

**CRICKET.**

**COUNTY CRICKET.**

**BUCKS v. CAMBRIDGESHIRE.**

On Wednesday and Thursday week Bucks followed up a win over Herts by defeating Cambridgeshire at Bletchley Park by five wickets. In their first innings the visitors were uncomfortable against the bowling of Dickens, Edwards, and Aubrey-Fletcher. The former took 4 wickets for 29 runs, and Edwards 2 for 43, whilst Aubrey-Fletcher accounted for 3 wickets for 8. In the second innings Edwards took 6 for 65, and Aubrey-Fletcher 4 for 19. For Cambridgeshire, Sadler was most successful with the ball, taking, in two innings, 9 for 69. Scores:—

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.	
H. B. Hart, b Dickens	0
W. Manning, c P. well, b Dickens	0
F. Bryan, st. Franklin, b Edwards	2
E. H. Lock, c Whiting, b Dickens	11
D. Livock, run out	0
Sadler (T.), c Whiting, b Dickens	11
S. P. Start, st. Franklin, b Aubrey-Fletcher	31
C. R. Bonstead, b Aubrey-Fletcher	10
A. S. Lang, b Edwards	8
O. E. Johnson, not out	0
G. F. Pilling, b Aubrey-Fletcher	1
Extras	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>69</b>

Second Innings.	
H. B. Hart, lbw., b Edwards	3
W. Manning, lbw., b Edwards	3
F. Bryan, c Thompson, b Edwards	7
E. H. Lock, c Edwards, b Aubrey-Fletcher	31
D. Livock, b Edwards	13
Sadler (T.), c Thompson, b Edwards	5
S. P. Start, b Aubrey-Fletcher	20
C. R. Bonstead, b Aubrey-Fletcher	4
A. S. Lang, b Edwards	17
O. E. Johnson, c Thompson, b Aubrey-Fletcher	0
G. F. Pilling, not out	3
Extras	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>109</b>

BUCKS.	
W. B. Franklin, lbw., b Sadler	9
H. Pitchford, c and b Bryan	53
E. Dickens, c Johnson, b Sadler	10
P. W. Le Gros, lbw., b Pilling	10
H. L. Aubrey-Fletcher, b Ling	31
C. Powell, run out	0
F. Whiting, not out	19
S. L. Trevor, c Ling, b Sadler	3
F. Edwards, b Sadler	2
D. A. D. Sewell, lbw., b Sadler	0
L. J. Thompson, b Sadler	2
Extras	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>152</b>

Second Innings.	
W. B. Franklin, b Bryan	3
H. Pitchford, b Sadler	2
E. Dickens, b Bryan	6
P. W. Le Gros, not out	22
H. L. Aubrey-Fletcher, b Sadler	7
C. Powell, b Sadler	0
F. Whiting, not out	6
Extra	1
<b>Total (for 5 wickets)</b>	<b>47</b>

S. L. Trevor, F. Edwards, D. A. D. Sewell, and L. J. Thompson did not bat.

**TRING PARK v. AYLESBURY TOWN.**

On Saturday Aylesbury Town were the guests of Tring Park Cricket Club, and were defeated in an excellent match by 163 runs. Bating first, Tring lost their first wicket quickly, Hart leaving with the total at 9. Hedges and Cole, however, put on 34 for the second wicket. Blundell (who takes a hench on August Monday) soon hit up 31, his chief scoring strokes being a 5 and five 4's. Saunders and Butcher batted steadily. For the fourth wicket 52 runs were added, and 51 for the eighth. The best bowling analysis was that of Dandridge, who took 3 wickets for 34 runs. Oliver took 3, 36, and Yiend and Plested 2 each for 50 and 61 respectively. The Aylesbury batsmen fared badly against the bowling of Hedges, Blundell, and Honour, only

Varty and Betts recording double figures. The last-named is a left-handed batsman, who always appreciates a ball on the "off" side, and he should be useful to Aylesbury. Scores:—

TRING PARK.	
C. P. Cole, b Plested	26
O. Hart, c Plested, b Yiend	1
A. W. Hedges, b Oliver	10
T. Blundell, b Yiend	34
H. T. Saunders, b Dandridge	21
A. Butcher, b Oliver	21
Rev. T. V. Garnier, b Dandridge	0
M. J. Smithson, c and b Dandridge	11
R. W. Honour, c Varty, b Plested	32
H. Bandy, not out	8
C. H. Rodwell, b Oliver	0
Extras	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>160</b>

AYLESBURY TOWN.	
J. Evans, b Hedges	7
G. Plested, b Hedges	6
J. Hallett, c Smithson, b Blundell	6
H. A. Varty, b Honour	10
F. Betts, b Blundell	13
L. W. Oliver, c Blundell, b Honour	9
W. P. Dandridge, b Blundell	5
R. Harman, run out	9
F. West, b Honour	0
H. Yiend, b Blundell	4
A. Baldwin, not out	0
Extras	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>77</b>

**HIGH WYCOMBE v. M.C.C.**

High Wycombe Cricket Club played the M.C.C. at home on the Town Ground on Saturday. There was a large attendance of spectators, and the match proved exceptionally enjoyable and exciting, and had Wycombe accepted chances given during the batting of Col. Ward and C. T. Bennett (who knocked up 145 runs between them) the homesters would have had a good chance of winning. But in the end they lost by 22 runs, scoring 198 against M.C.C.'s 220. Scores:—

HIGH WYCOMBE.	
W. L. Jackson, c Rees, b Martineau	61
C. Powell, b Rawson	26
A. W. Keen, c Jackson, b Rawson	2
L. Thompson, c Bennett, b Rawson	7
M. Pierce, not out	22
E. A. Jones, lbw., b Rees	4
N. Theod, c Ward, b Rees	0
G. Brocklehurst, b Martineau	26
O. Stratford, b Rawson	24
A. F. Dollman, b Rees	0
W. Saunders, c sub., b Rees	0
Extras	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>198</b>

M.C.C.	
C. T. Bennett, b Stratford	68
Col. L. E. S. Ward, b Keen	77
Rev. W. G. Jephson, c Dollman, b Saunders	30
W. R. Collins, c Pierre, b Keen	0
R. B. Rees, c Jones, b Keen	0
Major C. D. Rawson, b Keen	9
M. C. Impey, c Dollman, b Keen	13
P. B. Martineau, b Jones	0
J. A. G. Kennard, c Brocklehurst, b Keen	6
E. A. Bennett, not out	2
Extras	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>220</b>

**FIXTURES FOR TO-DAY.**

- Aylesbury Town v. Ascott.
  - Waterlow's (Dunstable) v. Aylesbury Printing Works.
  - Amersham Town v. Tring Park.
  - Tring Park Reserves v. Wigginton.
  - Monks Risborough v. Wendover.
  - Lacey Green Reserves v. Monks Risborough Reserves.
  - Hartwell and Stone v. Haddenham.
- MONDAY, AUGUST 7.**
- Tring Park v. Thame (T. Blundell's benefit).
  - Aston Clinton v. Aylesbury Town (J. Edwards' benefit).
- TUESDAY, AUGUST 8.**
- Monks Risborough v. Lane End.
- WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9.**
- Monks Risborough v. Great Hampden.
- THURSDAY, AUGUST 10.**
- Aylesbury Thursday v. Wingrave.
  - Monks Risborough v. Mr. H. Stratford's XI.

