

MINOR COUNTIES MATCH AT DANE STREET.

LANCASHIRE SECOND'S EASY VICTORY.

The minor counties match played at Dane Street on Monday and yesterday, when Lancashire second met Cheshire, resulted in an easy victory for the home county by an innings and 191 runs. On Monday Lancashire scored 358 for the loss of four wickets before the closure was applied, and Cheshire were twice dismissed for a total of only 167 runs.

The match concluded before lunch yesterday, and, therefore, if the county club had any hope of a substantial financial return that hope faded, having regard to the match concluding before tradespeople and their assistants had a chance to see it. The charges for admission, too, were high—one shilling on the popular side, and three shillings on the pavilion side—and as members of the Rochdale club and the county club gained entrance by their membership cards, it is not surprising that the "gate" receipts on Monday amounted to only just over £11. Yesterday, the amount was just over twelve shillings. Lancashire's commanding position on Monday was largely gained through H. R. W. Butterworth, the Littleborough captain, and Farrimond, who hit not out centuries in a fifth wicket partnership which produced 251 runs. Nutter and Washbrook scored sixty for the first wicket, and Butterworth and Farrimond came together with the score 107. Their partnership occupied two hours and forty minutes; Butterworth, missed when two, spent two hours and three-quarters over his 116, which included fourteen fours; and Farrimond, who scored 123, hit two sixes and twelve fours. At the tea interval Lancashire were 268 for four (Butterworth 88, Farrimond 63), and in forty minutes after the resumption ninety runs were added, of which Farrimond claimed 58. Apart from Butterworth, the only other Central Lancashire League player was Bartley, who in playing for Cheshire secured two of the four wickets which fell at a cost of 74 runs.

Cheshire fared badly before the bowling of Phillipson, and lost eight wickets for seventy-one runs on Monday. Yesterday morning saw the first innings concluded in 25 minutes with the addition of only nine runs. The second innings lasted only one hour and a half, and Phillipson, bowling unchanged from the town end of the ground throughout the two innings, bowled a total of thirty-six overs for 64 runs and fourteen wickets. In the first innings he had eight for 30, and in the second six for 34. Phillipson's bowling with its variation of pace was one of the features of the Cheshire innings, and he seemed to find a "spot" which gave the batsmen infinite trouble. The Lancashire fielding was also remarkably good, brilliant catches by Bryce-Smith, Beattie and Wilson and the wicket-keeping of Farrimond being noteworthy. Scores:

Lancashire Second.	
Washbrook lbw b Dutton	52
Nutter c Heaton b Bartley	56
J. M. Bryce-Smith c Bates b Barber	0
F. D. Beattie c and b Bartley	15
H. R. W. Butterworth not out	116
Farrimond not out	123
Extras	16

Total (for four wickets) .. 358
Innings declared.

Cheshire.—First innings.	
J. Denton c Bryce-Smith b Phillipson	12
Bates c Farrimond b Phillipson	5
C. P. Brutton run out	0
J. Worthington st. Farrimond b Pollard	2
F. C. Shreeve b Phillipson	5
G. A. McEntyre b Phillipson	11
R. M. Dutton not out	20
L. N. Jones b Phillipson	1
Barber b Phillipson	5
H. D. Eaton c Wilson b Phillipson ..	7
Bartley c Butterworth b Phillipson ..	1
Extras	13

Total 80

Cheshire.—Second innings.	
J. Denton c Bryce-Smith b Phillipson	24
Bates c Greenhalgh b Phillipson	1
C. P. Brutton c Wilson b Phillipson	7
J. Worthington st. Farrimond b Butterworth	0
F. C. Shreeve run out	2
G. A. McEntyre c Beattie b Phillipson	6
R. M. Dutton b Phillipson	24
L. N. Jones c Bryce-Smith b Phillipson	7
Barber c Farrimond b Pollard	8
H. D. Eaton c Bryce-Smith b Pollard	2
Bartley not out	1
Extras	5

Total 87

Bowling Analysis.

Lancashire Second: Bartley two for 74, Barber one for 67, L. N. Jones none for 75, R. M. Dutton one for 81, J. Denton none for 26, and Bates none for 21.

Cheshire: First innings—Phillipson eight for 30, Pollard one for 15, H. R. W. Butterworth none for 12, T. Higson none for 10. Second innings—Phillipson six for 34, Pollard two for 32, H. R. W. Butterworth one for 25.

ACHONG'S FINE BOWLING.

MILNROW OUT FOR 71 AT DANE STREET.

ROCHDALE START THEIR REPLY WELL.

The first evening league game ever played on the Rochdale ground was commenced last night with Milnrow providing the opposition. Rochdale had one change from the side which lost to Heywood on Saturday, J. Marcroft from the second eleven making his first appearance to the exclusion of E. Robinson. Milnrow had exactly the same side as won at Walsden. There was a large attendance, 2,348 paying, for admission, and the receipts totalling £7 16s. The weather, if cool, was delightfully bright and clear.

MILNROW'S CAUTIOUS START.

Partington and Potts opened for Milnrow and the latter was missed by Hargreaves on the slips before a run had been scored. Partington hit Achong just over for four, but these and a no-ball against Graham were the only runs out of the first five overs. Then Potts scored Graham wide of cover for three, Silverwood chasing the ball and saving the odd run on the boundary edge, and he also turned him readily to square-leg for four in the same over. On the boundary edge, however, Potts edged the first ball he received from him and was cleverly held by Constantine at slip for seven, with the total 14. Partington was out at the same total in an unlucky fashion, a ball from Graham hitting his pad and rebounding into his wicket. Howard and Booth-Yate, in partnership for the third wicket, continued the saving policy of their predecessors; the Milnrow opening, indeed, was so cautious that nine of the first eleven overs were maidens, and of Achong there was only one scoring stroke out of 42 deliveries.

Booth-Yate varied the monotony by dispatching a no-ball from Graham to the square-leg boundary. The bowler was no-balled twice more in the over and this seemed to unsettle him with the result that Howard cut him and hit him to leg for fours, thirteen coming off the over. Achong, however, had a very successful following over, in which he got rid of Booth-Yate and Hamblin, both caught by Hargreaves on the slips, so that Milnrow had four wickets down for 23. Achong, at this stage, saving three wickets for four runs in eight overs. Constantine bowled in place of Graham and opened with two or three curious slows which caused much amusement. Howard scraped a single to leg off one of them, and then Dennis touched a faster one and was cleverly caught by Harry Robinson at the wicket. It was a valuable wicket from the Rochdale point of view, for Dennis has been batting well and was a potential danger.

HOWARD'S GOOD WORK.

The first runs off Achong apart from the boundary already mentioned came in his tenth over by way of three singles, and Howard, who was batting especially well, next plied a defiant bat to elude him to the on boundary. He also turned Constantine beautifully to the leg boundary and made his score 22, but in the same over Constantine clean bowled the veteran, who had been in the middle nearly three-quarters of an hour and had shown infinitely better form than any of his colleagues. In the same over Fitton was taken at slip by Achong without scoring, and Milnrow had seven men out for 47 in an hour and a quarter. Fifty went up as the result of four leg byes with Sutcliffe and Batterworth together. These two played very carefully, and Sutcliffe was the only scorer for a time with odd singles and a nice two. Batterworth's first runs after being at the wicket a quarter of an hour were four behind the wicket which should have brought about his dismissal, the ball eluding Achong at slip and racing to the boundary. Sutcliffe took another nice couple off Constantine, and at 63 Graham went on bowling again in place of Constantine. Off him Sutcliffe entered double figures after batting over forty minutes, but in Achong's next over he jumped out to hit, missed, and was comfortably stump. He had played a most useful game for his side, excelled only by that of Howard.

With Hinchliffe as his colleague, Batterworth suddenly came to life and turned Graham to leg for two and off-drove him for a grand four from successive balls. But at 71 he lost his partner, snapped at the wicket off Achong without scoring. With the last

pair together, Hargreaves took up the bowling himself in place of Graham, and Batterworth placed him past slip for a couple, while Brierley opened his score by lifting Achong high to leg for two and driving him for a single. In Hargreaves's second over, however, Brierley was taken at slip by Williams, and the innings closed for 78, scored in ten minutes short of two hours. Batterworth carried out his bat for a well played 13, after the streaky shot with which he opened.

Achong and Constantine both bowled exceptionally well, the professional's work especially being a model of accuracy and resource. Only ten of the 114 balls he sent down were scored from.

STANSFIELD'S FOURS.

Rochdale had just over a quarter of an hour's batting and in that time score 29 without losing a man. In his first over Hargreaves cut Dennis for a good four and Stansfield twice hit Sutcliffe soundly to the leg boundary and nicked him for four behind the wicket taking a dozen off the over. Although the last of the three scoring strokes was a pure accident, Stansfield also hit Dennis twice to the leg boundary in grand style in his third over, and reached twenty by means of five scoring strokes, while Hargreaves stood at four. Hinchliffe bowled an over in place of Sutcliffe at 25 in order to show of a change of ends, and when play was suspended the two opening batsmen were still in possession, and Rochdale require 46 for victory with all their wickets intact.

Scores and Bowling Analysis:

Milnrow.		
J. Partington	c Graham	6
E. Potts	c Constantine	7
H. Howard	c Constantine	22
N. Booth-Yate	c Hargreaves	6
N. Hamblin	c Hargreaves	0
Dennis	c H. Robinson	10
W. Sutcliffe	st H. Robinson	13
J. Fitton	c Achong	0
E. Batterworth	not out	13
F. Hinchliffe	c H. Robinson	0
H. Brierley	c Williams	3
Extras		10
Total		76

Rochdale.		
F. Hargreaves	not out	6
J. Stansfield	not out	21
Extras		2
Total (for no wicket)		29

Bowling Analysis.—Milnrow.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Achong	19	12	17	5
H. Graham	9	4	31	1
H. Constantine	8	1	16	3
F. Hargreaves	13	0	2	1

Full of wickets.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Milnrow	14	14	33	33	34	47	47	65	71	76

HUTCHINSON'S MASTERLY INNINGS.

MOOR'S GOOD START AT HEYWOOD.

ONLY FIVE WICKETS DOWN.

There was only a moderate attendance at Crimble last night, when Castleton Moor opposed Heywood. After losing Nield cheaply, the Moor were put in a good position by a capital partnership between Hutchinson and Rawnsley. The former scored with confidence from all the bowlers, while Rawnsley defended stubbornly. Hutchinson scored 53 out of 76, made whilst he was at the wicket, and was out leg before wicket in the over he completed his half century. A collection was made for him and it realised £2 8s.

HUTCHINSON'S DOMINANCE.

Castleton Moor did not find runs hard to get. Hutchinson opened with a four to leg off Slater's first ball, and, after losing the company of Nield, clean bowled at 16 by Nuttall, he went on to collect runs at a steady pace and had 18 as his share of the 30 runs made in the first half hour. Slater gave the ball to Needham, and crossed himself to the Crimble end, in place of Nuttall. At his new end Slater seemed to trouble the batsmen a bit more, and once Hutchinson nearly played on. Jumping out he on-drove a ball from Slater for three, Nuttall just saving the boundary. The stroke brought up 10 on the board, the batsman's share being 27. At this stage a confident appeal for leg before wicket by the Heywood professional was answered in Hutchinson's favour. Rawnsley was content with singles and when he had collected eight he

played a ball from Slater through the slips and gave Fred Taylor a hard chance which was not accepted.

Fred Taylor was called on to bowl vice Needham at 47, and "a full toss" gave Hutchinson four and brought 50 on the board after 55 minutes' play. Nuttall came back in the attack, and off a leg ball Hutchinson made a pretty stroke for three and reached 40. The same over Rawnsley had a "life" in the slips, Slater getting his left hand to the ball, but being unable to hold it. Jumping out to Fred Taylor, Hutchinson hit him finely to the pavilion for the full number. In making a stolen single for a stroke by Rawnsley, Hutchinson ran into the flight of the ball when Duffy shied in sharply and was hit on the back. He dropped to the ground, but quickly got up and went on with his innings. When the innings had been in progress 70 minutes the same number of runs were on the book and Hutchinson needed two for his half century. Slater took the ball from Fred Taylor at 72.

A MASTERLY FIFTY.

After being at the wickets 75 minutes, Hutchinson completed his half century with a lusty four to leg off Nuttall. The same over he attempted to turn another ball to leg, missed it and was out leg before wicket. He had played masterly cricket for his 53 and was rarely in trouble. His strokes included four fours and three threes. Soon after being joined by Wade, Rawnsley again edged a ball luckily through the slips and thus after a sequence of fourteen singles got his first two, and, encouraged by this success, he followed with a pretty stroke to the leg rails off Nuttall, passing the twenty mark with the stroke. This was his last scoring stroke. Facing Slater he played the ball up to Watson at mid-on. He had been at the wickets nearly an hour and a half and his innings, if lucky, was a valuable one for his side.

Wade did not give much trouble. He collected eight out of the next twelve runs, but at a hundred he was caught in the slips in Duffy's first over. Brindley hit Slater nearly straight for the full number, but was lucky the same over when he skied the ball over point's head, Hammond trying hard to get to it, but failing. Brindley soon reached double figures, and Brewer as his partner made some useful runs. One square cut by Brewer off Duffy sent the ball flying towards the rails, Greenhalgh saving the boundary. In the hope of getting another wicket Nuttall was called on in place of Duffy at 126, but Slater effected the separation. Brewer ran out to drive, but found he could only play the ball straight back into Slater's hands. He had played merry cricket for his thirteen runs. Brindley continued to score steadily and made some good strokes. McDonough was "fed" by Slater, and he opened his shoulders and drove the ball to the on boundary, Greenhalgh touching the ball as it passed over his head, but being unable to make the catch or save the boundary. When time arrived the Moor had scored 116 for the loss of five wickets. Scores:

Castleton Moor.		
T. A. Hutchinson	lbw b Nuttall	53
A. Nield	b Nuttall	2
W. Rawnsley	c Watson	21
O. Wade	b Slater	8
E. A. Brindley	not out	27
A. N. Brewer	c and b Slater	13
J. McDonough	not out	10
Extras		12

Total (for five wickets) .. 146

Bowling Analysis.—Castleton Moor.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Slater	26	8	52	2
Nuttall	20	2	47	2
Needham	5	1	7	0
F. Taylor	4	1	16	0
Duffy	6	1	12	1

Full of wickets.

	1	2	3	4	5
Castleton Moor	14	76	88	100	129

WARBURTON ON THE MARK.

TAKES SIX WICKETS FOR 30 AGAINST WALSDEN.

A LIVELY GAME.

On a fiery wicket at Hare Hill last night the batsmen on both sides experienced considerable difficulty in playing the fast bowling of Warburton and Rhodes, the rival professionals. Walsden, who batted first, were dismissed in an hour and a half for 73 runs, H. Taylor (21) being the top scorer for the visitors. Warburton was in splendid form with the ball, taking six wickets for 30 runs. Littleborough

fares none too well in reply, Rhodes causing their batsmen considerable anxiety, and at the close four wickets had fallen for 35 runs. Still, the home team have several good batsmen, including Warburton, to fall back upon, and they appear to have a reasonably good chance of winning the game. The play last night was witnessed by a fairly large crowd, the receipts amounting to £11.

