

WICKET-KEEPER'S SHARE IN DURHAM RECOVERY

Denbigh's Best Bowler

Durham had new opponents at Blackhill yesterday, when they met Denbighshire. Unfortunately, a heavy drizzle delayed the commencement of the match until three o'clock, so that there was only three and a half hours of actual play.

Durham took first use of the wicket and made 216 in just over three hours. With C. L. Adamson absent Gibbon had R. Hunt (Darlington R.A.) as his opening partner. Runs came at a slow pace, though neither of the batsmen appeared to be in serious difficulties, but with 15 on the board a grand ball from Walker beat the Darlington man and took his off-stump out of the ground.

Gibbon had only five to his credit when Hickman came in, but he quickly augmented his score with the aid of a couple of leg boundaries, only to give the simplest of catches to square leg off Evans with his score 22 and the total 41. Eleven more runs came before the tea interval, but Woodhouse hit freely afterwards to help Hickman put on 40 runs in just over half an hour.

By then Walker had just come back for his third spell, and the fast left-hander bowled Woodhouse all round his legs at 92. Dobson came in and the 100 went up at 5.20, but Brookes, a slow medium left-hander, seemed to puzzle the Durham captain. His first ball beat him in the air and all but "yorked" him, and next over, when Dobson pulled a ball hard to leg, it was only to place it in the hands of square leg. The same bowler got through Hickman's defence at 119, and with the score unchanged Carter was taken at slip, also off Brookes.

At this stage Brookes had three wickets for five runs in four overs, and when Walker uprooted Weightman's leg stump Durham had seven men out for 121.

CARR AGAIN

Carr came to the rescue with a characteristic 22, which included two 6's and two 4's. He was very well taken on the boundary off a huge hit. His innings proved a turning point, for Elsdon and James found the fire had gone out of the bowling, and the pair added 57 for the ninth wicket. James showed special skill in turning a rising ball to leg and in some hard driving in front of the wicket. He had a six and five 4's in his 41. Elsdon gave him splendid support, and the visiting captain found it necessary to recall Walker to break the partnership.

His return proved opportune. He took the two outstanding wickets in seven balls, Elsdon being caught behind the wicket and James l.b.w.

Walker showed quite the best form of the seven bowlers Denbighshire tried. Possessed of an easy action, left-hand, with a good speed, he was never easy to play, and the ball that kept low and came in sharply from leg was particularly destructive. Rees, the fast right-hander of the team, was rather erratic at first, though in his second spell, after tea, he had much better direction. The fielding of the visitors reached a fairly high standard.

DURHAM—1st Innings

R Hunt, b Walker	...	9
Gibbon, c Macnab, b Evans	...	22
G Hickman, b Brookes	...	43
Woodhouse, b Walker	...	27
T K Dobson, c Evans, b Brookes	...	11
T R Weightman, b Walker	...	1
W S Carter, c Sidlow, b Brookes	...	0
H S Elsdon, c Taylor, b Walker	...	24
A Elsdon, c Cross, b Sidlow	...	22
Carr, c James, lbw, b Walker	...	41
G T J Ellis, not out	...	7
Extras, 9; total	...	216

FALL OF THE WICKETS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
15	41	92	114	119	110	121	146	205	216

DENBIGHSHIRE—1st Innings

B D W Sykes, not out	...	0
M R Macnab, not out	...	1
Total (for no wicket)	...	1

BOWLING ANALYSIS

DURHAM—1st Innings

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Walker	22.1	6	40	5
Rees	7	1	24	0
Macnab	12	1	84	0
Sidlow	9	2	23	1
Evans	7	0	28	0
Brookes	6	1	80	3
Bruce	1	0	8	0

7 byes, 1 leg bye, 1 no ball.

DURHAM WIN BY AN INNINGS

Elsdon Completes the Rout

Durham gained an easy victory, at five minutes to five, over Denbighshire, by an innings and 74 runs, at Blackhill yesterday. The weather conditions had been very favourable all day, but a heavy drizzle began as soon as play ceased.

The Welsh county had scored one run overnight without loss but with only Macnab and Brookes offering any sustained resistance, the side had lost nine wickets by lunch, and was all out soon after the resumption for 73 runs. Macnab, first in and seventh out, was top scorer with 20, made out of 43, in two hours, while Brookes and Bruce hit more freely to obtain 16 and 14 (three 4's and a two), respectively. It was Carr who first commenced the rout with a couple of wickets in his third over with the score standing at 15. Then Ellis returned to the attack at 25 and was mainly responsible for the poor show of the remaining batsmen. From that point his figures were: 13.3-10-13-5.

He had seven successive maiden overs, though one felt at times that he was being treated with exaggerated respect, several balls passing harmlessly away on the leg side without receiving the punishment they seemed to invite. Carr gave him good support at the opposite end and the pair shared the wickets equally.

The Denbighshire second innings proved to be more productive than the first had been. Macnab and Sykes again opened the innings to the bowling of Ellis and Woodhouse. The pair were apparently out to save the game if possible and runs came very slowly, only nine resulting in the first 30 minutes from 10 overs.

Gibbon then displaced Woodhouse and a few runs later Dobson took over from Ellis who had bowled eight overs for four runs. Dobson succeeded in separating the opening pair, Macnab being well taken by Gibbon at slip. Carr clean bowled Walker at 19, but Brookes promoted from No. 8 to No. 4, opened his shoulders a little and the score was more than doubled in the next 25 minutes.

At 37, however, Elsdon, the Medomsley slow right-hand bowler, was given the ball for the first time in the match, and his spin bowling proved as destructive as had the fast medium-paced deliveries of Ellis in the first innings. No one had the courage to go out to him wholeheartedly. Brookes, Rees, and Sidlow were tempted to stretch forward and James had the bails off on each occasion before they could recover. Taylor was beaten and bowled. Cross played back and was astonished to see the ball spin up on to his bat and thence into the eager hands of Hunt, standing at short slip.

Tea was taken with the score at 62 for seven and the remaining three fell in 15 minutes after the resumption for the addition of only seven more runs.

Ellis's figures for the match were seven for 27 and Carr had seven for 53, while Elsdon bowling in the second innings only, came out with five for 18. Obviously the Denbighshire men were not used to spin bowling on a wicket that took it so that the ball come off quickly.

DURHAM—1st Innings (G Hickman 43, G T J James 41; Walker 5-60), 216.

DENBIGHSHIRE—1st Innings

B D W Sykes, c James, b Carr	...	5
M R Macnab, b Carr	...	20
S Walker, c Hunt, b Carr	...	0
T Taylor, c Dobson, b Carr	...	5
E Rees, c Gibbon, b Ellis	...	1
G Evans, b Carr	...	0
J D Cross, c Hunt, b Ellis	...	0
G Brookes, c Gibbon, b Ellis	...	16
C Sidlow, c Dobson, b Ellis	...	2
K Bruce, not out	...	14
H Roberts, lbw, b Ellis	...	0
Extras	10; total	73

FALL OF THE WICKETS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
15	18	25	26	26	35	43	54	67	73

DENBIGHSHIRE—2nd Innings

B D W Sykes, c Elsdon, b Ellis	...	23
M R Macnab, c Gibbon, b Dobson	...	6
S Walker, b Carr	...	4
G Brookes, st James, b Elsdon	...	12
G Evans, c and b Carr	...	0
E Rees, st James, b Elsdon	...	1
J D Cross, c Hunt, b Elsdon	...	8
T Taylor, b Elsdon	...	8
C Sidlow, st James, b Elsdon	...	3
K Bruce, b Ellis	...	2
H Roberts, not out	...	0
Extras	5; total	69

FALL OF THE WICKETS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
14	19	42	43	46	52	62	64	67	69

BOWLING ANALYSIS

DENBIGHSHIRE—1st Innings

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ellis	21.3	14	18	5
Woodhouse	5	3	3	0
Dobson	11	6	9	0
Carr	20	6	23	5

7 byes, 3 leg byes.

