

MINOR COUNTIES.

Leicestershire II. v. Lincolnshire.

Winning the toss, Leicestershire II. went in to bat against Lincolnshire in the two days Minor Counties cricket match which commenced at Aylestone Road ground this morning, and the few spectators present saw the home county make a poor start. Three wickets quickly fell with only 26 runs on the board.

The weather was dull and threatening when E. A. Broughton and Coulson went out to face the bowling of C. Wilson and G. H. Wright, and at 12 the first named batsman was clean bowled by Wilson for six. Coulson became the second victim of the same bowler for a similar individual total, when only one more run had been added to the aggregate.

Brown, who had joined his namesake, C. W. A. Brown, reached the unlucky six mark and was then caught by Parker off Wright's bowling. Then came a change for the better in the fortunes of Leicestershire. C. W. A. Brown and Riley showed a marked liking for the bowling, and both settled down to score at a fast rate.

When the 50 was reached in an hour and ten minutes, Lincolnshire made a double bowling change, the Rev. H. Mack and W. A. Sutton taking the ball. They had little effect, however, and the score continued to make good progress.

At 73 Riley put up a ball to Searby, who made no mistake in breaking a promising partnership which had put on 47 in three-quarters of an hour.

Brown, now supported by Tyler, made good headway for a few minutes longer, but was beaten at length by a good ball from Mack, having put together a good 85. Wright replaced Sutton at 83, and six runs later Tyler left, being caught by Parker wide out on the on side. The hundred went up in three minutes short of two hours, and lunch was taken directly afterwards with the score at 108 for six wickets.

HARDY CLEAN BOWLED.

After lunch when the weather had brightened a little, and several hundred spectators had gathered, Hardy and Smith were attempting to settle down at the expense of Wilson and Wright, and had put on 14 in 15 minutes, when the first named batsman was clean bowled by Wright. Smith left two runs later, and Leicestershire had lost eight wickets for 119.

Then came another good stand by J. W. Dixie-Smith and Corral, who put on 30 in 35 minutes. Corral, after about 20 minutes at the wicket, commenced to hit out, and in one over, off Wright, took ten runs, including two 4's.

When attempting to apply the long-handle to Mack's bowling, however, he was caught wide out by Turner, having scored 23 in 23 minutes.

THE INNINGS CLOSED.

Leicestershire did not make much further progress, and were all out in 3 hours for the total of 154, Dixie-Smith being unbeaten with eleven to his credit.

E. A. Broughton, b Wilson	6
Coulson, b Wilson	6
C. W. A. Brown, b Mack	85
Brown, c Parker b Wright	6
Riley, c Searby b Mack	22
Tyler, c Parker b Mack	10
Hardy, b Wright	15
Smith, b Wilson	15
J. W. Dixie-Smith, not out	11
Corral, c Turner b Mack	23
Astill (J. R.), b Sutton	1
Extras	4
Total	154

Ashby Hastings v. Bowden Gentlemen.

At Ashby, to-day.
Ashby Hastings: L. Robinson c W. E. Jones b L. N. Jones 7, F. German, not out 11, W. Cox b L. N. Jones 0, F. Heath, not out 17, extras 1, total (two wks) 36.

Kettering v. Loughborough.

At Kettering to-day.
Loughborough Town: O. Dobson, c Worcester b Towle 0, H. Prince c and b Towle 12, E. S. Armstrong b Askew 4, B. Rogers b Towle 0, J. Lewis Woolley c Woolley b Askew 1, R. Ryder b Towle 22, P. Stinton not out 21, M. C. Woolley b B. Wright 16, extras 9, total (seven wks) 65.

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Lincolnshire Make a Declaration.

Lincolnshire, having scored 100 over-night for the loss of only one wicket, in their match with Leicestershire II. at Aylestone Road to-day, failed to maintain their form this morning, and with 171 on the board with nine wickets down, declared their innings closed.

At one time it seemed as if Leicestershire would have a first innings lead, but thanks to the ninth wicket partnership of Turner and Willson, who added 35 between them, Lincolnshire succeeded in getting ahead of the hunting county.

Riley was by far the best of the Leicestershire bowlers, obtaining four wickets for 25 runs. Smith obtained two wickets for the loss of 54, and Hardy one for nine.

Going in just before the luncheon adjournment Leicestershire scored six for the loss of one wicket, Coulson being caught at the wicket with only one run to his credit.

Leicestershire, after losing Coulson when only six runs had been scored, improved a little and some delightful batting was shown by Riley and Tyler. Success at last attended the visitors' fielding—which had been none too good previously—when Goodwin splendidly caught Riley when 47 were on the board.

Runs came quickly, and the Rev. H. Mack went on to bowl. With the fifth ball of his over this slow bowler clean bowled Tyler, whose 28 had included a number of 4's and 5's.

LEICESTERSHIRE II.—1st Innings.

E. A. Broughton, b Wilson	6
Coulson, b Wilson	6
C. W. A. Brown, b Mack	35
Brown, c Parker b Wright	6
Riley, c Searby b Mack	22
Tyler, c Parker b Mack	10
Hardy, b Wright	15
Smith, b Wilson	15
J. W. Dixie-Smith, not out	11
Corral, c Turner b Mack	23
Astill (J. R.), b Sutton	1
Extras	4
Total	154

LINCOLNSHIRE.—1st Innings.

A. Bashfort, c Smith b Riley	67
F. Parker, run out	6
J. E. Searby, c Broughton b Smith	22
W. H. Sutton, c Carroll b Smith	0
Rev. H. Mack, b Riley	3
A. R. Turner, not out	13
P. L. Worman, b Riley	0
R. Goodwin, b Tyler	5
G. Shaw, b Hardy	4
C. Wilson, b Riley	22
Extras	29
Total (9 wks)	171

* Innings declared.

G. H. Shaw did not bat

LEICESTERSHIRE.—2nd Innings.

E. A. Broughton, run out	5
Coulson, c Shaw b Wright	1
Riley, c Goodwin b Wright	19
Tyler, b Mack	28
Hardy, b Sutton	29
Smith, c Mack b Sutton	40
Brown, not out	9
C. W. A. Brown, b Mack	6
Extras	11
Total (8 wickets)	71

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
G. H. Wright	24	7	66	2
C. Wilson	18	4	41	3
W. A. Sutton	10	0	25	1
Rev. H. Mack	15	6	18	4

Byes 3, leg-byes 1.

MINOR COUNTIES' CRICKET.

Leicestershire Seconds v. Cambridgeshire.

The second Minor Counties match played at Barwell did not create the interest expected, the attendance being very meagre.

The wicket was in splendid condition and J. W. Dixie-Smith having won the toss decided to bat.

Sadler and Morton took up the attack and with 80 runs on the board an appeal by Sadler the fast left hand bowler, against Coulson for lbw was successful.

