

DURHAM DO WELL.

Bowlers on Top in Sunderland County Game.

The state of the game at the close of play last night in the opening day of the match between Durham County and Mr H. D. G. Leveson-Gower's XI., at Ashbrooke, Sunderland, was hardly in accordance with general anticipation, for whereas, no doubt, most people expected Durham to be faced to-day with the task of avoiding perhaps an innings defeat, they stand an excellent chance at least of gaining a lead on the first innings.

An Interesting Position.

Durham had the best of the weather conditions to a certain extent, but their first innings' total of 184 did not look formidable in face of the batting talent arrayed against them. So well did their bowlers perform, however, that at the drawing of stumps Mr Leveson-Gower's XI. had lost seven wickets for 125 runs, and thus require 60 to secure a first innings' lead.

The overnight rain and a sea-fret in the morning made the ground heavy, and though the wicket had been protected, the outfield was slow. As the day wore on, however, the ground dried and the light was extremely good for the last two hours' play.

Durham's Good Start.

Durham won the toss, and Ferens and Weight gave them a good start by scoring 63 in 80 minutes before the professional, with 24 to his credit, was beaten by a ball which broke in from the off. Ferens left two runs later, caught at silly mid-off, after making 37, which included five 4's, in an innings featured by forcing shots in front of the wicket. He should have been caught at 19, but his only other bad stroke was a snick behind the wicket at 37.

With Woolley making the ball turn, Nichol and Kelsall were none too comfortable, but they were together at lunch, and subsequently took the score to 93 before Kelsall chopped a ball into Sandham's hands after batting half an hour. Woolley was the bowler, and he followed up this success by getting Nichol caught at mid-off at 101, Carr dismissed at the same total, and successfully appealing for leg before against Dobson a run later.

Six wickets were down for 105, but, thanks to sound batting by C. L. Adamson, who, with Gibbon, added 37 for the eighth wicket, the total was increased by 74 ere Cook, the last man, was dismissed. Adamson had the satisfaction of carrying out his bat and making the highest score of the day—47. He came in at the fall of the fifth wicket and scored his runs out of 75 in eighty-four minutes, having a six, three 4's, and a three as his chief strokes. Slow to start, he later scored in good style with clever placing and an occasional late cut.

Woolley's Wickets.

He should have been caught at 46 by Hobbs, but otherwise kept the ball clear of the fieldsmen. He got his six by on-driving Shepherd, while Howell also cleared the ring in the same way. Woolley, the bowler in this instance, having previously puzzled the Shields player with his fighting. Gibbon drove well at times, and Nichol glanced the ball in finished style.

Woolley claimed the bowling honours with seven wickets for 53 runs, getting three of them for one run.

Hobbs and Sandham opened the visitors' innings to the bowling of Howell and Cook, and the famous England batsman soon helped himself to a six, a pull to the leg rails, and an on drive for four. Cook commanded respect and Howell's fast bowling had to be watched, but the half-century went up without mishap in a few minutes. Hobbs claimed 34 of the total, but thereafter the initiative rested with Sandham, who had been quiet up to this point.

When Carr took over the ball from Dobson at 64 he met with immediate success, clean bowling Hobbs with a ball that broke sharply in and was probably helped on its way by the batsman. It

is something of an achievement to bowl England's premier batsman, and the crowd of some five thousand strong voiced their appreciation of the fact.

First Wicket Feature.

The feature of the first wicket partnership, which lasted an hour, was the understanding displayed by the batsmen and the sharp running between wickets.

Stimulated by his success, Carr proceeded to bowl Ashdown with only a run added. Woolley, in his usual graceful style, had helped to add 21 for the third wicket when he was out leg before to Weight, the ball straightening out in the last yard and keeping very low. The Kent man hit a 6 off Carr and a 4.

With the total unaltered Carr brought off a magnificent catch from his own bowling to dismiss Sandham, who made his 32 runs in an hour and 29 minutes, and hit four 4's, while ten runs later MacBryan was well beaten by Weight. Then Ducat was caught at 105, and Shepherd splendidly taken by Kelsall without any addition.

Visions of the dismissal of the side before the close of play were dispelled by Peach, who hit hard to make 15 in seven minutes before the close.

Durham batted three hours and a half for their total, and Mr Leveson-Gower's XI. have so far been at the wickets five minutes under two hours.

Carr's four wickets have been gained at a cost of 29 runs, Weight's three for 21, while Cook has the following analysis: 16-6-25-0. Scores:

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

H. C. Ferens, c Peach, b Woolley	... 57
Weight, b Shepherd	... 24
M. Nichol, c Ashdown, b Woolley	... 19
J. Kelsall, c Sandham, b Woolley	... 18
T. K. Dobson, lbw, b Woolley	... 5
Carr, c Leveson-Gower, b Woolley	... 0
C. L. Adamson, not out	... 47
H. Brooks, c Ducat, b Ashdown	... 4
H. Gibbon, c Shepherd, b Woolley	... 15
Howell, c MacBryan, b Peach	... 8
Cook, c Sandham, b Woolley	... 4
Extras, 5; total	184

H. D. G. LEVESON-GOWER'S XI.—1st Innings.

Hobbs, b Carr	... 57
Sandham, c and b Carr	... 32
Ashdown, b Carr	... 1
Woolley (P. E.), lbw, b Weight	... 14
J. W. C. MacBryan, b Weight	... 4
Shepherd, c Kelsall, b Carr	... 7
Ducat, c Nichol, b Weight	... 1
Worthington, not out	... 2
Peach, not out	... 15
Extras, 12; total (for seven wickets)	125

Strudwick and H. D. G. Leveson-Gower to bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Woolley	... 25	0	53	7
Peach	... 20	4	42	1
Ashdown	... 14	6	30	1
Worthington	... 10	2	31	0
Shepherd	... 16	7	23	1

2 byes, 2 leg-byes, Worthington one no-ball.

DURHAM'S MORAL VICTORY.

Splendid Show Against First Class Eleven.

The spectators at Ashbrooke, last night, were torn between two desires when Hubert Brooks declared the Durham second innings closed with four wickets down, and left Mr Leveson-Gower's XI two hours in which to get 204 runs for victory.

They wanted to enjoy some finished batting by the distinguished visitors, and yet they wanted to see Durham win. What they did get was twenty minutes of Woolley's effortless stroke production, a little each of Ashdown and MacBryan, a lot of Ducat's "defensive" batsmanship reduced to a fine art, and the satisfaction of knowing that Durham—favoured by the heat of the wicket during the match—were moral winners.

The closing stages were perhaps devoid of interest, but the cautious play of Ducat and Peach was justified by the state of the wicket, which was showing signs of wear, and the fact that Durham were very much on their toes.

Hobbs Sensation.

There was a sensational opening to the second innings of Mr Leveson-Gower's XI, at 4.30, Ferens just failing to bring off what would have been a splendid catch behind the wicket to dispose of Hobbs from the first ball sent down. As a matter of fact, Hobbs did not long survive following this escape, for when he had scored two Howell got him caught at slip. Then, with no addition, Sandham, Surrey's other opening batsman, was out leg before to Cook.

A Kent pair in Ashdown and Woolley became associated at this stage, and the England player delighted with some well placed shots before he was caught in the long field in attempting to drive Howell. J. W. C. MacBryan, the Somerset batsman, was next in, and he helped Ashdown to add 35 in 25 minutes, hitting with power in front of the wicket to make 22, including three boundaries, ere falling to a slip catch off Dobson. The Whitburn man was bowling into the wind and making the ball swing away awkwardly to just outside the off stick, and all the batsmen who faced him were more or less troubled.

Five down for 73.

Shepherd did not inspire confidence when he joined Ashdown, and at 73 he was caught and bowled by Carr after he had invited such a mode of dismissal by poking about. Half the side were thus out in an hour, and an additional wicket fell three minutes later, with the score unchanged, when Ashdown was well taken at the wicket after batting 63 minutes for 19.

Worthington and Ducat looked like stopping the rot when in partnership for the seventh wicket, but at 85 Worthington was out to a good catch in the long field after scoring nine in 21 minutes, and with half an hour for play there were visions of a Durham victory. Ducat and Peach dispelled it, however, by playing out time, the first named being at the wickets 67 minutes for his 14 runs.

In the morning Durham gained a first innings lead of 19, disposing of the remaining three visiting wickets for 40 runs. Peach was batting thirty-five minutes for 28, made out of 54, and hit three 4's and five 2's; while Worthington scored his 27 runs in forty-eight minutes and reached the boundary on three occasions. Weight finished the innings by throwing down Strudwick's wicket when Leveson-Gower called for a sharp run.

Carr bowled splendidly to get six wickets for 24 runs in the innings. The other Durham bowlers rendered fine service and the fielding was always good.

NICHOL'S HALF CENTURY.

In the Durham second innings Weight and Ferens scored 77 for the first wicket in eighty-five minutes, Ferens's share of 50 including a six, a pull, and three drives for boundaries. Weight, second to go at 102, scored 40 in 105 minutes with two 4's—

one all run—as his chief strokes; while Nichol had the satisfaction of completing 50 out of 107 in seventy-two minutes. He hit six 4's, three square cut and one pulled. Carr, sent in to hit at second wicket down, was batting but eighteen minutes for 23, which included a 6 and two 4's, while Kelsall hooked Woolley for a 6. Scores:—

DURHAM.—1st Innings, 181.

M. D. G. LEVESON-GOWER'S XI.—1st Innings.

Hobbs, b Carr	37
Sandham, c and b Carr	32
Ashdown, b Carr	1
Woolley (F. E.), lbw, b Weight	14
J. W. C. MacBryan, b Weight	4
Shepherd, c Kelsall, b Carr	7
Ducat, c Nichol, b Weight	1
Worthington, b Carr	27
Peach, c Dobson, b Carr	24
Strudwick, run out	2
H. D. G. Leveson-Gower, not out	0
Extras, 12; total	163

DURHAM.—2nd Innings.

H. C. Ferens, b Ashdown	39
Weight, c Hobbs, b Shepherd	40
M. Nichol, not out	50
Carr, b Shepherd	23
J. Kelsall, lbw, b Woolley	13
T. K. Dobson, not out	12
Extras, 17; total (for 6 wickets)	184

Innings declared closed.

M. D. G. LEVESON-GOWER'S XI.—2nd Innings.

Hobbs, c Cook, b Howell	2
Sandham, lbw, b Cook	0
Ashdown, c Ferens, b Dobson	12
Woolley, c Dobson, b Howell	21
J. W. C. MacBryan, c Carr, b Dobson	22
Shepherd, c and b Carr	5
Ducat, not out	14
Worthington, c Kelsall, b Dobson	0
Peach, not out	3
Extras, 7; total (for 7 wickets)	102

MATCH DRAWN.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

M. D. G. LEVESON-GOWER'S XI.—1st Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell	11	1	29	0
Cook	20	4	44	0
Dobson	4	1	21	0
Carr	13.4	5	24	5
Weight	10	2	33	3

12 byes.

DURHAM.—2nd Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Worthington	13	5	27	0
Peach	7	1	28	0
Shepherd	18	7	28	2
Woolley	17	5	46	1
Ashdown	7	0	21	1
Ducat	3	0	10	0

3 byes, 12 leg-byes; Woolley and Shepherd each a no-ball.

M. D. G. LEVESON-GOWER'S XI.—2nd Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell	15	4	41	2
Cook	11	2	23	1
Dobson	13	5	12	3
Carr	8	4	14	1
Weight	2	0	5	0

6 byes, 1 leg-bye.

MERRY NEW ZEALAND BATS MEN.

Durham Outplayed.

THE ART OF RUN-GETTING.

The New Zealanders certainly played up to their reputation for bright batting when they opposed Durham at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, although they owed almost everything to four individuals for the fact that they totalled 373 in three hours and thirty-two minutes, and more particularly to Dempster, whose 178 is the highest innings made so far in the tour.

From the point of average view the New Zealand batting is stronger than the bowling but the latter is a quality that has probably been underrated. In any case, it was good enough to get rid of eight Durham batsmen for 58, a gallant ninth wicket stand by Hubert Brooks and Cook alone saving the Minor County Champions from the ignominy of an immediate follow-on.

To-day, Durham resume at 11.30 in arrears of 262 with two first innings wickets to fall.

Much to Admire.

Dempster's great innings was, of course, the feature of the play on Saturday, but it would be wrong to say that it dwarfed everything else, for there was much to admire in the batting of Blunt, the Durham-born all-rounder with a charming personality; and that of Page and Dacre, together with the fine ground work of the Tourist outfielders.

There were three partnerships of note in the New Zealand innings. Blunt and Dempster made 61 runs in forty minutes for the first wicket; Dempster and Page put on 133 in eighty-one minutes for the second; while Dempster and Dacre added 104 in a particularly lively seventh wicket partnership of forty minutes' duration.

Dempster's Driving.

Dempster was at the wickets altogether for three hours and 12 minutes, scoring his 178 runs out of 332 actually made with the bat while he was in, and, first in and eighth to leave, actually made 108 by boundary hits—four 6's and 21 4's—his other scoring strokes other than singles being one three and ten 2's. His first four came from a very streaky stroke just over the heads of the wicket-keeper and first slip, but thereafter he rarely mistimed the ball, his footwork being admirable and his beautiful wrist work a delight to watch.

