

## BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT LEAGUE CRICKET.

### NORMAN HEWSON TO LEAD THE CHAMPIONS.

Walsall will rely on very much the same team as that which won the championship last summer, but there will be a change in the captaincy, P. B. Penriman Smith, who succeeded to the position in 1913, having retired and being succeeded by Norman Hewson, who has well deserved the honour by reason of his long and valuable services to the club, of which he has been vice-captain for a number of years. Next to Mr. W. Preston he is the oldest playing member. He is a particularly sound bat, and for several seasons past has been a regular member of the Staffordshire team, for which he has made some useful scores. The choice of G. Skidmore as vice-captain is likely to be a popular one, as the player named is not only a capable wicket keeper, but has proved himself able to get a lot of runs. N. C. Holliday will not be seen in the club colours this season, as he has left the town, but as his form last season was not up to his best standard there should be no difficulty in efficiently filling the vacancy. It had been hoped that L. J. Taylor, member of a noted cricketing family, would have played regularly this season, his absence last summer having been due to the effects of a motor-cycling accident, but it is understood that business engagements will prevent his assisting the club. It is expected that H. D. Thacker, the new hon. secretary of the club, will be a regular member of the first eleven this season. He belongs to one of the oldest cricketing families in Walsall, and is an exceedingly promising batsman. Incidentally, it may be mentioned that he has been playing Rugby football for Wolverhampton, and is likely to be seen in the Walsall colours next winter. Sedgwick has been re-engaged as the club professional.

### MOSELEY.

#### BOWLING STRENGTHENED BY G. A. ROTHERHAM'S PRESENCE.

Considering the talent at their disposal the Reddings Club had a rather disappointing time last season, the chief reason being the unreliability of their batting. Time was when the Moseley batting was second to none in the league, for not only were big scores made, but the runs were got in quick time, which gave their bowlers a chance of bringing games to a definite conclusion. Practically all the players of last season will be available for this, and the club are to have the valuable assistance of G. A. Rotherham, the Warwickshire amateur. The ex-Cantab should materially strengthen the bowling, and his breezy batting is just the type to turn the fortunes of a game. F. W. Morfer, who succeeds G. W. Stephens as captain, had a fine record for the club last season with the ball, his crop of wickets being the highest ever captured by an amateur. R. G. Baynton will act as vice-captain, which means that the two all-important positions on the field will be filled by bowlers. Whether this is a wise policy remains to be seen. Dr. T. S. Stafford, the old English hockey international, who has done so much for the second team, has resigned the captaincy, and A. V. Denning is to act in his stead. The heavy season's Rugby football at the Reddings renders the task of getting the ground fit a very arduous one, and there are sure to be the usual grumblings at the start about the state of the wickets. Experience, however, proves that the wickets at the Reddings play much better than their appearance would suggest.

### DUDLEY.

#### AN OLD BEDFORDSHIRE MAN TO SUCCEED ROOT.

With only two exceptions, the players representing Dudley in the First Division last season will be available in the forthcoming tournament. H. G. Stevens, who suffers intermittently from malarial trouble contracted during the war, causing him to stand down on some occasions last season, declined re-election as captain, and he is succeeded by Frank H. Adshead, whose performances and qualities well qualify him for the position. The selection will be made from

the following: H. G. Stevens (vice-captain), E. P. Jeavons, J. W. Wilkinson, A. O. Lloyd, L. E. Gale, J. R. Naden, B. Adshead, W. Pittaway (wicket-keeper), C. P. Blewitt, J. Stone, S. Wright, W. Eve, K. Hooper, Neale, and R. N. Perkins (late of Ashfield, Moseley). Leslie Gale has been invited to assist Worcestershire in some of the early matches. The club have a new professional in Frank E. Pestell, who succeeds Fred Root, the latter having been offered an appointment by the County team. Pestell has played for Bedfordshire, and has been professional at Eastbourne, Newcastle-on-Tyne, &c., coming to Dudley from Gateshead Fell, member of the Tyneside Senior League. In 1921, for Gateshead Fell, he took 90 wickets and was second in the batting averages. Last season he accounted for 75 wickets and missed topping the batting averages by a decimal point. R. H. Morgan will captain the second eleven, which will be quite a strong side this season.

### WEST BROMWICH DARTMOUTH.

#### CAPTAINCY ACCEPTED BY NORMAN PARTRIDGE.

The best thing the Dartmouth club ever did was to remove its headquarters from the Four Acres to Sandwell Park, though the move was a compulsory one. The present ground is so much more accessible that they can draw upon a much wider public, and not only has the attendance improved, but the quality of the play has been of a higher standard. Last year the team came very near to winning the championship, and probably would have done so had Norman Partridge been able to play regularly. His county engagements, however, prevented him taking part in several of the games. He has accepted the captaincy of the club for this season, and this is regarded as an indication that he will be more often seen in Birmingham League matches. He will be a tower of strength to the Dartmouth, both in attack and in batting, and as his brother, "G. B.", will also be a regular playing member, the prospects of the club may be said to be particularly bright. Spring has been re-engaged as professional, and as practically the whole of last season's players will be available, the club's supporters are hopeful that the honour which escaped their grasp last year may on this occasion be secured.

### SMETHWICK.

#### F. BURGOYNE TO COACH THE YOUNG PLAYERS.

Smethwick are looking forward to a very much better season than they experienced last year, and the enthusiasm which is already being taken in the club augurs well for the realisation of these hopes. For some time various members have urged the engagement of a coach for the young players, of whom there are very many in the locality, and this year it has been found possible to achieve this end. F. Burgoyne, an old player of the club, and who was coach for the Oratory club prior to its removal from Birmingham, has been secured, and has already entered upon his duties. There is any amount of material at his disposal, and it will probably be no easy task to select the teams to take part in the League tourney. Leslie Neale, who has for several seasons rendered excellent service to the club, has been elected captain, and his father, Mr. A. Neale, himself an old player of Salter's club, succeeds Major Thompson in the presidency, after the latter has filled the office for 23 years. Failing health and his probable retirement from Smethwick have led to his resigning the office he has filled with so much enthusiasm. Most of the old players, it is hoped, will be available, including D. Doorman, and with an expected accession of strength in the bowling department, the prospects are much rosier than they were a year ago. Shipman has again been retained as professional.

### MITCHELLS AND BUTLERS.

#### NO IMPORTANT CHANGES LIKELY AT CAPE HILL.

Mitchells and Butlers has ever been a very happy family, and usually they have been pretty well in the running for championship honours of either the first or second division of the League. Probably no great changes will be made in the team this season, practically all last year's players hoping to be able to take their places in the side again. Wilkinson, one of the best all-round professionals in the League, remains with the club, and J. F. Stevenson has again been chosen as



WARRICKSHIRE CRICKET.

HON. F. S. G. CALTHORPE ON HIS COLONIAL TOUR.

The Warwickshire County Cricket Club open their programme to-day with a match against Worcestershire at Edgbaston. The Warwickshire team will be—The Hon. F. S. G. Calthorpe, G. W. Stephens, K. S. Wyatt, N. Sharp, Quaife, Smith, Bates, Howell, Santall, Smart, and Fox. M. S. Wyatt is a young Coventry batsman who distinguished himself in County Second team and Club and Ground matches last season; and N. Sharp is a Sutton Coldfield player, who also did well in County Second team matches last season. Sharp is also a hockey player, and during the winter was a regular member of the Warwickshire County forward line.

The Hon. F. S. G. Calthorpe, who has just returned from a cricketing honeymoon tour of New Zealand and Australia as a member of A. C. Maclaren's M.C.C. team, was at Edgbaston yesterday practising. Discussing his experiences with a "Post" representative, Mr. Calthorpe expressed himself as delighted with the tour from every point of view, the whole party having been as one happy family under the leadership of Mr. Maclaren. The famous Lancastrian was, indeed, one of the backbones of the side until he hurt his knee, and the 200 runs he made at Wellington in the first Test Match, Mr. Calthorpe declares to be the finest innings he has ever seen.

The Warwickshire captain was much impressed by the batting of Kippax and Porsford, among the lesser known Australians; but he formed the opinion that the loss of such bowlers as Gregory (who has taken up tennis as a relaxation to farming), McDonald, and Armstrong is likely to be a crippling blow to them when they next meet England in Test matches, for they have no fast bowlers at present who can even challenge comparison with Howell. Of the bowlers he met Kellaway was much the best. In New Zealand cricket is excelled in popularity by football, and the standard of play is not high—not quite up to the average county standard in this country. At the same time Mr. Calthorpe predicts that when the New Zealanders visit England in 1925 they will overcome some of the weaker English counties.

A. P. F. CHAPMAN'S SUCCESS.

The tour generally was a wonderful lesson to the young amateurs who composed the side and who will have much to do with the future of English cricket. The outstanding successes were A. P. F. Chapman and C. H. Gibson. Chapman was regarded as practically an All-England player before the tour, and now there can be no doubt that he is one, for the tour has developed his batting and fielding powers to a wonderful degree. Gibson, who unfortunately is lost to English cricket for the present, bowled remarkably well—at times so well that batsmen could not attempt to play him. As to his own share in the successes of his side, Mr. Calthorpe was modest. "The wickets," he said, "suit only really fast or slow bowlers; they are of no use to medium-paced men, and if I had to play constantly there I would give up bowling." Among his performances with the bat worth remembering, however, is the 110 he made on the return journey at Sydney against New South Wales, because of the circumstances, for he was suffering from influenza at the time, and although the thermometer registered 87 in the shade he wore two sweaters throughout the innings! That attack of influenza spread to the other members of the team and accounted very largely for their dismissal for 70 in the first innings at Melbourne. Yet the young Englishmen showed their grit even then, for although they had 617 scored against them, four successive players making centuries, they saved the match by obtaining 282 without losing a wicket, W. W. Hill-Wood and G. Wilson going in at twelve o'clock, and being still together at half-past six—a record performance.

The Warwickshire captain is looking forward to a further improvement in the county's record

this season. There is, at any rate, every prospect that the club will be well supported, as subscriptions amounting to £1,000 have been received during the fortnight that has elapsed since the membership cards were issued, and a large number of new members are joining. Last year the cards were sent out a week earlier, but on the date corresponding to yesterday the subscriptions received totalled £100 less.

**BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.**

**THE CHAMPIONS DEFEATED BY MOSELEY.**

Walsall, last year's champions, fall easy victims to Moseley, who were superior in every department. The weather was more appropriate for football than cricket, there being a bitterly cold wind, whilst the early part of the game was interrupted by several hailstorms. The visitors gave a capital display of batting an outstanding feature of which was the innings of W. Baines, who scored 75 in about an hour and a half's actual play without giving the semblance of a chance. He was fifth out with the total 134, and got his runs in attractive style, combining sound defence with hard hitting when the occasion justified it. His contribution placed his side in a safe position, and with other useful scores by Baynton, F. G. Stephens, Hastillow, Rotherham, and Morter, the visitors were able to close their innings with a total of 168 for seven wickets. Taylor was the best of the home bowlers. Walsall had under two hours in which to get the runs or get out, and their batsmen never looked like accomplishing the former task. To begin with, Hewson and Pollock shaped fairly well against the bowling of Baynton and Morter, but the total was only 15 when Hewson was caught off a ball which shot up into the air off the edge of his bat. Subsequently the Moseley attack always held the upper hand, and its superiority became much more pronounced when first Rotherham and then Baines went on to bowl. The home team appeared to become demoralised, and made little attempt at serious resistance, most of the batsmen getting themselves out by sheer recklessness, with the result that the whole side was out in less than an hour and a half for the small score of 59. Baines accomplished a remarkablefeat in taking five wickets for 7 runs.

**MOSELEY.**

	WALSALL.
W. Baines b Sedgwick ...	75
P. Blaylock b Sedgwick ...	9
R. I. Scorer lbw b Sedgwick ...	2
R. G. Baynton lbw b Sedgwick ...	14
F. G. Stephens o and b Taylor ...	15
G. A. Rotherham not out ...	18
F. W. Morter o Lyons b Taylor ...	11
G. E. Taylor,	
A. B. Holmes, and	
E. P. Cross did not bat	
Extras .....	7
Total ..... 168	59

**BOWLING ANALYSIS.**

	WALSALL.
O. M. R. W.	O. M. R. W.
Sedgwick ... 18	2-63-4
Churn ... 7	1-28-0
Taylor ... 10-3-0-50-3	

**J. F. STEVENSON'S CENTURY.**

**A BRILLIANT INNINGS AGAINST STOURBRIDGE.**

Snow, hail, thunder and lightning were in evidence at Cape Hill, where Stourbridge were the visitors. The latter club have had to make a number of changes this season, the latest being the necessity of finding a player to take the place of H. Bryant, who was in the Worcestershire side. The wicket at Cape Hill was such that it presented all the difficulties to Stourbridge, and improved by the time Mitchells and Butlers had their innings. F. W. Byrne, a former Moseley player, met with an early success which led to the dismissal of Williams. R. Davis and C. Hingley carried the score to 26, when the Cape Hill professional commenced a singular run of success. Davis, who had just sent Byrne for 13 in one over (including a 6 and a 4), succumbed to an appeal for lbw. This was the first of six wickets which Wilkinson secured in three succeeding overs at a cost of 8 runs. In the meantime Stimpson had displaced Byrne, and he dismissed the Stourbridge professional with his fifth delivery. Hingley batted patiently, and remained until the ninth wicket, when Stimpson had him caught for 18. Higginson was this bowler's third victim. It was a sensational ending, the innings being over in an hour for only 57. Six Stourbridge batsmen failed to open their account. Mitchells and Butlers' early batsmen profited by the experience of their opponents: only four singles came from the first

four overs sent down by Brownrigg. With 7 scored, Kirton was finely caught by Hingley. Richards left at 33. Then began a partnership between J. F. Stevenson and Wilkinson which saw the match won. Wilkinson opened with a boundary, but it was the captain who delighted the crowd. He scored 40 while his partner made 3. Having reached 84, Stevenson sent the next three deliveries from Brownrigg for 6's—one fine drive into the canal feeder. From 88 the score was carried to 178 when the professional left; he had made 46 and his partner 111. The captain was out 6 runs later. He thus equalled his best score of last season—115 against Dudley. Williams and Child carried the score to 233 for five wickets, when the game ended. Included in Stevenson's score were six 6's and twelve 4's.

**STOURBRIDGE.**

	MITCHELLS & BUTLERS.
R. Davis lbw b Wilkinson ...	20
R. Williams c and b Byrne ...	0
C. Hingley o Stevenson b Stimpson ...	13
C. R. Threlkeld b Wilkinson ...	0
T. Clare o and b Wilkinson ...	14
D. Harris o Hattfield b Wilkinson ...	0
Brownrigg o Kirton b Stimpson ...	0
H. Perry o Hattfield b Wilkinson ...	0
F. Tate b Wilkinson ...	2
P. Clare not out ...	8
J. D. Higginson b Stimpson ...	0
Extras .....	0
Total ..... 57	233

**BOWLING ANALYSIS.**

	MITCHELLS & BUTLERS.
O. M. R. W.	O. M. R. W.
Wilkinson ... 9	2-20-6
F. W. Byrne ... 6	0-30-1
H. Stimpson ... 2-3-0	7-3

**STANLEY GETHIN'S RETURN.**

**KIDDERMINSTER'S VICTORY OVER ASTON UNITY.**

Kidderminster have to thank Stanley Gethin for a useful win at the expense of Aston Unity at Chester Roud. This player has been out of Birmingham League cricket since 1914, having become a devotee of golf. His welcome re-appearance was marked by a sound and workmanlike display, and it was largely due to his efforts that Kidderminster were able to collect the maximum points. Going in second wicket down with the total at 21, he was undefeated with 28 to his credit when rain caused cessation of play. He received valuable assistance from Geoffrey S. Tomkinson, in whose ten minutes' batting were two 0's. These two by adding 45 for the fifth wicket completely altered the appearance of the game. L. W. Greenwood also played excellent cricket for 28. Aston Unity, batting first, collected 115, chiefly by the aid of the three veterans—S. Ogden (19), E. F. Odell (28), and E. T. Edden (28). Butler, Kidderminster's new professional, claimed three wickets for 38, and Rev. R. H. Fowler four for 46. Kidderminster, in reply, lost four good wickets for 40, but S. J. Gethin's steadiness proved a great asset. Meunier bowled unchanged and claimed three wickets for 46.

**ASTON UNITY.**

	KIDDERMINSTER.
S. Ogden b Fowler ...	19
L. W. Greenwood b Odell ...	28
N. Pulley run out ...	1
b Meunier	
Meunier o Auton b Butler ...	3
E. F. Odell b Fowler ...	4
H. Hickman b Fowler ...	6
E. T. Edden b Butler ...	6
S. J. Gethin not out ...	28
A. J. Wilkes b Meunier ...	28
E. F. Odell o Butler b Fowler ...	76
G. S. Tomkinson o Hickman b Hausebree ...	1
O. C. Wyers o Hickman ...	27
E. T. Edden o Greenwood ...	0
b Richardson	
R. L. Britton b Odell ...	1
J. H. Holland b W. Gethin ...	1
W. G. Gethin not out ...	18
W. E. Richardson and Butler did not bat	
Extras .....	18
Total ..... 136	126

**BOWLING ANALYSIS.**

	KIDDERMINSTER.
O. M. R. W.	O. M. R. W.
Rev. R. H. Fowler ... 10-1-46-4	18-0-46-3
W. Richardson ... 4-0-17-1	10-1-44-3
W. G. Gethin ... 3-1-2-1	8-0-18-1

**LEE'S DUAL SUCCESS.**

**OLD HILL PROVE TOO STRONG FOR SMETHWICK.**

Old Hill secured an easy win in their first home match against Smethwick, but at the period of the game they were threatened with a harder fight for

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victory. The cricket was of a fluctuating character, but the home side fully deserved their success. Old Hill, strengthened by the inclusion of H. G. Powell and J. W. Roberts, of Mitchells and Butlers, opened badly, and with six wickets down for 60 runs, there was a prospect that the side would be dismissed for less than a hundred. A fine stand by Forrest and Lee, however, carried the score to 117 before the former was caught when three runs short of his fifty. Danks and Edwards assisted Lee to offer such stubborn resistance that before the innings closed a total of 173 was reached. Dorman, Proctor, and Eleker shaped so well at the start of the visitors' innings that the first three wickets yielded 68 runs, and at this period Smethwick had bright prospects of winning. A change in the bowling was effected, and the remainder of the side collapsed in somewhat unaccountable fashion. Lee had a big hand in the success of his side, as in addition to his bright display with the bat, he secured five wickets for 28 runs. Platt bowled better than his figures indicate.

