

## COUNTY CRICKET PROSPECTS.

### ARRANGEMENTS OF THE LOCAL CLUBS.

### IMPROVEMENTS AT EDGBASTON

There will be no Australian team striding victoriously among us this year, no Test matches to induce us to despair, and there is consequently not the blizzing of expectation in the air that there was on the eve of the cricket season twelve months ago. Nevertheless, the opening of the cricket season of 1922 is being impatiently awaited, and in every town and village in the country the first notes of the pavilion bell calling the players to the wicket and the spectators to their seats will fall on glad ears. Since the end of August, 1920, a great many illusions about the state of English cricket have been shattered. The failure of Douglas's team in the Commonwealth was a corrective to over-confidence, but as a medicine it was mild compared with the drastic doses administered in this country by Armstrong and his compatriots last season. Drastic they were beyond all doubt, but health-giving if properly regarded, and it is their chastening influence which should impart interest and vitality to English first-class cricket in the immediate future. Players and supporters alike can now take stock of the game with a clearer vision; a balance sheet has been presented, the deficiencies exposed, and the way is clear for sound reconstruction, with calmness and without haste. The restoration of English cricket to its former high standard will probably be slow and laborious, but progress in this direction is likely to be hastened by the disrepute into which such ugliness as the two-eyed stance in batting is falling, and the energy with which bed-length bowling and slovenly fielding—two of the biggest blots last season—have been pilloried during the winter months at annual meetings and elsewhere. If these faults can be cured English cricket will rapidly recover its prestige.

There are no Test matches to be played, but as a result of last season's experiences there will be important trial matches between North and South, in addition to the usual Gentlemen v. Players games, and at the end of the season a team will be dispatched to South Africa. With these honours in view there should be a good deal of zest in the county championship tournament, which begins on May 3rd, when Leicestershire meet Notts.

#### A DERBYSHIRE NURSERY.

All the county clubs regard their prospects hopefully, although none can announce confidently the acquisition of a young player of potential All-England rank. There is, however, a very keen search proceeding for young talent, and various expedients are being adopted to discover and encourage it. Derbyshire, among other clubs, have adopted the idea, well-established in Kent and elsewhere, of a nursery. Lancashire have called in as instructor and captain of their second eleven the expert assistance of that past-master of the game, Archie Macdonald, and Warwickshire, taking their own line, are offering special membership terms to youths who wish to have practice facilities. Pending the arrival into the first eleven of the youngsters the majority of county elevens will be constituted very much on last season's lines. Middlesex, the champions, will again be captained by F. T. Mann, and he will have a full force at his command, including Hearne who is now in much improved health. Two other invalids are on the active list again—Hobbs and Mead, and are expected to make early appearances in the ranks of Surrey and Hampshire respectively, and Rhodes, after a winter in India, will again

be one of the stalwarts of Yorkshire. The wearers of the white rose are to be captained by Geoffrey Wilson, who has succeeded D. C. F. Burton. Leicestershire report no important changes in personnel, and will continue under the leadership of Myra Kenyon; and Kent, who have lost the services of Falderwey, will again be led by L. H. W. Troughton.

The Midland county clubs, whose prospects are dealt with in detail in this article, and another to appear later, are all in cheerful mood. Warwickshire, who will continue to have the Hon. F. S. G. Calthorpe as captain, will be strengthened by the regular presence of N. E. Partridge, the old Malvernian and Cambridge bowler and batsman; Worcestershire will have W. H. Taylor as captain, and will occasionally include in their ranks Gilbert Ashton, last year's Cambridge captain; Northants, with V. W. C. Jupp as secretary, have been placed in a sound financial position, though they will miss the backing of Haywood, who has become a school teacher in Scotland; Leicestershire, with Major Fyvie as captain, will be powerful in attack, as Gray and Skelding have ceased league cricket and will play regularly; and Derbyshire, who have a new captain in G. R. Jackson, hope that their nursery will produce useful additions to their resources.

### WARWICKSHIRE'S OUTLOOK.

#### A NEW CLASS OF MEMBERSHIP CREATED.

The first three postal deliveries following the issue of tickets to members of the Warwickshire County Cricket Club brought to the secretary, Mr. R. V. Ryder, subscriptions amounting to £200. Such a prompt response was a happy augury for the coming season, and suggests that the membership, which received a big fillip last season, will be maintained. "There is, indeed, a possibility of an increase because a new class of membership has been created which enables youths of 15 to 18 years of age to join the club and enjoy the privileges of afternoon practice at the club and of witnessing all matches from the position for an annual subscription of fifteen shillings. A sound financial position is very helpful in inducing success in the field, and consequently the knowledge that the club is well supported enables all ranks to take a cheerful view of their playing prospects. Last season, it may be remembered, Warwickshire did fairly well in the opening month of the season and then were afflicted by a series of accidents to the three men who were the mainstays of the attack, and thus crippled they had to fight an uphill battle against heavy odds for the remainder of the season. But as they had a great deal more than their share of bad luck twelve months ago the club feel that fortune will look on them with a more kindly countenance this year, and that victory will more often be their portion.

Churchworth's cheerful expansive smile will be missed at Edgbaston, for he has finished with county cricket, and has gone to impart the secrets of his buoyant style to the naval officers in training at Dartmouth, and business claims will prevent G. W. Stephens from playing. Business may also prevent the absence of G. A. Rotherham, but with these three exceptions there will be little change in the personnel of the team. The Hon. F. S. G. Calthorpe will again captain the side, and amateurs who will support him are N. E. Partridge, who now ranks as a qualified Warwickshire, and whose batting and bowling skill as bowler and batsman should prove valuable. G. A. Fiddian-Green, B. L. Holdstock, B. L. Scores, H. L. Stammers, Rev. E. F. Stephens, Commander O'Han, G. M. Nelson, E. B. Sandall, F. R. Santall, H. G. A. Gault, G. H. J. Kittersmaster, E. F. Howatson, J. H. C. P. Cross, T. W. Darwell, and E. G. Smith. The professionals available are Smith and Santall, who will visit Lancashire with

Howell (A.), Smart (J.), Smart (O.), and Fox, the last-named being a young local left-hand bowler who was on the bowling staff last season. Strength and variety in bowling are obviously lacking, and must remain so until the young men who have been added to the ground staff become qualified; but there is material from which to select a useful team and it, as the captain urged at the annual meeting, the standard of fielding is raised to a more creditable level, this season's record should show improvement on last year's. The players qualifying for Warwickshire, it may be added, are A. J. W. Croom (Berks), right-hand batsman; W. Clarkson (Lancashire), right-hand bowler; C. Duckworth (Warrington), wicket-keeper; G. A. Jennings (Devonshire), slow left-hand bowler; J. W. Martin (Eastbourne), right-hand batsman; and H. A. White (Herts), medium fast bowler. J. Santall will continue to act as coach.

#### THE PROGRAMME.

The season will open on May 12, when Worcestershire visit Edgbaston. Another home match, against Sussex, follows immediately, and subsequently all the other counties except Essex and Glamorganhire, will be met, 28 county championship matches being played, while Cambridge University are opposed at Fenner's in May. An important item in the fixture list is the match with Notts, who have not met Warwickshire since 1894. Actually this will be the first championship match between the counties, for Warwickshire were not admitted to the competition until 1895, and in connection with the latter event it is interesting to note that it was then that Mr. R. V. Ryder took over the secretaryship of the Warwickshire Club—a record of service which is probably unequalled. Fixtures have also been arranged which will afford prospective county players useful match practice. There will be the customary home and away second eleven matches against Derbyshire II, and, in addition, two-day home and away Club and Ground matches against the Notts and Gloucestershire Club and Ground teams respectively, and one-day home and away games with Northants Club and Ground, and away Public School matches, which have been an interesting feature of the last two seasons, will be continued, August 16, 17 and 18 being allotted for this purpose.

During the winter important work has been carried out at the ground, the playing surface having been improved and the accommodation for spectators extended by an enlargement of the banking at the Calthorpe Park end of the ground. Alterations have also been made to the pavilion, and much needed improvements effected in connection with the dressing-room afforded in connection with the dressing-room arrangements for professionals. The new arrangements for rooms adjoining each other for the home and visiting professionals, and these rooms are equipped with baths and all necessary appurtenances.

## WORCESTERSHIRE RECRUITS.

W. H. TAYLOR SUCCEEDS M. F. S. JEWELL AS CAPTAIN.

Worcestershire are one of the few county clubs, perhaps the only one in the first-class list, who have not increased the annual subscription of members. The fee is still one guinea, which is a modest sum in these days. Last season the membership roll contained 1,300 names, and Major C. V. Beresford, the honorary secretary, cherishes a confident hope that all those subscriptions will be renewed. The committee of the Club are certainly showing enterprise which entitles them to liberal support. An attractive fixture list, embracing home and away matches with thirteen counties have been arranged, and the home matches are being distributed over four centres in the county—Worcester, Kidderminster, Dudley, and Stourbridge. Further than that, an important concession has been renewed by the local railway companies who, within a radius of sixty miles, will issue return tickets at the rate of a fare and a third to the Worcestershire town concerned on match days. Another forward step taken since last season has been the improvement of the accommodation for spectators at Worcester. A strong new stand has been erected, and generally the arrangements around the enclosure have been smartened up and re-painted. The ground, of course, is from the playing point of view one of the best in England, and Hunt, who continues to have charge, has got it into excellent condition for the opening of the season.

M. F. S. Jewell, who captained the team in 1920 and 1921, expects to play regularly during the coming season, but he has relinquished the leadership, and will be succeeded in that position by W. H. Taylor, who resumes a role he filled in pre-war cricket. The majority of the men who played last season are available this year, and there are some additions, the most notable being Gilbert Ashton, who was the Cambridge captain last season, and who is now a schoolmaster in the county—at Abberley Hall.

## NEW PLAYERS.

He will only be able to play when scholastic duties permit, but whatever assistance he can give should be of solid value to the team and highly attractive from the spectators' point of view. L. W. Greenwood, who is also engaged at Abberley Hall, is a useful batsman who may be expected to accompany the ex-Cambridge skipper, and other new-comers will be J. McLean, a wicket-keeper and batsman, Dr. Bunting, a batsman, and Corbett, a medium-paced right-hand bowler. It is unfortunate that C. G. W. Robson, the Old Malvernian, who distinguished himself with the bat in the few matches he took part in last season, will not be available, as he is on military duty at Constantinople, and A. N. Jewell, though much improved in health, does not expect to be fit enough to play this season, but there is a numerous band of amateurs upon whose services the club can rely. M. K. Foster and H. A. Gilbert will play regularly, and others who are likely to be seen are H. L. Higgins, A. M. Carr, H. O. Hopkins, Hon. J. Coventry, Rev. R. H. Fowler, V. W. Humpherson, G. B. Pensonby, E. Somers-Smith, W. E. Richardson, G. G. F. Greig, G. H. Seely, and J. W. C. Turner. On the professional side Bowley and Pearson will be the mainstays. Both have been in excellent form at the nets, and look like repeating their successes of last season. Other professionals at the service of the club are Tarbox, who made a promising beginning last season and developed well, Freese, Root, Turner, and Summers. The committee, incidentally, have decided to recognise the services of Ernest Bale, who was familiar as the Worcestershire wicket-keeper in pre-war days, by opening a subscription list on his behalf and giving him the proceeds of a ground collection during the August Bank Holiday match against Essex at Worcester.

A satisfactory feature of the match programme is that the fixture with Yorkshire, which was not in last season's list, has been renewed, and a match with Sussex has also been arranged. Of the home games, Lancashire, Hampshire, Somerset, Gloucester, Nottingham, Essex, Glamorgan, Sussex and Derbyshire, will be met at Worcester, Yorkshire at Dudley, Kent at Kidderminster, and Warwickshire at Stourbridge.

BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE.

ASTON UNITY BEATEN BY SMETHWICK.

Those people who preferred cricket to football—and they were plentiful at Smethwick—had no reason to regret the choice, for the fare at Broomfield was excellent. Aston Unity have not provided many points for Smethwick in the annals of the tournament, so that a victory against them in the first home match of the season should prove a good augury—especially after the Unity's success against Moseley. H. L. Simms was not in the Unity team, but White had been able to take his place, since The Arsenal were safe. Aston Unity made a bad start, two wickets being quickly lost. White could do little more than keep his end up against the capital attack, but Ogden was able to make runs at a fair pace. White left at 44 and Jones at 61. From this point Smethwick claimed a distinct advantage; the ninth wicket fell at 78. In one over Boneham took three wickets; Ogden (who batted well for 7) and Edden were dismissed with successive balls, and then Hedman was stumped. The last wicket partnership of Bell and C. R. Durban was a feature. They played with confidence, and took the score to 120. Boneham and Shipman had bowled unchanged, but the persistence of the last pair brought a double change, and Wheldon had the satisfaction of bowling Bell, who had made a capital 52, just after the veteran captain had sent the new bowler for 6. Smethwick began badly, the two first batsmen going for 4. Then Leslie Neale and Shipman set about the bowling. The pro. was fortunate in being let off at 18 in the long field. At 50 a change was made, and the second ball from Edden had Shipman caught napping, a slow delivery being the snare. He had made 33. R. E. Threlfall made the next 11 runs, and was then caught on the boundary by Ogden, who took the ball in one hand—an effort which retrieved a previous mistake. Proctor made a lively 16, and left at 28. Neale had been playing stylish cricket, and it was unfortunate that when runs put on—he was foolishly run out. R. E. Threlfall and Woodhouse were good for the remainder; in fact, they took the score to 135 before the former was out to the wiles of Edden. With the total at 149 for nine stumps were drawn. The Unity fielding was responsible for Smethwick claiming many runs which smarter work would have avoided. On the other hand, the Smethwick bowlers were well supported.

ASTON UNITY.			SMETHWICK.		
	R.	W.		R.	W.
R. Truesdale c Proctor b Shipman	0	0	O. Dorman b Odell	2	0
W. Oxle c Proctor b Shipman	13	0	W. H. Ellerker c Truesdale b Odell	0	0
S. Ogden b Boneham	37	0	A. J. L. Neale run out	33	0
H. A. White c Threlfall b Boneham	4	0	R. E. Threlfall c Ogden b Bell	11	0
L. T. Jones b Shipman	10	0	W. L. Proctor lbw b Odell	16	0
L. P. Odell c Woodhouse b Shipman	4	0	W. B. Threlfall b Edden	28	0
U. T. Hickman st Threlfall b Boneham	2	0	H. Woodhouse not out	15	0
F. T. Edden b Boneham	0	0	W. Pigott st Holland b Edden	5	0
A. Bell b Wheldon	52	0	C. Wheldon lbw b Edden	2	0
H. J. Holland c Ellerker b Shipman	4	0	A. W. M. Boneham did not bat.		
C. R. Durban not out	14	0			
Extras	4				
Total	120		Total	149	

ASTON UNITY.			SMETHWICK.		
	O.	M.		R.	W.
Shipman	20	2	59	0	3
Boneham	19	2	47	4	4
Ellerker	2	0	3	0	20
Wheldon	12	0	7	1	37

LOW SCORING AT MOSELEY.

WALSALL DISMISS THE HOME SIDE FOR 40 RUNS.

The Reddings has for many seasons been the scene of numerous big run-getting feats, but on Saturday one saw the reverse side of the picture, when in about two and a quarter hours of cricket 20 wickets fell for an aggregate of 123 runs. Of course, the vagaries in the pace of the wicket made the task of the batsmen none too easy, but on the whole the chief cause of the failures was bad batting, as it was seldom that the men were able to time the ball with any degree of accuracy. So much football at the Reddings has rendered the ground none too inviting for a batsman to look at, but experience has proved that the wicket plays much better than its appearance would suggest. What advantage there was in its first use fell to the lot of Moseley, but in less than an hour the whole side were dismissed for 40 runs, on George Stephens being the only man to reach double figures. Both Sedgwick and Roberts kept a good length and were well supported in the field, but their analysis was flattered by the feebleness of the opposition. Walsall found run-getting a difficulty, but relatively speaking they did much better than Moseley, and thanks

mainly to the steady batting of L. Taylor and Beckwick and a bit of spirited hitting by Roberts at the close the total reached 83. Baynton was the most successful Moseley bowler, capturing five wickets for 22 runs, and for the most part he kept a good length. Morter also bowled well, and on the whole the fielding was fairly good, but that the Moseley batting needs stiffening there can be little doubt. Of course, the loss of W. H. Harris and the absence on Saturday of F. G. Stephens and R. I. Soreer robbed the batting of much of its stability. Scores:—

MOSELEY.			WALSALL.		
	R.	W.		R.	W.
L. W. Gwynn b Roberts	5	0	N. P. Hewson b Baynton	7	0
G. E. Tyler c Skidmore b Sedgwick	0	0	L. S. Taylor b Baynton	12	0
G. W. Stephens b Sedgwick	18	0	N. E. Holliday b Baynton	9	0
R. Baynton b Roberts	0	0	Sedgwick b Baynton	11	0
W. Baines b Sedgwick	0	0	G. Skidmore b Morter	1	0
C. A. F. Haslow b Roberts	1	0	H. D. Thacker b Morter	6	0
L. N. White b Sedgwick	0	0	A. Ashwell b Baynton	5	0
A. V. Dunning c and b Roberts	0	0	P. B. Taylor b Morter	1	0
F. W. Morter lbw b Roberts	2	0	P. B. Pearman-Smith not out	5	0
W. J. Beaver b Sedgwick	0	0	S. Eglington b Morter	0	0
T. W. Durnell not out	5	0	F. Roberts b Beaver	14	0
Extras	5				
Total	40		Total	83	

MOSELEY.			WALSALL.		
	O.	M.		R.	W.
Sedgwick	7	1	4	15	5
Roberts	7	1	20	5	5
Sedgwick bowled 2 no-balls.					

