

COUNTY MATCH AT HEYWOOD.
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP

LANCASHIRE 2nd v. CHESHIRE.

The match between Lancashire 2nd and Cheshire County, in the Minor Counties' Championship, played on the Crimble Ground, Heywood, on Monday and Tuesday was spoiled, both as regards play and attendance by rain. On Monday there was only about two hours' play. A beautiful morning promised well, but directly after play restarted after lunch, just when spectators were assembling, rain drove the players from the field. They waited for three hours and then the match was abandoned for the day. On Tuesday there was practically a full day's play, and a fairly large number of spectators attended, but a shower about noon undoubtedly prevented visitors from other towns making their appearance. This shower also gave Cheshire an advantage, for while the wicket was easy they put themselves in a winning position. They eventually got a lead and three points on the first innings—161 against 100—and made a determined attempt to secure the full five points, but were defeated by the stone-walling of the Lancashire men who took two and a half hours to make 90 runs. Excellent preparations for the comfort of the visitors had been made by the Heywood Club, assisted by a number of ladies.

MONDAY'S PLAY.

Lancashire quickly lost four wickets. Frank Watson, the Lancashire county player, of Heywood, and Cecil Leach of Littleborough, were the opening pair, the bowlers being Dean, the old Lancashire player and professional for Crompton, who has qualified by residence at Altrincham for Cheshire, and made his initial appearance with his new county, and J. Cook, the Lancashire League professional. Six of the first dozen runs were made by Watson and then he was out leg before to Dean. The same over Brown, the Littleborough professional, was bowled before he had scored. At 13 White, Manchester University, was bowled by Cook and at 14 Hutchinson, Milnrow, was easily caught at leg. At this stage Dean had captured three wickets for nine. Taylor, the Werneth player, who, as we mentioned last week, is a native of Heywood, helped Leach to put a better appearance on the game. Both men played fine cricket, Leach making a couple of good boundaries and each player collecting threes. At 48, in attempting a short run, Leach was run out, for a capitally played 32, made by really good all-round cricket. He had three 4's, and two 3's.

With the advent of Threlfall, Hope took the ball from Cook, who went on at the Crimble end vice Dean. Runs came at a slower rate, the newcomer overtaking Taylor at 10. At this stage the Werneth man gave Hope a chance to get him "c and b," which was not accepted. Clifton took the ball from Cook at 63, but the separation was effected by Hope, who got Threlfall caught at 67. Taylor and Hopwood played steadily and just before the interval Cook and Dean resumed, with the score 80. The luncheon interval was taken with the score 81 for six wickets.

Rain was threatening when the players came out and after a few overs a heavy downpour drove them back to the pavilion. Dean bowled from the Heywood end and in his second over Taylor's long and patient innings was brought to a close by a smart catch in the slips, the total being 82. He had only one boundary in his 22, his other strokes including a three and two 2's. Cook shortly afterwards bowled Hopwood and with the total 88 for eight wickets the players retired. They waited on the field for about three hours, and though the rain had then ceased, so much had fallen that it was decided to abandon play for the day.

TUESDAY'S PLAY.

About half an hour's play on Tuesday morning sufficed to bring the Lancashire innings to an end. Dean and Cook were again the bowlers. In the third over Fairclough was bowled by Dean with the total 90 and Parkinson, the last man, came in. A full toss to leg by Dean gave him four; and a prettily turned two followed in the same direction off Cook. The 100 had just been signalled when the end came. Parkinson drove a ball from Dean to mid-off where Hope brought off a good catch, stopping the ball with one hand as it was passing over his head, and making the catch at the second attempt. There had not been much enterprise about the Lancashire batting. Leach played perhaps the best game. From the start he batted with great steadiness and confidence, and made some fine scoring strokes. It was distinctly hard luck to be run out when he was playing so well. Taylor also played very well, and showed great promise, and Hopwood showed good defence. Watson had not time to get going and was not satisfied with the decision which sent him back leg before the wicket; indeed it was stated that he played the ball on to his legs.

Rain fell heavily during the interval and the Cheshire reply was not commenced until 12.15. In the hour and a quarter left before lunch they made good use of the easy wicket, and had made certain of a victory on the first innings when the interval took place. W. E. Jones did not last long, Brown bowling him for six with the total 10. When Morris joined Hope a useful partnership followed. Forty was signalled without any further success for the bowlers, but at 42 Fairclough got by Hope's bat and at 50 Morris was caught by Leach off Hopwood, who had superseded Brown. L. N. Jones and Astle played out to the interval, when the score was 69 for the loss of three wickets. Both men played free cricket and one big drive by Jones off Hopwood lifted the ball over the rails for six.

On resuming the bowlers were Hopwood and Cuttall, and when the total had been carried to 76 the latter got Jones caught behind the wicket from a misfit in attempting a big drive, Hopwood running across and taking the ball on the leg side. The Lancashire total was passed during the next partnership between Astle and Cook. The new-comer played good, free cricket, and both men seemed to have little real difficulty with the bowling. Hopwood kept a good length and varied his pace with judgment, but Cuttall gave but little trouble. At 92 Watson took the ball from the last-named, but the runs were knocked off without further loss after the innings had been in progress one hour and fifty minutes, and with six wickets still in hand. At 102 Cook was caught off Watson for 20. Astle continued to bat in excellent style, and Bealey also shaped nicely. First Brown and then Fairclough took the ball. At 136 Brown beat Astle when he was only three short of the half-century. He had three boundary strokes and five threes in his total. None of the other players gave much trouble. Dean got a four, all run off a no ball by Brown, and at the other end he was bowled by a no ball sent down by Fairclough. This escape was not an expensive one, for at 145 he drove the ball back hard to Brown. The innings closed at 163.

AN UNENTERPRISING GAME.

At their second attempt Lancashire made no great effort to get runs. Leach and Watson opened and in the half-hour before tea they made 20 mostly by singles, varied by a three to Watson and a brace of two's to Leach. A hard chance to Dean to get him caught and bowled was given by Watson, who also twice survived confident appeals by Dean for leg before. Leach also had a slice of luck, the wicketkeeper dropping the ball as a general appeal was made for a catch. Immediately after resuming Leach was caught behind the wickets for eight, and at 32 White played the ball up to short-leg and was caught by Dean. When the total reached 47 Watson was out leg before to Dean for a useful 18, for which he had been batting an hour and a half.

