

COUNTY CRICKET AVERAGES

Honours for Owen and Haywood

J. G. Owen heads the Bedfordshire County Cricket Club averages after his first season with the Club, and this versatile player also finds a place in the bowling list. He played in twelve matches, scored 548 runs, and had an average of 45.50. His highest score was 155, made at Cambridge in a partnership with N. E. Browning, who is second in the batting averages. Browning's highest score, also made at Cambridge, was 178, and in fourteen knocks he made 448 runs, giving him an average of 34.46. Jack Oliver is third in the batting list, and fourth in the bowling averages.

A. Haywood, the Three Counties Hospital, Arlesey, stalwart, deservedly leads in the bowling table. He sent down no fewer than 174 overs and took 37 wickets for 518 runs, yielding an average of 14.00.

The details are:—

	BATTING		Highest	R. Score.	Avg.
	Inn.	N.O.			
J. G. Owen	12	0	548	155	45.50
N. E. Browning	14	1	448	178	34.46
J. A. R. Oliver	14	2	392	62	32.66
A. W. E. Winlaw	8	2	177	68	29.50
A. B. Poole	14	4	287	50	28.70
R. de W. K. Winlaw	12	1	302	66	27.45
G. L. B. August	12	0	229	73	19.08
A. E. Cook	5	1	39	18*	9.75
W. D. John	11	1	91	25*	9.10
E. D. Markham	9	1	42	15*	5.25
J. Payne	6	0	31	15	5.16

Under five innings: K. V. Percy, innings 1, not out 0, runs 17, highest score 17, average 17.00; Ward (R. V.), 2, 0, 28, 23, 14.00; C. W. Rawlins, 1, 0, 12, 12, 12.00; A. Capstick, 2, 1, 12, 12*, 12.00; R. G. Wise, 1, 0, 11, 11, 11.00; S. T. Morris, 3, 0, 15, 10, 5.00; H. Radice, 2, 0, 6, 3, 3.00; C. V. A. Colling, 4, 1, 8, 5*, 2.66; E. Page, 3, 0, 6, 3, 2.00; G. Callingham, 1, 0, 2, 2, 2.00; K. C. Campin, 3, 0, 0, 0*, 0.00.

* Signifies not out.

	BOWLING			W.	Av.
	O.	M.	R.		
A. Haywood	174	34	518	37	14.00
J. Payne	74.5	12	228	15	15.20
K. C. Campin	51	5	186	11	16.90
J. A. R. Oliver	165	29	517	29	17.82
J. G. Owen	92.1	10	374	15	24.93
E. D. Markham	99.6	24	340	11	30.90

Under five wickets: G. Callingham, overs 19, maidens 1, runs 64, wickets 3, average 21.33; C. W. Rawlins, 28, 4, 113, 4, 28.25; R. de W. K. Winlaw, 8, 2, 41, 1, 41.00; H. Radice, 8, 2, 0, 61, 1, 61.00; Ward (R. V.), 16, 2, 61, 1, 61.00.

The following bowled without taking a wicket: N. E. Browning, C. L. Oakley, R. G. Wise, A. E. Cook, and G. L. B. August.

RESULTS

- v. Hertfordshire (at Hertford): Hertfordshire led on first innings.
- v. Buckinghamshire (at Slough): Buckinghamshire led on 1st innings.
- v. Oxfordshire (at Bedford): Bedfordshire won by an innings and 89 runs.
- v. Buckinghamshire (at Bedford): Match abandoned.
- v. Hertfordshire (at Bedford): Hertfordshire won by four wickets.
- v. Suffolk (at Luton): Suffolk won by ten wickets.
- v. Cambridgeshire (at Cambridge): Bedfordshire won by an innings and 14 runs.
- v. Suffolk (at Fellxstowe): Suffolk led on first innings.
- v. Oxfordshire (at Oxford): Bedfordshire led on first innings.
- v. Cambridgeshire (at Luton): Cambridgeshire won by three wickets.

A LIFE OF USEFUL SERVICE ENDED.

Death of Mr. Leonard G. Stileman-Gibbard

GRAND OLD MAN OF SPORT

It is with regret that we announce the death of one of the best-known and highly-esteemed figures in Bedfordshire, Mr. Leonard Gibbard Stileman-Gibbard, M.A., J.P., of Glen Lui, Sharnbrook. Mr. Stileman-Gibbard, who was eighty-three, had been ill for a long time, and death took place on Tuesday. The funeral is appointed to take place at Sharnbrook to-morrow (Saturday) at 2.45 p.m. He had led a very full life, characterized by useful service to the County and its people through a wide variety of agencies. He will best be remembered as a County magistrate, an indefatigable temperance worker, and a keen sportsman. He was known as Bedfordshire's Grand Old Man of cricket, a title he won on the field and of which he was rightly proud.

The late Mr. Stileman-Gibbard was born on 22nd June 1856 and was the second son of Major-General William Croughton Stileman, 15th Regiment, Bombay Native Infantry, and of Frances, youngest sister to John Gibbard of Sharnbrook. The family has an interesting descent. William Gibbard, J.P., of Sharnbrook, was Deputy Sheriff of Bedfordshire in 1785 and his son and heir was John Gibbard, J.P., D.L., who married Mary, daughter of Leonard Hampson, whose wife was the daughter of the Rev. William Smith, Vicar of St. Paul's, Bedford, Rector of Barton, Prebendary of Lincoln. This reverend gentleman married Mary Hawes, granddaughter of the founder of the Hawes Charities in Bedford. Descended from Sir Samuel Luke of Cople (the original of "Hudibras"), John Gibbard had nine children of whom another John Gibbard was the eldest and Frances was the youngest. Frances married Major-General W. C. Stileman and she died at Aden in 1863. There were five children of this marriage and the late Mr. Stileman-Gibbard was the second son. He succeeded to the estates in 1871, under the will of his uncle, John Gibbard, and he assumed the additional surname of Gibbard. He married in 1884 Edith Geraldine, elder daughter of Sir Frederic Arrow, Deputy-Master of Trinity House, of Pilgrim's Hall, Essex. This lady, who had associated herself with her husband's varied public activities and had travelled with him round the world, died on 6th August 1928, aged seventy-one, and her loss was much lamented in the parish. There is one daughter, Miss Stileman-Gibbard.

Sharnbrook House, the seat of the family, was let some years ago, when Mr. Stileman-Gibbard built a smaller residence called "Castle Close", which is very pleasantly situated along the road to Colworth. The estates were known in the sixteenth century as Langtons and Parentines, names derived from owners in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries. The property was purchased in 1766. The rectory of Sharnbrook was acquired in 1770 by William Gibbard and passed to his son John. Some years ago Mr. Stileman-Gibbard moved to "Glen Lui", Sharnbrook.

The late Mr. Stileman-Gibbard had three brothers, viz., Arthur William Stileman, Harry Hampshire Stileman, and Charles Harvey Stileman, and a sister, Amy Mary, who died in 1884. Several of his uncles and brothers served in the Army and Royal Navy.

VIGOUR AND EARNESTNESS

There was something about the character of Mr. Stileman-Gibbard that suggests he inherited in no small manner the traits of his sturdy and distinguished ancestor, Sir Samuel Luke, who it will be remembered was governor of Newport Pagnell Garrison in which John Bunyan, as a soldier, is said to have drawn inspiration for his allegory of spiritual things in "The Siege of Mansoul". Describing the squires of that day G. M. Trevelyan observes that

"In the reign of James and Charles I the manor houses of England produced a famous breed of men to sit in Parliament. The earnest personal character of their Protestant religion was combined with a cultured habit of mind and manner of gentlemen who were the ripe products of the English Renaissance." It was this side of the seventeenth-century gentleman, whether Roundhead or Cavalier, that seemed to have been transmitted to the late Mr. Stileman-Gibbard.

Religious work, temperance reform, county administration, and cricket were the principal phases of Mr. Stileman-Gibbard's activities in this County from his early manhood. He was educated at Brighton and at Trinity College, Cambridge, graduating B.A., 1876, and M.A., 1881. In all that he took in hand he was earnest, conscientious, and thorough. He always had the courage of his convictions. His brother magistrates in Quarter Sessions did not always see eye to eye with him, but they respected his ability and sincerity, and knew that any responsibility entrusted to him would be faithfully carried out. Some of his public work may have been distasteful to him, but he was deeply imbued with a sense of public duty. He had been a Justice of the Peace in the Sharnbrook Division since 1879. He became a Deputy Lieutenant in 1906 (resigning his commission early this year) and Deputy Chairman of Quarter Sessions in 1923. He was a member of the Standing Joint Committee for many years, Chairman of the Prison Visiting Committee, an assessor under the Clergy Discipline Act since 1892, a member of the Home Office Advisory Committee, and a member of the Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society, in which he was much interested. He was formerly hon. secretary and treasurer of the Bedfordshire Christian Colportage Society. For many years he was Chairman of the Committee of Management of the Carlton School, which was one of his greatest interests, and his sterling advice to the boys was something that they were likely to remember through life.

In the various questions that Mr. Stileman-Gibbard took in hand he was at pains to make himself master of the subject. He had great intellectual power and was a forcible argumentative speaker. He was often outvoted but never beaten, and generally got his own way in the end. A zealous advocate of temperance, Mr. Stileman-Gibbard was a deeply religious man of the evangelical school and was warmly attached to the Church of England, in which he had been brought up.

A REDOUBTABLE CRICKETER

Most branches of sport claimed Mr. Stileman-Gibbard's interest, but cricket was his principal love. He played until he was seventy-three, giving excellent service to the County eleven and to the Club and Ground. He played in Bedfordshire cricket so far back as 1877 and had been a member of the County Club since its inception. He was chairman of the County Club for many years, retiring from this position at the end of 1935, when he was succeeded by the late Mr. R. W. Rice. Up to the past summer few County or Club and Ground matches were played without he was present. He invariably inspected the wicket with an expert eye and he always had a cheery word for the players.

He was introduced to the game as a boy at school at Brighton and was an accomplished all-rounder, keeping wicket, bowling, and batting with equal success. On going up to Cambridge he played for Trinity College. Mr. Stileman-Gibbard had many notable performances to his credit and he had the honour of playing against an Australian touring side for the South of England in 1886. He scored 46 out of 194, and the opposition bowlers included Giffen, Trumble, and Garrett.

Mr. Stileman-Gibbard retired in 1929 and scored 77 runs and took part in a first-wicket partnership of 135 runs in his last match. As Mr. Frank Crompton, the hon. secretary of the County Club, remarked at the time, "For a gentleman seventy-three years of age this was a very noteworthy feat of endurance in itself. . . . Having now laid aside the bat, Mr. Stileman-Gibbard will be able to reflect with the greatest satisfaction upon his concluding match . . ."

MR. L. G. STILEMAN-GIBBARD

Public People Attend Funeral at Sharnbrook

A simple funeral service for Mr. Leonard Gibbard Stileman-Gibbard, of Glen Lul, Sharnbrook, who died on 19th September at the age of eighty-three years, was attended by people well known in public life at Sharnbrook Parish Church on Saturday afternoon. Mr. Stileman-Gibbard served the County in many ways, but was perhaps best known as a magistrate, temperance worker, and sportsman. He was the "Grand Old Man" of cricket so far as Bedfordshire was concerned; he played in the County XI years ago and continued to take part in club cricket until late in life.

The funeral service was conducted by the Vicar of Sharnbrook, the Rev. C. E. Howlett, and Canon Holmes (late of Milton Ernest). Mr. F. Dickens played the organ for the singing of the hymns "On the Resurrection morning" and "Now the labourer's task is o'er".

The family mourners were Miss Stileman-Gibbard (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Stileman, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stileman, Mr. and Mrs. Arrow, and Mrs. Kenwicke-Cox (nephews and nieces), Miss Beatrice Bettington (first cousin), Dr. Donald Carr (first cousin), Mrs. Harold Padwick (cousin), Nurse T. Horton, and Miss S. Parrott.

Among those who attended the funeral were the Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire (Lord Luke), Sir Anthony Wingfield, Mr. S. H. Whitbread, Lady King-Harman, Miss King-Harman, Colonel and Mrs. R. R. B. Orlebar, Colonel Talbot Jarvis, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Graham, Captain S. H. Starey, Mrs. Talbot Jarvis (Hon. Secretary of the Sharnbrook Nursing Association), Mrs. Collins (Bedford), Miss Joan Wells (representing Mrs. Wells, Toft House, Sharnbrook), Colonel H. O. Wade, Mr. A. R. Alston, Mr. C. D. Linnell, Mr. A. C. Wildman (representing Mr. R. W. Allen, C.B.E., D.L.), Dr. and Mrs. R. Stuart, Miss E. Z. Lucas (British Women's Total Abstinence Union), Mrs. Josselyn, and Mr. J. C. E. Robinson, Dr. Montague Lawrence, Capt. and Mrs. R. Milburn Crowe.

Mr. A. W. Previt , Mrs. C. S. Taylor, Mrs. Fountain, Miss Dickens, Mr. E. Brimley, Mr. E. Brimley, Mr. E. H. Godfrey, Mrs. Mole, Mr. T. H. Pacey, Mr. F. W. Fountain, Mrs. Brown, Mr. W. C. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith, Mr. J. Bromwell, Miss M. Bromwell, Miss Parrott, Mrs. Horrell (representing Mr. E. H. Horrell), Mr. A. F. Wood, Mr. R. Newell, Miss Bayes, Mrs. Higgins, Mrs. Hilton, Miss Pacey, Mr. C. Roberts Gaven, Mr. J. Pike, Mrs. Cooke (representing Mr. H. J. Cooke), and Mr. L. G. Benson (representing the Sharnbrook and Souldrop Flower Show Committee).

Inspector Smith, P.C. Wheeler, P.C. Henry, and P.C. Croft represented the Bedfordshire Constabulary.

Mr. Frank Crompton was to have represented the Bedfordshire County Cricket Club, but illness prevented him from attending.

AN APPRECIATION

BY COLONEL R. R. B. ORLEBAR

We have received the following tribute to Mr. Stileman-Gibbard, coupled with some interesting personal reminiscences, from Colonel R. R. B. Orlebar, one of his oldest friends:—

As one who knew the late Mr. Stileman-Gibbard intimately, not only as a neighbour but as a lifelong friend, will you allow me to supplement your admirable notice of him with a few personal reminiscences.

In boyhood's days he was full of the keenness of youthful sport whether it was in catching the pike in the pools at Sharnbrook House or more often in catapulting blackbirds up the hedges in which he made me very jealous, for he was a much better shot than I was. He thoroughly enjoyed such surroundings of a natural country life, and I always understand

that it was largely for that reason that his uncle, Mr. John Gibbard, who was a well-known sportsman of the old school, at his death in 1871 left him the Sharnbrook property somewhat unexpectedly out of the direct line of succession. My vague recollections of Mr. John Gibbard centre round his spectacles, which he was constantly breaking. They were great round ones and each time he broke them he put the broken bits on a sheet of paper, drew a pencil line round their circumference and sent it to the optician, saying, "Send me another glass exactly this size". The consequence was that they increased in diameter every few months until they became like overlapping windows on his face as I still remember them.

It was in this atmosphere of rather rough and ready sport that his nephew grew up and learnt to thoroughly enjoy everything that came his way, from a wooden boneshaker bicycle (which is still in existence) to the fuller delights of being a hard rider to hounds, a brilliant cricketer, and an excellent shot.

The fact that he had an intense love of this life and excelled in all games, lawn tennis and hockey included, gave honourable prominence to the great decision of his life to peremptorily discard both games and sport because he thought that they interfered with and even ran counter to his sudden resolve to devote himself to the cause of extreme temperance and evangelization. If only he had let the two currents of his life blend at this time instead of separating them rather aggressively he would not have lost an influence with some of his former friends which he afterwards found it difficult to recover. In the years which followed he devoted himself, sometimes with over-strenuous zeal, to the causes which he had so deeply at heart whilst he suppressed the promptings of his sporting life with unabated determination.

