

BEDFORDSHIRE 1952:

MATCHES 9(8)

CAPTAIN: J.A.R. OLIVER

DAY	DATE	MONTH	VERSUS	VENUE	BT	BR	LN	BHST
W.T	28,29	MAY	LEICS 2nd	M HARBOURGH	F.S.B. X	-	-	F.S.P.S.A. X
W.T	9,10	JULY	HERTS	WATFORD	F.S.B. X	-	P.F.S.B. P.S.A.	P.F.A.B. X
W.T	16,17		LINCS	GRIMSBY	F.S.B. X	-	-	F.S.A. X
W.T	30,31		CAMBS	LUTON	F.S.B.W. X	-	P.F.S.P.B. P.S.A.	F.S.P.A. X
M.T	4,5	AUGUST	LINCS	BEDFORD	F.S.P.B. X	F.S.B. X	-	<del>F.S.P.A. X</del>
W.T	6,7		BUCKS	BEDFORD	F.S.B. X	-	P.F.S.B. P.S.A.	P.F.A. X
F.S	8,9		HERTS	BEDFORD	-	F.S.B.W. X	P.F.S. -	-
F.S	15,16		CAMBS	CAMBRIDGE	S.S. X	F.S.B. X	F.S.P.B. A	-
W.T	27,28		BUCKS	ASCOTT PARK	F.S.P.B. X	-	-	F.S.P.A. X
			AVERAGES		S.S.E.P. X	-	-	-
			REVIEW		S.S.E.P. X	-	-	-
			AGM		S.S.E.P. X	-	-	-

	IPC	MC	WW
JAN - DEC BEDFORDSHIRE TIMES	✓		✓
JAN - DEC BEDFORD RECORD	✓	✓	✓
JAN - DEC LUTON NEWS	✓		✓
MAY - OCT BEDS AND HERTS SATURDAY TELEGRAPH	✓		



BEDFORDSHIRE  
APPEARANCE  
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NAME	A	A	A	H	H	H	H	A	A	All TOTAL	MC TOTAL		
G.L.B. AUGUST	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	9	8	HORNSEY	GEORGE
B.E. DISBURY	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	9	8	BEDFORD TOWN	BRIAN
M.L. KILBY	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	9	8	LUTON TOWN	MICK
J. LEGATE	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	HENLOW	JACK
G.S.S. GILBERT	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	SOUTHILL PARK	GERALD
V.J. HARRIS	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	BEDFORD TOWN	JOHN
J.A.R. OLIVER	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	8	7	LUTON TOWN	JOHN
D.C. MONEY	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2		DAVID
D. MEAKIN	✓	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	3	2	RAF HENLOW	DOUG
F.K. BREEZE	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	BEDFORD TOWN	
D.G. JENKINS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	8	7	BEDFORD TOWN	DON
J.G. OWEN	-	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	7	7	LUTON TOWN	GLYN
K.R.G. WILLIAMS	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	8	8	QUEEN'S WORKS	KEVIN
A.G. COOMB	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	8	8		ARTHUR
R.D. GARDINER	-	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	4	4	LUTON TOWN	RON
D. GRADY	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	6	6	DUNSTABLE TOWN	DAN
S.T. MORRIS	-	-	-	-	✓	-	-	-	✓	2	2	BEDFORD TOWN	SID
J.W. FRY	-	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	4	4		JOHN
P.G. MILLER	-	-	-	-	-	✓	✓	-	-	2	2		PETER
M.S. MEESON	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	-	-	1	1	BEDFORD SCHOOL	MARTIN
R. STREET	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	-	1	1	BEDFORD SCHOOL	BOB
TOTAL										99	88		

# COUNTY'S MAIN DEFICIENCY IS IN BOWLING

## Batting Expected to be Strong Again

Bedfordshire, after dropping from 2nd to 25th place in the Minor Counties championship last year, hope to re-establish their position among the leading teams this season.

Before the decline in 1951—a decline that was largely due to the poor weather—the County had not finished lower than tenth in five post-war seasons, being runners-up in 1948 as well as in 1950.

This season the County will be under new leadership, for J. A. R. Oliver, vice-captain since the war, succeeds A. B. Poole, who has relinquished the captaincy after six years' distinguished service in that position. Poole, however, is expected to play quite frequently. G. L. B. August is the new vice-captain.

Chief deficiency of the side is in attack, and efforts are being made to find a fast bowler and a slow spinner. J. R. Chisholm, professional for the last three years, whose contract has expired, showed poor form with bat and ball last season, and he has not been re-engaged.

At present, it looks as if much will depend upon pace bowler A. G. Coomb, who topped the averages in 1951 with 35 wickets at a cost of 19.4 runs each, and that reliable left-arm spinner, J. G. Owen, now in his 44th year.

Further opportunities will be afforded F. K. Breeze (fast) and P. Markham (fast-medium), both of Bedford Town, and trials are to be given to D. G. Jenkins (Bedford Town), who has been invited to play for a County XI against Leicestershire 2nd XI later this month, and P. Gilbert (Harpur Sports), who will appear for the Gentlemen of Bedfordshire against Three Counties Hospital in June.

### FINE OPENING PAIR

As a batting force, Bedfordshire are again expected to be strong. In August and B. E. Disbury they possess a fine opening pair, who last summer broke a County record by scoring 235 for the first wicket against Cambridgeshire at Fenner's and who surpassed that feat in the very next match by putting on 246 against Buckinghamshire at Ascott Park.

Disbury, who will not be 23 until September, did indeed make a big advance last season. He was leading batsman, scoring 552 runs for an average of 69. August was not far behind him, and they obtained all five of the County's individual hundreds. Disbury and August, incidentally, finished fourth and tenth respectively in the Minor Counties' averages.

To follow them in the order are batsmen of such proved worth as Oliver, Owen, and S. T. Morris, who is expected to appear more often than he did last year, when he played in only three championship matches.

Wicket-keepers available are D. C. Money and D. Grady (Dunstable Town), who made his debut in the away game with Buckinghamshire last August.

### THE FIXTURE LIST

Fixtures in the Minor Counties Competition are:—

July: 9-10, v. Hertfordshire, at Watford; 16-17, v. Lincolnshire, at Grimsby; 30-31, v. Cambridgeshire, at Wardown Park, Luton.

August: 4-5, v. Lincolnshire; 6-7, v. Buckinghamshire; 8-9, v. Hertfordshire, all at Bedford School; 15-16, v. Cambridgeshire, at Fenner's, Cambridge; 27-28, v. Buckinghamshire, at Ascott Park, Wing.

In addition, a County XI will oppose Leicestershire 2nd XI in a two-day game at Market Harborough on 28th and 29th May; and there are one-day fixtures with Northamptonshire 2nd XI at Bell Close, Leighton Buzzard, on 4th June, and London University at Wardown Park, Luton, on 11th June.

The Gentlemen of Bedfordshire will play four all-day matches—against Three Counties Hospital at Arlesey on 8th June; Bedford Modern School at the B.M.S. ground on 18th June; Bedford School at the School ground on 3rd July; and Old Bedfordians at Bedford School on 21st July.

## COUNTY TO TRY NEW BOWLER

### R.A.F. Corporal in XI for First Game

Bedfordshire C.C.C., anxious to strengthen their bowling resources, will introduce a newcomer, Corporal D. Meakin, of the R.A.F. for their opening match of the season—a two-day friendly fixture with Leicestershire 2nd XI at the Fairfield Road ground, Market Harborough starting next Wednesday.

Aged 23, Meakin, who is stationed at Henlow, is a promising fast-medium bowler. He is a native of Swadlincote, Derbyshire, and qualifies to play for Bedfordshire by residence.

Pace bowler D. G. Jenkins, as already announced in this newspaper, will also appear in this match, and he is one of four Bedford Town players who are included in the side, the others being B. E. Disbury, F. K. Breeze, and V. J. Harris.

D. C. Money, master-in-charge of cricket at Bedford School, will keep wicket, and G. S. S. ("Nuts") Gilbert (Southill Park), best known as Bedford Rugby Club's full-back, gets a place as a batsman. Team:—

J. A. R. Oliver (capt.), G. L. B. August, B. E. Disbury, D. C. Money, M. L. Kilby, J. Legate, V. J. Harris, F. K. Breeze, G. S. S. Gilbert, D. G. Jenkins, D. Meakin.

When the sides met at Luton last season, the match ended in a draw, Leicestershire making 257 and 140 for four declared against Bedfordshire's 205 for eight declared and 139 for four.

The County XI to oppose Northamptonshire 2nd XI at Bell Close, Leighton Buzzard, on 4th June (11.30 a.m.) will be:—

J. A. R. Oliver (capt.), A. B. Poole, J. G. Owen, B. E. Disbury, M. L. Kilby, F. K. Breeze, D. Grady (wicket-keeper), G. S. S. Gilbert, R. K. Cousin, F. Mays, D. G. Jenkins.

Bedfordshire won the corresponding game last season by seven wickets, a feature

being Disbury's fine innings of 140 not out. They totalled 253 for three in reply to their opponents' 249 for nine declared.

For their match against Three Counties Hospital at Arlesey on 8th June (11.30 a.m.), the Gentlemen of Bedfordshire will include Colonel T. Hardy, D.S.O. Officer Commanding the Bedfordshire Yeomanry. A useful slow bowler, he has played for Free Foresters.

Among others in the side are Cornishman A. G. Trembath, a member of the Bedfordshire Club; C. W. F. Rawlins, son of the former County fast bowler; P. Gilbert, of Harpur Sports; and K. Cousins, of Eversholt. Team:

G. L. B. August (capt.), Col. T. Hardy, K. Vane-Percy, A. G. Trembath, D. C. Money, G. S. S. Gilbert, J. Legate, C. W. F. Rawlins, V. J. Harris, P. Gilbert, K. Cousins.

### YOUNG PLAYER'S DISTINCTION

Kevin Williams, the Queen's Works all-rounder, has been selected as one of the most promising eight young players in the Northamptonshire area for special coaching under a Sunday newspaper's Young Cricketers Advisory Coaching Scheme, in association with the Young Cricketers Advisory Coaching Council, consisting of R. W. V. Robins, N. W. D. Yardley, W. J. Edrich, D. Compton, and Len Hutton.

The coaching will take place on the Northamptonshire County ground on 10th June, and the classes are being conducted by Alan Fairfax, Maurice Tate, Joe Hulme, and other well-known professionals. At the conclusion of a tour of the country, Alan Fairfax will select promising young cricketers to take part in a "talent week" at Filly from 6th to 12th September, and two boys from Northamptonshire will have their names submitted for inclusion in this team.

### UNIVERSITY MATCH UMPIRE AGAIN

Mr. Kenneth McCanlis, of Bedford, who is now in his fifth season as a first-class umpire, has been allotted 25 matches this year.

For the second time in his umpiring career, he is to "stand" in the University Match at Lords on 5th, 7th and 8th July. He officiated in the Northamptonshire v. Middlesex match this week, and he will again be at Northampton when the Indians visit the County Ground on 30th and 31st July and 1st August.



# OPENING PARTNERSHIP

## OVER 200 THREE TIMES RUNNING

### Great Feat For County By August And Disbury

By Chiltern

"Is this a record for County cricket?" they were asking at Market Harborough on Wednesday after George August and B. E. Disbury, the Bedfordshire opening pair, had put on over 200 for the third consecutive innings for the County.

Their first double century partnership was against Cambridgeshire last August when they made 235 between them and broke a four years-old record held by August and John Oliver. The following week, they made 246 and then, this week, in their first innings of the season for Bedfordshire their contribution was 233.

ON each of these occasions, both August and Disbury have made centuries, so they have three consecutive hundreds to their credit for the county, too.

In first-class cricket there have been instances of four consecutive century opening partnerships, including two of over 200 by Hallows and Watson for Lancashire in 1928, but there is no record of a feat to equal that of August and Disbury, though complete records of Minor Counties matches are not available.

However, record or not, it is something of which Bedfordshire can be proud and suggests that they will be a strong batting side this season.

#### Follow-On Was Not Enforced

THE match with Leicestershire was not a championship affair and was in the nature of a trial which the new skipper, John Oliver, described as being highly satisfactory.

He could have enforced the follow-on on Thursday afternoon, for Leicestershire were 113 behind on the first innings but, as his

bowlers had had a long time in the field and he lacked the services of a spinner he decided to bat again.

His aim was to set Leicestershire a target, in doing which he thought they would go for the runs and give his side a chance to force victory.

#### Had Little Hope Of Second Dismissal

IT nearly worked out that way for, left with 90 minutes in which to get 196, Leicestershire made a bid for victory and lost seven wickets in doing so.

Oliver's line of reasoning was that had he made Leicestershire follow-on, they would have been merely content to save the game and, with his limited attack, he would have had little hope of getting them out again.

Two bowlers who showed up well on their debut for the county were Jenkins, of Bedford Town, a medium-pace bowler, and Meakin, of R.A.F. Henlow, who proved to be the fastest of the Bedfordshire bowlers.

#### Legate Had A Long, Accurate Spell

MAN who bowled more than anybody else was Jack Legate, of Henlow, who is regarded primarily as a batsman.

He is a slow bowler, and although he does not spin the ball much, he varies his flight cleverly and was very accurate in this match.

Bedfordshire made their 298 for five in four hours, giving an average of 74 an hour. August was in three hours for his 126, and Disbury 2½ hours for 113.

Another satisfactory point was the batting of the Town left-hander, Mick Kilby, who was not out with 27 in the first innings and made 31 in quick time in the second.