He survived a very confident appeal, when 81, for leg before to Cook, and round about 135 should have been stumped, gave a sharp chance to slip, and was also appealed against for a catch at the wicket wide on the leg side.

But these were but minor blemishes in a splendid display, marked by powerful straight driving—which gave him three 6's and four 4's—hard cutting (three delightful late cut boundaries), forcing strokes to the off, and four huge pulls. He had some pretty leg shots early in his innings, but later on confined himself chiefly to hard hitting in front of the wicket, with a partiality for the off side. His performance was enhanced by the fact that he was hit five times and was limping while making his last 60 or so. In fact, he was still limping when fielding.

Blunt's Graceful Batting.

Blunt's innings was a thing of beauty. He was the most graceful batsman on view, and combined with that quality the ability, by accurate placing, to send the ball length or loose ball skimming to the boundary. Leg hits, cuts and off shots gave him his 42 out of 64 in forty minutes, and he had seven 4's.

Dacre, who captained the side, in the absence for the first time on the tour of T. C. Lowry, was, like Page, not so strong on the offside, all but two boundaries, a cut and a drive, out of his 43 runs (made in 40 minutes) coming from straight drives, on drives and pulls. In addition to a six he hit seven 4's.

Page did not give a favourable impression at the start of his innings, but later he scored well to collect 57 out of 133 in

81 minutes, hitting six 4's—three leg hits, two straight drives, and a square cut—and two 3's. Bernau, a hard hitting left hander (one of four), scored his 24 in 14 minutes, but he was let off thrice.

On paper Brooks and Carr had better bowling figures, but Cook got his four wickets for 61 actually, and had four 6's debited against him in that total. The work of Legg, the new wicket-keeper, was extremely good up to a point—that is in keeping the extras down—but he missed two chances of stumping and dropped a catch. Brooks actually suffering four times through "lives" being given from his bowling. The ground work of the Durham fieldsmen, too, was not good in certain cases.

Durham Disasters.

Durham opened their innings very badly, Kelsall, Weight, and Adamson going for 27, and although Maurice Nichol scored 19 in 40 minutes, booking two 4's and straight driving for another, eight wickets were down in 70 minutes for 58. Then Cook joined Brooks, and in 40 minutes the pair added 53, the first-named driving and pulling to excellent purpose and Brooks placing skillfully.

Henderson, fast left-handed, with a style not unlike Webster, of Lancashire, caused the home batsmen so much concern that no one was comfortable against him. He had the wicket-keeper (Dacre) standing well back, two slips, a short slip, and a third man for his going away ball, which most of the batsmen attempted to snick. McGirr, medium-fast right hand, was not so difficult, but Blunt, slow right hand with a googly action, frequently puzzled with his flighting. Henderson so far has four wickets for 33 and Blunt two for 22.

Despite the rain in the morning the crowd reached 6,000 in the afternoon, practically all seated. Scores.—

NEW ZEALAND.—1st Innings.

R. C. Blunt, c Brooks, b Carr	42
C. S. Dempster, c Howell, b Brooks	178
M. L. Page, c Legg, b Cook	57
J. E. Mills, lbw, b Cook	0
C. Oliver, b Cook	1
C. E. Allcott, c Weight, b Carr	1
R. H. McGirr, c Kelsall, b Carr	6
C. C. Dacre, b Cook	43
E. H. L. Bernau, c Gibson, b Brooks	24
W. Cunningham, c R. Nichol, b Brooks	4
M. Henderson, not out	9
Extras, 8; total	373

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

Weight, b McGirr	8
J. Kelsall, c Oliver, b Henderson	1
M. Nichol, c Dempster, b Blunt	19
C. L. Adamson, c Dacre, b Henderson	6
H. Gibbon, run out	10
Carr, c Mills, b Blunt	0
H. Brooks, not out	22
R. Nichol, b Henderson	2
Howell, c Dacre, b Henderson	0
Cook, not out	34
Extras, 9; total (for 8 wickets)	111

J. Legg to bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

NEW ZEALAND.—1st Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell	21	2	79	0
Cook	28	7	93	4
Carr	16	3	58	3
Weight	7	0	48	0
R. Nichol	7	0	40	0
Brooks	7.2	0	46	3

Six byes, 2 leg byes.

in the situation yesterday, and at the same time established a record for a Durham County ninth wicket stand. The first named had 22 to his credit when the game was resumed in delightfully fine weather. Cook's score stood at 11, and it was not until the Durham total had been taken from 111 to 253 that a separation took place by the dismissal of the Sunderland captain, who had then 77 to his credit, including nine 4's. Legg was bowled with the total unchanged, and Cook carried out his bat with a score of 106. He drove the ball to the boundary 17 times, and gave no perceptible chance. The Brooks-Cook partnership lasted 170 minutes, and produced 195 runs.

Cook gathered numerous 4's by snick-ing Henderson, the fast bowler, through the slips, meeting with a measure of luck, for there were six men, including the wicket-keeper, fielding close together.

The Second Century.

The second hundred was completed just before lunch, and shortly after the resumption Cook reached his century—the first time on behalf of the County. When they concluded their first innings, the Durham eleven were 119 behind, and had therefore failed to avert the follow on by 19 runs only. The second home innings opened disastrously, Kelsall giving an easy chance at square-leg off the fourth ball sent up. M. Nichol then joined Weight, and the pair carried the total to 83, 50 appearing at the end of 25 minutes. At about this time Blunt took the ball from Bernau at the north end, Cunningham coming on at the south.

Blunt, who appeared to be getting a lot of work on the ball, disturbed Weight's wicket with one that pitched well on the leg. This finished the over, and Cunningham, with his first delivery, got Nichol leg-before, two wickets thus falling at 83. Carr fell a victim to another remarkable delivery from Blunt after scoring a single, which made the record four wickets for 84. Gibbon, the new batsman, looked with amazement at his broken wicket when the first ball he received from Blunt whipped across behind him and dislodged the balls. R. Nichol left at 85, and Adamson, with Howe's help, had raised the total to 102 when he was caught at the wickets, as was Brooks, first ball, with the score unchanged. The innings yielded 123, so that the visitors had to make only five runs to win. This they did without loss.

The takings for the two days amounted to £310, yesterday's total being £61 5s 6d. Scores.—

NEW ZEALAND.—1st Innings, 373.

Weight, b McGirr	8
J. Kelsall, c Oliver, b Henderson	1
M. Nichol, c Dempster, b Blunt	19
C. L. Adamson, c Dacre, b Henderson	6
H. Gibbon, run out	10
Carr, c Mills, b Blunt	0
H. Brooks, c Blunt, b Henderson	0
R. Nichol, b Henderson	2
Howell, c Dacre, b Henderson	0
Cook, not out	34
Extras, 25; total	254

DURHAM.—2nd Innings.

J. Kelsall, c Cunningham, b McGirr	0
Weight, b Blunt	20
M. Nichol, lbw, b Cunningham	24
C. L. Adamson, c Dacre, b Cunningham	5
Carr, b Blunt	1
H. Gibbon, b Blunt	3
R. Nichol, c Allcott, b Cunningham	1
Howell, c Blunt, b Henderson	19
H. Brooks, c Dacre, b Cunningham	0
Cook, not out	7
J. Legg, c Dacre, b Henderson	0
Extras, 10; total	123

NEW ZEALAND.—2nd Innings.

E. H. L. Bernau, not out	1
C. Oliver, not out	3
Extras, 1; total	5

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
McGirr	21.3	6	41	2
Henderson	29	9	66	5
Blunt	13	1	35	2
Cunningham	7	0	34	0
Allcott	8	4	25	0
Bernau	16	2	16	0
Page	2	0	12	0

Nineteen byes, four leg byes, two no-balls.

DURHAM.—2nd Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
McGirr	4	1	13	1
Oliver	6	0	25	0
Bernau	2	0	21	0
Blunt	12	0	24	3
Cunningham	11	1	25	4
Henderson	1	0	5	2

Nine byes, one leg bye.

NEW ZEALAND.—2nd Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell	1.5	0	3	0
Cook	1	0	1	0

NEW ZEALAND won by ten wickets.

NEW ZEALANDERS IN THE NORTH.

Cook's Great Century in Vain.

Durham County put up a better fight against the New Zealanders at Chester-le-Street than was anticipated at the close of play on Saturday, when they had compiled 111 for the loss of eight wickets, against their opponents' 373. H. Brooks and Cook brought about a marked change

Minor Counties at Westoe.

STRUGGLE FOR FIRST INNINGS' LEAD.

The match between Durham and Yorkshire II. was left in an interesting position on the conclusion of the first day's play at South Shields, yesterday.

Going in first, the Yorkshire men made a total of 180, and Durham responded with 155 for the loss of six wickets, 25 runs short of the visitors' total.

It was unfortunate for the Dunelmians that 40 minutes before time was up, when they were scoring in promising fashion, a sharp shower of rain came away which stopped play for nearly half-an-hour, and when they resumed they lost two wickets for two more runs in the remaining few minutes at their disposal.

Run-getting Difficulties.

At the opening of the game runs came very slowly. Barber and Grimshaw, the first batsmen, dealt with the attack of Howell and Cook in a most cautious way, and it was half-an-hour before 10 appeared on the scoring board. Then five minutes later they were separated, Barber being bowled with the score at 14. Subsequent batsmen continued to score slowly until five wickets were down for 54.

Heyhirst was then joined by Major R. C. Chichester-Constable, the visitors' captain, and matters brightened up considerably. The Major hit out vigorously, and continued at the wicket until the close of the innings, when he carried out his bat. His total of 63 not out was made in an hour and twenty-five minutes and included seven 4's.

Fine Tenth Wicket Stand.

The final partnership, between Major Constable and Render, was the most productive of the innings, the pair, notwithstanding changes in the bowling, carrying the score from 119 to 180, when Render was caught.

Durham went in to bat at 3.50, H. O. Ferens and J. Kelsall facing the bowling of Douglas and Turner. Kelsall was bowled by Douglas for a single, and M. Nichol, who succeeded him, was dismissed when he had made 10, the total standing at 32. Then Ferens was joined by C. L. Adamson, and the pair carried the score rapidly forward. Changes in the bowling were tried, but both seemed to have a mastery of the situation. Ferens, in particular, hit out in splendid style, and in three-quarters of an hour his half-century was recorded.

Not till he had reached 84, the best performance of the day, was he dismissed, a ball by Render scattering his stumps. His contribution included six 4's and two 3's, and his stay at the wickets altogether lasted about an hour and a half.

Scores:—

YORKSHIRE II.—1st Innings.

Barber, b Howell	8
Grimshaw, c Dobson, b Howell	11
Turner, c Cook, b Howell	17
Kennie, b Howell	11
Jacques (H. S.), b Dobson	4
Heyhirst, c and b Howell	13
Major R. C. Chichester-Constable, not out	62
T. A. Jacques, lbw, b Dobson	15
Douglas, c Cook, b Dobson	1
Dickenson, run out	0
Render, c Dobson, b Cook	21
Extras, 22; total	160

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

H. C. Ferens, b Render	84
J. Kelsall, b Douglas	1
M. Nichol, c Barber, b Turner	10
C. L. Adamson, c Dickenson, b Render	34
T. K. Dobson, c and b Jacques	2
H. Brooks, b Douglas	10
Cook, not out	1
Carr, not out	1
Extras, 12; total (for six wickets)	176

BOWLING ANALYSIS

YORKSHIRE II.—1st Innings				
Howell	27	7	75	5
Cook	24.5	11	44	1
Carr	15	4	24	0
T. K. Dobson	9	2	15	3

Durham's Big Win.

FINE BOWLING AGAINST YORKSHIRE COLTS.

In the Minor Counties' Championship match at South Shields yesterday Durham gained a fine victory over Yorkshire II. by an innings and seven runs.

When play ceased on Wednesday Durham had made 155 for the loss of six wickets, Carr and Cook being the not outs with one run each to their credit. On the resumption yesterday these batsmen faced the bowling of Render and Douglas, and at once commenced to add to the Durham score. Carr in particular gave a vigorous display, and after a quarter of an hour the Yorkshiremen's first innings total of 180 was passed.

Carr's Free Hitting.

Ten minutes later the 200 went up on the board, and Carr continued to hit freely, getting his half-century after 35 minutes. He was ultimately caught, having been an hour at the wickets for a valuable contribution of 85. His hits included one six and eleven 4's, and his partnership with Cook produced 119, carrying the Durham score to 274 for seven wickets.

Cook was joined by Howell, who made 13, including one six, and soon after 300 was signalled, the last century having been obtained within an hour. Cook was bowled by Render after making 49, and the Durham innings closed at 324.

The home side thus secured a substantial first innings lead, leaving their opponents 144 behind.

Going in a second time, Yorkshire batted cautiously, and were two and a quarter hours in getting a hundred. Turner, their outstanding batsman, was at the wickets well over two hours when he was brilliantly caught at point by Adamson, off Dobson. He made 55 runs, including five 4's. Heyhirst and Barber were the only other batsmen to make double figures.

Scores:

YORKSHIRE II.—1st Innings, 180.