The same over Brown was "c and b" from the third ball he received, again before he had opened his score, and in the next over Taylor played back again to Hope, half the side being out for 51, for which total 33 overs had been sent down. The only question of interest now was whether Cheshire would win by an innings. Six more were added and then Hopwood was badly run out. Hutchinson hit the ball to the on and the stroke was full value for three. Turning after the first run Hutchinson slipped, and though he completed the second run almost on level terms with Hopwood he stood still and refused to attempt the third one. In the meantime Hopwood had got half way up the crease again, and before he could get back the bails were dislodged. This improved Cheshire's chances, and when Threlfall was bowled by the first ball of Hope's next over they grew still brighter. On being joined by Cuttall, Hutchinson hit Dean finely to the off for three, and placed Lancashire one run to the good. This was his last contribution, for facing Hope he was caught behind the wicket. Fairclough was given a ball to hit by Hope, and he lifted it to the on, where Astle should have made the catch. He got the ball in his hands, but failed to hold it. This mistake probably robbed Cheshire of the complete victory, and left them with three points for the win on the first innings instead of five, for Fairclough and Cuttall played until 6.50, and then the first-named was caught off Cook by the wicket keeper. Cuttall and Fairclough stayed together until time, the score being 90 for nine wickets, or 27 runs on Cheshire's total. Scores and analysis:—

Lancashire.—First Innings.		
Leach run out	.. .. .	32
Watson lbw b Dean	.. .. .	6
Brown b Dean	.. .. .	0
N. W. White c Cook	.. .. .	0
T. A. Hutchinson c W. E. Jones b Dean	.. .. .	0
Taylor (M. L.) c L. N. Jones b Dean	.. .. .	22
Threlfall c Clifton b Hope	.. .. .	10
Hopwood b Cook	.. .. .	8
Fairclough b Dean	.. .. .	7
Cuttall not out	.. .. .	4
Parkinson c Hope b Dean	.. .. .	6
Extras	.. .. .	5
Total	.. .. .	100

Lancashire.—Second Innings.		
Watson lbw b Dean	.. .. .	18
Leach c Floyd b Clifton	.. .. .	8
N. W. White c Dean b Cook	.. .. .	5
Taylor c and b Hope	.. .. .	7
Brown c and b Dean	.. .. .	0
T. A. Hutchinson c Floyd b Hope	.. .. .	0
Hopwood run out	.. .. .	7
Threlfall b Hope	.. .. .	0
Cuttall not out	.. .. .	7
Fairclough c Floyd b Cook	.. .. .	14
Parkinson not out	.. .. .	4
Extras	.. .. .	14
Total (for nine wickets)	.. .. .	90

Cheshire.—First Innings.		
V. Hope b Fairclough	.. .. .	14
W. E. Jones b Brown	.. .. .	6
H. Morris c Leach b Hopwood	.. .. .	16
L. N. Jones c Hopwood b Cuttall	.. .. .	21
P. L. V. Astle b Brown	.. .. .	47
Cook c Taylor b Watson	.. .. .	20
J. M. Bealey b Brown	.. .. .	12
Dean c and b Brown	.. .. .	5
Clifton b Brown	.. .. .	8
F. A. Harrison c Hutchinson b Fairclough	.. .. .	4
G. T. Floyd not out	.. .. .	0
Extras	.. .. .	10
Total	.. .. .	163

Bowling Analysis.		
Lancashire.—First Innings.		
Dean	.. .. .	0. M. R. W.
Cook	.. .. .	10.3 5.40. 8
Hope	.. .. .	23. 9.32. 2
Clifton	.. .. .	11. 5.10. 1
Dean bowled one no-ball.	.. .. .	0. 0.13. 0
Lancashire.—Second Innings.		
Dean	.. .. .	10. 8.17. 2
Cook	.. .. .	14. 7.13. 4
Clifton	.. .. .	10. 1.10. 1
Hope	.. .. .	15. 0.19. 2
L. N. Jones	.. .. .	4. 0. 8. 0
Dean bowled a no-ball.	.. .. .
Cheshire.—First Innings.		
Brown	.. .. .	11.2 3.47. 5
Fairclough	.. .. .	10. 5.25. 2
Hopwood	.. .. .	10. 3.39. 1
Cuttall	.. .. .	6. 0.17. 1
Watson	.. .. .	7. 1.25. 1
Brown bowled a no-ball and Fairclough two no-balls.	.. .. .

WEAK BATTING.

HEYWOOD EASILY DEFEATED BY WERNETH.

A very poor batting display, with one or two exceptions, was given by the Heywood team against Werneth, at Crimble on Saturday. Hammond and Bingham made 39 runs, but the total only reached 62, and this was passed by Werneth with six wickets in hand.

Purser and Brown batted first for Heywood, the bowling being entrusted to Morgan and Dransfield. The professional soon got to work. After Purser had hit him to leg for the full number in the second over he was bowled by the last ball of the over, the first wicket falling at five. E. Howarth had a short life, Morgan bowling him with his second ball, the total being nine, and in the next over Brown was also beaten by his brother professional. Day and Hammond were now together. The left-hander hit Dransfield for four and a sequence of singles brought 20 on the board. At 21 Day returned to the pavilion, and Schofield filled the vacancy. Nine more runs were added (including a four to Hammond off the professional), and then Schofield was beaten by a good ball, and half the side had been dismissed in eleven overs for 29 runs. A good partnership was set up when Bingham joined Hammond. After making two singles, Bingham hit Morgan's slow ball to the limit. As Dransfield had not met with success, he gave the ball to Chester at 36. Soon afterwards the bats were displaced and Bingham, thinking he was bowled, started on his way to the pavilion. From the scoring box it appeared a clear case of the ball rebounding from the stumper's pads on to the wickets, and there were shouts from the crowd to the batsman to go back. Hammond also signalled to him to return, which he did, the wicket-keeper meanwhile pointing to the wickets. There were shouts of "Play the game" while the umpire consulted his colleague, and applause when it was signalled that the batsman must continue.

Showing his gratitude, the batsman hit the next ball for a couple. With his total 14 Hammond edged a ball in the slips, straight to Dransfield, but he refused the chance. The score crept up to 50, and with two added, Bingham's useful innings closed with a smart catch in the slips. He attempted to cut a ball from Chester, and only just touched it, into the safe hands of Morgan. He had one four and four twos in his 17. With only one added and before he had scored Jarrott hit clean over the top of a ball from Morgan, and Berry followed his bad example at the other end with the total 54. Partnered by J. Haworth, Hammond opened his shoulders to Morgan and three runs were added, and with another two brought up 60 on the board. His valuable innings was then terminated by a fine ball from the professional. He had made 22 runs by good, steady cricket, his strokes including two 4's and a three. At 62 J. Haworth was bowled, the innings having occupied an hour and a half.

WERNETH'S RESPONSE.

Runs were not easy to get when Werneth opened their reply with Haggas and Mellor. Nine runs came in the first six overs, by singles, varied by one two to Mellor. A loose ball by Bingham was promptly hit to leg for four by Mellor, and he followed with an off-drive for a couple. Facing Brown, Mellor—who had made several uppish strokes—had a double slice of luck. One hard drive sent the ball by E. Howarth, and apparently it went between his hands for a couple; and the same over he dropped the ball just in front of Purser at point. A beautiful drive by cover made Mellor's total 20 out of 27. At 30 Hammond bowled in place of Bingham, and each batsman collected a three and "Mr. Extras" a two in his first over. Another change was tried at 44, Fletcher displacing Brown, who had then sent down eight overs for 13 runs, so that the professional could go to the Crimble end instead of Hammond. Bingham went on at the Heywood end, and with his first ball got Mellor "c and b" for 32, the total being 47. The retiring batsman had played a streaky but decidedly useful innings for his side. Many of his strokes were uppish, and just out of the reach of the fielders, but others were really good ones. His strokes included one four, three 3's, and six 2's.