Ridgeon had by this time relieved Morton and with the fifth and sixth balls of his second over dismissed Brown and E. A. W. Brown, the score then being 32.

Riley then partnered Broughton and with cautious play the total was raised to 53 before Sadler smartly caught the latter off Ridgeon.

Riley and Taylor added 24 before being separated and one run later Tyler followed Riley.

With the fall of the seventh wicket at 101 Smith (H.) and J. W. Dixie-Smith came together and scored freely being unbeaten at lunch with 23 runs each.

LEICESTERSHIRE II.—1st Innings.

A. E. Broughton, c Sadler b Ridgeon	19
Coulson, lbw b Sadler	8
Brown, c Cockill b Sadler	17
C. W. A. Brown, b Ridgeon	0
Riley, b Sadler	14
Tyler, c Hart b Sadler	21
Smith (H.), not out	23
A. Hardy, b Ridgeon	6
J. W. Dixie-Smith, not out	23
Extras	10
Total (7 wkts)	141

CITY CRICKET LEAGUE. Matches For To-Morrow.

- Division I.
17.—Thorneloe and Clarkson v. Temperance.
- Division II.
20.—George Oliver's v. Baviour's.
- Division V.
19.—Unity B.C. v. Palfreyman's.
16.—West End Ivanhoe v. Windermere.
2.—Wimbledon Works v. John the Baptist.
14.—Tyro II. v. Driver's.
18.—Budkin, Laundon II. v. Saviour's II.
- OTHER MATCHES.
7.—Sparkenhoe v. Dover.
5.—Peter's v. Robert Hall.
6.—Victoria Road v. Willsons.
8.—Victor v. John's.
21.—Narborough v. Visitors.
4.—Oxford and Wyeliffe v. Melbourne Hall.
3.—John's II. v. Clarendon Park Wesleyans.
12.—Peter's Highfields v. Victoria Road II.
9.—St. Paul's v. Visitors.
10.—Standard Engineering Co. v. Belgrave Hall.

Mountsorrel 74, County Officers 78.

MINOR COUNTIES CRICKET.

Leicestershire Seconds Declare.

E. A. BROUGHTON'S FINE KNOCK.

At Barwell. Cambridgeshire first innings closed last night with the score at 132. In the remaining half-hour Leicestershire scored 34 without loss.

Continuing this morning, E. A. Broughton and Coulson reached the 100 mark after 75 minutes' play.

Twenty-five runs later Coulson, who had been missed twice when 21 and 24, was dismissed with his score at 46. Riley who displaced him hit round a full toss and was soon out. Broughton made slow progress and batted well, though he gave a chance in the early stages. Having been easily missed at deep leg before he had scored, Smith went on to make 12.

Play brightened with Broughton and Tyler together. Eventually the former was caught at silly mid-on off Sadler with his score at 78. Tyler, who was out to a splendid catch, included a 6 into the bowling green and three 4's in his 20. With the score at 217 for seven at lunch, J. W. Dixie-Smith made the declaration.

Faced with the task of obtaining 290 runs to win, Cambridge met with early disaster, Hart's wicket falling to Riley in the second over with the score at three. After five overs Riley again gave way to Harding, who brought about Parfitt's downfall in his second over at 48. Woolston hit a ball off Smith right into Coulson's hand 14 runs later. An easy chance missed by C. W. A. Brown gave Sadler his second life. The former then took up the bowling from Hardy, and with his slow breaks had Sadler in great difficulties, his first two overs being maidens.

When 25, Horn was missed by Broughton in the slips. The latter made amends, however, by catching Sadler a little later. After 20 successive overs Smith was relieved by Parfitt, from whom Horn secured three boundary balls in as many balls. Riley then had Edwards caught behind the wicket. A peculiar dismissal befell Horn when a ball from Astill hit his pad and bounced round his leg to hit the wicket. The score was then 138.

LEICESTERSHIRE II.—1st Innings: 207 (H. Smith 43, J. W. Dixie-Smith 38).

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.—1st Innings: 132.

LEICESTERSHIRE II.—2nd Innings.

E. A. Broughton, c F. Morton b Sadler	73
Coulson, c Parfitt, b P. S. Morton	46
Riley, b P. S. Morton	4
Smith (H.) lbw b P. S. Morton	13
A. Hardy, b Sadler	11
Tyler, c Edwards b Ridgeon	20
Brown, c Woolston b Sadler	9
R. Astill, not out	10
C. W. A. Brown, not out	6
Extras	20

(Total 7 wkts) 217

Innings declared closed.

CAMBRIDGE.—2nd Innings.

S. N. Woolston, c Coulson b Smith	22
H. B. Hart, c Broughton b Riley	1
F. W. Parfitt, st Tyler b Hardy	35
F. A. Ridgeon, c Tyler b Smith	14
W. Horn, b Astill	51
T. W. Sadler, c Broughton b Riley	8
R. Edwards, c Tyler b Riley	0
F. Morton, lbw b Riley	17
Extras	11

Total (8 wickets) 169

SHEPshed Town visited Quorn on Saturday in quest of points, and what is more to the point, obtained them. In their attempt they lost five wickets for 15 runs, but Annable and Tapp, the seventh wicket, improved matters somewhat by putting on 50 by scoring 29 and 21 respectively, while H. P. Prince added 10 not out, the venture closing for 82. Quorn started slightly better with 25 for half their wickets (D. Bream 13). The others contributed very few. A feature of the match was the smart work of E. Tapp, who stumped three batsmen off Grimley, who secured six wickets for 18 runs, and the innings closed for 41 runs.

Unusual Incident.

Shepshed II. gained an easy victory over Quorn II. at Shepshed on Saturday. The chief factor in their victory was the brilliant innings of George Rose, who scored 51. Batting first on a fairly easy wicket, Shepshed had 93 runs on the books with only three men out. H. Wortley made 35, J. Wright 25, and eventually the innings closed for 136. Quorn lost five wickets for 23 runs and the whole for 37. Jordan and Wright bowled throughout, taking four and five wickets respectively at a small cost. During the Quorn innings a rather unusual incident occurred. Frost, the Quorn wicket-keeper, having played the ball, which was returned, hit it a second time, and attempted to run. He was given out for obstruction.

Another Double Event.

Although for the most part their batting was ~~not~~ very successful at that Shepshed Town managed to defeat Syston Town by the small margin of 10 runs. H. P. Prince (12), A. Lakin (11), and E. Wright (11) were the chief scorers for Shepshed. Syston also found run-getting a rather difficult problem, but by degrees the game reached a most interesting stage when, with three wickets outstanding, only 15 runs were required for victory, only five were gained, hence Syston's defeat. W. T. Able was very successful with the ball, taking five wickets for 10 runs. At Shepshed, where the reserve elevens are engaged, Syston, after many changes in fortune, B. Cooper (13), L. Riley (20) and E. Killenley (28) shining in the bright periods, set Shepshed 88 to win. The home team were quite equal to the task imposed upon them. In fact the runs had been obtained before the dismissal of the fourth batsman. The three players responsible were E. Lester (41), J. Carrington (24) and W. Marvin (37), 28 of these from boundary strokes. Shepshed at the call of time had collected 128 for nine wickets.

