

OLD WARDEN'S HOME DEFEAT

At Old Warden on Saturday, the home team was defeated by Edworth. Scores:—

Old Warden.—R. Bayliss 48; E. Willis 0; H. Copeland 7; A. Herbert 4; P. Bayliss 9; G. Smith 8; J. Scott 0; H. Green 5; G. Bayliss 5 (not out); H. Herbert 0; D. Webb 5; extras 1; total 84.

Edworth.—E. Walter 58; F. Worboys 6; R. Spicer 8; F. Clarke 1; A. Street 2; W. Clarke 10; F. Clarke 11; K. Bryant 29; C. Walter 5 (not out); R. Freeman 8; S. Hayes 2; extras 13; total 149.

"SHIRES" CONVINCING WIN

In their Hospital Cup match in Bedford Park on Tuesday evening, the Shire Hall XI proved altogether too strong for their Ickwell visitors. For the winners, W. Furlong took seven wickets for nine runs. Scores:—

Ickwell.—D. Humphries 11; G. Reeks 4; G. Brunt 1; G. Dilley 0; A. Elliman 0; N. Dunger 5; E. Edwards 7; G. Turnbull 2; H. Newell 0; G. Parrish 6 (not out); E. Thompson 0; extras 1; total 31.

Shire Hall.—E. C. Howard 7; A. B. Poole 66 (not out); C. G. Prigmore 13; C. H. Poole 38 (not out); extras 15; total 139 (for two wickets).

KEMPSTON METHODISTS' REVENGE

HOWARD BEATEN BY THIRTY RUNS

Kempston Methodists gained their revenge for a defeat earlier in the season by beating Howard by 30 runs on Wednesday in the Free Church League. Scores:—

Howard.—A. Feasey 2; W. Smith 16; J. Smith 19; J. Footer 7; Rev. D. A. Smith 7 (not out); J. Wrycroft 10 (not out); extras 9; total 70.

Kempston Methodists.—R. Dobson 1; R. Turner 22; S. G. Faulkner 21; S. Smith 0; H. Turvey 16; E. Curtis 0; D. Bellamy 7; W. F. Bennion 20 (not out); R. Smith 8 (not out); extras 5; total 100.

LITTLE STAUGHTON WIN!

Little Staughton and Stevington met at Little Staughton on Saturday in the Bedford League (Div. II., Northern). Scores:—

Little Staughton.—L. Saunders 3; S. Topham 10; A. Robins 0; C. Brown 2; S. Marshall 38; V. Barks 4; H. Stopher 0; S. Hall 11; C. Parker 1; H. Parker 0; P. Quenby 0 (not out); extras 11; total 60.

Stevington.—R. Cox 2; G. Curtis 13; L. Athury 8; S. Jefferies 0; A. Dudley 4; W. Field 0; M. Cox 13 (not out); A. Cox 1; J. Swain 0; D. Purser 4; J. Middleton 0; extras 3; total 48.

COLMWORTH BOWLER'S FEAT

In their Bedford League (Div. II., Eastern) match at home with Woodbury on Saturday, Colmworth have to thank R. Chamberlain for their easy win. He and V. T. Pell soon dismissed the visitors for 18 runs, and Chamberlain took 5 wickets for 6 runs. Scores:—

Colmworth.—A. Wilson 4; V. Pell 3; J. Darrington 10; S. Matthews 8; J. Chamberlain 3; A. Thompson 5; A. Chamberlain 7; R. Chamberlain 4; Jack Swales 0; V. T. Pell 1 (not out); Jim Swales 6; extras 4; total 66.

Woodbury.—S. Cole 2; J. Harris 0; C. Richardson 0; J. Dew 3; G. Arnold 0; D. Munna 0; F. Gaylor 0; A. Saunders 5; F. Gurney 4; R. Robert 0 (not out); H. Cude 1; extras 3; total 10.

SCHOOLBOY'S BRILLIANT BATTING

On Tuesday evening, the Goldington Road School claimed a victory when they met the Silver Jubilee School in the Elementary Schools' League. K. Hullatt and D. Harlow were the opening pair for Goldington Road, and Harlow was dismissed for three, but Hullatt went on to make 51. With the rest of the side making 18 runs between them, the total reached was 74. Silver Jubilee were rather unfortunate in losing their first four wickets for eight runs, but with the help of Haynes (22) and Wilkin (7) the score of 48 was reached. Scores:—

Goldington Road School.—Hullatt 52; Harlow 3; Berwick 5; Webster 2; Stacey 0; Wadner 0; Saint 0; Burton 5; Wilson 0; Colbart 3; Abbott 0; extras 4; total 74.

Silver Jubilee School.—Bayliss 5; Sims 0; Huckle 0; Bennett 3; Haynes 22; Whiffin 7; Johnson 2; Cook 1; Lane 2; Leo 0; Hoole 6; extras 0; total 48.

ONE BATSMAN OUTSTANDING

CARRIES HIS BAT THROUGHOUT

The resistance of A. Woodward for Caldecote H. was responsible for his side's victory over R.B.S. at Bedford on Saturday in the Third Division of the Bedford League. Going in first, he carried his bat throughout the innings for 65 runs. Scores:—

Caldecote H.—A. Woodward 65 (not out); J. Woodward 4; S. Wagstaff 2; G. Woodward 6; W. Akkham 4; E. Clarke 7; H. Watts 6; D. Randall 0; J. Smith 1; F. Summerfield 1; R. Bowles 4; total 81.

R.B.S.—G. Thurley 19; P. Beasley 2; B. Sparks 1; P. Dobson 2; F. Couzens 11; S. Rabbitt 0; F. Crisp 5; A. Kirk 17; A. Moyce 0; D. Hullatt 7; C. Bandy 0 (not out); total 72.

ICKWELL SECONDS STILL UNBEATEN

At home on Saturday in the Bedford and District League (Div. III.), Ickwell's second team maintained their 100 per cent. record by defeating Renhold. Scores:—

Ickwell II.—L. Edwards 3; J. Newell 43; R. Ebbs 5; F. Tuck 19; G. Thompson 2; R. Woodward 2; E. Reeks 11 (not out); H. Norman 0; J. Marson 0; F. Ebbs 1; G. Woodward 0; extras 2; total 83.

Renhold.—D. Stapleton 2; H. Norman 4; W. Thorman 5; P. Harlow 13; W. Scott 9; J. Norman 2; F. Wright 12; J. Cox 0; P. Pitkin 0; J. Rabbitt 1; E. Shorley 10; extras 5; total 63.

MODERN SCHOOL'S BIG SCORE

NORTHANTS. AMATEURS FORCE A DRAW

The Modern School piled up a big score against Northants. Amateurs on the School field on Wednesday, declaring with 215 for 5 wickets. The main contributors were K. C. Campin 50 not out, D. R. Goodwin (40), G. Harrison (38), and D. E. Farr (37).

The Amateurs failed, with the exception of C. J. Longland, who opened the innings and scored 104 not out. When stumps were drawn they had scored 154 for 7, and the game was left drawn. Scores:—

Bedford Modern School	
S. V. Asbury b Pitt	11
D. R. Goodwin hit wkt. b Broderick	40
G. Harrison run out	38
D. E. Farr b Heygate	37
R. Manyweathers c and b Clarke	10
K. C. Campin not out	50
H. W. Rose not out	21
Extras	7
Total (for 5 wks. dec.)	
215	
Northants. Amateurs	
C. J. Longland not out	104
Rev. J. F. Walker lbw b Wilson	10
V. Broderick b Campin	0
F. K. Thornton b Campin	2
T. A. Pitt c and b Campin	8
W. C. Smith c Farr b Asbury	6
J. W. Heygate lbw b Farr	9
N. Manby b Campin	4
Extras	11
Total (for 7 wks.)	
154	
Bowling: Campin 4 for 54.	

CLOPHILL AVENGE A DEFEAT

MARGIN OF 25 OVER AMPHILL

Clophill avenged their previous defeat by Amphill by winning the return game in Amphill Park on Saturday. J. Taylor figured largely for the visitors, and credit for his side's victory was chiefly due to him for his score of 26 runs and also for taking 7 wickets for 32 runs. For Amphill, Pickering batted well for 13, but with the exception of the last pair, Sharpe and Penwright, who made 11 each, none of the other batsmen could contribute double figures, and the innings closed for 69. When Clophill batted, J. Taylor scored steadily, and was not dismissed until nearly the end of the game for his 26. Scores:—

Amphill.—P. C. Aldridge 2; N. B. Ranns 7; R. Thomson 7; A. Pickering 13; W. H. Lucas 4; L. G. Taylor 4; A. Fleet 2; J. Teasdale 0; V. Pippy 0; R. Sharpe 11; C. Penwright 11 (not out); extras 8; total 69.	
Clophill.—J. Shotholt 9; K. Odell 8; J. Taylor 26; J. Dear 8; N. Cole 5; A. Burnage 3; R. Mann 11 (not out); T. Nicholls 12; C. Billington 0; E. Harris 4; G. Mann did not bat; extras 8; total 94.	

SPORT OF THE WEEK

FACILITIES FOR RECREATION — CRICKET WEEK — SIME BACK — BRIGHT BEDFORD

All Set

All is set for the County Cricket Week at Bedford next week, and given good weather there should be capital sport. I dealt fully with prospects and personnel of teams last week, so I shall content myself, and you, with repeating the fixtures and teams. All three matches will be played on the Bedford School field.

Monday and Tuesday, v. Oxfordshire: R. de W. K. Winlaw, A. B. Poole, G. L. B. August, J. A. R. Oliver, E. Page, N. E. Browning, A. Haywood, J. Payne, J. G. Owen, D. John, and E. D. Markham; twelfth man, D. B. Coleman.

Wednesday and Thursday, v. Buckinghamshire; Friday and Saturday, v. Hertfordshire: R. de W. K. Winlaw, A. B. Poole, G. L. B. August, J. A. R. Oliver, A. W. Winlaw, N. E. Browning, A. Haywood, J. Payne, J. G. Owen, D. John, and E. D. Markham; twelfth man, D. B. Coleman. Hours of play are: first day, 11.30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; second day, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

It is interesting to note that Roy Crompton, the son of the County Secretary, Mr. Frank Crompton, has been awarded the Bedford School fielding prize presented by the County captain.

Arnold Sime's Good Form

People who watched Arnold Sime's fine batting for the Old Bedfordians against Bedford School on Friday and Saturday must have regretted that he is no longer available for the County. When runs have to be got in a hurry Sime is the man for the occasion, and his forcing of the pace in the Old Bedfordians' second innings will long be remembered. The position was this: the Old Bedfordians compiled 314 (Sime 77) in their first knock and got the School out for 187. The School were not dismayed and, following on, scored 203 for nine wickets, leaving the Old Bedfordians with 77 needed for victory. Normally, this would have been an easy task for a side possessing such batting talent as the Old Bedfordians, even in the fourth innings, but time was the important factor. Only thirty-five minutes remained for play.

A Sporting Decision

Doubleday, the School captain, could easily have let his side bat on for a draw, and could hardly have been criticized had he done so, but he unexpectedly declared. This very sporting decision caused quite a stir and put new life into the game. Sime and Oakley hurried out and they proceeded to score regularly off good-length bowling. It was not so much big hitting, but the process of taking cheeky singles and making ones into twos and twos into threes that kept the scorers busy. Both men played nicely-judged strokes and ran intelligently, but it was obvious that Sime was the brains of this partnership.

Captain's Good Service

So much for the people who think that school cricket is dull! Doubleday, the Bedford School captain, may not be a particularly attractive batsman to watch, but he has done yeoman service and has not lacked enterprise in connexion with his leadership. The most successful bowler of the match was (as it he had not already done enough with the bat) Sime. A. E. Cook had the same number of wickets to his credit, but had more runs scored off him. A word or two of commiseration for Harrington, the School wicketkeeper, who had to be replaced because he broke a finger in the early play on Friday. It is wretched luck to miss a game so eagerly awaited.

Bedford's Enterprise

The Bedford Town first eleven (minus four of their regular players) enhanced their reputation for bright cricket still more when they visited Harrow Town on Saturday. Bedford were late in arriving owing to car trouble which involved nearly half the team, and only four hours' play was possible. However, in these four hours the spectators were treated to some of the most sparkling cricket they have seen this season. Harrow scored freely at the rate of a hundred runs an hour and compiled a very useful 205 for nine wickets.

This gave Bedford about two hours of batting in a failing light, but right from the start they went out for runs and were soon on top of the Harrow bowling. E. D. Markham, the young all-rounder, hit nine fours in succession, but when he was dismissed Bedford were still 96 runs behind and only three-quarters of an hour was left for play. Then Rogers and Gompertz came together and by taking every possible scoring chance they sent the score along rapidly and the Harrow total was passed in the last over, after only 115 minutes' batting.

These Bedford games are certainly worth watching. If you haven't been to the Newnham Avenue ground on a Saturday when the first eleven are at home do so at the earliest opportunity. Look at the fixture list published in our columns each week.

Martlets' Tour

The Bedford Martlets Cricket Club left Bedford this week for their fifth annual tour of Kent. The seventeen members who make up the party have their headquarters at East Farleigh, Maidstone, and the teams to be played are in a thirty-five mile radius of this place. The tour opened with a match against the Royal Marines, Chatham (yesterday), and there is a match on each day (excepting Sunday) until 12th August. The other fixtures will be against Tunbridge Wells, Barming, Whitstable and Tankerton, Frindsbury, Gravesend, Tonbridge, Hythe, and Cranbrook. The touring team is: E. J. Cooper (captain), W. Moore (Cheltenham), E. S. Volz, F. Marshall, D. T. Stevens, H. Steele-Smith (Selwyn College), N. B. Larby (O.B.M.), P. H. Thomas (Selwyn College), K. J. Petts (Welwyn), D. C. H. Wright (Southgate), W. M. E. White (the Army), R. Chatterton (Mill Hill School), V. A. Gubbins (Southgate), N. E. Gillham (Southgate), B. C. Barnwell (O.B.M.), K. C. Campin (Modern School), and D. R. Goodwin (Modern School). In 1938 nine matches were played, of which seven were won by the Martlets.

Campin's Year

It will be interesting to see how the young Modern School medium-fast bowler, Campin, fares on the tour. He was outstanding in the School games and captured forty-five wickets—a record number—out of the seventy-six wickets taken. Of 171 overs he sent down forty-three were maidens, and the average cost of each wicket was only 7.8. His figures prove his consistency: v. King Edward School, seven for 51 (thirty-one overs); v. Royal Masonic, five for 37; v. Emanuel, four for 35; v. Wellingborough, five for 23; v. Oakham, five for 19; v. Reading, eight for 49; v. Forty Club, seven for 86; v. Northamptonshire Amateurs, four for 54. Total, forty-five for 354; average, 7.8.

A SPORTING FINISH

Old Bedfordians End their Week

Old Bedfordian Week has come and gone once again, and its enjoyable social events and sporting encounters pass into pleasant memory. The Old Boys beat the boys at cricket—an exciting victory—were beaten by the boys and by the masters at tennis, and had their usual Sunday golf match with the Bedfordshire Club. There were a few swimming and rowing contests with the School. On Sunday the annual meeting of the Old Bedfordians Club was held, and the Head Master gave a garden party, and on Friday there was an "At Home" followed by the Old Bedfordians' Ball, which is reported on another page.

This season's Bedford School cricket ended on a high note with the two-day, twelve-a-side match against the Old Bedfordians. Although forced to follow on, the School struck back to such effect in their second innings that at 6.25 p.m. on Saturday Doubleday, the captain, was in a position to make a sporting declaration. He left the Old Bedfordians with seventy-seven to score in thirty-five minutes. The Old Bedfordians promptly accepted the challenge and sent out Sime and Oakley with instructions to get a move on. And Sime and Oakley did get a move on. They got the runs with some minutes to spare! Scores:—

Old Bedfordians	
First Innings	
G. L. B. August lbw b Blundell	2
C. L. Oakley c Audley b Blundell	9
K. V. Percy st Harrington b Blundell	63
A. E. Cook b Feilden	30
E. A. Pumbell lbw b Marston	17
J. B. Sherrey c Audley b Marston	33
D. L. Coleman c Doubleday b Vasey	7
W. A. Sime c Audley b Feilden	77
G. O'B. Power b Blundell	0
R. V. Spark b Feilden	43
P. Rawlins c Daniel b Feilden	3
J. G. Howard not out	4
Extras	26
Total	314

Bowling: Blundell four for 68, Feilden four for 74.

Second Innings	
C. L. Oakley not out	34
W. A. Sime not out	41
Extras	4
Total for no wicket	79

Bedford School	
First Innings	
P. M. Vasey c Spark b Cook	12
D. D. Audley run out	63
A. C. Marston lbw b Sime	9
T. H. Blundell c Sherrey b Cook	2
R. H. Crompton c Sherrey b Cook	0
T. Daniel b Power	8
G. A. Williams hit wicket b Sime	28
R. Evan Jones st Sherrey b Sime	8
D. H. Donovan b Cook	33
J. G. Doubleday not out	30
C. R. Feilden c Sherrey b Sime	14
J. L. Key b Cook	0
Extras	10
Total	187

Bowling: Cook five for 68, Sime four for 29.

Second Innings	
D. D. Audley c Power b Cook	21
P. M. Vasey b Cook	5
A. C. Marston lbw b Percy	17
J. G. Doubleday c Sherrey b Cook	59
T. Daniel c Rawlins b Sime	19
D. H. Donovan c Percy b Spark	9
R. H. Crompton not out	36
G. A. Williams st Sherrey b Sime	5
R. Evan Jones b Sime	0
T. H. Blundell hit wicket b Sime	4
J. L. Key not out	18
Extras	10
Total for nine wickets (dec.)	203

Bowling: Cook three for 52, Sime four for 52.

AN INNINGS DEFEAT

Old Modernians Lose to the School

The annual reunion of Old Bedford Modernians was held at the Modern School field on 27th July, when a large number of Old Boys, parents, and scholars attended. The full week-end programme included a two-day cricket match with the School, a swimming display, and tennis and swimming matches against the School on Saturday. The reunion tea was served under the auspices of the Modern School Parents' Association and the Old Bedford Modernians Club.