### The County Scoreboard

BEDFORDSHIRE (First Innings)	
G L B August c Foulds b Munden	126
B E Disbury b Munden	113
J Legate c Julian b Sperry	2
G S S Gilbert b Munden	8
V J Harris lbw c Sperry	0
M L Kilby not out	27
J A R Oliver not out	8
Extras	14

Total (for 5 wks dec) 298 (Second Innings)	
M L Kilby b Sperry	31
D C Money not out	30
V J Harris not out	19
Extras	3

Total (for 1 wkt dec) 83

LEICESTERSHIRE (First Innings)	
M Hallam b Jenkins	17
P Smith c and b Oliver	18
M Sargent c Money b Meakin	40
V Munden lbw b Legate	1
J M Josephs lbw b Jenkins	10
L Spence run out	18
F Foulds c Money b Meakin	49
P Saunders b Jenkins	8
R Julian b Jenkins	7
J Sperry b Jenkins	0
M Turner not out	14
Extras	4

Total 186	
Bowling: Jenkins 24-6-52-5; Breeze 18-3-49-0; Meakin 15-4-7-15-2; Oliver 4-0-9-1; Legate 31-12-57-1	

(Second Innings)	
M Hallam c Money b Breeze	24
V Munden c and b Jenkins	1
J M Josephs b Jenkins	3
M Sargent c Disbury b Meakin	32
L Spence c Kilby b Meakin	23
P Saunders c Oliver b Legate	23
J Sperry not out	19
F Foulds c Jenkins b Legate	1
P Smith not out	0
Extras	5

Total (for 7 wks) 131	
Bowling: Breeze 6-0-26-1; Jenkins 8-2-40-2; Meakin 7-0-35-2; Legate 10-2-25-2; Oliver 1-1-0-0	

#### Display Augurs Well For This Season

KILBY shone in the field, too, and the Bedfordshire team, as a whole, did well in this department.

Several members of the Leicestershire team have had considerable first-class experience.

Jim Sperry has been one of their opening bowlers for years, Munden frequently figures in the first team, and Hallam has been opening their innings in the championship in most of their matches this season.

Altogether, taking into consideration, too, that this was not Bedfordshire's strongest available side, it is a performance that augurs well for this season.

# COUNTY OPENING PAIR BOTH HIT HUNDREDS

## Game with Leicester II Ends in Draw

Feature of Bedfordshire's opening match of the season—a two-day friendly fixture with Leicestershire 2nd XI at Market Harborough which ended yesterday in a draw—was a big opening partnership by G. L. B. August and B. E. Disbury for the visiting County.

Twice last season August and Disbury were associated in first-wicket partnerships of more than 200, and on Wednesday, against an attack which received no help from the wicket, they put on 233 before Disbury was out for 113. He hit 18 fours. August, who reached his 100 two minutes before his partner, hit a six and 21 fours in his 126.

Bedfordshire finished in a strong position on the first day. Declaring at 225 for five, they completely bowled the Leicestershire batsmen, who struggled to 64 for three wickets in nearly two hours' batting. Fenton, Duggan and August each gave one chance. The former was dropped at the wicket with the total at 147, and August might have been out when he was 28, he hit a full toss back to the wicket, but Saunders could not find the catch.

After their openers had gone, Bedfordshire's scoring rate dropped considerably at a time when most spectators expected some fast-paced cricket. They were content to declare at the tea interval.

Leicestershire began badly, Hallam being bowled by Jenkins at 19. Smith, who batted with patience, finally lost it and his wicket when he tried to hit Oliver out of the ground. Bedfordshire's captain taking a smart return catch, Munden, who played a big part in Leicestershire's win against Middlesex this week, did not last long, and so Leicestershire were soon straggling.

### Wickets Fall Quickly

At the close on Wednesday the home County were 64 for 5 (Sargent not out 20, Josephs not out 69), and at one time yesterday morning it looked odds on their being all out before lunch, for after Sargent went for 40 he followed an out-swinger from Meakin to be caught behind wickets tumbled quickly, and in the last over before lunch Jenkins claimed two victims with successive balls.

The youthful Turner, however, prevented a hat-trick and stayed with Foulds to add 55 for the last wicket. Jenkins was the most successful Bedfordshire bowler, his five wickets costing 22 runs in 24 overs, six of which were maidens.

Meakin, too, was a thorn in the Leicestershire side, most batsmen being unable to time him and finding his out-swinger a deadly ball. Meakin was also responsible for the smart run-out of Spence, who played a ball hard to backward square leg. Meakin threw the ball in to Money in a flash with Spence a yard out of his ground.

Bedfordshire, leading by 112 on the first innings, did not enforce the follow-on and, going in a second time, they scored 85 for one before Oliver declared, setting Leicestershire to score 176 in 90 minutes to win.

Leicestershire went all out for the runs but lost quick wickets in doing so. Some keen fielding, in which Disbury, Jenkins, and Killy all took excellent catches, soon had the home County on the defensive. At the close they were 64 behind with three wickets intact.

### BEDFORDSHIRE

#### 1st Innings

G. L. B. August c Poulds b Munden	126
B. E. Disbury b Munden	113
M. L. Killy not out	27
J. Legate c Julian b Sperry	2
G. S. S. Gilbert b Munden	7
V. J. Harris bow b Sperry	0
J. A. R. Oliver not out	4
Extras	14

Total (for five wks. dec) 293  
D. C. Money, D. Meakin, F. K. Breeze, and D. O. Jenkins did not bat.

Bowling: Saunders 19 o. 0 m. 92 r. 0 w.; Sperry 29 o. 52 r. 2; Munden 29 o. 87 r. 3; Turner 6 o. 1-25-0.

#### 2nd Innings

M. L. Killy b Sperry	51
D. C. Money not out	30
V. J. Harris not out	19
Extras	3

Total (for one wkt. dec) 85

Bowling: Saunders 9 o. 2-35-0; Sperry 11 o. 22 r. 1; Munden 6 o. 2-15-0; Turner 4 o. 1-10-0.

### LEICESTERSHIRE

#### 1st Innings

M. Hallam b Jenkins	17
P. Smith c and b Oliver	18
M. Sargent c Money b Meakin	40
V. Munden bow b Legate	1
J. M. Josephs bow b Jenkins	10
L. Spence run out	18
F. Foulds c Money b Meakin	49
P. Saunders b Jenkins	8
R. Julian b Jenkins	7
J. Sperry b Jenkins	0
N. Turner not out	14
Extras	4

Total .. .. . 186

Bowling: Breeze 18 o. 3-49-0; Jenkins 24 o. 6-32-5; Meakin 15 o. 4-13-2; Oliver 4 o. 9-1; Legate 31 o. 12-57-1.

#### Second Innings

M. Hallam c Money b Breeze	24
V. Munden c and b Jenkins	1
J. M. Josephs b Jenkins	3
M. Sargent c Disbury b Meakin	32
L. Spence c Killy b Meakin	25
P. Saunders c Oliver b Legate	25
J. Sperry not out	19
F. Foulds c Jenkins b Legate	1
P. Smith not out	0
Extras	5

Total (for 7 wks.) 131

Bowling: Breeze 6 o. 0-26-1; Jenkins 8 o. 2-40-2; Meakin 7 o. 35-2; Legate 10 o. 2-25-2; Oliver 1-1-0-0.

## Williams and Jenkins Selected for County

Bedfordshire open their Minor Counties programme when they meet Hertfordshire at Watford next Wednesday and Thursday. K. R. G. Williams (Queen's Works) and D. G. Jenkins (Bedford Town) are selected. It will be their first Minor Counties game.

The team is: J. A. R. Oliver (captain), G. L. B. August (vice-captain), B. E. Disbury, J. G. Owen, A. G. Coomb, M. L. Kilby, D. C. Money, K. R. G. Williams, J. Legate, D. G. Jenkins, and R. D. Gardiner.

Bedfordshire will be all out to turn the tables on Hertfordshire, who won a great match last year by five runs with only minutes to spare. They will also be keen to start the season well in view of last year's drop from 2nd to 25th place in the Minor Counties Championship. This followed a successful post-war period in which they had not finished lower than 10th.

The County's batting is strong. August and Disbury are a well-established and most successful opening pair who already this season have made their mark. In a friendly match against Leicestershire II they hit 233, only two short of their County record stand of 235 last summer. With Kilby, Owen, Oliver, and Money to follow there should be no dearth of runs.

Bowling must have caused the Selection Committee the bigger worry. The availability of A. G. Coomb, who topped the averages in 1951 with 35 wickets at a cost of 19.4 runs each, is good news, and the choice of Jenkins was well-merited following his excellent performance in the Leicestershire II game, when he took five for 52 and two for 40. Gardiner, too, has been bowling well for Luton Town this season, and Legate, with six for 52, played a large part in the County XI's exciting win over London University last month.

Kevin Williams, the Queen's Works youthful all-rounder, who was selected as one of the most promising eight young players in the Northamptonshire area, and who has an average of over 50 in all his innings this season, rounds off what would appear to be a very strong side. Their achievements will be keenly watched, in particular by F. K. Breeze, G. S. S. Gilbert, D. Grady, D. Meakin, and others who have performed with success in the three "trial matches" this season.



## COUNTY NEEDED 36 FOR VICTORY

### Batting Rally after Early Setbacks

Bedfordshire, with five wickets in hand, needed 36 runs to win at the end of their one-day match with Northamptonshire II at Leighton Buzzard on Wednesday. G. S. S. Gilbert, who plays Rugby for Bedford in the winter, and J. G. Owen, a great stalwart for Bedfordshire for more than a decade, each made half centuries.

Batting first, Northants were cautious and were pegged down to 30 in the first hour. The only highlight was a fine six by Davis who put a ball from Breeze into the river.

Breeze, however, evened matters by taking Davis's wicket when he had made 41. The fast bowler went on to take four for 45 before the visitors declared at 232 for eight.

Bedfordshire soon lost their opening batsmen, Disbury and Kilby, but Gilbert led a recovery. He hit a good 59, which included nine 4's, four of them in a row.

After he was bowled by the 17-year-old Puller, Owen, with a spectacular 65, and Grady, 36 not out, did much to raise Bedfordshire's hopes. When Owen's wicket fell, there were only a few minutes to go.

More spectators attended the match than last year and about £103 was raised by admittance charges and the sale of programmes.

#### County XI's Chosen

Next Wednesday a Bedfordshire XI will oppose London University at Wardown Park, Luton (11.30 a.m.), and their side will be: J. A. R. Oliver (captain), B. E. Disbury, S. T. Morris, J. G. Owen, M. L. Kilby, J. Legate, F. K. Breeze, D. Grady, G. S. S. Gilbert, J. A. Muse, K. Williams.

The following side will represent the Gentlemen of Bedfordshire against Bedford Modern School at the Clarendon Street ground on 18th June (11.30 a.m.): J. A. R. Oliver (capt.), Brigadier John Durnford-Slater (Bedford School), Col. C. C. Markes, C. K. Salt (Corpus Christi College, Cambridge), F. K. Breeze, Sergt. G. Longworth (R.A.F., Henlow), Cpl. F. McIntyre (R.A.F., Henlow), D. C. Money, K. Cousins, E. C. Howard, B. Cornell (Harpur Sports).

#### Northamptonshire

P. Davis lbw b Breeze	41
J. H. Waters c Grady b Jenkins	10
M. Norman c Costin b Mays	27
K. Williams lbw b Breeze	38
G. H. J. Brice b Jenkins	17
J. Spooner b Breeze	18
H. W. Wright b Breeze	13
A. G. Liddell not out	38
R. Smith c Oliver b Mays	21
J. Wild not out	2
Extras	7

Total (for 8 wkts., dec.) 232

M. Buller did not bat.

Bowling: Breeze four for 45, Jenkins two for 40, Mays two for 60.

#### Bedfordshire

B. E. Disbury c Davis b Liddell	14
M. L. Kilby b Brice	0
G. S. S. Gilbert b Buller	59
R. K. Costin run out	18
J. G. Owen c Norman b Liddell	55
D. Grady not out	36
F. Mays not out	6
Extras	9

Total (for 5 wkts.) 197

J. A. R. Oliver, A. B. Poole, F. K. Breeze, and D. G. Jenkins did not bat.

Bowling: Liddell three for 52, Buller one for 39, Brice one for 46, Wild none for 39, Smith none for 11.