The half-century was signalled without further loss, but at 52 Haggas was beaten by Bingham. His innings was a far better one than Mellor's. From the start he played good cricket and his steadiness was of great value. In his 12 runs he had a three and a two. Hilton was caught off the second ball he received, and at 58 Lord was also dismissed by a catch by Fletcher. Jelsson and Sibbles hit off the runs required. Afterwards Fletcher and Hammond bowled for Brown and Bingham, and Jarrott sent down the last over. The score was taken to 101 before wickets were drawn. Scores:—

Heywood.	
L. R. Purser b Morgan	4
Brown b Morgan	2
E. Howarth b Morgan	0
H. C. Day lbw b Morgan	4
J. Hammond b Morgan	22
A. G. Schofield b Morgan	3
H. Bingham c Morgan b Chester	17
B. Jarrott b Morgan	0
J. L. Berry b Chester	0
J. Haworth b Chester	2
F. A. Fletcher not out	0
Extras	8
Total	62

Werneth.	
P. R. Haggas b Bingham	12
W. Mellor c and b Bingham	32
P. Lord c Fletcher b Brown	4
W. Hilton c Fletcher b Bingham	0
H. Jelsson not out	28
F. Sibbles not out	21
Extras	6
Total (for four wickets)	101

Bowling Analysis.	
Heywood.	
Morgan	O. M. R. W. 14. 2. 31. 7
Dransfield	8. 3. 10. 0
Chester	5. 1. 10. 3
Werneth.	
Brown	17. 6. 25. 1
Bingham	15. 5. 30. 3
Hammond	4. 0. 17. 0
Fletcher	3. 1. 13. 0
Jarrott	1. 0. 10. 0

GREAT BOWLING.

MORFEE AND TOOTILL IN FORM.

ROCHDALE v. MILNROW.
Played at Rochdale on Saturday. Scores:—

Milnrow.	
Bowles c Swire b Morfee	5
E. Howarth run out	4
T. Hutchinson c Swire b Morfee	8
J. H. Pickup c Tootill b Morfee	12
J. Milne c and b Morfee	0
J. E. Taylor b Tootill	10
J. Cross not out	0
W. Downhurst b Morfee	0
B. H. Scott c and b Morfee	1
A. Holwell c L. Overstall b Morfee	0
A. Sutcliffe lbw b Morfee	0
Extras	8
Total	55

Rochdale.	
H. Humphries b Bowles	27
S. Nuttall run out	1
J. Eastwood c and b Milne	15
Morfee b Bowles	0
L. Overstall c Cross b Pickup	9
H. Sturzaker c Holwell b Bowles	7
B. H. Swire not out	4
O. J. Smith run out	1
N. Overstall not out	2
Extras	7
Total (for seven wickets)	73

Bowling Analysis.	
Milnrow.	
Morfee	O. M. R. W. 10. 3. 23. 8
Tootill	10. 5. 12. 1
Rochdale.	
Bowles	17. 3. 29. 3
Pickup	9. 1. 21. 1
Milne	8. 3. 16. 1

Fall of the Wickets.										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Milnrow	6	10	10	28	28	29	46	55	55	55
Rochdale	7	43	43	48	60	60	71			

CROMPTON v. LITTLEBOROUGH.

Played at Crompton on Saturday. Scores:—

Crompton.	
E. Starkie b Brown	1
H. Royle c Clegg b Brown	0
H. Duxbury c Clegg b Whidd	9
T. Thorpe run out	14
J. A. Lowe b Brown	19
H. Dean b Brown	20
W. Wolstencroft c Potter b Armistead	9
T. Fedden c Clegg b Armistead	0
F. Duxbury st. Hurst b Armistead	4
W. Fedden not out	2
T. Nuttall st. Hurst b Armistead	4
Total	62

Littleborough.	
J. Massey c Royle b Dean	3
N. Greenwood run out	0
P. Taylor c Lowe b Dean	1
W. Brown c Wolstencroft b Dean	4
F. Clegg lbw b Lowe	2
P. Wilkinson c T. Fedden b Lowe	0
W. Whidd lbw b Dean	22
H. B. Potter lbw b W. Fedden	0
H. Hurst not out	8
D. Armistead c Nuttall b W. Fedden	0
Extras	2
Total	44

Bowling Analysis.	
Crompton.	
Brown	O. M. R. W. 16. 4. 32. 4
Whidd	6. 0. 20. 1
Massey	6. 0. 21. 0
Armistead	3. 3. 9. 4
Littleborough.	
Dean	10. 3. 22. 5
Lowe	7. 3. 13. 2
Fedden	2. 2. 0. 7. 2

CASTLETON MOOR v. ROYTON.

Played at Royton on Saturday. Scores:—

Royton.	
H. Hasty b Kershaw	20
N. Fielding c Wade b Kershaw	2
A. Barber c Whitworth b Kershaw	19
W. Jones c Caldecott b Simpson	25
P. Walsley c Smith b Caldecott	10
Williams st. Cross b Simpson	8
H. Morton c Kershaw b Simpson	4
L. Heywood c Brindley b Simpson	1
R. Jones run out	0
Z. Chester b Kershaw	1
E. Townson not out	3
Extras	8
Total	103

Castleton Moor.	
J. Fisher c Walsley b Williams	5
A. Smith c Townson b Williams	10
H. Taylor c Barber b Williams	13
Simpson c Fielding b Heywood	25
O. Wade c and b W. Jones	0
E. Brindley c Fielding b Heywood	18
J. Caldecott b Williams	0
W. Bradley b Williams	1
M. Whitworth not out	6
R. Cross c Hasty b Heywood	1
J. Kershaw c W. Jones b Williams	3
Extras	10
Total	92

Bowling Analysis.	
Royton.	
Simpson	O. M. R. W. 15. 4. 31. 4
J. Kershaw	20. 9. 33. 4
A. Smith	4. 1. 7. 0
H. Whitworth	3. 1. 8. 0
J. Caldecott	5. 1. 16. 1
Castleton Moor.	
Williams	16. 2. 34. 6
Z. Chester	6. 1. 13. 0
J. W. Jones	4. 0. 10. 1
L. Heywood	6. 1. 19. 3

CENTRAL LANCASHIRE LEAGUE.

TABLE TO DATE.					
	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
Rochdale	5	5	0	0	15
Littleborough	5	3	1	1	10
Walsden	5	3	1	1	10
Castleton Moor	5	3	2	0	9
Werneth	5	3	2	0	9
Oldham	5	2	2	1	7
Heywood	5	2	3	0	6
Crompton	5	2	3	0	6
Royton	5	2	3	0	6
Middleton	5	1	3	2	5
Milnrow	5	1	3	1	4
Moorside	5	0	5	0	0

Tuesday

Wednesday

LANCASHIRE II. v. YORKSHIRE II.