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

H. C. Ferens, b Render	84
J. Kelsall, b Douglas	1
M. Nichol, c Barber, b Turner	10
C. L. Adamson, c Dickenson, b Render	34
T. K. Dobson, c and b Jacques	2
H. Brooks, b Douglas	10
Cook, b Render	49
Carr, c Chichester-Constable, b Douglas	85
Howell, c Dickenson, b Turner	13
H. Gibbon, not out	9
R. Nichol, c Dickenson, b Render	3
Extras, 24; total	324

YORKSHIRE II.—2nd Innings.

Barber, b Carr	24
Grimshaw, b Dobson	5
Turner, c Adamson, b Dobson	55
Kennie, b Carr	2
Jacques (H. S.), b Carr	5
Heyhirst, lbw, b Dobson	26
Major R. C. Chichester-Constable, b Dobson	0
T. A. Jacques, not out	2
Dickinson, b Dobson	0
Douglas, c Cook, b Carr	0
Render, c and b Dobson	0
Extras, 19; total	137

DURHAM won by an innings and seven runs.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

DURHAM.—1st Innings.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Douglas	23	2	74	3
Turner	21	1	64	2
T. A. Jacques	7	1	32	0
Render	23.4	1	77	4
Jacques (H. S.)	8	0	53	1

YORKSHIRE II.—2nd Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell	13	6	20	0
Cook	19	7	25	0
Dobson	23	15	24	6
Carr	20	6	34	4
Brooks	4	0	16	0

CRICKET.

NEW ZEALANDERS' VISIT TO CHESTER-LE-STREET

Saturday's Match Attracts 6,000 Spectators.

About 2,500 people were present to witness the commencement of the cricket match between New Zealand and Durham County at Chester-le-Street on Saturday. Rain fell heavily for about half an hour before the start, but the wicket was prevented from being damaged by ground sheets. The sun eventually made its appearance and shone gloriously for the remainder of the day.

Although without their captain, T. C. Lowry, the Colonials fielded a strong side under the leadership of C. C. Dacre. This was the first engagement of their tour with a minor county. R. Nichol replaced T. K. Dobson on the Durham team, this being the only change from the side originally chosen.

The New Zealanders won the toss and batted first, and it early became evident that their first two representatives, R. C. Blunt and C. S. Dempster were in for a lengthy spell. They made a promising start, Blunt getting a couple of leg boundaries off Howell's first two deliveries. Fourteen runs had been scored before Dempster opened what proved to be the brightest performance of the day with a well-judged leg stroke for a single. Although the next few overs produced nothing sensational, the total rose with pleasing rapidity. Cook, who shared the attack with Howell, was played fairly carefully, many delightful strokes being witnessed. At this stage of the partnership Blunt was mostly in the limelight, his bold strokes and unerring judgment being a real pleasure to watch. To the first 50, which went up after half an hour's play, he had contributed 36, which included seven 4's.

The first bowling change was made when another eight runs had been added. Carr displacing Howell, whose bowling was going "off" a little. The change brought success to the county team. Carr's first over was a maiden, but during his third over Blunt turned the ball to point where H. Brooks made a really smart single-handed catch. The partnership had realised 64, and play had been in progress 40 minutes.

M. L. Page had only been at the wicket a short time when he lifted a delivery by Cook right out of the ground with a lofty drive, and as Cook had now permitted 35 runs off 11 overs, a change was made, Weight being brought on in his place. The batsmen continued to score freely, however, and Dempster's 50 synchronised with the registering of the first century, which was reached after 58 minutes' play. The ease with which the batsmen dealt with the bowling was deceptive for they made it appear weak, whereas some really fine deliveries were sent down. Page made the most of all the bowling which came his way, and both he and Dempster repeatedly cut the leather through the slips. Another bowling change was made with the total at 111, Carr making way for R. Nichol, but little benefit resulted. There was a thrill when Dempster had knocked up

56, he being nearly run out. One of Weight's overs produced no fewer than five scoring strokes. With the score at 124, Howell was brought on in place of Weight, and surprise was expressed when it was seen that this player, who delivers a fast ball, was going to bowl against the wind. Fifteen runs later Brooks decided to take a turn with the ball but was no more successful than his predecessors, the luncheon interval arriving with Dempster and Page still batting and obviously quite at home with the County bowling.

Over 6,000 spectators were present when play was resumed. Cook and Carr took charge of the bowling, but Howell replaced the latter when he had only sent down one over. Dempster appeared to play more carefully after the interval, but Page soon worked in again and continued to score freely, reaching his 50 after 66 minutes at the wicket.

A confident appeal against Dempster on the grounds of l.b.w. was made when that batsman had scored 81, but the umpire ruled otherwise. When 10 off his hundred Dempster lifted a ball from the same bowler into Lieut.-Col. Turnbull's garden for a six. Page was caught behind the wicket by J. Legg, who had already received much applause from the spectators, when the total stood at 197. He had compiled a useful 57—the result of 81 minutes' batting—and his score included six 4's. His successor, T. E. Mills, was declared l.b.w. with the first ball he faced, this being his second "duck" during the tour.

C. Oliver then became associated with Dempster, but he fell a victim to Cook three runs after the declaration of the 200, (which went up after two and a quarter hours' play) having added a modest single to the Colonial's total. He fell in trying to turn a ball to leg. C. F. W. Allcott, a left-handed batsman, followed in.

With a boundary off Howell, Dempster secured his century amidst applause; he had been at the crease two hours and 47 minutes. His new partner had but a short stay, being caught at point by Weight after adding a single. A hefty stroke by Dempster put his side another six to the good. The County fielding was good but the wicket did not give the bowlers any assistance. A catch at square leg by Kelsall, off Carr, disposed of McGirr. The New Zealander's total was 292 when Dempster reached his 150; With the total at 336, C. C. Dacre, who had been sharing the honours with Dempster, was clean bowled by Cook.

Dempster reached 178 before he gave a catch to Howell, who made no mistake, and a prolonged round of applause greeted his return to the pavilion. During the compilation of the 178—which was, incidentally, the highest individual score of the tour—Dempster gave very few chances, and proved himself a master of the County bowling. His was the batting one often hears about but seldom sees, the good all-round consistent batting which keeps the fielders busy and treats the bowling with confidence. Quick judgment, a deft wrist and a steady eye, aided by a good wicket, enabled him to score steadily. Though he mostly favoured a straight bat, he sent some good strokes to the leg boundary, and occasionally cut through the slips.

The next two wickets—E. L. H. Bernau and W. Cunningham—only produced 28, and catches dismissed both of them.

County's 1st Innings.

Hopes ran high when Durham County commenced batting, but they were early dashed, and until the captain, H. Brooks, and Cook, the West Hartlepool "pro," came together, a collapse appeared certain. Durham had only managed to get 58 for seven, but before stumps were drawn the efforts of the two batsmen mentioned had advanced the total to 111, leaving the side with a leeway of 262 to make up on the Monday, with two wickets to fall.

Weight and Kelsall opened the Durham innings to the bowling of McGirr and Henderson, and the latter was caught at mid-off after having contributed a modest single to a score of 14. With the total unaltered, Weight was clean bowled by McGirr, and M. Nichol and C. L. Adamson then became associated. The partnership was broken when Dacre caught Adamson behind the wicket, and a catch at slip by Dempster dismissed M. Nichol.

Carr and H. Gibbon were now representing the County, and something like a groan went up from the crowd when the Chester-le-Street "pro" was caught on the boundary, for great things had been expected of him. He gave a catch with the first ball delivered to him. Durham had been batting about an hour when Gibbon threw away a valuable wicket in attempting to turn what was obviously a single into a two.

Henderson found R. Nichol's middle stump with the score at 58, and Howell returned to the pavilion a few minutes later without having contributed a single run. It was then that Brooks and Cook became associated, and when the stumps were drawn they had been together for 40 minutes. The century was registered after the innings had lasted an hour and 40 minutes—an average of a run a minute.

Second Day's Match.

Despite a great and unexpected ninth wicket stand by Cook and Brooks, Durham, on Monday, failed to save a follow-on, and later in the day, a ten-wickets defeat. Both batsmen played for safety for the first few overs, only five runs being added after 15 minutes' play. Bernau and McGirr shared the bowling, and very early on Brooks was missed in the slips by Dempster. The bowling was treated with great respect for some time, the only strokes of real merit being a cut between first and second slips, and thus secured a couple of boundaries. Fourteen runs had been added to the overnight score when Allcott was brought another to point, both by Brooks, who on for McGirr, and a second bowling change was made seven runs later, Cunningham replacing Bernau. The batsmen now struck out more freely. Cook secured a pretty leg boundary off Cunningham, and Brooks shortly afterwards sent Allcott to the boundary twice in one over. After 85 minutes Cook's 50 went up on the board and about the same time 150 was registered. Henderson then superseded Allcott and with the last ball of his first over Cook was missed in the slips. A feature of the fielding at this stage was the five men Henderson placed in the slips. The innings was three hours and fifteen minutes old when

200 was registered, and when the luncheon interval arrived another 19 had been added. The partnership had benefited the County to the extent of 150 runs. Henderson bowled over the wicket on several occasions. One of his deliveries seemed to strike an uneven part of the pitch for it rose straight for Cook's face, and the batsman just saved himself from an ugly blow by taking the knock on his forearm.

As on the Saturday, the teams were entertained to lunch in the Rifle Range by the Earl of Durham, and before the match was resumed the Colonials were presented to Messrs. John and James Bainbridge, Chester-le-Street's 81 years old bachelor twins. A photograph of the group was taken.

The match had not been long resumed when a boundary past fine point off Blunt gave Cook his century—his first for Durham County—and the crowd applauded enthusiastically. He had then been at the wicket two hours and 38 minutes.

A catch in the slips by Blunt brought to an end the most exciting partnership of the match, Brooks being the first to leave. He and Cook had added 195, and his score of 77 included nine 4's. Legg was soon dismissed and Cook returned to the pavilion as the "not out." He had hit seventeen 4's in his total of 106.

Durham were 119 behind, and having failed to avert a follow-on, they started their second innings. They had a misfortune at the outset, Kelsall being caught at square leg by Cunningham after contributing a single. He fell a victim to McGirr's fourth ball of the over. M. Nichol then partnered Weight, who was lucky to survive a catch he gave in the slips when he had 17 to his credit. Fifty was brought on the board after the innings was 25 minutes old, and 20 minutes later Nichol secured his half century. Cunningham relieved McGirr and Blunt shared the attack, having displaced Bernau. Weight fell a victim to the last ball of an over by Blunt, and with the first ball of the next over Nichol followed him to the pavilion.

The crowd was again greatly disappointed when Carr was clean bowled after only adding a single. Adamson and Brooks were caught in the slips off successive balls. The 102, which went up after 75 minutes' batting, was secured at the expense of eight wickets, and the remaining two wickets had little bearing on the side's total.

Durham's total of 123 for the second innings left New Zealand with but five runs to get to win, and these they secured without loss. The "not outs" were Oliver and Bernau. The teams afterwards played exhibition cricket for half an hour.

The scores were:—

New Zealand.—1st innings.

R. O. Blunt, c Brooks, b Carr ...	42
C. S. Dempster, c Howell, b Brooks...	178
M. L. Page, c Legg, b Cook...	57
J. E. Mills, lbw, b Cook ...	0
C. Oliver, b Cook ...	1
C. F. Alcott, c Weight, b Carr ...	1
H. M. McGirr, c Kelsall, b Carr ...	6
C. C. Dacre, b Cook...	43
E. L. H. Bernau, c Gibbon, b Brooks	24
W. Cunningham, c R. Nichol, b Brooks	4
W. Henderson, not out ...	9

Extras 8; total ... 373

Durham.—1st innings.

J. Kelsall, c Oliver, b Henderson ...	1
Weight (L. H.), b McGirr ...	8
M. Nichol, c Dempster, b Blunt ...	19
C. L. Adamson, c Dacre, b Henderson	6
H. Gibbon, run out ...	10
Carr (J.), c Mills, b Blunt ...	0
H. Brooks, c Blunt, b Henderson ...	77
R. Nichol, b Henderson ...	2
Howell (A. L.), c Dacre, b Henderson	0
Cook, not out ...	106
J. Legg, b McGirr ...	0

Extras 25; total ... 254

Bowling Analysis:

New Zealand.—1st innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell	21	2	79	0
Cook	28	7	96	4
Carr	16	3	56	3
Weight	7	0	48	0
R. Nichol	7	0	40	0
Brooks	7.2	0	46	3

Durham.—2nd innings.

J. Kelsall, c Cunningham, b McGirr	0
Weight, b Blunt ...	26
M. Nichol, lbw, b Cunningham ...	56
C. L. Adamson, c Dacre, b Cunningham	3
Carr, b Blunt ...	1
H. Gibbon, b Blunt...	0
R. Nichol, c Alcott, b Cunningham	1
Howell, c Blunt, b Henderson ...	19
H. Brooks, c Dacre, b Cunningham...	0
Cook, not out ...	7
J. Legg, c Dacre, b Henderson ...	0

Extras 10; total ... 123

Bowling Analyses:

Durham.—1st innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
McGirr	21.3	6	41	2
Henderson	28	9	66	5
Blunt	15	1	35	2
Cunningham	7	0	34	0
Alcott	8	4	25	0
Bernau	16	2	16	0
Page	2	0	12	0

Durham.—2nd innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
McGirr	4	1	13	1
Oliver	6	0	25	0
Bernau	2	0	21	0
Blunt	12	0	24	3
Cunningham	11	1	25	4
Henderson	1	0	5	2

New Zealand.—2nd innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell	1.5	0	3	0
Cook	1	0	1	0

The gate receipts for the two days totalled £310, of which £61 15s. 6d. was taken on Monday.