OLD HILL.		SMETHWICK.	
T. W. Homer b Stewart	30	Dorman lbw b Platt	36
H. G. Powell o Durnell	2	W. H. Proctor b Platt	20
b Phillips	2	W. H. Eleker b Platt	21
H. W. Homer b Durnell	0	O. E. Payne c and b Lee	1
P. O. Yates o Turner	5	Hipman o Powell b Platt	2
Stewart	10	A. J. Neal o Homer b Lee	5
J. W. Roberts b Stewart	0	Leeard b Platt	5
H. Graves o Dorman	1	W. Beaver o Powell b Lee	1
Beaver	11	H. W. W. H. disnot out	5
W. Lee not out	31	W. Turner b Lee	0
B. Forrest o Turner	b	T. W. Durnell st Danks	
Beaver	47	b Lee	
Platt	b Woodhouse	b	
Beaver	0		
P. E. Danks lbw b Beaver	11		
W. L. Edwards o Beaver	21		
b Shriman	21		
Extras	10		
Total	173	Extras	2
		Total	103

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

OLD HILL.		SMETHWICK.	
O. M. R. W.	O. M. R. W.		
Abraham	18	.4. 31. 2	
Durnell	12	.1. 34. 1	
Beaver	20	.7. 36. 4	
Stewart	12	.2. 38. 3	
Eleker	3	.0. 24. 0	

## DUDLEY'S DEFEAT.

### DARTMOUTH SUCCEED BY 36 RUNS AT SANDWELL PARK.

The cricket and the weather were in harmony at Sandwell Park, where West Bromwich Dartmouth beat Dudley by 35 runs. Owing to rain it was not possible to start until 3.25, and there were threats of interruptions throughout the match. It was bitterly cold in the field. Winning the toss, Dudley made a moderate start against Partridge and Sparks, and half the side were out for 35. F. Adshead made a stand, and at the tail end of the innings the veteran Eve and Wright raised the total to within 6 of the century. In dismissing Dudley for so moderate a total Dartmouth accomplished a good performance, for they were minus their professional, Spring, through injury. When Perks was quickly dismissed the possibility of a close struggle was suggested, but Evans and Jackson took the total nearly half way, and though the subsequent cricket was dull, the Dudley total was passed with six wickets down. Deesley stayed an hour for 28. Scores:

DUDLEY.		DARTMOUTH.	
Partridge	5	F. D. Perks b Peart	6
F. Adshead o Evans b Partridge	26	W. J. Evans st Waterhouse	28
B. Adshead o and b Sparks	0	J. Jackson o Waterhouse	0
E. G. Stevens b Sparks	8	b Wilkinson	17
V. Lester o Perks b Partridge	8	E. Partridge o Wright	12
E. P. Jackson o Held b Partridge	0	b Peart	1
E. F. Waterhouse o Smith b Partridge	0	H. Thourfield b Peart	1
b Partridge	9	H. B. Deasley o Stevens b Wright	28
W. Eve not out	13	G. W. Field o Stevens b Jeavons	18
J. Neder b Partridge	0	A. Perry b Jeavons	1
J. Wilkinson o Deesley b Perry	0	E. Sparks o Peart b Wright	1
S. Wright run out	16	E. Smith b Jeavons	5
Extras	9	T. Melin not out	3
Total	94	Extras	2
		Total	120

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

DUDLEY.		DARTMOUTH.	
O. M. R. W.	O. M. R. W.		
N. Partridge 14	.2. 33. 3	Peart	15 .3 40. 3
E. F. Sparks 11	.0. 40. 3	J. Neder	10 .0 39. 0
A. Perry 3	.1. 10. 1	J. Wilkinson	4 .1. 16. 2
V. Perks 5	.0. 2. 0	S. Wright	8 .2. 18. 2
		E. Jeavons	4.4. 0. 14. 3

## SECOND DIVISION.

### MITCHELLS AND BUTLERS WIN EASILY AT AMBLECOOTE.

At Amblecoote, the visitors winning easily by 219 to 68. For the visitors, T. D. Green took two wickets for 4 runs, J. A. Jones three for 11, and S. Cox three for 25, and R. H. Butler compiled a nice 71 for them. For Amblecoote, W. Hobley captured three wickets for 67, V. H. Haslan two for 35, and W. Elcock two for 61.

Mitchells and Butlers: C. Harbage b Moaberley 10, F.

Broadbent o Fleming b Haslan 40, A. Lee b Moaberley,

S. Cox ran out O. W. Ogilvie b Moaberley b Haslan 34,

R. H. Butler b Elcock 71, S. Hadley c and b Moaberley 29,

J. Clarke b Elcock 12, T. D. Green o Bentham b Warren 8,

H. Wilding not out 7 (H. Giblin did not bat), extras 5; total (innings closed) 219.

Amblecoote: A. Dunn b Cox 4, S. Fleming b Cox 10, F.

Stourbridge: B. Duan b Cox 16, B. H. Morgan

Cox 4, J. Giblin o Butler 9, F. Haslan run out 3, H.

Haslan b Elcock 2, S. E. Thrupp b Cox 4, F.

Warren b Gray 1, W. Elcock b Green 0, H. Hale bw b

Lance 0, L. T. Goodall b Jones 2, C. Moaberley not out 9,

extras 5; total 68.

## DUDLEY'S POOR DISPLAY.

In this match, at Dudley, H. Cockin took five wickets for 12 runs and B. H. Langwell four for 10.

Stourbridge: J. Bidaway o and b Langwell 16, B. H. Morgan

Cockin 4, H. Peart o Elcock 1, A. Smith b Cockin 0, H.

Mayhew b Langwell 1, M. Barney b Langwell 0, J. Wright

run out 1, H. Clare b Cockin 6, L. Williams not out 6,

extras 2; total 47.

West Bromwich Dartmouth: F. Moore c Mayhew b Pearson

9, J. Whitworth b Barney 8, A. T. Butler not out 61, T.

H. Law not out 64, G. Heading, S. Lamb, B. H. Langwell,

J. R. Burton, B. Cole, H. Cockin, and H. Stevens did not

bat, extras 6; total (two wickets) 146.

At Broomfield, Smethwick gaining an easy victory. For Old Hill had four for 21.

Old Hill: W. Eley b Bailey b Wheldon 4, C. Palmer

b Cox 0, S. Adams b Cox 2, H. Hollies b Wheldon 1, F.

Pearson o Wheldon b Bailey 13, S. Kirkham o Albutt b Price

Elsey not out 0, extras 5; total 50.

Smethwick II: H. N. Webster b Adams 22, R. F. Stubbs

b Adams 1, D. H. Payne b Adams 0, T. E. Bailey b

Edwards 1, G. Cox o Kirkham b Edwards 1, O. L. Morris b

Edwards 3, R. H. Lee o Edwards b Pearson 13, R. Handa b

not out 4 (C. Wheldon did not bat), extra 1; total 52.

## ASTON UNITY v. KIDDERMINSTER.

An outstanding feature of the game at Trinity Road was the splendid innings of G. P. Jones, who never made a single mistake. Styles was the best in the bowling analysis with two wickets for 14 runs.

Aston Unity: G. Griffin runs out 8, T. H. Jenkins o Hector

Wilson b Thompson 24, F. Woodhouse b Cox 0, J. Newton

b Cox 0, S. Adams b Cox 2, H. Hollies b Wheldon 1, F.

Pearson o Wheldon b Bailey 18, L. H. Williams b Broad 8,

G. W. Gibbs o Albutt b Price 1, C. Edwards b Keddie 0, J.

Elsey not out 0, extras 5; total 50.

Kidderminster: C. F. Naylor b Rees 19, C. E. O. Pagett

b Bishop 6, H. Bishop 3, H. Monder b Bishop 18, G. P.

Heaton not out 6 (L. J. Thompson, S. B. Broad, W. E.

Odell, C. W. Bishop, G. Bishop, S. Bishop, G. E. Styles did not bat),

extras 12; total (five wickets) 140.

Walsall: C. F. Naylor b Rees 17, C. E. O. Pagett

b Bishop 6, H. Bishop 3, H. Monder b Bishop 18, G. P.

Heaton not out 6 (L. J. Thompson, S. B. Broad, W. E.

Odell, C. W. Bishop, G. Bishop, S. Bishop, G. E. Styles did not bat),

extras 12; total 50.

WALSALL BEATEN AT THE REDDINGS.

Thanks mainly to the batting of Pyle, Price, and White, backed up by a clever bit of bowling by the latter, Marbury, margin of four wickets. White, who had had several trials with the first eleven, is a young player of promise and in capturing four wickets for 20 runs he materially helped his side to victory. R. W. Price kept wicket well, and altogether the new skipper should have had a good side at his command. Dr. Fenlon and F. A. Eglington batted well for Walsall.

Walsall: H. Wheeler b King 3, F. A. Eglington o Butterworth b Haddeley 36, S. E. Pyle b Haddeley 14, Dr.

H. G. Cossens c and b White 10, G. D. Cawdry c Price b

White 6, G. W. Dods b Chambers 12, H. Taylor c Denning

not out 10, extras 12; total 110.

Moseley: A. V. Dennis b Biddulph b Hamming 8, R. W.

Price b Hamming 23, G. E. Pyle b Roberts 40, A. W. Firth

7, R. W. Biddulph b Hamming 12, H. C. F. Scott c Davis b Biddulph

7, R. W. Biddulph o Biddulph 35, B. L. Biddulph st Price b White 6,

White 1, A. Stanley b Haddeley 0, W. H. Taylor c Price b

White 1, G. Hemming o Price b Haddeley 3, F. Roberts

not out 10, extras 12; total 110.

EXHILL v. A COVENTRY AND NORTH WABWICH SHIRE XI. At Exhill. Exhill: A. Nott b Hurley 2, E. R.

Broadbent b Hurley 36, F. Bolton b Hurley 2, R. Barratt

b Robert 16, W. Chapman b Hurley 4, M. Dalton

o J. Bande not out 8, extras 5; total (innings closed) 87.

Coventry and North Wabwich: R. Barratt 33, J. Bande b Barratt 33, R. Barratt 3, R. Barratt 1, R. Barratt 1, R.

Cooper 0, A. Cooper b Chambers 0, Craig b Barratt 1, R.

J. Hobson not out 9, J. Goodall o and b Barratt 1, G. Gillick

0, Marlin b Barratt 1, extras 2; total (nine wickets)

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HARBOURN SOMERVILLE M. v. BIRMINGHAM UNION

II.—At Bally Oak, Harborne Somerville: P. Peart (not out) 83,

W. Peart 25, Davies 0, Roberts 6, Buswell 1, Ebdon 1, Thorpe 4,

Gilligan 1, Hales 1, Hales 1, Stevens 1, Maidment 11,

Elsey 1, Kember 18, Cross 4, Smith 0, Swindon 18,

Perkins 1, Wates 1, Byrd (not out) 0; total 84.

At Acle's Green, Bally Oak, Belvedere defeated Lumberry by 185 for five wickets, lumberry defaulting to 32. For the visitors, L. G. Jephcott (not out 40) and G. Waddington (24) batted well, while the last-named secured five wickets for 10 runs.

At Barrow Lane, Co-operative defeated Postman by 76 runs, 277 to 12. For Co-operative, Danter secured five wickets

for 8 runs, while Hobbs took five for 8.

Amber Valley 118 (overs 27), Royal Sutton 37,

Wolverhampton 47, Moseley 37 (4, 10, 20, 20, 20),

Wolverhampton 47, Moseley 37 (4, 10, 20, 20, 20).



BIRMINGHAM Post : TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY 22, 23 MAY 1923.

**DERBYSHIRE II. v. WARWICKSHIRE II.**

This two-days match opened at Derby yesterday. Derbyshire made 141 in two hours and a quarter. Warwickshire practically reached that total in two hours and three-quarters for the loss of four wickets. Scores:—

DERBYSHIRE II.—1st Inns.		2nd Innings.	
C. Leech c Turner b Holland.	16		
Fisher b Jennings.	81		
Townsend c Holland b G'head.	31		
Pratt lbw b Clarkson.	13		
McMillan lbw b Grayland.	24		
S. Thorncroft b Grayland.	6		
Middleton c Sharp b Grayland.	1		
Rev. H. Ellison not out.	16		
Dilnot c Scorer b Jennings.	3		
H. W. Radford b Jennings.	0		
E. W. Evans b Jennings.	5		
Extras.....	7		
Total.....	141		
WARWICKSHIRE II.—1st Inns.		2nd Innings.	
N. Sharpe c Leech b Radford.	1		
Crook c Dilnot b Thorncroft.	34		
A. J. Harris c Thorncroft.	3		
B. W. Quaife not out.	37		
R. I. Scorer b Dilnot.	30		
Fox not out.	17		
Extras.....	10		
Total (four wkt's).....	139		
		Total.....	

**B. W. QUAIFE'S CENTURY FOR  
WARWICKSHIRE, II.**

This match concluded at Derby yesterday. Quaife completed a century for the visitors, who then declared with a lead of 136 on the first innings. Rain stopped the game for an hour, the match ending in a draw in Warwickshire's favour. The first three Derbyshire wickets fell for 14 runs. Scores:—

DERBYSHIRE II.—1st Inns.		2nd Innings.	
C. Leech c Turner b Holland.	16	c Fox b Grayland.	4
Fisher b Jennings.	81	c Turner b Grayland.	8
Townsend c Holland b G'head.	31	lbw b Jennings.	8
Pratt lbw b Clarkson.	13	not out.	40
McMillan lbw b Grayland.	24	b Scorer.	48
S. Thorncroft b Grayland.	6	c Harris b Jennings.	6
Middleton c Sharp b Grayland.	1	not out.	17
Rev. H. Ellison not out.	16		
Dilnot c Scorer b Jennings.	3		
H. W. Radford b Jennings.	0		
E. W. Evans b Jennings.	3		
Extras.....	7	Extras.....	4
Total.....	141	Total (five wkt's).....	189
WARWICKSHIRE II.—1st Inns.		2nd Innings.	
N. Sharpe c Leech b Radford.	1		
Crook c Dilnot b Thorncroft.	34		
A. J. Harris c Thorncroft.	3		
B. W. Quaife not out.	100		
Fox c McMillan b Ellison.	68		
Jennings c Townsend.	b		
Dilnot.	23		
Clarkson c Fisher b Radford.	4		
S. G. Turner c Evans b Radford.	7		
A. Holland b Radford.	8		
Grayland not out.	0		
Extras.....	14	Extras.....	
Total (innings closed).....	279	Total.....	

BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE

ASTON UNITY BEATEN IN AN EXCITING MATCH.

After their brilliant victory over Stourbridge on Saturday, the Unity cut a sorry figure at Trinity Road, yesterday, against Smethwick. Going in first, S. Ogden and H. L. Hickman faced the bowling of Shipman and T. W. Durnell, and four wickets were down for 34 and half the side for 62. The sixth and seventh wickets fell at 76, and all the team were out for 118. E. T. Edden and J. J. Hosnell were the only two that could stand up to the fast deliveries of Shipman and Durnell, and when the latter was relieved by Beaver, Edden succumbed to a straight ball of the new bowler. Mansfield and E. F. Odell, from whom much was expected, failed to give much assistance. The visitors opened disastrously, losing their first wicket with the total at 3, and the second at 21. With D. N. Dorman and A. J. Neale together the situation improved, and before a separation was effected they put on 40 runs. Another useful stand of 30 was made by Woodhouse and Beaver, and when the ninth wicket fell for 118 (a tie) there was great excitement. The winning hit was made by Durnell, and an interesting finish gave the visitors victory by 10 runs. Scores:-

ASTON UNITY.

		SMEETHWICK.	
S. Ogden b Shipman	5	D. Dorman & Odell b Hickman	30
H. L. Hickman & Neale b Shipman	7	W. S. Proctor & Hickman b Beaver	3
E. F. Odell & Proctor b Shipman	10	W. W. Edden & Neale b Hickman	7
T. W. Durnell	10	A. J. Neale & sub. b Mansfield	7
E. T. Edden & Beaver	22	Edden	21
Mansfield & Odell b Durnell	5	Shipman & Hickman b Edden	6
L. T. Jones b Shipman	10	O. E. Payne & Mansfield b Mansfield	9
E. F. Odell & Proctor b Shipman	5	H. W. Woodhouse not out	12
J. J. Hosnell not out	26	E. W. Beaver & Odell b Mansfield	8
J. H. Holland & Beaver b Shipman	5	A. J. Neale & sub. b Mansfield	22
E. F. Odell & Proctor b Shipman	7	D. H. Payne b Mansfield	0
G. Cox & Odell b Shipman	5	G. Cox & Odell b Shipman	8
P. Wilson & Beaver b Shipman	1	T. W. Durnell & Holland	7
Extras	15	b Wilson	7
Total	118	Extras	4
		Total	128

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

ASTON UNITY.

	O. M. R. W.
Shipman	21.4 5 63.8
Durnell	13 2 20.1
Beaver	8 0 17.1

STOURBRIDGE'S GOOD FIGHT.

EXTRA TIME PLAYED IN THE GAME AT SANDWELL.

Extra time was played in the Dartmouth and Stourbridge match at Sandwell Park, but neither side could claim a victory, though the chances are that a little longer time would have seen the honours secured by the visitors, who finished up only four runs behind their opponents, and with two wickets in hand. The Dartmouth batted first and lost three wickets with only 47 runs on the board. Then S. Jackson and H. B. Deesley made a good stand, taking the score to 108, when Jackson had the misfortune to remove one of the bails with the edge of his bat, after making a very useful 44. No other batsman, however, could stay with Deesley, who carried out his bat for a very patient 69, the total being the not very formidable one of 184. Stourbridge batted much more evenly, and at one time had 140 on the board with only five men out. The game then took a turn in favour of the Dartmouth, but G. Hallam, after being missed early on, received valuable assistance from the "tail," although they did not score many runs. Still they saved their side, and, as stated, when stumps were drawn they were only four runs behind.

DARTMOUTH.

	STOURBRIDGE.
S. Jackson b Hallam	0
W. H. Evans lbw b Higgins	11
John b Higgins	24
F. D. Porte & Tate b	44
G. Jackson hit wkt b Ferry	44
H. B. Deesley not out	69
G. W. Field & Williams b	7
H. B. Deesley	7
T. H. Lov & b Ferry	8
K. F. Sparke & Davis b	6
Stourbridge	6
P. Smith & Brownrigg	6
T. Malins & Harris b Ferry	12
H. Cordin b Brownrigg	4
Extras	8
Total	184
	Total (right wkt) 180

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

STOURBRIDGE.

	O. M. R. W.
G. Jackson	52 0 68.4
F. D. Porte	10 1 35.0
Cochin	8 2 41.0
J. Higgins	8 0 38.0
D. Porte	8 0 30.0

CHAMPIONS' SECOND SUCCESSIVE HOME DEFEAT.

STEADY BATTING BY KIRTON.

Mitchells and Butlers, who were visitors to Walsall, gained a meritorious win, this being the champions' second successive home defeat. Walsall had the advantage of batting first, but could only total 115. They were, however, unlucky in having Pollock and Sedgwick run out. In the case of the professional the batsman showed dissatisfaction with the decision. The incident led to the crowd "barracking" the umpire, but the trouble soon subsided. The Walsall players always found runs hard to get, Hewson being at the wickets three-quarters of an hour for 5. Taylor batted with more freedom, but was caught in the long field. Six wickets were down for 86 runs, towards which Ashwell had contributed 23 by stylish play. Lyons and Thacker added 28 runs for the seventh wicket, and Skidmore also rendered useful help. The visitors' bowling was always good, and Stimpson, who bowled more than 30 overs, claimed four wickets for 26 runs. The visitors made a promising start, the score having reached 38 when the second wicket fell. Kirton batted with steadiness, his display being a feature of the innings. He was at the wickets nearly ninety minutes, and was third out with the total 90. Subsequently the visitors fared badly for a time, and six wickets were down for 84. It looked as though Walsall might snatch a victory, but Stevenson showed steadiness at a critical stage, and, with Ogle keeping his end up, the runs were hit off without further loss. Sedgwick was the most successful of the home bowlers.