The second elevens of Lancashire and Yorkshire met at Old Trafford yesterday. Lancashire had the good luck to win the toss, but began badly, losing A. C. MacLaren and G. Rogerson for two runs. M. L. Taylor, who is on the ground staff at Old Trafford, played well for 48, and was then splendidly caught by Shires. Two more wickets fell for 26 runs, but on Brown (Littleborough) and Threlfall coming together a better complexion was put on the game, and at the interval the score was 125 for seven.

Some bright cricket was seen afterwards, and runs were put on at a rapid rate. Brown, Threlfall, and H. Tyldesley being the chief contributors. The innings closed for 254. Brown, who was batting for over two hours, carried out his bat for 90. Yorkshire also lost two wickets for two runs, and had three down for 28. At the close Yorkshire were 146 behind with four wickets in hand. Scores:—

Lancashire Second.—First Innings. A. C. MacLaren b Ryder 1, Taylor (M. L.) c Coates 1, Shires 48, Ellis b Ryder 8, Brown not out 90, N. White c and b Leyland 15, Leach lbw b Shires 1. Total 125.

Yorkshire Second.—First Innings. Marwood b Threlfall 26, Garside not out 52, Coates not out 25, E. H. Jackson st Parkinson b Tyldesley 19, Leyland b Tyldesley 0. Total (for 6) 108.

BOWLING ANALYSIS. Lancashire Second.—First Innings. O. M. R. W. Ryder 21 1 77 3, Shires 27 8 70 3, Houldsworth 7 1 26 0.

PRESTON v. CRAVEN GENTLEMEN.—At West Hill.

Preston. M. Dodd c Crabtree b Fleetwood 0, W. R. Scroggie b Jones 34, S. Smith c Mitchell b Fleetwood 14, H. Leigh b Fleetwood 2, R. O. Llewellyn at Hill b Crabtree 16, H. Foley c Crabtree b Fleetwood 22, J. Milward c Fleetwood b Team 23, C. Galloway c Hill b Fleetwood 10, J. Harrison c Hill b Fleetwood 16, J. Todd lbw b Jones 2, Rev. V. S. Beer not out 1, Extras 27. Total 168.

LEVENSHULME v. LONGSIGHT.—At Levenshulme.

Levenshulme. F. Wayne c Lindley b Drinkwater 25, A. Baynolds b Dickinson 3, A. Reynolds lbw b Inceby 1, F. Grimshaw b Darlington 12, R. F. Hartley c Hunt b Dickinson 30, T. Lowndes c Inceby b Dickinson 5, J. Bruce b Darlington 4, S. Harrison c Drinkwater b Inceby 13, G. B. Lewis b Inceby 1, F. Lymer b Dickinson 3, G. B. Woodard not out 6, Extras 13. Total 116.

PRESTWICH v. BROUGHTON.—At Prestwich.

Prestwich. R. P. Bush st Brown b Harrison 86, T. Wilkinson c Battell b Cottam 11, J. Kenyon c Anderson b Tomney 36, A. Wilkinson st Brown 9, H. Wilson not out 55, A. Morris st Brown b Harrison 0, R. C. Swire c Harrison b Webb 35, Extras 18. Total (for 7) 229.

BROUGHTON v. PRESTWICH (second eleven).—At Broughton. R. E. Martin b Dr. Beesley 52, H. Palmer run out 4, S. G. Gaden b Midgley 18, S. Turner b Midgley 20, G. Latham c Smith b Midgley 8, H. Briggs b Dr. Beesley 27, J. Vebber c Smith b Midgley 13, E. Fearnley b Dr. Beesley 1, S. Hodgson not out 24, S. Towers c Midgley b Dr. Beesley 5, F. Midgley b Martin 44, Dr. Beesley b Martin 35, S. B. Bancroft b Martin 15, H. V. Smith run out 9, H. G. Smith not out 56, P. Smith c and b Hodgson 37, extras 11, total (for 6 wickets) 211.

LANCASHIRE SECOND BEAT YORKSHIRE SECOND.

Lancashire second eleven at Old Trafford yesterday beat Yorkshire second in the Minor Counties Championship competition by ten wickets. The game was continued with the scores—Lancashire 254, and Yorkshire 108 for six wickets. The Yorkshire innings did not last long, the only player to do anything with the bowling of H. Tyldesley and Brown being Garside, who added ten to his Monday's total before he was run out. Tyldesley was the most successful bowler on the Lancashire side, taking six wickets for 68 runs.

When Yorkshire, 109 behind, followed on, Allen, the wicket-keeper, played splendidly for 77, scoring 50 of them in forty-five minutes. Mitchell, who went in first wicket down, carried out his bat for 39, after batting over two hours. At lunch time three wickets were down for 114, but afterwards wickets fell fast, five players falling to score. Lancashire wanted 44 to win, and obtained them without loss. Tyldesley was again the most successful bowler, and his fourteen wickets in the match cost only 144 runs. Scores:—

First Innings. Lancashire Second. G. Rogerson b Ryder 1, A. C. MacLaren b Shires 1, Taylor (M. L.) c Coates b Shires 48, Ellis b Ryder 8, Brown not out 90, N. White c and b Leyland 15, Leach lbw b Shires 1, Threlfall b Ryder 25, Tyldesley (H.) c and b Leyland 23, Hopwood b Coates 36, Parkinson b Coates 0, Extras 6. Total 254.

Yorkshire Second.—First Innings. Marwood b Threlfall 26, Garside not out 52, Coates not out 25, E. H. Jackson st Parkinson b Tyldesley 19, Leyland b Tyldesley 0. Total (for 6) 108.

BOWLING ANALYSIS. Lancashire Second.—First Innings. O. M. R. W. Ryder 21 1 77 3, Shires 27 8 70 3, Houldsworth 7 1 26 0. Total 145.

URMSTON v. BUXTON.—At Buxton.

Urmston. A. A. Crompton c Goldhart b Savery 2, S. G. Heath c Woodhouse b Parr 0, F. G. Moody b Savery 0, A. H. Millward b Brymer 42, Dr. T. S. Harrison c Woodhouse b Atherton 38, T. Smith b Brymer 16, W. Tomkinson not out 50, R. Midgley b Brymer 5, P. Berrisford b Atherton 28, R. Bearnaley b Atherton 0, F. Gilbert run out 1, Extras 25. Total 207.

MOBBERLEY v. BROOKLANDS.—At Mobberley.

Mobberley. J. Daniell c Normanton b Chapman 1, N. Chapman c Fleming b Allured 13, E. Hindley c Allured b Bird 0, S. Dickson lbw b Allured 8, Duckworth b Allured 0, W. Jackson b Allured 0, F. Thorpe c Fleming b Allured 0, T. Chapman b Bird 0, G. Oliver c Bayhurst b Allured 4, J. Norbury not out 17, G. Willott b Bird 4, Extras 8. Total 130.