2nd Innings

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ellis	13	8	9	2
Woodhouse	5	3	5	0
Gibbon	5	2	3	0
Dobson	9	4	9	1
Carr	13	3	20	2
Elsdon	12	4	18	5

5 byes.

DURHAM won by an innings and 74 runs.

DURHAM IN DANGER OF DEFEAT

Free Scoring in Last Half Hour

Durham were outplayed at Chester-le-Street yesterday, for at the close Lancashire II. were 157 runs on with six wickets still to fall. This was made possible for them because of some excellent work by two of their bowlers early on. Pollard, who was unfit to play against Northumberland, shared the wickets with Phillipson at a cost of seven runs each to both men.

From the outset Durham found runs hard to get, and there was only 16 on the board when Adamson stopped a straight one with his pads. This success, after 40 minutes' bowling spell, acted like a tonic, and in the next 13 minutes three further wickets fell for the addition of only two runs. Pollard claimed two of these victims, by clean bowling Hickman and Olver in successive overs, and Gibbon, who had 15 of the 18, in playing a ball just wide of the off on to his leg stump, gave Phillipson the other.

Pollard had bowled five successive maidens, and his three wickets had been obtained without cost, but Dobson joining Woodhouse opened with a four, and the pair settled down to gradually master the bowling. They stayed together until lunch, by which time the score had been taken to 60. Woodhouse was content to play a waiting game—he was at the wickets 30 minutes before he opened his score off a no-ball—and when he was bowled by Phillipson's first ball, second over, in his second spell, he had made but 10 of the 73 runs obtained during his stay. Dobson soon followed him to the pavilion, also a victim to Phillipson, one run later. He had 60 to his name, made out of 73, which indicates how he ruled the bowling, and there were eight 4's.

VIGILANT FARRIMOND

Another bad spell seemed imminent for Durham, but Elsdon and Carter revived hope, and took the total past 100 with some neat short singles. Carter then opened out, and he hit 13 off four successive balls, but when attempting to repeat an on-drive off Pollard, he missed the ball and raised his heel sufficiently for the vigilant Farrimond—who did not concede a bye during the innings—to whip off the balls. This was at 120, and it proved to be the beginning of the end, for Carr was snapped at the wicket two balls later, and with Phillipson clean bowling James and Elsdon the innings closed for 124.

The Lancashire fielding had been excellent, and none of the five bowlers tried was easy to score from. Wilson was again prone to over-step the crease, and nine of the 16 runs hit off him were from no-balls.

Lancashire opened their innings at 3.10, and were in no hurry for runs. Washbrook and Hawkwood took only five runs from the first eight overs, and the former had been at the crease just five minutes under the hour when Gibbon (third change at 28) bowled him. It had always appeared likely that Hawkwood would take the heavier toll of the bowling, and, with Butterworth in, runs came at one a minute. After the break for tea the score was taken to 90 before the Durham men met with any success, and it was Hawkwood who went—for 53. He had six 4's in a display which, though tedious at times, gave promise of becoming more lively just when Elsdon, who had been brought on at 84, bowled him in his second over.

The slow bowler met with a measure of punishment from Beattie and Butterworth, but he always appeared the most likely man in the attack to meet with success. This came eventually at 127,

when Butterworth ran right down the pitch to him, missed the ball, and was bowled standing yards out of his crease!

The home score had just been passed and Farrimond and Beattie set about building up a commanding lead. Their methods were rather painstaking, especially those of the wicket-keeper, who rarely lifted his bat and was content to push the ball away, though his placing made his figures mount more rapidly than was apparent to the onlookers. He was fifty round the 200 mark after a stay of 70 minutes, having outpaced Beattie, in what to the spectators seemed a race of tortoises.

Elsdon was brought back with 25 minutes to go. His return proved inopportune. Both batsmen began to hit his slow deliveries at once, and 13, 11, and 17 came from the three overs he bowled. He ought to have had another wicket for Olver got to a high ball near the line, but it slipped out of his hands. Beattie reached his 50 and celebrated this by driving Elsdon for two 6's and a two in one over. Then at 275 with only seven minutes remaining for play, Durham unexpectedly got a measure of relief, Beattie running himself out rather foolishly. Farrimond is undefeated with 84, and so far he has hit one six and seven 4's.

DURHAM—1st Innings

C. L. Adamson, lbw, b Pollard	0
Gibbon, b Phillipson	15
G. Hickman, b Pollard	0
T. D. Olver, b Pollard	0
Woodhouse, b Phillipson	10
T. K. Dobson, b Phillipson	60
H. S. Carter, st Farrimond, b Pollard	17
A. Elsdon, b Phillipson	10
Carr, c Farrimond, b Pollard	0
G. T. J. James, b Phillipson	0
Ellis, not out	1
Extras, 9; total	124

FALL OF THE WICKETS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
16	18	18	91	92	120	120	121	124	

LANCASHIRE II.—1st Innings

W. Ashbrook, c James, b Gibbon	16
Hawkwood, b Elsdon	53
H. W. R. Butterworth, b Elsdon	40
F. P. Beattie, run out	67
Farrimond, not out	84
Greenhalgh, not out	0
Extras, 21; total (for four wickets)	251
Bennett, P. Higson, Wilson, Pollard, and Phillipson to bat.	

BOWLING ANALYSIS

DURHAM—1st Innings				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Pollard	25	10	35	5
Phillipson	18.2	7	36	5
Wilson	6	1	16	0
Butterworth	4	0	13	0
Higson	4	0	15	0
7 leg byes, 2 no balls.				

DURHAM BEATEN BY SEVEN WICKETS

25 Minutes from Time

Lancashire II, bent Durham at Chester-le-Street yesterday, 25 minutes from time, by seven wickets, despite a gallant effort to stave off defeat.

Overnight the visitors had made 281 for four in reply to Durham's total of 124, and batting for a further 37-minutes yesterday morning, they took their score to 320 before declaring with six wickets down, to give them a lead of 196 runs. Farrimond, out when nine short of his century, had a six and eight 4's in a complete stay of 105 minutes.

At ten minutes to twelve Durham opened their second innings. Adamson started confidently, and after a single from Pollard he hit Phillipson for nine, including two 4's, next over. With the last ball of the same over, however, Gibbon was taken at the wicket. Adamson got another four and had advanced his score to 18 when he was lbw to Pollard. It was a sad blow for Durham, but Hickman and Oliver set about the task of recovering the position in excellent style.

Olver opened with a couple of well-placed 2's, and then hit two 4's and a two off the first over of Butterworth. Meanwhile, Hickman, who had had to face Pollard for the most part and found him difficult to get away, was content with 11 successive singles. The 50 was reached in 55 minutes. Hickman took two 4's off Pollard, who was obviously tiring, for he had 11 runs scored from him in that over, whereas up till then he had bowled 66 balls at a cost of only seven runs.

Higson took over from him and nearly got Olver out to a running catch at long leg in his first over. Then minutes before lunch Pollard was re-called. It proved a wise move for Olver was bowled by the first ball of his second over in having a go. He had made 28 in very good style.

After lunch Hickman and Woodhouse scored freely, and in 45 minutes the score was almost doubled. Hickman reached his 50 at 129, and was going well until the advent of Bennett who bowled him at 162 in his second over. The same bowler got rid of Woodhouse in a similar manner with the last ball of his next over. Both batsmen had six boundaries.

Half the side was now out but only 43 runs were required to save the innings defeat. It seemed as though Dobson and Carr would get them, for with the captain settling down at once 25 runs came in just over quarter of an hour. But Phillipson coming on again tempted Carr to hit a ball that was going away to point and the sixth wicket was down.

However, Dobson and Elsdon began to put Durham ahead. The field was becoming rather unsettled and the situation was such that Higson recalled his stock men and asked for a new ball at 220.

DOBSON'S SECOND 50

The end was soon in sight Elsdon was leg before to Phillipson at 235, Carr restrained himself for about an over, then drove Pollard straight out of the field for a glorious six, but two balls later he edged a ball high into slips for Phillipson to take him one-hand. Dobson managed to reach his 50 for the second time in the match, but neither James nor Ellis could stay and eventually the innings closed at 254. The wicketkeeper was out to a magnificent catch by Beattie.