ROOT'S BRILLIANT FORM.

WEST BROMWICH DARTMOUTH WELL BEATEN AT DUDLEY.

Dudley, playing at home, secured a decisive victory in a moderate game. Declaring at 171, for the fall of only six wickets, the home side assumed the attack, allowing the visitors just over two hours to get the necessary runs. Their response was only 114 all out. Dudley's performance in both the departments showed an improvement on last season. Root hit up 71 runs, and B. G. Stevens compiled a creditable 27. The latter's work behind the wickets was also an important factor in Dudley's win. Both Root and Wilkinson showed splendid form with the ball, the former securing five wickets for 40 and the latter four for 48. As with Dudley, so with the visitors, the professional did the best work in the two departments, his contribution being 29, and he secured three wickets for 48.

DUDLEY.			DARTMOUTH.		
	R.	W.		R.	W.
Root c Jackson b Spring	71	0	F. D. Perks b Root	19	0
A. O. Lloyd at Field b Mitchell	9	0	J. W. Whitworth b Wilkinson	3	0
F. Adshred c Waterhouse b Cookin	19	0	Spring b Root	29	0
B. G. Stevens c and b Spring	27	0	S. Jackson c Root b Wilkinson	6	0
O. P. Blewitt c and b Spring	27	0	H. E. Mitchell at Stevens	6	0
L. E. Gale not out	18	0	A. Gale	22	0
E. P. Jeavons b Waterhouse	20	0	A. Perry at Stevens	1	0
S. F. Sidaway not out	1	0	F. Wilkinsons	1	0
F. E. Waterhouse and J. W. Wilkinson did not bat.			F. Sparks c Jeavons b Root	15	0
Extras	6		G. W. Field c Stevens b Root	2	0
Total (inc. closed)	171		F. Waterhouse c F. Adshred b Wilkinson	8	0

DUDLEY.			DARTMOUTH.		
	O.	M.		R.	W.
Spring	18	4	48	3	3
Waterhouse	13	3	30	1	1
Mitchell	9	0	32	1	0
Sparks	4	1	7	0	0
Perry	2	0	14	0	0
Cookin	3	1	22	1	0
Langwell	3	3	12	0	0

STOURBRIDGE BATSMEN FAIL.

MITCHELLS AND BUTLERS WIN EASILY AT AMBLECOTE.

In this match at Amblecote, Stourbridge were without the services of two of their best players, T. Allchurch having sprained a shoulder and Threlfall being away from the district. The result of the game was a victory for the visitors by nearly 100 runs. The winners were the first to bat, and ran up a total of 174 in two and a half hours. They started none too strongly, and at the fall of the third wicket the runs numbered 58, the services of J. Williams, J. H. G. Powell, and Wilkinson having been lost. The professional had a "life" with his score 3, A. Tate missing a good chance of catching him close to the wicket, and Wilkinson's total rose to 21 before he was dismissed by a well-taken catch by S. Allchurch. The score rose to 75 for the fourth wicket, and the next two wickets produced only a couple more. A partnership between E. J. Roaker and J. W. Roberts greatly changed matters, however, and when it ended, by Roaker being bowled, the total was 138. Roberts received a nasty knock on the knee early in his

innings, and Williams came out to run for him. W. E. Hatfield did well when he joined Roberts, and proved to be top scorer with 53, which included four 6's. Stourbridge had to contend with good, steady bowling and effective fielding, and were able to get only 78 runs. The score stood stationary at 31 for the first, second, and third wickets, P. Davis, S. Allchurch, and T. Clare having been accounted for by that time. When the fourth wicket fell, with Meunier (the professional) out lbw for a "duck," the total had been raised only two points, and good men had gone. The nice work of R. Williams helped to augment it, and C. Moberley hit out well at the tail end. Williams played very patiently for 10 (not out), and Moberley got a like figure for his spirited strokes, which included two boundaries. Scores and analysis:—

MITCHELLS & BUTLERS.			STOURBRIDGE.		
	R.	W.		R.	W.
J. H. G. Powell c Allchurch b Perry	22	0	T. Clare b Wilkinson	9	0
J. Williams lbw b Meunier	0	0	P. Davis c Wilkinson b Summers	0	0
Wilkinson c Allchurch b Meunier	21	0	S. Allchurch b Summers	32	0
J. F. Steverson	15	0	H. Bryant b Wilkinson	0	0
Meunier	10	0	H. Perry b Wilkinson	0	0
E. J. Richards run out	15	0	R. Williams not out	10	0
P. M. Child b Meunier	1	0	F. Tate c Steverson	1	0
J. W. Roberts b A. Tate	24	0	A. E. Duan lbw b Wilkinson	1	0
E. E. Hatfield b A. Tate	30	0	A. Tate b Wilkinson	1	0
W. E. Hatfield b A. Tate	53	0	C. Moberley c Child	1	0
H. Payne b A. Tate	0	0	Wilkinson	10	0
H. Summers not out	0	0	Extras	7	0
Extras	12		Total	174	
Total	83		Total	78	

MITCHELLS & BUTLERS.			STOURBRIDGE.		
	O.	M.		R.	W.
Meunier	11	1	44	4	4
Moberley	6	1	32	0	0
Perry	3	0	22	0	0
Bryant	8	1	24	0	0
A. Tate	8	0	17	4	0
Davis	5	0	14	0	0
Allchurch	4	1	17	0	0

PLATT'S FINE ATTACK.

KIDDERMINSTER LOSE AT HOME TO THE CHAMPIONS.

Kidderminster lost their home match on Saturday, Old Hill defeating them by 31 runs, after a game in which the batting honours went to the champions. The chief credit of the victory belongs to Platt, however, who bowling unchanged, took six wickets for 40 runs, and maintained an admirable length. Having on the day a good foundation was laid by the factor ing batsmen, T. F. Homer especially playing the steadiness. Greaves was lbw early on after a confident opening. Old Hill's batting, though rarely men took any risks. The edge of the Kidderminster attack (which was shared by W. G. Gethin and Ford) was worn off, and for a wonder the Kidderminster captain failed to take a wicket. Bernard Higgins proved a good change, and none of the batsmen was really comfortable with him. He finished up with five wickets for 51, and took three neat catches; and three wickets for 7 in three overs. The end had though not large, was a fairly good one on the day, and Kidderminster never looked like getting the runs. Platt and Mantle, with a useful relief by Newton, dismissed Kidderminster for 90. Ford again proved his ability as a bat and got top score, while a plucky F. M. Tomlinson when playing nicely, was run out, and after his departure there seemed little probability of Kidderminster getting the runs. The fielding on W. Edwards's score of 13 for Old Hill. He obtained had his revenge by dismissing him with the last ball of the over. Score:—

OLD HILL.			KIDDERMINSTER.		
	R.	W.		R.	W.
T. F. Homer c Ford b Higgins	6	0	G. Tomkinson	6	0
H. Greaves lbw b Ford	19	0	Ford b Newton	6	0
H. W. Homer c Higgs b B. Higgins	15	0	E. B. Higgins b Platt	17	0
Thompson	14	0	A. M. Carr b Platt	7	0
P. O. Yates c end b Higgins	26	0	F. M. Tomkinson run out	5	0
Platt b Higgins	2	0	L. J. Thompson b Mantle	9	0
B. Forrest c Gethin b Brinton	15	0	W. A. Hector c Greaves	8	0
J. Newton c Higgins b B. Danks	1	0	R. L. Brinton b Platt	6	0
N. Danks b Higgins	6	0	W. G. Gethin b Mantle	1	0
W. Lee not out	2	0	A. J. Wilkes c Newton b Platt	4	0
J. Mantle b Brinton	0	0	C. E. O. Pagett not out	11	0
W. Edwards c Brinton b Higgins	13	0			
Extras	8				
Total	121		Total	111	

OLD HILL.			KIDDERMINSTER.		
	O.	M.		R.	W.
Ford	9	2	25	1	1
Gethin	9	3	19	0	0
Higgins	17	4	61	5	5
Thompson	5	1	11	1	1
Brinton	3	1	7	3	3



CLUB AND GROUND MATCH AT EDGBASTON.

A two-days fixture opened at Edgbaston yesterday between Warwickshire and Notts Club and Ground eleven. R. H. T. Turner, the visitors' captain, and Payton, a younger brother of Wilfred Payton, added 84 runs for the sixth wicket in seventy-five minutes. Durnell took five wickets for 50 runs, and Jennings three for 30. C. R. F. Threlfall played a bright innings, his hits including ten 4's. Collins took seven wickets for 43 runs. Scores:—

NOTTINGHAM C & G.—1st Inns.		2nd Innings.	
Flint (A.) b White	25	not out	21
Walker c Croom b Durnell	19	not out	24
L. N. Durand b Durnell	0		
H. Silverberg c Gwyn b D'neil	0		
Lilley c Croom b Durnell	6		
Payton (A.) lbw b Jennings	67		
R. H. T. Turner b Jennings	61		
Smallwood c Jennings b D'neil	7		
Collins b Jennings	11		
Flint (B.) c and b Morter	1		
Kingson not out	0		
Extras	31	Extras	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>Total (no wkt.)</b>	<b>50</b>
WARWICKSHIRE C. & G.—1st Inns.		2nd Innings.	
L. W. Gwyn b Collins	1		
Croom b Collins	9		
R. W. Norton b Kingson	21		
Fox b Collins	1		
C. R. F. Threlfall b Collins	68		
White run out	3		
Martin c Turner b Collins	4		
Jennings c Lilley b Collins	10		
Howell (A.) c Turner b Collins	4		
F. W. Morter not out	5		
T. W. Durnell at Lilley b W.	1		
Flint	7		
Extras	7	Extras	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>—</b>

Umpires: S. Santall and J. Iremonger.

CLUB AND GROUND MATCH AT EDGBASTON.

NOTTINGHAM FORCE COMFORTABLE VICTORY.

By better all-round play, Nottingham Club and Ground achieved a good win over Warwickshire Club and Ground yesterday at Edgbaston by 162 runs. The outstanding feature of the last day's play was the prolific stand by Walker and L. N. Durand, who scored 121 for the second wicket in seventy minutes. Both players gave unaccepted returns after passing the fifty mark, but otherwise their batting was faultless. Walker carried his bat for 118, which included fourteen 4's, while the amateur hit nine 4's. The home side were set the big task of making 305 in the three and half hours remaining, but never shaped like accomplishing it. B. Flint made the ball get up sharply, and both Croom and Jennings were temporarily hurt. The latter together with White made quite a resolute stand, and scored so freely that 80 runs were added in half an hour for the seventh wicket. Morter made a few hard hits, but B. Flint then finished off the innings, taking four wickets for 28 runs, while Smallwood took three wickets for 42 runs. Scores:—

NOTTINGHAM C. & G.—1st Inns.		2nd Innings.	
Flint (A.) b White	23	run out	29
Walker c Croom b Durnell	19	not out	118
L. N. Durand b Durnell	0	b Morter	66
H. Silverberg c Gwyn b D'neil	0	b Morter	8
Lilley c Croom b Durnell	6	not out	43
Payton (A.) lbw b Jennings	67		
R. H. T. Turner b Jennings	61		
Smallwood c Jennings b D'neil	7		
Collins b Jennings	11		
Flint (B.) c and b Morter	1		
Kingson not out	0		
Extras	31	Extras	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>Total (Inns. closed)</b>	<b>273</b>
WARWICKSHIRE C. & G.—1st Inns.		2nd Innings.	
L. W. Gwyn b Collins	1	b Smallwood	13
Croom b Collins	9	c and b B. Flint	14
R. W. Norton b Kingson	21	b W. Flint	26
Fox b Collins	1	c B. Flint b Swood	21
C. R. F. Threlfall b Collins	68	b Smallwood	2
White run out	3	c Kingson b Collins	35
Martin c Turner b Collins	4	c Lilley b Payton	30
Jennings c Lilley b Collins	10	c Gwyn b B. Flint	2
Howell (A.) c Turner b Collins	4	lbw b B. Flint	2
F. W. Morter not out	5	c Lilley b B. Flint	17
T. W. Durnell at Lilley b W.	1		
Flint	7	not out	2
Extras	7	Extras	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>162</b>

Umpires: S. Santall and J. Iremonger.

MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS LEAGUE.

This evening the Education Department will play the Town Clerk's Department at Fox Hollis Road, Hall Green. The Education Department will be represented by:—A. Cookson, M. Buswell, H. B. Newcome, C. C. Green, F. Taylor, G. A. Priest, E. H. Bushell, J. Byrt, H. G. Simpson, S. L. Ison and A. T. Benham; and the Town Clerk's Department by:—W. S. Body, C. Walker, G. W. Hill, P. McKinnon, F. A. R. Roberts, C. Ashton, E. Eyles, T. Danter, E. S. White, A. Everall and J. H. Harris.

WREKIN COLLEGE v. BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY II.  
—Played on the College ground, yesterday, when C. F. Teley, who captained the home eleven, gave an excellent exhibition of batting, and his total of 96 included a 5 and eleven 4s. The College won by 101 runs. Score:—Wrekin College: E. N. Livesey run out b Burslem O. E. O. Moreton ran out b Moss 18, O. G. Stanley b Rowley O. C. F. Teley at b M. O. Davies 96, J. H. G. Jones c Rowley b Moss 6, F. A. Lersbon b Moss O. W. F. Whiston b Moss 18, R. G. W. Scholes lbw b R. O. Davies 2, R. C. Hood b Burslem 1, C. N. Bolton b Burslem 1, R. V. Ashford not out 1, extras 11; total 447. Birmingham University II.: Edd b Livesey 1, G. B. Davies c Bolton b Scholes 3, Walton b Lersbon O. Meredith b Lersbon O. Burslem b Lersbon 6, R. O. Davies b Scholes 21, Rowley b Lersbon O. Barracough run out b Scholes O. Moss c Bolton b Scholes O. Head c Lersbon b Teley 6, Hampton (substitute) not out 2, extras 7; total 48.

**BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE.**

**THE CHAMPIONS ECLIPSED AT WALSALL.**

Sensational cricket was witnessed at Walsall on Saturday when Walsall and Old Hill met in a game which was of exceptional interest by reason of the fact that neither had yet been defeated this season. The League champions were, in fact, playing their thirteenth game (an unlucky number as events turned out) since they were last beaten in a League match, and their previous performances this season suggested that Walsall would find them doughty opponents. The visitors were fortunate in being able to play their full side, but Walsall lacked the services of L. J. Taylor, A. T. Lyons, the old Villa footballer, filling the vacancy. The home team, however, held the upper hand all through, and gained a surprisingly easy victory, largely owing to a wonderful bowling performance by Sedgwick, the Staffordshire bowler, who took eight Old Hill wickets for 20 runs. The feat was all the more meritorious because the conditions favoured run-getting, and the Old Hill bowlers were more or less ineffective when Walsall were batting. Sedgwick has now taken 31 wickets in five League games this season for 113 runs, or less than 4 runs per wicket. Walsall were fortunate in batting first, and they made good use of their advantage. Hewson and Pollock put on 34 for the first wicket, and 10 went up with two wickets down. Taylor, who went in when three were down for 68, gave a sharp chance to the wicket-keeper before he had scored, but Danks failed to accept it, and runs afterwards came freely, the total being taken to 113 when Hewson ran himself out. Taylor and Lyons afterwards put on runs at a good pace. Taylor reached his 50 in sixty-five minutes, and the score was taken to 226 before Lyons was bowled. Taylor then scored more rapidly, and made a hit for 6, but when wanting one to reach his century he was out to a brilliant catch in the long field, Forrest falling as he took the ball, but retaining it in his grasp. Walsall closed their innings with the total 256, leaving Old Hill nearly two hours and a half in which to get the runs. The start which the visitors made hardly indicated the collapse which was to follow, as 20 was on the board before a wicket fell, but Sedgwick dismissed Greaves and H. W. Homer without addition to the total. T. F. Homer and Yates made a praiseworthy attempt to avert further disaster, but had only added 3 runs when Sedgwick got past T. F. Homer's defence. Yates hit the Walsall professional to the off-boundary, but Sedgwick immediately afterwards dismissed him with a ball which broke a bail. The batsmen after this were hopelessly at sea with Sedgwick's deliveries, the Walsall bowler not only bowling at a great pace, but occasionally making the ball get up awkwardly. Forrest was fifth out with the total 30, and Sedgwick took his sixth wicket by clean bowling Platt. The remainder of the innings was little better, than a procession. Sedgwick finishing it off by sending Edwards' off-stump flying. On a pitch which evidently suited him, he had bowled magnificently, and was carried by the crowd shoulder high to the pavilion. The gate was a record for the Walsall ground, and probably for the League, the attendance being over 3,500 and the takings £115.