The cricket match ended in a victory for the School by an innings and six runs. The game was notable for a fine not-out century by the School captain, D. R. Goodwin, who scored an attractive but steady 145. Scores:—

Old Modernians	
First Innings	
J. G. Rogers b Wilson	10
G. U. A. Read b Farr	6
H. A. Thompson c Asbury b Brice	40
Rev. A. Raley c Brown b Campin	74
D. Clayton b Campin	0
D. J. Asbury b S. V. Asbury	10
A. F. Wesley b Brice	0
S. V. Wildman c Rose b Asbury	8
Rev. W. K. Roberts b Campin	7
G. S. Andrews not out	6
P. Barnes lbw b Farr	1
Extras	10
Total	172

Second Innings	
D. J. Asbury b Campin	0
H. A. Thompson c Piggins b Farr	1
G. U. A. Read b Brice	0
S. V. Wildman lbw b Farr	9
G. S. Andrews b Wilson	19
J. G. Rogers b Brice	44
Rev. A. Raley c Brown b Wilson	5
A. F. Wesley b Brice	7
Rev. W. K. Roberts b Campin	3
D. Clayton lbw b Brice	2
P. A. Barnes not out	23
Extras	7
Total	120

Bowling: Brice four for 10, Wilson two for 19.

Modern School	
S. V. Asbury b Raley	24
D. R. Goodwin not out	145
G. Harrison c Wesley b Rogers	11
D. E. Farr b Read	3
K. C. Campin b Barnes	39
R. J. Manyweathers c Read b Barnes	30
W. H. Rose b Read	3
G. H. Brice not out	27
Extras	16
Total for six wickets dec.	238

F. R. Piggins, P. W. Brown, and G. D. Wilson did not bat.

CRICKET WEEK

A Letter from a Former County Captain

A former captain of the Bedford County Cricket Club, Mr. H. R. Orr, of Bedford, has sent the following letter to the Sports Editor in connexion with next week's County cricket games:

Sir.—The County Cricket Week begins next Monday and the playing prospects are definitely bright (weather permitting). The Eleven made an excellent start this season when they put up such a good performance at Luton against Sir Julien Cahn's strong team. The match was drawn, the County leading on the first innings—fine all-round cricket, good bat-

ting, and steady, good-length bowling backed up by excellent fielding, which, perhaps, was the most pleasing feature of the game. In these days of plumb wickets it is essential, and only fair to the hard-working bowlers, that special attention should be paid, when selecting a team, to the important department of fielding.

The Eleven will be at full strength next week, with R. de W. K. Winlaw making his first appearance. He is a first-class captain and his brilliant fielding is always an inspiration to his side. There are several reasons for optimism concerning the present and the future of Bedfordshire cricket. To begin with it is most gratifying to notice the much keener interest Luton people are now taking in the game, and they have several players up to County form who have proved acquisitions to the team.

There is also the important fact that the men we are now playing are all young, which surely augurs well for days to come. When J. A. R. Oliver and G. L. B. August were selected for the County both were still at school, and both made good at once. They are now two of the most consistent players in the side. Another boy, E. D. Markham, who has been showing consistently good form for the newly-formed Bedford Town Club, is having a well deserved trial. If a young player has the ability, plus the right temperament, it is wise to give him a chance with a view to the future.

The hon. secretary, Mr. F. Crompton, continues his good work, and by his untiring efforts has secured many new subscribers during the past year.

In conclusion, I would like to add that it gives great pleasure to notice that the County Club, which was re-formed forty years ago, is now in such a flourishing condition. May the weather improve for the Week and may bright cricket and "bumper" gates be seen.

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MARTLETS LUCKY TO DRAW

Hard Hitting by Clarence Batsmen

The Bedford Martlets were lucky to force a draw in their match with the Bedford Clarence at Clarendon Street on Saturday. The Clarence scored 195 for six declared, and at the close of play the Martlets had scored only 88 with two wickets to fall. Scores:—

Bedford Clarence: C. Dickens c and b Volz 14, A. J. Draper b Marshall 0, T. Minns not out 50, F. Sabey c Rose b Campin 58, P. Potter c Ashwell b Campin 7, D. Bennett b Farr 1, M. Green st Cooper b Volz 22, F. Williamson not out 35, extras 8 total (for 6 wkts, dec.) 195. S. Redman, G. Dixon, and G. Geary did not bat.

Martlets: D. R. Goodwin lbw b Geary 2, S. V. Asbury lbw b Green 12, D. E. Farr lbw b Redman 21, E. S. Volz b Minns 10, K. C. Campin b Redman 7, L. G. Ashwell not out 22, E. J. Cooper b Geary 7, B. Harris lbw b Geary 1, S. V. Wildman c Bennett b Geary 0, W. H. Rose not out 2, extras 6, total (for 8 wkts.) 88. F. Marshall did not bat.

BEDFORD GO FOR THE RUNS

Another Good Win Away from Home

Bedford Town scored another first-class victory when they defeated Harrow Town by four wickets at Harrow on Saturday. Bedford were considerably weakened by the absence of Bailey, Chas. and Phil Rawlins, and Percy, but once again their batsmen rose to the occasion and scored 216 for six wickets in a little under two hours.

Harrow batted first and scored 205 runs for nine wickets in 125 minutes. Browning (three for 62) and Kenney (two for 19) being the most successful bowlers.

Bedford were given two hours to bat, in a failing light, but they were soon on top of the bowling. Browning and Markham scored 53 for the first wicket. Browning hitting seven 4's in a knock of 35. Markham began steadily, but when seeing the ball, hit nine 4's in succession before he was caught in the deep. A sixth-wicket stand between Gompertz and Rogers added 77 to the score, and the Harrow total was passed in the last over. Scores:

Harrow Town	
R. Steward c Rogers b Browning ..	20
C. Stott b Markham ..	47
L. Barber c Allen b Howard ..	34
G. Moss c and b Kenney ..	15
A. Best c and b Kenney ..	15
R. A. Lowe c Browning b Kenney ..	25
M. Sheriffs c Markham b Allen ..	33
W. Masters b Howard ..	4
J. Sheriffs b Browning ..	5
D. Brooker not out ..	2
Extras ..	14

Total (for 9 wks. dec.) .. 205
S. Whitmore did not bat.

Bedford Town	
N. E. Browning c Masters b Moss ..	35
E. D. Markham c J. Sheriffs b M. Sheriffs ..	57
R. C. Thomas run out ..	5
E. C. Howard b Best ..	14
P. J. Gompertz run out ..	41
A. H. Dexter lbw b M. Sheriffs ..	4
A. B. Rogers not out ..	36
D. R. F. Allen not out ..	4
Extras ..	15

Total (for 6 wks.) .. 216
R. Kenney, R. F. Ferriman, and C. H. Humphries did not bat.

SECONDS BEATEN

Bedford 2nd XI were beaten by their visitors, Bury St. Edmund's, on Saturday. Bedford scored 144, of which F. W. H. Nicholas made 47 and V. J. Harris 35. Nicholas's innings included a six and six fours. Scores:—

Bedford Town 2nd XI: V. J. Harris c Lummis b Bolton 35. R. D. Hawkes st Lummis b Burgess 1. F. W. H. Nicholas c Lummis b Burgess 47. L. P. Phillips b Burgess 1. S. P. Keech c Daly b Burgess 20. J. C. Sleightholm b Burgess 2. H. F. Stokes c Stephenson b Bolton 6. W. E. Ball c and b Burgess 8. W. E. G. Ward c and b Burgess 4. W. H. Crouch b Burgess 1. D. S. Lock not out 4, extras 15, total 144.

Bury St. Edmund's: R. J. Lummis b Keech 24. J. Daly c Sleightholm b Keech 49. S. G. Waters b Keech 33. W. E. J. Lunn st Phillips b Keech 0. R. C. Haynes not out 25. J. H. Bolton b Keech 3. D. Fulcher b Sleightholm 25, extras 5, total (for six wickets) 164. G. W. Radford, L. Lloyd, A. Stephenson, and A. Burgess did not bat.

SHIRE HALL AVERT DEFEAT

Playing in Bedford Park on Saturday the Shire Hall were lucky to avert defeat by Eaton Socon. Scores:—

Eaton Socon: J. Smith b Furlong 1. W. Pope b Brooks 37. A. Trolley lbw b Kilborn 13. I. A. McNish lbw b Kilborn 4. W. Topham c Scrivener b Kilborn 10. W. Jeffries not out 66. W. Payne hit wicket b Brooks 0. R. Ayres c Thompson b Brooks 16. B. Johnson not out 7, extras 7, total for seven wickets (dec.) 161.

Shire Hall: P. W. Scrivener c Pope b Topham 20. R. H. James b Topham 0. C. G. Friemore run out 11. G. V. Pacey b Topham 0. E. Russell run out 13. H. A. Kilborn b Ayres 31. R. Brooks c Trolley b Ashwell 1. C. H. Poole c Trolley b Ashwell 8. W. Tooke not out 9. F. W. Thompson c Pope b Topham 3. W. A. A. Furlong not out 0, extras 23, total for nine wickets 119.

ASPLEY GUISE'S BIG SCORE

On an easy wicket at Luton Aspley Guise batsmen on Saturday recorded their highest score so far this season—251 for six. They were playing against Barclays Bank. Two wickets were down for 28 when Barnwell and Bowron began a splendid partnership which added 142 before Barnwell was bowled when only nine short of his century. He gave a fine display of forceful and stylish batting, including fifteen fours. His partner, a newcomer to the Aspley team, was playing in his third match. He was undefeated with 104 when the innings was declared closed at 251 for six. B. C. Barnwell followed up his batting success by a good performance with the ball, taking seven wickets for 44 runs in ten overs. Aspley were easy winners. Scores:—

Aspley Guise: H. W. Mayne 8. B. C. Barnwell 91. H. A. Price 2. R. Bowron not out 104. W. King 8. J. J. Blofeld 0. J. L. Royden 34. C. M. Stone not out 1, extras 3, total 251 for six wickets.

Barclays Bank (Luton): 123.

OUT FOR SEVENTEEN

Woburn Town met Shire Hall Seconds at Woburn Park on Saturday and lost by 53 runs, Woburn being dismissed for 17 runs. In their second venture, however, the home side did much better, reaching 60 for nine wickets. For the winners F. Jackson took five wickets for 11 runs in the first innings and five for 9 in the second. Scores:—

Woburn Town, 1st innings: C. J. Brown 3. L. Champkin 1. C. Brown 1. A. Indge 1. F. Woods 4. J. Johnson 0. H. Cook 0. F. Levitt 1. W. Hunt 0. D. Large 4. A. Bate-man not out 0, extras 2, total 17.

Shire Hall, Bedford: G. Jackson 9. L. R. Absolon 0. A. Marshall 11. Whalley 35. Litchfield 3. F. Jackson 1. R. Black 0. J. Negus 0. D. Cooper 0. Offley not out 5. Luck 0, extras 6, total 70.

SEVEN TIMES CHAMPIONS

On Friday evening in Bedford Park Goldington Road School, seven times champions of the Bedford Elementary Schools Cricket League, achieved what no other champion side has achieved; they beat the Rest, thanks in the main to a fine captain's knock by K. Hullatt, who reached the boundary five times in one over.

Mr. J. Arnold Whitechurch afterwards presented to the champions the shield that he gave to the League when it was instituted eighteen years ago. This fact was commented upon by a former Goldington Road School master, Mr. A. J. Mayhew, and Mr. H. R. Neate spoke in praise of the cricket played by the boys.

The Rest declared at 71 for six and left Goldington Road an hour in which to get the runs. Harlow and Webster gave them a fine start, and then Hullatt arrived to hit the Rest bowling vigorously and give the champions a win by six wickets.

Joe Payne, the Chelsea forward and Bedfordshire County cricketer, had a field day for Luton against the R.A.F. (Henlow) last week, taking five wickets for 29 runs and scoring 61 not out. He hit a six and eight fours. R.A.F. gave a splendid exhibition of fielding. Scores: R.A.F. Henlow 85. Luton Town Wednesday 169 for six wickets.

HARPUR SPORTS BEAT BIGGLESWADE

Biggleswade were well beaten when they met Harpur Sports in Bedford Park on Saturday. Scores:—

Biggleswade: M. King b Watson 2. E. Giles c Watson b Litchfield 15. K. Crosland b Barker 24. P. Miller run out 2. A. Giles c Litchfield b Watson 0. A. Drinkwater b Barker 4. D. Huckie c Cox b Barker 0. N. Rogers b Webster 47. P. Bowles c Hawkins b Watson 3. F. Gillard lbw b Watson 4. P. Stokes not out 5, extras 11, total 117.

Harpur Sports: E. Litchfield not out 45. E. Hawkins b A. Giles 0. C. Cox c E. Giles b Bowles 7. G. Webster b Crosland 0. D. Barr c Rogers b Huckie 65. D. Matthews lbw b Crosland 1. E. Watson c A. Giles b Bowles 23, extras 0, total for six wickets 142.

HOSPITAL CUP FINAL

The final of the Hospital Cup competition is to be played on the Bedford Modern School cricket ground to-morrow. The finalists will be Marston and the Shire Hall 2nd XI. Mr. J. Arnold Whitechurch will present the cup and medals.

CRICKET

FRIENDLIES

- Hitchin Town v. Bedford Town.
- Harpur Sports v. Kimbolton.
- Bedford Argus v. A Bedford XI.
- Stewartby Works v. St. Michael's, Northampton.
- Eaton Socon v. R.A.F. (Cardington).
- Woburn v. Fenny Stratford.
- Amphill v. Flitwick Ramblers.
- Biggleswade v. Shire Hall.
- Olney Town v. The Depot, Bedfs. and Herts. Regiment.
- Old Warden v. County Council Depot.
- Bedford Town 2nd XI v. Hitchin Town 2nd XI.
- London Brick Co. (Arlesey) v. Biggleswade 2nd XI.
- Leighton Buzzard v. Tring.
- Tring 2nd XI v. Leighton Buzzard 2nd XI.

BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

Premier Division

- Ickwell v. Harpur Sports.
- Kempston v. Fenny Stratford.
- Everton v. Marston.
- Blunham v. Caldecote.

First Division

- Ridgmont v. Forders (Elstow).
- Stagsden v. Keysoe.

Second Division (Southern Section)

- Marston II v. North Crawley.
- Wood End v. Wootton.

Second Division (Northern Section)

- Great Staughton II v. Little Staughton.
- Great Barford v. Trades Club.
- Baptists v. Stevington.
- Harrod v. Pavenham.

Second Division (Eastern Section)

- Woodbury v. Colerden.
- Goldington II v. R.A.F. (Cardington).
- Roxton v. Everton II.
- Colmworth v. Tempsford.

Third Division

- Caldecote II v. Great Barford II.
- Tempsford II v. Ickwell II.
- Petchali v. Wilden and Ravensden.
- R.B.S. v. Renhold.

BEDFORD CRICKET WEEK
BEDFORD SCHOOL GROUND

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BEDFORD LEAGUE

Premier Division

Ickwell v. Kempston

Kempston gained a comfortable victory at Ickwell on Saturday, the scores being: Ickwell: A. Marson 6, D. Humphries 18, G. Reeks 0, G. Brant 0, B. Jeeves 7, S. Ellis 6, E. Edwards 1, J. Turnbull 2, H. Newell 16, C. Thompson not out 15, G. Parrish 0, extras 3 total 79.

Kempston: Sid Smith 4, W. Tipton 8, S. Faulkner 29, R. Dodson 45, R. Turner 2, W. Draper 3, R. Smith 0, Stan. Smith not out 1, L. Cambers not out 0, extras 21, total (for 7 wickets) 123. A. Curtis and J. Smith did not bat.

Division I

Goldington v. Ridgmont

Goldington won their home game with Ridgmont by 28 runs on Saturday. Scores:

Goldington: J. Bosworth lbw b Goodfellow 6, H. Parker b Rose 17, F. Harlow c Goodfellow b Fisher 11, S. Tompkins c Wright b Goodfellow 1, G. Cotchin b Goodfellow 5, G. Monk c Gilbert b Cook 17, H. Allen b Goodfellow 14, J. Douthie lbw b Wight 4, E. Fincham b Goodfellow 4, F. Fincham not out 2, E. Constant c Gilbert b Goodfellow 0, extras 10, total 91 (Goodfellow six for 15).

Ridgmont: R. Gilbert c Douthie b Tompkins 8, T. Barnes b Tompkins 5, J. Fisher b Tompkins 0, B. Rose c Douthie b Parker 2, L. Evans b Harlow 4, D. Wight c Bosworth b Harlow 7, R. Wright not out 14, R. Goodfellow st Bosworth b Allen 4, R. G. Cook b G. Fincham 3, P. Beasley b G. Fincham 4, W. Wilson b G. Fincham 0, extras 12, total 63.

Thurleigh v. Cople

Thurleigh won a very pleasant game at home on Saturday by 26 runs. J. C. Thorne (6 for 19) and R. G. Thorne (3 for 4), for the home team, and E. Hillyard (5 for 21) for the visitors, bowled well. In the second innings Thurleigh made 41, three men being run out. Cople replied with 43 for five made in twenty minutes. Scores:—

Thurleigh: R. W. Lovell c Shingler b E. Hillyard 3, R. Franklin c B. Hillyard b E. Hillyard 1, F. L. Bull b E. Hillyard 0, A. E. Bull b E. Hillyard 11, J. C. Thorne run out 15, S. H. Asplin hit wkt. b W. Hartwell 2, J. Wagstaff b E. Hillyard 0, L. W. Franklin b H. Hillyard 10, F. Osborn not out 15, F. W. Holley b H. Hillyard 6, R. G. Thorne b G. Collins 0, extras 1, total 64.

