

MINOR COUNTIES

**WARWICKSHIRE II
AT GRANTHAM**

HOME COUNTY UNDER
NEW CAPTAIN

STEADY BATTING

LINCOLNSHIRE opened their Minor Counties' programme at Grantham to-day under the captaincy of H. W. Dods, of Donington, who has been appointed to the position held for several years by Major C. Wilson, of Riseholme.

Warwickshire II were the visitors and they were faced by a strong home county side which did not, however, include a Lincoln player.

T. Scoley, the Metheringham bowler, who came into prominence towards the end of last season, figured in the side, however, as did J. F. Temple, the Sleaford player.

The weather conditions were not too encouraging, although fine, lowering clouds generally hiding the sun, and the attendance when play began was disappointing.

SLOW SCORING.

Lincolnshire took first innings on a wicket which looked easy and T. D. Ross, of Stamford, and J. E. Searby, of Skegness, opened the batting.

Runs came slowly at the start and the thirty mark had only just been passed after three-quarters of an hour's play, when Searby was beaten by Elsom, with his score standing at 9.

The arrival of the captain to fill the vacancy was followed by another slow spell, but before the luncheon interval both batsmen had settled down to some productive cricket, which took the score to 66 before Ross was out lbw to Jarritt.

Incidentally the Stamford player gave his first and only chance for the ball immediately prior to his dismissal, a difficult catch being dropped on the edge of the boundary.

At lunch Lincolnshire's score stood at 67 for 2.

BRIGHT PERIOD.

When play was resumed after lunch, Dods and Walters attacked the bowling to such purpose, that the 100 was signalled after only 11 minutes' play, Walters being particularly severe, despite rapid changes.

Warwickshire, however, met with further success when Dods, stepping out to a ball from Wilmot, was clean bowled at 118, of which he had scored 35, including four 4's.

With only 8 added, Walter's bright innings was concluded by Elsom, the Woodhall Spa man having hit up 36, including seven boundaries.

The rate of scoring slowed down very considerably afterwards, but R. Flatters, the Gainsborough player, who was out of the county side for the major portion of last season owing to illness, showed some of his old form.

He lost the Rev. H. Mack, taken behind the wicket for 2, at 146, and was himself out the next ball, smartly caught in the slips by Waite.

FOOLISH ATTEMPT.

Scoley contributed a lively 19 and W. A. Sutton and M. V. Bennett, the former De Aston school player, scored steadily, to take the total past the 200 mark, which was reached after 3½ hours' play.

A smart catch behind the wicket disposed of Sutton at 215, the Wintingham player being the fourth to exceed 30 runs.

Temple did not stay long and a foolishly attempted run led to the downfall of the last wicket, the innings closing for 227.

Lincolnshire.—First Innings.

J. E. Searby, b Elsom	9
F. D. Ross, lbw, b Jarritt	34
H. W. Dods, b Wilmot	36
J. C. Walter, b Elsom	36
R. Flatters, c Waite, b Wilmot	19
Rev. H. Mack, c Buckingham, b Elsom	2
W. Sutton, c Buckingham, b Wilmot	30
T. Scoley, c Collin, b Wilmot	19
L. V. Bennett, run out	25
J. Temple, b Elsom	2
H. Hawley, not out	4
Extras	12
Total	227

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**LINCOLNSHIRE
DISAPPOINT**

**MODERATE TOTAL IN
SECOND INNINGS**

WHEN play finished last evening at Grantham, where Lincolnshire opened their Minor Counties programme with Warwickshire II as visitors, the home county was in a favourable position, enjoying a lead of just short of 100 runs on the first innings, with two Warwickshire wickets to fall.

Lincolnshire's total of 227, was the result of consistent batting, seven players reaching double figures.

Warwickshire had scored 134 for the loss of eight wickets when play ceased for the day and were thus 93 behind when the game was resumed this morning.

Warwickshire added a further 31 runs for the remaining two wickets this morning, thus bringing their first innings total to 165, and giving Lincolnshire a lead of 65.

Jarritt increased his 26 of last night to 32, and was the top scorer for his side.

SHOCKS.

When Lincolnshire began their second innings, J. E. Searby and T. D. Ross again opened the batting, and scoring was slow at first, but 39 was on the board before Ross was bowled by Plowright for 28.

Lincolnshire then had a bad spell, for H. W. Dods, the captain, and J. C. Walter both failed to score, being bowled respectively by Jarritt and Plowright.

After contributing eight in three shots, R. Flatters was neatly caught by Plowright off Jarritt, but matters looked better for Lincolnshire when Searby and the Rev. H. Mack joined in a steady partnership, the latter scoring 25 runs before he was out.

Three wickets then fell in quick succession, W. Sutton being dismissed without scoring, Searby was run out after scoring 22, and T. Scoley was bowled by Plowright with only 6 to his credit.

At the luncheon interval Lincolnshire had scored 90 for 8 wickets.

Lincolnshire's remaining two wickets soon fell, the total score being 105, and Warwickshire were thus faced with the task of making 167 runs to win.

Warwickshire opened their second innings with A. E. Waite, and Buckingham, who had scored 20 runs between them by 3 o'clock.

The first Warwickshire wicket in the second innings fell when Waite was lbw to Ross, after scoring 20 runs. Shortly after this, F. N. Bryan was caught by Searby off Sutton, who also took the next wicket by bowling Buckingham, when the latter had scored 30.

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H. W. Dods, b Wilmot	36
J. C. Walter, b Elsom	36
R. Flatters, c Waite, b Wilmot	19
Rev. H. Mack, c Buckingham, b Elsom	2
W. Sutton, c Buckingham, b Wilmot	30
T. Scoley, c Collin, b Wilmot	19
L. V. Bennett, run out	25
J. Temple, b Elsom	2
H. Hawley, not out	4
Extras	12
Total	227

Second Innings.

A. E. Searby, run out	22
T. D. Ross, b Plowright	28
H. W. Dods, b Jarritt	0
J. C. Walter, b Plowright	0
R. Flatters, c Plowright, b Jarritt	8
Rev. H. Mack, b Elsom	25
W. Sutton, c Wilmot, b Elsom	0
T. Scoley, b Plowright	6
L. V. Bennett, c Cowan, b Elsom	2
J. F. Temple, not out	7
H. Hawley, lbw, b Plowright	4
Extras	2
Total	104

Warwickshire II.—First Innings.

A. E. Waite, c Temple, b Sutton	1
Buckingham (J) c Walters, b Hawley	9
F. N. Bryan, c Sutton, b Mack	18
N. A. Plowright, c Sutton, b Bennett	50
G. J. Matthews, c Scoley, b Bennett	1
Collin (T.), lbw, b Bennett	6
A. D. Clark, b Mack	14
Jarritt, lbw, b Hawley	23
Wilmot (K.), b Bennett	8
Elsom, not out	15
Cowan, b Bennett	12
Extras	21
Total	165

Second Innings.

A. E. Waite, lbw, b Ross	20
Buckingham, b Sutton	20
F. N. Bryan, c Searby, b Sutton	4
N. A. Plowright, not out	16
C. F. Cowan, not out	26
Extras	2
Total (5 wkts.)	82

**ALL-INDIA TOURISTS AT
LINCOLN
CONCESSION TO SCHOOLS
AND UNEMPLOYED**

The prospective visit of the All-India touring team to the Lincoln Lindum ground on Wednesday and Thursday of next week is creating considerable interest throughout the county, and a strong Eastern Counties XI has been selected.

The decision of the County C.C. committee to admit schoolboys and unemployed to the match at half-price, 6d, will be regarded with intense satisfaction locally.

The unemployed will be admitted at half-fee on production of their unemployment card, and arrangements are being made with headmasters of the various schools throughout the county for scholars to be similarly treated.

Already Mr. F. Pickering, secretary of Lincolnshire C.C., which club is making the arrangements, has received notification that a party of 30 boys will visit Lincoln for the match from Boston Grammar School.

Play will commence at 11 a.m. each day, and given fine weather, it is anticipated that a record crowd will assemble to watch a cricket match in the city.

MINOR COUNTIES MATCH
LINCOLNSHIRE v.
WARWICKSHIRE II.

Played at Grantham on Tuesday
on Wednesday. Warwickshire II.
gained an exciting victory, winning by
two wickets seven minutes from time.

Lincolnshire opened their Minor
Counties championship engagements
at Grantham this week with a match
against Warwickshire II., and after
getting a substantial lead on the first
innings, collapsed and allowed the
visitors to win by two wickets. Prac-
tically all the Lines side had had
previous experience in county cricket,
M. V. Bennett and J. F. Temple,
being the only two whose names are
not familiar to those who follow the
doings of the county club.

Batting first Lines hit up a total
of 227, the batting being fairly steady
and consistent. T. D. Ross, H. W.
Dods, J. C. Walter and W. A.
Sutton all having scores in the thirties
and three others reaching double
figures. Warwickshire's reply was
165. N. A. Ploverright who scored
30 and Jarrett who added 32 bats
in the innings being the only two bats-
men to impress. But for the 21
extras, the visitors' score would have
looked very lean.

Beginning the second venture with
a lead of 62, Ross and Scarby made
a steady opening and increased the
lead to three figures before the part-
nership was broken. Then Lines
received a heavy blow when Dods and
Walter were sent back without scor-
ing. Unfortunately the not continued,
and apart from the Rev. H. Mack's
25, nobody reached double figures
after the first pair departed. The
whole side was out a second time
for 104.

Warwickshire II. were therefore
faced with the task of getting 167,
two more than their first innings total,
to win. Their batting was again
somewhat patchy, but Ploverright rose
to the occasion with 50 not out and
materially assisted his side to victory.
The passing of time made the finish
quite exciting for only seven minutes
remained when the winning hit was
made.

Scores:

LINCOLNSHIRE 1st Innings	
J. E. Scarby, b Elton	9
T. D. Ross, bow b Jarrett	34
H. W. Dods, b Wilnot	35
J. C. Walter, b Elton	36
Rev. H. Mack, b Elton	25
R. Platters, c Wate b Wilnot	19
T. Scoble, b Collin	15
W. A. Sutton, c Buckingham, b	36
W. Wilnot	36
M. V. Bennett, run out	25
J. F. Temple, b Elton	2
H. Hawley, not out	4
Extras	12
Total	227

Second Innings	
J. E. Scarby, run out	12
T. D. Ross, b Jarrett	25
H. W. Dods, b Jarrett	0
J. C. Walter, b Ploverright	0
Rev. H. Mack, b Elton	25
R. Platters, c Ploverright, b Jarrett	8
T. Scoble, b Ploverright	6
W. A. Sutton, c Wilnot, b Elton	0
M. V. Bennett, c Cowan, b Elton	2
J. F. Temple, not out	7
H. Hawley, bow b Ploverright	4
Extras	2
Total	104

WARWICKSHIRE II. 1st Innings	
A. F. Wate, c Temple, b Sutton	1
Buckingham, c Walter, b Hawley	5
F. N. Bryan, c Sutton, b Mack	18
N. A. Ploverright, c Sutton, b	30
Bennett	30
G. J. Matthews, c Scoble, b Bennett	1
Collin, bow b Bennett	6
A. D. Clark, b Mack	14
Wilnot, b Bennett	8
Jarrett, bow b Hawley	32
A. Elson, not out	13
F. Cowan, b Bennett	12
Extras	21
Total	167

Second Innings	
A. F. Wate, bow b Ross	20
Buckingham, b Sutton	20
F. N. Bryan, c Scarby, b Sutton	4
N. A. Ploverright, not out	50
G. J. Matthews, bow b Mack	5
Collin, c Sutton, b Mack	29
A. D. Clark, c Mack, b Sutton	1
Wilnot, not out	1
Jarrett, b Sutton	15
F. Cowan, b Mack	26
Extras	5
Total (for 8 wickets)	167

CRICKET NOTES.

The improvement in the weather last week permitted of a full programme of cricket over the week-end, although the pitches in most places were still feeling the effects of the wet...

GAME ENDS IN TIE.

After the damp and dismal days of May it was a joy to see the sun shining so gloriously at Littlefield Lane on Saturday last, when Grimsby Town were engaged in a League encounter with Scunthorpe...

The pitch was difficult, the ball pined all sorts of strange tricks; it would swing and turn, and at times kick up in a manner most disconcerting to the batsmen...

Forster opened the innings with Stainsby, to the bowling of Wainwright and Greaves. Disaster soon met the Town, for Forster, mixing the pace of the ball, played forward too soon and presented an easy catch to Gilbert for a six...

Prospects looked quite good for Scunthorpe when they began their reply. Their two opening batsmen showed confidence from the start, but they soon ran into difficulties...

Wainwright joined Holt for the last wicket. Scunthorpe's fortunes now at a low ebb, but cricket is full of surprises and as long as it can produce such dramatic scenes as on Saturday last, at Littlefield Lane, it will always have an appeal for the sportsman...

To-morrow the Grimsby Town 1st Eleven will be engaged in a friendly match at Brookfield and the XI will have New Grimsby as opponents in a Second Division League match on the Littlefield Lane ground.

The game between Louth XI and Sunnyside at Louth on Saturday was a short and sharp affair, and a splendid handicap for the bowlers...

Sunnyside lost seven wickets in collecting their 16 runs, J. Hope knocking up ten of them. Potts claimed

four wickets for six runs and Tonyton three for ten.

Although the Paper Mill cricket 99 cannot Old Club 31, on the Barrett Recreation Ground on Saturday, one of the best bowling performances of the day fell to the Old Club bowler Dalton, who captured six wickets for ten runs...

For the other side Tommy Hakin, the one time Grimsby footballer, took five wickets for nine runs. His following an innings which produced 27, the best of the match.

Cleethorpe II entertained Grimsby Town II in a League match on Saturday on the Hardy's Lane ground. Except for a fairly strong cold wind from the sea, weather conditions were ideal and the wicket, although still fairly soft, was in excellent condition...

The Cleethorpe captain, having won the toss sent in Vera and Wiseman to face the bowling of Gibbons and Jefferson. Gibbons was bowling fairly fast but was rather erratic and lacked length, while Jefferson put down a steady ball which was swerving into the wicket from the off, helped by the strong wind. Vera did not remain long, a couple of singles and he was bowled by Gibbons.

Wiseman was batted by Gibbons, whom he hit for four and two, but was caught by Lewis off a ball from Jefferson soon after, so that two wickets were down for twelve runs.

Faulding looked most uncomfortable facing Gibbons, and was bowled before he had scored. Oaker, in his innumerate, had started to collect runs. He hit a powerful four and a two off successive balls, and then played one on to his wicket via his boot.

With four wickets down for 19 the Cleethorpe batsmen were centred on Seabrook and Richardson, but the latter, who, in a previous match, had scored 34, was about bowled by a good ball from Jefferson when the score was only 22-5-0. Seabrook and Howe raised the total to 33 when Howe was bowled by a fast one from Gibbons. The latter also caught two batsmen off Jefferson and seven wickets were lost for the meagre total of 41.

At this stage it seemed that a complete collapse would follow, but pulled the game around a little. By careful play they lifted the score to 55 before Baker had the misfortune to pull a ball into his wicket. Evidently it was Jefferson's lucky day. First, who was most unfortunately, late then missed, and with both batsmen scoring freely the score began to mount. At 68, Hirst only half hit one from Clarke, and was caught at mid-off by Lewis. Hamuth came played carefully, and though runs came slowly the last wicket put on 19 runs. The captain of the Town bowling, by quick changes of his runs, and eventually, as is often the case, a very bad ball took Bell's wicket. A ball from Lewis landed in the middle of the pitch, and failing to rise again, shot under the bat to the wicket. The Cleethorpe total was 87, of which Bell scored 23, the only other double-figure score being Mr. Extras with 17.

The Town had not a very stern task before them. Conditions were caused by bowlers running in front of the wicket, but Frisby was very well. It seemed that Frisby would lose Pettifer before the latter had scored, and his partner West, who had knock off the necessary runs. Many bowlers were tried by the Cleethorpe captain in his efforts to part them but it was not until Frisby returned one to Howe that the partnership was broken. By splendid, forceful play, which was backed up by good judgment, Frisby had scored 33 out of 56, including a six in the long grass. West and Hamouth then began to score freely but at 82, West was hit for score half the total, was bowled by Seabrook. At this stage it was obvious that the Town would win, and when the next wicket fell the total was 88 and the Town claimed both points. After two more wickets had fallen stumps were drawn with the total at 96 for six.

THE LITTLEFIELD LANE GROUND.

To the Editor of the Grimsby News: Sir, As one interested in the fortunes of local cricket I was sorry to read in your issue of Friday last that the Grimsby Town Cricket Club is soon to lose the Littlefield Lane ground, the tenancy of which it has held for so many years. As your correspondent stated it will be a great loss to local sport if this beautiful cricket ground is not replaced. If the Town Club is allowed to leave, the First Division of the Grimsby Cricket League will receive a severe

blow. There are few enough clubs in the League now, and there are scarcely any grounds left on which matches can be played. In the event of the withdrawal of the Town Club and the loss of its ground one cannot see how this branch of the League can well survive.

The question of finding a new ground, it would appear, is not one that concerns the Grimsby Town Club members only. It concerns a wide circle of cricketers in Grimsby, and it affects, too, the young generation in the town.

The officials of the club deserve every support and encouragement, and it is hoped that all patrons, all cricketers and all interested in cricket generally will see to it that that encouragement and support are forthcoming before it is too late. Yours faithfully, "LONG STOP."

GRIMSBY TOWN V. SCUNTHORPE

Played at Littlefield Lane, on Saturday. Scores: GRIMSBY TOWN.—E. A. Foster, c Gilbert, b Wainwright, 0; C. Stainsby, c Duff, b Greaves, 6; J. Heyworth, c Holt, b Maw, 19; A. P. Falconer, c Gilbert, b Wainwright, 15; De Winter, b Wainwright, 12; R. Walker, st Sharmah b Wainwright, 2; S. Atcock not out, 1; L. E. Foster, c Greaves, b Maw, 1; J. Spurr, c Holt, b Maw, 0; R. Stainsby, b Maw, 0; L. Sward, b Maw, 0; extras 7. Total 79.

Bowling: Greaves 1 for 21, Wainwright 4 for 41, Maw 5 for 10. SCUNTHORPE.—P. Crossland, c Stainsby, b Stainsby, 11; E. Gilbert, run out, 7; J. C. Flower, c L. V. Foster, b Falconer, 2; C. Sharmah, b Falconer, 0; A. Maw, b Stainsby, 1; T. Woffenden, c Stainsby, b Stainsby, 2; R. A. Duff, b Maw, b Falconer, 2; E. G. Holt, not out, 14; H. Staples, c Falconer, 8; A. Wright, b Falconer, 2; H. Wainwright, b Stainsby, 24; extras 6. Total 79.

CLEETHORPE V. BARTON

Played at Barton on Saturday. Scores: BARTON.—A. Abbott, c Maslin, b Cormack, 0; B. Beckington, b Cormack, 7; G. Tinley, b Cormack, 2; J. Kitchen, b Cormack, 10; H. Boulton, run out, 1; G. Wright, b Wainwright, 1; J. C. Stevenson, b Shepherd, 1; P. Wilson, b Cormack, 0; W. S. Stanton, st Maslin, b Shepherd, 3; S. Carrington, not out, 5; P. Barrett, b Bell, b Cormack, 1; extras 3. Total 38.

CLEETHORPE V. ADWICK

Played at Adwick on Saturday. Scores: ADWICK.—A. Adwick, b Hope, 12; W. Lodge, b Abbott, 8; Scott, c Carrington, b Abbott, 0; R. Brackenhury, c Kitchen, b Wrighton, 0; J. Steadley, b Wrighton, 1; D. Howell, b Abbott, 0; W. Seabrook, b Hope, 3; J. Cormack, b Stanton, 8; W. Wilson, b Abbott, 2; P. Shephard, not out, 0; extras 9. Total 43.

LOUTH AN XI V. SUNNYSIDE

Played at Louth on Saturday. Scores: LOUTH AN XI.—R. H. Toynbee, b Hope, 15; C. Cummings, c Milner, b Hillier, 10; G. M. Rowland, b Hope, 2; R. E. Horswood, b Routledge, 0; H. Potts, b Routledge, 0; R. H. Timms, b Hope, 1; R. E. Cartwright, b Hope, 0; E. Hand, run out, 3; E. Johnson, b Routledge, 1; P. Cook, b Hope, 0; C. W. Cox, not out, 0; extras 3. Total 13.

SUNNYSIDE V. LOUTH TOWN

Played at North Cotes on Saturday. Scores: LOUTH TOWN.—D. Boswell, b Hope, 2; C. Cuthbert, c Collins, b Hope, 4; R. G. Charlton, b Bowden, b Barton, 16; R. W. Dodds, b Hope, 11; M. W. Hibbit, not out, 19; G. N. Friddling, c Wyllie, b Thakery, 22; J. Wilson, b Roland, c R. J. Stubbs, c Ives, A. O. Price and R. Anger did not bat; extras 11, total for six wickets down, 99.

R.A.F. V. STUBBS

Round, b Stubbs, 4; Bowden, b Stubbs, 1; Barton, b Hibbit, 12; Newman, b Hibbit, 1; James Hibbit, 0; Wyllie, c Dodds, b Stubbs, 1; Collins, b Stubbs, 4; Cope, b Price, 8; Hodgson, run out, 3; Thakery, not out, 6; extras 6. Total 50.

ALFORD V. L.N.E.R.

When the Grimsby L.N.E.R. first eleven visited Alford on Saturday, scoring a total of 85, it looked at the opening of the Alford first eleven's innings that victory for the visitors was going to be easy. Alford lost two wickets in the first over, and had three wickets down for only two runs, but a fine 24 by East, and a 34 not out by Belton, saved the situation for Alford, enabling them ultimately to achieve a total of 96 with two wickets in hand. Scores:—

L.N.E.R.—L. Henriksen, c Drakes, b Goldthorpe, 4; A. Cawcutt, b Drakes, 26; A. Longthorn, b Goldthorpe, 14; G. Greaves, b Farrow, 11; F. Bullivant, b Drakes, 1; C. Ward, c Belton, b Farrow, 12; V. Poole, b Oldroyd, 0; G. Croucher, not out, 12; W. Ballock, b Goldthorpe, 6; E. Hinchliffe, b Goldthorpe, 7; S. Clark, b Goldthorpe, 0; extras 3. Total 85.

ALFORD.—W. H. Mackinder, c Longthorn, b Poole, 0; G. P. Allie, c Cawcutt, b Poole, 2; J. Drakes, b Poole, 0; R. A. Seigley, b Bullivant, 3; T. East, b Hinchliffe, 24; E. P. Belton, not out, 34; G. Munton, b Greaves, 8; W. G. Oldroyd, b Henriksen, 0; H. W. Russell, not out, 12; H. Farrow, and G. Goldthorpe did not bat; extras 13; total (for eight wickets) 96.

For Alford Goldthorpe took five for 19; and for Grimsby L.N.E.R. Poole three for 22.

L.N.E.R. II V. ALFORD AND DISTRICT "A"

Played at Carr Lane on Saturday. Scores: L.N.E.R. II.—C. Hall, b W. Mountain, 9; H. Oaker, b Hamilton, 11; F. Sells, b Hamilton, 17; C. Hinchliffe, b Hamilton, 0; N. Blackburn, c Johnson, b Hamilton, 10; A. Lyttan, b Hamilton, 21; T. Grimoldby, b Young, 0; G. Taylor, c Woodliffe, b Brown, 20; C. Brearley, c Johnson, b Brown, 10; H. Sanders, b Mountain, 7; E. Noston, not out, 0; extras 6. Total 111.

ALFORD V. HINCHLIFF

Played at Carr Lane on Saturday. Scores: ALFORD.—W. Hamilton, b Hinchliffe, 6; J. P. Brown, b Hinchliffe, 16; A. Myers, c and b Brearley, 0; A. Young, run out, 10; G. Mountain, b Hinchliffe, 13; B. Johnson, c Oaker, b Brearley, 4; E. H. Fletcher, c Grimoldby, b Hinchliffe, 2; H. Mountain, b Grimoldby, 0; V. Gazeley, c Hinchliffe, b Blackburn, 6; R. Woodliffe, b Grimoldby, 0; O. Mountain, not out, 0; extras 9. Total 75.

SKEGNESS V. GRIMSBY POACHERS

Played at Skopnes on Saturday. Scores: SKEGNESS.—R. E. Pearson, b Pearson, 8; H. R. Scarby, b Pearson, 11; J. E. Scarby, b Bryant, 3; J. W. Caldwell, b Bryant, 1; J. G. Munden, c Gostwin, b Bryant, 30; G. M. Lake, b Pearson, 3; A. E. G. Mee, not out, 9; H. B. B. B. Bryant, 3; E. Keyworth, not out, 7; C. W. Jepson, b Pearson, 3; A. G. Nixon, b Bryant, 3; extras 3. Total 77.

POACHERS V. R. E. ROBERTS

Played at Skopnes on Saturday. Scores: POACHERS.—R. E. Roberts, c J. E. Scarby, b Caldwell, 35; R. G. G. Caldwell, b Pearson, 25; C. W. Rippon, c Pearson, b Jepson, 55; J. N. Farnham, c Keyworth, b Jepson, 10; H. Clark, b Keyworth, b Maiden, 23; W. Pearson, not out, 1; R. Hines, c J. E. Scarby, b Keyworth, 12; J. J. C. Coney, not out, 4; extras 13. Total 178 (for six wickets).

MUNICIPAL COLLEGE V. GRIMSBY AMATEURS

Played on the College ground on Saturday. Scores: COLLEGE.—H. Carriz, b Farrow, 27; Mr. Johnson, b Munnings, 0; G. Hull, b Munnings, 6; Mr. Wilson, b Munnings, 6; Mr. Swain, b Munnings, 4; E. Stapley, b Farrow, 12; C. Huxford, run out, 9; A. Young, b Farrow, 3; P. Carrigan, b Farrow, 9; D. Wilson, not out, 1; Mr. Briggs, b Paley, 0; extras 5. Total 67.

AMATEURS E. H. SWAIN

Played at North Cotes on Saturday. Scores: AMATEURS.—E. H. Swain, 8; A. Pateman, run out, 4; G. Paley, b Briggs, 5; J. Richardson, b Swain, 8; A. Avey, b Swain, 8; J. Seabrook, b Swain, 6; Briggs, 6; H. Barton, b Swain, 2; H. E. Stamp, c Stapley, b Swain, 4; E. Munnings, run out, 1; A. Ford, not out, 6; J. Croft Baker, b Swain, 4; extras 2; Total 58.

CLEETHORPE II V. GRIMSBY TOWN II

Played on the Hardy's Lane ground on Saturday. Scores: CLEETHORPE II.—W. Vera, b Gibbons, 2; H. Wiseman, c Lewis, b Jefferson, 7; E. Faulding, c Gibbons, b Oaker, b Jefferson, 6; R. Seabrook, c Gibbons, b Jefferson, 5; E. Richardson, b Jefferson, 0; J. Howe, b Gibbons, 7; G. Bell, b Lewis, 21; Lewis, b Jefferson, 5; G. Hirst, not out, 7; extras 17. Total 87.

GRIMSEY TOWN II. E. Frisby, c and b; Howe, 33; P. Pettifer, b; Hannah, 0; R. West, b; Seabrook, 41; G. Haxton, b; Odier, 8; T. Davis, b; Seabrook, 1; E. Lewis, not out, 2; H. Clarke, run out, 3; S. Bacon, S. Gibbons, E. Jefferies and W. Conison, did not bat; extras 8; Total (for six wickets) 96.
Bowling: Odier 1 for 17; Hannah 1 for 19; Howe 1 for 6; Seabrook 2 for 16.

OLD CLEE v. PAPER MILLS.
Played on Barrett's Recreation Ground on Saturday. Score:—
PAPER MILLS: T. Farmery, b Suggitt, 11; S. Rouse, b; Suggitt, 2; T. Hakin, c; Hutson, b Ford, 27; T. McCann, c; Asquith, b Ford, 16; H. Bailby, b; Dobson, 8; C. A. Bosgis, b; Dobson, 21; D. Mill, b; Dobson, 0; C. Pine, b; Dobson, 0; W. Carlwell, c; Hutson, b; Dobson, 0; J. Riley, not out, 0; C. Raynor, b; Dobson, 0; extras 11; Total 99.
Bowling: Suggitt 2 for 18; Ford 2 for 22; and Dobson 6 for 10.

OLD CLEE. T. Hutson, b; Carlwell, 0; G. Dawson, b; Carlwell, 0; W. Ford, b; Hakin, 2; C. Dobson, b; Carlwell, 5; L. Suggitt, bow, b; Hakin, 4; W. Asquith, b; Hakin, 9; P. Dalton, run out, 0; G. Young, c; Carlwell, b; Hakin, 0; G. Sheppard, c; Carlwell, b; Hakin, 2; G. Shardlow, not out, 6; E. Pett, run out, 1; extras 2; Total 31.
Bowling: W. Carlwell 3 for 20; and T. Hakin 3 for 9.