WALSALL.

N. P. Hewson b Stimpson	5	MITCHELLS AND BUTLERS	
H. E. Pollock run out	7	E. Kirton hit wkt b Sedgwick	32
B. Taylor & Hatfield b	12	E. J. Richards b Churn	1
W. S. Proctor & Hatfield	22	H. Payne c & b Taylor	12
W. W. Edden & Neale	23	W. Wilkinson c Thacker b Sedgwick	15
A. J. Neale & sub. b	24	J. D. Ashwell & sub b Kirton	10
E. F. Odell b Sedgwick	25	A. T. Lyons b Stimpson	18
G. Cox & Odell b	26	D. H. Payne not out	84
H. W. Woodhouse not out	12	P. M. Child b Sedgwick	0
O. E. Payne b Mansfield	27	W. O. Butler lbw b Sedg-	wick
A. J. Neale & sub. b	28	J. W. Whitehouse not out	11
G. Cox & Odell b	29	W. E. Hatfield not out	4
H. W. Woodhouse not out	30	E. Stimpson and	
E. W. Beaver b Odell b	31	J. Churn c Hatfield b Stimpson	0
A. J. Neale & sub. b	32	E. Stimpson did not bat	
E. W. Beaver b Odell b	33	Extras	19
A. J. Neale & sub. b	34	Total (right wkt) 124	

WALSALL.

	O. M. R. W.
Stimpson	23.3 7 34.4
Wilkinson	15 6 44.4
Payne	13 4 28.3
Kirton	8 1 15.1

A MARGIN OF 14 RUNS.

OLD HILL BEATEN AT HOME BY DUDLEY.

There was not a great deal to enthuse over in the game at Old Hill, where Dudley were the visitors. The bowlers on both sides were more or less masters of the situation, and Dudley eventually ran out winners by the narrow margin of 14 runs. The visitors, who batted first, started disastrously, for they lost two wickets without a run being scored, and it was not until Pestell and Hooper became associated that anything like a stand was made. They put on 50 runs for the fifth wicket, but with the exception of Naden, the remaining batsmen offered little resistance, and the innings closed at 115. This did not appear to be a difficult total to beat, but, like their opponents, Old Hill found runs decidedly awkward to obtain. Apart from Hooper and Millichip the batsmen gave an indifferent exhibition, and when the last man went in 18 runs were required for victory. G. Edwards, however, was beaten by the first ball he received, and Naden, who effected his dismissal, secured the last three wickets for one run.

DUDLEY.

N. G. Pestell b Millichip	0	OLD HILL
F. H. Flatley c & b Millichip	0	P. F. Naden c Wilkinson b Millichip
H. W. Wilkinson c & b Millichip	1	H. W. Wilkinson c Wright b Millichip
H. W. Wilkinson	12	E. J. Richards c & b Millichip
H. W. Wilkinson	13	P. M. Child c & b Millichip
H. W. Wilkinson	14	P. M. Child c & b Millichip
H. W. Wilkinson	15	P. M. Child c & b Millichip
H. W. Wilkinson	16	P. M. Child c & b Millichip
H. W. Wilkinson	17	P. M. Child c & b Millichip
H. W. Wilkinson	18	P. M. Child c & b Millichip
H. W. Wilkinson	19	P. M. Child c & b Millichip
H. W. Wilkinson	20	P. M. Child c & b Millichip
H. W. Wilkinson	21	P. M. Child c & b Millichip
H. W. Wilkinson	22	P. M. Child c & b Millichip
H. W. Wilkinson	23	P. M. Child c & b Millichip
H. W. Wilkinson	24	P. M. Child c & b Millichip
H. W. Wilkinson	25	P. M. Child c & b Millichip
H. W. Wilkinson	26	P. M. Child c & b Millichip
H. W. Wilkinson	27	P. M. Child c & b Millichip
H. W. Wilkinson	28	P. M. Child c & b Millichip
H. W. Wilkinson	29	P. M. Child c & b Millichip
H. W. Wilkinson	30	P. M. Child c & b Millichip

OLD HILL.

Dudley	0	OLD HILL
Millichip	1	P. M. Child c & b Millichip
Hooper	2	H. W. Wilkinson c Millichip
Hooper	3	H. W. Wilkinson c Millichip
Hooper	4	H. W. Wilkinson c Millichip





BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE.

A SUPERB PARTNERSHIP FOR MITCHELLS AND BUTLERS.

That Aston Unity were denied the services of their professional (Meunier), who was a victim of influenza, and E. T. Edden (who took nine wickets in the corresponding match last season), does not detract from the superb second wicket partnership of Mitchells and Butlers' captain and J. Williams, which was the feature of this match. The Unity were keener in the field, and when once they had got rid of these two forceful batmen they found little trouble with the rest. Hesselbee, who brought about the separation when the score had been taken from 9 to 200, came out with an analysis of six wickets for 82. The bowling was good throughout. Kirton saw six overs and left without opening his account. Then J. Williams and J. F. Stevenson made their stand. When Williams reached his century the score was 180. The captain made three successive 6's off Hesselbee. Williams was out a moment later, having made 103. Stevenson, desirous of reaching his century, failed to get well under a ball and was caught. Both men were out to fine catches on the boundary by Hickman off Hesselbee. At 275 for nine the innings was closed, leaving the Unity three hours to play. As matters turned out, two hours sufficed. It was due to dropped catches that the Unity were able to bat so long. Odden was missed in the first over, and he remained to make 16 of the first 80; he was a victim of Byrne from that bowler's second delivery. Hickman and Odell were also given lives and, benefiting, made good scores, but Hickman (sixth to go) left at 100, after which there was little "kick" left in the Unity, whose reply of 111 was feeble indeed. Scores:—

MITCHELLS & BUTLERS		ASTON UNITY	
H. Kirton	c Hickman b Wilson	Byrne	16
J. Williams	c Hickman b Hesselbee	A. M. Morgan c Hatchell b W. Hickman	9
J. F. Stevenson	c Hesselbee b H. L. Hickman	J. J. Hosell run out	8
M. Hesselbee	c H. L. Hickman b Odell	H. L. Hickman lbw b Hatchell	35
P. M. Odell	c H. L. Hickman b Byrne	E. P. Fury c Williamson b Byrne	6
H. Hickman	c H. L. Hickman b Odell	A. Dornell b Byrne	0
W. K. Hatchell	c H. L. Hickman b Byrne	Z. F. Odell c Kirton b Byrne	18
J. A. Lonsdale	c H. L. Hickman b Byrne	L. T. Jones c Payne b Hatchell	0
H. Payne	c H. L. Hickman b Byrne	A. R. Hesselbee b Byrne	10
R. Stampson	c H. L. Hickman b Byrne	J. H. Holland not out	1
W. O. Butler	c H. L. Hickman b Byrne	P. Whiteman st Payne b Byrne	0
V. W. Byrne	c H. L. Hickman b Byrne	Extras	8
Total	111	Total	111
clowden	275	clowden	111
BOWLING ANALYSIS		BOWLING ANALYSIS	
MITCHELLS & BUTLERS		ASTON UNITY	
O. M. R. W.	O. M. R. W.	O. M. R. W.	O. M. R. W.
Odell	12	1. 46	0
Wilson	10	0. 61	1
Hesselbee	16	1. 89	6
Dorrell	11	1. 47	1
Odden	9	0. 44	1
		Byrne bowled two wickets	

A FLUCTUATING GAME AT WALSALL.

OLD HILL BEATEN AFTER A PROMISING START.

There were remarkable fluctuations in the game at Walsall, where Old Hill were visitors. Walsall scored 76 with only two wickets down, but they were all out for 141. Old Hill did even better at the opening of their innings and had 80 up for two men out, but the whole side could make only 106. Hewson and Taylor opened well for the champions. Taylor hitting up 32 in sixteen minutes, when he was given out caught at the wicket. For a time afterwards the Old Hill bowlers could make no impression. Hewson, who had defended stubbornly, eventually was caught at square leg, being fourth out at 107. Subsequently Platt and Lee changed ends and were much more successful. Ashwell played in an attractive fashion, but he was out to a brilliant catch in the slips, and the remaining wickets were captured quickly. Platt, on going on to bowl a second time, took five wickets or 13 runs. Old Hill adopted defensive tactics to begin with, but lost two wickets for 19 runs. H. W. Horner and Yates then made a prolonged stand and seemed to have mastered the bowling. Following their opponents' example, Sedgwick and Churm changed ends, and the result was startling. The score-board then read 80-2-6. With a single added Sedgwick got Horner caught in the slips. Subsequently wickets fell rapidly, in spite of a great effort by Yates. Forrest was sent back by a wonderful running catch by P. Cozens—one of the finest ever seen on the Walsall ground. In the end Walsall won comfortably. Sedgwick

taking six wickets for 41 runs and Churm four for 31.

WALSALL		OLD HILL	
H. P. Hewson c H. W. Bowler b Platt	43	J. H. Powell b Sedgwick	6
C. W. Pollock b Platt	0	T. F. Bowler b Churm	7
E. Taylor c Danks b Lee	32	H. W. Horner c Churm b Sedgwick	35
Sedgwick run out	9	P. O. Yates c Churm	34
J. Ashwell c Palmer b Platt	24	C. Palmer b Sedgwick	0
A. T. Lyons c Oaks b Lee	2	Platt b Churm	6
H. D. Thacker c Woodhouse b Platt	14	B. Forrest c Cozens b Sedgwick	0
V. Cozens c Platt	1	W. Lee c Churm	1
J. W. Whitehouse not out	5	P. Woodhouse b Sedgwick	0
G. Heddle c Woodhouse b Lee	1	P. E. Danks bw b Sedgwick	0
J. Churm c Platt	2	wick	6
Extras	8	T. L. Bound not out	1
Total	141	Total	106

BOWLING ANALYSIS

WALSALL		OLD HILL	
O. M. R. W.	O. M. R. W.	O. M. R. W.	O. M. R. W.
Platt	18.1 ... 6. 53 ... 6	Sedgwick	21 ... 8. 41 ... 6
Lee	15 ... 5. 48 ... 3	Churm	20 ... 9. 51 ... 4
Woodhouse	4 ... 0. 20 ... 0	Taylor	4 ... 0. 14 ... 0
H. W. Horner	4 ... 0. 19 ... 0	Pollock	3 ... 1. 10 ... 0
		Homer bowled two wickets	

MOSELEY DECLARE AND WIN, EASILY.

STOURBRIDGE OFFER FEEBLE OPPOSITION.

Moseley took a strong side to Amblecote and, thanks chiefly to R. G. Baynton, R. I. Scorer, and W. Balnes, hit up 265 for five wickets before a declaration was made. Batting began steadily, and in the early stage Braines survived an appeal for lbw by Harvey Bryant. Eventually he was out lbw when he had scored 58, in which seven 4's figured. Baynton and Scorer mastered the Stourbridge bowling, which was but moderate, and their batting was a feature of the game. Boundaries came fairly frequently. Baynton having 84, F. G. Stephens also hit out and his 34 included five 4's. Stourbridge were all out in an hour and a quarter for 86, Rotherham and Morter being the successful bowlers. J. P. Davis withstood the bowling best, putting on 31 runs, and Brownrigg lashed out for a short time, to make 10. Scores:—

MOSLEY		STOURBRIDGE	
W. Balnes lbw b Morter	56	J. P. Davis lbw b Morter	31
F. Bayliss b Perry	16	R. Williams c and b Rotherham	12
R. Scorer c and b Morter	64	T. Clare b Rotherham	3
R. G. Baynton c Perry b Morter	79	H. Bryant b Morter	2
F. G. Stephens c Brownrigg b Morter	34	H. Perry c Cross b Morter	0
C. A. Hartillow not out	34	Brownrigg b Rotherham	19
A. Holmes	2	C. Hingley b Rotherham	1
G. A. Rotherham,	1	P. Clare c Stephens b Morter	0
L. N. White,	1	A. Hall b Rotherham	3
W. O. Morter, and	2	C. Mobberley not out	4
H. P. Cross did not bat.	14	Extras	5
		Total	86
Total (five wkt.)	265	Total	86

BOWLING ANALYSIS

MOSLEY		STOURBRIDGE	
O. M. R. W.	O. M. R. W.	O. M. R. W.	O. M. R. W.
Brownrigg	12 ... 1. 53 ... 0	Baynton	4 ... 0. 7 ... 0
Bryant	4 ... 1. 15 ... 0	Morter	15 ... 3. 33 ... 4
Perry	14 ... 1. 64 ... 1	Rotherham	0.1 ... 1. 41 ... 6
Mobberley	16 ... 3. 66 ... 4		
Hingley	8 ... 0. 80 ... 0		
Clare	3 ... 0. 10 ... 0		
Davis	8 ... 0. 26 ... 0		

A BRILLIANT CENTURY BY G. S. TOMKINSON.

KIDDERMINSTER WIN EASILY AT SANDWELL PARK.

One feature of the game at Sandwell Park, where Kidderminster were visitors, was the fine century in League cricket since the war. Though Tomkinson's innings was not without blemish, it was a fine example of forceful batting. The other feature was the extraordinary collapse of the home batsmen on a good wicket. C. C. Wyers and G. S. Tomkinson opened the Kidderminster innings to the bowling of Spring and N. E. Partridge. The batsmen seemed to find the bowling greatly to their liking, for runs came very quickly. The 80 went up in less than half an hour, and bowling changes had little effect. From Mitchell's first over Tomkinson helped himself to two 6's and a 4. The 100 was registered after 80 minutes' play, and without any addition Wyers was taken behind the wicket for a useful 20. Neither H. Broad nor G. J. Gestha stayed long, but Tomkinson continued to hit out brilliantly until at 170, of which he had made 117, he was taken smartly by Jackson in the slips. His total included three 6's and





BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE.

MOSELEY LUCKY TO SHARE POINTS WITH WALSALL.

Moseley failed to repeat their effort in the opening stages of the season, when they defeated the champions—in fact, they were lucky to escape defeat in the return game at the Reddings, for, in response to an innings of 220 by Walsall, they lost seven wickets for 107. The outstanding features of the visitors' batting were the displays of Whitehouse and Pearman-Smith. Whitehouse was seldom at fault in timing the bowling, but there were occasions when the Walsall captain "edged" the ball just clear of the fielders. Bedgwick gave the ball useful assistance, and he was dismissed by a smart bit of work by Cross. There was little fault to find with the Moseley fielding, and Scorer came out with a good analysis, but Morter and Hastilow proved expensive. There were less than two hours proved expensive. There were less than two hours left for batting when Moseley went in, but at no time did they look like going for the runs. Four wickets were down for 28 runs, and it was only the resolute play of F. G. Stephens that saved the side from defeat. In the circumstances his display was the best of the afternoon. With Stephens' dismissal there were bright prospects of success for the champions, but Holmes and Butterworth defended stubbornly, and Moseley were enabled to make a draw. It was Moseley's third successive draw, and leaves them in the same position as Walsall—equal for second place.

	WALSALL.	MOSELEY.	
N. P. Newson b Baynton	2	W. Barnes b Churn	2
C. W. Pollock b Cross	1	P. Baylock bw b Bedgwick	9
Baines	12	R. J. Scorer lbc b Bedgwick	0
B. Taylor o Butterworth	16	R. G. Baynton b Bedgwick	0
b Baynton	1	F. G. Stephens o and b Taylor	50
Bedgwick o Cross	18	O. A. F. Hastilow b Pollock	1
Baynton	30	H. W. Price b Taylor	12
J. Ashwell o and b Scorer	18	A. B. Holmes not out	9
T. Whitehouse o and b Scorer	62	H. S. Butterworth not out	3
H. D. Thacker o Price	0	F. W. Morter and E. P. Cross did not bat.	0
Hastilow	0	Extras	21
P. D. Pearman-Smith o	43	Total (seven wks.) 107	
R. Holmes b Scorer	12		
A. T. Lyons b Morter	1		
A. Skidmore not out	1		
E. P. Cross b Scorer	2		
J. Churn b Scorer	12		
Extras	12		
Total	220		

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	WALSALL.	MOSELEY.
O. M. R. W.	O. M. R. W.	
Baynton	19 ... 4.38... 3	Bedgwick, 17 ... 5.37... 3
Morter	18 ... 0.64... 1	Churn ... 14 ... 4.20... 1
Baines	4 ... 0.10... 1	Pollock ... 5 ... 1.17... 1
Scorer	12 2 ... 1.36... 4	Taylor ... 4 ... 1.6 ... 2
Hastilow	17 ... 1.60... 1	P. Smith ... 4 ... 2 ... 0

OVER 400 RUNS SCORED AT AMBLECOTE.

MITCHELLS AND BUTLERS AND STOURBRIDGE DRAW.

Stourbridge and Mitchells and Butlers played a drawn game at Amblecote. The visitors declared at 200 for six wickets, and the home team replied with 165 for five. Mitchells and Butlers lost two wickets for 48, but J. F. Stevenson and Wilkinson made a prolonged stand. Stevenson's 81 included fourteen 4's. At one stage Hunt took three wickets with four balls in a maiden over. Wilkinson and P. M. Child were not out 89 and 40 respectively when the declaration was made. Stourbridge were left with slightly less than 2½ hours to bat. Bryant played vigorous cricket, his hits including four 6's and four 4's.

	MITCHELLS & BUTLERS.	STOURBRIDGE.	
H. Kirtley o Tate b Hunt	12	Stevenson ... 38	
E. J. Richards run out	26	Williams o Payne b Wilkinson	5
J. F. Stevenson o Davis b Hunt	81	H. Perry b Simpson	1
Wilkinson not out	89	Browning b Simpson	8
J. Williams b Hunt	7	T. Clark o Wilkinson b Stevens	30
W. O. Butler b Hunt	0	H. Bryant not out	59
W. E. Hatfield b Hunt	0	D. Harris not out	15
P. M. Child not out	40	A. Dunn,	
H. Payne,		F. Tate,	
R. Stevenson, and		J. D. Higginson, and	
F. W. Byrne did not bat.		H. Hunt did not bat.	
Extras	5	Extras	9
Total (inn. closed) 260		Total (five wks.) 165	

	MITCHELLS & BUTLERS.	STOURBRIDGE.
O. M. R. W.	O. M. R. W.	
Browning	12 ... 0.48... 0	Simpson, 19 ... 7.54... 2
H. Payne	4 ... 0.28... 0	Byrne ... 17 ... 4.20... 0
Hunt	15 ... 2.74... 6	Wilkinson, 10 ... 3.20... 1
Harris	7 ... 1.24... 0	Hatfield ... 4 ... 0.16... 0
Perry	8 ... 0.34... 0	Stevenson, 9 ... 0.46... 2
Clare	6 ... 0.29... 0	Williams ... 3 ... 0.18... 0
Davis	3 ... 0.18... 0	Kirton ... 1 ... 0.2 ... 0

ODELL BOWLS WELL FOR ASTON UNITY.

TAKES EIGHT KIDDERMINSTER WICKETS FOR 41.