1 Hertfordshire 1952

Herts v Beds West Herts Ground, Watford 9,10 July

Drawn Points 1

Toss Moore & Huggins

CoP Day 1 Herts 161, Beds 156-7

Herts 1st innings

*TW Tyrwhitt-Drake	c Coomb	b Jenkins	13	
DB Parkin	lbw	b Oliver	19	
G Bentley	c Kilby	b Jenkins	9	
GF Webb		b Jenkins	1	
RW Fenn	c Money	b Coomb	59	(5x4s)
CE Turner		b Coomb	12	
+RG Simons	c Money	b Jenkins	24	
CVL Marques		b Jenkins	0	
LO King	c Money	b Jenkins	10	
CJ Higby	not out		8	
FR Allen		b Coomb	1	
Extras	Byes 2, leg byes 2, wides 1		5	
Total	All out	76.2 overs	161	

FoW 1-30 (2), 2-42 (1), 3-43 (3), 4-50 (4), 5-65 (6), 6-107 (7), 7-107 (8), 8-152 (9), 9-155 (5), 10-161 (11)

Bowling

Coomb	21.2	7	39	3	Gardner	14	8	14	0
Jenkins	20	6	38	6	Owen	8	1	37	0
Oliver	9	5	16	1	Legate	4	1	12	0

Beds 1st innings

GLB August		b Marques	7	
BE Disbury	c Parkin	b King	1	
ML Kilby	c Parkin	b King	11	
*JAR Oliver	c Simons	b Marques	32	
JG Owen	lbw	b Marques	0	
K Williams	not out		86	(11x4s)
+DC Money		b Allen	1	
J Legate	c Allen	b Higby	3	
AG Coomb		b Allen	22	
DG Jenkins		b Allen	1	
RD Gardiner		b Fenn	22	
Extras	Byes 10, leg byes 5, no balls 13		28	
Total	All out	70.5 overs	214	

FoW 1-23 (1), 2-24 (2), 3-64 (3), 4-65 (5), 5-87 (4), 6-107 (7), 7-129 (8), 8-181 (9), 9-183 (10), 10-214 (11)

9,10 July 1952 (cont)

Bowling									
Marques	23	3	86	3	Higby	8	2	11	1
King	19	5	37	2	Fenn	4.5	0	24	1
Allen	16	5	28	3					

Herts 2nd innings

*TW Tyrwhitt-Drake	c Money	b Coomb	56	(1x5, 4x4s)
DB Parkin		b Gardiner	48	
G Bentley	not out		50	(6x4s)
RW Fenn	c Money	b Coomb	13	
GF Webb	run out		12	
CE Turner		b Legate	0	
+RG Simons		b Gardiner	15	
CVL Marques	run out		3	
LO King	c Legate	b Coomb	10	
Extras	Byes 14, leg byes 1, wides 2		17	
Total	8 wickets dec	76.3 overs	224	

FoW 1-114 (2), 2-116 (1), 3-138 (4), 4-172 (5), 5-172 (6), 6-195 (7), 7-204 (8), 8-224 (9)

Bowling									
Coomb	19.3	3	63	3	Owen	10	2	32	0
Jenkins	17	3	33	0	Gardiner	20	8	42	2
Oliver	1	0	6	0	Legate	9	1	31	1

Beds 2nd innings

GLB August	c Webb	b Allen	43
BE Disbury	c Tyrwhitt-Drake	b Allen	35
JG Owen	c Bentley	b Allen	12
*JAR Oliver		b King	32
J Legate		b Allen	0
ML Kilby	st Simons	b Allen	0
K Williams	not out		5
+DC Money		b King	0
AG Coomb		b Allen	3
DG Jenkins	not out		4
Extras	Byes 5, wides 12, no balls 1		7
Total	8 wickets	45 overs	141

FoW 1-64 (2), 2-82 (3), 3-113 (1), 4-121 (5), 5-121 (6), 6-127 (4), 7-124 (8), 8-130 (9)

Bowling									
Marques	7	2	19	0	Fenn	7	0	27	0
King	11	4	21	2	Higby	3	0	18	0
Allen	17	5	49	6					

Herts scorebook      Watford Observer      18-7-52      Account      No scores



# NEW MEN SHINE FOR COUNTY

## Opening Match Ends on Exciting Note

Bedfordshire's opening game of the season in the Minor Counties Competition against Hertfordshire at Watford—ended yesterday (Thursday) on an exciting note. Set to make 172 in 120 minutes to win, the visiting County finished 30 runs behind with two wickets in hand, and the match was drawn. Bedfordshire took points for first innings lead.

Twenty-eight-year-old Donald Jenkins and 18-year-old Kevin Williams, making their debut for the County in championship cricket, enjoyed a successful match. Jenkins took six for 38 in Hertfordshire's first innings and Williams hit 86 not out and 5 not out.

In six and a half hours' cricket on Wednesday, 17 wickets fell for 317. Bedfordshire, having won the toss, batted first on a wicket that was "green" in the early stages and on which Jenkins, in particular, moved the ball appreciably. He and Coomb shared the opening attack but Oliver, who put himself in place of Jenkins at 24, captured the first wicket.

Parkin falling for 100 at 50, Coomb, Jenkins replaced Coomb at the other end, and this change heralded a disastrous period for the home County, for in each of the first three overs of his second spell, the Bedford team batted for a wicket.

First of his victims was Hertfordshire's captain, Tyrwhitt-Drake, who was caught at first slip with the total at 42. One run later Bentley edged the ball into goal's mouth, and at 40 West was clean bowled. Jenkins's analysis at this stage was: 3-4 overs—4 maidens, 15 runs, 5 wickets.

Turner, who, like Bentley and Higby, was making his first appearance for Hertfordshire in championship cricket, scored 12 of the next 13 runs before Coomb beat him, and by lunch the total was 70 for five. So far there had been 22 maidens in 4 overs, and not a run, in individual was scored off Gardner's left-arm spinners until the last ball of his seventh over.

Fenn proved the corner-stone of Hertfordshire's innings. He shared stands of 42 for the sixth wicket with Simons and 43 for the eighth wicket with King, the side being all out for 161 in 5 hours, 25 minutes. Fenn was unable to leave, making 75 out of 112 in a 545 of more than two hours. He hit five fours.

Bedfordshire suffered early reverses, their opening bats August and Dismory being dismissed for 22 and 34, which 34 were extras. A third-wicket partnership between Kirby and Oliver yielded 40. Then Kirby was caught in the slips, and three balls later Owen was 1-0-0 without scoring.

### Cut First Ball for Four

Thus Williams went in when four wickets had fallen for 65. The Queen's Works left-hander, however, was undeterred, cutting the first ball he received to the boundary, and batting with increasing confidence.

At 20 he lost his captain, Oliver, who, just as he looked set, was out to a ball that pitched half-way down the wicket. He made a stroke at it and was caught off the back of his bat. Money and Legate went to a five each at leg slip, were concurred in stands of 31 and 22 respectively with Williams. The reached 100 out of 70 in a little over an hour. Many of his runs resulted from great deflections to leg and desirable off drives.

Williams, in company with Coomb, stood firm until the end of the day, when he was 67, and Bedfordshire needed six runs for first innings lead with three wickets in hand.

Hertfordshire's pace bowler, Marques, experienced difficulty with his run-out and he was re-installed 12 times. He was kept on for 40 minutes before tea and 90 minutes afterwards, taking three wickets for 70 in 19 overs.

Yesterday morning the batsmen were well in control of the situation. Williams never in trouble, and Coomb increased their partnership to 52 before Allen's laser ball received Coomb at 133. Allen also disposed of Jenkins two runs later, but Williams and Gardner then put up a lively and profitable display for the last wicket. Gardner dismissed defensive tactics and hit

out vigorously at everything. It seemed that Williams might get his century after all, but, as it happened, the bowling mainly went Gardner's way. Fenn had to be brought on to finish off the Bedfordshire innings. Williams hit 11 boundaries, but more important than his occasional hard hitting was his ability to pick out the right ball for position. There was no Ray in his innings, although Hertfordshire once had him "out" off 150 of Marques's no-ball.

Bedfordshire's innings of 214 ended at 11 of a tie. By lunch Tyrwhitt-Drake and Parkin had knuckled off Bedfordshire's first innings lead of 15 and had carried the score to 72. The wicket played evenly, and only Coomb occasionally found the edge of the County's bowlers, unlucky to have Tyrwhitt-Drake twice dropped in the slips, one of these chances looking easy.

Oliver brought on the left-handers, Coomb and Gardner, to slow down the scoring, and at lunch a draw seemed likely. The batsmen put the 100 up in 20 minutes after lunch, but were then parted until Parkin resumed at leg slip, off Gardner at 114 and was bowled.

Good catches behind the wicket by Money disposed of Tyrwhitt-Drake and Fenn, but Bentley and West remained well set when a quick return by August led to West being run out. Legate, the bowler at the time, dismissed Turner off the next ball to improve Bedfordshire's position further. A feature at this point was Kirby's excellent fielding in the gully and also the tightness of the Bedfordshire bowling. Another run-out helped Bedfordshire, Legate's disarming Marques in this way, by his smart return to the wicket-keeper. Hertfordshire declared at 224 for eight, Bentley being not out after an attractive innings. Bedfordshire were left 120 minutes to score 172.

Dismory and August, while taking no undue risks, rarely overlooked a scoring chance. Dismory hit much the harder of the two, and after a valuable 53 he was caught in attempting another six hit Owen, who replaced him, hit harder still in his brief stay before he too fell victim to Allen's spin.

By the time the extra half-hour was claimed the same had taken a dramatic turn for Bedfordshire were now in danger of defeat, having lost five wickets and still needing 30 runs. This situation was brought about by Allen, who exalted Bedfordshire's batting tactics, he had August caught, and then dismissed Legate and Kirby in his next over.

With 20 minutes to go Bedfordshire still needed 14 and were definitely tottering towards defeat, for Oliver and Money were bowled by King at 127. So dramatic was the change of fortune that Williams and Jenkins too became resigned to a draw, if they could get it, and refused runs. Jenkins was almost huddled by beloushen as he played out the last over.

### HERTFORDSHIRE

#### First Innings

T. W. Tyrwhitt-Drake c Coomb	13
D. B. Parkin bow b Oliver	19
G. Bentley c Kirby b Jenkins	9
G. P. Webb b Jenkins	1
R. W. Fenn c Money b Coomb	59
C. E. Turner c Coomb	12
R. G. Simons c Money b Jenkins	24
R. C. V. L. Marques b Jenkins	0
I. G. King c Money b Jenkins	10
F. Allen b Coomb	3
Extras	5
Total	161

Bowling: Coomb 21 2-0 7 m. 39 r.
3 w. Jenkins 20 4-59 9
0 w. 10 2-32 0
Owen 10 1-57 0
Legate 6 1-12 0

#### Second Innings

T. W. Tyrwhitt-Drake c Money	54
D. B. Parkin b Gardner	46
G. Bentley not out	50
R. W. Fenn c Money b Coomb	15
G. P. Webb run out	12
C. E. Turner b Legate	0
R. G. Simons b Gardner	15
R. C. V. L. Marques run out	5
I. G. King c Legate c Coomb	10
Extras	17
Total (for 3 wks. dec)	224

Bowling: Coomb 18 3-65 3
Jenkins 2-5 53-0
Owen 10 2-32 0
Gardner 20 5-12-22
Legate 5 1-51-1

### BEDFORDSHIRE

#### First Innings

G. I. B. August b Marques	7
B. E. Dismory c Parkin b King	11
M. L. Kirby c Parkin b King	11
J. A. R. Oliver c Simons	0
Marques	32
J. G. Owen bow b Marques	10
K. R. G. Williams not out	86
D. C. Money b Allen	1
J. Legate c Allen b Higby	3
A. G. Coomb b Allen	22
D. G. Jenkins b Allen	1
R. D. Gardner b Fenn	22
Extras	28
Total	214

Bowling: Marques 25-3-86-3
King 19 3-37-2
Allen 16 5-25-5
Higby 8 2-11-1
Fenn 5 0-24-1

#### Second Innings

G. I. B. August c Webb b Allen	45
B. E. Dismory c Tyrwhitt-Drake	35
J. A. R. Oliver c Bentley b Allen	12
J. G. Owen c King	52
J. Legate c Allen	0
M. L. Kirby c Simons b Allen	0
K. R. G. Williams not out	0
D. C. Money b King	0
A. G. Coomb b Allen	3
D. G. Jenkins not out	4
Extras	7
Total for eight wks.	141

Marques, 7-2-19-0
King, 11-4-21-2
Allen, 17-1-49-6
Fenn, 7-0-27-0
Higby, 5-0-12-0

# COUNTY DROP CATCHES, LOSE ON FIRST INNINGS

Fielding lapses cost Bedfordshire dearly in their Minor Counties Championship match with Lincolnshire at Grimsby, which ended yesterday (Thursday) in a draw. Lincolnshire led by 57 runs on the first innings, thanks largely to a second-wicket stand of 243 between Todd and Maddison, who both made hundreds.

Both teams will take a lot of persuading that there was on Wednesday a corner pace in England in the ground of Grimsby Town Cricket Club. During quite half the play there was a heavy drizzle which at one period in the afternoon kept players in the pavilion for nearly half an hour.

The rainy grace of this day of deplorable weather was the cricket which was bright enough to give anyone. Bedfordshire finished in a strong position and but for sustained, if not inspired, bowling and fielding by Lincolnshire they would probably have topped the 500 mark. As it was the County had to be content with 299 for nine, at which Oliver declared with Coomb and Jenkins still merely piling on the runs.

Though the weather was already bad when August and Friday opened Bedfordshire innings, Oliver having won the toss, the wicket was easy paced. To add to the pleasure of the opening batsmen, the medium-paced bowling of Watson and Pogson lacked the legs which it was later to acquire. August, who is seldom a slave of taking risks early in the game, had only seven scoring strokes in his brief innings of 29, and six of those were hard-hit boundary drives. Yet the strongest of his drives had an unlovely ending. Merryweather, the only Lincolnshire player who enjoyed any success in the innings, held the ball cheaply only at mid-on and, after being bowled by wicket-keeper Armitage, August, turning back quickly, was lost for good.

The first score was 116 for two. Disbury, whose drives had rare power and style, scored 4 before Merryweather bowled him with one of the best deliveries of the day. His partner had been the young Luton left-hander, Kirby, who was beaten three times in his first over by Pogson but not dismissed. Having survived that ordeal, Kirby battled as if nothing so humiliating could happen to him, scorching all round the wicket and neglecting no chance of a run.

### OLIVER PULLS MUSCLE

Oliver was more restrained than is usual; of necessity, for he pulled a muscle in jumping back to his crease to avoid being stumped. Yet he and Kirby pushed the score along despite bowling which had improved considerably.

At tea Bedfordshire were 210 for two, despite the hold-up caused by rain. Soon afterwards Oliver, now attempting to force the pace, was caught at cover-point. His stand with Kirby had put on 119. Wickets began to tumble as other players also went for quick runs. Owen left because of a remarkable running backwards catch by Hiam.

Kirby, who has six or seven times in his career reached the net-work innettes without ever scoring a century, had a life when a slip fielder dropped the ball after three attempts to make the catch. But his first hundred was not to be, for after three successive singles to bring him to 95 he was caught in the slip.

The same fate befell Williams, and Legate and Money were both stumped. But there were still Coomb and Jenkins to increase Bedfordshire's score. Coomb's punning drives, especially to the off, found the boundary four times, and he had the biggest "hit" of the day a six though four of these were overthrows.

Lincolnshire, who had had some difficulty in passing a team of only four bowlers of whom Watson was the most difficult to play. He was the only one to get any appreciable lift out of the pound wicket.