HUMBERSTONE v. NORTH THORESBY.
Played at Humberstone on Saturday. Score:—
HUMBERSTONE: Addison, c; T. Campion, b; F. Campion, 4; Marshall, c; Pawson, b; F. Campion, 1; Lawson, b; Smith, 0; Marshall, b; F. Campion, 11; Horner, c; Barker, b; F. Campion, 1; Kinison, run out, 0; Stephenson, b; Smith, 1; Dishman, b; F. Campion, 2; Reynolds, b; F. Campion, 0; Kirby, c; Pawson, b; F. Campion, 12; Mueson, not out, 4; extras 3; Total 39.
Bowling: F. Campion 6 for 22; Smith 2 for 14.

NORTH THORESBY. T. Campion, b; Marshall, 2; J. S. Gonnev, b; Lawson, 2; F. Campion, b; Marshall, 1; R. Campion, c; Marshall, b; Marshall, 49; C. Barker, b; Addison, 8; H. Smith, b; Marshall, 2; J. Robinson, b; Marshall, 10; J. Brooklebank, run out, 0; A. Starr, c and b; Lawson, 3; J. Dixon, b; Lawson, 1; F. Pawson, not out, 4; extras 16; Total 98.
Bowling: M. Marshall 4 for 16.

HOLTON-LE-CLAY v. NORMANBY PARK S.W.
Played at Holt on Saturday. Score:—
NORMANBY PARK: H. Holgate, run out, 1; A. Cooper, c; J. Barker, b; H. Barker, 2; E. Strang, b; H. Barker, 0; G. Bull, run out, 0; W. Cluifer, c and b; A. Hutson, 12; E. Attwood, c; J. Hutson, b; H. Barker, 0; J. Barr, c; A. Hutson, b; J. Barker, 9; T. Golden, c; J. Hutson, b; H. Barker, 6; A. E. Cooper, c; J. Barker, b; H. Barker, 0; H. Bradshaw, c; F. Hutson, b; Chapman, 3; S. Shaw, not out, 0; extras 3; Total 36.
Bowling: H. Barker 5 for 11; Attwood 1 for 5; Chapman 1 for 5; J. Barker 1 for 9.

HOLTON-LE-CLAY. F. Marshall, not out, 19; J. Hutson, c; Attwood, b; Cooper, 1; Alf Hutson, c; Blair, b; Bull, 1; J. Barker, 1; H. Holgate, 2; Alf Hutson, b; Golden, 3; J. Chapman, c; Shaw, b; Golden, 3; G. Hutson, c; Shaw, b; Cooper, 2; extras 8; Total (for 6 wickets) 39.
F. Hutson, b; Barker, S. Hutson and F. Hutson, did not bat.
Bowling: Bull 1 for 6; Cooper 2 for 3; H. Holgate 1 for 8; Golden 2 for 5.

Minor Counties Championship.

Warwickshire Beat Lincolnshire.

Good Crowds at Grantham.

With a crisp drive for three on the leg side N. A. Plowright, with but a few minutes remaining for play, snatched victory for Warwickshire, and, further, the same shot completed his half-century—the only one of the two days' match. On both Tuesday and Wednesday there were pretty good attendances. The home county's large first-innings lead was indicative of victory, but that was reckoning without our county's second-innings "fade-out," and, of course, the youthful Plowright.

By consistent performances, Lincolnshire in the first innings totalled 227 runs, and Warwickshire replied with 165. Lincolnshire, in the second attempt, only managed to scrape 104. The visitors were then left with about two-and-a-half hours in which to wipe off 167. A glorious fifty by Plowright, assisted by others of the team, did the trick. So, with two wickets to spare, Warwickshire won.

In Lincolnshire's opening innings on Tuesday runs came but slowly, Ross scoring a smart 31. Walters and Doda brightened the play a good deal, and the former, in his 36, reached the ropes on seven occasions, and batted with delightful freedom. Doda's defence, in the main, was sound, but, probably influenced by Walters, he was enticed into venturesomeness, and Wilmot shattered his stumps. W. A. Sutton made a handy contribution of 39, and M. V. Bennett created a most favourable impression with a masterly innings which ended in an unfortunate run out. He was a model of confidence. Horace Hawley marked his appearance with a four, and his wicket was intact at the finish. Lincolnshire's total was 227. Elson took four wickets for 55, and Wilmot three for 69.

An untimely fate awaited A. F. Wait, who is qualified for Warwickshire, although a member of the Grantham C.C. He opened the visitors' innings with Buckingham, but, after notching a single, cocked up Sutton's first delivery into Temple's willing hands. Warwickshire became wary. Indeed, Sutton and non-plussed Plowright and Bryan that he headed 12 maiden overs, and with Hawley at the other end thirty minutes batting produced only 29 runs. Later, the batting brightened, but runs were always hardly won. The Warwickshire total was 165.

Hawley took two wickets for 32, but it was Bennett who wrought the damage. In a deadly spell he uprooted five wickets at a cost of 7 runs each. The Rev. H. Mack took two wickets for 36, Sutton one for 27, and Sealey none for 14.

On Lincolnshire's restart on Wednesday J. F. Scarby and T. D. Ross put on 39 before the latter was deceived by a smart delivery from Plowright. H. W. Doda, J. C. Walker, and R. Flatters had but a short stay, but the Rev. H. Mack, carefree and merry, was caught at twenty-five by Elson, who had him guessing with a fast one. When Scarby had gone came a slump, and the Lincolnshire total was only 104. Warwickshire's most successful bowler was Plowright—four for 30.

A. F. Wait and Buckingham settled down to a productive partnership, but the former, who hit one 4 and two 3's in his 20, was outwitted by a slow ball from Ross which struck his pads. Then Buckingham, after stubborn defensive play, was "taken in," being apparently unprepared for the delivery of a ball from Sutton. N. A. Plowright then came into the picture, blending caution with a disposition to hit hard, and runs came quickly during his partnership with the Warwickshire skipper, C. F. Cowan. Eventually, the last named was dislodged by Mack. With his colleagues on defence only, Plowright piled on the runs, and with two more wickets to fall he made a glorious stroke for 3, which crowned his brilliant performance.

The bowling figures were—Hawley, 4 overs, 1 maiden, 12 runs, 0 wickets; Ross, 9, 3, 21, 1; Sutton, 23, 7, 57, 4; Bennett, 9, 1, 23, 0; Mack 15, 1, 49, 3. Score—

LINCOLNSHIRE.

FIRST INNINGS.

J. F. Scarby b Elson	9
F. D. Ross lbw b Jarrett	34
H. W. Doda b Wilmot	35
J. C. Walters b Elson	33
Rev. H. Mack b Elson	2
R. Flatters c Wait b Wilmot ..	19
T. Sealey b Collin	19
W. A. Sutton c Buckingham b	
Wilmot	30
M. V. Bennett run out	25
J. F. Temple b Elson	2
H. Hawley not out	4
Extras	12
Total	227

SECOND INNINGS.

J. F. Scarby run out	22
F. D. Ross b Plowright	23
H. W. Doda b Jarrett	0
J. C. Walters b Plowright	0
Rev. H. Mack b Elson	25
R. Flatters c Plowright b Jarrett	8
T. Sealey b Plowright	6
W. A. Sutton c Wilmot b Elson ..	0
M. V. Bennett c Cowan b Elson ..	2
J. F. Temple not out	7
H. Hawley lbw b Plowright	4
Extras	2
Total	104

WARWICKSHIRE II.

FIRST INNINGS.

A. F. Wait c Temple b Sutton ..	1
Buckingham c Walter b Hawley ..	9
F. N. Bryan c Sutton b Mack ..	18
N. A. Plowright c Sutton b Bennett	30
G. J. Matthews c Sealey b Bennett	1
Collin lbw b Bennett	6
A. D. Clark b Mack	14
Wilmot b Bennett	8
Jarrett lbw b Hawley	32
A. Elson not out	13
F. Cowan b Bennett	12
Extras	21
Total	165

SECOND INNINGS.

A. F. Wait lbw b Ross	20
Buckingham b Sutton	20
F. N. Bryan c Sealey b Sutton ..	4
N. A. Plowright not out	50
G. J. Matthews lbw b Mack	5
Collin c Sutton b Mack	20
A. D. Clark c Mack b Sutton ..	1
Wilmot not out	1
Jarrett b Sutton	15
F. Cowan b Mack	26
Extras	5
Total (8 wkts.)	167

Wing v. Preston.

This Rutland League match was played at Wing on Saturday, the visitors winning by 22 runs. G. Tyler secured seven wickets for 14 runs. Score:—

Wing: W. Pickering b Tyler 0, F. Sewell c Steele b G. W. Stubbs 6, P. J. Jones b Tyler 0, E. Manton b Tyler 2, G. Huckerby c G. W. Stubbs b Tyler 3, C. E. Fox c Steele b Tyler 8, S. E. Chesterman c Steele b H. J. Stubbs 8, H. Horspool lbw b Tyler 6, A. Benn b H. J. Stubbs 0, R. H. Birch not out 0, R. F. Birch b Tyler 0, extras 3; total 29.
 Preston: G. Tyler c Horspool b Jones 1, G. W. Stubbs b Horspool 7, F. Naylor b Huckerby 12, H. J. Stubbs c Chesterman b Jones 14, R. Senton b Fox 1, C. Smith lbw b Fox 0, B. Wing b Fox 0, H. Shillecock hit wkt. b Chesterman 19, T. Stimpson b Fox 3, B. Knapp c Benn b Chesterman 6, R. Steele not out 0, extras 7; total 61.

Fixtures.

Today (Saturday):—

Radcliffe v. Grantham.
 Grantham v. Bourne.
 No. 3 F.T.S. v. Bolton Park.
 Ponton v. Earlefield.
 Barrowby v. Harlaxton.
 Denton v. Allington.
 Belvoir Estate v. Egerton Park.
 Egerton Park A v. Oakham A.
 Cagthorpe v. Great Gonerby.
 Barkston & Syston v. Leadenham.
 Kesteven C.A. v. Roston & Hornsby.
 Rauceby v. R.A.F. Hospital, Cranwell.
 Fulbeck v. Carlton Scroop.
 Castle Bytham v. Corby.
 T. W. Rust & Co. v. Wm. Gibson & Son (Leicester).
 Melton Midland Woodworking Company v. Remount Depot.
 Holwell Works v. Leicester De Montfort.
 Branston v. Holwell Works A.
 St. Paul's School v. Gentlemen of Leicestershire.
 Waltham v. Granby.
 Sproxton v. Eastwell.
 Oakham Town v. Leicester Nomads.
 Oakham School v. Bedford Modern School.
 Exton v. Oakham School.
 Ryhall v. Swinstead.
 Ripplingale v. Edenham.
 Market Overton v. Lyndon.
 Ashwell v. Cottesmore.
 Lourn v. Greatford.
 Burghley Estate v. Glaston.
 Repton School v. Uppingham School (2nd day).
 Uppingham School v. Uppingham Town.
 Holywell v. Rutland Engineers.
 Burghley Park v. Peterborough Town.
 Oundle Town v. Burghley Park A.
 Lyddington v. Wing.
 Barrowden v. Seaton.

STAMFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Wing v. Stamford St. George's.
 Rutland Engineers v. Wakerley and Barrowden.
 Empingham v. Bulwick.
 Gretton v. South Luffenham.
 North Luffenham v. Ketton.

RUTLAND LEAGUE.

Barleythorpe v. Braunston.
 Cold Overton v. Exton.
 Preston v. Ridlington.
 Harringworth v. Edithweston.
 Lyddington v. Wing.

BURROUGH AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

DIVISION A.

Burton Lazars v. Pickwell.
 Thorpe Satchville v. Twyford.

DIVISION B.

Rearsby v. Queniborough.
 Lowesby v. Barsby.

On Tuesday:—

Oakham School v. Northants Amateurs.
 Saxby & Stapleford v. Sproxton.
 Rugby School v. Uppingham School.
 Uppingham School v. Oundle School.

On Wednesday:—

Gentlemen of Leicestershire v. Ratchliffe College.
 Bourne v. Bourne and District Farmers.

On Thursday:—

Grantham v. Notts Forest.
 K.M.H. v. Grantham.
 Grantham Local Sports v. Allington.
 Gonerby v. Barkston & Syston.
 Belvoir Estate v. Bestwood Park.
 Gentlemen of Leicestershire v. Nevill Holt, at Market Harborough.
 Notts Casuals v. Egerton Park.
 Ridlington v. Barleythorpe.
 Stoke Dry v. Lyddington.
 Owston v. Braunston.

On Friday:—

Gentlemen of Leicestershire v. H.A.C., at Market Harborough.

MINOR COUNTIES CRICKET.

Lincolnshire Beaten by Warwickshire II.

Lincolnshire suffered defeat in a Minor Counties cricket match at Grantham on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Lincolnshire's total of 227 in the first innings was the result of consistent batting; seven players reaching double figures.

Warwickshire had reared 131 for the loss of eight wickets when play ceased for the first day, and were thus 93 behind when the game was resumed on Wednesday morning.

When Lincolnshire began their second innings, J. E. Scarby and T. D. Ross again opened the batting, and scoring was slow at first, but 39 was on the board before Ross was bowled by Plowright for 28. Lincolnshire then had a bad spell, for H. W. Dodds, the captain, and J. C. Walter both failed to score being bowled respectively by Jarrett and Plowright.

The scores were:—

LINCOLNSHIRE.

1st INNINGS.

J. E. Scarby, b. Elson	...	...	...	0
F. D. Ross, l.b.w., b. Jarrett	...	...	...	34
H. W. Dodds, b. Wilnot	...	...	...	35
J. C. Walter, b. Elson	...	...	...	36
R. Flatters, c. Waite b. Wilnot	...	...	...	19
Rev. H. Mack, c. Buckingham b. Elson	...	...	...	2
W. S. Sutton, c. Buckingham b. Wilnot	...	...	...	30
T. Scoley, b. Collin	...	...	...	19
M. H. Bennett, run out	...	...	...	25
J. F. Temple, b. Elson	...	...	...	2
H. Hawley, not out	...	...	...	4
Extras	...	...	...	12

Total 227

2nd INNINGS.

J. E. Scarby, run out	...	...	...	22
F. D. Ross, b. Plowright	...	...	...	28
H. W. Dodds, b. Jarrett	...	...	...	0
J. C. Walter, b. Plowright	...	...	...	0
R. Flatters, c. Plowright b. Jarrett	...	...	...	8
Rev. H. Mack, b. Elson	...	...	...	25
W. S. Sutton, c. Wilnot b. Elson	...	...	...	0
T. Scoley, b. Plowright	...	...	...	6
M. H. Bennett, c. Cowan b. Elson	...	...	...	2
J. F. Temple, not out	...	...	...	7
H. Hawley, l.b.w., b. Plowright	...	...	...	4
Extras	...	...	...	2

Total 104

WARWICKSHIRE II.

1st INNINGS

A. F. Waite, c. Temple b. Sutton	...	...	...	1
Buckingham, J., c. Walter b. Hawley	...	...	...	9
F. N. Bryan, c. Sutton b. Mack	...	...	...	18
N. A. Plowright, c. Sutton b. Bennett	...	...	...	30
G. J. Matthews, c. Scoley b. Bennett	...	...	...	1
Collin, T., l.b.w., b. Bennett	...	...	...	6
A. D. Clark, b. Mack	...	...	...	14
Jarrett, l.b.w., b. Hawley	...	...	...	32
Wilnot, K., b. Bennett	...	...	...	8
A. Elson, not out	...	...	...	13
F. Cowan, b. Bennett	...	...	...	12
Extras	...	...	...	21

Total 166

2nd INNINGS.

A. F. Waite, l.b.w., b. Ross	...	...	...	20
Buckingham, J., b. Sutton	...	...	...	20
F. N. Bryan, c. Scarby b. Sutton	...	...	...	4
N. A. Plowright, not out	...	...	...	50
G. J. Matthews, l.b.w., b. Mack	...	...	...	5
Collin, T., c. Sutton b. Mack	...	...	...	20
A. D. Clark, c. Mack b. Sutton	...	...	...	1
Jarrett, b. Sutton	...	...	...	15
Wilnot, K., not out	...	...	...	1
F. Cowan, b. Mack	...	...	...	26
Extras	...	...	...	5

Total for 8 wickets 167

A. Elson did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Lincolnshire 1st: Plowright 0 for 29, Jarrett 1 for 55, Elson 4 for 55, Wilnot 3 for 60, Collin 1 for 16.

Warwickshire 1st: Hawley 2 for 32, Sutton 1 for 27, Scoley 0 for 14, Bennett 5 for 35, Mack 2 for 36.

Lincolnshire 2nd: Elson 3 for 11, Wilnot 0 for 24, Jarrett 2 for 37, Plowright 4 for 30.

Warwickshire 2nd: Hawley 0 for 12, Ross 1 for 21, Sutton 4 for 57, Bennett 0 for 23, Mack 3 for 49.

CRICKET.

SKEGNESS AND DISTRICT v. WHITTLESEY.

Skegness and District drew with Whittlesey in a good game on the seaside ground yesterday (Thursday). The teams were twelve a side.

SKEGNESS AND DISTRICT.

W. H. Mackinder, c Holland, b Eagle	12
S. Dunstone, l.b.w., b Eagle	36
G. A. Pennington, b Vernon	37
W. Bailey, b Vernon	2
H. R. Searby, b Vernon	1
A. E. Cheales, b Holland	21
J. Drakes, b Eagle	0
N. R. Whitwell, b Eagle	0
G. Allis, b Vernon	11
W. H. Oldroyd, c Vernon, b Holland	2
C. H. Jepson, c Clapham, b Holland	4
L. Allen, not out	1
Extras	1

Vernon, 4 for 30; Eagle, 4 for 41; Holland, 3 for 9; Clapham, 0 for 28; Churchman, 0 for 20.

WHITTLESEY.

L. Holland, run out	14
H. Clapham, b Bailey	30
W. Eagle, c Drakes, b Bailey	34
B. Clapham, b Bailey	16
T. Miller, b Bailey	2
F. Berridge, b Bailey	2
H. Butcher, hit wkt., b Cheales	0
W. Churchman, c Bailey, b Cheales	0
C. M. Johnson, c Searby, b Cheales	1
J. Vernon, run out	4
J. Hutson, not out	0
J. Newman, not out	0
Extras	13

(for 10 wkts.) 116
 Bailey, 5 for 28; Cheales, 3 for 26; Searby 0 for 20; Oldroyd, 0 for 18; Jpason, 0 for 7.

MINOR COUNTIES CRICKET.

Lincolnshire's Bad Day.

Lincolnshire, in their Minor Counties match on the Albion Works sports ground, Gainsborough, on Wednesday, were in a sorry plight after a hard day in the field. Norfolk scored 250 and, at the close of play, Lincolnshire had replied with 29 for four wickets. Eric Houghton, the Aston Villa footballer, being top scorer with 11. Lincolnshire, after a shower, found the wicket difficult.

Lincolnshire recovered somewhat from their dismal start when they resumed on Thursday. Walter was in great form, but it was not until he was joined by T. Scholey that there was any improvement in the Lincolnshire score. Scores:—

NORFOLK (First Innings).

B. W. R-Rought b Green	16
H. Theobald, c White b Bennett	18
M. Falcon lbw b Wilson	56
J. H. Bally b Green	63
D. C. R-Rought lbw b Wilson	0
C. T-Smith c Walters b Wilson	4
H. M. Lowe, c Houghton b Scholey	40
G. N. Scott-Chadd b Wilson	24
R. W. Kemp b Wilson	0
Lingwood c Walter b Scholey	6
A. G. Upping not out	0
Extras	23

Total 250

LINCOLNSHIRE (First Innings.)

H. W. Dods b Upping	2
A. J. White c Theobald b Upping	0
W. A. Sutton c Theobald b Lingwood	0
W. E. Houghton lbw b Lingwood	14
J. C. Walter c Falcon b Lingwood	63
F. G. Eaton-Evans b Lingwood	8
M. Bennett c Theobald b Lingwood	1
T. Scholey c Utting b Lingwood	46
Major Wilson c Bally b Lingwood	4
Rev. H. Mack c Low b Lingwood	0
F. Green not out	1
Extras	20

Total 164

Bowling Utting 2 for 45, Lingwood 8 for 50, B. C. Rought-Rought 0 for 20, Scott-Chadd 0 for 29.

Norfolk.—Second Innings.

B. W. Rought-Rought not out	22
H. E. Theobald not out	14
Extra	1

Total (no wkt.) 37

Later: NORFOLK 142 for five dec.

CRICKET.

ST. BOTOLPH'S v. KIRTON.

Played on the Kirton ground yesterday (Thursday).

ST. BOTOLPH'S.	
H. Willcox, b. Fossit	... 1
W. Hughes, c. Jessop b. Fossitt	... 22
Stainer, c. Richer b. Bishop	... 28
T. I. Hinson, b. Richer	... 0
W. E. Johnson, b. Fossit	... 1
G. Newham, b. Fossit	... 0
C. Morley, not out	... 5
J. Leafe, b. Fossit	... 2
R. Nicholson, b. Fossit	... 0
J. Virth, b. Fossit	... 0
Total	... 50
W. Brackenbury did not bat.	
KIRTON.	
Jessop, l.b.w., b. Morley	... 1
Thorn, c. Morley b. Staines	... 5
Cooper, b. Morley	... 4
Carpenter, b. Morley	... 7
Wallace, b. Morley	... 2
Fossit, c. Willcox b. Morley	... 7
Cox, b. Staines	... 0
Bishop, b. Staines	... 4
Richer, b. Staines	... 0
Blackburn, b. Morley	... 3
Marshall, not out	... 1
Total	... 34

SLEAFORD G.S. v. BOSTON G.S.

Sleaford G.S. beat Boston G.S. at Boston on Wednesday. The scores were: Boston G.S., 29; Sleaford G.S., 101. Godsby (Sleaford) took 4 for 16, and Green, of Sleaford, 5 for 11.

SKEGNESS v. LINCOLN LINDUM.

Played at Skegness yesterday (Thursday).

SKEGNESS AND DISTRICT.	
H. Stamp, c. Sheppard b. Donnington	... 20
G. H. Black, l.b.w., b. Attale	... 18
H. R. Seaby, b. Donnington	... 0
—, Holden, b. Donnington	... 3
W. Caldwell, c. Attale b. Walker	... 4
P. Allan, b. Attale	... 4
J. Hall, l.b.w., b. Attale	... 0
—, Hunt, c. Donnington b. Attale	... 7
F. Munnings, c. Walker b. Attale	... 0
C. W. Jepsen, c. Reed b. Attale	... 25
C. T. Jessap, not out	... 1
Extras	... 4
Total	... 86
Bowling: Attale took 6 for 34.	
LINCOLN LINDUM.	
J. Spencer, run out	... 10
R. J. Sheppard, b. Allan	... 12
R. C. Smith, b. Jepsen	... 9
R. N. Smith, c. Jessap b. Stamp	... 24
M. Attale, b. Jepsen	... 0
R. Wingad, b. Stamp	... 12
R. Leeson, l.b.w., b. Stamp	... 3
H. Donnington, c. Munnings b. Jessap	... 44
A. Horton, b. Munnings	... 2
W. Walker, b. Allan	... 1
H. G. Reed, not out	... 5
Extras	... 3
Total	... 125

LINCOLNSHIRE BEGIN BADLY

SMART WORK AT THE WICKET

HERTS. BOWLERS IN GOOD FORM

LINCOLNSHIRE won the toss and batted first in their match with Hertfordshire to-day on the Broxbourne ground.

Conditions were ideal for this minor counties match.

Houghton and Ehrenfried commenced for Lincolnshire against the bowling of Tarbox, the Hertfordshire professional.

They appeared to be settling down to a steady innings when Tarbox successfully appealed against Ehrenfried for lbw, with the score at 13.

TWO IN ONE OVER.

Eaton-Evans joined Houghton and he soon followed Ehrenfried to the pavilion, being given out lbw from an appeal by Tarbox, with no addition to the score. Both wickets were taken in the same over.

The score was then brought up to 63, before Arthur Grimsdell, the former Spurs' football captain, stumped Houghton, who had made 27.

Two deliveries later, Flatters was clean bowled with only one further run on the board. Six runs later, Dods was run out.

The score at lunch was 80 for five wickets. Walter and Bennett were together at the interval, Walter having scored 42 runs.

WALTER'S FINE INNINGS.

After the lunch interval wickets fell rather quickly for a further 22 runs, Bennett and Scoley being victims. Walter played well although giving one or two chances and his innings of 66 was closed with a brilliant catch by Lord Hyde at mid-off.

Major Wilson, for many years Lincolnshire's captain, succumbed to Roberts, Hertfordshire's professional, being clean bowled after scoring eight runs.

Lincolnshire's innings closed shortly after with the total at 138.

Lincolnshire.—First Innings.	
W. Houghton st Grimsdell b Roberts	27
B. C. Ehrenfried, lbw, b Tarbox	4
F. G. Eaton-Evans, lbw, b Tarbox	0
H. W. Dods, run out	0
R. Flatters, b Ford	1
J. C. Walter, c Hyde, b Roberts	66
M. V. Bennett st Grimsdell b Roberts	2
T. Scoley, c Tinsley, b Tarbox	8
C. Wilson, b Roberts	8
A. J. White, not out	9
F. V. Green, b Tarbox	6
Extras	7

Total138

Bowling: Roberts 4 for 58, Tarbox 4 for 42.

Hertfordshire.—First Innings.

S. P. Longton c Ehrenfried b Wilson	11
R. Brown, not out	16
C. B. Fordham, not out	3
Extras	5
Total (1 wkt.)	35

LINCOLNSHIRE BEATEN

FOUR BATSMEN GET "DUCKS"

INNINGS AND 14 RUNS

HERTFORDSHIRE gained a first innings lead of 120 over Lincolnshire in the Minor Counties match at Broxbourne to-day and then got four Lincolnshire wickets for 54 runs.

The Hertfordshire innings continued in fine weather to-day, and the overnight score of 193 for seven wickets was taken to 258, 65 having been put on in an hour.

Lincolnshire's second innings opened disastrously, the first three wickets falling with only two runs on the board.

Houghton, Ehrenfried and Eaton-Evans all got "ducks," but then Dods and Flatters came together and stopped the rot, although the scoring was very slow.

In Roberts's first over after lunch Flatters was stumped by Grimsdell without any addition to the score and 14 runs later, Bennett was lbw to Roberts after surviving a stumping appeal in the same over.

Further disaster befel Lincolnshire ten runs later when Scoley was bowled by Roberts.

STUMPED.

Dods, the Lincolnshire captain, who played a steady innings for 39, was smartly stumped by Grimsdell after stepping out to hit, and Wilson skied a ball into the safe hands of Kingsley, the Hertfordshire captain.

After the dismissal of these two batsmen, the end came quickly and the innings closed at 106, Hertfordshire winning by an innings and 14 runs. Scores:—

Lincolnshire.—First Innings 138.

Second Innings.	
E. Houghton, c Roberts, b Tarbox	0
B. C. Ehrenfried, lbw, b Appleyard	0
F. G. Eaton-Evans, c Roberts, b Tarbox	0
J. C. Walter, b Tarbox	2
H. W. Dods, st Grimsdell, b Roberts	39
R. Flatters, st Grimsdell, b Roberts	30
N. V. Bennett, lbw, b Roberts	9
T. Scoley, b Roberts	0
C. Wilson, c Kingsley, b Roberts	15
A. J. White, not out	7
F. V. Green, st Grimsdell, b Longden	4
Extras	4

Total106

Hertfordshire.—First Innings 258.

CRICKET

ALBION CUP SEMI-FINALS

In the event of Lincoln Banks C.C. and N.A.L.G.O. completing their match in the third round of the Albion Cup competition to-night, the winners will meet St. Botolph's on Thursday and Friday of this week on No. 5 pitch, South Common, in the first of the semi-finals. Play will commence at 6.30 p.m.

It is hoped to play the second semi-final between Ruston's and Clayton's next Monday and Tuesday, on the same pitch.

TEAMS FOR TO-MORROW.

Lindum (v. Cranwell).—W. M. Snaw, R. T. Sheppard, S. N. Smith, F. G. Eaton-Evans, C. R. Dollery, R. O. Smith, R. H. Wingad, J. Spencer, W. Walker, A. Chandler, A. Hooton. At Cranwell. Cars leave Albion, 1.50 p.m.

The Cliffe (v. St. Botolph's).—G. Johnston, R. Sims, J. Maughan, A. Anteliff, A. Green, V. Laws, J. Taylor, E. Redfern, T. Ablitt, E. Redfern, L. Sams, res. H. Hawley, B. Veal. Pitch No. 6 South Common, 6.50

Bracebridge (v. St. Peter's Institute).—A. Hughes, W. Brown, R. Sewell, A. Rowley, H. Cooke, L. Sewell, G. Phipps, E. Herrick, A. Brown, G. Thorpe, S. Brewitt. No. 6 Pitch, South Common; wickets niched 6.30 p.m.

Co-op Wednesday (v. Hornestle).—S. W. Messenger, H. Foster, A. Carter, S. Betts, R. Walker, C. Baldock, C. Meanwell, L. Thompson, J. Hartley, J. Keane, A. Barrett. Bus leaves St. Mark's 1.30.

COUNTY CRICKET AT SKEGNESS.

Herts. in Good Position on First Day.