Cople: H. Hillyard b A. Bull 5, S. Wilshaw c R. Lovell b J. Thorne 4, B. Hillyard b J. Thorne 0, G. Collins c F. Bull b J. Thorne 3, E. Hull b R. Thorne 2, R. Minney b J. Thorne 10, R. Norman c F. Bull b J. Thorne 1, E. Hillyard b R. Thorne 4, W. Hartwell not out 4, H. Godfrey b R. Thorne 2, D. Shingler c Wagstaff b J. Thorne 0, extras 3, total 33.

Keysoe v. Forders Elstow

Played at Keysoe. Scores:—

Keysoe: W. Ruff c Haynes b Bridges 3, T. Ruff c Chappel b Bridges 2, C. Stapleton c Tysoe b Tysoe 40, S. Stapleton c Haynes b Bridges 3, B. Hartop b Bellamy 9, T. Freeman run out 26, L. Woodward b Chappel 20, A. George b Chappel 3, V. Stapleton not out 3, C. Maddison c & b Chappel 2, P. Woolston c Bellamy b Bridges 6, extras 4, total 121.

Forders Elstow: Haynes b Woodward 0, Bridges b W. Ruff 2, Luff c Maddison b Woolston 15, Tysoe c Woodward b Hartop 22, Webb lbw b Hartop 14, Hutchings

b Freeman 0, Lowe b Freeman 0, Chappel c & b Hartop 0, Bellamy not out 4, Ashpole b Hartop 1, Johnson b Hartop 0, extras 5, total 63. (B. Hartop 5 for 11).

Division II (Eastern Section)

Colmworth v. Roxton

Played at Colmworth. Scores:—

Colmworth: J. Swales 0, V. T. Pell 8, A. Wilson 15, J. Chamberlain 2, J. Darrington 0, A. Thompson 6, A. Chamberlain 3, Jim Swales 1, S. Mathews 0, R. Chamberlain 0, V. Pell not out 0, extras 2, total 37.

Roxton: S. Gadsden 1, H. Gilbert 1, L. Livett 0, J. Bone 1, H. Harman 0, E. Folbigg 1, T. Gilbert 3, W. Jefferies 4, W. Robinson 0, H. Livett not out 0, P. Smith 0, extras 4, total 15.

Division II (Northern Section)

Baptist v. Harrold

Played in Bedford Park. Scores:—

Baptist: C. Wallinger b Swannell 16, R. Craddock lbw b Walker 14, D. Fletcher c Lyman b Swannell 1, A. Wiles b Cockings 21, G. Gill b Walker 8, C. Harris c Cockings b Lyman 8, J. Wootton b Cockings 0, E. Endersby c Walker b Lyman 14, G. Graham b Clarke 16, A. Norman b Lyman 1, S. Harris not out 1, extras 12, total 106.

Harrold: A. C. Lyman b Norman 5, W. Shellard b Wootton 0, A. C. Walker c Graham b Wootton 3, S. Swannell b Wallinger 8, L. Thew b Wallinger 5, J. Drage c Wiles b Wootton 18, R. Chambers b Wallinger 0, E. Peach run out 15, B. Cockings c C. Harris b Norman 8, H. Clarke c S. Harris b Wallinger 0, R. Bliss not out 12, extras 4, total 78.

Little Staughton v. Sharnbrook

Little Staughton: E. Topham 3, V. Banks 5, S. Marshall 3, S. Hall 1, C. Brown 2, A. Robinson 1, C. Parker 0, J. Jordan 2, L. Saunders 2, H. Parker 1, P. Quenby 6, extras 4, total 30.

Sharnbrook: F. Allen 26, H. Martin 1, M. Wildman 8, F. Dowdeswell 0, B. Jacques 0, W. Howe 21, N. Payne 16, L. Pacey 1, J. Bance 6, I. Ward 1, D. Croot 3, extras 11, total 94.

Division II (Southern Section)

Oakley v. Queen's Juniors

Oakley: P. Stapleton 4-0, B. Dixey 0-0, F. Rainbow 1-5, S. Gillett 11-0, E. Newell 3-4, G. Saunders 0-2, G. Rainbow 8-5, W. Filer 0-1, B. Croft 1-0, K. Odell not out 0, S. Keech 0 0, extras 2, totals 28 19.

Queen's Juniors: S. Stanbridge 0-1, J. Marshall 5 1, F. Warnett 1 4 not out, P. Rowe 6 0, D. Welch 0 1, J. Matthew 0 0, J. Deaton 2 0, A. Walker 0-7, Briars 9 0, M. Dickens not out 7-0, R. Clark 0-0, extras 5-0, totals 35-9.

Bowling: R. Clark four for 11 and three for 5, P. Stapleton six for 15 and four for 4, G. Rainbow four for 15, Stanbridge six for 17 and six for 12.

Division III

Wilden v. Ickwell

Played at Wilden. Scores:—

Wilden: B. Peet 10, J. Ashpole 7, S. Briars 12, J. Pell 1, J. Fensome 3, B. Swebston 1, C. Briars 11, L. Whitmore 7, S. Whitmore 0, B. Ashpole 0, H. Fensome not out 2, extras 6, total 60.

Ickwell: J. Newell 0, L. Edwards 3, R. Woodward 4, F. Tuck 5, H. Norman 0, E. Ebbs 3, K. Ebbs 0, E. Reeks 1, G. Thompson not out 1, A. Brunt 0, J. Marson 3, extras 7, total 29.

J. Ashpole seven for 9.

Tempsford v. Great Barford II

Great Barford II: H. Norman b H. North 19, C. Kirby b L. Mardlin 13, G. Mardlin b Jackson 58, C. Draper b H. North 0, N. Evans b Mardlin 0, S. Green b H. North 14, G. Bartram b H. North 3, R. Cambers c J. Piggott b Jackson 1, D. Jones b H. North 5, C. Smith not out 0, C. Mayhew b H. North 0, extras 14, total 130.

Tempsford: D. Eaton b C. Draper 2, E. Ingram c C. Draper b C. Smith 0, R. Bettle b C. Smith 5, S. Mardlin b C. Smith 0, H. North c C. Kirby b Draper 3, J. Piggott run out 9, K. Jackson c H. Norman b C. Smith 14, N. Sawford run out 1, W. Usher c and b Evans 0, K. Usher b Evans 3, M. Usher not out 1, extras 6, total 44.

SPORT OF THE WEEK

Wickets Down Like Nine-Pins — Eagles' New Players and Plans

After ruining outdoor sports engagements on Saturday, it looked as though rain was going to repeat its evil on Monday in the early part of the morning. The main sports fixture was the opening match of the County Cricket Week on the Bedford School playing field against Oxfordshire. The pitch was sodden after the torrential rain of Sunday, but by midday on Monday the weather brightened and a start was made on a newly-prepared crease to the left of the pavilion away from the School at about 1.40 p.m. The play that followed was in direct contrast to the weather, being bright and exhilarating to the Bedfordshire supporters. By winning by an innings and 89 runs Bedfordshire made a grand start to the Week. How they fared against Buckinghamshire will be seen by the report in another column.

Familiar Faces Missing

Oxfordshire's team seemed a strange one to many of us, writes A. R., for so many familiar faces were missing. Territorial camps and other claims had robbed the visitors of old stalwarts and the opportunity was taken of introducing some new blood. The newcomers had an unfortunate introduction to Bedford.

Although it was on the board that the wicket might play tricks later on it was a surprise to see Oxfordshire wickets going down like ninepins in the very early stages. The wicket was as sodden as a pudding and the bowlers had a job to gain a foothold. Yet there were Payne and Oliver having a real bank holiday. Payne bowled Money with the fourth ball of the first over with only one run on the board, and without addition to the score and in the same over the footballer Ed Parton lbw. Not to be outdone, Oliver sent back Lithgow in his first over, August taking a catch in the slips. Williams, who followed, survived one ball and had his wicket broken with the next from Oliver. Four for two runs, one run being from a no ball.

No big reason for the collapse could be found at this stage in the state of the pitch; it must have been due to the swing the bowlers could impart with the new ball.

"Do-or-Die" Effort

And so Oxfordshire's sorry plight went on. Two left-arm spin bowlers, Haywood and Owen, the latter bowling over the wicket, replaced the medium-fast attack of Payne and Oliver, and they, too, met with success, but not of such phenomenal order as the opening pair, the ball not turning fast enough to do justice to the wiles of the slow men. With eight wickets down for 28 Oxfordshire wanted a "do-or-die" man, and they had one in O'Shea. While Bowtell went on in a steady, patient way O'Shea tried an aggressive bat. He had all the luck in the world for some time. Owen tied him up in knots without being able to get his wicket. Oliver and Markham had spells with the ball, but it was Haywood who broke the partnership, which put on 56 for the ninth wicket. The Three Counties Hospital player "spun" Bowtell out. The ball almost "stood" before it turned and made the Oxford man give the easiest of catches to Markham. He had scored a valuable 22. O'Shea went on hitting out and compiled 42 not out. It was through him and Bowtell that his side's total reached 85.

Eloquent Testimony

Payne had the best return of the home bowlers with three wickets for nine runs, Oliver having three for eighteen, and Haywood three for 23. These returns tell a story, but the fall of the wickets are more eloquent testimony of the way the game went—1 for 1, 2 for 1, 3 for 1, 4 for 2, 5 for 12, 6 for 12, 7 for 22, 8 for 28, 9 for 84, 10 for 85.

Bedfordshire made an exceedingly good start through August and Oliver. These two young players were steady and orthodox and were together until 64 had been scored. Oliver was the first to go for 28. Owen came in next and made his bow to the Bedford public as a batsman. The spectators liked him for his enterprise and fine—sometimes almost impudent—running between the wickets. Owen saw to it that the score was advanced at a rapid rate and made the imperturbable August scurry. August would play in a Test match without turning a hair, for he has that temperament. The Old Bedfordian reached his fifty, but added only one more run before he was out. He played back too late to a ball which turned sharply. The score was 99 for two.

The Brightest Partnership

The brightest partnership of the day followed. Payne was promoted in the batting order so that the policy of going for the runs could be maintained. It was. The Chelsea footballer made 15 in double quick time, and, with Owen, treated us to an exhibition of quick running between the wickets. Owen sent up the hundred off a no-ball.

Winlaw followed Payne and the scoring rate dropped. The Bedfordshire captain took no risks and in a streaky innings he had a life when short-leg dropped a catch right into his hands. Owen left at 136 and Poole came in. A. B. at once hit out, but it was some minutes before he broke his "duck", for he could not get the ball through the well-placed field. Then Winlaw gave another catch to the man who had missed him, and this time Florey was not so generous and Winlaw was out for 12. Poole got going nicely and collected his runs at a rapid pace. He and John were together at the close of play when the total stood at 193 for five and Poole's score at 39. The wicket was badly worn.

Last Five Wickets Soon Fall

Poole and John continued confidently on Tuesday morning, and it was a surprise, when, at 199, Poole's off stump was knocked back by Bowtell. With an off-drive Browning sent the two hundred up after the home County had been batting about three-and-a-half hours.

O'Shea came on with the new ball at Bowtell's end. Runs came at a good pace. John being particularly strong on the outside, but Browning seemed a little uncertain when facing Bowtell, who has taken up the attack at the School end, and at 213 a leg break hit the Bedford School master's off peg. The soft wicket was obviously to Bowtell's liking. Markham shaped stylishly for a few minutes, but with six runs added this young batsman went forward to Bowtell and the stumps were spreadeagled. Haywood succumbed first ball. John and Page took the score to 233, at which total the innings closed. Five Bedfordshire wickets had gone in fifty minutes for the addition of forty runs. Bowtell's figures on Tuesday were four wickets for 19 runs. All told he took six for 64.

Another Oxfordshire Debacle

Faced with the considerable task of getting 143 runs to avoid an innings defeat, Oxfordshire opened with Lithgow and Peto to the bowling of Payne (School captain) and Oliver. With the last ball of the first over Oliver induced Lithgow to step across and the batsman was out lbw, one run having been scored. Payne might have had Peto taken in the slips, and then with the score at two Oliver sent a fine ball through Peto's defence. The total stood at three when the third wicket fell, a ball from Payne taking Parton's balls. Frequently deliveries from both bowlers reared disconcertingly and Money and Bowtell were anything but comfortable. Twice Bowtell almost played

on to Payne.

At this time Oliver had Money caught at midship, the Luton bowler having taken three wickets for six runs in three overs and two balls. The first aggressive phase of the innings was a four to leg by Florey of Payne. Florey decided that an attacking policy was the best in the circumstances and he took thirteen runs in an over by the Chelsea footballer, who was now bowling round the wicket. Florey went on collecting runs by attractive strokes, and he and Bowtell had added 27 when the latter was caught at the wicket.

All Over

Markham relieved Payne, and William was lbw to his second ball 37-6-0. A 49 Florey's free-scoring venture came to an end; Haywood, who had gone on for Oliver, led him caught behind the wicket. He hit four boundaries. Page was in his best "appealing" form; at 54 the umpire's finger went up in response to another inquiry from the diminutive stumper, and out went Nunn. Carr tried to hit Haywood for six and was bowled, the score being 59. Oliver came into the attack again and immediately took the last wicket.

The game was over shortly before lunch, and Bedfordshire had won by an innings and 89 runs.

Oliver's exceptional bowling figures were: 6.2 overs, 2 maidens, 8 runs, 7 wickets. Haywood had three wickets for eight runs in three overs. Markham took one for 14, and Payne one for 28.

Against Suffolk

Bedfordshire's programme next week opens with a match against Suffolk on the Vauxhall Motors ground, Luton, on Monday and Tuesday. This is a new fixture, and a return match will be played at Felixstowe in the following week.

Bedfordshire's team will be the same as the one that met Buckinghamshire this week, with the exception of Payne, whose place is to be taken by H. Radice, a Bedford boy who is at Marlborough School. Radice took four wickets for 43 runs against Rugby a few days ago. Suffolk's side is to include the former Surrey professional, Jack Daley, spin bowler. The team will be: H. P. Waugh (capt.), H. L. Porter, B. H. Belle, A. G. Powell (wicket-keeper), G. W. Hockey, J. E. Forrest, R. A. Henley, D. T. Birks, Mead P., Perkins G. C., and Daley J. V.

Hospital Cup Final

In common with nearly all cricket on Saturday, the County Hospital Cup final between Marston and Shire Hall Seconds was wiped out by rain.

It has been decided to play the final on the Bedford Modern School ground on Saturday, 9th September. Apparently the teams are waiting for the sunshine.

DEFEAT OF HENLOW

Welwyn's Moderate Total Good Enough

Henlow lost on Monday to Welwyn Garden City. Welwyn, batting first, were soon in difficulties, losing four wickets for 37. Then Bullock and Howard added 29 for the fifth wicket. After they left the side collapsed and were all out for 83—a good total considering the state of the wicket. It was too big a score for the home side, and with wickets tumbling regularly they could reach only 52. There were three outstanding features. Swain, for Henlow, in taking six for 12, captured his last four wickets with four consecutive balls. Lanning bowled well to return figures of seven for 13. The third feature was the wicket-keeping of Carter, of Welwyn. He stumped three and caught one. Other bowlers were L. Lynn (3 for 20) and J. Reast (3 for 18). Scores:—

Welwyn Garden City: R. J. Sims b Every 3 7, R. C. Carter b L. Lynn 0 8, R. C. Pakes b L. Lynn 11 0, C. J. Howard lbw b Swain 28 4, R. J. Lanning b L. Lynn 3 0, C. M. Bullock c Mays b Swain 16 13, A. Roberts b Swain 0 4, J. Howard not out 4 19, P. K. O'Brien b Swain 0 29, J. Reast c Mays b Swain 0, H. M. Saxon b Swain 0, extras 18, totals 83 95 (for 7 wickets).

Henlow: A. R. Carlisle c Pakes b Reast 2 0, W. Jordan b Reast 1, A. Swain c Roberts b Lanning 14 11, F. Mays st Carter b Lanning 9 4, J. Legate b Lanning 4 10, A. W. Payne b Lanning 11, R. V. Lynn c Roberts b Reast 0 18, L. Lynn c Carter b Lanning 2 9, W. Simmons st Carter b Lanning 1 0, S. Bywaters not out 1 14, extras 7, totals 52 75 (for 6 wickets).

SEVEN CHEAP WICKETS

Draper in Damaging Form at Great Barford

Great Barford played an all-day match on Monday against Warboys. They won easily. Draper was in great form with the ball and took seven for 15. Usher took two for two. Scores:—

Great Barford: W. Norman b J. Smith 1 4, C. Kirby b F. Bass 12 6, P. Usher lbw b B. Smith 28 7, W. Pettit c Mills b F. Bass 2 2, C. Draper c B. Smith b F. Brand 10 1, K. Tatman not out 21, R. Smith b F. Brand 7 4, S. Green b F. Brand 1 1, C. Robinson c Brand b E. Brown 6 5, B. Norman b Brand 9 2, N. W. Evans st Harvey b J. Smith 4 17, extras 4 1, totals 104 49.

Warboys: E. P. Brand c P. Usher b C. Draper 5 31, E. Harvey c P. Usher b C. Draper 4 2, J. Smith c W. Norman b C. Draper 9 5, W. Smith b C. Draper 0 3, E. Brown not out 5 22, D. Brown c & b R. Smith 0 1, W. Adams c Kirby b Draper 3 3, P. Mills c Pettitt b Usher 0 0, F. Bass b C. Draper 0 0, R. Adams b C. Draper 1 0, W. Norman c Kirby b Usher 0 3, extras 1, totals 28 73.

A TIE

Entertaining Cricket in Woburn Park

There was some very entertaining cricket at Woburn Park on Monday, when Woburn and Clapton O.Bs. tied—84 runs each—after two innings. Scores:—

Clapton first innings: Pitman 0, Reeves 15, Brabner 4, Scrivens 4, Howe 10, Jarrett 0, A. Spray 2, J. Spray 5, Stedman 0, Playford 2, Payne 0, extras 11, total 53.

Clapton second innings: Stedman 0, Howe 2, Brabner 2, A. Spray 3, J. Spray 3, Reeves 3, Jarrett not out 10, Playford 3, Payne not out 1, extras 4, total (for 7 wickets) 31.

