

CRICKET.

LEICESTERSHIRE 2nd XI. v. CHESHIRE

This match marked the opening of Leicestershire second XI's programme for the present season and was played on the All-England Ground, Melton Mowbray, on Tuesday and Wednesday. The heavy rain of the previous day had caused the turf to be in such a soddened state that it was not possible to make a start until noon and for a time the bowlers had to make frequent use of sawdust. Seven professionals were included in the side originally chosen to represent Leicestershire, but G. E. K. Brooks, a member of Leicester Ivanhoe, deputised for Coleman. The visitors had only one professional in their ranks and for some reason L. G. Finlow, one of their selected players, failed to put in an appearance.

On winning the toss, A. T. Sharp, who captained the Leicestershire side, decided to have first knock, but as matters turned out he derived no advantage, as the home team were all dismissed before luncheon and the wicket improved in the afternoon.

The first three-quarters of an hour's play only produced ten runs for the loss of three wickets and there were four out for 17. Sharp was batting well when he lost his wicket in attempting an impossible second run. Another collapse then occurred and the side were all out for 49. Wilson, who bowled throughout the innings, sent down 19 overs, 13 of which were maidens, for eight runs and six wickets. Dutton took three for 26 and Hodgson had 12 runs scored off his bowling for no wickets.

Cheshire also started badly by losing Hodgson for one run, but Edmundson, who filled the vacancy, soon became aggressive and knocked off 20 before leaving at 36. He hit three 6's—two at the expense of Bowley and one off Marlow. Meanwhile Lord had replaced Bowley and bowled Parker before he had opened his account. Abell, who had been batting carefully, was then joined by Wilson and they soon put their side in front. The latter, however, was bowled with the total at 71. Two other wickets fell cheaply before Abell and Twemlow were engaged in another useful stand. The latter hit brightly for 27 and the century was hoisted as the result of an overthrow. The innings realised 127, Abell being top scorer with 80. Marlow took five wickets for 56, Lord two for 24 and Bowley two for 47.

After starting moderately in their second venture, Leicestershire made a splendid recovery. They lost the first four wickets for 39, but Riley and Dickinson came to the rescue and when stumps were drawn on Tuesday evening they had increased the total to 74 and were still together.

Commencing the second day's play four runs behind with six wickets to fall, the home side made a disastrous beginning, Dickinson being run out without any addition and three more wickets fell cheaply, the total only having been advanced to 106 when Marlow, the tenth man, went in. So well did he and Bowley bat that 53 runs were added before they were parted and when the innings closed for 167 the visitors required 90 for victory. Wilson captured five wickets for 52, Dutton three for 60 and Edmundson one for two, Hodgson having 87 runs scored off his bowling without any success.

There was an exciting finish to the match, the result being in doubt up to the very last over. Cheshire lost Abell at six, but Hodgson and Edmundson batted soundly against some good bowling by Marlow and Bowley until Edmundson turned one of Marlow's deliveries into the safe hands of Sharp at square-leg. At the luncheon interval the score was 80 for

two wickets. On resuming, Twemlow, Bardsley and Wilson were soon out, but Hodgson and Dutton were batting confidently when the latter displaced a cartilage of his knee and had to retire. Parker only scored two before being bowled, then play was stopped for two hours by rain. Subsequently McIntyre left after scoring six and 18 runs were needed for victory when Pearson, the last man, went in. When ten of these had been obtained Hodgson, who had batted well throughout the innings, made a tremendous hit to square-leg and was brilliantly caught by Sharp. The innings thus closed for 82, Leicestershire winning by seven runs. Marlow and Bowley both took four wickets for 35 runs and Lord had none for nine.

Score:

Leicestershire 2nd.

First Innings.

Riddington (A) lbw b Wilson	1
Riley (H) b Wilson	3
Wiggington (S. H.) b Dutton	0
G. A. Ball c Dutton b Wilson	0
A. T. Sharp run out	13
Lord c Dutton b Wilson	3
J. E. Dickinson b Wilson	15
G. E. K. Brooks c Parker b Wilson	0
Bowley (F. G.) lbw b Wilson	0
Marlow (W.) not out	4
Kirkpatrick (S.) b Dutton	1
Total	49

Second Innings.