Heavy rain overnight contributed to a very soft wicket at Skegness, where Lincolnshire opened their Minor Counties match with Hertfordshire yesterday (Tuesday). H. W. Dods, who captained the home county side, won the toss, and W. E. Houghton, the International footballer, and F. Ridley formed the initial partnership. There was a drizzle of rain during the opening stages, but not sufficient to stop play. The first wicket fell at 24, Ridley being clean bowled by Tarbox, and the score was exactly doubled when Houghton left to a smart catch low down by Roberts, the bowler. R. E. Frearson, the well-known Skegness batsman, was very unlucky in stepping back to a ball which "cocked up" and glanced off his bat into the hands of Longton at slip. Walter, who was badly missed by Crossman in the country at 26, went on to make 55, which contribution was exactly equalled later by Dods, this pair thus scoring practically half the total obtained by the side.

T. Scoley had a merry knock, his 28 runs accruing from seven boundary strokes, and Lincolnshire then struck a bad patch, losing three batsmen in as many balls. The innings closed for 223, which was accounted an excellent performance on a wicket which was all in favour of the bowlers.

When Hertfordshire's first pair were at the wicket a terrific downpour of rain and hail came on with startling suddenness, driving players and onlookers hurriedly to shelter. Play was held up for an hour and on resuming the batsmen treated the bowling with due respect, runs coming slowly for a time. The Lines, bowling lacked sting, however, and was treated with scant courtesy later, the fielders being kept busy.

Tuesday's play:—

LINCOLNSHIRE (1st innings).

W. E. Houghton, c and b Roberts	19
F. Ridley, b Tarbox	13
R. E. Frearson, c Longton, b Roberts	9
J. C. Walter, c Grimsdell, b Appleyard	55
R. Flatters, lbw, b Tarbox	7
H. W. Dods, c and b Appleyard	55
T. E. Drakes, lbw, b Roberts	20
T. Scoley, c Bland, b Appleyard	28
L. W. Gwyn, c Ford, b Appleyard	0
W. A. Sutton, c Roberts, b Tarbox	0
F. V. Green, not out	6
Extras	11

223

Bowling: Tarbox 3 for 69, Appleyard 4 for 38, Roberts 3 for 73, Fordham 0 for 14, Brown 0 for 18.

HERTFORDSHIRE (1st innings).

G. M. Crossman, c Drakes, b Sutton	22
F. P. Longton, c Drakes, b Green	46
C. B. Fordham, not out	45
S. Brown, not out	0
Extras	21

For 2 wkts. ... 134

Play was due to be resumed this (Wednesday) morning at 11.30.

COUNTY CRICKET AT SKEGNESS.

Herts. Snatch Eleventh Hour Victory.

Heavy rain overnight contributed to a very soft wicket at Skegness, where Lincolnshire opened their Minor Counties match with Hertfordshire on Tuesday.

Lincolnshire commenced their second knock 40 runs in arrear of their opponents, but made such a disastrous start as to raise fears that they would not even overtake the deficit. Six wickets fell for 22 runs only.

Herts. required 52 runs to claim the match, and led off by scoring twelve of these off Sutton's first over. Four maiden overs followed, and the initial wicket fell at 20, scored by Fordham in five strokes. With 20 runs still required, play was stopped by a terrific thunderstorm which continued for some time. Ultimately play was resumed on a sodden pitch, the players having the utmost difficulty in keeping their feet. The conditions quickly produced some fun which merged into excitement as wickets went down rapidly. With five minutes to go, four runs were still required, and when the last over was commenced Herts. were still a couple of runs short of victory. Tarbox, however, scored the winning hit off the fifth ball in the over, and Herts. thus won "on the post" by three wickets.

The circumstance was extremely amusing as well as exciting, as in order to catch their train Herts. "tail" batsmen had discarded their flannels, and the last three batsmen appeared at the wicket in their ordinary attire!

LINCOLNSHIRE (1st innings).

W. E. Houghton, c and b Roberts	19
F. Ridley, b Tarbox	13
R. E. Frearson, c Longton, b Roberts	9
J. C. Walter, c Grimsdell, b Appleyard	55
R. Flatters, lbw, b Tarbox	7
H. W. Dods, c and b Appleyard	55
T. E. Drakes, lbw, b Roberts	20
T. Scoley, c Bland, b Appleyard	28
L. W. Gwyn, c Ford, b Appleyard	0
W. A. Sutton, c Roberts, b Tarbox	0
F. V. Green, not out	6
Extras	11
Total	223

Bowling: Tarbox 3 for 69, Appleyard 4 for 38, Roberts 3 for 73, Fordham 0 for 14, Brown 0 for 18.

HERTFORDSHIRE (1st innings).

C. B. Fordham, c Drakes, b Ridley	60
F. P. Longton, c Drakes, b Green	46
G. M. Crossman, c Drakes, b Sutton	22
S. Brown, b Drakes	53
J. G. Bland, b Green	7
D. G. Oswald, c Green, b Drakes	11
A. Grimsdell, c Walker, b Sutton	4
C. W. Ford, c Drakes, b Sutton	3
F. Appleyard, c Gwyn, b Ridley	19
B. Roberts, c Frearson, b Drakes	0
C. V. Tarbox, not out	6
Extras	32
Total	263

Bowling: Drakes, 3 for 41; Sutton, 3 for 70; Green, 2 for 47; Ridley, 2 for 46.

LINCOLNSHIRE (2nd innings).

R. E. Frearson, b Tarbox	4
W. E. Houghton, c Brown, b Roberts	1
F. V. Green, c Appleyard, b Roberts	0
F. Ridley, c Bland, b Roberts	9
J. C. Walter, b Tarbox	6
H. W. Dods, c Longton, b Roberts	23
R. Flatters, c Fordham, b Tarbox	0
T. E. Drakes, lbw, b Appleyard	11
T. Scoley, b Appleyard	7
L. W. Gwyn, b Appleyard	21
W. A. Sutton, not out	0
Extras	9
Total	91

Bowling: Tarbox, 3 for 32; Roberts, 4 for 37; Appleyard, 3 for 13.

HERTFORDSHIRE (2nd innings).

C. B. Fordham, b Green	20
F. P. Longton, c Drakes, b Green	13
A. M. Crossman, b Ridley	10
S. Brown, b Ridley	4
D. G. Oswald, c Ridley, b Green	0
C. W. Ford, st Gwyn, b Ridley	0
J. G. Bland, c Drakes, b Green	1
A. Grimsdell, not out	3
C. V. Tarbox, not out	1
Extras	0
Total (for 7 wks.)	52

Bowling: Sutton, 0 for 21; Green, 4 for 17; Ridley, 15 for 14.

CRICKET NOTES

By "FELIX."



HIKING.

ONE occasionally realises in travelling that a station and village are not necessarily allied; they may be (and often are) as far separated as they are distinct in kind.

Thus a traveller is not at Swineshead when he steps from the train on to Swineshead platform.

While the Boston team was lamenting the "fate" of a missing member M. S. Dring strolled into the pavilion very hot and inclined to argue the point in respect to the new fashion—hiking.

He had hiked from Swineshead station, a distance of three miles, and he is convinced that a bus which passes the ground is certainly preferable to a train that imposes a "hike" on a passenger after discharging him.

A POLICE VISIT.

THE Police had been to Swineshead on Thursday evening, though not in an official capacity, for long association with the villagers has convinced me of their innocence and guilelessness.

The force are always welcome visitors: so last Thursday they were received with demonstrations of great friendship though their hosts kept in reserve, and hidden from view, a "stick" with which to administer a "Lucking."

It was a game of small scores for such muscular and mighty men.

Swineshead 33, Police 24, totals eloquent in their brevity, and expressive, doubtless, of much laudable effort but revealing no "stars."

A COME BACK.

IF the result of the game were regarded as an index to the issue between Swineshead and the Boston C.C. then something went "agley" like the best laid plans of a poet's innocent rodents.

All the honours went to Boston; and chief among the honours' men was Cyril Bland who was drafted into the side to make up the eleven.

He made the eleven. Several seasons ago when he played for Swineshead under the captaincy of G. F. Bowser I rode with him in the "dicky" of the captain's car down to the ground.

He toyed with a ball; and suddenly gripping it with his fingers and turning his wrist he said to me, "That's how it's done," mysterious words which set me wondering and made me anxious in respect to the beginning of the demonstration.

No boy ever watched a conjuror more closely than I followed Cyril with my eyes that afternoon.

There was no trick; there was nothing doing.

On this occasion he promised nothing, but he accomplished much: he revealed himself a magician in the manipulation of the ball.

BROKE A FOOT.

HE was repeatedly making it break a foot; and his pitch and direction were invariably good.

The ball was occasionally pitched short, or overpitched; then he suffered.

But he hit the stumps five times, five beautiful balls well worth their wickets.

He was the outstanding performer in the match despite the fact Jack, his son, got the same number of wickets at a less cost, father 5 for 25, Jack 5 for 15.

Father and son did the bowling; and two other sons, Harold (captain), and Leigh, helped by their batting to make the B.C.C. success almost a family affair, for Leigh scored 29 retired, and Harold, 17 not out.

They were hard hit and free innings; yet both batsmen will allow that making runs when a match is won has no relation in merit to the task of gaining them whilst the issue is uncertain.

The best batting was undoubtedly shown for the Boston Club by Mitchell and Carter, the left-hander stylish and vigorous, his colleague correct and stubborn, a safe "bat" somewhat limited in his shots.

ONE HUNDRED YARDS!

CHARLIE Craven has a "ponshong" for punching; and his first shot propelled with a sky-high drive the ball into the pit a distance measured by "Felix" (just short of the few steps which belonged to the water) of 100 yards.

It was a glorious hit! and my hands had never more pleased upstretch than in signalling that six.

I like to see smart catching; and there were three which had the epic touch about them; they deserved to be immortalised in song and story.

Ray Love held grimly to a terrifying return; Alf. Booth moved lightly on his feet to a ball wide of his left hand which he secured with a superb grip; and Charlie Craven shot up a hand in the slips to parry a fleeting errant ball that ultimately tamely consented to be captured.

BRILLIANT AND BAD.

THESE examples of brilliance were unfortunately shaded by let-offs of a fairly simple character, for direct chances were missed; and reasonable anticipation by the field should have made possible more chances from poor shots.

The Boston Club were definitely superior in all departments; and their fielding was particularly clean and keen.

And the neatness and smartness of Mitchell, the stumper, was an especially pleasing feature.

I do not know if Swineshead got the wicket at its worst but their batting was a laboured and uncertain thing.

Donny King alone seemed sure; and he played a great game for his side under circumstances in which the tide set against Swineshead straight from the start.

AN EXCELLENT INNINGS.

NOTHING upset his balance; and he persevered with a full-faced upright bat for a long time; and he was always picking up runs by skilful shots especially on the leg side.

I think he is rather daring with his legs, however, for every ball on the pads is a possible (or probable?) l.b.w. decision in local cricket.

His 22 was probably the most scientific construction in batting in the whole match.

But apart from a stubborn supporter in "captain" Booth, and an obstinate last wicket stand by Summers and Brown, there was no serious opposition by the other batsmen.

In no department did Swineshead do themselves justice, though it should be remembered in their favour they were without Dr. King, the Rev. Gurnhill, Jack King and L. A. Fuller.

Swineshead were not at their best, particularly in a department in which they generally shine—fielding.

THE COUNTY GAME.

I WENT to Skegness to see the county match between Lincolnshire and Hertfordshire; and, besides cricket, a thunder-storm and a few showers were included in the washing.

The personnel of the southern side is much the same, embracing such familiar names as A. M. Crossman (captain), C. B. Fordham, A. Grimsdell (more famous as a "Spur" footballer) and Tarbox (late Worcester), Roberts and Brown, their three professionals.

One perforce associates with Herts, the memory of that brilliant cricketer, Titchmarsh, whose untimely demise robbed the game of a giant.

And there were missing from the side P. G. T. Kingsley, the old Oxonian and M.C.C. player, and Fred Burton, who has fallen out of the team, yet continues his attachment to the sport in the capacity of coach.

"Well, George, I am pleased to see you," quoth another George, the individual addressed being G. E. Wharmby, who warmly gripped the hand of G. Rye, one of the umpires; and another George, one of the Watta, the second umpire, joined in the handshaking.

And "Felix" constituted a unit of that group as a mutual friend.

The umpires and scorer seemed as acquaintances of yesterday, though three seasons have intervened since warm friendships were formed.

REMINISCENCES.

I TALKED about Bedford cricket with G. E. Wharmby, discussed Cambridge and Surrey giants with G. Watts, and went through the whole gamut of Norfolk

cricketers with G. Rye, all big men in their generation in county cricket.

George Rye will have as colleague in the Lincolnshire and Cambridge match at Boston, G. A. Fuller, Chichester.

There is a veiled blessing in a thunder-storm: it allows an important and inquisitive pressman the occasion to have a chat with stage-managers and actors.

Somebody, however, impatiently raps the counter and shouts, "Shop!"

"Coming!" And without further delay I will get behind the counter and purvey the goods.

Lines, batted first; and one wicket, F. Ridley, Gainsborough, had been lost when I arrived; he was "shaping well" when a ball "touched" a stump.

J. C. Walters and Eric Houghton were together and appeared to be quite comfortable with the bowling, a mixture of many blends.

THE HERTS. BOWLING.

THERE was Roberts, slow left arm, whose deliveries did not always come up as far as they promised on leaving his hand; and they curled and did not always come straight.

Brown had a special brand of leg breaks with a different slight accompanying each one.

Tarbox served up fast medium-paced deliveries; and Appleyard, an amateur, had good pace and excellent direction to recommend his bowling.

The batsmen were certainly severely tried; but the test revealed no lack of confidence in facing the ordeal.

And it was quite a mild shock when Eric Houghton cocked a ball which Roberts took near the ground after it had slipped from his hand.

The batsman hesitated; and it was only after several seconds' delay he received the official confirmation of his dismissal: he had batted with much skill.

48-2-19.

Frearson and J. C. Walters were progressing capably when a ball from the left-hander popped awkwardly and touched the former's glove in its transit to slip's hands.

70-3-9.

A CYCLONIC SHOUT.

CAPT. DODDS and J. C. Walters were associated in a most profitable partnership; the score was advanced to 122 before a cyclonic "How's that!" swept Walters from the crease.

He had been snapped at the wicket after accumulating 55 by all varieties of shots.

Streaky in parts? Yes; but there is some luck in every big packet of 'sweets.'

122-4-55.

R. Flatters, Gainsborough, helped his captain to add fifteen when he was adjudged l.b.w. to a ball which he appeared to have played towards mid-off.

137-5-7.

And then, lunch!

J. E. Drakes "cracked 'em" merrily in an all too brief interlude before he stopped a straight ball with his pads.

A brace of fours, three twos and singles constituted a score of the best.

167-6-20.

The Lines, batting was bright; and Tom Scholey tried to make it brighter.

He "cracked 'em" even harder than Drakes.

There were six boundaries, five gems and a false shot, in a splendid exhibition of "stroke play" and spectator's cricket.

201-7-28.

WENT THE WRONG WAY.

L. W. GWYNN attempted to annihilate space with the next ball; but it curled backwards to third man, who made a clean catch as it descended from its misadventure.

And W. A. Sutton aggravated a depressing situation by tamely putting up a ball to square-leg.

201 for wickets 7, 8, and 9.

F. V. Green stayed with his captain, who finally lost his wicket in an attempt to force the ball away for a run with the idea of nursing the bowling.

As G. E. Wharmby remarked to me, it was a "captain's innings," patient, strong and sure in its construction.

He has played bigger innings, but probably never one better in the circumstances.

His play on the leg side was very forceful and clean.

Total: 225.

Herts, potted about for a time; then came a thunderstorm and the ground rested for an hour.

More pottering watered by sombre clouds; spectators gradually dispersed and I with them.

A last look at the board: the grand potterers had scored 60 for no wickets.

The cricket was a worse affliction than the rain.

THE OLD BOYS "BAT."

THE Old Boys and the School match proved, as was expected, a one-sided affair.

In olden times it was a sporting event, for the Old Boys were a nondescript collection gathered from all quarters, an odds and ends assortment which gave the School a chance.

But there is now a regular combination of Old Boys, a strong side far too formidable for an ordinary School side.

So the School suffered by 38 against 215; and one wonders why the "wind was not tempered to the shorn lamb."

And this was the last but one game on their programme which closes with a match with the Staff when the boys will have opportunities for good-natured reprisals.

The school team do not desire mercy; but it would have been an act of charity on the Old Boys' part to have declared at 140 or 150.

Then the boys might have redeemed the failure of their first innings.

RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY!

AT the time of writing the sun is shining upon the immaculately prepared county wicket, and expectation is in the air.

Mr. T. Kirk and a few hundred more fervent enthusiasts with whom cricket is something more than a passing fancy, are tapping their barometers very anxiously.

Of this I am certain: provided that the rain keeps respectfully aloof and that the players do not cultivate a passion for playing about four innings in one day we shall have a two days' feast of cricket.

Eric Houghton will be there, looking the picture of health as usual, and I hope, winning many runs and using his fleet feet to save many runs.

The wicket bids fair to play well after the tempering rain of the last few days.

I hope that all-presiding genius, the weather, is not unkind; Mr. Kirk and his helpers were never more deserving of some measure of success for their pains.

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE.

ONCE upon a time, and not so very long ago, there was an institution in the Central Park which a well-known local cricketer delighted to call "the cocoanut shies."

I refer to the fiery wicket and the uneven outfield which have done the chemist many a good turn.

But times have changed, I observed when I spent a profitable few minutes strolling in the Park the other day.

Where the "hills and valleys" used to reign in supreme state, I saw promise of a potentially good wicket.

The ambulance men will have a sinecure.

The outfield is smart in its closely cropped and level surface of green, and fielding will be an unalloyed pleasure instead of a subtle means of committing suicide.

But I think Mr. Kirk is wise in deciding that another venue must be found for the forthcoming match between the "local" side and Leeds Allerton.

Until the fierceness which essentially must be in the wicket for some time is removed local sportsmen could not possibly dream of inviting such a "class" team as Leeds Allerton to play there.

In passing: the "local" side is to contain at least five well-known cricketers from the surrounding districts.

Another wise move.

SKEGNESS v. CLEETHORPES.

Played on Saturday. Scores:—

SKEGNESS AND DISTRICT.

R. E. Pearson, b Scott	30
G. H. Black, b Cormack	2
J. C. Maden, b Simple	7
J. E. Searby, not out	71
H. R. Searby, b Shepherd	21
A. E. Cheales, b Shepherd	12
P. Allan, c Scabrook, b Cormack	12
Extras	12

(for 6 dec) 167

C. T. Jessap, D. F. Camp, E. Keyworth and A. G. Nixon did not bat.

Bowling: Cormack 2 for 34, Shepherd 2 for 35, Scott 1 for 30, Simple 1 for 40, Scabrook 0 for 36.

CLEETHORPES.

A. Adwick, st Keyworth, b Cheales	50
A. Maslin, b Nixon	12
J. Simple, b Frearson	4
S. F. Scott, b Nixon	8
J. Brackenbury, b Black	14
E. Richardson, b Nixon	13
W. Scabrook, not out	11
J. Cooper, c Keyworth, b Nixon	0
J. Cormack, c Frearson, b Cheales	1
P. Shepherd, b Nixon	0
W. Wilson, not out	0
Extras	2

(for 9) 115

Bowling: Nixon 5 for 24, Cheales 2 for 13, Black 1 for 16, Frearson 1 for 36, Allan 0 for 24.

SKEGNESS v. STANTON COLLIERY.

Rain stopped play at an interesting stage in the match between Skegness and District and Stanton Colliery, on Monday.

Details:—

SKEGNESS AND DISTRICT.

G. H. Black, lbw, b Spencer	13
A. Shackleton, o Dunn, sear., b Jones	35
Rev. V. S. Bell, c Dunn, junr., b Fowler	10
H. Pearce, b Fowler	6
P. Allan, c Glasby, b Dunn, sear.,	13
H. Binna, st Glasby, b Fowler	0
C. T. Jessap, c Davies, b Fowler	0
G. Profit, b Fowler	0
R. B. Rednall, c Ellis, b Dunn, sear.	17
L. J. Nelson, not out	7
D. Dutton, c Ellis, b Dunn, sear.	0
Extras	2

108

STANTON COLLIERY.

A. E. Spencer, b Belson	13
R. Davies, b Belson	12
G. Glasby, run out	8
A. Wagsstaffe, b Belson	2
S. J. Fowler, not out	7
Extra	1

For 4 wkts. 43

J. Dunn, junr., J. A. Burlinson, J. G. Ellis, C. Jones, H. Hopkinson and J. Dunn, sear., did not bat.

DRAWN GAME AT SPILSBY.

The match between Spilbsy and District and Alford on the Boston Road pitch at Spilbsy on Saturday ended in a draw, Spilbsy secured 98 runs all out, while Alford had 73 to their credit for the loss of 7 wickets when the agreed time for drawing stumps arrived. Details:—

SPILSBY AND DISTRICT.

N. S. Robinson, run out	3
D. C. Rosser, b Goldthorpe	5
C. A. Garrett, b Goldthorpe	16
W. A. Odling, b Goldthorpe	0
S. T. L. Coupland, not out	46
K. E. Gordon, lb.w., b Elliott	2
A. W. Gadsdon, st Belton, b Drakes	0
J. P. Richardson, b Drakes	6
C. G. Henshaw, b Goldthorpe	12
H. Borrill, b Goldthorpe	2
E. R. Jarrett, and b Drakes	0
Extras	6

98

Bowling: Goldthorpe, 5 wickets for 41; Drakes, 3 for 25.

ALFORD.

W. H. Mackinder, b Garrett	14
E. J. Millson, lb.w., b Henshaw	1
H. J. Farrow, b Henshaw	0
J. P. Belton, c and b Henshaw	4
J. Drakes, c Odling, b Henshaw	25
W. J. Oldroyd, c Robinson, b Henshaw	1
J. P. Brown, b Henshaw	4
G. T. Allis, not out	14
R. W. Riggall, not out	2
Extras	8

(for 7 wkts.) 73

J. R. Elliott and G. Goldthorpe did not bat.

Bowling: Henshaw, 6 wickets for 23.

WOODHALL SPA v. TECHNICAL OLD BOYS

Played at Woodhall Spa on Saturday.

TECHNICAL OLD BOYS.

C. E. Harris, c Gwyn b. Fixter	0
F. Moore, b Skermer	23
L. Millman, run out	19
W. Hollis, b F. C. Walter	10
E. Rose, b Prescott b. J. W. Walter	6
P. Parr, b Fixter	7
K. Daughton, b. Armour	10
L. Waterhouse, c Bellwood b. Armour	13
R. Reavill, b. Armour	0
J. Cargill, b. Armour	0
J. Hadden, not out	0
Extras	5

Total 93

WOODHALL SPA.

J. W. Walter, c Moore b. Parr	76
C. R. Acworth, c Rose b. Waterhouse	0
J. C. Walter, c Harris b. Millman	10
Dr. G. Armour, b. Waterhouse	37
A. Fixter, c Cargill b. Millman	0
E. Patchett, lb.w., b. Hollis	3
Dr. L. Boys, c. Harris b. Millman	1
C. J. Prescott, run out	3
C. F. Skermer, c. Harris b. Millman	12
D. Bellwood, not out	0
Extras	9

Total 152

TIMBERLAND v. DIGBY R.A.F.

The result was disappointing, as Digby did not complete their innings because they wanted to draw stumps at 6 p.m.

Timberland: T. Goy, c. Brook b. Pett 0; M. Spencer, c. Matthews b. Pett 19; E. Whaley, c. B. Matthews b. Brooks 5; W. Barrard (capt.), run out 1; R. Ingamells, c. Bullock b. Clark 32; W. J. Stokes, lb.w., b. Clark 4; G. Spencer, not out 10; H. Maple, c. Pett b. Clark 5; I. Black, st. Clark 2; C. W. Kettleborough and J. W. Douse did not bat; extras, 10.—Total, 88 for 8 declared. Bowling: Clark 3 for 20, Pett 2 for 23, Brook 1 for 11.

Digby: Brooks, b. M. Spencer 1; Making, b. A. Spencer 0; Bullock, c. and b. A. Spencer 0; Walker, b. M. Spencer 10; Wilson, not out 10; Humphreys, c. W. Barrard b. M. Spencer 1; Matthews, b. M. Spencer 1; Brokings, c. Ingamells b. A. Spencer 3; extras, 2.—Total for 7 wickets, 33. Bowling: M. Spencer 4 for 12, A. Spencer 3 for 18.

KIRTON v. IMPS.

At Kirton on Saturday. The "Imps." were three short.

Kirton: W. Langley, c. Phillips b. Barker 2; F. Jessop, run out 0; A. Woods, c. Taylor b. Parker 0; F. Cox, b. Parker 15; N. Cooper, b. Parker 2; J. Carpenter, b. Parker 0; G. Cooper, b. Phillips 0; L. Wallace, c. Taylor b. Parker 4; T. Bishop, b. Parker 3; A. Flatters, b. Thomas 4; A. Flower, not out 3; extras, 12.—Total, 35.

Imps.: French, c. Carpenter b. Cooper 3; W. Smith, not out 14; Spight, b. Langley 3; T. Parker, c. c. Flower b. Cooper 1; Taylor, b. Langley 2; Phillips, b. Langley 1; Price, b. Langley 0; Thomas, b. Jessop 3; extras, 3.—Total, 30 for 7.

WELL v. MAREHAM.

At Well on Saturday. Scores:—

Mareham: Tomlinson, b. Eagling 25; H. Sewell, c. Towler b. Eagling 3; Veal, b. Eagling 0; Buttery, c. Porter b. Leverton 5; H. Sewell, c. Mulford b. Eagling 0; Basley, c. Priestley, b. Eagling 1; Bon-tott, run out 0; Etheld, c. Clayton b. Eagling 1; Holmes, b. Leverton, c. Scarborough, st. Wholey b. Leverton 0; Horton, not out 0; extra, 1.—Total, 38.

Well: J. Mulford, b. Tomlinson 12; E. Priestley, run out 6; S. Porter, c. H. Sewell b. Tomlinson 2; C. Middleton, b. H. Sewell 11; G. Clayton, c. Tomlinson b. H. Sewell 12; N. Lingard, c. Horton b. Tomlinson 0; F. Eagling, c. Scarborough b. H. Sewell 0; J. Wholey, not out 13; A. Leverton, c. Etheld b. H. Sewell 1; H. Holyoak, b. H. Sewell 0; N. Towler, c. Tomlinson b. H. Sewell 5; extras, 8.—Total, 70.

BILLINGBOROUGH v. RIPPINGALE.

Journeyming to Ripplingale on Saturday, Billingborough secured the honours in a low-scoring match by 2 runs. Both W. Carpenter and H. F. English were in form with the ball, and each took 5 wickets for 13 runs. Details:—

Billingborough: R. Goddard, b. Emerson 6; E. Collett, b. Emerson 1; R. Tiley, b. Emerson 0; W. Hill, c. and b. Rickard 5; H. F. English, c. Green b. Rickard 1; F. Harrison, b. Emerson 3; W. Carpenter, b. Rickard 0; N. Hodgkinson, c. Jessop b. Emerson 2; R. Barnes, b. Emerson 0; K. Durham, not out 9; E. Barnes, b. Carpenter 1; extras, 2.—Total, 30.

Ripplingale: H. Jessop, b. Carpenter 2; T. Whitney, lb.w., b. English 2; T. Sharpe, c. Barnes, R., b. English 6; F. Emerson, c. and b. English 4; R. Nicholls, c. Hill b. Carpenter 1; E. Franks, b. English 0; J. Nicholls, b. English 0; T. Green, not out 5; J. Rickard b. Carpenter 7; G. Beaver, st. Barnes b. Carpenter 0; W. Exton, c. Durham b. Carpenter 1; extras, 2.—Total, 28.

SEACROFT SCHOOL v. LOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL (under 14).

Played at Seacroft on Wednesday.

Seacroft: Saul, b. Forman 0; Whelan, b. Forman 12; Brown, b. Forman 4; Jackson, b. Forman 8; Bagdaley (capt.), run out 4; Wright, c. Malby b. Forman 0; King, c. Masters b. Forman 0; Hancock, c. and b. Forman 4; Clark, b. White 5; Dixon, c. and b. Forman 3; Wild, not out 0; extras, 8.—Total, 93. Bowling: Forman 8 for 41, White 1 for 22.

Louth: Forman, b. Brown 4; Cotswold, b. King 5; White, c. Bagdaley, b. King 1; Platt (capt.), b. King 22; Malby, b. Wright 13; Haywood, b. King 0; Wymann, retired hurt 1; Dawson, b. Brown 2; Parrish, b. King 5; Masters, b. Brown 0; Foster, not out 0; extras, 5.—Total, 58. Bowlers: King b. 10, Brown b. 10, White b. 10, &c.

BEAULAHS v. JOHNSONS.

Played on the South End Park, Boston, on Tuesday

JOHNSONS.

Dring, run out	2
Mitchell, c. Beaulah b. Webb	15
Jackson, b. Harvey	25
Bland, not out	2
Leyton, b. Webb	0
Honeewood, lb.w., b. Webb	4
Extras	4

Total for 5 wickets 49
Trigg, Brown, King, Mackinder, and Wells did not bat.
Bowling: Webb 3 for 14.

BEAULAHS.

J. Searby, c. sub. b. Dring	0
V. Mouncey, b. Bland	0
G. N. Beaulah, c. and b. Dring	17
A. Webb, b. Dring	0
J. Leafe, b. Dring	0
M. Parker, b. Dring	0
T. Packer, b. Bland	6
C. Butler, b. Bland	0
B. Harvey, b. Bland	0
L. Hubbard, b. Dring	0
R. Manning, not out	2
Extras	4

Total 29
Dring 6 for 16, Bland 4 for 9.