STOCKPORT v. BURY.—At Cale Green.

Stockport. G. T. Higson b Walmesley 11, R. Denton b Watson 27, J. S. Cragg c Ramsbottom b Walmesley 37, F. S. Helme lbw b Watson 0, J. M. Beesley c Cwirow b Walmesley 40, J. Parkinson c Walmesley b Ramsbottom 36, E. C. Coakson c Kelly b Ramsbottom 2, L. Humphrey b Ramsbottom 13, F. W. Archer not out 5, F. H. Sowerbutts b Ramsbottom 0, T. D. Kinning not out 10, Extras 30. Total 210.

BRAMHALL v. SALE.—At Bramhall.

Bramhall. T. H. Hoald c Bracewell b Greenhalgh 13, H. Oldham b Minshull 0, W. S. Higgins c Greenhalgh b Minshull 5, J. O. Leech c Woods b Greenhalgh 5, R. Hills at Clarke b Minshull 25, F. Whitaker c Clarke b Greenhalgh 0, R. E. Cattell c and b Minshull 1, H. Leech b Minshull 1, F. Crossley b G'nalgh 7, F. Gabbott c Greenhalgh b Minshull 0, W. Mitchell not out 2, Extras 6. Total 63.

WARRINGTON v. CHORLTON.—At Warrington.

Warrington. H. C. Gill b Partridge 10, S. Radford c Bilsborough b Gibson 9, C. C. MacBean b Partridge 0, C. Barlow c Burdett b Gibson 0, H. R. Clasen b Partridge 13, J. Crawford not out 40, C. A. Butt b Millington 31, H. Wright b Millington 3, T. E. Burrows b Simpson 6, H. B. Henshaw c Bilsborough b Simpson 0, C. Lundy c Bilsborough b Millington 16, Extras 9. Total 145.

PRESTWICH v. BROUGHTON.—At Prestwich.

Prestwich. R. P. Bush st C. Brown b Harrison 86, T. Wilkinson c Battell b Cottam 11, A. D. Leo lbw b Cottam 0, J. Kenyon c Anderson b Tomson 36, A. Wilkinson at C. Brown b Cottam 9, E. K. Wilson not out 35, A. Morris at C. Brown b Harrison 0, R. C. Swire c Harrison b Webb 35, Extras 18. Total 228.

BROUGHTON v. CHORLTON.—At Broughton.

Broughton. D. P. Webb b Clapham 18, J. E. Walker b Henshaw 7, H. Cottam c Henshaw b Lundy 29, H. M. Tomson c Lundy b Henshaw 69, P. W. Anderson c Butt b Wright 13, J. Foster b Clapham 7, G. Norman b Clapham 0, H. J. Harrison c Wright b Clapham 5, P. W. Battersby b Clapham 5, H. Waterhouse b Henshaw 33, L. Battell not out 4, Extras 15. Total 201.

MACCLESFIELD v. ROMILEY.—At Macclesfield.

Macclesfield. H. Hope c Barlow b Clay 19, H. Alderson c Rowbottom b Clay 15, E. Harrison b Hill 4, M. Davis b Harrison 0, W. Jones c Bullough b Harrison 47, T. Leadbetter not out 57, H. Veale c Clay 40, H. Bushby b Harrison 3, Sinclair b Clay 0, Hazley c Hill b Clay 15, extras 15, total (for 9) 191. Romiley. W. Rowbottom b Wilson 18, T. Bullough b Wilson 9, E. Barlow b Wilson 0, H. Bullough b Hope 5, F. Harrison lbw b Hope 1, H. Wright b Hope 4, S. Rowbottom lbw b Wilson 5, R. C. Clay c Hope b Wilson 2, R. Hill not out 1, R. N. Smith b Hope 0, J. Gregory c Hartley b Wilson 0, extra 1, total 44. PLYTON v. 'MANCHESTER GUARDIAN'.—At Elxton. A. Hargreaves c Rutter b Buckley 7, H. D. Nichols c Rutter b Blake 2, E. Kershaw st Rutter b Houldsworth 12, E. Stevenson c Buckley b Houldsworth 1, C. W. Pennington run out 0, C. J. Buckley b Houldsworth 1, H. Hargreaves b Moore 1, R. P. Fye c Rutter b Houldsworth 2, extras 7, total 85.

Tuesday LANCASHIRE LEAGUE.

There was almost a full Lancashire League programme yesterday. The leaders, Rawtenstall, accomplished a splendid feat in defeating Nelson on the latter's ground, although Macdonald took six wickets for 64 for the losers. East Lancashire suffered their second successive reverse on their own ground, their conquerors being Church. Half the side were out for 24. Church had the assistance of Morfee, the Rochdale professional, who, in addition to taking six wickets for 58 runs, helped to lay the foundation of a good score by hitting the ball to the boundary six times in making 35.

There was an exciting finish to the match at Lowerhouse, where Ramsbottom, last year's champions, were beaten during the ninth partnership. Hickmott, the Ramsbottom professional, claimed 56 out of a total of 82. Cook, for Lowerhouse, had seven for 33, and Crawshaw, for Ramsbottom, five for 37. There was a surprising end to the game at Rishton, where Haslingden, a strong batting side, had only an aggregate of 68 to face. They fell short of victory by three runs. The bowling of Curtis (six for 42) and Nixon (four for 19) was too good for them.

As a result of yesterday's matches Rawtenstall found their position as leaders strengthened, and Rishton's narrow victory enabled them to go above Ramsbottom and Bacup. The table up to date is as follows:—

LOWERHOUSE v. RAMSBOTTOM.—Ramsbottom: A. Waldstein lbw b Cook 0, J. J. Horrocks c Smallley b Cook 3, H. Walker run out 2, J. Preston o Capstick b Cook 0, T. Foster c Smallley b Shutt 0, T. Barnes b Cook 1, Hickmott not out 56, G. Brooks b Shutt 2, J. Iherwood b Cook 5, J. Branshaw b Cook 0, F. Durr lbw b Cook 15, total 82. Lowerhouse: H. Smith c Walker b Durr 3, A. Spooner c Waldstein lbw b Crawshaw 29, G. B. Capstick b Crawshaw 16, W. Cook b Crawshaw 0, L. Heap b Crawshaw 5, R. Towler not out 41, H. Purvis b Crawshaw 0, T. Shutt b Durr 1, M. J. Walker b Preston 17, H. Pickett c Crawshaw b Horrocks 5, A. Smalley b H. Pickett 0, extras 5, total 129.