LANCASHIRE II.'s BIG SCORE.

Durham's Faulty Fielding.

CARR AND ELLISON TAKE THE WICKETS.

Lancashire opened their four days' visit to the North East at Blackhill yesterday on the Blackfyns Ground of the Consett Club, and occupied the whole of the time available for play—four hours and twenty-five minutes—in making 326 all out.

Except for a delay of five minutes, a prompt start was made in the morning, and although the weather was threatening at times, play went on without interruption by rain until five o'clock, when the Lancashire innings closed just as a heavy shower came on.

Rain Stops Play.

Rain continued to fall heavily until a quarter to six, and thereafter there was a continuous drizzle, except for one brief period of sunshine. The wicket was covered, but the turf was very wet, and as it turned out, Durham could not enter upon their first innings. The decision to abandon play for the day, however, was not reached until just on half past six, it having been agreed to play until seven o'clock each night. Play will be resumed at 11.30 this morning to suit the convenience of the players.

The wicket throughout the day was dead and afforded batsmen excellent opportunity for making runs, albeit the outfield was heavy until after lunch and the ball had therefore to be hit hard and placed well to reach the boundary. The early Lancashire batsmen, however, hardly made the best use of the conditions, and play before lunch was rather tame in so far as only 66 runs were made in 85 minutes. The good length bowling of Cook (particularly) and Ellison commanded respect, but it was surely hardly necessary for Houseman, one of the opening batsmen, to occupy 75 minutes over making 19. Only eight boundaries were made before lunch, but afterwards the ring was cleared once and 34 4's were forthcoming.

Pre-Lunch Play.

Halliday and Houseman, the first wicket pair, started very slowly. They left Cook's bowling severely alone, but Halliday scored well off Howell once he had got his eye in, and he claimed 30 of the 49 runs made for the first wicket in sixty-five minutes before Cook made a fine catch low down at mid-off from Carr's bowling. Halliday had three 4's in one over, and made four of his five boundaries with powerful on driving. Booth left one run later, Carr's smart catch at slip providing Stanley Ellison with his first County wicket, while Houseman was completely deceived by the break from Carr at 60. Houseman's innings was only distinguished by two good forcing shots for 4's.

Ten minutes after lunch Paynter was stumped after mistiming Carr. The left-hander had three nice pulls and was out when he looked like living matters up. Horridge helped P. Higson to add 27 for the fifth wicket and played in useful style on the off side before Carr bowled him.

Quicker Scoring Rate.

Then came a partnership for the sixth wicket between P. Higson, an Oxford Authentic, and Woolley, which produced 56 in half-an-hour, good driving enlivening the proceedings in this period. P. Higson, the batsman out at 158, fared much better against Durham bowlers than he has done on previous occasions, and, making his 36 runs out of 83 in 53 minutes, had seven 4's to his credit. Off-driving brought him three of them and he had two others from a hook and a pull. He was dropped when 11 at slip by Carr.

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Woolley, at Ferens, b Brooks	47
Farrimond, c Ferens, b Ellison	70
T. A. Higson, b Carr	36
Rushton, not out	31
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11 byes, 6 leg byes.

No Play at Blackhill.

DURHAM AND LANCASHIRE II.

Fixture Washed Out.

Blackhill, like the rest of the North-East, felt the full effects of the rainstorm yesterday, and no play was possible in the second day of the Durham and Lancashire II. Minor County Championship match which, therefore, will not count in the competition. Lancashire made 326 on Monday; but rain prevented any further play after five o'clock, and yesterday, the decision to abandon the match was arrived at after lunch. The Blackfyns ground was in parts under water, and it was early evident that play would not be possible.

Full Points to Date.

Durham have won both their completed matches to date, with Northumberland and Yorkshire II., and have a percentage of one hundred.

Lancashire's total of 326 is the largest registered against the Minor County champions this season, but last summer Northumberland made 344 against Durham at Jesmond—and lost. The match with Lancashire II. in 1926 was played at Chester-le-Street, and Durham won on the first innings by 34 runs.

COUNTY MATCH AT JESMOND.

Northumberland v. Lancashire II.

The Minor Counties' Championship match between Northumberland and Lancashire II. opens to-day at Jesmond at 11.30, and will be continued to-morrow at 11.0. Teams:—

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CRICKET.

CRICKET NOTES.

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MATCH ABANDONED.

It was raining heavily at the hour fixed for the resumption of the match on Tuesday morning, and so much was the wicket affected that there appeared little prospect of any play.

At one o'clock the weather cleared, but at that time much of the pitch was under water.

On an inspection of the playing pitch after luncheon, the match was abandoned. No points accrue to either team.

"L.B.W." writes:—Ellison, the new bowler from Philadelphia, has a style reminiscent of the veteran, George Milne. He is a left-hander with a nice easy action, and as he takes but little out of himself he could apparently bowl for an indefinite period. I should not be surprised if he turned out to be a very useful man for the County. He is also smart in the field, but I understand that he is no bat. The fielding of the Dumelmians was scarcely up to the standard that we look for in a champion county side. Catches were missed, and the ground fielding was rather slovenly at times. Moloney struck me as an exception. Cook bowled well without obtaining a single victim. The wicket did not suit Powell, who was freely punished during the time that he was on. Carr sent down a number of good balls, but it was surprising to see him miss a catch. His work in the field is below the quality of past years, when he was equalled by but few and surpassed by none. There was some little disappointment owing to the fact that a local was not chosen for the County side.

NORTH-WEST DURHAM LEAGUE
BURNOPFIELD v. BIRTLEY.

Burnopfield continued in losing vein and were badly beaten at home in the North-West Durham League by Birtley, for whom H. Robson and J. Arkle took the whole of the home team's wickets for the small aggregate of 29. Robson had six for 15 and Arkle four for 12.

BIRTLEY.	
J. R. Jobling, b Ions	48
H. Patterson, b Carradice	5
Jos. Arkle, b G. Lever	25
H. Robson, b F. Hewison	26
J. Knox, c Pyle, b Ions	5
W. Dixon, b J. Lever	1
Jas. Arkle, c Beck, b J. Lever	0
J. Hall, c Perkins, b Lever	12
T. Weddle, c O'Rourke, b Ions	7
H. Grayson, c Beck, b J. Lever	0
J. P. Strong, not out	5
Extras	7
Total	141

BURNOPFIELD.

R. Eltringham, b Arkle	0
W. Carradice, b Robson	1
F. Hewison, c Patterson, b Robson	2
V. Perkins, not out	5
W. Smithson, c Jobling, b Robson	0
G. Lever, c Arkle, b Robson	6
D. Ions, c Weddle, b Arkle	1
J. Pyle, c Strong, b Arkle	7
E. O'Rourke, c and b Robson	4
N. Beck, b Arkle	1
H. Winn, b Robson	0
Extras	2
Total	29

LANGLEY PARK v. SOUTH MOOR.
South Moor won at Langley Park by 8 wickets. F. Swinney took 5 for 25.

LANGLEY PARK.

J. Ardley, b Swinney	10
A. Elsdon, c E. Reed, b Swinney	31
W. Herron, b E. Collins	5
D. Penny, c Trevena, b Swinney	0
P. Cairns, c Piper, b Reed	3
W. Cooper, run out	12
M. Shaw, lbw, b Reed	0
J. Penny, c Akers, b Reed	5
J. J. Penny, c Trevena, b Swinney	1
G. Graham, c Reed, b Swinney	8
J. Swinney, not out	1
Extras	2
Total	80

SOUTH MOOR.

W. Akers, c sub, b Shaw	0
E. Collins, c Cairns, b J. Penny	8
W. Turner, not out	36
I. Trevena, not out	17
Extras	2
Total (2 wickets)	93

SHOTLEY BRIDGE v. BURNHOPE.
Burnhope were heavily beaten at Shotley Bridge. L. Urwin took 5 wickets for 17 and G. Robson 5 for 22.

BURNHOPE.

W. Holt, c W. Urwin, b L. Urwin	1
J. R. Prudhoe, c Ward, b L. Urwin	13
W. Hovells, b L. Urwin	0
D. Mitchell, b Robson	10
J. Mitchell, c R. Surtees, b Robson	2
G. McNeal, c F. Surtees, b L. Urwin	4
J. Perryman, lbw, b L. Urwin	2
G. Burnett, c Forster, b Robson	5
M. Lawson, not out	0
H. Hovells, b Robson	0
E. Close, c P. Urwin, b Robson	2
Extras	5
Total	44

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

B. Forster, c D. Mitchell, b Prudhoe	42
L. Moore, not out	37
G. Robson, not out	18
Extras	4
Total (for 1 wkt.)	101

TANFIELD LEA v. CONSETT.

The leaders routed Tanfield Lea on the latter's ground. Whetton took 5 wickets for 11 and F. Jackson 4 for 13.

TANFIELD LEA.

F. Gowland, b Jackson	3
J. Charlton, run out	0
J. Stephens, b Jackson	0
W. Herdman, lbw, b Jackson	0
R. Stephens, b Whetton	1
R. Chapman, st Taws, b Whetton	6
T. Thompson, b Jackson	0
J. Coulson, not out	3
E. Gales, c Dyson, b Whetton	6
H. Christopher, c Dyson, b Whetton	0
W. Thompson, b Whetton	0
Total	24

CONSETT.

L. Ayton, b Gales	8
J. H. Best, b Thompson	2
T. Ellison, c T. Thompson, b Christopher	27
R. Ayton, not out	11
Extras	5
Total (for 3 wkts.)	53

A. Oliver, H. Fozzong, W. Fozzong, F. Jackson, H. Dyson, E. Taws and Whetton did not bat.

CRAGHEAD v. SWALWELL.

Craghead, for whom J. Coulson took 7 wickets for 37, won at home by 156 runs.

CRAGHEAD.

R. Coulson, c Rutter, b Irwin	15
R. Eddy, c Watson, b Irwin	0
J. Jackson, c Bruce, b Rutter	19
G. Spitty, st Mathers, b Aleroff	85
H. Thompson, b Rutter	2
J. Coulson, c and b Lumley	34
W. Howgate, b Rutter	34
J. Anderson, not out	41
J. Richardson, not out	57
Extras	8
Total (for 7 wkts.)	271

A. Armstrong and J. Hunter did not bat.

SWALWELL.

T. Bruce, lbw, b J. Coulson	22
T. Rutter, b J. Coulson	4
A. Lumley, b J. Coulson	0
J. Fletcher, b G. Spitty	11
S. Bennett, c Anderson, b J. Coulson	0
J. Irwin, c Howgate, b J. Coulson	14
E. Watson, b J. Coulson	0
E. Powell, c Hunter, b J. Coulson	37
H. Aleroff, b R. Eddy	9
W. Fletcher, st Howgate	4
H. Mathers, not out	4
Extras	3
Total	115

MEDOMSLEY v. KIMBLESWORTH.
This game was left drawn.

MEDOMSLEY.

S. Hall, c Cordiner, b Kaye	20
A. S. Baggeley, c Dixon, b Kaye	18
G. Moon, lbw, b Cordiner	6
A. S. Pattison, c Defty, b Kaye	4
C. Turner, b Defty	42
J. Wheatley, hit wkt., b Kaye	0
W. Stoddart, b Scott	27
W. Collinson, b Cordiner	57
A. Rutherford, c Maddison, b Cordiner	7
G. Atkinson, b Cordiner	1
R. White, not out	7
Extras	1
Total	187

KIMBLESWORTH.

J. M. Smith, c White, b Pattison	2
W. Cordiner, c Rutherford, b Turner	17
T. Kaye, c Turner, b Pattison	1
W. Defty, b Pattison	0
R. Kearman, b Turner	28
C. Scott, c Pattison, b Atkinson	11
E. Maddison, not out	27
N. Leggett, not out	2
Extras	14
Total (for 6 wkts.)	102

CONSETT II. v. HARE LAW.

Played at Blackfins. Scores:—

HARE LAW.

T. Herdman, c Ayton, b Raisbeck	11
L. Herdman, c Nichol, b Nixon	0
E. Castle, run out	21
J. Philipson, b Nixon	4
J. Woolcock, c Nixon, b Clarkson	114
N. Elliott, c Davison, b Clarkson	20
J. Brown, b Clarkson	1
J. Robinson, c Raisbeck, b Clarkson	15
J. Bailey, b Surtees	0
S. Stanfield, b Surtees	0
S. Collins, not out	0
Extras	9
Total	195

CONSETT II.