CONSTITUTIONAL CLUB v. OLD SPALDONIANS.

Spalding Constitutional Club were beaten on Saturday by the Old Spaldonians.

F. V. Green bowled excellently for the Old Spaldonians and also batted well, but the best innings came from "Mac" Holmes, who played a forceful knock.

CONSTITUTIONAL.

E. Butler, c. and b. Green	6
Colbeck, b. Walker	0
D. Jennings, b. Green	1
R. C. Jowett, b. Walker	0
K. S. Fletcher, c. and b. Walker	5
H. H. Judge, c. Brice b. Walker	2
F. Tero, c. and b. Green	2
S. Hubbard, c. Burchall b. Green	9
P. Higginbotham, b. Green	1
R. Shottliffe, not out	2
J. C. McDonald, b. Green	0
Extras	2

Total 30

OLD SPALDONIANS.

S. Brice, c. Judge b. Hubbard	1
J. Franks, lb.w., b. Hubbard	10
M. M. Holmes, b. Tero	44
H. Burchall, c. Higginbotham b. Hubbard	8
F. V. Green, b. Jowett	27
N. Woolley, run out	3
S. G. James, b. Jowett	11
J. R. Green, c. Colbeck b. Jowett	0
J. R. Green, c. Higginbotham b. Tero	7
W. Elderkin, b. Tero	0
L. W. Judge, not out	0
Extras	3

Total 114

BURGH COLLEGE v. BEAULAHS.

Played on the Burgh College ground on Saturday.

Burgh: G. Swallow, b. Harvey 3; R. Foster, run out 1; C. R. Ball, b. Butler 2; A. J. Garbutt, b. Butler 1; C. M. Coupe, b. Harvey 21; R. French, b. Harvey 19; G. E. Miller, c. Leafe 2; J. W. Strick, b. Harvey 2; S. W. Lewis, c. Butler, b. Harvey 0; G. L. Tindall, not out 5; G. W. Hillary, b. Harvey 6; extras, 3.—Total, 65.

Bowling: Harvey 6 for 30, Butler 2 for 28, Leafe 1 for 4.

Beaulahs: G. N. Beaulah, c. French b. Miller 7; J. W. Searby, b. Coupe 6; J. Leafe, b. Coupe 2; G. W. Butler, run out 3; E. A. Harvey, run out 0; F. Simpson, b. Coupe 1; L. Hubbard, c. Hillary b. Coupe 1; R. L. Hayman, b. Coupe 0; G. C. Molsom, b. Miller 0; F. Ward, b. Coupe 0; J. Hanson, not out 1; extras, 3.—Total, 34.

Bowling: Coupe 6 for 21, Miller 2 for 10.

MOULTON G.S. v. SPALDING G.S.

Spalding and Moulton G.S. met at Moulton on Tuesday and at Spalding on Saturday. Spalding won both games easily. The matches between these schools have often produced some exciting finishes, but this year Spalding were definitely the sounder team.

Thursday's score was:—

Spalding G.S.: J. Wilson, c. Stables b. Baguley 16; J. A. Muse, b. Fines 19; D. S. Lee, run out 10; F. Naylor, c. Fines b. Chouler 18; J. E. Dalley, c. Fines b. Baguley 0; M. A. Macdonald, lb.w., b. Baguley 4; D. V. Farrow, c. Fines b. Chouler 17; N. Simpson, b. Chouler 17; R. H. Herring, not out 18; J. Wilson, not out 4; extras, 10.—Total, 133.

Moulton G.S.: R. W. Bailey, run out 0; G. E. Baguley, b. Macdonald 3; W. H. Chouler, c. Wilson T. Fines, run out 0; L. R. Colborn, c. Wilson T. Fines, run out 0; S. G. Stables, c. Naylor b. Macdonald 8; J. N. Sparrow, run out 0; M. W. Bailey, Gibbs, b. Macdonald 0; F. Coulson, b. Macdonald 0; S. G.; extras, 16.—Total, 39.

Saturday's scores were:—

Spalding G.S.: J. Wilson, b. Chouler 11; J. A. Muse, b. Stables 13; D. S. Lee, b. Chouler 11; F. Naylor, b. Stables 3; J. E. Dalley, b. Chouler 16; not out 6; M. A. Macdonald, b. Chouler 15; R. Herring, N. C. Simpson, run out 4; J. W. Wilson, b. Baguley 0; R. Mackman, b. R. W. Bailey 6; extras, 7.—Total, 90.

Moulton G.S.: R. Bailey, b. J. Wilson 2; G. Chouler, b. Macdonald 8; L. Colborn, b. Herring 7; G. Fines, b. Macdonald 5; G. Baguley, b. Herring 7; W. O. S. Fines, b. Macdonald 2; W. Dring, b. Macdonald 4; J. N. Sparrow, b. Herring 0; N. Bailey, b. Farrow 8; extras, 3.—Total, 42.

HORNCASTLE v. MARKET RASEN.

The Horncastle Saturday XI. continued along the winning path on Saturday, when they entertained Market Rasen on the Oaks Meadow, and defeated them by 6 wickets. Scores:—

MARKET RASEN.

J. Jennings, c. Vickers b. Moorhouse	..	6
L. Drakes, c. Haynes b. Moorhouse	..	11
S. Baker, b. Moorhouse	..	0
T. Poulter, b. Moorhouse	..	0
W. Robinson, b. Moorhouse	..	11
E. Poulter, b. Moorhouse	..	0
Dr. Pank, b. Moorhouse	..	0
R. Wood, not out	..	12
F. Cottingham, b. Rawlins	..	0
H. Dawson, b. Rawlins	..	0
J. Kelham, b. Rawlins	..	1
Extras	..	3
Total	..	44

Bowling: Moorhouse 7 for 20, Haynes 0 for 13, Rawlins 3 for 8.

HORNCASTLE.

C. H. Rawlins, c. E. Poulter b. Pank	..	18
F. E. Kemp, l.b.w., b. Pank	..	2
J. Bower, c. T. Boulter b. Kelham	..	20
E. J. Haynes, b. T. Poulter	..	2
H. M. Moorhouse, l.b.w., b. Kelham	..	8
R. Brown, not out	..	5
F. Isherwood, not out	..	7
Extras	..	6
Total for 5 wickets	..	68

J. Vickers, H. Bottomley, J. H. Warner, and G. Spratt did not bat.
Bowling: Dr. Pank 2 for 34, T. Poulter 1 for 10, Jennings 0 for 9, Kelham 2 for 6, Baker 0 for 3.

FISHER CLARK'S v. ST. BOTOLPH'S.

Played on the South End Park on Saturday.

ST. BOTOLPH'S.

Hughes, c. Kirkby b. Noble	..	6
Mosley, run out	..	1
Allenby, c. Stanland b. Kirkby	..	7
W. E. Johnson, b. Kirkby	..	0
Newham, c. Stanland b. Kirkby	..	6
G. Virth, b. Noble	..	5
Stenda, b. Noble	..	0
Homewood, b. Kirkby	..	2
Hinson, c. Kirkham b. Kirkby	..	3
Brackenbury, b. Noble	..	0
M. Rees, not out	..	5
Extras	..	6
Total	..	41

Bowling: J. Noble 5 for 14, Kirkby 4 for 21.

FISHER CLARK'S.

S. Barton, b. Morley	..	4
Woolsey, W., b. Morley	..	0
C. Norman, c. Virth b. Johnson	..	19
G. Noble, run out	..	10
T. Kirkby, b. Hughes	..	0
S. Drakari, b. Morley	..	1
A. Stanland, b. Virth	..	6
H. Kirkham, c. and b. Virth	..	2
G. Appleby, c. Homewood b. Johnson	..	2
G. Kirkby, b. Johnson	..	1
G. Sharpe, not out	..	1
Extras	..	7
Total	..	53

Bowling: Morley 3 for 11, Newham 0 for 12, Hughes 1 for 13, Johnson 3 for 7, Virth 2 for 3.

ALFORD "A." v. SPILSBY.

On Saturday on the Station Road ground at Alford. Spilsby: G. Williams, b. H. Mountain 2; C. Wilson, c. Woodliffe b. O. Mountain 24; A. E. Watts, b. W. Hamilton 10; R. Callaby, b. G. Fletcher 18; J. H. Morley, l.b.w., b. Hamilton 1; D. Bosworth, l.b.w., b. O. Mountain 22; N. Ingham, b. O. Mountain 0; M. Ingham, b. H. Mountain 5; H. Jackson, b. H. Mountain 10; W. Epton, not out 1; J. Drakes, b. Hamilton 0; extras, 3—Total, 96.
Alford "A": W. Hamilton, c. Williams b. Callaby 21; F. Sutton, b. Bosworth 3; A. Myers, c. Drakes b. N. Ingham 35; G. Mountain, c. Drakes b. Bosworth 0; Rees, Dr. E. H. Fletcher, not out 50; B. Johnson, c. Bosworth b. N. Ingham 8; H. Coates, c. Bosworth b. Callaby 8; H. Mountain, c. Epton b. Morley 0; G. Fletcher, c. Wilson b. Callaby 0; R. Woodliffe, b. Morley 20; O. Mountain, not out 1; extras, 9—Total for 9 declared, 155.

For Alford W. Hamilton took 4 for 38, H. Mountain 2 for 23, G. Fletcher 1 for 13, O. Mountain 3 for 19, For Spilsby, R. Callaby 3 for 40, D. Bosworth 2 for 52, N. Ingham 2 for 11, and J. H. Morley 1 for 28.

WOODHALL SPA 2nd v. MARTIN.

Played at Woodhall Spa on Tuesday.

Martin: R. Fletcher, c. Walter b. Ward 71; J. Waleley, c. Bellwood b. Bigg 23; J. Elkington, c. and b. Ward 0; E. Whittaker, b. Ward 23; G. Coussans, b. Bigg 3; R. Duckering, not out 7; G. Harris, S. Burr, J. Fletcher, C. Smith, and R. Mays did not bat; extra, 1—Total for 5 declared, 128.
Woodhall Spa 2nd: R. Ward, c. Duckering b. Harris 0; J. W. Walter, c. Coussans b. Harris 15; D. Bellwood, b. Harris 0; J. Ward, b. Fletcher 16; W. Bigg, c. Mays b. Fletcher 10; R. Wheldon, b. Duckering 0; H. Ackford, b. Duckering 1; D. Bellwood, not out 5; K. Atkin, b. Duckering 0; G. Orrell, b. Duckering 2; J. Overton, b. Elkington 0; extra, 1—Total, 50.

HORNCASTLE v. CRANWELL.

Played on the Oaks Meadow, Horncastle, on Wednesday. Scores:—

Horncastle: J. Young, c. Hunt b. Dornery 11; J. Vickers, c. Hunt b. Fox 14; W. C. Worman, not out 59; J. Baggaley, c. and b. Kinchin 19; F. E. Kemp, c. Hunt b. Kinchin 6; R. Brown, not out 0; extras, 7—Total for 4 wickets declared, 116.
Cranwell: Dornery, c. Young b. Sewell 1; Johnston, b. Brown 2; Gledhill, c. and b. Brown 0; Clements, l.b.w., b. Sewell 1; Fox, c. Smith b. Brown 4; Hunt, b. Sewell 3; Fairless, not out 9; Kinchin, l.b.w., b. Worman 9; McClanlon, c. Kemp b. Baggaley 0; Teesdale, run out 0; Worthy, b. Worman 6; extras, 3—Total, 39.

LINCOLNSHIRE COLLAPSE

All Out At Cambridge For 92

LINCOLNSHIRE commenced their seventh Minor Counties match at Cambridge to-day, in the return fixture with Cambridgeshire whom they just failed to beat at Boston on Saturday.

Lincolnshire won the toss and elected to bat first on a fast wicket.

Searby and Eaton-Eavons opened and were opposed by Smith and Covill. The innings started disastrously, for in less than 20 minutes, four wickets were down for 18 runs.

Gwyn came in to partner Dickinson and at one time it looked as though these two players were well set, but the two bowlers refused to be beaten and Smith clean bowled Dickinson with his score at seven.

Rain interrupted play for five minutes then completing his over. Smith bowled Gwyn, and shortly afterwards sent back Walters before he had scored.

At 34 Wilkinson replaced Covill, and in his first over got Worman lbw.

USEFUL STAND.

Tunnard and J. N. Worman, the next pair, showed confidence and some hard hitting sent up the 50 after an hour and ten minutes, but in his second over, Rose, who had replaced Wilkinson, succeeded in breaking up the partnership by clean bowling Tunnard.

Lincolnshire were all out before lunch for 92.

After lunch Cambridgeshire sent in Coote and Saxon, who were opposed by Worman and Drakes. The home county made a much better start than their rivals but the scoring was very slow and the opening stages completely devoid of incident.

The first bowling change came after 40 minutes, when Caswell, a left-hand, medium bowler, replaced Drakes at the Pavilion end and in the last ball of his first over he got Coote caught at the wicket. The 50 was reached after 65 minutes and half an hour later the Lincolnshire score was passed with nine wickets still in hand.

Scores:—

Lincolnshire.—First Innings.	
J. E. Searby, b Covill	0
F. G. Eaton-Evans, b Covill	5
T. E. Drake, b Smith	1
H. W. Dods run out	0
E. J. Dickinson, b Smith	7
L. W. Gwyn, b Smith	8
P. R. Worman, b Wilkinson	12
J. W. Walter, b Smith	0
R. A. Tunnard, b Rose	10
J. N. Worman, not out	27
W. Caswell, b Covill	5
Extras	17
Total	92
Cambridgeshire.—First Innings.	
C. Coote, c Gwyn, b Caswell	16
K. R. J. Saxon, not out	43
Covill (R. J.), not out	42
Extras	11
Total (1 wkt.)...112	

DECLARATION AT CAMBRIDGE

Lincolnshire 159 Behind on First Innings

LIKELY TO LOSE

WHEN the Minor Counties match between Cambridgeshire and Lincolnshire was resumed at Fenners ground, at Cambridge to-day, the home county improved their already strong position.

Overnight, Cambridgeshire had passed the visitors' total with eight wickets still in hand, when rain stopped play.

Weather conditions had greatly improved, and Covill, who was not out 44, continued the innings with Rose (not out 5), against the bowling of Drakes and Worman.

After a few minutes' play Covill reached his 50, but in the meantime Rose had been run out.

Tunnard, a left-handed bowler, took over from Drakes at 140, and in the last ball of his first over had Covill out with a " Yorker."

Covill hit seven 4's and a 6. With Taylor, partnered by Ayres, runs began to come steadily until Tunnard sent down an expensive over which cost him 11 runs.

GOOD BOWLING.

J. N. Worman, who had been bowling from the orchard end with a steady length, got Ayres caught at second slip after the wicket-keeper had missed the ball.

Worman, who had bowled exceptionally well from the start, was displaced by another left-handed bowler, Caswell. Worman, up to this stage, had bowled 30 overs, 15 of which were maidens, and had only had 39 runs scored off him.

Taylor, who was batting steadily, and was partnered by Morton, began to open his shoulders and this pair soon put the 200 up after an hour and 20 minutes.

At 12.50 the innings was declared closed with Cambridgeshire 159 to the good.

Taylor had batted exceedingly well and had scored 65 not out, securing seven 4's and one 5. The fifth wicket stand added 84.

CAUTIOUS.

Searby and Eaton-Evans opened Lincolnshire's second venture to the bowling of Covill and Smith. Just before lunch the pair were still together, and 21 was on the board for no wickets.

They batted with caution after the interval, and put on 52 in three-quarters of an hour, but Searby was then dismissed by a good ball from Smith which just hit the bats.

After the dissolution of the opening partnership wickets began to fall very fast. Dods was caught at the wicket off Wilkinson, and Rose bowled Eaton-Evans in his first over after lunch, and in his second took Dickinson's wicket.

MORE WICKETS.

Gwyn went in to attempt to liven up the scoring, but was caught on the long field boundary by Saxon for 4. P. I. Worman, who went in to partner Drakes, sent up the 100 with a hit to the boundary and a period of slow scoring was followed by the fall of two wickets in quick succession, Drakes being caught at point by Covill off Rose, and Walter being beaten by his first ball from the same bowler.

Scores:—

Lincolnshire.—First Innings 92.	
Second Innings.	
J. E. Searby, b Smith	25
F. G. Eaton-Evans, b Rose	39
H. W. Dods, c Cockell, b Wilkinson	8
T. E. Drake, c Covill, b Rose	12
E. J. Dickinson, b Rose	0
L. W. Gwyn, c Saxon, b Rose	4
P. I. Worman, not out	13
J. W. Walter, b Rose	0
R. A. Tunnard, not out	10
Extras	10
Total (7 wks.)...115	
Cambridgeshire.—First Innings.	
C. Coote, c Gwyn, b Caswell	16
K. R. J. Saxon, c Gwyn, b Drakes	43
Covill (R. J.), b Tunnard	53
H. J. Rose, run out	16
H. W. P. Taylor, not out	65
R. J. Ayres, c Dods, b Worman	15
F. Morton, not out	28
Extras	15
Total (5 wks. dec.)...231	

Hilarious Finish to Skegness County Cricket Match.

FAMOUS SPORTSMEN BAT IN MUFTI.

The Hertfordshire v. Lincolnshire Minor Counties Championship Cricket Match at Skegness, on Tuesday and Wednesday last, pursued the even tenor of its way until 25 minutes from the scheduled time for conclusion. Then things happened which made history in the cricket world and brought the match into the important news pages of the great dailies, whereas accounts of the English Test Trial at Cardiff were relegated to the usual sports pages.

Of the 22 players engaged in the match only two could claim to be known to every lover of sport in Great Britain. They were Arthur Grimsdell, the old English International and Tottenham Hotspur footballer, and C. V. Tarbox, the ex-Worcestershire bowler. By a remarkable coincidence these were the two central figures in what took place, and it was no doubt because of their name that the Press Association flashed the report to newspapers all over England, Scotland and Wales.

The few spectators who were present for the closing stages were well rewarded for their keenness by witnessing the most hilarious incident of county cricket this year.

THE FATEFUL THUNDERSTORM.

Lincolnshire had cracked up so badly in their second innings that Hertfordshire needed only 52 for victory and were in the comfortable position of having one hour and a half in which to make them. But a transformation in the position of affairs was brought about when a thunderstorm broke over the ground after 32 of the runs had been made in 25 minutes for the loss of Fordham only.

About half an hour after it had passed over the captains inspected the pitch and although normally, as the wicket and outfield were still sodden, play would never have been thought of, the Lincolnshire captain, Harold W. Dods, the old Tonbridge schoolboy, sportingly took his men on the field for the last 25 minutes in order to give Herts. the opportunity of knocking off the remaining 20 runs required for victory.

TAIL-END BATSMEN WARNED.

No one seriously considered for a moment that the runs would require more than a wicket or two at the worst, but as the ground surface remained very wet and neither batsmen nor fielders had a good foothold things began to happen. The Hertfordshire team were due to leave by train ten minutes after closing time, and the batsmen were naturally keen to beat the clock and secure the maximum points. One after another of the batsmen were out, caught or stumped, as the result of their eagerness, much to the delight of the home spectators. The collapse was so pronounced that the tail end batsmen, who had changed back into every day attire and sent their cricket equipment to the station, had to be warned by their captain, A. M. Crossman, not themselves to leave the ground but to hold themselves in readiness to bat. The result was that with 90 seconds to go Grimsdell and Tarbox were at the wickets in mufti and without pads, gloves, or spikes in their boots. Their floundering movements on the sodden pitch made the spectators roar.

WON BY THREE WICKETS.

The last over began with half a minute to go and it was actually the fifth ball of that last over that saw Tarbox edge the ball past backward point for the winning stroke.

Hertfordshire thus won a memorable match by three wickets. A draw seemed assured when Lincolnshire began their second innings at 1 o'clock only 40 runs in arrears. But the effect of the sun on the damp wicket enabled Tarbox and Roberts to get considerable work on the ball and the home county had only scored 22 with six batsmen back in the Pavilion. Dods played another true captain's innings and some big hitting by Gwyn, who had not distinguished himself behind the stumps, put a better appearance on the score board, the total of 91 being ultimately realised. Scores:—

LINCOLNSHIRE (1st Innings).

R. E. Frearson, c Roberts, b Longton	9
W. E. Houghton, c and b Roberts	19
F. Ridley, b Tarbox	13
J. C. Walter, c Grimsdell, b Appleyard	55
H. W. Dods, c and b Appleyard	55
R. Flatters, lbw, b Tarbox	7
T. E. Drakes, lbw, b Roberts	20
T. Scoley, c Bland, b Appleyard	28
T. W. Gwyn, c Ford, b Appleyard	0
W. A. Sutton, c Roberts, b Tarbox	0
F. V. Green, not out	6
Extras	11
Total	223

2nd Innings.

R. E. Frearson, b Tarbox	4
W. E. Houghton, c Brown, b Roberts	1
F. Ridley, c Bland, b Roberts	9
J. C. Walter, b Tarbox	6
H. W. Dods, c Longton, b Roberts	23
R. Flatters, c Fordham, b Tarbox	0
T. E. Drakes, lbw, b Appleyard	11
T. Scoley, b Appleyard	7
L. W. Gwyn, b Appleyard	0
W. A. Sutton, not out	0
F. V. Green, c Appleyard, b Roberts	0
Extras	9
Total	91

Bowling Analysis.—1st Innings: Tarbox 3 for 69, Fordham 0 for 14, Appleyard 4 for 38, Roberts 3 for 73, Brown 0 for 18.

2nd Innings: Tarbox 3 for 32, Robert 4 for 37, Appleyard 3 for 13.

HERTFORDSHIRE (1st Innings).

C. B. Fordham, c Drakes, b Ridley	63
F. P. Longton, c Drakes, b Green	45
A. M. Crossman, c Drakes, b Sutton	22
S. Brown, b Drakes	53
J. G. Bland, b Green	7
D. G. Oswald, c Green, b Drakes	11
A. Grimsdell, c Walter, b Sutton	4
C. W. Ford, c Drakes, b Sutton	3
F. Appleyard, c Gwyn, b Ridley	19
E. Roberts, c Frearson, b Drakes	0
C. V. Tarbox, not out	6
Extras	32
Total	263

2nd Innings.

C. B. Fordham, b Green	20
F. P. Longton, c Drakes, b Green	13
A. M. Crossman, b Ridley	10
S. Brown, b Ridley	4
J. G. Bland, c Drakes, b Green	1
D. G. Oswald, c Ridley, b Green	0
A. Grimsdell, not out	3
C. W. Ford, st Gwyn, b Ridley	0
C. V. Tarbox, not out	1
Total (for 7 wkt.)	53

HARD LUCK, LINCS.!

All the Honours in Game with Cambs.

SUCCESS OF HOUGHTON AND GREEN.

Lincolnshire gained points for a first innings lead over Cambridgeshire in the Minor Counties cricket match at Boston, on Friday and Saturday.

A late start was unavoidable on Friday, owing to heavy rain, which fell overnight, and continued during the morning.

There was, however, a strong wind blowing, and play commenced before lunch. The teams were:—

Lines.—H. W. Dods, capt. (Donington), W. E. Houghton (Bippingale), F. Ridley (Gainsborough), T. E. Drakes (Stanford), J. Drakes (Louth), J. W. Walter (Woodhall Spa), L. W. Gwyn (Woodhall Spa), T. Scoley (Metheringham), M. V. Bennett (Gibtham), J. N. Worman (Donington) and F. V. Green (Spalding).

Cambs.—K. R. J. Saxon, C. Coote, R. J. Covill, H. W. Taylor, J. S. Rose, F. A. Ridgeon, F. W. Parfitt, R. J. Ayres, F. Morton, A. W. Wilkinson and W. H. Cockell.

FIRST DAY.

Lincolnshire won the toss and decided to bat first on a good but rather slow wicket. Houghton (the Aston Villa and England footballer) and Ridley opened the batting, but runs came very slowly, and Ridley was dismissed by Covill for 5 runs, when the total was only 13.

Dods, the Lines, left-handed captain, was less fortunate still as, before he had opened his scoring, a fast ball from Covill took his off peg.

The ball soared considerably at times, causing great discomfort to the batsmen, and after 30 minutes' play the score only totalled 13.

Houghton was next joined by T. E. Drakes, and by lunch time the score had risen to 60 without further loss.

After lunch the two batsmen continued their stand, adding over 50 runs before Drakes was dismissed by a glorious one-handed catch in short slips by Coote. Drakes 26 included two fours.

Rain commenced to fall again, and after considerable delay play was again resumed. Houghton soon completed a magnificent 50.

J. Drakes followed, and the game livened up a great deal. J. Drakes is a hard hitter, and this was his first county match. His score of 18 included two fours. He was caught by Saxon after hitting a ball from Morton high in the air.

Houghton was the next batsman to return to the pavilion, being clean bowled by Covill. Houghton had scored 66 out of 131. He included five fours in his score, which was obtained mainly from off drives and cuts, executed in a masterly fashion.

J. W. Walter, Gwyn and Scoley were dismissed in quick succession, scoring only seven runs between them.

Bennett's batting was crisp, and when his score stood at 8 he drove hard towards mid-on and Rose made a magnificent catch.

J. N. Worman was caught in the long field after quickly adding 11 runs to the total.

Lines, recovered very well after a poor start on a wet wicket, raising the satisfactory total of 159.

The fielding of the Cambridgeshire team was good, and Covill was the most successful bowler, gaining 6 wkts. for 35 runs.

Cambridgeshire commenced their batting even worse than Lines.

K. R. J. Saxon and C. Coote opened the batting against the bowling of Green and Worman. After scoring only 9, Saxon cut a ball from Green into slips and was caught by Worman. The very next ball Taylor hit to square leg, and was caught for nil by Houghton. Covill was caught by Dods at point from Worman's bowling, after scoring only one.

The close of play scores were: Lines, 159 all out, Cambs, 15 for 3.

SECOND DAY.

Saturday provided ideal weather for cricket, and in consequence the attendance was very much larger than on the preceding day.

Cambs. were dismissed before lunch. Coote tipped a ball into slips after adding 12 to the total of 26. Rose and Ridgeon made a fine stand, and took the total to 67 before Rose was bowled by Ridley for 16. Ridgeon made 35 before being caught at square leg by Bennett. He included 7 fours in his score.

Parfitt and Morton had very short lives, both being dismissed for one each.

Ayres and Wilkinson added a further 36 runs between them. Ayres was bowled when the total stood at 122, after scoring 23.

Green and Ridley had four wickets for 32 and 38 runs respectively. Worman obtained two wickets for 33 runs, and bowled 27 maiden overs.

Play was much brighter during the second innings, the Lines, side adding a further 77, giving them the lead of 104 runs.

Houghton was again the top scorer with 21 runs, before being caught by Coote at short slip. Gwyn's batting was lively. He scored 13 in one over—three fours—before he was caught by Ridgeon.

Scoley, Walter, Worman and Green only added five further runs to the total.

Wilkinson, with his break bowl, was the great menace to the Lines, batsmen. He gained 6 wickets for 13 runs.

Cambridgeshire needed 105 runs to win, and Saxon and Coote, opening the batting, scored 26 between them. Saxon pulled a "full toss" from Drakes on to his wicket, with his score only three. Coote was bowled by Green for 23 runs.

Covill, Rose and Ridgeon all fell victims to Worman, and Green dismissed Coote and Ayres in three balls.

Parfitt scored a very useful 12 and was then out, caught and bowled by Green. Taylor was bowled with the total only 58, but Wilkinson and Morton continued to "stonewall" until the close of play, adding 9 runs.

Green gained four wickets for only 10 runs.

Lincolnshire had gained a satisfactory lead over Cambs., and it was most unlucky that, with only two wickets to fall, the match should be drawn.

Scores:—

Lincolnshire.—First Innings.

W. E. Houghton, b Covill	66
F. Ridley, b Covill	5
H. W. Dods, b Covill	0
T. E. Drakes, c Coote, b Ridgeon	26
J. Drakes, c Saxon, b Morton	18
J. W. Walter, b Covill	6
L. W. Gwyn, b Wilkinson	0
T. Scoley, b Wilkinson	1
M. V. Bennett, c Rose, b Covill	11
J. N. Worman, c Ridgeon, b Covill	8
F. V. Green, not out	0
Extras	18

Total 159

Bowling.—Covill 6 wkts. for 35 runs, Wilkinson 2 for 25, Morton 1 for 36, Ridgeon 1 for 29, Rose 0 for 7, Ayres 0 for 9.

Second Innings.

W. E. Houghton, c Coote, b Wilkinson	21
M. V. Bennett, b Covill	11
H. W. Dods, lbw, b Wilkinson	6
T. E. Drakes, c Ridgeon, b Morton	3
J. Drakes, run out	3
F. Ridley, b Wilkinson	7
L. W. Gwyn, c Ridgeon, b Wilkinson	13
T. Scoley, b Covill	3
J. W. Walter, b Wilkinson	0
J. N. Worman, b Wilkinson	4
F. V. Green, not out	1
Extras	5

Total 77

Bowling.—Wilkinson 6 wkts. for 13 runs, Covill 2 for 25, Ridgeon 0 for 7, Rose 0 for 7, Morton 1 for 25.

Cambridgeshire.—First Innings.

