

## COUNTY CRICKET IN ST. HELENS

### LANCS. II. AND CHESHIRE IN SPOILED GAME

#### QUICK SCORING AND BRIGHT BATTING

St. Helens has been given a taste of real cricket this week, for the minor counties match between Lancashire second eleven and Cheshire on the Recs.' ground on Wednesday and Thursday produced an exhibition the like of which, in spite of the poor weather conditions, has seldom if ever been seen in the town before. This was the first county cricket match to be played in St. Helens, yet the interest aroused, as reflected in the number of spectators, was hardly in keeping with the quality of the cricket displayed.

On Wednesday the weather was dull and cold, yet rain kept off and the wicket favoured the batsmen. Dr. Holmes had the good fortune to win the toss and consequently Lancashire batted first to keep Cheshire in the field until tea—over four and a quarter hours. Declaring at 372 for eight wickets, Lancashire succeeded in dismissing one of Cheshire's opening pair at 57, but the day closed with Cheshire 108 without further loss.

Lancashire opened with Halliday and Paynter, and within two hours to lunch 143 runs were on the board for the loss of Paynter (15) only. Halliday gave a splendid display of hitting, and his 74 before lunch included one six and twelve boundaries. Houseman—the son of "Ted" Houseman, who formerly played for the Recs. when they had the Boundary-road ground, and who was also at one period cricket coach at Cowley—proved a capable partner to Halliday and collected 46 before lunch, the partnership producing up to that period 104. Both batsmen treated the five bowlers tried against them pretty much the same, but Wilson and Tiplady commanded respect after the resumption. At 161 Halliday gave McEntyre an easy catch at mid-off from Tiplady's bowling, his 90 including fourteen boundaries and a beautiful hit over the rails for six.

#### A SLUMP AND A RISE

Houseman was just able to reach his half-century before dismissed with a splendid one-handed catch at mid-off by McEntyre.

For a time there was a decided slump in the scoring, and Farrimond was in ten minutes for three, being at that point snapped at first slip by L. N. Jones. Dr. Holmes stepped in front of the first ball—a straight one—he received from Wilson, and soon afterwards the second century was hoisted after nearly three hours play.

Booth and Woolley now took charge of affairs and the score rose rapidly, boundaries being hit all round the wicket. Both reached their half-century before a separation came about, Woolley finally giving Tiplady a catch far out at point.

Again there was a lapse, for Preston was bowled by the second ball he received from Hopwood, the ball going from his pads on to the wicket. Booth was, in the meantime, batting steadily, and he put up the third century with a fine drive to the off boundary, but nine runs later he was taken by L. N. Jones at first slip. His innings of 87, collected all round the wicket, included eight boundary hits.

Lancashire continued to bat consistently well, and the eighth wicket carried the score to 372 before tea, when the innings was declared. Hopwood, the Wallasey "pro." who who played for Lancashire first several seasons ago, had the best bowling analysis with four wickets for 72.

Cheshire lost Parker at 57 soon after tea, but W. E. Jones and McEntyre carried the score to 108 before stumps were drawn for the day. It had been, so far, a game in which the batsmen had a definite advantage, for the wicket played dead true and did not help the bowlers at all.

#### GAME ABANDONED

Owing to the weather conditions yesterday morning, play was impossible and the game was abandoned.

#### LANCS. II. (First Innings).

Halliday c McEntyre b Tiplady	90
Paynter c L. N. Jones b Hopwood	15
Houseman c McEntyre b Wilson	50
Booth c L. N. Jones b Hopwood	87
Farrimond c L. N. Jones b Wilson	3
Dr. J. B. Holmes lbw b Wilson	0
Woolley c Tiplady b Hopwood	53
Preston b Hopwood	0
Horridge not out	23
Rushton not out	42
Holroyd did not bat.	
Extras	9

Total (8 wickets) ... 372

#### BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Wilson	24	5	81	3
L. N. Jones	18	2	62	0
Cook	12	1	54	0
Hopwood	18	4	73	4
J. W. Tiplady	22	3	86	1
W. E. Jones	6	2	8	0

#### CHESHIRE

W. E. Jones not out	40
B. G. Parker c Horridge b Rushton	32
D. P. McEntyre not out	30
Extras	6

Total (for 1 wkt.) ... 108

#### "TEST" MATCH AT HARESFINCH

At Haresfinch on Wednesday evening Coun. J. Davies' team defeated a team selected by Mr. C. J. Middlehurst by 42 runs to 22. Great interest was taken in the event and a good crowd was present. The bowling on both sides proved too good for the batsmen of each team. Mr. Middlehurst was unable to play owing to being indisposed. Scores:

Coun. Davies' Team: L. Greenough b Cunliffe 0, W. Topping run out 5, J. G. Nolan b Bolton 17, G. Derbyshire b Cunliffe 1, M. Connor b Cunliffe 0, J. Davies c Hooson b Muskett 8, A. Farrell b Cunliffe 1, J. H. Simm b Muskett 1, W. Ashcroft b Cunliffe 2, F. Nolan b Cunliffe 1, G. Marsden not out 3, extras 3—total 42.

Mr. Middlehurst's Team: H. Finlay b Topping 0, T. Barton hit wkt. b Topping 0, F. Muskett c Nolan b Topping 0, G. Dorrell b Simm 1, J. Lowe c Farrell b Simm 0, C. Cunliffe b Simm 0, W. Hooson b Simm 6, J. Bolton c Derbyshire b Topping 0, J. Sanders b Simm 6, W. Dorrell b Simm 0, W. Dolan not out 1, extras 8—total 22.

#### CONSERVATIVE SPORTS CLUB v. CLOCK FACE

The cricket section of the Conservative sports club, on Tuesday evening, took on Clock Face II., at Clock Face, and after a very enjoyable match gained a clever victory. The outstanding features of the match were the batting of Bellis and Leadbetter, two locals, who assisted the Cons., and the bowling of Phillips and Elliott. Williams and Hughes were the only batsmen to make anything like a show against some clever bowling. Geo. Jones, fielding at point, took a really clever catch which sent Williams back to the pavilion. The Cons. are looking forward to the return encounter. Scores:—

Cons.: H. Bellis run out 26, W. Elliott run out 3, J. Shutes b Hughes 2, T. B. Phillips b Hughes 2, G. Jones b Whittall 0, J. Leadbetter not out 27, J. McClean run out 7, J. C. Rudge b Davies 3, J. Williams b Ellis 0, S. Robinson c Whittall b Davies 4, F. Ashton b Ellis 7; extras 7—total 88.

Clock Face: G. Williams c Jones b Phillips 14, W. Ellis lbw b Elliott 2, S. Davies b Phillips 0, H. Carter b Phillips 0, T. Hughes b Phillips 9, C. Goodham b Elliott 5, E. Ashcroft c Ashton b Phillips 2, E. Whittall b Elliott 0, J. Keeling not out 0, W. Lockett b Elliott 0, W. Ambrose b Elliott 0; extras 2—total 24.

## MINOR COUNTIES CRICKET.

Lancashire II, Beaten by the  
Rain.

NEARLY A TRIUMPH.

By "Alex."

The Minor Counties cricket match between Lancashire second eleven and Staffordshire, at Whitegate Park, ended in a draw, rain causing play to be abandoned at 4 o'clock on Thursday, the second and last day of the fixture.

Lancashire, with a wicket in hand, had a lead of 89 runs on the first innings, scoring 238 in reply to 150 by Staffordshire. The start was delayed on Tuesday morning until 11.45, and play continued till 12.20, when rain caused the players to leave the field. Apart from a few minutes' play just after 1 o'clock, the players did not return to the field.

It was a most unusual and refreshing sight to see the teams playing in the rain for about 20 minutes, in an endeavour to complete the Lancashire innings, but the rain eventually caused them to leave the field with their object not accomplished.

Staffordshire's first innings produced 150 runs.