Sharp b Dutton	6
Wiggington b Wilson	4
Riley b Wilson	45
Ball c Parker b Dutton	6
Lord b Dutton	0
Dickinson run out	14
Riddington lbw b Wilson	7
Brooks b Wilson	11
Bowley not out	27
Marlow b Wilson	38
Kirkpatrick b Edmundson	0
Extras	0
Total	167

Cheshire.

First Innings.

J. P. Hodgson b Marlow	1
J. Abell c sub b Marlow	80
J. K. Edmundson c Sharp b Marlow	29
E. G. Parker b Lord	0
Wilson b Lord	25
A. McIntyre lbw b Marlow	1
R. M. Dutton b Marlow	4
C. B. Twemlow b Marlow	27
S. Bardsley b Bowley	8
L. Pearson not out	2
L. G. Finlow absent	
Total	127

Second Innings.

Hodgson c Sharp b Marlow	35
Abell b Bowley	2
Edmundson c Sharp b Marlow	13
Twemlow c Kirkpatrick b Marlow	0
Bardsley b Bowley	3
Wilson c Sharp b Marlow	2
Dutton retired hurt	13
Parker b Marlow	2
McIntyre b Bowley	6
Pearson not out	3
Finlow absent	
Extras	3
Total	82

HOLWELL WORKS v. CORAH & SON
(LEICESTER).

The Works gained another splendid victory at the expense of Corah & Son, Leicester, at Asfordby Hill on Saturday by 43 runs. Batting first, the Works lost C. Winfield with the first ball of the match, but a fine stand was made between J. V. Challis and R. Prior who took the score to 80 before being parted, Challis playing on to his wicket after contributing a splendid 30. Prior, having made 43, was finely run out by Sheldon. H. Wise was the other Works player to reach double figures with 11, before declaring at 108 for seven wickets. The Leicester team could only reply with 65, J. Norman and L. Bee being the only two batsmen to reach double figures with 21 not out and 16 respectively. The Works bowling was:—R. Prior two for six, C. Winfield two for eight, J. V. Challis two for 12, and H. Wise two for 20. Score:—

Holwell Works.	
J. V. Challis b Bee	30
C. Winfield c Gardiner b Burdett	0
R. Prior run out	43
T. H. Challis c Brown b Arnold	3
H. Wise c Green b Burdett	11
D. Hendry c Norman b Pole	4
A. Barlow c Norman b Pole	1
H. Parker not out	5
H. Newham not out	0
Extras	11

Total (7 wkts. dec.) ... 198

N. Corah & Son.

W. Gardiner c Hendy b Wise	3
W. Sheldon b Hendy	1
E. Brown c Parker b Wise	4
L. Bee c and b J. V. Challis	16
F. Arnold b J. V. Challis	4
A. Bates run out	0
F. Norman not out	21
W. Pole c Prior b Winfield	9
R. Green c Barlow b Winfield	0
L. Pougher c Newham b Prior	0
G. Burdett c Winfield b Prior	0
Extras	7

Total 65

COTTESMORE v. ASFORDBY.

These clubs met at Cottesmore on Saturday. The home side batted first and thanks mainly to some excellent bowling by R. Bevan, who took six wickets for 14 runs, they were dismissed for 41. The reply by Asfordby just gained them the victory by one run, S. Timms scoring 16 of the total of 42. Score:—

Cottesmore.

W. Stokes c Bevan b Stevenson	3
J. Tidd c Aley b Stevenson	1
B. Stafford b Bevan	12
H. Stafford c Stevenson b Knott	6
Rev. Guildford b Bevan	4
C. Seaton c Knott b Bevan	2
E. Smith b Bevan	3
F. Stafford c Stevenson b Bevan	3
C. Kettle c Stevenson b Bevan	2
T. Lowe c Stevenson b Knott	0
S. Perry not out	1
Extras	4

Total 41

Asfordby.

S. Timms b Perry	16
A. Hewerdine c Guildford b Kettle ..	0
A. Knott c Perry b Kettle	0
W. Tyler b Stafford	6
W. Stevenson c Stafford b B. Stafford	4
R. Bevan lbw b B. Stafford	6
K. Smith b B. Stafford	2
C. Everly not out	3
A. Aley c Seaton b Kettle	0
S. Charlgs b Kettle	2
H. Underwood b Kettle	0
Extras	3

Total 42