K. R. J. Saxon, c Worman, b Green	9
C. Coote, c J. Drakes, b Worman	12
H. W. F. Taylor, c Houghton, b Green	0
R. J. Covill, c Dods, b Worman	1
J. S. Rose, b Ridley	16
F. A. Ridgeon, c Bennett, b Ridley	45
F. W. Parfitt, b Ridley	1

R. J. Ayres, b Ridley	23
F. Morton, c Worman, b Green	1
A. W. Wilkinson, b Green	13
W. H. Cockell, not out	4
Extras	7

Total 132

Bowling.—Worman 2 wkts. for 33 runs, Green 4 for 32, Ridley 4 for 33, T. Drakes 0 for 17.

Second Innings.

K. R. J. Saxon, b T. Drakes	3
C. Coote, b Green	23
R. J. Covill, b Worman	3
J. S. Rose, b Worman	0
F. A. Ridgeon, b Worman	5
F. W. Parfitt, c and b Green	12
R. J. Ayres, c Ridley, b Green	0
A. W. Wilkinson, not out	6
H. W. F. Taylor, b Green	7
F. Morton, not out	3
W. H. Cockell did not bat.	
Extras	1

Total (for 8 wkts.) 63

Bowling.—Green 4 wkts. for 10 runs, Worman 3 for 27, Ridley 0 for 3, T. Drakes 1 for 22.

**LINCOLNSHIRE DEFEATED
AT CAMBRIDGE.**

At Cambridge, on Monday and Tuesday, Lincolnshire were beaten by an innings and 21 runs in the Minor Counties competition. Scores:—

Lincolnshire.—First Innings.

F. E. Searby, b Covill	0
F. G. Eaton-Evans, b Covill	5
T. E. Drakes, b Smith	1
H. W. Dods, run out	0
E. R. Dickinson, b Smith	7
L. W. Gwyn, b Smith	8
P. L. Worman, bow, b Wilkin-	
son	12
J. W. Walter, b Smith	0
R. A. Tunnard, b Rose	10
J. N. Worman, not out	27
W. Caswell, b Covill	5
Extras	17
Total	92

Bowling.—Smith (C. J.) 4 for 29, Covill (R. J.) 3 for 18, Wilkinson 1 for 22, Rose 1 for 6.

Second Innings.

F. E. Searby, b Smith	25
F. G. Eaton-Evans, b Rose	39
T. E. Drakes, c Covill, b Rose	12
H. W. Dods, c Cockell, b Wilkin-	
son	8
E. R. Dickinson, b Rose	0
L. W. Gwyn, c Saxon, b Rose	4
P. L. Worman, b Smith	21
J. W. Walter, b Rose	0
R. A. Tunnard, not out	4
J. N. Worman, c Morton, b Rose	14
W. Caswell, c Morton, b Rose	1
Extras	10
Total	138

Bowling.—Smith 3 for 32, Covill 0 for 34, Rose 6 for 20, Wilkinson 1 for 42.

Cambridgeshire.

C. Coote, c Gwyn, b Caswell	16
K. R. J. Saxon, c Gwyn, b	
Drakes	43
R. J. Covill, b Tunnard	53
H. J. Rose, run out	16
H. W. F. Taylor, not out	65
R. J. Ayres, c Dods, b J. Wor-	
man	15
F. Morton, not out	28
Extras	15
Total (5 wks. dec.)	251

SPILSBY AND DISTRICT v. GRIMSBY POACHERS.

Played at Spilsby, on Saturday, when the home team, on an improved wicket, were all dismissed for 20, but in a second innings displayed better form, scoring 59 for 5 wickets. The Poachers, who had proved exceptionally smart in the field, scored 83. Goodwin made an extraordinarily fine catch. Scores:

Spilsby and District.

First Innings.

N. S. Robinson, b Pearson	7
Rev. V. S. Bell, c Roberts, b Pearson	0
C. A. Garrett, run out	0
G. E. Maskell, b Pearson	7
S. T. L. Coupland, b Coney	1
Capt. R. Barrow, c Thompson, b Pearson	1
R. Callaby, b Pearson	0
W. A. Ellis, b Pearson	0
W. A. Odling, c Spring, b Pearson	2
Capt. J. P. Richardson, not out	0
G. Williams, b Pearson	2
Extras	0
Total	20

Bowling.—W. Pearson 8 wkts. for 6 runs.

Second Innings.

C. A. Garrett, b Thompson	2
S. T. L. Coupland, b Spring	0
G. E. Maskell, c Clarke, b Thompson	11
Capt. R. Barrow, c Goodwin, b Thompson	2
Rev. V. S. Bell, not out	32
W. A. Odling, b Thompson	1
W. A. Ellis, not out	8
Extras	3
Total (for 5 wkts.)	59

The Poachers.

S. Plastow, c and b Bell	1
N. Roberts, b Bell	7
W. Pearson, b Richardson	11
K. Osmond, b Bell	17
N. Bacon, st. Robinson, b Richardson	4
H. Clarke, b Richardson	0
N. Spring, c Garrett, b Richardson	4
A. Thompson, c Maskell, b Bell	11
P. Bryant, c Garrett, b Richardson	11
R. Goodwin, c Garrett, b Richardson	4
J. Coney, not out	5
Extras	8
Total	83

Bowling.—J. P. Richardson 6 wkts. for 17 runs.

WOODHALL SPA v. SLEAFORD.

At Woodhall. Scores:—

Woodhall Spa.

A. C. Burton, b Dickinson	6
Dr. Boyes, b Dickinson	29
D. Foster, c Blackburn, b Dickinson	16
H. Brice-Smith, b Godby	5
E. S. Rudd-Clarke, b Dickinson	14
A. Fixter, c Godby, b Dickinson	6
G. Bourne, c Dickinson, b Godby	3
A. Vickers, b Godby	2
P. Musgrave, st. Temple, b Dickinson	0
C. Skermer, c and b Godby	0
R. Bellwood, not out	0
Extras	8
Total	89

Sleaford.

B. A. Stapleton, b Fixter	39
E. W. Smith, run out	1
L. Dickinson, b Foster	8
A. R. Turner, b Foster	0
R. F. J. Godby, b Foster	0
J. Cooper, c Fixter, b Foster	12
J. P. Temple, c and b Skermer	10
L. G. Woodward, b Skermer	0
A. S. Blackburn, b Foster	0
A. Hyde, not out	10
F. E. Holderness, b Foster	1
Extras	3
Total	84

ALFORD AND DISTRICT v. W. A. ELLIS'S XI.

Played at Alford on Monday. Scores:

Alford and District.

J. W. Padley, c and b Henshaw	5
H. J. Farrow, c Odling, b Henshaw	0
B. Bailey, c Henshaw, b Belwood	46
W. G. Oldroyd, lbw, b Belwood	4
J. Drakes, not out	60
J. Belton, b Greenhaugh	0
F. Reddish, b Moorhouse	9
G. F. Allis, not out	6
E. H. Millson, G. Goldthorpe, R. W. Riggall and J. Elliot did not bat.	
Extras	11
Total	141

Bowling.—Henshaw 2 wkts. for 19 runs, Belwood 2 for 29.

Ellis's XI.

T. G. Perry, b Goldthorpe	2
R. G. Strawson, c Belton, b Goldthorpe	0
T. Greenhaugh, run out	5
E. J. Haynes, b Goldthorpe	0
A. Moorhouse, b Goldthorpe	4
T. G. Henshaw, b Goldthorpe	17
W. A. Ellis, run out	9
W. A. Odling, b Goldthorpe	7
Wm. Henshaw, c Riggall, b Drakes	0
C. Henshaw, st. Belton, b Bailey	17
T. Druce, c Oldroyd, b Reddish	8
M. Belwood, not out	0
Extras	6
Total	75

Bowling.—Goldthorpe 6 wkts. for 11 runs.

BRACEBRIDGE M.H. v. SWINESHEAD.

At Lincoln. Scores:—

Swineshead.

E. Cox, lbw, b Thorpe	0
R. M. King, lbw, b E. Briggs	5
G. Foster, c and b E. Briggs	9
J. D. King, c and b E. Briggs	9
L. Fuller, b Winters	41
A. Booth, retired	25
R. Bevis, b Ormsby	0
H. Barker, retired	27
R. Love, retired	29
D. Collins, not out	5
W. Gilding, not out	0
Extras	23
Total (9 wkts. dec.)	173

Bracebridge M.H.

A. Wilson, b Booth	0
T. E. Moffett, b Love	3
A. Winters, c Fuller, b Booth	2
Ellis Briggs, st. Bevis, b Booth	6
A. H. Taylor, c and b King	3
C. Thorpe, c Gilding, b E. Cox	16
E. W. Briggs, b King	18
N. Ormsby, b Fuller	0
G. E. Potterton, c and b King	1
G. Freeman, st. Bevis, b Fuller	2
G. Leachman, not out	2
Extras	53

SKEGNESS v. FIRBECK MAIN COLLIERY.

At Skegness. Scores:

Skegness.

J. C. Maden, c Hutchinson, b Wheatley	12
G. H. Black, lbw, b Hutchinson	17
R. E. Frearson, b Williamson	15
J. E. Searby, lbw, b Smith	5
W. Bailless, c Maddison, b Larko	13
A. E. Cheales, c Rogers, b Hutchinson	42
H. R. Searby, c Hare, b Hutchinson	4
P. Allan, b Smith	2
C. T. Jessap, b Hutchinson	13
G. E. Wharmby, b Smith	1
A. G. Nixon, not out	2
Extras	4
Total	130

Firbeck Main Colliery.

J. LeBrun, b Wharmby	11
J. Hutchinson, c Wharmby, b Nixon	54
H. Williamson, lbw, b Black	1
W. Alletson, c Bailless, b Jessap	89
A. Rose, c J. Searby, b Bailless	6
W. Larke, not out	54
J. Wheatley, not out	6
Maddison, Smith, Rogers and Hare did not bat.	
Extras	25
Total (5 wkts.)	216

SKEGNESS AND DISTRICT v. NOTTS. U.C. OLD BOYS.

Played at Skegness. Scores:

Skegness and District.

J. Newman, b Wren	25
Rev. V. S. Bell, c Atkins, b Morley	8
A. C. Burton, b Wren	20
C. E. Rawling, c Porter, b Morley	35
P. Allan, b Wren	35
L. E. Holland, lbw, b Wren	4
C. T. Jessap, c Fuller, b Wren	0
F. Shaw, b Wren	2
G. E. Wharmby, b North	44
B. H. Foster, not out	16
E. M. Wright, not out	0
Extras	28
Total (9 wkts. dec.)	193

Wren took 6 wickets for 38 runs.

Notts. U.C. Old Boys.

Wickstead, c Foster, b Wharmby	54
W. Mason, c Wright, b Rawlings	7
R. Atkin, c Shaw, b Holland	35
W. Porter, c Wright, b Allan	3
P. Morley, b Allan	0
Gibbons, st. Wright, b Allan	0
Ransome, b Wharmby	27
North, st. Wright, b Allan	16
Trueman, not out	9
W. Wren, not out	3
Fuller did not bat.	1
Extras	11
Total (8 wkts.)	166

ALFORD "A" v. DAME MELLOR'S CLUB.

Played on the Alford Grammar School ground on Monday. Scores:

Alford.

W. Hamilton, c Silvers, b Price	61
F. Sutton, b Wiggington	0
T. F. Brown, st. Silvers, b Pratt	12
Rev. E. H. Fletcher, not out	13
A. Myers, b Price	21
B. Johnson, G. Mountain, H. Coates, G. Fletcher, O. Mountain and J. Drakes did not bat.	
Extras	8
Total (for 4 wkts. dec.)	115

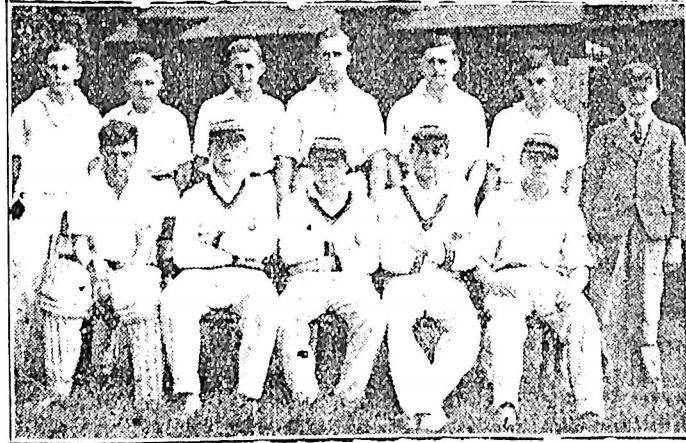
Bowling.—Wiggington 1 wkt. for 25 runs, Pratt 1 for 20, Price 2 for 2.

Dame Mellor's Club.

J. Lockwood, lbw, b Hamilton	22
A. Connelly, b Hamilton	0
P. Evans, b Brown	4
W. Pollard, b Hamilton	8
L. Silvers, c Brown, b Hamilton	1
H. Wealthall, run out	6
J. Wiggington, lbw, b Fletcher	20
N. Pratt, not out	20
E. Wolfe, c Drakes, b Hamilton	5
G. Scott, b Fletcher	0
S. Green, not out	0
Extras	2
Total (9 wkts.)	88

Bowling.—W. Hamilton 5 wkts. for 44 runs, T. F. Brown 1 for 21, G. Fletcher 2 for 13.

SUCCESSFUL CRICKET SEASON



Above we reproduce a photograph of the Spalding Grammar School Cricket Eleven, which has just completed its programme of matches for the season now closing.

The names of the players are:

Standing: J. A. Muse, A. Cross, R. H. Herring, J. Wilson, N. C. Simson, J. E. Bailey, and V. S. Taylor (Scorer).

Seated: R. G. Mackman, D. V. Farrow, F. Naylor (Capt.), M. A. Macdonald, and D. S. Lee.

A report of the team's activities will be found elsewhere on this page.

CRICKET.

LINCOLNSHIRE v. CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

W. E. Houghton, b. Covill	66
S. Ridley, b. Covill	5
H. W. Dods, b. Covill	0
T. E. Drakes, c. Coot b. Ridgcon ..	26
J. Drakes, c. Saxon b. Morton ..	18
J. W. Walter, b. Covill	6
L. O. Gwynn, b. Wilkinson	3
T. Scoley, b. Wilkinson	1
M. V. Bennett, c. Rose b. Covill ..	8
J. N. Worman, c. Ridgcon b. Covill ..	11
S. W. Green, not out	0
Extras	18
Total	159

SECOND INNINGS.

W. E. Houghton, c. Coot b. Wilkinson ..	21
S. Ridley, b. Covill	7
H. W. Dods, l.b.w., b. Wilkinson ..	6
T. E. Drakes, c. Ridgcon b. Morton ..	3
J. Drakes, run out	3
J. W. Walter, b. Wilkinson	0
L. O. Gwynn, c. Ridgcon b. Wilkinson ..	13
T. Scoley, b. Covill	3
M. V. Bennett, b. Covill	11
J. N. Worman, b. Wilkinson	3
S. W. Green, not out	1
Extras	6
Total	77

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

K. I. G. Saxon, c. Worman b. Green ..	9
C. Coot, c. J. Drakes b. Worman ..	12
R. J. Covill, c. Dods b. Worman ..	1
H. W. F. Taylor, c. Houghton b. Green ..	0
J. S. Rose, b. Ridley	16
F. A. Ridgcon, c. Bennett b. Ridley ..	45
S. W. Parfitt, b. Ridley	1
R. J. Ayres, b. Ridley	23
S. F. Horton, c. Worman b. Green ..	1
A. W. Wilkinson, b. Green	13
W. H. Cockell, not out	4
Extras	7
Total	132

SECOND INNINGS.

K. I. G. Saxon, b. Drake	3
C. Coot, b. Green	23
R. J. Covill, b. Worman	3
H. W. F. Taylor, c. Houghton b. Green ..	7
J. S. Rose, b. Worman	5
F. A. Ridgcon, b. Worman	5
S. W. Parfitt, c. and b. Green	12
R. J. Ayres, c. Ridley b. Green	0
S. F. Horton, not out	3
A. W. Wilkinson, not out	6
Extra	1
Total for 9 wickets	65

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Lincolnshire 1st: Covill 6 for 35, Wilkinson 2 for 35, Morton 1 for 36, Ridgcon 1 for 29.
 Lincolnshire 2nd: Wilkinson 6 for 13, Covill 2 for 29, Morton 1 for 25, Ridgcon 0 for 10, Rose 0 for 4.
 Cambridgeshire 1st: Worman 2 for 33, Green 4 for 32, Ridley 4 for 38, T. Drakes 0 for 17.
 Cambridgeshire 2nd: Green 4 for 10, Drake 1 for 22, Worman 3 for 27, Ridley 0 for 5.

CRICKET NOTES

By "FELIX."



THE "GENTLE RAIN."

"IT droppeth as the gentle rain upon the earth beneath"; a sublime thought and beautiful imagery to employ to illustrate the "quality of mercy."

But Shakespeare would not have had such affectionate regard for the "gentle rain" and used it in delicate metaphor had he been a cricketer or cricketing enthusiast and noticed the effect of the fall of the gentle rain on a wicket which had taken months preparing.

The "gentle rain" has knocked all poetic sentiment out of my friend Mac, who had marked out a wicket and cared for and "nursed it" with unselfish devotion.

And he had with loving care and wise forethought provided a covering for it, a wonderful contraption contrived from stack covers, hurdles, poles and props, pegs and ropes, a quickly pieced structure which could even more rapidly be removed.

It was useful to check the ravages of the "gentle rain"; but it could not prevent the "gentle rain" falling "upon the earth beneath."

Thus it rained as has been the custom in the county matches in the three preceding seasons.

Yet there was always evidence that Mac had prepared a really excellent wicket.

A WONDERFUL NURSERY.

TWICE Herts., 1929 and 1930, had been the visitors; and the gentle rain had little of the quality of mercy in its drops; and last year there was the same negation of that virtue when Bedfordshire came to Boston.

And when the match with Cambridgeshire opened on Friday on a sodden ground and under a menacing sky a handful of spectators timorously looked on momentarily fearing a descent of another blessing in the guise of "gentle rain."

I had confidence in the weather to the extent of making a small wager with a meteorological expert who asserted most positively there would not be a ball bowled on the Saturday.

He lost; he paid. Cambridgeshire is not, like Lincolnshire, a strong cricketing county; yet it has supplied rare sinews of strength to other counties.

Jack Hobbs, Tom Hayward, E. J. Diver and D. L. A. Jephson have made resplendent the pages of Surrey's history with their feats.

Billy Reeves, Carpenter, and O'Connor have played with great usefulness and often much distinction for Essex.

And others in little less measure have reflected the renown of a county too poor to keep its players.

A STAFFORDSHIRE SOUVENIR.

THE Cambridgeshire team had travelled from Staffs. where, as I remarked to their captain for this occasion, H. Saxon, they had had a "rough experience," a view he corrected, for he considered it was all for the good of their cricket they should meet such bowlers as S. Barnes and H. Lockett.

They had certainly failed badly, owing defeat by an innings and 49 runs.

Yet as compared with Lincolnshire they were a good side with a strong savour of youth in its constitution.

The game at Stafford had been their first in the county championship; they arrange a late programme as there are several schoolmasters in their "best eleven."

There is also a strong element of youth in the side; and their veterans are young men.

A redoubtable player is Covil, excellent with bat and effective with ball, a professional attached to the M.C.C. who plays with its class sides.

Middlesex have looked approvingly on his cricketing gifts; and he might qualify for lustre to its renown as a nursery.

EMPIRE BRAND.

CAPTAIN Saxon, a British name with an Empire savour (he was born in New Zealand) is a master at Merchant Taylors, and was educated at Cambridge.

He is a very fine bat whose cheap dismissal in each innings was in measure a matter of contributory negligence.

In the first case he "felt" for an off ball which J. N. Worman took in a casual sort of way with his left hand after it had lightly touched the bat.

The second time out was a curious affair, for a vicious looking full toss, over wicket high, seemed helped into the stumps by the batsman in a wild attempt by him to hit it.

A notable player in the field and at the crease was Coote who has scored a thousand runs in club cricket this season; and he is worth heaps of runs as a slip.

Ho made a brilliant catch in each innings, the one which dismissed Houghton being an astonishing combination of alertness and acrobatics.

Cockell is a smart wicket keeper who does his work without flourish. He kept for the Eastern Counties in their match with the Indians.

A WICKET WITH MOODS.

THE wicket was essentially a very good one; but external circumstances revealed it in varying moods.

Yet it never became really bad; and if the scores were low such fact was due to a slow outfield and moderate batting as much as to fault in the pitch.

I think it was generally agreed that "Mac" Whitsed had for the fourth time produced a wicket fit for the occasion; and its surface at the finish of the game was proof of the excellence of the preparation.

The weather had villainous designs on its "health"; but the rain did not succeed in wrecking it.

Still it was, under the influence of sunshine, cloud and rain, a capricious thing; and the fate of batsmen, and the fortunes of the game, were subject to that caprice.

Play started at 12.20 on Friday; Lincolnshire lost two wickets for less than a score; then the number board showed 20 with one more batsman out.

Eric Houghton and T. E. Drakes had played their part courageously and well; the home county seemed assured of a useful score.

"CALM AND BRIGHT."

AND another Drakes (J., and no relation to T. E.) aggressively carried on the good work with Eric; and like the little ship on the sea "all was calm and bright" when the board registered 120.

Then began a game of skittles and the side was out for 159, a score judged not nearly enough by the faint-hearted.

But some shook their heads sagely and said in oracular way, "Cricket is a funny game!"

There was wisdom in their words for in the few overs left to Cambridgeshire to bat before the drawing of stumps three wickets fell for fifteen runs, three sound "bats" who had hit neither wisely nor well at three tempting balls that invited spanking.

J. N. Worman, in his usual matter of fact manner, intercepted a ball in the slips with his left hand; Eric Houghton ran up quickly from fine leg to square to make a good catch from a bad hit; and H. Dods held neatly a ball in the slips which came to him breast high.

Lincolnshire had certainly finished up in a fairly strong position at the conclusion of the first day's play, particularly as the dismissed batsmen included "Captain" Saxon and Coote.

Yet there was always the weather and its effect on the wicket to exercise minds who would speculate and yet hesitate to prophesy.

The oracles would not commit themselves: "Cricket is a funny game!"

A FINE DAY.

THE morrow dawned bright, and it kept fine.

The wicket absorbed its full share of sunshine; and it dried naturally under the influence of a free-drawing breeze.

It played "well", and it played "queerly"; and the Lincolnshire bowlers plied their task steadily and generally effectively.

I was conversing with "Captain" Saxon, who was interesting me with particulars of his career, when he commenced to applaud in a general outburst of applause.

I had missed something, and I apologized and enquired the reason of this enthusiastic demonstration.

A long sequence of maidens by J. N. had excited this expression of enthusiasm; and I felt the rebuke when he said, "It is magnificent; it is wonderful!"

But it was not "wonderful" to me who had marked so many overs for a bowler with a marvellous command of length and direction.

Thus can familiarity reduce wonderful feats to common-place events.

And yet on reflection how wonderful for a bowler to send down twenty-seven maiden overs in a long bowling spell!

He was well supported at the other end by P. Ridley's "spinners"; and backed splendidly in the field these bowlers dismissed Cambridgeshire for 132—a total 27 short of Lincolnshire's score.

A FREE BAT.

F. A. Ridgeon, a master at Stamford School, and a Cambridge soccer "blue," was the success in the batting department of his side.

He was free and forceful; at times he hit with joyous abandon of one sure of victory; never a poor stroke or a bad shot; and a straight bat and a full blade always gave effect to a cricketer's aims and desires.

It was a glorious innings ingloriously ended by a poor shot from a loose ball he half hit to square leg.

He deserved his fifty though he fell a few short.

Lincolnshire had 27 runs in hand when each side had completed an innings, a material advantage in a game of low scores, which promised to weigh heavily in the balance in deciding the issue.

The wicket rolled out easy; its surface played true under this artificial aid and runs came freely; and the opening batsmen, E. Houghton and M. V. Bennett, shaped confidently.

After Bennett left the batsmen began to "potter about"; and their irresoluteness and indecision converted the wicket into a difficult pitch and encouraged the bowlers to "come on."

A "DIVARSHUN."

THE ball was soon master of the bat; the potters potted themselves out; and the hitters were unfortunate in their attempts to connect.

J. W. Gwynn caused jubilation on the benches by scoring three boundaries in one over; and then he sent a ball sky high which dropped safely into the hands of Ridgeon at mid-off—a fine catch from a dizzy height.

Wilkinson's "spinners" prevailed. Total 77; and 105 required for victory with two hours to go.

I predicted a victory for Cambridgeshire by five wickets, and lost two "bob," one to a super-optimist for whom the weather has no terrors; he specialises in swimming and water polo.

Lincolnshire were soon on top, and three wickets were down for 11; and there should have been immediately a fourth for Ridgeon hit a ball straight into the country; and somebody got it into his hands.

The half-born cheers died as the ball dropped from an ill-formed and relaxed grip.

Still four wickets were captured for 20; and J. N. Worman and F. V. Green had the batsmen pegged down and making them play every ball.

Cambridge got behind the clock and played for a draw after losing eight wickets.

MODERATE BATTING.

IT was a case of blocking the ball; and the batsmen succeeded in thwarting the bowlers.

Cambridgeshire were 44 behind with two wickets in hand when stumps were drawn.

It was a good game, an even contest, a match of fluctuating fortunes interesting as a spectacle because each side in turn seemed to have a reasonable prospect of victory.

The bowling and fielding were superior to the batting; and the wicket could not be condemned if batsmen failed, for several of them were out to bad shots and moderate balls.

Still the spectators had value for money; and the match was a "success."

But it did not pay; and I am afraid that applies to every cricketing centre in the county from the gate point of view.

Cricket as a spectacle has not a grip on the masses; and Friday is not a workman's day off; nor is that day preceding August Bank Holiday one suited to a tradesman to have a few hours away from his business.

The previous county games have either been washed out on the Saturday or finished early.

So failing late information from the course spectators do not turn up on the off-chance of seeing a full afternoon's cricket.

Friday was a bad day in respect to the pay box receipts; but Saturday saw a good ring and a full pavilion.

And there was quite a show of cars.

RE-INCARNATED.

THE Boston C.C. was re-incarnated; and, like the "old shako" of "ten, twenty, thirty, forty (and fifty?) years ago," memories of its past heroes were revived by the presence of Walter Kitwood, Mark Bothamley, C. N. Tunnard and others still showing the flower of youth in the pavilion conservatory.

Harold Dods was there; and during the showers on the Friday there was opportunity for the veterans to boast deeds of other days and to prospect on possible present-day achievements.

And thus a single wicket match was mooted between W.K. and H.D. which was to be umpired by "Mac" and scored by "Felix."

"They are so excellently disposed towards me that I am not going to "take sides."

An interesting and interested visitor was the Rev. Walter Boyce, M.V.O., M.A., a former "head" of King Edward VII. School at Lynn, where J.N. was a class master.

Immediately in a line comprehended by a glance of the eye were linked up the worthy "head" in the pavilion, Eric Houghton in the deep field, and J.N. at the bowler's end.

What happy and honoured association in such linking!

Near to the "head" was another pupil, the Vicar of St. John's Spalding, the Rev. I. Smith, M.A., fine stumper and excellent bat whose county is Gloucester and whose idol is Walter Hammond.

He starts his vacation on Monday; and Cheltenham will be his immediate objective.

ALFORD PAST AND PRESENT.

J. A. Stanley, the late head of Alford J. Grammar School, is an old cricketer whose activities in the game have so helped the pastime in an area in which he has spent many years of his life.

He used to be a most valued asset of the Alford side, free with the bat and destructive with the ball.

Now he looks on; and I noticed him an interested spectator in the county game, more so, perhaps, because J. Drakes was playing.

I have read and heard of that estimable individual's happy association with the game and his many meritorious deeds.

He is a branch of a big family tree which had deep root near Market Rasen; and I can assure my readers he will not let down his pedigree.

By the way the cricketers associated with this "house" were sufficiently numerous at one time to field a complete side; and eleven "drakes" played eleven "duckerings!"

J. Drakes is a live wire with an abundance of energy he can skillfully express, and confidence is a very material aid in that expression.

I am confident he has won well the heaps of runs he has collected; and I wish him more.

He is splendid in the field; and he is young despite a tonsure he veiled with a "panama."

THE COUNTY SCORER.

THE Lincolnshire scorer is an old cricketer whose reputation still lives although he has been detached from the game in an active capacity for many years.

W. H. Skelson was a great figure in Lincoln cricket and had the time been favourable he would doubtless have attained county distinction.

He was equally good with bat and ball, and his deadliness in bowling is marked by two souvenirs which are destined to be family heirlooms.

In a game between Saxon St. and the Latham he took 19 wickets in one innings; and that performance he repeated against Bardney.

He often appeared in the Latham side, and he likewise played for the Lincolnshire Gentlemen on occasions.

He was a great cricketer locally, and might have achieved greater fame had there been the opportunity.

CRICKET

At Cambridge on Monday and Tuesday Lincolnshire were beaten by an innings and 21 runs in the Minor Counties competition. Scores:—

LINCOLNSHIRE.

