

## COUNTY COLTS

### Barnes Difficult to Play at Werneth

#### SCORING SLOW

There were fewer than a hundred spectators present when the Minor Counties Championship match between Lancashire second and Staffordshire was begun on the Werneth Cricket Club's ground on the Copice this morning.

There were several familiar faces to be seen, the Lancashire side including Malcolm Taylor, formerly of Werneth, Norman Bowers, who has played for Middleton and Werneth, H. R. W. Butterworth, the Littleborough captain, and J. Wilson, formerly of Middleton, while Aaron Lockett, the Oldham professional, and S. F. Barnes appeared in the Staffordshire side.

Early morning rain had made the outfield soft, but the wicket had been covered during the night and Malcolm Taylor, and Hawkwood opened the Lancashire innings promptly at half-past eleven.

The weather was dull but fine when Taylor took the first over from Barnes, Lockett sharing the attack at the other end.

#### Deceived By Barnes

Neither batsman was inclined to take any risks and Taylor was never at his ease against Barnes. It occasioned little surprise when, with Lancashire's total only at 6, he was completely deceived and bowled "all over the place" by the veteran professional before he had opened his account.

F. D. Beattie filled the breach and the slowness of play was emphasised by the fact that the scoring of the first ten runs occupied thirty minutes.

Then Hawkwood livened up matters somewhat by making a neat cut off Barnes to record the first boundary of the game. Immediately afterwards the former Lancashire League amateur opened his shoulders to Lockett and it was only the deadened outfield that prevented his securing another four. Both batsmen were, for the main part, playing with considerable caution and at 15 Crump was put on in place of Lockett. After forty minutes play Lancashire had taken their total to 24.

#### Caught in Two Minds

Hawkwood continued to monopolise the bowling and showed sound judgment in picking out the right ball to hit. The rate of scoring increased with Beattie finding his form but a well placed and keen field saved many runs. At 36, Beattie, who had been hitting hard, seemed to be caught in two minds by a spinner from Barnes and he tipped the ball into the wicketkeeper's hands. This was three overs after he had given a difficult chance to Fitton at coverpoint.

With Hawkwood, the amateur had helped to add thirty runs in 45 minutes, his contribution being thirteen. Crump was bowling steadily without appearing to trouble the batsmen over much and at forty Lockett was brought back to be welcomed by Hawkwood with a beautiful cut for a couple. Off the fifth ball of this over, however, and with the score at 43, Lockett met with his first success, A. Smith effecting a very smart catch at forward short leg to dismiss Horrocks, who, had joined Hawkwood and who had made only two in eighteen minutes.

Bowers was next man in and lost his partner immediately afterwards in a manner similar to Horrocks. Playing forward to a well-pitched ball from Lockett, Hawkwood appeared to knock the ball into the air off his foot and A. Smith was given a simple catch, but the batsman appeared to be very much surprised to be given out. He had scored 23 out of 44, his innings including two boundaries, a three and two twos. Bowers and Farrimond were now associated.

#### More Trouble

Further trouble was in store for Lancashire, for in attempting to increase what was a good single into two Farrimond was run out by inches, after being ten minutes at the wicket. Thus the first five wickets had fallen for 64 runs, and it was fortunate that Bowers and Higson, next holding the fort, were playing sound and confident cricket. Bowers was particularly happy with his leg strokes, and a delightful glide off Barnes yielded three runs. Runs came slowly, but the heavy turf many times thwarted the young left-hander's attempts to put the ball to the boundary.

The luncheon interval came with the score at 63—the result of two hours' play. Bowers was not out for ten, and Higson had scored two.

#### Higson's Blunder

There were only about two hundred spectators when Barnes and Lockett again took up the attack after the lunch interval. In the first six overs eight runs were yielded, and a wicket fell. Bowers continued to show a nice discretion and scored principally on the leg side, but the first hearty knock that Higson permitted himself proved his undoing. Opening his shoulders to a ball tossed high into the air by Lockett he completely missed his aim and was promptly stumped by the alert Cross. Latchford filled the vacancy.