WALSALL.				OLD HILL.			
O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
N. P. Hewson	run out	43		T. F. Homer	b Sedgwick	9	
C. W. Pollock	b Platt	28		H. Greaves	b Sedgwick	11	
N. C. Holliday	b Mantle	7		H. W. Homer	lbw b Sedgwick	0	
Sedgwick	b Lee	11		P. J. Yates	b Sedgwick	0	0
B. Taylor	b Forrest	6		W. Lee	b Lyons & Taylor	0	0
Platt	—	99		B. Forrest	b Sedgwick	0	0
A. T. Lyons	b Mantle	34		Platt	b Sedgwick	0	0
H. D. Thacker	b Platt	6		J. Mantle	b Sedgwick	0	0
G. Skidmore	b Platt	4		J. Newton	b Taylor	0	0
J. Ashwell	not out	9		P. Danks	not out	1	
P. B. Pearman-Smith	and	4		W. L. Edwards	b Sedgwick	4	
F. Roberts	did not bat.	—		Extras	—	4	
Extras	—	20		Extras	—	4	
Total (inn. closed)	256			Total	—	43	

**CASUALTIES AT CAPE HILL. THE UNITY'S HANDICAP AGAINST MITCHELLS AND BUTLERS.**

The word "casualty" had a dual significance at Cape Hill. The fact that Aston Unity succumbed in quite surprising fashion was but one interpretation. H. L. Simms was injured at Nottingham and L. Jones at Old Hill. The former's disability rendered it necessary for a "sub" to field, and two of the home side fell victims. White, the profes-

sional, was overcome by the heat after he had sent down five overs. This weakened the attack and enabled Mitchells and Butlers to rattle up a good score. Edden (who went in to bowl when White quitted the game) had a large measure of success; at one point he had secured seven wickets for 7 apiece. But there was larly in the field which enabled the batsmen to get over a bad patch and it spoiled his average. As it was Mitchells and Butlers' should not have reached the double century. But even with this recorded there was a mistake which enabled Summers to punish the bowling: he made 41 out of 44, and then with a pull to leg which was going for 6 he had the chagrin to see his half-century thwarted by a very fine one-handed catch by Hickman at the rails. Still he had the satisfaction of going in last and making the best score. The details show how consistent was the batting. The Unity never overcame a bad start. Wilkinson was "no-balled" almost at the outset, and then his third delivery dismissed Ogden. Ogle was injured by a ball from Roberts, and he had to be assisted off the field. Hickman, who took his place, attempted a similar "pull" and was similarly injured. He, too, received the attention of the ambulance man, but had to leave. Holloway and Ogden took the score to 31, when the former left. Odell had but a short life and left at 40. Hickman resumed, but only survived two deliveries and no addition was made to the score. Edden was out from a short-pitched ball from Wilkinson, and half the home had gone for 55. As was the case with the home side, the men from the second team proved the most successful run-getters. N. Pulley played a really fine innings for his 21: he and Holloway had made 40 of the 65 at this point. Pulley proved a victim of F. Payne, the brother of the Cape Hill stumper, who was included for the first time. He secured wickets with the first and last balls of a maiden over. Ogle (who was suffering from his disability) returned the ball to him. He continued to bowl with good judgment, and Bell and Captain Durban were bowled; the off stump being dislodged in three of these four instances. It was a very significant first appearance: four for 7.

MITCHELLS & BUTLERS.				ASTON UNITY.			
O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
J. H. O. Powell	o White	b	9	W. Ogle	o and b Payne	1	
Odell	—	—	17	S. Ogden	b Wilkinson	0	
Wilkinson	o Pulley	b	17	H. L. Hickman	o Wilkinson	1	
J. E. Stevenson	lbw b	35		G. Holloway	o Stevenson	19	
J. Williams	o sub	b	53	F. Roberts	o Odell	11	
E. J. Richards	at Holland	b	39	N. Pulley	b Payne	21	
b Edden	—	—	14	E. T. Keden	b Wilkinson	6	
J. W. Roberts	at Holland	b	14	A. Bell	b Payne	7	
J. W. Edden	o Ogle	b	26	J. H. Holland	not out	5	
W. E. Hatfield	o Ogle	b	26	C. R. Durban	b Payne	0	
P. M. Child	not out	2		White	did not bat.	—	
F. Payne	o Ogle	b	25	Extras	—	3	
H. Payne	o sub	b	25	Total	—	74	
H. Summers	o Hickman	b	49				
Extras	—	1					
Total	—	249					

**KIDDERMINSTER'S COLLAPSE. NORMAN PARTRIDGE'S CENTURY FOR DARTMOUTH.**

That nothing succeeds like success is a true of cricket as of most other things, and it is certainly exemplified in the case of the Dartmouth this season, when they have done better than for many years past. The inclusion in the team of the brothers Partridge has made a great difference, and there is a keenness on the part of all the players that goes a long way towards meriting the success which has been achieved. This was very marked on Saturday, when Kidderminster were the visitors to Sandwell Park, the fielding of the home side being particularly fine. This combined with brilliant bowling by Spring and N. E. Partridge resulted in an extraordinary collapse of the visitors, who were at the wickets for an hour and sixteen minutes, and scored only 50 runs. Only two of their batsmen played with any confidence, and one of these, B. L. Brinton, a public school boy, going in ninth, was "top scorer." Only one run had been scored when G. S. Tomkinson was caught by Jackson off Spring, and at seven Ford was smartly taken by N. E. Partridge off the same bowler. Only 21 runs had been scored when a brilliant catch by Sparke sent back F. M. Tomkinson. Five wickets for 21 was bad indeed, but the next three failed to add to the total, Spring at one time having six wickets for 4 runs in nine overs. A. M. Carr was content to keep his wickets intact, without attempting much in the way of run getting. B. L. Brinton forced the pace a bit, and he 20 was the result of capital cricket. The Dartmouth, with such a score against them, could afford to take risks, and the batsmen hit freely, though they lost three wickets before they passed the Kidderminster total. Norman Partridge followed his fine bowling by a brilliant innings. He scored 99 in

two minutes, and reached 101 in sixty-five minutes, out of 180. His hits included five 6's and fourteen 4's. Perry also hit furiously, sending the ball out of the ground on four occasions. Kidderminster fielded rather listlessly, and a lot of runs were given away by erratic returns and in byes. Scores:—

KIDDERMINSTER.		DARTMOUTH.	
O.	M.	R.	W.
G. S. Tomkinson	o Jackson	b	10
Ford	o G. S. Tomkinson	b	11
N. E. Partridge	o Ford	b	12
O. R. F. Partridge	o G. S. Tomkinson	b	23
Partridge	o G. S. Tomkinson	b	23
A. J. Wilkes	b S. E. Partridge	o	1
F. M. Tomkinson	o	—	101
Sparke	b Spring	o	7
A. M. Carr	not out	—	1
L. J. Thompson	o G. S. Tomkinson	b	1
Partridge	o Spring	b	42
W. G. Ogdin	b Spring	o	9
H. O. Ogdin	o N. E. Partridge	b	4
Partridge	o Spring	b	27
B. L. Brinton	at Smith	b	27
J. R. Kempe	b N. E. Partridge	o	—
Extras	—	—	24
Total	—	—	265

KIDDERMINSTER.		DARTMOUTH.	
O.	M.	R.	W.
Spring	13	15	6
N. Partridge	4	26	4
Partridge	bowled one wide.	—	—

**C. R. F. THRELFALL'S CENTURY. STOURBRIDGE AND SMETHWICK DRAW AT AMBLECOTE.**

There was an excellent pitch and a good gate for the Stourbridge and Smethwick fixture at Amblecote, and Stourbridge, who batted first, gave a fine display of services of P. Davis, he helped H. Bryant had lost the up runs at a good pace. Clarence had a nice 23, and left Bryant to partner C. R. F. Threlfall in a brilliant exhibition of batting. Boundaries were very plentiful, and their performance was very consistent. After Threlfall had lost his partner, he did splendid work in combination with S. Allichurch, and raised his score to 102. It was a finely played century, comprised in just 100 minutes, and earned only two difficult chances at 46 and 95. Allichurch compiled 48, and Bryant had been responsible for 44. The innings was before them, with two hours and twenty minutes to go after the tea interval it was apparent they were out for a draw. A. J. L. Neale was soon given wickets; but W. G. Proctor and W. H. Ellerker set up in the fielding of the home side, however, and Threlfall played a useful 19, and play ended at 152 for

STOURBRIDGE.				SMETHWICK.			
O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
T. Clare	o R. E. Threlfall	b	23	A. J. L. Neale	o F. Tate	b	7
P. Davis	b Boneham	o	44	W. G. Proctor	b T. Allichurch	60	
H. Bryant	b Boneham	o	19	W. H. Ellerker	b Perry	55	
C. R. F. Threlfall	at W.	102		H. R. Threlfall	not out	19	
B. Threlfall	b Boneham	o	48	S. Allichurch	o and b	19	
M. Hunter	b Boneham	o	17	Shipman	not out	3	
S. Allichurch	o and b	48		Extras	—	27	
H. Perry	o W. H. Threlfall	b	17	Total (eight wks.)	—	275	
F. Tate	o Shipman	b	18				
Steward	—	—	12				
T. Allichurch	not out	—	2				
R. Williams	not out	—	2				
A. Tate	did not bat.	—	—				
Extras	—	—	7				
Total	—	—	275				

**MOSELEY IN FORM. A FINE BATTING DISPLAY AT DUDLEY.**

On the Dudley enclosure Moseley gave their best batting display this season, defeating the home side with a surplus of 135 runs for the loss of only seven wickets. Each of the first three visiting batsmen obtained a score exceeding half a century. The first pair, W. Barnes and C. A. Hantlow, were at the wickets for nearly an hour, and the partnership,





CLUB MATCHES.

RUDDY SCHOOL v BRANESBORO COLLEGE, OXFORD.

At Banbury, Rugby School: W. S. Hooper and C. ...

COVENTRY AND NORTH WARWICKSHIRE.

At Warwick, Coventry and North Warwickshire ...

WHITEN COLLEGE v KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL.

At Birmingham, Whiten College: H. ...

STONINGHAM v MOBLEY LASHFIELD.

At Olton, Stoningham: A. Price ...

BROMSGROVE v BARN GREEN.

At Birmingham, Bromsgrove: H. ...

BIDFORD v SMALL HEATH.

At Bidford, Bidford: W. ...

REDDITCH v HEDDER ROAD.

At Redditch, Redditch: P. ...

HALL GREEN v YARLEY.

At Hall Green, Hall Green: P. ...

BOURNVILLE v KING'S HEATH.

At Bournville, Bournville: R. ...

TAMWORTH v TAMWORTH GOLF CLUB.

At Tamworth, Tamworth: A. ...

RUDDY v MARKET HARBOUR.

At Rugby, Ruddy: W. H. Harris ...

SPARKHILL BEAVERBARK v AMON MANOR.

At County Ground, Sparkhill: C. J. ...

COLESHILL v PITCHWICK.

At Colehill, Colleshill: P. King ...

COUGHITON v B.S.A.

At Coughiton, B.S.A.: H. ...

LEAMINGTON v WADHAM COLLEGE.

At Leamington, Wadham College: O. ...

COVENTRY AND NORTH WARWICKSHIRE.

At Coventry, Coventry and North Warwickshire ...

BREDINGTON ST CHADS v FOUR OAKS BROTHERHOOD.

At Bredington, Four Oaks Brotherhood ...

ASTWOOD BANK II v SPARKHILL II.

At Astwood Bank, Sparkhill: A. ...

REDDITCH HOUSE RECREATION CLUB v ARCAHIAN.

At Redditch, Arcahian: A. ...

REDDITCH II v HEDDER ROAD II.

At Redditch, Hedder Road: P. ...

HARBORNE SOMERVILLE II v HALL GREEN II.

At Harborne, Somerville: H. ...

TERRY'S v CRAMBS CROSS.

At Redditch, Terry's: P. ...

SHEFFIELD ATHLETIC II v FIVE WAYS O.C.

At Sheffield, Five Ways: A. ...

EAST GLOUCESTERSHIRE v DEAN CLUB.

At East Gloucestershire, Dean Club ...

'VARSITY GAME AT BOURNBROOK.

BIRMINGHAM WIN AFTER FIRST INNINGS DEBIT.

After a fluctuating game the two-days fixture at Bournbrook on Saturday resulted in a win for Birmingham by 64 runs.

Table with 2 columns: 1st Innings, 2nd Innings. Lists players and runs.

LONDON - 1st Innings.

Table with 2 columns: 1st Innings, 2nd Innings. Lists players and runs.

MALVERN COLLEGE, WOLVERHAMPTON.

Playing good all-round cricket, Malvern College defeated Wolverhampton by 177 runs.

WOLVERHAMPTON II v PENN.

At Talsenham, Wolverhampton II: N. ...

CENTURIES AT EDGBASTON.

DERBYSHIRE II. RUN UP A BIG SCORE.

In this two-days' match which commenced at Edgbaston, Warwickshire II. eleven had a full day in the field. Derbyshire II. gave a uniformly sound display of batting. There was certainly plenty of variety about the home bowling, but generally it lacked sting. Jennings was the only bowler to pacify the batsmen, and he claimed the first six wickets for 80 runs. C. Leach and Pratt, the latter the Gloucester professional, put up a grand first wicket stand, adding 204. Pratt, who might have been caught off a return to Clarkson when 3, hit fifteen 4's. Leach was far more staid, and his only hits were five 4's. Carter gave a virile display, hitting three 6's and nine 4's. Townsend's innings was sound in every respect and included one 5 and twelve 4's. The innings, which lasted five and a half hours, closed hard on time. There were about 1,500 spectators.

DERBYSHIRE II.—1st Innings. 2nd Innings. O. Leach o Clarkson b Jen. 88. Pratt o Howell b Jennings. 130. Carter o Durrell b Jennings. 80. Freeman b Jennings. 8. K. W. G. Dobson st Crook b Jennings. 10. Best b Jennings. 0. Townsend not out. 102. McMillan o Crook b Jennings. 22. Rev. H. H. N. Ellison b Wyatt. 4. Dilnot not out. 6. Holroyd o and b Clarkson. 14. Extras. 14. Total. 288.

STEADY BATTING AT EDGBASTON.

WARWICKSHIRE II. SAVE THE GAME AGAINST DERBYSHIRE II.

Steady batting by Warwickshire second eleven enabled them to make a creditable draw against Derbyshire II. yesterday at Edgbaston. The visitors' big score of 492 left the home side with only one possible course. In their effort to save the game the Warwickshire side acquitted themselves creditably, and the young professional carried off batting honours. Crook had quite a good match. His second innings, however, was even more polished than in the first venture, and included nine 4's. There was a collapse prior to the luncheon, when Warwickshire lost four wickets for 48. Clarkson, a left-hand bat, and Jennings and Howell then lent useful assistance. The first-named played so well that he was sent in again with Crook, and the steady defence of this pair made adraw possible. There was a sporting incident, which the crowd fully appreciated, when Clarkson, who had then made 14, apparently thought he was caught at second slip and departed. The Rev. Ellison, however, recalled him, as the ball had previously touched the ground. K. W. G. Dobson bowled effectively in the first innings, taking five wickets for 48 runs for the visitors.

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**GENTLEMEN OF SHROPSHIRE v. SHROPSHIRE REGIMENT.**

This two-day fixture concluded at Shavington yesterday, the Regiment winning easily. Scores:—

SHROPSHIRE GENTS.—1st Inn.		2nd Innings.	
Col. Mackeson c Bryson b Richards	1	b Bennett	2
H. P. Gordon c Green b Hughes-Hallett	11	c Ikin b Mills	2
F. S. Beauford b Lee	18	c Bright b Mills	6
Capt. A. B. Green b Richards	22	b Mills	6
R. Barber-Starkey b Richards	15	run out	2
Rev. A. T. Foxham b Richards	1	c Hallett b Richards	0
O. H. Plowden b Hallett	2	b Hallett	9
G. Hutchinson c Daight b Hallett	13	b Green	4
Major J. D. Venables c Leslie b Richards	1	b Bennett	2
J. W. Puckle not out	0	c Lee's b Richards	0
W. Deane c Bright b Hallett	0	not out	10
Extras	4	Extras	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>58</b>

  

SHROPSHIRE REG'T.—1st Inn.		2nd Innings.	
J. H. Ikin c Upton	23	.....	.....
Capt. R. L. Green c Starkey	10	.....	.....
W. P. Mill b Plowden	20	.....	.....
H. M. Hughes-Hallett b Upton	4	.....	.....
Capt. E. Bryson c Starkey b Gordon	18	.....	.....
Capt. G. W. Bright c Mackeson b Puckle	14	.....	.....
G. W. L. Leslie b Puckle	20	.....	.....
W. A. Bennett b Beauford	26	.....	.....
W. A. Bennett c Starkey b Plowden	1	.....	.....
T. C. Dodge b Puckle	14	.....	.....
Extras	22	.....	.....
<b>Total</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>.....</b>

**OLD HILL v. STAFFORDSHIRE.**

MODERATE BATTING BY THE COUNTY SIDE.