The scores of Lancashire's innings were:—

LANCASHIRE II.	
C. W. Wilson, b Lockett	11
Houseman, run out	85
Booth, b Lockett	87
Paynter, b Sedgwick	60
Preston, b Lockett	14
Woolley, b Lockett	2
Rushton, c Ikin b Sedgwick	0
Farrmond, run out	0
T. H. Higson, not out	18
Holroyd, b Lockett	2
Wilson (R.), not out	2
Extras	5
<b>Total (for 9 wickets)</b>	<b>259</b>

ANALYSIS: Sedgwick, 77o. 6m. 100r. 5w.; Lockett 77o. 6m. 65r. 5w.; Platt 10o. 2m. 23r. 0w.; Lee, 11o. 1m. 40r. 0w.

## MINOR COUNTIES CRICKET.

Lancashire Seconds in a Strong  
Position.

PLAY AT WHITEGATE PARK.

By "Alex."

A curious position obtained in the Minor Counties cricket match which began at Whitegate Park yesterday morning, and will be continued to-day. Lancashire seconds, who were playing Staffordshire, had not won a match this season, while Staffordshire had won all their matches by an innings, yet at the end of the day's play Lancashire were in an exceptionally strong position. In reply to Staffordshire's 150, Lancashire had scored 196 and lost only three wickets.

To a large degree Lancashire profited by the absence from the Staffordshire team of S. Barnes, the former All-England bowler, as Castleton Moor, the club for which he is professional would not release him.

As it was Lancashire batted in a forceful manner, and runs came freely.

### HOUSEMAN'S LIVELY INNINGS.

C. W. Wilson, captain of the Blackpool Cricket Club, opened the Lancashire innings with Houseman, but was bowled when 11 with the total at 35.

Houseman continued to bat brilliantly and kept his wicket up until 180 runs were on the board. He was within five of the century when smartly run out. His total, which took 140 minutes to compile, included nine 4's, and four 3's.

### SCORES:—

STAFFORDSHIRE.	
E. J. Gothard, b Holroyd	1
H. W. Homer, lbw b Rushton	35
F. D. Perks, b Holroyd	34
A. W. Ikin, c and b Rushton	16
W. Lee, b Woolley	17
Platt, c Rushton b Holroyd	3
Sedgwick, c Paynter b Rushton	1
A. Lockett, c Booth b Holroyd	24
G. A. Fitton, not out	7
C. G. Varcoe, c C. W. Wilson b Woolley	4
J. B. Russell, b Woolley	4
Extras	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>150</b>

ANALYSIS.—Holroyd, 80o. 14m. 51r. 4w.; Preston, 8o. 0m. 20r. 0w.; Woolley, 12.1o. 2m. 30r. 3w.; Wilson (R.), 8o. 0m. 9r. 0w.; Rushton, 17o. 6m. 36r. 3w.

LANCASHIRE II.	
C. W. Wilson, b Lockett	11
Houseman, run out	85
Booth, b Lockett	37
Paynter, not out	42
Preston, not out	6
Extras	5
<b>Total (for 8 wickets)</b>	<b>196</b>

## MINOR COUNTIES MATCH.

### Staffordshire v. Lancashire II.

INTERESTING CRICKET AT  
BLACKPOOL.

A two-days' cricket match commenced at Whitegate Park, Blackpool, on Wednesday, and concluded yesterday. Lancashire II. met Staffordshire in a minor counties match. The latter, who were not at full strength, were without Sydney Barnes, the famous All-England bowler, who has assisted them for some time past. The Lancastrians eleven included C. W. Wilson, the Blackpool Cricket Club captain.

Staffordshire batted first on a soft wicket, and were soon the victims of misfortune, for Gothard was bowled by Holroyd after two runs had been scored. With H. W. Homer and F. D. Perks together, the score materially increased, and 70 had been reached when the former was out lbw. to Rushton after knocking up 35 runs. Playing steadily all the time, he never gave a chance.

### IN DARING FASHION.

From the spectacular point of view, Perks, who made 34 runs, was the more lively to watch. He hit out in daring fashion, and reached the boundary several times.

Of the remaining batsmen, only Lockett did anything of note, and he was caught out after scoring 24.

Staffordshire were all out for 150 after three hours' batting.

Of the Lancashire bowlers, the most successful was Woolley, who kept a splendid length and bowled with pace. Holroyd, however, bore the brunt of the attack upon his shoulders, and of his 30 overs, 14 were maidens. With a medium-paced delivery, he has a nice leg break which is very awkward to play on a soft pitch.

Rushton took three wickets for 36 runs, but especially distinguished himself by a brilliant catch off his own bowling. Running to the slips he caught the ball a few inches from the ground at a fast pace.

### A BRILLIANT BAT.

C. W. Wilson and Houseman opened the Lancashire II. innings, and at 35 the Blackpool skipper was bowled by Lockett after compiling 11 runs. Booth took his place, and with Houseman made a magnificent stand. The latter, who reached his fifty in just over 40 minutes, scored 95 runs before he was unfortunately run out, in magnificent style. He played all the orthodox strokes, and hit out vigorously all round the wicket, only giving one chance at cover, soon after he had scored fifty. He knocked nine fours.

Staffordshire were very slow in the field and this laxity proved very costly for them, for at the close of the first day's play their opponents had put on a score of 196 for the loss of three wickets. When the third wicket fell, the score was 180. Scores:—

### STAFFORDSHIRE.

E. J. Gothard, b Holroyd	1
H. W. Homer, lbw. b Rushton	35
F. D. Perks, b Holroyd	34
A. W. Ikin, c and b Rushton	16
W. Lee, b Woolley	17
Platt, c Rushton b Holroyd	3
Sedgwick, c Paynter b Rushton	1
A. Lockett, c Booth b Holroyd	24
G. A. Fitton, not out	7
C. G. Varcoe, c C. W. Wilson b W. W. 4	4
J. B. Russell, b Woolley	4
Extras	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>150</b>

### Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Holroyd	30	14	51	4
Preston	5	0	20	0
Woolley	12.1	2	30	3
Wilson (R.)	3	0	9	0
Rushton	17	5	36	3

## MEDAL CONTEST.

### First Round of Blackpool Club Competition.

The draw for the first round of the Blackpool Cricket Club Medal Competition, the games in which will be played on Tuesday next, is as follows:—

St. Andrew's C.C. v. Blackpool Banks, to be played at Highfield-road.  
Springfield-road United Methodist C.C. v. Alexandra-road Congregational "A", Bishop-ham-road.  
South Shore "A" v. Grasmere-road Primitive Methodist C.C., Stanley-road, Blowing Sanda.  
Alexandra-road Congregational "B" v. Post Office C.C., Abbey-road, off Highfield-road.  
Springfield-road Baptist C.C. v. Gas Office C.C., Holyoke-avenue, Bingham Crossing.  
Victoria-street Congregational C.C. v. North Shore Wesleyans, Bank-road, Marton.  
Bloomfield-road C.C. v. St. Mark's C.C., Stanley Park.

South Shore Wesleyans v. Talbot-road Railway Clerks, Harrowade, off Lytham-road.

Play will commence at 6 p.m., and continue until 9-15 p.m., or at the discretion of the umpires. Matches that are not finished on Tuesday to be continued the next night.

Wickets are to be correctly marked out before 6 p.m. on the day of the match, and the winning team must send the result of the match and a list of its own players to the hon. secretary of the Blackpool Cricket Club immediately after the match.

### Friendly Game.

A friendly cricket match was played between teams representing the Electricity Works Staff and the Borough Surveyor's Staff, at Squires Gate, on Monday night.

The latter batted first, and scored 35, of which L. C. Porter contributed 15, all the other players failing to reach double figures.