WALSLEN SOON IN TROUBLE.

Warburton, who opened the attack with Gilfoy, quickly worked up speed and once or twice made the ball rear head high. This seemed to unsettle Smith, who swung his bat dangerously in trying to place Warburton over the slips. His partner, Johnson, seemed much more confident and it was therefore a surprise when he fell a victim to Gilfoy on an appeal for lbw with only nine runs on the board. Brown got off the mark nicely, late cutting Gilfoy for two and he followed this up by driving the amateur post mid-on for four and then took three with a powerful square-cut off Warburton. While Brown was going ahead in dashing style Smith contented himself with singles and the scoring for the first half-hour averaged a run a minute. This rate of progress however, was not maintained, consequent upon the fall of two wickets in the space of five minutes. With the score at 30 Brown (who had contributed 15 runs in enterprising style), was caught in the slips by Denton off Warburton. Two runs were added and Gilfoy then dismissed Smith, who mistimed the ball in attempting a leg hit and turned round to see the leg stump sagging. This was not the end of Walsden's troubles. Stott was struck in the stomach by a rising ball from Warburton and had to be assisted to the pavilion. During his absence two more wickets fell cheaply. Warburton clean bowled Lord before he had scored and in the next over Rhodes nicked one from Gilfoy and was caught at the wicket by Sutcliffe.

WARBURTON'S DEADLY BOWLING.

With five wickets down for 39 runs Walsden's position was not a healthy one, and a big responsibility faced Stott when he went out to resume his innings with Taylor as his partner. During a spell of purely defensive cricket Taylor had a "life," Sutcliffe dropping a catch at the wicket off Warburton. The professional, however, was soon recompensed, for at 44 he pierced Stott's feeble defence and uprooted the leg stump. Immediately afterwards Taylor got in the ware, a ball from Warburton catching him over the heart and the next ball—a real beauty which kept low all the way—crashed into the wickets. Halstead joined Taylor, who was playing steadily, and the bowlers offered a temporary check. Once Taylor edged Warburton riskily over the slips, but even Denton's long reach did not enable him to accept the chance, although he got his left hand to the ball. Emboldened by this escape Taylor began to attack the bowling with reckless audacity. He brought the half-century on the board after 75 minutes play by driving Gilfoy beautifully past mid-on for four. He then turned his attention to Warburton and in one over drove him for two fours and cut him through the slips for the full number. Taylor ran out to the last ball of the over as though he meant to hit a six, failed to connect, and was clean bowled. He had scored twenty-one runs in contagious fashion and was accorded a rousing cheer when he returned to the pavilion.

During running between the wickets by Halstead and Midgley provided the crowd with an entertaining interlude, but the Littleborough bowlers soon put a stop to these tactics. Gilfoy clean bowled Halstead and in the next over Warburton dismissed Midgley in like manner, the innings closing on the stroke of eight o'clock for 73 runs. Warburton and Gilfoy bowled unchanged. The Walsden batsmen showed a pronounced dislike of Warburton's fast stuff, and the professional returned the fine analysis of six wickets for 30 runs. Gilfoy took the remaining four wickets for 32 runs.

LITTLEBOROUGH LOSE FOUR WICKETS.

Littleborough began their reply at 8.15, and made a new departure by introducing Sutcliffe and F. Shaw as the opening batsmen. Rhodes and Lord shared the attack. Shaw was content to play a defensive role, but Sutcliffe made a confident start. After opening with singles he drove Rhodes through the covers in grand style for three, and also swept him to the leg rails. This gave him double figures after 15 minutes' batting, but he did not score again. With the total 16 Sutcliffe fouled a rising ball from Rhodes, and was neatly caught in the slips by Lord. Without any addition to the score Rhodes clean bowled Denton before the latter had scored, and at

18 Shaw was bowled by Lord, the ball appearing to roll into the wickets after striking the batsman's foot. This brought Jay and Mitchell together, and in a failing light they had to exercise great caution, especially against Rhodes, who was making the ball "kick" viciously on the spot which Warburton had found earlier in the game. When he had scored two runs Jay nicked Rhodes and Midgley, the Walsden wicket-keeper, made a valiant but unavailing attempt to reach the ball as it skimmed over his head. A lovely cut through the slips by Jay off Lord found the rails, and Mitchell, taking risks, forced the score along to 35. At this total Mitchell was well beaten by Rhodes. Butterworth and Jay were still together when stumps were drawn at nine o'clock, the latter having played steadily during a trying period. The present scores are:

Walsden.	
H. Johnson lbw b Gilfoy	2
T. E. Smith b Gilfoy	19
A. Brown c Denton b Warburton ..	15
F. Stott b Warburton	0
P. Lord b Warburton	0
Rhodes c Sutcliffe b Gilfoy	1
H. Taylor b Warburton	21
P. Helliwell b Warburton	0
J. Halstead b Gilfoy	5
J. Midgley b Warburton	0
H. Walker not out	0
Extras	11
Total	55

Littleborough.	
H. Sutcliffe c Lord b Rhodes	10
F. Shaw b Lord	0
T. Denton b Rhodes	0
R. V. Jay not out	6
P. Mitchell b Rhodes	12
H. R. W. Butterworth not out	1
Extras	1
Total (for four wickets)	35

Bowling analysis.—Walsden.	
Warburton	O. M. R. W.
T. Gilfoy	15. 6.30. 6
Rhodes	14. 3.32. 4
P. Lord	8. 3.13. 3
F. Shaw	8. 2.21. 1

Fall of wickets.									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Walsden	9	36	38	39	44	46	69	75	73
Littleborough	16	16	18	35					

THE OTHER GAMES.

At Ashton Middleton put up a score of 225 for four, at which they declared. E. Kay scored 102 not out and S. Matthews 70.

Batting on their own ground against Crompton, Royton declared at 224 for four.

At the Pollards, Oldham were dismissed by Werneth for 36, and Werneth lost a couple of wickets in making 38 in reply.

CROMPTON v. MIDDLETON.

Played at Crompton on Saturday. Scores:

Middleton.	
Preston c Barnes b Thorpo	11
F. Pearson b Cloughton	3
B. M. McDougall c Seedhouse b Barnes	47
P. Greenhalgh run out	0
F. Matthews b Seedhouse	20
J. Kay lbw b Duxbury	34
J. Thorpo st. Townsley b Duxbury ..	38
G. Slinger not out	1
H. Abbott lbw b Duxbury	5
E. Taylor run out	7
Extras	7
Total	173

Crompton.	
H. Barnes c Pearson b Preston	0
I. Harris c Pearson b Abbott	14
P. Seedhouse c Pearson b Taylor ..	38
R. Slater b Slinger	34
S. Lover run out	2
Cloughton b Preston	30
S. McKinstry not out	1
H. Duxbury not out	0
Extras	16
Total (for six wickets)	135

Bowling analysis.—Middleton.	
Cloughton	O. M. R. W.
Seedhouse	15. 1.59. 1
Thorpo	12. 3.23. 1
Davies	9. 2.31. 1
Barnes	8.2 1.28. 1
Duxbury	4. 0.13. 1
Extras	3. 1.12. 3

Crompton.	
Preston	16. 7.43. 2
Slinger	11. 3.20. 1
Taylor	12. 1.53. 1
Abbott	7. 0.21. 1

ASHTON v. OLDBAM.

Played at Ashton on Saturday. Scores:

Oldham.	
J. J. Read c Perry b Holroyd	3
H. Mills c Pownall b Holroyd	10
R. E. Kershaw c Perry b Holroyd ..	3
Lockett c Robinson b Holroyd	0
H. Hill c Currie b Holroyd	0
C. Wrigley not out	71
S. Smith c and b Holroyd	9
H. Kinder c Hardy b Allen	11
F. C. Collier c Robinson b Allen ..	6
H. Burbridge run out	0
E. Townson c Currie b Holroyd	0
Extras	5
Total	118

Ashton.	
A. I. Taylor c Smith b Kinder	0
J. Taylor b Burbridge	35
J. B. Robinson b Lockett	9
G. N. Allan lbw b Burbridge	43
H. Pownall b Burbridge	4
A. Hardy b Burbridge	12
D. Howarth b Burbridge	8
O. Kershaw not out	6
Holroyd b Burbridge	2
J. Currie b Lockett	0
F. Perry not out	8
Extras	2
Total (for nine wickets)	127

Bowling analysis.—Oldham.	
Holroyd	O. M. R. W.
Perry	14.1 5.60. 7
Allan	10. 3.19. 0
Extras	5. 0.34. 2

Ashton.	
Lockett	22. 7.46. 2
Kinder	5. 0.21. 1
Wrigley	4. 1.20. 0
Burbridge	13. 3.38. 6

THORNHAM'S NARROW WIN.

Thornham visited Rhodes on Saturday, and after a keen, interesting game won by 14 runs. The bowling and fielding of each team were exceptionally good. H. Jones (35) and H. Taylor (25 not out) were Thornham's best batsmen, and J. Hunter, with six wickets for 31 runs, was their outstanding bowler. For the losers J. Kent made 11 runs with the bat, and took four wickets for 23 runs.

Scores and bowling analysis:

Thornham.	
E. Tonge b J. Kent	8
F. Welbels b J. Kent	10
H. Jones b A. Mingham	35
J. Tonge st. F. Partington b F. Trench	1
T. Moss c and b J. Kent	0
H. Huddart lbw b A. Mingham	0
W. Daniels c and b H. Trench	9
H. Taylor not out	25
J. Horrocks c F. Roberts b H. Trench	0
J. Hunter b J. Kent	8
G. Hilton b F. Trench	0
Extras	22
Total	120

Rhodes.	
J. Kent c H. Taylor b Horrocks	41
J. Roberts run out	18
H. Hilton c J. Hunter b J. Tonge ..	2
J. Chandler b J. Hunter	2
A. Gant c H. Taylor b J. Hunter ..	5
F. Roberts c G. Hilton b J. Hunter ..	1
F. Trench c G. Hilton b Horrocks ..	7
F. Partington not out	14
H. Sandiford b J. Hunter	6
H. Erentz b J. Hunter	1
A. Mingham b J. Hunter	5
Extras	4
Total	106

Bowling analysis.—Thornham.	
F. Trench	O. M. R. W.
J. Kent	15. 3.24. 2
A. Mingham	11. 2.23. 4
F. Roberts	8. 2.12. 2
H. Erentz	9. 3.21. 0
H. Trench	3. 0.18. 2

Rhodes.	
G. Hilton	16. 7.27. 0
J. Hunter	18. 6.31. 0
J. Tonge	7. 0.29. 1
J. Horrocks	2. 1.13. 2

LADIES' CRICKET.

LITTLEBOROUGH PLAYER'S CENTURY AT BLACKPOOL.

Miss Hilda Mullen played a grand innings for the Littleborough Ladies against Blackpool and St. Anne's Ladies at Blackpool on Saturday, and played a notable part in the easy victory gained by the visitors. She batted throughout the Littleborough innings, and at the close had 102 runs to her credit. Miss N. Sandiford (Rochdale), who was assisting the Littleborough team, also batted well, and scored 51 runs before retiring. Littleborough declared with a score of 181 runs, and then dismissed the Blackpool team for 32 runs. Miss Sunderland took three wickets for seven runs, Miss Sparks three for eleven, and Miss Mullen two for four. Scores:

Littleborough. N. Sandiford retired 51 E. Ring c Radford b Butterworth .. 7 P. Gibson b Leathday 0 H. Mullen not out 102 A. Sparks c Cawthorne b Leathday .. 1 M. Butterworth lbw b Bennett 16 A. Helliwell not out 1 Extras 3 Total (for four wickets) .. 181

Innings declared. Blackpool and St. Anne's. Leathday lbw b Sparks 3 Hamer run out 1 Blamire b Sparks 0 Bennett b Sparks 0 Penderon b Sunderland 1 Olive b Sunderland 3 Cawthorne run out 0 Leathday run out 4 Fernside c Sparks b Sunderland .. 0 Kershaw b Mullen 4 Radford c and b Mullen 11 Butterworth not out 0 Extras 5 Total 33

NORDEN v. ELLAND.

Played at Norden on Saturday. Scores: Norden. S. Barlow c J. Wilkinson b A. Smith 65 A. Crabtree b V. Bell .. 2 J. Ashworth lbw b C. Whittingham .. 3 E. Hornby c J. Wilkinson b S. Whiteley .. 16 Elland. A. Gee c J. S. Stoney b J. H. Stoney 3 S. Whiteley b Fielding .. 1 W. L. Drinkwater b S. Barlow .. 63 I. Shaw st. R. Sharrocks b J. H. Stoney 4 W. H. Holmes c J. Ashworth b Fielding .. 6 C. Brook c P. Wilkinson b Hornby .. 19 V. Bell c A. Crabtree b Ashworth .. 22 H. Smith lbw b S. Barlow .. 13 J. Wilkinson c F. Wilkinson b J. Ashworth .. 5 A. Whittingham c Crabtree b J. Ashworth .. 4 A. Smith not out 0 Extras 4 Total 144

For Norden J. Ashworth took three wickets for 21 runs, J. Fielding two for 11, S. Barlow two for 20, J. H. Stoney two for 35, and E. Hornby one for 32. For Elland A. Smith secured three wickets for 36 runs, I. Shaw two for 44, V. Bell two for 58, S. Whiteley one for 12, and A. Whittingham one for 13.

ROCHDALE AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

LAST SATURDAY'S RESULTS.

"A" DIVISION. Social Union 47 (for one) v. Newhey M. 40. Gowers R.C. 69 (for six) v. St. Mary's (H.C.) 62. Smallbridge M. 42 v. L.M.S. 41. St. Stephen's 100 v. Smallbridge St. John's 45. Wardle 82 v. Cutgate Baptists 80. "B" DIVISION. Queen's Park 88 v. Champness Hall 45. St. Peter's 33 v. Baillie Street M. 23. Trinity M. 105 v. Facit M. 47. Halffold Cong. 44 v. Robinson's R.C. 44. Watergrove S.C. v. Spotland M.—No result to hand. "C" DIVISION. Heywood Temperance 40 v. St. John's R.C. 35. Institute for Deaf 36 v. Milton C.I. 31. J. Holroyd Ltd. 54 (for six) v. Cleansing Dept. 30. Foresters 48 (for four) v. Castleton M. 25. "A" RESERVE DIVISION. Newhey St. Thomas's 2nd 89 v. Halffold Cong. 2nd 89. Smallbridge St. John's 2nd 42 (for six) c. Robinson's R.C. 2nd 15. Smallbridge M. 2nd 55 (for eight) v. Cutgate Baptists' 2nd 37. Wardle 2nd 75 v. Trinity M. 2nd 41. Newhey M. 2nd 121 v. Social Union 2nd 52. BATTING PERFORMANCES. T. Rooney (Cutgate Baptists) 36 F. Grindrod (Social Union) 27 B. Taylor (Newhey M.) 20 J. H. Moyle (Smallbridge M.) 26 T. Seikle (Milton v. St. Stephen's) .. 44 J. Brownridge (Trinity M.) 21 T. Sunderland (Champness Hall) 22 E. Helliwell (Queen's Park) 40 C. Cropper (Newhey St. Thomas's 2nd) .. 51 J. Wild (Halffold Cong. 2nd) 30 T. Whitehead (Smallbridge M. 2nd) 22 F. Greenwood (Wardle 2nd) 50 E. Wagstaffe (Newhey M. 2nd) 21 B. Lund (Newhey M. 2nd) 29 "Not out."