Oliver declared at 299, leaving Lincolnshire an uncomfortable hour's batting. If chances had been taken Lincolnshire would have been in difficulties at the close. Poughier and Todd were both missed in the slips, and the catch after Poughier had been dropped. Jenkins consoled himself in the same over by snapping up a sharp return from this batsman.

Maddison joined Todd, and he put up an apparently easy catch at cover-point, but this, too, was dropped. So at the close Lincolnshire were somewhat luckily 66 for one.

### CALLANT ATTEMPT

Lincolnshire continued their innings yesterday (Thursday) morning on a wicket which surprisingly was only slightly moist, but enough to be hoped to help Coomb and Jenkins in the early stages. A few balls lifted, but the batsmen were confident. Todd, in fact, tried to drive Jenkins over the ground in his second over, but he did not connect squarely. Gardner, fielding at mid-off to the left-hander, almost made a miracle catch with the only hand he can use for fielding—his left—but he dropped the ball as he fell backwards after this gallant attempt.

Soon afterwards Coomb found the edge of Maddison's cut. This was a mistake by Maddison, but not a chance. The 100 went up after half an hour. Finnes were not so good for Coomb. Another uphill battle by Maddison

sailed between first and second slip, and then Todd survived Coomb's confident appeal for bow.

Legate and Gardner came on but could do no better than slow down the rate of scoring temporarily. The 100 went up at 12.15, and Maddison, so badly missed when he had scored only four, completed his century with a tremendous drive to the boundary off Gardner.

Owen came on to make it a complete left-arm attack, but the batsmen now had thorough control and the 200 followed at 12.30. The rate of scoring was increased still further at the expense of Bedfordshire's now completely ineffective bowling and at lunch Lincolnshire were 231-1. The stand between Todd and Maddison had now realized 200, Maddison, very severe on

anything short or overpitched, being 151 not out and Todd 78.

Coomb's ill luck continued after lunch, when, in his first over with the new ball, Maddison was dropped twice, first behind the wicket and then in the slips. In both cases the ball was speeding away from the wicket, but they were clear chances. It could truly be said that if all chances, difficult and easy, had been taken, Lincolnshire would have been all out instead of 200 for one.

By 4 p.m. Lincolnshire had taken their total to 309. Maddison was eventually bowled by Legate and was immediately awarded his County cap, since of his runs were boundaries, and his stand with Todd had yielded 243. When Todd approached his century he was very cautious, and there was some slow hand-clapping. No such criticism could be levelled against later batsmen, who hit out vigorously for sixes and fours.

Coomb's score increased rapidly, and at the same time wickets fell regularly. Catches, which previously had come mostly behind the wicket, were now ordered in front of it and accepted. Coomb took two in the 16th, Legate one on the boundary, and Williams caught the Lincolnshire captain, Kherrifred.

In the first over of Bedfordshire's second innings August scored a no-ball for four, and was dropped in the slips off the next ball. At tea he and Disbury had put on 36.

### BEDFORDSHIRE

#### First Innings

G. I. B. August	run out	25
B. E. Disbury	b Merryweather	41
M. L. Kirby	c Maddison b Watson	95
A. R. Oliver	c Dale b Pogson	35
J. G. Owen	c Hiam b Watson	9
K. R. G. Williams	c Watworth b Watson	8
J. Legate	st Armitage b Pogson	16
D. G. Money	st Armitage b Pogson	6
A. G. Coomb	not out	35
R. D. Gardner	b Pogson	4
D. G. Jenkins	not out	9
Extras		2

Total (for 9 wks. dec.) 299

Bowling: Watson, 54.0, 7m, 114 r. 3 w.; Pogson, 36.7, 115-4; Merryweather, 14-5-35-1; Dale, 12-1-55-0.

#### 2nd Innings

G. I. B. August	not out	40
B. E. Disbury	c Armitage b Kirby	1
Merryweather		25
M. L. Kirby	c Armitage b Maddison	5
K. R. G. Williams	not out	0
Extras		1

Total for two wks 69

Bowling: Merryweather, 22-5-75-0; 2 m. 9 r. 1 w.; Maddison, 4-5-1-1.

### LINCOLNSHIRE

#### First Innings

R. Poughier	c and b Jenkins	12
L. R. Todd	b Coomb	100
N. A. Maddison	b Jenkins	101
S. R. Hiam	c and b Coomb	5
D. Merryweather	c Legate b Coomb	30
Gardner		24
B. C. Kherrifred	c Williams b Coomb	10
A. Whitworth	c and b Gardner	7
W. B. Armitage	c Coomb b Owen	1
J. Watson	c Coomb b Owen	2
J. Dale	not out	0
A. Pogson	st Money b Owen	1
Extras		11

Total 309

Bowling: Coomb, 57.0, 11 m, 114 r. 3 w.; Jenkins, 22-5-75-2; Owen, 15-5-1-0-5; Gardner, 20-4-75-2; Legate, 11-3-25-0.

# Dropped Catches Proved Expensive To The County

BY CHILTERN

## Missed Catches Let Bedfordshire Down

ABILITY to hold catches is the yardstick by which any successful cricket team can be measured and it was their failure in this direction more than anything else that caused Bedfordshire to lose first innings points to Lincolnshire at Grimsby.

In fact, it is scarcely going too far to say that had vital catches been held, Bedfordshire would have had a bright chance of winning the match.

What turned the tide right against them was a partnership of 243 for the second wicket between Todd and Maddison, both of whom made centuries.

## Centurions Were Dropped Early On

YET, each was missed in the early part of his innings. Todd before he had scored and Maddison when he had made only four.

The catch Maddison gave was in the "dolly" category, but others which the pair gave during their long partnership were sharp chances which, while they would have been accounted good efforts, have to be taken in this grade of cricket if success is to be achieved.

It was the missing of chances that enabled Hertfordshire to gain such a good start to their second innings at Watford last week and, here again, this factor probably prevented Bedfordshire from obtaining full points.

## Attack Is Not Hostile Enough

CURIOUS point at Grimsby was that as soon as this prolific partnership was ended, everything that went to the fielders was snatched up and Bedfordshire got right on top of the later batsmen.

The Bedfordshire attack is not so hostile as the Selection Committee would like, but the bowlers are entitled to look for a fair measure of support from the fielders.

The County could certainly use an additional spin bowler, but the question is where to find one, for there is a considerable shortage at the moment.

The team to meet Cambridgeshire at Wardown beginning on Wednesday week will be chosen on Monday and there may be one or two changes from that which has played in the last two matches.

## Oliver And Kilby In Century Stand

MEMBERS of the Town Club came out at the Lincolnshire match honourably, for Mick Kilby and John Oliver put on 119 for the third wicket and the former obtained his highest score in Minor Counties cricket, being unlucky to miss a century by seven runs.

A delay of three-quarters of an hour for rain during the Bedfordshire innings meant that at tea-time on the first day, they were 210 for 2 when, had they had the full time, they might reasonably have expected to be 40 runs better off.

Result was that after the interval, the order went out for quick runs, with the result that wickets fell.

## Game Fizzled Out As A Tame Draw

HOWEVER, Oliver was able to declare when one run short of 300, a total that would have been adequate had the second wicket pair not been allowed to settle down.

When Lincolnshire ended their innings 57 runs ahead, only 90 minutes was left, and there was no prospect of a finish barring a sensational collapse by Bedfordshire.

This did not materialise, for George August and Brian Disbury were in little trouble and Bedfordshire wiped off their arrears for the loss of one wicket.

## Town Wednesday Got Over Bad Start

A REMARKABLE recovery was staged by Luton Town Wednesday at Wheathampstead when after losing their first two batsmen to the first two balls bowled by Steeples, they went on to snatch a last over victory with three wickets to spare over Harpenden Wednesday.

Target they were set was 160 runs in 105 minutes which was quite a gallop even had a good start been made.

Worse followed when three wickets were down for seven runs, the third victim being the skipper, Bruce Satterley, but, thanks to Sid Owen, who kept an end going and looked for runs at the same time, matters took on a vastly different complexion.

## Matthews Was Man For The Job

THINGS were helped along considerably by a bright little innings of 25 by Sid Wild, but even so, when the total reached



Mick Kilby

THE SCOREBOARD	
BEDFORDSHIRE--1st Innings	
G L B August run out	25
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M L Kilby c Maddison b Watson	93
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J G Owen c Pougher b Watson	9
K Williams c Whitworth b Watson	8
J Legate st Armitage b Pogson	16
D C Money c Armitage b Pogson	6
A G Coomb not out	33
R D Gardiner b Pogson	4
D G Jenkins not out	2
Extras	2
Total (for 7 wks dec)	299
LINCOLNSHIRE--1st Innings	
J R C Todd b Coomb	100
R Pougher c and b Jenkins	12
N A Maddison	154
S R Hiam c and b Coomb	3
D Merryweather c Legate b Gardiner	30
B C Ehrenfried c Williams b Coomb	10
A Whitworth c and b Gardiner	7
W B Armitage c Coomb b Owen	1
J Watson c Coomb b Owen	27
J Dale not out	0
A Pogson st Money b Owen	1
Extras	11
Total	356
Bowling: Coomb 3 for 118, Owen 3 for 56, Jenkins 2 for 73, Gardiner 2 for 75.	
BEDFORDSHIRE--2nd Innings	
G L B August not out	40
B E Disbury c Armitage b Merryweather	23
M L Kilby c Armitage b Maddison	5
K Williams not out	0
Extras	1
Total (for 2 wks)	69



# COUNTY BEATEN IN THRILLING FINISH AT LUTON

There was a dramatic finish to Bedfordshire's match with Cambridgeshire in the Minor Counties Competition at Wardown Park, Luton, yesterday (Thursday). Cambridgeshire won by four wickets in the last over of the extra half-hour.

Cambridgeshire needed 115 to win in 95 minutes, including the extra time, but Bedfordshire pegged them down so well that they still required one run for victory in the last over.

As wickets fell in the exciting last 15 minutes the batsmen ran in from the pavilion, and Cambridgeshire had to take desperately tight singles. Appropriately the winning hit was made by Crouch, architect of his side's success.

Wednesday's play gave Cambridgeshire a clear chance to force a win, for after they had scored 251, Bedfordshire lost six wickets for 110 minutes' batting. What had at first merely been a disappointing start to the County's innings was a collapse at the close of play.

The final blow came just before stumps were drawn when Kilby, who had put up good though far from certain resistance, was bowled by Godfrey, chief architect of Bedfordshire's downfall.

On the day's play there was one outstanding difference between the sides—and that was the fielding. The hoodoo of dropped catches which has afflicted Bedfordshire for longer than one cares to remember, was again again early in the Cambridgeshire innings.

Crouch, the captain, and the dominating partner in the opening stand of 69, was dropped off an easy catch when he had scored only twelve. Jenkins was the suffering bowler.

Generally speaking, however, the lapses this time were not dropped catches. Meakin, the newcomer from R.A.F. Henlow, took two beauties in the slips close to the ground, and he and wicket-keeper Grady helped Coomb to his final good analysis.

The fielding did not look too bad—except in comparison with that of Cambridgeshire. There was the standard at which to aim.

Winning the toss was a big advantage on the day, and until half-way through the afternoon it seemed that Cambridgeshire were on the way to a really big score. True, Crouch had gone, but Morris, the former Essex player, was firmly entrenched.

### SUCCESS WITH NEW BALL

It was a somewhat weary Bedfordshire, seven of whom had already had turns with the ball who waited for Cambridgeshire to put up the 200 so that the new ball could be claimed. The prospects of it put fresh heart into Jenkins, for with the Cambridgeshire total at 202—and only three men out—he bowled Morris, who was proceeding smartly, if not breathlessly, towards his century. Then the new ball was signalled, and the lun began—but not at Jenkins's end.

It was Coomb who profited, with three wickets in five balls. If Cambridgeshire had not already been so nicely situated it might have led to a rout. As it was, the Cambridgeshire tail-enders, with strokes richly reminiscent of the village green, triumphantly hoisted 250—and one more—before the toiling and accurate Gardiner finished off the innings with his only wicket. Williams also had an only wicket, but it was an important one—it broke the opening stand, and it was his first for the side.

Two catches and a stumping by Grady gave that wicket-keeper cause for satisfaction. All the same, allowing Bedfordshire every credit, they were not well placed.

And so it turned out. August survived an appeal for a catch behind the wicket off Godfrey, a bowler with some "devil", and then there was a huge appeal by Cambridgeshire for another catch behind the wicket alleged to have been put up by August. Wicket-keeper Nunn rather spoilt the effect by dropping the ball. After that, however, it did not seem that Cambridgeshire could drop anything or misfield anything.

Disbury's departure was much regretted. August and Kilby resisted, but Nunn eventually did catch August, and the rot set in. After an unhappy and brief innings Oliver offered a simple catch to the Cambridgeshire captain, and Williams and Legate were caught brilliantly off successive balls from Godfrey. Kilby's dismissal almost on time put the finishing nail on it, though it must be admitted that Kilby had long looked like getting out.

### MORRIS TROUBLES BATSMEN

Though Godfrey took five of the six wickets which fell he bowled with venom and was wonderfully supported by his field—the bowler who gave Bedfordshire the shakes and dithers was Morris, whose slow hostility was reflected in the fact that six of his ten overs were maidens.

Yesterday morning Coomb and Grady sent up the 100 without undue difficulty, but then Coomb slashed at a ball from Godfrey and was caught in the gully.

Grady and Meakin did so well that it seemed that they might save the follow-on. Meakin's big hitting delighted the spectators—28 of his 56 were in boundary shots, and he hit three in a row off the redoubtable Godfrey. Then he was caught off another big hit. Bedfordshire thus narrowly failed to avert the follow-on.

Disbury and August appeared to experience little difficulty when Bedfordshire went in again. Despite the considerable number of appeals, loud if not very hopeful, they had carried the score to 40 at lunch.