The Electricity Staff knocked off the necessary runs for the loss of one wicket. Dyson retired undefeated with 32 to his credit, and the innings closed at 89 for seven wickets. Nine bowlers were tried by the Surveyor's Staff team, the most successful being Rawcliffe, with two wickets for five runs. Each side fielded only ten men. Scores:—

SURVEYOR'S STAFF.	
T. E. Heaton, c Fleming b Broadbent	1
C. F. Black, b Broadbent	7
L. C. Porter, b Broadbent	15
J. K. Birtles, lbw b Broadbent	0
C. Wilkinson, b Fleming	1
A. Edwards, b Fleming	0
F. B. Swarbrick, b Broadbent	1
J. Rawcliffe, c Barrett b Fleming	4
J. B. Parkinson, not out	1
W. Nuttall, c Barrett b Dyson	2
Extras	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>

ELECTRICITY WORKS STAFF.	
V. Broadbent, c Edwards b Swarbrick	4
R. Boar, retired	11
A. Dyson, retired	22
H. Coupe, c and b Rawcliffe	3
F. Fleming, c Swarbrick b Rawcliffe	8
J. Barrett, c Wilkinson b Heaton	6
J. Ball, b Porter	1
J. Parkinson, b Wilkinson	2
H. Goddard, c Rawcliffe b Nuttall	3
H. A. Smith, not out	4
Extras	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>89</b>

### Railway Clerks Win.

Blackpool Talbot-road Railway Clerks visited Poulton on Monday evening, and played the Fylde II. The Railway Clerks won the toss and elected to bat.

The light was not too good and two of the wickets were down for 5 runs. Illingworth and Croker took the score to 70 before being separated, the total of 111 being finally reached. Cook 13 also helped the Clerks to that total.

Light was very poor when Fylde II commenced their innings, and they only reached a total of 46, only 9 of their men batting.

RAILWAY CLERKS.	
W. S. Ralph, c Nabb b Catterall	0
O. Aiken, c Brothwood b McMullen	4
J. Illingworth, b Brothwood	35
E. R. Croker, b Dixon	32
J. Cook, c Bailey b Dixon	13
R. Ronson, b Dixon	5
W. Foulkes, b H. Jackson	3
H. Waddington, c and b H. Jackson	4
E. E. Hutchinson, b Dixon	2
O. Leadbetter, not out	0
B. J. Ellwood, b H. Jackson	1
Extras	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>111</b>

### POULTON II.

R. Dixon, lbw b J. Illingworth	7
J. Bailey, b J. Illingworth	1
C. Nabb, run out b Aiken	2
J. Jackson, c Foulkes b Aiken	9
H. Jackson, lbw b Aiken	0
D. Moore, b Aiken	6
J. McMullen, b Aiken	4
E. Threlfall, b Aiken	2
J. Kirby, not out	8
R. Catterall, retired hurt	0
Brothwood, retired	0
Extras	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>

### Second Team Win.

At Hutton the Secondary School second eleven beat Hutton Grammar School by 58 runs. Harrop was the Secondary School's most successful batsman, with 38 runs.

HUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL II.	
Herron, b Harrop	0
Schofield, b McNeice	7
Williams, b Sweeten	0
Whitehead, c Turner b Shenton	19
Melling, c McNeice b Shenton	1
Rainford, b Jones	1
Scanlan, b Jones	6
Harrison, b Jones	0
Hodgkiss, c Ashworth b Shenton	8
Dobbin, b McNeice	2
Martin, not out	0
Extras	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>

ANALYSIS: Harrop 50, 1m, 16r, 1w.; Sweeten, 40, 1m, 7r, 1w.; Jones, 60, 2m, 12r, 5w.; Shenton, 40, 1m, 7r, 5w.; McNeice, 60, 1m, 3r, 2w.

### SECONDARY SCHOOL II.

Harrop, c Whitehead b Schofield	39
Sweeten, b Scanlan	17
Jones, b Hodgkiss	6
Whittington, lbw b Hodgkiss	3
Lens, c Schofield b Scanlan	15
Shenton, c and b Schofield	0
Turner, c Melling b Schofield	5
Ashworth, b Schofield	2
Whalley, not out	0
McNeice, b Schofield	6
Aiken, lbw b Scanlan	3
Extras	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>106</b>

ANALYSIS: Hodgkiss, 140, 5m, 6r, 2w.; Schofield, 130, 3m, 27r, 5w.; Williams, 30, 0m, 13r, 0w.; Scanlan 440, 1m, 14r, 8w.; Melling, 10, 0m, 10r, 0w.

## TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

### Leyland Motors Promise Keen Fight at Blackpool.

Blackpool this afternoon are at home to Leyland Motors in the Ribblesdale League.

As Blackpool had a hard fight to win at Leyland, the fixture this afternoon is regarded as of special attraction.

At Leyland, however, Blackpool were without C. H. Parkin and N. Halliwell, and it will be interesting to see how the Motormen will fare against Parkin's bowling.

### The teams are:

v. Leyland Motors (Ribblesdale League), at Whitegate Park: C. W. Wilson, N. Halliwell, C. H. Parkin, J. W. Whewell, W. B. Haworth, J. W. R. Doe, J. Massey, C. Hewitt, A. Nuttall, F. Wright, Fairclough. Reserves: W. E. Sykes, G. P. Thompson.  
v. Penwortham (Palace Shield, Division I.), at Penwortham: J. Etherington, C. W. Burton, G. P. Thomson, W. E. Sykes, W. H. Bowman, D. H. Greenhalgh, H. Johnston, H. Hunt, A. Whitehead, K. Barlow, J. Robinson, Reserve: W. E. Nuttall.  
Motor coach leaves Devonshire-square at 1-0 prompt.

v. Fairhaven (Lytham St. Anne's League), at Fairhaven: J. Barlow, G. Clarkson, R. Keiller, W. G. Worthington, G. Stanworth, G. Anderson, G. Denbigh, C. T. Bowbottom, V. Kneale, W. E. Nuttall, F. Ramsden, Reserves: L. Crook, J. Hacking.  
Motor coach leaves Devonshire-square at 1-30 prompt.

### MID-WEEK GAMES.

### Double Victory for Secondary School.

The Secondary School were successful on Wednesday in defeating Hutton Grammar School by 88 runs, on the Devonshire-road ground.

### Scores:

SECONDARY SCHOOL.	
G. Cookman, c Pilkington b Ward	31
A. Cooke, run out	0
H. Royle, c Colledge b Pilkington	1
F. L. Whiteley, b Ward	0
W. F. Bath, c Holborn b Pilkington	27
L. E. J. Keiller, b Ward	4
C. Ward, c Parkinson b Pilkington	6
H. Stansfield, c and b Pilkington	23
J. Ryder, b Pilkington	0
J. H. C. Warburton, c Dawson b Carris	10
K. Jones, not out	35
Extras	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>126</b>

ANALYSIS: Pilkington, 15.50, 6m, 6r, 5w.; Ward, 160, 6m, 59r, 3w.; Carris, 30, 0m, 17r, 1w.; Robinson, 30, 0m, 8r, 0w.

### HUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

L. Colledge, run out	7
E. J. Carris, run out	2
J. Robinson, hit wkt. b Whiteley	7
R. Ward, c Jones b Whiteley	11
J. Dixon, c Keiller b Whiteley	0
G. Howard, b Jones	0
J. Dawson, c and b Jones	1
H. Pilkington, c Bath b Whiteley	8
G. Holborn, b Whiteley	6
J. Parkinson, not out	1
E. James, b Whiteley	0
Extras	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>

ANALYSIS: Warburton 60, 2m, 6r, 0w.; Whiteley, 12.50, 3m, 29r, 5w.; Jones, 60, 1m, 10r, 2w.; Bath, 20, 1m, 4r, 0w.

## COUNTY CRICKET AT HEYWOOD.

### LANCASHIRE SECOND v. DURHAM.

It was unfortunate that the Minor Counties match between Lancashire 2nd and Durham, at Crimble, happened in the Heywood holiday week, and especially at the beginning of the week, for this undoubtedly affected the attendance. When the game commenced on Monday morning there was but a mere handful of spectators present, and though the attendance improved after lunch there was never more than a moderate number of people present. A pleasant day's cricket was witnessed, though play was slow during Lancashire's time at the wicket.