Phillipson and Pollard, the fast bowlers, again claimed most of the wickets and their match returns were nine each for 102 and 97 respectively.

Lancashire were given the apparently simple task of getting 59 runs in a possible 150 minutes. So well did Ellis and Wood-

house bowl, however, that they must have had one or two qualms before they eventually realized their object. Washbrook left at three and Hawkwood at six, both victims to Ellis only four runs having come from the bat in a dozen overs. Greenhalgh soon made the total into double figures with a four off Woodhouse and shortly afterwards four byes made the score 20. But Woodhouse bowled Beattie one run later after 40 minutes' play.

It was evident that Lancashire would need to speed-up their scoring and this was done almost at once. The opening bowlers began to tire, and though Carr was introduced at 40 the scoring was not checked. Greenhalgh, with the help of an over from Carter, which produced 12, eventually hitting off the runs with five 4's in his unbeaten score.

Another fast bowler to relieve Ellis at the critical stage might well have brought off a sensational win for Durham.

DURHAM.—1st Innings (T. K. Dobson 60; Pollard 5-35; Phillipson 5-30), 124.

LANCASHIRE II.—1st Innings

Washbrook, c James, b Gibbon	16
Hawkwood, b Elsdon	53
H. W. R. Butterworth, b Elsdon	49
F. D. Beattie, run out	87
Farrimond, lbw, b Ellis	91
Greenhalgh, not out	17
Bennett, c Ellis, b Woodhouse	0
Wilson, not out	11
Extras, 25; total (for six wickets)	320

Innings declared closed.

P. Higson, Phillipson, and Pollard did not bat.

FALL OF THE WICKETS

1	2	3	4	5	6
51	90	127	275	288	291

DURHAM—2nd Innings

C. I. Adamson, lbw, b Pollard	18
Gibbon, c Farrimond, b Phillipson	0
G. Hickman, c Washbrook, b Bennett	69
T. D. Olver, b Pollard	26
Woodhouse, b Bennett	30
T. K. Dobson, not out	64
H. S. Carter, c Pollard, b Phillipson	2
A. Elsdon, lbw, b Phillipson	15
Carr, c Phillipson, b Pollard	9
G. T. J. James, c Beattie, b Pollard	1
Ellis, c Farrimond, b Phillipson	0
Extras, 21; total	254

FALL OF THE WICKETS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10	22	86	162	183	188	235	248	250	254

LANCASHIRE II.—2nd Innings

Hawkwood, c Woodhouse b Ellis	3
Washbrook, lbw, b Ellis	2
Greenhalgh, not out	27
F. D. Beattie, b Woodhouse	6
H. W. R. Butterworth, not out	12
Extras, 10; total (for three wickets)	59

FALL OF THE WICKETS.

1	2	3
3	6	21

BOWLING ANALYSIS

LANCASHIRE II.—1st Innings

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ellis	23	4	04	1
Woodhouse	19	3	31	1
Carr	21	4	35	0
Gibbons	11	1	36	1
Elsdon	17	2	76	2
Dobson	12	2	27	0
16 byes, 8 leg-byes, 1 no-ball.				

BOWLING ANALYSIS

DURHAM—2nd Innings

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Phillipson	24	4	06	4
Pollard	23	5	62	4
Butterworth	5	0	23	0
Higson	9	2	26	0
Wilson	7	2	20	0
Bennett	10	1	31	2
Greenhalgh	2	0	5	0
11 byes, 2 leg-byes, 4 wides, 4 no balls.				

BOWLING ANALYSIS

LANCASHIRE II.—2nd Innings

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ellis	12	6	18	2
Woodhouse	11	6	12	1
Carr	14	0	7	0
Carter	1	0	13	0
8 byes, 2 leg-byes.				

LANCASHIRE II, won by seven wickets.

DURHAM SHOULD GET 1st INNINGS' LEAD

Carter's Bowling Spell

Horatio Carter distinguished himself at Ashbrooke yesterday in a direction hardly anticipated against Yorkshire II.

Going in as a pair after the luncheon interval Pearson and Shackleton had put on 105 for the fifth wicket when Dobson called up Carter as his eighth bowler. His second ball got Pearson stumped and the fourth ball of his second over Shackleton touched into the hands of Elsdon at first slip. Pearson had put on 71 in two and three-quarter hours and Shackleton 56 in a little more than an hour less.

But that was not the end of Carter's successes. Having done the job he was put on to do as a sort of forlorn hope, Dobson kept him on, and he clean bowled Chichester-Constable and got Hall caught behind the wicket. From 162 for five, Yorkshire II. were all out for 202.

The game had opened rather sensationally, for Ellis dismissed Harrison with two runs on the board and got Raper caught at second slip at 16. It was evident that the heavy roller had brought some moisture to the top, for when Elsdon came on his slows had the batsmen tied up till the luncheon interval, after which the wicket played easy.

There was not a great deal of enterprise shown by the Yorkshire batsmen, but young Pearson certainly combined excellent defence with the ability to force away anything of a loose character, while Shackleton was strong on the off, and could use the leg glide effectively.

Durham missed three catches, and James was once badly at fault in failing to stump Pearson, but, generally speaking, the ground work of the Durham men in the field during three and three-quarter hours was good.

When Durham batted, Gibbon was with Adamson for an hour and a half while 69 runs were being scored, the Sunderland professional falling to a lovely catch at third man. This pair had to face some very good bowling, and if they played it with studied care, it merited caution. Adamson did not long survive him, and he had the usual sequence of singles. Durham also lost Hickman, and they are now 77 behind with seven wickets standing.

YORKSHIRE II.—1st Innings

Halstead, b Elsdon	15
Harrison, b Ellis	0
J R S Raper, c Woodhouse, b Ellis	12
Fisher, b Elsdon	6
Pearson, st James, b Carter	71
Shackleton, c Elsdon, b Carter	56
Robinson, c Woodhouse, b Elsdon	8
Buller, not out	6
Col R C Chichester-Constable, b Carter	8
Hall, c James, b Carter	4
Hargreaves, c Ellis, b Elsdon	9
Extras, 6; total—202	

DURHAM—1st Innings

C L Adamson, lbw, b Hargreaves	25
Gibbon, c Shackleton, b Hargreaves	44
G Hickman, c Buller, b Hargreaves	6
Woodhouse, not out	27
T K Dobson, not out	16
Extras, 7; total (for three wickets)—125	

BOWLING ANALYSIS

YORKSHIRE II.—1st Innings				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ellis	16	7	26	2
Glen	13	5	20	0
Woodhouse	4	1	5	0
Gibbon	6	2	6	0
Carr	14	1	41	0
Elsdon	23.3	6	66	4
Dobson	3	0	10	0
Carter	5	1	22	4

4 byes, 2 leg byes.

SEVENTH WICKET RECORD

Carr's Great Hitting

134 IN 84 MINUTES

Despite a record seventh wicket stand by Carr and Elsdon, which gave Durham a first innings lead of 164 at Ashbrooke yesterday, Yorkshire II., going in a second time after lunch—Dobson had declared—easily averted defeat, thanks to a fielding lapse at a time when Durham had got three wickets down.

A great display of hitting by Carr and fine batting by Elsdon was unfortunately seen by but a small crowd. It would have delighted the hearts of thousands of cricket followers to have seen Carr in his most punishing mood.

CAME THE CHANGE

Durham, who overnight had scored 125 for 3 in response to Yorkshire's first innings total of 202, met with early disasters for in 35 minutes Woodhouse, Dobson, and Carter were all dismissed for the addition of only 23 runs.

Then Elsdon and Carr so completely altered the position that before the Black-ball player was dismissed 192 runs had been added, a record seventh wicket partnership for the county. Curiously enough, the record broken was also made



JACK CARR

against Yorkshire, in 1908, when George Turnbull and E. R. Proud added 178 runs.