N. Nixon, c Collins, b Brown	29
F. Ayton, c T. Herdman, b Brown	5
A. Whaley, c T. Herdman, b Collins	37
A. Surtees, c and b Brown	4
A. R. Robinson, b Brown	3
W. Miler, c Philipson, b Brown	15
G. Nichol, c Brown, b Collins	5
N. Westgarth, c Bailey, b Collins	4
E. Raisbeck, c Philipson, b Woolcock	8
T. Clarkson, not out	5
T. Davison, b Woolcock	0
Extras	1
Total	116

MALTON v. ALLENDALE COTTAGES.
Played at Malton. Scores:—

MALTON.

W. Aynsley, run out	7
G. Graham, b Walton	1
G. Hurst, c Pigg, b Parker	1
F. Joy, run out	29
J. G. Scott, b Pigg	5
A. Westgarth, lbw, b Walton	24
H. Aynsley, not out	73
E. Lunstrum, b Walton	2
J. Callan, c Oxley, b Davison	9
E. Thompson, b Parker	2
R. Mace, not out	12
Extras	9
Total (for 9 wkts.)	174

ALLENDALE COTTAGES.

T. H. Gibson, c Callan, b Scott	5
R. Urwin, c Scott, b W. Aynsley	25
T. Heslop, not out	18
J. Robinson, run out	4
M. Davison, b Hurst	1
A. Pigg, b G. Scott	1
E. Walton, b Thompson	3
S. Parker, not out	3
Extras	2
Total (for 6 wkts.)	61

J. McGarry, J. Oxley, and Charlton did not bat.

DEERNESS AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

STANLEY v. LANCHESTER N.C.L.
Played at Stanley. Scores:—

LANCHESTER N.C.L.

J. Dent, b Howarth	3
R. Dent, b Howarth	13
W. Henderson, c Wright, b Bowes	25
D. Wilson, lbw, b Kell	0
W. Little, b Jane	6
H. Shrigley, b Jane	0
N. Peveller, c Allen, b Kell	31
M. Clark, lbw, b Indian	17
R. Hunter, b Indian	6
J. Thompson, b Indian	1
D. Hunter, not out	2
Extras	3
Total	110

STANLEY.

J. Bowes, b M. Clark	1
T. Williams, lbw, b J. Dent	0
D. Allen, b M. Clark	2
T. Barry, c Henderson, b M. Clark	4
A. Indian, c R. Dent, b Hunter	29
W. Kell, b M. Clark	2
S. Wright, c R. Dent, b Hunter	9
E. Jones, c D. Hunter, b M. Clark	0
E. Jane, not out	11
T. Robinson, b D. Hunter	0
J. Howarth, b D. Hunter	6
Extras	1
Total	65

MARLEY HILL v. WHICKHAM.
Played at Marley Hill. Scores:—

WHICKHAM.

A. Minns, b Spoor	11
H. Jackson, b Philipson	4
R. W. Fox, b Philipson	5
A. Thompson, run out	0
A. Pyle, b Spoor	0
J. Davison, b Spoor	0
R. Hickson, b Philipson	6
J. G. Hickson, b Spoor	21
L. Ashton, not out	5
R. Liddle, b Spoor	0
J. Handy, b Philipson	0
Extras	4
Total	56

MARLEY HILL.

J. Hodgson, c and b Pyle	23
J. Wilson, b R. Hickson	0
H. Philipson, c Handy, b J. G. Hickson	1
J. Reed, c Jackson, b J. G. Hickson	11
E. Spriggs, b J. G. Hickson	1
L. Packin, c Davison, b J. G. Hickson	2
R. Crowther, lbw, b R. Hickson	5
W. Reed, b R. Hickson	5
W. Wintrip, b A. Pyle	11
I. Spoor, lbw, b Thompson	8
J. Davison, not out	8
Extras	5
Total	80

**HORNER CUP.—THIRD ROUND.
BIRTLEY v. SOUTH MOOR.**

Played at Birtley. For the home side Hall captured seven wickets for 53, and for South Moor Collin took five for 17.

SOUTH MOOR.	
W. Akers, run out	41
E. Collin, b Hall	31
W. Turner, b Hall	14
G. Dobson, c Grayson, b Hall ...	6
W. Pomeroy, lbw, b Hall	7
F. Swinney, c Jos. Arkle, b Hall...	19
I. Trevena, b Hall	0
G. Collin, c Hall, b Robson	0
E. Reed, c Grayson, b Hall	13
F. Bradshaw, st. Patterson, b Robson	1
C. Piper, not out	0
Extras	4
Total	135

BIRTLEY.	
T. W. Jobling, st. Ramshaw, b Swinney	5
H. Patterson, run out	23
Jos. Arkle, b Reed	12
H. Robson, b E. Collin	4
W. Dickson, c Piper, b E. Collin	0
J. Knox, not out	9
Jas. Arkle, c Swinney, b E. Collin	3
J. Hall, c Akers, b Reed	1
T. Weddle, b E. Collin	1
J. Strong, b E. Collin	0
H. Grayson, not out	0
Total	58

**VICTORIA GARESFIELD v.
CASTLESIDE.**

At Garesfield, ending in a narrow win for the home team by one run. The visitors played only ten men. Scores:—

VICTORIA GARESFIELD.	
T. Vickers, lbw, b Robinson	3
J. Fewster, b Lister	23
J. Hunter, run out	15
W. Ellison, b Lister	3
J. Ellis, b Robinson	1
F. Vickers, b Hales	7
R. Raisbeck, b Hales	2
J. Harbottle, c Lister, b Hales...	4
W. Laythan, run out	2
A. Wilkinson, c Postle, b Robinson	0
L. Laws, not out	0
Extras	7
Total	67

CASTLESIDE.	
J. Postle, b Hunter	2
W. Pearson, b Hunter	1
A. Toward, b Ellison	13
J. Robinson, lbw, b Ellis	11
F. Hale, lbw, b F. Vickers	4
J. Lister, b Ellis	3
R. Temperley, c Harbottle, b Ellison	10
A. C. Thompson, b F. Vickers ...	13
J. Maughan, not out	2
W. Youne, c Ellison, b F. Vickers	0
Extras	7
Total	66

MALTON v. ALLENDALE COTTAGES.

These teams met at Malton in a league fixture on Saturday last, the game ending in a draw. Malton batted first and declared with their score at 174 for the loss of nine wickets, H. S. Ayusley playing an invaluable innings of 73 (not out), which included 5 boundaries and 11 twos. F. Joy, with 29, Arnold Westgarth 24, and R. Mace 12 (not out) also batted well. For Allendale, who succeeded in playing out time, R. Urwin (25) and T. Heslop (18 not out) were chief contributors to the total of 61 runs for the loss of six wickets when stumps were drawn.

STANLEY v. LANCHESTER N.C.C.

These teams met at Stanley on Saturday in a Deerness and District League fixture, Lanchester securing a good victory by 45 runs. For Lanchester, who knocked up 110 runs, N. Pevppler (34), W. Henderson (25), M. Clark (17), and R. Dent (13) batted well. Stanley could only reach 65 runs, A. Indian (29), and E. Jane (11 not out) being chief contributors, D. Hunter and M. Clark bowled well for the winners, Hunter capturing 4 wickets for only 11 runs, and M. Clark 5 for 25. Stanley tried no less than seven bowlers during the Lanchester innings, Howarth, Jane, and Indian taking two wickets each. This was Lanchester N.C.C.'s fourth victory in the league this season.

**MARLEY HILL ADD TO THEIR
LAURELS.**

Marley Hill's achievements during the week embraced a couple of well-won victories. Their first essay, on Wednesday, was in the Whickham Cup, when West Denton visited the Hill in the semi-final of the eastern section, the winners qualifying to meet Swalwell in the final. West Denton's bowling, on a pitch that afforded considerable assistance to the attackers, was treated with respect. In the time at their disposal Marley Hill added 112 for 7. Ernie Spriggs did best with 28 (not out). The visitors on batting never looked like getting within measurable distance of the home total, and were all disposed of for 24—Spoors (4 for 13) and Philipson (5 for 3) doing the damage. A considerably harder game was seen on Saturday, when Whickham were opposed. The wet state of the wicket made batting a difficult matter, and Whickham only totalled 56—a figure that seemed remote earlier in the innings. Marley Hill found runs hard to get, and 8 wickets were down for 50 ere the necessary runs for victory were collected—not without a hard struggle, leaving the Hill in possession of their unbeaten certificate. Marley Hill reserves, however, forfeited their's at Whickham, with the scores 52—68 in Whickham's favour. The seniors are due to oppose Swalwell to-night (Thursday) at Marley Hill in the final.

DURHAM IN DANGER.

Lancashire's Fine Response to Champions.

Durham opened their return game with Lancashire II. at Heywood yesterday in fine weather, and were fortunate to win the toss and bat first on a run-getting pitch. They made only a moderate total, scoring 194 in three hours and a quarter, and Lancashire responded with 124 for the loss of Houseman's wicket, so that at the close the home team were but 70 behind with nine wickets standing.

Ferens was unfortunate in being thrown out from the boundary, but Weight, Nichol and Cook were out to poor strokes.

Brooks and Adamson.

Four men were out for 60 and five for 90, when Carr joined Adamson. Carr was merry and bright and hit five 4's in his 23 minutes' stay. Brooks and Adamson, however, made the best stand, putting on 48 for the seventh wicket. Both were out at 180.

Adamson's innings was invaluable. Going in with the score at 64 for three, he was seventh out after batting an hour and 50 minutes. He only hit one boundary, but had two 3's and ten 2's. Brooks batted finely for 46 minutes.

Lancashire II. did not find runs too easy to obtain against Durham's varied attack, the first 50 taking 60 minutes, while of the first 42 overs bowled by Durham 21 were maidens.

Halliday's Half Century.

Halliday reached his 50 out of 91 in an hour and three-quarters. He survived a very confident appeal for a catch behind the wicket when only 10.

The first wicket fell at 39, and the partnership of Halliday and Horridge so far has produced 85 runs. The Durham bowlers have sent down 61 overs, 26 being maidens. Scores:—

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

H. C. Ferens, run out	14
Weight, c Buxton, b Horridge	26
M. Nichol, c and b Horridge	10
T. K. Dobson, b Horridge	14
C. L. Adamson, at Farrimond, b Horridge	48
Cook, lbw, b Rushton	12
Carr, c Rushton, b Preston	34
W. H. R. Alderson, b Preston	7
H. Brooks, c Farrimond, b Woolley	14
F. E. Moloney, not out	1
Howell, c Preston, b Horridge	4
Extras, 6; total	124

LANCASHIRE II.—1st Innings.

Halliday, not out	61
Houseman, c Weight, b Carr	10
Horridge, not out	47
Extras, 6; total (for one wicket)	124

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

DURHAM.—1st Innings.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Preston	21	8	61	2
Woolley	10	2	24	1
Horridge	15.4	0	50	6
Rushton	10	8	27	1
Holroyd	9	2	17	0

DURHAM LOSE ON FIRST INNINGS.

Centuries by Nichol and Halliday.

Durham were beaten on the first innings at Heywood yesterday, in their return match with Lancashire II., but they were never in danger of defeat, Maurice Nichol contributing a century—the second scored in the match—to a total of 286 for nine.

Lancashire II., who overnight had made 121 for one wicket, continued their innings in fine weather, Halliday and Horridge resuming to the bowling of Howell and Cook. The latter got rid of Horridge in the first over, and going on again at 129, secured two wickets in two overs. P. Higson and Halliday then added 59 for the fourth wicket, when Weight, tried for the first time, bowled Higson in his first over, the score then being 268.

Howell's Fine Bowling Spell.

Howell obtained two wickets before lunch, and afterwards quickly finished off the innings. The last five wickets fell for 21 runs, Howell securing them all at a cost of only six runs. Halliday was sixth out after batting for four hours and forty minutes, testimony indeed to the fine bowling of Durham. He hit two 6's and 13 4's.

Durham, 96 behind, went in at 2.45. They lost Weight in the first over, while Ferens was well set when he was again run out. Nichol and Adamson added 56 for the third wicket, and Nichol and Moloney 52 for the fifth wicket.

Nichol, sixth out at 178, scored his first 50 in fifty minutes, and altogether batted two hours and a quarter. He played sparkling cricket and hit twelve 4's. Carr hit a 6 and four 4's while batting forty minutes.

Cook and Alderson.

Eight were out for 216 when Cook joined Alderson. The pair added 70 before time was up. Scores:—

DURHAM.—1st Innings, 194.

LANCASHIRE II.—1st Innings.

Halliday, lbw, b Cook	127
Houseman, c Weight, b Carr	10
Horridge, b Cook	50
Paynter, b Cook	42
Woolley, at Ferens, b Cook	2
P. Higson, b Weight	25
Preston, c Nichol, b Howell	2
Farrimond, not out	13
T. A. Higson, b Howell	0
Rushton, c Ferens, b Howell	1
Holroyd, lbw, b Howell	0
Extras, 17; total	259

DURHAM.—2nd Innings.