Durham had the first turn with the bat and though none of the batsmen absolutely failed, only C. L. Adamson, Carr, and Weight were really prominent. The Lancashire bowling was good without being particularly deadly and the captain "rang the changes" freely on the five men called on, Horridge being the most effective, with five wickets for 59 runs. Preston, the young Heywoodite now at Old Trafford, did not meet with success. He sent down 26 overs for 61 runs and only secured two wickets. Durham had a slice of bad luck at the beginning, Ferens being thrown out at 27, just as he was getting settled, and Nichol and Dobson being dismissed cheaply. Weight had batted nicely for 26, but four good wickets were down for 69, and at 90 Cook was leg-before to Rushton. A good partnership between Adamson and Carr took the total to 132 before the latter was caught off Preston's bowling. He had played a free hitting game for his 34 runs. Adamson continued to show sound defence, and helped by Brooks he stayed until the total reached 148 and then fell to the Farrowmond-Horridge combination. His cricket was the best feature of the innings, which closed at 194.

#### LANCASHIRE'S GOOD BEGINNING.

After losing Houseman with the total 28, Halliday and Horridge stayed together until the wickets were drawn for the day with the total 124. They put Lancashire in a strong position, but at one stage of the game their play was painfully slow. A sequence of five maiden overs made the spectators cheer, when a piece of misfielding resulted in a single being run. As was the case with the Lancashire attack, the Durham bowling was good without being really difficult, and it was rarely that the batsmen were in difficulties. Halliday and Houseman started well and 20 quickly appeared on the board. Soon afterwards Halliday survived a confident appeal for a catch behind the wicket. After this he made several fine boundary hits and by the tea interval 41 was on the books. There was a good beginning after tea and then the rate of scoring fell off. When Halliday passed into the "forties" he stood still for quite a time and Horridge did what little scoring there was. The innings had been in progress an hour when 50 appeared and 30 runs were added in the next 35 minutes. Ninety appeared on the board when Halliday completed his fifty, after playing an hour and three-quarters. Later runs came more freely, both batsmen making good boundary strokes. In the closing stages the only question of interest was whether Horridge would complete his 50 before play ceased. He failed in the race by three runs, his partner having 61 to his credit.

#### THE SECOND DAY.

There was only a handful of spectators when the game was resumed on Tuesday morning, but in the afternoon there was an improvement, though at its best the attendance was only small. Horridge just managed to complete his fifty. He made the first three runs scored and was then bowled by Cook with the total 127. A good partnership was set up when Paynter joined Halliday. The former scored most of the runs for a time, making some capital leg hits. Runs came at the rate of about one a minute, fifty-six being scored in the first hour. Halliday played sound cricket, and some of his strokes showed ability to hit. In 75 minutes a partnership put on 71 runs and then Paynter was bowled by Cook for 42, which included four fours and five threes. Woolley was smartly stumped after making a couple, the total being 209. Soon after being joined by P. Higson, Halliday completed his hundred with a three off drive off Dobson and the feat was suitably applauded by the spectators. He had been at the wickets ninety minutes for the 40 runs required when the match was resumed. After a very cramped beginning, Higson improved and made some pretty strokes, among them being some excellent cuts. The score was taken to 268 and then Weight was called on to bowl for the first time in the match. He met with immediate success, his fourth delivery beating Higson's bat. The retiring batsman had four boundaries in his 25. Preston was given a cordial welcome by his Heywood friends when

he came out to bat. He should have lost the company of Halliday in the next over, but Cook failed to hold a chance low down in the slips. Howell was the bowler. He had not long to wait for the wicket, however, for with only one added to his score Halliday was out leg before in attempting a big drive. Out of the 270 totalled he had made 127 and had been at the wickets four hours and forty minutes. Throughout he played good sound cricket, but showed little desire to force the pace, even after Lancashire had made sure of the decision on the first innings, and, when later, he had made his century sure. That he possesses the power to hit strongly is shown by the fact that twice he put the ball over the rails for six, and his other strokes included 13 fours. Preston disappointed his friends. His first attempt to drive sent the ball into the safe hands of Nichol at cover point. Farrowmond made 19 and was still unbeaten when the end came with the total 299, a lead of 95 runs.

#### DURHAM'S BRIGHT CRICKET.

A drawn game was almost a certainty when Durham commenced their second venture at 2.45. They lost Weight, caught behind the wickets off Preston at eight. Nichol joined Ferens and quickly got to work in the brightest innings of the match. At 43 he lost the company of Ferens, run out for a second time, but Adamson stayed with him while 55 runs were added. In fifty minutes Nichol scored the same number of runs, the other batsmen having scored 27 runs only in the time. The hundred was signalled after 75 minutes' play. When the fifth wicket fell the total was 153, and with five added Nichol reached the hundred. He had made the runs in two hours by fine attractive cricket. Carr was now forcing matters and he got the bulk of the next 20 runs, Nichol only claiming four. At 178 the last named was out, caught by Paynter, the ball going off Farrowmond's pads up in the air for Paynter to make the catch. In his 104 the retiring batsman had 12 fours. Another hundred runs were put on before wickets were drawn with the total 268. Carr hit powerfully for 42, one stroke dropping the ball on the top of the scoring box, and Alderson also batted well for 34 not out, and Cook hit hard all round the wicket for 39, and was bowled in the last over of the match. Scores:

#### Durham—First Innings.

H. C. Ferens run out	11
Weight c Rushton b Horridge	26
M. Nichol c and b Horridge	10
T. K. Dobson b Horridge	14
C. L. Adamson et Farrowmond b Horridge	48
Cook lbw b Rushton	12
Carr c Rushton b Preston	54
W. H. R. Alderson b Preston	7
H. Brooks et Farrowmond b Woolley	16
E. E. Moloney not out	1
Howell c Preston b Horridge	4
Extras	6
Total	194

#### Durham—Second Innings.

H. C. Ferens run out	16
Weight c Farrowmond b Preston	7
M. Nichol c Paynter b Holroyd	104
C. L. Adamson c Rushton b Holroyd	3
T. K. Dobson b Rushton	11
E. E. Moloney c Woolley b Holroyd	11
Carr c Woolley b Preston	43
W. H. R. Alderson not out	34
H. Brooks b Holroyd	1
Cook b Horridge	39
Extras	13
Total (for nine wickets)	265

#### Lancashire Second.

Halliday lbw b Howell	127
Houseman c Weight b Carr	10
Horridge b Cook	50
Paynter b Cook	42
Woolley c Ferens b Cook	2
P. Higson b Weight	25
Preston c Nichol b Howell	2
Farrowmond not out	13
T. A. Higson b Howell	0
Rushton c Ferens b Howell	0
Holroyd lbw b Howell	1
Extras	17
Total	209

#### Bowling analysis.

#### Durham—First Innings.

	O	M.	R.	W.
Preston	21	2	61	2
Woolley	10	2	24	1
Horridge	15	4	59	5
Rushton	16	8	27	1
Holroyd	9	2	17	0

#### Durham—Second Innings.

Preston	14	1	63	2
Woolley	12	1	47	0
Horridge	15	4	56	1
Rushton	17	0	74	1
Holroyd	17	6	34	4

#### Lancashire—First Innings.

Howell	24	1	10	69	5
Cook	36	15	46	3	
Dobson	20	3	24	0	
Carr	20	4	58	1	
Brook	8	0	30	1	
Weight	3	1	8	1	

# CRICKET.

## CENTRAL LANCASHIRE LEAGUE.

TABLE TO DATE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Rochdale	15	10	0	5	35
Werneth	15	8	2	5	29
Castleton Moor	15	7	4	4	25
Middleton	15	6	4	5	23
Royton	15	6	5	4	22
Heywood	15	4	2	9	21
Milnrow	15	5	5	5	20
Oldham	15	4	7	4	16
Littleborough	15	4	8	3	15
Walsden	15	2	7	6	12
Crompton	15	2	8	5	11
Moorside	15	2	8	5	11

### HEYWOOD DEFEATED.

### MILNROW SPRING A BIG SURPRISE.

### HOWARD'S GRAND INNINGS.

Milnrow's penchant for springing surprises was again in evidence on Saturday when Heywood visited the Ladyhouse ground. It would be no exaggeration to say that Milnrow are the most changeable side in the League—capable of beating the best in one mood and likely to be beaten by the worst in another. There is about this element of unsteadiness, however, a charm for the spectators. No team has caused more excitement in the way of thrilling games and tight finishes during the present season than the Milnrow eleven. They are at their best when the atmosphere is tense with excitement. On Saturday the surprise they sprung gave great pleasure to their supporters, for Heywood had not been beaten in the League competition since the opening game of the season. The first factor in the win was due to the splendid bowling of Ronnie Nutter, the professional, who baffled the Heywood batsmen with the subtlety of his deliveries. Now that he has struck something like his real form Nutter can lay claim to being one of the finest swerve bowlers in the League. A second cause for the win was the valiant stand made by Ernie Howard and Leonard Hargreaves when Heywood were easily on top. Heywood had only scored 58 runs, but this appeared big enough to win the game for them when six Milnrow wickets had fallen for 28 runs. Billy Brown was bowling as he did in his hey days, and no one seemed capable of standing up to him until Howard and Hargreaves became associated. Then only did Milnrow's fighting strain become apparent, and the game was won without further loss. At the close of play, which continued as per rule until six o'clock in a humorous way, Milnrow had scored 105 for seven wickets, Howard being 54 not out.