Any hopes Lancashire had of a recovery seemed to be dispelled when, five minutes after the dismissal of Higson, Bowers was beaten by a ball from Barnes which swerved and upset his off-stump. The former Werneth player had batted coolly, and with not a little style, and his sixteen had come at an exceedingly opportune time. The wicket fell at 76 and brought Bennett and Latchford together.

#### A Six Off Lockett

Barnes was still bowling at the pavilion end but it was Lockett who was now causing the batsmen the more anxiety. A graceful glance to leg for two distinguished the early stage of Bennett's innings and later he made a powerful drive, again for two. Loud applause greeted a mighty hit for six by Latchford off Lockett. The hundred was reached immediately after, when Bennett reached double figures with a neat leg-glide for three. In this over from Barnes he survived two appeals for leg-before.

#### LANCASHIRE II.—First innings

Taylor b Barnes .....	0
Hawkwood c A. Smith b Lockett ..	20
F. D. Beattie c Cross b Barnes ..	13
Horrocks c A. Smith b Lockett ...	2
Bowers b Barnes .....	16
Farrimond run out .....	3
Higson st Cross b Lockett .....	6
Latchford at Cross b Welch .....	31
Bennett b Welch .....	13
H. R. W. Butterworth not out ...	8
Wilson not out .....	0
Extras .....	10

Total (for 9 wks.) ...130

## CAUTIOUS PLAY

### Lancashire II Lead By 152

## TASK FOR STAFFS.

Lancashire II finished the first day's play in their match with Staffordshire at Wernoth yesterday with a first innings lead of 64, thanks to a fine bowling performance by H. R. W. Butterworth, who, on a wicket which helped the bowlers, took six wickets for 20. Lancashire scored 137 after a splendid rally by the "tail," and Staffordshire were dismissed in an hour and a quarter for 83.

Ideal weather conditions prevailed when Taylor and Hawkwood opened Lancashire's second innings this morning, but there was only a mere handful of spectators.

After a fair start there was a bad collapse and five wickets were down for 45 runs, Barnes claiming three of the victims.

Lancashire's opening pair seemed prepared to take a little more liberty with the bowling, and several smart singles were stolen. Hawkwood was the first to go, Barnes breaking up the partnership with the score at nineteen. Taylor lasted only a few minutes longer, a ball from Welch, who had charge of the attack at the other end, getting him off his pads. The score then stood at 21 and four runs later Horrocks made a brilliant cut, but was dismissed by Lockett, who made an equally brilliant catch, at second slip. Welch was the bowler.

### Stubborn Defence

F. D. Beattie, who had gone in at the fall of the first wicket, was defending stubbornly, but Bowers, who had been playing Barnes confidently, made a bad stroke and was beaten by the veteran when he had scored nine and had helped to put on seventeen runs for the fourth wicket.

Latchford filled the vacancy, but Barnes took his second wicket in two balls, getting him leg before. With Beattie and Farrimond together runs came very slowly. At 42 Lockett took over the bowling from Welch, and after seventy minutes play the score stood at 45.

At 62 Barnes was taken off for Welch, but the rate of scoring did not improve. At the other end, Lockett was given a rest and Crump was brought on in an endeavour to break up a stubborn partnership.

Beattie, however, continued to play a sound innings and with Farrimond also showing excellent judgment, the pair were slowly establishing a commanding lead. After Farrimond had made a lucky snick off Welch, Beattie was faced with an identical ball and, missing it completely, was given out leg-before. The amateur had made 25 out of 71 in one and a half hours, and the partnership had realised 29 runs.

### Enterprise Lacking

During the half-hour before lunch, Lancashire's batting was lacking in enterprise and spirit, despite the fact that they had a lead of nearly 150 runs. At eighty, Barnes resumed with the ball and sent down three maiden overs, no risks being taken by either Farrimond or Higson. The former wound up an uncomfortable over against Crump by giving an easy catch to Bourne in the slips at 81, his contribution being 15.

One run later Barnes secured the wicket of Bennett who had joined Higson, but H. R. W. Butterworth stood with his captain until the lunch interval, when the score read, 86 for 8.

Play proceeded at the same leisurely rate after lunch, but the end quickly came. After surviving an appeal for leg-before off Barnes, Higson, in the veteran professional's next over, was well beaten. One run later Butterworth was completely deceived by Barnes and was out leg-before, the innings closing for 88 runs.