H. C. Ferens, run out	16
Weight, c Farrimond, b Preston	7
M. Nichol, c Paynter, b Holroyd	104
C. L. Adamson, c Rushton, b Holroyd	14
T. K. Dobson, b Rushton	2
F. E. Moloney, c Woolley, b Holroyd	11
Carr, c Woolley, b Preston	42
W. H. R. Alderson, not out	34
H. Brooks, b Holroyd	1
Cook, b Horridge	39
Extras, 12; total (for 9 wickets)	250

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

LANCASHIRE II.—1st Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell	24.1	10	69	5
Cook	25	18	46	3
Dobson	30	12	61	0
Carr	20	4	58	1
Brooks	8	0	30	0
Weight	3	1	8	1

DURHAM.—2nd Innings.

Preston	14	1	23	2
Woolley	12	1	47	0
Horridge	15	4	158	1
Rushton	17	0	74	1
Holroyd	6	0	34	4

MATCH DRAWN.

MINOR COUNTIES.

Cheshire v. Durham.

NICHOL THE ONLY SUCCESSFUL BATSMAN.

The weather was on the damp side when play in this match at Broughton Hall, Chester, commenced fifteen minutes late owing to the non-arrival of two of the Cheshire players. It was agreed, however, to play till a quarter to seven.

Durham, in first, gave a moderate batting display, and were all out in three hours and twenty-five minutes for 162. Nichol, playing another fine innings, was the only player to attack the bowling. He was only batting an hour and hit seven 4's.

USEFUL STANDS.

Weight batted steadily for 80 minutes, and the captain, H. Brooks, 63 minutes. Going in when six were out for 103, he found useful partners in Alderson and Dobson, and saw the next two wickets add 51. The last three wickets fell for eight runs.

L. N. Jones and Hopwood bowled really well for Cheshire, but the wicket was always giving them assistance.

This factor the Durham bowlers also took advantage of after the effects of the roller had worn off, and at the close of play seven of the home side were out for 85. Seven were actually out for 67, and Beech and McIntyre so far have added 18. Beech hit Cook for a six and a four in the last over. Scores:—

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

H. C. Ferens, c Stevnton, b Wilson	22
Weight, c Wilson, b Hopwood	21
M. Nichol, lbw, b L. N. Jones	42
C. L. Adanson, c Twemlow, b Hopwood	10
Cook, b Wilson	7
Carr, c W. E. Jones, b Hopwood	6
W. H. R. Alderson, c W. E. Jones, b L. N. Jones	7
H. Brooks, lbw, b Stevnton	24
T. K. Dobson, c and b L. N. Jones	15
E. H. Eyre, not out	3
Howell, b L. N. Jones	8
Extras, 12; total	162

CHESHIRE.—1st Innings.

W. E. Jones, b Carr	11
Nutter, c Weight, b Carr	6
Wilson, b Dobson	1
Hopwood, c Carr, b Dobson	17
L. N. Jones, b Weight	9
E. H. Eyre, c and b Dobson	3
W. L. Battersby, b Cook	2
T. H. McIntyre, not out	10
H. Beech, not out	15
Extras, 11; total (for seven wickets)	86

BOWLING ANALYSIS: DURHAM.—1st Innings.

Wilson	25	13	41	2
L. N. Jones	15.4	5	36	4
E. H. Stevnton	18	4	40	1
Hopwood	25	9	33	3

MINOR COUNTIES.

Durham Win on First Innings.

RAIN ROBS CHAMPIONS OF CHANCE OF VICTORY.

There had been six hours' continuous rain during the night, and as the wicket had not been protected in any way, despite the fine morning it was impossible to make a start at 11 o'clock.

After waiting for some time, and as the wicket was not showing any signs of recovery, the captains agreed at 12.20 to have a new wicket prepared, and eventually a start was made at a quarter to one, Howell bowling to the overnight not-outs, Beech and McIntyre.

A Quick Finish.

McIntyre fell to Howell in the first over, as also did Beech in his third. Beech, playing for the first time, hit a six and two 4's.

Stevnton was smartly run out by Ferens, the last three wickets falling for the addition of six runs.

Durham had fifteen minutes' batting before lunch, and Weight in the third over was caught at short leg.

A heavy shower during the luncheon interval caused a delay in resuming, and after a further ten minutes' play a heavy thunderstorm broke over the ground.

Carr Hits Out.

It was not until ten past five that play was resumed. Durham immediately forced the pace. Carr indulged in some big hitting, scoring three 4's and a three in successive balls off Beech. His 83 runs were secured in twenty minutes. He hit a six and five 4's.

Brooks declared with a lead of 139, leaving Cheshire sixty-five minutes in which to bat and with only nine players available, Hopwood and McIntyre having left the ground to play in a club match.

At 6.30, as there was only one wicket down for 17 runs, it was decided not to take advantage of the extra half-hour's play, the Cheshire batsmen refusing to be tempted to hit out.

Durham's percentage in the Minor Counties' table now stands at 70.00.

The Durham team against Yorkshire II, at Pontefract on Monday and Tuesday is the same as yesterday. Scores: DURHAM.—1st Innings, 162.

CHESHIRE.—1st Innings.

W. E. Jones, b Carr	11
Nutter, c Weight, b Carr	6
Wilson, b Dobson	1
Hopwood, c Carr, b Dobson	17
L. N. Jones, b Weight	9
E. H. Eyre, c and b Dobson	3
W. L. Battersby, b Cook	2
T. H. McIntyre, b Howell	10
H. Beech, b Howell	19
E. H. Stevnton, run out	1
C. B. Twemlow, not out	0
Extras, 12; total	91

DURHAM.—2nd Innings.

H. C. Ferens, c Eyre, b Beech	10
Weight, c W. E. Jones, b Wilson	2
M. Nichol, c Battersby, b L. N. Jones	5
Carr, not out	33
Cook, not out	4
Extras, 5; total (for three wickets)	69

Innings declared closed.

CHESHIRE.—2nd Innings.

W. E. Jones, not out	5
H. Beech, b Dobson	2
Nutter, not out	2
Extras, 6; total (for one wicket)	17

MATCH DRAWN.

BOWLING ANALYSIS: CHESHIRE.—1st Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell	8	3	14	2
Cook	15	5	20	1
Carr	21	12	21	2
Dobson	17	9	15	3
Weight	4	3	3	1

DURHAM.—2nd Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Wilson	4	0	6	1
L. N. Jones	9	0	31	1
Hopwood	3	0	9	0
Beech	2	0	17	1

CHESHIRE.—2nd Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Carr	6	4	3	0
Dobson	7	3	6	1
Cook	1	0	3	0

Durham's Fine Response
BROOKS BREAKS UP YORKSHIRE
PARTNERSHIP.

The match between Yorkshire II. and Durham, which opened at Pontefract yesterday, was left in rather an even state. Yorkshire, after a capital start, were all out for 240, and Durham when play ceased at seven o'clock, had scored 142 for the loss of three wickets.

Yorkshire's Fine Start.

Shackleton and Whitehead gave the home side a capital start on an easy wicket, for despite frequent bowling changes they put on 127 for the first wicket in 100 minutes, when Brooks, going on, got Whitehead caught by Alderson at mid-off. He had batted splendidly and hit 15 4's.

Shackleton, second out at 162, hit seven 4's and batted two hours and 20 minutes. He was badly missed by Weight when 42. Howell got Grimshaw's wicket in the same over, and four wickets fell for 16 runs. Half the side were out for 178, and three more fell for an addition of five runs, Brooks being chiefly responsible for these. Later Major Constable and Douglas each hit him for a six. Turner, last out, batted just under three hours. Brooks four for 48 and Howell four for 41 came out with the best figures.

A Fine Stand.

Durham went in after tea and lost their opening pair for 34. Nichol and Adamson then made a fine stand and took the score to 98, when Nichol was run out. He hit seven 4's in his capital innings of 75 minutes' duration.

With Alderson in, another good stand was made, and the pair were together when stumps were drawn. Both batsmen playing carefully, Adamson completing his 50 in two hours, and so far has not made a mistake. The running out of Nichol was very unfortunate, as he looked like making another good score.

YORKSHIRE II.—1st Innings.

Shackleton, lbw, b Howell	59
Whitehead, c Alderson, b Brooks	75
Turner, c Nichol, b Brooks	64
Grimshaw, b Howell	6
Bedford, b Cook	10
Jacques (B. H.), c Adamson, b Howell	6
Wood, c Howell, b Brooks	8
Major R. C. Checheater-Constable, c and b Carr	13
Baston, st. Ferens, b Brooks	3
Douglas, b Howell	1
Pender, not out	2
Extras, 20; total	240

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

Weight, b Douglas	8
H. C. Ferens, b Baston	15
M. Nichol, run out	60
C. L. Adamson, not out	61
W. H. R. Alderson, not out	15
Extras, 13; total (for 3 wickets)	152
H. Brooks, T. E. Dobson, E. E. Moloney, Carr, Cook, and Howell to bat.	

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

YORKSHIRE II.—1st Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell	18	4	41	6
Cook	20	14	44	1
Carr	16	3	42	1
Dobson	15	7	24	0
Weight	6	1	17	0
Brooks	10	0	65	4

Rain Spoils Durham's Chance
of Victory.

COOK AND HOWELL BAT IN
MERRY STYLE.

Durham, thanks to splendid efforts by Adamson, Cook, Brooks, and Howell, were able to secure a first innings lead of 145, but rain prevented a definite conclusion being arrived at.

Leaving off with 142 for three over-night, Durham resumed with Alderson and Adamson, but the former was out with the fourth ball sent down. Brooks and Adamson added 68 in 55 minutes, when Brooks had the bad luck to play on. Carr, as usual, had a merry innings, hitting three 4's and three singles, but Dobson and Moloney failed.

Adamson's Innings.

Adamson was next to leave, after he had played an invaluable innings without giving a chance. He hit 12 4's and six 3's, and was batting three hours and a half.

Nine men were out for 243 when Howell joined Cook, and both playing sparkling free cricket, put on 102 in 55 minutes, the first 50 occupying 25 minutes. Cook hit a six and ten 4's, and Howell a six and five 4's. They were still together at lunch time, when Brooks declared with a lead of 105.

Durham's Reduced Percentages.

After 35 minutes' play following lunch, rain drove the players off the field for an hour and a quarter, and on resuming only two overs were bowled before it commenced to rain again. Tea was then taken, but as rain continued, the game was abandoned, Durham thus securing the three points for a first innings lead. Their percentage in the competition is reduced to 68. Scores:—

YORKSHIRE II.—1st Innings, 240.

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

Weight, b Douglas	8
H. C. Ferens, b Baston	15
M. Nichol, run out	60
C. L. Adamson, c Douglas, b Bedford	61
W. H. R. Alderson, c Wood, b Baston	15
H. Brooks, b Render	28
T. K. Dobson, c Bedford, b Render	1
Carr, c Wood, b Bedford	15
E. E. Molony, b Douglas	1
Cook, not out	60
Howell, not out	40
Extras, 20; total (for nine wickets)	313

Innings declared closed.

YORKSHIRE II.—2nd Innings.

Shackleton, not out	4
Whitehead, not out	20
Extras, 7; total (for no wicket)	31

MATCH ABANDONED as a draw.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Douglas	36	14	49	2
Baston	35	9	60	2
Render	21	6	69	2
Bedford	23	3	63	2
Shackleton	6	2	7	0
Jacques	11	1	41	0

YORKSHIRE II.—2nd Innings.

Cook	8	4	10	0
Howell	5	2	12	0
Dobson	2	0	2	0

COUNTY CRICKET MATCH

DURHAM v. NORTHUMBERLAND.

This popular annual two-days fixture at Chester-le-Street drew a large crowd on Monday. The weather proved all that could be desired and a capital day's sport was thoroughly enjoyed by about 5,000 visitors. Ferens's (the Durham vice-captain) place as wicket-keeper was taken by Howgate, and R. Hutchinson replaced C. G. Arkwright (the captain of the Northumberland XI). The players were favoured with an ideal wicket, and Northumberland, winning the toss, sent in W. G. Mackay and J. B. Bruce to the bowling of Howell. In the first over Mackay made two beautiful drives to leg and secured boundaries. Northumberland experienced a bad start by losing three wickets for 17 runs in the first fifteen minutes. H. B. Pritchard was caught by Howgate behind the wicket from Howell's ball, for a "duck"; R. Hutchinson was bowled by Cook, having added only one to the score; and W. G. Mackay was bowled by Howell after making 12. C. F. Stanger-Leathes (Northumberland's captain) joined Bruce and the play became steadier, 30 runs being registered in as many minutes. At 46, Bruce was declared l.b.w. from Cook's ball, having added 14 to a full score of 46. N. Whitfield joined Stanger-Leathes and had a narrow escape in the first over of being run out in trying to score two. The telegraph registered 50 after the game had gone three-quarters of an hour. T. K. Dobson, a left-handed bowler, replaced Howell, after 27 runs had been made from his bowling. Carr, Chester-le-Street's pro, took the ball at the other end and one run was registered by Stanger-Leathes in his first over. The fifth wicket fell when N. Whitfield was run out with a score of 12. Towler (J. L.) partnered Stanger-Leathes when the score stood at 76. Howell was again put on at bowling and runs came steadily until 90 was reached. At the luncheon interval 100 was registered for five wickets.