Rothley Down the "Castle."

No more popular fixture could have been arranged than that of Rothley Park on the Mountsorrel Memorial grounds. These annual inter-village games, with league points at stake, create a lot of friendly rivalry, and a good holiday and gathered to see the fun. Rothley trilled well against the Castle attack. A score of 86. H. Greasley 19 not out and H. Taylor (17) were the principal run-getters. For once in a way Tommy Brunt, the Castle crack bowler, was only moderately effective with 4 for 31.

Mountsorrel, who have been making a lot of runs this season, expected to do so on this occasion, but the keen Rothley attack, backed up by smart fielding, gradually got the upper hand. H. Stark (15) and C. Lovett 15, tried to turn the game, but much to the delight of the Park followers, the "Castle" tottered to its fall at 70. Rothley thoroughly deserved their meritorious victory, largely brought about by the fine bowling of E. Bradshaw (an old Castle player), with 5 for 19.

The reverse side of the picture was vividly portrayed at Rothley, where the reserve side met. Rothley failed, as they have done on several occasions this season, as will be understood from the fact that R. Elkington (14) and C. Toone

(10) claimed 24 of the 36 obtained. J. Gamble, with six wickets for 16 runs was the cause of their cheap dismissal, and also for the length of time they were kept on the field. He hit their bowling unmercifully, scoring 50 (not out) out of 54 for four wickets. A. Upton did well for his 16.

A Close Affair.

Humberstone-road Congs. invaded the little village of Frisby-on-the-Wreake on Monday. The game was full of thrills, and the excitement in its closing stages was intense. Frisby just managed to scramble home by the small margin of two runs, the totals being 50-48.

Supt. A. Smith, of Melton Mowbray, met with a mishap whilst playing against Thurmaston on Saturday. In attempting a short run he slipped and severely sprained a muscle in his left leg. The match resulted in a draw, the Meltonians scoring 159 (D. J. Brown 41, C. M. George 37). Thurmaston had replied with 121 for the loss of eight wickets when time was called. J. Westbury gave a fine exhibition of cutting and clean driving, and at the closure he had scored 59 not out.

At Thruslington, on Monday, the local team tried their strength against Park Vale A.S. Thruslington batted first, and were sent back for 32 runs (J. Preston 16). S. Wright took six wickets at a small cost. Park Vale's task appeared an easy one, but the "Thrusy" attack rose to the occasion, and the visitors made a sorrowful picture as they wended from and back to the pavilion. The innings realised eight runs, three of them byes. W. Spencer and C. Hourd caused the debacle, the former taking five wickets for one run (including the hat-trick), and Hourd five for four.

Fifth Successive Win.

Although no less than seven reserves were included in their team, Asfordby Village succeeded in registering their fifth consecutive victory on Saturday last. Scalford Village were the visitors, and, batting first, they knocked up a total of 53 (P. Palmer 11, T. Durrance and P. Glover 10 each). Alfred Stevenson, the Notts. County Res. centre forward, turned out for Asfordby, and contributed 15 towards his side's total of 62. P.C. Baker was the highest scorer of the match with 26.



LESLIE WOOD,
Holwell Works, who scored 100 not out.

There was some hurricane scoring in the Whit-Monday "Derby" between T. W. Rust and Co. and Holwell Works, 299 being registered. A feature of the match was the brilliant batting display by young Leslie Wood, of the Works. After being missed off the second ball of the match, he completely mastered the bowling, and went on to score 100 not out. Arthur Barlow also batted well for the total of 179 for eight wickets. Rust's had replied with 130 for the loss of five wickets when time was called. E. Smith (38), A. Bramley (29 not out), and J. Cobley (29) all faced the Works' bowling with confidence.

Remarkable Bowling.

Egerton Park, who entertained a strong Hospital League side at Melton Mowbray on Monday, were defeated by an innings and 60 runs, due largely to excellent bowling of W. Disley (T. W. Rust and Co.), who took 16 wickets in the two innings for 25 runs, and Houghton (Old Dalby). The Park were dismissed for 39 in their first knock, but did better in their second venture, when they got together 70. W. Disley and Walker scored 43 and 44 respectively out of the League XI's total of 169.

So successful were the Shepshed Baptist bowlers against Diseworth, that five of the latter's wickets were down for 13 runs. W. S. Barrett offered stouter resistance subsequently, but despite his effort of 22 the innings only produced 55. H. Blood secured three wickets for four runs. The Baptists were more successful with the bat, R. Start contributing 22 of first 50 runs for five wickets, the others, with the exception of H. Wright (10), did nothing, and Baptists in the end had only a margin of 11 runs.

A Fine Century.

R. Pratt batted so long, and to such purpose, that Derby Midland were able to declare their innings closed with 217 on the books and only four men out. During his productive and undefeated innings of 129, which included quite a number of choice boundary shots, the Loughborough bowlers were given plenty to think about. Batting with freedom and power, Pratt made very few mistakes, and thoroughly deserved the ovation he received on his retirement. Bond (17), C. Shreeve (33) and E. Loney (not out 16) were his most successful partners.

Loughborough, faced with the formidable task of 217, made no serious attempt to get the runs, rather playing in a style which suits them best. O. Dobson (38) and H. Prince (66), displaying the usual attractive style, defied the Derby bowling for a considerable period, following which M. T. Woolley hit up 27, the game ending with four wickets down for 156. It was a very creditable reply.

Another Draw.

The game between the second elevens also ended in a draw, Loughborough having, when play ended, scored 46 for five wickets against Derby Midland's 154 for seven (innings declared). A. E. Ward (23), H. Simpson (24), and A. Hodgkinson (not out 53) played the game in a manner that often leads to victory, but not so in this case, the reason being that their bowling was not good enough to force a win. J. F. Adkinson (not out 16) played a strictly defensive game for Loughborough, keeping one end intact for the whole time the innings was in progress. He was helped in his good work by A. F. Court (17).

Notts. Unity were rather generously disposed towards Kibworth on Saturday, for they conceded 22 extras in an innings which only realised 107. Without these Kegworth would have won, for the Notts. men were always struggling for runs against Beale (four wickets) and Horobin (five), and were dismissed for 70. Their chief scorers were A. Swanwick (16), H. Weeks (10), A. Middleton (12), and P. Lawford (12). The best display in the match was that given by E. Hickling, who batted most stylishly for his runs, and has helped considerably by C. Horobin (11) and H. Baxter (10).