Woburn first innings: T. Edwards 2, C. Stone 3, C. Brown 11, F. Woods 2, R. Hughes 0, L. Champkin 0, R. Young not out 21, R. Bragg 0, A. Indge 0, F. Cook 4, H. Cook 0, W. Hunt 0, total 43.

Woburn second innings: R. Hughes 0, L. Champkin 10, C. Brown 2, R. Young 11, R. Bragg 11, C. Stone not out 1, F. Cook 0, B. Edwards not out 4, A. Indge 1, extras 1, total (for 7 wickets) 41.

AMPTHILL'S SUCCESS

Good bowling was the feature of Ampt Hill's success when they entertained Wolverton Technical College team in the Park on Monday. With Reg Stearn the highest scorer (38), Ampt Hill totalled 130 runs. Wolverton were quickly dismissed for a total of 34, and when put in again made 54. In the first innings Taylor captured four wickets for four runs and Aldridge claimed five for 18. In the second innings R. Underwood took three for 7, and R. Manyweathers five for 14. Scores:—

Ampt Hill: N. B. Rams 24, P. Aldridge 8, R. Manyweathers 6, F. R. Stearn 38, R. Thompson 19, R. Underwood 1, F. Summerlin 0, A. Pickering not out 12, L. Taylor 4, C. Penwright 4, H. Sanders 9, extras 5, total 130.

Wolverton Technical College: 34 and 54

Yelling v. Potton Town

Played at Yelling on Monday, the home team winning a low-scoring game by ten runs. For Potton R. Edwards bowled well, taking seven wickets for 16 runs. L. Boston took two for 10. Scores:—

Yelling: H. Pawley b Edwards 0, H. Currington b Boston 4, D. Hall lbw b Drew 5, J. Hickman c Sharman b Boston 1, S. Meeks b Edwards 0, S. Reed c H. Gurney b Edwards 0, R. Meeks st Sharman b Edwards 1, L. Currington c Hardy b Edwards 17, B. Reed c Paice b E. Gurney 4, J. Reed b Edwards 0, J. Hill not out 1, S. Hill c E. Gurney b Edwards 7, extras 7, total 48.

Potton: R. Edwards b S. Reed 1, L. Boston c B. Reed b L. Currington 15, H. Kitchener b S. Reed 1, C. Sharman b S. Reed 2, H. Gurney b S. Reed 4, J. Drew b S. Meeks 0, K. Hutchinson c & b S. Meeks 2, E. Gurney b S. Meeks 3, K. Hardy run out 1, W. Meeks b S. Meeks 0, F. Emery run out 3, F. Paice not out 6, extras 6, total 38.

A LOW-SCORING MATCH

Biggleswade Defeated by Caldecote

After a blank day on Saturday owing to the rain, Biggleswade entertained their neighbours, Caldecote, at Fairfield on Monday. A low-scoring game ended in a win for Caldecote on the first innings by 26 runs. Caldecote's first innings score of 57 was mainly contributed by the captain, D. L. MacLean (26), and E. King (15). A. Giles bowled well and took six wickets for 13 runs. The home batsmen could do little against the good bowling of King and O'Dell, and were soon dismissed for only 31.

In their second attempt both sides fared slightly better, Caldecote making 65 for six wickets declared, and Biggleswade reaching 44 for seven. Scores:—

Caldecote: W. Bygraves b Giles 3, H. Price run out 0, C. Odell run out 0, W. Odell b Giles 0, B. Stacey b Young 7, D. L. Maclean b Giles 26, E. King c & b Smith 15, A. Brunt b Giles 3, J. Woodward not out 2, G. Woodward b Giles 0, H. Watts b Giles 0, extras 1, total 57.

Biggleswade: F. J. Banes b Odell 0, E. Revels c Stacey b King 1, M. King b Odell 8, P. Miller c Maclean b King 9, N. Rogers c Odell b King 7, G. Young b Odell 1, A. Giles c Odell b King 0, D. Huckle c & b Odell 2, S. Smith c Woodward b King 3, F. Gillard not out 4, A. Rutt lbw b King 0, total 31.

BOWLING PARKERS

Help Pulloxhill Along to Victory

Pulloxhill played Mr. H. Westrope's XI at Pulloxhill on August Monday, the match resulting in a win for Pulloxhill by 52 runs. Mr. H. Westrope's eleven batted first, and after losing a wicket at three the captain and K. Marshall took the score to 15. From then on wickets fell fast against some good bowling by R. F. Parker (seven for 12) and H. F. Parker (three for 15), and they were all out for 29.

Pulloxhill suffered an early shock, for W. S. Dollimore was caught at the wicket off the second ball of the innings. Ashton and E. H. Parker took the score to 12 before the former was bowled, and then B. Jellis helped the latter to add 17 and was caught. E. H. Parker, after scoring 17, left one run later. A fifth-wicket partnership between R. F. Parker and Ashton saw their opponents' total based and contributions from the "tail" batsmen helped to make a total of 31.

Mr. H. Westrope's XI: H. Westrope b H. F. Parker 4, F. W. Farrar c and b R. F. Parker 1, K. Marshall b R. F. Parker 8, J. Westrope c Jellis b R. F. Parker 2, R. Rule c Hill b R. F. Parker 9, K. Westrope b H. F. Parker 2, J. Day b R. F. Parker 0, I. Leete c R. F. Parker b H. F. Parker 0, R. Westrope b R. F. Parker 1, R. Evans not out 0, A. Dale c Dollimore b R. F. Parker 0, extras 2, total 29.

Pulloxhill: W. S. Dollimore c Rule b Day 0, E. Ashton b K. Westrope 3, E. P. Parker b Day 17, B. Jellis c Dale b Day 3, R. F. Parker b Day 3, W. T. J. Ashton c J. Westrope b Day 11, H. F. Parker b Marshall 7, P. Parker b K. Westrope 6, C. H. Vass b Day 7, J. Dimmock not out 7, H. Hill c H. Westrope b R. Westrope 9, extras 3, total 31.

Pulloxhill's team at home to Hexton 2nd XI on Saturday will be H. F. Parker (captain), W. S. Dollimore, B. Jellis, R. F. Parker, P. Parker, E. Ashton, S. Webb, E. H. Parker, J. Dimmock, C. H. Vass, and H. Hill.

A VALUABLE STAND

Bedford Seconds Lively against Royston

The Bedford Town second eleven scored an easy victory at Royston on Monday, defeating the home team by 130 runs to 36. P. H. Humphreys was mainly instrumental in dismissing the home side so cheaply, his six wickets costing him only seven runs. Sleightholm captured the remaining four wickets for 24 runs.

Bedford batted first and lost two quick wickets, Ferriman and Humphreys being out with only two runs on the board. Gompertz followed soon afterwards, but a stand by Howard and Ward added 17 runs for the fourth wicket. Howard hit five fours and two sixes, and Ward and Sleightholm also hit a six each. However, the last four batsmen added only 27 runs, and the innings closed at 130.

Sleightholm took a wicket in his second over, and after that wickets fell in quick succession and the Royston innings ended at 36. They fared better in a second innings, scoring 78 for four wickets. The scores were:

Bedford Town II: P. F. Ferriman b Palmer 0, C. H. Humphreys c Palmer b Sutton 0, P. J. Gompertz lbw b Sutton 12, E. C. Howard b Cook 63, F. E. Ward b Winter 50, T. N. Whalley c Sermonts b Randall 22, J. C. Sleightholm b Randall 11, H. F. Stoke run out 3, P. H. Humphreys not out 5, A. R. Gompertz b Palmer 1, H. J. Berkert c Cook b Palmer 4, extras 14, total 130.

Royston: J. Winter c Howard b Sleightholm 5, J. Cook c Whalley b Sleightholm 0, G. A. Kelly lbw b Humphreys 16, J. Randall lbw b Humphreys 2, G. Palmer c Ferriman b Humphreys 2, H. Sermonts c Ward b Humphreys 0, C. Sutton 3, Gompertz b Humphreys 3, J. Miller lbw b Sleightholm 0, P. Clarke b Sleightholm 0, P. Barnham not out 0, extras 6, total 36.

Olney Town v. Bozeat

Played at Olney. A. Berrill took his fifth wicket for the season. Scores:—

Bozeat: 41. Berrill six wickets for 6. He scored three for 12.

Olney: A. Minard 17, A. Inchley 15, A. Hammond 0, G. Lane 11, A. Berrill 2, A. Day 1, R. Tompkin 4, F. How 1, 5, G. Aldridge 20, J. Millward not out 3, A. Morgan 3, extras 1, total 36.

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP

Bedfordshire v. Hertfordshire (2nd day).

FRIENDLIES

- Peterborough Town v. Bedford Town.
- Shire Hall v. Harpur Sports.
- Bedford Town 2nd XI v. Peterborough Town 2nd XI.
- Igranie v. Woburn.
- Eversholt v. Amptill.
- Biggleswade v. Aspley Guise.
- Houghton Regis v. Bedford Argus.
- Stewartby Works v. St. Neots.
- The Depot, Bedfs. and Herts. Regt. v. Bromham.
- Potton v. Old Warden.
- Oakfield Nurseries (Amptill) v. Biggleswade 2nd XI.
- Flitwick Ramblers 2nd XI v. Shire Hall 2nd XI.
- Leighton Buzzard 2nd XI v. Dominlon Dairy.
- Wolverton Technical College v. Stewartby Works 2nd XI.

BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

Premier Division

- Harpur Sports v. Caldecote.
- Everton v. Kempston.
- Lynton Works v. Felmersham.
- Marston v. Blunham.

First Division

- Forders Elstow v. Cople.
- Thurleigh v. Stagsden.
- Goldington v. Clapham.
- Great Staughton v. Keysoe.

Second Division (Southern Section)

- Livendon v. North Crawley.
- Wood End v. Marston II.
- Wootton v. Oakley.

Second Division (Northern Section)

- Trades Club v. Great Staughton II.
- Baptist v. Sharnbrook.
- Stevington v. Harrold.
- Pavenham v. Little Staughton.

Second Division (Eastern Section)

- Coldesden v. Everton II.
- Colmworth v. R.A.F. Cardington.
- Roxton v. Woodbury.

Third Division

- Tempford II v. Lynton Works II.
- Ickwell II v. R.B.S.
- Wilden and Ravensden v. Renhold.
- Pertenhall v. Great Barford II.
- Caldecote II v. Blunham II.

BEDFORD BOWLERS PUNISHED

Weakened Side Trounced at Peterborough

A much-depleted Bedford team travelled to Peterborough on Saturday and were heavily beaten. Among the absentees were Browning, Markham, Bailey, Rawlins, Percy, Rogers, and Morris, and it was decided not to weaken the second eleven by calling on their regular players. The Peterborough team included A. W. Snowden, the Northamptonshire batsman, who scored a brilliant 96 before he was bowled by Meldrum, a newcomer to the Bedford team. Kenney, another new player in the side, showed his worth by scoring an extremely useful 27.

Peterborough batted first on a soft wicket. Snowden and Collins were soon complete masters of the bowling, and 94 runs were on the board before Collins was brilliantly caught by Howard at short leg. Powdrill soon followed him to the pavilion, but Snowden, Lane, Patching, and Laxton took the score to 205 for five wickets before Peterborough declared.

Bedford were soon in difficulties, for Audley was bowled with only five runs on the board, but Kenney and Dodd added 40 runs for the next wicket. The highlights of the Bedford knock were fine sixes by Howard and Dexter. Howard was unlucky to be caught on the boundary in attempting to lift a ball out of the ground. Dexter was dismissed by the next ball, which ended the over, and Ferriman was clean-bowled by the first ball of the following over. There was a complete collapse, and the last six Bedford wickets fell for 15 runs, giving Peterborough the victory by 103 runs. Scores:—

Peterborough	
A. W. Snowden b Meldrum	96
G. Collins c Howard b H. Radice	35
P. W. Powdrill b H. Radice	2
H. Patching b Meldrum	20
R. Laxton not out	14
A. Lane b Kenney	25
Extras	13

Total for five wickets dec. 205
Bowling: W. P. Meldrum two for 40, H. Radice two for 34.

Bedford Town	
D. D. Audley b Dobson	5
S. Dodd c Collins b Wilkinson	20
R. Kenney b Morlin	27
E. C. Howard c Powdrill b Wilkinson	22
A. H. Dexter b Morlin	9
R. F. Ferriman b Wilkinson	0
W. P. Meldrum not out	9
H. Radice c Patching b Morlin	0
J. F. D. Radice lbw b Wilkinson	4
P. Rawlins c Wright b Wilkinson	2
K. C. Revis b Morlin	0
Extras	4

Total 102
Bowling: Wilkinson five for 32, Morlin four for 42.

CHEAP WICKETS

Peterborough 2nds Defeated at Bedford

Bedford Town second team scored another comfortable victory on Saturday, easily defeating the Peterborough second eleven at Newnham Lane. Peterborough batted first and, thanks to some fine bowling by P. Humphreys, they were dismissed for the low total of 74. Humphreys captured seven wickets for 38 runs in eight and a half overs. Last week he took six wickets for seven runs against Royston. The last six Peterborough batsmen added only four runs to the total.

The Town second team began very steadily. Stokes soon mastered the Peterborough bowling, and scoring freely all round the wicket, made a brilliant 66 before being caught in the deep. The Peterborough total was passed with seven

wickets in hand, but it was decided to bat on, and when stumps were drawn the Bedford score stood at 121 for seven wickets. The scores were:—

Peterborough Town 2nd XI: L. H. Beels b Humphreys 4, J. H. Jarratt lbw b Whalley 10, J. H. Cole b Humphreys 0, J. Coudie st Morris b Whalley 35, G. Pinder c Sleightholm b Humphreys 12, F. W. McNair b Humphreys 0, F. E. Richards lbw b Humphreys 0, C. N. Snowdon c W. Ward b Humphreys 0, Dr. H. De, run out 3, E. J. Rawlins b Humphreys 0, F. A. Elcome not out 1, extras 9, total 74.

Bedford Town 2nd XI: C. H. Humphreys b Elcome 3, H. F. Stokes c McNair b Pinder 66, S. Morris c McNair 15, W. G. Ward b Beels 4, J. C. Sleightholm b Beels 9, T. N. Whalley c Coudie b Elcome 13, R. J. Ward b Beels 4, P. Humphreys not out 1, extras 7, total for seven wickets 121. M. J. Birkert, M. Green, and G. A. Litchfield did not bat.

STEWARTBY LOSE

St. Neots Declare and Win

St. Neots were away to Stewartby on Saturday, a new fixture, and came away winners by 63 runs, after declaring. St. Neots did not start their innings well, losing the wickets of Owen and Bunnage with only 11 on the board. Craig and Jones batted well, however, and put on 47 for the third wicket before Jones was bowled after making a sound 24, his highest for St. Neots first eleven. After this, four St. Neots wickets fell quickly, but Sillett joined Craig, and this pair added 64 for the eighth wicket. Craig made 67 before being bowled. He batted with great steadiness. Sillett also made his highest score of the season and his 31 included some excellent off drives. The St. Neots innings was declared closed at 154 for nine.

Stewartby made an excellent start in their reply, Tysoe and Hudson putting on 55 before being parted, but after the opening partnership was broken the rest of the batsmen collapsed and it was a question as to whether St. Neots would beat the clock and dismiss Stewartby before 7.30, the time fixed for the close of play. With two overs to go St. Neots had still to get rid of two remaining London Brick Company batsmen, but they managed to do it with three balls to spare. Craig, by taking five for 20, completed a good all-round performance for St. Neots. Scores:—

St. Neots: F. Owen b Wardley 6, H. Bunnage b Timms 4, J. H. Craig b Wardley 67, T. Jones b Crisp 24, H. Childerley b Waring 5, H. Rose lbw b Waring 4, P. Gould b Crisp 0, R. Patience c Stamford b Crisp 3, F. R. Sillett not out 31, W. E. Clarke b Timms 2, B. D. Wakefield not out 5, extras 3, total for nine wickets declared 154.

Bowling: Wardley two for 28, Timms two for 34, Crisp three for 37, Waring two for 22.

Stewartby: A. Tysoe c B. Wakefield b Craig 25, A. Hudson b Sillett 26, J. Harding lbw b Craig 2, J. Waring run out 14, K. Stamford b Sillett 0, F. Fountain c and b Craig 0, E. Crisp c Sillett b Craig 3, B. Williamson b Clarke 2, S. Wardley not out 1, W. Timms b Craig 1, M. Norman absent 0, extras 12, total 86.

Bowling: Sillett two for 14, Clarke one for 23, Craig five for 20, Bunnage none for 8.

CLOPHILL'S SUCCESS AT HENLOW

Henlow seconds were beaten at home by Clophill on Saturday. Batting first, they scored 144, Horwood making 30, Mabbitt 27, and Payne 26. Clophill replied with 183 for eight wickets, of which Shotbolt hit a lusty 61, including eleven fours and a six, Taylor 35, Burnage 34, and Nicholls 21, also batted well. Mabbitt was Henlow's most successful bowler, capturing four wickets, including the hat-

trick. R. Legate, a youngster with a future, took three for 17. For Clophill, Mann took three for 26, Billington three for 33, and Burnage two for 34.

Henlow II: E. Smith lbw b Billington 13, A. Smith b Billington 6, J. Mays c Taylor b Burnage 9, A. Mabbitt b Young 27, H. Horwood run out 30, A. W. Payne b Mann 26, R. Taylor b Mann 7, K. Jones c and b Burnage 5, R. Legate b Mann 1, S. Russell not out 8, W. Puttifer c and b Billington 2, extras 10, total 144.

Clophill: J. Shotbolt b Legate 61, H. Odell b Mays 2, F. Young b Mabbitt 9, J. Taylor b Mabbitt 35, N. Cole c G. Smith b Legate 2, A. Burnage not out 34, J. Dear b Mabbitt 0, C. Billington b Mabbitt 0, T. Nicholls b Legate 21, extras 18, total for eight wickets 183.