BOWLING PERFORMANCES. G. Mottershead (Wardle) 4 for 13 J. J. Mitchell (Wardle) 4 for 11 A. Looker (Cutgate Baptists) 6 for 12 J. Hall (Social Union) 6 for 14 J. Seddon (L.M.S.) 5 for 14 J. A. Tattersall (Smallbridge M.) 5 for 13 J. A. Cross (St. Stephen's) 8 for 14 T. Smith (St. Stephen's) 1 for 0 H. Jayse (St. Peter's) 5 for 11 J. P. Pyle (St. Peter's) 3 for 7 E. Hoggarth (Baillie Street M.) 1 for 2 W. Brierley (Baillie Street M.) 3 for 2 L. Wild (Champness Hall) 4 for 15 F. Dakin (Queen's Park) 2 for 5 F. Ludlam (Queen's Park) 5 for 19 T. Barker (Institute for Deaf) 3 for 2 J. Tildsey (Institute for Deaf) 4 for 15 J. Whittles (J. Holroyd Ltd.) 5 for 9 A. Travis (J. Holroyd Ltd.) 4 for 4 V. Brine (Cleansing Dept.) 3 for 5 W. E. Hill (Cleansing Dept.) 2 for 4 T. Burke (St. John's R.C.) 7 for 15 S. Dalton (Heywood Temperance) 7 for 10 W. Aspinall (Foresters) 6 for 12 Ashworth (Foresters) 4 for 13 C. Bowditch (Halffold Cong. 2nd) 7 for 18 F. Fitton (Smallbridge St. John's 2nd) 6 for 8 M. Crossley (Smallbridge St. John's 2nd) 4 for 7 G. Looker (Cutgate Baptists' 2nd) 5 for 12 H. Helm (Smallbridge M. 2nd) 8 for 12 P. Utley (Wardle 2nd) 7 for 18 C. Fielding (Newhey M. 2nd) 5 for 7 "A" DIVISION. P. W. L. D. F. Newhey St. Thomas's 7 5 1 1 11 Wardle 7 4 1 2 10 L.M.S. 7 4 3 0 4 Smallbridge M. 7 3 2 2 8 Social Union 8 3 3 2 8 Gowers R.C. 7 3 3 1 7 Smallbridge St. John's 7 3 5 1 7 Cutgate Baptists 7 2 3 2 6 St. Stephen's 7 2 4 1 6 Newhey M. 8 1 4 3 5 St. Mary's (H.C.) 8 2 5 1 6 "B" DIVISION. P. W. L. D. P. Halffold Cong. 7 5 0 2 11 Spotland M. 7 5 1 1 11 Queen's Park 7 4 1 2 10 St. Peter's 7 5 2 0 10 Baillie Street M. 7 2 3 2 6 J. Duckworth Ltd. 7 2 3 2 6 Trinity M. 7 2 3 2 6 Robinson's R.C. 7 1 3 5 6 Watergrove S.C. 7 1 4 2 4 Champness Hall 8 2 6 0 4 Facit M. 7 0 5 2 2 "C" DIVISION. P. W. L. D. P. Heywood Temperance 5 5 0 0 19 J. Holroyd Ltd. 6 4 1 1 9 Institute for Deaf 6 4 2 0 8 St. John's R.C. 6 3 5 0 6 Castleton M. 5 2 2 1 5 Milton C.I. 5 2 3 0 4 Whitworth C.I. 5 2 3 0 4 Foresters 5 1 4 0 2 Cleansing Department 5 0 5 0 0 "A" RESERVE DIVISION. P. W. L. D. P. Wardle 2nd 6 0 0 0 12 Smallbridge M. 2nd 6 5 0 1 11 Cutgate Baptists' 2nd 6 5 1 0 10 Smallbridge St. John's 2nd 6 4 2 0 8 Halffold Cong. 2nd 6 2 2 2 6 Newhey St. Thomas's 2nd 6 2 5 1 5 Newhey M. 2nd 6 2 3 1 5 Robinson's R.C. 2nd 6 0 4 2 2 Trinity M. 2nd 6 0 5 1 1 Social Union 2nd 6 0 6 0 1

LITTLEBOROUGH AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

RESULTS OF FIRST ROUND GORDON HARVEY SHIELD COMPETITION. Littleborough Parish 64, Littleborough Methodists 57. Calderbrook Parish 115, Smithy Bridge 47. Littleborough Third 41, Rakewood 19. Calderbrook Parish Second 41 (for six wickets), Littleborough Fourth 39. Littleborough Baptists 80, Smithy Bridge Second 68. GOOD PERFORMANCES. Batting. E Pearson (Calderbrook) 31 Ray Holt (Baptists) 24 C. Holt (Baptists) 20 Bowling. Wkts. Runs. A. Foort (Methodists) 6 for 7 K. Mitchell (Littleborough Parish) .. 5 for 27 R. Howarth (Littleborough Parish) .. 5 for 21 F. Holden (Littleborough Third) 6 for 8 J. W. Kershaw (Rakewood) 9 for 11 E. Jackson (Calderbrook Second) .. 7 for 14 E. Lewis (Smithy Bridge Second) .. 7 for 24

The draw for the second round of this competition (which will be played on June 25th and 27th) resulted as follows: Littleborough Congregationalists v. Fothergill and Harvey Limited. Calderbrook Second v. Littleborough Baptists. Littleborough Parish Church v. Rakewood Second. Littleborough Third v. Calderbrook Parish. Matches Played Last Saturday. Calderbrook Parish 108, Fothergill and Harvey Limited 79. Littleborough Methodists 11, Littleborough Parish Church 30. Reserve Division. Littleborough Congregationalists 111, Calderbrook Parish 40. Rakewood 59, Smithy Bridge 23. Littleborough Baptists 21, Littleborough Fourth 21. GOOD PERFORMANCES. Batting. F. Sutcliffe (Fothergill's) 21 E. Haslam (Calderbrook) 30 E. Holt (Baptists) 43 H. Hacking (Baptists) 21 Bowling. Wkts. Runs. H. Clegg (Methodists) 5 for 17 T. Redman (Methodists) 4 for 9 F. Holden (Littleborough Third) 4 for 7 S. Wright (Littleborough Fourth) .. 6 for 10 J. Windle (Baptists) 5 for 9 A. Sanderson (Baptists) 5 for 13 SENIOR DIVISION. P. W. L. D. P. Littleborough Methodists 3 3 0 0 0 Smithy Bridge 4 2 1 1 5 Littleborough Parish Church 4 2 2 0 4 Calderbrook Parish 3 1 1 1 3 Fothergill and Harvey Ltd. 4 1 2 1 3 Littleborough Third 3 1 2 0 2 Rakewood 3 0 2 1 1 RESERVE DIVISION. P. W. L. D. P. Calderbrook Parish 4 3 1 0 0 Littleborough Baptists 4 3 1 0 0 Rakewood 4 2 2 0 4 Littleborough Congregational 4 2 2 0 4 Littleborough Fourth 4 1 3 0 4 Smithy Bridge 4 1 3 0 4

COUNTY COLTS AT BLACKBURN.

NORTHUMBERLAND'S COLLAPSE.

WINT INEFFECTIVE.

By "THE CAPTAIN."

The two-days' Minor Counties match between Lancashire 2nd and Northumberland commenced on the Alexandra Meadows, Blackburn, to-day. The inclusion of J. Chadwick, the East Lancashire batsman, and G. Wint, the Rawtenstall fast bowler, in the Red Rose eleven, lent a local touch of colour to the fixture, but only a handful of spectators were present at the start.

Northumberland had first use of the wicket, and opened with W. G. Mackay and W. H. Fenwick to the bowling of Phillipson and Pollard. They should have had one wicket down with only 2 on the board, for in Pollard's first over, Farrimond missed a chance of catching Fenwick.

Both batsmen exercised caution against good length bowling, and at the end of 45 minutes 29 were on the board. Pollard gained considerable pace from the pitch, which cut up quickly at both ends, but apart from Fenwick's early "life," neither batsman was troubled in the slightest. The first bowling change was made at 17, when Bennett came on for Phillipson. Two runs later, Wint made his debut with the ball in county cricket, but his first over yielded 5 runs. After he had sent down 18 balls for 10 runs, Pollard was brought back in his place. Shortly afterwards Lancashire gained their first success with the total at 31, when Bennett, who had been sending down tantalising slow leg breaks, pitched one straight, to get Fenwick lbw.

Quick Wickets.

After an hour's play, 40 runs were on the board, and 17 runs later two wickets fell in three balls. First Farrimond stumped Ord, and then Bennett claimed his second lbw victim in N. Dixon, who had failed to open his account.

After one hour and 40 minutes at the crease, Mackay reached his 50 out of 91, and the hundred went up after an hour and 45 minutes' batting.

Lunch was taken, and the game afterwards took a sensational turn, for in 35 minutes six wickets fell for 26 runs. Mackay was the first to go. Pollard had relieved Wilson at 113, and in attempting to stop a fast one from the new bowler, Mackay chopped it on to his wickets.

Two runs later Lee was caught in the slips, and at 129 Robson was run out. The eighth wicket pair put on 7, but at 106 the little partnership was broken when Atkinson was caught in the slips by Pollard, and at the same total J. A. Paterson was given out lbw to Phillipson who had bowled unchanged since the interval, and had claimed three of the wickets.

Although only 136 were on the board, and nine wickets were down, Fenwick and Gillespie put up a stout resistance. Once Gillespie, who had started a little shakily, pulled Pollard delightfully for 4, but he became a little too bold, and was caught at the

wicket in attempting to cut a rising ball from Pollard. The innings closed shortly after 3.0 for 160.

NORTHUMBERLAND.—First Innings.

W G Mackay b Pollard	67
W H Fenwick lbw b Bennett	10
J D Ord st Farrimond b Bennett	14
N Dixon lbw b Bennett	0
H C Lee c Wilson b Phillipson	17
M Johnson b Pollard	0
C B Gillespie c Farrimond b Pollard	21
Robson run out	6
Atkinson c Pollard b Phillipson	4
J A Paterson lbw b Phillipson	0
Fenwick (R) not out	8
Extras	13

Total160

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Northumber.—1st ins.: Phillipson, 19—4—34—3; Pollard, 21—4—7—58—3; Bennett, 11—4—30—3; G. Wint, 3—0—11—0; Wilson, 5—1—14—0.

FARRIMOND 76.

LANCASHIRE SECOND AHEAD IN RAIN.

228 FOR FIVE AT BLACKBURN.

Rain delayed the start of the second day's play in the Minor Counties match between Lancashire 2nd and Northumberland at Blackburn to-day. When the players were about to take the field a severe storm broke, and the wickets were covered again.

After 45 minutes the players came out, and Lancashire continued their innings with Farrimond (not out 52) and Pollard (not out 0). At the close of play last night the Red Rose side had made 175 for four in reply to Northumberland's 160 out score of 160.

Their policy was to score as quickly as possible and enable the side to declare. Thirty-five runs came in thirty minutes, but at 210 Farrimond played on to Robson, who had relieved Fenwick. The partnership had put on 36, and Farrimond had made 76, including 40 from boundary strokes.

Bennett joined Pollard, and despite another bowling change the rate of scoring persisted, and the total had been carried to 228 for five when the rain sent the players back at 12.35. Fifty-three runs had been scored in 50 minutes.

NORTHUMBERLAND.—First Innings
160 (Mackay 67; Bennett three for 30, Phillipson three for 34).

LANCASHIRE 2nd.—First Innings.

Hawkwood c Paterson b R Fenwick	5
Washbrook lbw b Robson	42
J Chadwick b Atkinson	72
Greenhalgh b Robson	1
Farrimond b Robson	76
Pollard not out	19
Bennett not out	10
Extras	3

Total (5 wkts)228

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP.
LANCASHIRE 2nd v. NORTHUMBERLAND.

Very little interest was evinced in the Minor Counties Championship match between Lancashire 2nd and Northumberland at the Alexandra Meadows on Wednesday and Thursday. On the opening day the attendance was very meagre—not a hundred were present before lunch—and on Thursday, when rain curtailed play to 50 minutes before lunch, there were fewer than 50 spectators. The price of admission—a shilling gate—certainly militated against a large crowd assembling.

Lancashire Colts, unbeaten so far this season and strong aspirants for championship honours, had to be content with a division of the points. Northumberland, after a promising start, collapsed on a drying wicket following lunch on Wednesday, and were dismissed for 160. Before stumps were drawn that day Lancashire 2nd had passed this total by 15 runs for the loss of four wickets. A feature of their reply was a polished innings of 72 by J. Chadwick. Washbrook, the former Ribblesdale League amateur, now on the County ground staff, also pleased with a splendid hit of 42.

When play was resumed on Thursday Lancashire carried their total to 228 for the loss of Farrimond's wicket. Then rain came on an hour before lunch, and the game was eventually abandoned at 3-45. Farrimond, with 78, credited himself with the highest individual total of the match.

NORTHUMBERLAND.

W. G. Mackay, b Pollard	67
W. H. Fenwick, lbw b Bennett	10
J. D. Ord, st Farrimond b Bennett ...	14
N. Dixon, lbw b Bennett	0
H. C. Lee, c Wilson b Phillipson	17
M. Johnson, b Pollard	0
C. Gillespie, c Farrimond b Pollard ...	21
Robson, run out	6
Atkinson, c Pollard b Phillipson	4
J. A. Paterson, lbw b Phillipson	0
Fenwick (R.), not out	8
Extras	13

Total

LANCASHIRE 2nd.

Washbrook, lbw b R. Fenwick	42
Hawkwood, c Paterson b R. Fenwick...	5
J. Chadwick, b Atkinson	72
Greenhalgh, b Robson	1
Farrimond, b Robson	76
Pollard, not out	19
Bennett, not out	10
Extras	3

Total (5wks.)

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

For Lancashire 2nd: Phillipson, 18-4-34-3; Pollard, 21-4-7-58-3; Bennett, 11-4-30-3; G. Wint, 3-0-11-0; Wilson, 5-1-14-0.

For Northumberland: Lee, 23-5-62-0; Fenwick (R.), 32-9-68-2; Robson, 26-6-60-2; Atkinson, 8-0-35-1.