Aston Unity won their match with Kidderminster at Trinity Road. C. Wyers and E. O. Pagett opened the innings for the visitors. Meunier and Odell sharing the bowling. Wyers was disposed of by a fine catch by Wilson; Hickman accounted for the dismissal of Pagett by a catch at second slip, and two wickets were down for 19. With a couple more runs added Greenwood was bowled by Odell. Higgins and F. M. Tomkinson endeavoured to improve the situation, but when the partnership had realised 19 Wilson made another catch, which got rid of Higgins. Tomkinson continued to play cautiously, but found little support. Eight wickets were down for 46, and the side were all out for 74. Odell captured eight wickets for 41 runs. The Unity had a comparatively easy task, but they opened disastrously. Morgan was run out without scoring, and when half the side was dismissed for 41, the issue seemed in doubt. Unity's hopes centred in Mennier. When he had scored 6 he was let off by F. M. Tomkinson, and this was the undoing of Kidderminster, for the game was won without further loss. After his "life" Meunier hit out vigorously. His total of 48 included two 6's and six 4's. Hassell retired owing to being overcome by the heat. Scores:

	ASTON UNITY.
C. O. Wyers o Wilson b Odell	2
C. E. O. Pagett o Hickman b Meunier	12
J. W. Greenwood b Odell	7
J. B. Higgins o Wilson b Odell	10
F. M. Tomkinson b Mennier	13
Rev. R. H. Fowler b Odell	0
G. S. Tomkinson o Eddes b Odell	3
C. S. Aston o Eddes b Odell	0
R. L. Brinton b Odell	0
S. Ordens o Fowler b Odell	8
A. E. Morgan run out	0
J. J. Hassell retired hurt	12
H. L. Hickman o Gethin b Odell	7
A. H. Buddlestone o Higgins b Gethin	1
E. T. Eddes o G. S. Tomkinson b Higgins b Odell	5
Meunier b Butler	48
N. Butler b Brinton	7
P. Wilson b Brinton	0
J. H. Holland o and b Brinton	0
E. F. Odell not out	10
Butler not out	15
Extras	4
Total	74
	Total

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	KIDDERMINSTER.	ASTON UNITY.
O. M. R. W.	O. M. R. W.	
Hensler ... 10 ... 1.29... 2	Fowler ... 7 ... 1.13... 0	
Odell ... 10 ... 0.41... 8	Gethin ... 14 ... 4.23... 4	
	Higgins ... 7 ... 2.34... 2	
	Butler ... 3.4... 0.14... 1	
	Brinton ... 3 ... 0.30... 3	

MODERATE SCORING AT DUDLEY.

DARTMOUTH WIN BY A NARROW MARGIN.

Dudley, at home, had a good opportunity of celebrating their professional's benefit with a victory over West Bromwich Dartmouth, but they lost by 15 runs. Replying to their opponents' 128, Dudley secured 100 for the loss of seven wickets, but the total reached only 114. F. Perks and E. Smith, who started the visitors' innings, knocked up 80 in about half an hour. Four wickets were down for 106. J. Naden then joined the attack, and from his first two overs nine runs were obtained, but subsequently he captured five wicket when their total was only 3, but before the separation of the captain and L. E. Gale had been effected, 59 had been registered. F. Adshead, who obtained the highest score for his side, was out at 83. Pestell at 80, the veteran W. Eve (who knocked up 19 in fine style) at 93, A. O. Lloyd at 94, and S. V. Sidaway at 100. J. W. Wilkinson was run out at 107, and A. Stevens captured two succeeding wickets with only seven added to the score.

	DARTMOUTH.	DUDLEY.	
P. D. Adshead o Gale	33	F. Adshead o Spring b Perry	29
E. Smith o J. Evans	19	F. H. Lester b Spring	1
D. Jackson o Naden	20	L. E. Gale at Smith b Perry	1
A. J. Perry o Gale b Wilkinson	1	Naden	27
A. J. Gulliford b Naden	6	Pestell b Stevens	27
E. F. Sparkes o Sidaway b Norden	6	W. Eve b Stevens	19
H. E. Mitchell at Sidaway	2	S. V. Sidaway b Spring	2
J. W. Wilkinson	1	E. P. Jeavons not out	12
H. B. Derby bw b Naden	7	J. Naden b Stevens	4
J. W. Whitworth b Norden	2	W. Flittaway b Stevens	4
A. Stevens not out	5	Extras	8
Total	128	Total	114

	DARTMOUTH.	DUDLEY.
O. M. R. W.	O. M. R. W.	
Pestell ... 5 ... 1.81... 0	Spring ... 19 ... 7.40... 2	
Gale ... 10 ... 0.37... 1	Stevens ... 14.5 ... 2.34... 5	
Jevons ... 6 ... 0.24... 2	Ferry ... 17 ... 1.20... 0	
Wilkinson ... 6 ... 1.25... 0	Sparkes ... 5 ... 1.15... 0	
Norden ... 8 ... 0.28... 0		

## SMETHWICK BEATEN AT HOME.

### A FINE RECOVERY BY OLD HILL.

W. S. Proctor and W. H. Ellerker opened Smethwick's innings at Broomfield, and the latter, profiting by a life early on, hit out vigorously. The first wicket fell at 64—Proctor returning the ball to Lee—and Ellerker was run out at 88. Shipman had a brief but merry innings, his 36 consisting of eight 4's and two singles. H. Handie, a second team player, gave a sound display, carrying his bat for 29—one of the best performances of the afternoon. Smethwick's score eventually reached 265. Old Hill started badly, losing T. F. Homer at 14 and P. O. Yates at 30. C. Palmer and H. W. Homer put on 42, when the first-named was H. W. Homer put on 42, when the first-named was out to a fine catch by Neale. P. E. Danks was out to a brilliant catch by Ellerker, who with his next ball clean bowled H. W. Homer. The retiring player had batted well for 32. When the seventh wicket fell at 130 the home side appeared to have victory in sight. Platt and W. Lee, however, made a splendid stand and turned the game round in Old Hill's favour. When Platt was bowled, at 177, 23 runs were wanted. W. Lee and B. Forrest defied the opposition. With five minutes to spare, Old Hill passed the second century for the first time this season and had gained a splendid victory.

#### SMETHWICK.

W. S. Proctor o and b Lee	21	T. F. Homer c Turner b	
W. H. Ellerker ran out	88	Shipman	9
A. J. L. Neale v Platt b	21	P. O. Yates lbw b Beaver	13
Lee	14	C. Palmer o Neale b	
H. W. Woolhouse c Lee b	4	Ellerker	18
h Platt	34	H. W. Homer b Ellerker	42
J. G. Turner v Millchip	12	P. E. Danks o and b	
E. J. Ellerker b Lee	4	Ellerker	11
H. Handie not out	29	H. Millchip c Shipman b	
G. Cox v Millchip	0	Cox	8
G. Weaver b Platt	0	Platt b Shipman	44
T. W. Durnell b Lee	11	W. Lee not out	30
Extras	15	H. Forrest not out	14
Total	205	W. L. Edwards did not bat.	
Total (eight wkt.) 265			

#### BOWLING ANALYSIS.

SMETHWICK.	OLD HILL.
0 M. R. W.	0 M. R. W.
Platt 21 4 85 3	Shipman 20 2 65 2
Lee 17 4 0 75 4	Beaver 8 0 1 17 1
Millchip 11 2 2 54 2	Darren 7 0 0 16 0
Platt bowled one no-ball	Ellerker 8 0 2 29 3
	Cox 12 0 0 48 2

#### TABLE TO DATE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pt.
Mitchells and Butlers	11	7	0	4	25
Walsall	11	6	0	5	22
West Bromwich Dartmouth	11	4	2	3	23
Old Hill	11	4	5	2	14
Aston Unity	11	4	6	1	13
Kidderminster	11	2	5	4	10
Bridgwater	11	2	5	4	9
Stourbridge	11	1	6	4	7
Smethwick	11	1	6	4	7

## SECOND DIVISION.

### KIDDERMINSTER BEAT UNITY BY TWO WICKETS.

At Kidderminster, Aston Unity were beaten by two wickets. ASTON UNITY: W. G. Bishop b Broad 64; J. H. Jenkins v. W. Beresford b Styles 28; L. H. Jones b Styles 2; W. G. Pollard b Broad 11; G. A. Holloway c Jones b Thompson 5; Pollard 8; F. Castriola c and b Barber 11; A. E. Davis b Barber 2; G. Griffin c W. Beresford b Styles 12; A. Dorrell b Barber 6; H. Lester 34; F. G. Groom c sub b Lester 4; A. Thompson not out; total 125, total 105.

KIDDERMINSTER: H. J. Broad lbw b Davis 35; C. Gilstrap b Davis 2; Davis 1; H. R. Oliver c Dorrell b Hollis 61; G. J. Jones b Holloway 24; R. S. Barber c and b Holloway 6; H. Moulder c Groom b Davis 4; B. Beresford b Davis 12; J. Thompson lbw b Holloway 11; W. E. Beresford Davis 12; J. Thompson not out 8 (J. Barber did not bat); not out 13; W. H. Styles not out 8 (J. Barber did not bat); extras 16; total 189.

### A GOOD DAY FOR W. HOLLIES.

Old Hill, playing at home, secured an easy victory over Smethwick, whose batting display was feeble. Hollies, whose century included 18 boundaries, took a hand in the success of his side, as he also captured five Smethwick wickets for 10 runs.

OLD HILL: F. Worsthorne c Young b Wheldon 76; F. Parsons c Young 1; J. Newell c Young b Wheldon 26; S. Gibbs b Wheldon 110; A. Adams v. H. Price b Wheldon 26; S. Gibbs b Wheldon 10; Parsons c Wheldon 3; S. Kirkham b Morris 1; J. Eley b Morris 6; F. Siddaway not out 0 (F. Edwards did not bat) extras 16; total (for 9 wickets, innings declared) 236 and half.

SMETHWICK: T. E. Bailey c Adams b Wheldon 36; R. Lee c Eley b Wheldon 2; D. H. Payne c Eley b Wheldon 10; R. E. Verke b Wheldon 2; McEwan c Eley b Wheldon 10; G. Edwards 1; H. A. Abbott not out 2; H. Price b Wheldon 6; R. Young v. Eley 10; W. Worrall not out 6; C. Wheldon not out 3; extras 4; total 82.

### T. H. LAW BATS WELL FOR DARTMOUTH.

At Sandwell Park, Dartmouth won their match with Dudley, by 34 runs. Mallin and Langwell had good bowling analysis, taking five for 30 and six for 33 respectively.

DARTMOUTH: F. Moore b H. Pearson 6; H. Langwell b Morris 1; A. Heading c H. Pearson b Morris 7; T. H. Law v. Morris 1; H. Mayhew 61; H. Thorburn c Waterhouse b Southall 9; G. Pearson 9; T. Mallin b Morris 9; R. G. Burton c 16; H. Gregory c Mayhew b Southall 9; J. R. Burton c Mayhew b H. Pearson 6; C. Mitchell not out 4; H. Cockin b Southall 0; extras 9; total 126.

DUDLEY: R. H. Morgan st Heading b Langwell 4; C. Southall lbw b Mallin 25; A. Smith lbw b Langwell 1; F. V. Waterhouse st Heading b Langwell 6; H. Morris b Langwell 13; H. Pearson c Cole b Mallin 9; H. Mayhew b Mallin 11; C. Gidd b Mallin 2; J. Beche not out 12; C. Pearson c Mallin 4; L. Wright b Langwell 5; extras 4; total 92.

### MITCHELLS AND BUTLERS LOSE AT HOME.

At Carr Hill, W. Flock ran out 12; E. Thrapo c Cox b Morgan 40; G. Holland c Cox b Wilding 0; J. P. Woodbridge c Morgan 2; J. Brooks c Cox b Wilding 0; S. Flemming c Cox b Wilding 0; C. Hingley c Ferday b Ferday 13; A. Allen c Broadbent b Wilding 61; C. Mathews not out 19; P. Clark c and b Ferday 20; H. Ferday c Hingley b Brooks 4; R. H. Butler lbw b Hingley 20; G. S. Hadley c Mathews b Allen 20; S. Cox c Bates b Allen 8; H. Wilding b Hingley 11; F. N. Walker b Flock 18; H. Morgan ran out 0; H. Giblin not out 2; extras 7; total 178.

### HEAVY SCORING AT WALSALL.

At Carr Hill, STOURBRIDGE: W. Flock ran out 12; E. Thrapo c Cox b Morgan 40; G. Holland c Cox b Wilding 0; J. P. Woodbridge c Morgan 2; J. Brooks c Cox b Wilding 0; S. Flemming c Cox b Wilding 0; C. Hingley c Ferday b Ferday 13; A. Allen c Broadbent b Wilding 61; C. Mathews not out 19; P. Clark c and b Ferday 20; H. Ferday c Hingley b Brooks 4; R. H. Butler lbw b Hingley 20; G. S. Hadley c Mathews b Allen 20; S. Cox c Bates b Allen 8; H. Wilding b Hingley 11; F. N. Walker b Flock 18; H. Morgan ran out 0; H. Giblin not out 2; extras 7; total 178.

### NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE LEAGUE.

### SILVERDALE LEADING BY TWO POINTS.

Norton dropped behind in the struggle for the championship of the North Staffordshire League, for while they were defeated by North Staffordshire Railway, Altonians, their closest rivals, won at home against Longton, and now lead that way with two clear points. Leek, as result of their victory over Cheddleton, are the runners-up with Norton, the same number of points.

The highest point of the day was that of Bignall End, who hit up 232 for nine wickets before closing against Knutsford at home. The feature of the innings was a lively display by E. Downing, who hit 94 in an hour and a half, including fifteen boundaries. A. W. Iken (38) and Downing put on 112 for the ninth wicket. Knutsford was sent back, with fourteen minutes to spare, for 148, their leading scorers being E. Mossdale (35) and E. Wright (30). A. Lockett, for Bignall End, took seven wickets for 40 runs.

Nantwich entertained Portbello Park, and won an interesting game by two wickets. Portbello's highest contribution to their total of 141 was J. S. Heath (35). Nantwich pinned their visitors' total off seven wickets down, and closed at 184 for eight wickets. The majority of the runs were claimed including fifteen boundaries. A. W. Iken (38) and Downing put on 112 for the ninth wicket. Knutsford was sent back, with fourteen minutes to spare, for 148, their leading scorers being E. Mossdale (35) and E. Wright (30). A. Lockett, for Bignall End, took seven wickets for 40 runs.

There was an exciting finish to the old county cricket ground at Stoke-on-Trent, where North Staffordshire Railway defeated Norton. The visitors compiling 127, the visitors were held to 121, and the winning team 127. The players were: W. J. Norton had lost five wickets for 23 runs; Jolly and Worth six wickets for 70 runs, when A. Waller (34) and R. W. Worthington (not out 20) saved the situation, adding 84 for the seventh wicket. W. Bracee, the Port Vale batsman, was sent in to score 52 runs for the ninth wicket, but the bowler was Wermington, who took five wickets for 26 runs.

Caverswall ended at home in the old Alexandra cricket ground at Stoke-on-Trent, where North Staffordshire Railway ground Norton. The visitors compiled 127, the visitors were held to 121, and the winning team 127. The players were: W. J. Norton had lost five wickets for 23 runs; Jolly and Worth six wickets for 70 runs, when A. Waller (34) and R. W. Worthington (not out 20) saved the situation, adding 84 for the seventh wicket. W. Bracee, the Port Vale batsman, was sent in to score 52 runs for the ninth wicket, but the bowler was Wermington, who took five wickets for 26 runs.

Interestingly, the leading batsmen for the Alexandra in an exciting game, Tom Marshall for the Alexandra and Worth for Caverswall, both scored 52 runs. Caverswall pinned their visitors' total off seven wickets down, and closed at 184 for eight wickets. The majority of the runs were claimed including fifteen boundaries. A. W. Iken (38) and Downing put on 112 for the ninth wicket. Knutsford was sent back, with fourteen minutes to spare, for 148, their leading scorers being E. Mossdale (35) and E. Wright (30). A. Lockett, for Bignall End, took seven wickets for 40 runs.

Leek gained a handsome victory at Cheddleton. They dismissed the home side in an hour and a half for 79 runs, and replied with 188 for six, passing the Cheddleton total by the loss of one wicket. Cheddleton's poor display at the wicket was accounted for by the admirable bowling of C. Taylor, who took six wickets for 44, and H. Birch, who claimed the last four wickets for 27 runs. H. Hassell (43) was Leek's principal scorer, and other useful contributions were V. Astbury (21) and J. Pointon (21).

Rowley Regis 182 (H. Bridgewater 44; G. E. Blissett 37); Birmingham Y.M.C.A. 179 for nine (L. Glittins 55; J. H. Phelps 31; E. A. Adams 26 not out).

Nettlefold's II. 81; H. H. Hockwell 27; Harborne Somerton II. 226 for four (Halford not out 101; Hargreaves not out 81; Thorpe 47).

Astwood Bank 145 for six (C. Chatterley 84; T. Vossell 28 not out); Aston Mutual 92 for five (Pierpoint 33; Ashbee 11; Astwood II. 163; G. Vassell 63; T. H. Page 41); Olton 242 (R. Horton 34; C. Windmill 28; G. F. Hill not out 24).

Parson's Winder and Archur, 88 (Midway 28; Short 37); C. Montal Hospital, 36. Midway took five wickets for 7 runs.

W. T. Avery 87; Erdington House Recreation Club 268 (A. Whitaker 76; E. E. Fisher 51 not out; J. J. Rhind 33).

North II. 162 for nine (F. Hughes 47; W. Stanley 31); H. G. A. 153 for six (Edgley 44; Bushell 33; Tennant not out 36); Post and Mail 77 (H. Buddle 39; Sutton Coldfield II. 177 (H. S. Gosling 89); Sutton Coldfield II. 82; H. Lark 10; Cowles 26; Sutton 25).

King's Heath Highfield, 74; Span Lane Institute, 118 ("Post" and "Mail" 97 (L. P. Hadley 21; Davies 24); Silk and Terry's 52).

City Police (Division) 33; Municipal Bank 84 for six (Moore Parsonage 39).

Moore Friends' Institute 126 (A. Perry 43), Regent Street Baptist 42.

Five Ways Old Edwardians, 76; Water Orton II. 88.





WARWICK II.'S POOR DISPLAY DERBY II.'S EASY VICTORY AT  
AGAINST DERBY II. EDGBASTON.

PRATT'S FAULTLESS CENTURY AT  
EDGBASTON.