BURNLEY v. BACUP.—Bacup: J. Midgley, sen. b Horsley 12, P. Hargreaves lbw b Shutt 1, J. Midgley, jun. b Horsley 18, Slade b Shutt 0, H. Holt b Shutt 0, C. Roberts c Gosley b Horsley 1, T. Dickinson b Horsley 0, F. Jackson run out 14, J. Musk b Horsley 10, J. Foxcroft c and b Horsley 0, J. Lord not out 0, extras 15, total 75. Burnley: A. Simpson c Lord b Midgley, sen. 18, V. Rimmer b Slater 7, H. Hargreaves b Foxcroft 8, T. Gosley retired hurt 12, A. E. Hill lbw b Foxcroft 3, T. Lavender c and b Foxcroft 0, G. Pedley run out 3, Horsley lbw b Slater 8, J. H. Bracewell b Slater 15, J. W. Atkinson not out 6, W. A. Bant 0, Lord b Slater 4, extra 1, total 88.

EAST LANCASHIRE v. CHURCH.—East Lancashire: Norbury b Webster 1, R. G. Brandwood c Parkinson b Morfee 4, T. K. Stones b Morfee 66, C. A. Millrod b Morfee 0, J. Turnbull b Morfee 5, G. Penberton b Morfee 0, J. Carr c N. Smith b Yates 15, R. C. Bardsley c Savage b Yates 15, H. Brandwood c Webster b Yates 1, J. Birch not out 4, R. Mercer b Morfee 0, extras 10, total 117. Church: R. Savage b Mercer 58, Morfee b Penberton 53, R. Waddington c Birch b Norbury 26, R. Murray c Norbury 2, A. Edmundson c Birch b Norbury 5, N. Smith run out 1, T. A. Smith not out 24, E. Webster not out 22, extras 7, total 150.

RISHTON v. HASLINGDEN.—Rishton: T. Hackley c Blackburn b Rhodes 5, J. Macintosh lbw b Newstead 8, Curtis run out 0, J. Talbot c Blackburn b Rhodes 0, G. Hoyle c Hindle b Rhodes 9, P. Nixon c Newstead b Riley 15, S. Dewhurst c Hindle b Riley 17, H. Hoyle b Rhodes 0, H. Nixon c Parker b Riley 6, P. Gilmering b Rhodes 1, F. Lamb not out 1, extras 8, total 68. Haslingden: Newstead b Curtis 2, A. Blackburn lbw b Curtis 2, E. Riley c Moore b Nixon 20, J. Ashworth c Nixon b Curtis 18, R. Rhodes c Gilmering b Nixon 2, W. Hargreaves b Nixon 6, J. E. Bastow b Nixon 2, G. Hindle b Curtis 5, S. Parker b Curtis 4, E. Exlow not out 0, W. Lees b Curtis 0, extras 5, total 66.

ENFIELD v. ACCRINGTON.—Accrington: J. Ramsbottom b Lancaster 21, Lewellyn not out 135, S. Smith c Smallley b Boardman 10, G. Parker c J. Hargreaves b Duttall 54, W. Dickinson lbw b G. Hargreaves 0, W. Flynn not out 16, total (for four) 259. Innings declared. Enfield: A. Smith b Lewellyn 9, C. Duttall b Smith 18, W. Smallley b Smith 28, G. Hargreaves b Smith 10, E. Poynter b Smith 27, J. Hargreaves c Bentley b Lewellyn 16, S. Edwards b Smith 0, T. Lancaster b Lewellyn 6, G. Boardman not out 7, W. Lockett b Smith 1, T. Cottam retired hurt 0, extras 4, total 126.

NELSON v. RAWTENSTALL.—Rawtenstall: A. W. Davitt c Macdonald 17, J. H. Woodcock b Macdonald 0, F. Haworth b Pollard 65, G. B. Fenton b Macdonald 1, T. Waller b Pollard 0, Cook b Macdonald 4, J. A. Moore c Proctor b Hargreaves 27, R. Waller b Macdonald 17, H. Smitall b Macdonald 0, S. Taylor b Macdonald 6, J. Ashworth not out 0, extras 10, total 147. Nelson: E. Bradshaw b T. Waller 29, H. Hargreaves c Cook b T. Waller 4, G. Mutch c Cook b Waller 22, Macdonald c and b Cook 9, A. Pollard b T. Waller 2, G. T. Shutt c Cook b Waller 14, J. Mutch c Taylor b Waller 6, A. Windle lbw b Cook 5, J. B. Hartley c Waller b Cook 18, H. Proctor not out 4, T. Lister c Cook b Waller 1, extras 5, total 119.

(POSITIONS TO DATE) Table with columns: P, W, L, D, Pt. Rows: Rawtenstall, East Lancashire, Rishton, Ramsbottom, Bacup, Church, Colne, Nelson, Enfield, Burnley, Haslingden, Lowerhouse, Accrington, Todmorden.

CHEATHAM HILL v. BLACKLEY.—At Cheatham Hill. Table with columns: Player, Runs, Wickets. Total: 148.

CHEATHAM HILL v. SOUTH MANCHESTER.—At Cheatham Hill. Table with columns: Player, Runs, Wickets. Total: 201.

Wednesday LANCASHIRE LEAGUE.

Church had a set-back yesterday in their fight for the championship of the Lancashire League, being defeated by East Lancashire, who thus avenged their reverse of the previous day. The earlier Church batsmen failed badly, five being out for 26, four of them to Norbury for seven runs. The later men played gallantly, and only seven runs divided the teams at the end. Norbury had eight for 36 and Morfee eight for 52. As a result of their victory East Lancashire became runners-up.

The game at Todmorden ended in a tie. The last two Lowerhouse batsmen, A. Smalley (50) and E. Parkinson (15), made a determined stand, and earned a point for their side. Accrington were beaten at home, six of their men failing, to score against Ramsbottom, who won by three wickets. Results:—

CHURCH v. EAST LANCASHIRE.—East Lancashire: R. G. Brandwood c N. Smith b Webster 29, T. K. Stones c Parkinson b Morfee 0, C. A. Millrod c Haworth b Morfee 0, S. Smallley b Morfee 4, J. Carr b Morfee 2, J. Turnbull b Morfee 31, H. Brandwood b Morfee 5, A. Newstead b Morfee 5, J. Birch b Morfee 2, E. Slater c T. A. Smith b Webster 4, Meevor not out 5, extra 15, total 99. Church: R. Savage lbw b Norbury 2, J. Haworth b Norbury 3, R. Waddington b Norbury 0, R. Murray c R. S. Brandwood b Norbury 15, Morfee b Norbury 6, E. Webster c and b Mercer b T. A. Smith not out 56, N. Smith b H. Brandwood 2, A. Edmundson b Norbury 10, J. Yates b Norbury 4, D. Parkinson b Norbury 5, extras 5, total 92.

TODMORDEN v. LOWERHOUSE.—Todmorden: E. J. Shackleton c Spencer b Shutt 1, A. Stephenson b Cook 11, E. Hargreaves b Shutt 5, S. Muller c Purvis b Cook 1, A. Marshall c Shutt b Parkinson 25, C. Hollowell c Smallley b Parkinson 17, H. Hudson retired hurt 1, W. Storah c Capstick b Parkinson 14, W. L. Greenwood not out 10, extra 1, total 122. Lowerhouse: H. Speckert b Storah 6, H. Smith b Sadler 6, B. Capstick c Hargreaves b Sadler 14, Cook b Sadler 7, L. Heap c Stephenson b Sadler 9, H. Towler c Hindle b Sadler 22, H. Purvis c and b Greenwood 0, T. Shutt not out 9, M. J. Walker b Greenwood 0, A. Smalley b Greenwood 50, E. Parkinson b Sadler 13, extras 19, total 122.