Thus Staffordshire were left with 153 runs to get and had ample time in which to get them.

Latchford and Wilson opened the Lancashire bowling against Lockett and G. A. Fitton and in his third over Wilson got the Oldham professional out leg-before for five. Fitton and E. Mayer offered stubborn resistance, however, and Butterworth and Higson took charge of the bowling after twenty runs had been scored.

Yesterday's play: Lancashire II 137, (Lockett 4 for 43, Barnes 3 for 44); Staffordshire 83, (Butterworth 6 for 29, Higson 2 for 10).

### LANCASHIRE II.—Second Innings.

Taylor b Welch .....	7
Hawkwood b Barnes .....	8
F. D. Beattie lbw b Welch .....	25
Horrocks c Lockett b Welch .....	2
Bowers b Barnes .....	9
Latchford lbw b Barnes .....	0
Farrimond c Bourne b Crump .....	15
P. Higson b Barnes .....	12
Bennett st Cross b Barnes .....	1
H. R. W. Butterworth lbw b Barnes .....	3
Wilson not out .....	1
Extras .....	15

Total .....

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Barnes .....	22.4	10	31	6
Welch .....	14	1	32	3
Lockett .....	13	4	17	0
Crump .....	7	4	3	1

### STAFFORDSHIRE.—Second Innings.

Lockett lbw b Wilson .....	5
G. A. Fitton not out .....	9
E. Mayer not out .....	12
Extras .....	2

Total (for 1 wkt.) ... 28

MINOR COUNTIES  
CHAMPIONSHIP

LANCASHIRE 2nd v.  
NORTHUMBERLAND

EASY WIN FOR VISITORS TO  
HOOD LANE

The allocation of the match between Lancashire 2nd Eleven and Northumberland to the headquarters of Grosfields' Recreation Club at Hood Lane, was associated with some rather sensational cricket. We do make bold to say that had there been the usual natural wicket with which we are acquainted at Hood Lane the game would not have ended so abruptly as was the case on Thursday. The introduction of too much mail had made the wicket quite fiery with the result that the bowlers were always on top. On Wednesday there was a capital attendance and many of the leading lights from Old Trafford were present. It must not have been very encouraging to the powers that be of the Lancashire club to find the majority of the batsmen lacking in enterprize. With the bowlers always having the best of it one hoped that a batsman capable of acquiring the "long handle" would have been forthcoming, but alas the batsmen pottered about and, paradoxically, got themselves out. Beyond Farrimond and Horrocks there were many failures and 88 was indeed a poor aggregate. Northumberland made the best of their opportunities and before tea they had made their position for a lead on the first innings practically secure, and Bruce in particular did not stand on ceremony but batted hard and took risks. The Lancashire fielding could have been improved upon. When the tea interval came Northumberland had made 86 for four, but a sensational collapse followed the resumption, for Bennett succeeded in taking five wickets for eight runs and the innings closed for 103.

Lancashire in their second innings were always fighting hard, but few were prepared for the collapse in the closing stages. Yarwood and Horrocks were again making a good stand and looked likely to play out time. The Lancashire wicket keeper was allowed to "sit on the splice" and immediately he played at a ball rather tamely from Robson and was caught at point getting more towards mid-on. D. Beattie came next and the combination between Robson and McKay proved fatal off the next ball, while Latchford shared a similar fate. The first catch was simple but the other two were brilliant. Both Robson and McKay were warmly congratulated.