ON THE CRICKET FIELD

EAST LANCASHIRE & RISHTON DECLARE

DARWEN'S SHOCK AT BLACKPOOL

After their mid-week slip, Nelson returned to form on Saturday and were the only side to gain maximum points in the Lancashire League, Burnley being their victims at Turf Moor. Four sides found themselves in a position to declare, but were unable to force definite issues, hence there was a general sharing of the spoils. While no batsman achieved a century, ten obtained 50 or more runs. E. Hargreaves (Todmorden v. Haslingden) headed the bill with 83, while J. Nixon (Rishton v. Ramsbottom), with 67, and Merritt (East Lancashire v. Bacup) with 58, also distinguished themselves with the bat. The bowling honours went to A. Pollard (Nelson v. Burnley) with five wickets for 15 runs. Owing to the unfavourable weather, the "gates" on some grounds suffered severely.

In the Ribblesdale League Blackpool avenged their previous week's reverse at Darwen by defeating the Peaceful Valley eleven by seven wickets at Whitegate Park. Their success was due in no small measure to the all-round efficiency of Victor Norbury in his first game as their professional. The great feat of the day, however, was performed by St. Annes, who, living up to their reputation as "giant killers," decisively beat the powerful Chorley team. Six batsmen in the Ribblesdale League scored fifty or more runs, J. Crabtree (Clitheroe v. Read) collecting the highest individual total (70) and in the bowling, Sadler (Lancaster v. Ribblesdale Wanderers) stood out with seven for 28.

EAST LANCASHIRE DROP A POINT.

Fielding lapses lost East Lancashire a valuable point at the Alexandra Meadows on Saturday. As Nelson were the only team to win—all the other Lancashire League games were drawn—the Blackburn side, by conceding a point to Bacup, missed a glorious opportunity of making up some of the ground which they lost by their defeat at Nelson the previous week. They ought to have won, and would have done so if all the chances offered by their opponents had been taken.

The strong wind which blew across the ground throughout the afternoon can be offered as an excuse for some of the lapses. The wintry conditions which prevailed, and which were responsible for the very small attendance, certainly militated against good work in the field, but a team with championship aspirations ought not to have lost the grip which it had gained and ought to have been able to get rid of the last three batsmen, two of whom were reserve players, in half an hour.

LAPSES IN THE FIELD.

Bacup would have been all out before seven o'clock if East Lancashire's work in the field had not fallen much below the standard of recent matches, in which a vast improvement has been evident in this department. East Lancashire entered the campaign at the beginning of the season intent on achieving League honours. The players were exceedingly optimistic. So uncertain is cricket that it is never safe to make forecasts. Nelson's recent defeat at the hands of Church is an example of the game's great uncertainty—but vulnerable though clubs have proved Nelson to be, they are not likely to be beaten three times in their remaining fixtures.

If East Lancashire win outright their concluding seven matches they cannot overtake Nelson unless the latter fall away to such an

extent that they obtain only nine out of a possible 14 points in their seven games yet to be played. It is expecting too much of the Blackburn side to hope that they will not concede another point this season—the weather might take points from them between now and September 8—and he is a great optimist who expects that the Seedhill Club, who have yet to meet East Lancashire, will lose three or four matches in the closing weeks. The championship cannot now find a resting place in Blackburn this year unless something untoward happens.

BIG HITTING.

The brightest feature of the game at the Meadows last Saturday was a merry knock of 88 by Merritt, his fifth half-century of the season. He came in when two wickets had fallen for 15 runs but, aided by Pickering (33), he attacked the bowling heartily and took 33 in two successive overs from Hatley, whom he twice hit into the Grammar School yard. Of his scoring strokes only seven were singles. When Dr. McLachlan came in at the fall of the sixth wicket there had again been a slump, but he emulated the New Zealander's example and, thanks to his hard hitting, Davies was able to declare soon after 4-30 with the score at 187 for nine wickets.

In their reply Bacup started as if they intended to get the runs—the half-century was passed in 37 minutes. The aggressiveness of their early batsmen, however, brought about their downfall and the game swung round in East Lancashire's favour. What had seemed a certain draw turned quickly into a probable victory for the home side, seeing that owing to the holidays the visitors were much below strength and that the remaining batsmen were not expected to offer great resistance. However, helped by lapses in the field, Bacup saved the game with ease, and when stumps were drawn had made 128 for seven wickets.

JACK NIXON IN FORM.

Another draw. For the eleventh time this season, in the return match at Ramsbottom on Saturday, Rishton divided the spoils with their opponents. An indecisive result to a commonplace game. A Rishton innings that had not a lot of colour was declared when 156 runs had been scored, in rather more than as many minutes for the loss of nine wickets. Ramsbottom failed to maintain the brisk pace of run-getting made at the beginning of their reply and when stumps were drawn still required 34 runs for victory with six wickets in hand.

Jack Nixon derived considerable personal satisfaction from the game, seeing it yielded him his second half-century in successive matches. Profiting from a "life" when 38, he defied the Ramsbottom bowling for over two hours and scored 67 runs, 40 of them by boundary hits. Smith, too, claimed some distinction for a very useful contribution, carrying his bat for 23 after seeing four partners lose their wickets.

DARWEN CATCH A COLD.

Could Darwen have completed the double over Blackpool on Saturday at Whitegate Park their chances of championship honours would indeed have been bright, but they found this task too much for them against such redoubtable opponents, and the champions avenged their defeat of the previous week by a seven-wickets victory.

The man who made all the difference to the seaside club was Vic Norbury, the former East Lancashire "star," who signed as their professional during the previous week. It Darwen batsmen in trouble and only three men reached double figures, and only three by Turner and Harwood, who carried the score from 16 for three to 83 before they were parted that saved Darwen from a crushing defeat, and when they were dismissed—both despite a gallant undefeated collapse started who could find no one to stay with him.

Norbury finished with the fine figures of six for 51, and when Blackpool made their reply with only two hours in which to pass

Darwen's total of 154, it was his steady innings of 48 not out, hacking up some whirlwind hitting by Joe Massey, which enabled the champions to beat the clock with only three wickets down. Massey, who was out to a clever catch by the Darwen captain immediately on reaching his half-century, and Norbury put on 56 for the third wicket in just over half an hour, Massey hitting six boundaries and one three.

The one bright spot in the match for Darwen was the continuance of the brilliant batting form of Bert Harwood. In making his third half-century in successive games he pulled his side round at a critical point. Darwen are now joint leaders with Leyland, a point in front of Chorley and two ahead of Blackpool, who have a match in hand.

CHERRY TREE'S RACE WITH THE CLOCK.

In their important return Ribblesdale Junior League fixture with Darwen 2nd, at Birch Hall on Saturday, Cherry Tree effectively avenged their defeat the previous week, and in consequence shook off the immediate threat to the league leadership. The match proved no exception to Cherry Tree's recent run of keen games, and a most interesting finish was seen.

Cherry Tree had the advantage of first innings on an easy wicket, which contrasted with the fast wickets experienced during the dry spell. Although they again made a good start, with H. Dickinson and J. Hubberstey putting on 47 for the first wicket, they found runs not easy to obtain, and, with the importance of the game permitting of the taking of no undue chance, the scoring rate lagged behind the clock.

Although their batting was fairly consistent in the early part of the innings, with four men passing the 20 mark, Cherry Tree's total was never sufficient to permit of a safe declaration, but time compelled a closure after the innings had progressed for two and three-quarter hours, with the score standing at 153 for nine. The main run-getters — H. Dickinson (28), J. Hubberstey and N. Porter (25 each), T. Harrison (22) and S. Sinfeld (17), with one or two single-figure contributions later.

On starting their reply, it was a real blow to Darwen's prospects to find Norman Lees, who in the previous week's game had virtually won the points with a score of 71, disposed of by a snap catch off a hard drive from the first ball of the innings. Notwithstanding a further setback by the loss of a second wicket with only four runs on the board, Darwen's batting order disclosed a disposition to force a win, and, with W. Disley following with a hurricane half-century, there was possibility in the home side's position. Disley's dismissal, however, after scoring 50 of the 69 runs for five wickets, put Cherry Tree in a winning position, yet at this stage H. Crook made a gallant effort to retrieve the situation with an admirable innings of 40, which included several well-selected boundary hits. His dismissal to a catch from a mis-hit opened a definite passage for Cherry Tree's victory, with the score at 111 for eight wickets, although only about 15 minutes remained for play. Interest was added at this critical stage by the tenth batsman being bowled to no purpose from a no-ball, yet Cherry Tree experienced no further resistance, and, with little more than five minutes remaining, the last man was disposed of, with Darwen 35 runs in arrears.

Arthur Little, for Cherry Tree, took the bowling honours with seven wickets for 44 runs, although T. Harrison was only barely rewarded by an analysis of two wickets for 81 runs. Of the Darwen bowlers, C. C. Lees and J. Preston had each four wickets for 48 and 49 runs respectively. To-day Cherry Tree pay a visit to Burnley St. Andrew's.

TEAMS FOR TO-DAY.

East Lancashire (v. Rishton, away): C. R. Davies, L. J. Pickering, J. Chadwick, A. F. Green, N. B. Smith, Dr. McLachlan, R. G. Davies, P. S. Rennison, S. Dykes, G. Lavery and Merritt.

East Lancashire 2nd (v. Ramsbottom 2nd, at Ramsbottom): H. Green, R. W. Campbell, G. P. Nightingale, H. Chambers, J. H. Chadwick, L. Bibby, I. K. Shearer, W. Cooper, J. E. Sagar, V. Winsor and A. Alston.

East Lancashire "A" (v. Nomads, at the Alexandra Meadows): H. Rydings, A. Moran, R. G. F. Hargreaves, A. Bristol, C. Bristol, R. Harwood, E. Dobson, F. K. Taylor, W. E. T. Walsh, J. Hoyle and F. Tyson.

Rishton (v. East Lancashire, at Rishton): J. A. Hanson, P. Nixon, J. Marsden, J. Nixon, S. Stapleton, A. Ramsbottom, T. Wall, W. G. Haworth, J. Smith, R. Newstead and Hunt.

Rishton 2nd (v. Burnley 2nd, at Burnley): F. Godley, J. Holt, D. Whittaker, F. Chadwick, E. Hacking, W. Haworth, H. Readett, C. Ayres, G. Balderstone, J. Butler, and L. Entwistle.

Darwen (v. Whalley, at Birch Hall): J. Watson (captain), L. Garner, M. Gill, H. Harwood, J. H. Braithwaite, J. C. Holden, N. Lees, H. Round, A. Turner, A. N. Other, and Hargreaves.

Darwen "A" (v. Whalley "A," at Whalley): A. Watson (captain), C. Ashton, O. Ashton, H. Crook, N. Croft, N. Crouch, W. Disley, W. Doidge, S. Eccles, C. C. Lees, and J. Preston.

Blackburn Railway Clerks (v. Chorley 2nd, at Chorley): J. Tinkler (captain), J. Smalley, R. Barrett, E. Smith, T. Pearson, H. Harwood, J. Wrigley, H. Knowles, F. Knowles, W. Shaw and D. Dougherty.

Railway Clerks 2nd (v. White Coppice, at Longshaw Park): J. Riley (captain), A. Houldsworth, L. Hawkins, R. Hedley, A. Carter, W. Rishton, F. Marsh, J. Rydeheard, R. Edleston, N. Ashton, and A. Cunliffe.

Cherry Tree (v. Burnley St. Andrew's, at Burnley): H. Dickinson, T. Harrison, A. Little, F. Bolton, H. Sharples, N. Porter, J. Lomas, S. Sinfeld, F. Hanson, J. A. Hubberstey and W. Townley.

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS.

xEast Lancashire, 167 for 8wks. (dec.); Bacup, 128 for 7wks.
 Rishton, 156 for 8wks. (dec.); xRamsbottom, 123 for 4wks.
 xBurnley, 74; Nelson, 137 for 3wks.
 xColne, 133 for 5wks.; Church, 81 for 2wks.
 Enfield, 189; xRawtenstall, 183 for 7wks.
 xAccrington, 218 for 6wks. (dec.); Lowerhouse, 124 for 8wks.
 xTodmorden, 181 for 4wks. (dec.); Haslingden, 110 for 5wks.

WEDNESDAY.

xRamsbottom, 170 for 3wks.; Todmorden, 31 for 1wkt.

LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Nelson	18	12	4	3	28
Accrington	20	10	7	3	26
East Lancashire	18	9	6	4	27
Bacup	20	6	10	4	24
Rishton	20	5	11	4	22
Burnley	18	8	4	7	21
Rawtenstall	18	6	8	7	20
Church	20	5	7	5	20
Colne	18	5	7	5	17
Todmorden	18	5	7	5	17
Ramsbottom	18	4	8	7	17
Haslingden	18	4	8	6	17
Enfield	20	1	13	7	16
Lowerhouse	18	4	13	6	15
	20	5	4	11	14

EAST LANCASHIRE v. BACUP.

At the Alexandra Meadows on Saturday.
 Scores—

EAST LANCASHIRE.

J. Chadwick, lbw b Fisher	2
L. J. Pickering, b Hartley	33
A. F. Green, c Fisher b Boyden	1
Merritt, at Banham b Fisher	58
G. Lavery, c Taylor b Fisher	1
N. B. Smith, run out	21
C. R. Davies, lbw b Fisher	4
Dr. McLachlan, c Hartley b Roberts	37
G. P. Nightingale, not out	18
S. Dykes, c Cooper b C. Roberts	0
R. G. Davies, not out	6
Extras	7

BACUP.

Fisher, b Merritt	9
F. Hartley, b Dykes	33
J. L. Hunt, lbw b Smith	30
T. Hurney, run out	0
R. Roberts, lbw b Merritt	31
E. Cooper, lbw b Smith	2
R. Boyden, lbw b Smith	1
T. Taylor, not out	16
J. B. Stoit, not out	0
Extras	6

Total (7wks.) 128

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

For Bacup: Fisher, 25-10-61-4; R. Boyden, 13-8-26-1; F. Hartley, 7-0-65-1; R. Taylor, 6-0-20-0; C. Roberts, 6-0-18-2.

For East Lancashire: E. Dykes, 14-5-32-1; Merritt, 17-4-54-2; N. B. Smith, 14-6-14-3; R. G. Davies, 5-1-21-0; J. Chadwick, 2-1-1-0.

EAST LANCASHIRE LEAGUE AVERAGES.

BATTING.

		Not Highest Total			
	Inns.	out.	score.	runs.	Avg.
J. Chadwick	19	3	61*	450	23.12
Merritt	19	1	69	467	25.94
L. J. Pickering	12	0	66	372	20.66
Dr. McLachlan	12	2	43	200	20.00
A. F. Green	10	2	58*	144	18.00
C. R. Davies	17	6	33	301	17.35
N. B. Smith	14	3	26	184	16.72
V. Winsor	13	3	35	138	13.80
P. S. Rennison	8	2	19	49	8.16

BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
Merritt	340.2	49	1103	85	12.82
N. B. Smith	126.5	25	218	24	13.25
S. Dykes	243.2	51	456	33	13.81
W. Green	67	10	217	8	27.12

RAMSBOTTOM v. RISHTON.

At Ramsbottom, on Saturday. Scores:—
RISHTON.