**AYLESBURY PRINTING WORKS v. ASTON CLINTON.**

On Saturday Aylesbury Printing Works eleven, after making a good start against Aston Clinton in their return match on the Aylesbury Sports Club Ground, were beaten by 44 runs. Four wickets were down for 15 runs, when J. S. Baker and N. C. Burnham came together and brought the score to 54 before the latter was bowled by Boscott (who, during the match, took 5 wickets for 38 runs). G. Beech registered the highest score, a slowly-compiled 29, which only contained one 4. Winnill bowled well, taking 3 for 22. The features of the home team's innings were the scores of Roche, Hinton, and Bridges. Scores:—

ASTON CLINTON.	
H. T. Baker, b Boscott	1
J. H. Edwards, b Boscott	7
H. J. Tompkins, lbw., b Winnill	6
J. S. Baker, lbw., b Boscott	27
N. W. Thorne, b Winnill	0
J. C. Burnham, b Boscott	15
W. E. Tompkins, run out	12
G. Beech, st. G. Birtchell, b Boscott	29
F. Brackley, not out	23
G. Gonnin, c How, b Newton	8
J. Gonnin, b Winnill	0
Extras	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>133</b>

**PRINTING WORKS.**

T. Roche, b H. Tompkins	24
A. Hayward, c Tompkins, b J. Baker	3
G. E. T. Birtchell, lbw., b J. Baker	2
G. How, run out	0
F. Boscott, b H. Tompkins	4
J. Hinton, b Edwards	23
T. Winnill, b Edwards	1
B. Crouch, b H. Baker	0
E. Bridges, b Edwards	14
H. Newton, b J. Gonnin	4
G. Birtchell, not out	0
Extras	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>89</b>

**STEWKLEY AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.**

**WINGRAVE v. WING.**

On Saturday Wingrave were at home to Wing in this league, and did well to win by 37 runs. Bowling for Wingrave, R. Higgins took 6 wickets for 36 runs, and H. Kempster 3 for 22. For the visitors, H. Guess took 2 for 1, F. J. Smith 2 for 15, and A. Pitchford 3 for 30. Scores:—

WINGRAVE.	
H. Kempster, lbw., b Baker	4
B. Rickard, b A. Pitchford	5
T. Gibbs, b G. Baker	4
E. Kempster, b A. Pitchford	2
R. Higgins, b G. Pitchford	41
H. Bonham, c F. Pease, b A. Pitchford	0
T. Gurney, b F. J. Smith	6
W. Bignell, c C. Guess, b F. J. Smith	10
F. Pargeter, b H. Guess	2
J. Clements, b H. Guess	13
A. Rickard, not out	1
Extras	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>95</b>

**WING.**

J. Hounslow, b H. Kempster	2
C. Guess, b R. Higgins	8
F. J. Smith, b R. Higgins	2
A. Green, c B. Rickard, b R. Higgins	1
H. Guess, c E. Kempster, b R. Higgins	2
F. Pease, b R. Higgins	1
A. Pitchford, c J. Clements, b H. Kempster	10
W. C. Munford, c B. Rickard, b H. Kempster	1
G. Pitchford, not out	10
G. Baker, c E. Kempster, b A. Rickard	20
C. Badrick, b R. Higgins	1
Extras	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>58</b>

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP.  
BEDS v. BUCKS.

This match concluded at Bedford on Thursday, August 10th, the home county winning an exciting match. Overnight Bucks were six wickets down for 125, and the innings closed for 172. Beds replied with 139. This left Bucks to get 79 to win. King, the Beds Captain, bowled with such disastrous results that he took six wickets for seven runs. Full score:-

Bedfordshire—1st innings.

F. O. W. Newman, o Franklin, b Whiting	2
Holdstock, b Whiting	18
F. A. Sewell, c Phillips, b Whiting	1
W. Boswell-Jones, c Le Gros, b Edwards	18
P. Burke, b Edwards	13
E. D. Dines, lbw, b Fletcher	8
S. V. Graham, b Edwards	0
H. Maxey, not out	22
W. E. King, c and b Fletcher	15
W. A. Childs, c Powell, b Fletcher	5
E. D. Daunt, st Franklin, b Fletcher	6
Extras	3

Total ... 111

Bucks—1st Innings.

W. B. Franklin, run out	14
W. L. Jackson, b Childs	0
W. R. N. Phillips, c and b Daunt	12
P. W. Le Gros, b Daunt	0
H. L. Aubrey-Fletcher, b King	14
F. Whiting, c Boswell-Jones, b Daunt	12
C. Powell, b Daunt	47
S. L. Trevor, b Childs	47
Edwards, b Graham	13
D. A. Sewell, b Graham	0
J. Whiting, not out	0
Extras	13

Total ... 172

Bedfordshire—2nd Innings.

Newman, b Whiting	0
Holdstock, b Edwards	1
Sewell, lbw, b Edwards	55
Boswell-Jones, c Powell, b Whiting	6
Burke, not out	16
Dines, b Fletcher	13
Graham, c Le Gros, b Fletcher	3
Maxey, lbw, b Whiting	2
King, c Sewell, b Fletcher	37
Childs, b Fletcher	6
Daunt, c and b Fletcher	1
Extras	5

Total ... 139

Bucks—2nd Innings.

Franklin, c and b Daunt	8
Jackson, c Burke, b King	16
Phillips, c Graham, b Childs	12
Le Gros, b King	1
Aubrey-Fletcher, b King	4
F. Whiting, b Childs	0
Powell, c Burke, b King	4
Trevor, c Holdstock, b Childs	3
Edwards, b King	0
Sewell, b Childs	0
Whiting, not out	7
Extras	7

Total ... 64

BUCKS v. OXFORDSHIRE AT WYCOMBE.

SMART THREE WICKET VICTORY BY BUCKS.

Last season, when Wycombe was favoured with two County matches, we ventured to suggest that to popularise County cricket, it was advisable to include, if possible, players associated with clubs of the towns chosen for the venue. This week Wycombe has again been honoured with two county matches—Bucks v. Oxfordshire and Bucks v. Bedfordshire. The first match was played on the Wycombe ground on Monday and Tuesday last, when the weather was a welcome contrast to that recently experienced, with the result that the attendance was very gratifying. The Bucks team included W. L. Jackson (Wycombe), and C. Powell, who has recently come to the aid of the local club. In addition, W. R. N. Phillips, of Whiteleaf, who is destined to make his name as a cricketer, was also given a place. The quality of the cricket played on Monday and Tuesday was good, keen fielding being a feature. The Oxfordshire XI included C. Walters, the Tottenham Hotspur footer, who possesses a birth qualification. Despite the heavy rains on Saturday, Laddie Page had the ground in fine order but the softness of the pitch rendered it hard to get runs, on Monday.

Oxfordshire batted first, Whiting and Edwards sharing the attack. The visitors started disastrously, as both Dr. Stradling and R. A. Phayre were out for 20, while Alington was dismissed at 31. Ostrehan and Rogers did better, the fourth wicket falling at 52; while, with the aid of Walters and Masterman, Oxfordshire had hopes of putting up a decent score. The 5th and 6th wickets fell at 85. Masterman, who gave a fine exhibition of batting, failed to find a partner for any length of time, as Edwards was well on the spot, and when he last wicket fell he claimed 6 wickets for 55 runs. Masterman was not out for 39, and had the honour of being the highest scorer.

Bucks started much better than their opponents—1 wicket for 48—Jackson being dismissed as the outcome of a smart catch by Masterman. Phillips was also caught at point, and Wakelin made a great catch that dismissed Franklin (36). Le Gros had a merry time for his 21. On one occasion he drove a ball through the wind screen of Mr. Arthur White's motor car, which was standing behind the entrance boundary line, smashing the glass to fragments. Bucks lost 6 wickets for 100, but with Aubrey-Fletcher (who was once missed in the country) and Edwards batting well, hopes were entertained of passing Oxford's total. Seven were out for 105 and 8 for 132. Whiting made a brace (5 for 135). The finish was really exciting, the spectators counting each run with the keenness of schoolboys. Sewell and Aubrey-Fletcher were the hope of the side, but unfortunately the latter gave Stradling a chance which he accepted, and the venture closed for 139—12 runs behind Oxfordshire's total. Aubrey-Fletcher's contribution of 55 was well worth seeing. Oxford started their second innings, and in the few minutes that remained for play they lost one wicket for one run.

Under the ideal weather conditions, the pitch had considerably improved for the second day's match on Tuesday, when there was a gratifying attendance. Oxfordshire resumed their second innings, but found runs difficult to get, 3 wickets being down for 13 runs. The chief batsman was Walters who, after securing 42, left by motor car to play for Tottenham Hotspurs. Phayre was the only other player to reach double figures, and with Aubrey-Fletcher and Edwards bowling on top of their form, the innings closed for 52. Edwards took 4 wickets for 23 runs, and Aubrey-Fletcher four for 34. Between the innings the pitch was rolled, those helping in this performance being Dr. F. Hobbs, Messrs G. H. Brocklehurst, Le Gros, Page, L. Baker and Hawkins.