Then after his marriage to his warm-hearted and most considerate wife—who died eleven years ago—came a gradual change which all his friends welcomed and looking at sport and games on their best side he entered once more into their field. Through all these years I had been steadily trying to get him to take a normal view of them and had asked him to shoot at Hinwick year after year, but to no purpose. The only answer I got was, "cui bono?", till to my utter astonishment he suddenly accepted an invitation to a day's partridge driving, which I shall never forget. He had parted with his guns and he borrowed a rusty old sixteen-bore from a farmer, which he had never seen till that morning and which hardly looked safe to use. I remember that we were standing behind a plantation and four tall coveys came over his head, and to my admiring astonishment he killed a right ana left out of each of them. It was an extraordinary performance for anybody who until that day had not fired a shot since he was a young man. He was as delighted as I was and there was never any more "cui bono?" after that. Never again did he lose his interest in shooting and it is extraordinary to relate that the very day before his death whilst the nurse was out of his room he got out of bed, put on his dressing gown, went to his study for his gun, and when she returned she found him sitting on his bed having taken the gun to pieces and was cleaning it. What is bred in the bone will come out in the blood!

So it was with his cricket. He loved it to the end. A few days after he had played his last match for Bedfordshire Club and Ground, in which, at the age of seventy-three, he scored 77 and took part in a first wicket-stand of 135, I was sitting with him in his bedroom and he told me that during his innings he had continually felt the pain of a heart attack till at last he could stand it no longer and got out, but he added, "I was stupid not to go on and make a century which I feel sure I could have done".

At the time of his death he had been a magistrate on the Sharnbrook Bench for just sixty years (as curiously enough my father had also been) and his constant attendance there and his unceasing care for the welfare of the lads at the Bedfordshire Reformatory (the Carlton School), where for many years he was Chairman of the Committee of Management, are well known and involved duties to which he gave precedence over any amusements.

Thus has passed from our midst one who had many complex characteristics, all of which played their part in enabling his friends to see that beneath them lay the same foundation of earnestness and resolve to serve his God in doing what seemed to him right without ever flinching under the pressure of public opinion.

COURT TRIBUTE

Before the actual business at Sharnbrook Sessions on Friday, Col. R. R. B. Orlebar paid a tribute to the late Mr. L. G. Stileman-Gibbard.

"He has been a member of this bench," said Col. Orlebar, "for sixty years, and he was senior magistrate in the County, having been appointed in 1879. He was the last of what I might call my boyhood friends in this neighbourhood and I consider it a privilege to have had the intimacy of that friendship. This enabled me to understand his character more completely than those who had not known him so long. He was a man with a many-sided character. He was a brilliant sportsman."

Col. Orlebar then spoke of various incidents in the life of Mr. Stileman-Gibbard, and continued, "As regards his duties on this bench, he was most assiduous in them; and I think that throughout his life it was not only a duty but a pleasure to him to carry out these duties. We feel gratified that he has passed away at a time like this when trouble is hanging over this country."

Col. Orlebar asked the Clerk of the Court (Mr. E. T. Williams) to send a letter of sympathy on behalf of the bench to Miss Stileman-Gibbard.

Mr. E. T. Williams associated himself with the remarks and the Court stood in silence.

BERKSHIRE MATCHES 1939

CAPTAIN: D.W. STOKES

				RM	RS
41 M.T 31.1	JULY AUG	HERTS	READING	FSB FA	FSB FA
44 W.T 2.3	AUGUST	DORSET	READING	FSB A	FSB A
54 M.T 7.8		BUCKS	READING	FSBW FA	FSB A
65 W.T 9.10		SUFFOLK	FELIXSTOWE	FSB SA	FSB -
69 F.S 11.12		BUCKS	HIGH WYCOMBE	FSBW A	FSB SA
74 M.T 14.15		DORSET	DORCHESTER	FSB SA	FSB -
79 W.T 16.17		SUFFOLK	READING	FSBW A	FSB A
83 F.S 18.19		OXON	READING	FSB A	FSB -
90 M.T 21.22		HERTS	STEVENAGE	FSB SA	FSB VSA
97 W.T 23.24		OXON	OXFORD	FSB SA	FSB SA
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Berks Police 1928. Stationed at Newbury. Groundsman of Alton CC for 5 yrs
after leaving school.

J. Candler

F.J.P. Shaw

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A.H. Buckham

Peter

R. Brown

The Lancashire schoolboy fast bowler
L.H.B.

All round sportsman who has at Caversham. Hockey blue at Cambridge. Picked
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CRICKET

County Club's Averages
For 1939

E. H. MOSS OBTAINS
THE ONLY CENTURY

E. H. Moss, who had the distinction of scoring the only century for Berkshire in the past season, heads the batting averages of the County Cricket Club, now announced, with H. G. Hubble, who batted consistently for 415 runs in 13 innings, taking second place. One of the new "caps," O. P. F. Sutton, is fifth with an average of 17.50, his total of 140 runs including a 65.

R. Dedman, also a new "cap," is third in the bowling averages, which are topped by E. Cawston. Cawston, who is third in the batting list, thus stamps himself as the county's most successful all-rounder. Relf again bowled well, claiming 49 wickets in 327 overs, 73 of which were maidens.

Averages:—

	Batting		Runs.	Highest score.	Aver.
	Inns.	Times not out.			
1.—E. H. Moss	5	1	242	137*	60.50
2.—H. G. Hubble	13	1	415	88	34.58
3.—R. Cawston	8	0	239	98	28.62
4.—A. Wolton	11	1	245	57	24.50
5.—O. P. F. Sutton	10	2	140	65	17.50
6.—C. R. Crisfield	12	0	176	56	14.66
7.—A. T. W. Taylor	10	0	142	81	14.20
8.—G. Saylor	8	1	99	66*	14.14
9.—R. T. Dedman	9	3	80	28	13.33
10.—P. Krabbé	5	0	64	42	12.80
11.—H. L. Lewis	7	1	75	20	12.50
12.—J. Caudle	6	0	73	31	12.16
13.—D. W. Stokes	17	1	185	44	11.56
14.—M. Girling	8	1	68	33*	9.71
15.—J. Timewell	11	0	103	22	9.36
16.—R. Brown	2	1	9	9	9.00
17.—Relf (R. R.)	16	3	114	29	8.76
18.—A. H. Buckham	4	0	35	25	8.75
19.—B. E. Dunlop	2	1	6	6*	6.00
20.—R. H. Bradley	6	3	15	10	5.00
21.—A. Magill	1	0	3	3	3.00
22.—R. H. Tomlin	10	0	27	6	2.70
23.—R. M. England	2	0	1	1	.50
24.—W. J. Streater	1	0	0	0	—

*Not out.

	Bowling				Aver.
	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	
1.—E. Cawston	120	18	404	25	16.16
2.—Relf (R. R.)	327	73	849	49	17.32
3.—R. Dedman	130	24	433	23	18.83
4.—O. P. F. Sutton	6	0	40	2	20.00
5.—A. T. W. Taylor	4	0	22	1	22.00
6.—M. P. D. Magill	17	3	76	3	25.33
7.—J. Caudle	4	1	27	1	27.00
8.—H. Hubble	81	6	279	10	27.90
9.—A. Wolton	10	0	65	2	32.50
10.—P. Krabbé	24	0	127	3	42.33
11.—R. H. Tomlin	55	3	255	5	51.00
12.—M. Girling	49	6	213	2	106.50
13.—R. H. Bradley	26	1	147	1	147.00

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE MATCHES 1939

CAPTAIN: W.B. FRANKLIN

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37 W.T 26,27	JULY	HERTS	ST ALBANS	FSPB A	-	
45 W.T 2,3	AUGUST	BEDS	SLOUGH	FSPB A	-	FSB A
54 M.T 7,8		BERKS	READING	FS A	FS	FSPB FA
62 W.T 9,10		BEDS	BEDFORD	FSPB A	-	FSPB A
69 F.S 11,12		BERKS	HIGH WYCOMBE	FSPB A	FS	FSPB FA
76 M.T 14,15		NORFOLK	NORWICH	FSPB A	SS SA	FSPB FA
82 T.F 17,18		HERTS	HIGH WYCOMBE	FSPB A	-	FSPB FA
93 W.T 23,24		NORFOLK	WING	FSPB A	SS SA	FSPB A

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W.M. Pieve

Beaconsfield - A.J.S. James, C.H. Boddy, D.G. Warran, D.G. Jeffrey, C.G. Boddy, C.V. Rafferty

Slough - V. Lund, H.G. Wilmot, W. Southall, ^{HC} C. Robey, D. Stott, E.F. Smith, O.G. Battarch

Stokenchurch - E.T. Britnell

Buckingham - T.E. Busby

Burnham - J.H. Hartie

Chesham - R. Tompkins

Walter Mannie Pieve nets - Burnham cricketer for many years. (Windsor Express 15/9/39)
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BUCKINGHAMSHIRE 1939.

1939

Busby AH	2	0	80	61	40.00
Macindoe DH	5	2	90	35	30.00
Baker LG	12	0	318	100	26.50
Peters SS	11	0	254	51	23.09
Ratcliffe A	8	1	147	50	21.00
Battcock OG	11	2	188	38	20.89
Aubrey-Fletcher JHL	3	0	51	38	17.00
Walker GS	9	1	134	58	16.75
Tovey JR	2	0	22	17	11.00
O'Callaghan RFB	11	0	93	43	8.45
Franklin WB	10	1	75	17*	8.33
Isherwood P	6	1	37	15	7.40
Butler GD	2	0	13	9	6.50
Rutter RH	5	0	32	17	6.40
Lund V	9	3	29	13*	4.83
Edwards F	9	4	20	9*	4.00
Boddy CH	1	0	1	1	1.00
Millar Logan W	2	2	16	16*	****

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1938

						O	B	M	R	W
Boddy CH	28.2	13	57	12	4.75					
Battcock OG	190.1	62	430	45	9.56					
Rutter RH	97.2	29	223	23	9.70					
Edwards F	156.2	52	333	25	13.32				1-	
Lund V	219.4	65	577	34	16.97					
Macindoe DH	55.4	21	137	8	17.13					
Holliman CA	37	0	179	8	22.38					
Aubrey-Fletcher JHL	18	2	68	3	22.67					
Hastie JH	1	0	6	0	****					Not mentioned
decimal addition	802.5									
true over figure	803.3	244	2010	158						

1939

						O	B	M	R	W
Rutter RH	80.2	16	266	29	9.17					
Boddy CH	7	1	10	1	10.00					
Edwards F	117.3	23	336	26	12.92					
Lund V	153.4	41	423	30	14.10					
Battcock OG	235.3	61	595	42	14.17					
Butler	3	1	19	1	19.00					
Macindoe DH	15	2	54	2	27.00					
Miller-Logan WE	11	1	36	1	36.00					
decimal addition	622.2									
true over figure	623	146	1739	132						

MINOR COUNTIES CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP

A Review Of The Buckinghamshire Team's Achievements

WHILE Buckinghamshire's record of last season does not compare at all favourably with that of the previous season, there was a possibility of the county becoming challengers to Surrey II up to the last minute of the match against Norfolk at Norwich, where two palpably easy chances were missed, and a draw resulted instead of a win.

As a result, Bucks finished fourth in the Minor Counties' competition. Their record is—played 8, won 4, lost 1, won on first innings 2, abandoned 1.

The cold summer and saturated wickets no doubt had a great deal to do with the inability of some of the players to show their true form, but even later in the season, when wickets were firmer, there was a lack of aggression among the batsmen, which resulted in such small scores.

The bowlers, however, again rose to the occasion, and all through the season played their part consistently and well.

The loss of J. H. L. Aubrey-Fletcher and A. G. Skinner undoubtedly weakened the batting, as the former is a good opening batsman, and last season was associated in many large first-wicket partnerships, while Skinner added solidity. The latter quality was conspicuous by its absence during the summer, and very seldom did the side do itself justice.

Peters, playing a game utterly foreign to his nature, attempted to take over the mantle of Skinner, but not very successfully, while L. G. Baker, playing on the whole with polish and skill, could not be termed altogether consistent. Ratcliffe and Walker are splendid batsmen, but one score of 50 each was the best they could muster.

Had D. H. Macindoe been able to take part in more matches, it is quite probable that he would have scored well and consistently, as he proved himself in the few matches he played a vastly improved batsman on last season.

Young Newcomers

Two young players were introduced into the team—P. Isherwood and J. R. Tovey. The former, while showing at times signs of class, has a few batting faults to amend before he can command success. The latter, a forceful batsman with plenty of skill and confidence, should, if able to play regularly, be of considerable value to his county in the future.

Last season, the superiority of the county side over their opponents was most marked, when their batting showed an average of 24 runs per wicket against 13 per wicket of their opponents.

This year there is not much difference, for in all matches Bucks scored 1,696 runs for 101 wickets, with an average of 16.8, while

their opponents scored 1,883 runs for 134 wickets, with an average of 14.

Frankly, the batting was disappointing, due, to a large extent, to lack of concentration. On the other hand, the bowling, as usual, was splendid, and the credit for most of the success attained by the side must be given to them.

Four Fine Bowlers

The county have four bowlers any first-class side would be pleased to possess, and their skill, consistency and industry deserve every praise. These four—Battcock, Lund, Rutter and Edwards—took 127 wickets of the 134 which fell, their widely different styles being suited to all kinds of wickets.

The work of Rutter deserves special mention, for he often had to bowl on wickets which were unsuitable to his type of bowling, and yet he always produced an unplayable ball. His greatest achievement was in taking 13 wickets for 78 runs against Berkshire at Reading.

The brunt of the attack fell to Battcock and Lund, both of whom bowled magnificently and, as openers, often laid the foundation of a win by their skilful onslaught.

Frank Edwards, veteran though he is, still is a force to be reckoned with, his skill and cunning on all kinds of wickets giving him a good "bag" of wickets at low cost.

No less worthy of praise is the fielding, which throughout the campaign has been of the highest class. Special mention should be made of the brilliant catches by the slip fielders, and those close in on the leg side. Macindoe, especially, is a live-wire in the field, no matter in whatever position he fields.

No summary would be complete without reference to the captain, W. B. Franklin, whose work behind the stumps this season compares very favourably with that in his palmiest days. His best achievement was in dismissing nine batsmen in one match, against Herts at High Wycombe. Franklin has now completed 20 years' captaincy. The club's averages are as follow:

BATTING

	In.	n.o.	runs	high.	Av.
D. H. Macindoe	5	2	90	33	30
L. G. Baker	12	0	318	100	26.5
S. S. Peters	11	0	254	51	23.1
A. Ratcliffe	8	1	147	50	21
O. G. Battcock	11	2	188	38	20.9
G. S. Walker	9	1	134	58	16.7

BOWLING

	O.	M.	runs	wkt.	Av.
R. H. Rutter	80	16	266	29	9.1
F. Edwards	116.5	23	336	26	12.9
V. Lund	153.4	41	423	30	14.1
O. G. Battcock	235.1	61	595	42	14.1

CAMBRIDGESHIRE MATCHES 1939

CAPTAIN: F.A. RIDGEON

Match No.	Day	Month	Opposition	Opposition
43	T, W	1, 2	AUGUST LINGS	WISBECH
56	F, S	4, 5	SUFFOLK	MARCH
58	M, T	7, 8	LINGS	GRIMSBY
63	W, T	9, 10	NORFOLK	NORWICH
84	F, S	18, 19	BEDS	CAMBRIDGE
98	F, S	25, 26	NORFOLK	CAMBRIDGE
101	M, T	28, 29	BEDS	LUTON
102	W, T	30, 31	SUFFOLK	LOWESTOFT

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A	PA	FA	PFA
FS	FS	FA	PFA
SA	FA	FA	A
FA	FS	FS	
FS	PA		
SA	FS		
FA	PA		
FS	FS	FS	
SA	PFA	FS	
FA	FS	FS	
FS	PFA		
SA	FS		
FA	PFA		

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Cambridge 1939

Cambs CCC Capt: F.A. Redgum V. Capt: W.T. Whewell (Tommy)

Tommy Whewell master at King's School, Ely straight from C. Uni in Sept 1927
Teacher of maths & geography. Going to teach at a large London School.