This most valuable partnership ended at 90 when August was taken in the slips by Medhurst, the Crystal Palace footballer. Disbury, producing his usual attractive shots, and Kilby continued the good work, and Disbury not only completed his 50 but wiped off the arrears with a snick through the slips to the boundary.

Things were going too well to last, however. Disbury's dismissal—his 71 included ten boundaries—started a collapse. Oliver, Kilby, and Williams going quickly.

Legate and Grady rose nobly to the critical occasion, putting on 58 before Legate was spectacularly caught.

This brought Bedfordshire into the do-dooms yet again, for Coomb was run out foolishly at the same score, 150. At tea, Bedfordshire were 107 runs on, thanks mainly to their excellent start and the fine Legate-Grady stand.

### CAMBRIDGESHIRE

#### First Innings

M. A. Crouch c Grady b Coomb	57
H. W. F. Taylor b Williams	21
W. B. Morris b Jenkins	81
R. A. Taylor b Coomb	6
R. A. Taylor c Meakin b Coomb	35
J. Hoyle c Meakin b Coomb	0
H. Medhurst c Oliver b Jenkins	12
R. Jeeps c Grady b Coomb	0
D. Johnson at Grady b Gardiner	11
J. Godfrey b Coomb	20
R. Nunn not out	2
Extras	6
Total	251

Fall of wickets: 1-69, 2-47, 3-106, 4-202, 5-205, 6-208, 7-208, 8-216, 9-240.

Bowling: Coomb 28o, 7m, 68r, 6w.; Jenkins 25-9-49-2; Meakin 9-0-35-0; Williams 11-2-46-1; Gardiner 20-4-11-29-1; Legate 5-1-19-0; Oliver 1-0-8-0.

#### Second Innings

M. A. Crouch not out	70
R. Gautrey c Grady b Jenkins	15
W. B. Morris b Coomb	2
H. Medhurst c Williams b Coomb	1
R. A. Taylor b Oliver	3
J. Hoyle c and b Coomb	12
R. Jeeps run out	0
H. W. F. Taylor not out	5
Extras	7
Total (for 112 wkts.)	115

Fall of wickets: 1-36, 2-42, 3-52, 4-63, 5-96, 6-106.

Bowling: Coomb 17-1-62-3; Jenkins 7-0-25-1; Oliver 5-2-5-1; Gardiner 4-2-0-16-0.

### BEDFORDSHIRE

#### First Innings

G. L. B. August c Nunn b Godfrey	22
B. E. Disbury c and b Godfrey	37
M. L. Kilby b Godfrey	7
J. A. R. Oliver c Crouch b Morris	3
K. R. G. Williams c Medhurst b Godfrey	0
J. Legate c Gautrey b Godfrey	0
D. Grady b Morris	22
A. G. Coomb c Morris b Godfrey	12
D. Meakin c Gautrey b Godfrey	36
R. D. Gardiner c Nunn b Morris	0
D. G. Jenkins not out	0
Extras	11
Total	147

Fall of wickets: 1-12, 2-45, 3-52, 4-57, 5-57, 6-80, 7-101, 8-123, 9-147.

Bowling: Godfrey 34-1-9-71-7; Morris 23-11-49-3.

#### Second Innings

G. L. B. August c Medhurst b Godfrey	38
B. E. Disbury c Crouch b Godfrey	34
M. L. Kilby b Godfrey	7
J. A. R. Oliver c Medhurst b Godfrey	6
K. R. G. Williams b Morris	6
J. Legate c Johnson b Godfrey	26
D. Grady not out	35
A. G. Coomb run out	0
D. Meakin c Gautrey b R. A. Taylor	6
D. G. Jenkins b Hoyle	2
R. D. Gardiner run out	1
Extras	25
Total	218

Fall of wickets: 1-40, 2-118, 3-137, 4-158, 5-158, 6-196, 7-196, 8-204, 9-215.

Bowling: Godfrey 28-1-6-65-5; Hoyle 10-3-19-1; R. A. Taylor 4-0-16-1; Morris 22-3-70-1.

## CRICKET WEEK XI's CHOSEN

Bedfordshire's County Cricket Week opens at Bedford School Ground on Monday. First visitors are again Lincolnshire, who recently took first innings points from the County in a drawn game at Grimsby.

Once more Buckinghamshire are to provide the opposition in the second match, beginning on Wednesday. Notable absentee from their team is G. G. Battcock, the veteran bowler, who has been succeeded in the captaincy by wicket-keeper-batsman B. A. Barnett, the Australian Test player who toured England with Sir Donald Bradman's side in 1938. Barnett was third in the Minor Counties batting averages last season; he scored 531 runs for an average of 75.86.

Then on Friday and Saturday the visiting County will be Hertfordshire, with whom Bedfordshire drew at Watford last month after gaining a first innings lead.

For the game with Lincolnshire Bedfordshire will field the following side: J. A. R. Oliver (capt.), G. L. B. August, B. E. Dalry, J. G. Owen, S. T. Morris, A. G. Coomb, D. Grady, K. R. G. Williams, D. G. Jenkins, J. W. Fry, M. L. Kilby.

The same team will appear in the other two matches with the following exceptions: v. Buckinghamshire, D. Neakin takes the place of Jenkins; v. Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire, P. G. Miller takes the place of Morris; Miller, incidentally, is reserve bat for the Lincolnshire game.

Twelfth man for all three matches is M. S. Mason, Bedford School captain. Buckinghamshire's eleven will be B. A. Barnett, N. Butler, A. V. Hurst, D. F. Johns, G. Reynolds, R. Clements, P. Jackson, B. J. Lucas, T. Johnson, D. Phipps, C. Pickett.

It is to be hoped that the Week will be favoured by much kinder weather this year. Because of rain total receipts for the six days' cricket last summer amounted to only £119 5s 6d, as compared with £248 in 1950 and £280 in 1949. On the Bank Holiday in 1950 the receipts were £100.

Arrangements are in the capable hands of Mr. Frank Crompton, who has been associated with Bedfordshire cricket for 38 years, and who is in his 27th year as Secretary of the County Club.

# EXCITING FINISH

## BEDFORDSHIRE WERE BEATEN

### Town F.C. Want To Hear From Amateur Players

By Phoenix

Cambridgeshire beat Bedfordshire by four wickets in the Minor Counties match at Wardown on Wednesday and Thursday, but the winning run was not scored until the last over of the game on Thursday. It was an exciting finish, and one that kept the spectators in their seats until the last ball had been bowled, for the Bedfordshire bowlers, although they faced a difficult task, never gave up trying.

for Cambridgeshire on Wednesday. Maurice Crouch won the toss day and batted first, and he and H. Taylor gave his side a good start when they put on 69 for the first wicket. Crouch and Morris then added 28 runs before the former was caught behind the wicket by Grady, and Bedfordshire struck another blow when Gautrey was dismissed by Coomb for six.

However, their score crept up to 202 for four, which put them in a very comfortable position indeed.

It was just as well for Cambridgeshire that their openers had batted so solidly, though, for the Bedfordshire bowlers, who had not had a lot of luck previously, hit best form and took four wickets for the addition of only 14 runs.

#### Beds Lost

#### Quick Wickets

CAMBRIDGESHIRE batted for four hours for 251, and they left Bedfordshire a little under two hours batting time.

Everyone hoped that August and Disbury would lay the foundations of a big score, and that Bedfordshire would not lose more than a couple of wickets before stumps were drawn.

But Cambridgeshire had different ideas, and took six extremely valuable wickets for 80 runs, to put Bedfordshire in a very sticky position.

Most bitter pill to swallow came when their score was 52 for 3.

#### Fine Bowling

#### By Godfrey

KEVIN WILLIAMS, young left-handed batsman from Queen's Works, joined another left-hander, Kilby, but was out to a grand catch by Chelsea goalkeeper Harry Medhurst before he had scored.

That was a blow, but when Legate was out the very next ball, things began to look really serious. Bowler who achieved the double success was Godfrey, who took 12 for 136 in both innings, and was by far Cambridgeshire's most successful bowler.

Dan Grady and A. G. Coomb were still in at the close of play, and re-opened Bedfordshire's innings on Thursday.

#### Good Start To Second Innings

GRADY made 22, and was bowled by Morris while attempting a hit to the boundary. There was a valuable knock by Meakin, the young player from R.A.F. Station, Henlow, who made 36 in quick time and included seven fours in his total. The tenth wicket fell at 147, and Bedfordshire were forced to follow on.

This time they made a much better start. Taking things very carefully indeed, August and Disbury scored only eight runs off the first eight overs, but once they had settled down the tempo increased and both batsmen hit the ball hard.

#### Two Good Innings By Dan Grady

DISBURY made 71 and August hit 38 before he was caught by Medhurst, who is one of the finest fielders to play at Wardown for a long time.

Once again, however, there was a minor collapse when Kilby, Oliver and Williams all failed to reach double figures, but there was a revival when Legate, who hit 26, and Dan Grady were together.

Grady batted extremely confidently, and was not out with 35 at the end. Unfortunately the end of this innings was precipitated when Ron Gardiner was run out.

#### Cambs Fielding

#### Was Always Keen

BY "stealing" a run, Grady managed to face the bowling and when he hit the ball hard, it looked as if, with some hard running, two runs could be obtained.

But that was counting without the ultra-keen Cambridgeshire fielding, and by the time they had run between the wickets once the ball was about to be returned.

Both batsmen started the second run but sensing the danger, both stopped at the same

time. Grady scampered back to his crease, but before Gardiner could get back his wicket had been shattered.

#### 115 Runs Needed In 95 Minutes

IT was an unfortunate way to end the innings, but the batsmen could never take chances against the visitors' supremely confident field.

Grady saw two batsmen dismissed in this manner while he was batting, for A. G. Coomb was run out before he had opened his account.

This left Cambridgeshire with 95 minutes in which to score 115 for victory, and when Crouch and Gautrey opened their second innings it quickly became obvious that they were going to make an attempt to get them.

#### They "Put Up The Shutters"

THEY set about the bowling from the start and had scored 36 before Gautrey skied a ball and was easily caught behind the wicket by Grady.

Another hard hitter, W. B. Morris, was next in, but he made only two, and when Medhurst and Taylor were dismissed just as cheaply, Cambridgeshire "put up the shutters" for a spell.

Until then they had been ahead of the clock in their race to get the runs, but when Hoyles joined Crouch the scoring rate slowed down considerably.

#### Last Over Brought Winning Run

HOYLES made only 12 before he was out, caught and bowled by Bedfordshire's most successful bowler, Coomb, and Jeeps was yards out of his crease when he was stumped.

Crouch was joined by H. W. Taylor, who ran to take his place at the wicket. Cambridgeshire were behind the clock now, and these batsmen had to take chances to get the necessary runs.

When Oliver tossed the ball to Ron Gardiner to bowl the last over, they were still two runs behind, but a single to each batsman gave them victory.

#### Visitors' Young Wicket-keeper

IT was a very good game, and a fair result, for on this showing Cambridgeshire, who are having a successful season, deserved the points.

Their fielding was exceptional, and Medhurst and Gautrey never needed a second chance to accept a catch.

Gautrey is a wicket-keeper, and usually plays behind the stumps for his county, but a chance was given to a youngster, R. Nunn, in this game.

Nunn was brilliant during Bedfordshire's first innings, but appeared to lack concentration during the second and was rather expensive, for Bedfordshire's total profited by 25 extras.

#### Grady Had A Successful Match

IF he maintains the form he showed in this match Dan Grady must be a regular choice for the county, for he gave a first-class display of wicket-keeping and also batted confidently in both innings.

## THE FULL SCOREBOARD CAMBRIDGESHIRE

1st Innings	
M A Crouch c Grady b Coomb .....	57
H Taylor b Williams .....	21
W Morris b Jenkins .....	81
R Gautrey lbw b Coomb ..	6
R A Taylor c Meakin b Coomb .....	35
J Hoyles c Meakin b Coomb	0
H Medhurst c Oliver b Jenkins .....	12
R Jeeps c Grady b Coomb..	0
D Johnson st Grady b Gardiner .....	11
J Godfrey lbw b Coomb ....	20
R Nunn not out .....	2
Extras .....	6

Total .....	251
Bowling: A G Coomb 6 for 68, D G Jenkins 2 for 49, R D Gardiner 1 for 20, K Williams 1 for 46.	

2nd Innings	
M A Crouch not out ...	70
R Gautrey c Grady b Jenkins	15
W B Morris c Coomb ....	2
H Medhurst c Williams b Coomb .....	1
R A Taylor lbw b Oliver ..	3
J Hoyles c and b Coomb ..	12
R Jeeps run out .....	0
H W Taylor not out .....	5
Extras .....	7

Total (for 6 wkts) ..	115
Bowling: A G Coomb 3 for 62, J A R Oliver 1 for 5, D G Jenkins 1 for 25.	

BEDFORDSHIRE 1st Innings	
G L B August c Nunn b Godfrey .....	22
B E Disbury c and b Godfrey	4
M L Kilby b Godfrey .....	37
J A R Oliver c Crouch b Morris .....	3
K Williams c Medhurst b Godfrey .....	0
J Legate c Gautrey b Godfrey	0
D Grady b Morris .....	22
A G Coomb c Morris b Godfrey .....	12
D Meakin c Gautrey b Godfrey .....	36
R D Gardiner c Nunn b Morris .....	0
D G Jenkins not out .....	11
Extras .....	11

Total .....	147
Bowling: J Godfrey 7 for 71, W B Morris 3 for 49.	

2nd Innings	
G L B August c Medhurst b Godfrey .....	38
B E Disbury c Crouch b Godfrey .....	71
M L Kilby lbw b Godfrey	7
J A R Oliver c Medhurst b Godfrey .....	6
K Williams b Morris .....	1
J Legate c Johnson b Morris	26
D Grady not out .....	35
A G Coomb run out .....	0
D Meakin c Gautrey b Taylor .....	6
D G Jenkins b Hoyles .....	2
R D Gardiner run out .....	1
Extras .....	25

Total .....	218
Bowling: J Godfrey 5 for 65, J Hoyles 1 for 19, R A Taylor 1 for 16, W B Morris 1 for 70.	