HINCKLEY TOWN scored 499 runs in three holiday matches, their best innings being 302, made on Tuesday, at the expense of Leicester Ivanhoe. The innings of 53 by S. J. Pratt, and which included ten 4's, was the highest score in the Hinckley and Nuneaton match, decided on the Warwickshire enclosure. Hinckley's innings closed for 124, the last seven wickets being responsible for the 24. A. B. Bedford in his 30 reached the boundary five times.

Nuneaton made 181, chiefly the work of F. Wykes (46), W. Barber (20), J. H. Phillips (17), C. W. Streater (14), J. H. Cartwright (13), and A. Wilkins (11).

Hinckley and Burbage shared the honours in a Whit Monday match on the village enclosure, both sides scoring 73. C. G. Watts (20), W. E. Pratt (15), and A. B. Bedford (12) were the leading scorers for Hinckley, and the best efforts for Burbage came from J. C. Dobson (29), T. Goodman (18), and A. Hincks (14 not out). G. A. Palmer and R. S. Palmer bowled unchanged throughout the Burbage innings, the former taking five for 26, and the latter three for 43. The fielding of both sides was splendid, there being only three boundary hits recorded.

Brighter Cricket.

This match at Hinckley was marked by some heavy scoring. C. G. Watts, W. E. Pratt, R. A. Lumb, R. S. Palmer, H. Haddon, B. J. Moore and G. Gibson for Hinckley, and C. J. B. Wood, T. Peck, M. Peck and A. Weston for Ivanhoe, conspiring to give the spectators a feast of runs. Lumb and R. S. Palmer struck the key note by making a century before they were separated. Lumb hit 11 4s and a 6 in his innings of 64, and Palmer was credited with five 4s. Lumb made 50 in forty minutes. Thirteen 4s were included in C. G. Watts' 71, and until G. H. Salmon broke through his guard and disturbed his stumps Watts had treated the spectators to some hard hitting. Pratt also distinguished himself with 50, and H. Haddon, only at the wickets for ten minutes, obtained 28. B. J. Moore was undefeated with 24, G. Gibson made 15. Five wickets were down for 124, but when the sixth batsman returned Hinckley had scored 225. Ivanhoe replied with 132 for seven, C. J. B. Wood (34), T. Peck (not out 27), M. Peck (24), and A. Weston (14), without being seen at their best, at all events managed to stave off defeat.

F. Cooke's Long Watch.

F. Cooke went right through the Broughton innings, meanwhile scoring 50, when opposed to Hinckley P.S.A. The latter were out for 47 (T. Manley 15, H. Millerchip 10), but Broughton in reply scored 94. Dick Bullimore bowled well for the P.S.A., taking four for 29.

P.S.A. had their revenge in the return game. They totalled 69, and then dismissed the Broughtonians for 53. Not a player on the losing side reached double figures. For P.S.A. A. Bullimore collected 13, P. Abbott 11, and J. Chamberlain 10. Millerchip took three for three, Chamberlain three for 13, and Mauley three for 15.

There was something akin to a procession in the Hinckley P.S.A. 2nd and Newbold 2nd match, nine of the players failing to make a run amongst them. P.S.A. scored 56 and Newbold 33. W. Warner made 20 for the winners, and A. Statham 13 for Newbold. Cox dismissed four for six.

Defeated by Three Runs.

P.S.A. 2nd and Regent Sports Club match yielded 127 runs. Regent, with a total of 60, were defeated by three runs and five wickets to spare. For Regent G. Hincks with 25 was the leading batsman, followed by J. Ward (13) and C. Bolland 13. The P.S.A. were well served by H. Watts 34, R. Willbur 13 not out, and C. Ball 10. Ward captured six wickets for 14.

Hinckley ex-Service men beat Kirkby Malory at home by a dozen runs. The winners reached the 50 mark, the bowlers

to shine being Heggs (five for six) and Bailey. The ex-soldiers lost the first four wickets for three runs, but subsequently L. Wileman made 13, H. Bailey 12, and H. Fairbrother 10 not out.

Earl Shilton 3rd easily defeated Sketchley Dye Works 2nd. Shilton compiled 133 (E. Wright 23 not out, A. Hampson 22, B. Hampson 22, R. Hampson 14, S. Duncombe 13, and H. Startin 12). The Dyers required 49 runs to equal the Shilton score when their innings closed.

Temperance Win.

Hinckley I.O.G.T. were in real holiday mood, winning both their matches with Hinckley ex-Service 2nd and Sapote Wesleyan. W. Wheat with 25 out of the ex-Service 63, was the only man to resist the attack. The Good Templars finished with 77, S. Foxon, the first batsman, contributing 34, and G. Jackson 12. B. Foxon took 6 for 31.

On Tuesday the I.O.G.T. beat Sapote Wesleyans by 54 runs. The latter were put out for 49 by M. White (3 for 2), S. Foxon (3 for 15), and A. Humphries (3 for 18). W. Hartshorn with 33 headed the batting list for the I.O.G.T. A. White contributed 20, A. Humphrey 18, and S. Foxon 12. H. Clarke hit 16 for the Wesleyans, and E. White and A. Clarke 10 each. It was the Templars third win in four days.

Hinckley I.O.G.T. were 40 runs too good for Ratby 2nd, whose total was 30. Nine of the Ratby wickets fell for 13, the bowler responsible for the damage being G. Jackson (5 for 15). Jackson's performance was remarkable, for he took five wickets in seven balls, including the hat-trick. The I.O.G.T. only lost eight wickets and their best knocks were from the bats of S. Foxon 29 and P. Corbett 14.

Whetstone's Record Gone.

Although Whetstone had to call upon several of the reserve players for their holiday matches, they met with a fair measure of success, despite the fact that they sustained their first defeat of the season. In the first of their matches, that against Cosby on Saturday, there would have been some excuse if the verdict had gone against them. Cosby set them the rather formidable task of making 312, 61 of which were scored in breezy style by E. Kirkman, who sent the ball to the boundary no less than ten times. W. Howkins (17) was the only other batsman to offer serious resistance. Whetstone got the runs, and many besides—196 for six—but in this case also it was due more to the individual efforts of R. Lydall than to the collective merits of the side. E. Hall (26) and W. Charles (21) both played well, but their displays suffered by comparison with Lydall's undefeated 82. It was an innings befitting a young and promising player whose career will be watched with interest.

At Stoney Stanton, on Monday, they were made to appear a very ordinary team by C. Riley, who bowled with such devastating effect as to take seven wickets for 27. Riley was not the only Stanton player in form that day. J. Middleton made it the occasion for one of his best efforts, and his not out 51 was more than Whetstone made as a team.

The Return Also.