ACCRINGTON v. RAMSBOTTOM.—Accrington: J. Ramsbottom b Durr 0, Lewellyn c Iherwood b Crawshaw 59, S. Smith c Hickmott b Durr 0, G. Parker b Hickmott 40, W. Dickinson c and b Hickmott 0, W. Flynn c Iherwood b Hickmott 11, G. Cuddehe b Crawshaw 0, E. Sproule c Waldstein lbw b Crawshaw 10, H. Bentley not out 5, J. Inman b Crawshaw 0, H. Secker c Waldstein lbw b Crawshaw 0, extras 55. Ramsbottom: J. F. Horrocks c and b Lewellyn 0, A. Waldstein lbw c Secker b Smith 11, Hickmott c Finney b Dickinson 41, J. Preston b Smith 0, J. T. Foster c Sproule b Lewellyn 18, E. Durr not out 7, T. Barnes not out 12, extras 5, total (for 7) 102.

COLNE v. ENFIELD.—Colne: E. Brown c Edwards b J. Hargreaves 47, H. Crabtree b Chippendale 15, W. Nutter lbw b J. Hargreaves 0, A. Harrison b J. Hargreaves 15, J. Hardacre b J. Hargreaves 0, H. Seate b J. Hargreaves 0, W. Bennett c Flynn b J. Hargreaves 0, J. Gott b J. Hargreaves 0, Smith c Lockett b J. Hargreaves 19, R. Hartley b J. Hargreaves 20, T. Moorhouse not out 4, extras 20, total 143. Enfield: Duttall b Crabtree 2, S. Edwards c and b Smith 24, C. Crabtree b Smith 4, A. Smith c Moorhouse b Smith 5, G. Hargreaves lbw b Crabtree 7, J. Hargreaves b Smith 20, E. Poynter not out 22, J. Flynn b Smith 0, G. Boardman b Hartley 21, E. Chippendale b Smith 1, W. Lockett b Smith 0, extras 10, total 114.

HOLIDAY CRICKET FIXTURES.

TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY), MISCELLANEOUS.

Table of fixtures for Wednesday, including matches like Sale v. Broughton, Preston v. Leigh, Walsley v. St. Helens Rec., etc.

THURSDAY.

Table of fixtures for Thursday, including matches like Ilkley v. Backley, Poynon v. Bramhall, South M.C. v. Cheetham H., etc.

CHEETHAM v. STAND.—At Cheetham. In their second innings Cheetham made 83 for three wickets and stand 106 for five wickets.

Table showing batting and bowling figures for Cheetham vs Stand, including players like A. H. Hawthorne, T. A. L. Rothwell, etc.

COUNTY CRICKETERS AT ACCRINGTON.

WET DAYS SPOIL PLAY.

For county cricketers to appear on a League ground is, inevitably, to invite comparison between the two styles of play. Lancashire II, who are just now on a tour which has included visits to Northumberland and Durham, staged their meeting with Staffordshire on the Accrington ground on Wednesday and Thursday of this week, and East Lancastrians were given the chance to see, almost from their own doors, a contest for the Minor Counties Championship.

The bad weather was one reason why the attendance was so meagre. Conditions were all against the happy carrying on of cricket, and it was to a dull setting, marred by rain in the morning of both days, that play was carried on. Probably there were not more than four hundred spectators present on Wednesday, though that day, as the half-holiday for business people, is the second best day of the week for an open-air event in this district, and yesterday the number was still smaller, the greater the pity. But one could not believe also that county cricket does not appeal to followers of the game certainly in this part of the country. It is not merely a matter of lack of knowledge of the players. It is not conceivable that the visit of say Hyde Seal and Wigan in a water polo match would arouse such faint interest among swimmers or that Reece and Harverson could play a match game with so small a stirring of curiosity among billiard players.

For one thing, of course, the League system has led to an intenser interest in results. Play is tested at the touchstone of tabular position. Then, a definite result is arrived at in one session. Finally there are not lacking the great ones in cricket taking part in the game.

Wednesday and Thursday were not happy days for the cricketer anywhere, but one was not left with the impression that the standard of play in the minor counties is very noticeably in advance of play in the Lancashire League. It is less streaky than with the League teams, where one really good professional and one or two outstanding amateurs may be carrying a team. There is a greater level of excellence, as must be the case from the choice of many of the best amateurs from the Lancashire League and the Central Lancashire League, which are approximately of equal standing, though the Northern teams may be a little keener. But there were no names to conjure with in this week's games. Staffordshire one supposes, have not met Lancashire for many years, and now came with a team depleted of several of their strong players. Lancashire were best served by Rhodes, of Hasingden, though Rhodes admittedly ranks as one of the best of the amateurs in the League.

To win the toss was largely to win the match. Lancashire, batting first on a wet wicket on Wednesday, were able to establish themselves before a drier pitch began to give the bowlers any help. Rhodes gave a fine, sound exhibition of batsmanship. His 81 had no loose edges to it, but was made by forceful hitting and judgment in placing. The Staffordshire fielding was weak, but he owed no chance to misses in the field. In that he was unlike J. Mridgley, junior, a colleague from the Lancashire League who also did well and who played a la carte until he was in his twenties, when he began to give openings. The third only proved fatal to him.

The Staffordshire innings was played by the Midland men under handicap from a turf that gave up to the bowling of Rhodes and Taylor, and they had a desperate scramble to bring the score to 58.

This meant that, to avoid an innings defeat they were on Thursday faced with the need to make some 160 runs. Squally weather at a crucial time utterly destroyed their lingering chances. Rain fell fairly heavily in the morning, and it was not until nearly half-past two that the sheets could be taken from the pitches and a start made. Then, with the first ball of the day Gibson was bowled by Rhodes. It was an augury. Rhodes the Staffordshire men could not get away and he sent down 24 overs, no mean feat on the day. The batting was cautious, as the need was dire, but Stafford could do nothing against the keenness of the attack, smart fielding, and the handicap of conditions. There was only Johnson who ever became light hearted. He hit out with stoutness and three times sent the ball hurtling away for six, a novelty on the Accrington ground, at least under League auspices. Staffordshire finally collapsed about five o'clock.