### HEYWOOD'S SHOCK.

The Heywood batsmen have become accustomed to piling up huge scores, and with first use of the wicket it was expected that they would give an exhibition of batsmanship such as has earned for them the distinction of being the most prolific scorers. To all outward appearances the wicket seemed easy enough. Actually, however, it gave the bowlers splendid assistance, and throughout the afternoon the ball held a supremacy over the bat. In his second over, and before a run had been scored Nutter bowled Schofield, and nine only had been added when Purser met with a similar fate. Wickets continued to fall at regular intervals. Ramsden left at 11, when he was smartly stumped by Howard off Pickup's bowling, and at 26 Billy Brown was run out as the result of a good return by Fitton. Smith failed to score, and Hammond, after scoring 14, was out to a fine catch made by Hutchinson when he failed to get properly hold of a delivery from Pickup. Thus six wickets were down for 38 runs. Steady play by G. H. Brown and Greenhalgh had the effect of checking the onward march of the bowlers, but runs came exceedingly slowly. A single now and then helped the total to increase steadily, and at 50 it was found necessary to make a bowling change. John Cross superseded Pickup, and barely had the move been made than Milnrow met with a further success. Brown, whose patient effort had realised seven and helped to increase the Heywood aggregate to

52, failed to gauge the speed of a yorker from Cross, and his wickets were shattered. The partnership, although comparatively small, was a useful one, but the example of steadiness was not copied by those who followed, and the end came with only six more runs added. Greenhalgh was run out at 51. Murray was bowled by Nutter without addition, and H. Aspinall was also bowled by the Milnrow professional with four more runs scored. Nutter finished with the splendid analysis of five wickets for 28 runs, all of his victims being clean bowled. Only 14 of his 83 deliveries were not away for runs, and in one instance four runs were recorded to the batsman as the result of an overthrow to the boundary.

### BROWN'S WONDERFUL BOWLING.

When he was formerly a professional in the League every one knows that Billy Brown was one of its most destructive bowlers. Unfortunately his form this season has not given the least suggestion of the power he once was, but in Saturday's game he bowled with a terrifying effect reminiscent of his best. He was practically unplayable, whipping the ball down at a great speed without sacrificing length. With his very first delivery he caused Tom Hutchinson to play the ball on to his wickets, and a little later he bowled Fitton. Happily for Milnrow the score had been increased to 20 when this wicket fell, due to a steady eight by Sutcliffe and nine extras. Then came a more wonderful piece of bowling by Brown. In the course of three overs he dismissed Sutcliffe, Nutter, Houldsworth, and Helliwell. At this period the Milnrow total was 28 runs for six wickets, and Brown's analysis read:

Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
6.1	3	4	6

With Brown bowling so well Heywood's score appeared to be a winning one. During the rout Howard had been merely a looker on wondering who was capable of staying at the wickets to keep one end going. In Hargreaves he found just the right partner, and these two began to make an impression on the bowling. Murray and G. H. Brown bowled from the amateurs' end, and it was the batsmen's policy to get runs off these bowlers and simply stone-wall against the professional. Such a scheme fits in splendidly with Leonard Hargreaves's batting, and his innings was the best he has played this season. He met the ball with the full face of the bat and left the major part of the run getting to Howard. The Milnrow wicketkeeper has played many grand innings, but this one stands out on account of his great determination to master the bowling. There was nothing classical about his play, unless it was his late cutting through the slips, but it was brilliant in its soundness. His effort brought a good reward, for he and Hargreaves passed the Heywood total. The last-named was dismissed at 68 after scoring 18. Howard was out at the close of play with 54 to his name. Brown finished up with six wickets for 12 runs. Scores and analysis:

Heywood.			
A. G. Schofield	b Nutter	0	0
L. E. Ramsden	b Nutter	3	0
E. Ramsden	at Howard b Pickup	6	0
Brown	run out	14	0
C. Greenhalgh	run out	7	0
G. Hammond	c Hutchinson b Pickup	14	0
G. J. Smith	b Nutter	0	0
G. H. Brown	b J. Cross	2	0
J. Aspinall	not out	2	0
J. Murray	b Nutter	0	0
H. Aspinall	b Nutter	4	0
Extras		1	0
Total		58	

Milnrow.			
T. A. Hutchinson	b Brown	0	0
A. Sutcliffe	lbw b Brown	15.5	6
J. Fitton	b Brown	3	0
E. Howard	not out	51	0
Nutter	c Schofield b Brown	1	0
W. Houldsworth	b Brown	0	0
A. Helliwell	c Murray b Brown	1	0
L. Hargreaves	c and b Purser	18	0
T. Cross	not out	3	0
Extras		17	0
Total (for seven wickets)		105	

Bowling analysis.					
Heywood.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Nutter		13	2	30	2
J. Cross		2	1	1	1

Milnrow.					
		O.	M.	R.	W.
Brown		12	6	12	6
J. Murray		9	1	29	5
G. H. Brown		4	0	9	0
H. Aspinall		4	1	18	0
L. E. Purser		4	0	20	1

Fall of the wickets.									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Heywood	0	9	11	26	36	38	52	54	58
Milnrow	0	20	21	23	24	26	58		

## ROCHDALE'S ATTACK

## TOO GOOD FOR LITTLEBORO' AT HARE HILL.

### LEAGUE LEADERS' MODERATE BATTING.

Littleborough lost a fine opportunity of adding lustre to their name on Saturday in their match with Rochdale at Hare Hill. On what could not be described as other than a good wicket, even though the ball could always be made to turn, and at times quite disconcertingly when the effect of the roller had worn off, the Rochdale batting failed for once in a way, and the side were dismissed in the course of an hour and twenty minutes for the moderate score of 84. The general view was that Littleborough ought to get the runs, but their batting was entirely lacking in enterprise; most of the players seemed to be under the impression that the bat was an instrument the sole purpose of which was the defence of the wicket, and in consequence many balls which should have produced runs were merely played down the wicket. It must be agreed that the Rochdale bowling was good, and their fielding smart and clean, and it is probably the fact that the visitors' attack was too good for the young players on whom Littleborough in these days are depending. However, even if the play on both sides was on the slow side, the play was always interesting on account of the possibility of a Littleborough victory, and the crowd of two thousand who paid 25s in gate money had a thoroughly interesting afternoon.

### ROCHDALE'S QUICK START.

Rochdale were without Eastwood, away on holiday, and Wilkinson, still suffering from the effects of the injury, he sustained in the Heywood match, but Rickson was able to take his place in the team and rendered very signal service with the ball. Humphreys, who captained the visitors and won the toss, wisely decided on first innings and he and Overstall took the opportunity of scoring so quickly before the bowlers had settled down and before the effect of the roller had worn off that they had twenty on the board at the end of twelve minutes, so that in that period they were scoring at the rate of a hundred an hour.