Bucks now required 105 runs to win, and almost to the last the issue hung in the balance. Franklin (10) was out when the telegraph board showed 11 runs and Le Gros was well caught by Stradling, off Wakelin, for 9—two wickets for 28. Phillips and Pitchford failed to save their "duck," the catch which dismissed Pitchford one of the sensations of the match. Blake was run out for three. Bucks had 4 wickets down for 28, 5 for 34, and 6 for 52. Whiting, who joined Aubrey-Fletcher, may be said to have changed the aspect, and 85 runs were hoisted when the 7th wicket fell. With Powell and Aubrey-Fletcher together more fine cricket was witnessed, and when the century was signalled the spectators cheered lustily. The winning hit having been made, the spectators gave vent to their feelings, and when Aubrey-Fletcher (19 not out) and Powell (14 not out) returned to the Pavilion they

had an ovation. Bucks thus won a great game by three wickets. Appended are the full scores and bowling analysis:-

Oxfordshire—1st Innings.

Dr. Stradling, b Whiting	2
R. A. Phayre, b Whiting	11
R. A. Ostrehan, lbw, b Edwards	25
A. F. Alington, run out	2
Rogers, L., c Franklin, b Sewell	32
C. Walters, st Franklin, b Edwards	20
J. C. Masterman, not out	39
Major W. T. Brooks, c Le Gros, b Edwards	2
F. J. Draper, b Edwards	10
J. A. G. Kennard, b Edwards	1
E. Wakelin, c Franklin, b Edwards	1
Bye 1, leg bye 2, no balls 3	6

Total ... 151

Oxfordshire—2nd Innings.

Wakelin, c Sewell, b Edwards	0
Kennard, b Whiting	2
Alington, b Edwards	16
Masterman, b Edwards	3
Walters, c Edwards, b Aubrey-Fletcher	42
Rogers, c Sewell, b Aubrey-Fletcher	5
Phayre, b Edwards	11
Ostrehan, run out	0
Draper, b Aubrey-Fletcher	0
Stradling, b Aubrey-Fletcher	1
Brooks, not out	7
Bye 2, leg bye 1, no ball 2	6

Total ... 92

Bucks—1st Innings.

W. B. Franklin, c Wakelin, b Masterman	36
W. L. Jackson, c Masterman, b Kennard	10
W. R. N. Phillips, c Phayre, b Masterman	4
P. W. Le Gros, c Rogers, b Masterman	21
Pitchford, H., b Wakelin	10
P. R. Blake, run out	1
H. L. Aubrey-Fletcher, c Stradling, b Masterman	33
C. Powell, c Wakelin, b Masterman	0
Edwards, F., c and b Kennard	18
J. Whiting, c Wakelin, b Kennard	2
D. A. D. Sewell, not out	0
Byes	4

Total ... 139

Bucks—2nd Innings.

Franklin, c Wakelin, b Masterman	10
Jackson, c Kennard, b Rogers	23
Le Gros, c Stradling, b Wakelin	9
Phillips, b Wakelin	0
Pitchford, c Stradling, b Wakelin	0
Blake, run out	3
Aubrey-Fletcher, not out	19
Whiting, c Alington, b Wakelin	15
Powell, not out	14
Byes 11, leg byes 2	13

Total ... 106

Bowling Analysis.

Oxfordshire—1st Innings.

	o.	m.	r.	w.
Whiting	15	0	45	2
Edwards	30.1	12	55	6
Aubrey-Fletcher	15	4	27	0
Powell	1	0	2	0
Sewell	3	0	16	1

Oxfordshire—2nd Innings.

	o.	m.	r.	w.
Whiting	8	3	8	1
Edwards	19	7	28	4
Sewell	5	0	17	0
Aubrey-Fletcher	14.3	4	34	4
Whiting bowled 2 no balls.				

Bucks—1st Innings.

	o.	m.	r.	w.
Wakelin	18	7	41	1
Rogers	7	1	27	0
Kennard	7	1	23	3
Masterman	17.3	4	35	5
Walters	5	0	11	0

Bucks—2nd Innings.

	o.	m.	r.	w.
Masterman	17	6	36	1
Wakelin	19	8	35	4
Kennard	5	1	16	0
Rogers	3	0	5	1

How the Wickets Fell.

Oxfordshire—1st Innings.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
5	20	31	52	95	95	121	137	149	151

Oxfordshire—2nd Innings.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	6	13	55	67	67	80	84	84	92

Bucks—1st Innings.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
48	48	73	73	75	100	103	132	135	139

Bucks—2nd Innings.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
11	24	28	28	34	62	85

Umpires—Messrs W. Barker and G. Rye. Luncheon was provided each day by Mr. I. W. Robinson, of the Red Lion Hotel, and teas by Mrs. H. Page.

**Minor Counties' Championship.**

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**BUCKS v. BEDFORDSHIRE AT WYCOMBE.**

**BRILLIANT BOWLING BY EDWARDS. A FIRST DAY COLLAPSE.**

**W. L. JACKSON AND C. POWELL BAT WELL.**

Bedfordshire were the visitors to Wycombe on Wednesday and yesterday, in the Minor Counties' Championship, and on the former day there was some sensational cricket. Bucks played the same side that defeated Oxfordshire on Tuesday, on the same pitch, which on Wednesday was certainly drier than had been the case on the previous two days. As the game proceeded, the spectators increased, and we are informed that the "gates" at Wycombe would beat the majority of those in the Minor Counties' campaign.

Bucks had first knock on Wednesday, and it certainly seemed as though they were in for a sorry time, as they lost Franklin before a run had been scored. Le Gros, who partnered Jackson, once more soon hit off 21 runs, and the second wicket was down for 35. Jackson was then partnered by Philips, and although the newcomer did not get the chance to "lay on the wood," he kept his end up, while Jackson did most of the rearing. Philips (5) was bowled at 53 for 3 and the vacancy at the crease was filled by C. Powell, and during his partnership with Jackson the spectators were treated to some really fine batting. At the luncheon interval the pair were still "at it," and Bucks could then show 96 for three. On resuming, the Wycombe men gradually added to the total, and the fourth wicket did not fall till 133 runs had been hoisted on the board. Jackson and Powell were responsible for 97 runs out of the total, and we doubt if the batsmen have ever been seen in better form. Jackson's 50 was heralded with applause, and the recognition was renewed when he was bowled by Childs for 57.

The onlookers seemed preparing to pay similar honours to Powell, but he also succumbed to Childs 10 runs short of that number. Nevertheless he was vociferously applauded. The Bucks "tail" was strong, and it was not until 195 runs had been knocked up that the last wicket fell. As a bowler Childs met with the most conspicuous success—7 wickets for 73 runs.

Bucks did not relinquish their efforts till 4.15, and then to save another stoppage tea was partaken of. Bedfordshire—or at least some of their number—confidently predicted that the Bucks total was inadequate but they had evidently not reckoned with Edwards and Aubrey-Fletcher. Apart from the bowling, the fielding was fine, and young Philips was well worthy of his place in the team if only for his work in the field, the throw-in which dismissed Burke being a feature. Sewell, too, did smart things in this department. However, Bedfordshire made a great start, but a palpably weak finish. The first wicket fell at 47, and the second at 64, while the third was down for 70. It was after this that Edwards and Aubrey-Fletcher made their presence felt. Edwards' bowling was a revelation, and we doubt if ever finer work has been seen on the Wycombe ground. Four batsmen in succession were each out for a "duck," Edwards and Aubrey-Fletcher dividing the spoils; and among the victims was W. E. King, on whom Bedfordshire placed reliance. Even after this Edwards was unplayable, and when we say that 7 batsmen only added 10 runs, little more need be said beyond the fact that Bedfordshire were all out for 80, leaving Bucks with a margin of 115 runs on the first innings. Edwards took 6 wickets for 23, and Aubrey-Fletcher 3 for 22. No wonder the bowlers received a thunderous reception as they returned to the pavilion at the close of the innings—they thoroughly deserved it. Up to Wednesday night, Edwards had taken, during his visit to Wycombe this week, 16 wickets for 106 runs.