For Kevin Williams, the young left-handed batsman from Bedford Queen's Works, this match must have been something of a disappointment, for he made only one run in two innings, but, nevertheless, he is a player of infinite promise, and will be playing in all three county matches next week when he will, doubtless, achieve more success.



The Mayor of Luton, Cllr. T. Skelton, chats with the Chairman of Bedfordshire C.C.C., Horace Neate, C.A., and Deputy Lieutenant of Bedfordshire, and Mr. A. B. Poole, a recent captain of Bedfordshire. A picture taken at Wardown on Wednesday during the Bedfordshire v. Cambridgeshire Minor Counties match. R9124G

### *Cricket For Footballers*

THE Town footballers are now training in earnest. Road walks and private practice matches have formed the basis of their training so far, and, with the addition of P.T. exercises and ball practice it will continue mainly along those lines. Iowerth Hughes and George Stobbart are still training at Luton.

A break in the routine will come on Monday when the footballers provide cricket opposition for the local team at Hatfield Hyde.

They played there last season and the match proved to be so great a success that they have been asked to make it an annual fixture.

### *They Field A Useful Side*

MANY of the footballers have been playing cricket throughout the summer, and the result is that the Town can field a more than useful side.

Their team for Monday will be Sid Owen (capt), Les Hall, David Sexton, Bob Morton, Terry Kelly, Roy Davies, Bernard Moore, Derek Allen, Bert Mitchell, Les Jones and Gordon Turner.

Of these, Owen and Kelly have played for Luton Town C.C., Hall for St. Albans C.C., Roy Davies, Turner, Mitchell and Allen have turned out regularly for Luton Corinthians, and Bob Morton for Eaton Bray, while Bernard Moore used to play with considerable success at Hastings.



# BEDFORDSHIRE ROBBED OF AN OUTRIGHT WIN?

## Wicket Under Water—Game Abandoned

With Bedfordshire in a commanding position to force an outright win against Lincolnshire at Bedford School on Tuesday—they had already made sure of first-innings points on Monday—the tedious wait caused by frequent showers and heavier rains was ended early in the afternoon when a torrential downpour put the cricket table under water. Not a ball was bowled. The County were 137 runs on in their second innings with all ten wickets standing.

The sight of the School wicket under water—and the covers in some danger, perhaps of floating away!—was an unhappy one for the groundsman in view of Wednesday's game against Buckinghamshire. Mr. Frank Crompton, the Bedfordshire C.C.C. Hon. Secretary, could recall only one worse occasion—in 1927, when the New Zealanders played there for about an hour and when the match was abandoned with the whole field like a lake.

After last year's unhappy weather for the Cricket Week, the County Club deserved a better fate than to lose an entire day, but there was some consolation to be got from an excellent day's cricket on Monday and good support then from the public—though there would probably have been many more people at the field if the weather had been more settled.

Bedfordshire secured first-innings points after nearly six and a half hours of entertaining cricket on Monday, in which the best stands were made by Bedfordshire's last two batsmen in the first innings and their first two batsmen in the second innings. In between, John Fry, helped by fielding and catches which the team must have copied from Cambridgeshire last week, skittled out Lincolnshire for a mere 64.

### Pogson's Success

Short of bowlers, Lincolnshire could thank their lucky stars that stock bowler Arthur Pogson was available. Pogson—of the medium pace and easy, economical action—was more than on form. He bowled with cunning and beat the bat a surprising number of times on a wicket that was well up to the high standard which the School groundsman sets himself.

Pogson's first blow for Lincolnshire was his dismissal of George August with only ten on the board. Like some other Bedfordshire batsmen, August was not quite sure how he got out from a ball of no great apparent merit.

Disbury was quick to find his stride and his free and fluent shots and the power behind

them further confirmed the opinions of those who hold that he is a batsman without a peer in this part of the country. Disbury's easy progress was not disturbed by the sad and sorry procession of various partners to and from the pavilion. Morris, taking liberties too soon, perhaps, skied the ball into the covers and was caught—a blow to spectators, this.

Glyn Owen was bowled by Pogson second ball for what turned out to be the only duck of the innings. Pogson was—or, at least, was made to seem—irresistible, and it was fashionable to get out to him rather than to Gardener or Maddison, the latter bowling very steadily and on one occasion sending down four successive maidens.

### Heartening Innings

Oliver, Kilby, and Williams put up some resistance before falling to Pogson. Disbury's heartening innings ended when he was caught by wicketkeeper Hutson off the inevitable Pogson. Grady was the first to break that bowler's sequence, for he got out lbw to Maddison, who deserved a wicket, though it was unlucky for Bedfordshire to lose one at that stage. It looked all up for Bedfordshire when Coomb was caught, the score then being 125 for 9.

Lincolnshire were entitled to congratulate themselves on having nine men who looked worth at least 300 runs in the pavilion for this modest total, but out came Jenkins to join Fry and so began the biggest and liveliest stand of the innings. Fry scored freely and was given excellent support. The only thing to mar the happy and productive partnership was an accident to K. M. Cook, a young Lincolnshire man playing in his first county game. Trying to take a catch at square leg, Cook sprained an ankle so badly that he had to be assisted off the field. The stand realized 46. Pogson's figures were eight for 72. Oh, happy day!

When Lincolnshire came out it soon became clear that they were no happier at the crease

than Bedfordshire had been. They were up against excellent bowling by Coomb, Jenkins, and Fry. What was just as pleasing was the marked improvement in Bedfordshire's fielding—and how good it is to record that. Williams was particularly agile and clean with his handling and throws; in fact, there were no fumlbers in the side this time.

Slip chances induced by the bowlers were not wasted. Morris set the example by dismissing Lascelles, who could hardly believe that he had been caught. That was one wicket to Jenkins. Coomb safely disposed of Maddison, who put up such an immoderately large score against the County at Grimby, and then it was Fry's turn to shine.

### Found More Pace

This young man has found more pace, and Lincolnshire knew all about it. He had the cautious left-hander Todd taken in the slips; knocked Taylor's stump out of the ground when that player was well set; secured four other wickets; and finished with the fine analysis of six for 20, thus comparing well with Pogson's analysis.

Gardener relieved the feelings of the collapsing Lincolnshire side by getting a six off Owen, but Owen, assisted by Grady, got his own back. Lincolnshire, after appearing so strongly placed, finished 77 runs behind on the first innings. Coomb and Morris each took two slip catches, and Morris's second, that which dismissed Whitworth, was of the highest class—in fact, it was in the Hammond class.

Opening Bedfordshire's second innings August and Disbury put on 60 at a comfortable pace before the close of play—August got some un-called for slow handclaps, but he cannot be disturbed that way. And, of course, he was right not to throw away his wicket in the last few minutes.

### BEDFORDSHIRE

#### First Innings

G. L. B. August	b Pogson	2
B. E. Disbury	c Hutson b Pogson	5
S. T. Morris	c Lascelles b Pogson	5
J. G. Owen	b Pogson	0
J. A. R. Oliver	c Gardener b Pogson	13
M. I. Kilby	lbw b Pogson	13
K. R. G. Williams	b Pogson	12
D. Grady	lbw b Maddison	5
A. G. Coomb	c Lascelles b Pogson	14
J. W. Fry	b Gardener	35
D. G. Jenkins	not out	14
Extras		7

Total . . . . . 171

Fall of wickets: 1-10, 2-24, 3-24, 4-64, 5-87, 6-100, 7-103, 8-120, 9-125.

Bowling: Pogson 34 o. 10 m. 71 r. 8 w. Maddison 20-6-40-1. Gardener 16-1-2-48-1. Ehrenfried 3-1-4-0.

#### Second Innings

G. L. B. August	not out	27
B. E. Disbury	not out	32
Extras		1
Total (for no wicket)		60

### LINCOLNSHIRE

#### First Innings

J. R. C. Todd	c Coomb b Fry	8
R. P. Lascelles	c Morris b Jenkins	14
N. A. Maddison	b Coomb	8
H. Taylor	b Fry	20
R. G. Ehrenfried	c Coomb b Fry	7
A. Whitworth	c Morris b Fry	1
S. Hlom	c Disbury b Fry	17
N. G. Gardener	st Grady b Owen	15
G. Hutson	not out	1
A. Pogson	c Williams b Fry	2
K. M. Cook	absent hurt	0
Extras		1

Total . . . . . 94

Fall of wickets: 1-20, 2-31, 3-31, 4-53, 5-55, 6-66, 7-91, 8-91, 9-94.

Bowling: Coomb 14 o. 5 m. 32 r. 1 w. Jenkins, 3-0-16-1. Fry, 12-5-1-20-6. Owen, 4-0-25-1.



4 Hertfordshire 1952

Herts v Beds Bedford School 7,8 August

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Beds 1st innings

GLB August	run out		50	(1x4)
BE Disbury	c Bateman	b Allen	20	
ML Kilby		b Allen	4	
JG Owen	lbw	b Allen	5	
PG Miller	c Tyrwhitt-Drake	b Carnill	0	
K Williams	c Simons	b Bradbeer	9	
M Meeson	c Simons	b Allen	4	
JW Fry		b Forshaw	56	(5x4s)
D Grady		b Allen	13	
AG Coomb	c & b	Forshaw	13	
DG Jenkins	not out		1	
Extras	Byes 6, leg byes 3, no balls 2		11	
Total	All out	92.4 overs	186	

FoW 1-36 (2), 2-48 (3), 3-54 (4), 4-61 (5), 5-92 (1), 6-95 (6), 7-113 (7), 8-151 (9)  
9-171 (10), 10-186 (8)

Bowling

Marques	8	1	18	0	Allen	31	12	65	5
Forshaw	13.4	5	20	2	Carnill	19	4	38	1
Bradbeer	21	4	34	1					

Herts 1st innings

*TW Tyrwhitt-Drake	not out		45	
DB Parkin		b Jenkins	1	
LC Bateman	not out		25	
G Bentley, MG Forshaw, DJ Carnill, +RG Simons	d n b			
CVL Marques, AN Bradbeer, AA Grimsdell, FR Allen	d n b			
Extras	Leg byes 5		5	
Total	1 wicket	35 overs	76	

FoW 1-12 (1)

Bowling

Coomb	16	4	40	0	Fry	6	2	7	0
Jenkins	11	1	22	1	Owen	2	1	2	0

Herts scorebook

**Abandoned as Draw**

Bedfordshire's opening match of the week—against Lincolnshire—was abandoned as a draw, there being no play on Tuesday because of rain. The home County, who took points for a first innings lead, were in a commanding position at the end of the first day, being 137 runs ahead with all their second innings wickets in hand.

**BEDFORDSHIRE**

**First Innings**

G. L. B. August	b. Pogson	2
B. E. Disbury	c. Hutson b. Pogson	51
S. T. Morris	c. Lascelles b. Pogson	5
J. G. Owen	b. Pogson	5
J. A. R. Oliver	c. Gardener b. Pogson	13
M. L. Kilby	hit w. b. Pogson	12
K. R. G. Williams	b. Pogson	12
D. Grady	hit w. b. Maddison	5
A. G. Coomb	c. Lascelles b. Pogson	14
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Total .. . . . 171

Fall of wickets: 1-10, 2-24, 3-24, 4-64, 5-87, 6-100, 7-103, 8-120, 9-125.

Bowling: Pogson 34 o. 10 m. 72 r. H. w. Maddison 20-6-40-1; Gardener 16-1-2-48-1; Ehrenfried 3-1-4-0.

**Second Innings**

G. L. B. August	not out	27
B. E. Disbury	not out	32
Extras		1

Total (for no wicket) 60

**LINCOLNSHIRE**

**First Innings**

J. R. C. Todd	c. Coomb b. Fry	8
R. P. Lascelles	c. Morris b. Jenkins	14
N. A. Maddison	b. Coomb	8
J. H. Taylor	b. Fry	20
R. C. Ehrenfried	c. Coomb b. Fry	7
A. Whitworth	c. Morris b. Fry	1
B. Hion	c. Disbury b. Fry	17
N. G. Gardener	st. Grady b. Owen	15
G. Hutson	not out	1
A. Pogson	c. Williams b. Fry	2
K. M. Cook	absent hurt	1
Extras		1

Total .. . . . 94

Fall of wickets: 1-20, 2-31, 3-31, 4-53, 5-55, 6-66, 7-91, 8-91, 9-94.

Bowling: Coomb 14 o. 5 m. 32 r. 1 w.; Jenkins 5-0-16-1; Fry 12-5-1-20-6; Owen 4-0-25-1.

# BEDFORDSHIRE, 126 FOR ONE, OUT FOR 172

## Buckinghamshire Man's All-round Form

### AUGUST'S BIG SCORES

Replying to Buckinghamshire's total of 299 for eight, Bedfordshire scored 126 for one wicket—and were then dismissed for 172—at Bedford School yesterday. The County followed on, but easily escaped defeat Buckinghamshire getting first innings points. D F Johns, the Buckinghamshire player, gave a remarkable all-round performance and George August was top scorer in both innings for Bedfordshire.

The water at Bedford School left by Tuesday's torrential rain soon soaked in, but the wicket was made soft and the outfield slow. Having won the toss on Wednesday, Oliver thought it best to send Buckinghamshire in on a wicket which was drying slowly and on which play began punctually. The events of the first half-hour relieved Oliver of misgivings he may have felt, for Bedfordshire made an excellent start.

It was John Fry who got the first wicket, and it was that of B. A. Barnett, the Australian skipper of the Buckinghamshire and, indeed, of the Minor Counties. Barnett, who was Australia's wicket-keeper on that famous pre-war occasion at the Oval when Hutton scored 364, opened the Buckinghamshire innings with a first ball bowled to Fry to Barnett forced the Australian to play back and on to his wicket.