Resuming, Stanger-Leathes and Towler again faced each other, but only five minutes had elapsed before Towler, having added 16, was clean bowled by Howell with a ball that was pitched right up. I. Maconachie joined Stanger-Leathes, and within a few minutes the latter had reached his 50, after being in play one hour and thirty-four minutes, and the crowd gave a hearty cheer. This player had now got into a good stride and was playing perfect cricket. Carr relieved Howell at bowling, with Brooks added at the other end. In three overs, 22 runs were made from this bowler, from whom Maconachie put up a beautiful six. Howell was put on again at bowling, with Dobson at the other end. Shortly afterwards the 200 was announced, the last 100 being made inside the hour.

These two batsmen continued to score freely and Maconachie got his 50 in 55 minutes—an appreciably good effort. Following this, Stanger-Leathes was clean bowled by Howell after a splendid innings of 96, which included 12 fours. He had batted two hours and 20 minutes.

Maconachie was playing a splendid game when Carr found his stumps for 79, of which 11 were boundaries. Heth-

erington's was the next wicket to fall, at 12, he being caught at mid-off by Weight, from Carr's ball. Milne was the last man to go to the wicket, and he was bowled by Howell for 9 runs, thus ending Northumberland's first innings with a total of 297, the team having been playing three hours and 25 minutes.

Howgate (who at one time played for Chester-le-Street) was exceptionally good as wicket-keeper and deserved the frequent applause bestowed upon him by the crowd.

Durham commenced their innings at 3.42. E. E. Molony and Weight (L. H.), the first pair of batsmen, facing the bowling of Hetherton (W.) and I. Maconachie. The first wicket to fall was that of Molony, who having put on 13 runs, was bowled by Milne, with a total score of 27. M. Nichol joined Weight at the wicket and these made a good stand, quickly reaching 51; at which figure a brief halt was called for tea.

Towler and Milne took the bowling but could not affect the steady scoring until 78 was reached, when Nichol was caught behind the wicket by Craig, from Hetherton's ball, having made 23. C. L. Adamson followed in, and shortly afterwards Durham's third wicket fell for 83, Weight being caught by Milne at first slip, from Hetherton's ball, for 32 runs. C. L. Adamson had a fresh life by being missed at mid-off by H. B. Pritchard with an easy catch. After playing for 40 minutes since tea, 100 was reached. Adamson drew the applause of the crowd by striking a six from Milne's ball. This was followed by Brooks being clean bowled by Hetherton, for 11, with a full score of 109. W. H. R. Alderson joined Adamson at the crease, and runs came painfully slowly. Adamson raised a "rocket," which Pritchard, at fine-leg, again missed. The score now stood at 120 and the fielding was far below the standard expected of county cricket. Durham's fifth wicket fell when Towler clean bowled C. L. Adamson for 26. Carr (J.) on going in at 131, scored a boundary with his first stroke, to the great delight of the crowd. This popular pro had a remarkably short innings, being caught by Hetherton, from Towler's next ball, with a score of four. Cook (J.) joined Alderson, and shortly afterwards stumps were drawn for a total of 139 runs.

Tuesday.

With an overnight score of 139, Durham were 158 runs in arrears, with four wickets of their first innings to fall. Alderson and Cook resumed their partnership at the wicket against the bowling of Hetherton and Milne. Alderson was bowled by Milne for 24, after 18 minutes' play. T. K. Dobson followed in and only succeeded in adding a single, being bowled by Hetherton, with the score at 173. A. L. Howell joined Cook, and after the game had been in progress an hour the score was raised to 100. Maconachie relieved Milne at bowling when Cook struck a hard ball at square-leg which Mackay just failed to grasp. Towler relieved Hetherton at bowling, with the score at 212. After batting an hour and a half, Cook was caught behind the wicket by Craig, having contributed 44 to the total of 219. Howgate was Durham's last man to bat and, with Howell, enlivened the game considerably, scoring most freely. At 243, Howgate

was caught by Towler at slip from Milne's ball. Durham's innings closed for a total of 243, leaving Northumberland leading in the first innings by 54 runs.

Northumberland opened their second innings by sending in Mackay and Bruce to face the bowling of Cook and Howell. Mackay had only made two when he was caught at coverpoint by Nichol, and the second wicket fell immediately afterwards, Bruce being caught very low down at short-point by Carr, from Howell's ball, for three; the total score was 12. H. B. Pritchard and R. Hutchinson were now facing each other. After playing a few overs the latter player was struck severely on the left hand by one of Howell's fast balls, which necessitated him being assisted to the pavilion. This player had scored 11 of the total of 26. C. F. Stanger-Leathes took his place and lifted a six, amidst applause. Dobson relieved Howell at 35, with "Jack" Carr at the other end. In his second over Carr got Stanger-Leathes's middle stump for 13, with a score of 41. N. Whitfield followed in, and Pritchard was caught and bowled by Carr for nine. In the same over Carr bowled Towler for a "duck." R. Hutchinson having recovered, returned to bat with Whitfield, when 50 was telegraphed, with five wickets down. H. Brooks relieved Howell at bowling, and immediately afterwards Whitfield was caught and bowled by Carr. The crowd gave a great shout when Carr caught Hutchinson with the next ball, at slip, making seven wickets down for 59 runs. As nothing succeeds like success, Carr, who was at short-leg, ran out and caught Craig after that batsman had made 16. Northumberland were having a disastrous time, wickets falling quickly.

Carr, who was now carrying all before him, next bowled Hetherton for a "duck." Milne was the last batsman to go to the crease, with the score at 94. Maconachie, his partner, was able to stay the pace a little and carried his bat out for 30. Milne fell a victim to Carr's wonderful bowling, and Northumberland's innings closed with a total of 116, leaving Durham 171 to win. Carr was the outstanding player throughout this innings. He played at his usual fast pace and took no less than six wickets for 32 runs; but at one period he had four for eight, the first victim being claimed with the first ball of his second over, the second with the last ball of the same over, the third with the last ball of the third over, and the fourth with the third ball of the sixth over.

Durham's second innings opened with E. E. Moloney and Weight at the wicket, and at the tea interval the scores were: Molony 12, Weight 16, extras 10—total 38. Resuming, Maconachie was put on to bowl with Towler at the other end. A successful appeal for l.b.w. was made against Weight, who had scored 22 out of a total score of 47 runs. M. Nichol followed in, and the score rose to 70 when there was a likelihood that Durham would win by securing another 100, and nine wickets to fall. These two batsmen made a decided stand and their drives to boundary raised frequent applause. In this particular Nichol was an outstanding player, for despite the change of bowlers the score steadily rose to 100. Milne was replaced by Towler at bowling, and this was followed by the severance of the partnership which had

lasted 40 minutes and produced 59 runs. Nichol was caught by Pritchard at square-leg after making 35 runs, of which five were boundaries. Carr followed in at 109, and his first stroke produced a boundary. He was in smiting mood, and boundaries came fast. Molony was caught at point by Bruce, from Towler's ball, for 43. The fourth wicket to fall was that of Carr, who was caught by Bruce for 16. H. Brooks and Howell became companions. The latter sent up several "rockets," one of which Hetherton missed. This he followed up by striking a six, which aroused a great cheer. Gradually the opposing figures of 171 were reached. With the score at 172 the stumps were drawn, leaving Durham the victors with six wickets in hand.

The following were the scores:—

1st Innings.

Northumberland.

J. B. Bruce, lbw, b Cook ...	14
W. G. Mackay, b Howell ...	12
H. B. Pritchard, c Howgate, b Howell	0
R. Hutchinson, b Cook ...	1
C. F. Stanger-Leathes, b Howell ...	96
N. Whitfield, run out... ..	12
Towler, b Howell ...	16
I. C. Maconachie, b Carr ...	79
J. K. Craig, not out... ..	24
Hetherton, c Weight, b Carr ...	12
Milne, b Howell ...	9

Extras 22; total ... 297

Durham.

E. E. Moloney, b Milne ...	13
Weight, c Milne, b Hetherton ...	32
M. Nichol, c Craig, b Hetherton ...	23
C. L. Adamson, b Towler ...	26
H. Brooks, b Hetherton ...	11
W. H. R. Alderson, b Milne ...	24
Carr, c Hetherton, b Towler ...	4
Cook, c Craig, b Maconachie ...	44
T. K. Dobson, b Hetherton ...	1
Howell, not out ...	39
C W W Howgate, c Towler, b Milne	5

Extras 21; total ... 243

Bowling Analysis:

Durham.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Maconachie	15	0	48	1
Hetherton	47	17	68	4
Milne	43.4	11	66	3
Towler	15	0	40	2

Northumberland.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell	22	2	99	5
Cook	27	5	69	2
Dobson	14	3	42	0
Carr	15	2	44	2
Brooks	3	0	22	0

2nd Innings.

Northumberland.

W. G. Mackay, c Nichol, b Howell...	3
J. B. Bruce, c Carr, b Howell ...	3
H. B. Pritchard, c and b Carr ...	9
R. Hutchinson, c Carr, b Dobson ...	16
C. F. Stanger-Leathes, b Carr ...	13
N. Whitfield, c and b Carr... ..	5
Towler, b Carr ...	0
I. C. Maconachie, not out ...	30
J. K. Craig, c Carr, b Howell ...	13
Hetherton, b Carr ...	0
Milne, b Carr... ..	6

Extras 19; total ... 116

Durham.

Weight, lbw, b Towler ...	22
E. E. Moloney, c Bruce, b Towler...	43
M. Nichol, c Pritchard, b Towler ...	35
Carr, c Bruce, b Milne ...	15
H. Brooks, not out ...	18
Howell, not out ...	19
Extras 20; total (4 wkts) ...	172

Bowling Analysis:

Northumberland.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell	15	3	37	3
Cook	9	1	17	0
Dobson	8	5	11	1
Carr	13.5	3	32	0

Durham.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hetherton	20	7	39	0
Milne	17.3	3	42	1
Maconachie	5	0	18	0
Towler	15	2	53	3

Cheshire's Useful "Tail."

INNINGS ENDS WITH LAST BALL.
Park Drive Ground, at West Hartlepool, converted into a lake on Monday, suffered severely again by yesterday's downfall, and, quickly though it recovers under normal conditions, it was found impossible to start play in the Durham v. Cheshire match at the advertised time. However, with a brisk breeze and hot sun in evidence, there was a prospect of a start being made after lunch, and, to that end, the interval was put forward a quarter of an hour. The drying process turned out a slow business, however, and it was not until 2.35 that Cheshire, who had won the toss, opened their innings, with Bournemouth and Hodgson, to the bowling of Howell and Cook.

Hopwood's "Lives."

With the possibility of the pitch becoming difficult under the sun's hot rays, aggressive tactics were adopted, Bournemouth being quite attractive until Howell bowled him at 31. Two more wickets fell quickly, but Hopwood and Parker made a good start, the former hitting freely for his 38, though he was badly missed by Ferens at 20, and again by Weight just prior to the latter getting him "l.b.w." Ellison, who bowled exceedingly well, was the unlucky bowler in the first instance. The hundred came in as many minutes' play, and tea was taken just afterwards, Parker being undefeated with 19 to his credit.

Productive Last Wicket.

L. N. Jones hit out with refreshing vigour after the interval, but the rest of the batting was dull and lifeless, though Durham's bowling and fielding were both below par. Twemlow and Dutton put on 34 runs for the last wicket before Smith, given a turn with the ball for the last over, bowled Twemlow. Scores:—

CHESHIRE.—1st Innings.

D. Bournemouth, b Howell	19
H. W. Hodgson, run out	13
H. Beech, b Cook	2
Hopwood, lbw, b Weight	34
W. E. Jones (captain), b Carr	7
F. G. Parker, b Carr	23
T. R. Woodcock, lbw, b Ellison	6
L. N. Jones, b Howell	32
Wilson, c and b Carr	12
R. N. Dutton, not out	13
G. B. Twemlow, b Smith	23
Extras, 17; total	212

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

CHESHIRE.—1st Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell	26	4	62	2
Cook	18	4	34	1
Carr	25	7	59	3
S. Ellison	15	7	22	1
Weight	6	1	14	1
F. R. Smith	1	1	0	1

DURHAM: H. Crooks (captain), H. C. Ferens, M. Nichol, C. L. Adamson, E. Ellison, G. W. W. Howgate, F. R. Smith, Weight, Carr, Howell and Cook.

DURHAM STAVE OFF DEFEAT.

Cheshire Bowlers Foiled in Extra Time.

Although further rain had fallen overnight, it was found possible to resume the Durham and Cheshire match at the prescribed time yesterday morning, and Weight and Ferens put on 26 in just under an hour, when a heavy downpour came on to prevent further play until after lunch.

Brilliant sun in the interim had made the pitch difficult, and all the home batsmen were kept pinned down to strictly defensive cricket. Disasters came early and quickly, for five wickets went down for the addition of as many runs, Wilson claiming the first four at a nominal cost. Brooks and Cook stayed the rot for a few overs, but it was not until Ellison and Howgate came together that the attack was met with any real confidence. They put on 15 runs, the next best partnership to the first, but Durham had to follow on 147 runs behind. Howgate hit Wilson for a lovely 6, but even then the Cheshire medium-paced bowler had the excellent analysis of eight wickets for 26 runs.