- v Norfolk, ~~Thurs~~ Fri, Wed, Thurs 9, 10 Aug - Lakenham: Tom: ?
- v Norfolk, Fens, Fri, Sat 25, 26 Aug - Tom:

No Cambs CCC Arc or Review in CIP up to end Oct.

Wisbech - G.W. Woolstenhuff, N. Wadsley, J. Hoyle
Ramsey - C. Papworth
Peterborough - A.W. Swardon
Lountoft - H. Southgate
March - M. Gough
Chatteris - C. Papworth
Ely City - F.W. Wilkenin, T.W.J. Mott, W. Eagle, F. Morton
March Grammar School - A.S. Wilkes

CAMBS. CRICKET REVIEW

Bright Spots of the Season

THE AVERAGES

ALTHOUGH Cambs. final position of thirteenth—out of 22 teams—was two places lower than in 1938, the past season, disappointing in some respects, was not without its bright spots.

The opportunity was taken of "blood-ing" a number of young players, and if their success was not immediately apparent the experience they gained will be useful in building up future county sides. The fact that the services of 18 players were called upon in the course of eight games indicates that the selectors have spared no pains to ensure that promising talent gets an opportunity.

BATTING WEAKNESS.

One of the weaknesses of the season was the batting department. Although four players had an average of over 20, this compares unfavourably with the previous season, when four had a return exceeding 38.

The returns were headed by the captain, F. A. Ridgeon, who was second in the list last season, and as Cliff Smith comes second it will be observed that batsmen of the courageous type have met with most success. C. E. Coots was a long time finding his form, but having done so he jumped to third place in the averages, while F. W. Parfitt demonstrated that he is at his best as an opening batsman.

Once more Cliff Smith did the "donkey work" so far as bowling was concerned, and again he headed the averages. Smith has been a grand servant to the county club and his worth this season may be seen from the fact that he secured 42 of the 90 wickets captured by the county.

CAP AWARDED.

One of the season's finds was N. Wadsley, the Wisbech all-rounder. Until this season he had made only occasional appearances for the county, but given an extended trial he proved his real value and was deservedly awarded his cap. Those who saw his bowling in the match with Bedfordshire at Luton, where in one spell he took five wickets without a run being scored, will not readily forget the performance.

In that match, Wadsley was exceptionally fast off the pitch, which reminds one that Cambs. greatest need is a real pace bowler. E. Parish is useful in this respect, but more "devil" is needed.

Cambs. have had for some seasons a reputation for good fielding, and the standard during the last campaign was, generally speaking, high.

Altogether, eight matches were played, of which two were won, two drawn (one won on first innings and one lost on first innings), three lost and one abandoned.

Cambs. scored 2,392 runs for the loss of 123 wickets, an average of 19.44 per wicket, and opponents made 2,107 runs for 90 wickets, an average of 24.41.

SUMMARY OF MATCHES.

Results of matches were:

v. Lincolnshire, at Wisbech.—Cambs. won by eight wickets. Scores: Lincs. 99 and 142; Cambs. 216 and 29 for two wickets.

v. Suffolk, at March.—Match abandoned. Scores: Cambs. 108; Suffolk 53 for two wickets.

v. Lincolnshire, at Grimsby.—Lincolnshire won by eight wickets. Scores: Cambs. 180 and 92; Lincolnshire 92 and 182 for two wickets.

v. Norfolk, at Norwich.—Norfolk won by innings and 137. Scores: Cambs. 72 and 122; Norfolk 331.

v. Bedfordshire, at Fenner's.—Beds. won by an innings and 14 runs. Scores: Cambs. 256 and 152; Beds. 422 for six wickets declared.

v. Norfolk, at Fenner's.—Match drawn (Norfolk won on first innings). Scores: Cambs. 293 and 248 for two wickets; Norfolk 426.

v. Bedfordshire, at Luton.—Cambs. won by three wickets. Scores: Beds. 100 and 146; Cambs. 195 and 54 for seven wickets.

v. Suffolk, at Lowestoft.—Match drawn (Cambs. won on first innings). Scores: Cambs. 285 and 110 for two wickets; Suffolk 204.

THE AVERAGES.

The averages are:

	Batting.				
	Inns.	Runs.	n.o.	Times Highest	Av.
F. A. Ridgeon ...	12	297	2	73	29.7
Smith (C. J.) ...	11	278	1	81	27.8
C. E. Coots ...	15	389	1	77	37.7
F. W. Parfitt ...	12	248	0	50	20.6
Covill (R. J.) ...	6	95	1	76	19.0
H. W. F. Taylor ...	15	226	3	50	16.8
S. M. Tebbitt ...	8	54	4	22	13.5
N. Wadsley ...	13	150	1	27	12.5
W. T. Whewell ...	11	132	0	24	12.0
F. W. Wilkinson ...	8	83	0	44	10.3
K. Wright ...	6	40	2	33	10.0
E. Parish ...	9	31	1	14	3.8

Also batted—A. M. T. Rose, 4-87-1-76-29.0;
W. Eagle, 4-55-0-34-13.7; W. H. Cockell,
3-17-2-9-17; C. Papworth, 2-27-0-21-10.5; A. S.
Wilkes, 1-3-0-3-0; R. J. Ayres, 2-0-0-0-0.

	Bowling.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
Smith (C. J.) ...	225	6	47	635	41
N. Wadsley ...	104	19	350	11	11
W. Eagle ...	54	4	5	193	7
E. Parish ...	86	15	322	11	11
F. W. Wilkinson ...	59	3	4	232	6

Also bowled—A. M. T. Rose, 1 for 100;
J. Ayres 0 for 54; W. Whewell, 0 for 2;
K. Wright, 0 for 17; C. E. Coots, 0 for 2;
A. S. Wilkes, 0 for 26; F. W. Parfitt, 1
for 2; C. Papworth, 0 for 22; Covill (R. J.)
for 2.

CHESHIRE MATCHES 1939

CAPTAIN:

						Toss	CC	CO	LDP	CG	BN	BA	WN
3	W,T 24,25	MAY	STAFFS	OXTON					FSPB FA				FSPB VSA
10	W,T 7,8	JUNE	LANCS II	CHESTER					FSPB VFA				
22	W,T 28,29		LANCS II	BARROW-IN-F					FSPB SA				
29	M,T 17,18	JULY	YORKS II	DONCASTER	BENTLEY COLLIERY	CHESHIRE			FSPB SA				
34	T,W 25,26		LINCS	FRODINGHAM					FSPB A				
46	W,T 2,3	AUGUST	YORKS II	N. BRIGHTON					FSPB SA				SS VSA
64	W,T 9,10		STAFFS	PORTHILL					FSPB SA				
78	T,W 15,16		LINCS	CREWE					FSPB VFA		FSA A		

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CHESHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB STATISTICS

Cheshire Championship ~~Career~~ Batting Averages

Based on all matches played up to 31/08/1939

Name	Batting									
	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct	St
J.Abell	1	1	0	2	2	2.00	-	-	-	-
W.H.Barber	7	8	2	32	11	5.33	-	-	2	-
T.J.Bartley	8	9	8	43	16	43.00	-	-	4	-
G.Bull	7	8	0	211	60	26.37	-	2	-	-
J.D.Canevali	2	3	0	48	47	16.00	-	-	-	-
J.Davies	1	1	0	53	53	53.00	-	1	-	-
E.R.Davis	4	5	0	48	18	9.60	-	-	1	-
F.Dennis	6	8	1	167	60	23.85	-	1	3	-
G.Duckworth	8	10	0	90	33	9.00	-	-	10	3
R.M.Dutton	3	5	0	107	56	21.40	-	1	8	-
R.D.Fairbairn	2	4	0	72	37	18.00	-	-	-	-
A.G.Gilbody	3	3	0	56	32	18.66	-	-	-	-
F.Hack	2	4	0	39	36	9.75	-	-	1	-
J.N.Halliwell	4	6	0	79	26	13.16	-	-	-	-
D.L.Hughes	5	7	0	197	84	28.14	-	2	1	-
W.H.R.Jones	2	3	0	57	29	19.00	-	-	1	-

F.J.Lloyd	1	1	0	11	11	11.00	-	-	-	-
L.W.Parkinson	1	2	0	27	22	13.50	-	-	2	-
H.A.Simms	2	2	0	6	4	3.00	-	-	-	-
C.A.Strange	1	1	0	12	12	12.00	-	-	-	-
J.M Swift	1	1	0	0	0	0.00	-	-	-	-
J.L.White	3	4	1	16	8	5.33	-	-	-	-
J.D.Whitley	3	3	0	26	15	8.66	-	-	-	-
W.Winstanley	1	2	0	41	40	20.50	-	-	1	-
A.M.Wolstenholme	5	6	0	296	104	49.33	1	1	-	-
J.D.Worthington	5	6	1	114	44*	22.80	-	-	1	-

CHESHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB STATISTICS

Cheshire Championship ~~Career~~ Bowling Averages

Based on all matches played up to 31/08/1939

Name	Bowling								
	O	M	R	W	Avge	Best	5w	10w	Econ
J.Abell									
W.H.Barber	88.2	9	246	17	14.47	4-34	-	-	2.78
T.J.Bartley	158.1	29	493	29	17.00	4-50	-	-	3.11
G.Bull									
J.D.Canevali									
J.Davies									
E.R.Davis									
F.Dennis	122.5	15	428	26	16.46	7-81	3	-	3.48
G.Duckworth									
R.M.Dutton	21	3	91	3	30.33	2-20	-	-	4.33
R.D.Fairbairn									
A.G.Gilbody	2	1	6	0	-	-	-	-	3.00
F.Hack									
J.N.Halliwel									

D.L.Hughes	1	0	8	0	-	-	-	-	8.00
W.H.R.Jones									
F.J.Lloyd									
L.W.Parkinson	9	0	44	2	22.00	1-12	-	-	4.88
H.A.Simms	1	0	2	0	-	-	-	-	2.00
C.A.Strange									
J.M Swift	6	4	6	0	-	-	-	-	1.00
J.L.White	31.1	2	153	8	19.12	4-80	-	-	4.90
J.D.Whitley	16	3	45	3	15.00	1-4	-	-	2.81
W.Winstanley	10	2	38	2	19.00	1-16	-	-	3.80
A.M.Wolstenholme	1	0	2	0	-	-	-	-	2.00
J.D.Worthington									

CORNWALL MATCHES 1939

CAPTAIN:

32 FS	21,22	JULY	DEVON	CAMBORNE
39 FS	28,29		DEVON	PLYMOUTH
48 W,T	2,3	AUGUST	SURREY II	THE OVAL
52 FS	4,5		OXON	OXFORD
55 M,T	7,8		DORSET	BRIDPORT
70 FS	11,12		OXON	TRURO
88 M,T	21,22		SURREY II	PENZANCE
94 W,T	23,24		DORSET	PENZANCE

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No PLAY	-	-	-
FSPB A	FSPB PA	FSPB A	FSPB SA
No PLAY	-	-	-
FSPB A	FSPB A	FSPB SA	FSPB SA
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CAPTAIN:

				WMN	
M, T	26, 27	June	Sunny	The Oval	F, S, B F, A F, S, B A
F, S	21, 22	July	Corwall	Camborne	No PLAY
F, S	28, 29		Corwall	Plymouth	F, S, B SA
W, T	2, 3	Aug	Oxon	Oxford	F, S, B D, A F, S, B A
F, S	4, 5		Dorset	Shekome	F, S, B FA F, S, B FA
M, T	14, 15		Oxon	Exeter	
F, S	18, 19		Sunny	Exeter	
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BATTING.

	I.	n.o.	Runs.	H.S.	Avg.
J. S. Poynder	9	2	268	86	38.29
R. Periton	4	0	122	51	30.50
A. F. Irish	11	2	253	128	28.11
C. E. H. Poynder	11	1	269	71	26.90
T. V. Hollingworth	5	0	111	59	22.20
R. G. Seldon	5	0	103	33	20.60
S. A. Armstrong	9	1	154	47	19.25
D. C. Coulton	9	1	142	28	17.75
B. H. Lock	5	1	63	30*	15.75
C. P. Bowerbank	6	1	53	44*	10.60
Lock (H. C.)	7	3	25	9	6.25
N. H. Humphries	7	0	37	22	5.29

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
F. S. Campling ...	20.5	1	86	6	14.55
Gamble (F. C.) ..	50.1	4	202	13	15.55
Lock (H. C.) ...	178.6	27	532	31	17.16
J. S. Poynder ...	82.3	24	258	12	21.50
N. H. Humphries	21	0	106	4	26.50
C. P. Bowerbank	81	15	250	9	27.78
T. V. Hollingworth	54	10	193	3	65.00

Catches.—S. A. Armstrong, 6 caught (and 3 stumped); T. V. Hollingworth, 5; N. H. Humphries, 4; C. E. H. Poynder, 4; R. G. Seldon, 4; D. C. Coulton, 3; Gamble (F. C.), 3; Lock (H. C.), 2; A. F. Irish, 1; R. Periton, 1.

DORSET MATCHES 1939

CAPTAIN:

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				DDE TOSS																
	42 M,T 31,1	JULY	OXON	OXFORD	OXON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	F5B
A	44 W,T 2,3	AUG	BERKS	READING	DORSET	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	PFA
SA	51 F,S 4,5		DEVON	SHERBORNE		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	PBB
A	55 M,T 7,8		CORNWALL	BRIDPORT	DORSET	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	PA
	66 W,T 9,10		WILTS	SALISBURY		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	PFPB
SA	74 M,T 14,15		BERKS	WYEMOUTH AVE DORCHESTER	BERKS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	PA
	80 W,T 16,17		OXON	POOLE		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	F5B
	89 M,T 21,22		WILTS	MERLEY PARK WIMBORNE	WILTS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	PA
FA	94 W,T 23,24		CORNWALL	RENZANCE RECREATION GROUND	CWILL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	PFA
FA	99 F,S 25,26		DEVON	TORQUAY		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	PFA

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CAPTAIN: D.C.H. TOWNSEND

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✓W,T	21,22		LANCS 2ND	SOUTH SHIELDS
✓S,M	15,17	JULY	W. INDIES	SUNDERLAND
✓W,T	26,27		NORFOLK	CONSETT
✓M,T	7,8	AUGUST	NORTH'LAND	CHESTER-LE-ST
✓W,T	9,10		YORKS 2ND	REDCAR
✓F,S	18,19		NORFOLK	NORWICH
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Durham County Averages

Durham, in the Minor Counties competition, played ten matches, winning one, losing four, and winning and losing two on the first innings, with one no result—14 points and an average of 1.55. They scored, in all matches, 3,552 runs for 163 wickets, an average of 21.79 runs per wicket, and their opponents scored 3,493 runs for 117 wickets, an average of 29.82. They gave away 176 extras and their opponents 200. Averages in all matches:—

BATTING

	Inns.	N.O.	R.S.	Runs	Ave.
W Barron	11	1	161	652	65.20
T Collin	3	0	90	155	45.00
C L Adamson	9	0	127	308	34.22
A H Parnaby	13	1	162	352	27.66
A H McQueen	10	0	73	246	24.60
E N Rapdie	5	0	65	117	23.40
J H Olsen	17	2	95*	346	25.06
D C H Townsend	3	0	30	65	21.00
H E Bailey	3	0	37	60	20.00
Carr (J)	17	1	73*	317	19.81

J Grigor, 4.3-15*.17; W Weightman, 3.0-37-46; M Gibson, 13-1-40*.167; J A Close, 10-1-53-115; E Manners, 3-0-24-37; J Bewick, 2-0-23-23; J M Robinson, 13-0-42-148; J E Richardson, 5-2-19*.34; J S Wheatley, 7-2-12*.46; A W Austin, 3-2-15-27; A E Elsdon, 11-1-18*.78; Blunden (A), 2-0-10-15; L Harris, 6-3-7-12; Dr F I Herbert, 2-1-3*.5.