F. E. Scarby, b. Covill	..	..	0
F. G. Eaton-Evans, b. Covill	..	..	5
T. E. Drakes, b. Smith	..	..	1
H. W. Dods, run out	..	..	0
E. R. Dicklison, b. Smith	..	..	7
L. W. Gwynn, b. Smith	..	..	8
P. J. Worman, l.b.w., b. Wilkinson	..	..	12
J. W. Walter, b. Smith	..	..	0
R. A. Tunnard, b. Rose	..	..	10
J. N. Worman, not out	..	..	27
W. Caswell, b. Covill	..	..	5
Extras	..	..	17
Total	..	..	92

SECOND INNINGS.

F. E. Scarby, b. Smith	..	..	25
F. G. Eaton-Evans, b. Rose	..	..	39
T. E. Drakes, c. Covill b. Rose	..	..	12
H. W. Dods, c. Cookell b. Wilkinson	..	..	8
E. R. Dicklison, b. Rose	..	..	0
L. W. Gwynn, c. Saxon b. Rose	..	..	4
P. J. Worman, b. Smith	..	..	21
J. W. Walter, b. Rose	..	..	0
R. A. Tunnard, not out	..	..	4
J. N. Worman, c. Morton b. Smith	..	..	11
W. Caswell, c. Morton b. Rose	..	..	1
Extras	..	..	10
Total	..	..	138

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

C. Coote, c. Gwynn b. Caswell	..	..	16
K. R. J. Saxon, c. Gwynn b. Drakes	..	..	43
R. J. Covill, b. Tunnard	..	..	53
H. J. Rose, run out	..	..	16
H. W. F. Taylor, not out	..	..	65
R. J. Ayres, c. Dods b. J. Worman	..	..	15
F. Morton, not out	..	..	28
Extras	..	..	15
Total for 5 wickets decl.	..	..	251

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Lincolnshire 1st: C. J. Smith 4 for 29, R. J. Covill 3 for 18, Wilkinson 1 for 22, Rose 1 for 6.
Lincolnshire 2nd: Smith 3 for 32, Covill 0 for 34, Rose 6 for 20, Wilkinson 1 for 42.

CRICKET AT SKEGNESS.

Locals Draw With Nottingham University O.B.

Yesterday (Tuesday) Skegness and District entertained Nottingham University Old Boys, a good game, in which several capital batting performances were registered, resulting in a draw. Details:-

SKEGNESS AND DISTRICT. J. Newman b Wren ... 25. Rev. V. S. Bell c Atkins b Morley ... 8. A. C. Burton b Wren ... 20. C. E. Rawlings c Porter b Morley ... 35. P. Allan b Wren ... 13. J. E. Holland lbw b Wren ... 4. C. T. Jessap c Fuller b Wren ... 0. F. Shaw b Wren ... 2. G. E. Wharmby b North ... 44. B. H. Foster not out ... 16. E. M. Wright not out ... 0. Extras ... 26. Total (for 9 wkts. dec.) 193.

Bowling: Wren took six wickets for 38 runs.

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY OLD BOYS. Wickstead c Foster b Wharmby ... 54. W. Mason c Wright b Rawlings ... 7. R. Atkin c Shaw b Holland ... 35. W. W. Porter c Wright b Allan ... 4. P. Morley c Wright b Allan ... 4. G. Gibbons st Wright b Allan ... 27. Ransome b Wharmby ... 16. North st Wright b Allan ... 9. Trueman not out ... 3. W. M. Wren not out ... 1. Extras ... 11. Total (for 8 wkts.) ... 166. Fuller did not bat.

SEASIDERS "SLOGGED."

Collierymen Defeat Strong Side.

Although Skegness and District fielded the strongest side seen out this season on Saturday, it proved no match for the batting prowess of Firbeck Main Colliery, who punished to some tunica wide range of bowling. The home team's total of 150 embodied one outstanding contribution of 42 by A. E. Cheales, who, although in the "veteran" category, can still keep fielders busy once he gets settled down. Apart from his capital performance the batsmen did very moderately. Firbeck replied with 215 for the loss of half their side. Alletson, who contributed 89, distinguished himself with a couple of hits for six, in one of which the ball bounced through an open window of the pavilion and reduced the Catering Committee's stock of crockery by two cups. Details:-

SKEGNESS AND DISTRICT. J. C. Maden, c. Hutchlinson b. Wheatley ... 12. G. H. Black, lbw, b. Hutchlinson ... 17. H. E. Frarson, b. Williamson ... 15. J. E. Searby, lbw, b. Smith ... 5. W. Bailless, c. Maddison b. Larke ... 13. A. E. Cheales, c. Rogers b. Hutchlinson ... 42. H. R. Searby, c. Hare b. Hutchlinson ... 4. P. Allan, b. Smith ... 2. C. T. Jessap, b. Hutchlinson ... 15. G. E. Wharmby, b. Smith ... 1. A. J. Nixon, not out ... 2. Extras ... 4. Total ... 150. Bowling: Hutchlinson 4 for 32, Wheatley 1 for 9, Williamson 1 for 23, Larke 1 for 6, Smith 3 for 30, Hare 0 for 19, Alletson 0 for 7.

FIRBECK MAIN COLLIERY. J. Le Brun, b. Wharmby ... 11. J. Hutchlinson, c. Wharmby b. Nixon ... 54. H. Williamson, lbw, b. Black ... 1. W. Alletson, c. Bailless b. Jessap ... 89. A. Rose, c. J. Searby b. Bailless ... 6. B. Larke, not out ... 23. J. Wheatley, not out ... 6. Extras ... 25. Total for 5 wickets ... 216. Maddison, Smith, Rogers, and Hare did not bat. Bowling: Nixon 1 for 40, Allan 0 for 50, Wharmby 1 for 53, Black 1 for 22, Bailless 1 for 26, Jessap 1 for 30, Frarson 0 for 10.

HORNCASTLE 2nd v. ROUGHTON.

Played on the Oaks Meadow on Saturday, Horn-castle 2nd winning by 8 runs. Scores:- Horn-castle 2nd ... 55. Roughton ... 47. Details of runs and bowling.

ALFORD AND DISTRICT v. W. A. ELLIS'S XI

Played on the Station Road ground, Alford, on Bank Holiday in very wet conditions, this match produced some smart performances for the home side, notably six wickets for eleven runs by Gold-thorpe, 60 not out by J. Drakes, and 46 by Bailey. At the lunch interval the visitors had scored only 25 for the loss of five wickets, Goldthorpe having Straw-son caught behind the wicket from his third ball, and in his next two overs accounted for the wickets of Perry and Haynes. Alford made a bad start by losing Farrow with only four runs on the board, but a well-played 46 by Bailey and a sparkling 60 not out by J. Drakes put the decision beyond doubt, Alford running out easy winners with a score of 146 for six.

W. A. ELLIS'S XI. T. G. Perry, b. Goldthorpe ... 2. E. G. Strawson, c. Felton b. Goldthorpe ... 0. T. Greenhaugh, run out ... 5. E. J. Tayler, b. Goldthorpe ... 0. A. Moorhouse, b. Goldthorpe ... 4. T. G. Henshaw, b. Goldthorpe ... 17. W. A. Ellis, run out ... 9. W. A. Odling, b. Goldthorpe ... 7. R. Henshaw, c. Rigall b. Drakes ... 0. T. Henshaw, st. Belton b. Bailey ... 17. T. Drace, c. Oldroyd b. Reddish ... 8. M. Belwood, not out ... 6. Extras ... 6. Total ... 75.

ALFORD. J. W. Padley, c. and b. Henshaw ... 5. H. J. Farrow, c. Odling b. Henshaw ... 0. B. Bailey, c. Henshaw b. Belwood ... 46. W. G. Oldroyd, lbw, b. Belwood ... 4. J. Drakes, not out ... 60. J. P. Belton, b. Greenhaugh ... 0. F. Reddish, b. Moorhouse ... 9. G. F. Ellis, not out ... 6. Extras ... 11. Total for 6 wickets ... 111. E. A. Millson, G. Goldthorpe, R. W. Rigall, and J. R. Elliott did not bat. For the visitors Henshaw took 2 for 19, Belwood 2 for 29; and for Alford, Goldthorpe for 11.

WOODHALL SPA v. BLANKNEY. Played at Woodhall Spa on Monday. BLANKNEY. R. Fletcher, b. Fixter ... 48. J. A. Cartwright, b. Fixter ... 3. W. Wray, b. Fixter ... 3. T. Scoley, b. Skermer ... 4. E. Scoley, c. Wheatley b. Armour ... 66. Shepherd, c. Ward b. Armour ... 9. J. Cartwright, not out ... 21. C. Salmon, not out ... 3. Extras ... 5. Total for 6 wickets ... 162. E. W. Wilkinson, T. Fletcher, and C. Fletcher did not bat.

WOODHALL SPA. J. Baggaley, c. E. Scoley b. T. Scoley ... 17. J. Young, b. T. Scoley ... 15. Dr. L. Boys, lbw, b. T. Scoley ... 12. E. S. Rand, Clarke, not out ... 47. A. Fixter, lbw, b. T. Scoley ... 4. C. Wheatley, b. T. Scoley ... 13. C. F. Skermer, b. T. Scoley ... 9. Extras ... 9. Total for 6 wickets ... 126. Dr. G. Armour, P. Musgrave, W. Bigg, and R. Ward did not bat.

SIBSEY v. BEAULAH'S. Played at Sibsey on Saturday. For Sibsey J. Draper played a good innings. He was first in and carried his bat right through not out. SIBSEY. J. Draper, not out ... 14. F. Baumber, b. Harvey ... 0. H. Fawcett, b. Parker ... 4. G. Taylor, b. Parker ... 7. G. Pickering, run out ... 0. S. Hickson, b. Webb ... 6. H. Clark, c. and b. Harvey ... 0. A. Clifton, b. Harvey ... 0. H. Long, c. and b. Butler ... 0. T. Nicholson, b. Butler ... 1. E. Maddison, c. Beaulah b. Harvey ... 1. Extras ... 2. Total ... 35.

BEAULAH'S. J. W. Beaulah, c. Clifton b. Long ... 7. Wilcox, c. Clarke b. Long ... 2. Searby, c. Hickson b. Taylor ... 0. Webb, b. Taylor ... 0. Leate, c. Baumber b. Long ... 0. Harvey, c. Nicholson b. Long ... 1. Parker, b. Long ... 1. Butler, b. Taylor ... 1. Manning, c. Baumber b. Long ... 1. Hubbert, b. Long ... 0. Ward, not out ... 0. Extra ... 1. Total ... 17.

SIBSEY v. HARRINGTON. Played at Sibsey. Harrington: G. Smalley, c. Taylor b. Long 6; G. Blackburn, b. Long 15; Roberts, b. Long 10; G. Blades, b. Long 6; F. Scarborough, c. Draper b. Taylor 4; T. Coote, b. Long 2; Clarke, c. Hickson b. Taylor 2; H. Fawcett, c. Draper b. Taylor 1; E. Harris, b. Long 0; W. Wilkinson, not out 3; F. Taylor, b. Taylor 0; extras, 2—Total, 33. Sibsey: J. Draper, b. Scarborough 5; A. Fixter, c. Smalley 0; H. Fawcett, b. Roberts 3; G. Pickering, b. Roberts 3; J. Rhoades, lbw, b. Scarborough 5; F. Baumber, lbw, b. Scarborough 10; G. Taylor, c. Scarborough b. Roberts 1; E. Maddison, b. Scarborough 0; S. Hickson, run out 6; H. Long, not out 12; T. Nicholson, lbw, b. Scarborough 0; extras, 7—Total, 52.

RUSKINGTON v. KIRTON. Played at Ruskington on Saturday. Kirton: W. Langley, b. Onyon 2; F. Jessop, run out 6; A. H. Woods, b. Onyon 5; F. Cox, b. Onyon 3; J. Carpenter, c. Dawson b. Onyon 0; S. Onyon, run out 5; G. Cooper, b. Onyon 1; A. Thom, c. and not out 1; E. J. Fossitt, b. Warner 0; A. Flatters, Total, 34. Bowling: Onyon 6 for 10, Purcell 0 for 16, Warner 2 for 3. Ruskington: B. Robinson, c. Langley b. Cooper 5; G. Wray, c. Jessop b. Cooper 15; S. Onyon, c. Jessop b. Flatters 15; K. Dawson, b. Cooper 0; S. Holmes, lbw, b. Langley 4; F. Warrington, b. Jessop 1; J. Warner, not out 3; E. Warrington, b. Purcell, c. Carpenter b. Flatters 0; Jessop 0; S. Warner, not out 9; extras, 2. Total, 58. Bowling: Jessop 3 for 7, Flatters 2 for 6.

SPLSBY & DISTRICT v. GRIMSBY POACHERS. Entertaining Grimsby Poachers C.C. on an improved wicket at Spilsby on Saturday, Spilsby and District showed better form and knocked up 59 for 5 wickets. The Poachers, who had proved very smart in the field, scored 83. Goodwin brought off an extra-ordinarily fine catch. SPLSBY AND DISTRICT. N. S. Robinson, b. Pearson ... 7. Rev. V. S. Bell, c. Roberts b. Pearson ... 0. C. A. Garrett, run out ... 0. G. E. Maskell, b. Pearson ... 0. S. F. E. Coupland, b. Coney ... 7. Capt. R. Barrow, c. Thompson b. Pearson ... 1. W. A. Ellis, b. Pearson ... 1. W. A. Odling, c. Spring b. Pearson ... 0. Capt. J. F. Richardson, not out ... 2. G. Willis, b. Pearson ... 0. Total ... 22.

THE POACHERS.

S. Plastow, c. and b. Bell ... 1. N. Roberts, b. Bell ... 7. W. Pearson, b. Richardson ... 11. K. Osmond, b. Bell ... 17. N. Bacon, st. Robinson b. Richardson ... 4. H. Clarke, b. Richardson ... 0. N. Spring, c. Garrett b. Richardson ... 4. A. Thompson, c. Maskell b. Bell ... 11. P. Bryant, c. Garrett b. Richardson ... 11. H. Goodwin, c. Garrett b. Richardson ... 24. J. Coney, not out ... 5. Extras ... 8. Total ... 83.

SPLSBY SECOND INNINGS. C. A. Garrett, b. Thompson ... 2. S. F. E. Coupland, b. Spring ... 0. G. E. Maskell, c. Clarke b. Thompson ... 11. Captain R. Barrow, c. Goodwin b. Thompson ... 32. Rev. V. S. Bell, not out ... 1. W. A. Odling, b. Thompson ... 8. W. A. Ellis, not out ... 3. Extras ... 5. Total for 5 wickets ... 59. Bowling: W. Pearson 8 for 6, J. F. Richardson 6 for 47.

ALFORD AND DISTRICT v. MARKET RASEN. For this match at Market Rasen on Saturday Alford were without Drakes, Oldroyd, and Macklater, but after a very exciting game, they won by 40 runs. The outfield was rough, and the only way to score quickly was to "hit them." Alford opened dis-astrously, losing two wickets for eight runs. Dr Fletcher took an hour to score eleven, being sixth out with the score at 41. Farrow, Rigall, and Goldthorpe scored a dozen each. The score appears small, but had the game been on a ground such as that at Alford, it would have been at least doubled. Goldthorpe sent down 15 overs for eleven runs, and took five wickets, bowling without any rest. Elliott took 4 for 33, and Farrow one for 17. For Rasen, Dr. Pank took two for 17 and Poulter five for 16.

ALFORD AND DISTRICT. E. A. Millson, b. Poulter ... 1. H. J. Farrow, b. Pank ... 12. J. P. Belton, c. Bager b. Pank ... 6. Rev. Dr. E. H. Fletcher, b. Cressy ... 11. R. A. Sedgley, b. Poulter ... 5. G. F. Atts, c. Drakes b. Poulter ... 0. W. R. Rigall, b. Poulter ... 12. W. Thwaitte, run out ... 0. G. Goldthorpe, b. Jennings ... 12. J. R. Elliott, c. Pank b. Poulter ... 0. G. A. Fletcher, not out ... 8. Extras ... 8. Total ... 67.

MARKET RASEN. J. Drakes, lbw, b. Farrow ... 14. S. Baker, b. Goldthorpe ... 4. B. Hutchings, c. Belton b. Goldthorpe ... 0. T. Poulter, b. Goldthorpe ... 17. W. Robinson, c. Rigall b. Elliott ... 10. J. Jennings, lbw, b. Elliott ... 0. R. Wood, b. Elliott ... 0. Dr. Pank, b. Goldthorpe ... 1. G. Nottingham, b. Elliott ... 4. J. Cressy, not out ... 9. J. Kelham, b. Goldthorpe ... 5. Extras ... 2. Total ... 61.

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SLEAFORD AND DISTRICT CRICKET.

Town Club Lose to Woodhall Spa.

The match between Sleaford and Woodhall Spa at Sleaford on Saturday was not so interesting as many of the former matches. There was not much to choose between the two teams, and their scores were under 90. Stapleton was the highest scorer for Sleaford with 39 runs, and the next highest was as low as 12. Dickinson and Godby bowled throughout Woodhall's innings and accounted for the whole of the ten wickets, the former taking six and the latter four. Scores:—

SLEAFORD.	
B. A. Stapleton, b. Fixter	39
E. W. Smith, run out	1
L. Dickinson, l.b.w., b. Foster ..	8
A. R. Turner, b. Foster	8
B. F. Godby, b. Foster	0
J. Cooper, c. Fixter b. Foster ..	12
J. E. Temple, c. and b. Skermer ..	10
J. G. Woodward, b. Skermer	0
A. S. Blackburn, b. Foster	0
T. Hyde, not out	10
F. E. Holderness, b. Foster	1
Extras	3
Total	84
WOODHALL SPA.	
A. C. Burton, b. Dickinson	6
Dr. Hayes, b. Dickinson	29
D. Foster, c. Blackburn b. Dickinson	16
H. Brice-Smith, b. Godby	5
E. S. Rudd-Clarke, b. Dickinson ..	14
A. Fixter, c. Godby, b. Dickinson ..	6
G. Bourne, c. Dickinson b. Godby ..	3
A. Vickers, b. Godby	2
P. Musgrave, st. Temple b. Dickinson	0
C. Skermer, c. and b. Godby	0
R. Bellwood, not out	0
Extras	8
Total	89

DIGBY v. WALCOTT.

Played at Digby on Thursday of last week. This was Digby's 15th consecutive win. They have won every match so far this season.

Digby: J. Auld, b. Spencer 16; L. Wood, b. Whaley 5; E. Matthews, c. Coaling b. Start 21; J. Seward, b. Askew 0; G. Adcock, b. Spencer 8; R. Matthews, not out 18; J. Skelton, b. Spencer 8; J. Gibson, c. Booley b. Spencer 0; C. Baumber, b. Spencer 0; H. Trickett, b. Spencer 2; H. Spurs, b. Spencer 0; extras, 4—Total, 74. Bowling: J. Skelton 3 for 12, L. Wood 3 for 13, R. Matthews 2 for 7, J. Seward 7 for 1. Walcott: H. Askew, b. R. Matthews 20; J. Pinlon, c. R. Matthews b. Wood 0; M. Spencer, b. Wood 2; R. Askew, c. Adcock 2; J. Whaley, l.b.w., 0; A. Pinlon, b. C. Matthews 3; E. Westhope, c. Trickett b. Skelton 3; L. Dawisworth, not out 10; J. Coaling, c. R. Matthews b. Seward 0; W. Start, b. Skelton 0; W. Booley, c. Adcock b. Skelton 0; extras, 2—Total, 42.

LEASINGHAM v. OSBOURNBY.

Played at Leasingham on Saturday. Leasingham: Coadwell, b. Sharp 1; Kelly, c. Baker b. Sharp 7; Smith, b. Sharp 0; Banks, b. Sharp 1; Picker, c. Palmer b. Cannon 6; Smedley, c. Bagg b. Sharp 0; Dawson, b. Cannon 0; Blow, c. Sellars, b. Cannon 1; Young, b. Sharp 1; Butler, c. Tindall b. Sharp 8; Buckberry, not out 1; extras, 2—Total, 28. Osournby: H. Barley, c. Banks b. Picker 1; F. Cannon, b. Picker 4; F. Walters, c. Blow b. Kelly 6; W. Palmer, c. and b. Blow 1; F. Sharp, b. Kelly 3; A. Baker, b. Dawson 13; R. Bagg, l.b.w., b. Kelly 1; A. Sellars, c. Young b. Smith 9; E. Sellars, b. Coadwell 2; F. Lait, not out 2; E. Tindale, st. Banks b. Smith 1; extras, 6—Total, 73.

METHERINGHAM v. KIRKBY GREEN AND SCOPWICK.

Metheringham: Rush, c. and b. W. Chapman 1; Foster, c. and b. T. Atkin 0; A. Muxlow, b. Chapman 2; Parker, b. Chapman 0; B. Armitage, c. G. Flintham b. Chapman 3; Lawson, c. J. Jarvis b. Chapman 6; Winter, c. G. Flintham b. Jarvis 4; C. Yates, c. Keyworth b. Jarvis 1; Smith, c. A. Garton b. Chapman 0; Muxlow, c. Blakey b. Jarvis 5; Gray, not out 0—Total, 20. Kirkby Green: A. Garton, run out 0; J. Fox, c. Gray b. Parker 2; G. Garton, b. Rush 5; D. Lingard, run out 0; T. Atkin, c. Armitage b. Parker 0; C. Blakey, b. Parker 0; J. Jarvis, c. Lawson b. Rush 0; W. A. Chapman, b. Parker 4; J. Garton, not out 5; G. Flintham, c. Smith b. Rush 0; R. Keyworth, c. Armitage b. Rush 0—Total, 23. For Kirkby Green, J. R. Jarvis took 3 for 5, W. A. Chapman 6 for 9, and T. Atkin 1 for 6; and for Metheringham D. Rush took 4 for 5 and Parker 4 for 16.

RUSKINGTON 2nd v. KIRKBY GREEN AND SCOPWICK 2nd.

Ruskington: F. Gray, b. C. Clarke 7; E. Elkington, l.b.w., b. T. Atkin 3; D. Thompson, b. T. Atkin 8; A. Walker, b. T. Atkin 13; J. Clarke, b. J. Parker 20; C. Thorpe, b. G. Garton 10; A. Muxlow, l.b.w., b. J. Parker 0; G. Doughty, b. J. Parker 4; E. Short, c. J. Atkin b. T. Atkin 9; R. Cunningham, c. and b. J. Parker 0; Marshall, not out 3; extras, 4—Total, 83. Bowling: J. Parker 4 for 9, T. Atkin 3 for 22, C. Clarke 1 for 10, J. Atkin 1 for 17, G. Garton 1 for 21. Kirkby Green: W. Palmer, c. J. Clarke b. Thorpe 5; G. Garton, c. R. Cunningham b. Walker 3; T.

Atkin, c. Gray b. Thorpe 0; C. Garton, c. Walker b. Thorpe 0; W. Myers, b. Walker 0; J. Parker, b. Walker 4; C. Clarke, c. Elkington b. Walker 0; G. Harbidge, c. Thorpe b. Walker 0; D. Lingard, c. Gray b. Thorpe 1; W. Bellford, c. Walker b. Thorpe 5; R. Keyworth, not out 0; extras, 3—Total, 21. Bowling: C. Thorpe 5 for 7, A. Walker 5 for 11.

ALFORD "A" v. DAME MELLOR'S CLUB.

Alford "A" entertained Dame Mellor's Club, a boys' club from Nottingham who were taking their annual holiday at Ingelthells, on the Alford Grammar School Ground on Bank Holiday, the match being drawn. It was interesting for a fine innings of 61 by Hamilton for the home side.

Alford "A": W. Hamilton, c. Silvers b. Price 61; B. Sutton, b. Wiggington 0; T. F. Brown, st. Chilvers b. Pratt 12; Rev. Dr. E. H. Fletcher, not out 13; A. Myers, b. Price 21; B. Johnson, G. Mountain, H. Coates, G. Fletcher, O. Mountain, and J. Drakes did not bat; extras, 8—Total for 4 declared, 118.

Dame Mellor's Club (for 9 wickets), 88. Hamilton 5 for 54, T. F. Brown 1 for 21, G. Fletcher 2 for 13.

NOT ENOUGH MARGIN.

Skegness Beaten After Declaring.

A sporting declaration which proved to be premature gave Dewsbury and Saville a win at the expense of Skegness and District on the seafarers' ground on Thursday. Although he gave chances, J. E. Searby delighted his admirers by once more topping the half-century without being dismissed, and with the tally of 122. Captain C. T. Jessup declared, leaving the visitors a matter of 14 hours in which to surpass this total. They lost their first wicket at 18, and six wickets were down for 87, but Mason and Curry made merry with the bowling, the former's score including seven boundary strokes, while Curry contributed a 6. Dewsbury and Saville won by 32 runs. Details:—

SKEGNESS AND DISTRICT.	
G. H. Black, b. Perkins	9
W. H. Mackinder, c. Mason b. Pickup ..	18
J. Newman, b. Pickup	16
J. E. Searby, not out	55
F. Allan, c. Banks b. Curry	12
Extras	12
Total	122

Total for 4 wickets 122
B. Bailey, A. E. Charles, G. Profit, C. T. Jessup, G. E. Wharmby, and L. J. Belson did not bat.

DEWSBURY AND SAVILLE.

H. Watson, l.b.w., b. Allan	15
D. Banks, c. Allan b. Wharmby	9
C. Bailey, run out	1
C. Curry, c. Profit b. Bailey	33
H. Mason, c. Belson b. Jessup	48
H. Perkins, b. Belson	6
T. Barker, not out	17
H. Biggs, b. Belson	5
Extras	20
Total for 7 wickets	154

H. Wadsworth and E. Pickup did not bat.
Bowling: Belson 2 for 59, Allan 1 for 29, Jessup 1 for 2, Wharmby 1 for 28, Bailey 1 for 13, Mackinder 0 for 10.

ALFORD "A" v. SOUTH RESTON.

The outstanding feature of this game, played on the Station Road ground at Alford last Saturday, was the performance of T. F. Brown, who scored 88, the highest individual score for the side during the season. O. Mountain, captain in the absence of his brother, H. Mountain, bowled well.

ALFORD "A"

W. Hamilton, l.b.w., b. Harrison	19
F. Sutton, b. Harrison	25
A. Myers, b. Allsby	21
T. F. Brown, b. T. Fies	88
A. Young, b. Allsby	5
G. Mountain, c. and b. Willmer	18
B. Johnson, not out	3
Extras	3
Total	182

R. Woodhite, H. Coates, A. Shipton, I. Mountain did not bat.

SOUTH RESTON.

F. Dennis, c. Brown b. O. Mountain ..	11
J. Willmer, b. Hamilton	1
R. Smith, b. O. Mountain	0
J. Taylor, c. Sutton b. Hamilton	0
A. Dennis, b. Mountain	4
L. Holmes, c. and b. Brown	0
R. Lows, b. Mountain	0
S. Has, not out	5
R. Goulstrea, b. Hamilton	0
P. Harrison, c. and b. Myers	0
Extras	4
Total	41

For the visitors A. Dennis took three for 48, Allsby two for 65, Taylor one for 10; for Alford, Hamilton four for 18, O. Mountain five for 13, T. F. Brown one for one.

In Spalding and District.

Spalding Constitutional entertained Bourne the Black Swan ground on Saturday, and lost a closely-contested game by 6 runs. The homesters batted first and scored 92, Colbeck knocking up a useful 24. Bourne began badly, and were soon three wickets down for 5 runs, but W. Notley stopped the rot and had scored 40 before he was caught out by Butler. B. Cox, who compiled 26, was also caught out, Hubbard being responsible. Scores:—

SPALDING CONSTITUTIONAL.

D. Colbeck, b. Elcombe	24
J. Molson, c. Illife b. Rusling	11
D. Jennings, b. Notley	7
H. Judge, b. Elcombe	6
F. Biggadike, c. Rusling b. F. Illife ..	11
S. Hubbard, c. and b. F. Illife	0
F. Tero, l.b.w., b. F. Illife	9
J. Butler, l.b.w., b. Elcombe	2
H. Walker, b. F. Illife	9
M. Macdonald, not out	0
L. Shottliff, b. F. Illife	0
Extras	13
Total	92

Bowling: F. Illife 5 for 24, Rusling 2 for 26, Notley 1 for 18, Elcombe 2 for 11.

BOURNE.

R. A. Illife, b. Walker	0
J. Gelsthorpe, b. Tero	5
T. Greenwood, b. Walker	0
W. Notley, c. Butler b. Hubbard	40
Elcombe, l.b.w., b. Walker	0
B. Cox, c. Hubbard b. Tero	26
Rusling, b. Tero	9
J. D. Salt, l.b.w., b. Walker	3
F. Illife, c. Biggadike b. Walker	2
W. R. Reeve, c. Jennings b. Walker ..	6
Barby, not out	0
Extras	7
Total	98

Bowling: Walker 6 for 26, Tero 3 for 29, Hubbard 1 for 23, Judge 0 for 7, Macdonald 0 for 6.

SPALDING INVITATION LEAGUE.

WESTON v. MONK'S HOUSE.