#### A SHREWD BLOW

This was a shrewd blow struck for Bedfordshire with only five runs on the board. Hurst was a true crease nearly 40 minutes for his four runs, and he was then well taken in the slips by Coomb off a short loose ball by Fry, which the batsman could safely have ignored.

Reynolds had a brief stay. He turned round the corner a fall from Coomb, and Owen, at the guard, about leg, struck out a hand and held on. That was Bedfordshire's last success for hours. At lunch Buckinghamshire were 124 for three wickets.

The big stand was made by Johns, of the High Wycombe club, and Butler, Johns being the dominating partner. Meakin almost had him in the slips early in his innings—it would have been a wonderful catch, though—and in the eighties Johns offered a hard chance at square leg which August might have caught and would have stopped if the ball had not glanced off the square-leg umpire.

#### CENTURY OUT OF 150

After lunch Johns completed his century and put the 150 up at the same time by now it was clear that the Bedfordshire gamble had failed, though there was no reason for anyone to quarrel with it being made. Some slow bowling of uncertain length and direction had helped Johns and Butler to establish themselves during the time the pitch was drying, and they scored freely when the pitch became easier. This applied especially to Johns, whose powerful driving frequently pierced the well-placed field. Bowling switches and changes had little effect.

Johns and Butler had put on 165 when Owen struck. Butler, Grady caught Clements behind the wicket and thus secured for Meakin his first wicket in Minor Counties cricket.

Jackson was lbw, to Coomb after another profitable stand of 52, the great majority going to Johns, who had now destroyed the effectiveness of the Bedfordshire bowling. He had an escape when a substitute fielder, taking the place of Oliver, who had a touch of sciatica, dropped him at mid-off. But Johns already had a huge score, so the young fieldman, Meeson, who did very well, need shed no fears at the lapse. At the tea interval Buckinghamshire were 260 for six—and it was raining!

#### HIGHEST SCORE OF CAREER

The players came out, returned for a short time, and Buckinghamshire went on to score 299 for eight, declared. Johns missed his double century—his 141 was the highest score of his career—mainly because of the slow outfield and his own disinclination to turn a large number of twos into threes. He hit 14 boundaries and a good number of the threes would have been easy boundaries on a hard ground. Johns batted for 247 minutes before he was caught by Oliver, who had now returned, at mid-off.

Bedfordshire were left with 75 minutes to bat, but after Disbury and August had put on 19—each having escapes in the process—the rain came down heavily, and that was that!

Another soft wicket confronted August and Disbury when they came out on Thursday. Left-handed Pickett and Johnson the pace bowlers were unable to disturb the pair. Disbury, for once, was the junior partner in terms of scoring.

Every now and then something short of a length was bowled to August and dispatched without fail to the boundary, very hard hits being necessary. August found Pickett particularly to his liking and drove him squarely to the boundary on several occasions. Thirty-three of the first fifty runs were scored by August.

#### STEADY BOWLING BY JOHNS

Disbury put up a catch deep and backward of square leg, but a fieldsmen nearby was too slow off the mark to get his hands on the ball. The score increased steadily and Barnett called on Johns, a left-arm spinner, and Phipps.

Johns immediately reduced the scoring rate, bowling four successive maidens. Phipps and Johns were nearly the downfall of August, for Johns, in the gully, got his right hand to a shot, but could not hold the ball. Celebrating this escape, August scored his first runs off Johns and completed his fifty.

This was already August's highest score of the season for the County—and produced when badly needed. Not until one o'clock (and rain!), were the Buckinghamshire bowlers rewarded. August moved across to an off pitch ball from Johns which popped up and he was caught behind the wicket by Barnett. August hit six boundaries.

Soon afterwards Disbury completed his fifty with a sweep to the boundary off Reynolds. The players came in a little early for lunch with the score at 150 for 1.

#### A CATCH—OR ?

Disbury and Kilby added a further 19 runs after lunch before Kilby's wicket was lost. Kilby played the ball to forward short leg, where Clements appeared to catch it after the first bounce a short distance in front of him. There were shouts of "Well caught!" by fieldsmen. Kilby walked out.

Whatever opinion was held of Kilby's dismissal, there could be no second opinion about the merit of the catch which dismissed Disbury at the same score—145. Jackson, standing quite deep at mid-off, took the ball very low to give Johns his second wicket.

The wicket now favoured spin and gave another bite to the accuracy which Reynolds and Johns had already shown for so long. Seven maiden overs were bowled in a row by Reynolds.

When Miller was bowled by Johns at 148 and Oliver caught by Johns (what a match for this player's off Reynolds), a Bedfordshire collapse was a fact, four wickets having come for 25 runs.

Two runs later Williams was bowled by Reynolds, and suddenly it appeared that Bedfordshire, until recently favourites for the first innings lead, were in mortal peril of following on. But that is cricket all over.

The possibility of following on grew into a probability when Grady, going

for an ill-adviced second run, dived headfirst into the crease—but a split second after Barnett had whipped off the balls from Lucas's brilliant return. Hitting out, Owen was taken by Jackson, and Buckinghamshire now had only the tail to eliminate.

#### EIGHT DOWN FOR 27

Fry resisted to the best of his ability, and Coomb and Meakin were dismissed in trying to force the pace. The last eight wickets fell for 27 runs, and Bedfordshire followed on 127 runs behind, a sadder and perhaps wiser team.

August and Disbury did not bat for long before a shower drove in the players, but this was only a brief interruption. Disbury, caught by Reynolds, was the first Bedfordshire batsman to be out twice during the afternoon. At tea Bedfordshire were 77 for Disbury's wicket.

J. A. R. Oliver, the Bedfordshire captain, is suffering from sciatica, and is unlikely to play against Hertfordshire at Bedford School in the final match of the Cricket Week. G. L. B. August is the vice-captain.

Bedfordshire were no longer concerned about runs, and though slow defensive cricket can hardly arouse enthusiasm, there was considerable interest in Barnett's manoeuvres to dislodge batsmen who played the exact game for the circumstances.

Miller played a dead bat and was in for 40 minutes before he got a single. When lbw to Phipps Miller had batted 100 minutes for his ten runs, and there was now no danger of defeat.

#### BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

First Innings	
B. A. Barnett b Fry	3
A. V. Hurst c Coomb b Fry	4
D. P. Johns c Oliver b Fry	191
G. Reynolds c Owen b Coomb	1
N. V. Butler b Owen	51
R. Clements c Grady b Meakin	1
P. P. Jackson lbw b Coomb	12
H. J. Lucas b Fry	20
C. A. Pickett not out	11
T. L. Johnson not out	1
Extras	4
Total (for 8 wks. dec.)	299
D. Phipps did not bat	

Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-28, 3-51, 4-190, 5-197, 6-249, 7-283, 8-294.

Bowling: Fry, 19 overs, 3 maidens, 64 runs, 4 wickets; Coomb, 27.4-75-2; Owen, 20-1-71-1; Oliver, 9-3-22-0; Williams, 5-0-34-0; Meakin, 10-1-31-1.

#### BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings	
G. L. B. August c Barnett b Johns	75
B. E. Disbury c Jackson b Johns	64
M. L. Kilby c Clements b Reynolds	3
P. G. Miller b Johns	0
J. G. Owen c Jackson b Johns	5
K. R. G. Williams b Reynolds	1
J. A. R. Oliver c Johns b Reynolds	1
D. Grady run out	2
J. W. Fry not out	10
A. G. Coomb c Butler b Reynolds	2
D. Meakin b Reynolds	4
D. Meakin b Reynolds	4
Extras	5
Total	172

Fall of wickets: 1-126, 2-145, 3-158, 4-148, 5-151, 6-153, 7-155, 8-156, 9-165.

Bowling: Reynolds, 19.3 overs, 8 maidens, 35 runs, 5 wickets; Johns, 39-12-42-4.

#### 2nd Innings

G. L. B. August b Reynolds	60
B. E. Disbury c Reynolds b Pickett	7
M. L. Kilby c Lucas b Pickett	6
P. G. Miller lbw Phipps	10
J. G. Owen not out	4
K. R. G. Williams c Pickett b Reynolds	0
D. Grady not out	0
Extras	11
Total (for five wks.)	98

Fall of wickets: 1-31, 2-43, 3-93, 4-95, 5-95.

Bowling: Reynolds, 13 overs, 6 maidens, 11 runs, 2 wickets; Pickett, 22-8-34-2.

**Match Number 84/3 Bedfordshire v Buckinghamshire**

Played at Bedford School

on Friday 8, Saturday 9 August 1952

Result: **Match drawn**  
 Points: Bucks 3, Beds 1  
 Toss: Bedfordshire  
 Umpires: B Bellamy and TM McMurray  
 Bucks debutants: D Phipps  
 First day score: Bucks 299 - 8 dec; Beds 46 - 0

**Buckinghamshire**

* + BA Barnett	b Fry	3
AV Hurst	c Coomb b Fry	4
DFV Johns	c Oliver b Fry	191
G Reynolds	c Owen b Coomb	1
NV Butler	b Owen	51
RE Clements	c Grady b Meakin	1
PF Jackson	lbw b Coomb	12
BJ Lucas	b Fry	20
CA Pickett	not out	11
TL Johnson	not out	1
D Phipps		
Extras	b 3, lb 1	4
<b>Total</b>		for 8 dec 299

Fall of wickets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1st Innings	5	28	31	196	197	249	283	294		

Coomb	27	4	73	2
Fry	19	3	64	4
Owen	20	1	71	1
Oliver	9	3	22	0
Williams	5	0	34	0
Meakin	10	1	31	1
Extras			4	
<b>Total</b>			299	

**Bedfordshire**

GLB August	c Barnett b Johns	75	1) b Reynolds	60
BE Disbury	c Jackson b Johns	64	2) c Reynolds b Pickett	7
ML Kilby	c Clements b Reynolds	3	3) c Lucas b Pickett	6
PG Miller	b Johns	0	4) lbw b Phipps	10
JG Owen	c Jackson b Johns	5	5) not out	4
* JAR Oliver	c Johns b Reynolds	1		
K Williams	st Barnett b Reynolds	1	6) c Pickett b Reynolds	0
D Grady	run out	2	7) not out	0
JW Fry	not out	10		
AG Coomb	c Butler b Reynolds	2		
D Meakin	b Reynolds	4		
Extras	b 5	5	b 9, lb 2	11
<b>Total</b>		172		for 5 98

Fall of wickets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1st Innings	126	145	145	148	151	153	156	156	163	172
2nd Innings	31	43	93	95	95					

Pickett	12	0	35	0	1)	19	6	33	2
Johnson	10	2	26	0	2)	3	0	11	0
Phipps	10	1	29	0	3)	6	3	8	1
Johns	30	12	42	4	4)	19	11	12	0
Reynolds	19.3	8	35	5	5)	16	8	12	2
Clements					6)	3	0	11	0
Extras			5					11	
<b>Total</b>			172					98	

Notes: Johns' 191 was the highest score for Bucks until beaten by MJ Roberts in 1989. He hit 14 x 4. Butler 3 x 4. For Beds August hit 6 x 4 in his 75 and 2 x 4 in his 60, Disbury 6 x 4

Sources: Bucks score book; Bucks Year book

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# COUNTY'S CRICKET

## MIDDLE BATTING IS UNEVEN

### Over-Cautious Methods Not Bringing Success

**BY CHILTERN**

In the transitional and, therefore, the experimental stage is Bedfordshire county cricket at the moment and there is no doubt that the absence of such experienced players as Joe Payne, A. B. Poole, Jack Chisholm and Sid Morris, who is not available regularly, has told its tale this season.

And it was bound to do so, for the Selection Committee rightly decided that the thing to do was to give youth its chance to replace these stalwarts.

There have been instances when this has succeeded, but, in the main, lack of experience, especially in the middle of the batting, has told its tale.

This has been the case at Bedford this week, when in none of three completed innings have Bedfordshire managed to pass the 200 mark.

Due in part to the fact that the newcomers feel that they are playing for their places every time they go in to bat, there has been a caution about the batting which was not to be seen in recent seasons.

#### More Aggression Is Needed

BADLY needed at the moment is the introduction of an aggressive spirit into the batting after the first pair and before the tail-enders arrive.

This was emphasised yesterday when in nearly 220 minutes before tea Bedfordshire were pinned down to 121 runs by a keen Hertfordshire attack which, nevertheless, did not receive an undue amount of help from the wicket.

It was in Bedfordshire's favour, too, that Leslie King and Jack Holt, both of whom have been the means of discomforting them before, were not playing.

#### August's Caution Was Justified

ADMITTEDLY some of the caution yesterday came from George August and rightly so, for he was faced with the considerable responsibility of keeping one end going while wickets were going quickly at the other end.

He was skipping the side for the first time in the absence of John Oliver, who had to stand down because of an attack of sciatica which has troubled him all week.

He left the field for an hour during the Bucks match on Wednesday, and was badly handicapped when he went into bat the next day, for he could not move his feet properly.

#### Shared The Honours Of The Week

SO much depended on August, who faced up to the task brilliantly and completed his third successive half-century of the week.

In fact, along with John Fry, August has shared the main honours of a somewhat disappointing week, both from the viewpoint of weather and results.

Since Monday he has batted for the best part of eight hours and, in five innings, once not out, has made 214 runs.

Yesterday he was desperately unlucky to be run out immediately after reaching his 50, due to a bad call by Kevin Williams, who hit the ball to cover where, unfortunately for August, Denis Carnill, one of the best fielders hereabouts, was standing.

#### John Fry Proved The Point

CARNILL is back in the Hertfordshire side after leading the England hockey team in the Olympic Games at Helsinki and he bowled his leg breaks and googlies extremely well without a great deal of luck.

Just to show that aggression does pay if it is tempered by the faculty for picking out the right ball to hit, was proved by the later batsmen and particularly John Fry.