Overstall, contrary to the usual order, got the first ten runs from the bat, mainly by cutting Brook and hitting him to square leg for fours in his second over, but Humphreys was quickly on a level with him, as he snicked Haigh to the sight screen and hit Brook to the rails by the square leg route. Later he made a grand on drive off Haigh which beat the field, but at 29 Overstall tried to hit Brook to leg, merely grazed the ball and was caught at the wicket. Humphreys should have been out without addition, as he was missed in the slips, but at 35 Haigh broke through his defence, and Silverwood a couple of runs later was the first of three leg before victims claimed by Brook during the innings. Swire, playing cautiously and scoring only four singles, stayed with Hickmott until 50 was reached, but then fell into Brook's leg before trap, and it was left to Hickmott and Redshaw to put a better complexion on the game.

### HICKMOTT'S DASH.

The professional played dashing cricket for his twenty; his hits included a drive to the boundary off Haigh, but he levied his heaviest toll off Brook, whom he punished for two and four from successive balls and later off-drove to the rails. The chief stroke in Redshaw's eight was a neat place past slip for three, but at 71 he was leg before to Haigh, two runs later Hickmott was Brook's third leg before victim, and at 74 Nuttall was neatly held in the slips by Brook off Haigh. Sutcliffe and Oldham looked like stopping the rot and the former made a lovely shot to the leg boundary off Brook—the best stroke of the match, but at 82 he was tempted out of his ground by Brook and Hurst's agility behind the sticks did the rest. With Oldham snapped at the wicket off Haigh and Rickson bowled by Brook first ball, the innings closed for the very moderate total of 84.

### LITTLEBOROUGH FLATTER TO DECEIVE.

Both Parker and Walker, two of Littleborough's first three batsmen, opened quite promisingly and then succumbed quite unexpectedly. Parker turned Hickmott's fourth ball to the leg boundary and in his second over survived an appeal for a catch at the wicket. The ball appeared to be played on the foot and thence to rise into Redshaw's hands, but in the opinion of the umpire it must first have touched the ground. However, when he had scored six out of eight, Parker was clean bowled by Hickmott in his fourth over. Walker scored eight of the next nine, chiefly by placing Rickson past point and through the slips for twos and chopping Hickmott past point for four, but then Rickson did good service to his side by clean bowling the old Rama-

bottom captain. Clegg and Redman were slow and cautious, and Rickson quickly had another success, bowling Redman off his legs at 26. Clegg turned Hickmott to the square leg boundary, but with the last ball of the over was clean bowled—sweet revenge for Hickmott. Calvert lifted a ball over the head of cover for two, but then the Rochdale section of the crowd had another shout, for Brook was clean bowled by Rickson for a single, and Littleborough with half the side out for 34 had their backs to the wall.

Their disasters did not end here, for a demoralising over from Hickmott wrecked whatever slender chance remained to them of pulling off a victory. Haigh, having scored a single off Rickson, was bowled middle stump by the first ball he received from Hickmott; the fifth ball Page returned gently to the bowler and the sixth clean bowled Hartley. Hickmott had the chance of the "bat trick" with the first ball of his next over, but Herbert Hurst stood valiantly in the way, and he and Calvert made a stubborn stand for the ninth wicket. Hurst lifted Hickmott to the square leg boundary and by driving him for a couple sent up fifty. At that total, however, he was smartly taken by Humphreys in the slips. Calvert and Gibson, though they could not prevent Rochdale's victory, delayed it for a quarter of an hour, during which they scored ten runs; then the last comer was snapped up in the slips by the acting captain. Calvert carried out his bat for 14 not out, but would probably have done better if he had played his natural game. Scores and analysis:

Rochdale.						
H. Humphreys	b	Haigh	...	18		
N. Overstall	c	Hurst	b	Brook	...	11
E. Silverwood	lbw	b	Brook	...	6	
R. C. Swire	lbw	b	Brook	...	4	
Hickmott	lbw	b	Brook	...	20	
A. Kershaw	lbw	b	Haigh	...	8	
G. Sutcliffe	at	Hurst	b	Brook	...	7
S. H. Nuttall	c	Brook	b	Haigh	...	1
F. Oldham	c	Hurst	b	Haigh	...	3
H. Graham	not	out	...	...	0	
E. Rickson	b	Brook	...	...	0	
Extras	...	...	...	...	6	
Total	...	...	...	...	81	

Littleborough.						
F. Parker	b	Hickmott	...	6		
J. Redman	b	Rickson	...	6		
H. Walker	b	Rickson	...	8		
F. Clegg	b	Hickmott	...	5		
Brook	b	Rickson	...	1		
H. Calvert	not	out	...	14		
H. Haigh	b	Hickmott	...	1		
R. Page	c	b	Hickmott	...	0	
N. Hartley	b	Hickmott	...	0		
H. Hurst	c	Humphreys	b	Hickmott	...	8
J. D. Gibson	a	Humphreys	b	Hickmott	...	5
Extras	...	...	...	...	7	
Total	...	...	...	...	61	

Bowling analysis.												
Rochdale.												
Brook	...	...	O.	M.	R. W.							
H. Haigh	...	...	14.4.	2.46.	6							
H. Haigh	...	...	14.	3.32.	4							
Littleborough.												
Hickmott	...	...	18.1.	5.31.	7							
E. Rickson	...	...	18.	7.23.	3							
Fall of the wickets.												
Rochdale	...	...	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Littleborough	...	...	29	35	37	50	71	73	74	82	84	81

**"MOOR'S" EASY WIN.**

**BIG HITTING BY BARRETT AND POLISH BY WADE.**

The cricket at Partington-street last Saturday was full of contrasts, the biggest of all being in the weather. The game started in sunshine, but an hour later the sky became overcast, the atmosphere very chilly, and a decided suspicion of rain in the offing. Fortunately the clouds passed off, and as the "Moor" got nearer and nearer to victory, so did the sun struggle through again, and during the last half-hour, when Milne and Barnes gave us a delightful spell of easy masterful batting, we felt again the genial warm rays of summer sunshine.

The game itself was well worth watching, for if Walsden often disappoint their own supporters, they are always ready to surprise their foes with some unexpected turn of fortune's wheel. They play the game in the true cricket spirit, and they delight in getting out of tight corners. It may be argued that it is far better never to get into scrapes at all, but the man who has not experienced the joy of fighting with his back to the wall has never tasted either the sweets of life or cricket.

**BARNES'S DESTRUCTIVE WORK.** Certainly Walsden taught us a lesson last week. With seven men out for 43, we were making active preparations to square the bowling analysis off, but captain Barrett had other ideas, and it required a double bowling change and caused many palpitations among the home spectators before Walsden were finally all out. But to begin at the start. Barnes surprised everyone by bowling from the opposite end from that which he usually commences, the reason probably being that the wind was blowing almost straight down the wicket from the

Rochdale end. He opened with a maiden to Wood, but Higgins's first over produced four byes and a victim, Glasse being clean bowled by a ball that came off the pitch very quickly. Ashworth came in, and, aided with a bit of luck plus a glorious straight-drive off Barnes for four, took the total to 17 ere he was bowled middle stump by the professional. This brought Stansfield to the wicket, but he never saw the first ball, only hearing the dreaded crash in the "timber yard."

Veteran Frank Scott, who received a warm welcome, prevented the "bat-trick" by turning Barnes's first ball to leg, and for a quarter of an hour we saw two men in Wood and Scott, whose combined ages must total very nearly if not over 100 years, playing Barnes, who has also passed the 50 mark, with a certain amount of ease. Hereabouts Higgins was bowling erratically, and, possibly with the idea that his usual end would give him his usual confidence, Milne bowled an over to allow the change of ends. The over was well and truly bowled, for not only was it a maiden, but it proved the undoing of Scott, who was caught by Brindley at backward point. The change of ends also suited Barnes, who in quick succession bowled Wood, Fielding, and Brooks. But although the score board read: 43-7-0, Walsden were not yet disposed of. Barrett was still in, and if this player cannot be accepted as a polished batsman, he is an extremely dangerous hitter with a certain amount of defence, although his motto always has been: "Attack is the best defence." In an innings of just over half an hour he scored 41, his chief hits being six fours and three twos, every one of them clean strokes.