There was a difference in the styles of Carr and Elsdon, the former relying on hitting against the more correct play of the Medomsley all-rounder.

Carr, in making 134 runs, had his highest score in county cricket and some idea of his hitting can be gathered from the fact that at one period of his innings he made in 14 successive scoring strokes

4, 6, 4, 4, 4, 4, 2, 4, 4, 2, 4, 1, 6, whilst near the close nine successive scoring strokes produced 6, 4, 4, 4, 1, 4, 4, 1, 6.

Carr was especially severe on Hargreaves, from whom in four overs he scored 49, whilst in one over from Hall he made 19.

Carr was only 36 minutes over his first 50, 70 minutes in reaching 100, and 84 minutes for his 134. Altogether he had six 6's and 18 4's.

When he was bowled middle stump by Robinson the total was 349 for seven, and Glen and Elsdon took the score to 365 before the innings was declared and lunch taken.

Elsdon batted well for 61 not out (8 4's) and showed fine defence and excellent placing.

Durham altogether batted 285 minutes and left Yorkshire 255 minutes (including the extra half-hour) in which to make 164 runs to avoid an innings defeat.

BAD BLUNDER

Durham made a fine start by getting three wickets down for 42, but just when right on top a bad blunder occurred which resulted in Pearson having a life. When the young Yorkshireman was three he should have been run out, but the wicket was not covered as it might have been and Adamson's return went astray, thereby losing a certain wicket with the score only 45.

It took Durham 75 minutes to obtain the first three wickets, the Colts playing so carefully that 60 minutes were taken over 20 runs. Pearson profited by his life and played soundly to obtain 48. Durham had to be content with first innings points.

Some surprise was occasioned by the placing of Carr in the outfield, whilst it would certainly have paid to bring out one of the quicker moving fieldsmen near the wicket to the outfield vice another player who is not possessed of the necessary speed for boundary work.

Dobson gave all his bowlers a spell, but after tea more use could have been made of Ellis, the bowler most likely to go through the side quickly.

This game proved that Elsdon is now one of the most dependable batsmen in the county, whilst his bowling and clean fielding make him a fine all-rounder.

YORKSHIRE II.—1st Innings (Pearson 71, Shackleton 56; Carter 4-22, Elsdon 4-60), 202.

DURHAM—1st Innings

C L Adamson, lbw, b Hargreaves	25
Gibbon, c Shackleton, b Hargreaves	44
G Hickman, c Buller, b Hargreaves	6
Woodhouse, b Fisher	28
T K Dobson, b Hall	16
H Carter, c Shackleton, b Fisher	28
A Elsdon, not out	61
Carr, b Robinson	134
D Glen, not out	12
Extras, 17; total (for seven wickets)—365	

FALL OF THE WICKETS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
69	75	80	128	142	148	210

YORKSHIRE II.—2nd Innings

Halstead, run out	4
Harrison, st James, b Ellis	5
J R S Raper, lbw, b Elsdon	13
Pearson, c Elsdon, b Gibbon	48
Fisher, c Dobson, b Elsdon	16
Shackleton, not out	42
Robinson, not out	41
Extras, 9; total (for five wickets)—178	

FALL OF THE WICKETS

1	2	3	4	5
9	12	42	71	117

BOWLING ANALYSIS

DURHAM.—1st Innings				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Fisher	20	7	92	2
Hargreaves	18	5	88	3
Hall	27	3	87	1
Shackleton	12	0	35	0
Robinson	12	2	46	1

1 bye, 11 leg byes, 2 wides.

YORKSHIRE II.—2nd Innings

DURHAM.—1st Innings				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Glen	12	3	11	0
Ellis	17	9	13	1
Woodhouse	13	4	41	0
Elsdon	20	7	52	2
Gibbon	8	2	12	1
Carr	5	1	20	0
Dobson	5	1	11	0

2 byes, 6 leg byes, 1 no ball.

MATCH DRAWN.

AUSTRALIANS LEAD BY 137

With Only Three Men Out

FLEETWOOD-SMITH'S HARVEST

The Australians, without Grimmett, Wall, or O'Reilly, got Durham out at Sunderland yesterday for 73, the lowest score yet made against the Tourists, and then, after losing Brown without a run scored, proceeded to put on 210 for the loss of two more wickets.

Durham have not given such a poor batting display against a touring side for many years and there was much disappointment that not one of their three batters made any show.

Before the start there was some criticism of the Australians playing only six of their Leeds Test men; but quite apart from the fact that the visitors had to rest certain players, and had to include both their wicket-keepers in the side, Oldfield giving over the gloves to Barnett, it was just as well, as it turned out, that none of the other regular bowlers was played.

The attendance of 7,500 was considerably below the record 1926 figures, but the receipts were slightly over £600— including 5,454 at two shillings, 917 at a shilling.

Opening with Adamson and Gibbon to Ebeling, reserve fast bowler to Wall, and Darling, who is not a regular bowler, Durham were very cautious, but looked like making a useful start until Gibbon ran himself out after playing a Fleetwood-Smith ball to square leg, for there was certainly not a run in it. Adamson never moved.

This was at 11, and Hickman, who followed in, had helped to make 37 when Fleetwood-Smith, against whom he had been far from comfortable, got him down the pitch to a short pitched one, which he missed, and Barnett had the bails off in a trice. Johnson, a forcing batsman, promoted to second wicket down, though there was only 20 minutes to go to the interval, tried to play Fleetwood-Smith and was soon beaten, bowled round his legs at 41. So Dobson, after all, had to bat before lunch. The remaining few minutes were played out—45 for three in 80 minutes.

Fleetwood-Smith, getting a little help from the wind and the pitch before the interval, was visibly assisted afterwards, and his flight and spin had all the Durham men in difficulties, and with Ebeling coming through faster the batsmen were firmly pinned down.

7 FOR 21

It was Fleetwood-Smith, however, who was chiefly responsible for the last seven wickets falling for 28 runs in 65 minutes, the last four for seven and the 8th, 9th, and 10th without any addition to the score. The batsmen could not make their minds up how to play him and two of them, at least, he had in his bag. He finished up with 7 for 21 in 21.4 overs—his best bowling performance of the tour so far, and included in this was a remarkable after-lunch return of

O.	M.	R.	W.
10.4	8	8	5*

It did not take him long to pick out the weaknesses in a side of "if" batting strength, but it must be said that he has not bowled better in England—possibly because there was no one to hit him to affect his length.

Actually there were only 32 scoring strokes in the innings and nine of them made 4's. As 310 balls were sent down by the four Australian bowlers it will readily be seen how completely the batsmen were tied up and how cleverly

the fielding was done.

Second ball after lunch Ebeling bowled Adamson, who had stayed 80 minutes while making 23 out of 45. Dobson was dropped off the same bowler at second slip, at 53, but five minutes later Fleetwood-Smith bowled the Durham captain, the ball turning across to the leg stump.

Carter ran out to take a four off Fleetwood-Smith, who had bowled eight maiden overs from lunch up to this, but next over the bowler deepened his field and then flighted Carter out. Same over, last ball, Carr played right over one (66 for 7).

Elsdon, who had been in 35 minutes, had Howell for his next partner, and soon lost him, for after taking a four through the covers off Fleetwood-Smith he was caught at long leg. Brown holding the ball at the third attempt. At the same score, 73, the innings (lasting 145 minutes) was over, James being bowled off-stump hitting across an Ebeling ball, and Fleetwood-Smith bowling Elsdon, who had spent 50 minutes over his 14 runs.

The Australians made up for Durham's batting luck, and gave the spectators samples of first-rate scoring shots. They did not allow the loss of Brown, who cocked one up to short leg in following the fourth ball of Howell's first over round, to worry them.

BROMLEY'S BATTING

Bromley and Darling proceeded to carry the score from nothing to 98 in 74 minutes before Darling, half an hour after tea, was caught at point off Johnson. A better throw in to the wicket-keeper might have separated the pair much earlier than this, but Durham were far from Australian in the field.

