworth, 1 for 28; Hearne, 6 for 44. Second innings: Hearne, 3 for 40; Hawksworth, 5 for 42.

Versus Wiltshire home.—Hinde, 5 for 29; Woodburn, 4 for 37.

Versus Oxfordshire home.—First innings: Hinde, 5 for 51; Hawksworth, 4 for 47. Second innings: Chapman, 3 for 29.

The fielding has been excellent, so has the wicket-keeping of S. H. Stevens.

Berkshire people will be extremely gratified to know that there is every probability of A. P. F. Chapman playing for Berkshire next season. In reply to a query by a representative of this paper on Saturday Mr. Chapman said he should be assisting the county.

Mr. Chapman, who has accepted a business appointment at Hythe for a later date, will at the end of September leave with the English side which is visiting New Zealand, etc. Mr. A. C. Maclaren is largely concerned with the arrangements of the tour.

Chapman has done splendid service for Berkshire this season, his scores including three centuries, and he has been one of the most effective bowlers.

A. J. Croom, who assisted Berkshire against Wiltshire, has had a successful season, having scored about 750 runs for Warwickshire Club and Ground. He has scored two not-out centuries, one of these being last week for Warwickshire 2nd XI. against Nottingham.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP.

RESULTS TO AUGUST 12th (INCLUSIVE).

County	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pos.	Pts.
Northampton	10	0	4	0	20	64.00
Gloucestershire	7	4	0	1	30	70.00
Derbyshire	4	2	1	0	20	65.00
Worcestershire	0	5	0	1	25	64.00
Nottingham	0	4	2	0	20	61.00
Warwickshire	7	1	1	0	25	65.55
Leicestershire	8	3	0	2	30	66.00
Yorkshire	0	2	1	0	25	52.00
Gloucestershire	8	3	0	1	35	73.58
Warwickshire	8	1	4	1	43	78.45
Nottingham	8	4	1	0	35	72.50
Leicestershire	6	1	2	3	30	62.00
Worcestershire	4	1	1	0	20	63.00
Derbyshire	7	1	2	0	33	66.00
Northampton	8	2	0	1	33	66.66
Gloucestershire	6	1	2	0	40	62.00
Worcestershire	8	2	0	0	30	63.33
Derbyshire	10	1	1	1	45	63.33
Wiltshire	0	0	1	2	25	50.00
Cambridgeshire	6	0	0	1	25	4.00

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BATTING AVERAGE.

Player	Inns.		Total runs.	Highest score.	Av.
	Inn.	Not out.			
A. P. F. Chapman	11	1	806	167	80.55
J. F. Remnant	11	2	383	77	42.55
Hawksworth	9	2	142	51	20.84
S. H. Stevens	6	0	111	37	20.28
A. G. Barker	6	2	66	23	15.00
G. G. M. Bennett	8	1	107	62	15.28
G. H. Ryland	6	0	62	27	10.33
Dr. Woodburn	10	0	88	23	9.80
E. D. De Vitre	8	2	58	24	8.96
J. W. Stokes	4	0	35	19	8.75
Greaves	6	1	36	17	7.20
P. Remnant	8	1	34	13	4.86
Capt. H. M. Hinde	7	6	0	0*	0.00

\*Signifies not out.

The following also batted under four innings: Hearne 23, 0 and 20; Croom 24, 2\* and 13; E. H. Fryer 37 and 7; K. C. Baines 13\* and 0; F. J. P. Shaw 13\*; R. H. R. Palmer 11; A. D. Barlett 6; H. H. C. Birch 2.

BOWLING AVERAGE.

Player	O.	M.	H.	W.	Av.
E. D. De Vitre	18.3	2	68	7	8.85
Capt. H. M. Hinde	115.2	26	322	23	14.00
A. P. F. Chapman	109	27	278	19	14.68
Hawksworth	563	154	656	48	15.61
Hinde	69	101	443	10	16.39
G. H. Ryland	45	14	102	5	20.40
Dr. Woodburn	124	38	303	11	27.45

The following also bowled: H. H. C. Birch, 2 overs, 0 maidens, 17 runs, 0 wickets.