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Ave.
Elsdon	101.6	8	432	24	18.00
Harris	42	2	195	9	21.44
Blunden	45.4	5	160	7	22.85
Carr	247.1	37	847	35	25.66
Close	99	11	408	14	29.14
Collin	41.7-4-174.6;				Herbert, 34.1-151.5;
Richardson,	59-7-209.6;				Olsen, 55.5-2-341.4.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE 2ND XI MATCHES 1939

CAPTAIN: G.E. ARTHURS

WDP SJ SN TR

1 W,T 10,11	MAY	KENT 2ND	TENNESBURY
4 W,T 24,25		LANCS 2ND	MANCHESTER
12 F,S 9,10	JUNE	SURREY 2ND	THE OVAL
14 W,T 14,15		KENT 2ND	SITTINGBOURNE
27 T,F 6,7	JULY	STAFFS	STROUD ^{10.55} ^{GL. OVC'S} ^{FARMHILL} ^{2ND} ^{COUNTY GROUND}
36 W,T 26,27		LANCS 2ND	BRISTOL
66 M,T 7,8	AUG	STAFFS	STONE
71 F,S 11,12		WILTS	TROWBRIDGE
86 F,S 18,19		WILTS	BRISTOL ^{C.G.}
95 W,T 23,24		SURREY 2ND	BRISTOL ^{CG.}

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HERTFORDSHIRE MATCHES 1939

CAPTAIN: P.G.T. KINGSLEY

13 W, T 14, 15	JUNE	LINCS	WATFORD
25 W, T 5, 6	JULY	NORFOLK	B. STORTFORD
28 W, T 12, 13		BEDS	HERTFORD
31 W, T 19, 20		LINCS	GAINSBOROUGH
37 W, T 26, 27		BUCKS	ST ALBANS
41 M, T 31, 1	AUG	BERKS	READING
59 M, T 7, 8		NORFOLK	NORWICH
68 F, S 11, 12		BEDS	BEDFORD
72 T, F 17, 18		BUCKS	H. WYCOMBE
96 M, T 21, 22		BERKS	STEVENAGE

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Wat Herts - NE Lane CJS Mitchell HDJ Burgess JESham EG Haines A Grimsdell HE Blome
Chippingfield - RE Waterhouse
Charleywood - MS Waghorn, ME Cooper
Hemel Hempstead - J.H. Grimsdell WS Capel
St Albans - SH Rabone, WL Clark, N.H.F. Porter, W Limore
Kings Langley - WJ Tomley, BW Atkins, AF Waller
Leavesden Hospital - E.J. Lambkin, W.P. Palmer, T. Watson
Bushey - GD Hodgson, GR Walker, AR Golding, R. Watson
Lye Home - R.J.V. Spinning
Chesham - R. Tompkins
St Mary's Hospital - W. Wynne Wilson
Ridlington - AMH Barrow TRAP Woodbridge LOKing
Tring - A. Kempster, P.R. Hedges
Berkhamsted - JN Conley
Harpden - WH Marsh SPPole
Abbots Langley - RG Simons
Berkhamsted School - RG Simons P. Isherwood
Stevenage - T. Wilkinson, FP Keywell
Bishop Stortford - LE McLenn, AS Tee JK Tee
Leighton Buzzard - AB Pook, R. Sackby, JE Arnold WA Johnson, R. Carter, JG Watkinson
Hertford - T.G. Pinner AV Crabb DC Umy
Rickmansworth - J.B. Marriott
Old Marston - MA Wiggs
Wehrya Garden City - WMLimb, NWLimb

Hertfordshire

1939 Batting	M	I	N/O	R	A
PGT Kingsley	5	6	1	164	32.80
CB Fordham	8	14	2	330	27.50
LE McLean	4	7	1	162	27.00
F Appleyard	9	12	6	161	26.83
CW Ford	5	8	0	185	23.12
E Roberts	10	14	0	282	20.14
GV Ledger	7	11	0	214	19.45
A Grimsdell	8	12	7	94	18.80
GJ Adams	3	5	0	83	16.60
FK Butler	9	13	2	182	16.54
AS Tee	10	17	1	229	14.31
MA Wiggs	8	10	0	141	14.10
NE Lane	3	5	0	28	5.60

Also Batted

A Kempster	1	2	0	102	51.00
LO King	3	2	1	20	20.00
WJ Townley	2	3	1	37	18.50
RSS Russell Young	2	2	0	31	15.50
T Watson	2	2	0	28	14.00
DN Macdonald	1	1	0	10	10.00
JB Wilkinson	1	1	0	6	6.00
RG Simons	3	3	0	16	5.33
MH Kingsley	1	2	0	10	5.00
AJ Brown	1	1	0	3	3.00
EG Hawes	1	2	0	6	3.00
R Watson	2	2	0	1	0.50
DC Urry	1	1	1	1	?

1939 Bowling	O	R	W	A
EG Hawes	18	68	7	9.71
CB Fordham	130	428	30	14.26
E Roberts	212	775	49	15.81
LO King	55	137	8	17.12
F Appleyard	196	578	20	28.90
CW Ford	68	272	9	30.22

Also Bowled

R Watson	38	127	4	31.75
T Watson	12	41	1	41.00
FK Butler	23	96	1	96.00
MA Wiggs	7	41	0	-

COUNTY CRICKET AVERAGES

Herts finished tenth in the Minor Counties Championship, in which twenty-two counties took part. They were sixth last year.

Of ten matches played, two were won and two lost. There was no result to one game, and of the remaining five, Herts won three on the first innings and lost two on the first innings. Six points are the most that can be obtained from any match. Herts collected 23 points out of a possible 72, with an average of 2.55 per match.

The Herts County Cricket Club's averages for the matches played in the Minor Counties Championship during 1939 were:—

	Batting.		Total	Avg.	
	No. of Inns.	Times out.			
P. G. T. Kingsley ...	6	1	42	164	32.80
C. B. Fordham	14	2	63	350	27.50
L. E. MacLean	7	1	70	162	27.00
F. Appleyard	12	6	52	161	26.83
C. W. Ford	8	0	60	185	23.12
E. Roberts	14	0	39	282	20.14
G. V. Ledger	11	0	69	214	19.45
A. Grimsdell	12	7	29	94	18.80
F. K. Butler	13	2	45	182	16.54
G. J. Adams	5	0	46	85	16.60
A. S. Tee	17	1	59	229	14.31
M. A. Wiggs	10	0	45	141	14.10
N. E. Lane	5	0	15	28	5.60

Also batted in less than 5 Innings: A. Kempster 85, 20; Watson (T.) 28, 0; R. Watson 1, 0; R. G. Simons 6, 7, 3; L. O. King 14*, 0; R. S. B. Young 28, 3; E. G. Hawes 6, 0; W. J. Townley 3, 24, 10*; M. Kingsley 0, 10; D. C. Urry 1*; D. Macdonald 11; T. B. Wilkinson 6; A. J. Brown 3.

	Bowling.				Avg.
	O.	M.	R.	W.	
C. B. Fordham.....	130	11	428	30	14.26
E. Roberts	216	29	775	59	13.50
L. O. King	55	22	137	8	17.12
F. Appleyard	196	41	578	20	28.90
C. W. Ford	69	9	272	8	34.00

Also bowled and secured less than 8 wickets: E. G. Hawes 7 for 68, T. Watson 2 for 41, F. K. Butler 1 for 91, R. Watson 4 for 127, and M. A. Wiggs.

COUNTY CLUB MATCHES.

The County Club and Gentlemen of Herts' programme provided much interesting cricket. Of the 33 matches arranged, 13 were won, 7 lost, 7 drawn and 6 abandoned or postponed. The averages are:—

	Batting.		Total	Avg.	
	No. of Inns.	Times out.			
C. B. Fordham.....	4	1	154*	446	149.66
D. Macdonald	5	2	135*	372	124.00
J. A. R. Oliver ...	8	3	139*	505	101.00
M. Brian Smith ...	8	0	105	352	41.50
R. Brazier	8	2	116*	248	41.33
D. Bulmer	5	2	139*	111	37.00
H. W. Englefield..	6	2	46	130	32.50
F. P. Keyzett	5	2	35*	98	32.66
Roger Evans	5	2	45*	92	30.66
M. A. Wiggs	6	0	65	181	30.16
J. H. Hopkinson...	4	1	56	78	26.00
D. C. Urry	6	1	47	122	24.40
D. Powell Davies	4	1	42	59	19.66
G. Rolfo Walker	4	0	35	68	17.00
A. Grimsdell	5	0	37	80	16.00
C. A. Marques	8	1	36	92	13.14
T. B. Wilkinson ...	5	0	37	62	12.40
A. W. Cox	6	0	35	70	11.66
F. P. Mole	7	2	21	55	10.60
R. G. R. Walker...	4	0	16	42	10.50
N. J. Hartley	5	1	18	41	10.25
W. H. Marsh	8	5	7	29	9.66
J. M. Lander	4	1	15	25	8.33
S. H. Newman.....	4	0	10	25	6.25

	Bowling.				Avg.
	O.	M.	R.	W.	
K. Brown	10	1	47	7	6.71
L. O. King	25	3	83	9	9.22
F. H. Jenkins	44	12	108	11	9.81
O. Sullivan	58	10	186	18	10.33
R. L. Brandon ...	21	1	99	8	12.37
D. C. Urry	66	13	161	12	13.41
M. A. Wiggs	37	6	112	8	14.00
R. Watson	23	3	89	6	14.83
H. W. Englefield..	41	8	124	8	15.50
J. A. R. Oliver ...	53	2	149	9	16.55
A. W. Cox	151	39	341	18	18.94
W. H. Marsh	216	35	780	37	21.08

Also batted in less than four Innings and secured less than 6 wickets: T. G. Purver, J. K. Tee, H. Wigfield, A. J. Barnes, V. A. Barnes, Rev. H. D. Bagot, Dr. J. Dixon, M. Crispin, Rev. A. R. Ireson, G. Weatherhead, M. Churchill Dawes, J. H. Harrison, D. Proctor, R. S. S. Young, Major A. G. Saunders, D. V. L. Marques, H. L. Harvey, F. P. Longton, J. W. Towley, V. Wild, H. C. Carter, B. Sole, L. O. King, A. D. Verrinder, K. Digby, W. H. Ollis, C. S. Harwood, C. Powell Davies, F. Jaynes, C. R. Hodason, D. H. A. Bell, H. E. Todd, A. Wigfield, W. Lismore, R. J. V. Spurway, H. S. Deardon, F. Mayor, R. J. S. Fode, R. Cornwall, H. E. Blower, T. Darvell, S. Warner, C. A. Nendick, V. H. Brown, W. M. Limb, D. H. Hopkinson, A. H. Hopkinson, Major Lay, R. D. Hart, H. Pearce, D. E. Bingley.

KENT 2ND XI MATCHES 1939

CAPTAIN: G.A. SIMPSON

FK FE KG KH KO ENG ME ATE BM GR

	10,11	MAY	GLOUCS 2ND	TENNESBURY
	22,23		SURREY 2ND	FOLKESTONE
	S.M. 27,29		SURREY 2ND	THE OVAL
F	31,1	JUNE	MIDSEX 2ND	CANTERBURY
	14,15		GLOUCS 2ND	SITTINGBOURNE
F	21,22		SUSSEX 2ND	ASHFORD
	5,6	JULY	WILTS	BROADSTAIRS
F	12,13		SUSSEX 2ND	LITTLEHAMPTON
	19,20		NORFOLK	GRAVESEND
	3,4	AUG	NORFOLK	NORWICH
	14,15		WILTS	SWINDON
F	23,24		MIDSEX 2ND	HAMPSTEAD

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KENT SECOND XI

Matches arranged 12, won 5, lost 2, drawn 5.

BATTING

	No. of Not Highest Total		Runs	Aver.
	Inns.	out		
Sunnucks	7	0	86	287
Evans	19	1	364	625
D. G. Clark	13	2	113	352
Spencer	13	2	62	301
W. R. H. Joynson	6	1	55*	133
Davis	10	0	71	512
T. A. Crawford	4	0	37	82
Horrox	9	1	38	141
Edrich	1	1	35	142
Lewis	7	1	33	85
Carter	17	3	40*	182
Pocock	10	0	24	117
Dovey	10	5	25*	52
G. A. Simpson	17	3	23	143
H. C. S. Armstrong	6	0	19	53
A. A. K. Gifford	4	1	9	15

Also batted:—J. W. Martin 3-1-18*-30; H. T. Flower, 3-0-36-53; D. G. Lacy Scott, 3-1-27-35; H. C. Munro, 3-0-22-30; J. C. Bartlett, 2-0-13; J. H. Clark 2-0-56-80; K. J. Reynolds, 2-0-20-40; J. B. Guy, 2-0-37-48; A. J. B. Marsham, 2-0-53-56; H. A. Pawson, 2-1-105*-152; Gladdish, 2-0-7-9; Mayes, 1-8; J. R. P. Wright, 1-0; D. H. Higgleston, 1-34; B. J. W. Hill, 1-5; P. Pettman, 1-7.

*—Signifies not out

BOWLING

	Overs	Mds.	Runs	Wkts.	Aver.
J. W. Martin	44.5	9	123	19	6.47
A. J. B. Marsham	10	1	64	5	12.80
Carter	267.2	30	1142	61	18.72
Dovey	242.6	41	698	36	19.38
Lewis	97	20	363	18	20.16
Edrich	59	10	223	11	20.27
Spencer	27	2	102	5	20.40
D. G. Lacy Scott	44.4	4	186	6	31.00

Also bowled:—A. A. K. Gifford, 38-6-126-3; H. C. S. Armstrong, 41.2-4-191-3; Davis, 22-1-98-3; R. T. Flower, 15-0-54-2; H. A. Pawson, 25-5-89-2; M. Paine, 12-0-60-2; B. J. W. Hill, 20-7-49-1; Gladdish, 10-1-38-1; T. A. Crawford, 2-0-16-0; G. A. Simpson, 1.7-0-10-0.

LANCASHIRE 2ND XI MATCHES: 1939

CAPTAIN: T.A. HIGSON

4	W, T 24, 25	MAY	GLOUCS II	MANCHESTER ^{O.T.}
8	M, T 29, 30		YORKS II	HULL
10	W, T 7, 8	JUNE	CESHIRE	CHESTER
17	M, T 19, 20		N'LAND	NEWCASTLE
18	W, T 21, 22		DURHAM	SOUTH SHIELDS
22	W, T 28, 29		CESHIRE	BARROW-IN-F.
36	W, T 26, 27	JULY	GLOUCS II	BRISTOL
57	M, T 7, 8	AUGUST	YORKS II	MANCHESTER ^{O.T.}
75	M, T 14, 15		N'LAND	URMSTON
96	W, T 23, 24		DURHAM	MANCHESTER ^{O.T.}

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	M	I	NO	Runs	H.S.	Avg.	c	50	Overs	M.	Runs	Wk	Avg.	5i	10m	Best	Ct	St	
L.P.B.Adams	3	4	0	91	53	22.75	0	1										3	0
S.Banham	10	11	0	107	30	9.72	0	0										26	6
J.M.Barrell	6	7	2	104	32	20.80	0	0										1	0
F.D.Beattie	1	2	1	19	19*	19.00	0	0										0	0
A.J.Birtwell	8	9	4	97	38*	19.40	0	0	108.2	23	315	21	15.00	2	0	8-87		4	0
J.Bowes	2	3	0	25	11	8.33	0	0	44	8	119	6	19.83	0	0	2-23		4	0
J.Briggs	2	3	1	17	8	8.50	0	0	24.5	0	127	5	25.40	0	0	2-33		1	0
K.Cranston	6	8	1	102	40	14.57	0	0	28	3	94	2	47.00	0	0	2-55		8	0
S.Crowther	4	6	1	89	25	17.80	0	0	14	1	42	3	14.00	0	0	3-40		2	0
C.A.Edge	6	5	2	11	8	3.66	0	0	99	8	406	22	18.45	0	0	4-60		3	0
R.G.Garlick	5	4	0	146	100	36.50	1	0	81.5	18	220	15	14.66	1	0	6-31		3	0
T.Gilfoy	1	1	1	0	0*	-	0	0	21.7	6	70	4	17.50	0	0	3-23		0	0
J.G.Gow	1	1	0	7	7	7.00	0	0										2	0
K.P.Griffiths	4	6	0	72	40	12.00	0	0										1	0
T.A.Higson	7	9	2	167	36*	23.85	0	0	81	11	251	13	19.30	0	0	3-26		4	0
J.L.Hopwood	1	2	1	51	32	51.00	0	0	5	0	13	0	-	0	0	-		0	0
J.T.Ikin	6	10	0	341	103	34.10	1	2	26.4	2	122	6	20.33	0	0	3-28		8	0
A.Kershaw	1	1	0	39	39	39.00	0	0										0	0
A.Nutter	3	6	2	102	35*	25.50	0	0	59.5	13	154	11	14.00	1	0	5-41		0	0
J.Oldham	2	3	0	4	2	1.33	0	0	7	0	28	1	28.00	0	0	1-15		3	0
R.Parkin	10	15	2	208	48	16.00	0	0	128.3	16	409	20	20.45	0	0	3- 2		4	0
W.Place	7	11	1	483	172	48.30	2	1	1	0	5	0	-	0	0	-		6	0
W.B.Roberts	4	5	2	15	10*	5.00	0	0	86.1	24	211	28	7.53	2	1	7-48		0	0
Mr.W.B.Roberts	6	11	0	407	107	37.00	1	4										1	0
H.Robinson	1	1	0	4	4	4.00	0	0										0	0
L.Sigsworth	1	1	0	18	18	18.00	0	0	2	0	25	0	-	0	0	-		0	0
L.L.Wilkinson	2	3	2	23	12*	23.00	0	0	57.1	7	227	10	22.70	1	0	5-46		1	0
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LINCOLNSHIRE MATCHES 1939.