J. Mann and J. Harris did not bat.

PULLOXHILL LOSE BY TWO RUNS

Pulloxhill lost by two runs in an exciting match at Hexton on Saturday. Scores:

Pulloxhill: E. Ashton c R. Botsford b Sutton 4, W. S. Dollimore b Sutton 0, E. H. Parker c Sturgess b Sutton 5, R. F. Parker b J. Botsford 5, P. Parker c Oliver b Sutton 5, H. F. Parker b Sturgess 12, S. Webb b G. Brasier 24, B. Jellis b R. Botsford 3, J. Dimmock c G. Brasier b C. Brasier 1, C. H. Vass b R. Botsford 0, H. Hill not out 0, extras 7, total 66.

Hexton: R. Oliver b Webb 17, H. Sutton c R. F. Parker b Webb 3, R. Botsford c Jellis b R. F. Parker 18, J. Botsford b R. F. Parker 8, H. Sturgess c and b H. F. Parker 8, J. Oliver run out 7, G. Brasier b H. F. Parker 0, W. Waller run out 1, M. Oliver run out 0, W. Price not out 0, C. Brasier lbw b H. F. Parker 3, extras 3, total 68.

Bedfs. and Herts. Depot v. Bromham

Played at Kempston. Scores:—
Bedfs. and Herts. Depot: Pte. Moles run out 3, Pte. Buckley c Linger b Poole 2, Lt. Sharpe c Townley b Poole 12, Sergt. Broadhead run out 4, Pte. Hales b Townley 17, Sergt. Wickham b Poole 0, Pte. Kendal b Townley 35, Pte. Maunder b Townley 0, Pte. M. Maunder hit wkt. b Townley 10, Pte. Aldridge run out 2, Pte. Springle not out 5, extras 4, total 94. Townley four for 24.

Bromham: R. Mawer c Aldridge b Hales 7, W. Lawrence b Broadhead 0, W. Linger lbw b Broadhead 2, L. White b Broadhead 4, Rev. E. Gilbert c Moles b Broadhead 29, R. Townley b Broadhead 0, B. Yoxen b Broadhead 0, A. White c Wickham b Hales 3, R. Benson c Kendal b Broadhead 17, A. Hyde not out 3, D. Poole b Broadhead 1, extras 4, total 76. Broadhead eight for 35.

Poddington 77 (H. C. Brown 23 not out), Rockingham 148 for nine.

**CRICKET IN THE
RAIN**

**Martlets' Tour of Kent
Nearly Ruined**

The Bedford Martlets' annual cricket tour of Kent was this year nearly ruined by rain. It was not until the last two days that summer weather prevailed.

The matches against the Royal Marines at Chatham, K.C.M.H., Barming, and Tonbridge were abandoned without a ball being bowled. The first game at Linden Park, Tunbridge Wells, was played on a wet, but drying wicket, and the Martlets decided to bat after some hesitation. Having practice on concrete at their headquarters the Martlets could not settle down and they were out for 50. Heavy rain threatened to render further play impossible, but a fresh wicket was cut for Linden Park's innings. Off the first ball N. B. Larby made a catch off Campin (3 for 17) at short leg, and the home side lost three for 10 and four for 28. Rain began to fall again but Linden Park reached 53 for five.

EASILY DISMISSED

Whitstable and Tankerton were easily dismissed for 81 (W. M. E. White two for 26, K. C. Campin three for 23, and K. J. Petts four for 14). R. Chatterton hit hard for 60, but after winning for the loss of only one wicket the Martlets were all out for 132.

At Frindsbury the touring side lost three for 28, but W. Moore (25) and B. C. Barnwell (45) retrieved the position. D. C. H. Wright (20) and W. M. E. White (36) hit hard. Sound batting took the total to 198, and then rain stopped play.

The Martlets, facing their strongest opponents on the County ground at Gravesend, were rather unfortunate to be without W. M. E. White, who was called to Lords to play for the Army against the Public Schools. Before lunch Gravesend took 95 minutes to score 69 runs off some very accurate bowling by Campin and F. Marshall, but in the end they made 246. Campin took five for 60 and K. J. Petts five for 68. Barnwell made a particularly fine catch in the deep. After tea the light became poor and the Martlets lost four for 27. W. Moore (52) and P. R. Thomas (34) made a good stand to save the side. With rain falling the game was given up as a draw, the score being 124 for seven.

At Tonbridge a misty rain swept the ground all the morning and with conditions failing to improve another match had to be abandoned.

CAMPIN'S BOWLING

The following day was gloriously fine, but at Hythe overnight rain made play impossible before lunch. Hythe sent the Martlets in to bat. Four wickets were down for 17. P. R. Thomas (61) and E. S. Volz (36) put on nearly 100 for the next wicket, and the tail wagged sufficiently to take the score to 152. Hythe were left with 153 runs to make in 105 minutes. Some fine bowling by Campin on a quickly drying wicket banished their hopes. Seven wickets were down for 48, and then a stubborn stand brought the game within ten minutes of the close. A draw looked certain when D. C. H. Wright held a smart left-handed catch in the gully, and the last ball but one from Campin was a beauty and beat the batsman. He took seven for 36. W. M. E. White, who played for Hythe in this game, said that Campin's bowling was superior to any of the Public School bowling at Lords. Hythe, who lost a batsman through injury, were all out for 78.

The final game, against Mr. Evans's XI on the Cranbrook School ground, was a curious affair. Before lunch the home team lost eight for 47 against Marshall and Campin, but after the interval the School professional, H. G. Draper, hit a hard 38 and Cranbrook reached 110 (Campin seven for 41, Marshall three for 26). By patient batting W. Moore and Volz took the score to 54, but the absence of Thomas and Barnwell was keenly felt, and the tourists' total was only 74.

Two matches were won, two lost, one drawn, and four abandoned.

**HENLOW BATSMEN
FAIL**

**Bedford Rugby Player in
Letchworth Stand**

Henlow were beaten by 60 runs at Letchworth on Saturday. Their batsmen, with the exception of R. Lynn and F. Thorogood, failed miserably. Lynn played a grand innings, making 32, including one glorious hit for six. He is regaining his form after his long period of enforced absence. Alexander bowled brilliantly to capture five for eighteen and Grey returned three for thirty. Henlow started off well, Russell bowling Diss first ball, but that was the extent of their success until their total had been passed. Grey and Taylor adding 92 in fifty minutes for the second wicket. Grey, the Bedford Rugby Club full-back, batted brilliantly for his 51, including six fours and a six. Taylor was more subdued in making 28. Fenton (25) also batted well. A. R. Carlisle, the Henlow skipper, with his tantalizing slows, was their best bowler, taking six for 43. Russell took two for 26. Scores:—

Henlow: W. Jordan lbw b Alexander 6, F. Thorogood b Alexander 22, A. Swain c Cook b Alexander 3, A. Carter b Alexander 0, R. Richardson b Alexander 0, S. Bywaters c and b Grey 1, R. V. Lynn b Grey 32, L. Lynn c Diss b Grey 0, R. Russell b Whitehead 11, H. Harris b Wombwell 1, A. R. Carlisle not out 1, extras 12, total 89.

Letchworth: H. W. Taylor b Carlisle 38, T. T. Diss b Russell 0, J. E. I. Grey b Harris 51, T. Fenton b Carlisle 25, G. Kay c L. Lynn b Carlisle 2, D. Cook absent 0, L. Wombwell b Carlisle 16, R. Pedder b Russell 2, W. Whitehead b Carlisle 1, J. Alexander not out 1, E. Cobb b Carlisle 0, extras 13, total 149.

**BOWLERS' GOOD
RETURNS**

**Biggleswade Defeated by
Aspley Guise**

Aspley Guise completed the double against Biggleswade when they won by 46 runs at Biggleswade on Saturday.

The visitors were given a good start by King and Stone after Barnwell had left without scoring. Both players scored freely, the return to form of W. King being very welcome after rather a bad patch. He hit two sixes and three fours in his 31—and followed this up by stumping three opponents later in the game.

The accuracy of the Biggleswade bowling is shown by the fact that the wickets were hit seven times in Aspley's innings of 130. Giles took four for 16.

But for a fine not out innings of 40 by R. Griffiths, Biggleswade would have been routed by Blofeld and Bedford. The former at one time captured three wickets for one run and finished with four for 10. Bedford took four for 23.

Aspley Guise: C. M. Stone c Stokes b Whiteman 30, B. C. Barnwell b Giles 0, W. King b Stokes 31, R. Bowron lbw b Giles 4, J. J. Blofeld run out 15, J. L. Royden b Giles 7, H. Bedford b Bowles 14, W. Charlton b Bowles 0, H. Clark b Bowles 0, J. T. Hobbs b Giles 15, C. Paterson not out 0, extras 14, total 130.

Biggleswade: A. Drinkwater b Blofeld 1, E. Whiteman b Blofeld 0, M. King b Blofeld 4, P. Miller st King b Bedford 2, A. Giles b Barnwell 18, R. Griffiths not out 40, F. J. Banes st King b Bedford 6, J. Whiteman st King b Bedford 0, R. Huckle b Bedford 0, C. Bowles b Blofeld 6, P. Stokes run out 2, extras 4, total 84.

RUNS EASY FOR AMPHILL

Runs came fairly easily for Ampthill when they played at Eversholt on Saturday, and it was surprising to see Eversholt out for a meagre 30.

For Eversholt A. Oakley claimed six wickets for 36 runs. On the winner's side Taylor took five for fifteen and Underwood four for 15. Scores:—

Ampthill: P. Aldridge c Purrett b R. Oakley 24, N. B. Ranns c B. Oakley b Fleet 10, R. Manyweathers b A. Oakley 23, A. Pickering b L. England 2, R. Underwood b A. Oakley 4, F. R. Stearn b A. Oakley 1, R. Thompson lbw b A. Oakley 14, L. Taylor c England b A. Oakley 14, R. Mann run out 10, R. Fairy c Jarvis b A. Oakley 12, C. Penwright not out 7, extras 5, total 112.

Eversholt: A. Oakley c Aldridge b Underwood 11, B. Oakley st Stearn b Taylor 8, R. Oakley b R. Underwood 0, L. England b R. Underwood 0, H. Burrett run out 0, R. Hughes b Taylor 3, A. Fleet c Pickering b Taylor 1, E. Jarvis b L. Taylor 5, R. Wallis c Manyweathers b Underwood 0, M. Ryan not out 0, H. Dalton b Taylor 2, total 30.

OTHER MATCHES

Houghton Regis v. Argus

The Argus were away to Houghton Regis on Saturday, and suffered defeat by 36 runs. Scores:—

Argus: A. A. Coomb b Wing 0, F. R. Sharp lbw b Wing 9, J. Smith b Wing 0, M. MacDonald b Oliver 3, D. Thompson b Wing 1, R. Minns c Bright b Wing 3, G. Goswell b Oliver 0, F. Catlin c Tompkins b Oliver 7, A. Cook c Gillrow b Wing 2, H. J. Page c Goozey b Wing 7, H. Turvey not out 7, extras 2, total 41.

Houghton Regis: L. Atkinson lbw b Cook 14, L. Bleaney lbw b Turvey 8, L. Bright b Cook 0, A. B. Goozey not out 26, W. T. Robinson b Cook 9, B. Gillrow c Thompson b Cook 0, W. Tompkins c Coomb b Cook 4, A. Dickens c MacDonald b Minns 2, G. Oliver b Cook 0, A. Wing b Minns 1, B. Calcott b Minns 10, extras 3, total 77.

C. A. White's XI v. Flitwick Ramblers

Flitwick Ramblers were beaten by C. A. White's XI at Bedford on Saturday. Scores:—

White's XI: F. White b N. Gazeley 1, B. Pickering run out 23, R. Proctor c Kitchener b Godfrey 5, F. Hutchings c H. Gazeley b Godfrey 24, A. Pickering b N. Gazeley 17, R. Field c Felts b Gazeley 6, H. White lbw b Cousins 1, L. West b Cousins 0, V. Lovell lbw b Cousins 0, W. Squires not out 0, A. Pawley b Cousins 0, extras 4, total 81.

Flitwick Ramblers: J. Godfrey b Pickering 0, C. Gazeley b Proctor 0, R. Cousins lbw b Pickering 9, E. Felts b Proctor 0, N. Gazeley c Field b Proctor 8, L. Sabej b Pickering 10, E. Washington c White b Proctor 26, G. Gazeley c Hutchings b Proctor 12, R. Kitchener b Proctor 3, H. Gazeley not out 0, E. Bonner not out 3, extras 4, total 75.

Kimbolton v. Dean

Dean visited Kimbolton on Saturday. Dean: W. Cade b Roddis 62, V. Horsford c Dicks b J. Blair 10, C. Horsford b J. Blair 4, J. Lilley run out 0, G. Hopkins c W. Bruce b Holyoak 0, J. Hewitt b Roddis 1, G. Mayes run out 7, L. Flute b Bruce 5, F. Hart lbw b Roddis 2, J. Lack run out 20, C. Hart not out 0, extras 4, total 115.

Kimbolton 2nd: L. Hanksins b Hopkins 8, F. Mehew c J. Mayes b Hopkins 2, W. Dicks c and b Hart 15, J. Blair c J. Lilley b Hart 11, W. Holyoak b Hart 1, L. Stevens b Hart 0, W. Bruce c J. Lilley b Cade 38, K. Roddis b Cade 0, K. Barnes b Cade 8, J. Cambell not out 6, R. Davies b Hopkins 0, extras 13, total 102.

Silsoc v. Oakfield Nurseries

Silsoc: 38. Oakfield Mushroom Nurseries: C. Phillimore 3, K. Warner 1, F. Laird 0, K. Pinny 0, F. Henson not out 35, J. Rogers 0, Peck 3, J. Seymour 1, H. Fossey 6, C. Fossey 1, S. Fossey 0, extras 5, total 55.

HARPUR SPORTS WIN

Shire Hall Lose Grip on Close Game

A low-scoring game between Harpur Sports and Shire Hall ended in a narrow victory for Harpur by three runs in Bedford Park. After dismissing Harpur for 100 runs the Shire Hall, thanks to some splendid batting by Scrivener, reached 70 for five wickets. However, the steady bowling of Minns and Barker sent the next four men back for the addition of only eighteen runs. Warren and Furlong added nine runs for the last wicket, the former hitting a six before Barker captured his wicket. Scores:—

Harpur Sports: D. T. Matthews b Furlong 2, T. Minns b Chissell 25, C. H. Cox b Chissell 9, H. A. Thompson b Scrivener 14, E. Towers b Scrivener 0, R. H. Jarvis b Scrivener 21, M. Footer b Tookey 2, J. Fagg not out 1, A. E. Barker b Tookey 4, J. Richardson b Brooks 21, G. Webster lbw b Tookey 0, extras 1, total 160.

Bowling: Scrivener three for 8, Tookey three for 6.

Shire Hall: P. W. Scrivener c Fagg b Minns 44, R. James b Barker 0, C. G. Prigmore b Webster 7, E. Fussell c Jarvis b Webster 10, R. Brookes c Jarvis b Barker 8, W. Tookey c Thompson b Webster 6, R. Chissell b Minns 4, C. Warren b Barker 11, E. Litchfield b Minns 0, R. B. Black c Jarvis b Barker 3, W. Furlong not out 0, extras 4, total 97.

Bowling: Barker four for 37, Minns three for 11, Webster three for 41.

A THORN(E) IN STAGSDEN'S SIDE

Thurleigh batted first in their game with Stagsden on Saturday, but after scoring 40 runs for four wickets they were all out for 59. S. Tysoe (four for 19) and J. Almey (three for 12) were Stagsden's most successful bowlers.

Stagsden replied with 48. Thorne bowling unchanged to take eight for 17 in fourteen overs. Scores:—

Thurleigh: R. W. Lovell b Almey 12, R. Franklin b Almey 0, F. Osborn b Almey 5, A. G. Bull c Newman b Beard 12, J. C. Thorne c Newman b Beard 10, S. H. Asplin b Tysoe 12, F. L. Bull run out 3, L. W. Franklin b Tysoe 0, F. W. Asplin b Tysoe 2, F. W. Hellely not out 2, P. Berrill b Tysoe 0, extras 1, total 59.

Stagsden: R. Benson b Thorne 0, F. Beard b Thorne 3, G. Newman b Bull 14, J. Almey b Thorne 0, C. Anthony b Thorne 4, S. Tysoe c W. Asplin b Thorne 14, L. Bazley not out 7, W. Woolston c and b Thorne 2, F. Frossell c S. Asplin b Thorne 0, K. Alder b W. Asplin 0, J. Burley b Thorne 0, extras 4, total 48.

St. Neots II v. Tempsford

At St. Neots on Saturday. Scores:—
 Tempsford: A. Usher lbw b Davis 2, D. Watts c Fenton b Wright 2, S. Hoole b Minney 0, G. Chanman b Fenton 16, W. Jefferies lbw b Davis 8, O. Gosling b Davis 1, A. Darrington c Woods b Davis 0, W. Payne not out 7, F. Usher c Clarke b Fenton 0, W. Gadsden c Woods b Wright 3, D. Asbury b Wright 0, extras 4, total 43.
 St. Neots II: G. Bass b F. Usher 0, R. Minney c Jefferies b Hoole 33, J. Flint c Chapman b Jefferies 1, G. Dearman c Darrington b Payne 23, V. Davis c Payne b Jefferies 8, W. Woods c Watts b Hoole 23, S. Wright c Asbury b Jefferies 7, J. Fenton b Darrington 3, P. Clarke b Jefferies 2, O. Oliver not out 0, W. Jones c Gadsden b Darrington 0, extras 1, total 104.

Little Wymondley v. London B.C. Sports
 Played at Little Wymondley. Scores:—
 London B.C. Sports: L. Albon 0, B. Breacher 19, E. Albon 1, W. Albon 24, S. Bywaters 20, J. Tasker 0, S. Pooley 1, J. West 12, J. Pettifer 0, A. Cousins not out 0, S. Breacher 0, extras 2, total 79.
 Little Wymondley: 41, E. Albone 7 for 18.