We heard it argued somewhat confidently that as Bucks were not leading by 120 runs on the first innings, Bedfordshire could not be called upon to follow on, but that idea was erroneous. The rule reads:—"The side which bats first and leads by 150 runs in a three days' match, or by 100 runs in a two days' match, shall have the option of requiring the other side to follow their innings."

Owing to the showers yesterday morning no play was possible till mid-day, when the treacherous clouds gave place to brilliant sunshine. Bedfordshire followed on, and for nearly an hour Newman and Holdstock enjoyed a valuable partnership. At 69 Holdstock (34) was "c and b" by Aubrey-Fletcher, low down—a feat that not every bowler standing off 7ms could accomplish. At the same time it was a

wonderful performance. King joined Newman, and the newcomer speedily hit one six over the fence and into the gardens—well out of the reach of Le Gros. King's stay was short, as at 2 for 32, he was beautifully bowled by Edwards for 9. Five runs later there came another change. Franklin whose wicket-keeping has been superb, catching Newman behind the wicket, off Edwards. Newman's contribution was 40 (6 fours). At the luncheon interval Beds had knocked up 89 for the loss of three wickets.

Bovel-Jones and Burke resumed after luncheon (the interval being shorter than usual). Runs were difficult to secure. At 98, Edwards claimed Burke (3). With a no-ball from Aubrey-Fletcher, off which 2 runs were obtained, Beds signalled their century. Without any change in the score, Bovel-Jones (11) was "c and b" by Aubrey-Fletcher. A perfect length ball from Edwards beat Graham (1), and at this juncture Beds had lost 6 for 101. Dynes was the next to go—also for a "blob," being caught by Blake off Edwards. Jackson checked a lightning drive by Childs, and off the next delivery, the same batsman gave Jackson a hard and unexpected

chance—certainly a "life" for the batsmen. Childs then lifted the ball to the garden boundary, but Le Gros lost the opportunity, the ball slipping through his hands. Not many batsmen have enjoyed a "brace" of lives in as many minutes. It was not until 2.50 yesterday afternoon that Childs scored 3 and enabled Beds to wipe off the arrears of 115 runs on the first innings. This was followed by an appeal, "How's that?" Childs receiving the benefit of the doubt. At 118 Le Gros was responsible for a smart catch which dismissed Child (14). It was quite refreshing to see Maxey and Daunt punish the bowlers, and Daunt was credited with a brace of fours and Maxey one. Daunt (10) was clean bowled by Edwards at 137. The innings closed for 144 leaving Bucks to get 30 runs to win. Edwards took 6 for 56, and Aubrey-Fletcher 4 for 38. It is interesting to note that during the four days Edwards secured 22 wickets at a cost of 162 runs.

At 3.35 Bucks sent out Franklin and Jackson with the object of wiping off the arrears. Franklin started with a boundary. At 11 Franklin (8) was well caught off Childs and Le Gros filled the breach; Jackson securing a brace of fours in succession. At 4 o'clock Le Gros made the winning hit and the game ended in a victory for Bucks by 9 wickets and one run. Scores and bowling analysis:—

**Bedfordshire.—1st innings.**

Holdstock, b Edwards	25
F. C. W. Newman, b Aubrey-Fletcher	22
P. Burke, run out	6
H. Bovel-Jones, st Franklin, b Edwards	15
H. Maxey, b Edwards	0
S. V. Graham, b Aubrey-Fletcher	0
E. D. Dynes, b Aubrey-Fletcher	0
W. E. King, b Edwards	0
W. A. H. Childs, lbw, b Edwards	4
E. D. Daunt, not out	0
Dilly, c and b Edwards	2
Extras	6

**Total 80**

**Bedfordshire.—2nd innings.**

Newman, c Franklin, b Edwards	40
Holdstock, c and b Aubrey-Fletcher	34
King, b Edwards	9
Burke, b Edwards	3
Bovel-Jones, c and b Aubrey-Fletcher	11
Maxey, not out	18
Graham, b Edwards	1
Dynes, c Blake, b Edwards	0
Childs, c Le Gros, b Aubrey-Fletcher	14
Daunt, b Edwards	10
Dilly, c Whiting, b Aubrey-Fletcher	1
Extras	3

**Total 144**

**Bucks.—1st innings.**

W. B. Franklin, b Dilly	0
W. L. Jackson, b Childs	57
F. W. Le Gros, b Childs	21
W. R. N. Philips, b Childs	5
C. Powell, b Childs	40
P. R. Blake, c Graham, b Childs	1
H. L. Aubrey-Fletcher, lbw, b Childs	11
Pitchford, H., not out	15
Edwards, P., c Jones, b Graham	9
J. Whiting, c Graham, b Childs	13
D. A. D. Sewell, b Graham	7
Extras	16

**Total 195**

**Bucks.—2nd innings.**

Franklin, c Holdstock, b Childs	8
Jackson, not out	12
Le Gros, not out	10
Leg by 6	1

**Total, 1 wicket 31**

**Bowling Analysis.**

Bucks.—1st innings.				
	o.	m.	r.	w.
Dilly	18	4	39	1
Daunt	12	8	14	0
King	16	5	28	0
Childs	26	6	73	7
Graham	11	7	11	2
Holdstock	5	1	13	0

Graham bowled a wide.

Bedfordshire.—1st innings.				
	o.	m.	r.	w.
Whiting	6	1	12	0
Blake	4	0	6	0
Edwards	17	5	23	6
Aubrey-Fletcher	14	5	22	3
Sewell	2	0	10	0

Whiting bowled a no ball.

Bedfordshire.—2nd innings.				
	o.	m.	r.	w.
Whiting	6	1	20	0
Blake	9	2	27	0
Edwards	24	7	56	6
Aubrey-Fletcher	20.3	6	38	4

**How the Wickets Fell.**

Bucks.—1st innings.										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
0	35	53	135	136	148	149	164	188	195	

Beds. 1st innings.										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
47	54	70	71	72	74	74	78	78	80	

Bedfordshire.—2nd innings.										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
69	82	87	98	100	101	101	118	137	144	

Umpires—Messrs. W. Wainwright and G. Bean.

BUCKS v. BEDFORDSHIRE AT WYCOMBE YESTERDAY.



BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY C.C. TEAM.



BUCKS COUNTY C.C. TEAM.

Photos. by Frank Adams, High Wycombe.

CRICKETANA.

Cricket was literally washed out on Saturday, and as the result of frequent wet days League fixtures will go well into September before they are finished. Last Saturday was fixed for the benefit of "Ladite" Page, the Wycombe groundsman, but after little more than an hour's play the match with South Hampstead had to be abandoned. Page is very unfortunate with his "benefits," as last season Indian Gymkhana scratched at a late hour. I expect the tickets purchased will be available for another match, but till after a meeting of the Committee to-night (Friday) I cannot say anything definite. South Hampstead brought a good side, which included Coles and Geary of Surrey, and when the game was finally abandoned this was all that had occurred:—

R. E. Adair, not out .....	32
H. Brooman, b Powell .....	17
Coles, c G. H. Brocklehurst, b Saunders .....	1
W. P. Brooman, b Powell .....	10
A. Courtney, c R. G. Brocklehurst, b Powell .....	0
Byes 4, leg-byes 1, no ball 1 .....	6
Total (4 wickets) .....	66

Powell took 3 wickets for 15 runs, and Saunders 1 for 17. Percy Stratford bowled 8 overs at a cost of 9 runs. I heard the South Hampstead skipper say that if possible he would bring a team to Wycombe for a mid week game.

Wycombe Reserves went to South Hampstead, but only four overs had been bowled, before the ground was swept by a rain storm; consequently there is nothing to chronicle.

I should not be surprised to find ere long E. Britnell (Stokenchurch) included in the county eleven. At any rate he is worthy of a trial. When he was at Monks Risborough last week several enquiries were made by gentlemen who know a good cricketer when they see one. It will be a well-deserved honour for Stokenchurch to see Britnell in "higher circles."