CAPTAIN: H.W.DODS

				LE	Toss	LE	SFS	GN	GET	GEN	GJ
7	M, T 29, 30	MAY	SUFFOLK	LOWESTOFT	Lincs	FSPB PA			PFS		
13	W, T 14, 15	JUNE	HERTS	WATFORD	Lincs	FSPB PA			PFS PUSA		
	F, W, T 21, 22		WEST INDIES	SCUNTHORPE	W.I.	FS PA	F.S.B. A.	-	F.S.B. FA.		
21	T, W 27, 28		SUFFOLK	GRANTHAM	SUF	F.S.B. PA		-	PFS VSA		F.S.P.B. FA.
31	W, T 19, 20	JULY	HERTS	GAINSBOROUGH	Lincs	FSPB PA		-	PFS	-	
34	T, W 25, 26		CHESHIRE	SCUNTHORPE	Lincs	FSPB PA	F.S.P.B. (S) A.	-	PFS PFA.		
43	T, W 1, 2	AUGUST	CAMBS	WISBECH	Lincs	PFS PA		-	FS VSA		
	M, T 7, 8		CAMBS	GRIMSBY	Lincs	FS PA	F.S.B. VFA		FS PFA.		
	T, W 15, 16		CHESHIRE	CREWE	Lincs	FSPB PA			PFS VSA		

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**NORFOLK COUNTY
AVERAGES**

Rise of G. A. Edrich

**M. FALCON'S CONSISTENT
BATTING**

Winning four matches by very wide margins and losing only two of their other eight matches, Norfolk had a fairly successful season under the able captaincy of M. Falcon. The defeat at Newcastle in a one-day match on a rain-damaged wicket was by the narrow margin of 23 runs, and the other reverse occurred in the away match with Bucks, with whom Norfolk had two very close and exciting games. At Norwich there was a difference of only six runs in the first innings' scores, and at the close Norfolk needed 16 runs to win with one wicket in hand. In the return match at Ascott Park Norfolk made a good fight after batting badly in the first innings, and with wickets falling rapidly Bucks had a fright before they scraped through.

The new matches with Durham and Northumberland provided Norfolk with two convincing victories at Norwich, and Norfolk made their biggest total of the season in the heavy scoring match at Blackhill. After the blank first day and "no result" match with Kent II. the home season was highly successful both from a playing and financial point of view.

The batting honours were again carried off by D. F. Walker. Playing in the last five home matches he headed the averages for the seventh time in the last eight years, his peak achievement being a double century against Northumberland. On four previous occasions Walker has also obtained the highest aggregate, but this year the distinction has been earned by Geoffrey Edrich. Joining the ground staff in 1937, and only 21 years of age last month, Edrich showed considerable advancement in batting. He scored a maiden century in the first match, a second century against Cambridgeshire, and on several other occasions made scores ranging from the forties to the seventies. First in the aggregates he is second in the averages with 47. In style and technique he is a second edition of his brother W. J., of Middlesex, and like him he is a run saver anywhere in the field and a safe catcher.

An outstanding feature of the Norfolk season has been the consistently sound and often brilliant batting of the captain. Several times his was the highest score in an innings and many times M. Falcon went in after those before him had done poorly and when a critical stage had been reached. In recent years the matches with Buckinghamshire have been regarded as the greatest test of Norfolk batsmanship, just as previously the standard was set by Staffordshire and Barnes. This season Falcon played what is customarily described as a captain's innings in each of the Buckinghamshire matches and his 63 not out at Lakenham and 51 not out at Ascott were splendid examples of his grit and batsmanship. With no score bigger than the 79 he made at Cambridge on Saturday Falcon's 510 is the second best aggregate and his average of 40 is only a fraction less than that of young Edrich, who is Falcon's junior by 30 years. Incidentally Falcon won the toss five times out of 12.

Except for his great innings of 169 at Blackhill Eric Edrich was rather disappointing as a batsman. It was, however, generally recognised that he was a better stumper and wicketkeeper than in previous seasons. D. Rought-Rought joined the century makers in his last innings and also made good scores against Herts, Kent II. and Durham. W. S. Thompson's position in the averages is mainly the result of his fierce hitting against Herts. As an opening batsman H. E. Theobald had his day of triumph in the Northumberland match at

Lakenham, when with D. F. Walker a first wicket partnership record was made of 323. Of the newcomers to the side G. R. Langdale proved a valuable acquisition. A left-handed batsman, he was some time before he found his form, but in the Bucks matches and against Durham he rendered good service. His usefulness was also demonstrated by his successes as a bowler. He frequently obtained a needed wicket, and only Boswell and R. C. Rought-Rought secured more wickets in the season. In his first year Boswell has taken 38 wickets. He can and does spin the ball quite a lot, and it is the occasional loose ball from bowlers of his type which increases the cost of his wickets. Playing in only three matches, T. G. L. Ballance once again headed the bowling averages, and R. C. Rought-Rought making a welcome reappearance, was very successful in his first four matches. His brother struck his best bowling form in the last two matches and was in great form at Ascott. W. S. Thompson bowled particularly well at Bishop's Stortford and in the home matches with Durham and Northumberland. Geoffrey Edrich's best bowling performance was accomplished at Newcastle. He obtained fewer wickets than last year and they were more costly. Norfolk's chief need is one or more outstanding bowlers who can play regularly.

R. C. Rought-Rought and G. Edrich, 112 for ninth wicket v. Cambs.
M. Falcon and T. Ballance, 113 for ninth wicket v. Bucks.
D. F. Walker and H. Theobald, 323 for first wicket v. Northumberland.
M. Falcon and D. C. Rought-Rought, 166 for fifth wicket v. Cambs.

SIXES

D. F. Walker 11, W. S. Thompson 5, D. C. Rought-Rought 5, Boswell 5, M. Falcon 4, G. Edrich 3, E. Edrich 2, R. Rought-Rought 1, T. G. L. Ballance 1. Opponents 21.

CENTURIES BY OPPONENTS

W. Barron 127 for Durham (a).
L. G. Baker 100 for Bucks.
C. L. Adamson 127 for Durham.

LONG PARTNERSHIPS BY OPPONENTS

W. G. Mackay and A. D. Ramsden, 131 for first wicket for Northumberland.
Sunnucks and H. A. Pawson, 119 for second wicket for Kent II.
A. H. Parnaby and C. L. Adamson 126 for first wicket for Durham.
R. J. Covill and H. W. F. Taylor, 131 for third wicket (unfinished) for Cambs.

BOWLING AVERAGES

	Inns.	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
T. G. L. Ballance	6	89	16	238	19	12.52
W. S. Thompson	9	80	12	295	18	16.38
R. C. Rought-Rought	13	154	26	498	30	16.60
G. R. Langdale	14	108	15	375	22	17.04
Boswell (C. S. R.)	19	186	26	820	38	21.57
Lingwood (W. J.)	9	104	16	388	16	24.25
Edrich (G. A.)	15	124	30	406	16	25.37
D. C. Rought-Rought	15	150	19	550	21	26.19

Also bowled—M. Falcon 15-3-59-2, †E. H. C. Garner 16-1-108-1, †R. Leggett 8-1-33-0, H. E. Theobald 1-0-12-0

† First season.

Wicket-keeping—E. Edrich 8 stumping, 26 catches; B. Stevens 3 catches.

Catches—G. Edrich 10, D. Walker 8, D. Rought-Rought 8, G. Langdale 6, M. Falcon 4, F. Cunliffe 4, Boswell 4, R. Rought-Rought 4, W. Thompson 3, H. Theobald 3, B. Rought-Rought 3, J. Thistleton-Smith 2, T. Ballance 2, Lingwood 2, R. Leggett 1, F. Self 1.

Summary of Results

Minor Counties Competition			
July 5-6	Norfolk	276	
Bishop's Stortford	Hertfordsh.	220	17-1
	Drawn		
July 19-20	Norfolk	160	172-3
Gravesend	Kent II.	193-8 dec.	
	Drawn		
July 26-27	Norfolk	479-8 dec.	
Blackhill	Durham	307	290-7
	Drawn		
*July 28-29	Norfolk	107	
Newcastle	N'th'mberl'd	130	131-1
	Lost by 23 runs		
*Aug. 3-4	Norfolk	155-6	
Norwich	Kent II.	250	
	No result		
Aug. 7-8	Norfolk	318	29-0
Norwich	Hertfordshire	196	148
	Won by 10 wickets.		
Aug. 9-10	Norfolk	351	
Norwich	Cambs	72	122
	Won by innings and 157.		
Aug. 14-15	Norfolk	188	188-9
Norwich	Bucks	194	197
	Drawn		
Aug. 16-17	Norfolk	388-4 dec.	
Norwich	N'th'mberl'd	196	135
	Won by innings and 57.		
Aug. 18-19	Norfolk	323	95-4
Norwich	Durham	108	308
	Won by 6 wickets.		
Aug. 23-24	Norfolk	50	202
Ascot	Bucks	207-9 dec.	46-2
	Lost by 3 wickets		
Aug. 25-26	Norfolk	426	
Cambridge	Cambs	293	248-2
	Drawn		

*No play first day.

Played 12, won 4, lost 2, won on first innings 3, lost on first innings 2, no result 1. Total points 35, average 3.18.
Runs per wicket—Norfolk 3887 for 134 wickets, average 29.00. Opponents 3988 for 185 wickets, average 21.79.

BATTING AVERAGES

	M.	Inns.	out.	Ttl.	Inns.	Avg.
D. F. Walker	5	8	1	463	217	66.14
Edrich (G. A.)	12	16	3	614	124*	47.25
M. Falcon	12	14	3	510	79	46.36
D. C. Rought-Rought	9	11	1	375	114	37.50
E. H. Edrich	10	13	0	408	169	31.58
W. S. Thompson	5	7	2	135	82*	26.60
B. W. Rought-Rought	7	8	0	159	49	19.87
H. E. Theobald	12	16	3	254	95	19.53
T. G. L. Ballance	3	4	0	76	58	19.00
F. D. Cunliffe	3	3	1	36	21*	18.00
G. R. Langdale	10	11	1	172	44	17.20
J. C. Thistleton-Smith	4	5	0	86	37	17.20
R. C. Rought-Rought	8	9	1	118	47	14.75
B. G. W. Stevens	6	7	1	82	23	13.75
R. Leggett	3	4	1	89	19*	13.00
Boswell (C. S. R.)	12	13	2	111	55	10.90

Also batted—R. M. Beresford 40*, †D. W. J. Colman 6, †E. H. C. Garner 0, 0*, 1, Lingwood 2, 0, 1*, F. G. Self 4.

CENTURIES FOR NORFOLK

D. F. Walker 217 v. Northumberland, at Norwich.
E. H. Edrich 169 v. Durham at Blackhill.
Edrich (G. A.) 124* v. Cambs. at Norwich.
Edrich (G. A.) 118 v. Herts, at Bishop's Stortford.
D. C. Rought-Rought 114 v. Cambs, at Cambridge.

*Not out.

LONG PARTNERSHIPS FOR NORFOLK

E. H. Edrich and H. E. Theobald, 100 for first wicket v. Durham (a).
D. C. Rought-Rought and G. Edrich, 108 for fourth wicket v. Herts.

NORTHUMBERLAND MATCHES 1939

CAPTAIN: T.A. WHITE^{W.}

	M, T	29, 30	May	Durham	Newcastle
	W, T	7, 8	June	Staffs	Newcastle
	M, T	19, 20		Lanes II	Newcastle
X	W, T	21, 22		Yorks II	Newcastle
X	W, T	12, 13	July	Wharfedale	Newcastle
	M, T	24, 25		Staffs	Stoke
X	W, T	26, 27		Yorks II	Barnsley
	F, S	28, 29		Norfolk	Newcastle
	M, T	7, 8	August	Durham	Chester-le-St
	M, T	14, 15		Lanes II	Urmston
	W, T	16, 17		Norfolk	Norwich
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CAPTAIN: J.G. HALLIDAY

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42 M, T 31, 1 JULY, AUG	DORSET	OXFORD	OxON	FFSPB PA A
47 W, T 2, 3	DEVON	OXFORD	OxON	FFS PA A
52 F, S 4, 5	CORNWALL	OXFORD	-	No PLAY
53 M, T 7, 8	BEDS	BEDFORD	-	FFSPB PA A
70 F, S 11, 12	CORNWALL	TRURO	-	FFS TVSA A
73 M, T 14, 15	DEVON	EXETER	-	FFSB PSA A
80 W, T 16, 17	DORSET	POOLE	-	FFSPB PSA JA
83 F, S 18, 19	BERKS	READING	-	FFSB PA A
97 W, T 23, 24	BERKS	OXFORD	-	FFSPB PA A
100 F, S 25, 26	BEDS	OXFORD	-	FFSPB PA A
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Oxfordshire Capt - J.G. Halliday

Thame - S.C.B. Lee J.G. Thornton R.J. West E Senior

Oxford City - J.F. Menall E.W.S. Cole, N. Bowell, F.A. Nunn, D. Clayton, W. Spanton, J. Upstone
S. Pether, C. Walters H. Thewissen D.R. Atell F. Thornton S.F. Williams

Morris Motors - R. Phipps, B. Feniman W.H. Millin F. Thornton R. Phipps

South Oxfordshire Amateurs - M. Elwin, D.F. Walker, D.C. Money, E.F. Bortell S.C.B. Lee W.P. Haines
R. Strong, S.F. Florey, W. Spanton S. Pether

North Oxford - E.F. Bortell, W.J. Godfrey, J. Linnell J. Senior D.C. Money J.G. Halliday W. Spanton
Cowley St John - H. Walker, F. Thornton, L.C. Walker, E. Mills A.H. Reynolds L.W. Carter

South Oxford - G. Conking

Banbury - A. Colegrave W.P. Haines O. Clayton

Oxford Downs - M. Wakefield, S.F. Florey J. Wakefield

Bicester - T.G. Harris

Formoy House - J.P. O'Shea

Henley - S.C.B. Lee

Stambridge School - S.F. Williams

Shipton-under-Wychwood - R. Hartley F. Hartley

Aylesbury - J.H. Meville

Cuxham - R.P. Thomas

Buckingham - R. Tomkins

Stokenchurch - E.T. Britnell

Hammar Wanderers - W.S.P. Lithyorn

Oxford Roadsters - P. James

Faringdon - S.C. Adams

College Seniors -

Team & Command 4, 5

S. Pelter (Capt), C. Walters, J.P. O'Shea, H.A. Cassari, P
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OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB, 1939.