MARSTON DOWN AT HOME

Marston were easily beaten at home by Blunham on Saturday, being dismissed for 41, by R. Reid (five for nine) and E. Clarke (four for 17). Scores:—

Blunham: T. Norman c Copperwheat b Swales 30, R. Reid c Bunker b Rowe 1, H. Jefferies b Knight 22, E. Clarke b Copperwheat 2, H. Single c Bunker b Swales 13, R. Brown b Swales 2, W. Gaylor b Copperwheat 1, A. Buckle c Pedder b Copperwheat 17, F. Reid b Rowe 2, R. Norman not out 1, T. Joyce b Rowe 2, extras 11, total 104.

Marston: C. Rowe lbw b E. Clarke 2, W. Swales b R. Reid 1, R. Berry b R. Reid 4, A. Pedder lbw b E. Clarke 5, C. Copperwheat b E. Clarke 1, F. Bunker b R. Reid 0, L. Odell b R. Reid 13, R. Copperwheat b E. Clarke 1, B. Stapleton c A. Buckle b T. Norman 6, J. Nicholls c R. Brown b R. Reid 3, S. Knight not out 0, extras 5, total 41.

A CALDECOTE RECRUIT

Caldecote first eleven return to League warfare to-morrow when they have a local "derby" with their near neighbours, Ickwell. The game is to be played at Caldecote, who will include in their side J. P. Maclean, brother of the captain, who rendered such excellent service to the club a season or two ago. Caldecote are now practically certain of the championship of the Premier Division of the Bedford League.

Olney Town v. Daimler Aero Engines, Coventry

Olney Town lost by a narrow margin for the second time this season. Scores:—

Olney: A. Minard 2, A. Inchley 4, E. Wilson 0, A. Berrill 5, S. Dix 0, H. Smith 0, A. Hammond 9, E. Howson 10, G. Aldridge 1, A. Morgan 1, F. Millward 0, extras 4, total 36.

Daimler Aero Engines C.C.: 41.

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP

Cambridgeshire v. Bedfordshire (at Cambridge).

FRIENDLIES

- Bedford Town v. Hitchin Town.
- Harpur Sports v. London Brick Co. Bitchley.
- Bedford Argus v. Eversholt.
- Commer Cars (Luton) v. Shire Hall.
- The Depot, Bedfs. and Herts. Regiment v. Bedford Clarence.
- Queen's Works v. Stewartby Works.
- County Council Depot v. Bronham.
- Henlow Village v. R.A.F. Cardington.
- Aspley Gaise v. Bedford Town II.
- Woburn v. Wolverton Technical College Old Boys.
- Amphill v. Shire Hall II.
- Kent's Athletic (Luton) v. Biggleswade.
- R.A.F. Henlow v. R.A.F. Uxbridge.
- Leighton Buzzard v. Hemel Hempstead.
- Old Warden v. Potton.
- Biggleswade II v. Kent's Athletic (Luton) II.
- Stewartby Works II v. Wolverton Town II.
- Hemel Hempstead II v. Leighton Buzzard II.

BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

- Premier Division
- Everton v. Harpur Sports.
- Kempston v. Lynton Works.
- Caldecote v. Ickwell.
- Felmersham v. Blunham.
- First Division
- Clapham v. Forder's Elstow.
- Cople v. Great Staughton.
- Stagsden v. Ridgmont.
- Thurleigh v. Keysoe.

Second Division--Southern Section
 Wootton v. Britannia Works.
 Wood End v. Lavendon.
 Queen's Juniors v. North Crawley.
 Marston II v. Oakley.

Second Division--Northern Section
 Great Staughton II v. Great Barford.
 Harrold v. Baptist.
 Sharnbrook v. Paveham.
 Little Staughton v. Trades Club.

Second Division--Eastern Section
 Woodbury v. Colmworth.
 Tempsford v. Everton II.

Third Division
 Lynton Works II v. Pertenhall.
 Ickwell II v. Caldecote II.
 Great Barford II v. Wilden and Ravensden.
 Blunham II v. Tempsford II.

SCHOOL PLAYERS TO THE RESCUE

Bedford Save the Game against Hitchin

It was a strange team which took the field to represent Bedford against Hitchin at Bedford on Saturday and the weakened home side gave one of its least attractive displays of the year. Apart from Marston, the Bedford School bowler, and P. Rawlins, the attack was weak; the work in the field was scrappy, and the batting mediocre. Hitchin were unlucky to be denied victory.

Hitchin, batting first, lost a wicket in the second over, but then King and Stanley began an association which put the visitors in a happy position. King hit very freely to score 102, and Stanley was enterprising in making 31, though he made a lot of chancy strokes. Of the batsmen who followed only Brown (35) and Barker (26) were able to face Marston with confidence. This young bowler took six wickets for 46. Rawlins, who got little help from the pitch, did well to take three wickets for 67.

Bedford's batting was disappointing, the feature being the stand of 61 between Audley, of Bedford School, and Dexter. It looked odds-on a Bedford defeat, but Ferriman and Hawkes, the last pair, held out.

Hitchin Town	
A. King st Ferriman b Rawlins	102
J. D. Waters lbw b Kenney	0
W. V. Stanley c Audley b Rawlins	31
J. Borrett b Marston	3
S. F. Brown c Radice b Rawlins	35
E. K. Morgan b Marston	11
P. L. Allen b Marston	0
J. T. Barker b Marston	26
G. P. Copley b Marston	6
J. Thomas not out	5
T. Anderson c Audley b Marston	0
Extras	3
Total	222

Bowling: Marston six for 46, Rawlins three for 67.

Bedford Town	
D. D. Audley run out	52
R. Kenney b Anderson	7
S. V. Percy b Stanley	4
W. H. Nicholas b Stanley	16
A. H. Dexter b Allen	27
P. Meldrum b Borrett	2
A. C. Marston lbw b Borrett	0
I. Radice run out	4
R. D. Hawkes not out	8
P. Rawlins st Thomas b Stanley	2
R. F. Ferriman not out	5
Extras	6
Total for nine wickets	133

BALL BEATS BAT

Aspley Guise Out for Their Lowest Score

The ball beat the bat most of the time on Saturday when Aspley Guise were beaten for the second time at home this season, and were dismissed for their lowest total, Bedford Town second eleven providing the opposition.

Clever bowling by Blofeld caused the visitors to lose four wickets for nine runs. With the total 21 for five Blofeld had captured four wickets for three runs, and he finished with six for 22.

The position of the Bedford team was relieved by a ninth-wicket stand which produced 22 runs. Barnwell had three for 22. He also made a smart one-handed catch in the slips. The Aspley fielding was keen and two good catches were made by Bedford.

Aspley were soon in trouble against Humphreys and Sleightholm. One batsman short, they were all out for 48. Royden, with twenty, was the only batsman to

reach double figures. P. H. Humphreys took six for 17 in six overs and Sleightholm three for 27. Scores:—

Bedford Town: H. F. Stokes hit wkt. b Blofeld 0. E. F. Barcock lbw b Blofeld 1. P. H. Humphreys lbw b Barnwell 16. L. Phillips c Barnwell b Blofeld 3. R. B. Rogers c & b Blofeld 0. J. C. Sleightholm c Bedford b Barnwell 12. I. N. Whalley c Bedford b Blofeld 8. C. H. Humphreys b Bedford 0. M. J. Birkert b Blofeld 13. G. H. Crouch b Barnwell 12. D. Lock not out 2. extras 3, total 70.

Aspley Guise: C. M. Stone lbw b Humphreys 7. B. C. Barnwell c Rogers b Humphreys 0. R. Bowron lbw b Humphreys 6. W. King c Crouch b Sleightholm 3. J. L. Royden b Sleightholm 4. J. J. Blofeld c Barcock b Humphreys 20. H. Bedford b Humphreys 0. J. T. Hobbs c C. H. Humphreys b Sleightholm 4. H. Clark st Phillips b Sleightholm 0. H. Heald not out 0. E. W. Kitchener absent 0. extras 4, total 48.

COUNTY COUNCIL DEPOT END SUCCESSFUL SEASON

The County Council Depot met Bromham at Bedford Park, the Depot winning with ease. The Depot's season is now finished. They have played 12 matches and won 10. G. Chance is top of the bowling averages with sixty wickets for 300 runs. He took all ten wickets for 16 runs against Bondor (Baldock) on 3rd June and was awarded a Hobbs bat by a newspaper. Scores:—

Bromham: R. Mawer run out 6. D. Hyde b Hopkins 0. W. Linger b Lowe 1. L. White b Hopkins 3. F. Hill run out 0. R. Pullen b Hopkins 1. A. White b Hopkins 0. L. Millard c Nicholls b Goswell 0. D. Poole not out 8. B. Yoxen b Hopkins 0. W. Mortimer b Hopkins 4. extras 3, total 26.

County Council Depot: R. Nicholls b A. White 1. K. Gilbert retired 57. E. Crouch b A. White 11. A. Burnage c Mawer b A. White 0. C. Moore b A. White 3. G. Hopkins b L. White 4. L. Harrison b A. White 30. M. Goswell b A. White 0. B. Lane run out 12. L. Pestell not out 7. extras 5, total for nine wickets 130.—W. Ellis did not bat.

EVERSHOLT NO MATCH FOR THE ARGUS

The Argus easily defeated Eversholt in Bedford Park on Saturday. The visitors batted first and were all out for 68 runs. R. Oakley (25) was the only batsman who could cope with the bowling of R. J. Minns (three for nine) and J. Smith (three for six). F. R. Sharp was in splendid form for the Argus and scored a most attractive century. He hit seven fours, a three, and nineteen twos in a stay of under two hours. Argus's total was 229 for five wickets, and R. J. Minns contributed 32 not out and A. A. Coomb 25. Scores:—

Eversholt: B. Oakley b Turvey 4. A. Oakley b Turvey 8. R. Oakley b Turvey 25. L. England b W. Smith 9. H. Burrett c and b J. Smith 9. R. Hughes b J. Smith 4. M. Ryan c and b Minns 0. E. Jarvis b Minns 5. A. Fleet b Minns 0. H. Dolton not out 1. R. Wallis c Sharp b J. Smith 1. extras 2, total 68.

Argus: F. R. Sharp not out 104. A. A. Coomb c Ryan b Jarvis 25. J. Smith b England 14. W. Smith c Ryan b England 16. G. Curtis b A. Oakley 24. F. Catlin b Fleet 0. R. J. Minns not out 32. extras 14, total (for five wickets) 229.

LEIGHTON LOSE TO BEDFORD BANKS

Leighton Thursday met with a setback when they met Bedford Banks at Bedford. Scores:—

Bedford Banks: Ward lbw b T. Brantom 3. Whittet c Andrews b Olney 1. Beck c and b L. Brantom 6. Watson c A. Payne b Cherry 30. Smith b C. Olney 13. Ramsay c Husson b Dollimore 10. Mastin c Olney b Cherry 10. Tookey run out 15. Wigley b Cherry 0. Willman b Cherry 0. Dickenson not out 7. extras 15, total 120.

Leighton Thursday: 71.

EIGHT FOR EIGHT

Barker's Deadly Bowling for Harpur Sports

A Barker, the Harpur Sports bowler, put up a remarkable performance on Saturday in Bedford Park. He ran through the London Brick Company, Bletchley, who could total only forty runs on an excellent wicket. In taking eight wickets for eight runs, Barker bowled only six overs, and in his fourth he did the "hat-trick". He also captured three wickets in his last over. Webster, at the other end, took the remaining two wickets for 14 runs. Harpur won the match by 91 runs. Scores:—

London Brick Company: W. Whitbread c Matthews b Barker 8. D. Lambourne b Barker 0. N. Tearle lbw b Barker 11. S. Pickard b Barker 0. J. Beech c Kent b Barker 0. W. Osborne b Webster 2. R. Dickens b Barker 3. P. Hancock b Barker 7. H. Dimmock c Cox b Webster 4. L. Corbett b Barker 0. C. Dimmock not out 6. extras 5, total 40.

Harpur Sports: D. Matthews lbw b Whitbread 13. J. Richardson c Beech b Whitbread 8. L. Chamberlain lbw b Whitbread 5. K. Simmons b Dimmock (II) 2. R. Jarvis c Dimmock b Hancock 35. C. H. Cox c Whitbread b Lambourne 2. H. Kent c Dimmock b Dickens 15. D. Collison c Dimmock b Whitbread 10. J. Fagg not out 18. G. Webster run out 12. A. Barker b Hancock 0. extras 12, total 131.

HENLOW RECOVER

Fine Bowling by Russell against Airmen

Batting first against R.A.F. Cardington, Henlow made a bad start. The innings closed at 123.

The R.A.F. started quietly, but with the total at 11 Buckley was bowled by Russell and at 23 Seldon was out to a fine catch by L. Lynn. Wood and Clifford took the score to 52 and then three wickets fell for 16 runs. After Binks was run out at 85 the innings soon closed. Scores:—

Henlow: W. Jordan b Drayton 32. F. Thorogood b Drayton 0. A. Swain c and b Drayton 0. G. Goodrich b Drayton 5. R. Faulkner lbw b Drayton 1. L. Lynn b Clifford 7. R. Lynn c and b Birchinal 44. R. Russell c Clifford b Binks 8. A. Carter lbw b Clifford 8. S. Bywaters not out 4. A. R. Carlisle b Drayton 4. extras 10, total 123.

R.A.F. Cardington: W. Seldon c L. Lynn b Russell 4. W. Buckley b Russell 7. Corpl. Clifford b Russell 34. A/C Wood b Russell 9. Sergt. Binks run out 17. A/C Ball c Bywaters b Carlisle 0. A/C Birchinal c Swain b Russell 1. F/S Mason c Goodrich b Swain 6. A/C Austin b Russell 4. A/C Drayton lbw b Russell 1. W/G Weston not out 1. extras 8, total 92.

R.A.F. Cardington v. Upwood

R.A.F. Cardington met Upwood away on Wednesday and the game was drawn. Upwood: 149 for seven wickets.

Cardington: A/C Sparrow c Appleby b Atkinson 2. Mr. Seldon c Richardson b Atkinson 2. Cpl. Clifford b Burdon 31. A/C Barton b Atkinson 0. A/C Lucas c Simmonds b Burdon 0. Sergt. Binks not out 36. F/O Blake b Brown 16. A/C Ball not out 15. extras 18, total for six wickets 120.

VICTORY BY ONE RUN

Kempston's Struggle with Lynton Works

There was an exciting finish to the Lynton Works-Kempston game at Kempston on Saturday, the home side winning by one run. Both sides were below strength.

Lynton, batting first, lost three wickets for six runs. Scutchings then joined Everett and helped to put on 14 runs. Curchin (8) and Pestell (7) carried the score along. At this point Everett, who had opened, was out after a very steady innings. The remaining wickets quickly fell and Lynton's final score was 53. For Kempston, Curtis took five for 28 and Cambers three for 10.

Kempston opened with Tipton and Sid Smith. At 7 Smith was bowled by Spindler. Tipton followed at 10. Dodson and Draper put on 14, but the next two wickets fell very quickly. Then Draper and Cambers, by very careful batting, took the score to 46, when Draper (17), was out. Cambers now did all he could to get the bowling. J. Smith (1) and Godson (2) brought the score to 59. With two wickets to fall and nine runs needed, the match became exciting. Cambers, with R. Smith holding his end up, took the score to 59. With the winning hit made Cambers had a go and was very quickly out. Kempston thus won a very keen game by one run. The collection for Club funds came to 10s. Scores:—

Lynton Works: Everett b A. Curtis 15, Corke b L. Cambers 0, Litchfield b A. Curtis 1, Spindler b A. Curtis 0, Scutchings c Stan Smith b A. Curtis 7, Curchin b A. Curtis 8, Pestell c A. Curtis b Stan Smith 7, Fountain b L. Cambers 1, Thewles not out 7, Armstrong b L. Cambers 1, Beardsmore c L. Cambers b Stan Smith 1, extras 10, total 58.

Kempston: Sid Smith b P. Spindler 3, W. Tipton b P. Spindler 6, R. Dodson b P. Spindler 8, W. Draper b H. Everett 17, A. Curtis c Scutchings b P. Spindler 2, Stan Smith b Litchfield 0, L. Cambers b P. Spindler 12, J. Smith b H. Everett 1, E. Godson b H. Everett 2, R. Smith b H. Everett 1, F. Bell not out 0, extras 7, total 59.

BIGGLESWADE'S TWO VICTORIES

Big Scores Against a Luton Side

Both the first and second Biggleswade teams defeated Kent's Athletic, Luton, on Saturday. Playing at Luton, the team put their opponents in first and removed them for a total of 101. Biggleswade scored 169 for the loss of only four wickets. Scores:—

Kent's Athletic: G. Herringshaw c Miller b Giles 22, R. R. Pearson c Banes b Whiteman 1, F. R. Chatterley b Whiteman 1, D. Grady c Miller b Giles 18, C. Izzard b Bowles 0, H. Whiteley not out 36, B. King b Griffiths 0, B. Henry c Huckle b Whiteman 2, A. Collis b Whiteman 2, W. Whitmee c Rogers b Bowles 1, H. Palmer b Whiteman 0, extras 18, total 101. Bowling: E. Whiteman five for 22.

Biggleswade: F. Rogers b Pearson 7, P. Miller not out 74, R. J. Huckle b Pearson 0, R. Griffiths b Pearson 0, P. Bowes b Pearson 24, M. King not out 65, extras 5, total for four wickets 169. A. Giles, F. J. Banes, E. Whiteman, F. Gillard, and P. Bowles did not bat.

Bowling: R. Pearson four for 37.

CHEAP WICKETS

The Biggleswade second team also put their opponents in to bat at Biggleswade. The home bowling was strong and Kent's were all out for 84. Young (three for 5) took some cheap wickets, and Revels bowled well to get four for 20. Young also distinguished himself with the bat, knocking up the second highest score for Biggleswade. Scores:—

Kent's Athletic 2nd: A. Maguire b Huckle 8, F. Winstanley c Ashby b L. Revels 4, H. Smith b Young 1, Moody c Ashby b Young 0, Lewis b Young 0, G. Winstanley b L. Revels 32, Thomas c Ashby b L. Revels 11, H. Hornsby b Gauge 8, Williams b Smith 2, F. Smith b L. Revels 5, T. Reece not out 5, extras 8, total 84. Bowling: L. Revels four for 20, G. Young three for 5.