Played at Weston on Thursday, when the home team won easily. Scores:—
Weston: Fowler, run out 13; Fletcher, c. J. E. George b. Hemirey 18; Judge, c. Alstrup b. Hemirey 4; Herring, b. Alstrup 6; Norton, c. and b. Alstrup 7; Dillworth, c. Stables b. Alstrup 9; W. Diring, not out 6; F. Dring, c. Chapman b. Alstrup 0; Wilkinson, c. and b. Alstrup 1; Cobley, b. Alstrup 3; extras, 7—Total, 76.
Monk's House: Tingle, l.b.w., b. Herring 0; Alstrup, b. Herring 3; Hardy, b. Judge 7; Stables, run out 1; Chapman, b. Judge 3; Cooper, b. Herring 0; Sparrow, b. Herring 1; Hemirey, c. Herring b. Judge 0; J. W. George, not out 2; Stratton, b. Judge 0; J. E. George, run out 1; extras, 2—Total, 20.

SPALDING LEAGUE.

In spite of the bad weather lately the Spalding and District Cricket League has had a successful opening season. At present it seems as if Saracen's Head will be champions, and it is hoped that there will be a match between the champions and the rest. The best performances in the league to date are:—
Batting: F. Hobbs (Clay Lake) 71, Chouler (Saracen's Head) 53, J. Holmes (Pitchbeck) 45, G. Stables (Monk's House) 35, K. Fletcher (Weston) 35, Wells (Willisby Old Boys) 33, A. Rices (Gedney Hill) 32, A. E. Baker (Clay Lake) 24.
Bowling: R. Kent (Saracen's Head) 7 for 0, Geo. Hemirey (Monk's House) 5 for 0, F. Dearnley (Pitchbeck) 9 for 1, H. W. Allen (Clay Lake) 5 for 1.

TIMBERLAND v. WILLOUGHBY PARK.

Timberland entertained Willoughby Park on Saturday, and won by 53 runs to 25. M. Spencer was again in excellent form with the ball, taking 5 wickets for 5 runs. H. Spencer took 5 for 18, and the Timberland captain, Walker Barraud, scored 29 runs.
Willoughby Park: H. Newton, c. Stokes b. A. Spencer 3; S. Gadsby, b. M. Spencer 8; A. Howell, b. M. Spencer 0; J. Towns, c. Barraud b. M. Spencer 5; T. Pullen, c. Barraud b. H. Spencer 3; W. Potterton, b. H. Spencer 0; F. Towns, b. H. Spencer 0; H. Brown, c. Kettleborough b. A. Spencer 0; Simpson, c. Barraud b. M. Spencer 1; H. Borrill, b. M. Spencer 0; W. Tours, not out 0; extras, 2—Total, 18.
Bowling: M. Spencer 5 for 5, A. Spencer 5 for 18.

Timberland: H. Black, l.b.w., b. Pullen 0; M. O.; W. Barraud, run out 29; R. Ingamells, l.b.w., b. Pullen 1; W. G. Stokes, l.b.w., b. Pullen 4; A. O.; T. Goy, c. Pullen b. Gadsby 0; K. Bates, b. Gadsby Brown b. Gadsby 11; C. Kettleborough, not out 0; extras, 3—Total, 53. Bowling: Gadsby 3 for 1, Pullen 5 for 26, Howell 1 for 14.

TIMBERLAND v. ST. ANDREW'S, LINCOLN.
Match abandoned owing to rain. Timberland provided in the school for this Bank Holiday fixture.

SLEAFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Averages of the Cricket Team.

Below are the batting and bowling averages of the members of the Sleaford (Cotter's) Grammar School cricket 1st eleven, and both the tables are headed by R. F. Godby. During the season he has made an average of 24.6 runs and taken 50 wickets with an average of 4.7 runs per wicket. The school has had a very successful season, winning 12 matches, losing two, and tying in one. The averages are as follows:—

BATTING.

	Inns.	Not out.	Highest Score.	Tot. Runs.	Average.
R. F. J. Godby	14	2	48*	235	24.6
V. Skipper	13	0	49	224	17.2
C. Temple	14	0	53	122	8.7
E. Headworth	14	2	23	61	8.2
A. Roberts	7	0	27	55	7.9
C. Green	13	0	16	88	6.7
A. Money	13	1	21	82	6.1
C. A. Hague	12	—	22*	47	4.7
L. Porter	11	3	11*	22	4.0
A. Harpham	7	4	—	11	3.7
D. Bulford	9	0	11	29	3.3
T. Ward	8	1	4	11	1.6

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Average.
R. F. Godby	135	25	27	50	4.7
C. Green	150	48	272	43	6.4
L. Porter	39	10	109	19	16.9
A. Money	34	7	109	9	12.1

C. Temple, C. Hague, and A. Roberts also bowled.

LINCOLNSHIRE DOWN AGAIN.
On the face of things it would appear that Lincolnshire were rather fortunate to avoid defeat at the hands of Norfolk, in the minor counties match at Norwich last week. Rain seriously curtailed the first day's play when Norfolk scored 61 for two wickets. Continuing on Friday, Norfolk earned their score to 175, the best innings coming from W. J. Etrick (49), and F. D. Cudliffe (38) not out.

In reply to this Lincolnshire made a very poor show with the bat. Ridley and T. E. Drakes were quickly dismissed, but R. E. Frearson, the Skegness man, and H. W. Dods made a stand for a time. This pair, in fact, scored more than half their side's runs, and when they were separated the Lincolnshire batting fell to pieces. The whole side was out for 62, Dods' 18 being the best effort.

Lincolnshire followed on although there was little possibility of finishing the match, and they had two wickets down for 10 runs when the game ended.

The Norfolk bowlers undoubtedly had the whip hand, prominent amongst them being T. G. L. Ballance, a slow left arm bowler. Ballance who took five wickets for 28 in the first innings, and captured R. Eys' wicket in the second, is an Uppingham schoolboy this being his first appearance for Norfolk. Lingwood two for seven, and Thompson two for nine also bowled well in the Lincolnshire first innings.

Lines took on a very tough proposition when they met Warwickshire II, at Rugby on Wednesday and yesterday, for the Midlands were generally on top, except for a brief space in their first innings, when J. N. Worman got in a destructive spell of bowling. Batting first Warwickshire II, scored 392 for seven wickets, and then declared. The feature of the innings was the batting of Hill, who opened the innings and was undefeated with 196 to his credit when the declaration was made. Saunders, who was Hill's seventh wicket partner, scored 65 in a comparatively short time a bright piece of batting.

Lines, faced the big task set them in anything but a convincing fashion, and by the end of the first day's play had lost seven wickets for 100 runs. The most productive effort was W. E. Houghton's 29, although J. N. Worman was 21 not out at the close of play.

Yesterday Lines only added 26 to their overnight score, J. N. Worman taking his individual score to 41. Lines were thus forced to follow on 176 in arrears. The batsmen however, made a much better show, and the deficit was rubbed off for the loss of three wickets. W. E. Houghton scoring 75, thus saving the ignominy of an innings defeat which at one time looked probable.

Lines carried their second innings total to 231, thus leaving Warwickshire II, with the easy task of getting 59 to win. Lines now occupy a position next to the bottom of the Minor Counties table with about ten per cent. average of points.

Played at Norwich on Thursday and Friday. Norfolk claiming first innings points. Score:-

NORFOLK.	
B. W. Bought-Bought, c. Wibem, b. Ridley	9
J. C. Thibston-Smith, c. Ridley, b. Wilson	21
W. J. Etrick, c. J. Worman, b. Wilson	49
M. Falcon, c. Sealey, b. Wibem	10
A. P. H. Atken, c. T. Drakes, b. J. Worman	5
W. S. Thompson, st. White, b. J. Worman	27
J. M. Coltham, c. P. Worman, b. Wilson	4
F. D. Cudliffe, not out	38
R. C. Bought-Bought, b. T. Drakes	12
T. G. L. Ballance, b. J. Worman	1
Lingwood, run out	4
Extras	4
Total	175
LINCOLNSHIRE.	
R. E. Frearson, c. Cudliffe, b. Ballance	17
P. Ridley, c. B. Bought-Bought, b. Lingwood	2
T. E. Drakes, c. Coltham, b. Lingwood	0
H. W. Dods, c. Etrick, b. Thompson	18
J. Drakes, c. Cudliffe, b. Falgout	1
E. G. Eaton-Evans, b. Thompson	4
T. Sealey, c. Falcon, b. Ballance	11
P. L. Worman, not out	3
J. N. Worman, run out	0
A. J. White, c. Cudliffe, b. Ballance	2
Major C. Wilson, c. Lingwood, b. Ballance	2
Extras	3
Total	62
LINCOLNSHIRE, 2nd Innings.	
Frearson, b. Falcon	3
Ridley, c. Lingwood, b. Ballance	2
T. Drakes, not out	0
Dods, not out	6
Total (2 wks)	10

CRICKET NOTES.

Having, for the third successive year, recognised a representative side of the Grimsby and District Cricket League, on the cricket field last week, the members of the Grimsby Town Football Club (this week tackled the Grimsby Town Cricket Club, on the Littlefield Lane ground. The match was played to create a fund to assist the Grimsby Town C.C. to meet the necessarily heavy expenses incurred in the removal from the present ground to the new ground further along Littlefield Lane, and the preparation of the new ground. There was every element of a "needle-pointed" contest, the cricketers keen to do something to get their values up the most again, and both sets of thoroughly good sportsmen out to enjoy themselves.

The footballers stuck to the team that was victorious last week. F. Womack capt., J. Bestall, A. Haterman, C. Craven, H. Fielding, M. M. Holmes, J. V. Holgson, G. Twocly, H. Betmead, A. Armitage, V. Dodsworth, and Ponting. The Town C.C. were stiffened by the inclusion of Harry Stamp, H. Bacon, and J. Robinson of the Associates, the side being E. S. Lee capt., V. Stansby, J. Robinson, H. E. Stamp, H. Bacon, A. P. Falconer, J. Cooper, R. Frisby, S. Albeck, A. Hakin, L. V. Forster and L. Sward.

The conditions were ideal on Wednesday when the game started before a fair crowd which included the Borough Member (Mr. W. J. Womacraley). The footballers battled first sending in Bestall and Craven as the opening pair. Bacon and Hakin had the bowling in hand, the former sending down two successive maidens, while Craven helped himself to a four, two and a single off Hakin, the boundary being a fine off drive. The next over Craven licensed things with a straight drive for two and a splendid square cut to the rails at Bacon's expense.

Bestall was rather subdued for a time but a shot right along the carpet to the boundary was a nice effort. With 20 runs on the board, Frisby took a very smart catch in the slips to dismiss Craven, off Bacon's bowling. Craven's score was 13.

Falconer took over from Hakin and steadily the scoring a little, but Bestall sent up the 40 with two successive fours off Bacon. Fielding slipped in the middle of the pitch, but the ball was returned wide, while Bestall gave a chance of stumping in the same over but the chance went begging. The next over both batsmen hit Bacon to the ropes, although Bestall gave a difficult chance in the slips which went begging. This sent up 50 in about half an hour.

Bestall was now batting very attractively, and varied some classy off strokes by hitting a full toss from Bacon into the pavilion. Smart fielding by Lee and Robinson saved runs, and Falconer made Fielding appear uncomfortable, although the latter booked a ball from Falconer hard to the leg boundary.

Stansby came on for Bacon at 60. Bestall hitting his third ball to the leg boundary, Falconer hit Fielding's wicket with the first ball of the next over. The outgoing batsmen's score was 9, and the total 67 for two.

Caution was the keynote of Bateman's opening and for a time runs came very slowly and it was some time before he sent up 70 by getting Stansby straight through to the boundary and then turned him to the leg boundary in the same over. Excursions from the crease to "right on" did not ruffle Bateman's solid defence, and the next over Stansby looked him with the score at 80. Bateman had batted a long time for two. Neither bowler permitted any liberties and slow scoring was relieved when Bestall pulled a ball from Stansby to the leg boundary to make his own score 50.

In the next over Holmes was given out caught in the slips by Cooper off Falconer. This opened a very green doubt about the decision and from the scorer's box it certainly seemed as though the ball touched the ground as Cooper's hand got it. In the same over Holgson drove Falconer to the right screen but Forster brought off a smart catch. These two wickets fell at 87.

Twocly opened her account with a four off Falconer, but the next ball he asked a Robinson at cover point and was out. Up to this point Falconer had taken 4 wickets for 13 runs in eleven overs.

A smart return from Robinson broke the wicket and almost had Bestall run out. Bestall celebrated the escape by twice hitting balls from Stansby to the pavilion and the next over he drove a ball from Falconer to the leg boundary. He attempted to do the same with the next ball a full

toss, but hit right over the ball and was bowled. He had scored 72 in about an hour and a half and the footballers' score was then 116 for 6.

Womack followed Bestall to the wicket and after a cautious start played vigorous cricket. He claimed two boundaries off Falconer, and hit a ball from Bacon out of the ground for six. He got little support, however, and the footballers were all out at 138, Womack contributing 48 not out.

The cricketers started their innings with Lee and Stansby facing Dodsworth and Holmes. They began very cautiously, and after about 15 minutes had eight not out and to play for the day. The score was 12 for no wicket.

Only four overs, which produced ten singles, had gone by but coming when Stansby was run out. He called and began to run but Lee did not respond. Stansby made an effort to get back, but Craven's return was so accurate that Stansby was well out. One for 22.

Robinson and Lee did some very smart run smothering, which was very entertaining in view of the keen fielding. Thirty went up when Lee evoked an express from Dodsworth to the boundary. For a time the batsmen adopted a largely defensive role, the only feature of the game being Twocly's smartness behind the stumps. At length Robinson turned a ball from Holgson to the leg boundary, the first run scored in four overs. An overdrive for four from Ponting put Lee to Lee's credit and 50 went up in the next over after about as many minutes play. Robinson, who was batting confidently, got a four off Dodsworth with a fine shot through the slips, and Lee drove Fielding straight for four and 60 went up. Two runs later Dodsworth knocked Robinson's leg stump out of the ground. Two for 62.

Harry Stamp had a very brief career before Dodsworth disclosed his balls. Lee was struck in the body by a rising ball from Dodsworth, but soon resumed and sent up 70 by turning the next ball, a no ball, to leg for four. Two clever strokes, which sent the ball to the boundary, brought Lee's score up to 50, and the side's to 80 for three, which was a strong position.

Womack next had a turn with the ball, both Cooper and Lee scoring off short pitched deliveries. This change did not shake the batsmen, and Bestall took over the ball. A very quiet period was relieved when Lee sent up 100 with a four and leg off Lee. Holmes now came on for Dodsworth, and off his second ball Lee was caught by Craven at mid-on. Lee had played sterling cricket for 69, and gave no chances. 4 for 108.

Frisby opened with two fours at Holmes' expense, then Bestall sent back Cooper leg before.

Both Frisby and Falconer played with caution, but the latter sent up 120 with a square cut off Dodsworth. Runs crept up slowly, the batsmen were taking no chances, and the crowd were getting fidgetious when Falconer hit Holmes to the rails. "Somebody has sounded the reveille," shouted a wag. The same over Frisby won the game with a big hit for 6 and followed it with a 4.

Immediately afterwards Dodsworth dismissed Falconer with a brilliant one handed catch. Frisby scored 16 off three successive balls from Fielding and soon reached his 50 when the closure was applied with the score at 184 for 6. Frisby completed his 50 off the last ball of the game.

WHEN PENS WERE CHEAP.
Runs were cheap on the Paper Mills ground on Saturday, when the Paper Mills first eleven inflicted a very heavy defeat on Humberstone 8 wickets. The Millsers run up a score of 219 for 8 wickets, a very big score for Saturday afternoon cricket that will take a lot of beating in this class of cricket. The feature of their innings was the second wicket partnership between S. Rouse and T. Hakin which produced something like 140 runs. Rouse was some time in settling down, but Hakin soon got busy in the run getting business. At times this pair floored the bowling. Hakin scored 91 before a catch dismissed him. Rouse made 64, a catch ending his run. For a time things were quiet but later Pine and Beckett made an onslaught on the bowlers and scored 35 each in comparatively short time.

Faced with this formidable total the Socials made a very bad start. Locking and Moorhead being dismissed before they had scored. Entwistle Reynolds showed some courage and scored 23, but the rest of the Socials could be very little with the bowling of Hakin and Cochrane. They were wickets for 77. Hakin taking six for 41.

Some good bowling by W. Humphrey, who captured a fine wicket for 20 runs, was largely responsible for the easy victory which L.N.E.R. II. obtained at the expense of Cleethorpes II. on the latter's ground on Saturday. The only Cleethorper to make anything of a show with the bat was J. Howe, who scored 30 out of his side's 43. Cochrane, Bellone (not out) being the next best efforts.

The Railwaymen obtained the necessary runs for victory for the loss of five wickets. G. Taylor, 16, and C. Hitchhoff 14, being the principal contributors. Cleath took three wickets for 14 runs.

GRIMSBY TOWN F.C. v. GRIMSBY TOWN C.C.
Played at Littlefield Lane on Wednesday and Saturday. Score:

GRIMSBY TOWN F.C.

J. G. Bestall, b. Falconer	72
C. Craven, c. Frisby, b. Bacon	13
H. Fielding, b. Falconer	9
A. Bateman, b. Stansby	2
M. M. Holmes, c. Cooper, b. Fal-	1
coner	0
J. V. Holgson, c. Forster, b. Fal-	0
coner	0
G. Twocly, c. Robinson, b. Fal-	4
coner	8
H. Batmead, b. Bacon	8
A. Armitage, c. Falconer	1
V. Dodsworth, b. Bacon	1
Ponting, b. Stansby, b. Falconer	2
F. Womack, not out	18
Extras	7
Total	138

GRIMSBY TOWN C.C.

E. S. Lee, c. Craven, b. Holgson	69
C. Stansby, not out	8
J. Robinson, b. Dodsworth	13
H. E. Stamp, b. Dodsworth	1
J. Cooper, bow. b. Bestall	10
R. Frisby, not out	50
A. P. Falconer, c. Dodsworth, b.	15
H. Bacon, not out	8
Extras	10
Total (for 6 wket)	184

G. GRIMSBY TOWN v. AMATEUR I.R.S.
Division I. Played at Littlefield Lane. Score:

GRIMSBY TOWN, C. Stansby, c. Stamp, b. Paddy 2; R. Frisby, c. Lord, b. Bacon 24; E. Lee, b. Bacon 19; A. P. Falconer, bow. b. Bacon 8; L. S. Forster, bow. b. Bacon 15; R. Walker, c. Seabrook, b. Paddy 0; S. Albeck, b. Bacon 16; T. Hakin, b. Abey 12; H. L. Clark, c. Stamp, b. Bacon 1; R. Sainsbury, not out, 1; L. Sward, b. Abey 0; extras 11. Total 108.

Pawling, B. Hitchhoff 1 for 31; G. Paddy 1 for 43; H. Bacon 6 for 15; and A. Abey 2 for 8.

AMATEUR I.R.S., J. Robinson, bow. b. Hakin 11; A. Bateman, c. Stansby, b. Falconer 1; J. Seabrook, c. Albeck, b. Sainsbury 1; J. H. Forster, b. Sainsbury 3; H. E. Stamp, st. Sward, b. Falconer 15; B. Entwistle, c. Walker, b. Sainsbury 20; A. Abey, not out 15; H. Bacon, bow. b. Falconer 0; A. Lord, b. Hakin 7; J. C. Baxter, and G. Paddy did not bat; extras 12. Total 115.

Bowling: R. Sainsbury 3 for 32; A. P. Falconer 3 for 50 and T. Hakin 2 for 21.

CLEETHORPES II. v. L.N.E.R. II. Played on Harry's ground. Score:

CLEETHORPES, C. Harvey, c. Hitchhoff, b. Humphrey 0; R. Seabrook, c. Aspath, b. Humphrey 1; H. Baker, c. Walker, b. Hitchhoff 0; W. Vere, c. and b. Humphrey 3; J. Howe, c. sub. b. Humphrey 20; J. Cooper, c. Hitchhoff, b. Humphrey 2; J. Cleath, c. Hitchhoff, b. Humphrey 2; G. Bell, not out, 9; C. Hancock, b. Humphrey 2; B. Fairbank, b. Humphrey 2; A. W. Cox, b. Humphrey 1; extra 13. Total 43.

Bowling: Humphrey 9 for 20, and C. Hitchhoff 1 for 9.

L.N.E.R. II. C. Jackson, b. Cleath 0; H. Oakes, c. Howe, b. Bell 4; A. Walker, b. Cleath 6; C. Hitchhoff, st. Howe, b. R. Seabrook 14; G. Taylor, c. Howe, b. Cleath 10; N. Blackburn, not out 9; T. Grimshby, H. Aspath, H. Sanders, and W. Humphrey did not bat; extra 1. Total (5 wket) 50.

Bowling: J. Cleath 3 for 14; G. Bell 4 for 17 and R. Seabrook 1 for 10.

PAPER MILLS v. HUMBERSTONE SOCIALS.
League II.
Played at Littlefield Lane. Score:

PAPER MILLS, T. Entwistle, b. Entwistle 3; S. Rouse, c. Hunt 4; Entwistle 64; T. Hakin, c. North, b. Hunt 91; T. Moorhead, not out, 1; b. Hunt 11; C. G. Paddy, not out 38; C. Beckett, b. Hunt 28; W. C. Taylor, not out 28; W. C. Taylor, bow. not out 17; D. Hill did not bat; extras 12. Total 8 wket 319.

Bowling: Entwistle 2 for 91, and HUMBERSTONE SOCIALS: H. Locking, b. Hakin, c. W. Entwistle, wch. 4; A. Hakin, b. C. G. Paddy, c. James, c. Moorhead, b. C. G. Paddy 16; R. Reynolds, c. Hakin, b. Hakin 24; D. Moorhead, c. Hakin, b. C. G. Paddy 9; C. Hakin, b. Hakin, c. P. Walker 0.

not out 7; R. Beck, bow., b. Hakin, 1; extras 5. Total 77.
Bowling: Hakin 6 for 30 and Cardwell 1 for 41.

SOUTH AND DISTRICT v. NORTH THORNSBY.

Played at South on Saturday. Scores:

NORTH THORNSBY. T. Campion, c. Doust, b. Dexter, 0; J. Beakley, b. c. Dolbe, b. Charlton, 0; H. Smith, c. Doust, b. Pressley, 12; B. Campion, b. Dexter, 13; J. Barker, b. Ainger, 41; J. Pickard, c. Ainger, b. Charlton, 1; J. Genney, b. Charlton, 0; A. Storr, not out, 29; T. Campion, c. Dexter, b. Ainger, 7; J. Dixon, c. Charlton, b. Dexter, 10; G. Robinson, not out, 3; extras 16. Total (for nine wickets declared) 166.

Bowling: Dexter 3 for 32, Charlton 3 for 12, Ainger 2 for 38.

SOUTH. C. C. Colthurst, retired hurt, 6; R. J. Charlton, not out, 54; J. Wilson, bow., b. Barker, 9; J. R. Ainger, not out, 3; G. N. Priddington, A. Dexter, R. W. Dadds, F. L. Trowell, A. A. Price, M. Dale, H. Doust did not bat; extras 6. Total 78 for 1.

Bowling: Barker 1 for 6.

HOLTON-LE CLAY v. HENDERSON'S JETTY.

Played at Holton, on Saturday. Scores:

HOLTON. F. Marshall, c. Spencer, b. Storr, 8; J. Hutson, c. Hawkins, b. Storr, 11; A. B. Hutson, run out, 2; J. Chapman, c. Hawkins, b. Spencer, 9; F. Hutson, b. Storr, 11; J. Barker, b. Spencer, 0; Fred Hutson, b. Barker, 51; H. Parker, b. Storr, 1; G. Hutson, not out, 19; J. Hutson, c. and b. Barker, 2; extras 6. Total 121.

HENDERSON'S. Planchard, b. H. Barker, 2; Hawkins, c. G. Hutson, b. H. Barker, 1; Ormond, run out, 4; Baker, c. J. Hutson, b. J. Barker, 3; Lofthouse, run out, 0; W. Ormond, b. H. Parker, 0; Norton, b. A. Hutson, 7; Spencer, run out, 5; Drury, b. A. Hutson, 0; Storr, b. F. Hutson, 4; Taylor, not out, 4; extras 6. Total 26.

IMMINGHAM QUEENS v. Y.M.C.A.

Played at Immingham, on Saturday. Scores:

Y.M.C.A. L. Tartellin, c. Robertson, b. J. Whaley, 10; Tripett, bow., b. Whaley, 0; Craft, c. Robertson, 2; Whaley, 0; Pacl, b. Robertson, 2; Standhoff, not out, 14; Barnett, c. Easton, b. Robertson, 0; Knudson, b. Whaley, 0; Dennis, b. Whaley, 0; Baker, b. Robertson, 0; Wheeler, b. Riley, 5; Walden, b. Riley, 0; extras, 2. Total 33.

IMMINGHAM QUEENS.

R. Hudson, b. Tripett, 1; J. G. Swell, bow., b. Tripett, 0; J. Whitehead, c. Baker, b. Tartellin, 1; O. Turpin, c. Walden, b. Tripett, 0; C. Riley, b. Standhoff, 25; F. Robertson, c. Baker, b. Tripett, 1; C. Howson, b. Tartellin, c. A. Borrill, b. Tripett, 3; J. Whaley, b. Tartellin, 3; F. Easton, b. Tripett, 4; A. Riley, not out, 0; extras, 1. Total 53.

MARKET RASEN v. ELSHAM.

Market Rasen gained an easy victory on Saturday when they outplayed Elsham and won the match with a margin of 29 runs and three wickets in hand. The visitors batted first and their wickets were taken by Dr. Pank (4 for 18), T. Poulter (3 for 7), and W. Parr (2 for 3).

ELSHAM. A. Miller, bow., b. Pank, 1; R. Scott, b. Poulter, 2; S. Bell, c. Drax, b. Cressy, 5; H. Whitehead, c. Poulter, b. Pank, 10; H. Bell, c. Baker, b. Pank, 1; G. James, b. Parr, 12; F. Marsden, b. Pank, 1; S. Eddy, b. Poulter, 7; J. Atkinson, b. Poulter, 0; D. Eddy, not out, 0; G. Hewson, b. Parr, 0; extras 1. Total 40.

MARKET RASEN. S. Baker, c. Miller, b. Bell, 4; L. Drake, c. Bell, b. James, 20; J. Jennings, bow., b. Atkinson, 5; T. Poulter, at Whitehead, b. James, 3; W. Parr, c. and b. James, 5; T. H. Sempson, not out, 8; Dr. Pank, c. Miller, b. Atkinson, 9; W. Robinson, b. Atkinson, 12; F. Cottingham, not out, 0; R. Wood and J. Cressy did not bat; extras 5. Total (for 7 wks), 69.

The Old Ludensian cricket week opened on Monday and a match will be played each day.

OLD LUDENSIANS v. MR. T. PARRY'S XI.

Played at South on Monday. Scores: **OLD LUDENSIANS.** R. V. Dudley, b. Knight, 0; A. O. Price, Hibbit, b. Worman, junior, 21; C. Worman, senior, 7; M. W. L. Hemming, c. Burkill, b. Worman, senior, 2; A. B. J. Ashton, c. Dolbe, b. Colthurst, 15; J. R. Ainger, bow., b. Colthurst, 1; E. A. Gardner, b. Worman, junior, 0; J. Stubbs, run out, 9; J. Wilson, bow., b. Colthurst, 6; M. Dale, c. Worman, senior, b. Colthurst, 6; J. Genney, not out, 1; extras 12. Total 80.

Bowling: Colthurst 4 for 9, Worman senior 2 for 26, Worman junior 2 for 7, Knight 1 for 1.

MR. T. PARRY'S XI. S. Parry, c. Price, b. Ainger, 13; E. Colthurst, b. Stubbs, 7; P. L. Worman, bow., b. Ainger, 18; F. Roberts, c. Hibbit, b. Stubbs, 1; H. W. Dolbe, b. Stubbs, 4; J. S. Worman, not out, 37; T. B. Gillott, c. and b. Stubbs,

0; R. W. Dolbe, c. Genney, b. Stubbs, 0; J. S. Shields, b. Ainger, 12; A. E. Knight, b. Stubbs, 0; J. Burkill, c. Price, b. Hibbit, 1; extras 12. Total 106.
Bowling: Stubbs 6 for 31, Ainger 3 for 44, Hibbit 1 for 1.

The second match in Old Ludensian week at South Grammar School was played between Old Ludensians and Capt. J. F. Richardson's XI. Mr. M. Bennett for the visiting XI. hit 11 fours and one 6. Scores:

CAPT. RICHARDSON'S XI. H. E. Stamp, c. Ainger, b. Dudley, 44; S. Robinson, c. Allen, b. Ainger, 2; A. Bennett, bow., b. Stubbs, 9; Capt. R. A. Brazier, b. Walker, 47; J. Drake, not out, 14; extras 6. Total (4 wks, dec.) 204. F. G. Eaton-Evans, E. Faircl, Rev. H. S. Bell, B. Ehrenfried, W. A. Egan, and Capt. J. F. Richardson did not bat.

Bowling: Stubbs 1 for 48, Ainger 1 for 29, Dudley 1 for 31, Walker 1 for 12.

OLD LUDENSIANS.