THREE CAPS AWARDED.

FULL REVIEW OF SEASON: DIFFICULTIES OF TEAM SELECTION.

The Oxfordshire County cricket season for 1939 concluded on Saturday. So far as results are concerned (only one outright win in nine matches) the season was disappointing, but on the credit side must be set the fine fielding of the side, the "discovery" of three very promising young players, and the never-failing high spirits of the team.

Not for many years past have the selectors (Messrs. Elwin, Pether, W. Lithgow and the captain) experienced such difficulties in raising teams. Those who may be described as the "key" men, S. Pether, W. W. Inge, W. S. P. Lithgow, J. Barnby, C. Walters and A. P. D. Montgomery, could only play in a few matches, and the captain and J. P. O'Shea had to miss a couple. The loss of Walters and Pether was particularly felt, as it is almost impossible to replace stock bowlers, although E. F. Bowtell, J. Guilfoyle and M. Elwin did occasionally step into the breach. It is safe to say that had the Club been able to command the regular services of all these players, the results would have been very different, and it is hoped another season, that with a crisis no longer existing, fate will be kinder to the Selection Committee, which, perhaps, could be strengthened by including more men in closer touch with local cricket. At the beginning of the season the majority of the Committee were out of Oxford and the responsibility was thrown too much on one man. At Bedford things came to such a pass that several players with little or no experience of County cricket had to be pressed into service. The team was never a 'ally at full strength; had it been so, they would have been more than a match for their opponents.

IT IS AN ILL WIND.

The absence of "star" players was not without its advantages. Opportunity was afforded to give trials to players who have not yet won their spurs in County cricket and three at least made the most of their chance, S. F. Williams, of Sherborne School, A. O. L. Lithgow, the Harrow captain, and E. M. Senior, one of the twin sons of Jack Senior. There might have been a fourth had P. B. C. Moore, a really good public school bat from Cheltenham, been able to accept an invitation to play. So that the season cannot be said to be entirely a failure.

MEDIOCRITY OF LOCAL TALENT.

The big drawback is the continued mediocrity of local cricket and its failure to produce either a bowler of pace or one who can spin the ball. W. Spanton and F. A. Nunn, the Oxford City players, were the nearest approach to being successors to Dr. O'Shea, and both should do better with more experience

Of the slower bowlers P. James had few opportunities, but in two matches the South Oxfordshire amateur player, M. Elwin, gave proof that he might be the *rara avis* the County are looking for. At present he is apt to be expensive on his off-days, and he will have to pay more attention to the placing of his field. J. Guilfoyle, absent in the middle of the programme, bowled uncommonly well at times and should in future be a first choice now that Walters cannot afford the time for continuous cricket.

THE PROGRAMME.

In the first three matches at Oxford, the side were unfortunate as regards weather and one of them, against Cornwall had to be abandoned without a ball being bowled. Dorset won the first game by ten wickets, and thanks to Walters and J. H. L. Brownrigg, son of an old Oxfordshire captain, the second game was won on the first innings.

Then followed the Western tour, and the match against Berks at Reading. At Bedford the team were overwhelmed by a much stronger side, and of the games at Truro, Exeter and Poole, Cornwall won by three wickets, the game against Devon was just saved, while the Dorset match brought another innings defeat. At Reading, however, the team won their only success, but in the final two games at Oxford, Berks won and Beds gained points for first innings lead, after a really thrilling contest.

THE SUPREMACY OF HALLIDAY.

In regard to the batting J. G. Halliday was in capital form, rarely failing to score, and when he did score, always at a good pace. He is essentially an attacking batsman, of more use to the side at No. 4 than No. 1, and after he was able to drop himself in the batting order he did not know what it was to fail.

The return to the team of H. Walker and W. J. Godfrey stiffened the side at the head and both were in capital form, and it is to be hoped they will be available more often next year. W. S. P. Lithgow and S. F. Florey, though neither was consistent, batted well at times, and when they came in late in the season, W. W. Inge, A. P. D. Montgomery and J. Barnby showed how much their absence meant.

THREE PROMISING NEWCOMERS.

Others who batted well were the younger Lithgow, C. Walters, E. F. Bowtell, S. F. Williams, E. M. Senior and J. F. Mendl.

Mention has already been made of three of the above, Lithgow, Williams and Senior, jun. The former did not get many runs but his style is so good that another season (he will be at

Harrow another year) should see him fully developed. Senior played two capital innings on the tour and he is certain to have more chances next season.

Williams was an unqualified success. His debut was unfortunate, but when he was brought into the team later, he justified to the full the faith of his sponsors. In every way he looks the born cricketer, and his good judgment, combined with a quite matured technique, entitles him to the honoured position of being the discovery of the season. He is also first-rate in the field and as he comes up to Oxford in October, he should not be next to County cricket, at least for the next few years.

He, as well as S. F. Florey and W. S. P. Lithgow, was awarded his County Cap.

BOWLING STILL A PROBLEM.

As regards the bowling, this was always a problem. With O'Shea, Pether and Walters always at his disposal, Halliday would have had an attack at least the equal of any other County, but each of them had to miss several games, and in the last two not one of the trio was available. Each bowled as well as ever when in the side.

It was a rare opportunity for others to win their spurs. Bowtell and Elwin occasionally bowled very well, the former against Bedfordshire and the latter against Berkshire, while E. M. Senior, Spanton and Nunn rolled down a few good overs. With their limited attack Oxfordshire, on the whole, did fairly well to get out some strong batting sides, and only on three occasions were over 300 runs hit against them, while six times they disposed of their opponents for less than 200 runs. Wakefield, in his two matches, was disappointing. His arm is lower than it used to be, and he might consider, with advantage to himself and the County, making himself a slow left-hand bowler. He has height in his favour if he will use it and has only to learn to spin a ball to become indispensable.

THE FIELDING.

It was, perhaps, not as easy as in the last two seasons to captain the side owing to the unusual number of changes, but despite this, the ground fielding was maintained at a high level. In this respect Halliday set the side a splendid example, and Williams, Godfrey, Walker, the elder Lithgow, Florey, E. M. Senior, Pether and O'Shea ran him very close. Inge kept wicket as well as ever, and two reliable deputies were found in the younger Lithgow and Carr, the College Servant. The slip catching was not too sound, and this at times spoilt the look of the team.

While the future is at present in the melting pot, it is hoped when things are normal again particular attention will be paid to two most important matters—the getting together of representative Club and ground sides in which a certain number of County players should always take part, and the sending out well before the season begins, of a list of County matches to all those whose services may be required. I am aware this has been done in the past, but now it is more than ever essential for players to be given plenty of notice in order that they may the more easily work in their annual leave.

To conclude, the thanks of the Club are due to W. S. P. Lithgow, who took on the worrying duties of team secretary, and to Harry Parker, who as usual helped in so many ways.

Averages and other figurative details are appended.

BATTING.

(Qualification, four innings and over.)

	Inns.	n.o.	Agg.	score.	Avg.
J. G. Halliday	12	2	490	129	49.0
A. P. D. Montgomery	4	0	175	99	43.7
S. F. Williams	6	1	161	79	32.2
C. Walters	7	2	141	33	28.2
E. M. Senior	4	0	92	45	23.0
J. H. L. Brownrigg	5	1	91	32*	22.7
H. Walker	9	0	182	37*	20.2
J. P. O'Shea	10	4	112	42*	18.6
S. F. Florey	13	1	216	69	18.0
S. Pether	5	1	71	23	17.7
W. J. Godfrey	5	1	69	33	17.2
W. S. P. Lithgow	11	1	171	63*	17.1
W. W. Inge	9	0	148	47	16.4
J. P. Meuld	5	0	78	34	15.6
E. F. Bowtell	10	1	121	50	13.4
F. A. Nunn	5	1	32	9	8.0

Also batted: T. G. Harris, 1, 1; A. O. L. Lithgow, 0, 47, 21; J. Linnett, 4, 4, 0; W. Spanton, 1, 7, 1*, 0; M. Elwin, 0, 1, 1*, 0; D. C. Money, 0, 5; J. Parton, 0, 0; H. C. Peto, 2, 0; C. Carr, 5, 4; P. James, 0, 0; J. Barnby, 4, 56, 3; J. Senior, 11, 6; M. Wakefield, 2, 19; J. Guilfoyle, 0, 0*.

*Not out.

BOWLING.

(Four innings and over.)

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
C. Walters	86.1	16	220	13	16.9
S. Pether	57.4	7	208	12	17.3
J. P. O'Shea	148.5	17	483	26	18.5
J. Guilfoyle	54.5	8	203	10	20.3
E. F. Bowtell	103	9	456	16	28.5
M. Elwin	64.4	5	338	11	30.7
W. Spanton	49	5	210	6	55.0
J. G. Halliday	19	4	77	2	38.5
F. A. Nunn	46	5	195	4	48.7

Also bowled: J. Linnett, 14.3—1—62—0; W. S. P. Lithgow, 7—0—37—4; J. Barnby, 3—0—16—0; S. F. Williams, 3—0—15—0; S. F. Florey, 1—0—9—0; A. P. D. Montgomery, 2—8—8—0; W. W. Inge, 1—0—15—0; P. James, 5—0—23—0; H. C. Peto, 6—0—22—0; E. M. Senior, 16—0—87—3; M. Wakefield, 20—1—111—1.

THE CATCHES.

Catches were made by: S. F. Florey, 5; J. P. O'Shea, 3; M. Elwin, T. G. Harris, C. Walters, W. Spanton, E. M. Senior, W. J. Godfrey, J. G. Halliday, A. P. D. Montgomery and J. Barnby, 2 each; W. S. P. Lithgow, E. F. Bowtell, J. Guilfoyle and F. A. Nunn, 1 each. W. W. Inge stumped 3 and caught 8.

In their nine games Oxfordshire scored 2,708 runs for the loss of 149 wickets, an average of 18.27 per wicket, and their opponents 2,514 for 109 wickets, average 26.90 per wicket.

RESULTS OF GAMES.

Oxfordshire, 79 and 184; Dorset, 106 and 164 for one. Dorset won by ten wickets.
 Oxfordshire, 189 for seven; Devon, 181. Oxfordshire won on first innings.
 Oxfordshire v. Cornwall, not a ball bowled.
 Oxfordshire, 85 and 59; Beds, 233. Beds won by an innings and 89 runs.
 Oxfordshire, 149 and 217; Cornwall, 165 and 203 for seven. Cornwall won by three wickets.
 Oxfordshire, 187 and 166 for six; Devon, 322. Devon won on first innings.
 Oxfordshire, 93 and 175; Dorset, 311 for eight dec. Dorset won by an innings and 43 runs.
 Oxfordshire, 234 and 50 for 0; Berks, 167 and 143. Oxon won by ten wickets.
 Oxfordshire, 195 and 290 for six dec.; Berks, 103 and 294 for three. Berks won by seven wickets.
 Oxfordshire, 336; Beds, 342 and 90 for 0. Beds won on first innings.

OXFORD CITY LOSE JACK GUILFOYLE

Playing for Abingdon Next Season

Jack Gullfoyle, captain of Oxford City F.C. last year, has signed forms for Abingdon Town F.C. and will play for the Berkshire club during the coming football season.

Oxford football thus loses one of the outstanding players of recent years.

As a centre-half (writes R.C.F.), Gullfoyle has had few equals in amateur football. Although he appeared to lose some of his form at



Jack Gullfoyle

the beginning of last season, he later came back to play some really fine games for the City, of which club he has been a staunch and keen player for the past 12 seasons.

FIVE TIMES CAPTAIN

Captain of the City side for five seasons, not consecutive, he has rarely missed a game, either with the first team or Reserves.

He has played in eight representative games for the Isthmian League and has had considerable experience of Continental football.

A cricketer of no mean ability, he has played for the County on many occasions.

Early this summer he was appointed cricket coach to Abingdon Grammar School.

STAFFORDSHIRE MATCHES 1939

CAPTAIN: W.A. ADAMS

3 W/T 24,25	MAY	CHESHIRE	OXTON
9 M,T 5,6	JUNE	DURHAM	SUNDERLAND
11 W/T 7,8		N'LAND	NEWCASTLE
15 W/T 14,15		YORKS II	STAFFORD
23 W/T 28,29		YORKS II	ILKLEY
27 T,F 6,7	JULY	GLOUCS II	STROUD
33 M,T 24,25		N'LAND	STOKE
60 M,T 7,8	AUGUST	GLOUCS II	STOKE
64 W/T 9,10		CHESHIRE	PORTHILL
91 M,T 21,22		DURHAM	STOKE

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COUNTY CRICKET REVIEW

Staffordshire Hard Hit by Bad Weather

BATTING AND BOWLING AVERAGES

By THE CRITIC

IN a season in which every home match of the Staffordshire County Club has been interfered with by bad weather it was only in keeping with the outstanding characteristic of the 1939 season that it should wind up in thunder and lightning and floods as it did on the 22nd ult. For their home matches Staffordshire have not experienced one day when spectators could attend a match with reasonable assurance of a full day's cricket in agreeable conditions.

Such cricket as has been possible has not lacked in interest, and the season's results are creditable, especially in view of the loss of such young players as Ikin and Taylor, who headed the batting and bowling averages respectively last year. The programme was extended by the addition of fixtures for the first time with Gloucestershire II, who did Staffordshire a valuable service by providing an attractive fixture at Stoke on August Bank Holiday and Tuesday. At least, it would have been a valuable service if the elements had permitted.

Of the ten matches arranged, two furnished no result, two were won, two were won on the 1st innings, two were lost, and two lost on the 1st innings. The points gained were 20 out of a possible 48, which under the old method of reckoning by per centages would have given the county 41.66 per cent., compared with 45.23 last year. But the Minor Counties' Association have adopted the same method as that used in the County Championship, which is simpler and, I think, preferable. The points gained are divided by the number of matches played, so that Staffordshire's figure is 2.50. That will probably place them about the middle of the table.

Staffordshire batted 16 times and scored 2,420 runs for the loss of 120 wickets giving an average per wicket of 20.16. The total runs against them were 2,837 for 151 wickets, average 18.78, which shows a balance of 1.38 in favour of the county, compared with a debit last year of 2.44 per wicket. It is the first time since 1932 that the Staffordshire team have had a better average per wicket than that obtained against their bowling. The batting figure shows an increase as against last season of 1.24 per wicket, and the bowling a reduction of 2.58, indicating an all-round improvement. To get back to a margin on the right side imparts at least one gratifying feature to the season, especially when it is remembered that Lockett was absent from the first six matches and Crump from the last three.

RESULTS IN BRIEF

May 24 and 25, at Oxtou.—Cheshire 245 (W. Stubbs 5 for 46) and 126 (B. Shardlow 4 for 29); Staffordshire 165 (A. B. Hollowood 48) and 178 (G. B. Edge 65). Lost by 28 runs.
 June 5 and 6, at Sunderland.—Durham 214 (J. H. Olsen 93 not out, S. Crump 5 for 58) and 242 (T. Collin 90, Crump 5 for 47); Staffordshire 419 (R. Smith 110, C. C. Clarke 88, E. Broderick 50) and 38 for one wicket. Won by nine wickets.
 June 7 and 8, at Newcastle.—Northumberland 255 (Crump 6 for 70) and 331 for 7, declared (P. Vaulkhard 153 not out, Crump 4 for 71); Staffordshire 120 and 309 for 9 (R. Smith 126, E. Hawley 92). Lost on 1st innings.