J. Nixon, b Hartley	67
S. Stapleton, b Hird	11
R. Newstead, b Hird	6
A. Ramsbottom, c Tootill b Hartley ..	5
Hunt, c Tootill b Hird	23
J. Smith, not out	22
T. Wall, lbw b Hird	2
W. G. Haworth, c Greenwood b Barlow	5
J. A. Hanson, b Barlow	5
G. Balderstone, b Hird	0
Extras	10

Total (9wks., dec.) 156

RAMSBOTTOM.

A. Tootill, c Hanson b Chadwick	31
J. Pearson, c Hanson b Hunt	31
Hird, not out	33
T. Barnes, c Haworth b Hunt	9
W. Greenwood, b Chadwick	11
Extras	11

Total (4wks.) 153

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

For Ramsbottom: Hird, 25.4-10-42-5; J. G. Brooks, 10-1-38-0; F. Barlow, 11-4-29-2; J. Hartley, 10-2-37-2.

For Rishton: T. Wall, 4-0-24-0; Hunt, 18-4-31-2; F. Chadwick, 14.5-0-57-2.

RISHTON LEAGUE AVERAGES.

BATTING.

		Not Highest Total			
	Inns.	out.	score.	runs.	Avg.
J. Marsden	15	1	87	485	33.00
Hunt (pro.)	19	3	52*	394	24.62
A. McIntosh	15	2	81	269	24.45
J. Nixon	19	0	67	366	19.26
S. Stapleton	20	1	78	348	18.31
A. Ramsbottom	17	2	45*	270	18.00
R. Newstead	18	4	36*	225	16.07
P. Nixon	12	3	31	93	10.33
J. Smith	8	2	22*	60	10.00
T. Wall	10	1	29	84	9.33
D. Whittaker	5	0	15	31	6.20
J. A. Hanson	12	4	5	24	3.00
C. Ayres	5	3	2	2	1.00

BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
Hunt	387.2	95	857	66	14.59
P. Nixon	204.5	46	541	31	16.89
A. Ramsbottom	138.1	28	438	21	20.85
T. Wall	83.1	11	282	12	23.50
C. Ayres	160	17	294	11	26.72

RIBBLESDALE LEAGUE.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS.

Darwen, 154; xBlackpool, 156 for 3wks.
xSt. Annas, 183 for 8wks. (dec.); Chorley, 114.
Read, 167 for 8wks. (dec.); xClitheroe, 107 for
4wks.
Ribblestone Wanderers, 55; xLancaster, 124 for
3wks.
xLeyland Motors, 91; Barnoldswick, 57.

LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Darwen	16	10	2	4	32
Leyland	16	10	2	4	32
Chorley	16	10	1	5	31
Blackpool	15	9	3	3	30
Clitheroe	16	8	2	6	26
Lancaster	15	5	5	5	20
Barnoldswick	17	6	2	9	20
Whalley	17	6	2	9	20
Leyland Motors	17	5	4	8	19
Ribblestone Wand.	17	5	2	10	17
St. Annas	15	4	2	9	14
Read	16	3	4	9	15

A win counts three points and a draw one point.

BLACKPOOL v. DARWEN.

At Blackpool, on Saturday. Scores:—

DARWEN.	
Hargreaves, c James b McDonald	8
J. Garner, b McDonald	0
G. Nixon, c and b Norbury	5
A. Turner, lbw b Norbury	30
H. Harwood, lbw b Norbury	53
M. Gill, not out	26
C. White, b Norbury	4
J. Watson, b Norbury	0
H. Braithwaite, b Fairclough	9
J. C. Holden, st James b Norbury	1
H. Round, b Fairclough	2
Extras	16

Total 154

BLACKPOOL.

J. Massey, c Watson b Hargreaves	50
K. C. James, c and b Hargreaves	18
H. Gudgeon, lbw b Hargreaves	7
Norbury, not out	46
A. Nuttall, not out	22
Extras	12

Total (3wks.) 155

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

For Blackpool: Norbury, 22-2-51-6; E. A. McDonald, 19-4-47-2; P. M. Fairclough, 12.6-2-23-2; F. Howarth, 3-0-7-0; A. Watson, 5-1-10-0.

For Darwen: Hargreaves, 18-2-46-3; C. White, 8-0-49-0; M. Gill, 7-1-37-0; J. Watson, 5-0-11-0.

DARWEN LEAGUE AVERAGES.

BATTING.

		Not Highest Total			
	Inns.	out.	score.	runs.	Avg.
A. Turner	6	0	77	150	25.00
H. Harwood	13	1	53	285	23.75
L. Garner	13	0	47	228	17.53
G. Nixon	16	4	67	203	16.81
M. Gill	14	5	65*	151	16.77
Hargreaves	15	1	54*	215	16.35
C. White	14	6	37*	121	15.12
N. Lees	12	1	25	104	9.45
J. C. Holden	8	1	16*	61	8.71
W. Diale	8	0	14	53	5.62
J. Watson	11	1	27	49	4.90
H. Round	10	1	11	44	4.88
J. H. Braithwaite	10	0	9	38	3.80

BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
Hargreaves	235.5	62	543	62	8.75
C. White	187.5	32	446	43	10.37
M. Gill	120	20	361	26	13.88

LANCASHIRE JUNIOR LEAGUE.

RISHTON 2nd v. RAMSBOTTOM 2nd.

At Rishton, on Saturday. Scores:—

RAMSBOTTOM 2nd.—A. Holt, c Akers b Haworth, 33; C. Kay, b Ayres, 0; E. Holding, c Jackson b Haworth, 12; H. Pearson, c Connor b Haworth, 9; J. Redmond, c Holt b Haworth, 4; J. Broughton, c Whittaker b Haworth, 12; G. Jackson, lbw b Ayres, 31; S. Roberts, not out, 34; F. Hamer, c Ayres b Whittaker, 20; S. Meadowcroft, b Ayres, 27; H. Warburton, b Entwistle, 2; extras, 16; total, 200.

RISHTON 2nd.—F. Godley, run out, 18; D. Whittaker, c Hamer b Meadowcroft, 67; J. Holt, c Holt b Meadowcroft, 16; L. Entwistle, b Meadowcroft, 5; F. Hacking, c and b Holding, 20; E. Jackson, run out, 8; W. Haworth, not out, 30; C. Ayres, c Holding b Pearson, 1; J. Butler, c Redmond b Kay, 22; W. Connor, not out, 3; extras, 15; total (8wks.), 203.

BOWLING.—For Rishton 2nd: C. Ayres, 18-4-38-3; J. Akers, 10-1-41-0; W. Haworth, 15-1-41-5; D. Whittaker, 9-0-43-1; L. Entwistle, 2.4-0-21-1. For Ramsbottom 2nd: H. Pearson, 13-1-50-1; S. Meadowcroft, 15-2-43-3; C. Kay, 8.2-0-45-1; E. Holding, 5-1-20-1; G. Jackson, 4-0-24-0; A. Holt, 2-1-0-0.

RIBBLESDALE JUNIOR LEAGUE.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS.

xRead, 205; Clitheroe, 85.
Oswaldtwistle Mount Pleasant, 85 for 8wks.;
xRibblestone Wanderers, 78.
xSadden, 190; Waddington, 110.
xBurnley St. Andrew's, 91 for 6wks.; Baxenden, 86.
Cherry Tree, 153; xDarwen, 118.

LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Cherry Tree	16	13	2	1	41
Read	17	12	2	1	41
Darwen	16	12	0	3	38
Oswaldtwistle M.P.	16	10	0	4	36
Burnley St. Andrew's	16	9	2	6	30
Ribblestone Wand.	17	8	0	5	29
Burnley St. James'	15	6	0	9	24
Clitheroe	17	6	2	7	24
Baxenden	16	6	2	10	20
Whalley	17	5	1	10	17
Waddington	17	5	0	12	16
Sadden	17	4	2	11	15
	17	3	1	13	14

(A win counts three points and a draw one.)

DARWEN 2nd v. CHERRY TREE.
 At Darwen on Saturday. Scores:—
CHERRY TREE.—H. Dickinson, lbw b. Preston, 28; J. Hubberstey, b. Lees, 25; F. Bolton, c and b Lees, 1; N. Porter, c and b Preston, 25; S. Binfield, c Ashton b Disley, 17; T. Harrison, b Preston, 22; H. Sharples, b Lees, 4; J. Lomas, b Preston, 2; W. Townley, not out, 6; A. Little, c Watson b Lees, 1; W. Bird, not out, 8; extras, 7; total (9wks., dec.), 153.
DARWEN 2nd.—A. Watson, run out, 1; N. Lees, c Dickinson b Little, 0; C. Ashton, b Little, 8; W. Disley, b Harrison, 50; C. C. Lees, c Bolton b Little, 1; H. Crook, c and b Harrison, 40; O. Ashton, c Hubberstey b Little, 2; J. Preston, c Hubberstey b Little, 1; W. Doidge, not out, 10; S. Eccles, c and b Little, 0; N. Crouch, b Little, 0; extras, 5; total, 118.
BOWLING.—For Darwen 2nd: N. Crouch, 15-0-33-0; C. C. Lees, 22-5-48-4; W. Disley, 13-3-16-1; J. Preston, 16-2-49-4. For Cherry Tree: A. Little, 15.4-2-44-7; J. Lomas, 3-0-9-0; H. Dickinson, 22-28-6; T. Harrison, 17-1-1-1.

NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE AMATEUR LEAGUE.
SATURDAY'S RESULTS.
"A" DIVISION.
 Baxenden 2nd, 76 for 7; Altham Collieries, 87, Langho Colony, 171 for 2wks. (dec.); Darwen Lower Chapel, 85.
"B" DIVISION.
 Great Harwood Amateurs, 87; Darwen Holy Trinity, 89 for 8wks.
"C" DIVISION.
 Darwen Lower Chapel 2nd, 43; Langho Colony 2nd, 76 for 7wks.
 Darwen Holy Trinity 2nd, 63; Great Harwood Amateurs 2nd, 70.
JULY 30-31. "B" DIVISION.
 Darwen H. Trinity, 21; Northrop Loom Co., 34.
OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES.
"A" DIVISION.
BATTING.—J. Halstead, Langho, 84 not out; J. Peters, Langho, 73 not out.
BOWLING.—R. Holden, Baxenden, four for three; J. T. Taylor, Baxenden, four for 10.
"B" DIVISION.
BATTING.—W. Roach, Great Harwood, 21.
BOWLING.—G. Milner, Darwen Trinity, four for four.
"C" DIVISION.
BATTING.—L. Hacking, Darwen Trinity, 21.
BOWLING.—F. Haworth, Darwen Trinity, five for seven.

LEAGUE TABLES.

"A" DIVISION.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Langho Colony	14	10	4	0	24
Audley Range	12	7	3	2	17
Salesbury St. Peter's	12	8	1	3	17
Cherry Tree 2nd	13	7	2	4	16
Altham Colliery	14	6	1	7	13
Blackburn Nomads	12	4	4	4	12
Darwen Lr. Chapel	12	4	1	7	9
H'burn St. James' 2nd	12	4	0	8	8
East Lancs. "A"	11	3	0	8	8
Baxenden 2nd	14	2	0	12	4

"B" DIVISION.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Oswald, Immanuel	13	10	0	3	20
Chatburn	13	6	3	4	15
Dutton's Brewery	12	7	1	4	15
Darwen Holy Trinity	12	6	2	4	14
Northrop Loom Co.	12	5	2	5	12
Gt. Harwood Amat.	12	5	1	6	11
Mt. Pleasant 2nd	14	5	1	8	11
Electricity Undtg.	13	4	2	7	10
Knuzden	13	5	0	8	10
Greenbank Gasworks	14	5	0	9	10

"C" DIVISION.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Darwen L. Chapel 2nd	14	10	0	4	20
Gt. Hwd. Amat. 2nd	13	9	1	3	19
Langho Colony 2nd	13	9	1	3	19
Refuge Assur. Co.	13	9	1	3	19
Oswald, Immanuel 2nd	13	8	0	5	16
B'burn Labour Party	13	6	1	6	13
Audley Range 2nd	12	4	0	8	8
Salesbury St. Peter's 2nd	12	4	0	8	8
Northrop L.M. Co. 2nd	14	3	1	10	7
Darwen H. Trinity 2nd	15	1	1	13	3

SUNDAY SCHOOL CRICKET

A SHOCK FOR CHRIST CHURCH

ST. ANDREW'S BATSMEN IN FORM

The Blackburn Sunday School League reopened their programme after the holidays on Monday, and sensations were not long in coming.
 Christ Church, a highly-placed side in "A" Division, were dismissed for eight runs by St. Francis', one of the bottom clubs, one man claiming five of these.
 St. Stephen's fared little better in their game with St. Anne's, being all out for 14. Frank McGarry, was responsible for this collapse by capturing six wickets for one run, while M. Connolly hit up 20 for St. Anne's, who won with ease.
 Bad light prevented a definite result in the Mellor—St. Silas' match. The village side totalled 78 (W. Emmott 35, A. Proctor 19 not out), and St. Silas' had replied with 17 for two when play was curtailed.
 A decision was also prevented in Holy Trinity's game with St. Aidan's, when the latter had made 24 for two in response to Trinity's 68 (J. Morris 20 not out).

A SPARKLING INNINGS.

One of the best games of the week was in "B" Division, where St. Andrew's recorded a fine victory over Feniscowles. The latter had compiled 114, apparently a winning score; but the Livesey side, thanks to a sparkling 71 not out by F. Taylor, responded with 128. In their game with Park-road bad light prevented another win, though they had themselves to blame to a certain extent. Again Taylor shone with 25 out of St. Andrew's 70, and he also brilliantly ran out Park-road's opening batsman. Park-road had four wickets down cheaply, but the Livesey men failed to press home their advantage before the weather took a hand in the game.
 Leamington-road, thanks to a deadly attack, were able to beat the weather and force a win over St. Matthew's, whom they sent back for 17. F. Moore and Battersby shared the honours with five for four and three for three respectively, while H. Crank made 14 out of Leamington-road's reply of 32.
 Rain shortened play in the knock-out competition on Wednesday night, and the games will be continued where left off. Leamington-road had scored 39 for two against Mill Hill Congregational, while St. Aidan's had only time to open their innings at Mellor.

LEAGUE TABLES.

"A" DIVISION.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Alice Street	20	17	2	1	35
St. Silas'	19	13	3	3	29
Ragged School	18	11	1	6	23
St. Aidan's	20	10	2	8	23
Christ Church	18	9	3	6	22
Emmanuel	18	8	2	8	21
Mellor	18	8	2	8	21
St. Anne's	18	7	2	9	18
Holy Trinity	18	7	1	9	16
St. Francis'	18	5	3	9	15
St. Stephen's	19	5	3	10	13
St. Andrew's	20	4	1	11	13
Chapel Street	19	3	2	15	9

"B" DIVISION.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
St. Matthew's	18	12	4	2	28
Mill Hill St. George's	18	12	2	4	26
St. Luke's	19	10	2	7	23
Leamington Road	17	10	3	5	23
L. Harwood Meth.	18	9	1	7	23
Mill Hill Cong.	16	8	2	7	19
Montague St. Bapt.	16	8	0	8	18
Feniscowles	17	7	2	8	16
St. Andrew's	18	5	5	8	16
New Row	18	6	3	8	15
Park Road	18	5	3	9	15
St. Thomas'	18	4	3	10	13
	17	3	4	10	11

SPORTS SNAPSHOTS

CHADWICK'S DISTINCTION—COMPLIMENTS FROM DENMARK SCORERS AND UMPIRES DISAGREE

Congratulations to J. Chadwick, East Lancashire's opening batsman, on his fine batting display with the County Colts at Blackburn on Wednesday.