Warwickshire II. were not very strongly represented at Edgbaston yesterday, and, winning the toss, Derbyshire II. set about their moderate bowling in such a way that at one period they promised a very big score. Seeing that the second wicket did not fall until 234, the home side did well to dispose of the visitors for 367. Pratt played a faultless innings of 128 driving and cutting being his chief scoring strokes, which included 5 and eighteen 6's. He and Vallance added 165 for the second wicket. So fast was the scoring that Derby averaged nearly 100 an hour in obtaining their runs. E. H. R. Bedford, the visitors' captain, played free cricket. Fox, who bowled late in the innings, had four wickets for 21, and Holland, a medium-fast bowler, took three for 53. The home side gave a sorry display of batting, and at the close had lost six wickets for 60 runs. Scores:-

DERBYSHIRE II.—1st Inn.		2nd Innings.	
J. de V. Dies b Holland	8		
Pratt b Holland	128		
Townsend b Fox	10		
Vallance c Wassell b Fox	93		
E. H. R. Bedford not out	68		
K. F. Bell b Fox	0		
McMillan b Wassell	9		
G. W. Thorncroft c			
Grayland b Wassell	8		
E. F. Loney b Holland	0		
F. W. Evans b Holland	9		
Creswell b Fox	6		
Extras	28	Extras	
Total	367	Total	
WARWICKSHIRE II.—1st Inn.		2nd Innings.	
Crook lbw b Loney	16		
A. Davis b Loney	18		
Fox c McMillan b Town-			
send	6		
A. Rainbow b Townsend	0		
E. H. Walters c McMillan			
b Townsend	3		
A. G. Brett b Creswell	10		
Jennings not out	10		
C. A. P. Hastings not out	1		
Extras	6	Extras	
Total (six wkt.)	69	Total	
Holland, Grayland, and Wassell to bat.			

MASTERLY BATTING BY E. H.  
WALTERS.

Although giving a much improved batting display in their second innings yesterday, at Edgbaston, Warwickshire II. were easily beaten by Derbyshire II., by an innings and 41 runs. This was attributable to the weak batting of the first innings. Following on 286 behind, the home team at one period looked like being cheaply dismissed a second time; but a useful stand, when half the side were out for 68, ensued between E. H. Walters and A. Rainbow. The latter hit hard, and was fortunate; but the former, who is an Oundle schoolboy, played masterly cricket. His strokes on the off-side were splendid, and in that direction he obtained the majority of his 98 not out, which included ten 6's. He is also a promising wicket-keeper. Creswell took seven wickets for 58; while in the first innings E. F. Loney, a Birmingham University student, who has a birth qualification for Derbyshire, obtained three wickets for 18 runs, and possesses a good left-hand action. Townsend also had three wickets, which cost 18 runs. Scores:-

DERBYSHIRE II.—1st Inn.		2nd Innings.	
J. de V. Dies b Holland	1		
Pratt b Holland	128		
Townsend b Fox	10		
Vallance c Wassell b Fox	93		
E. H. R. Bedford not out	68		
K. F. Bell b Fox	0		
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Grayland b Wassell	8		
E. F. Loney b Holland	0		
F. W. Evans b Holland	9		
Creswell b Fox	6		
Extras	28	Extras	
Total	367	Total	
WARWICKSHIRE II.—1st Inn.		2nd Innings.	
Crook lbw b Loney	16	b Creswell	19
A. Davis b Loney	18	b Creswell	17
Fox c McMillan b Town-			
send	6		
A. Rainbow b Townsend	0	b McMillan	7
E. H. Walters c McMillan		b Creswell	4
b Townsend	3	b McMillan	4
A. G. Brett b Creswell	10	b McMillan	4
Jennings not out	10	b McMillan	4
C. A. P. Hastings not out	1	b Creswell	1
Extras	6	Extras	
Total (six wkt.)	69	Total	
Holland, Grayland, and Wassell to bat.			

FINE BOWLING AT PORTHILL.

J. WHALEN'S SUCCESSFUL DEBUT  
FOR STAFFORDSHIRE.

Although Staffordshire had several notable absentees from the team meeting Lincolnshire at Porthill, yesterday, they proved themselves the superior side on the first day's play. J. Whalen, who was making a first appearance for the county, played havoc with the visitors' wickets in the first innings, taking seven for 29, and in the second innings A. Lockett achieved a remarkable bowling success, his analysis at one period standing at four wickets for 5 runs. A. Smith, Staffordshire's top scorer, played a splendid innings.

LINCOLNSHIRE—1st Inn.

		2nd Innings.
L. G. Scarby lbw b Whalen	8	b Lockett .....
T. Marples b Whalen	9	b Lockett .....
T. Shaw b Sedgwick	20	c Heath b Lockett .....
A. P. Falconer c Green b Whalen	9	b Lockett .....
E. Johnson c Fitchford b Sedgwick	8	b Lockett .....
R. Lee b Whalen	4	b Lockett .....
D. Howlands b Whalen	9	b Lockett .....
C. Wilson b Whalen	0	not out .....
G. H. Wright c Green b Whalen	7	b Heath .....
J. A. Spur not out	11	not out .....
Extras.....	6	Extras.....
Total.....	75	Total (eight wkt.) 109

STAFFORDSHIRE—1st Inn.

		2nd Innings.
J. Anker b Whalen	31	not out .....
W. H. Fitchford run out	6	not out .....
H. W. Horner b Spur	13	not out .....
A. Smith run out	44	not out .....
J. Jolly b Whalen	81	not out .....
Ridgwick b Spur	38	not out .....
J. G. Heath not out	16	not out .....
A. Lockett b Marples	0	not out .....
J. Whalen c Wright b Spur	1	not out .....
C. Green c Spur	3	not out .....
Extras.....	15	Extras.....
Total.....	101	Total.....

MINOR COUNTIES.

STAFFORDSHIRE'S SUCCESS AGAINST LINCOLNSHIRE.

Lincolnshire had two wickets in hand when they regunned against Staffordshire at Porthill yesterday morning, and for those they added 44 runs, leaving Staffordshire to obtain 53 for victory. The home team secured the required number with the loss of only one wicket. The outstanding feature of the match was the remarkable bowling of Aaron Lockett, who captured nine of the Lincolnshire wickets for 10 runs. Scores:-

		Bad Innings.
L. G. Scarby lbw b Whalen	8	b Lockett .....
T. Marples b Sedgwick	8	b Lockett .....
A. P. Falconer c Green b Whalen	9	b Lockett .....
E. Johnson c Fitchford b Sedgwick	8	b Lockett .....
R. Lee b Sedgwick	3	b Lockett .....
R. Lee b Whalen	1	c and b Lockett .....
D. Howlands b Whalen	1	b Lockett .....
C. Wilson b Whalen	0	b Heath .....
G. H. Wright c Green b Whalen	7	b Lockett .....
J. A. Spur not out	11	not out .....
Extras.....	11	Extras.....
Total.....	78	Total..... 148

  

		Bad Innings.
J. Anker b Shaw	31	not out .....
H. W. Horner b Spur	6	not out .....
A. Smith run out	44	not out .....
J. Jolly b Wilson	81	not out .....
Ridgwick b Spur	38	not out .....
J. G. Heath not out	16	not out .....
A. Lockett b Marples	0	not out .....
J. Whalen c Wright b Spur	1	not out .....
C. Green c Spur	3	not out .....
Extras.....	15	Extras.....
Total.....	101	Total (one wkt.) 54





BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT  
LEAGUE.

ASTON UNITY'S DEFEAT AT  
TRINITY ROAD.

Always popular visitors at Trinity Road, Mitchells and Butlers brought out their best eleven to meet a much weakened Unity team. After waiting for an hour and a half owing to the rain, the gates were opened, and a fairly good number of spectators entered. Taking first innings, the Unity were only able to put up a total of 55. The chief contributor was E. F. Odell, who made his half-century in fifty-five minutes. When he was 49 he was smartly caught by Payne behind the wicket, but the new bowler, Kirton, was promptly "no-balled." The Unity captain then added 4 to his score, and from the next ball he was out to a brilliant catch by Williams near the boundary line. Odell had four 6's and four 4's in his total of 53. The tail end failed materially to add to the score. W. G. Odell was at the wicket for thirty-five minutes for his 3 runs, and the last three wickets fell without the addition of a run. Mitchells and Butlers lost half their wickets for 69, but W. Ogle and J. F. Stevenson hit off the runs without further loss. Stevenson scored at an unusually rapid rate, reaching his 50 (which included two splendid drives out of the enclosure and several boundaries) in twenty-five minutes.

ASTON UNITY.	MITCHELLS & BUTLERS.
G. A. Holloway c Stimpson.....	H. Kirton c W. G. Odell b con b Wilkinson.....
A. H. Hosshall.....	b Meunier.....
J. J. Richards b Wilkinson.....	p. J. Richards run out.....
J. J. Hosshall c Wilkinson.....	Wilkinson c Green b Meunier.....
b Stimpson.....	J. Williams.....
H. Wilkinson.....	H. Payne c and b Meunier.....
E. F. Odell b Wilkinson.....	W. Ogle not out.....
Kirton.....	J. F. Stevenson not out.....
N. Pulley b Wilkinson.....	W. G. Odell.....
W. G. Odell c Child b	H. Thompson.....
Wilkinson.....	W. E. Hatfield.....
J. H. Holland b Wilkinson.....	J. A. Jones, and
T. D. Marsh c Payne b	P. M. Child did not bat.
Wilkinson.....	Extras ..... 11
A. Gomm run out.....	Total ..... 55
C. R. Durban not out.....	Total (five wkt.) 147
	BOWLING ANALYSIS.
	MITCHELLS & BUTLERS.
	ASTON UNITY.
Wilkinson. 14.4. 5.42. 7	Mitchell. .. 0. M. R. W.
Stimpson. 7. 0. 25. 1	E. Odell. .. 0. M. R. W.
Hatfield. 5. 1. 11. 0	Hussey. .. 4. 0. 16. 0
Kirton. 3. 1. 16. 1	Marsh. .. 0. 0. 19. 0
Kirton bowled one no-ball.	

A FINE FINISH AT OLD HILL.

WALSALL BEATEN FIVE MINUTES  
FROM TIME.

The match at Old Hill, which did not commence until four o'clock, was won by the home side five minutes from time after an exciting finish. Walsall, who were fortunate to win the toss, opened well, who were on the board for the first two wickets. None of the remaining batsmen could master the bowling of Platt and H. W. Homer, and the last eight wickets added only 25. The Old Hill professional narrowly missed the "hat trick" on two occasions. Things looked black for Old Hill when Sedgwick took two wickets in his first two overs, and four were down for 9. H. W. Homer, the county man, and Eley carried the score to 31, and Palmer kept his end up for half an hour, while Palmer, who played fine defensive cricket, added 11 to the total until he was unfortunately run out. He was ably assisted by Lee, and hit five 4's and a 6 in his 33. There was considerable excitement when Forrest went in, 20 runs being required and only a few minutes left to obtain them. He soon got the measure of Sedgwick's bowling, and soon got the measure of Sedgwick's bowling, and rattled up 22 in twelve minutes, making the winning hit by putting the ball over the rails for 6. Scores:-

WALSALL.	OLD HILL.
g. P. Pearson b Platt. .... 15	P. O. Yates b Sedgwick. .... 0
G. Geddon b Homer. .... 31	Hatt b Sedgwick. .... 2
Taylor run out. .... 11	H. George b Sedgwick. .... 0
G. Taylor b Homer. .... 0	H. H. Millinch c Pearson
Sedgwick lbw b Homer. .... 7	b. Charman. .... 6
Hedgwick c and b Platt. .... 1	J. Ashwell b Platt. .... 0
J. Whitshon b Platt. .... 0	H. W. Homer run out. .... 33
W. G. Thomas b Homer. .... 0	J. Eley b Charman. .... 13
A. Wheeler b Platt. .... 10	C. Palmer c Taylor b
A. J. Boobes b Platt. .... 1	Charman. .... 0
H. J. Boobes b Platt. .... 0	W. Lee not out. .... 12
G. Akklimore b Platt. .... 4	B. Forrest c Ashwell b
J. Charman not out. .... 4	Sedgwick. .... 22
Extras. .... 5	P. F. Banks and
Total. .... 81	W. L. Edwards did not bat.

WALSALL.	OLD HILL.
o. m. r. w.	o. m. r. w.
10. 3. 11. 0	Charman. 13. 7. 20. 3
10. 4. 4. 6	Sedgwick. 19. 4. 5. 68. 4
19.5. 4. 45. 0	Ivy. 6. 2. 10. 0
Millinch. 1. 0. 0	Sedgwick and Taylor each
Homer. 9. 0. 22. 0	22 with a no-ball.

KIDDERMINSTER UNLUCKY.  
ANOTHER GOOD PARTNERSHIP BY  
FOWLER AND GETHIN.

Although Kidderminster could not reach a definite result in their match at Chester Road on Saturday, West Bromwich Dartmouth, all things considered, were fortunate in sharing the points. Rain prevented a start till nearly four o'clock, and it was distinctly unfortunate for the home team that play was so limited. Kidderminster hit up 223 for three wickets in five minutes under two hours, the batting being characterised by vigour and good timing. The feature of the innings was the partnership of the Rev. R. H. Fowler and Stanley J. Gethin, who scored 110 while they were associated. Fowler's was a particularly happy effort, following his 84 against Mitchells the previous week. After he obtained his 50 he sacrificed his wicket in the desire to score quickly, and was brilliantly caught on the boundary by Spring. Included in his 61 (the highest score of the day) were two 6's and five 4's. He was at the crease 57 minutes. F. Martin Tomkinson hit freely, and when the innings was declared with three wickets down for 223 runs, the visitors were left with just under two hours to get the runs. Mention should be made of the first wicket partnership of G. S. Tomkinson (38) and C. C. Wyers (23) who scored 61 before being parted. The Dartmouth team made no effort to get the runs, and Butler, bowling at a great pace, claimed the first 4 wickets cheaply. Field, who was missed at 5, stayed an hour and twenty minutes for 29; and E. Smith was in fifty minutes for 11.

KIDDERMINSTER	DARTMOUTH
G. S. Tomkinson c Law b Perry. .... 38	F. D. Perks c Anton b
G. C. Wyers b Sparkes. .... 23	Butler. .... 16
Rev. R. H. Fowler c Spring b Sparkes. .... 64	G. W. Field b F. M. Tomkinson. .... 20
R. H. Gethin not out. .... 61	Spring b Butler. .... 6
F. Martin Tomkinson not out. .... 22	S. Jackson b Butler. .... 9
L. H. Higgins. .... 17	A. T. Utter b Butler. .... 1
W. E. Richardson. .... 17	E. Smith not out. .... 17
C. S. Anton. .... 3	E. F. Sparkes not out. .... 3
H. Tomkinson. .... 16	A. A. Perry. .... 3
G. P. Jones. .... 0	T. Law. .... 0
Butler did not bat. .... 29	J. W. Whitworth. .... 0
Extras. .... 15	H. Stevens did not bat. .... 0
	Extras. .... 3
Total (Inns. closed) 223	Total (five wkt.) 84

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

KIDDERMINSTER	DARTMOUTH
o. m. r. w.	o. m. r. w.
Stevens. 12. 3. 36. 0	Butler. 18. 8. 37. 4
Spring. 13. 1. 62. 0	Fowler. 11. 1. 42. 0
Perry. 8. 0. 47. 1	H. T. Kincaid. 4. 3. 1. 0
Sparkes. 7. 0. 47. 2	Anton. 3. 1. 3. 0
Perks. 2. 0. 14. 0	H. Holmes. 4. 3. 2. 0
	F. T. Kincaid. 3. 3. 0. 1

MOSELEY DEFEAT STOURBRIDGE.

FORCING CRICKET BY F. G. STEPHENS  
AND W. BAINES.

Although rain curtailed the hours of play, the game at the Reddings was brought to a definite conclusion, Moseley winning by five wickets with eleven minutes to spare. It was a fitting reward to Morter's bold policy in putting the visitors in to bat, as what otherwise might have resolved itself into a tedious drawn-out game provided some exhilarating cricket. That both teams were keen to play was evident, as, with the prospect of the original pitch not drying in time, a fresh one was marked out and a start made at 4.45. Tom Clare, who opened the innings with Davis, batted with much confidence, and as long as he was at the crease there was every prospect of Stourbridge putting up a useful score, but once he was dismissed magnificently caught at mid-off by Holmes—only fate of the other batsmen caused much trouble. Clare's innings included a splendid leg hit for 6, which landed the ball on to the roof of the stand. Baines was the most successful of the Moseley bowlers, while Scorer also did well, wickets just where the opposition looked dangerous. Left with 106 to make in an hour and a quarter, Moseley had by no means an easy task, for, although the playing pitch was not actually difficult, the outfield was dead slow. Against some accurate length bowling and exceptionally keen fielding Moseley made a none too promising start, but the partnership of Baines and Stephens put the issue beyond doubt, for in thirty-five minutes 78 runs were added for the fourth wicket, at which point the former was bowled by Clare.

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Baines batted in skilful fashion, his driving at times being very powerful, while Stephens followed up his recent success with another fine display. Right from the outset he tackled the bowling with every confidence, his play on the off being particularly well executed. Baines's principal hits were one 6 and three 4's, while Stephens hit one 6 and five 4's. It was no mean feat to succeed in a race against time, for the visitors were especially good in the field, Tom Clare saving a lot of runs by his clean picking up at cover-point, while he finished a good afternoon's work by capturing two wickets for 4 runs. An interesting feature of the game was the excellent work of Cross and Tata behind the wicket, only 6 extras being recorded, and 3 of these were no-balls.

STOURBRIDGE.		MOSELEY.	
T. Clare c Holmes b Scorer	39	W. Baines b Clare .....	46
F. Davis c Hartlow b Morter	7	A. C. F. Hartlow c Tate .....	46
D. Harris b Scorer	15	R. J. Scorer c Brownrigg .....	3
H. Bryant c Cross b Scorer	7	b Hunt .....	3
Brownrigg c Cross b Scorer	3	H. G. Davison a Perry b Clare .....	4
F. C. H. Knapp b Hayton	1	E. G. Stephens not out .....	47
G. Hallam c F. S. Morter b Baines	10	R. W. Price c Hallam b Morter .....	2
F. Tate b Baines	28	A. B. Holmes not out .....	2
R. Williams b Baines	1	P. Blacklock .....	2
H. Ferry not out	0	F. S. Morter did not bat .....	0
H. Hunt b Baines	0	Extras .....	8
Extra .....	1	Total (five wks) .....	108
Total .....	107	Total (five wks) .....	108

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

STOURBRIDGE.		MOSELEY.
O. M. R. W.	O. M. R. W.	
Paxton 4 9 4 28 1	Hunt 8 0 40 1	
Morter 12 2 23 1	Brownrigg 9 0 46 3	
Scorer 12 2 24 4	Knapp 2 0 0 15 0	
F. Morter 2 0 0 0	Clare 2 0 0 14 0	
Baines 4 1 16 4	Knapp bowled two and went one no-ball.	

## A DRAW AT BROOMFIELD.

### SMETHWICK'S BID FOR SUCCESS OVER DUDLEY.

There was some bright cricket at Broomfield. It came after 7 p.m., when Dudley had closed their innings for 128 for three wickets. The visitors began at 5.20, and did not show any great enterprise—except when T. Adshead was at the wickets. He made 57 at the rate of two a minute, and was then bowled by Cox, who met with a similar success when first tried at the other end; taking the wicket of Jeavons in the first over, and that of the Dudley captain when he was tried at the Drill Hall end. Smethwick went out to get the runs, but the fielding of Dudley was rather too good for such an enterprise to secure the success it deserved. The first seven batsmen were dealt with by the Fielders. Mention should be made of the catch which dismissed Shipman. Having made a 6, he essayed another hit, but, running along the boundary, the Dudley captain caught the ball in his right hand and received hearty applause. After eight men had thrown caution to the winds, the Smethwick captain came in to put on the brake, and with Cox played out the last ten minutes, when the fireworks had gone out of the game.