**CAUGHT, BUT NOT OUT.**

Twice he gave possible chances, but the fielders in the country were not sufficiently on their toes to make the necessary ground. Once he was beautifully caught, but it was by one of his own colleagues standing on the pavilion verandah! And while Barrett was pulling, driving, and cutting the bowling to ribbons, he was lucky enough to have two partners in Whitham and Halstead, who played the "goose game" to perfection. In fact, it needed the wiles of Milne to break up the first partnership and as Barnes could not dislodge either Barrett or Halstead, Fred Storey was called up. In our opinion, this bowler is underrated. Certain drugs have valuable medicinal properties when used sparingly, but become highly poisonous when taken to excess. So with Storey. Judiciously handled by his captain in spells of two or three overs, he would get many useful wickets. Certainly he achieved his object last Saturday. His first ball to Barrett resulted in a loud appeal for a catch at the wicket, which was negatived. The verdict availed him little, as three balls later he went out, missed the ball and was stumped. Then two minutes of comic interlude, during which the Walsden bag carrier, dressed in grey flannel trousers and a dirty sweater, pranced joyously about the middle, and achieved four byes, brought an exciting innings to a close for 93, notched in exactly a hundred minutes.

**"MOOR'S" LIGHT TASK.**

In comparison the "Moor" innings was really so uneventful that little need be written about it. They made light of their task, getting the necessary runs in just over an hour, and then for the next half hour they proceeded sweetly on their way, making many beautiful strokes, without attempting to tire themselves. Brewer achieved a cut for four, which warmed the heart of every cricketer present, but in the same over he was bowled. Then Wade and Fielding proceeded merrily on their way, the only time they were in difficulty being with Scott's crafty slows. In fact, Wade gave an easy chance off him when 33, and was again missed at the wickets off Whitham when 36. These two chances and a couple of accidentals through the slips rather marred an otherwise polished and aggressive innings. Fielding was sorely puzzled with Scott, but played the other

bowling easily and gave no chance until Stansfield bowled him at 80. With the total 83, Wade completed his 50, but three runs later he, too, was out, so it was a seven wickets' victory which the "Moor" achieved. Generally speaking the Walsden fielding was poor. The "Moor" always looked easy winners during their innings, but the margin of defeat could have been narrowed by nipper work in the field. Scores and analysis:

Walsden.						
P. Wood	b	Barnes	...	6		
A. Glasse	b	Higgins	...	0		
B. Ashworth	b	Barnes	...	9		
Stansfield	b	Barnes	...	0		
F. Barrett	c	Brindley	b	Milne	...	6
B. Fielding	c	Ross	b	Storey	...	41
E. Brooks	b	Barnes	...	...	5	
R. Whitham	b	Milne	...	...	0	
J. Halstead	not	out	...	...	2	
E. Heald	b	Storey	...	...	0	
Extras	...	...	...	...	19	
Total	...	...	...	...	93	

Castleton Moor.						
A. Brewer	b	Stansfield	...	4		
O. Wade	c	Fielding	b	Ashworth	...	52
H. Fielding	b	Stansfield	...	...	24	
Barnes	not	out	...	...	21	
J. Milne	not	out	...	...	25	
Extras	...	...	...	...	5	
Total (for 3 wks.)	...	...	...	...	131	
R. Cross,	E. A. Brindley,	F. Storey,	J. Caldecott,	H. B. Fitton,	and G. Higgins	did not bat.

Bowling analysis.													
Walsden.													
Barnes	...	...	O.	M.	R.	W.							
O. Higgins	...	...	14.	2.38.	5	1							
J. Milne	...	...	10.	4.20.	1	1							
F. Storey	...	...	6.	1.14.	2	2							
F. Storey	...	...	2.	0.	2.	2							
Castleton Moor.													
Stansfield	...	...	12.	9.43.	2	2							
N. Barrett	...	...	4.	1.22.	0	0							
F. Scott	...	...	8.	3.15.	0	0							
R. Whitham	...	...	8.	0.26.	0	0							
B. Ashworth	...	...	7.	0.20.	1	1							
Stansfield	bowled a no ball.												
Fall of the wickets.													
Walsden	...	...	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Castleton Moor	...	...	4	8	9	17	33	33	43	43	70	87	93
Castleton Moor	...	...	4	8	9	8	6						

**ROYTON V. CROMPTON.**

At Royton. Scores:						
Crompton.						
F. Hilton	c	Sugden	b	Cook	...	19
T. W. Wright	c	R. Jones	b	Cook	...	4
H. Whitehead	b	Cook	...	...	0	
Marsh	b	Chester	...	...	1	
N. Crompton	c	Taylor	b	Chester	...	8
E. Seedhouse	b	Cook	...	...	0	
T. Fedden	b	Chester	...	...	1	
T. Taylor	c	R. Jones	b	Cook	...	6
L. Whiteoak	c	Fielding	b	Chester	...	0
A. E. Wild	not	out	...	...	1	
T. Barnes	b	Cook	...	...	0	
Total	...	...	...	...	40	

At Royton. Scores:						
Royton.						
R. Jones	b	Fedden	...	...	58	
H. Haaty	a	Wilde	b	Seedhouse	...	124
Cook	c	Barnes	b	Seedhouse	...	23
H. Goodwin	not	out	...	...	8	
J. W. Jones	not	out	...	...	4	
Extras	...	...	...	...	23	
Total (for three wks.)	...	...	...	...	246	

Bowling analysis.						
Crompton.						
Cook	...	...	O.	M.	R.	W.
Chester	...	...	9.3.	0.27.	6	4
Chester	...	...	9.	2.13.	4	6
Royton.						
Marsh	...	...	6.	0.27.	0	0
Seedhouse	...	...	17.	3.48.	2	2
Barnes	...	...	9.	0.58.	0	0
Fedden	...	...	10.	0.67.	1	1
Crompton	...	...	5.	0.27.	0	0
Wright	...	...	1.	0.12.	0	0
Whitehead	...	...	1.	0.4.	0	0

**OLDHAM V. WERNETH.**

At Oldham. Scores:						
Oldham.						
J. Thorpe	c	Jebson	b	Brown	...	0
E. Starkie	c	Cooper	b	Brown	...	2
Hartley	b	Brown	...	...	1	
C. Heywood	b	Brown	...	...	0	
S. Whittle	c	Jackson	b	Brown	...	0
J. Sharples	b	Schofield	...	...	10	
H. Mills	b	Schofield	...	...	7	
F. Thorpe	not	out	...	...	12	
F. S. Holt	lbw	b	Schofield	...	9	
G. Garfield	b	Schofield	...	...	5	
T. Goddard	c	Stott	b	Schofield	...	2
Extras	...	...	...	...	2	
Total	...	...	...	...	50	

At Oldham. Scores:						
Werneth.						
F. R. Haggas	lbw	b	Hartley	...	11	
F. Lord	lbw	b	Hartley	...	0	
H. Jebson	c	Mills	b	Hartley	...	16
A. Schofield	not	out	...	...	27	
C. Stott	lbw	b	Goddard	...	3	
Brown	c	and	b	Goddard	...	3
P. Cooper	not	out	...	...	12	
Extras	...	...	...	...	10	
Total (for five wks.)	...	...	...	...	91	

Bowling analysis.						
Oldham.						
Brown	...	...	O.	M.	R.	W.
Schofield	...	...	19.	8.21.	5	5
Schofield	...	...	19.	4.24.	5	5
Werneth.						
Hartley	...	...	16.	2.44.	3	3
Whittle	...	...	3.	1.	7.	0
Goddard	...	...	12.4.	3.28.	2	2

**MIDDLETON V. MOORSIDE.**

At Middleton. Scores:						
Moorside.						
V. Howarth	b	McDougall	...	...	8	
E. E. Kershaw	b	Cranfield	...	...	1	
Broomer	b	McDougall	...	...	10	
J. Schofield	c	Kay	b	McDougall	...	7
J. Halliwell	b	Cranfield	...	...	1	
E. Shore	b	Cranfield	...	...	2	
J. Retford	b	Cranfield	...	...	2	
S. Haggas	not	out	...	...	25	
J. E. Lees	c	Schofield	b	Cranfield	...	3
J. Hallae	b	Cranfield	...	...	2	
H. Cocker	b	Cranfield	...	...	4	
Extras	...	...	...	...	2	
Total	...	...	...	...	64	

Middleton.	
A. Casley b Broome	17
R. W. Murray c Lees b Shore	30
L. Schofield b Broome	7
Cranfield c Broome b Retford	30
E. Kay not out	5
N. Bowers not out	4
Extras	2

Total (for four wickets) ... 45

Bowling analysis.