Biggleswade 2nd: E. Revels c F. Smith b Hornsby 1, G. Young run out 27, H. Vickers b Maguire 5, V. Gauge c H. Smith b Maguire 1, L. Revels b Maguire 18, J. Ashby b Moody 0, R. Huckle c F. Winstanley b Lewis 37, P. Stokes c Reece b Moody 0, A. Rutt c F. Winstanley b Moody 1, L. H. Collings b Hornsby 1, S. Smith not out 16, extras 1, total 103.

THE GUILF OF VETERANS

Redman and Geary Play Well for Clarence

Excellent bowling by the veterans, Redman (five for 15) and G. Geary (three for 20), helped to give the Clarence a comfortable victory over the Bedfs. and Hert. Depot at Kempston Barracks on Saturday. Minns had two wickets for no runs, and the only batsman to offer serious resistance were Kendall and Buckley. Sabey, Dickens, Knight, and Redman were in good batting form for the winners. Scores:—

Bedfs. and Hert. Depot: Lack c Sabey b Geary 1, Kendall c Bennett b Redman 18, Moles c Green b Geary 9, Buckley c Bennett b Redman 17, Wickham b Geary 4, Broadhead b Redman 1, Aldrich b Redman 0, Hunt b Minns 1, Barton b Minns 1, Sheppard b Redman 0, Sprigle not out 5, extras 7, total 64.

Bedford Clarence: C. Dickens ret'd. 30, T. Minns b Broadhead 8, F. Sabey b Broadhead 40, J. Hulatt c Sheppard b Kendall 0, R. Millman b Sheppard 9, M. Green b Kendall 0, S. Knight lbw b Hunt 17, F. Redman c Sheppard b Barton 16, C. J. Dickens not out 4, extras 9, total (for 8 wks.) 133.

OTHER MATCHES

Old Warden v. Potton

Played at Old Warden and won by Potton by 31 runs. Scores:—

Old Warden: A. Webb 10, P. Bayliss 4, G. Berridge 8, A. Elliman 0, N. Dunger 0, H. Green 0, G. Bayliss 10, G. Mayes 2, D. Webb 0, A. Cooper 4, E. Groom 2, C. Clark 0, extras 4, total 44.

Potton: F. Paice 8, S. Berry 26, W. Payne 0, L. Boston 8, R. Edwards 2, T. B. Kitchener 4, H. Gurney 7, S. Sharman 0, R. Page 4, J. Drew 0, E. Gurney 6, K. Hardy 6, extras 4, total 75.

Henlow 2nd XI v. Three Counties Mental Hospital "A"

Against a strong Three Counties Mental Hospital "A" team on Saturday Henlow Seconds scored a somewhat unexpected victory. Scores:—

Henlow: E. Smith c Yates b Smith 7, J. Mays b Yates 0, G. Day b Champion 18, A. Mabbitt c Robinson b Bramall 9, A. W. Payne c Champion b Bramall 2, P. Bywaters b Bircumshaw 4, K. Jones run out 3, D. Hann b Robinson 2, S. Russell not out 26, R. Legate b Smith 12, W. Putterer b Robinson 5, extras 5, total 93.

Three Counties Mental Hospital "A": R. Haywood c Legate b Mays 0, H. Bramall not out 47, G. Smith b Mays 2, J. Yates c Payne b Mays 0, W. Champion lbw b Mays 3, Dr. Willard b Mays 0, Reg Robinson b Mays 9, H. Pogmore c Legate b Mays 2, E. Bircumshaw b Payne 5, I. Ward lbw b Payne 0, R. Robinson c Bywaters b Legate 1, total 69.

Bowling: Mays seven for 22, Payne two for 6, Legate one for 14.

Pulloxhill v. Luton Montrose

Pulloxhill, playing their last home match of the season on Saturday, beat Luton Montrose in a low-scoring game by two runs. Scores:—

Luton Montrose: 32.
Pulloxhill: W. S. Dollimore 1, E. Ash-ton 0, E. H. Parker 7, R. F. Parker 14, P. Parker 1, S. Webb 0, H. F. Parker 0, J. Dimmock 0, B. Jelle 1, C. H. Vass 0, H. Hill not out 0, extras 10, total 34.

Luton Davis v. Flitwick Ramblers 2nd

On Saturday Flitwick Ramblers' second eleven visited Davis Athletic (Luton) and lost by thirteen runs. Scores:—

Davis Athletic: 92.
Ramblers 2nd: C. Matthews 13, T. Burrows 2, F. Washington 1, C. Phillimore 16, E. Washington 31, L. Sabey 5, W. Wynn 1, G. Elliott 0, R. Baker 0, W. Moyses not out 8, H. Bonner 2, total 79.

London Brick Company Sports v. Tottenham Gas Co., Hitchin

Played at the Bury Ground, Arlesey. Scores:—

London Brick Company: B. Breacher 2, P. Cooper 0, E. Albon 36, A. Cousins 0, A. Ashmore 13, J. Tasker 18, J. West 10, V. Edmunds 1, J. Pettifer 4, W. Houghton 10, S. Breacher not out 3, extras 6, total 103.

Tottenham Gas Company: 48.

Letchworth v. R.A.F., Henlow

Played at Letchworth. Scores:—

Letchworth: 153.
R.A.F. Henlow: Sergt. Collier 9, Corpl. Smith 12, Corpl. Bargent 11, Corpl. Punter 13, P/O Boswell 0, Sievwright 12, Sergt. Bignell 2, Buchanan 2, Richardson 24, Elliott not out 14, Wolfenden 0, extras 4, total 103.

R.A.F. Henlow v. R.A.F. Uxbridge

Played at Henlow. Scores:—

R.A.F. Uxbridge: 191 for five wickets.
R.A.F. Henlow: Corpl. Smith 15, Corpl. Punter 7, Buchanan 1, Sievwright 3, Horwood 2, Elliott 36, Wilson 20, Brinfield 5, P/O Dixey 21, Corpl. Harris 2, Wolfenden 1, extras 9, total 131.

R.A.F. Henlow v. De Havilland

Played at Henlow. Scores:—

De Havilland: 119.
R.A.F. Henlow: Corpl. Smith 33, Corpl. Bargent 39, Sievwright 1, F/Lieut. Robinson 5, Barrie 0, Elliott 24, Dr. Wilson not out 11, Horwood not out 3, extras 13, total for six wickets 129.

A LATE STAND

Saves Flitwick Ramblers from Defeat

Markyate batted first when they visited Flitwick Ramblers on Saturday. They declared at tea-time with the score 143 for six wickets.

When the Ramblers batted J. Godfrey was bowled without a run being scored. Wickets fell very quickly to the fine bowling of A. Palmer and R. Cain, and eight men were out with only 36 runs scored. E. Bonner joined H. Gazeley and they made a stand. While Gazeley did most of the scoring Bonner kept his end up. Gazeley reached his half-century and just later the hundred went up. But with the third ball of the last over H. Gazeley was bowled. The Ramblers' captain's innings included eight fours and one six. His ninth-wicket partnership with E. Bonner realized 76 runs. J. Parker came in to play the last three balls, thus saving the Ramblers from defeat. Scores:—

Markyate: H. Archer b N. Gazeley 1, E. Betts b L. Taylor 59, B. Norris b L. Jeeves 6, T. Mitchell b L. Taylor 12, A. Palmer b L. Taylor 57, J. Caswell b L. Taylor 0, R. Cain not out 1, R. Fairry not out 2, extras 5, total for six wickets declared 143.

J. Gamole, S. Sperry, and V. Farr did not bat.

Ramblers: L. Jeeves c B. Norris b A. Palmer 0, J. Godfrey b A. Palmer 0, K. Cousins c E. Betts b A. Palmer 7, N. Gazeley b R. Cain 4, R. Thompson lbw b A. Palmer 0, G. Gazeley st H. Archer b R. Cain 7, H. Gazeley b A. Palmer 65, L. Taylor b R. Cain 0, T. Norris c H. Archer b R. Cain 9, E. Bonner not out 16, J. Parker not out 0, extras 4, total for nine wickets 112.

BEDFORD LEAGUE

Caldecote Make Sure of Premier Division

Caldecote first eleven, by their big victory over Ickwell on Saturday at Caldecote, became champions of the Premier Division of the Bedford and District League.

Ickwell could score only 24 and Caldecote replied with 132. C. Odell scoring over half a century. A fine display of hitting was given by A. Clark, who got three fours in succession. He scored 39. For Caldecote C. Odell took six for 8 and A. Clark four for 12. Caldecote's record in the League to date is: played 13, won 11, drawn 2, points 24. Scores:—

Ickwell: D. Humphries c King b Clark 0, J. Turnbull b Clark 2, G. Reeks lbw b Clark 0, E. Edwards c Brunt b Odell 5, H. Newell c Clark b Odell 1, C. Jeeves 5, J. Bowles b Odell 4, G. Parrish b Odell 1, K. Young c King b Odell 0, C. Thompson not out 6, A. Brunt c Price b Clark 0, F. Wilsher c Maclean b Odell 2, extras 3, total 23.

Caldecote: E. Randall lbw b Parrish 0, W. Bygraves run out 13, H. Price b Parrish 0, C. Odell not out 54, F. Stacey st Edwards b Reeks 7, A. Brunt st Edwards b Reeks 9, J. Bowles b Parrish 0, A. Clark c & b Jeeves 39, A. Bowles b Jeeves 0, E. King c Humphries b Jeeves 1, D. L. Maclean b Jeeves 0, extras 9, total 132.

Division II (Northern Section)

Harrold v. Bedford Baptists

Played at Harrold. Scores:—
Harrold: W. Sheppard 21, J. Drage 2, A. C. Walker 0, S. Swannell 17, L. Thew 0, R. Chambers 1, B. Parrish 16, A. Larkins 2, S. Coleman 1, H. Clark 2, E. Peach 0, extras 3, total 65.

Baptists: R. Proudlock 0, G. Graham 1, A. Wiles 3, G. Gill 0, C. Harris not out 10, J. Wootton 2, C. Whitbread 2, W. Rutter 0, total 18.

Little Staughton v. Stevington

Played at Stevington. Scores:—
Stevington: R. Purser 2, 12; S. Jefferies 0, 5; L. Aspley 7, 3; A. Dudley 3, 7; W. Field 2, 1; L. Cook 0, 8; D. Goldsmith 10, 3; T. Bowyer 1, 1; W. Lawson 0, 1; J. Middleton 0, 0; T. Church 0, 0; extras 6, 8; totals 31, 49.

Little Staughton: E. Topham 9, 0; V. Banks 14, 0; H. Parker 1, 8; C. Brown 18, 2; S. Marshall 0, 15; S. Hall 1, 3; L. Saunders 5, 3; B. Ruff 0; J. Jordan 1; T. Caress 1; H. Hopperton 0; extras 6, 3; totals 56, 38.

Great Staughton v. Great Barford 1st XI

Played at Great Staughton. The home side were routed for 18 by Favell (five for 9) and C. Draper (four for 8). Scores:—

Great Staughton: T. Stratton c H. Favell b C. Draper 0, G. Hackett c H. Favell b C. Draper 0, C. Maves c P. Usher b H. Favell 1, R. Ball c W. Norman b C. Draper 5, A. Mumford c P. Usher b H. Favell 1, W. Ekins b C. Draper 0, C. Franklyn not out 7, J. Malle run out 1, R. Hawkins b H. Favell 0, V. Dawes c Draper b H. Favell 2, B. Pell b H. Favell 0, extras 1, total 18.

Great Barford: W. Norman b G. Hackett 37, C. Kirby b T. Stratton 0, P. Usher c Briggs b Franklyn 13, S. Norman c Ball b J. Hackett 2, W. Pettitt c Hawkins b G. Hackett 5, J. B. Robinson b G. Hackett 0, H. Favell c Stratton b G. Hackett 0, C. Draper c Ball b Franklyn 1, E. Minney c and b Hackett 0, R. Smith b Hackett 1, B. Norman not out 0, extras 2, total 67.

Division II (Southern Section)

Oakley v. Marston 2nd

Played at Marston. Oakley won by 20 runs. Scores:—

Oakley: B. Saunders 2, F. Rainbow 0, J. Newell 1, S. Gillett 2, B. Stapleton 3, E. Newell 8, W. Filer 0, D. Parker 8, P. Pedder 0, R. Berry 8, R. Copperwheat not out 12, extras 1, total 45.

Marston 2nd: H. Stapleton 4, J. Evans 2, H. Brightman 0, J. Gentle 0, S. Knight not

out 0, A. Goodman 3, F. Ellis 0, V. Roffe 1, L. O'dell 0, H. Gentle 5, D. Lunnon 4, extras 6, total 25.

Division III

Great Barford 2nd v. Ravensden and Wilden

Played at Great Barford, the visitors winning by 34 runs. Scores:—

Ravensden and Wilden: J. Ashpole c Evans b Smith 2, B. Peet lbw b Evans 10, J. Fensome b Evans 15, C. Briars b Smith 3, S. Briars b Smith 0, B. Swepstone b Smith 0, L. Whitmore b Smith 7, N. Fensome b Smith 8, S. Whitmore b Evans 4, J. Jones b Smith 0, H. Fensome not out 1, extras 7, total 57, C. Smith seven for 25.

Great Barford: H. Norman b Ashpole 6, D. Jones run out 14, C. Smith run out 0, N. Evans b Peet 0, R. Cooper c Ashpole b Peet 0, G. Bartram b Ashpole 0, H. Reid b Ashpole 1, S. Green b Ashpole 3, R. Cambers not out 1, C. Mayhew b Peet 3, extras 1, total 23.

HARVEST BEFORE CRICKET

Ridgmont Just Behind at Stagsden

The match between Stagsden and Ridgmont played at Stagsden on Saturday, was won by the home club by seven runs. Both clubs played weak sides owing to harvest operations. For Stagsden Beard had five wickets for few runs. For the visitors Jack Dempsey took four for four. Scores:—

Ridgmont: P. Beasley b Abney 9, L. Evans c Anthony b Woolston 7, B. Rose run out 15, J. Dempsey st G. Newman b Beard 6, T. Barnes b Beard 1, R. Cook c Vincent b Beard 3, R. Wright c Vincent b Beard 0, W. Hirdle not out 1, W. Wilson b Beard 0, E. Blake st G. Newman b Benson 2, L. Lancaster b Benson 0, extras 2, total 37.

Stagsden: H. Newman run out 1, F. Beard c Cook b Dempsey 9, G. Newman run out 11, C. Anthony b Dempsey 0, W. Woolston c Blake b Dempsey 1, J. Abney b Rose 0, R. Burton b Rose 8, L. Flate not out 3, F. Frossell c Evans b Dempsey 9, R. Alder b Rose 7, extras 0, total 44.

THURLEIGH v. KEYSOE

Owing to harvest work Keysoe could play only seven men. The scoring on both sides was low. Thurleigh were all out for 31, S. Stapleton taking seven wickets for 17. Keysoe's modest reply was 17, J. C. Thorne taking four for 8 and F. W. Asplin two for 5. Scores:—

Thurleigh: R. W. Lovell lbw b S. Stapleton 1, F. W. Holley c sub b S. Stapleton 4, F. Osborn st Ruff b Stapleton 0, A. G. Bull c Woolston b Stapleton 5, J. C. Thorne b T. Freeman 1, S. H. Asplin b Stapleton 6, F. W. Asplin b T. Freeman 0, G. J. Gammons not out 10, P. Berrill run out 1, J. Wagstaff b Stapleton 0, L. W. Franklin lbw b Stapleton 1, extras 2, total 31.

Keysoe: S. Stapleton b W. Asplin 1, T. Freeman b J. Thorne 6, T. Ruff b W. Asplin 0, R. Woodward b J. Thorne 2, P. Woolston b J. Thorne 2, C. Maddison not out 2, V. Stapleton b J. Thorne 0, extras 4, total 17.

CENTURY BY SCRIVENER FOR SHIRE HALL

At Luton on Saturday the Shire Hall won an exciting game against Commer Cars, Luton. Commer Cars batted first and compiled 201 runs. Prigmore taking four wickets for 48 runs. Scrivener and Fowler opened the Shire Hall's innings and at once runs came at a good pace. At 73 Fowler was bowled, but Scrivener continued in excellent style and completed his century without giving a chance. Scores:—

Commer Cars: 201.
Shire Hall: Scrivener not out 105, Fowler b Rees 27, Davis b Bandy 2, Prigmore c Hodges b Fuller 29, Tookey lbw b Fuller 3, Chissell not out 12, extras 27, total for four wickets 207.

CRICKET

FRIENDLIES

Three Counties Hospital v. Bedford Town.

Bedford Angus v. Shire Hall.
Luton v. Works v. R.A.F. Cardington.
R.A.F. Cranfield v. Woburn.

Woburn v. Radlett.
Wolverton Town v. Stewartby Works.
Crayke Works v. The Depot Bedfs. and Sports Regiment.

Bedford Town 2nd XI v. Queen's Works.
Biggleswade v. Flitwick Ramblers.

Wardley v. Old Warden.
Air Ministry v. R.A.F. Henlow 2nd XI.
Flitwick Ramblers 2nd XI v. Biggleswade 2nd XI.

Olney Town v. Shire Hall 2nd XI.
Stewartby Works 2nd XI v. Wolverton Technical College.

Leighton Buzzard v. Luton.
Luton 2nd XI v. Leighton Buzzard 2nd XI.

BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

Premier Division

Caldecote v. Everton.
Felmersham v. Harpur Sports.
Luton Works v. Ickwell.
Marston v. Kempston.

First Division

Forders Elstow v. Great Staughton.
Ridgmont v. Cople.
Goldington v. Thurleigh.
Keysoe v. Clapham.

Second Division (Southern Section)

North Crawley v. Queen's Juniors.
Britannia Works v. Oakley.