June 14 and 15, at Stafford.—Staffordshire 138 and 65; Yorkshire II, 177 (Shardlow 7 for 55) and 27 for 4 (Shardlow 3 for 13). Lost by six wickets.
 June 28 and 29 at Ilkley. Staffordshire 265 (Crump 96, A. Massey 42); Yorkshire II, 156 (Watson 80 not out, Crump 7 for 39), and 100 for 3. Won on the 1st innings.
 July 6 and 7, at Stroud.—Gloucestershire II, 173 for 6, declared; Staffordshire 95 for 3. No result.
 July 24 and 25, at Stoke.—Staffordshire 187 (Northumberland 82 (Lockett 5 for 18) and 62 (Lockett 5 for 1); Crump 5 for 29). Won by an innings and 43 runs.
 August 7 and 8, at Stoke.—Staffordshire 141 (A. Birch 45), and 49 for 2; Gloucestershire II, 107 (Shardlow 5 for 31). Won on 1st innings.
 August 9 and 10, at Porthill.—Cheshire 208 (B. Marshall 3 for 18); Staffordshire 38 for two. No result.
 August 21 and 22, at Stoke. Durham 183 and 143; Staffordshire 175 and 38 for 3. Lost on 1st innings.

THREE GREAT MATCHES

I do not think anyone watching the first three matches of the season could regard Minor Counties' cricket as a wash-out. No class of cricket could furnish three grander games. At Oxtou, Sunderland and Newcastle-on-Tyne the weather was delightful, and each match furnished two full days of memorable cricket, extra time being played in all three matches. Against Cheshire the visitors were 80 behind on the first innings, made a fine rally, and in a race against time for victory lost by 28. At Sunderland splendid batting gave Staffordshire a lead of 265, but with only an hour and a-half left, Durham were in front with only four wickets down, and a definite result seemed impossible. But Shardlow and Crump got the other six wickets for an addition of 55, and Staffordshire knocked them off with five minutes to spare. At Newcastle P. Vaulkhard gave the Staffordshire bowlers the most terrific flogging they have had for many a year, but the record partnership of 228 for the first wicket by R. Smith and E. Hawley, and half-an-hour's skilful defence by two young bowlers, H. Thornhill and F. Boulton, amidst tense excitement, avoided defeat outright. In the two matches in the extreme North, Crump bowled 80 8-ball overs on plumb pitches and took 20 wickets for 12 runs a-piece.

Every other match was more or less interfered with by rain, and only two were finished. At Stafford a fortuitous shower enabled Yorkshire II, to win in spite of great bowling by Shardlow, and at Stoke Northumberland were caught on a drying wicket and beaten by an innings, Lockett having a remarkable match on his first appearance of the season. The best all-round performance of the season was Crump's 96 and 7 for 39 at Ilkley.

NEW PLAYERS OF PROMISE

STAFFORDSHIRE called upon 30 players, one more than last year, of whom nine played in one match only, and B. Shardlow was the only ever-present. G. B. Edge proved con-

clusive, that he is an automatic first choice as wicket-keeper when available, all the more so because he is worth his place for his batting. Mainly owing to injury he was only able to play in three matches and L. Lowe, J. E. Blair, and A. Meigh deputized in turn. Edge dismissed eleven batsmen, eight caught and three stumped. Shardlow caught 10, Crump 7, and G. Pedley 6. No one else caught more than three, but Blair caught three and stumped two.

A very large proportion of the runs were scored by R. Smith, who hit two centuries, E. Hawley, A. B. Hollowood, S. Crump, and C. C. Clarke. New batsmen who promise well were B. Marshall, professional at Blythe Works, a useful all-rounder, and F. R. Bailey, the young Audley left-hander, who in his first season in the top section of the N.S. League with Cheddleton M.H. has been a prolific scorer, and may develop into a valuable batsman for the county if he can improve his back-play on the off-side.

For wicket taking the county has been largely dependant on Crump, Shardlow, and Lockett, but others have bowled well on occasion. Crump was admirably consistent, Shardlow rather less so, but brilliant at times, and Lockett as effective as ever when he came in for the later matches. Apart from Marshall the only new bowler of note was the Leek boy, F. Boulton. He was unfortunate to bowl when the conditions were against him, and his record has little relation to the merit of his bowling. I think he has a future as a county bowler.

The following are the batting and bowling averages:—

BATTING

	Inns.	Not Out	Runs	Av.
B. Marshall	4	1	107	29.35
A. B. Hollowood	19	3	226	48.32
R. Smith	15	0	396	126.30
E. Hawley	11	1	271	92.27
H. Thornhill	7	2	26	15.26
G. B. Edge	5	1	98	24.50
C. C. Clarke	9	1	189	88.25
S. Crump	9	0	195	21.66
F. T. Boulton	5	4	41	16.20
F. R. Bailey	4	1	61	39.20
A. Birch	4	0	79	45.19
G. Pedley	5	0	91	37.18
E. Broderick	8	1	104	50.14
T. R. Doughton	4	1	41	25.15
B. Shardlow	11	1	127	35.12
J. E. Blair	7	1	16	7.80
L. Lowe	3	0	23	15.76
W. A. Adams	2	1	50	18.74
A. Lockett	5	0	12	5.40
W. Stubbs	4	1	5	2.16

Batted twice, B. J. C. Evans 9, 14, A. Meigh 2, 6, R. E. Hollowood 2, 1, L. I. C. Bellamy 1, 0.

Batted once, A. Massey 42, R. Halton 34, R. H. Platt 21, R. Birch 13, K. W. Platt 1, W. Bourne 0. *Denotes not out.

BOWLING

	O	M	R	W	Av.
A. Massey	12	1	33	4	8.25
A. Lockett	64	1	277	24	11.54
B. Marshall	31	1	71	6	11.83
S. Crump	176	5	530	44	12.94
W. Stubbs	37	11	167	12	13.91
T. R. Doughton	48	3	114	6	19.00
B. Shardlow	150	4	689	34	20.26
E. Broderick	43	3	208	7	29.71
F. T. Boulton	75	5	322	7	45.00

Also bowled, R. R. Hollowood 12 1-43, G. Pedley 14 2-76-1, H. Thornhill 18 0-116-1, R. J. C. Evans 7 0-52-0, L. I. C. Bellamy 3 0-12-0, R. Halton 3 1 15 0.

COUNTY CRICKET CLUB'S IMPROVED FINANCES

Due to Share in Test Receipts

APPEAL MENTIONED AT ANNUAL MEETING

AN improved financial position on the season's working was reported to the annual meeting of the Staffordshire County Cricket Club at the Grand Hotel, Hanley, on Tuesday evening, when reference was made to the probable launching of an appeal for funds.

The committee's annual report stated that last season saw Staffordshire rise from 15th to 10th place in the Minor Counties' Championship, and this must be considered very satisfactory when it was realized that the XI. was short of some of its best players during most of the season—E. Hawley was unable to play at all owing to illness, and L. E. Gale and A. Lockett played only once. J. T. Ikin headed the batting averages, scoring 431 runs, and only failing by 12 to equal his remarkable aggregate of the previous season. The other chief run-getters were R. Smith and C. C. Clarke, both of whom had their best season with the county side.

Newcomers who should prove valuable assets to the batting strength were R. S. Patterson and T. R. Deighton; the former, who was only 18 years of age, scored 62 not out on his first appearance, and was a brilliant fielder, while the latter was a most useful all-rounder. In bowling the averages were headed by F. Taylor, but he was available for only three matches, and the brunt of the work fell on S. Crump, who received effective assistance from B. Shardlow. There was still need for another fast medium bowler, and later in the season T. H. Deighton did useful work in this direction, and should be very useful in the coming season. The fielding of the side had again been of a high standard, but a successor to C. C. Goodway, as wicket-keeper, had still to be found, and four different players were tried in that position during the year. F. Taylor had joined the Warwickshire ground staff, where they wished him every success. Taylor's new club, however, had kindly offered to release him for as many matches as possible during his qualification period.

LARGER MEMBERSHIP NEEDED

The financial position of the club showed a profit of £186 1s. 3d. on the season's working, but this was brought about by Staffordshire's share of the profits on the England-Australia Test matches. There had been an improvement in the attendance at matches, but there was still need for a considerable increase in the club's membership. Regarding the coming season's fixtures, the committee pointed out that ten matches had been arranged in the Minor Counties' Championship. For the past four years it had been possible to arrange only one match for Stoke Wakes Week, but this year it had been found possible to arrange two, as Gloucester II., who would be met for the first time, had kindly agreed to come to Stoke on August Bank Holiday and the following day.

The Wednesday and Thursday in Wakes Week would be filled by the match with Cheshire at Porthill. The experiment of playing a match on the ground of the Michelin Athletic Club at Stoke was most successful, and the committee expressed thanks to the officials of the Michelin club for their valuable help and co-operation. Several improvements were being made to the Michelin

ground, where three matches would be played this season, and the committee hoped it might soon become a worthy successor to the old county ground at Stoke. The committee also expressed thanks to the officials of the Porthill and Walsall clubs for the use of their grounds, and particularly to Mr. W. Preston, president of the Walsall club, observing that it was a matter for regret that his efforts were not better supported by the Walsall cricketing public.

The coming season saw a revival of Stafford as a venue for a county match, and it was hoped that the inhabitants of the county town would give the fixture their full support, continued the report. The committee expressed thanks to Mr. W. A. Adams for his whole-hearted and unabated enthusiasm in captaining the side during a difficult season, and to Mr. C. C. Clarke, who ably deputized for Mr. Adams in the last match. Appreciation was also expressed of the services of Mr. C. E. Bullock as hon. auditor. The committee recorded with regret the deaths of three members in Mrs. Leicester, Stone; Mr. T. B. Adams, Wolverhampton; and Lieut.-Col. T. L. Wenger, Stoke-on-Trent.

SEASON'S FIXTURES

Fixtures for the coming season were as follow:—Wednesday and Thursday, May 24 and 25, v. Cheshire at Oxton; Monday and Tuesday, June 5 and 6, v. Durham at Sunderland; Wednesday and Thursday, June 7 and 8, v. Northumberland at Newcastle-on-Tyne; Wednesday and Thursday, June 14 and 15, v. Yorkshire II. at Stafford; Wednesday and Thursday, June 23 and 24, v. Yorkshire II. at Ilkley; Thursday and Friday, July 6 and 7, v. Gloucester II. at Stroud; Monday and Tuesday, July 24 and 25, v. Northumberland at Michelin ground, Stoke; Monday and Tuesday, August 7 and 8, v. Gloucester II. at Michelin ground, Stoke; Wednesday and Thursday, August 9 and 10, v. Cheshire at Porthill; and Monday and Tuesday, August 21 and 22, v. Durham at Michelin ground, Stoke.

Mr. H. J. Plant, who presided in the absence of the Earl of Dartmouth (president), remarked that it was quite a satisfactory report. It seemed as if the county was getting together a stronger side, and the only real trouble was financial.

The adoption of the report was moved by Mr. C. H. Matthews, seconded by Miss Myatt and carried.

The statement of accounts showed receipts, amounting to £657 12s. 4d., including £128 1s. 5d. in match receipts, £299 5s. in subscriptions, and £220 2s. 5d. being the county's share of the Test and trial match receipts. Expenditure amounted to £471 11s. 1d., including £372 11s. in match expenses, leaving a sum in hand of £186 1s. 3d. There was an adverse balance from 1937 of £796 7s. 6d., and this had now been reduced to £610 6s. 3d. Commenting on the financial position, Mr. A. Brodie (hon. treasurer) said had it not been for their share of the Test and trial match receipts there would have been a loss on the season's working of £34. That, however, compared very favourably with the previous season, when they made a loss of £221. (Observing that subscriptions had declined by £30, Mr. Brodie said it was not very satisfactory, but unfortunately a good many of the club's older members had lost interest in cricket and had resigned

their membership. The committee had meant to offset the reduction in subscriptions by the launching of an appeal—he was confident that had the appeal gone forward they would have had a very different position to show—but unfortunately for many reasons it was found impossible to proceed with it. The committee did intend, however, to proceed with an appeal, which it was hoped would have substantial results. The statement of accounts was approved.

SHILLING FUND SUGGESTED

Commenting on the club's financial position, Mr. Plant said the committee were thinking seriously of issuing a strong appeal. He pointed out that the Porthill club had sent out 5,000 circulars appealing for funds, and said if a local club could do that there must be sufficient people interested in cricket to make some sacrifice for the county club. Mr. E. Hill observed that some years ago the Porthill club organized a shilling fund which brought in 40,000 shillings, and suggested that a similar scheme to raise 10,000 shillings might be launched by the county club.

The matter was referred to the committee for consideration.

In proposing the re-appointment of Lord Dartmouth as president, Mr. Plant spoke of the close association which had existed for many years between the county club and his Lordship's family, and paid tribute to Lord Dartmouth's interest in the club.

Mr. A. B. Hollowood seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously.

Vice-presidents were re-appointed en bloc, with the addition of Lieut.-Col. W. J. Kent and Mr. Percy Cooper; and Mr. W. Mellard and Mr. G. A. H. Williams were added to the committee, which was also re-elected.

Mr. Plant moved the re-appointment of Mr. W. A. Adams as captain, and paid tribute to his leadership of the side. The motion was carried.

Mr. A. Brodie was re-appointed hon. treasurer, Mr. L. W. Hancock hon. secretary, Mr. J. H. D. Myatt hon. assistant secretary, and Mr. C. E. Bullock hon. auditor.

COUNTY CRICKET

Interesting Season in Prospect

GAINS AND LOSSES IN PERSONNEL

By THE CRITIC

THROUGH it is more difficult than usual to assess the prospects of Staffordshire in the Minor Counties' Competition this year, the programme of matches arranged certainly promises an interesting season. One such feature will be the extension of the programme by the playing of home and home matches with the 2nd XI. of Gloucestershire for the first time in the history of Staffordshire cricket. This departure is especially welcome because it enables the County Club to revive its former practice of providing four days' cricket in Stoke Wakes week.

If the late Mr. W. C. Hancock were still with us I have no doubt he would confirm me when I say it was on my suggestion that the experiment was first tried of playing matches at Stoke in that week. The then hon. secretary had some difficulty in convincing his committee that it was an exaggeration to say "Everyone is away in Wakes week," but the proof was forthcoming when the two Wakes matches instantly became by far the best "gate"-producing fixtures, and continued so as long as it was possible to secure reasonably attractive visitors. So it has been a serious financial loss that for a good many years now it has not been found possible to persuade any of the county's opponents to visit Stoke on Bank Holiday. That Gloucestershire, who entered the competition last year for the first time, have agreed to visit the Potteries on the first two days of Wakes week is, therefore, a circumstance of outstanding importance. The Gloucestershire County Club is nursing a number of promising young professionals at Bristol, and will be certain to place an attractive side in the field at Stoke.

THE STAFFORD FIXTURE

ANOTHER feature of interest is the decision to accept the invitation of the Stafford club to play a match in the County Town after a lapse of four years. I understand that the committee of the club wish to do everything in their power to make the match a success, and on their invitation Mr. Laurance Hancock, hon. secretary of the County Club, visited Stafford this week to discuss with them the arrangements. The visitors, Yorks II., are as attractive a side as any on the Staffordshire list. Many of the players are young professionals entering on their career, and one could compile a formidable list of international players who have played against Staffordshire for the 2nd teams of their respective counties. Men who come instantly to mind are Hutton, the Test record breaker, Larwood, the terror of Bradman and the other Australian stars, Baynter, Voce, Wright. It has been said that there is as good fish in the sea as ever came out. Another young Yorkshireman, Halliday by name, impressed me tremendously as a batsman last year, though I saw but little of him, and the opinion was expressed later in Yorkshire that Halliday was as good as Hutton was at his age. I stress the point for Stafford readers because I think it is not generally realized what an intensely interesting side the 2nd XI. of a county, like Yorkshire is. The match on June 14 and 15 will be well worth watching, and ought to attract good attendances. I hope it will, and also that Stafford will show a proper interest in the County Club by a handsome increase in membership. A guinea subscription is not a great deal to ask from those who can afford it for county cricket, which, as Sir Francis Joseph once said, is worth doing something for.