Weight and Adamson

Ferens and Weight gave Durham an encouraging start to their second venture by putting on 34 for the first wicket after the application of the heavy roller. Then the pitch became difficult again and three wickets fell for the addition of three runs only. After these swift disasters, Adamson joined Weight in a most valuable partnership which commenced before the tea interval and held up the visitors' attack for well over an hour, so that all chances of a Cheshire victory vanished into thin air. Weight completed an admirable 50 in 24 hours.

Stumps were to have been drawn at 6.30, but Cheshire claimed the privilege of playing an extra half-hour to try to force a decision. In this, however, they failed, and at the finish Durham with three wickets in hand were still one run behind. In the Durham second innings H. W. Hodgson took five wickets for 17. Durham's loss of points reduces their percentage from 73.33 to 65.71, while Cheshire's partial success improves theirs from 6.66 to 15.00. Scores:—

CHESHIRE.—1st Innings, 212.

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

H. C. Ferens, c W. E. Jones, b Wilson	4
Weight, c Hodgson, b Wilson	20
M. Nichol, b Hopwood	5
F. R. Smith, c Dutton, b Wilson	0
C. L. Adamson, c Beech, b Wilson	0
Carr, c Parker, b Wilson	0
H. Brooks (capt.), b Wilson	5
Cook, b Wilson	6
Howell, st Twemlow, b Hopwood	0
S. Ellison, not out	3
G. W. W. Howgate, b Wilson	14
Extras, 6; total	65

DURHAM.—2nd Innings.

H. C. Ferens, b H. W. Hodgson	13
Weight, b Hopwood	51
M. Nichol, b H. W. Hodgson	0
F. R. Smith, b Hopwood	1
C. L. Adamson, not out	51
Carr, c Hopwood, b Hodgson	13
H. Brooks, b Hodgson	3
Cook, b Hodgson	0
Howell, not out	6
Extras, 2; total (for 7 wickets)	146

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Wilson	21.2	10	26	4
Hopwood	21	13	19	2
W. E. Jones	3	0	11	0
H. W. Hodgson	3	0	3	0

MINOR COUNTIES' CHAMPIONSHIP.

Durham v. Cheshire.

TWO-DAYS' GAME STARTS AT WEST HARTLEPOOL.

Disappointment was in store for early arrivals at Park Drive this morning, for the heavy rains of Monday and yesterday made a start at the advertised time impossible. Pools of water were dotted in various parts of the outfield, and an auxiliary ground staff was busy endeavouring to get rid of these. The pitch itself, having been protected, was in much better condition, and promised to recover quickly. A brisk breeze and the welcome rays of the sun gave further hope, and, after a consultation of the respective captains, it was decided to take lunch at 12-45 and make a start immediately afterwards.

The Cheshire side underwent no change from that which did duty against Northumberland at Newcastle yesterday, and Burnham played as selected. Considerable local interest was centred in the first appearance for the County of F. H. Smith, the dashing and accomplished batsman of the West club, whose average to date stood at 35 runs per innings. The teams were entertained to lunch by Dr. A. V. McGregor (president of the West club) and Messrs. W. Nimmo, O. Aarvold, and W. H. E. Alderson.

The gates were opened to the public at 12-45, but the majority of the early visitors had returned home for lunch, and it was only a thin trickle which passed through before the altered time of starting arrived. Meanwhile, the sky had become overcast again, and the opening was further delayed thereby, and it was not until 2-35 that Boumphrey and Hodgson came out to open the Cheshire innings after W. E. Jones had won the toss. With plentiful sprinklings of seawater on sodden patches of ground, and with heaps of it behind the stumps, it was quite evident that the cricket to come would be of a speculative character, whether on the part of batsmen, bowlers, or fielders.

At the commencement the sun was shining brilliantly again and the gates of about 600 were rapidly being augmented. Howell bowled the first over to Hodgson, who got his third ball away past cover for a couple, and Cook, who opened at the other end, was hit to the off boundary from his initial delivery by Boumphrey. A maiden to each bowler followed before Boumphrey pulled a "slow" from Cook round to the "on" boundary and followed suit to leg at Howell's expense.

Forty minutes' batting produced 30 runs, and immediately afterwards Howell upset Boumphrey's middle stump with a beauty. Four runs later Hodgson sacrificed his wicket in trying a short run, the wicket being shot down by Nichol's smart return. Then Cook got Beach in two minds and bowled him "neck and crop." By now it was evident that the sun had made the pitch somewhat of a problem, and Cook had Jones pushed as soon as he came in. Hopwood was lucky to put one of Howell's deliveries up just out of the bowler's reach.

Carr relieved Cook at 48, and Howell also retired in favour of Ellison, the young left-hander from Philadelphia, who was figuring on the County side for the second time in his career. He opened with a very good maiden of well-varied, good length stuff, while Carr's bowling presented difficulties, though a couple of appeals by him for "leg before" were answered in the negative.

Success rewarded Carr's efforts, a fast one removing the Cheshire captain's balls, the fourth wicket falling at 51. Hopwood hit out with refreshing freedom, being rather severe on Carr, one of his drives at his expense being a glorious stroke. Ellison meanwhile kept both batsmen marked with steadiness, his bowling being marked with steadiness, accuracy, and judgment, and it was cruel luck for him that Ferens dropped an easy catch given by Hopwood, when 20, at mid-off. Seeing that Hopwood was doing all the scoring, the mistake promised to be costly.

Howell came back vice Ellison, at 51, but Parker and his partner seemed quite at ease, despite an odd ball rearing up now and then, and a couple of fine drives by Hopwood, at Howell's expense, were loudly cheered. Weight was next to be tried with the ball, taking over from Carr, but the changes were ineffective, Hopwood being given another "life" at 58, off Howell, and the hundred went up after 1 1/2 hours play. Weight, however, made quick amends for his mistake by getting Hopwood "leg before" without any further addition to his score, and with the total still standing at 109.

CHESHIRE INNINGS.

D. Boumphrey, b Howell	19
H. W. Hodgson, rna out	13
H. Beach, b Cook	8
Hopwood, lbw, b Weight	33
W. E. Jones, b Carr	7
E. G. Parker, not out	19
T. B. Woodcock, not out	2
Extras	6

Total (for 5 wickets) ... 106

FALL OF WICKETS.

1	2	3	4	5
31	35	33	51	100

The attendance was 1,000, and the gate receipts £32.

MINOR COUNTIES' CHAMPIONSHIP.

Durham v. Cheshire.

HOME COUNTY FOLLOW ON.

Contrary to expectations, the further rains overnight did not prevent a resumption of play at 11 o'clock, this morning, and H. C. Ferens and Weight came out to open the Durham innings, with Hopwood and Wilson in opposition. The wicket presented a peculiar appearance from the pavilion, with sawdust patches predominating in a mixture of green, brown, and white.

The Cheshire fielding was keen and clean, and in marked contrast with what had obtained yesterday. So well placed were the Cestrian scouts, too, that runs were obtained only with the utmost difficulty, and half an hour was occupied in raising half a dozen runs.

W. E. Jones, evidently a believer in varying his bowling to the full limit, went on himself, vice Hopwood, at 5, then put Wilson on and substituted Hodgson for himself after Weight had hit him twice to the boundary. Twenty-six runs had been collected in 55 minutes when a smart shower drove the players to shelter, and the interruption lasted until lunch.

In the interim, our representative gleaned that there had been some controversy over the fact that the pitch had been covered overnight in a manner contrary to the rules, but, as Mr. Bulmer, the Durham secretary pointed out, Cheshire themselves had been at fault in their own home match in not having their wicket protected at all, and in the end matters ended amicably all round.

Mr. Bulmer also informed us that Yorkshire had offered a two days' fixture to Durham, on May 5 and 7, next year, but the fact that the football match, Sunderland v. Middlesbrough, was due to be played at Sunderland on the Saturday ruled out the possibility of the match at Ashbrooke being a financial success. Further correspondence is taking place, and Durham still hold hopes that the game will take place, probably in June or July.

The opportunity of a match with Yorkshire arises from the fact that Somerset are not included in the lists of either Yorkshire or Lancashire fixtures and an effort is also being made to arrange an engagement with the full Lancashire championship eleven. The touring West Indian team will visit Sunderland on June 1 and 2 next year.

In our report yesterday the name of Mr. W. H. R. Alderson was inadvertently included among the donors of the luncheon to the teams. This should have read Mr. Hans B. Olsen. Mr. Alderson being responsible for the arrangements.

A powerful sun blazed forth its rays during the interval, and early happenings caused no little trepidation among the supporters of the Durham team. Three disasters befel the Duncelmians immediately play was resumed. Weight edded but a single, from Hodgson, when he steered a delivery from Wilson straight into Hodgson's hands at mid-off. Two overs later, and with the score still at 27, Ferens and F. B. Smith left to successive deliveries, the former falling into an obvious leg trap, and Smith driving direct to mid-on.

Nichol and Adamson held up the bowling for a few overs only, Hopwood coming on vice Hodgson to bowl the former, while Adamson and Carr gave no trouble at all, so that 6 wickets were down for 32, and Durham appeared certain to have to follow on. With the wicket playing all manner of queer tricks a sensational ending was quite likely, and there was a big sigh of relief when Cook survived a lofty hit, just behind the bowler, which Dutton failed to hold. Runs came at rare intervals, H. Brooks and the West pro. being fully occupied in keeping their wickets intact.

A "squatter" had Brooks thoroughly beaten, at 43, and Cook and Howell also left in quick succession, so that 9 wickets were down for 50. Ellison and G. W. W. Howgate, however, made a stand which was as welcome as it was unexpected, and the latter raised a loud cheer when he hooked Wilson round for a lovely six.

It was too much, however, to expect to save the follow on, and Wilson brought the innings to a close, at 65, by bowling Howgate. Durham were batting 2 hours 10 minutes in all, while Wilson, despite the six hit from him by Howgate, had the excellent figures of 8 wickets for 28 runs.

The application of the heavy roller brought up a considerable amount of moisture again, and, with sun obscured, the chance of Durham saving the game improved materially. H. C. Ferens and Weight were again the opening pair, and by dint of good batsmanship they got into the "30 street" without mishap, and caused Wilson and Hopwood, the original bowlers, again to retire in favour of Dutton and L. N. Jones.

The change, however, was not effective, and W. E. Jones and H. W. Hodgson took over the attack, the last-named bringing about a separation by shooting down Ferens' off stump, with that batsman's score at 13 and the board reading 34. Nichol followed in—and out—Hodgson upsetting his leg peg with a beauty with the total unaltered. Smith had two narrow escapes of being run out, the second being most lucky, Weight refusing his call on both occasions.

CHESHIRE—First Innings.

D. Bounphrey, b Howell	19
H. W. Hodgson, run out	15
H. Beech, b Cook	2
Hopwood, lbw, b Weight	38
W. E. Jones, b Carr	7
E. G. Parker, b Carr	26
L. B. Woodcock, lbw, b Wilson	6
L. N. Jones, b Howell	32
Wilson, c and b Carr	12
H. V. Dutton, not out	13
G. E. Twenlow, b Smith	28
Extras	17
Total	218

DURHAM—First Innings.

H. C. Ferens, c H. E. Jones, b Wilson	6
Weight, c Hodgson, b Wilson	20
M. Nichol, b Hopwood	5
F. B. Smith, c Dutton, b Wilson	0
C. L. Adamson, c Beech, b Wilson	0
Carr, c Parker, b Wilson	0
H. Brooks (capt.), b Wilson	2
Cook, b Wilson	0
Howell, c Twenlow, b Hopwood	0
S. Ellison, not out	3
G. W. W. Howgate, b Wilson	14
Extras	6
Total	65

DURHAM—Second Innings.

H. C. Ferens, b H. W. Hodgson	13
Weight, not out	16
M. Nichol, b H. W. Hodgson	0
F. B. Smith, not out	0
Extras	7
Total (for 2 wickets)	36

FALL OF WICKETS.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
27	28	28	30	32	32	43	48	50	56	65

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Cheshire—1st Innings.

	O	M	R	W
Howell	26	4	62	2
Cook	18	4	36	1
Carr	25	7	56	3
S. Ellison	15	7	32	1
Weight	6	1	14	1
F. B. Smith	1	1	0	1

DURHAM—First Innings.

	O	M	R	W
Wilson	21.2	10	26	8
Hopwood	21	13	19	2
W. E. Jones	3	0	11	0
H. W. Hodgson	3	6	3	0

CRICKET PROBLEMS.

Possibilities at Park Drive To-day.

With the chance of a definite conclusion to the Durham v. Cheshire game practically gone, the interest of this afternoon's play at Park Drive centred on Durham's ability to capture the first innings' points, and, during the luncheon interval, an interesting problem was propounded, dealing with the possibilities of the situation. The points may be set out thus, and we leave it to our readers to form their own judgment:—

1.—Suppose Durham had scored 180 runs or so, for 5 wickets, at 6-30. Could they claim the extra half hour to gain first innings' points?

2.—Seeing that first innings' points must inevitably lower Durham's championship percentage, could Cheshire claim the half hour's extension?

3.—If Cheshire could so insist, and Durham's batsmen declined to try to get the runs necessary to give them the lead, would there be anything wrong in Cheshire's bowlers bowling wide and no balls to compel them to do so?