DUDLEY.		SMETHWICK.	
E. P. Jeavons c Elcker	19	R. N. Webster at Pittaway b Wilkinson .....	5
b Cox .....	19	W. H. Elcker b Stevens .....	5
Pestell c Turner b Shipman .....	20	b Naden .....	10
F. Adshead b Cox .....	87	Shipman c Adshead b	33
J. W. Wilkinson not out .....	17	Wilkinson .....	33
A. O. Lloyd not out .....	10	E. J. Brooker at Pittaway b Wilkinson .....	2
H. G. Stevens .....		D. Dorman c Stevens b Naden .....	7
H. V. Hooper .....		I. G. Turner c Pestell b	2
J. Naden .....		Wilkinson .....	2
F. Wright .....		W. G. Proctor c Galle b Wilkinson .....	18
W. Pittaway .....		A. J. Neale not out .....	2
L. E. Gales did not bat .....		H. W. Woodhouse b Naden .....	6
Extras .....	5	G. Cox not out .....	2
Total (runs closed) .....	128	W. E. Foster did not bat .....	1
Total (eight wks) .....	84	Extras .....	1

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

DUDLEY.		SMETHWICK.
O. M. R. W.	O. M. R. W.	
Shipman 12 4 26 1	Naden 10 0 50 3	
Paxton 12 0 40 0	Wilkinson 9 0 63 3	
Morter 9 0 32 0		
Cox 8 1 25 2		

## TABLE TO DATE.

P.	W.	L.	D.	PTD.
Moseley	5	10	0	36
Mitchells and Butlers	16	8	0	52
Walsh	16	8	0	52
Old Hill	16	6	0	23
W.R. Dartmouth	16	5	4	22
Kidderminster	16	4	6	18
Aston Unity	16	3	10	16
Stourbridge	16	3	9	14
Dudley	16	2	9	18
Ambleworth	16	2	8	12

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## SECOND DIVISION.

### LEADERS' SUCCESS OVER WEAKENED WALSALL TEAM.

Walsall, in their home engagement with Old Hill, played a much weakened team, nearly all the best run-scorers being absent, and therefore the leaders' Division leaders were able to take their revenge for the reverse they sustained on their own ground earlier in the competition. For Old Hill, Edwards claimed five wickets for 21 runs and Hollies four for 61. For Walsall, Dale had three for 36, and Hemming two for 28.

WALSALL: A. C. Teuten b Hollies 1, D. Robinson b Edwards 27, A. R. Stanley b Hollies 0, P. Parsons c Elley b Edwards 10, H. L. Bishop b Edwards 14, T. H. Owen b Edwards 11, R. H. Dale b Edwards 4, M. H. Dale b Hollies 12, G. Hemming b Hollies 1, A. Hemming c Gibbs b Hollies 12, R. Little not out 4, extras 2; total 83.

OLD HILL: W. Elley b Dale 45, F. Woodhouse c Teuten b Hemming 2, W. Hollies c Humphrey b Dale 44, J. Norton b Humphrey 1, R. Adams c Humphrey b Hemming 37, P. Parsons c Teuten b Dale's O. L. Parkes not out 9, N. Giblin not out 21, F. Pearson, F. Sidway, and G. Edwards did not bat), extras 11; total 170.

## TIME SAVES MOSELEY.

Stourbridge showed themselves superior both with bat and ball to Moseley at Ambleside, and the visitors were fortunate to make a draw, as they were 90 behind with only two wickets to fall when time was called.

STOURBRIDGE: W. Elococ b Newb 17, A. F. Edmunds Kent 21, C. H. Hingley c Kent b Firth 39, E. Thompson b Jones b Unitt 35, S. Allen c b Unitt 0, A. Dunn b Kent 24, T. H. Coddington b Jones 14, C. M. Mobberley b Hanks b Young 24, F. Henian b Firth b Young 0, J. Pennington b Firth 2, C. Cheetham not out 0, extras 14; total 187.

MOSELEY: G. E. Tyler c Hanks b Hingley 41, A. D. Denning c Warren b Hingley 9, A. W. Firth b Hingley 2, W. Young b Hingley 0, A. H. Pope c Skelding b Allen 2, P. D. Unitt c Mobberley b Allen 14, C. J. Pritchard c Elococ b Mobberley 17, L. J. Jones not out 6, H. D. Hinds c Hanks b Elococ 0, H. F. Weaver not out 0 (H. G. Kent did not bat), extras 6, total (for eight wickets) 96.

## WATERHOUSE'S DUAL SUCCESS.

West Bromwich Dartmouth second team improved their chances of the Birmingham League by beating Kidderminster, but the lost seven wickets before reaching Kidderminster's total of 97. Waterhouse took five wickets for 26, and Burton four for 15. Waterhouse was chiefly responsible for the Dartmouth having 68 on the board with only one wicket down, scoring 45 by forceful batting.

KIDDERMINSTER: A. J. Wilkes c Perry Jim b Waterhouse 16, A. F. Broadbent b Burton 14, R. A. Hunter b Burton 3, C. D. McIlvray b Burton 0, H. Moulder not out 23, W. J. Webb c Perry Jim b Burton 2, L. J. Thompson b Waterhouse 0, K. G. Lloyd b Waterhouse 14, A. F. Handley b Walker b Cockin 9, W. F. Bessford b Waterhouse 12, W. H. Styles b Waterhouse 2, extras 4; total 97.

WEST BROMWICH DARTMOUTH: W. J. Evans c W. Bessford b Thompson 1, H. Threlfall b Moulder 1, S. F. Waterhouse c Handley b Moulder 45, J. Walker c S. Broadbent 1, E. Houlder c F. Moore b Lloyd b Handley 3, A. Handley b Moulder 0, F. Perry son c S. Bessford b Styles 5, E. Perry son c Handley b Styles 5, C. Rogers not out 8 (J. F. Burton and H. Cocks did not bat); extras 4; total (for eight wickets) 106.

## SMETHWICK WIN AT DUDLEY.

Smethwick just succeeded in winning their game with Dudley an exciting last wicket stand being made by Bauchs a few minutes before time for drawing stamps. Weight and Paxton took five wickets for 45 runs, and for 55 respectively, and for Smethwick, Wheldon took seven for 60.

SMETHWICK: G. E. Parry b Paxton 26, R. F. Stubbs c Morgan b Paxton 9, T. McElwee b Paxton 23, T. F. Bayley c Bauchs b Paxton 22, R. E. Yorks c Morgan b Wright 11, F. Lee c Bauchs b Wright 12, J. Morris b Waterhouse b Paxton 11, S. A. Headon c Bauchs b Burns 9, A. Wheldon not out 40, L. Williams c Wheldon b Wheldon 0, E. Hartill c Stubbs b Burns 2, J. Wright b Morris 30, extras 2; total 123.

## ASTON UNITY WELL BEATEN AT CAPE HILL.

There was a late start and an early finish in the game between Mitchells and Guitars Hill, and Aston Unity 11, as Cape Hill. The Unity made 144, G. W. Ross being responsible for 60. The home batsmen made light of the task, and when the game was closed had 170 on the board for only one wicket. Broadbent batted well for 95 not out.

ASTON UNITY: H. G. Bishop b Wheldon 4, T. H. Jenkins 60, R. H. E. Cartridge c Cox b Morgan 1, G. Griffin not out 0, H. E. Staples c Butler b Bentley 9, C. Pease c Broadbent b Morgan 9, S. J. Bishop not out 11, F. Rosbrook b Morgan 4, Perry c Walker b Morgan 1, extras 3; total 144.

MITCHELLS AND BUTLERS: F. Broadbent not out 98, H. Foreday at Cartridge b Rosbrook 38, S. Hadley not out 37 (H. Wilding, G. Cox, R. H. Butler, C. Harbago, T. Bentley H. Morgan, W. Ogles, and F. N. Walker did not bat); total 170.

TABLE TO DATE.				
Old Hill	16	9	4	30
W.B. Dartmouth	16	8	4	27
Mitchells and Butlers	16	8	5	37
Stourbridge	16	7	5	27
Aston Unity	16	7	5	26
Moseley	16	6	5	25
Walsh	16	5	5	25
Kidderminster	16	4	7	21
Dudley	16	3	9	16
Stourbridge	16	2	11	11

FIVE WAYS O. E. H. v. WALL GREEN II.—At Lordwood Hall Green 11: H. March c F. Wilcock 15, J. Cook 1, A. Price 0, G. Hall 0, T. Barrett 21, R. Bowles 2, extra 0; total 74. Five Ways O.E.H. 11: J. E. Lovell not out 2, extra 2; total 14. Five Ways O.E.H. 12: J. W. Briggs 11, L. H. McRae 1, C. G. Williams 14, J. H. Nott 0, E. Morris 2, A. Davies 0, G. N. Hobley, G. R. Ball (into out) 0, extras 7; total 60.



SUCCESSFUL SEASON FOR  
STAFFORDSHIRE.

COUNTY'S BAD LUCK AGAINST  
LANCASHIRE II.

Staffordshire have enjoyed a fairly successful season, which terminated with a clever victory over Norfolk last week. The programme in connection with the Minor Counties' Competition comprised home and away matches with Cheshire, Norfolk, Durham, and Lancashire II., and in addition a friendly game was played with Lincolnshire, who intend to re-enter the competition next year. Lincolnshire were defeated by nine wickets, and of the championship matches five were won (both Durham matches, Lancashire II., Cheshire, and Norfolk), one (Norfolk) won on first innings, one (Lancashire II.) lost on first innings, and one (Cheshire) lost, giving 20 points out of a possible 40, and a percentage of 72.50. This does not give Staffordshire the championship, or even place them in a position to issue a challenge to play off for the distinction, which they won on six occasions, and three times running immediately prior to last year. In 1922 the county had its most unsuccessful season for over 20 years, gaining only 18 points out of 45, and a percentage of 40, but this year much of the former ascendancy has been recovered. Half an hour of the time lost through rain in the match against Lancashire II. at Stoke would have undoubtedly given Staffordshire five points instead of one, with a percentage for the season of 82.50, instead of 72.50. This would have given them the first place, liable to challenge by Buckinghamshire for the championship. The absence of some of the old players has undoubtedly affected the batting adversely. B. Meakin, captain of the team for a number of years up to and including last season, and who has generally headed the batting averages, has been entirely absent, as has E. H. Bourne, the brilliant batsman who scored 216 not out at the Oval last year, and has usually played in his holidays. N. P. Hewson, of Walsall, has been kept out of the team by a damaged hand, and E. W. Page, E. H. Bennett, C. R. Ridgway and G. H. Thorneycroft have made only one appearance each.

THE NEW BLOOD.

In a season of rain-affected wickets the batting averages are not impressive, but J. W. Johnson and J. Ankers have made runs consistently. A feature of the season has been the initial success of young bat-men from the south of the county, called upon for the first time. Thus P. O. Yates (Old Hill) scored 66 in his first innings, L. H. Morris (Cannock) hit 11 not out at his first attempt, and R. G. Seldon (Walsall) made 41 on his single appearance. These young players batted so well as to give considerable promise for the future, whilst W. H. Fitchford, P. F. Stubbs, and C. G. Varcoe are also young men with distinct promise.

In bowling, Sedgwick and Morgan have again been the opening pair, and have records singularly alike. Platt, the Old Hill, and formerly Surrey professional, has qualified, and rendered valuable aid; but the two outstanding features of the season have been the remarkable bowling of Aaron Lockett, the old Stoke and Port Vale centre forward, and the striking debut of the Silverdale left-hander, J. Whalen, who only played in two matches in the holiday week, and achieved such records as five wickets for 10 runs against Lancashire II., and seven for 29 against Lincolnshire. Lockett has headed the bowling table in the two preceding seasons, but he has never accomplished anything comparable to his success this year. Bowling with deadly accuracy, he has never once been hit with any freedom, and his pronounced spin and clever variation of pace have given him figures reminiscent of Barnes. His best performance was in the second innings of Lincolnshire, when his analysis read—18.1 9-16 0. In the concluding match at Norwich he took ten wickets for 58. The team has been well captained by J. B. Russell, of Sutton Coldfield, who has also kept the wicket with sustained efficiency. There has been little fault to find with the fielding of the side. The batting and bowling averages are as under:—

BATTING.

	No. of	Times	Highest	Total	
	inns.	not out.	score.	runs.	Avg.
A. A. Dickerton	4	1	44	81	27.00
L. H. Morris	4	1	61*	80	26.66
A. Smith	4	0	44	93	23.75
J. W. Johnson	7	2	34	107	21.40
J. W. Johnson	16	0	64	337	21.10
J. Ankers	14	2	78	219	20.75
P. O. Yates	9	0	67	156	19.50
H. W. Hester	9	2	37	120	14.44
P. F. Stubbs	4	1	34	66	16.25
J. B. Heath	4	1	16*	45	15.00
Sedgwick	13	1	40	160	13.33
Platt	13	1	34	146	12.16
J. B. Powell	15	2	39*	145	11.23
C. G. Varcoe	4	0	19	31	7.75
Morgan	10	2	17	90	6.00
A. Lockett	16	4	24*	72	6.00

\* Not out.

BOWLING.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.	Avg.
J. Whalen	45	11	96	16	6.00
A. Lockett	165.2	70	222	41	6.37
Platt	106.5	38	263	26	10.11
Morgan	235.2	69	531	38	13.97
Sedgwick	191.1	39	532	38	14.00

A. Lockett bowled: J. H. Heath, 23-1-98-2; E. Groom, 9-1-41-0; C. J. Taylor, 7-2-15-0; R. G. Seldon, 2-0-7-0.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

DIVISION I.

At Dudley—Dudley v. Moseley.  
At Cape Hill—Mitchells and Butlers v. Smethwick.  
At West Bromwich—West Bromwich Dartmouth v. Aston Unity.  
At Walsall—Walsall v. Kidderminster.  
At Stourbridge—Stourbridge v. Old Hill.

DIVISION II.

At the Reddings—Moseley v. Dudley.  
At Smethwick—Smethwick v. Mitchells and Butlers.  
At Trinity Road—Aston Unity v. West Bromwich Dartmouth.  
At Kidderminster—Kidderminster v. Walsall.  
At Old Hill—Old Hill v. Stourbridge.

CLUB MATCHES.

At Harborne—Harborne v. Olton.  
At King's Heath—King's Heath v. Stratford-on-Avon.  
At Bart Green—Bart Green v. Redditch.  
At Moseley—Ashfield v. Wolverhampton.  
At Whittington—North Staffs. Regt. v. Belvederes.  
At Astwood Bank—Astwood Bank v. Bromsgrove.  
At Rugeley Road—Brumana v. Erdington.  
At Edgbaston Road—Ariel Works v. Solihull Heath Mutual.  
At Lordwood Road—Five Ways, O.E. v. Hall Green.  
At King's Heath—Birmingham Trams v. Y.M.C.A.  
At Aston—Aston Manor v. Perry Barr.  
At Walsall—Walsall v. Moor End.  
At Olton—Olton II v. Harborne II.  
At Stratford-on-Avon—Stratford II v. King's Heath II.  
At Redditch—Redditch II v. Bart Green II.  
At Wolverhampton—Wolverhampton II v. Ashfield II.  
At Bromsgrove—Bromsgrove II v. Astwood Bank II.  
At Erdington—Erdington II v. Britannia II.  
At Hall Green—Hall Green II v. Five Ways II.  
At Bristol Road—Y.M.C.A. II v. Birmingham Trams II.  
At Perry Barr—Perry Barr II v. Aston Manor II.  
At Erdington—Moor End II v. Streetly II.

WARWICKSHIRE'S SOUTHERN TOUR.

Warwickshire conclude the season with a southern tour, in the course of which they will meet Kent at Dover to-day, Surrey at the Oval on Wednesday, and Sussex at Brighton next Saturday. The Hon. F. S. G. Calthorpe is unable to play against Kent and Surrey, but will rejoin the side at Brighton. In the first two matches the team will be captained by G. W. Stephens, who will have the following players at his service:—N. E. Partridge, Captain J. H. Parsons, B. W. Quaife, R. E. S. Wyatt, W. G. Quaife, Smithies, Howell, Santall, Smart, and Wassell.

NEXT WEEK'S CLUB AND GROUND MATCHES.

The following teams have been selected to represent Warwickshire Club and Ground in matches to be played at the County Ground, Edgbaston, next Tuesday and Wednesday:—

Against Northants Club and Ground on Tuesday the side will be: Commander C. F. Cowan, J. P. Crowe, E. H. Walters, D. P. Trentham, J. S. Woodward, W. Carpenter, G. Mawbey, Croom, Clarkson, Fox, and Grayland.

On Wednesday, Leicester Club and Ground will be opposed by:—R. J. Scorer, R. O. Baynton, F. W. Morter, W. B. Threlfall, E. H. Walters, G. Barlow, J. P. Crowe, D. P. Trentham, Croom, Clarkson, and Grayland.

"The Free Foresters," a combination of cricketers representing the old public schools, universities, and in some cases counties, left Liverpool yesterday on the Canadian Pacific liner *Montlaurier*. Major E. G. Wynyard, the old Hampshire county captain, was in charge of the team, which includes Colonel J. C. Hartley (Sussex), F. H. Hollins (a member of the M.C.C. Committee and Lancashire), and C. E. Thompson (Rugby, and the second wicket-keeper). The dates for the matches are:—Montreal, September 3-8; Toronto, September 10-16; Hamilton, September 18-20; Waterloo, September 21-23; Ottawa, September 23-26, eliminating Sunday. The team will return to Montreal and sail for home on September 28.

**WORCESTERSHIRE CRICKET.  
REVIEWED.**

**ROOT'S FINE RECORD WITH  
THE BALL.**

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

Worcestershire concluded their County Championship season yesterday with a victory over Glamorgan, and they can look back upon their recent career with a considerable amount of satisfaction. The batting of the side has improved appreciably, and the prospects are decidedly bright. The fielding has been maintained at a reasonably high level, but it is in bowling that the most striking advance has been made. Last season they could scarcely get their opponents out, and the figures of even the most successful bowlers were far from flattering. But this season Root and Pearson have accomplished many excellent performances. Root, indeed, must be acclaimed as one of the bowlers of the year. It is possible that he ranks as the most ingenious manipulator of the ball in first-class cricket. He has a style of his own, and he met with consistent and at times indeed with remarkable success. It is with great difficulty that even the best batsmen of the day can keep the ball away from the small army of fielders he employs on the leg side. Root stands out pre-eminently as the man who has invested the side with a deadliness in attack it has not possessed since the days of Arnold and Wilson. He has captured 185 wickets, the greatest number by far ever obtained by a bowler on the shire's behalf. In 1903, Arnold took 112 wickets, and 143 in all matches, so that the Dudley man has left his record far behind.

Rarely have a county side had to depend so wholly on a pair of bowlers. Not since Hallam and Tom Wass won the championship for Notts have two men had such a monopoly of the attack on any county side. Pearson, although he felt on the strain towards the close of the campaign, ably seconded Root's efforts, and the bowling figures show what an immense proportion of the work the pair did. Pearson had the satisfaction of taking hundred wickets and making a thousand runs, and only Arnold and Cuffe had previously performed that feat. Arnold did it thrice in successive years, and Cuffe had the same distinction, on one occasion taking 110 wickets. But reliable change bowlers are sorely needed, for H. A. Gilbert has lost his sting.