MICHELIN ENTERPRISE

A FURTHER noteworthy feature of the season will be a whole-hearted attempt to establish the ground of the Michelin Athletic Club at Stoke as the successor to the old County Ground, which was lost to sport by the action of the education authorities and the L.M.S.R., and promises of the provision of an alternative ground broken. The first county match on the Michelin ground last year was sufficiently successful to lead the committee to allot three matches to this new venture this year. It is a pleasant spot, where cricket can be enjoyed to the full on a nice day, and I am informed that the sports club of the famous works contemplates the expenditure of several thousand pounds in improvements during the next two years. One item which is being carried out in time for this season's matches at a cost of £600 is the erection of an adequate tea pavilion. I am also told that separate wickets are being prepared for the three county matches, and will not be played on until they are used for that purpose. Evidently those in authority at the Michelin are intent on the equipment of a ground in every way worthy of and suitable for county cricket, and the thanks of all those who enjoy cricket under agreeable conditions are due to them. There is no doubt the best thanks they could have would be the evidence of public appreciation in the form of good attendances at the matches. The Porthill ground, where the other home match is to be played, is looking extremely well. The ground is now the property of the Porthill club, and they are to be congratulated on its improved appearance and, I think, the quality of the wickets.

The following is the list of fixtures:—
May 24 and 25, Cheshire, at Oxtou, June 5 and 6, Durham at Sunderland; 7 and 8, Northumberland at Newcastle; 14 and 15, Yorkshire II. at Stafford; 28 and 29, Yorkshire II. at Ilkley. July 6 and 7, Gloucestershire II. at Stroud; 24 and 25, Northumberland at Stoke, August 7 and 8, Gloucestershire II. at Stoke; 9 and 10, Cheshire at Porthill; 21 and 22, Durham at Stoke.

PAINE TO PLAY FOR STAFFS.

THERE will be some important changes in personnel this year. The latest dictum of the M.C.C. in regard to qualification makes it possible for a man to play for a county in which he is playing without the residential qualification even of one year, subject to the sanction of the county for which he has hitherto played and of the M.C.C. The effect of that revolutionary change will be to deprive Staffordshire of the services this season of John Ikin and Fred Taylor, two losses that will be felt. But for the new regulation these young players could not have qualified for Lancashire and Warwickshire respectively this year, and would probably have been permitted to play for their native county, as Ikin did last year though engaged at Old Trafford. But the change cuts both ways, for it makes it possible for all the three new professionals in the North Staffs. League, Paine, Marshall, and D'Arcy, to play for Staffs. this season subject to the necessary permission. The need for all reasonable economy, of course, imposes some restriction on the number of professionals to be included, and it is greatly to the credit of Aaron Lockett and Stanley Crump that they both consented to play as amateurs a couple of seasons ago when the financial situation was causing the committee

considerable anxiety.

However, steps have been taken to secure the services of Paine, and there is every probability that he will be in the team to oppose Cheshire at Oxton. The consent of the Warwickshire County Club has been obtained, terms have been arranged with the player, and the permission of the M.C.C. has been sought, and though not received at the time of writing it may almost be taken for granted as more or less a formality in such a case. D'Arcy has not really found his form yet for Knypersley, but may be useful to Staffordshire in the future. On the other hand, Marshall is showing impressive all-round form with Blythe Works, and I look for his inclusion in the county team before long.

BATTING RESOURCES GOOD

A **N**OTHER gain to set against the losses is the return to health and form of Ernest Hawley, who, following a highly successful debut as opening batsman in 1937, was ill all last season. It is good news that though C. C. Clarke has gone into business in Devonshire he hopes to play in all matches except, perhaps, that at Ilkley, but T. R. Deighton, who came into the team midway through last season as an all-rounder, and who is this year playing for Walsall in the Birmingham League, will not be available until the end of July. L. E. Gale, who was only able to accept for two matches in 1938, is also not likely to be more favourably placed this time. Two years ago he was a regular player of great value. Thus circumstances change from year to year. Stanley Crump will again always be available, except, I understand, in Wakes week, and will be one of the mainstays of the team, and Roy Smith hopes to be free for county cricket again. W. A. Adams will continue his astute captaincy, and G. B. Edge may be the wicket-keeper. If he "keeps" as well for the county as for his club, which he did not quite succeed in doing in the early matches last year, it will not be necessary to look further to fill this vitally important position.

Other batsmen who will probably be able to play in some of the matches, and who would, in my opinion be among the most successful county batsmen if they could play regularly, are A. B. Hollowood and R. H. Plant. Then,

after seeing his improved form last season, I regard Reg Hinton, now professional at Horwich, who will be available after the first match, as likely to prove an acquisition. He is a forcing left-hand bat and fast-medium right-arm bowler. E. Broderick, now of Sneyd Colliery, has also greatly improved his batting, is scoring freely, as he did for Leek last year, and has always been useful when included in the county team. He also is a change bowler, but his bowling has lost some of its sting as his batting has improved. I consider G. Pedley, of Longton, always worth his place for his steady batting and his slow bowling, but he can manage no more than two or three matches.

Looking to Stafford and the South I suppose there is not much hope that either R. J. C. Evans or M. H. Romans will be able to play often, and the batsman who hits the attention in South Staffs. most of all is H. O. Edwards, of Old Hill, but I am sorry to hear that Mr. Edwards, sen., has hopes of his son playing for Worcestershire. R. E. Bird, who in Rugby football was Staffordshire's stand-off half-back last winter, and plays cricket for Mosley, champions of the Birmingham League, would be an obvious choice if he could spare the time. He was invited last year, but the dates were inconvenient for him. He was described to me a few months ago by one of the best known players in the Birmingham area as the best bat in the League last season—no mean tribute. Bird has again been approached with a view to discovering whether he can assist the county in any of the matches. R. S. Patterson does not appear to have maintained the form he showed for Staffordshire last season, for he is playing, without conspicuous success, in the Walsall 2nd XI. this time.

DOUBTS ABOUT THE BOWLING

TURNING to bowling, Paine and Crump will probably have plenty of work, for almost the only other bowler of the necessary class who can play whenever he is wanted is B. Shardlow, of Stone, and he happens to be a bowler of somewhat similar type to Paine. For speed there is only W. Stubbs, and if he plays in half the matches that will probably be his limit. Roy Hollowood's success with Burslem compels consideration, and if he should meet with a more commensurate measure of success in county cricket than he has been able to command on previous trials, he might be another regular Lowler. Unfortunately Lockett's club engagements appear likely to rob Staffordshire of his services for the greater part of the season, as they did last year, which would seem to make it more desirable to include Marshall if possible. Fred Wilshaw, left arm swing expert, of Great Chell, is doing big things again for his club, and it should not be forgotten that he met with considerable success for the county two or three seasons ago, whilst Leek may have a star of the future in F. Boulton, who probably needs more experience, and Harry Thornhill, of Porthill, comes into the same category, but is, I believe, of the age to be called up for military service. With Pedley's slow spinners these seem to be the resources of the county so far as one can see at the moment, and they are not quite convincing. But I hear of another possible recruit of established reputation in the former Warwickshire player, D. G. Foster, who last season was wicket-keeper-in-chief for Sutton Coldfield. I believe he has not started yet this time, but when he does he will probably not be long in finding form that would make him very useful to Staffs., for whom I believe he is qualified and willing to play.

TEAM FOR THE FIRST MATCH

NOW let me give the selected side which, I understand, is likely to play against Cheshire at Oxton next week:—

- W. A. Adams (captain), C. C. Clarke, A. B. Hollowood, E. Hawley, R. H. Plant, R. Smith, S. Crump, G. B. Edge, R. R. Hollowood, W. Stubbs, and G. Paine.

It is, I think, sufficiently strong in batting, but the bowling leaves me a little anxious. The omission of Shardlow I rate as a mistake. Last season he was second to Taylor in the averages with 13 wickets for 15.33 runs a-piece, an excellent record, and he is bowling equally well, if not better, this year. In the early part of the season when wickets are not likely to be too dry to suit him I regard the Stone left-hander as at least as likely to get the best batsmen out as any bowler at the call of the club, and the fact that Paine is also a slow left-arm bowler does not appeal to me as a sufficient ground for the omission of a potential match-winner. And Shardlow also averaged 18½ with the bat last season. I hope he will soon be in the team.

To sum up this survey of the county's resources as far as one can estimate them in advance, it appears that when the best players I have named are available a powerful batting side can be assured, but adequate bowling strength may be difficult to secure.

SUFFOLK MATCHES 1939

CAPTAIN:

				EADT	EDP
	29,30 MAY	LINCS	LOWESTOFT	FSPB FA	FSB A
	27,28 JUNE	LINCS	GRANTHAM	FSPB FA	FSPB SA 2
	F,S 4,5 AUGUST	CAMBS	MARCH	FSPB FA	FS VSA 2
	WT 9,10	BERKS	FELIXSTOWE	FSPB FA	FS JA
FSBW 72	M,T 14,15	BEDS	LUTON	FSPB FA	FSPB JA
FSBW 79	WT 16,17	BERKS	READING	FSPB FA	FSPB VSA
FSB 92	M,T 21,22	BEDS	FELIXSTOWE	FSPB FA	FS VSA
FSB 102	WT 30,31	CAMBS	LOWESTOFT	FSPB FA	FSB VFA

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SUFFOLK COUNTY AVERAGES

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BATTING

BATTING.

	Inns.		Runs	H	Htst.	Av.
	in	out				
Head, C. R.	9	2	429	127		71.23
H. L. Porter	11	3	275	91*		49.57
G. W. Hockey	5	1	162	25*		42.5
J. E. Forrest	13	2	341	164		31.00
Daley, J. V.	8	2	166	49		27.55
A. G. Poath	5	—	133	57		26.60
H. P. Wauzh	8	2	146	64		24.33
E. W. Longrove	5	1	67	43		21.75
B. H. Belle	9	1	170	78		21.25
J. M. Sangster	6	—	84	38		14.00
B. W. Francis	3	1	23	22		14.00
Perkins, G. C.	8	1	76	20*		10.75
D. T. M. Birks	6	—	43	15		7.15
R. A. Henley	5	1	27	16*		6.75

The following also batted: K. G. Mather, 29; R. C. Leach, 0; J. H. Weller-Poley, 29 and 2; H. Catchpole, 9; and H. T. Davy, 14.

* Not out.

BOWLING.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.	Av.
Perkins, G. C.	314.5	112	572	55	10.40
Daley, J. V.	249.8	33	652	45	20.53
H. P. Wauzh	91	14	316	13	24.30
R. A. Henley	42	4	142	4	35.50
R. C. Leach	19	5	84	2	42.00
B. H. Belle	29	1	143	3	47.65

The following also bowled: J. M. Sangster, 2, 0; J. A. H. Catchpole, 13, 2, 53, 1; Mead (C. P.), 10, 1; M. J. D. T. M. Birks, 9, 0, 39, 0; J. E. Forrest, 5, 6; 30, 0; G. W. Hockey, 10, 1, 43, 1.

Centuries for Suffolk: J. E. Forrest, 164, v. Lines; Mead, 127, v. Lines; and 113, v. Beds.

Highest aggregate by Suffolk, 343, v. Beds.; by opponents, 316, by Beds.

Extras: Suffolk received, 164; conceded, 144. Runs per wicket: Suffolk scored 2,324 runs for 29 wickets, average 29.14 per wicket. Opponents scored 2,009 runs for 122 wickets, average, 19.69 per wicket.

WILTSHIRE MATCHES 1939

CAPTAIN:

24 M, T 3, 4	JULY	SURREY 2ND	THE OVAL
26 W, T 5, 6		KENT 2ND	BROADSTAIRS
31 M, T 7, 8	AUGUST	SURREY 2ND	SALISBURY
66 W, T 9, 10		DORSET	SALISBURY
71 F, S 11, 12		GLOUCS 2ND	TROWBRIDGE
77 M, T 14, 15		KENT 2ND	SWINDON
F W, T 16, 17		WEST INDIES	SWINDON
86 F, S 18, 19		GLOUCS 2ND	BRISTOL
89 M, T 21, 22		DORSET	WIMBORNE

SJ	ST	WT	WN	WG	SEA	NWH	SA
FSB		FSB		FSB			
VSA		VSA		VSA			
FSB		FS		FS			
FA		FSB		FSB			
SA		FS		FS			
FSB		FSB		FSB			
SA		FS		FS			
FSB		FSB		FSB			
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WARWICKSHIRE 2ND XI MATCHES: 1939

CAPTAIN: C.A.F. HASTILOW

BP

W,T 17,18	MAY	LEICS II	LEICESTER
M,T 29,30		DERBY II	BELPER
W,T 28,29	JUNE	WORCS II	WORCESTER
T,F 6,7	JULY	LEICS II	EDGBASTON
W,T 12,13		NOTTS II	EDGBASTON
M,T 17,18		NOTTS II	TRENT BRIDGE
M,T 7,8	AUG	DERBY II	EDGBASTON
M,T 14,15		WORCS II	EDGBASTON

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2nd ELEVEN AVERAGES-- COUNTY MATCHES

1939

BATTING

BATSMAN	Number of Innings	Times Not Out	Most in an Innings	Total Runs	Average
Watson	12	3	80*	364	40.44
J. R. S. Raper	11	3	117*	258	32.25
G. A. Wilson	17	1	93	485	30.31
Coope	5	1	81	113	28.25
T. Thornton	12	2	56	279	27.90
Cawthray	14	3	72	253	23.00
Bolton	5	3	22*	41	20.50
Wilkinson	8	3	30*	99	19.80
M. A. C. P. Kaye	5	1	35*	63	15.75
Halliday	16	1	42	209	13.93
Fiddling	7	1	14	29	4.83
Beaumont	4	1	7	13	4.33
Smurthwaite	8	1	2*	3	0.43
The following also batted—					
Smailes	2	1	60	82	82.00
Cadman	2	1	16	18	18.00
Mason	3	2	14	16	16.00
J. Webster	3	0	14	24	8.00
Denison	2	0	5	8	4.00
Pollard	2	0	5	5	2.50

*Denotes Not Out.

BOWLING

BOWLER	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Cadman	26	3	91	10	9.10
Smailes	34.1	4	87	9	9.67
Smurthwaite	125.3	21	466	36	12.94
Cawthray	100.7	15	359	20	17.95
G. A. Wilson	23	0	90	5	18.00
Wilkinson	165.4	31	491	25	19.64
Mason	44.5	9	141	7	20.14
Halliday	40.7	7	117	5	23.40
M. A. C. P. Kaye	52	4	207	6	34.50
The following also bowled—					
Coope	3	0	21	1	21.00
Denison	11	1	39	1	39.00
J. Webster	29	2	101	2	50.50

MINOR COUNTIES COMPETITION 1939

TABLE OF RESULTS

	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Won on 1st Inns.</i>	<i>Lost on 1st Inns.</i>	<i>No Result</i>	<i>Points Ob- tained</i>	<i>Aver- age Points</i>
Surrey II	10	7	0	2	1	0	49	4.90
Lancashire II ...	10	5	1	2	0	2	36	4.50
Suffolk	8	4	0	2	1	1	31	4.42
Buckinghamshire	8	4	1	2	0	1	30	4.28
Cheshire	8	2	1	1	0	4	15	3.75
Dorset	10	4	2	3	0	1	33	3.66
Norfolk	12	4	2	3	2	1	35	3.18
Yorkshire II	10	3	2	1	1	3	22	3.14
Cornwall	8	2	1	1	2	2	17	2.83
Hertfordshire	10	2	2	3	2	1	23	2.55
Staffordshire	10	2	2	2	2	2	20	2.50
Kent II	8	2	2	1	2	1	17	2.42
Cambridgeshire ...	8	2	3	1	1	1	16	2.28
Devon	8	1	1	2	3	1	15	2.14
Bedfordshire	10	2	3	1	3	1	18	2.00
Northumberland	10	2	4	1	2	1	17	1.88
Wiltshire	8	1	3	2	1	1	13	1.85
Durham	10	1	4	2	2	1	14	1.55
Lincolnshire	8	1	3	1	3	0	12	1.50
Oxfordshire	10	1	5	1	2	1	11	1.22
Berkshire.....	10	1	6	0	2	1	8	0.88
Gloucestershire II	10	0	5	1	3	1	6	0.66

No Challenge Match.

SYSTEM OF SCORING—Six points for a win in a Completed Two Day match, and for a lead on the first innings in a One Day match, provided the match cannot be played out. Three points to the winner and one to the loser in a Two Day match decided on the first innings. Matches in which there is no result on the first innings ignored.