Bromley, the better stroke player of the two, looked certain to reach three figures in partnership with Kippax, but when 97 (total 154) a ball from Carr kept rather low, and Bromley missed completely in trying to straight drive. He had batted entertainingly for 125 minutes, scoring his runs out of 154, and his best hits were a 6 and eleven 4's. He has an easy stance, swings the bat well, and hits forcefully in front of the wicket, which made one wonder why there was not more attempt made to block his straight drive until late in the innings, when Carter saved a few boundaries behind the bowler at the pavilion end.

Kippax reached 50 out of 112 in 75 minutes just on the close.

It only needed a glance at the field, compared with the Australian setting, to realize the difference between the two teams in the matter, and method, of run-making.

Play will cease at 5.15 to-night if the match is not over by then, as the Australians have to catch the 6.38 train from Newcastle to Edinburgh.

DURHAM—1st Innings

C. L. Adamson, b Ebeling	23
Gibbon, run out	3
G. Hickman, st Barnett, b Fleetwood-Smith	3
Johnson, b Fleetwood-Smith	16
T. K. Dobson, b Fleetwood-Smith	0
A. Elsdon, b Fleetwood-Smith	4
H. S. Carter, b Fleetwood-Smith	14
Carr, b Fleetwood-Smith	4
Howell, c Brown, b Fleetwood-Smith	4
G. T. J. James, b Ebeling	0
Ellis, not out	0
Extras (3 byes, 2 leg byes)	5
Total	73

FALL OF THE WICKETS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	37	41	45	58	66	60	73	73	73

AUSTRALIANS—1st Innings

W. A. Brown, c Gibbon, b Howell	0
F. H. Bromley, c Carr, b Howell	0
L. S. Darling, c Adamson, b Johnson	97
A. F. Kippax, not out	31
W. H. Ponsford, not out	50
Extras (1; tot-1 for three wickets)	17
Total	210
W. M. Woodfull, W. A. Oldfield, A. G. Chipperfield, I. O. B. Fleetwood-Smith, H. I. Ebeling, and B. A. Barnett to bat.	

FALL OF THE WICKETS

1	2	3
0	98	134

BOWLING ANALYSIS

DURHAM—1st Innings

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ebeling	13	7	34	2
Darling	4	1	3	0
Fleetwood-Smith	21.4	14	21	7
Chipperfield	7	3	10	0

DURHAM SAVE MATCH AT SUNDERLAND

Carr Interlude

BETTER BATTING IN SECOND INNINGS

Durham batted much better than on Wednesday when making their second venture against the Australians at Sunderland and managed to make a draw of it, though yesterday, the tourists, very much moral winners, would probably have actually won if play had not been curtailed by three-quarters of an hour to allow the tourists to catch a convenient train at Newcastle for Edinburgh, where to-day they play Scotland.

When cricket ended at 5.15 Durham were still 37 behind the Australians, who had declared before lunch at 314 for three, and had lost six wickets, while James, the wicket-keeper, would not in any case have been able to bat. It was quite a good recovery after being out first innings for 73, and it is possible that the Australians underrated their opponents, assuming that they were bent on winning, in leaving themselves only two hours and three-quarters to get Durham out a second time.

The pitch did not help Fleetwood-Smith as on Wednesday. Also, the Durham batsmen played him with much more confidence; but the chief factor in avoidance of defeat was that Adamson kept an end up from 1.15 until 4.40, and that Hickman did not allow the bowlers to put him off his natural game. Elsdon, though not batting with any style, stayed in from 3.40 to 4.55 and kept the bowling out, and Carter played it this time instead of trying to drive everything to the boundary.

22 IN AN OVER

From the spectators' point of view chief delight was provided by Carr in taking 22 runs from an over of Bromley's. No matter that he was out next over, he had scored off every ball in the other—five 4's and a 2!

Fortunately the strong wind kept the rain away, and though the light was sometimes poor conditions were better than had been indicated by the weather up to noon. The attendance, naturally, fell much short of Wednesday's. Over 10,000 attended on the two days, but there will not be much, if any, profit, for Durham on the half-gate basis, with ground and match expenses, plus insurance, to be met.

Reasons for the comparatively disappointing support are the threatening weather in the early part of both days, the absence of Bradman (in particular), and the fact that this match followed immediately upon the Leeds Test.

The Australians (210 for three) resumed in the morning with a lead of 137, and Kippax and Ponsford, the fourth wicket pair, who overnight had come together at 154, were still in partnership when Woodfull declared at one o'clock with the score 314. The closure was applied as soon as Kippax had reached three figures, and it would have been made earlier but for Kippax finding difficulty in getting out of the 90's.

The full stand lasted 115 minutes, and produced 160 runs. Ponsford, whose share was 66, made every endeavour to give his partner the bowling when in sight of the century, and his judgment in placing was very good. Both got their runs by neat stroke play, and Kippax, a stylist, put the ball away in a delightful manner. Both were especially adept at timing the rising ball. Kippax, in 155 minutes for 101 out of 210, had ten 4's and Ponsford six.

Durham bowled steadily, Ellis keeping the pavilion end going for the first hour, and the fielding was better than on the

previous day. This kept the scoring rate "down" to 101 in 90 minutes yesterday morning. James was unable to keep wicket owing to a damaged hand, and after Dobson had had the gloves on for a while (J. Ward fielding) L. Wilson, of Sunderland, took over by permission of the Australians, and did efficient work.

TWO HALF-CENTURIES

Gibbon made a very bright start in the Durham second innings, taking 10 from Ebeling's first over, including two cover boundaries, but at 27, soon after the interval break, hit his wicket in playing the fast bowler. This brought Adamson and Hickman together, and they stayed 66 minutes to add 82 before Hickman was bowled leg stump having a go. There were eight 4's in his 52, all good shots well timed.

With Adamson and Elsdon in, 36 runs were added, Adamson then being caught off a mistimed leg lift after making 52 out of 145, including six 4's, chiefly to fine and long leg Johnson was caught at the wicket at 163 off a rising ball, and at the same total half the side were out with 20 minutes to go when Elsdon played inside and was bowled.

Then came Carr's effort, three cover drives, a pull, a mishit, and a lofted ball to long-off, and six were down for 188 at five o'clock. Carter, who had a life a minute later, and Dobson, keeping himself back in the batting order for an emergency such as this, then played out time, the Australians raising a big laugh by putting on Oldfield, Woodfull, and Brown each for an over.

DURHAM.—1st Innings (C. L. Adamson 25, G. Hickman 16; Fleetwood-Smith 72), 73.

AUSTRALIANS—1st Innings

W. A. Brown, c. Gibbon, b. Howell	0
E. H. Bromley, b. Carr	97
L. S. Darling, c. Adamson, b. Johnson	31
A. F. Kippax, not out	101
W. H. Ponsford, not out	66
Extras (2 byes, 11 leg byes, 1 no ball), 16; total (for three wickets)—314	
Innings declared closed.	

FALL OF THE WICKETS

1	2	3
—	—	—
0	28	134

DURHAM—2nd Innings

Gibbon, hit wicket, b. Ebeling	17
C. L. Adamson, c. Brown, b. Fleetwood-Smith	52
G. Hickman, b. Ebeling	52
A. Elsdon, b. Bromley	16
Johnson, c. Barnett, b. Darling	12
H. S. Carter, not out	7
Carr, b. Darling	22
T. K. Dobson, not out	10
Extras (14 byes, 1 leg bye, 1 no ball), 16; total (for six wickets)—204	

FALL OF THE WICKETS

1	2	3	4	5	6
—	—	—	—	—	—
27	109	145	163	165	183

BOWLING ANALYSIS

AUSTRALIANS—1st Innings

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell	17	6	40	1
Ellis	26	4	82	0
Johnson	20.2	2	81	1
Carr	14	2	42	1
Elsdon	7	0	44	0

DURHAM—2nd Innings

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ebeling	18	4	40	2
Darling	10	3	21	2
Fleetwood-Smith	21	4	58	1
Chipperfield	6	2	18	0
Bromley	5	0	20	0
Oldfield	1	1	0	1
Woodfull	1	1	0	0
Brown	1	0	0	0
MATCH DRAWN.	1	0	0	0

TWENTY-FOUR WICKETS FALL AT REDCAR

Yorkshire Put in to Bat LEAD BY 75 WITH FOUR OUT SECOND TIME

Monday's rain and the sun and wind on Tuesday had duly affected the pitch at Redcar, and yesterday's brilliant sunshine made it more difficult as the day wore on. It was not entirely surprising, therefore, that 24 wickets fell in the first part of the Yorkshire II. v. Durham match for only 261 runs.