His many admirers had no doubts as to his ability to justify his inclusion in the team; his past record warranted him being given a trial. But they never for one moment anticipated that he would defy the Northumberland attack with great confidence for over three hours, and would credit himself with the second highest individual score of the match.

Few county debutants have given such a polished display of artistic batsmanship. It has always been Chadwick's ambition to play for his County. He is sure now to receive another trial.

If the match had not coincided with part of his holidays—he has been down at Torquay this week—Crawford White, the Darwen fast bowler, would have been in the Lancashire 2nd team in opposition to Northumberland, on the Meadows.

He had to decline the invitation. A chance to prove his mettle in this class of cricket awaits him next week, however, for he is to turn out with the County's second string, against Yorkshire 2nd at Middlesbrough on Monday and Tuesday, and against Staffordshire, at Stoke, the two following days.

MERRITT'S FIFTIES.

Of the ten individual half-centuries scored for East Lancashire this summer five have been obtained by Merritt, the professional, three by J. Chadwick, the club's opening batsman, who assisted Lancashire 2nd against Northumberland at Blackburn, on Wednesday and Thursday, and one each by L. J. Pickering and A. F. Green.

In collections these batsmen have drawn between them over £50. Singularly, all but two of the scores were made on the Alexandra Meadows. Merritt's 69 is the highest gained by a Blackburn batsman this summer.

After an absence of four years "Vic" Norbury appeared again at Whitegate Park with the Blackpool team on Saturday, this time as their professional.

And he can look back on the game with great satisfaction, because he filled a leading role in the infliction of a severe defeat on Darwen, who the week before had humbled Blackpool at Birch Hall.

But in this return fixture Darwen lost by seven wickets.

First with the ball and then with the bat Norbury more than caught the eye.

Earlier in the game A. Turner (30) and H. Harwood (53) had participated in a fourth-wicket partnership for Darwen that produced 77—and a very gallant effort, though victory did not follow in its train.

Harwood's innings was his third successive half-century, and his highest score with the club.

When Hargreaves, the Darwen professional, lost his wicket he was out in more ways than one. A ball from Macdonald, the Australian

fast bowler, kicked up sharply and the professional played it hard into his face. He collapsed in a heap, kicking in agony. Meanwhile James, the New Zealand Test stumper, ran to square leg and held the high dropping ball. Hargreaves had to be assisted from the field.

Farrimond, the Lancashire reserve wicket-keeper, appeared for Clitheroe against Read a week ago, but indifferent bowling gave him no chance to show his ability behind the stumps, and when he batted he was dismissed for a single.

Rain stopped play when Clitheroe were making a determined effort to overhaul their opponents' big total.

Lowe, the Chorley pro, knocked a stump out of the ground on five occasions at St. Annes, in taking six wickets for 71—but St. Annes, for whom S. Puddefoot made 38, obtained an easy victory.

If Jack Nixon, Bishton's fair-haired left-hander, doesn't cherish happy recollections of the Ramsbottom bowling this season then he ought. His half-century on Saturday was the second against these opponents in four days.

Incidentally, he carried his season's league aggregate to 366, which is only 15 runs short of his best of last summer. Jack looks like setting up a new personal record without any great effort.

Stapleton accomplished that for himself during Saturday's innings. His 344 runs so far this summer are nine more than he has ever made before in any league campaign.

Two hours and four minutes to bat, Runn wanted, 201. A pretty stiff order. But Bishton 2nd dealt with it all right on Saturday. They forced victory over Ramsbottom 2nd a couple of minutes from time.

WORTHY OF A TRIAL.

Supporters of East Lancashire would like to know why, when Philip Rensson is not available as wicket-keeper, Taylor, the second team stumper, is not given a trial.

Taylor is stated to be particularly smart behind the wickets, and also a sound batsman.

Alf. Pollard, the Nelson veteran, furnished another example of his skill with the ball at Burnley. In seven overs he accounted for five opponents for 15 runs.

Wilson, of the county ground staff, deputising for Constantine, was also devastating—such match-winners on their side, Nelson had an easy passage.

Geoffrey Wint, Rawtenstall's amateur fast bowler, playing with the Lancashire Colts at Blackburn, on Wednesday, was relieved of the ball after sending down only three overs, which conceded eleven runs.

"SPORTSMAN'S" Comments and Jottings.

MINOR COUNTIES MATCH.

What Burnley Fixture Means to Lancashire Colts.

TODMORDEN AT TURF MOOR TO-DAY.

The teams for the Minor Counties match, at Turf Moor, next Monday and Tuesday, are—

Lancashire 2nd: P. Higson (captain), N. R. W. Butterworth, Crawford White, J. Chadwick, H. Windle, Farrimond, Hawkwood, Wilson, Bennett, Oldfield and Rae.

Durham: T. K. Dobson (capt.), E. N. Handie, G. L. Adamson, J. A. Adamson, G. Hickman, Gibbon, A. Ebdon, Carr, Howell, K. Wilson and Ellis.

The stage is now set for the minor counties match at Turf Moor next Monday and Tuesday. Captain Howard, secretary of the Lancashire County Cricket Club, was over in Burnley last Saturday, and discussed the final arrangements for the second-class fixture, between Lancashire 2nd XI and Durham, which the local club is favoured to accommodate. On Monday play will be from 11.40 a.m. to 7 p.m., and on Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission to the ground will be a shilling (juniors half-price), with two shillings transfer to the pavilion enclosure. After 3.15 p.m. there will be half-price admission to all parts. Since I announced these prices on Wednesday, there has been much discussion about the stiffness of them. All I can say is that the committee of the Burnley Cricket Club are not responsible for them. They are fixed solely by the County Club authorities. Members of the Burnley club, at any rate, have the satisfaction of knowing that they will be admitted free to the match on presentation of their membership cards. This, I understand, appertains to all classes of members. Luncheon arrangements on the ground will be under the taken by the Savoy (Burnley), Ltd., but the cricket club will have charge of the tea facilities. Score cards, printed on the ground by arrangement with the Burnley Express Printing Co., Ltd., will be issued at frequent intervals as the game proceeds, and thus spectators will have a progressive record of the match.

HONOURS AT STAKE.

This match at Burnley is of particular importance to the Lancashire side, for if they win they will be assured of the leadership of the Minor Counties championship, which will give them the right to meet the next best county in a three-days' challenge match for the honours. So far this season the Colts have played nine matches without defeat, five being won. Owing to the claims of the senior eleven, the services of Washbrook, Pollard and Phillipson will not be available for the Burnley match, and it will be seen that the team includes five amateurs. Crawford White is a fast bowler from Darwen, who played in the recent matches against Yorkshire Second and Staffordshire; J. Chadwick is the East Lancashire amateur who played a good innings against Northumberland recently; and H. Windle, of Clitheroe, is an all-rounder. The professionals include Rae, of Bradshaw, who has taken over 100 wickets in the Bolton and District League this season, Hawkwood, the former Nelson player, and Wilson, who has already played at Turf Moor once this season, for he deputised for Constance in the Burnley "Derby" match with Nelson.

AN OLD COLLEAGUE.

Most of the Durham players will meet an old colleague here in J. R. Milne, the Lowerhouse professional. This popular player, who has done some excellent work for the West End club this season, and has been re-engaged for 1935, was formerly professional for the Durham Senior League club, Whitburn, and there qualified to play with the county. His best performance with Durham, by the way, was against Lancashire 2nd. He took five wickets for 22 runs in that match. Last season, for Durham, he took twelve wickets for an average of 12.16 runs, the second best in the list of averages. The full figures were: 78.4 overs, 17 maidens, 146 runs, and 12 wickets. In four innings with the bat he made 27 runs, his highest score being 16.

WALMSLEY ARGENT.

Burnley are again playing at home to-day, the opposition being Todmorden. The Turf Moor side will be without Clifford Walmsley. It will be noticed, and will therefore be captained by "Billy" Cook. Walmsley's absence is due to the fact that he has now resumed training for his football duties with Rochdale, for whom he has again signed as goalkeeper. He will not be seen with the Burnley cricket eleven again this season. This is the first time Burnley and Todmorden have met this season, and there should be a good crowd to see Root, the former Worcestershire player, who is in his second season as professional at Todmorden. In view of all the controversy there has been in first-class cricket circles about leg-theory bowling, Burnley spectators will be interested in Root's method of attack. When I saw him at Lowerhouse this season he was bowling with five men close in on the leg side. Mention of the leg-theory controversy, by the way, reminds me that an illustrated daily paper this week published a photograph of A. J. Richardson, the Burnley professional, exploiting the leg-theory for the Australian side in the Oval Test of 1926. The photograph showed Hobbs batting, and the bowler had five fieldsmen on the leg side. Root, who took six East Lancashire wickets for 18 runs last Saturday, requires 18 wickets to make his total bag for the season 100.

ATTACK ON RECORD.

"You can never be sure of anything in this world." Headley's attack on the League record batting aggregate is a case in point. His 17 at Accrington last Saturday took his total score for the season to 976, and it is almost certain that he will reach the 1,000 mark, but he will have to make the ball fly merrily in the four remaining matches if he is to beat Richardson's League record of 1,103. Despite the West Indian's magnificent batsmanship, by the way, the Bengteters are jangling among the bottom clubs in the table with a record number of draws to their credit. The importance of bowling strength to a League club was never better emphasised.

STILL SKITTLING 'EM OUT.

Syd Barnes, the all-England veteran cricketer, one of the best loved of the long list of famous professionals that the Burnley club have had the honour to engage, can still show the young 'uns how to do it. When he finished his engagement with Rawtenstall last season it was generally thought that he was going to retire, but he confounded the goings by fixing up with the Bradford League club,

Keighley. Against Bradford, the League leaders, last Saturday, he was almost unplayable, taking eight wickets for a paltry nine runs—a wonderful performance, and still more wonderful when you consider that Barnes is over 60. Barnes is no stranger to Bradford League cricket. Some years ago he played for Salford, and although there were more than thirty first-class cricketers playing in the League at that time, Salford won the championship with almost monotonous regularity.

AT LOWERHOUSE.

Lowerhouse once more revealed their ability to trouble the scorers, and inability to send opponents back to the pavilion, in the game with Ramsbottom last Saturday (writes "Lowerhouseian"). I have not all the figures covering the club's past doings, but personally I cannot recall any season in which the representative village eleven has scored more runs than they have registered in a similar number of games this season. Had we possessed just one good amateur bowler (shades of Green!) the West End club would have figured not at the foot but in the upper half of the Lancashire League table. In no club in the league is there a better opportunity for a good amateur trundler.

AN ERRING SCRIBE.

One sports journalist deplors the tendency of the West End team to "go for the points," and thus lose games which might have been drawn, and he asserts that a change of policy would improve the drawing power to the ground. Considering that they are literally supporting the Lancashire League (bottom club), the "gates" have been quite good so far this season, and it is very questionable whether this interest would have been maintained had the lads of the village "sat on the splicie" instead of playing cricket which rivets the interest of spectators and makes them one of the most popular sides in the League.

SECOND STRING SUCCEEDS.

The West End juniors met with their heaviest reverse of the season at the hands of Bacup second string last Saturday. Not only was the bowling well and truly "collared," but the batsmen also failed. To be dismissed for such a small total as 41 was, indeed, a new experience for the lads of the village. Probably the thoughts of not celebrations affected their prowess.

REDMAN CUP COMMENTS.

On Monday the Bank Clerks very effectively closed the Padiham Weavers' Social Club's account in the competition. The batting of the weavers was execrable, but the bowling was not too bad. Had the men of Padiham taken the chances which were dropped they might have made a match of it. The Bank skipper Howarth (one of the bowlers referred to) is a fairly good batsman. He is supported in the willow-wielding department by not more than three players likely to get runs against a decent attack. During Padiham's bowling with great respect, a supporter shouted: "Hit 'em, Jack! Doan't be freetened o' knockin' t' ball soft!"

LUCK OF THE DRAW.

The Bank Clerks ought to reach the semi-final, for they are drawn against Massey's Brewery, probably the weakest side now in winners of the Drew's Printworks v. Spencer's, I think the cup winners are games, but quartet. Town Hall Sports Club ought to account for Rosegrove Unity, for the latter eleven were far from convincing in their last cup-tie game.

CHANGE IN MATCH DATE.

Mr. J. Walker, the competition secretary, informs me that the match between Walsmsley's and the Tramways will be played on Wednesday, August 22nd, instead of Monday, August 20th.

THE LIGHT QUESTION.

I have been somewhat surprised that certain teams who have batted last did not appeal against the bad light in which the second half of their batmen have played. At the present time light plays an important part in the result of a game, and the side which bats last is undoubtedly handicapped. Under such conditions it is up to the players to appeal to the umpires, for the game can be finished on the following evening. Club practice falls off considerably after the Burnley holidays, so there is no reason why third round games should not occupy two evenings of 1½ hours each instead of one evening.

THE COMING BAZAAR.

I am officially informed that the Lowerhouse C.C. bazaar will be held in October, probably in St. John's School, Gannow. The organisers are sparing no effort to make the coming event a financial success, and the aid of all who can assist in any possible way is cordially solicited by the bazaar committee. Judging by the previous public response to requests for support on behalf of the village cricket club, it is evident that though lacking in funds, the West End organisation is, indeed, rich in friends.

Local Clubs' Matches and Teams for To-day.

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE.

Burnley v. Todmorden.
 Burnley: W. Cook (capt.), E. Coward, J. Eatough, F. Farley, B. B. Fitzjohn, J. S. Hey, T. Harrison, J. R. Town, J. Whittam, Richardson (pro.).
Haslingden v. Lowerhouse.
 Lowerhouse: A. Burrows, G. Bridge, W. G. Cook, A. Dobson, J. Drabble, H. Lawson, A. McFarlane, L. S. Priestley, E. Smith, G. Stevenson, Milne (pro.).
Enfield v. Nelson.
 Bacup v. Colne.

LANCASHIRE JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Lowerhouse v. Haslingden.
 Lowerhouse: A. Eastwood, W. Glose, C. Farley, R. G. Almond, O. Lupton, S. Smith, A. Veevers, W. Gardner, A. Moorhouse, N. E. Harrison, O. Swarbrick.

RIBBLESDALE LEAGUE.