A holiday crowd of about 2,000 assembled at Hutton Hill yesterday to witness a friendly game between Old Hill, the champions of the Birmingham League, and the Staffordshire County team, from which only three of the regular members were absent. The first innings finished in a scattering fashion. Old Hill possessing a lead of 2 runs. For Old Hill, Platt secured four wickets for 60 runs. Lee three for 30, and Newton two for 31, whilst for Staffordshire Heath had four for 30 and Birmingham four for 37. Staff players who played out time in their second innings found at Old Hill bowling more than they could cope with, and when six runs were down they had only registered 8 for the loss of nine wickets. Platt again had a fine hour in keeping the scoring down, his few wickets costing 28 runs, whilst Mantle had two for 30, and Palmer two for 24. Scores:—

**OLD HILL:** Platt b Heath 18, H. Green c Baggerley b Heath 2, P. O. Yates c Baggerley b Lockett 4, J. H. Mantle c Baggerley b Birmingham 9, C. Palmer c Lockett b Bagderick 7, J. Forrest b Birmingham 11, F. Danks b Heath 14, J. Newton b Heath 18, W. L. Edwards not out 7, extras 25; total 161.

**STAFFORDSHIRE:** A. A. Richardson c Mantle b Lee 41, b Platt 14, G. K. Cooper c Mantle b Platt 1-b Platt 10, E. J. Gibson b Platt 0-b Palmer 22, H. Bagderick c Green b Platt 11-c Lee b Palmer 1, G. A. F. Baggerley c Danks b Lee 11-c Homer b Platt 5, J. S. Heath c Green b Mantle 11-b Platt 8, A. Lockett not out 35, c Palmer b Newton 8, R. Bagderick b Lee 19, M. Wood 2, A. Cook b Newton 10-not out 17, H. Capewell c Lee b Newton 4-c Danks b Mantle 1, L. J. Parkes b Platt 1-not out 2, extras 8-6; totals 149-(nine wickets) 97.

**CASTLETON MOOR CENTRAL LANCASHIRE LEAGUE v. NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE LEAGUE.**

Prominent players took part in this match at Castleton yesterday. Scores:—

**CASTLETON MOOR:** Watson b Price 29, Hutchinson c Price b Dutton 54, Pickup b Price 11, Simpson c Dutton b Ravenscroft 21, Jones b Ravenscroft 46, Haggas b Ravenscroft 30, Bradley c Edwards b Ravenscroft 0, Daniels b Ravenscroft 8, Smith b Ravenscroft 1, Fisher not out 2, extras 22; total (innings declared) 244.

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE LEAGUE:** Biscoe b Simpson 2, C. Edwards c Haggas b Daniels 38, Biscoe b Simpson 0, Pitt b Simpson 1, Stevens c Hutchinson b Pickup 12, Price c Fisher b Pickup 5, Dutton b Watson 8, Ravenscroft b Kershaw 4, Leigh hit wicket b Hutchinson 1, C. Matthews not out 13, W. Matthews b Smith 3, extras 3; total 84.

**CLUB MATCHES.**

**A HEAVY SCORING GAME AT TETTENHALL.**

**WOLVERHAMPTON v. SUTTON COLDFIELD.**—Wolverhampton won their third successive holiday victory by beating Sutton Coldfield after a closely contested game at Tettchenhall. For Sutton Coldfield, Clark had five wickets for 95 runs, and for Wolverhampton, Baylis had five for 74. Scores:—Wolverhampton: E. H. Bennett b Evans 7, W. H. Twigg b Crookford 4, J. J. Moore c Crookford b Clark 0, C. Hosi b Crookford 6, E. W. Page c Windle b Clark 61, W. J. Croft c Russell b Clark 11, E. J. Morrison c Terry b Miller 33, T. L. G. Ward not out 65, S. H. Ravenscroft c Sharp b Clark 3, L. Smith b Clark 10, F. B. Baylis (not out) 19, extras 15; total (nine wickets, Inna. dec.) 302.

**Sutton Coldfield:** F. H. Beardshaw b Moore 17, N. Sharp c Page b Moore 4, C. C. Hindle c and b Baylis 96, J. B. Russell c Page b Croft 27, F. B. Clark c Page b Moore 35, B. Crookford b Moore 16, G. B. Baylis c and b Baylis 1, R. M. Evans b Baylis 11, R. O. Baylis b Baylis 11, A. P. Terry not out 19, C. F. Miller b Baylis 30, extras 18; total 274.

**LEAMINGTON v. NIGHTOWN (CHESHIRE).**—At Leamington. Highdown: H. Marsh ran out 8-b Jacobs 23, R. T. Symonds c Fitzroy b Simms 6-b Simms 0, Davies c Rayner b Ward 38-lbw b Simms 57, W. Lethian c Treadaway b Simms 17-b Simms 21, W. Bakshoff b Simms 17-c Hazels b Ward 17, F. S. Howard not out 30-c Parr b Fitzroy 8, P. Blumer c Rutter b Simms 0-c Fitzroy b Simms 50, S. Arthur c Ward b Simms 0-b Simms 41, C. Wild b Simms 25-c Ward b Fitzroy 0, G. H. Hilland b Jacobs 1-c Hewitt b Simms 4, J. McKenna b Ward 23-not out 0, extras 7-9; totals 146-200. Leamington: M. Rutter c Blumer b

Holland 1-b McKenna 1, G. H. Nelson run out 37-run out 16, K. Rayner b Holland 87-not out 9, J. J. Fitzroy b Holland 20-c Davies b McKenna 1, H. L. Simms c Lethian b McKenna 71-b Holland 13, F. A. Ward not out 0-b Holland 17, Hewitt b Holland 0-c Howard b McKenna 8, A. Farr c Howard b McKenna 24-not out 3, W. T. Treadaway c and b McKenna 24-c McKenna b Davies 13, A. H. Jacobs b Holland 39-c Wild b Holland 0, A. Davies 2-did not bat, extras 18-18; totals 324-116.

**COVENTRY AND NORTH WARWICKSHIRE v. BARWELL.**—The 11th annual match between these teams took place on the former's ground, at Stoke Coventry, yesterday. Barwell: W. Swingle c Farrer b Holders 18, G. W. Wormald 39, R. Geary c Greenway b Holden 18, G. H. Taylor b Greening 28, R. Lord c Greenway b Greening 5, H. J. Arden c Hewitt b Greening 2, G. H. Ward b Greening 19, T. Pearson b Holden 10, H. W. Whitehouse b Greening 0, W. Smith not out 10, H. Wilde b Greening 9, extras 8; total 187.

**Greening:** took six wickets for 61 runs. O. & N.W. J. B. Paul c Swingle b Geary 44, W. Hewitt c Taylor b Geary 0, F. G. Peach not out 77, G. Farrer retired 109, T. Wormald c Pearson b Swingle 3, F. Greenway b Swingle 0, J. Martin b Swingle 1, H. Whitehouse not out did not bat, extras 31; total (for five wickets) 287. Farrer hit 10 boundaries and Peach 14.

**HARBORNE v. ASTON UNITY.**—At Church Avenue, Harborne. G. E. Miles scored his first century for Harborne's first team. Jones played a great century for Aston. Harborne: A. Mackie lbw b Odell 16, E. W. Whitehouse not out 31, R. Burgess lbw b Odell 10, G. Griffin c Odell b Ogle 10, C. Harlow b Odell 14, P. G. Griffiths b Odell 5, W. Norton b Stillwell 4, V. C. Turberville c Odell b Stillwell 13, total 222. Odell took three wickets for 63 runs, and Stillwell 4. Aston: C. R. Durban b E. W. Norton 1, J. H. Holden and lbw Odell b E. W. Norton 17, E. W. Norton 2, G. W. Ogle Holloway c E. W. Norton b David 21, W. Ogle Villa b E. W. Norton 13, L. T. Jones c E. W. Norton b E. W. Norton 17, E. F. Odell b E. W. Norton 2, G. Bailer not out 17, J. Marsden b Harlow 4, extras 12; total 188. E. W. Norton took four wickets for 60 runs, and Harlow three wickets for 14.

**STAFFORD COLDFIELD v. ASHFIELD.**—At Rectory Park, Staff. Coldfield: J. A. Morgan 4, C. C. Windle c E. D. Turner b A. G. Baker 12, A. C. Richards c J. Morgan b A. C. Baker 22, G. A. Baylis b A. C. Baker 6, J. E. Lee 1, A. C. Baker 22, b A. C. Baker 9, E. M. Evans b J. Morgan 0, C. F. Miller not out 0, extras 8; total 109.

**Ashfield:** A. C. Baker took five wickets for 64 runs. Ashfield: A. Price run out 28, H. M. Nicholson b C. F. Miller 13, F. S. Cox b A. C. Baker 2, W. H. Hill c N. Sharpe b F. B. Clark 4, H. Harper c J. Miller b M. Evans 50, A. C. Baker not out 70, R. Turner b M. Evans 0, W. J. Hawes c B. M. Evans 4, J. M. Evans 7, F. D. Turner c Richards b R. M. Evans 4, J. M. Evans 8, J. R. Edge not out 0, extras 5; total (nine wickets) 181.

**KING'S HEATH v. SMALL HEATH.**—At King's Heath. King's Heath: T. R. Poppy retired 63, W. Evans b Hook 13, R. P. Broberg b Eggleston 29, J. Simpkins lbw b Hook 13, G. Ellerker c Hook b Eggleston 4, T. C. Weaver lbw b Hook 25, G. O. Bates c Carston b Eggleston 2, F. Carston c Carston b Hastings 7, J. Aston c Heaven b Hastings 5, L. M. Bowker not out 0, E. A. Whitaker c Everall b W. Eyles 12, extras 2; total 207.

**Small Heath:** A. G. Eggleston lbw b J. Simpkins 8, T. Hastings c Broberg b Simpkins 0, H. Carson c Perkins b Simpkins 1, E. Eyles b Poppy 3, R. Arbuckle c Bowker b Simpkins 2, W. A. Hook c Bowker b Simpkins 1, C. Heaven b Bowker b Simpkins 0, A. Bush at Evans b Broberg 2, W. Heaven not out 13, T. H. Everall c Evans b Broberg 6, W. Eyles b Broberg 0, extra 1; total 37. Simpkins took six wickets for 24 runs.

**MOSELEY v. BIPFORD.**—At The Reddings, Moseley. A. C. K. Rowe b Robbins 11, A. W. Firth c Crawford b W. Smith 60, W. H. Dore lbw b W. Smith 7, E. D. Unett b Rose 36, F. B. Keak lbw b W. Smith 1, J. L. Norfolk b Crawford 0, J. A. Pritchard b Hodgkinson 37, J. L. Jones b Rose 5, F. B. Moller c R. Smith b Ross 11, F. Ouelch c Robbins b Houghton 4, K. O. Kent not out 2, extras 10; total 178. C. Rose took three wickets for 19 runs. Bipford: R. Cebetham not out 50, Crawford b Kent 9, B. Smith c and b Kent 0, Hodgkinson b Moller 4, Robbins b Moller 0, W. Smith c Dore b Kent 0, Holde b Robbins b Moller b Kent 0, Oliver b Kent 3, Rose c Norfolk b Kent 1, Houghton b Moller 5, extras 6; total 209. Kent took seven wickets for 33 runs and Moller three for 39.

**REDDITCH II v. ASTON MANOR.**—At Redditch. Redditch II: S. J. Huins c Foster b Brown 5, R. O. Moran c and b Foster 10, F. Hemming b Smith 30, A. Styler c G. Lines b Bee 31, E. Lee b Foster 5, H. Boat b Smith 26, F. Rendle c G. Lines b Bee 14, A. Cund lbw b Smith 6, O. F. Partridge c Beasley b Brown 11, L. Griffin not out 2, F. Parkes lbw b Beasley 3, extras 4; total 148.

**Aston Manor:** G. Lines b Huins 22, O. Beach lbw b Hemming 18, W. Gumbler b Partridge 35, J. Foster b Hemming 10, O. Lines c Moran b Cund 4, W. Cross b Partridge 13, M. Smith b Hemming 11, A. Bee b Partridge 0, F. Smith (retired) 15, R. Brown not out 4, F. Beasley not out 1, extras 12; total (for nine wickets) 153.

**King's Heath II:** 196 (H. Massey 52, W. Stanley 45, W. Hawthorne 27); Small Heath II: 31 and 124 (Puddifoot 41, Perry Barr II: 128 (Ingram 31, Black 38), Aston Manor II: 101 (P. Jones 37).

**Oxford School, 282 for eight wickets (innings closed); Oxford A.C., 99.**





STAFFORDSHIRE'S SUCCESS.  
AN INNINGS VICTORY OVER SURREY.

Opening their season's programme in connection with the Minor Counties Championship, Staffordshire at Walsall yesterday defeated Surrey II. by an innings and 22 runs. In doing so they improved upon last season's result, as on that occasion Surrey defeated Staffordshire at Stoke. The outstanding feature of the game was the effectiveness of the Staffordshire attack, and particularly of Sedgwick, the Walsall bowler, who accomplished a fine performance in the Surrey first innings by taking eight wickets for 22 runs. Staffordshire had the good fortune to bat first, and they made very fair use of their advantage in this respect, runs being got at a good rate all through the innings. E. H. Bennett, who went in first wicket down, played bright cricket, and had contributed 43 out of 92 for three wickets when he was dismissed by a smart catch in the slips. A fourth wicket fell with the total 99, but H. W. Homer, the Old Hill captain, batted in confident fashion, and he and Sedgwick took the score to 144 before the Walsall player was bowled. Homer, after being bowled by a no-ball, had his wicket thrown down, and left at 156. The Staffordshire captain, J. B. Russell, and J. S. Heath got most of the runs afterwards, and the innings realised 210. When Surrey batted they were soon in difficulties, Sedgwick dismissing Bullock and Gracey with successive balls in his first over, whilst in his second over he clean bowled Cook. Bakiwin and Thornhill made a big effort to retrieve their side's fortunes, and added 35 runs for the fourth wicket, but Bakiwin was then beaten by Sedgwick, who afterwards completely dominated the game, the last six wickets only adding 13 runs. Being 153 in arrears, the visitors followed on. Cook, after contributing 41 out of 71, was smartly stumped by Russell, who got rid of two other batsmen in similar fashion. The visitors, in view of their hopeless position, agreed to play on past the time fixed for drawing stumps, and the game ended shortly before seven o'clock, the visitors being all out for 131.

STAFFORDSHIRE—1st Inns.		2nd Innings.	
N. P. Howson o Watts b	10		
Cesar	6		
A. A. Bickerton o Brown b	6		
Geary	43		
E. H. Bennett o Watts b	43		
Maiden	15		
J. W. Johnson o Cesar b	15		
Maiden	34		
H. W. Homer run out	34		
Sedgwick b Watts b	16		
J. B. Russell o Baldwin b	16		
Watts	17		
J. S. Heath o Ridgwell b	17		
Brown	18		
A. Lockett o Brown o Cesar b	2		
H. Brasington o Ridgwell b	2		
Watts	14		
A. Jolley not out	2		
Extras	33		
Total	210	Total	131
SURREY II.—1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
W. T. Cook b Sedgwick	4	st Russell b Bigton	41
Bullock b Sedgwick	0	b Heath	1
W. Gracey o Russell b Sedgwick	0	b Sedgwick	2
Bakiwin b Sedgwick	17	b Sedgwick	12
H. V. Thornhill b Sedgwick	32	b Brasington	5
Watts o Russell b Sedgwick	0	c Brasington b Jolley	11
W. Cesar o Lockett b Sedgwick	0	st Russell b Eaton	10
Ridgwell b Heath	3	b Lockett	22
Brown not out	0	b Jolley	0
Geary o Brasington b Sedgwick	0	st Russell b Lockett	17
Wick b Heath	0	not out	0
Maiden	1	Extras	10
Extras	1	Total	131
Total	87	Total	131

STAFFORDSHIRE—1st Innings.				2nd Innings.			
O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Cesar	15	0	51	2			
Geary	9	2	23	1			
Watts	18.2	4	45	3			
Maiden	15	4	40	2			
Baldwin	9	1	11	0			
Brown	4	1	7	1			
SURREY II.—1st Innings.				2nd Innings.			
Sedgwick	22	0	22	8	6	1	18
Heath	8	0	34	2	5	0	28
Brasington					5	0	20
Jolley					7	1	32
Lockett					2.2	0	23







BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE.

SMETHWICK'S GOOD FIGHT AGAINST DARTMOUTH.

At one time it looked as though Dartmouth would find Smethwick the easiest of victims. As things turned out, however, they had to fight hard for success. This was largely because of a missed catch. They had two of their opponents—W. S. Proctor and A. J. L. Neale, two of Smethwick's most useful bats—out for 5 runs, and then Shipman was missed by Holmes in the long field from his first stroke. The mistake proved expensive, for Shipman and W. H. Ellerker added 57 runs before Shipman fell a victim to Partridge. He had made 33 in twenty-four minutes. Ellerker went back soon after, the third man Spring had bowled. Rain caused a short postponement of the game, and on resuming Smethwick fared even worse than before the next three wickets adding only 11 runs. W. B. Threlfall and H. W. Woodhouse, however, made a valuable stand. Both batted confidently at a crucial period, and from seven wickets for 74 the score was taken to 141 before Threlfall was caught by Deeley for a well-hit 50. Woodhouse did not stay long after, but his 26 represented one of his best efforts for his club. The innings closed for 152, a total far bigger than at one time seemed likely. F. D. Perks and N. E. Partridge opened the Dartmouth innings. The latter was bowled by Boneham at 27, and Perks was caught by the captain of the same bowler three runs later. Spring and S. Jackson then made a valuable stand, taking the score to 106 before Jackson was dismissed, Spring following two runs later. Spring's 45 included six 4's. W. J. Evans made a useful and timely contribution, and the visitors' total was passed with only six wickets down. The subsequent batsmen, Perry in particular, indulged in some vigorous hitting, and then, with the total at 233 for eight wickets, the innings was closed. Scores:

Table with columns for batsmen (SMETHWICK, DARTMOUTH) and bowlers (SMETHWICK, DARTMOUTH) with runs, wickets, and extras.