T. K. Dobson won the toss, and it was not after much deliberation that he put Yorkshire II. in to bat, though knowing, of course, that Durham might have to bat fourth on a very tricky wicket.

When Yorkshire were put out for 107 the policy seemed justified, but Durham fared even worse, the whole side making only 93, and Yorkshire going in again had 61 on for four at the close. So they will resume this morning with a lead of 75 and six wickets to fall.

Durham had to make a last minute change, C. L. Adamson taking suddenly ill in the morning, and W. Weightman, of Philadelphia, was called upon to make a hurried journey to Redcar.

Yorkshire lost Bottomley in Howell's second over, and then Hutton and Bainbridge made 29. The third and fourth wickets fell at 48, and the sixth, seventh, and eighth all at 71. Dobson had worked the bowling well and the changes generally brought a wicket.

Howell, bowling in his old form, had the following return when he came on a second time:—

O.	M.	R.	W.
6	2	9	3

Hutton, fourth out at 48, was batting 75 minutes for his 31 and had two 4's. Robinson, severe on Elsdon, quickly but up 19, and the next wicket put on 32. Yorkshire's innings lasted 140 minutes.

DURHAM'S BATTING

Durham, opening with a new pair, lost Randle at 10, and after Hickman and Hunt had taken the score to 39 four wickets were down for 56. Even with six down for 76, however, Durham were slightly in front of Yorkshire's score for the number of wickets, and when Carr hit 12 off an over from Hargreaves, including a six out of the ground, prospects seemed bright. But Fisher coming on got Carr caught second ball after being hit for four, and the last three Durham wickets fell at the same total. Howell fell to an excellent catch in the long field by Bainbridge. Hickman batted well for his 22, made in 80 minutes. The innings lasted 110 minutes, and the ever-changing fortunes of the game greatly suited a big holiday crowd.

Robinson, who recently did well in the first team, mixed them up, and was always difficult to play. He finished up with five for 17.

Hutton and Bottomley gave Yorkshire II. a fine start the second time by putting on 41 before a splendidly judged catch on the leg boundary broke up the partnership. Elsdon got two more wickets, and Howell, replacing him, had Hutton well taken on the leg side by Wilson. Hutton had again shown up to advantage in a stay of 80 minutes.

Elsdon had three for 19 in 11 overs.

YORKSHIRE II.—1st Innings

Hutton, c Weightman, b Ellis	31
Bottomley, c Elsdon, b Howell	0
Bainbridge, b Carr	12
Kippax, b Carr	4
Pearson, c Wilson, b Carr	0
Fisher, c Wilson, b Elsdon	0
Crofts, c Dobson, b Howell	0
Robinson, b Howell	19
Crick, b Howell	0
Col. R. C. Chichester-Constable, not out	6
Hargreaves, b Ellis	8
Extras	6
Total	107

FALL OF THE WICKETS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
7	30	48	48	55	71	71	71	103	107

DURHAM—1st Innings

R. Hunt, c and b Robinson	16
E. N. Randle, b Hargreaves	5
G. Hickman, c Kippax, b Hargreaves	22
Gibson, b Robinson	7
T. K. Dobson, c Robinson, b Hargreaves	7
A. Elsdon, c Crofts, b Robinson	5
W. Weightman, c Crick, b Robinson	1
Carr, c Bainbridge, b Fisher	17
Howell, c Bainbridge, b Robinson	0
L. Wilson, b Fisher	0
Ellis, not out	0
Extras	15
Total	83

FALL OF THE WICKETS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10	39	49	56	75	75	89	113	93	93

YORKSHIRE II.—2nd Innings

Hutton, c Wilson, b Howell	31
Bottomley, c Hickman, b Elsdon	18
Bainbridge, b Elsdon	2
Kippax, st Wilson, b Elsdon	0
Pearson, not out	2
Fisher, not out	3
Extras	2
Total (for four wickets)	61

FALL OF THE WICKETS

1	2	3	4
41	50	52	57

BOWLING ANALYSIS

YORKSHIRE II.—1st Innings

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell	12	4	18	4
Ellis	16	6	26	2
Dobson	5	1	13	0
Carr	11	2	14	3
Elsdon	5	1	25	1
13 b. byes, 1 leg. bye.				

DURHAM—1st Innings

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hargreaves	12	4	37	3
Fisher	14	6	21	2
Robinson	13.1	4	17	5

DURHAM WIN BY THREE WICKETS

Keen Redcar Game

T. K. DOBSON'S POLICY JUSTIFIED

After a hard fight Durham beat Yorkshire II. at Redcar by three wickets, the match finishing yesterday afternoon at 4.15.

It had been a ding-dong struggle all through and the result justified the action of T. K. Dobson in putting Yorkshire II. in to bat.

As a matter of fact the Yorkshire skipper, Colonel R. C. Chichester-Constable, at the end of the match said that the Durham captain had won the match for his side.

Yorkshire resumed in the morning with a lead of 75 runs and six wickets in hand. Despite an hour's rain overnight the wicket had greatly improved owing to the sun and a drying wind. Fisher and Pearson, the not out, added 33 before the latter was out, but when Robinson left three runs later six wickets were down for 93.

Then Fisher and Crofts put on 38. Howell, however, quickly got the last two wickets when coming on for Carr and the innings closed after three and a quarter hours, the 151 runs having been made off 74 overs.

Fisher, ninth out at 148, had defended in the true Yorkshire style and only hit one four in his score of 41, for which he stayed two hours 10 minutes.

As the bowling analysis proved, the Durham bowlers were difficult to score from and they got the utmost respect throughout. Elsdon's 5 for 40 was a very fine performance.

166 TO WIN

Durham, wanting 166 to win, went in at one o'clock, and at lunch Randle and Gibbon (the latter taking Hunt's place in the batting order) had scored 32 without loss. They carried on the good work so well on resuming that after sending the 50 up in 40 minutes they took the score to 83 before Randle was caught at deep mid-off from a hard drive.

He had five 4's in his 37 and had been batting 57 minutes—pretty good going

get 83 in that time.

Ten runs later Gibbon was out after making 55 in fine style. He was looking for runs all the time and hit six 4's. Both the opening batsmen had played fine, free cricket, and it was good to see Randle showing something like his club form. Yesterday's score may give him just that bit of confidence which he seems to lack when playing for the county.

Hunt and Dobson both left at 100, rather a set-back this, but Hickman and Elsdon stayed to add an invaluable 34 runs before Hickman fell to Robinson's fast one. He had been in an hour for his 21.

Carr, next in, was missed by Pearson in the long field, and proceeded to get a quick 12, including a glorious six hit out of the ground with a straight drive; but at 157 he was out to the catch of the match.

This was made by Colonel Chichester-Constable, who, running back from extra cover, jumped and held the ball with his right hand extended to the utmost.

Nine runs were now needed, and before Weightman made the winning hit, a splendid cover drive for 4. Durham lost Elsdon, l.b.w. to Fisher, after keeping an end up for 52 minutes.

There was again a big crowd and the game was thoroughly enjoyed. The fielding all through was very good, and the issue, of course, was in doubt almost to the last. As it happened, the wicket was favourable for the fourth innings batting, and Durham reaped their due reward.

YORKSHIRE II.—1st Innings (Hutton 31; Howell 4.19, Carr 3.19) 107.

DURHAM.—1st Innings (G. Hickman 22; Robinson 5.17) 93.