**IMPROVEMENT IN BATTING.**

As to the batting, that showed a marked improvement on last season. M. K. Foster has had a much better summer, and has done some brilliant work for his side. At times he played cricket of a slap-dash order, and sternly refused to play himself in, but towards the close he did infinitely better work, and one spell was particularly brilliant. He made two centuries in the course of a few days, and at his best his batting leaves little to be desired. Few men, indeed, can approach him so far as sheer brilliancy—one might almost say audacity—when he is at his best. L. G. Crawley is another fine batsman; he is probably the best on the side, for he is sounder than his captain. For a young cricketer his confidence is most pronounced, while he has an ample variety of strokes and he hits with great power. His 161 against Hampshire at Worcester was a most brilliant innings, and, although he played but seldom, he had two centuries to his credit.

Possibly the most notable addition to the batting strength, in that it meant a regular rather than an intermittent player, was Fox, the well-known Middlesbrough footballer. His untiring defence was invaluable. After making 64 not out against Derbyshire, 49 and 67 not out against Northants, 82 against Warwickshire, and 64 against Kent, he played a magnificent innings of 178 against Northants at Worcester, this being the best score of the season on Worcestershire's behalf. He is a wonderful fielder, too, and it was rough on him that he had to miss the last few matches when he needed but 19 to reach his thousand runs. Pearson batted admirably, especially at the beginning and the end of the season, and he fairly won the Sussex match, in which he obtained his only century of the season. J. F. Maclean improved considerably, and hit up a grand 121 against Notts, while the Hon. John Coventry came in alike as a batsman and a fielder. Unfortunately, H. L. Higgins, the most reliable man on the side last season, was unwell, and lost his batting completely; indeed, he dropped out of the side at his own request. Maclean kept wicket well, and G. E. B. Abell, Marlborough, showed promise in the same direction. The following batting and bowling performances may be noted with interest:—

CENTURIES FOR WORCESTERSHIRE.

J. F. Maclean, 121 v. Notts, at Worksop.  
M. K. Foster, 121 v. Gloucestershire, at Bristol.  
M. K. Foster, 140 v. Essex, at Worcester.  
L. G. Crawley, 181 v. Northants, at Worcester.  
L. G. Crawley, 112 v. Glamorgan, at Worcester.  
Fox, 178 v. Northants, at Worcester.  
Pearson, 103 not out v. Sussex, at Worcester.

CENTURIES AGAINST WORCESTERSHIRE.

Collins, 101 for Kent, at Gravesend.  
Oldroyd, 104 for Yorkshire, at Worcester.  
Makinson, 203 for Lancashire, at Worcester.  
Mead, 138 for Hants, at Worcester.  
Neville, 100 for Hants, at Worcester.  
P. Bruton, 110 not out for Hants, at Worcester.  
Hardinge, 114 for Kent, at Dudley.  
P. Perrin, 122 for Essex, at Worcester.  
Freeman, 138 for Essex, at Worcester.  
Russell, 147 for Essex, at Worcester.  
Dipper, 171 for Gloucestershire, at Bristol.

SCORES OF 50 AND OVER FOR WORCESTERSHIRE.

**Z. K. Foster**, 53 v. Warwickshire, at Edgbaston.  
57 v. Hants, at Southampton.  
77 v. Hants, at Worcester.  
61 v. Northants, at Worcester.  
62 v. Yorkshire, at Harringate.  
97 v. Essex, at Worcester.  
90 v. Sussex, at Worcester.  
Pearson, 58 and 69 v. Glamorgan, at Cardiff.  
68 not out v. Hants, at Southampton.  
63 and 62 v. Gloucestershire, at Worcester.  
63 v. Northants, at Worcester.  
**Fox**, 49 not out v. Derbyshire, at Dudley.  
49 and 67 not out v. Northants, at Worcester.  
52 v. Warwickshire, at Worcester.  
54 v. Kent, at Dudley.  
Hon. J. Coventry, 62 v. Kent, at Gravesend.  
51 v. Hants, at Worcester.  
L. G. Crawley, 34 and 43 v. Essex, at Worcester.  
H. O. Hopkins, 78 v. Sussex, at Worcester.  
G. E. B. Abell, 50 v. Gloucestershire, at Bristol.  
Root, 53 not out v. Essex, at Leyton.  
55 v. Hants, at Worcester.  
J. B. Higgins, 71 v. Lancashire, at Worcester.  
H. L. Higgins, 74 v. Lancashire, at Worcester.  
Smith, 70 v. Notts, at Stourbridge.  
Buckling, 58 v. Kent, at Dudley.

BOWLING FIGURES.

Root, 6 for 93 v. Yorkshire, at Worcester.  
4 for 82 v. Essex, at Leyton.  
8 for 83 v. Essex, at Leyton.  
7 for 31 v. Warwickshire, at Worcester.  
8 for 75 v. Kent, at Gravesend.  
5 for 116 v. Notts, at Stourbridge.  
5 for 100 v. Notts, at Stourbridge.  
7 for 49 v. Kent, at Dudley.  
5 for 50 v. Sussex, at Hastings.  
5 for 70 v. Northants, at Worcester.  
5 for 64 v. Northants, at Worcester.  
7 for 115 v. Essex, at Worcester.  
5 for 97 v. Essex, at Worcester.  
7 for 91 v. Northants, at Worcester.  
7 for 90 v. Somerset, at Weston-super-Mare.  
5 for 68 v. Sussex, at Worcester.  
7 for 114 v. Sussex, at Worcester.  
Pearson, 6 for 52 v. Essex, at Leyton.  
6 for 69 v. Warwickshire, at Worcester.  
5 for 48 v. Somerset, at Kidderminster.  
8 for 121 v. Kent, at Dudley.  
5 for 111 v. Hants, at Worcester.  
7 for 80 v. Northants, at Weston-super-Mare.  
5 for 43 v. Sussex, at Worcester.  
**L. E. Gale**, 5 for 49 v. Warwickshire, at Edgbaston.  
Tibox, 5 for 72 v. Gloucestershire, at Bristol.  
Preece, 5 for 72 v. Gloucestershire, at Bristol.  
4 for 32 v. Gloucestershire, at Bristol.  
H. A. Gilbert, 5 for 39 v. Glamorgan, at Worcester.

The batting and bowling averages are as follows:—

BATTING.

	Inns.	Runs.	Times	Aver.
			in not	
G. G. Crawley	6	40	18	... 0
M. K. Foster	38	1,365	18	... 0
Fox	34	98	178	... 0
Buckling	3	85	58	... 0
Pearson	44	1,046	103	... 0
H. O. Hopkins	11	230	78	... 0
J. F. Maclean	30	596	121	... 0
H. E. Bryant	8	165	41	... 0
Hon. J. Coventry	82	644	62	... 0
J. B. Higgins	24	395	71	... 0
Root	45	617	65	... 0
M. F. A. Jewell	22	255	40	... 0
G. E. B. Abell	7	73	60	... 0
Smith	8	110	70	... 0
H. L. Higgins	24	300	74	... 0
J. B. S. Walford	10	128	31	... 0
G. Ashton	7	89	48	... 0
S. T. Jagger	7	74	41	... 0
Tibox	27	237	42	... 0
L. Gale	13	94	10	... 0
C. B. Ponsonby	7	68	26	... 0
Preece	32	195	35	... 0
Corbett	8	17	6	... 0
H. A. Gilbert	8	16	6	... 0
V. W. Humpherson	6	16	12	... 0
Lang	10	11	70	... 0

The following also batted:—Bowley, 5 and 0; Eden, 18\* and 9; E. W. Norton, 13\* and 2; Preece, 0\*; Rogers, 11, 4 and 6; G. B. Sanderson, 16; Lord Somers, 15 and 0; Summers, 0; R. Williams, 4 and 2\*.

\*Signifies not out.

BOWLING.

Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.	Aver.
Root	1,204.1	536	8,895	165 20.91
Pearson	959	200	2,466	106 23.48
Preece	221.9	55	6,635	26 34.04
Buckling	181.1	1	100	4 25.00
J. B. Higgins	56	12	154	6 25.66
E. A. Gilbert	209.5	55	912	19 26.94
Rogers	87.2	8	110	4 29.75
B. T. Jagger	28	5	120	4 30.00
L. Gale	93	16	324	8 40.50
Tibox	160.4	10	670	15 44.66
Lang	107	26	296	5 59.20
Hon. J. Coventry	27.3	1	151	2 75.50
M. F. S. Jagger	62	8	230	1 220.00
J. B. S. Walford	5.4	0	33	0 0.00

The following also bowled:—Corbett, 7—0—32—0; Fox, 2—0—8—0; V. W. Humpherson, 22—9—49—1; E. W. Norton, 10—0—41—0; Preece, 3—1—12—0; Smith, 1—0—19—0; M. K. Foster, 2—0—43—0.

THE PLAYING RECORD.

As five victories were obtained, in contradistinction to last year, when only one match was won, the season was more than reasonably satisfactory. It opened with a defeat at Edgbaston, and another at Worcester at the hands of Yorkshire. The match with Glamorgan at Cardiff

was lost on the first innings, and then came an innings defeat at Southampton. But a very fine win then fell to the eleven, Essex being beaten at Leyton in an innings, while, after Derbyshire had narrowly won on the first innings at Dudley, Warwickshire, thanks to Root's bowling, were defeated in an innings. This was naturally a most gratifying triumph. Defeat at the hands of Kent at Gravesend and Somerset at Kidderminster was followed by a partial defeat at Old Trafford and a reverse by Notts at Stourbridge. Worcestershire morally beat Kent at Dudley, a decision which was afterwards admitted to be wrong enabling the visitors to win by one wicket. Then came defeats by Gloucestershire and Hants and Sussex, but at Northampton Worcestershire won on the first innings. Notts beat the shire at Worksop, an innings defeat awaited them at Old Trafford, Derbyshire gained the first innings points, and the champions defeated them with great ease. Essex won a well-contested game at Worcester, Gloucestershire defeated them at Bristol, but Northants furnished yet another win, the margin being nine wickets, and Somerset defeated them by 84 runs. Then came a splendid win over Sussex, and finally a triumph over Glamorgan. The following details may be of interest:—

Played 26, won 5, lost 16, won 1st innings 1, lost 1st innings 4; Warwickshire, at Edgbaston, 163 and 184; Warwickshire, 212 and 116 for 3, Lost by 7 wickets; Yorkshire, at Worcester, 100 and 161; York-shire, 358, Lost by 1 innning and 113; Glamorgan, at Cardiff, 209 and 167 for 7; Glamorgan, 231, Glamorgan, won on 1st innnings; Hampshire, at Southampton, 123 and 184; Hants, 283, Lost by an innnings and 24; Essex, at Leyton, 97 and 151; Worcestershire, 250, Worcestershire, 197 and 1; Derbyshire, 208 for 8 (declared). Derbyshire won on 1st innning; Warwickshire, at Worcester, 103 and 167; Worcester, 286, Won by an innning and 16; Kent, at Gravesend, 283 and 220; Kent, 212 and 218 for 2, Lost by 8 wickets; Somerset, at Kidderminster, 200 and 161; Worcester, 107 and 145, Lost by 145 runs; Worcester, 299, Worcester, 419 and 121 for 6; Northants, at Worcester, 107 and 116 for 3, Lost by 7 wickets; Northants, at Northampton, 108 and 181; Worcester, 236 and 161 for 6. Worcestershire won on first innning; Notts, at Worksop, 271 and 215 for 8 (declared); Worcester, 126 and 230, Lost by 124 runs; Lancashire, at Old Trafford, 231; Worcester, 135 and 125, Lost by an innnings and 31; Derbyshire, at Derby, 299; Worcestershire, 208, Derbyshire, won on first innnings; Yorkshire, at Harrogate, 42 and 163; Yorkshire, 242 for 2 (declared), Lost by an innnings and 37; Essex, at Worcester, 107 and 161 not wicket, Lost by 10, Warwickshire, at Worcester, 283 and 319, Lost by 104 runs; Gloucestershire, at Bristol, 200 and 265; Gloucestershire, 185 and 275, Lost by 5 wickets; Northants, at Worcester, 204 and 230; Worcester, 450 and 47 for 1, Won by 9 wickets; Somerset, at Weston-super-Mare, 183 and 300; Worcester, 199 and 182, Lost by 84 runs; Sussex, at Worcester, 118 and 220 for 4, Won by 6 wickets; Glamorgan, at Worcester, 118 and 161; Worcester, 276 and 4 for 3, Won by 7 wickets.

CLUB AND GROUND MATCH AT  
EDGBASTON.

W. C. JUPP'S CENTURY FOR  
NORTHAMPTON.

In the first division by W. C. Jupp, Northampton were enabled to double yesterday in the Birmingham Division. After losing four wickets for 10 runs, after the outbreak, and the only wicket which was a chance after he had just been bowled, his best scoring strike was one 6. The home side made a very poor start, totalling 100 for 10. The later batmen shaped things more favourably. Jupp, who is a left-hander, was expensive, but, curiously enough, the last man of a no-ball. At the close of play, there was a creditable draw. Clarkson took 10 wickets.

Northampton	1	J. S. Woodhead b H. Timms
Northampton	2	Oreman b R. Wright..... 11
Northampton	3	J. P. Orman c A. Wright..... 1
Northampton	4	R. Wright..... 6
Northampton	5	G. H. Watkinson b H. Timms 11
Northampton	6	Clarke. C. F. Curran b H. Timms..... 11
Northampton	7	H. Timms..... 27
Northampton	8	D. P. Tretham run out..... 36
Northampton	9	J. H. Down not out..... 45
Northampton	10	Clarkson c Tyler b Wiles 25
Northampton	11	Vor not out..... 7
Northampton	12	W. Carpenter and
Northampton	13	Grayland did not bat.
Northampton	14	
Northampton	15	
Northampton	16	
Northampton	17	
Northampton	18	

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## BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

### MITCHELLS AND BUTLERS DEFEAT THE CHAMPIONS.

Excellent length bowling and keen fielding were the outstanding features of the game at the Reddings, for right through the afternoon the batsmen had to fight hard for their runs. Rain delayed the start and caused several stoppages during the Moseley innings, but both teams made the best of the adverse conditions, and when at 7.30 the visitors had gained a well-merited victory by the margin of one wicket the light was really bad. Scores:-

MOSLEY.		MITCHELLS & BUTLERS.	
W. Holmes o & Moseley b	25	H. Kirton o Cross b	
Wilkinson		Morter	6
P. Blaylock lbw b Shipman	1	E. J. Richards b Rotherham	
... ...		ham	13
C. A. V. Hattaway b	0	F. J. Wilkinson lbw b Baynton	0
Stimpson		F. J. Wilkinson o Rotherham	
H. J. Bowler b Shipman	7	ham	0
F. G. Stephens o Hatfield	4	J. Williams o Baines b	
b Wilkinson		Baynton	12
R. W. Price b Shipman	7	H. E. Hatfield st Cross b	
R. G. Baynton o Richards	4	Rotherham	0
b Wilkinson		H. Paynter not out	32
G. H. Rotherham o and b	12	J. A. Lupton lbw b Morter	2
Wilkinson		K. M. Chiles o Holmes b	
A. B. Holmes o Child b	6	Rotherham	10
Wilkinson		R. Stimpson lbw b	
E. P. Cross not out	0	Rotherham	0
F. W. Morter c Kirton b	10	P. W. Byrnes not out	41
Wilkinson		Extras	3
Extras		Extras	2
Total	79	Total (nine wkt.)	80

#### BOWLING ANALYSIS.

MOSLEY.		MITCHELLS & BUTLERS.	
O. M. R. W.		O. M. R. W.	
Wilkinson 17.3 ... 2.52 ... 6		Baynton 16 ... 6.30 ... 3	
Stimpson. 17 ... 7.24 ... 4		Morter 14.4 ... 4.25 ... 2	
		Richards 2 ... 0.8 ... 0	
		Rotherham 7 ... 2.15 ... 4	
		Baynton bowled a wide.	

### SPOILED GAME AT KIDDERMINSTER.

#### MATCH WITH OLD HILL ABANDONED.

Rain spoiled what would have been an interesting finish to the match at Chester Road on Saturday. Batting first, Old Hill totalled 146—a much higher score than at one time seemed probable—and with Kidderminster one for 19, the game was abandoned, a heavy storm at 3.30 causing the ground to become saturated.

OLD HILL.		KIDDERMINSTER.	
P. O. Yates o G. S. Tomkinson b	3	G. S. Tomkinson o and b	
P. Draks o Brinton b	1	Pleat	1
Butler		G. C. Wyers not out	16
H. W. Homer o G. S. Tomkinson b	1	H. L. Higgins not out	
Butler		J. R. Gethin,	
J. H. Hill o G. S. Tomkinson b	3	J. R. Higgins,	
Butler		C. R. O. Paget,	
H. Millichip b Butler	24	H. Tomkinson,	
W. Lee c and b W. G. Gethin	33	W. G. Gethin,	
J. Eley lbw b W. G. Gethin	10	R. L. Brinton,	
Gethin		C. R. Anton, and	
R. Forrest not out	32	Butler did not bat.	
J. Bowman o Paget b J. Eley		Extras	1
P. Higgins	7	Total one wkt.	19
T. H. Hill o G. S. Tomkinson b	9		
W. Edwards o G. S. Tomkinson b	10		
W. Gethin			
Total	146		

#### BOWLING ANALYSIS.

OLD HILL.		KIDDERMINSTER.	
O. M. R. W.		O. M. R. W.	
Butler 16 ... 5.54 ... 4		Lee 5 ... 2.7 ... 1	
Brinton 6 ... 0.19 ... 1		Patt 6 ... 2.11 ... 1	
W. Gethin 15 ... 2.39 ... 3			
J. Higgins 3 ... 0.24 ... 2			

### SMETHWICK'S EASY WIN.

#### JACKSON'S FINE BATTING FOR DARTMOUTH.

Though Dartmouth were but poorly represented in their match against Smethwick, at Broomfield, they were able to put up a score of 181, thanks to S. Jackson and Spring. Smethwick started remarkably well, scoring their first 50 in half as many minutes. Ellerker left at 93, of which he had made 46. Although the light became poor, the necessary runs were made. Shipman scored a 6 off Spring for the winning hit. Scores:-

DARTMOUTH.		SMETHWICK.	
H. E. Mitchell b Shipman	6	D. Dorman o Evans b	
Spring o Turner b		Spring	43
Ellerker	49	R. N. Webster lbw b	
W. Evans lbw b Beaver	6	Spring	3
A. Jackson b Durnell	76	W. H. Ellerker o Evans b	
T. Law o Proctor b Shipman		Sparkes	46
H. Peoley o Turner b		I. G. Turner o Walker b	
Shipman		Spring	18
F. Sparkes b Shipman		Albiston not out	37
H. Arnold b Shipman		W. S. Proctor b Stephens	0
		G. Cox not out	23

J. Walker o and b Shipman	1	A. J. L. Neale,	
Man		H. W. Woodhouse,	
J. W. Whitworth not out	1	W. Beever, and	
H. Stephens o Neale b	5	T. W. Durnell did not bat.	
Shipman		Extras	26
		Total (five wkt.)	188

#### BOWLING ANALYSIS.

DARTMOUTH.		SMETHWICK.	
Shipman 17.4 ... 1.70 ... 1		Buring 23 ... 1.70 ... 3	
Durnell 11 ... 1.27 ... 1		Stephens 14 ... 1.62 ... 1	
Beever 6 ... 0.10 ... 1		Ellerker 9 ... 2.17 ... 0	
Ellerker 6 ... 2.51 ... 0		Sparkes 2 ... 0.13 ... 1	
Cox 4 ... 0.20 ... 0		Durnell bowled one wide and	
		one no-ball, and Shipman	
		bowled one wide.	