The return match at Whetstone also ended in favour of Stanton, who won by the narrow margin of eight runs. The latter scored 82, C. Riley going in at the fall of the second wicket, and was undefeated with 38 to his credit, while D. Stevens collected 19. L. Wells, who took five wickets for 19, bowled with deadly effect. Whetstone opened very poorly, but the association of H. Charles (15) and G. Hall (14) retrieved the position somewhat. However, the early disasters left too many runs for the tail end to obtain, but a gallant attempt to rise to the occasion, failed when eight short of the required total.

Enderby Do Well.

On Saturday Enderby were at home to Earl Shilton, and, batting first, declared with a total of 163 for 8 wickets (S. Coulson 61, T. Salt 19, A. Phillips 21, and E. Spence 17). Enderby's attack, weakened by the absence of the brothers West, Jack, Alfred and Cecil, made little progress, Shilton scoring 121 for the loss of two wickets (H. Fullylove 62 not out and F. Lee 46).

The second XI. at Earl Shilton lost by 11 runs. Enderby's innings closed at 78 (E. Young 32 and E. Grewcock 14). Shilton replied with 90 (J. Chesterton 27 and C. Brown 22).

On Monday, the local "Derby" between Enderby and Narborough was spoiled by rain. Narborough, batting first, were out for a total of 115. S. Taylor was responsible for 59, and J. Goodman 37 not out. A. West took four wickets for 30 runs. Enderby scored 43 for two wickets when rain stopped play (C. West 21 and A. Wright 20 not out).

The return match at Narborough on Tuesday was a one-sided affair, Narborough being dismissed for 25, A. West taking six wickets for 7 runs, and H. Young 3 for 12. Enderby hit off the required total, and advanced their score to 190 for 8 wickets (C. West 62, A. Phillips 36, E. Gilliver 31, C. Woodhouse 16, V. North 13, and E. Knight 11).

Concerning Countesthorpe.

Countesthorpe 2nd ran riot with Earl Shilton A.S., at Countesthorpe, first by making 145 for eight wickets (F. Page 71 and K. Rastall 20 not out) and then dismissing Earl Shilton for 32.

The City Police provided the opposition on Whit Monday, and a good match, in aid of the Royal Infirmary, was witnessed. Countesthorpe scored 80 (H. Higgs 40). The Police found it difficult to get runs, and finished 28 behind, the scores being Countesthorpe 80, City Police 52.

Countesthorpe's visit to Whetstone 2nd at one time looked like proving successful. They did remarkably well to score 107, but Whetstone, after the issue had been in doubt some time, made the necessary runs, and at the finish had 12 to spare.

Ratby's Penalty.

Ratby Town paid dearly for their slovenly fielding. Anstey taking advantage of this to score 154 for nine wickets. Catches were missed with tantalising frequency, and all the heart taken out of the bowlers long before the Anstey captain closed the innings. S. Matts, who had his share of good fortune, hit up 50, and J. Herbert 21. Ratby gave an even worse display with the bat, C. Toon (10) being the only batsman to get into double figures.

Ratby A.S. on Tuesday made amends for their defeat by Hinckley-road by defeating Harrison-road U.M., who made 78, with Joyce (20) as their top scorer. A. Sutton was successful with the ball, taking five wickets for seven runs. The Ratby innings was featured by a stylish not out innings of 73 by Eric Freeman.

First Win of Season.

Excepting J. Bowley, who for Ratby took seven wickets against Kirby Muxloe, none of the players enhanced their reputations; rather did they suffer. Kirby Muxloe made 37, and got Ratby out for three less, the former thus winning their first match of the season.

Kirby Muxloe were not so successful against Sparkenhoe, who won by one only—40 against 39. In this case also the bowling was the feature of the game. W. Cullen taking five for 19 and E. Williamson four for 17 for Kirby, while Naylor had three for three and Doggett four for 16 for Sparkenhoe.

DAMON'S DIARY

THE Banks played on Saturday for the first time on the new ground. The wicket is not yet in the best condition, but it is improving rapidly. In consequence the scoring was not high.

Banks batted first and were out for 108. J. S. Butterfield (22) by some strong hitting and B. K. Hinde by steady batting retrieved the side from absolute collapse.

Egerton Park put up 50 for the loss of two wickets and looked like winning easily until the bowlers were sifted down to the right pair, Hardman and Bettles, who gained ascendancy over the batting. The game became an exceedingly interesting one and when the last man went in only two were required to win, but an unfortunate overthrow lost the Banks the match, and the last pair of batsmen added another dozen. A very good game which might have been won by a little smarter fielding.

The Banks sustained rather a severe defeat at Wirksworth on Whit Monday—96 to 38. Banks had first knock on an exceedingly tricky wicket which improved later. The Wirksworth bowlers took full advantage of the conditions and of the first 22 overs 18 were maidens.

Going in on a wicket which was still "workable" but getting easier, Wirksworth batsmen, with the exception of Frank Taylor (34), who had no mercy on his old colleagues, bowling until he was yorked, did not make a much better impression than the Banks, and were out for 96.

Arley's Good Batting.

Leicester played Arley Colliery on the County Ground. Scores: Arley 202 for 5 declared; Leicester 91 for 3. There was some good batting on the visitors' side. Lyon (34), Stockley (26), Smith (32), Parrant (35), Bailey (37), Wyatt (21 not out), all scoring freely. Nothing very huge perhaps, but all distinctly useful helps, six out of the first seven batsmen all doing well. The Leicester bowling on the perfect wicket was steady, but without much sting. Leicester batted carefully, and O. Willson (23 not out) and U. Patey (25 not out), a junior this last, were going very steadily and nicely when time was called.

Leicester A met St. Peter's on the County Ground and won their 2nd victory of the season. Scores: St. Peter's 178, Leicester 221 for 7. For St. Peter's Collin (21), Holmes (39), Davenport (21), and Lincoln (20 not out) were the highest scorers. Davenport (Lincoln) put on 40 for the last wicket. Healey 4 for 37 and Taylor 4 for 49, bowled well for Leicester. Nine of the St. Peter's bats were clean bowled. Batting at 6.20 Leicester had only scored about 70, but an hour later brilliant batting had taken the score to 221 for 7. For Leicester Adcock (47), Arch. Wright (82), Taylor (28), Higham (26), all played fine cricket. It was a fine victory on a hard and fast wicket.

Salmon's Century.

Ivanhoe had a visit from Rugby to the County Ground and drew. Scores: Ivanhoe 233 for one, declared; Rugby 197 for nine. Salmon (131 not out) played a fine innings, giving no chance and only one faulty stroke. He was completely master of the bowling from the start. Maynard Peck (45) and Trevor Peck (46 not out) also played excellent cricket.

Rugby lost Burton at 20, Turnbull at short leg taking an excellent catch. Southorn and Tebbutt added 46 for the fifth wicket, but Rugby had five down for 129. Salmon followed up his batting with three wickets for 12 runs, but the Rugby last wicket managed to hold out. Several chances were dropped by the Ivanhoe men.