KIDDERMINSTER GIVE WALSALL A FRIGHT.

A GAME OF REMARKABLE FLUCTUATIONS.

There was a game of remarkable fluctuations at Walsall, and at one period there was a prospect that Kidderminster, at present at the bottom of the League table, would snatch a surprise victory. Kidderminster had the advantage of first innings—the Walsall captain had won the toss but twice this season—and, in view of the low scores put up by most visiting teams at Gorweg this season, a total of 26 was quite respectable. Kidderminster were indebted largely to A. M. Carr, who was top scorer with 27. His display was characterized by sound defence rather than any disposition to hustle. Wilkes showed enterprise, and assisted in putting on 26 for the fifth wicket. Carr, after luckily escaping being run out by Richardson were at the same end when the ball was fielded—was sixth out with the total 72. The tail end did little, though Richardson, who was last out, made one or two good strokes. Sedgwick claimed six wickets for 39 runs, but Churm, who had four for 40, bowled better than indicated by his figures. Walsall appeared to have an easy task, and they started in capital style, Pollock and Hewson putting on 24 before the former was caught in the slips. Then a series of disasters befel the home side. Richardson and Ford—particularly the latter—for a time carrying all before them. Most of the batsmen were quite unable to time Richardson's fast bowling, and he captured four wickets in quick succession. To make matters worse for Walsall, Lyons, who had shaped well, was struck on the hand by a ball from the fast bowler, and was compelled to give up his innings. With six men out and one retired up his innings, the innings was closed for 152, a total far bigger than at one time seemed likely.

hurt, the home team's score was only 36. But Pearman-Smith and Ashwell showed grit, and kept their ends up resolutely. After Ashwell had made 16 he was let off at point, but neither batsman made any other mistake, and there was keen excitement as the score mounted steadily. The winning hit was made before a separation was effected, and at the finish the total had been taken to 145. Scores:

Table with columns for batsmen (KIDDERMINSTER, WALSALL) and bowlers (KIDDERMINSTER, WALSALL) with runs, wickets, and extras.

OLD HILL'S SUCCESS AT ASTON.

SOUND BATTING BY H. W. HOMER.

Old Hill drew a big crowd of spectators to Trinity Road and easily secured the honours of the match. With the exception of Edwards, their captain, they were at full strength. The Unity were without E. F. Odell, but otherwise had a fairly representative eleven. The home captain, C. R. Durban, changed the order of going in. E. T. Edden (generally fourth or fifth man) and S. Ogden faced the bowling of Mantle and Platt, and Edden was clean bowled by the professional at 6. White, who succeeded, only survived a few overs, and two wickets were down for 24. Ogden was then partnered by F. Greenway, and the pair outplayed the game. At 39 Mantle was relieved by Parkes. Greenway had compiled a useful 16 before he was beaten by Platt. W. Ogle was snapped behind the wickets without scoring, and, with H. L. Simms's dismissal for a single boundary hit, half the team were out for 74. L. T. Jones then "went for" the bowling, but he drove Parkes high into the long field, and Lee brought off a magnificent catch. Ogden played a capital innings of 40, which included five 4's. The last three wickets added only 3 runs. The outstanding feature of Old Hill's innings was the batting of H. W. Homer. He dealt with all the bowling with consummate ease, and reached his half-century in an hour and twenty minutes. He was well on his way for his hundred when he was given out leg before. The match was won with five wickets in hand, but play was continued for another three-quarters of an hour, and stumps were drawn at 191 for eight, compiled in two hours and ten minutes. The folding of the Unity was loose, the only redeeming features being catches by Simms and White. Scores:

Table with columns for batsmen (ASTON UNITY, OLD HILL) and bowlers (ASTON UNITY, OLD HILL) with runs, wickets, and extras.

WHY DUDLEY LOST.

BAD BLUNDERS IN THE FIELD.

The Cape Hill team repeated their achievement earlier in the season, and are credited with all the points from their engagements with Dudley. Though the game on Saturday was not productive of so exciting a finish as the previous encounter—when Dudley lost three men in the last ten minutes—there were some thrills. The hurricane hitting of "Wally" Platfield was cheered alike by the spectators and his old clubmates. He went in when 44 runs were required, and in about ten minutes these had been made. His 47 runs were made in this way: one 6, seven 4's, a

and a single. Hatfield's hitting followed the patient plodding batting of Wilkinson, the Cape Hill professional, who set out to retrieve the bad start which had been made—two wickets had fallen for 9 and three had gone for 26. That Dudley lost was much their own fault. They batted with consistency, and a total of 146 was good on such a wicket and against such varied bowling. Twice the players had to make tracks for shelter. Root obtained 16 of the first 17 runs. Somers-Smith hit a 6 and three 4's in his 21, and Stevens hit two 6's, four 4's and a 3. Lloyd had been content to watch these meteoric displays and to play cautiously for his 19. Adshard and Gale gave plenty of trouble, the latter being top-scorer of his side with 32. The Cape Hill team began badly. Their troubles did not end with the dismissal of the first two batsmen for 9. But fortune favoured them, for Root missed an easy chance in the slips from Wilkinson off Nadin. Richards over-balanced and was stumped by Pittaway at 26. Child played free cricket and caught up the score of the professional. At 20 Root let him off, and at 21 Stevens missed him again. This sealed the doom of Dudley, who scarcely deserved to win after three such lapses. When within 7 of his half-century Wilkinson was caught by Gale. Then Child's completion of his 50, gave a zest to the closing stage of the game. Scores:

Table with columns for batsmen (DUDLEY, MITCHELLS & BUTLERS) and bowlers (DUDLEY, MITCHELLS & BUTLERS) with runs, wickets, and extras.

STOURBRIDGE.

F. TATE UNABLE TO BAT OWING TO INJURY.

For their game with Stourbridge at Amblecote Moseley were strongly represented, the side including the brothers Stephens, F. W. Morter, and R. B. Blynton. Scorer, however, was an absentee. Stourbridge were without the services of J. P. Davis, who is assisting his county, and H. Bryant, the vacancies being filled by R. Williams and G. E. Hallam. Batting first, Moseley, who opened with Baines and Hatfield, made an excellent start. 64 runs being scored when Baines was taken at mid-off by Williams. Baines, who had contributed 36 of the total, gave a sharp chance in the slips to A. Tate when he made 19. Three more wickets fell for the addition of 18 runs. G. W. Stephens and L. C. Tallis then hit vigorously. Huggison, in his eighth over, secured three wickets with four balls, dismissing G. W. Stephens, Tallis, and Tyler. A useful eighth wicket stand by Butterworth and Parry produced 32, and the innings eventually totalled 174 runs. Stourbridge were left with over two hours to bat, but the start was disastrous, Morter dismissing Clare, S. Allchurch, and Threlfall all for an abject 8, and, apart from a fifth wicket test stand of 24 by Perry and Meunier, the remaining batsmen failed to accomplish anything substantial. Unfortunately for Stourbridge, F. Tate was unable to bat through an injury sustained at the commencement of the game. Scores and analysis:

Table with columns for batsmen (MOSELEY, STOURBRIDGE) and bowlers (MOSELEY, STOURBRIDGE) with runs, wickets, and extras.



WARWICKSHIRE CLUB AND GROUND  
v. GLOUCESTER CLUB AND GROUND.

At Gloucester. Warwickshire Club and Ground won by ten wickets.

WARWICKSHIRE—1st Inns.	2nd Innings.
Croom b Ball .....	13 .....
Wart a b Beadall .....	32 .....
R. K. S. Wyatt hit wkt b	
Stacombe .....	40 .....
Smart (J.) b Hennessy .....	18 .....
W. B. Threlfall b Goddard ..	25 .....
White b Hammond .....	11 .....
P. H. F. Threlfall b Hammond	18 .....
Jennings b Hammond .....	34 .....
J. S. Hulburd b Hammond ..	0 .....
Clarkson & Disney b Ham-	
mond .....	1 not out .....
Duckworth not out .....	1 not out .....
Extras .....	7 .....
Total .....	214 .....

GLOUCESTER—1st Inns.	2nd Innings.
Rev. J. Stacombe b Clarkson	4 c Jennings b M. Gurd
G. P. Hollingworth c Marne	
b White .....	31 b Wyatt .....
J. C. Beadall c Smart b Clark-	
son .....	0 b Jennings .....
W. R. Hammond lbw b	
Hulburd .....	18 b Clarkson .....
D. H. Greenway lbw b Smart	11 run out .....
C. H. Disney b Smart .....	2 c Hulburd b Wyatt
K. T. Horne not out .....	7 b Clarkson .....
W. Goddard b Smart .....	0 c Clarkson b Wyatt
Y. J. Hennessy lbw b Smart ..	0 b Jennings .....
S. P. Ball c Duckworth b	
Clarkson .....	6 b Hulburd .....
R. G. Neale b Smart .....	1 not out .....
Extras .....	10 .....
Total .....	90 .....

Hammond took six wickets for 25 runs in Warwickshire's first innings. Smart took five wickets for 11, and Clarkson three for 18 in Gloucester's first innings; Wyatt three for 23 in the second.

MINOR COUNTIES COMPETITION.

CHESHIRE v. STAFFORDSHIRE.

Rain interfered with this match at Macclesfield yesterday and no play was possible after luncheon. The position at five o'clock, when it was decided to abandon play for the day, was that Cheshire, on a dead wicket, had lost five wickets for 54 runs. An early start will be made this morning if possible.

Scores:—

CHESHIRE—1st Innings.	2nd Innings.
H. W. Hodgson c Hain b	
Sedgwick .....	9 .....
W. E. Jones b Morgan .....	0 .....
J. P. Hodgson lbw b Sedgwick	0 .....
L. N. Jones c Lockett b	
Morgan .....	2 .....
V. Hope not out .....	27 .....
P. L. V. Astle c Lockett b	
Sedgwick .....	1 .....
J. R. Beeley not out .....	1 .....
Extras .....	14 .....
Total (five wks.) .....	54 .....

MAGNET (G.E.C.) v. R. I. SCORER'S XI.—At Erdington. R. I. Scorer's XI: R. G. Baynton b Fletcher 5, F. H. Santall c Widdowson b Le Bon 21, G. Tyler c Fletcher b Maskery 50, R. I. Scorer not out 22, Tallis not out 16, J. W. Morter c and b Maskery 19 (Partners: Hill, Turner, Cross, and Butterworth did not bat), extras 2; total (four wickets) 134. Magnet: C. Barnes b Baynton 1, W. Richardson c Cross b Morter 4, J. Fenton c Cross b Baynton 2, B. Widdowson lbw b Turner 8, L. Le Bon c Cross b Baynton 0, 8, Maskery c Scorer b Morter 34, B. Terwin b Scorer 9, W. Widdowson b Santall 0, R. Baron b Baynton 8, C. Furness not out 0, E. Fletcher b Morter 3, extra 1; total 70.

**A LATE START AT DERBY.**

Play being impossible on Monday, a late start was made yesterday afternoon at Derby, between the County Second XI, and Warwickshire Second. Derbyshire played Bennett for R. Bestwick, and it was not till the third attempt that a pitch was found on which play was possible. Winning the toss, Derbyshire were all dismissed for 20, and with the visitors' score 42 for two, a thunderstorm stopped play.

WARWICKSHIRE II.—1st Innings	2nd Innings
Bennett b Conyon 14	.....
Bestwick b Conyon 21	.....
Clarke b Conyon 0	.....
Clarke b Conyon 15	.....
Clarke b Conyon 20	.....
Clarke b Conyon 7	.....
Clarke b Conyon 3	.....
Clarke b Conyon 0	.....
Clarke b Conyon 3	.....
Clarke b Conyon 0	.....
Clarke b Conyon 0	.....
Clarke b Conyon 0	.....
Clarke b Conyon 2	Extras
Total	82
WARWICKSHIRE II.—1st Innings	2nd Innings
Bennett b Lowson 14	.....
Bennett b Lowson 4	.....
Bennett b Lowson 4	.....
Bennett b Lowson 4	Extras
Total (two bats)	48

R. Bestwick, Clarke, B. W. Qualfe, E. R. Threlfall, R. W. Qualfe, Duckworth, and Grayland did not bat.

MINOR COUNTIES.

No play was possible in the Minor Counties' fixture between Staffordshire and Kent Second XI, on Porthill Park ground until after lunch yesterday. Heavy rain had soaked the pitch and the wicket was very dead when Kent opened their innings. The visitors completed an innings and Staffordshire lost three wickets when rain put an end to the game. Morgan took seven wickets for 68 runs.

KENT II.—1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
C. K. Douglas o Bickerton b	39		
Lockett	61		
R. J. Taylor b Morgan	29		
P. E. W. Coope b Morgan	29		
H. L. Hollis o Sedgwick b	2		
Morgan	2		
C. H. Knott o Capwell b	4		
Sedgwick	4		
Hears b Morgan	2		
Harris b Morgan	5		
Haywood b Sedgwick	3		
Porey o Lockett b Morgan	1		
Haver not out	20		
Wright o Capwell b Morgan	19		
Extras	13	Extras	
Total	198	Total	
STAFFORDSHIRE.—1st Inns.		2nd Innings.	
H. P. Newson b Douglas	1		
A. A. Bickerton b Wright	10		
W. H. Fitchford not out	19		
E. H. Bourne o Haver b	4		
Douglas	4		
H. W. Hornor not out	26		
Extras	6	Extras	
Total (three wickets)	68	Total	

CROOM'S CENTURY AT NOTTINGHAM.

WARWICKSHIRE II. CLOSE WITH THE ADVANTAGE.

After a blank day on Wednesday there was a full day's play at Trent Bridge yesterday, and Warwickshire quite carried off the honours, Howell (A.) bowling with great success to take five wickets for 37, while Croom played a great innings for the visitors, who easily exceeded the Notts total.

NOTTS.—1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Lilley o White b Howell.....	2	.....	.....
J. F. Bishop o and b Howell.....	39	.....	.....
Collins o Croom b Clarkson.....	8	.....	.....
Payton (A.) o Millerker b Clarkson.....	69	.....	.....
L. Kirk b Clarkson.....	3	.....	.....
Iremonger (Albert) o Duckworth b Howell.....	27	.....	.....
G. Farr b Howell.....	0	.....	.....
Crawford not out.....	5	.....	.....
A. Hardwick b Howell.....	1	.....	.....
Marshall b Clarkson.....	2	.....	.....
Gillet o Howell b Clarkson.....	0	.....	.....
Leg-bye.....	1	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	157	Total.....	.....
WARWICKSHIRE.—1st Inn.		2nd Innings.	
Croom not out.....	101	.....	.....
Martin st Lilley b Elliott.....	2	.....	.....
H. Millerker o Payton b Elliott.....	14	.....	.....
Fee o Kirk b Collins.....	36	.....	.....
R. K. S. Whyte o Farr b Payton.....	27	.....	.....
Quiffe (B. W.) o Hardwick b Payton.....	1	.....	.....
Byss o b b s a-b s.....	7	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....
Total (five wks.).....	188	Total.....	.....

G. R. F. Threlkeld, Jennings, Clarkson, Duckworth, and Howell did not bat.

WICKETS AT STOKE.

CHESHIRE'S FIRST-INNINGS POINTS AGAINST STAFFORDSHIRE.

Substantial progress was made with this match at the Old County Ground, Stoke-on-Trent, yesterday. No play was possible on the first day, and yesterday, on a drying and difficult wicket, the bowlers held sway. Owing principally to the effective bowling of Morgan, who took seven wickets for 39 runs, Cheshire were all out for 89. Staffordshire, however, fared even worse, and were dismissed for 69 only. H. Bennett was the only batsman to show anything like a resistance to the deadly bowling of Dean, who took seven wickets for 35 runs. Going in a second time, Cheshire had lost eight wickets for 67 runs at the drawing of stumps. Morgan again bowled well, taking eleven wickets in the match at a total cost of 58 runs. The result is a victory for Cheshire on the first innings.

CHESHIRE.—1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
V. Hope b Morgan	18	c Heath b Morgan	3
D. Bomphrey c and b Morgan	13	b Lockett	34
H. H. Parry o Russell b Morgan	11	b Morgan	3
L. N. Jones b Morgan	0	b Morgan	1
T. B. Woodcock b Sedgwick	0	b Morgan	4
Cook (J.) b Morgan	5	b Heath	1
P. L. V. Astle lbw b Morgan	4	b Lockett	1
J. M. Beeley o Heath b Lockett	0	not out	9
Clifton (J.) b Morgan	29	b Heath	0
Dean (H.) c Russell b Lockett	5	not out	3
J. H. Clarke not out	1		
Extras	3	Extras	8
Total	89	Total (eight wickets)	67
STAFFORDSHIRE.—1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
E. H. Bennett b Dean	28		
A. A. Bickerton b Cook	0		
W. H. Bourne st Clarke b Dean	9		
W. H. Fitzhugh b Cook	2		
Ankers o Astle b Dean	13		
Sedgwick o Jones b Dean	1		
W. S. Heath b Hope b Dean	1		
J. S. Heath b Cook	4		
J. H. Russell not out	3		
A. Lockett o Hope b Dean	1		
Morgan (B. P.) c Jones b Dean	0		
Extras	7	Extras	
Total	69	Total	

Morgan took seven wickets in Cheshire's first venture for 39 runs. In Staffordshire's first innings Dean secured seven wickets for 35, and Cook three for 27.