Moorside.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Cranfield	15.3	1..43..	7		
McDougall	15-	5..19..	3		

Middleton.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Broome	12..	2..40..	2		
Hallae	7..	0..17..	0		
Shore	10..	0..24..	1		
Retford	5..	2..12..	1		

## CASTLETON BEATEN.

### BAD START AT SOUTH MANCHESTER.

On their visit to South Manchester on Saturday Castleton won the toss and sent in Horrocks and Rhodes to open the innings. With only six runs on the board Horrocks, in attempting an off drive, was well caught at point, and Gowland, who followed, was lbw with only a single added. With Belmont and Rhodes associated there seemed to be every promise of a stand being made, but a beautifully timed and executed shot by Simpson was caught on the leg boundary by Simpson. Disastrous as was this beginning, three wickets down for 19 runs, worse was to follow: Rhodes was caught behind the wicket from a sharply rising ball from Dutton for a carefully played 16, and with Ford, Mitchell and Heap failing, only 23 runs were on the board for the loss of seven wickets. Holt came in to join Mellalieu at the fall of the seventh wicket, and it was this partnership which saved Castleton from disaster, for, whereas the "slows" of Hargreaves had hitherto proved formidable to the batsmen, these two attacked the bowling right merrily, Holt in particular being very severe on the slow bowler. With the score standing at 70 Mellalieu was bowled in trying to drive Street, and four runs later Holt met with a similar fate at the hands of Wright. After this valuable stand of 47, scored in very quick time, hopes were entertained of a much more respectable total being achieved than at one time seemed possible. These hopes were subsequently justified, for with Sadler and Taylor together for the last wicket the century was distant by only two runs, when Sadler's valuable contribution of 17 was brought to a close by his attempting to pull a straight one from Dutton.

When the second phase of the match commenced it was soon evident that the score of 98 was not sufficient to win, especially in view of the fact that Castleton were handicapped by the absence of Lewis through leg strain. Thirty-three runs were recorded before Simpson was out to a running catch by Mellalieu on the leg boundary, and Bruce was run out without addition to the score. With Maddoford falling an lbw victim to Belmont with the score at 41 there still seemed to be a chance of a fighting finish, but this was soon dispelled by an exhibition of fireworks by Sharp, who had three fours to his credit off successive balls, and when he was eventually stumped by Mitchell the score read 79-5-28. Although frequent bowling changes were resorted to the visitors' total was passed with five wickets in hand, and was afterwards taken to 180 for nine, the later runs being obtained at the expense of the less experienced bowlers of the side. Scores and analysis:

Castleton.	
E. Rhodes c Duckworth b Dutton	16
H. Horrocks o Wright b Dutton	1
S. J. Gowland lbw b Hargreaves	0
L. C. Belmont c Simpson b Hargreaves	3
S. L. S. Ford run out	0
R. W. Mitchell b Hargreaves	0
A. Mellalieu b Street	19
W. M. Heap c Bowman b Hargreaves	2
R. Holt b Wright	31
H. S. Sadler b Dutton	17
L. W. Taylor not out	8
Extras	1

Total ... 98

South Manchester.	
P. Simpson c Mellalieu b Ford	16
J. T. Bruce run out	13
W. A. C. Maddoford lbw b Belmont	9
E. O. Dutton c Rhodes b Horrocks	7
C. B. Sharp st Mitchell b Horrocks	28
T. Wright st Sadler b Horrocks	22
G. W. Street b Sadler	18
F. Bowman b Holt	12
P. D. Hargreaves c and b Gowland	45
J. B. Duckworth not out	2
Extras	8

Total (for nine wickets) ... 180

Bowling analysis.

South Manchester		O.	M.	R.	W.
S. L. S. Ford	16..	5..41..	1		
L. C. Belmont	19..	5..34..	2		
H. Horrocks	9..	1..41..	2		
H. S. Sadler	6..	0..23..	1		
L. W. Taylor	5..	0..18..	0		
R. Holt	4..	0..14..	1		
S. J. Gowland	1.3	1..0..	1		
Wm. Heap	1..	0..3..	0		

## LANCASHIRE SECOND

### Start Delayed by Rain at Werneth

The Minor Counties' match between Lancashire Second and Northumberland, due to begin to-day on the ground of the Werneth Cricket Club, was favoured by indifferent weather. Heavy rain during the night and several showers this morning prevented any play before lunch, which was taken at one o'clock. So saturated was the wicket that a further delay was anticipated.

The weather remained gloomy, but with the rain holding off everything depended upon the drying properties of the pitch. In recent seasons Oldham have sent Sibbles, Taylor and Holroyd down to Old Trafford, but only the last-named figured in the home side, which, however, included another ex-Central Lancashire League player in Preston.

Lancashire's side was made up of three amateurs—including H. R. W. Butterworth, who is now turning out for Littleborough—and eight professionals, while the visitors included eight amateurs and three professionals. Teams:—

**Lancashire Second:**—P. Higson, H. R. W. Butterworth, R. Howorth, Farrimond, Holroyd, Halliday, Houseman, Preston, Latchford, Booth, Paynter.

**Northumberland:**—C. F. Stanger-Leathes, J. B. Bruce, W. G. MacKay, N. Whitfield, J. C. Maconachie, H. B. Pritchard, J. K. Craig, J. Dd. Ord, Towler, Milne, Hetherton.

The game began at 3 o'clock. Lancashire having won the toss opened on a soft and easy paced wicket with Halliday and Houseman to the bowling of Milne and Hetherton. Milne opened with a maiden to Halliday, and off Hetherton's fifth ball Houseman got a four with a snick behind the wicket to leg. It was difficult to get the ball away in front of the wickets, and the first eight overs yielded only eight runs, each bowler claiming a couple of maidens.

After a quiet period Halliday got Hetherton to the on boundary, and followed this with a couple to leg. Houseman next sent Hetherton to the rails with a beautiful square cut, sending 20 up after 25 minutes' play. At 23 Houseman walked in front of his wickets to turn Milne to leg and was out lbw.

**LANCASHIRE 2nd.—First Innings.**  
Halliday not out ..... 20  
Houseman lbw b Milne ..... 10  
Paynter not out ..... 5

Total (for 1 wkt) ..... 35

## GAME ABANDONED

### Minor Counties Match at Werneth

Further rain caused an early abandonment of the Minor Counties match at Werneth, to-day, between Lancashire Second and Northumberland.

Overnight the Old Trafford colts had been dismissed for 115. Northumberland replying with 25 without loss. This morning Bruce and Pritchard carried on the visitors' innings, facing the bowling of Holroyd and Booth. Both played with confidence and the score steadily mounted. The players were driven off once, and then a second downpour sent them into the pavilion again, and an early luncheon was taken.

During the interval there was heavy rain, and it was decided to abandon the game as a draw, Northumberland having taken their score from 25 to 54 without loss.

#### LANCASHIRE II.—First Innings.

Halliday b Ord	31
Houseman lbw b Milne	10
Paynter c Pritchard b Hetherton	35
H. R. W. Butterworth b Hetherton	23
Booth b Milne	1
P. Higson c and b Hetherton	3
Latchford c and b Hetherton	6
Farrimond lbw b Hetherton	0
Preston not out	2
R. Howorth c Maconachie b Hetherton	2
Holroyd c Bruce b Hetherton	0
Extras	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>115</b>

	O.	M.	K.	W.
Milne	29	10	38	2
Hetherton	29.2	9	46	7
Ord	5	0	27	1

#### NORTHUMBERLAND.—First Innings.

W. G. Mackay retired	3
J. B. Bruce not out	37
H. B. Pritchard not out	13
Extras	1
<b>Total (for no wkts)</b>	<b>54</b>

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Holroyd	11	2	25	0
Preston	6	1	21	0
Booth	4	0	7	0