### UNITY'S DEFEAT AT TRINITY ROAD.

#### SEDGWICK'S VERSATILE DISPLAY FOR WALSHALL.

The last match of the season at Trinity Road failed to attract many spectators, and fewer than fifty persons paid for admission. The visitors were Walshall, who batting first knocked up 167, the outstanding feature of which was Sedgwick's contribution of 56. This total included ten 4's, four being recorded in succession of Odell's bowling. He reached his 50 after being at the wickets an hour and twenty minutes. The Unity made a feeble response, half of the side being out for 12. Menier and Hossell stemmed the rot, but the rest of the players failed against the deadly bowling of Sedgwick, who captured eight wickets for 38 runs. Scores:-

WALSHALL.		ASTON UNITY.	
R. G. Sedgwick b Menier	13	S. Odell b Sedgwick	5
Beckenham b Eddin	56	A. E. Morgan b Churm	0
B. Taylor b Ogden	23	Hor. L. E. Cartridge b	
J. Whitehouse b Eddin	0	Sedgwick	0
J. Ashwell run out	34	E. F. Odell lbw b Sedgwick	
N. P. Hewson b Odell	13	Menier b Sedgwick	26
J. Robinson st Holland b		L. T. Jones b Sedgwick	0
A. Wheeler o Hossell b	6	J. J. Hossell o Skidmore	
Eddin	14	b Churm	20
B. Piddington b Eddin	0	A. R. Russell c Whitehouse b Sedgwick	2
G. W. Aldmore o Jones b	2	G. A. Holloway b Sedgwick	0
Eddin	0	wick	0
J. Churm not out	0	Z. T. Edmon not out	4
H. Holland lbw b Sedgwick		J. H. Holland lbw b Sedgwick	7
Extras	5	Extras	11
Total	167	Total	81

#### BOWLING ANALYSIS.

WALSHALL.		ASTON UNITY.	
O. M. R. W.		O. M. R. W.	
Menier 20 ... 4.46 ... 1		Churm 13 ... 3.32 ... 3	
Odell 12 ... 5.26 ... 1		Sedgwick 12.1 ... 4.38 ... 8	
Husselbee 8 ... 2.27 ... 0			
Ogden 7 ... 1 ... 1.18 ... 1			
Eddin 11 ... 0 ... 4.77 ... 6			

### DUDLEY'S DEFEAT.

#### T. CLARE'S HALF-CENTURY FOR STOURBRIDGE.

Dudley could muster only 101 against the splendid attack of the visitors. Brownrigg maintained a splendid length, and at one time had captured three wickets in five overs for 5 runs. Stourbridge won by two wickets. T. Clare made the creditable score of 55. Scores:-

DUDLEY.		STOURBRIDGE.	
T. E. Jeavons o Brownrigg	0	T. Clare o Powell b Gale	53
F. Adshend at Tate b T. Clare	21	H. Williams o	
Z. E. Gale o and b Hunt	3	Leffler b	
Peatell b T. Clare	3	H. Perry not out	28
J. W. Wilkinson o Hallam	5	G. H. Brownrigg o Peatell	
b Hunt	5	b Gale	5
F. H. Leffler o Brownrigg	9	F. Tate b Gale	4
K. V. Hooper o and b T. Clare	1	C. Hinlyp b Peatell	1
W. Pittaway o Perry b	1	A. Dunn b Peatell	0
H. Hunt not out	1	T. Clare lbw b Gale	1
J. Stone b Brownrigg	0	H. Hunt not out	1
S. H. Greaves b Brownrigg	0	F. Gregory did not bat.	
		Extras	6
B. G. Stevens not out	18	Total	102
Extras	3		
Total	101		

BOWLING ANALYSIS.		STOURBRIDGE.	
E. J. L. Neale	18	W. L. D. P. G.	
H. W. Woodhouse	18	9	57
W. Beever	18	6	36
T. W. Durnell	18	5	41
W. H. Durnell	18	5	25
Kidderminster	18	6	20
Stourbridge	18	5	18
Aston Unity	18	5	17
Smethwick	18	3	16
Dudley	18	3	14



## REVIEW OF WARWICK-SHIRE CRICKET.

### YOUNG PLAYERS OF GREAT PROMISE.

### A BRIGHT OUTLOOK FOR THE FUTURE.

Warwickshire's season has been one of promise rather than fulfillment, but the promise is very real, and it can now be predicted with confidence that in the near future the Midland county will fully recover the cricket prestige it held in the days before the war. Young players during the past four months have given signs of healthy development. Captain J. H. Parsons has reappeared on the scene, the colts who have been cooling their heels at Edgbaston, while qualifying, will be available for service next season, and the administrators of the club's affairs have given evidence of an enterprising spirit by securing the adhesion of Norman Kilner, who, when he becomes eligible, will be on his mettle to prove that Yorkshire blundered. And the season's results inspire hope. The record is not unsullied, because there have been some defeats rather damaging to the county's self-esteem and others in which the result might have been reversed had more tenacity been shown in hanging on to an initial advantage; but against these backslidings has to be set the fine work accomplished on those occasions when the team rose to their full height, as in the two matches against Yorkshire; in their home match with Kent, when, after being 117 behind on the first innings they gained a brilliant victory; and in the successful southern tour which concluded the season. The performances against Kent at Dover, and against Surrey at the Oval, were in every way worthy of a club with Warwickshire's traditions.

#### CAPTAIN'S LOSS OF FORM.

The side have suffered to a considerable extent in consequence of the indifferent form of their captain, the Hon. F. S. G. Calthorpe. The simple explanation is that the M.C.C. tour in New Zealand and Australia took too much out of Calthorpe; the life went out of his bowling, and because he was jaded he lost confidence in himself. He can now enjoy eight months' rest from cricket, however, and next season should find him once more one of the most successful all-round players in the country. Calthorpe's moderate success with the ball threw a heavy responsibility on Howell, but the fast bowler made a splendid response, and by taking 182 wickets established a new bowling record for the county, beating the previous record of 142 credited to himself in 1920. Howell, it is interesting to note, first played for Warwickshire in 1913, when he took three wickets, and altogether has captured 604 wickets for the county. N. E. Partridge, though not consistent, also bowled effectively on many occasions. It was unfortunate that he was unable to play regularly. William Quaife was always a useful auxiliary, and during the season another bowler appeared on the horizon in the person of R. E. S. Wyatt, a Coventry youth who was introduced as a batsman in the first match and was only once absent, through injury, from the side. Wyatt is one of the most promising all-round players discovered in Warwickshire for a considerable time, and should have a highly successful cricket career in front of him, for he is steady, watchful batsman, and as a medium-paced bowler makes use of a natural off-break. He did not make his debut as a bowler until his fifth match, but afterwards he was a recognised member of the attack and he materially helped his side to beat Kent at Edgbaston by taking four wickets for 26 runs. Generally surveying the bowling of the side as a whole, however, it must be said that as in previous seasons the need of another high-class professional was constantly felt.

#### WILLIAM QUAIFE'S DISTRIBUTION.

The batting was often far from satisfactory, and in the early part of the season especially some very disappointing and almost inexplicable collapses were witnessed. Most of these collapses were clearly due to faulty batmanship, a weakness

which the players concerned admitted and attributed to the quality of the practice wickets prepared for them—a state of affairs which the committee should have no difficulty in remedying. It is significant that William Quaife, still a great asset with the bat, was the only man to make a thousand runs. Bates had a dreadfully bad season and seemed to be unable to do anything right until the last match or two, and it was not until the season was half over that Smith became consistently useful. G. W. Stephens, whose 143 against Gloucestershire at Edgbaston will long be remembered, was the most brilliant and dashing member of the team, and made several big scores, but like his comrades had one or two bad patches. Daniel did not altogether fulfil his promise of the previous year until towards the end of the season, but when he ran into form his workmanship was most encouraging. A stiffening influence, fortunately, was provided by Wyatt; and to the delight of William Quaife's admirers his son Bernard, who had been a fugitive member of the team in previous seasons, entered into his heritage and made himself of immense value on several occasions. Bernard Quaife has modelled himself on his father, and has made such an advance this season both in his batting, which has become more progressive, and his fielding, that he should long wear the county cap which was awarded him early in August. Smart was a useful batsman on a few occasions at the beginning of the season, and was always a valuable batsman. From the batting point of view the brightest feature was the return to England of Captain J. H. Parsons early in July. He stepped straight into the team, and showing excellent form almost immediately, compiled a brilliant century against Northants. Captain Parsons, who is probably one of the best batsmen in England, is anxious to resume the place so formerly held on the club's playing staff, and there will be consternation among the members if he is not a regular member of the team in future.

#### UNWEVEN WORK IN THE FIELD.

The fielding has been uneven, but in two or three very matches it reached a level which could only be described by using the much abused word "brilliant." Often, however, it was just as steely, and the weakness of the slips, where uncountable catches have been dropped, has been an extremely costly business. But in fielding, as in other directions, there have been signs of improvement, and if that improvement can be maintained all will be well.

The committee are to be congratulated on having followed fairly conservative policy in the matter of team selection. They have made a real effort to get a side together and to avoid changing it, and this has made for cohesion.

Appended are the principal records of the season—

#### SUMMARY OF RESULTS.

May 6, 7, 8.—At Edgbaston, v. Worcestershire. Worcestershire, 140 and 184; Warwickshire, 218 and 116 for three wickets. Warwickshire won by seven wickets.

May 12, 14, 15.—At Northampton, v. Northamptonshire. Warwickshire, 97 and 89; Northamptonshire, 280 and 109 for four wickets. Match drawn.

May 19, 21, 22.—At Edgbaston, v. Derbyshire. Warwickshire, 182 and 216; Derbyshire, 238 and 184 for six wickets. Derbyshire won by four wickets.

May 26, 28, 29.—At Edgbaston, v. Yorkshire. Yorkshire, 133 and 102 for six wickets (innings declared); Warwickshire, 110 and 81. Yorkshire was by 84 runs.

May 26, 28, 29.—At Worcester, v. Worcestershire. Warwickshire, 180 and 167. Worcestershire, 236. Warwickshire won by an innings and 16 runs.

May 30, 31, June 1.—At Taunton, v. Somersetshire. Warwickshire, 160 and 150; Somersetshire, 193 and 145. Somersetshire won by eight wickets.

June 6, 8, 9.—At Portsmouth, v. Hampshire. Hampshire, 249 and 94 for four wickets (innings declared); Warwickshire, 188 and 197. Hampshire was by 244 runs.

June 9, 11, 12.—At Edgbaston, v. Gloucestershire. Gloucestershire, 262 and 257; Warwickshire, 248 and 76 for two wickets. Warwickshire won by eight wickets.

June 13, 14, 15.—At Edgbaston, v. Surrey. Surrey, 103 and 105; Warwickshire, 123 and 120. Surrey won by an run.

June 18, 19, 20.—At Bristol, v. Gloucestershire. Gloucestershire, 116 and 192; Warwickshire, 238 and 171 for eight wickets. Warwickshire won by two wickets.

June 23, 24, 25.—At Leicester, v. Leicestershire. Leicestershire, 216 for five wickets (innings declared); Warwickshire, 171. Match drawn.

June 29, July 1, 2.—At Edgbaston, v. Kent. Warwickshire, 181 and 181; Kent, 188 and 184. Warwickshire won by 30 runs.

July 6, 8, 9.—At Hull, v. Yorkshire. Yorkshire, 170 and 111 for nine wickets (innings declared); Warwickshire, 180 and 182. Yorkshire was by 91 runs.

July 10, 11, 12.—At Edgbaston, v. West Indies. Warwickshire, 180 and 181; West Indies, 180 and 91 for one wicket. West Indies won by nine wickets.

July 14, 15.—At Edgbaston, v. Lancashire. Warwickshire, 180 and 110; Lancashire, 181 and 102 (one wicket declared). Lancashire won by an innings and

July 28, 29, 31.—At Manchester, v. Lancashire. Lancashire, 60 for one wicket. Match drawn.

Aug. 4, 5, 7.—At Derby, v. Derbyshire, Derbyshire, 216 and 242 for eight wickets; Warwickshire, 240 and 120 for four wickets. Match drawn.

Aug. 8, 9, 10.—At Edgbaston, v. Northamptonshire. Warwickshire, 208 and 227 for five wickets (innings declared); Northamptonshire, 250 and 183 for five wickets. Match drawn.

Aug. 11, 13.—At Edgbaston, v. Sussex. Sussex, 220; Warwickshire, 68 and 231. Sussex won by six wickets and 180 runs.

Aug. 14, 15, 16.—At Edgbaston, v. Leicestershire. Leicestershire, 170 and 40 for four wickets; Warwickshire, 180 runs.

Aug. 19, 20, 21.—At Edgbaston, v. Middlesex. Warwickshire, 103 and 143; Middlesex, 183. Middlesex won by six wickets and two runs.

Aug. 23, 27, 28.—At Dover, v. Kent. Warwickshire, 203 and 174; Kent, 147 and 290. Warwickshire won by 27 runs.

Aug. 29, 30, 31.—At the Oval, v. Surrey. Warwickshire, 206 and 115 for three wickets; Surrey, 224. Match drawn.

Sept. 1, 3, 4.—At Brighton, v. Sussex. Warwickshire, 157; Sussex, 181 and 183. Match drawn.

#### BEST BATTING PERFORMANCES.

QUAIFE (W. G.)—121, v. Northamptonshire, at Northampton; 61, v. Kent, at Edgbaston; \*83, v. Yorkshire, at Hull; 51, v. Hampshire, at Edgbaston; 60, v. Derbyshire, at Derby; \*56, v. Kent, at Dover; 50, v. Surrey, at the Oval.

O. W. STEPHENS—70, v. Northamptonshire, at Northampton; 71, v. Derbyshire, at Edgbaston; 143, v. Gloucestershire, at Edgbaston; 70 and 65, v. Somerset, at Edgbaston; 87, v. Kent, at Dover; 61, v. Surrey, at the Oval.

SANTALL—64, v. Somerset, at Taunton; \*65, v. Hampshire, at Portsmouth; \*67, v. Derbyshire, at Derby; 50, v. Sussex, at Edgbaston; 78, v. Kent, at Dover.

B. W. QUAIFFE—89, v. Gloucestershire, at Edgbaston; \*51, v. Leicestershire, at Leicester; 54, v. Derbyshire, at Derby; 90, v. Northamptonshire, at Edgbaston.

SMITH—81, v. Gloucestershire, at Edgbaston; 65, v. Leicestershire, at Leicester; 87, v. Kent, at Edgbaston; 59 and 68, v. Derbyshire, at Derby.

SMART—60, v. Northamptonshire, at Northampton; 55, v. Derbyshire, at Edgbaston; \*50, v. Gloucestershire, at Edgbaston; \*58, v. Somersetshire, at Edgbaston.

HON. P. S. G. CALTHORPE—70, v. Somerset, at Taunton; 77, v. Middlesex, as Lord's; 64, v. Kent, at Edgbaston.

R. E. S. WYATT—50, v. Middlesex, at Lord's; 68, v. Gloucestershire, at Bristol; 63, v. Somerset, at Edgbaston.

CAPTAIN J. H. PARSONS—131, v. Northants, at Edgbaston; 62, v. Kent, at Dover.

N. E. PARTRIDGE—54, v. Hampshire, at Edgbaston; 51, v. Middlesex, at Edgbaston.

BATES—52, v. Yorkshire, at Hull; 50, v. Surrey, at the Oval; 50, v. Sussex, at Brighton.

#### BEST BOWLING FEATS.

HOWELL—6 for 44, v. Worcester, at Edgbaston; 6 for 68, v. Derbyshire, at Edgbaston; 10 for 51, v. Northants, at Edgbaston; 5 for 82, v. Worcestershire, at Worcester; 6 for 48, v. Somerset, at Taunton; 5 for 101, v. Hull, at Portsmouth; 6 for 111, v. Gloucestershire, at Edgbaston; 7 for 55, and 5 for 69, v. Surrey, at Edgbaston; 6 for 47 and 7 for 95, v. Gloucestershire, at Bristol; 7 for 129 and 5 for 65, v. Kent, at Edgbaston; 6 for 80, v. Yorkshire, at Hull; 6 for 128, v. Hants, at Edgbaston.

N. E. PARTRIDGE—7 for 66, v. Derbyshire, at Edgbaston; 5 for 30, v. Kent, at Dover.

QUAIFE (W. G.)—5 for 34, v. Worcestershire, at Edgbaston; 6 for 104, v. Gloucestershire, at Edgbaston.

#### BATTING.

Most Times in not out.

	Inns.	Runs.	Inns.	Out.	Aver.
Captain J. H. Parsons...	9	303	181	0	33.56
Quaife (W. G.)...	48	1,295	121	6	30.83
J. W. Stephens...	38	860	143	1	24.57
B. W. Quaife...	36	704	104	4	22.00
Hon. P. S. G. Calthorpe...	42	614	84	0	21.78
Smith...	46	917	63	2	20.84
J. H. S. Wyatt...	45	784	67	0	18.28
Santall...	40	677	79	5	17.82
Tates...	49	611	82	1	17.37
White...	39	588	60	5	17.20
N. E. Partridge...	26	347	93	1	15.88
White...	15	106	82	3	8.83
Howell...	41	213	86	10	16.52
Wyatt...	5	29	10	1	7.00
Wates...	11	24	10	0	3.00

The following also batted:—N. Sharp, 3; Grayland 4<sup>o</sup>; R. G. Baynton, 7; E. P. Hewson, 0; Jennings, 61, 35; E. P. Cross, 52; Clarkson, 41, 1; Crook, 7, 13.

#### BOWLING.

Overn. Maidens. Runs. Wkts. Aver.

N. E. Partridge....	468, 3...	1,106	60	19.75
Howell....	1,049, 2...	109	8,029	152
Hon. P. S. G. Calthorpe...	816, 1...	155	1,022	10.93

W. B. Wyatt....	369	57	1,145	20	29.86
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White....	440	91	1,130	87	31.08
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Wates....	109	21	844	10	34.40
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Santall....	97	20	428	11	36.01
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The following also bowled:—B. W. Quaife, 14, 2, 0—28—4; R. Smart, 28, 5—2—110—1; White, 8—0—35—0; Grayland, 8—1—30—0; R. G. Baynton, 16—3—34—1; Captain J. H. Parsons, 9—2—87—0; Bates, 3—1—7—0; E. P. Hewson, 28—3—102—4; Jennings, 13—4—69—1; Clarkson, 7—0—24—2.
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\*Signifies not out.