PLATT'S BENEFIT.

SURREY COUNTY ELEVEN VISIT OLD HILL

The visit of a Surrey eleven to Old Hill yesterday to play the Black Country club for the benefit of George Platt attracted a gate of nearly 10,000 people. The home side batted first, and Lee and Parkes made a good stand for the fourth wicket. Parkes scored his 50 in as many minutes, and from one of Harrison's overs he treated himself to 16—two 6's and one 4. Altogether his 73, registered in 65 minutes, included three 6's and eleven 4's. Lee batted judiciously for his 46, scored in two hours. With the total at 195 for seven wickets the innings was closed. Hobbs and Sandham, who opened Surrey's innings, sent up the 50 after 32 minutes play, but with the total at 77 Hobbs was cleverly caught just inside the boundary by Greaves. His 45, compiled in 41 minutes, included five 4's and two 6's. Sandham reached his individual 50 in 57 minutes, but he was smartly taken behind the wicket after having been batting 66 minutes for his 65 runs, included in which were ten 4's and one 6. Ducat completed his half-century in 31 minutes. He did not score many more, however, for Lee accepted a catch from him. His score of 59 included seven 4's and three 6's. Kempton, Peach, and Harrison subsequently all fell victims to Platt, and the innings eventually realised 252 for seven wickets. Platt took five wickets for 79 runs.

Old Hill.		Surrey.	
T. F. Homer run out	8	Hobbs o Greaves b Parkes	45
Platt b Thompson	29	Sandham o Danks b Platt	69
R. W. Homer b Thompson	2	Ducat c Lee b Platt	59
W. Lee st Strudwick b Ducat	46	Kempton st Danks b Platt	7
H. A. Parkes o Thompson	73	Peach b Platt	9
b Peach	0	Abel o Forrest b Parkes	22
P. O. Yates b Kempton	0	Harrison o Lee b Platt	18
P. E. Danks lbw b Kemp-	1	Strudwick absent	—
ton	1	Thompson absent	—
H. Greaves not out	11	Palmer not out	12
B. Forrest not out	13	Adams not out	7
J. H. Mantle and			
W. L. Edwards did not bat			
Extras	12	Extras	8
Total (inn. closed) 195		Total (seven wickets) 252	

BROMSGROVE v. BIDFORD-ON-AVON.—At Bromsgrove. Bromsgrove: H. Walker c and b Crane O. G. W. B. Conan Davies b Crane 19, R. G. Wilson b B. Smith O. H. Jefferson st Summers b B. Smith 1, E. Pearman c and b B. Smith 6, E. Rollinson c Smithen b B. Smith O. H. Bryant b Summers 45, C. A. Genton b Crane O. H. Gullonay b B. Smith 2, A. Genton c Robotham b W. Smith 9, E. Perkins not out 3, extras 1; total 87. Bidford-on-Avon: A. W. Robotham b Pearman 2, Summers c C. A. Genton b Rollinson 39, H. Smithen b Rollinson 13, H. Crane run out 5, H. Summers b Pearman O. H. Longford b Pearman O. B. Smith b Rollinson 5, G. Hodgkinson c C. A. Genton b Pearman 6, W. Smith lbw b Pearman 1, W. Lowe b Pearman 7, A. Oliver not out 5, extras 12; total 88.



BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE

A. BOWLERS' DAY AT THE REDDINGS.

On a wicket that throughout the afternoon afforded them some assistance, the bowlers held the upper hand in the game at Moseley, where twenty wickets fell for an aggregate of 214 runs.

Table with columns for batsmen and bowlers, including names like G. S. Tomkinson, Morter, and scores for various matches.

VITAL MATCH AT WEST BROMWICH.

DARTMOUTH FAIL TO WIN THEIR MATCH WITH WALSHALL.

The most important match in the Birmingham League on Saturday was that between West Bromwich Dartmouth and Walsall, at Sandwell Park.

his side, and he was warmly cheered on retiring.

Table showing bowling statistics for Dartmouth and Walsall, including names like F. D. Perks, W. J. Evans, and scores.

Table showing batting statistics for Dartmouth and Walsall, including names like Sedgwick, Churm, and scores.

OLD RIVALS AT BROOMFIELD.

SMETHWICK'S UNEVEN BATTING AGAINST MITCHELLS.

This match attracted a big crowd to Broomfield. Smethwick's early batsmen, some of whom, at least, can generally be relied upon to give a good account of themselves, failed badly before Wilkinson.

Table showing batting and bowling statistics for Smethwick and Mitchells & Butlers.

POSITIONS TO DATE

Table showing league positions for various teams like Walsall, West Bromwich Dartmouth, Old Hill, Dudley, Moseley, Stourbridge, Smethwick, and Aston Unity.

OLD HILL DEFEATED.

FINE BOWLING PERFORMANCES BY THE PROFESSIONALS.

The last first division match of the season at Dudley resulted in an easy victory for the home team, at the expense of Old Hill. An outstanding feature of the game was the excellent bowling of both the professionals, Platt having nine wickets for 25 runs to his credit, and Root securing a considerably better average with seven for 17.

Table showing batting and bowling statistics for Dudley and Old Hill.

MEUNIER'S BENEFIT.

E. F. ODELL'S ATTRACTIVE INNINGS AT STOURBRIDGE.

There were but a few hundred spectators present at Amblecote, when Stourbridge entertained Aston Unity on the occasion of the benefit match for Meunier, the home professional.

Table showing batting and bowling statistics for Stourbridge and Aston Unity.



BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE.

CHAMPIONSHIP SECURED BY WALSALL.

SEDGWICK SETS UP A NEW LEAGUE BOWLING RECORD.

Walsall secured the championship of the League by defeating Stourbridge in the last match of the season on the Gorway ground. It is the third time they have gained the honour outright, the last occasion having been in 1912, when they went through the season undefeated. In addition, they once held the championship jointly with Aston Unity. Prior to Saturday's game, there was a possibility of a division of honours being the result of this season's competition, as either Mitchells and Butlers or West Bromwich Dartmouth had a chance of drawing level with Walsall, who, however, with only a single defeat against them, could claim a record distinctly superior to either of their nearest opponents. By taking the full points from Stourbridge, they could boast of having beaten every club in the League except West Bromwich Dartmouth, who inflicted on Walsall their solitary reverse. On the other hand, Walsall twice defeated Old Hill, last year's champions. Saturday's game was witnessed by only a small crowd. Walsall had the good luck to win the toss and they made good use of the advantage. Two wickets were down for 30, but Sedgwick and Taylor added 90 for the third wicket, Taylor being then bowled by Higginson. Sedgwick continued to score freely, and contributed 83—his highest score of the season—towards a total of 170 for five wickets. He was batting two hours, and gave no chance. Skidmore afterwards punished the bowling, but with the total at 226 for eight wickets the innings was closed. Stourbridge had less than two hours left to bat, and a draw seemed probable, but they failed badly against the bowling of Sedgwick and Chumr, and were all out in just over an hour for 40 runs. Sedgwick was largely accountable for the collapse, as he took seven wickets for 23 runs. It was stated that in doing this he had set up a new League record, as it gave him a total for the season of 85 wickets. Previously the record was 84 wickets.

Table with columns for WALSALL and STOURBRIDGE, listing players and their runs/wickets. Total Walsall: 226, Total Stourbridge: 40.

BOWLING ANALYSIS for WALSALL and STOURBRIDGE. Lists bowlers and their figures (O, M, R, W).

EXCITING FINISH AT CAPE HILL.

WEST BROMWICH DARTMOUTH LOSE IN THE LAST MINUTE.

There was an exciting finish to the match at Cape Hill, the home side beating Dartmouth in the last minute. Dartmouth were without the Partridges and E. Smith, but Cape Hill fielded their usual side. A disastrous start was made by the home side. Walsall was run out with only a single scored. Then Broadbent was caught at the wicket before he had scored, and two men were out for 6 runs. However, matters improved, but Stevenson left at 39. How Matters improved, but Stevenson left at 39. How Matters improved, but Stevenson left at 39. How Matters improved, but Stevenson left at 39.

nearly to victory was due to two factors: that E. Jackson was let off when he had scored 6 (he remained to make 53), and to the stone-walling of Dealey. For two hours the latter defied all the bowlers. Then with victory in sight Stevenson literally took the ball off his bat. There were 20 runs required at 7.45. Dealey's resistance was broken but Heading and Waterhouse added 11 runs. There was intense excitement and it was in the last minute that Heading misjudged a run and had the chagrin to see Payne whip off the balls.

Table with columns for MITCHELLS & BUTLERS and DARTMOUTH, listing players and their runs/wickets. Total Mitchells & Butlers: 171, Total Dartmouth: 163.

BOWLING ANALYSIS for MITCHELLS & BUTLERS and DARTMOUTH. Lists bowlers and their figures (O, M, R, W).

KIDDERMINSTER'S EASY WIN.

F. M. TOMKINSON'S BRILLIANT BATTING DISPLAY.

Kidderminster finished their season in excellent fashion by defeating Smethwick at Chester Road. Batting first, Kidderminster put up 227 for eight, and then dismissed Smethwick for 52. Only once before have Kidderminster got over 200, which was against Stourbridge on June 3. Saturday's game will rank as one of the most interesting of the season, and, following as it does their win of the previous week, will give Kidderminster a much-needed lift in the table. The feature of the game was the batting display of F. M. Tomkinson, who secured 111 out of a total of 227 and was undefeated at the finish. For a man who has been out of cricket for some years it was a remarkable display. He captained the Kidderminster team twelve years ago, when they won the championship, but since 1913 had not been in the team until this season owing to military claims as colonel of the 7th Worcesters. Going in when Shipman was taking all before him, and with four wickets down for 46 runs, Tomkinson carefully played himself in, and wore down the keen attack. When once set his display was equal to anything seen on the ground. He obtained his runs chiefly by an off-drive beyond extra cover, and though Threlfall put an extra man there it did not stop the run-getting. He struck thirteen 4's, and scored 111 out of the 181 put on while he was at the wickets. Shipman at first was irresistible, and claimed the first six wickets for 46. Smethwick had 2 1/2 hours to get the runs, and came out with the determination to obtain them. A finely-judged catch by Brinton dismissed E. B. Threlfall at 1; A. J. L. Neale at 4 was caught at the wickets; at 8 W. S. Proctor was bowled—all three wickets going to W. G. Gethin, who got a lot of work on the ball. Then G. E. Payne was bowled by Ford, and Shipman by Gethin, so that when Ford smartly caught W. B. Threlfall at slip six men were out for 35. Then ensued a useful stand by W. H. Ellerker and A. N. Payne. Brinton brought off a lovely catch in the slips, dismissing Ellerker; and W. E. Richardson, the county bowler, took the last three wickets for 8 runs, the whole side being put out for 52 in ninety minutes. Ellerker made 40 by sound cricket. W. G. Gethin took five wickets for 26 runs.

Table with columns for KIDDERMINSTER and SMETHWICK, listing players and their runs/wickets. Total Kidderminster: 227, Total Smethwick: 52.

BOWLING ANALYSIS for KIDDERMINSTER and SMETHWICK. Lists bowlers and their figures (O, M, R, W).

OLD HILL BEATEN AT HOME.

AN ATTRACTIVE INNINGS BY G. W. STEPHENS.

Old Hill's concluding fixture at home with Moseley resulted in an unexpected defeat despite a plucky batting effort by their captain. Taking first innings, Moseley made a total of 138, the chief contributor being G. W. Stephens, who gave one of his characteristic displays. He was at the wickets less than fifty minutes for his score of 68, which included four hits out of the ground, one 5, and six 4's. Hastlow and Tyler were the only other players to reach double figures. The home batsmen were frequently in difficulties in consequence of the fine bowling of Morter and Hastlow, and a severe defeat seemed in store for the side until the captain, W. L. Edwards, joined Yates. The captain's innings was a merry one, his contribution of 38 including three hits clean out of the ground and four boundaries. It looked as if he would win the match for his eleven when he had the misfortune to hit a rising ball from Morter into the hands of Cross. The rest of the team offered little resistance, and Moseley were left with a 16 runs victory. For the winners Morter secured six wickets for 34 runs and Hastlow three for 22, whilst Platt, who captured six wickets for 68 runs, bowled better than indicated in his analysis.

Table with columns for MOSELEY and OLD HILL, listing players and their runs/wickets. Total Moseley: 138, Total Old Hill: 9.

BOWLING ANALYSIS for MOSELEY and OLD HILL. Lists bowlers and their figures (O, M, R, W).

ASTON UNITY'S DEFEAT.

A POOR BATTING DISPLAY AGAINST DUDLEY.

Aston Unity cut a poor figure in their last match of the season, the visitors at Trinity Road being Dudley, who brought down a strong eleven. Root, however, was an absentee. The Unity, on the other hand, had to enlist the services of four second team men, and, batting first, were all out for 49, the bowling of Wilkinson and Naden being too good. The latter, who had relieved Gale, dismissed Greenway and Odell with the first two balls he sent down. Dudley had an easy task, but they lost F. Adshad and Laffer knocked off the requisite runs to win. Laffer and Jeavons, who added 66, each hit eight boundaries.

Table with columns for ASTON UNITY and DUDLEY, listing players and their runs/wickets. Total Aston Unity: 49, Total Dudley: 187.

BOWLING ANALYSIS for ASTON UNITY and DUDLEY. Lists bowlers and their figures (O, M, R, W).

FINAL POSITIONS table showing league standings for various clubs.

SECOND DIVISION.

CLUB MATCHES.

OLD HILL BEAT MOSELEY AND WIN THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

This match at the Reddings was of vital interest to the visitors as they had to win outright to make sure of the premier position in the table, while if they lost West Bromwich...

Y.M.C.A. MOSELEY FRIENDS INSTITUTE.—At Reddings. G. Smith & Co. v. Moseley Friends Institute. G. Smith & Co. won by 10 runs.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—At Yardley Wood Road. Wolverhampton v. W. W. Page & Co. Wolverhampton won by 10 runs.

DARTMOUTH BATSMEN IN FORM.

Played at Sandwell Park. Batting first, the home team, thanks to fine innings by J. W. Whitworth (67), B. Holmes (54), J. Walker (45), and J. G. Green (35), were able to declare...

STOURBRIDGE OUTPLAY WALSALL.

At Ambicote, the game being for the benefit of A. Fletcher, who has been groundman there for sixteen years. D. Harris, of Stourbridge, was most successful with the ball...

EFFECTIVE BOWLING AT SMETHWICK.

At Smethwick, Walsall, by the home side, took six wickets for 46 runs, including the "hat trick" of J. G. Green.

A DRAW AT DUDLEY.

The concluding match at Dudley resulted in a draw. Barrow had the best bowling average with five for 26, Haseelbe coming next with three for 26.

Table with 5 columns: Club Name, W, L, D, Pts. Lists clubs like Old Hill, West Bromwich, Stourbridge, Moseley, Smethwick, Aston Unity, Kidderminster, Mitchells and Butlers, Dudley, Walsall.

COVENTRY AND NORTH WARRICKSHIRE.—At Coventry. Coventry v. North Warwickshire. Coventry won by 10 runs.

SMALL HEATH.—At Crebbly Green. Small Heath v. Crebbly Green. Small Heath won by 10 runs.

COVENTRY AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.—At Small Heath. Coventry v. Small Heath. Coventry won by 10 runs.

OLTON.—At Kings Heath. Olton v. Kings Heath. Olton won by 10 runs.

OMEGANS.—At Parkhouse Road. Omegans v. Parkhouse Road. Omegans won by 10 runs.

STICHTON.—At Stoughton. Stichton v. Stoughton. Stichton won by 10 runs.

BRIDFORD.—At Brighthelm Green. Bridford v. Brighthelm Green. Bridford won by 10 runs.

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## DISASTROUS SEASON FOR WORCESTERSHIRE.

VICTORY IN ONE GAME ONLY.

### THE HANDICAP OF WEAK BOWLING.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

Worcestershire have had a disastrous season; a more disastrous season than even the most pessimistic follower of the county would have been inclined to predict at the opening. They have had a worse season than the composition of the side warranted. Worcestershire had a much weaker side last season, yet they won five matches. This season's strengthened eleven have won but one! The explanation is simple; the team played above their form last season; they have this year played under their form. Worcestershire's triumphs this season have been scanty indeed. They beat Glamorganshire at Cardiff, and they gained the points on the first innings against Sussex; seven points out of a possible 130. Yet some of the elevens which represented the shire late in the year looked distinctly good. There were some notable recruits. Gilbert Ashton came into the side in August, but although at his best a very fine, dashing batsman, he is somewhat disposed to take risks, and is a man who will probably get his runs in uneven fashion. But in his third match he played two brilliant innings of 125 and 81, and with a little more patience he would assuredly have reached three figures in each.

L. G. Crawley, the Harrow boy, will make a cricketer; he is a cricketer to-day. His performances last year and this against Eton anyone who saw him against Glamorganshire can readily understand. He batted extremely well in his first match, making 2 and 37 against Somerset at Weston; but against Glamorganshire he was the saviour of his side in each innings, his contributions being 91 and 41. He is a strongly-built youth; indeed, at a distance, there seems little of the youth about him, and he can hit with tremendous power. He has a fine commanding style, and a strong defence, while he has an abundance of strokes.