On Tuesday Ivanhoe played Hinckley at Hinckley and another draw resulted. Scores: Hinckley 302, Ivanhoe 132 for seven. Lamb (64) and Palmer (38) had 100 up for the first Hinckley wicket, and then five went down for 20. However, Pratt (50) and Watts (71) made a big score certain. Ivanhoe batted in a bad light and for some time in drizzling rain. Wood (34), Maynard Peck (24), Trevor Peck (27 not out) batted skillfully to save the match.

Helping Themselves.

The Ivanhoe played Wellingborough Masters at Wellingborough on Monday, and a very high-scoring game was left drawn. Scores: Masters 324 for seven (dec.), Badham (110), Brown (52), Whiteley (70 not out) The wicket was, as usual, perfect, and though the Ivanhoe got four wickets down for 100, the Masters scored at the rate of 140 an hour after lunch. Ivanhoe made a good reply to the huge score—240 for six. Ivanhoe lost Gordon Salmon and Trevor Peck for six runs, but Maynard Peck (96) and Brooks (63) saved the game easily. Frisby (34) also batted well. All the six Ivanhoe wickets fell to catches at first slip by Sale.

Ivanhoe 2nd met Rugby 2nd at the County Ground, and Ivanhoe only wanted another boundary hit to win. Scores: Rugby 235 for seven, dec.; Ivanhoe 232 for six. For Rugby Hawkins (49), Parsons (51), Sear (41), Kay (39 not out) and Cleaver (22 not out) all batted well. The Rugby team hit 41 4's in their innings. Parsons coming in first wicket laid the foundation of the big score. The Ivanhoe had out a weak side. Turner, Holden, Goadby, Frick and Brooks all being away. They lost their first two wickets for no runs; C. L. B. Wood being one. Palfreyman (14) left at 26, but Weston (95, including 16 4's and a six) and David Squire (91, including 14 4's) took the score to 261 before being parted. Peach (16 not out) made a gallant effort, but Ivanhoe were four short at call of time.

Ivanhoe 3rd met Queensborough at Queensborough on Saturday, and lost by five runs. On Tuesday they beat Ratcliffe College at Ratcliffe by 237 to 92.

LEICESTERSHIRE II. DECLARE.

Cambridge Have a Big Task to Face.

Only a handful of spectators put in an appearance when the match of Leicestershire II. v. Cambridgeshire was resumed at Barwell to-day. There had been heavy rain overnight, but the pitch was not materially affected.

Time and uninteresting batting characterised the first hour's play, Broughton and Coulson being painfully slow.

After batting 2½ hours, Coulson, who was twice missed, retired for 46. His partnership with Broughton had put on 125 runs. Soon afterwards Broughton, who should have been taken at mid-on at nine, was out off Sadler's bowling. His innings of 78 included five 4's.

P. S. Morton, the Cambridge bowler, obtained three wickets in quick succession, and then Tyler hit out well for 20 runs, once sending the ball on to the bowling green, adjoining the Kirkby-road cricket ground.

At the luncheon interval the score was 206 for seven. J. W. Dixie-Smith then declared the innings closed, Cambridgeshire being left with nearly 300 runs to get.

LEICESTERSHIRE II.—First Innings: 207.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.—First Innings.	
Woolston, run out	1
Hart, st Tyler b Astill	44
Parfitt, b Riley	5
Pidgeon, b Astill	24
Horn, st Tyler b Riley	7
Sadler, c Tyler b Riley	5
Edwards, b Riley	3
S. Morton, lbw b Riley	0
A. J. Bevis, lbw b Riley	15
P. S. Morton, b H. Smith	3
W. H. Cockill, not out	5
Extras	20—132

LEICESTERSHIRE II.—Second Innings.	
A. E. Broughton, c S. Morton b Sadler	78
Coulson, c Parfitt b P. S. Morton	46
Riley, b P. S. Morton	4
H. Smith, lbw b P. S. Morton	12
Tyler, c Edwards b Pidgeon	20
Brown, c Woolston b Sadler	9
A. Hardy, b Sadler	11
C. W. A. Brown, not out	11
R. Astill, not out	10
Dec. (Seven wickets) Extras	20—216

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.—Second Innings.	
Woolston, c Coleman b Smith	22
Hart, c Broughton b Riley	1
Parfitt, st Tyler b Hardy	25
Pidgeon, c Tyler b Smith	11
Horn, not out	8
Sadler, not out	4
(Four wickets) Extras	5—74

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Leicestershire II.—First Innings: Sadler 29-5-78-5; S. Morton 5-0-24-0; Pidgeon 30-2-42-3; P. S. Morton 14-1-40-1.
Cambridgeshire: First Innings: H. Smith 17-3-42-2; Riley 19-5-31-5; Astill 6-0-26-2; Horspool 4-0-13-0.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.

	P.	W.	L.	1st. inn.		Pos.	Ob.	Pct.
				W.	L.			
Lancashire	11	7	0	2	2	83	72	81.81
Middlesex	7	4	1	2	0	56	42	75.00
Notts	8	5	1	1	1	64	48	75.00
Yorkshire	10	6	2	1	1	80	56	70.00
Leicestershire	9	5	2	2	0	72	50	69.44
Surrey	9	5	2	2	0	78	52	69.44
Derbyshire	7	3	1	2	1	56	37	65.07
Kent	8	5	3	0	0	64	40	62.50
Warwickshire	9	2	2	2	3	72	35	48.61
Sussex	8	3	4	1	0	64	29	45.31
Essex	9	2	3	3	2	72	39	44.44
Hants	8	1	3	2	2	64	24	37.50
Northants	7	2	4	1	1	56	19	33.92
Somerset	7	0	4	1	2	56	11	19.61
Glamorgan	8	0	5	1	2	64	11	17.18
Gloucestershire	10	0	6	0	4	80	12	15.00
Worcestershire	9	1	8	0	0	72	8	11.11

LEICESTERSHIRE AVERAGES.

Compiled to Friday, June 10th, inclusive.

BATTING.

	No. of Times	Most in.		Total	Ave.
		ins.	not out.		
Astill	17	3	164*	873	62.35
Shipman	18	1	108	621	36.59
Armstrong	17	1	143*	561	34.43
Sidwell	14	3	50	279	27.18
Bradshaw	17	0	52	402	23.64
Berry	18	1	76	400	23.52
Major Fowke	17	4	48	257	19.76
Geary	17	3	51	257	18.35
Bale	11	4	24	129	15.57
A. T. Sharp	4	1	21	58	14.50
Coulson	7	1	19	54	9.00
Skelding	11	1	19	61	8.71

Also batted: Tyler 4, 0, 1, 2.
* Not out.

BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Ave.
Geary	276.3	78	648	35	18.51
Skelding	359.5	53	928	50	19.56
Bale	182.2	37	478	15	29.06
Astill	274.3	83	565	19	29.73

Also bowled: Armstrong, 68-16-186-3; Major Fowke, 7-0-29-0; Tyler, 19-3-72-1.

BURGHLEY PARK v. RADCLIFFE.

At Burghley Park, Stamford, yesterday.

BURGHLEY PARK.	
H. W. Bradshaw, b Marshall	5
A. W. Nunn, c Silverberg b Foster	13
Rev. J. D. Day, c McLellan b Foster	6
J. Laws, run out	11
F. Woolhouse, c McLellan b Foster	8
T. Hart, c Watkins b Foster	9
J. H. Makinson, st McLellan b Walker	3
A. Webster, c Bishop b Silverberg	33
J. Macartney, c Walker b Marshall	41
C. Thorp, c Bishop b Foster	1
J. Cole, not out	0
Extras	10—140

RADCLIFFE.	
A. F. Broadbeck, b Laws	45
C. W. Walker, b Webster	86
J. S. McLellan, c Nunn b Laws	15
H. Silverberg, retired	52
W. Nicholson, b Macartney	1
E. A. Marshall, c Bradshaw b Hart	31
A. H. Stanley, not out	26
F. Foster, J. F. Bishop, J. Tomlinson and J. Watkins did not bat.	
(Six wickets) Extras	8—261

FIGHT FOR FIRST INNINGS LEAD.

COUNTY'S REPLY TO BIG SCORE.

BRIGHT CRICKET.

(By "GOOGLY.")

After waiting in vain for the best part of the day in the hope that there would be some chance to play yesterday, Leicestershire second eleven and Norfolk were able to commence their Minor Counties fixture at Aylestone Road to-day.

The decision overnight to sacrifice an hour's play in order to be able to completely cover the wicket was fully justified and what further delay arose was occasioned by the state of the outfield.

Leicestershire made a further change by bringing in Snary, to the exclusion of Reg. Astill.

Having won the toss Norfolk commenced batting at 12.15 on a fast and easy wicket. Their start was none too promising as when he had made two G. R. R. Colman was let off from a sharp chance to point and the same batsman had another escape before reaching double figures, by being dropped at backward short leg.

A wicket, however, soon fell, H. F. Low being well beaten by a good ball from G. A. Palmer with only 12 runs on the board.

M. Falcon, who distinguished himself last year by taking seven Australian wickets for 42, in the Colonials' first match was the next batsman and his brisk work allied to greater confidence by Colman completely altered the situation.

SNARY HIT FOR SIX.

The visiting captain hit a ball from Snary out of the ground for a 6, but off the next delivery, survived a confident appeal for obstruction. Both batsmen scored at a merry pace, Falcon batting very stylishly and 60 was on the board in 40 minutes.

However, when Coleman had scored 41 out of 76, he experienced his third slice of luck, C. W. A. Brown missing what looked to be a fairly easy catch at mid-off.

Colman reached 50 in 70 minutes and Norfolk's hundred also went up in about that time. At lunch, the visitors had scored 105 for the loss of only one wicket, Colman being 54 not out, and Falcon undefeated with 48.

The weather became pleasant in the afternoon, but only a very small company witnessed the cricket. Norfolk's second wicket pair continued to take toll of the bowling, Colman being very severe on Palmer, from whom he obtained a 6 and a 4, by driving to the on, in one over.

Big Partnership Broken.

Falcon completed 50 in seventy minutes, but was l.b.w. to Snary when the partnership had produced 136 in ninety minutes. He made his runs by a variety of clever strokes, his best hits being a 6 and four 4's.

Colman left for the next ball—the first of Palmer's over—which he played across. He had enjoyed some luck in the matter of chances, but his display was characterised by much forceful batting, which brought among other hits, a 6 and five 4's.

Under the influence of the sun, the wicket had become less easy and two more batsmen fell for another 6 runs, B. W. Rought being finely caught at first slip and Corvill clean bowled.

Nichols offered useful resistance, scoring well on both sides of the wicket, but at 173, he also was caused by Snary to fall a victim to the l.b.w. law.

TWO HUNDRED UP.

Bray, coming on at 173, got R. E. Rought-Rought caught behind the wicket on the leg side in his first over, by R. S. Mackenzie and W. A. Beadsmore this made a useful stand, des-

pite numerous bowling changes, and sent up the two hundred in 2½ hours. At this stage the visitors declared, with their score at 201 for seven.

AN EARLY LOSS.

Leicestershire had exactly the same time as that occupied by the visitors at the wicket in which to get the runs as the match could go on till seven o'clock if necessary.

They began none too promising as at 17 E. A. Broughton, who never appeared comfortable, was deceived by a ball which broke from the off and took his middle stump.

Norfolk had opened their attack with two left-handers and Beadsmore's slows called for special caution.

Coulson and W. H. Bradshaw fell victims to Nichols, a slow bowler, who was able to make the ball turn in a deceptive manner, and then Brown, after showing some promise, was dismissed in curious fashion.

He hit a ball to mid-off, and when the fielder appeared to miff it, attempted to run a single. But before he could get to the other end of the pitch his wicket was broken by a smart throw-in.

When tea was taken at 5 o'clock, four wickets had fallen within an hour for 44 runs.

NORFOLK.—1st Innings.

G. R. R. Colman, b Palmer	80
H. F. Low, b Palmer	1
M. Falcon, lbw b Snary	64
B. W. Rought-Rought, c Broughton	0
b Palmer	64
Nichols, lbw b Snary	14
Corvill, b Snary	0
R. C. Rought-Rought, c Tyler b Bray	5
R. S. Mackenzie, not out	14
W. A. Beadsmore, not out	11
Extras	11

*Total (7 wickets) 201

*Innings declared closed.

LEICESTERSHIRE II.—1st Innings.

E. A. Broughton, b Beadsmore	3
Coulson, b Nichols	13
W. H. Bradshaw, b Nichols	11
Brown, run out	8
Tyler, st. Stone b Nichols	2
Riley, not out	7
C. W. A. Brown, lbw b Nichols	0
G. A. Palmer, b Nichols	1
Snary, not out	0
Extras	10

Total (7 wickets) 66

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

NORFOLK.—1st Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Snary	20	4	46	3
Palmer	16	3	65	3

NORFOLK DECLARE AT LEICESTER.

Falcon and Colman in Long Stand.

Aylestone-road, To-day.

The postponement of the commencement of the Leicestershire II. Minor Counties match with Norfolk, made last evening to allow the covering of the wicket overnight, proved a wise one in view of further rain early this morning. After an inspection and rolling of the pitch, and allowing a period for the outfield to dry, it was decided to make a start at 12.15.