Old Jack Hearne, as they call J. T. Hearne in these days, to distinguish him from the youngster who bowls and bats a bit for Middlesex, is 57 years old this year, but is still keeping a beautiful length for the M.C.C. He has taken a bagful of wickets this season. J. T. Hearne first played for Middlesex in about 1890, and only Wilfrid Rhodes has taken more wickets in first-class cricket.

Writing before the Bucks v. Bedfordshire match (recorded on Page 6), I think all those who witnessed the Bucks v. Oxfordshire game, played at Wycombe on Monday and Tuesday, will agree with me when I say that the encounter was marked by two features—the excellence of the fielding on both sides and the brilliant catches that were made. The Wycombe pitch, at its best, is of medium pace, and after the rain at the week-end, it was not surprising to find that runs were hard to secure. At one time Bucks were "in the pan," but they pulled through and won with three wickets to spare.

CRICKET.

MONKS RISBOROUGH v WENDOVER.

This match was played at Monks Risborough on August 5th, and resulted in a draw. Scores:—

Monks Risborough.—A. J. Smith, b Morrison, 17. J. Hilsden, b Stride, 0. S. W. Richings, not out, 68. E. G. Redway, b Stride, 3. H. Jude, b Wrigley, 7. H. Stevens, b Stride, 14. E. Spittles, b Wrigley, 2. E. F. Wiso, not out, 10. Extras 5. Total, 6 wks, dec., 124. J. Redrup, F. A. Packman, and E. Rutland did not bat.

Wendover.—H. Shepperd, b Richings, 5. G. R. Morrison, b Stevens, 8. A. Stride, b Stevens, 17. Capt. Wrigley, c Smith, b Richings, 2. J. Holland, b Hilsden, 6. R. Morrison, not out, 24. C. Freeman, b Richings, 6. E. Wells, b Richings, 0. Extras 6. Total, 7 wickets, 75. Captain Ord, S. North, and W. Simmons did not bat.

MONKS RISBOROUGH v. MR. H. STRATFORD'S WYCOMBE XII.

Apart from his "duck" Mr. W. H. Lavington was indeed a happy man, as the outcome of this annual match at Whiteleaf, on Thursday, August 10th, he was able to chronicle a victory over the redoubtable Wycombe side, which Mr. Harry Stratford had got together. Up to the luncheon interval Wycombe were doing well but after the repeat there was a collapse, before Richings and Hilsden, who bowled with deadly effect. Wycombe had first knock, E. Britnell (Stokenchurch) giving a fine display of batting. Four wickets were down for 99, 5 for 105, and 6 for 109. This was the state of affairs when the adjournment was made, and when we say that the total runs were only 116 for 11 wickets, little more need be said. Britnell's 68 included 1 six and 4 fours. W. M. Pierce was the next highest contributor (19—2 fours). Albert Hutchinson went in sixth, and was not out for 6, so what the remainder did can be easily guessed. There must have been some uneasiness in the Whiteleaf camp at the outset, as four wickets were down for 33. Richings, of County fame, and Hallett, changed the aspect, and defied Stratford's bowlers, no less than eight being tried. Richings defied the lot, and when six wickets were down, Monks Risborough had more than defeated the Wycombe contingent. After Hallett (39—4 fours) had got rid of the remainder, except Stevens (13) gave little trouble, and the innings closed for 177, leaving Monks Risborough joyous victors by 61 runs. Richings's 66 not out included 1 six, 3 fours, 1 three, and 15 twos. Arnold took 3 wickets for 24, Thompson 3 for 27, Clements 3 for 13, H. Baker 1 for 12, and R. A. Jones 1 for 34. Appended are the scores:—

Mr. H. Stratford's XII.

E. Britnell, c Jude, b Hilsden .....	58
E. F. Arnold, b Stevens .....	11
L. J. Thompson, c Richings, b Taylor ..	13
R. A. Jones, c Richings, b Taylor .....	1
W. M. Pierce, lbw, b Richings .....	19
A. Hutchinson, not out .....	6
P. C. Stratford, c Redrup, b Richings ..	2
H. Baker, c Lavington, b Hilsden .....	0
L. Baker, b Richings .....	2
W. Saunders, b Richings .....	2
W. Clements, run out .....	0
H. Stratford, c Smith, b Richings .....	1
Byes .....	3
Total .....	116

Monks Risborough.

H. A. Varty, b Jones .....	8
R. Taylor, lbw, b Arnold .....	22
J. Hilsden, c Thompson, b Arnold .....	1
S. Richings, not out .....	66
W. H. Lavington, c and b Arnold .....	0
J. Hallett, lbw, b H. Baker .....	39
E. F. Wiso, b Thompson .....	6
H. Jude, b Thompson .....	0
W. Filles, c L. Baker, b Clements .....	7
J. Redrup, c L. Baker, b Clements .....	0
A. J. Smith, c Saunders, b Clements ..	1
H. Stevens, c P. Stratford, b Thompson ..	13
Byes 9, leg byes 2, no balls 3 .....	14
Total .....	177

There was also the social side to the gathering, which was an immense success, in the Schoolroom, in the evening, when, under the genial presidency of Mr. Lavington, "high tea" was served. There were a few speeches, and as a matter of course, "Victors" and "Conquered" were toasted merrily. Among the vocalists who gave such a good account of themselves were the Chairman, Messrs R. A. Jones, E. Britnell, and A. J. Smith. One and all spent a very enjoyable time, thanks to the excellent arrangements by Mr. Lavington (Captain) and Mr. A. J. Smith (Hon. Secretary).

M.C.C. v. BUCKS.  
AN EXCITING FINISH.

Buckinghamshire achieved a meritorious performance, when they defeated M.C.C. at Lords on Tuesday, by one wicket. Overnight the county were not in a good position, for with one wicket to fall they were still 77 behind on the first innings, a margin they only reduced by five runs. But on M.C.C. going in a second time Whiting and Edwards proved to be an irrefragable form with the ball. Both bowled with deadly effect. Whiting kept an excellent length, and maintained a good pace. He clean bowled five of his victims, while his analysis of 6 for 34 speaks for itself. Edwards owed his four wickets to the vigilance of Franklin, who was in brilliant form behind the stumps. Gillett, Thompson, and Collins were the only batsmen who faced the attack with any confidence. Left with 153 to win, Bucks made a poor start, and Franklin, Blake and Pitchford were all out with the total at 41. Thanks, however, to a good stand between Jackson and the Brighton College captain, Philips, which added 58 before the former was taken at the wicket, the county were well on the road to victory when the players retired for tea.

Afterwards Philips continued to play very well, his cutting being a special feature. He played outside a Yorker on the leg stump, with the score showing 132; and then a remarkable collapse occurred. Rees with his slow leg breaks, and Berliner quickly dismissed Le Gros, Edwards, Whiting and Richings, and when Sewell went six were still required. These Philcher obtained. It was a most exciting finish. Full scores—

This, the last M.C.C. fixture at headquarters, was begun on Monday, in close weather, and produced some in and out cricket. Batting first, the Club put together 210 the veteran Northants player, Thompson, heading the score with a useful 64, in which were 5 fours. Eight of the ten batsmen dismissed secured double figures but Edwards had the excellent analysis of 6 wickets for less than double figures each. Upon going in, just after four o'clock, Bucks fared disastrously against the deliveries of Thompson and the Hampstead paced bowler, P. B. Berliner, 5 wickets falling for 26, and a 6th at 40. At one point each had an analysis of three for 15. Pitchford and Edwards added 22 for the eighth wicket, and then the latter and J. Whiting averted a follow-on, and by more aggressive cricket than that displayed by most of their predecessors, put on 62 before, close on time, Whiting furnished the vigilant M.C.C. wicket-keeper, Chatfield-Clarke, with his fourth wicket of the venture. At the drawing of stumps, Bucks, with a wicket in hand, were 77 behind.

M.C.C.