Generally speaking, the batting was poor; at the best it was unreliable. H. L. Higgins opened in admirable style and for the first half of the season had an average exceeding 40; indeed, his splendid consistency won for him an invitation to assist the Gentlemen at the Oval. His innings of 137 not out and 37 against Leicester at Worcester were excellent contributions. Then he lost his form for a time, only to come out with a fine innings of 118 against Hampshire at Southampton.

#### THE OLD BRIGADE.

Bowley had a poor season, relieved only by a brilliant century (130) against Hampshire at Southampton. He has finished with county cricket, having accepted an appointment as coach to Glamorganshire. Pearson, who last year had the best season he ever enjoyed, was dead out of form until late in the campaign; then he did excellent service with both bat and ball. He was a valuable member of the side when once he found his form.

M. K. Foster made 62 not out and 36 in the opening fixture—v. Warwickshire, at Edgbaston—but he played little, and was in far too great a hurry to get runs, while it was always obvious that he lacked practice. Root, Preece, and J. F. Maclean did useful service at times, but Root is a batsman in a hurry. He is to join the ground staff next season, and play regularly; that should be all to the good, for he is quite a sound bowler. Tarbox was useful with the bat, and should improve. His 80 not out against Sussex was a most satisfactory performance. J. B. Higgins made a clear advance, and literally won a permanent place in the side. H. O. Hopkins did little, and A. M. Carr lost his form.

The bowling, as the averages suggest, was weak—very weak. Gilbert again did best, and with a good bowler at the other end would be far more effective than he is. He would also be better if he were sounder physically; he has knee trouble, and often bowls under most disadvantageous conditions. Pearson did little for a time, but his length is still good, and towards the close he was clearly the best bowler on the side. Root bowled better than his figures suggest, but Tarbox has to bowl too much. A good raking bowler—Richardson has no command of length—and a nice left-hander are the great wants of the side.

Butler, a fast bowler from Cambridgeshire, is qualifying, but he will not be available next season. Both Ponsonby and Maclean kept wicket satisfactorily. A whole host of men were tried; too often, it seemed to the writer, on insufficient recommendation. But then, when the building-up process is in operation men have to be freely tried. M. F. S. Jewell dropped out of the side, and W. H. Taylor is relinquishing the captaincy. As a matter of fact, although the decision has not yet been officially announced, Mr. Jewell has accepted the position for next season.

#### THE SEASON'S RECORD.

The record for the season is as follows:—Matches played 26, Won 1, Won on First Innings 1, Lost 16, Lost on First Innings 8.

- v. WARWICKSHIRE, at Edgbaston:—Warwickshire won by 81 runs. Worcestershire 145 and 120, Warwickshire 138 and 208.
- v. YORKSHIRE, at Dudley:—Yorkshire won by an innings and 220 runs. Worcester 111 and 90, Yorkshire 421.
- v. LANCASHIRE, at Worcester:—Lancashire won by an innings and 75 runs. Worcestershire 280 and 96, Lancashire 460 for 2 (declared).
- v. SUSSEX, at Brighton:—Sussex won by an innings and 95 runs. Worcestershire 77 and 130, Sussex 302.
- v. GLAMORGANSHIRE, at Cardiff:—Worcester won by 44 runs. Worcestershire 202 and 241, Glamorganshire 187 and 212.
- v. KENT, at Gravesend:—Kent won by an innings and 236 runs. Worcestershire 101 and 161, Kent 498.
- v. ESSEX, at Leyton:—Essex won by an innings and 207 runs. Worcestershire 49 and 175, Essex 521.
- v. HAMPSHIRE, at Worcester:—Hants won by an innings and 115 runs. Worcestershire 134 and 124, Hants 373.
- v. WARWICKSHIRE, at Stourbridge:—Warwickshire won by 223 runs. Worcestershire 189 and 204, Warwickshire 289 and 327 for four (declared).
- v. KENT, at Kidderminster:—Kent won by an innings and 234 runs. Worcestershire 151 and 124, Kent 509 for six (declared).
- v. SOMERSET, at Worcester:—Somerset won on the first innings. Worcestershire 108 and 51 for three, Somerset 223 for four (declared).
- v. NOTTS, at Nottingham:—Notts won by seven wickets. Worcestershire 53 and 244, Notts 160 and 151 for three wickets.
- v. GLOUCESTERSHIRE, at Worcester:—Gloucestershire won on the first innings. Worcestershire 149 and 74 for one, Gloucestershire 230 for seven (declared).
- v. GLOUCESTERSHIRE, at Gloucester:—Gloucestershire won by an innings and 92 runs. Worcestershire 58 and 82, Gloucestershire 202.
- v. YORKSHIRE, at Bradford:—Yorkshire won on the first innings. Worcestershire 116 and 149 for seven, Yorkshire 214 for four (innings declared).
- v. NORTHANTS, at Northampton:—Northants won by an innings and 200 runs. Worcestershire 77 and 138, Northants 415.
- v. LANCASHIRE, at Old Trafford:—Lancashire won on the first innings. Worcestershire 107 and 187 for eight, Lancashire 158 and 318 for six (declared).
- v. DERBYSHIRE, at Derby:—Derbyshire won by an innings and 77 runs. Worcestershire 140 and 46, Derbyshire 272.
- v. NOTTS, at Worcester:—Notts won by an innings and 135 runs. Worcestershire 117 and 60, Notts 324 for eight (declared).
- v. NORTHANTS, at Worcester:—Northants won by three wickets. Worcestershire 325 and 264, Northants 495 and 96 for seven.
- v. SOMERSET, at Weston-super-Mare:—Somerset won on the first innings. Worcestershire 84 and 145, Somerset 367.
- v. ESSEX, at Worcester:—Essex won on the first innings. Worcestershire 71, Essex 115 and 187 for three.
- v. GLAMORGANSHIRE, at Worcester:—Glamorganshire won on the first innings. Worcestershire 198 and 117 for eight, Glamorganshire 255 and 148.
- v. HANTS, at Southampton:—Hants won by eight wickets. Worcestershire 335 and 128, Hants 326 and 168 for two.
- v. SUSSEX, at Worcester:—Worcestershire won on the first innings. Worcestershire 392 and 200, Sussex 325 and 117 for two.
- v. DERBYSHIRE, at Worcester:—Derbyshire won on the first innings. Derbyshire 370 and 90 for eight (declared), Worcestershire 221 and 37 for three.

#### OPPOSERS' BATTING STRENGTH.

Centuries for Worcestershire.—H. L. Higgins, 137 v. Lancashire, at Worcester, and 118 v. Hants, at Southampton; Bowley, 130 v. Hants, at Worcester.

Centuries against.—Oldroyd, 121 for Yorkshire, at Dudley; Kinnear (R.), 117 for Yorkshire, at

BIRMINGHAM PARKS CUPS.

ELLESMERE BEAT BACONSFIELD FOR SENIOR TROPHY.

The finals for the Birmingham Parks Association Senior and Junior Cups were played at the County Ground, Edgbaston. Beaconsfield, after making a capital batting start, 81 being scored for the loss of four wickets, collapsed, the last six players being dismissed for only 7 runs. Huckvale was mainly responsible, taking five wickets for only 1 run, and just missing the "bat trick." Shipman had four wickets for 30. Ellesmere batted shakily, and half the side were out for 48, but from that standpoint C. Jaggs (not out 42) and E. Jaggs (not out 20) hit off the necessary runs, Ellesmere gaining a meritorious win by five wickets. H. Bent batted well for a hour and a half for the losers. Scores:—

BACONSFIELD.		ELLESMERE	
A. Coldicott b Reese	4	C. Jaggs not out	42
H. Bent b Huckvale	40	F. Podmore b Jarvis	0
H. Prime b Shipman	25	J. Shipman lbw b Ch'ley	4
S. Garrett b Shipman	4	F. Tysall b Jarvis	7
J. Russell c Tysall b	3	J. Reese b Russell	6
Huckvale	0	H. Allbut c Bent b Jarvis	5
T. Walker b Shipman	0	E. Jaggs not out	20
J. Jarvis c Gomery b	6	H. Wall	0
Shipman	6	H. Smith	0
H. Dando c Wall b Huck-	0	A. Huckvale, and	0
vale	0	W. Gomery did not bat.	0
J. Atkins c and b Huck-	0		
vale	0		
W. Chatterley b Huckvale	0		
L. Leasdown not out	0		
Extras	6	Extras	8
Total	88	Total (five wkts.)	92

JUNIOR CUP.

The final of the Birmingham Parks Junior Cup at Edgbaston resulted in an easy win for Friends' Hall (Gooch Street) against Oldknow Road E.M.S. Friends' Hall compiled 112, of which E. Salisbury contributed a hard-hit 52. Oldknow Road were dismissed for 23 runs, Tiney taking five wickets for 11 runs.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.

At Taunton.—Somerset v. Warwickshire (continued).  
 At Worcester.—Worcester v. Derbyshire (continued).  
 At Lord's.—Middlesex v. Surrey (continued).  
 At Cheltenham.—Gloucestershire v. Kent (continued).  
 At Brighton.—Sussex v. Yorkshire (continued).  
 At Bournemouth.—Hampshire v. Lancashire (cont'd.).  
 At Cardiff.—Glamorgan v. Leicestershire (continued).

**BIRMINGHAM CORPORATION TRANS v. BIRMINGHAM A.M.C. A.M.C.**—At the Stadium, King's Heath. B.A.A.: H. Powell 1, W. Bennett 13, F. Spinks 1, E. Vulliamy 0, H. Morton 1, W. J. Smith 0, G. Bebbell 1, B. Hillen 0, A. Lucas 0, E. Lewis 2, H. Davis (not out) 3, extras 3; total 24. Trinder took six wickets for 18 runs, and Beasley four for 4. Corporation Trans: W. White 0, W. A. Taylor 16, H. Collins 1, W. E. Smith 13, G. Beasley 4, G. Trinder 24, H. Cadman 10, J. Hopkins (not out) 10, G. Bowstead 9, W. Graham 0, A. Elvins 0, extras 13; total 104.

**EDDINGTON HOUSE RECREATION CLUB v. SMALL HEATH MUTUAL.**—At Edgbaston. Edgbaston: J. J. Rhind 16, C. B. Frisley 34, A. Evans 25, S. Miller 10, E. Hind 0, A. Whitlock (not out) 46, G. W. Lunn 6, E. E. Flaher 1, S. Quirk 0, O. D. Clarke 2, extras 17; total (innings closed) 188. Small Heath: F. Deakin 12, E. Ward 3, V. Smith 1, A. Brookes (not out) 43, A. Dunbar 1, A. Darby 19, F. Parnell 12, T. Spence (not out) 4, extras 8; total (six wickets) 90.

**ASTWOOD BANK II v. HEWELL II.**—At Astwood Bank. Hewell: D. Court 5, F. Court 0, B. Ames 1, W. Hurley 4, J. Wilson 0, G. Powell 10, R. Lacey 4, W. Collins 0, H. Humber 2, J. Hines 0, D. Beard (not out) 0; total 24. R. Clarke took six wickets for 18 runs, and O. Bayliss three for 6. Astwood Bank: A. Yorall 0, W. G. Day 0, L. Cox 2, H. Swinson 10, L. Yorall 0, D. Bayliss 2, H. Hines (not out) 14, W. Keeble 13, H. Clarke 0, A. H. Bayliss 0, H. Tilley 1, extras 8; total 14.

CLUB AND GROUND MATCH AT EDGBASTON.

After a blank day it was possible to make a start in the Club and Ground fixture between Warwickshire and Gloucestershire at Edgbaston yesterday. It took the visitors just over three hours to compile their total of 141, and R. P. Holloway carried his bat through the innings for 36. Prior to lunch he was at the wicket eighty-five minutes for only 7 runs. Jennings bore the brunt of the home bowling and had five wickets for 42 runs. Wyatt finished off the innings by taking the last four wickets for 14 runs. Warwickshire were left with only one and a-half hours to bat. R. E. S. Wyatt, the young Coventry and North Warwickshire player, batted splendidly, his driving being excellent during his one hour's stay. At the close the home side required 22 to win with two wickets to fall.

**GLoucestershire Club AND GROUND:** W. R. Hammond lbw b Jennings 25, R. F. P. Holloway not out 56, G. P. Hollingsworth at Duckworth b Jennings 0, W. T. Elleker c and b Jennings 2, G. C. Kethro c Crowe b Wyatt 0, F. Spry c Cowan b Jennings 7, A. E. Sherwell b Jennings 8, A. E. Waters b Holland 19, S. McGuire c Cowan b Wyatt 34, H. Godfrey c and b Wyatt 0, C. A. Field b Wyatt 5, extras 7; total 141.

**WARWICKSHIRE CLUB AND GROUND:** N. Sharp b Hammond 19, Crowe b Spry 8, R. E. S. Wyatt c McGuire b Waters 0, Lieut. H. S. Pugh c Holloway b Spry 2, Lieut. J. P. Crowe c Field b Kethro 17, Commander C. F. R. Cowan c Hollingsworth b Waters 6, H. N. E. Spencer at Field b Waters 3, Jennings c Holloway b Spry 0, Duckworth not out 1, Clarkan not out 4, Holland did not bat, extras 8; total (eight wickets) 120.

CLUB AND GROUND MATCH AT  
NORTHAMPTON.

R. E. S. WYATT'S CENTURY FOR  
WARWICKSHIRE.

Showery conditions prevailed for the return game at Northampton. The home eleven had an amateur side in the field which included several young bowlers on trial, but they were all ineffective. R. E. S. Wyatt gave another sound display, and his century occupied only two hours and was compiled without a chance. His chief scoring strokes were eleven 4's. R. I. Scorer, who was let off at the wicket before he had scored, hit nine 4's. Northants had only two hours to bat. Van der Byl played a fine forcing innings and hit thirteen 4's.

There was an exciting finish, for Wyatt, who took four wickets for 34 runs, accepted a return off the last but one ball of the day, which left the visitors with a victory of 100 runs.

Warwickshire.		Northamptonshire.	
Croom o Byl b F.		A. Hill c and b Spencer..	21
Marshall .....	6	W. Carpmail b Ryley .....	26
R. E. S. Wyatt run out..	103	L. Broome st Duckworth	
F. H. Walters b Payne...	30	b Jennings .....	0
Lt. H. S. Pugh b Payne	2	H. van der Byl c Croom	
R. I. Scorer c F. Marshall		b Wyatt .....	83
b Martin .....	78	H. H. Thomas c Fo b	
Lt. J. P. Crowe not out..	16	Wyatt .....	12
Fox not out .....	25	R. Payne lbw b Soore ..	3
H. N. K. Spencer,		D. Robinson lbw b Wyatt	3
C. H. Ryley,		R. Brasidas st Duck-	
Jennings, and		worth b Jennings .....	4
Duckworth did not bat.		E. Martin st Duckworth	
		b Croom .....	1
Extras .....	12	F. Marshall c and b Wyatt	10
Total (inn. closed)..	272	F. J. Marshall not out ..	2
		Extras .....	7
		Total .....	172

## WARWICKSHIRE SEASON REVIEWED.

### SIGNS OF IMPROVEMENT IN THE TEAM.

(By Our Special Representative.)

With eight victories to their credit in the County Championship competition, Warwickshire, who concluded their programme at the Oval yesterday, can claim to have had their most successful season since first-class cricket was resumed after the war. Their victories have been over Worcestershire, Derbyshire, and Northants, each of whom have been beaten twice. Gloucestershire were conquered at Edgbaston, and Somerset were defeated at Taunton. As all these counties rank among the weaker sides in the County Championship competition, Warwickshire's performance cannot be described as one of remarkable merit. Perhaps, however, it is better than it looks on paper. Warwickshire are essentially a fast wicket side. Their batsmen are more likely to do well when runs can be made quickly than when circumstances demand that caution should be exercised, for the majority of them are not adepts at playing back when the ball is spinning; and their best bowlers are not of the type to constitute a really dangerous attack on a soft wicket. Considering, therefore, that the weather practically throughout the cricket season has not been helpful to Warwickshire, the fact that they have been able to do so much better than in the two previous seasons is significant. It shows that the side have made substantial improvement, and as, with two or three exceptions, they are a young side, the future may be regarded with some optimism. There have been three years of experimentation, and as the upward path has at last been struck the committee of the County Club should now feel at liberty to attempt to stabilise the team, and avoid those frequent changes which are always inimical to efficiency.

#### RECKLESS BATTING.

When the season's record is considered it will be found that the bowlers have achieved far better results than might have been expected, and that had they received adequate support from the batsmen a few more matches would have been won. In innings after innings wickets were practically thrown away because men would not trouble to play themselves in. With half a dozen or so attractively enterprising batsmen in their team Warwickshire time after time have been weakened because of the sheer recklessness which has been shown. No one would urge that the Warwickshire batsmen should adopt that "slow but sure" policy which finds favour in some quarters, but they ought to realise that the man who can consistently hit 6's and 4's in his first over must be preposterously lucky or a genius. If the art of being discreet, therefore, is cultivated next season, it cannot but be productive of good. The fielding has been fairly good, but the side have been deficient in reliable slips, and the costliness of this weakness cannot be exaggerated.