YORKSHIRE II.—2nd Innings

Hutton, c Wilson, b Howell	34
Bottomley, c Hickman, b Elsdon	18
Bainbridge, b Elsdon	2
Kippax, st Wilson, b Elsdon	0
Pearson, c and b Elsdon	12
Fisher, c Wilson, b Howell	44
Robinson, b Carr	3
Crofts, b Elsdon	6
Crick, lbw, b Ellis	12
Col. R. C. Chichester-Constable, c Elsdon, b Howell	0
Hargreaves, not out	3
Extras	17
Total	151

FALL OF THE WICKETS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
41	50	52	57	99	93	104	142	148	151

DURHAM—2nd Innings

E. N. Randle, c Robinson, b Crofts	37
Gibbon, b Fisher	55
G. Hickman, b Robinson	21
R. Hunt, st Crick, b Hutton	4
T. K. Dobson, c and b Hutton	0
A. Elsdon, lbw, b Fisher	18
W. Weightman, not out	12
Howell, not out	9
Extras	0
Total (for seven wickets)	106

FALL OF THE WICKETS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
83	93	100	100	134	157	162

BOWLING ANALYSIS

YORKSHIRE II.—2nd Innings

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell	14	1	48	3
Ellis	17	6	23	1
Elsdon	12	0	40	5
Carr	11	1	23	1
12 b. byes, 5 leg. byes.				

DURHAM—2nd Innings

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hargreaves	7	1	24	0
Fisher	21	4	63	3
Robinson	10.5	3	35	1
Crofts	10	1	21	1
Hutton	5	1	10	2
8 b. byes, 2 leg. byes.				

DURHAM won by three wickets.

MINOR COUNTIES RECORDS

	W.	L.	1st Innings	1st Innings
Durham	2	1	1	60.00
Northumberland	1	1	1	40.00
Remaining games:				
Durham play Lancashire II.				
(Burnley), Denbighshire (Wrexham); Northumberland play Yorkshire (Leeds).				

MINOR COUNTIES

No Play at Burnley

There was no play at Burnley yesterday when Durham opposed Lancashire II. on the first day of their visit to Lancashire and Denbighshire.

Durham had two changes in the team that beat Yorkshire II. at Redcar a fortnight ago. The brothers C. L. and John Adamson—the former having recovered from his indisposition and the latter from his leg injury—took the places of R. Hunt, who was not available, and W. Weightman, who is acting as 12th man.

Rain fell steadily from early morning until just before lunch and again during the luncheon interval, after which the captains inspected the wicket and, finding it very wet, decided to postpone the start until to-day.

It will, therefore, be a one-day match, and four points will be gained by the side leading on the first innings.

NO RESULT MATCH AT BURNLEY

Keeps Lancashire II. at Table Top

With no play possible on the first day the Lancashire II. v. Durham fixture at Burnley yesterday resolved itself into a one-day match.

Durham did well to score 173 in three hours. Lancashire went in at 3 o'clock, and at 6 o'clock wanted 44 to win, having four wickets in hand. The extra half-hour was played. Rain was then falling. Five minutes later it came down heavily, driving the players to shelter, and the match was then abandoned.

Lancashire made no effort to get the runs, preferring a no-result match, which keeps them at the head of the Minor Counties' table.

The wicket was still soft with the previous day's rain when Durham, winning the toss, batted first. Randle and Gibbon gave them a fair start with 34 for the first wicket. Four were out for 51, but Dobson and Hickman added 52 for the fifth wicket. Carr scored 28 out of 36, hitting a six and five 4's and a two in 15 minutes. Elsdon and Ellis put on a valuable 24 for the last wicket.

Randle, Gibbon, Dobson, and Hickman each hit three 4's, Hickman getting his in one over. Randle batted 25 minutes, Gibbon 45, Hickman 80, Dobson 67, and Elsdon 65.

Lancashire, who had five amateurs playing, a new experience, started badly, losing Chadwick and Hawkwood for 18, both playing on to Ellis. Butterworth and Oldfield, scoring at every opportunity, made a determined stand, adding 68.

Two runs later Ellis bowled Farrimond with a splendid ball. As Farrimond usually makes runs against Durham it was good to see his back.

At 106 Butterworth fell to Dobson, and a run later Ellis claimed his fifth victim. Six out for 106 was making it a good game, but no further wicket fell.

SCORES—LANCS II. V. DURHAM—

DURHAM—1st Innings

E. N. Randle, c Farrimond, b White ...	20
Gibbon, b White ...	21
C. L. Adamson, c Windle, b White ...	5
G. Hickman, c Farrimond, b White ...	23
J. A. Adamson, lbw, b Windle ...	1
T. K. Dobson, b White ...	51
A. Elsdon, b Windle ...	24
Carr, c Farrimond, b White ...	28
Howell, c Farrimond, b Windle ...	0
L. Wilson, b White ...	1
Ellis, not out ...	11
Extras, 8; total—	173

FALL OF THE WICKETS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
34	47	48	51	103	112	148	148	149	173

LANCASHIRE II.—1st Innings

J. Chadwick, b Ellis ...	3
Hawkwood, b Ellis ...	9
Oldfield, c J. Adamson, b Ellis ...	42
H. R. W. Butterworth, b Dobson ...	38
Farrimond, b Ellis ...	2
Wilson, not out ...	2
Bennett, b Ellis ...	24
H. Windle, not out ...	0
Extras, 5; total (for six wickets)—	131
P. Higson, Rae, and J. C. White did not bat.	

FALL OF THE WICKETS

1	2	3	4	5	6
9	18	86	83	106	107

BOWLING ANALYSIS

DURHAM—1st Innings

	O.	M.	R.	W.
White ...	33	4	74	7
Windle ...	20.1	8	29	3
Rae ...	8	0	37	0
Wilson ...	8	2	26	0
1 leg bye, 7 no-balls.				

LANCASHIRE II.—1st Innings

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell ...	13	2	87	0
Ellis ...	23	11	29	5
Dobson ...	14	4	26	1
Carr ...	5	1	11	0
Elsdon ...	6	1	17	0
Gibbon ...	3	0	6	0
6 byes, 3 leg-byes.				

MATCH DRAWN.

RAIN TERMINATES PLAY AT WREXHAM

Century for Gibbon

The weather was ideal and the wicket in good run-getting condition when Durham, in their Minor Counties game with Denbigh at Wrexham, won the toss, sent in Randle and Gibbon to oppose the bowling of W. Wooller, the Welsh Rugby international, and Davies, the old North Durham and Northumberland county player.

The ground is on the small side, and with the wickets pitched near to one side the boundary on that side is rather short.

In Davies's first over Gibbon hit three 4's. At 31 E. A. Barlow, the Oxford Blue, went on for Wooller. The 50 went up in 27 minutes, and soon after this Randle, with his score at 18, was missed in the slips.

Runs came freely, each batsman hitting a six to the square leg boundary. Gibbon was scoring the quicker of the pair and reached his 50 out of 99, with a straight drive for 4.

QUICK SCORING

By hitting the next ball to the leg boundary he sent the 100 up after only 55 minutes' play.

With the score at 103 Randle was caught in the long field off a mis-hit. His 33 included

Not since 1921, when they were dismissed at Trent Bridge for 112, have England been put out for so few runs as was the case at the Oval yesterday.

one six and two 4's. Gibbon continued to play bright and free cricket and repeatedly found the boundary. With the score at 172 he reached his century, which had taken him only 93 minutes to compile.

He was missed at square leg of the next ball, but two overs later, with the score at 182, he was caught in the slips. He hit one six and 10 4's and was batting only 100 minutes.

Rain delayed the start after lunch, and just after the 200 had been reached in two hours five minutes a heavy storm broke over the ground. Pools of water were soon standing all over the pitch and at 3.20 the captains decided to abandon play for the day.