Col. O. R. Gillett, b Blake	17
B. Cazenove, b Blake	13
G. N. Scott-Chad, st Franklin, b Edwards	30
T. P. Norris, c Franklin, b Sewell	16
Thompson (G. J.), b Edwards	64
W. R. Collins, c Sewell, b Edwards	4
Rev. R. S. Swann-Mason, b Fletcher	0
P. S. Fraser, b Edwards	11
R. B. Rees, b Edwards	27
P. B. Berliner, st Franklin, b Edwards	11
H. Chatfield-Clarke, not out	4
Extras	13

Total ... 210

Second Innings.

Gillett, c Le Gros, b Whiting	18
Cazenove, b Whiting	5
Scott-Chad, b Whiting	0
Norris, b Whiting	0
Thompson, b Whiting	26
Collins, st Franklin, b Edwards	10
Swann-Mason, st Franklin, b Edwards	1
Fraser, c Franklin, b Edwards	8
Rees, b Whiting	0
Berliner, not out	4
Clarke, st Franklin, b Edwards	0
Byes 4, leg byes 3	7

Total ... 80

Bucks.

W. B. Franklin, c Berliner, b Thompson	6
W. L. Jackson, c Rees, b Berliner	6
H. R. Philips, c Clarke, b Berliner	0
P. W. Le Gros, c Clarke, b Thompson	0
Maj. H. L. Aubrey Fletcher, b Thompson	6
H. H. Blake, c S. Mason, b Berliner	9
Pitchford, c Clarke, b Norris	26
Richings, b Berliner	7
Edwards, not out	33
J. Whiting, st Clarke, b Scott-Chad	29
Capt. D. A. Sewell, b Berliner	3
Extras	11

Total ... 138

Second Innings.

Franklin, b Rees	4
Jackson, c Clarke, b Swann-Mason	43
Philips, b Berliner	53
Le Gros, b Rees	14
Fletcher, not out	12
Blake, c Clarke, b Rees	7
Pitchford, c Fraser, b Berliner	5
Richings, b Berliner	0
Edwards, b Rees	5
Whiting, b Rees	0
Sewell, not out	0
Byes 7, leg byes 5	12

Total, 9 wickets ... 156

Analysis of the Bowling.

Bucks Bowling—Whiting, 9-1-30-0; Edwards 27-1-11-59-6; Blake, 9-3-20-2; Fletcher, 23-8-51-1; Sewell, 7-0-37-1. Fletcher bowled one wide and Whiting one no-ball.

Bucks Bowling, 2nd Innings—Whiting, 17-5-34-6; Edwards, 8-2-17-4; Blake, 3-0-8-0; Sewell, 6-2-14-0.

M.C.C. Bowling—Thompson, 13-3-35-3; Berliner, 19-5-39-5; Rees, 3-1-22-0; Norris, 4-1-10-1; Scott-Chad, 4-0-16-1; Swann-Mason, 1-0-3-0.

M.C.C. Bowling, 2nd Innings—Thompson, 14-1-38-0; Berliner, 20-6-61-3; Rees, 13-5-4-35-5; Norris, 2-0-11-0; Scott-Chad, 1-0-7-0; Swann-Mason, 1-0-1-1. Berliner bowled two no-balls.

Umpires—Messrs. Atfield and Young.

CRICKET.

HIGH WYCOMBE v. CHESHAM.

Wycombe 142 XI visited Chesham for the return match on Saturday last. On July 15th Wycombe won the first game by 1 wicket and 15 runs—137 to 152 for 9 wickets. For the second game, Chesham had whipped up a strong side, including P. L. Frith, W. G. Lowndes, and W. F. Lowndes, but Wycombe were without R. A. Jones, P. C. Stratford, and C. Powell, with the result that W. Tibbles and L. Baker were pressed into service. Chesham batted first, and lost half their wickets for 78, and despite a magnificent innings of 50 by W. G. Lowndes, whose last hits were 1 six and 5 fours, the whole side was out for 160. R. G. Brocklehurst took 3 wickets for 25, Thompson 2 for 19, Thurlow 2 for 18, and Keen 3 for 62. Although Wycombe lost G. H. Brocklehurst (1) by the time that number was on the board, the sitting afterwards was consistent—W. L. Jackson 36 (2 fours and 7 twos), A. W. Keen 29 not out (4 fours and 1 three), R. G. Brocklehurst 25 (4 fours in succession), L. J. Thompson 25 (1 four and 5 twos), and T. H. Redington 16 (1 five and 1 two). When stumps were drawn Wycombe had knocked up 143 runs for the loss of 5 wickets, so as they had 5 wickets in hand, and only required 18 runs to win, the draw was decidedly in their favour. Scores and bowling analysis—

Chesham.	
P. L. Frith, b Keen	18
E. Bates, c Baker, b R. Brocklehurst	15
W. Wheeler, c Pierce, b Keen	7
E. Hackley, c Jackson, b R. Brocklehurst	3
W. G. Lowndes, b Thurlow	50
L. T. Stillman, b Thompson	6
W. F. Lowndes, b Keen	18
M. Mast, b Thompson	14
F. Goodyer, c R. Brocklehurst, b Thurlow	7
R. Barnes, b R. Brocklehurst	8
A. E. Wallis, not out	0
Byes 8, 1-b 3, wide 1, n-b 2	14

Total ... 160

High Wycombe.

W. L. Jackson, b Wheeler	36
G. H. Brocklehurst, b W. G. Lowndes	1
L. J. Thompson, b Wallis	25
T. H. Redington, lbw, b Wheeler	16
A. W. Keen, not out	29
R. G. Brocklehurst, c Frith, b Stillman	25
W. M. Pierce, not out	3
Byes 7, leg byes 3	10

Total, 5 wickets ... 143

E. T. Thurlow, L. Baker, W. Tibbles, and W. Saunders did not bat.

Wycombe Bowling—Keen, 21-4-62-3; Saunders, 8-0-24-0; Thurlow, 12-3-18-2; R. G. Brocklehurst, 7-1-23-3; Thompson, 9-1-19-2. Keen bowled a wide, and Thompson two no-balls.

Chesham Bowling—W. G. Lowndes, 20-8-31-1; Wheeler, 18-2-63-2; Wallis, 6-0-17-1; Barnes, 4-0-14-0; Stillman, 3-1-8-1.

AMERSHAM v. BERKHAMSTED.

Amersham were at home to Berkhamsted on Saturday last, and repeated their performance of the previous match with the same team. Dismissing their opponents for 51, in which Coleman had the splendid analysis of 7 wickets for 24 runs, they ran up a total of 197, towards which W. Edwards and W. E. Ford contributed excellent scores. They defeated their opponents by 1 wicket and 146 runs. Scores—

Berkhamsted.	
E. B. Cowley, b Ford	6
P. L. Hawes, c Ford, b Coleman	13
J. S. Morgan, b Ford	0
H. L. Lubbeck, b Coleman	0
E. R. Ross, not out	12
W. Widdan, b Coleman	7
L. H. Pearce, c Coleman	1
G. S. Brewster, c Orton, b Coleman	6
C. Dolphin, b Webb	3
T. F. Dwight, b Coleman	1
A. H. Doll, b Coleman	0
Extras	2

Total ... 51

Amersham.

H. C. Orton, b Cowley	19
W. Patrick, b Widdan	26
A. F. Ladyman, c Hawes, b Brewster	15
W. Edwards, c Hawes	63
H. R. Hoare, c Dwight, b Brewster	0
C. D. Webb, b Cowley	0
W. Ford, not out	0
P. Coleman, not out	07
F. Theobald, b Hawes	18
T. Orton, run out	0
F. Lines, c Widdan, b Brewster	3
Extras	6

Total ... 197

BEACONSFIELD v. HOUNSLOW.

Played at Beaconsfield on Saturday last. Hounslow batted first on winning the toss, and made a good start, scoring 97 for two wickets. The batsmen played the home team's bowling comfortably and with the score at 201 for 4, declared. Saunders was the chief contributor, with 50; and the others made useful scores. Beaconsfield had about an hour and a quarter in which to get the runs or to get out, and fared badly, 4 wickets being down for 27; but with patient batting by most of the team, Amersham in particular, defeat was averted, with two wickets to go. Scores—

Hounslow.	
Saunders, c and b Maj. Sarel	50
Fowles, c Rolfe, b Shaw	25
Horton, b Maj. Sarel	33
Boto, not out	36
T. Smith, lbw, b Buckland	43
Byes 8, leg byes 2	10
Wides	4

Total, 4 wickets ... 201

Trebitts, Hubbard, Steer, G. F. Callam, and Kelsey did not bat.