C. D. Hemming, c. Ehrenfried, b. Drake, 8; A. O. Price, b. Ehrenfried, 1; W. H. Mackinder, c. Bell, b. Ehrenfried, 4; A. B. J. Ashton, b. Ehrenfried, 0; M. W. L. Hemming, c. Robinson, b. Drake, 29; G. Eist, c. Bennett, b. Stamp, 11; J. R. Ainger, c. Richardson, b. Drake, 5; J. H. Walker, b. Stamp, 2; J. Stubbs, not out, 22; B. V. Dudley, b. Stamp, 3; W. A. Southwick, run out, 0; extras 12. Total, 97.

Bowling: Ehrenfried 3 for 10; Stamp 3 for 29; Drake 3 for 19.

Old Ludensians v. Major Fox's XI.

Played at South on Wednesday. Scores: **MAJOR FOX'S XI.** J. Marshall, c. and b. Ainger, 36; S. H. Parry, c. Wilson, b. Hibbit, 3; J. Drake, c. and b. Hibbit, 19; H. W. Clarke, c. Gardiner, b. Stubbs, 9; W. G. Oldroyd, c. Hibbit, b. Stubbs, 1; J. Shields, b. Hibbit, 5; J. Charlton, c. Mackinder, b. Hibbit, 0; W. R. Fox, b. Stubbs, 1; R. Rawnsley, c. Hibbit, b. Price, 18; W. Regall, c. Wilson, b. Dudley, 0; O. Marshall, b. Stubbs, 18; J. St. V. Fox, not out, 0; extras 7. Total 117.

Bowling: Stubbs 1 for 40, Hibbit 1 for 0, Ainger 1 for 29, Price 1 for 0, Dudley 1 for 0.

OLD LUDENSIANS.

W. H. Mackinder, b. Clarke, 10; R. E. Howson, b. Drake, 8; M. W. L. Hibbit, b. Clarke, 5; J. Wilson, c. Shields, b. Drake, 1; A. B. J. Ashton, c. Clarke, b. Shields, 9; C. D. Hemming, b. Shields, 1; J. R. Ainger, b. Rawnsley, 9; J. Poulter, c. Oldroyd, b. Marshall, 5; A. O. Price, b. Oldroyd, 6; J. Stubbs, c. Clarke, b. W. Fox, 10; E. A. Gardiner, b. Oldroyd, 7; B. V. Dudley, not out, 1; extras 14. Total 86.

Bowling: Clarke 2 for 17, Drake 2 for 8, Shields 2 for 0, Oldroyd 2 for 2, Rawnsley 1 for 26, Marshall 1 for 13, W. Fox 1 for 3.

**MINOR COUNTIES
CRICKET.**

Warwickshire v. Lincs.

WARWICKSHIRE 2nd.

R. H. M. Burton, b. Drakes ...	29
Hill, not out ...	136
Roberts, b. J. N. Worman ...	0
Collin, c. J. N. Worman b. Wilson ...	39
Buckingham, c. b. Worman b. J. Worman ...	1
Brown, c. Gillatt b. J. N. Worman ...	9
Jarratt, b. Wilkinson ...	2
Sanders, c. Dickinson b. Ridley ...	65
Captain C. F. Cown, not out ...	3
Extras ...	18

Total for 7 wickets dec. 302

LINCOLNSHIRE.

W. E. Houghton, b. Wilmot ...	20
P. L. Worman, c. Burton b. Sanders ...	4
R. Flatters, b. Brown ...	5
H. W. Dods, c. Burton b. Brown ...	1
F. Ridley, b. Brown ...	0
T. E. Drakes, l.b.w., b. Wilmot ...	16
J. Wilkinson, b. Sanders ...	12
E. L. Dickinson, l.b.w., b. Jarratt ...	3
J. N. Worman, b. Jarratt ...	41
B. Gillatt, b. Sanders ...	1
Major C. Wilson, not out ...	0
Extras ...	16

Total ... 126

LINCOLNSHIRE (2nd Innings).

W. E. Houghton, l.b.w., b. Collin ...	75
P. L. Worman, c. Burton b. Jarratt ...	41
R. Flatters, c. Hollis b. Collins ...	46
H. W. Dods, l.b.w., b. Jarratt ...	17
S. Ridley, b. Collins ...	4
T. E. Drakes, c. Roberts b. Collins ...	2
J. B. Wilkinson, not out ...	18
J. N. Worman, c. Cowan b. Jarratt ...	5
E. L. Dickinson, l.b.w., b. Jarratt ...	6
T. B. Gillatt, c. Burton b. Jarratt ...	12
Major C. Wilson, b. Collin ...	0
Extras ...	18

Total ... 234

Norfolk v. Lincolnshire.

Scoring only 62 at Norwich in reply to Norfolk's total of 175, Lincolnshire followed on and lost two wickets for 10. Scores:—

NORFOLK.

B. W. R. Rought, c. Wilson b. Bradley ..	9
J. C. T. Smith, c. Ridley b. Wilson ..	21
W. J. Eorich, c. J. Worman b. Wilson ..	40
M. Falcon, c. Scoley b. Wilson ..	10
A. D. Aitken, c. F. Drakes b. J. Worman ..	5
W. S. Thompson, st. White b. J. Worman ..	27
J. M. Coldham, c. P. Worman b. Wilson ..	4
F. D. Cullite, not out	38
R. C. R. Rought, b. Drakes	12
K. Ballance, b. J. Worman	1
Lingwood, run out	4
Extras	4
Total	175

LINCOLNSHIRE.

R. E. Frearson, c. Cullite b. Ballance ..	17
F. Ridley, c. B. R. Rought b. Lingwood ..	2
T. Drakes, c. Coldham b. Lingwood ..	0
H. W. Dods, c. Litch b. Thompson ..	18
J. Drakes, c. Cullite b. Ballance ..	1
F. G. Eaton, c. Evans b. Thompson ..	3
T. Scoley, c. Falcon b. Ballance ..	11
P. Worman, not out	3
J. Worman, run out	0
A. J. White, c. Cullite b. Ballance ..	2
Major Wilson, c. Lingwood b. Ballance ..	2
Extras	3
Total	62

SECOND INNINGS.

R. E. Frearson, b. Falcon	3
F. Ridley, c. Lingwood b. Ballance ..	2
T. Drakes, not out	0
H. W. Dods, not out	5
Total for 2 wickets	10

IMPS v. JOHNSON'S.

Played on the Central Park ground on Tuesday and Wednesday in the Boston Cricket League knock-out competition. Collections were taken at the match for the Mayor's Hospital Carnival Fund.

JOHNSON'S.

G. Layton, b. Speight	...	6
H. Homewood, l.b.w., b. Parker	...	0
A. Turner, b. Speight	...	22
A. Peck, b. Speight	...	1
S. M. Dring, b. Speight	...	2
N. Peck, b. Phillips	...	0
G. McGuire, not out	...	1
K. R. Brown, run out	...	0
D. King, b. Phillips	...	0
A. Dobbs, b. Phillips	...	0
J. N. Mackinder, c. Smith b. Phillips	...	0
Extras	...	14

Total 46

Bowling : Parker 1 for 4, Tinnard 0 for 10, Phillips 4 for 0, Speight 4 for 0.

IMPS.

R. Tinnard, b. King	...	15
H. Townsend, c. McGuire b. Dobbs	...	0
T. Parker, c. McGuire b. King	...	7
G. H. Caudwell, c. McGuire b. Dobbs	...	2
A. Waddington, b. Turner	...	20
A. Speight, c. Dring b. Dobbs	...	0
W. Phillips, l.b.w., b. King	...	0
G. Taylor, c. Dring b. A. Peck	...	15
W. Smith, c. and b. Dring	...	3
W. Hatfield, not out	...	6
C. Price, b. Turner	...	0
Extras	...	2

Total 70

Bowling : King 3 for 11, Dobbs 3 for 17, A. Peck 1 for 18, A. Turner 2 for 5, Dring 1 for 0.

PETERBOROUGH v. W. WHITSED'S XI.

Played at Peterborough on Friday.

W. WHITSED'S XI.

A. C. Bridfoot, l.b.w., b. Cawthron	...	42
J. F. Temple, b. Cawthron	...	8
R. F. Sergeant, b. Wilkinson	...	30
R. Hopkinson, not out	...	20
G. Jones, b. Hemsall	...	0
Addis, b. Hemsall	...	4
J. Casswell, b. Cawthron	...	1
W. E. Cox, c. Dickens b. Hemsall	...	3
F. Tointon, run out	...	0
Flowers, c. Young b. Hemsall	...	1
C. S. Fyson, b. Cawthron	...	0
W. Whitsed, b. Lockton	...	10
Extras	...	17

Total 163

Bowling : Cawthron 4 for 60, Lockton 1 for 11, Wilkinson 1 for 32, Hemsall 4 for 6.

PETERBOROUGH.

F. Cole, b. Jones	...	0
F. Warriner, l.b.w., b. Addis	...	10
Jeffreys, b. Addis	...	3
Jane, b. Addis	...	4
Ingram, b. Jones	...	2
Young, b. Addis	...	4
Wilson, not out	...	48
Dickens, c. Fyson b. Addis	...	0
Lockton, c. Sergeant b. Tointon	...	18
Hemsall, l.b.w., b. Jones	...	0
Cawthron, c. Temple b. Tointon	...	0
Wilkinson, l.b.w., b. Jones	...	7
Extra	...	1

Total 117

Bowling : Addis 5 for 37, Jones 4 for 23, Tointon 2 for 40.

SKEGNESS CRICKET CLUB.

The Season's Averages.

As in former years, we are indebted to a well-known member of the Skegness and District Cricket Club for the following retrospect of the season 1932 and the batting and bowling averages.
 Played 10, won 9, drawn 15, lost 16.

For the first time since 1920 the Skegness Club has an adverse balance of wins against losses. The reason for this is not far to seek. The batting has never been so weak, and the hundred has not been reached as many as nine times, while the 200 has only been passed once. The batting averages compare badly with previous seasons, especially with 1921, when four batsmen each averaged over 50 and totalled over 2,000 runs between them.

Only two local bowlers have decent figures and it is hard to think when a match would have been won without Nixon or Wharmby, but the bowlers can at least blame the Rip Van Winkles in the field, and also, with one or two exceptions, a very moderate lot of wicket-keepers, for their bad figures.

The runs per wicket scored for and against the club in the last five seasons show very clearly the falling-off in skill:—

1928, Skegness 17.6 (opponents 13.3); 1929, 17.1 (13.1); 1930, 19.2 (13.3); 1931, 16.8 (16.5); 1932, 11.7 (17.1).

R. E. Frearson scored the only century in the Skegness matches during the season—101 not out v. Shipley Hall, and there has been one three-figure stand for, and one against the club. A. C. Burton and H. E. Theobald put on 121 v. Leeds Allerton, and P. Barratt and F. Smith compiled 110 for the Optimists.

Frearson has again been a joy at cover and the club would have a better score if he had played oftener. As a supporter of the club remarked, "Leave the batting and bowling as it is if we had eleven Frearsons in the field we should have won nearly all our matches." A good illustration of the vital importance of holding.

The club has severely felt the absence of two stalwarts in H. Witty and H. W. Martin. The former has taken about 250 wickets and scored over 1,000 runs for the club since he came to this district, while Martin averaged over 30 in 1931. If they can both play in 1933 we shall have a more successful season.

The averages are appended:—

BATTING.

	Inns.	N O.	Score	TL.	Av.
R. E. Frearson ...	12	1	101x	412	40.18
J. E. Searby ...	22	6	71x	412	23.92
F. A. Reddish ...	5	1	31x	90	22.50
A. C. Burton ...	5	0	61	110	22.00
W. H. Mackinder ...	17	1	57	296	18.50
J. C. Maden ...	12	0	37	201	16.75
A. E. Cheales ...	17	0	46	275	16.17
G. E. Wharmby ...	14	1	44	197	15.15
G. R. Gregory ...	5	1	39	60	15.00
D. F. Camp ...	6	1	22	60	12.00
E. Escriitt ...	8	0	20	86	10.75
D. Allan ...	21	5	23	169	10.56
W. L. V. Caldwell ...	10	0	33	105	10.50
C. T. Jessap ...	21	3	35x	186	10.33
B. H. Foster ...	5	3	16x	20	10.00
G. H. Black ...	27	1	36	257	9.88
H. R. Searby ...	15	0	30	142	9.46
C. W. Jepson ...	17	1	28	132	8.25
V. Shoppee ...	5	1	12	28	7.00
E. Keyworth ...	6	2	14	27	6.75
A. G. Nixon ...	11	3	12x	38	4.75

Also batted: H. E. Cooper, 0x; G. M. Lake 5, 12; G. A. Pennington 37, 17; B. Bailey 2, 4, 13, 22; G. E. Baguley 22; R. B. Rednall 17; Rev. V. S. Bell 10, 8, 9, 18; E. Tinkler 0; C. H. Church 2x; W. Draper 1; H. East 1; J. Davis 0; S. Dunstone 36, 82x, 17; J. Drakes 0; N. R. Whitwell 0; G. Allis 11; W. H. Oldroyd 2; J. A. Hargrove 2, 7, 0; H. Welch 17, 0; W. R. Holden 35x, 3; J. Fletcher 0; J. Smith 19; H. E. Stamp 20, 3, 8; —, Hall 0; —, Hunt 7; C. Munnings 0; M. Outram 9; F. W. Moulder 18x, 1; —, Barnett 2; H. Pearce 0, 6; G. Profit 0, 19x, 0; H. Binns 0; A. Shakleton 35; J. Read 0, 7x; H. E. Theobald 50, 8, 20; M. Cheales 38x, 3; T. Hankin Turvin 11; J. Green 0x; C. Cheales 8; B. Marsh 0, 0; R. Denham 7x; A. E. Beagle 37; W. Priestley 2; M. Godley 12; V. C. Lake 1; R. Astill 3; L. J. Belson 7x, 0; D. Dutton 0; F. Shaw 2; C. E. Rawlins 35; L. Holland 4, 14; E. M. Wright 0x, 0, 0x; A. H. Kimberlin 6, 0, 2x; A. F. Ratcliffe 3; W. A. Ellis, 5, 4; —, Castleman 8; —, Stevenson 10; J. Burn 0; P. W. Dutton 3; T. B. Hensman 3x, 9x, 3, 16; J. Sanderson 1; W. H. Lowe 1, 18, 4, 16; F. H. Gunn 17, 1; W. Pearson 1x; E. C. Marshall 11, 0, 15; J. Hart 35; G. D. Wall 9; F. J. Dolman 0; K. N. Jacques 9; H. Houseley 20; E. A. Blasdale 10x; L. Cary 0.

BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
H. Houseley ...	30	6	72	9	8.00
G. R. Gregory ...	75	5	314	27	11.62
J. A. Hargrove ...	36.4	3	120	10	12.00
B. Bailey ...	29	7	97	8	12.12
H. E. Cooper ...	46	8	123	10	12.30
A. G. Nixon ...	258	51	683	50	13.66
G. E. Wharmby ...	252.5	51	638	45	14.17
F. W. Moulder ...	45	14	93	6	15.50
A. E. Cheales ...	61.1	5	210	12	17.50
G. H. Black ...	80.3	11	269	15	17.92
P. Allan ...	148.3	25	471	23	18.73
C. W. Jepson ...	173	33	530	27	19.63
C. T. Jessap ...	28.1	2	121	6	20.16
L. J. Belson ...	42	10	132	6	20.33
R. E. Frearson ...	46	2	203	6	33.83

Also bowled: K. W. D. James, 14-6-23-3; T. Hankin Turvin, 17.4-1-50-6; W. H. Mackinder, 1-0-10-0; E. Tinkler, 2-0-10-0; W. L. V. Caldwell, 8-0-53-1; W. Draper, 5-1-9-0; E. Keyworth, 6-0-32-2; S. C. Maden, 4-0-14-1; W. H. Oldroyd, 1-0-18-0; C. Munnings, 7-2-28-1; S. Drakes, 5-1-20-0; H. R. Searby, 4-0-13-0; H. Welch, 22-5-65-2; W. R. Holden, 5-1-16-0; F. A. Reddish, 9-0-40-1; B. H. Foster, 24-3-98-2; H. S. Randle, 6-1-18-0; J. Smith, 3-0-15-3; H. E. Theobald, 2-0-23-0; A. Shakleton, 6-0-14-0; C. E. Rawlins, 17-1-54-1; L. Holland, 11.2-0-41-1; A. F. Ratcliffe, 4-0-17-0; P. W. Dutton, 3-0-17-0; H. E. Stamp, 9-1-17-3; —, Stevenson, 11-0-36-2; R. Astill, 6-1-27-1; B. Marsh, 22.2-3-108-4; R. Denham, 4-1-17-0; G. D. Wall, 7-1-20-0; G. Baguley, 3-0-12-0; T. B. Hensman, 3-0-15-0; D. Linathan, 17-6-69-3; W. Pearson, 9.3-2-4-1; W. H. Lowe, 4-0-15-3; F. J. Dolman, 5-1-15-1; K. N. Jacques, 5-1-9-0; E. A. Blasdale, 4.5-1-7-2.

CATCHES.

15. J. E. Searby; 10. G. E. Wharmby; 8. P. Allan; 7. G. H. Black and E. Escriitt; 6. R. E. Frearson; 4. D. F. Camp, E. Keyworth and W. H. Mackinder; 3. H. R. Searby, W. L. V. Caldwell, B. H. Foster, C. T. Jessap, J. C. Maden, E. M. Wright, A. E. Cheales, V. Shoppee and G. Profit; 2. W. Draper, B. Bailey, A. G. Nixon, C. W. Jepson, L. J. Belson, A. H. Kimberlin and A. C. Burton; 1. G. M. Lake, H. East, J. Drakes, W. Roebuck, J. A. Hargrove, J. Fletcher, W. R. Holden, S. Dunstone, H. Coates, C. Munnings, H. E. Cooper, M. Outram, —, Mitchell, H. Stamp, F. Shaw, D. Dutton, —, Castleman, R. Astill, V. S. Bell, C. Cheales, —, H. Turvin, J. Green, H. E. Theobald, G. D. Wall, T. B. Hensman, J. Read, F. H. Gunn, W. H. Lowe and K. N. Jacques.
 E. Escriitt and E. M. Wright stumped 5. E. Keyworth 1, S. Dunstone 3, H. East, D. F. Camp, G. Profit, J. Green and J. Hart 1 each.

GRANTHAM CRICKET CLUB.

SEASON 1932.

THE FIRST ELEVEN.

As was the case last year, the cricket season has been greatly affected by unfavourable weather conditions, but perhaps not to quite the same extent, for, compared with last season's figures, when nearly 7,700 runs were scored, the number for this year shows an increase of well over 2,000 runs for the loss of 564 wickets, against the fall of 582 wickets the previous year.

The total aggregate again shows the Club slightly behind their opponents in average per wicket, but while last year the disadvantage was 1.15 runs per man, the margin this time is represented by a fraction of a run, the actual deficiency being .23. Many good games have been witnessed during the season, in spite of the fickleness of the weather, and three more victories have been obtained than last year, the losses are only less, while there were three fewer drawn games.

Like last season there is no century-maker to be mentioned, but B. Pulford with 91, and D. W. Maule with 87 not out, came very near that distinction.

Good wins have been obtained against Egerton Park, Notts, Casuals, Notts Banks, Belvoir Estate, Old Nottinghamians, Notts, Corinthians, Notts, Forest, and Peterborough, and defeats were sustained at the hands of Forest Amateurs, Radcliffe, Old Stamfordians, No. 3 F.T.S., and Lincoln Linnam, amongst others.

The batting figures in some respects show an improvement on last year, eighteen players coming out with double-figure averages, against fourteen last season, but the highest aggregate of runs, 592, by T. J. Macdonald, who heads the list, is a long way behind M. W. Appleby a total of 537 a year ago.

With regard to the bowling figures, M. W. Appleby again claims the premier position, and if this year's figures are not quite as convincing as those of twelve months ago they are sufficiently so to show what a powerful asset he is to the Club's attack. He has received excellent support from the other members of the side, E. L. Parker, C. B. Bailey, F. England, and C. J. R. Smith, all proving efficient at various times.

The following are the details:—

Season.	P.	W.	D.	L.
1931	34	9	14	11
1932	35	12	11	10

Grantham				Opponents			
Season	Runs	Wkts.	Avg.	Runs	Wkts.	Avg.	
1931	3,815	352	12.62	3,858	280	13.77	
1932	4,535	235	16.12	4,579	279	16.41	

BATTING.

	Inn-ings	Runs.	Hgst.	Not out.	Average
T. J. Macdonald...	15	592	67*	1	28.00
G. W. Markham...	6	145	69	0	23.83
B. Pulford...	15	282	91	3	23.50
D. W. Maule...	14	255	87*	2	21.25
B. L. Parker...	11	165	36	2	18.44
M. W. Appleby...	25	422	65	1	17.58
R. L. G. Wright...	12	189	41	1	17.18
F. England...	9	96	35*	3	16.09
F. Callen...	16	224	41	2	15.93
E. Roberts...	9	89	31*	3	14.83
C. J. R. Smith...	14	186	47	1	14.30
M. Broughton...	8	70	14*	3	14.00
A. Wait...	13	165	59	1	13.75
F. Parker...	14	171	39	0	12.21
W. J. Hall...	13	129	34	3	12.00
P. H. D. Gosden...	9	82	45	2	11.71
C. B. Bailey...	21	197	45	3	10.91
A. Dexter...	6	41	15*	2	10.25
J. T. C. Golding...	13	117	24	0	9.00
J. S. Morley...	15	115	22*	2	8.84
M. E. Appleby...	8	54	6*	3	6.80
G. R. Appleby...	7	32	7*	2	6.40
J. C. B. Thompson...	6	10	5	0	1.66

Also batted:—Capt. R. A. Briggs, 10, 14; T. R. L. Boddish, 5, 58; A. E. Broadshaw, 2, 1, 12; J. D. King, 11*, 52*, 0, 0; J. Ayrton, 17, 1, 0, 23; S. Pulford, 38; M. R. Avila, 14; W. Dewey, 1; G. J. Armstrong, 6; H. Hawley, 0, 0; A. Greenley, 13, 3, 7; S. F. Musson, 19, 53*, 16, 14; O. A. Singleton, 22, 14, 8, 15*; F. P. Harris, 1; F. Preston, 16, 1; P. Smith, 3; S. T. Clarke, 0*, R. H. Peel, 1, 5.

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
M. W. Appleby...	415	221	251	75	11.65
F. England...	109	22	32	22	14.51
C. J. R. Smith...	93	13	37	21	14.62
H. Hawley...	76	13	197	13	15.15
E. Roberts...	68	12	265	15	17.53
T. J. Macdonald...	53	9	231	12	19.25
E. L. Parker...	196	21	565	35	19.28
C. B. Bailey...	169	24	555	28	20.21

Also bowled:—G. W. Markham 4, 0, 21, 1; P. Smith 1, 0, 4, 1; J. S. Morley 5, 0, 50, 0; H. E. Blyth 7, 0, 26, 0; R. L. G. Wright 15, 1, 78; J. A. Aveling 11, 3, 7, 4; F. Callen 15, 2, 61; C. A. Greenley 6, 1, 23, 0; A. F. Wait 25, 1, 69, 3; W. J. Hall, 20, 3, 85, 3; G. R. Appleby 9, 3, 24, 2; Captain Briggs 28, 4, 62, 7; S. Pulford 8, 5, 8, 0; F. P. Harris 3, 0, 11, 0; J. D. King, 11, 0, 72, 1; F. Parker, 6, 1, 13, 2; A. Dexter, 43, 5, 181, 5.

Catches:—P. H. D. Gosden, 8; Rev. R. L. G. Wright, A. Wait, C. B. Bailey, 7; F. Parker, T. J. Macdonald, 6; E. Roberts, 5; F. Callen, A. Greenley, F. L. Parker, J. S. Morley, M. W. Appleby, 4; C. J. R. Smith, M. Broughton, 3; F. England, C. J. R. Smith, D. W. Maule, S. Musson, 2; S. T. Clarke, H. Hawley, W. J. Hall, Captain Briggs, A. E. Broadshaw, B. Pulford, M. E. Appleby, G. W. Markham, F. P. Harris, A. Dexter, J. D. King, and G. R. Appleby, 1.

Stumped:—F. Parker, 9; P. H. D. Gosden, 4; Rev. R. L. G. Wright, 1.

SECOND ELEVEN.

The second eleven have done better than last season, having won five more matches, losing three less, whilst two fewer were drawn. There are several instances of players who possess all-round ability, as a glance at the figures will show, and evidence of the batting strength of the side is given by the fact that eleven of the batsmen have a double-figure average. A. Dexter tops the batting list, and made the highest individual score of the season. T. Ebbutt's figures give testimony to his usefulness to the Club in both batting and bowling, and others have given good displays from time to time. It is to be regretted that the services of S. F. Musson were not available more frequently, his position out of the town rendering his participation in many of the matches a difficult matter. During the closing weeks of the season this youngster—admitted by good judges to be one of the most promising players seen on the London-road ground for some years—figured in the premier side, and his scores of 29, 56 not out, 16, and 14, added to his second team figures give him an average of just over 22 for nine completed innings, and it is good to hear that he hopes to play regularly for the Club next year. The bowling figures show a high level of excellence, five of the team having averages of less than ten runs per wicket.

Victories have been gained at the expense of T. W. Rust and Co. (twice), Notts, Corinthians (twice), Edenham (twice), Newark, Peterborough Coop., Bestwood Park, Belton Park, and others, in the latter case the margin in the Club's favour being only one run, while defeats were inflicted by Egerton Park, Newark, Bourne, No. 3 F.T.S., Burghley Park, Lincoln Linnam, Peterborough, Kesveven M.H., and Woolsthorpe and District.

The following are the complete details:—

Season.	P.	W.	D.	L.
1931	30	8	8	14
1932	37	13	6	11

Grantham				Opponents			
Season	Runs	Wkts.	Avg.	Runs	Wkts.	Avg.	
1931	2,891	273	10.58	2,825	251	11.25	
1932	2,886	272	10.61	3,024	265	11.37	

BATTING.

	Inn-ings	Runs.	Hgst.	Not out.	Average
A. Dexter	7	214	85	0	30.57
T. Ebbutt	10	231	51	0	23.40
H. Baunett	16	291	70	1	19.40
S. F. Musson	6	86	31	0	14.33
J. Nixon	6	86	23	0	14.33
F. Preston	13	143	49*	3	14.30
A. N. Weekley	14	180	35	0	12.85
J. W. Massey	10	110	38*	1	12.22
S. Pulford	12	102	21*	2	10.90
H. O. Sellors	14	142	37	0	10.14
C. G. Burch	6	20	7*	4	10.00
V. Gash	8	69	39*	1	9.85
G. Wild	14	120	50	1	9.23
G. Sharman	12	79	33	1	7.18
P. Hobson	16	98	28*	2	7.00
J. R. Lord	13	59	34	1	6.75
S. Glover	13	79	16	1	6.57
G. W. Curry	8	51	18	0	6.38
T. W. Hanson	10	49	17	1	6.44
V. E. Sewell	14	59	25	2	4.91
C. Watson	9	30	8*	2	4.28
G. W. Sprawson	11	45	16	0	4.09
E. J. Climpson	10	28	8*	3	4.00
J. B. Green	6	12	5	0	2.00
H. Vaughan	6	9	4	1	1.80

Also batted:—B. Adams, 5*; T. Wilson, 1; J. S. Morley, 2, 9; M. E. Appleby, 3; W. G. Dewey, 2, 0, 0; C. Kitchen, 0*; G. Beaumont, 0; R. Money, 0, 15; D. W. Maule, 42; P. Young, 9*, 4; G. W. Markham, 0; J. Aveling, 12; H. Parker, 12; W. Dewey, 18; J. Broughton, 1.

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
T. Ebbutt	44	5	135	18	7.50
G. W. C. Curry	64	16	141	18	7.83
S. Glover	125	30	284	35	8.11
S. Pulford	164	27	245	25	9.80
C. Watson	96	18	259	26	9.96
P. Hobson	64	6	205	20	10.15
G. W. Wild	142	30	375	36	10.41
H. O. Sellors	119	22	319	23	13.86
C. G. Burch	57	19	149	10	14.90
J. R. Lord	53	7	164	10	16.40
A. Dexter	32	2	126	4	31.50

Also bowled:—H. Baunett, 5, 0, 30, 3; G. W. Sharman, 19, 1, 60, 1; V. Sewell, 4, 0, 14, 1; V. Gash, 4, 0, 6, 0; J. Aveling, 9, 1, 32, 2; G. W. Markham, 8, 3, 17, 1; E. J. Climpson, 5, 0, 18, 1; J. R. Bowden, 1, 1, 0, 1; J. Maule, 5, 0, 31, 0; Hutton, 3, 1, 4, 0; G. Dodds, 6, 1, 22, 1; J. S. Morley, 8, 2, 26, 1; G. W. Dewey, 14, 1, 40, 2; F. Preston, 7, 0, 41, 2; G. W. Sprawson, 11, 0, 50, 3.

Catches:—T. W. Hanson, 9; F. Preston, G. Sharman, G. T. Ebbutt, 5; V. E. Sewell, G. Wild, G. W. Sprawson, H. Vaughan, J. Nixon, 4; A. N. Weekley, J. S. Morley, F. Hobson, S. Glover, H. O. Sellors, V. Gash, H. Baunett, G. W. Curry, 3; S. F. Musson, E. J. Climpson, S. Pulford, 2; J. R. Bowden, and J. W. Massey, 1.

Stumped:—T. W. Hanson, 8; S. F. Musson, 1.