Read v. Blackpool.
 Read: E. H. Haworth (capt.), F. Landon, W. Dunn, C. Tillotson, H. Eastwood, J. Hargreaves, R. Wade, F. Aldred, J. R. Shacklady, Whitehead (pro.).
Barnoldswick v. Leyland Motors.
 Barnoldswick: J. Hartley (capt.), T. Sherman, W. G. Crabtree, H. Hargreaves, A. Charles, N. S. Petty, N. H. Slater, J. Turner, J. T. Fairchild, A. M. Moorhouse, Duttall (pro.).

RIBBLESDALE JUNIOR LEAGUE.

St. Andrew's v. Clitheroe.
 St. Andrew's: W. Bennett (capt.), R. Sunderland, A. Duckworth, J. Lee, S. Aspden, H. W. Fleming, T. Howarth, J. Wilkinson, E. Proctor, H. Smith, P. Jump. Res.: O. Taylor.
Cherry Tree v. Read 2nd.
 Read: H. Purvis (capt.), J. Whitham, F. Walne, T. Bates, W. Starkie, A. Snape, R. Stevenson, R. S. Pilling, R. Eddleston, Stan. Whitham, A. Starkie. Res.: R. Bruce.
Waddington v. Sabden.
 Sabden: T. Wilkinson (capt.), J. Dyson (sen.), G. Windle, G. Wood, J. Dyson (jun.), H. Marshall, J. Sumner, H. Sumner, A. Tattersall, H. Shirtcliffe, J. Holliday. Res.: E. Moorhouse.

YORKSHIRE COUNCIL.

Earby v. Silsden.
 Earby: A. E. Allen (capt.), T. Crowther, T. Wear, J. S. Watson, S. Oates, S. Taylor, K. Smith, E. Wright, B. Caswell, L. Duxbury, J. Holden.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Town Hall S.C. v. St. Andrew's 2nd.
 St. Andrew's 2nd: W. Blythe (capt.), J. Clough, G. Taylor, J. Kidd, R. Pate, G. Duerden, A. Walton, K. Helliwell, S. Furniss, R. Lord, P. Spencer. Res.: E. Dunnill, T. Helliwell.
St. Andrew's v. Grammar School O.B.
 (Next Monday and Tuesday.)
 St. Andrew's: W. Blythe (capt.), J. Lee, A. Duckworth, J. Kidd, E. Proctor, T. Howarth, R. Pate, G. Duerden, A. Walton, K. Helliwell, H. W. Fleming. Res.: S. Furniss, H. Shepherd.

WORSLEY CUP.

EAST LANCASHIRE REACH FINAL.
 East Lancashire reached the final of the Lancashire League Worsley Cup competition on Thursday by a narrow win over Enfield. Enfield, after a good start by A. Porter (40) and Newton (35), collapsed, and were all out for 133, Merritt taking five for 66 and G. Penberton four for 16.
 East Lancashire lost eight men for 114, but then G. Lavery and R. W. Campbell knocked off the runs. N. B. Smith had 62, including eleven 4's.

CENTENARY BAZAAR.

BURNLEY CRICKET CLUB EVENTS.
 The committee responsible for the arrangements for the centenary celebrations in connection with the Burnley Cricket Club are sparing no efforts to create interest and achieve success. A splendid variety of events has been arranged as a preliminary to the bazaar, which it has now been decided to hold on February 21st, 22nd and 23rd, 1935, in the Mechanics' Institute.
 At a meeting of the bazaar committee on Thursday night it was decided to extend invitations to a number of notable people to officiate as chairmen and openers on the respective days. If the committee's efforts in this direction meet with success, the opening ceremonies themselves will be a considerable attraction.
 Next Wednesday, at "Krythis," Holme, the residence of Mrs. Haffner, a garden party will take place arranged by Mrs. Haffner and Mrs. E. Place. The proceeds will be for the tea room effort.

Another interesting event is a cake and apron sale to be held at Turf Moor next Saturday. This sale will be organised by those connected with the drapery stall at the forthcoming bazaar.

On September 15th a big event is to be staged at Turf Moor in the form of a carnival and gala. Among many novel attractions will be the selection of a Carnival Queen. Intending competitors for this honour will be asked to submit photographs, and from these a committee will make a selection. The final choice will be made on the day of the carnival, when the queen will be crowned with all due ceremony.

LADIES' CRICKET.

CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY-OFF REARRANGED.
 The play-off between Burnley and Littleborough ladies' cricket elevens for the championship of the Lancashire section of the English Women's Cricket Federation, which was "rained off" at Turf Moor last Tuesday week, has been rearranged to take place at Burnley on Saturday, September 8th. The match will begin at 5-30, in order that there will be no clash with Burnley F.C.'s home match with Bradford City.

YORKSHIRE WOMEN WIN.
 Yorkshire women beat Lancashire women in the deciding match for the Hannah Drake Trophy, at Blackpool, on Wednesday and Thursday, by ten wickets. When play was resumed on Thursday Yorkshire collapsed in surprising fashion, only eleven runs being added for the remaining five wickets. Lancashire threw their chance away, however, and Yorkshire needed only seven for victory in their second innings. Scores: Lancashire, 69

and 82; Yorkshire, 145 and 10 for 0.
 Miss Sparks, the Burnley player, was a member of the Lancashire team. In the first innings she was caught out when she had made 8, and in the second innings she was run out before she had scored. She claimed six wickets, however.

BURNLEY LADIES' FRIENDLY MATCH.

Burnley paid a visit to Keighley last night to play Keighley in a friendly match. Scores: Keighley: A. Holmes, b A. A. Walsh 5; E. Pickles, b Riley 37; P. Dickson, retired 20; M. Dolphin, not out 3; A. Taylor, not out 4; extra 1; total (for 2 wks.) 70.
 Bowling: A. A. Walsh, 7-0-28-1; E. Sparks, 7-2-17-0; J. Houghton, 3-0-17-0; L. Riley, 3-0-7-1.
 Burnley: A. Walsh, b Hollings 0; M. Kippax, lbw b Holmes 11; E. Sparks, b Hollings 20; L. Riley, b Hollings 1; D. Parkinson, run out 0; A. Sellars, c Dixon b Waterhouse 6; J. Houghton, c Dixon b Greenwood 0; A. A. Walsh, run out 1; N. Hall, not out 2; N. Parnell, not out 5; extras 3; total (for 8 wks.) 49.
 Bowling: N. Hollings, 7-2-19-3; A. Taylor, 3-0-10-0; A. Holmes, 6-3-9-1; P. Greenwood, 2-1-1-1; L. Waterhouse, 1-0-4-1; M. Tillotson, 1-0-3-0.

A. J. Birtwell In County Matches.

In the recent championship game with Bedfordshire, at Bedford, A. J. Birtwell, the former Burnley and Nelson bowler, playing for Buckinghamshire, took five wickets for 15 runs, and along with R. H. Rutter (four for 18) was responsible for the home county being dismissed for 49 in their first innings. His first three victims he claimed for a paltry nine runs. According to reports, it was the occasional slow 'un that caused the damage.

Bucks had previously declared at 325 for seven wickets, Birtwell not batting. In their second innings Bedfordshire made 324, Birtwell claiming seven wickets and making two catches. After Bedfordshire's second venture Bucks were left with 49 runs to get for victory, and with 49 minutes left for play. They succeeded just on time, with eight wickets intact.

Playing for Bucks against Oxfordshire a day or two previously, Birtwell took three wickets for 46 runs in 23 overs, seven of which were maidens. He also made a catch off the bowling of Rutter, who had three wickets for 31 runs.

Read Player Recommended To County Club.

Mr. Harold Eastwood, the 17-year-old batsman of Read 1st XI, has been recommended to the County authorities by Cecil Parkin, and he will play in a match at Manchester on August 29th, when the teams will comprise members of various clubs whom Parkin has recommended. Although he is only 17, Eastwood has often figured as opening batsman with the Read team.

Ribblesdale Junior League.

League Table	To	Date.			
P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.	
Cherry Tree ..	18	14	1	3	45
Darwen	18	14	4	0	42
Read	19	13	4	0	41
Os'twistle M.P.	18	10	8	2	41
St. Andrew's...	18	9	6	3	30
Ribblesdale W.	19	10	9	0	30
B'b'n S. James'	17	8	7	2	30
Clitheroe	19	6	10	3	26
Baxenden	18	6	11	3	21
Whalley	19	5	13	1	19
Waddington ..	19	4	13	2	16
Sabden	19	3	15	1	14
(Win counts 3 points, draw 1.)					

MINOR COUNTIES.

LANCASHIRE 2nd XI. DRAW AT BURNLEY.

ONE DAY'S PLAY ONLY.

The weather conditions spoiled the minor counties match between Lancashire 2nd XI, leaders of the championship, and Durham, at Burnley. Monday was a blank day entirely, heavy rain in the morning being succeeded by a violent wind which made play absolutely impossible. Yesterday's play began at 11 a.m., and was abandoned shortly after six o'clock through rain. The Lancashire team had then made 131 for six in reply to Durham's score of 173.

Two Ribblesdale League bowlers, Crawford White, of Darwin, and H. Windle, of Clitheroe, were responsible for Durham's dismissal, the former taking seven wickets for 74 runs, and Windle three for 28. A feature of the innings was the bright knock of Carr, who made 28 with five 4's, a 6 and a 2. Lancashire lost Hawkwood, the former Nelson player, when he had made 9. He was bowled by Ellis, a former Lancashire player, who went on to get five victims for 29 runs.

Victory in this match would have given the Lancashire Colts the right to meet the next best county in a three days' match at Old Trafford. Scores:—

Durham.—First 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	31
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 wickets:

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

Bowling: White, 23—4—74—7; Windle, 20.1—8—28—3; Rae, 8—0—37—0; Wilson, 8—2—26—0.

Lancashire 2nd.—First innings.

J. Chadwick, b Ellis	3
Hawkwood, b Ellis	9
Oldfield, c Adamson b Ellis	42
H. E. W. Butterworth, b Dobson	38
Farrimond, b Ellis	2
Wilson, not out	28
Bennett, b Ellis	0
H. Windle, not out	4
Extras	5
Total (for 6 wkts.)	131

Fall of wickets:

1	2	3	4	5	6
9	18	86	88	106	107

Bowling: Howell, 13—2—37—0; Ellis, 23—11—29—5; T. K. Dobson, 14—4—26—1; Carr, 5—1—11—0; Elsdon, 6—1—17—0; Gibbon, 2—0—6—0.

NELSON'S LEAD REDUCED. SEEDHILLITES LEAVE VALUABLE POINT AT ENFIELD.

BURNLEY'S CONVINCING WIN.

The struggle for the championship of the Lancashire League grows keener. By surrendering a point at Enfield, while their rivals were winning at Rishton, Nelson are now only one point ahead, and everything points to a finish as keen as last season's.

The Seedhill side knocked up the highest total of the day, 173, to which W. E. Windle contributed 72 not out, but Enfield had three wickets intact and had scored 117 when play ended. Accrington (dismissed Rishton for 83, Dick Tyldesley taking four wickets for 34 runs, and D. Whittaker six for 48. Accrington replied with 95 for five.

Todmorden fared badly at Burnley, their professional, Root, saving them from complete disgrace. He contributed 53 runs to their total of 87. Burnley passed that score with one wicket down, and went on to make 119 for four, Richardson scoring 54. Colne's batsmen failed at Bacup, as also did the Lowerhouse smiters at Haslingden, where Headley, after hitting his wickets when he had made only nine of the 24 runs he required for his 1,000, took seven wickets for 37 runs.

Distinction came the way of Merritt, the East Lancashire professional, who took five Ramsbottom wickets for 34 runs, and thus becomes the first man in the League to take 100 wickets this season. Ramsbottom were all out for 65, and East Lancashire made 100 for five. Rawtenstall won at Church with their last pair at the wicket.

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE.

League	Table	To Date.				
		P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
Nelson	23	14	3	6	34	
Accrington	23	13	3	7	33	
East Lancs.	23	11	6	6	28	
Burnley	23	10	7	6	28	
Rawtenstall	23	8	5	10	26	
Bacup	23	7	5	11	25	
Colne	23	6	9	0	21	
Rishton	23	5	7	11	21	
Todmorden	23	5	7	11	21	
Ramsbottom	23	5	10	8	18	
Church	23	2	7	14	18	
Haslingden	23	4	11	8	16	
Enfield	23	5	13	5	15	
Lowerhouse	23	5	13	5	15	

Last Saturday's Results.

*Bacup 150; Colne 75.
*Haslingden 157; Lowerhouse 75.
Rishton 83; *Accrington 95 for 5.
Nelson 173 for 5 (dec.); *Enfield 117 for 7.
*Church 104; Rawtenstall 106 for 9.
Ramsbottom 65; *East Lancs. 100 for 5.
Todmorden 87; *Burnley 119 for 4.

Notable Performances.

Player	Batting.		Runs
	W.	R.	
W. E. Windle (Nelson)	7	for 72	72
Richardson (Burnley)	7	for 54	54
Root (Todmorden)	7	for 53	53
Bowling.			
	W.	R.	
F. Hartley (Bacup)	7	for 37	37
Headley (Haslingden)	7	for 37	37
Slater (Colne)	7	for 41	41
D. Whittaker (Accrington)	6	for 48	48
Merritt (East Lancs.)	5	for 34	34
Richardson (Burnley)	5	for 43	43
C. Roberts (Church)	5	for 44	44

Todmorden Eclipsed.

BURNLEY'S COMFORTABLE HOME VICTORY.

Todmorden's amateur batsmen struck a bad patch at Burnley and, had Root been similarly affected, the game would have been in the nature of a debacle. The former Worcestershire player contributed 53 runs to his side's total of 87, a fine exhibition of his side's total of 87, a fine exhibition of his batsmanship, including seven 4's. The Burnley bowling was good and the fielding was keen and none of the amateurs, except W. Sutcliffe, could withstand the effectiveness

of this combination for any length of time. Sutcliffe was only in for just over quarter of an hour, but he had a merry knock and spoiled "Billy" Cook's average. In one over off this bowler he had a six hit into Brunshaw-road and a good four. With his last delivery, however, Cook tempted the hard hitter out of his ground and he was well stumped. Root's fine innings was rewarded with a collection of £4 2s. 7d. Todmorden were all out in an hour and a half and thus Burnley were able to begin their innings before four o'clock. Richardson and Tommy Harrison opened the reply and quickly settled down. Todmorden tried many bowling changes but without success, and it looked as though Burnley were going to reach a winning total without the loss of a wicket. It was a big disappointment when Harrison was caught behind the wickets when only three runs were needed to win the match. He had made 35 and 24 of them were off boundary hits. The winning hit was made by Richardson after the side had been batting about 70 minutes. It was a four down the gully and sent 90 up. At that total two wickets fell. Richardson was caught by Root, having made 54, which included eight 4's, and Fitzjohn was caught by Mitchell. Farley and Eatough now came together and added 19 runs before Farley was also out to a catch and the match closed. A collection for Richardson amounted to £2 7s. The "gate" was £42 10s. 9d.