Beaconsfield.

Maj. W. G. M. Sarel, c Smith, b Steer	
E. P. Shaw, b Trebitts	1
E. J. Smith, c Horton, b Hubbard	5
G. F. Armitage, c Fowles, b Trebitts	13
J. G. Montague, c Saunders, b Trebitts	1
Wides	1
E. Rolfe, st Horton, b Saunders	8
H. B. Watson, b Saunders	6
E. Gale, b Saunders	1
J. Wilkinson, not out	5
H. R. Buckland, not out	8
Byes 6, leg bye 1	7

Total, 8 wickets ... 62

E. Williams did not bat.

STOKENCHURCH v. CHURCH ROOK.

Playing at Stokenchurch on Saturday last, Church Rook defeated the home team by an innings and 15 runs. Stokenchurch collapsed before the bowling of Boreham (4 for 4), and Jackson (5 for 6), whilst the visitors also made a poor start, losing 4 wickets for 9. Butler took 9 wickets for 37 for the losers. Scores—

Stokenchurch—E. Britnell, b Boreham, 0; not out, 42. A. Lerner, b Boreham, 6; b Boreham, 0. W. Hodges, b Boreham, 0; b Aldridge, 0. A. Butler, run out, 0; b Aldridge, 4. F. Griffiths, b Jackson, 2; absent, 0. T. Strango, b Jackson, 0; b Aldridge, 4. W. Saunders, b Boreham, 0; b Aldridge, 0. N. Towerton, not out, 1; b Aldridge, 4. A. Saunders, b Jackson, 3; 0; b Boreham, 0. H. R. Hunt, b Jackson, 0; c Goodall, b Bell, 6. Extras 4 and 7. Totals 14 and 74.	
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Church Rook—P. Jackson, b Butler, 2. G. Hinton, b Butler, 0. A. Saunders, b Butler, 0. S. Goodall, b Butler, 0. Key, Bell, b Butler, 34. G. Aldridge, c Hodges, b Butler, 7. R. Boreham, c A. Saunders, b Butler, 22. H. Bartold, b W. Saunders, 8. H. Saunders, b Butler, 9. P. Free, b Butler, 6. E. Davis, not out, 0. Extras 17. Total 97.

**Bucks Win Minor Counties' Championship.**

**NORFOLK BEATEN BY 8 RUNS.**

**EXCITING PLAY AND CHEAP WICKETS.**

The Norfolk eleven and those deeply interested in the cricket of the county had a big disappointment at Lakenham on Thursday last week, when Bucks deprived Norfolk of their unbeaten record, and won the title of Minor Counties' Champions. Victory only went to the challengers by the narrow margin of 8 runs, and if the play on Wednesday had been rather placid and lacking in features calculated to kindle enthusiasm, the cricket on Thursday afternoon provided more exciting incident than was good for persons with weak hearts. It was a day of many fine tuitions, and possibly at no time did Norfolk appear so certain of victory than a half-past three, when Bucks, with seven wickets down in their second innings, were only 44 runs on. Subsequent happenings furnished a good example of the uncertainties of cricket. Three quarters of an hour later Norfolk were set to get 98 to win, and on a hard wicket the task was expected to be well within their powers. The first wicket fell quickly—that of T. B. Raikes—and the margin of Norfolk's victory promised to be low. One third of the required runs were obtained, and then a series of successes by the Bucks bowlers caused a feeling of anxiety among Norfolk's supporters. Only five wickets were left, and 59 runs were still needed. M. Falcon was still at the wickets, and a partnership followed with R. D. Carter which took Norfolk so near the desired goal that Norfolk seemed likely to win by a five wickets margin. In twenty-five minutes this pair took the score from 34 to 81, and with everyone anticipating a happy ending to a brilliant Norfolk season, the game took a dramatic and sudden change. Hazleton obtained a leg-before decision against the Norfolk captain, and though it was not reached at the time the fate of Norfolk was sealed by umpire Caldwell's decision, the correctness of which is not questioned. Three other wickets fell at the same total, four batsmen in all being sent back while the score remained at 81, and the gallant efforts of the last pair could produce no more than 8 runs.

Having apparently pulled the game round so well in the fore part of the afternoon, it was disappointing to have victory snatched from their grasp. Norfolk could not, however, be congratulated upon their batting display, and the fact that the batting of both teams broke down on the second afternoon, on a perfect wicket, was a surprising feature of a remarkable day's cricket. Bowlers of different paces enjoyed a great triumph, and Bucks, who pulled the game out of the fire so magnificently, can be warmly praised for their work in the field. Better fielding than that of young Philips has not been seen for many a day. He failed as a batsman, but his fielding was an enormous asset to the side, and the range of his activities was very considerable. The Bucks captain also contributed very largely to the success of his side, as, apart from his invaluable innings on Wednesday, his wicket-keeping was of the highest class.

Among other features in the concluding stages of a memorable match was the fine innings played by G. R. Colman, who just missed the distinction of scoring his first hundred for Norfolk. Apart from his effort and the displays of M. Falcon and R. D. Carter, there was little in the Norfolk batting that called for favourable comment. Much of it was frankly disappointing. Some errors, too, were made in the field, though there was much in the bowling and fielding to commend. It was a desperately keen struggle all through the marginal difference in the totals of each innings of the rival counties being very small, and the duration of the innings and the number of overs bowled being very similar. The fixture was fortunate in the matter of weather, and on Thursday there were nearly 2,000 spectators.

The contrast in the cricket of the two days was rather remarkable, considering the excellence of the pitch. On Wednesday 12 wickets fell for 298 runs; while on the following day 28 wickets were lost in making 363 runs. As has been mentioned previously, first innings lead was not of importance as regards the issue at stake, but the advantage of 7 runs which Bucks obtained proved of the greatest value. Overnight Norfolk had lost the wickets of Major Wormald and Nichols and needed 152 runs to pass the first innings total of the visitors. G. R. Colman and M. Falcon had come together at thirty-five minutes past five on Wednesday night, with the score at 33; and on the following morning they remained in partnership a further half-hour, adding 35 runs, and taking the score to 129 before they were separated. The Norfolk cap-

tain had to particularly good balls in succession from Hazleton, and the second one bowled him. Mr. P. A. Fryer has said that Hazleton was one of the best bowlers Wellingborough School has produced, and Hazleton did much in this match to justify the good opinion of his late master. Hazleton's next victim was G. A. Stevens, who was caught with his leg in front. E. J. Fletcher helped to add 37 for the fifth wicket, making several good drives and a clean hit to leg. He missed a turning ball from Edwards, and was caught at third man. R. D. Carter was destined to see the rest of the side out, but for a long time he shaped badly at both bowlers and was frequently beaten. Colman meanwhile progressed steadily towards an event which everyone desired to see associated with the match, viz. his first hundred for Norfolk. Skillful leg-side strokes were interspersed with square cutting and an occasional drive. He made one fine hook shot off Edwards, and reached the hundreds with a beautiful square cut. A big hit to the on, off Hazleton, took him nearer the centurions' list, and when only 2 more runs were needed he was bowled off his pads by Hazleton. Colman had an ovation on returning, after batting altogether two hours and three-quarters. He endangered his wicket with a few strokes, but it was a fine innings and most valuable to his side. He hit 8 fours and 4 threes. Colman was sixt's out at 189, and Edwards proved too much for the remainder, although Carter, having got over his bad time had some excellent ones. The ninth wicket fell at 201, and the end was delayed until the fifth ball after lunch, which bowled G. Pedder, the total of the innings falling 7 short of that by Bucks. Carter was at the wickets an hour, and Norfolk altogether batted three hours and thirty-five minutes for their 218 runs. Edwards and Hazleton bore the brunt of the bowling, and shared the wickets equally.