On Thursday morning the match was finished off in less than two hours. Lancashire, with 70 for eight, continued their innings, but Robson and Allen finished off the venture for an additional 28. Horrocks again being top scorer. Northumberland hit off the required runs for the loss of four wickets, McKay and Shield batting well for their runs. Scores:-

Lancashire Second.	
First Innings.	
Hawkwood b Allan	7
Bennett lbw b Allan	2
F. D. Beattie b Lee	10
Herry c Baxter b Allan	8
Nutter c Macintosh b Lee	0
Farrimond c Baxter b Allan	20
P. Higson c Macintosh b Lee	2
Horrocks c and b Robson	33
Latchford b Allan	8
Parkin b Allan	0
Phillipson not out	3
Extras	3
Total	48
Second Innings.	
Hawkwood b Baxter	14
Bennett c Macintosh b Robson	3
F. D. Beattie c Macintosh b Allan	3
Herry c Macintosh b Allan	1
Nutter c Paterson b Allan	5
Farrimond c Mackay b Robson	16
P. Higson c Mackay b Robson	0
Horrocks c Macintosh b Robson	35
Latchford c Mackay b Robson	0
Parkin b Allan	2
Phillipson not out	12
Extras	6
Total	98
Northumberland.	
First Innings.	
W. G. Mackay c Farrimond b Latchford	18
J. B. Bruce lbw b Nutter	57
J. D. Ord lbw b Latchford	0
W. S. Shield st Farrimond b Bennett	6
Baxter st Farrimond b Bennett	0
S. G. March b Bennett	0
Robson b Bennett	0
E. C. Macintosh b Nutter	0
H. C. Lee b Nutter	9
J. L. Allan not out	3
J. A. Paterson b Bennett	0
Extras	5
Total	103
Second Innings.	
W. G. Mackay lbw b Parkin	37
J. B. Bruce run out	8
J. D. Ord st Farrimond b Parkin	14
W. S. Shield not out	23
Baxter c Hawkwood b Higson	1
Robson not out	2
Extras	1
Total (for four)	86





RYLANDS' v. WALKER'S

At Gorsey Lane on Saturday. A. Williams took three wickets for 25 runs...

Table with 2 columns: Player name and Runs. Includes Rylands' and Walker's scores.

WALKER'S 2nd v. RYLANDS' 2nd

At Arpley on Saturday. A. Greaves took four wickets for 27 runs...

Table with 2 columns: Player name and Runs. Includes Rylands' 2nd and Walker's 2nd scores.

Today's Teams Rylands' 1st (v. Warrington 2nd, at Arpley)...

Second Eleven (v. Fletcher-Russell, at Gorsey Lane)...

Walkers (v. Golborne Street Baptists, at Arpley)...

Walker's 2nd (v. Alliance Box Co., at Arpley)...

WARRINGTON THURSDAY v. PRESCOT HISTORY REPEATED

Last year when these teams met at Prescott the result was a tie, each side scoring 78...

Table with 2 columns: Player name and Runs. Shows scores for Prescott and Warrington Thursday.

Bowling Analysis table with columns for bowler, overs, maidens, runs, and wickets.

ROSTHERNE v. ARLEY

Table with 2 columns: Player name and Runs. Shows scores for Rostherne and Arley.

PENKETH TANNERY v. FRIARS GREEN I.M.

At Penketh on Saturday. J. Woodhead took five wickets for 10 runs...

Table with 2 columns: Player name and Runs. Shows scores for Penketh Tannery and Friars Green I.M.

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WARRINGTON & DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL LEAGUE

Table with 4 columns: Team name, P, W, L, P. Shows league standings.

General Notes Bold Street failed against the league leaders, St. Clement's...

Bold Street missed the opportunity of registering their first win of the season...

Today's games will be very interesting and will have a bearing on the championship...

BOLD STREET WESLEYANS v. KENT STREET MISSION

At Victoria Park. Scores:- Kent Street - R. Tynan c Williams b Preston...

0. E. Tynan b Woodward 1. A. Rowe b Preston 7. F. Donoghue c Williams b Preston...

Today's Games Friars Green I.M. v. Salvation Army Band, at Victoria Park...

KENT STREET MISSION v. GOLBORNE STREET 2nd

At Victoria Park on Saturday. E. Tynan took three wickets for 15 runs...

Table with 2 columns: Player name and Runs. Shows scores for Kent Street Mission and Golborne Street 2nd.

Teams for Today Salvation Army Band (v. Friars Green, at Victoria Park)...

LEWIS'S (LIVERPOOL) v. WARRINGTON POLICE

On Wednesday at Ranelagh Park. Woolley took six wickets for 24 runs...

Table with 2 columns: Player name and Runs. Shows scores for Lewis's and Warrington Police.

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