Scores:—

Lancashire Second.—First Innings

Lynch b Lockett	15
F. N. Percival run out	0
J. Mridgley, junr. b Lockett	53
A. Rhodes b Lockett	81
Taylor (M. L.) b Morgan	1
Taylor (F.) c Morgan b Heath	9
M. Anscough b Heath	2
T. M. Higson b Lockett	28
Tyldesley (H.) b Lockett	14
L. Hopwood c and b Lockett	0
S. Roscoe not out	1
Extras	33
Total	217

Staffordshire—First Innings

A. A. Bickerton lbw b Taylor (F.)	3
J. Gibson c Tyldesley b Taylor (F.)	0
G. H. Thornycroft b Rhodes	16
K. J. Plant c and b Rhodes	0
J. W. Johnson b Rhodes	0
Sedgwick b Rhodes	8
J. S. Heath b Rhodes	2
N. Lockett st Roscoe b Tyldesley	5
H. Brassington not out	15
B. F. Morgan b Rhodes	9
H. Capewell c T'lor (M. L.) b Rhodes	0
Extras	0
Total	58

Staffordshire.—Second Innings

H. Brassington c Percival b Taylor (F.)	11
J. Gibson b Rhodes	2
G. H. Thornycroft c Tyldesley b Taylor (F.)	14
A. O. Bickerton c Rhodes b T'lor (F.)	4
H. J. Plant b Rhodes	8
J. W. Johnson st Roscoe b Tyldesley	26
H. Sedgwick c Taylor (F.) b Rhodes	8
J. S. Heath st Roscoe b Tyldesley	2
H. Lockett c Taylor (F.) b Tyldesley	17
H. Capewell not out	4
B. F. Morgan b Rhodes	14
Extras	9
Total	119

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lancs. 2nd.	20	2	65	1
Morgan	20	2	65	1
J. S. Heath	15-4	2	54	3
A. Lockett	16	3	40	5
Brassington	8	2	25	0
Staffordshire				
A. Rhodes	24-1	6	47	4
H. Tyldesley	14	4	36	5
F. Taylor	11	1	37	3

Lancs. II. v. Durham.

COUNTY MATCH AT BLACKPOOL.

HOME SIDE'S GOOD WIN.

Efforts were made some years ago to establish a Cricket Festival Week at Blackpool, but in two successive seasons rain fell so persistently that it ruined everything. On Wednesday morning, when the Minor County cricket match between Lancashire II. and Durham was commenced, rain fell until after ten o'clock, but so well did the wicket at Whitegate Park recover that a commencement of the match was only delayed half an hour. At twelve o'clock Durham went out to field; A. C. MacLaren having won the toss and elected to bat. There was only a sparse attendance, the threatening rain and cold wind keeping many away, but with brighter weather in the afternoon there was a greatly improved gate.

Lancashire II. appeared as selected, being as follows: A. C. MacLaren, A. Rhodes, G. Rogerson, Heaton, Bolton League; J. Coulthurst, J. Massey (Littleborough), P. T. Ekersley (Rugby School), W. Farimond (Westhoughton), M. Gill (Millom), Tyldesley (H.), Taylor, and Leach.

Durham had not their strongest side, being represented by the team that was badly beaten by Sheshire earlier in the week.

J. Massey and G. Rogerson opened the Lancashire innings to the bowling of Weight and Spiller, but the wicket was easy, and as the bowling did not appear to present much difficulty to the batsmen they scored somewhat freely, showing a sound defence and sorting out the right balls for punishment. They scored very evenly by excellent batting all round the wicket, and the nature of their play will be gathered from the fact that 40 were scored in the first half hour, Massey meanwhile having survived an appeal for l.b.w. Forty-five was recorded before Milam took the ball from Spiller, yet the half-century was telegraphed at the end of forty minutes' play.

The scoring slowed down somewhat, and by way of a change Weight bowled three successive maiden overs, but Rogerson livened matters up again with a big drive to near the confines of the ground, for which four were run. J. T. Marshall having superseded Weight, Massey turned him to the leg boundary to make the total 60 in just under fifty minutes' play—Rogerson then being 56 and Massey 26, but the latter drew level with his partner when the total was 74. Ninety was passed when H. Brooks went on with slow bowling in place of Marshall, and in his first over Rogerson lifted him well into front of the sight board, but Page missed the catch, and thus enabled Rogerson to get his half-century. The batsmen continued masters of the situation, and after Spiller had resumed bowling instead of Milam, Rogerson (with a single) had the honour of causing the century to be hoisted in an hour and twenty minutes.

At the lunch interval the total was 109—Rogerson 55, Massey 49, extras 5. Several wickets fell quickly after lunch, but "last legs" added 50, and at the close of the day's play Lancashire held a good lead. There was a big attendance in the afternoon. Scores:

LANCASHIRE II.

First Innings.

J. Massey, b Spiller	60
G. Rogerson, b Spiller	75
M. Gill, c Brooks b Spiller	3
P. H. Ekersley, b Spiller	0
A. Rhodes, b Spiller	0
Taylor (M. L.), c Swinhoe b Brooks	15
Tyldesley (H.), c Common b Spiller	0
Leach, st. Common b Brooks	3
W. Farimond, not out	28
A. C. MacLaren, c Kinch b Spiller	7
J. Coulthurst, c Scott-Page b Milam	38
Extras	9

Total 238

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Aver.
W. Spiller	30	6	77	7	11
L. H. Weight	23	12	51	0	—
C. R. Milam	11.2	3	31	1	31
J. T. Marshall	4	0	19	0	—
H. Brooks	14	1	51	2	25.5

DURHAM.

First Innings.

H. Brooks, b Coulthurst	1
P. Blaylock, b Rhodes	12
T. Kinoh, c MacLaren b Tyldesley	45
Weight, c Rogerson b Coulthurst	0
G. Scott-Page, b Coulthurst	10
T. W. Swinhoe, b Tyldesley	8
J. J. Common, lbw. b Tyldesley	0
J. J. Marshall, not out	18
C. R. Milam, b Coulthurst	21
T. D. Miller, b Tyldesley	0
W. Spiller, b Tyldesley	0
Extras	13

Total 129

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Aver.
Coulthurst	21	9	46	4	11.5
A. Rhodes	10	3	35	1	35
Tyldesley (H.)	14.1	5	38	5	7.6
Gill	4	1	7	0	—

Second Innings.

H. Brooks, c Leach b Tyldesley	11
P. Blaylock, c Massey b Rhodes	2
Kinch (T.), b Rhodes	13
Weight, b Rhodes	0
G. Scott-Page, c Ekersley b Coulthurst	48
T. W. Swinhoe, c Gill b Rhodes	2
J. J. Common, c Taylor b Rhodes	23
C. R. Milam, run out	12
J. T. Marshall, c MacLaren b Rhodes	5
T. D. Miller, not out	0
W. Spiller, b Rhodes	0
Extras	15

Total 132

Rhodes took seven wickets for 40 runs, Tyldesley one for 52, and Coulthurst one for 27.

LANCASHIRE II.

Second Innings.

G. Rogerson, b Spiller	17
J. Massey, not out	3
M. Gill, not out	1
Extras	3

Total (for 1 wkt.) ... 24

Lancashire won by nine wickets.

BLACKPOOL STUMPER FOR LANCASHIRE.

J. W. Whewell, the Blackpool wicket-keeper, will be included in the Lancashire side to meet Kent at Dover to-morrow (Saturday), Monday and Tuesday.