The most notable event of the season was the match against Hampshire, at Edgbaston, which passes into history as one of the curiosities of cricket. The match provided an excellent illustration of phases of Warwickshire's strength and weakness. When things went their way, and the wicket afforded help, Howell and the Hon. F. S. G. Calthorpe were a very dangerous bowling combination. In Hampshire's first innings everything came off for the bowlers, and the side were dismissed for 16. Warwickshire were winning easily, and they held a winning position until Hampshire, following on, reached the seventh wicket partnership. Then a weakness was exposed. The bowlers became fatigued, and weariness of flesh was followed by weariness of spirit, as the opposition began to show fight; and the morale of the side ebbed steadily until possible victory had been converted into certain defeat. The spirit which should have brought the team to their toes again was lacking, and for want of it Warwickshire failed not only in this memorable match, but also in a number of others when they had at least a sporting chance of victory.

#### LEADING PLAYERS.

During the season thirty players have taken part in the county club's matches. The newcomers have included two public schoolboys of distinct promise in J. G. Pugh, the Rugby captain, and W. M. Hampton, the Clifton captain, both of whom should develop into valuable members of the side in future. R. G. Baynton, who made one or two appearances twelve months ago, has also played in a number of matches, and has improved so considerably that it is reasonable to hope that he will in the future be able to reproduce in county cricket the form he has shown in the ranks of Moseley. The most valuable members of the side, however, have been the captain (the Hon. F. S. G. Calthorpe), N. E. Partridge, C. A. F. Fiddian-Green, Smith, Quaife, Howell, Bates, and F. E. Santall. Calthorpe has not been at the top of his form, but he has scored 961 runs and taken 74

wickets. Norman Partridge became qualified for the county at the beginning of the season, and, as will be seen from the appended statistics, he is at the head of the bowling averages, and is sixth in the batting table. It is unfortunate that he has not been available for all the matches. Incidentally, he was an excellent captain when Calthorpe was absent, and his excellent generalship had much to do with the victory the side gained at Taunton. Smith has distinguished himself not only by splendid wicket-keeping, but also by regaining his form as a batsman, and the soundness he has displayed in opening the innings has been an asset of the greatest value. Quaife, as everyone knows, registered his thousand runs in a season for the twenty-first time, and in addition he captured 51 wickets, so that it may be assumed he has still plenty of good cricket left in him despite his fifty years. Howell, with 120 wickets, was the mainstay of the attack, and would have had an even better record had he received smarter support in the slips, and Bates, although inconsistent, was by far the most brilliant batsman on the side, and, like Smith and Quaife, made over a thousand runs on behalf of the county. Fiddian-Green was not available until after the University match, but when he was able to join the side he stiffened the batting appreciably. Santall started the season brilliantly, but had a lean time afterwards. He is a batsman, however, of unusual promise.

G. W. E.

Appended is a full record of the season's performances:—

- Matches played 29. Won 8, lost 16, won on first innings 0, lost on first innings 2.
- May 9, 9.—At Edgbaston, v. Worcestershire. Warwickshire, 138 and 208; Worcestershire, 145 and 180. Warwickshire won by 81 runs.
- May 10, 11.—At Edgbaston, v. Sussex. Warwick, 150 and 76; Sussex, 160 and 78 for one wicket. Sussex won by nine wickets.
- May 13, 15, 16.—At Lord's, v. Middlesex. Warwickshire, 236 and 371; Middlesex, 227 for five wickets (innings unshared) and 81 for one wicket. Middlesex won by nine wickets.
- May 18, 19.—At Cambridge v. Cambridge University. Warwickshire, 170 and 99; Cambridge, 148 for nine wickets (innings declared) and 123 for two wickets. Cambridge won by eight wickets.
- May 20, 22, 23.—At Edgbaston, v. Gloucestershire. Warwickshire, 170 and 116; Gloucestershire, 103 and 84. Warwickshire won by 97 runs.
- May 24, 25, 26.—At Nottingham, v. Notts. Notts, 421 for seven wickets (innings declared) and 63 for one wicket; Warwickshire, 199 and 274. Notts won by nine wickets.
- June 3, 6.—At Derby, v. Derbyshire. Derbyshire, 130 and 121; Warwickshire, 239 and 14 for no wicket. Warwickshire won by ten wickets.
- June 7, 8, 9.—At Edgbaston, v. Yorkshire. Yorkshire, 453 for two wickets (innings declared); Warwickshire, 123 and 178. Yorkshire won by an innings and 162 runs.
- June 10, 12, 13.—At Stourbridge, v. Worcestershire. Warwickshire, 289 and 327 for four wickets (inn. dec.); Worcestershire, 189 and 204. Warwickshire won by 233 runs.
- June 14, 15, 16.—At Edgbaston, v. Hampshire. Warwickshire, 223 and 158; Hants, 18 and 521. Hants won by 165 runs.
- June 17, 19.—At Northampton, v. Northants. Northants, 83 and 234; Warwickshire, 146 and 173 for six wickets. Warwickshire won by four wickets.
- June 21, 22.—At Rutherford, v. Yorkshire. Yorkshire, 435 for four wickets; Warwickshire, 99 and 123. Yorkshire won by an innings and 271 runs.
- June 24, 25.—At Manchester, v. Lancashire. Lancashire, 131 for eight wickets. No result. Match abandoned owing to rain.
- June 28, 29, 30.—At Edgbaston, v. Somerset. Warwickshire, 136 and 148; Somerset, 142 and 143 for four wickets. Somerset won by six wickets.
- July 1, 3, 4.—At Edgbaston, v. Kent. Kent, 214 and 91 for two wickets (inn. dec.); Warwickshire, 108 and 72. Kent won by 125 runs.
- July 5, 6, 7.—At Leicester, v. Leicestershire. Leicestershire, 170 and 102 for four wickets; Warwickshire, 168. Match drawn, Leicestershire winning two points for first innings lead.
- July 10, 11.—At Edgbaston, v. Lancashire. Warwickshire, 181 and 107; Lancashire, 179 and 121 for three wickets. Lancashire won by seven wickets.
- July 12, 13, 14.—At Edgbaston, v. Surrey. Warwickshire, 238 and 219; Surrey, 319 for nine wickets (innings declared) and 133 for no wicket. Surrey won by ten wickets.
- July 16, 17.—At Maidstone, v. Kent. Warwickshire, 74 and 127; Kent, 278. Kent won by an innings and 78 runs.
- July 19, 20, 21.—At Brighton, v. Sussex. Sussex, 301 and 54 for three wickets; Warwickshire, 107 and 247. Sussex won by seven wickets.
- July 25, 27, 28.—At Edgbaston, v. Leicestershire. Leicestershire, 159 and 136; Warwickshire, 123 and 166 for six wickets. Warwickshire won by four wickets.
- July 29, 31, August 1.—At Southampton, v. Hampshire. Warwickshire, 252 and 123; Hants, 563. Hants won by an innings and 178 runs.
- August 5, 8.—At Edgbaston, v. Derbyshire. Derbyshire, 175; Warwickshire, 68 for two wickets. No result.
- August 10, 11.—At Edgbaston, v. Notts. Warwickshire, 203 and 97 for no wicket; Notts, Warwickshire, drawn. Notts winning on first innings.
- August 14, 15.—At Edgbaston, v. Northants. Warwickshire, 228; Northants, 184 and 125. Warwickshire won by an innings and 20 runs.
- August 19, 20, 21.—At Edgbaston, v. Middlesex. Middlesex, 536 for six wickets (innings declared); Warwickshire, 189 and 293. Middlesex won by an innings and 113 runs.
- August 23, 24, 25.—At Cheltenham, v. Gloucestershire. Warwickshire, 95 and 73; Gloucestershire, 318 for seven wickets (innings declared). Gloucestershire won by an innings and 162 runs.
- August 25, 28, 29.—At Taunton, v. Somerset. Somerset, 183 and 124; Warwickshire, 225 and 78 for three wickets. Warwickshire won by seven wickets.
- August 30, 31, September 1.—At the Oval, v. Surrey. Warwickshire, 244; Surrey, 104 for two wickets. Match drawn.

#### BEST SCORES FOR WARWICKSHIRE.

Mr. F. S. G. Calthorpe, v. Gloucestershire, at Edgbaston	64
v. Notts, at Trent Bridge	126
v. Worcestershire, at Stourbridge	93
v. Hants, at Edgbaston	70
v. Sussex, at Brighton	65
v. Northants, at Edgbaston	68



Smith, v. Worcestershire, at Stourbridge	114
v. Northants, at Northampton	53
v. Sussex, at Brighton	50
v. Hampshire, at Southampton	114
v. Notts, at Edgbaston	55
v. Somerset, at Taunton	56
Quade, v. Middlesex, at Lord's	75
v. Derbyshire, at Derby	107
v. Worcestershire, at Stourbridge	61
v. Surrey, at Edgbaston	81 & 69
v. Northants, at Edgbaston	57
C. J. F. Fiddian-Green, v. Notts, at Southampton	50 & 51
v. Notts, at Edgbaston	59 & 51
Bates, v. Middlesex, at Lord's	118
v. Northants, at Northampton	57
v. Yorkshire, at Huddersfield	50
v. Leicestershire, at Leicester	63
v. Essex, at Brighton	57
v. Middlesex, at Edgbaston	149
F. R. Santall, v. Sussex, at Edgbaston	58
v. Worcestershire, at Stourbridge	75
v. Hampshire, at Southampton	54
N. B. Partridge, v. Cambridge, at Cambridge	54
v. Yorkshire, at York	64
Smart, (J.), v. Worcestershire, at Stourbridge	68

CENTURIES AGAINST WARWICKSHIRE

- \*114—Lee (Middlesex), at Lord's.
- \*172—Hudson (Middlesex), at Lord's
- 150—Gunn (J.) (Nottingham), at Trent Bridge.
- 110—A. W. Omer (Nottingham), at Edgbaston.
- 209—Holmes (Yorkshire), at Trent Bridge.
- 138—O'Druid (Yorkshire), at Edgbaston.
- 172—Brown (Hampshire), at Edgbaston.
- 110—Lucy (Hampshire), at Edgbaston.
- \*220—Holmes (Yorkshire), at Huddersfield.
- 168—Hobbs (Surrey), at Edgbaston.
- 107—H. L. T. Day (Hampshire), at Southampton.
- \*211—Nesbit (Hampshire), at Southampton.
- \*108—Layton (Nottingham), at Edgbaston.
- \*231—Hewson (Middlesex), at Edgbaston.
- \*125—Dipper (Gloucestershire), at Cheltenham.

BOWLING FEATS FOR WARWICKSHIRE

Howell (H.), v. Worcestershire, at Edgbaston	4 for 32
v. Cambridge, at Cambridge	6 for 24
v. Gloucestershire, at Edgbaston	6 for 48
v. Gloucestershire, at Edgbaston	and 6 for 34
v. Derbyshire, at Derby	8 for 60
v. Derbyshire, at Derby	and 4 for 50
v. Worcestershire, at Stourbridge	5 for 64
v. Hampshire, at Edgbaston	6 for 7
v. Northants, at Northampton	8 for 31
v. Somersetshire, at Edgbaston	6 for 64
v. Leicestershire, at Leicester	5 for 88
v. Lancashire, at Edgbaston	4 for 31
v. Sussex, at Brighton	6 for 73
v. Leicestershire, at Edgbaston	7 for 65
v. Northants, at Edgbaston	4 for 32
v. Somerset, at Taunton	7 for 63
Hon. F. S. G. Calthorpe, v. Derbyshire, at Derby	4 for 31
v. Hampshire, at Edgbaston	4 for 4
v. Lancashire, at Manchester	5 for 56
v. Kent, at Edgbaston	5 for 64
v. Kent, at Maidstone	5 for 109
v. Leicestershire, at Edgbaston	5 for 44
v. Northants, at Edgbaston	5 for 33
F. E. Partridge, v. Worcestershire, at Edgbaston	6 for 45
v. Sussex, at Edgbaston	6 for 33
v. Worcestershire, at Stourbridge	4 for 58
v. Kent, at Edgbaston	4 for 39
v. Northants, at Edgbaston	4 for 33
v. Somerset, at Taunton	4 for 36
Quaife, v. Derbyshire, at Derby	3 for 29
v. Leicestershire, at Edgbaston	2 for 10
v. Derbyshire, at Edgbaston	2 for 15
v. Northants, at Edgbaston	3 for 23
v. Somerset, at Taunton	5 for 22
F. E. v. Somerset, at Edgbaston	2 for 1
H. L. Simms, v. Worcestershire, at Edgbaston	2 for 8
Smart (J.), v. Northants, at Northampton	3 for 31

FIVE OR MORE WICKETS AGAINST WARWICK

- 6 for 83—H. A. Gilbert (Worcestershire), at Edgbaston.
- 7 " 24—Tate (Sussex), at Edgbaston.
- 5 " 92—Duroton (Middlesex), at Lord's.
- 5 " 103—Hearne (Middlesex), at Lord's.
- 6 " 27—F. B. R. Brown (Cambridge U.), at Cambridge.
- 8 " 58—Dennett (Gloucestershire), at Edgbaston.
- 5 " 49—Dennett (Gloucestershire), at Edgbaston.
- 5 " 31—Parker (Gloucestershire), at Edgbaston.
- 7 " 88—Staples (Nottingham), at Trent Bridge.
- 5 " 12—Rhodes (Yorkshire), at Edgbaston.
- 5 " 53—Newman (Hampshire), at Edgbaston.
- 5 " 47—Murdin (Northants), at Northampton.
- 6 " 67—Murdin (Northants), at Northampton.
- 7 " 42—W. T. Greenwell (Somersetshire), at Edgbaston.
- 9 " 58—J. C. White (Somersetshire), at Edgbaston.
- 6 " 82—Woolley (Kent), at Edgbaston.
- 6 " 39—Woolley (Kent), at Edgbaston.
- 6 " 70—Astill (Leicestershire), at Leicester.
- 7 " 71—Parkin (Lancashire), at Edgbaston.
- 6 " 73—P. G. H. Fender (Surrey), at Edgbaston.
- 6 " 38—Woolley (Kent), at Maidstone.
- 5 " 43—Woolley (Kent), at Maidstone.
- 5 " 26—F. B. R. Brown (Sussex), at Brighton.
- 5 " 60—Roberts (Sussex), at Brighton.
- 5 " 87—Astill (Leicestershire), at Edgbaston.
- 5 " 80—Astill (Leicestershire), at Edgbaston.
- 6 " 96—Newman (Hampshire), at Southampton.
- 5 " 58—Newman (Hampshire), at Southampton.
- 5 " 68—Staples (Nottingham), at Edgbaston.
- 5 " 29—Parker (Gloucestershire), at Cheltenham.
- 6 " 32—Parker (Gloucestershire), at Cheltenham.

BATTING.

	Inns.	Runs.	Inns.	Most in not out	Times	Aver.
C. A. Fiddian-Green	13	340	69	4	—	37.77
Quaife	48	1117	107	7	—	37.24
Smith	51	1503	115	2	—	29.59
Bates	50	1230	149	2	—	25.82
Hon. F. S. G. Calthorpe	43	951	105	0	—	22.11
N. B. Partridge	28	496	64	5	—	21.66
Smart (J.)	21	272	55	4	—	16.00
F. R. Santall	45	742	84	1	—	15.78
R. G. Baynton	13	183	36	1	—	15.25
R. I. Scorer	20	258	35	3	—	15.17
H. Venn	5	70	22	0	—	14.00
B. W. Quaife	8	85	25	1	—	12.14
H. L. Simms	8	92	26	0	—	11.50
Howell (H.)	17	231	34	16	—	9.65
A. L. Murray	7	66	33	0	—	9.47
J. G. Pugh	30	247	47	2	—	9.42
Smart (C.)	11	74	32	0	—	6.72
H. C. A. Gaunt	8	52	21	0	—	6.50
Fox	6	25	13	2	—	6.23
G. M. Nelson	19	83	17	3	—	5.18
Howell (A.)	1	84	34	0	—	—
W. M. Hampton	6	30	20	0	—	—
K. P. Hewson	2	20	20	0	—	—
Croom	2	17	17	0	—	—
Clarkson	2	14	10	0	—	—
F. W. Morter	2	13	8	2	—	—
B. B. Crookford	2	5	5	0	—	—
Rev. E. F. Waddy	4	3	3	0	—	—
Grayland	1	3	3	0	—	—

\*Signifies not out.

BOWLING.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver.
N. B. Partridge	397.5	73	1070	55	19.61
Howell (H.)	831.1	128	2450	120	20.41
Hon. F. S. G. Calthorpe	699.5	180	1848	74	24.97
Quaife	430.4	60	1274	51	24.98
R. G. Baynton	129.1	23	383	12	31.91
H. L. Simms	57.4	7	183	5	36.60
Howell (A.)	154	20	479	11	43.54
F. W. Morter	83	5	189	2	48.00
Smart (J.)	120.2	22	445	7	63.56
Fox	24.2	5	67	2	—
A. L. Murray	7	0	34	2	—
G. M. Nelson	5	0	95	2	—
Grayland	5	0	22	1	—
Bates	14	1	64	1	—
Smart (C.)	18	0	77	1	—
E. P. Hewson	23	3	85	1	—
Smith	5	0	15	0	—
W. M. Hampton	3	0	13	0	—
Clarkson	10.2	1	28	0	—
C. A. F. Fiddian-Green	15	1	33	0	—
R. I. Scorer	15	1	58	0	—
F. R. Santall	120	1	73	0	—