Except for the interest attached to the first innings lead, the real excitement of the day began with the second innings of Bucks. Jackson started it briskly with Bucks, but when the latter had his leg ball removed by a ball from Falcon, the fun began. The score was then 15. Watson, who was handicapped by a swollen thumb on his right hand, got Philips leg-before, and hit Powell's off stump. Franklin was beautifully caught at second slip by Nichols, and La Gros caught by the wicket-keeper, five wickets going down within half an hour for 19 runs. Norfolk were fielding on their toes, and both bowlers, Falcon and Watson, had their "talks" up. From the pavilion end, with a breeze behind him, Falcon bowled at a great pace. Fletcher was his next victim, and Trevor fell to Watson's slow ball, the seventh wicket falling at 37. Jackson remained unmovable, and with Edwards offering some resistance, Falcon took a rest, after bowling an hour and a quarter. Nichols relieved him, and Edwards skied his seventh ball near the wicket for Pedder to make the catch. Eight for 50. Whiting made a few drives, and Watson retired, after bowling an hour and a half, in favour of Beadsmoore. Jackson was, however, caught from the other end by Falcon, who made a good running catch from his leg. Ninth out at 75. Jackson was again of splendid service to his side. The innings should have ended in the same over, but Fletcher failed to hold a catch in the deep offered by Whiting, and 15 runs were added before Watson hit a lofty catch near the screen at the enclosure end. In an hour and three-quarters the Norfolk bowlers had done magnificent work. The tea interval was taken with everyone happy, proud of the Norfolk side, and confident of ultimate success.

Norfolk needed 98 runs to win. The batting order was altered, and P. B. Raikes accompanied Nichols to the wickets. From the pavilion end Whiting assisted Norfolk by pulling a number of no lalls. He, however, hit Raikes' off stump when the score was 9. Nichols and G. Colman made scoring openings in a variety of directions, though more frequently to leg. At 26 Edwards came on, and Hazleton crossed over to Whiting's end, and a series of disasters to Norfolk followed. Nichols was finely stumped, Colman caught at deep mid off from a skimming drive, and Stevens and Fletcher bowled, the last three wickets falling to the left-hand, while Falcon watched from the other end. Carter came in to again offer valuable assistance, and from 52 the score was taken to 80. Carter early on had an escape from being run out, and Falcon was once beaten by a ball from Hazleton, which even Franklin gave up, and two byes were registered. Both batsmen, however, made some fine strokes, one off drive of Falcon's being full of power, and there was some smart running between the wickets. This partnership progressed so well that Norfolk supporters appeared to be left behind. Then came the fateful appeal against Falcon, and Wormald, who followed, was bowled with the next ball. In the next over from the other

end Edwards dismissed Carter and Watson with successive balls, the former being bowled and Watson hitting a full toss into the air to be caught at mid-on. Six, seven, eight and nine for 81. Everyone was excited, and there was a general appeal from the Bucks team for leg-before when the ball hit Beadsmoore on the leg. There was another appeal for a catch at the wicket, and a possible catch high to mid-off's right hand from Pedder, who hit a splendid 3 to leg before Beadsmoore coked a ball up, and Franklin caught it in the middle of the pitch, to give Bucks the victory by 8 runs. In dismissing Norfolk for 89—their smallest total of the season—Edwards and Hazleton accomplished a fine performance. Edwards took six wickets for 55, and the left-hander's match figures were 11 for 114. Hazleton's match record was eight for 99. Scores:—

Bucks—1st Innings.

P. R. Blake, b Watson	15
W. L. Jackson, b Watson	32
W. R. N. Philips, b Falcon	7
P. W. La Gros, b Falcon	6
W. B. Franklin, lbw, b Watson	17
C. Powell, c Nichols, b Fletcher	65
A. Beadsmoore, b Nichols	6
S. L. Trevor, c Stevens, b Raikes	9
W. E. Hazleton, b Raikes	0
Edwards, run out	20
J. Whiting, not out	18
Extras	30
Total	225

Second Innings.

P. R. Blake, b Falcon	2
W. L. Jackson, c Falcon, b Nichols	41
W. R. N. Philips, lbw, b Watson	0
P. W. La Gros, c Pedder, b Falcon	0
W. B. Franklin, c Nichols, b Falcon	0
C. Powell, b Watson	3
A. Beadsmoore, b Falcon	4
S. L. Trevor, b Watson	0
W. E. Hazleton, not out	6
Edwards, c Pedder, b Nichols	6
J. Whiting, c Watson, b Beadsmoore	18
Extras	11
Total	90

Norfolk—1st Innings.

J. Wormald, c La Gros, b Hazleton	7
Nichols, c Franklin, b Edwards	9
G. R. Colman, b Hazleton	98
M. Falcon, b Hazleton	40
G. A. Stevens, lbw, b Hazleton	0
R. T. Carter, not out	29
T. B. Raikes, c Franklin, b Edwards	1
E. J. Fletcher, c Hazleton, b Edwards	14
Watson, b Hazleton	1
W. A. Beadsmoore, b Edwards	3
G. R. Pedder, b Edwards	3
Extras	13
Total	218

Second Innings.

J. Wormald, b Hazleton	0
Nichols, at Franklin, b Hazleton	16
G. R. Colman, c Whiting, b Edwards	8
M. Falcon, lbw, b Hazleton	18
G. A. Stevens, b Edwards	1
R. T. Carter, b Edwards	21
T. B. Raikes, b Whiting	2
E. J. Fletcher, b Edwards	2
Watson, c Jackson, b Edwards	0
W. A. Beadsmoore, c Franklin, b Edwards	2
G. R. Pedder, not out	6
Extras	13
Total	89

**Analysis of the Bowling.**

Bucks—1st Innings.

	o.	m.	r.	w.
Falcon	14	2	33	2
Watson	20	5	65	3
Beadsmoore	5	4	1	0
Raikes	15	4	39	2
Nichols	16	4	34	1
Fletcher	9	4	23	1

Second Innings.

	o.	m.	r.	w.
Falcon	11	6	15	4
Watson	13	2	33	3
Nichols	5	1	16	2
Beadsmoore	2.5	0	12	1

Norfolk—1st Innings.

	o.	m.	r.	w.
Fletcher	5	3	3	0
Hazleton	29	7	73	5
Edwards	30.5	4	79	5
Whiting	12	0	50	0

Second Innings.

	o.	m.	r.	w.
Hazleton	14	4	26	3
Edwards	10.5	1	35	6
Whiting	5	0	15	1

**Bucks County C.C.**

SEASON 1922.

Matches played, 10 (including v. M.C.C.);  
won, 7; lost 2; abandoned, 1.

In the final match for the Minor County  
Championship Bucks beat Norfolk by 8  
runs.

**BATTING AVERAGES**

(Four innings or more)

	No. Times		Ttl	Most in	
	Inns.	Out.		Inns.	Av.
Jackson, W. L.	14	1	304	57	23.4
Le Gros, P. W.	18	3	326	54	21.7
Whiting, F.	8	2	124	62	20.7
Puchford, H.	12	2	178	53	17.8
Amrey Fletcher	18	3	257	61	17.2
Whiting, J.	9	3	102	29	17.0
Powell, C.	13	2	177	47	16.1
Trevor, S. L.	9	0	119	47	13.2
Franklin, W. H.	18	0	236	67	13.1
Philps, W. R. N.	10	0	117	53	11.7
Edwards, F.	13	0	146	33	11.3
Blake, P. R.	6	0	31	15	5.2
Sewell, D. A. D.	11	5	16	7	2.7

Also batted (two innings and less):—J. I.  
Outram (19), W. E. Hazelton (6), Richings  
(5) (3.5), and H. G. Brand (0).

**BOWLING AVERAGES**

(20 overs or more)

	o.	m.	r.	w.	av.
Edwards, F.	292	120	871	89	9.8
Dickens, E.	41	161	78	7	11.1
Fletcher, H. L. A.	241	77	452	35	12.9
Hazelton, W. E.	44	13	99	8	12.4
Whiting, J.	129	20	332	19	17.5
Sewell, D. A. D.	54	8	179	7	25.6

Also bowled: P. R. Blake (32-6-35-2),  
42.5.