Second Division (Northern Section)

Great Staughton 2nd v. Great Barford.
Harrold v. Baptist.
Trades Club v. Stevington.
Sharnbrook v. Little Staughton.

Second Division (Eastern Section)

Everton 2nd v. R.A.F. Cardington.
Coburn v. Goldington 2nd.
Woodbury v. Tempsford.

Third Division

Great Barford 2nd v. Luton Works 2nd.
Caldecote 2nd v. Tempsford 2nd.
Ickwell 2nd v. Wilden and Ravensden.
Pottenhall v. R.B.S.
Blunham 2nd v. Renhold.

CRICKET LEAGUE

Marston Dismissed for Nineteen Runs

Marston were dismissed for the lowly score of 19 by Kempston at Marston on Saturday. Smith taking six wickets for three runs. Copperwheat took eight wickets for 17 runs for Marston, but Kempston won, scoring 38. Scores:—

Marston: C. Rowe b Smith 0, A. Stapleton b Smith 2, W. Swales lbw b Smith 2, R. Berry b Cambers 1, L. Odell st Smith b Smith 1, A. Peddar c Smith b Smith 1, F. Bunker c Draper b Smith 2, J. Nicholls run out 0, C. Copperwheat b Cambers 6, V. Rolfe not out 0, D. Lunnon c Turner b Cambers 3, extras 1, total 19.

Kempston: W. Tipton c Berry b Copperwheat 2, W. Draper c Rolfe b Copperwheat 12, S. Faulkner c Peddar b Copperwheat 0, F. Bell b Swales 0, L. Cambers c Copperwheat b Swales 0, R. Turner c Copperwheat b Copperwheat 11, R. Dodson c Faulkner b Copperwheat 8, R. Smith not out 2, S. Smith c Lunnon b Copperwheat 2, A. Curtis c Faulkner b Copperwheat 2, Stan Smith c Stapleton b Copperwheat 0, extras 1, total 38.

Division I

Ridgmont v. Cople

Cople, with the small score of 43, which included a not out innings of 15 by S. Welch, beat the home side by 19 runs. Ridgmont could muster only nine men. Scores:—

Ridgmont: R. Wright 2, R. Cook 2, R. Goodfellow 0, D. Wight 3, J. Fisher 1, J. Dempsey 2, R. Simms 1, W. Wilson 11, P. Beasley not out 2, extras 0, total 24. B. Hillyard took four for 9.

Cople: B. Hillyard 0, W. Hartwell 0, G. Collins 4, G. Bartram 4, B. Hull 5, R. Minney 0, C. Hillyard 1, R. Norman 3, G. Welch not out 15, D. Shingler 0, J. Burridge not out 5, extras 6, total for nine wickets 43. Rain stopped play.

Division II (Northern Section)

Harrold v. Great Barford

Played at Harrold. Scores:— Great Barford: P. Usher st Larkins b Lyman 27, C. Kirby c Peach b Clarke 3, W. Norman lbw b Lyman 0, K. Tatman b Shellard 8, S. Norman b Lyman 2, C. Draper c Lyman b Clarke 1, W. Pettitt b Shellard 0, E. Minney lbw b Swannell 0, J. B. Robinson c Lyman b Shellard 0, C. Croft not out 1, total 42.

Harrold: W. Shellard c E. Minney b C. Draper 4, A. Lyman b C. Draper 2, J. Drage c E. Minney b W. Norman 9, S. Swannell c K. Tatman b C. Draper 3, B. Parris b P. Usher 4, total 26 for five wickets.

Sharnbrook v. Little Staughton

Played at Sharnbrook. Scores:— Sharnbrook: Allen b Saunders 0, Gray run out 13, Martin b Robins 6, Wildman c Parker b Robins 4, Howe st b Banks 0, Dowdeswell c Banks b Robins 14, Boyles b Saunders 8, Payne c Quenby b Bance 3, Jaquest c Ruff b Robins 0, Pacey b Saunders 5, Bance not out 0, extras 2, total 55.

Little Staughton: Topham b Bance 1, Banks b Martin 25, Saunders c Dowdeswell b Payne 0, Hall lbw b Bance 10, Marshall c Dowdeswell b Martin 6, Robins c Gray b Martin 0, Parker c Pacey b Martin 1, Jordan c Allen b Martin 3, Quenby run out 0, Ruff b Bance 4, Parker not out 0, extras 0, total 50 (Martin five for 15).

Division III

Great Barford 2nd v. Lynton Works

Played at Great Barford. Scores:— Great Barford 2nd: D. Jones c Dinsdale b Fuller 15, H. Norman st Pratt b Hills 5, G. Mardlin c Pratt b Hills 2, R. Cambers c Kermeen b Spice 9, C. Smith st Pratt b Hills 10, R. Cooper b Spice 4, S. Green c Kermeen b Hills 4, N. Evans b Ferguson 3, G. Bartram b Hills 1, C. Mayhew b Hills 0, E. Minney not out 1, total 54.

Lynton Works: Spice c Cambers b Smith 0, Beardmore lbw b Bartram 20, Pratt b Smith 0, Wilson lbw b Evans 0, Ferguson b Smith 1, Fuller b Smith 3, Kermeen b Bartram 12, Cheverton b Bartram 2, Dinsdale c Cambers b Smith 8, Meadows b Smith 0, Hills not out 4, extras 3, total 53.

Wilden and Ravensden v. Ickwell 2nd

Played at Ickwell. Scores:— Ickwell: L. Edwards c L. Whitmore b Peet 13, R. Woodward c L. Whitmore b Peet 1, J. Harriss b Peet 2, F. Tuck c Pell b Peet 16, K. Ebbs b Ashpole 2, E. Reeks b L. Whitmore 16, H. Norman c S. Briars b Ashpole 1, G. Thompson c L. Whitmore b Ashpole 0, G. Woodward not out 6, G. Marson b Peet 1, A. Brunt b Peet 0, extras 8, total 66.

Wilden and Ravensden: B. Peet lbw b Norman 15, J. Fensome not out 18, S. Briars run out 5, C. Briars c Reeks b Harriss 0, G. Pell lbw b Edwards 4, J. Ashpole b Edwards 6, L. Whitmore b Norman 15, B. Swepston run out 2, extras 6, total 71 for seven wickets. N. Fensome, S. Whitmore, and H. Fensome did not bat.

CLARENCE OUT OF LUCK

The Clarence were out of luck against Harpur Sports on Saturday, having to be satisfied with a draw. Scores:—

Bedford Clarence: C. Dickens b Farr 22, F. Sabey c Thompson b Kent 22, T. Minns c Farr b Webster 11, J. Hulatt b Farr 28, D. Bennett b Kent 32, Draper c Cox b Webster 12, M. Green not out 27, extras 12, total 166 for six wickets declared.

Harpur Sports: C. Cox b J. Hulatt 16, Barr c Bennett b Redman 5, Thompson b J. Hulatt 1, E. Litchfield c Draper b J. Hulatt 8, Jarvis b Redman 12, J. Richardson lbw b Geary 0, Matthews c Minns b Geary 5, Farr c Dickens b Geary 5, Kent not out 6, Fagg not out 0, extras 4, total 62 for eight wickets.

OUT IN FOURTEEN OVERS

Queen's Meet a Bowler of Merit

The Bedford Town second eleven scored a runaway victory on Saturday when they defeated Queen's Works by 156 runs. Thanks to a fine bowling feat by Humphreys, who captured eight wickets for 25 runs, the Works were dismissed for the extremely low total of 49 runs. Thirty-two of these were contributed by two batsmen, King and Cork, who were the only two to reach double figures. Queen's innings lasted only fourteen overs. They had only four regular first team players. Scores:—

Bedford Town 2nd XI: V. J. Harris c Gazeley b Coles 67, E. F. Barcock c Coles b Cork 16, P. H. Humphreys c King b Thompson 13, L. P. Phillips c Brandon b Coles 17, H. F. Stokes c Gazeley b Brandon 36, T. N. Whalley c Thompson b Coles 4, J. C. Sleightholm c Collingridge b Cork 17, R. F. Ferriman not out 16, C. W. Rawlins not out 9, extras 10, total (for 7 wks. dec.) 205. Bowling: Coles three for 46, Cork two for 41.

Queen's Works: S. Dodd b Humphreys 0, A. Coles b Rawlins 0, R. T. King st Phillips b Humphreys 18, D. A. Thompson c Phillips b Rawlins 3, R. W. Collingridge b Humphreys 1, R. D. Cork b Humphreys 14, B. F. Gazeley not out 5, R. I. Odell b Humphreys 0, H. F. Boyse st Phillips b Humphreys 2, F. H. Knight b Humphreys 2, H. A. Brandon b Humphreys 2, extras 2, total 49.

KIMBOLTON HOME BY SEVEN RUNS

Eaton Socon lost at home to Kimbolton on Saturday by seven runs. Scores:—

Eaton Socon: W. Pope b Dewey 3, J. Smith b Dewey 14, F. Bass b Payne 44, A. Trolley b Nichols 36, W. Jefferies c Payne b Dewey 3, R. Bentham b Dewey 0, H. Topham c Hone b Dewey 6, W. Payne lbw b Dewey 0, B. Johnson b Nichols 7, F. Ashwell c Lilley b Nichols 0, R. Ayres not out 1, total 114.

Kimbolton: J. R. Hone lbw b Jefferies Topham 2, R. Horsford c Bass b Bentham 5, J. Nichols not out 57, V. Horsford b 10, H. Robins c Ayres b Jefferies 32, J. 121.—J. Dewey, J. Lilley, J. Payne, and Compton c Payne b Topham 4, J. Brawn not out 4, extras 2, total for five wickets F. Hunt did not bat.

CRICKET

FRIENDLIES

Luton v. Bedford Town.
Kimbolton v. Harpur Sports.
Woburn v. Flitwick Ramblers.
St. Neots v. Bedford Town II.
Old Warden v. Crayke Works.
Bromham v. Amptill O.M.H.
Stewartby Works II v. Bedford Argus.
Wolverton Technical College Old Boys v. Amptill.
Hitchin Town v. R.A.F. Henlow.
Northampton Brewery v. R.A.F. Carlington.
Weston Underwood v. Shire Hall II.
King's Langley v. Leighton Buzzard.
R.A.F. Henlow II v. Hitchin Town II.
Leighton Buzzard II v. King's Langley II.

BEDFORD LEAGUE

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First Division

Forder's Elstow v. Thurlleigh.
Stagsden v. Clapham.
Coldington v. Keysoe.
Great Staughton v. Ridgmont.

Second Division—Northern Section

Baptist v. Harrold.
Sharnbrook v. Trades Club.
Little Staughton v. Great Barford.

Eastern Section

Everton II v. Goldington II.

Third Division

Great Barford II v. R.B.S.
Lynton Works v. Renhold.
Tempsford II v. Pertenhall.
Ickwell II v. Blunham II.

The Bedford Town first eleven fixture with the Three Counties Hospital, at Arlesey on Saturday, was cancelled owing to the condition of the ground following the recent heavy rains.

BEDFORD PICK STRONG TEAM FOR VISIT TO LEICESTER

The "Tigers" Hope that Prominent Men will be Available

To-morrow the Bedford and Leicester Clubs are due to open the Rugby season with a game at Welford Road, Leicester, a fixture that has been played for some years. At the time of writing the international outlook is still unsettled, and when these notes are read the shadows may have darkened or the clouds lifted. I hope, writes A. R., that the clouds have gone and that the outlook is bright. But, international situation or no international situation, arrangements are being made to fulfil football programmes and both Leicester and Bedford have selected teams for their annual clash.

These teams must be governed by the calls of national defence, but it is hoped that both clubs will be well represented. Bedford, like their hosts of to-morrow, have players who are members of the Territorials and defence units, but it is thought that unless there is a more serious turn in affairs their men will be able to turn out. Leicester, on the other hand, have three first-team men away from the city on duty now, Barr, Edwards, and Bottrill, and on Wednesday there was much doubt whether Herbert and Anthony, two forwards, would be available. However, optimistic Leicester have included these players in the fifteen chosen to meet Bedford.

BEDFORD BETTER BALANCED

Let us presume that all is well and look at the sides as though they are sure to turn out as selected. Will Bedford win



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at Leicester for the fourth year in succession? I think that they will, for their fifteen is better balanced than the "Tigers" team and they will go on the field with the knowledge of three victories to their credit in the last three years. Bedford will be led by Gilbert Cook and he will have a very strong combination to command. The team, which no follower can quarrel about, is as follows: J. E. I. Grey, T. D. Thevenard, J. G. Rogers, E. H. Walshe, and V. J. Lytle; M. E. Staples and R. Smyth; G. T. Dancer, B. J. McMaster, G. A. Kelly, R. Willsher, A. E. Cook, J. G. Cook, H. J. Irens, and O. V. Bevan.

Leicester have selected the following: Bar; Cooke, Squibbs, Edwards, and Pearce; Taylor and Gadney; Boldsworth, Ridgeway, Herbert, Jerwood, Doc, Anthony Richards, and Berry. J. T. W. Berry is again captain, and he will be glad to have in the side once more Bernard Gadney, who has thrown in his lot with Leicester after a short spell with Headingley, who will be Bedford's visitors next week. Gadney still holds a teaching appointment at Leeds, however. Great hopes are held of Pearce, a sturdy winger, who, in the words of a Leicester colleague, "needs a lot of holding". He is last year's captain of the Uppingham fifteen. Our D. L. K. Milman is another product of Uppingham. On the opposite wing will be Cooke, a local boy, who played for Leicester a few times a couple of seasons ago. He had to give up the game on account of an injury to an arm. Otherwise, I think that the names are well known to Bedford supporters.

OPINION UNALTERED

Let us examine the prospects of the Bedford Club in the light of what was revealed at the practice game last Saturday and let me give you one or two news items. First of all the trial impressions.

Before the trial it was agreed that the prospects of the Club were bright and, with ordinary luck, another season of high

performance was in store. After seeing the trial there is no reason to alter that opinion, which is not one of the usual pre-season optimistic sort based on hope rather than on knowledge.

We all knew that the Club, with all last year's men available, was in a happy position regarding playing strength, and Saturday's practice revealed that there is an even greater wealth of talent than was expected. Let us take the two key positions at half-back to begin with. How many teams suffer through being poorly served at the link between pack and "threes"? A good many fifteens I'll wager. Yet look at Bedford. Smyth, Staples, Lovelace, and Kenney (last year's Leeds University team skipper) are all fitted to take their places at the base of the scrum or at fly-half, where Coleman is also available, not to mention players who normally figure at three-quarter who are equally at home there.

Likewise at three-quarter and forward the Club has no reason for anxiety with so many promising youngsters ready to challenge for places, and if Grey, at full-back, has the misfortune to get hurt or has to be absent from the team for any other reason, Coleman or Prigmore could well deputize for him.

While, on the subject of backs, I hear that it is possible Walshe may be joining the Fleet Air Arm, and that being so his appearances with the Bedford side may be limited. He will be missed very much if report is correct. And then there is Jimmy Power, a regular back of last season. I believe it is the Club's intention to convert him into a forward. He played one game in the pack at the back end of last season and shaped very well. However, his defence as a back was very valuable last winter.

Jimmy and his brother George were unable to take part in Saturday's trial. George is recovering from tonsillitis. Other prominent players who missed the trial included Gilbert Cook, the first fifteen skipper, O. V. Bevan (vice-captain), V. J. Lytle, D. L. K. Milman, G. T. Dancer, A. E. Joy (who will not be able to play at Leicester), D. B. Coleman, C. G. Prigmore, G. L. B. August, and K. V. Percy, and yet the trial was eminently satisfactory. Not because the above players were not there, of course, but because there were so many keen, capable young thoroughbreds on view who kept the better-known players at good stretch. Assistant-Secretary Timmins refereed, and the two sides were in the charge of Rex Willsher, as fit and wholehearted as ever, and Ralph Spark, the irrepressible, who gets as much fun out of the game as any other two players.

A STRONG ARRAY

Willsher had a strong array of tried hands under his command including Grey, Thevenard, Walshe, Rogers, Staples, Smyth, Kelly, McMaster, T. Hall, Irens, Black, Western—and there were some lively clashes and strong running. We saw some excellent pieces of work and some first-class tries, Thevenard, by virtue of his speed and indescribable wriggle of the body, having a generous helping of points. Rogers, Walshe, and Staples also crossed the line and both Irens and Grey added goal points with splendidly-judged kicks from wide out.

All the old players showed that pace and skill were retained and that little needs remedying with the "bellows".

I don't propose to go into detail beyond one or two observations on half-back play, which was interesting in view of the competition for places. Smyth, fully recovered from injury, and Staples quickly struck a happy understanding and should be the regular pair for the opening games of the season. Smyth has no equal in the Club for throwing such a long, accurate pass, and he moves quicker (with a long, raking stride) than is imagined. Staples was an outstanding figure at the trial and played with his head as well as his feet and

hands. In giving this praise I am not detracting from the performances of Lovelace and Kenney. Lovelace was lively and enterprising, although he did not get so much of the ball as Smyth, and he will need a lot of holding down. He is full of good football. Kenney did not have an extended run at scrum-half, but when in that position he displayed likely form. His passing and generalship were good, but his transfers from the base of the scrum had not the length of the Smyth passes, which can be taken going forward; an important point.

So now we must wait for Leicester—some of you Headingley—before we see the team have a real match test.

It should be noted that the away fixture with Northampton has been transferred from Saturday 18th November to Thursday 5th October, as the Saturday date clashed with the Leicestershire and East Midlands match with the Australian tourists at Leicester.

ACCIDENT TO TREVOR THOMAS

It will be with great regret that Rugby supporters will hear that Trevor Thomas,

the Welsh forward who gave such good service to the Bedford Club for several seasons, has had a foot amputated. Trevor, who lives at Woburn Sands, had one foot badly mutilated by machinery at Marston Valley Brickworks at Ridgmont while working on Thursday of last week. He is employed as a pan-feeder. The machinery had to be stopped and reversed to release him. He was taken to the Bedford County Hospital, where the foot was amputated.