Scores:-

Todmorden.	
E. Hargreaves, lbw b Richardson	4
W. Scott, c Eatough b Coward	0
Root (pro.), c Cook b Richardson	53
E. Mitchell, run out	1
B. Ashworth, c Hey b Richardson	4
A. Stephenson, c Eatough b Cook	0
J. Collinge lbw b Eatough	1
W. Sutcliffe, st Town b Cook	15
E. Whittam, c Cork b Richardson	0
W. Uttley, lbw b Richardson	8
T. Carrick not out	0
Extra	1
Total	87

Fall of wickets:									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
4	4	15	47	50	64	64	64	77	87

Bowling: Richardson, 14-3-43-5; E. Coward, 8-2-18-1; W. Cook, 9-3-19-2; B. Fitzjohn, 2-0-6-1.

Burnley.

Richardson (pro.), c Root b Whittam	54
T. Harrison, c Carrick b Whittam	35
B. B. Fitzjohn, c Mitchell b Hargreaves	1
F. Farley, c Stephenson b Uttley	8
J. Eatough, not out	20
Extra	1
Total (for 4 wkts.)	119

Fall of wickets:

1	2	3	4
85	90	90	119

Bowling: Root, 11-3-20-0; W. Sutcliffe, 6-0-27-0; R. Whittam, 11-1-30-2; W. Uttley, 4-2-0-10-1; E. Hargreaves, 3-0-13-1.

Headley Fails With Bat

BUT CAPTURES SEVEN LOWERHOUSE WICKETS.

Headley, the Haslingden professional, is finding his 1,000th run very elusive. He required only 24 to reach that total last Saturday, but he had the misfortune to hit his wicket when he had made nine. With the ball, however, he was much more successful, capturing seven Lowerhouse wickets for 37 runs. The West Enders were all out for 75, the brightest feature of the innings being a stand of 24 not out by Herbert Lawson, who went in at eighth wicket down when the score was only 44, five wickets having fallen for seven runs. Scores:-

Haslingden.

T. Waller, run out	27
H. Holden, b Cook	38
Headley (pro.), lit wkt b Cook	9
M. Barnby, c Priestley b Smith	18
G. Hoyle, lbw b Cook	1
T. Kay, lbw b Milne	1
E. Riley, c Stephenson b Smith	12
J. Briggs, b Milne	8
R. Hodgson, not out	0
J. H. Cronshaw, b Milne	14
R. Wade, c Dobson b Smith	19
Extras	12
Total	157

Fall of wickets:									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
51	78	78	84	110	118	118	122	122	157

Bowling: Milne, 24-10-51-3; G. Bridge, 5-1-19-0; E. Smith, 18.6-1-54-3; W. G. Cook, 9-4-21-3.

Lowerhouse.

A. Burrows, c Headley b Briggs	21
J. Drabble, b Headley	3
Milne (pro.), lbw b Headley	5
A. Dobson, c Kay b Briggs	3
L. S. Priestley, lbw b Headley	7
W. Cook, c Hodgson b Briggs	0
G. Bridge, b Headley	1
E. Smith, c Wade b Headley	0
H. Lawson, not out	24
G. Stephenson, c Briggs b Headley	2
A. McFarlane, c Hoyle b Headley	4
Extras	5
Total	75

Fall of wickets:									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
12	22	29	37	37	43	48	44	60	75

Bowling: T. Waller, 8-2-11-0; Headley, 17.2-4-37-7; J. Briggs, 11-4-22-3.

RICHARDSON SUSPENDED.

SEQUEL TO WORSLEY CUP MATCH INCIDENT.

REPORTED TO LEAGUE.

The Burnley Cricket Club yesterday announced:—

"Arising out of incidents at the Worsley Cup second round game between Nelson and Burnley, on August 13th, the directors of the Burnley Cricket Club have reported the matter to the Lancashire League, and have suspended the professional, A. J. Richardson, in the meantime."

This was the only official statement, leading officials of the club declining to make any further statement. It is understood that the League will consider the report at their meeting to-night.

The incidents referred to are alleged to have occurred in the Burnley team's dressing room at Seedhill after Nelson had suspended their innings according to League rule, and a decision had been reached to postpone the start of the Burnley innings until the following evening owing to the light. As a sequel reports were made by the Burnley club chairman, Mr. F. Maudsley, and the team's captain, Mr. C. Walmsley. These have since been considered by the committee and the directors of the club.

It was Walmsley's last match of the season, by the way, as he is now engaged in fulfilling his football duties with Rochdale F.C., for whom he acts as goalkeeper.

It was announced some time ago that Burnley had decided not to re-engage Richardson for next season. This is his third season with the Turf Moor Club. Previously he was with Bacup for four seasons. He toured England with the Australian Test team in 1926.

WORSLEY CUP.

RAIN STOPS PLAY AT NELSON.

YESTERDAY'S SEMI-FINAL.

The semi-final for the Worsley Cup between Nelson and Ramsbottom was only at the halfway stage when the rain terminated the match yesterday. Nelson had batted first and hit 130 for five, and Ramsbottom, after a disastrous opening, rallied, and at the end had hit 75 for four wickets.

Nelson started the game in a determined fashion. W. E. Windle and C. Winslow laid a good foundation. They showed a solid defence to an attack which needed respect. There were quiet periods, but as time was of no importance this was immaterial. Both survived confident appeals for obstruction, but their play was good. The opening partnership produced 63 runs. Winslow was then caught behind the wickets with his score at 34. He had batted 75 minutes and hit three 4's and three 3's. J. Greenwood hit three 4's and three 3's. A gale blew across the ground, carrying with it felting lifted from the football stand adjoining the ground. The century was reached in an hour and 47 minutes. At 104, Holding bowled Greenwood, who had contributed a valuable 22 and had assisted Windle in a second-wicket partnership of 41. Windle should have been easily run out when he was 44, the wicket-keeper failing to gather the ball with the batsman yards out. Constantine disappointed the crowd. After scoring a single, he hit a ball straight up and Holt took the catch, Nelson's third wicket falling at 112. H. Armistead, his successor, was out to a wretched stroke. He tried to hit a slow delivery from Hird, missed it and departed. A. Green arrived to witness Windle complete his half-century

out of 113. Green should have been caught by Barlow before he had opened his account. He did not stay very long, Nelson took the score to 130 for the loss of five wickets, when they had to retire according to rule. Windle batted all through the innings for his 60. He had obtained six boundaries, and had occupied two hours and 25 minutes. His collection reached £4 17s. 9d.

Ramsbottom opened their innings with J. Pearson and W. Greenwood. Pearson drove Constantine to the leg boundary the first ball, but the next he pulled into his wicket. Hird, who followed, was brilliantly caught behind the wickets by Dowden off Pollard, the second wicket falling at 15. Greenwood walked into a slow one from the Nelson pro.—three for 15. A. Brown and T. Barnes made a determined stand, and at 39 Greenwood superseded Pollard. The half-century was reached after 42 minutes. Greenwood brought about the separation when he beat Barnes, who had scored 17 in an enterprising fashion. He had helped to augment the score by 27. Pollard resumed for Constantine at 54. At 6:10 the players were driven off the field by rain. Ramsbottom then being 75 for four wickets.

Nelson.	
W. E. Windle, not out	60
C. Winslow, c Waite b Barlow	34
J. Greenwood, b Holding	22
Constantine (pro.), c Holt b Holding	1
H. Armistead, b Hird	0
A. Green, c Barnes b Hird	7
T. Cooper, not out	0
Extras	6
Total (for 5 wks.)	130

Fall of wickets:				
1	2	3	4	5
63	104	112	112	126

Bowling: Hird, 21—8—28—2; J. Olive, 12.3—2—35—0; F. Barlow, 10—2—19—1; J. S. Brooks, 8—1—23—0; E. Holding, 6—2—19—2.

Ramsbottom.	
J. Pearson, b Constantine	4
W. Greenwood, lbw b Constantine	6
Hird (pro.), c Dowden b Pollard	4
A. Brown, not out	32
T. Barnes, b Greenwood	17
E. Holding, not out	5
Extras	7
Total (for 4 wks.)	75

Fall of wickets:			
1	2	3	4
4	15	15	52

The "gate" was £60. The match will be resumed this (Wednesday) afternoon, at 2-30.

Lancashire Junior League.

League Table	To Date.				
	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
Rishton	15	9	4	2	20
Todmorden	15	8	4	3	19
Bacup	15	6	3	6	18
East Lancs.	14	7	3	4	18
Colne	14	7	3	4	18
Nelson	15	7	4	4	18
Accrington	14	7	4	3	17
Lowerhouse	15	5	5	5	15
Ramsbottom	14	5	4	5	15
Enfield	14	6	7	1	13
Rawtenstall	15	4	7	4	12
Haslingden	14	3	8	3	9
Burnley	14	3	10	1	7
Church	14	1	10	3	6

Last Saturday's Results.
 Accrington 187 for 7 (dec.); *Rishton 177.
 Bacup 165 for 8 (dec.); *Rawtenstall 130.
 Haslingden 194; *Lowerhouse 117.
 Todmorden 152; *Colne 84.
 Enfield 55; *Nelson 105.

LOWERHOUSE v. HASLINGDEN.—At Lowerhouse.
 Haslingden: A. Riley, b Farley 30; A. Whittaker, run out 9; T. Chester, c Close b Harrison 17; D. Flynn, lbw b Farley 5; F. Kay, b Moorhouse 68; R. Holden, c Moorhouse b Gardner 13; R. Barnes, b Moorhouse 0; G. Lees, c Tallon b Moorhouse 25; T. Slater, c Lupton b Moorhouse 2; J. Holden, b Moorhouse 12, J. Waller, not out 2; extras 11; total 184.

Bowling: W. Close, 6—0—16—0; W. Gardner, 12—4—38—1; N. E. Harrison, 11—1—24—1; C. Farley, 16—3—56—2; A. Moorhouse, 15.3—2—49—5.

Lowerhouse: C. Lupton, b Waller 1; A. Eastwood, c Slater b Waller 4; N. E. Harrison, c Kay b Waller 26; W. Close, c Flynn b Waller 5; S. Smith, b Riley 20; C. Farley, b Riley 1; A. Veevera, c R. Holden b Barnes 0; A. Moorhouse, b Riley 7; A. Tallon, c Whittaker b Waller 10; W. Fielding, b Riley 1; W. Gardner, not out 0; extras 42; total 117.

Bowling: J. Waller, 13—2—37—5; D. Flynn, 6—2—13—0; R. Barnes, 8—2—21—1; A. Riley, 7.5—3—4—4.

Club Union League.

YATEFIELD v. PALATINE.—At Hargher Clough.

Yatefield: J. Swift 29, T. Burns 26, W. Nuttall 15, J. Barlow 24, H. Sunderland 2, J. McMenemy 3, R. Watson 0, W. King 18, J. Taylor 1, W. Maymond 2, A. Procter (not out) 0, extras 4, total 127.

Palatine: M. Gore 1, C. Heys 16, N. Marsden 3, E. Ashworth 31, A. Butler 0, J. Spencer 11, J. Barton (not out) 10, R. Lee 0, C. Whiteside 0, H. Griffiths (not out) 0, extra 1, total (for 8 wks.) 73.

Another Success For Belvedere

Splendid bowling and fielding above the average were factors in Burnley Belvedere's well deserved victory at Longton. The match provided a personal triumph for W. Collinge, who, after contributing 37 to Belvedere's score of 167, took five Longton wickets for 9 runs, hitting the middle stump four times. J. Place assisted him in routing Longton for 43 by taking four wickets for 22 runs. Scores:

Belvedere: G. Pedley, b Bradshaw 36; R. Clegg, c Taylor b Cotton 12; D. Rothwell, c Griffiths b Bradshaw 6; S. Chatterton, c and b Hammond 5, W. Collinge, b Taylor 37; G. Jones, c Taylor b Cotton 12; H. Moore, b Cotton 0; E. B. Clegg, c Nuttall b Taylor 33; J. Place, c Cotton b Taylor 0; M. Shaw, not out 11; B. H. Grimshaw, b Taylor 4; extras 12; total 167.

Bowling: C. Bradshaw, 11—1—26—2; O. Cotton, 12—1—41—3; Hammond, 7—3—32—1; H. Griffiths, 5—1—25—0; H. Taylor, 4.4—0—28—1.

Longton: J. Fisher, b Place 6; C. Bradshaw, b Collinge 16; T. W. Hammond, b Collinge 0; H. Taylor, b Collinge 7; H. Griffiths, run out 6; M. Maguire, b Collinge 0; C. Cotton, c R. G. Clegg b Place 1; R. Bond, b Collinge 0; H. Boulton, lbw b Place 0; F. Nuttall, not out 0; J. Smith, b Place 1; extras 12; total 43.

Bowling: W. Collinge, 9—5—9—5; J. Place, 8.2—3—22—4.

Nelson S.S. League.

"A" DIVISION.—First Teams.

ST. PAUL'S v. HAGGATE BAPTISTS.—At Waids House. St. Paul's were at a disadvantage with two men short, but they put up a good show against the Baptists, who made the fine score of 109 after being 29 for five. The chief scorers were W. Hogan (30), J. Proctor (21), W. Leaver (16) and T. Thornton (15). St. Paul's in reply made 66, W. Cottell (27) and A. Meadowcroft (12) being top scorers. Haggate's best bowler was J. R. Pickles with five for 21, and for St. Paul's T. Hargreaves took five for 36, and W. Taylor three for 28.

Second Elevens.
 HAGGATE BAPTISTS v. RAILWAY-STREET METH.—At Haggate. The visitors were dismissed for 49, the Baptists passing this score for the loss of three wickets, E. Proctor (25) and J. Halstead (17) contributing to a total of 54. For Haggate, N. Atkinson took five wickets for 10 runs, and N. Bythell took two for 9.

CRICKET AVERAGES.

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE.

The following are the chief complete batting and bowling averages in the Lancashire League:

BATTING.

Table of batting averages for Lancashire League players, including names like Hendley, Constantine, Bird, Blot, and others, with columns for runs, wickets, and averages.

BOWLING.

Table of bowling averages for Lancashire League players, including names like Constantine, Root, Tyldesley, and others, with columns for runs, wickets, and averages.

Table of batting averages for Ribblesdale League players, including names like G Roberts, G Higgins, Wines, and others, with columns for runs, wickets, and averages.

Qualification, 10 wickets, 11 wickets.

RIBBLESDALE LEAGUE.

Complete batting and bowling analyses:

BATTING.

Table of batting averages for Ribblesdale League players, including names like G Dempster, M Halliday, A Charles, and others, with columns for runs, wickets, and averages.

Table of batting averages for other leagues, including names like J Hartley, C O Brooks, J Fell, and others.

BOWLING.

Table of bowling averages for other leagues, including names like J O Holden, Hargreaves, and others, with columns for runs, wickets, and averages.

Qualification, 10 wickets, 11 wickets.

RIBBLESDALE LEAGUE.

Complete batting and bowling analyses:

BATTING.

Table of batting averages for Ribblesdale League players, including names like G Dempster, M Halliday, A Charles, and others, with columns for runs, wickets, and averages.