The Norfolk captain won the toss, and elected to bat. There was little life in the pitch at the start, and the foothold of the field, particularly in the slips, was seriously impaired by large patches rendered bare by defects inevitable from the sustained adverse weather conditions.

G. R. R. Colman and H. F. Low were Norfolk's opening pair of batsmen. Snary, who by the way, headed the Minor Counties bowling average last year, came into the side in place of Reg. Astill, and shared the attack with G. A. Palmer.

With the total at 12 Low, badly timing a delivery from the Ilmckley amateur, was clean bowled in his second over.

Falcon, the Norfolk skipper, then joined Colman, who had survived a sharp chance to point when only two. Colman, appreciating his luck, then shaped confidently.

Falcon Hits a Six.

Falcon at once succeeded in enlivening the proceedings by resolute hitting. A hit for six being included in his obviously sound hit hard and often policy which resulted in the half century being reached in forty minutes. After surviving a confident appeal for lbw by Snary, he continued to increase the score with a light heart. Colman, his partner, too, enjoyed the smile of the gods, being missed a third time when 41.

Though the Leicestershire bowling was changed repeatedly, with the added spice of luck, the Norfolk captain and his partner's all round skill made even this excellent policy unprofitable, the hundred being reached in one and a quarter hours. Snary returned to the attack at 102, lunch being taken with the total 105 for the loss of one wicket.

Conditions Improve.

The resumption was made under much improved weather conditions, the few spectators present were not unnaturally wondering what sort of tricks the wicket would play when it was Leicestershire's turn to bat. Such thoughts were doubtless kindled by memories thus revived of Falcon's great achievement last year at Maidenhead on a similar sort of wicket, when for the Minor Counties he took seven Australian wickets for 42 runs.

Bray and Palmer resumed the attack. The Norfolk captain reaching his 50 after seventy minutes.

Colman and Falcon added 136 runs for the second wicket in an hour and a half. Each hit a 6.

Lively Partnership.

With the total at 148 a swift change came over the game, which began with a successful lbw appeal against Falcon by Snary. Without a run being added, Colman, who since the interval had been forcing the pace, was clean bowled in the next over by Palmer. The partnership, which had occupied 1 1/2 hours, produced 136 runs. Colman and his captain each hit a six, and their totals included five and four boundary strokes respectively. Only five runs had been added when B. W. Rought-Rought fell to a smart catch at first slip by L. A. Broughton off Palmer.

It was now evident that the effect of the sun on the pitch was responsible for three wickets falling for six runs.

Snary Proves His Worth.

Snary once again proved his worth, likewise the wisdom of the captain, Dixie-Smith, who seized the opportunity this morning for his inclusion. The weather conditions were now delightful, and the number of spectators had increased considerably when at five minutes to four the Norfolk captain declared the innings closed at a total of 201 for seven, compiled in 2 1/2 hours, a declaration timed to allow Leicestershire the same period.

E. A. Broughton and Coulson were the opening batsmen for Leicestershire. W. A. Beadsmore and G. H. Mower (both left-handers) led the Norfolk attack. The total had only reached 17 when a ball, breaking in from the off, by Beadsmore, secured Broughton's wicket. He was followed by W. H. Bradshaw, the young Burghley Park batsman.

Nichols' Break Deceives.

A bowling change at 29 brought on Nichols, the Norfolk pro., whose cleverly-placed field and breaking-in-from-the-off deliveries made progress a supremely difficult task. Again it was proved that the veterans can still hold their own with the youngsters. His first wicket, Coulson's, came with a ball that was a perfect orgy in deception. He also deceived H. W. Bradshaw similarly, who up to this point had played into double figures with rare confidence.

Brown's "run out" was a tragedy which followed a superb bit of fielding at mid-off, who at the first attempt seemed to lose the ball. He recovered it, however, in time to throw down Brown's wicket before he could regain the crease. Thus four Leicestershire wickets fell in an hour for 44 runs, at which stage the tea interval was taken.

NORFOLK.—First Innings.

G. E. R. Coleman, b Palmer	80
H. F. Low, b Palmer	1
M. Falcon, lbw b Snary	64
B. W. Rought-Rought, c Broughton b Palmer	0
Covill, b Snary	0
Nicolls, lbw b Snary	14
R. O. Rought-Rought, c Tyler b Bray	5
R. S. Mackenzie, not out	14
W. E. Beadsmore, not out	11
(Seven wickets) Extras	12-201

Innings declared closed.

LEICESTERSHIRE II.—First Innings.

E. A. Broughton, b Beadsmore	3
Coulson, b Nicolls	13
W. H. Bradshaw, b Nicolls	11
Brown, run out	8
Tyler, st Stone b Nicolls	2
C. W. A. Brown, lbw b Nicolls	0
G. A. Palmer, b Nicholls	1
Snary, b Nicolls	2
Riley, not out	20
J. W. Dixie-Smith, not out	2
(Eight wickets) Extras	10-72

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Norfolk.—First Innings: Snary 30-4-46-3; G. A. Palmer 16-3-65-3; C. W. A. Brown 9-0-23-0; Bray 13-2-36-1; Riley 4-0-13-0. Riley bowled one no-ball.

GEORGE GEARY.

Expects to Play in the Lancashire Match.

It is hoped that George Geary, who has been out of the team for several matches owing to the recurrence of an old injury, will be fit for the match against Lancashire at Old Trafford on Wednesday next.

Against Derbyshire, on Saturday next, E. W. Dawson, the Cambridge captain, will play, and also in successive matches to the end of the season.

In the Leicestershire Club and Ground against the Leicester City League, on the County Ground on Monday and Tuesday night, starting at 5.30, the Club will be represented by: E. G. Hayes (captain), E. A. Broughton, T. Scotton, R. Deacon, N. Bray, J. Horspool, Tyler, Coulson, Riley, Brown, Astill (J.) and another.

The City League will be represented by: A. S. S. Carpenter (Oxford and Wycliffe), A. A. Barber (Melbourne Hall), C. Everitt (St. Peter's), H. Laband and E. A. Harvey (Victor), F. Whiteside, L. H. Whit, and P. Warner (Dover), C. Higgs (Clarendon Park), A. Cockayne (Old Narborough), A. Hardy and C. E. Gardiner (Rudkin and Laundon's).

BELGRAVE ST. PETER'S v. SMITH FAIRE AND CO.

Played at Belgrave.

Smith Faire and Co.: T. Hassall c Warner b Vincent 2, J. Rollason c Vincent, b Harnam 18, F. Coleman b Harnam 11, S. Johnson run out 2, E. Wood b Vincent 7, J. Linthwaite c Tilson b Harnam 2, H. French b Harnam 0, C. Blythe b E. Tilson 0, E. Warner not out 0, R. Cornfield b T. Tilson 1, S. Preston b Vincent 0, extras 8, total 52.