DURHAM—1st Innings

E. N. Randle, c Goodwin, b Barlow	...	35
Gibbon, c Barlow, b Davies	...	108
C. L. Adamson, not out	...	23
G. Hickman, not out	...	15
Extras, 24; total (for two wickets)	—	203

DURHAM WIN BY AN INNINGS

Denbigh Not Up to County Class

Durham gained their second victory this season over Denbighshire by an innings and 76 runs at Wrexham yesterday. Denbighshire were completely outclassed in every department. Their batting was very poor. They may not have had the best of conditions, but on their showing against the two North-East counties their cricket is a long way below Minor County standard.

The ground and accommodation at Wrexham left much to be desired.

Durham finish up the season with a percentage of 66.66, or 16.66 better than last season.

Despite Wednesday's heavy rain play commenced at 11 a.m. The wicket was not too good and the ball kept popping up a bit.

After Charles Adamson and Hickman had added 72 in 35 minutes the Durham captain declared at 275 for two.

Adamson hit seven 4's in his fine innings of 62, obtained in 96 minutes. Hickman, too, batted finely, hitting four 4's. He was in 66 minutes for his 43. The whole innings lasted 165 minutes.

ALL OUT 69

After Denbighshire's first pair, Sykes and Rowland, had scored 20, four were out for 23. The rest failed to do any better and they were all out for 69 in a hundred minutes. Evans had four 4's in his 20.

Howell, 5 for 31, bowled well, and Carr and Elsdon quickly finished off the innings

Denbighshire fared little better in their second innings with three out for 8 and five for 25. Barlow and Goodwin then added 29, and the former had four 4's in his 27.

Carr went on and in three overs he took three wickets for one run.

In the first innings Howell had three for four in ten balls.

Eight were out for 64, when Goodwin and Jones added 54. Goodwin, in his 54 not out, hit one 6 and eight 4's, batting 85 minutes. The innings lasted 115 minutes.

Weightman fielded instead of Randle, who had pulled a leg muscle.

DURHAM—1st Innings

E. N. Randle, c Goodwin, b Barlow	...	35
Gibbon, c Barlow, b Davies	...	108
C. L. Adamson, not out	...	62
G. Hickman, not out	...	43
Extras, 29, total (for two wickets)	—	275
Innings declared closed.		

DENBIGHSHIRE—1st Innings

B. D. W. Sykes, b Howell	...	11
C. A. Rowland, b Ellis	...	13
W. Wooller, c Gibbon, b Howell	...	1
E. A. Barlow, b Howell	...	0
G. Evans, c Hickman, b Ellis	...	20
E. Rees, b Howell	...	4
E. F. Goodwin, b Carr	...	5
G. Wooller, c Dobson, b Howell	...	0
R. A. Lloyd, c John Adamson, b Carr	...	9
E. Jones, st Wilson, b Elsdon	...	1
Davies, not out	...	0
Extras, 5; total	—	69

FALL OF THE WICKETS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
20	21	21	23	40	62	65	68	69	69

DENBIGHSHIRE—2nd Innings

Sykes, b Howell	...	0
Rowland, b Ellis	...	3
W. Wooller, b Ellis	...	7
Barlow, b Carr	...	27
Evans, b Howell	...	0
Rees, c Dobson, b Howell	...	0
Goodwin, not out	...	55
Lloyd, b Carr	...	0
Davies, b Carr	...	1
Jones, c Gibbon, b Howell	...	16
G. Wooller, c and b Carr	...	4
Extras, 16; total	—	150

FALL OF THE WICKETS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	1	8	25	25	64	68	64	118	150

BOWLING ANALYSIS

DURHAM—1st Innings

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Wooller	8	0	48	0
Davies	23	2	91	1
Barlow	22	4	72	1
Jones	3	0	13	0
Evans	2	0	3	0
Lloyd	3	0	10	0
22	byes, 5	leg byes, 1	wide, 1	no-ball.

DENBIGHSHIRE—1st Innings

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell	15	3	31	5
Ellis	12	4	31	2
Carr	3	2	1	2
Elsdon	2.1	1	1	1

DENBIGHSHIRE—2nd Innings

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell	9	2	22	4
Ellis	15	5	36	2
Carr	13	5	35	4
Elsdon	6	0	21	0
13	byes, 3	leg byes.		

DURHAM won by an innings and 76 runs.

DURHAM COUNTY AVERAGES

Durham finished up the season with a percentage of 68.66 in the Minor Counties competition, against figures of 60.00 and 67.50 obtained in the two previous years. They gained 20 points out of a possible 30. There was no result in two of the matches.

In Minor Counties matches only they scored 1,924 runs for the loss of 76 wickets, for an average of 25.31, and their opponents scored 2,030 runs for 114 wickets, an average of 17.88. They gave away 175 extras, against their opponents' 129. In the batting averages there were eight with averages of over 20, against four in 1933. The bowling had also improved, as there were five players with averages of under 10, whereas last year there were only two.

BATTING

	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Avg.
T K Dobson	8	2	78*	260	44.63
Gibbon	0	0	108	834	87.11
G Hickman	0	1	60	247	80.87
Carr	8	0	134	250	28.75
C L Adamson	7	2	62*	113	28.60
A Elsdon	7	1	61*	167	26.16
E N Handie	5	1	37	102	25.50
Woodhouse	6	0	39	120	24.00
Ellis	0	4	17	36	18.00
G T J James	4	0	41	43	10.50

Also batted: R Hunt, 5-0-16-29; H S Carter, 4-0-17-29; W Weightman, 3-1-0-11; J A Adamson, 1-0-1-1; G Wilson, 2-0-1-1; Howell, 4-1-0-0.

Batted in one match: T D Oliver, 2-0-26-26; D Glen, 1-1-12-12; L Handy, 1-0-6-6; N A Doggart, 1-0-0-0.

* Not out.

BOWLING

	O	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
Ellis	255.3	100	409	38	10.76
Carter	15	3	60	4	15.00
Howell	99	20	250	17	15.23
Carr	172.4	46	352	28	15.30
Elsdon	119.4	29	333	20	16.65
Gibbon	36	8	81	2	40.50
Dobson	84	23	179	4	44.75
Woodhouse	77	27	142	2	71.00

Bowled in one match: N A Doggart, 2-0-15-1; D Glen, 25-8-34-0.

MINOR COUNTIES' TABLE

As will be seen from the appended table Lancashire II. are in an unassailable position at the head of the Minor Counties table. Norfolk have yet to play Cambridgeshire, and they must beat them to finish absolutely second. A win or a loss on the first innings would place them third. In that case Surrey II. would be the challengers to Lancashire II. Should, however, the Norfolk and Cambridgeshire match end in a no result match, then the net batting averages of Surrey II. and Norfolk would determine the second position.

	P.	W.	L.	1st in.	No	R'l.	P'age
Lancashire II.	19	5	0	3	0	2	85.00
Norfolk	0	1	0	3	1	1	75.00
Surrey II.	10	4	0	3	1	2	75.00
Durham	8	3	1	14	04	2	66.66
Cambridgeshire	7	3	0	1	3	0	60.00
Oxfordshire	8	3	1	2	2	0	57.50
Derbyshire	9	3	1	2	3	0	58.33
Devonshire	8	1	1	5	1	0	52.50
Yorkshire II.	10	2	1	3	2	2	52.50
Hertfordshire	12	3	0	2	6	1	49.00
Berkshire	8	2	3	1	1	1	40.00
Cheshire	8	2	3	1	1	1	40.00
Lincolnshire	8	0	2	5	1	0	40.00
Staffordshire	8	2	1	1	2	0	37.50
Northumberland	8	1	1	14	34	1	37.14
Buckinghamshire	8	1	8	2	1	1	34.28
Wiltshire	8	1	1	2	1	1	34.28
Suffolk	8	0	2	3	2	1	31.42
Cornwall	8	1	3	1	3	0	27.50
Bedfordshire	7	1	3	0	2	1	23.33
Kent II.	12	2	3	1	5	1	21.45
Monmouthshire	8	0	4	1	1	2	13.33
Denbighshire	8	0	0	0	2	0	5.00