Primarily in the side as a bowler, Fry batted well against Lincolnshire and showed promise of a useful innings in the Bucks match, in which he was not out.

#### Jenkins Was The Unlucky Bowler

WITH reasonable luck, Jenkins would have had three wickets, but, as it was, he came off with 1 for 22 in 11 overs, which represented an extremely good piece of bowling.

For most of the time Coomb kept the other end going, but with no luck and his 16 overs cost 40 runs.

Hertfordshire, not neglecting an opportunity to take runs, made 76 in the 90 minutes left to them last night and lost only the wicket of Parkin.

And Bedfordshire's chief tormenter, when they batted, was Freddie Allen, captain of Hertford Town, who had 5 for 65.



George August

#### Enterprising Batting After Tea

YESTERDAY he was promoted a little in the order and obliged with a fine 56, which provided the brightest cricket of the day.

There was good assistance from Dan Grady and Arthur Coomb, with the result that the 45 minutes after tea produced 65 runs, in sharp contrast to the slow rate previously.

Some of the slowness of the run-getting could be accounted for by the fact that the wicket was slow and the outfield wet, but it did not excuse the fact that many half-volleys were patted tamely back.

In the end, Bedfordshire reached near respectability with a total of 186 which, last night, did not look sufficient to trouble Hertfordshire.

#### Dropped Catches Were Costly

YET, if the Bedfordshire catching had been adequate, and this is another branch of their game which needs tightening up, they might easily have begun this morning's play in quite an enviable position.

Jenkins, of Bedford Town, bowled Don Parkin with the score at 12 and was unlucky not to have had a caught and bowled off Tyrwhitt-Drake before that happened.

Had he gone on with his run through he would have caught him, but the ball fell short and the Hertfordshire skipper had his first escape.

#### Both Batsmen Were Given "Lives"

LESLIE BATEMAN, of Welwyn Garden City, who replaced Parkin, should have been out very early for he gave a sharp chance to the wicket-keeper, Grady, and during Jenkins's very hostile opening spell also gave an opportunity to Fry at first slip.

These were not accepted and Jenkins was also the bowler to suffer when August dropped Tyrwhitt-Drake at mid-off, which was a hard, but not over-difficult, opportunity of getting rid of this hard-hitting opening batsman.



### Bedfordshire's Batting Collapse

THERE was a good illustration of just how quickly and radically the state of a cricket match can change at Bedford on Thursday, when Bedfordshire plunged to collapse in their first innings against Buckinghamshire.

Yet during the morning, when George August and Brian Disbury figured in another big opening partnership, there seemed reasonable possibilities that Bedfordshire would gain first innings points.

Neither was in difficulty, the runs were coming easily, and they put 126 on the board before August was out trying to cut seven minutes before lunch.

### Wicket Helped The Spinners

THEN, in 75 minutes after lunch, Bedfordshire lost their nine remaining wickets while putting on only 42 runs.

The damage was done by the left-arm spin bowling of David Johns, hero of the Bucks innings, and the off-spinners of Geoff Reynolds, who plays for Chesham and who is well known to Luton Town batsmen.

Part of the story was that the wicket dried quickly during the interval, which enabled the spinners to turn the ball more quickly, but they were aided very much by the reluctance of the Bedfordshire batsmen to attempt to knock them off their length.

### Attacking Field Was Set

RESULT was that that astute skipper, former Australian Test player, Ben Barnett, was able to set an attacking field throughout the afternoon and, having got on top, never relaxed the grip he had obtained.

There were exceptions to those who adopted a completely defensive role. Brian Disbury, who had not scored so quickly as August in the morning, tried to push the score along and was out rather unluckily to a brilliant catch taken a foot or so from the ground at deep mid-off.

Glyn Owen came in with every intention of spoiling the figures of the bowling by attack, but he, too, "holed out" in almost the same spot as Disbury had done.

### Were Backed Up By Brilliant Catching

THE Bucks fielding was very keen, all the players were right on their toes, and the bowlers were backed up by excellent catching, which means the difference between success and failure in cricket.

Arthur Coomb was the victim of another good catch in the deep and the only one of the later batsmen who really promised to make runs was bowler John Fry, who shaped as if he could be a success in a higher place in the batting order.

Certainly Bedfordshire had little of the ordinary luck that goes with cricket, but the middle of their batting lacked stability, as it has on previous occasions this season.

## Scoreboard

BUCKS.: 299 for 8 wkts dec. (D F Johns 191, N Butler 51; J Fry 4 for 64, A G Coomb 2 for 73).

### BEDFORDSHIRE (1st Innings)

B E Disbury c Jackson b Johns .....	64
G L B August c Barnett b Johns .....	75
M L Kilby c Clements b Reynolds .....	3
P G Miller b Johns .....	0
J G Owen c Jackson b Johns .....	5
J A R Oliver c Johns b Reynolds .....	1
K Williams st Barnett b Reynolds .....	1
D Grady run out .....	2
A G Coomb c Butler b Reynolds .....	2
J W Fry not out .....	10
D Meakin b Reynolds ..	4
Extras .....	5
Total .....	172

Bowling: Reynolds 5 for 35, Johns 4 for 42.

### BEDFORDSHIRE (2nd Innings)

B E Disbury c Reynolds b Pickett .....	7
G L B August b Reynolds b Pickett .....	60
M L Kilby c Lucas b Pickett .....	6
P G Miller lbw b Phipps ..	10
J G Owen not out .....	4
K Williams c Pickett b Reynolds .....	0
D Grady not out .....	0
Extras .....	11

Total (for 5 wkts) 98  
Bowling: Reynolds 2 for 11, Pickett 2 for 34, Phipps 1 for 8.

### Means Justified By The End

THEY had to get 127 to avoid an innings defeat but, when Disbury was dismissed at 31, and Kilby followed 12 runs later, they shut up shop and concentrated almost entirely on defence.

These tactics were successful but very dull and drew some barracking from the crowd, who wanted action and not dead bat play.

However, the end justified the means for although Barnett claimed the extra half-an-hour after claiming August's wicket just before six o'clock, his bid for full points failed.

### August And Miller Delayed Bucks

WHAT finally dimmed their hopes was the stubborn third-wicket partnership between August and the former Bedford Modern School player, Peter Miller.

The latter took nearly 40 minutes to score his first run, and in all, made only 10 in about 90 minutes, but it was an extremely valuable defensive effort at a stage when time and not runs were the more valuable.

August took his aggregate for the match to 135 before falling a somewhat surprised victim to Reynolds's googly.

Such was the stubborn nature of the Bedfordshire second innings batting that there were 27 maidens in the 66 overs bowled to them for 98 runs.

But this was not an instance when aggression was called for.

### Bedfordshire Had Worst Of The Wicket

THEY had the worst of the wicket, which was unfortunate in that John Oliver had given the visitors first use of it, but unluckily for him, it failed to dry on the first day as it did on the second.

Yet had Bedfordshire held all their catches Bucks would have been out for a much smaller total, which, as it was, developed into nearly a one-man affair, with Johns obtaining 191 of the 299.

Forced to follow-on, Bedfordshire again began promisingly, with August, who seems to have found new aggression, exacting full toll of anything short of a length or overpitched.

## Saturday Sports Review

### *Only One Change For Visit To Fenners*

ALTHOUGH the selectors are continually searching the county to unearth fresh talent and gave a trial to a number of players in earlier representative matches, they have not discovered much new material.

So, for the visit to Fenners to meet Cambridgeshire next Friday and Saturday, only one change is being made from the team playing in the current match.

That involves the return of Oliver, expected to be thoroughly fit by then, to replace the Bedford School batsman, Meeson, who shaped quite promisingly yesterday, though he needs more experience before being ready for this class of cricket.

### *Oliver Played Under A Handicap*

THE team will be:

J. A. R. Oliver (capt.), G. L. B. August, B. E. Disbury, A. G. Coomb, J. G. Owen, M. L. Kilby, P. G. Miller, K. Williams, J. W. Fry, D. Grady, D. G. Jenkins.

Some of the unsuccessful batting this week can be accounted for by the fact that Oliver has been playing under a severe handicap and has been unable to reach his normal form for this reason and that nothing is going right for Glyn Owen at the moment.

He opened up promisingly yesterday morning but, in playing a ball from Allen that moved quite quickly, he got his bat mixed up with his pads and was l.b.w.

### *Receipts Up Despite The Rain*

ONCE again the weather has not been kind to this traditional cricket week but, even so, last night the receipts for the week were £36 up on last season, when the weather was even worse.

Total receipts for four days—Tuesday was completely blank—were £155.

Given a fine day to-day, the total could conceivably rise to £200, but even that would be well below the peak years of 1949, when £280 was taken, and 1950, when the receipts for the week were £248.

Probably the fact that no play was possible on Tuesday robbed the County of their first win of the season over Lincolnshire.

# CRICKET WEEK ENDS IN YET ANOTHER DELUGE

## No Result in Match With Hertfordshire

### FRY ENLIVENS GAME

Bedfordshire's Cricket Week ended on Saturday in yet another deluge of rain, not a ball being bowled on the second day of the match with Hertfordshire at Bedford School. Tuesday—the second day of the match with Lincolnshire—was rained out in its entirety and play on other days was also interfered with.

There was no result to the game with Hertfordshire, both counties being entitled to two points. Bedfordshire secured first innings points from Lincolnshire in one day's play, but were beaten on the first innings by Buckinghamshire. The County need to beat either Cambridgeshire at Fenners this week or Buckinghamshire later on to record a full victory.

Oliver, the captain, was kept in the pavilion by sciatica, and August, winning the toss on Friday, decided that Bedfordshire should bat in sunny conditions which suggested nothing of cloud and rain to follow. Once again August and Disbury provided the invaluable good start and they scored at a steady pace, while the opening bowlers, Marques and Forshaw, were on.

This pace, if not exhilarating, was more than Tyrwhitt-Drake, the Hertfordshire skipper, could bear, and he brought on the 45-year-old left-handed spinner, Fred Allen, who is having a new lease of life this season, and who had already taken 22 Minor Counties wickets before the game.

#### Allen Ties Them Up

Allen's accuracy tied up the batsmen. Disbury found defensive play too tedious, and he drove full-blooded at a ball from Allen only for Bateman to take a hard catch at silly mid-off. August went into his shell, and retired deeper into it when Kilby, after playing on to Allen without shifting a bail, was bowled by Allen soon afterwards. Owen, still in the toils of his bad patch, was Allen's third victim. This time the method of ejection was lbw.

#### CRICKET CLUB'S LOSS

Compared with the reasonable expectations of a normal year—the last was 1949!—Bedfordshire C.C.C. are £125 down on the County Cricket Week. Mr. Frank Crompton, Honorary Secretary, told this newspaper the receipts were £155 3s. compared with £119 5s. 9d. last year when the weather was also very bad. Last year one of the Club's vice-presidents gave £100 to help make up the loss.

Carnill, the England hockey captain, recently back from Helsinki, also appeared on the scene, an unwelcome intrusion so far as Miller was concerned, for Miller put up a catch off Carnill to make it four wickets for 61 runs. Only August

looked sure to stay, and he only by taking no liberties. Williams came out for a short but shaky period before lunch when Bedfordshire had nibbled nervously for 69 runs. The luncheon interval was well timed, for rain came on as soon as the players were inside the pavilion.

Perhaps the only cheerful feature of a depressing final day of the Week was the well-deserved award of a County cap and blazer to John Fry, the young all-rounder whose performances were: versus Lincolnshire 35 and six for 20; v. Buckinghamshire 10 not out and four for 64; v. Hertfordshire 56.

Accommodatingly the rain departed with the plates, but by the time August and Williams had raised the score to 88, there was more rain and an unwelcome interval. This gave waggish Fred Allen (three wickets in the bag for only 24 runs already) the chance to assert that the only way to make the School wicket please him would be a thorough ploughing by the Agricultural Committee!

#### Meeson's Debut

After the shower August and Williams played themselves in again. August completed his 50, and Williams decided to increase the sleepy rate of scoring. He called August for a quick single and the captain was run out—a sad affair, but these things happen in the best company.

In came Meeson, of Bedford School, for his first County game. A. A. Grimdsell, the Harlequins' forward, son of the famous Arthur, was also playing his first County game for Hertfordshire.

Williams did not long survive August. Wicket-keeper Simons caught both Williams and Meeson, though off different bowlers. At tea the score was 121 for seven—scored in 230 minutes.

The spectators were almost as patient as the batsmen, and they were rewarded after tea

when Fry and Grady discarded all caution and hit out with gusto. After Grady had been bowled by Allen, Coomb and Fry took revenge off the slow bowler. Finally Tyrwhitt-Drake relieved Allen, and Forshaw finished the innings by dismissing Fry, whose 56 was priceless, and Coomb. The total of 186 was face-saving—if one disregarded the clock.

Hertfordshire were 76 for one at the close on Friday, Tyrwhitt-Drake scoring 45 not out by attractive attack. A snorter from Jenkins dismissed Parkin, and Bateman, his successor, appeared to have a life behind the wicket in the same

over. Other chances were given and missed.

The game was abandoned at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday when, after heavy overnight and morning rain, a brief dry period was followed by more heavy rain. Scores:

#### BEDFORDSHIRE

##### First Innings

G. L. B. August run out	50
B. E. Disbury c Bateman b Allen	20
M. L. Kilby b Allen	4
J. G. Owen lbw Allen	5
P. G. Miller c Tyrwhitt-Drake b Carnill	0
K. R. G. Williams c Simons b Bradbeer	9
M. S. Meeson c Simons b Allen	4
J. W. Fry b Forshaw	56
D. Grady b Allen	13
A. G. Coomb c and b Forshaw	13
D. G. Jenkins not out	1
Extras	11
Total	186

Fall of wickets: 1-36, 2-48, 3-54, 4-61, 5-92, 6-95, 7-113, 8-181, 9-171.

Bowling: Allen 31 overs, 12 maidens, 65 runs, 5 wickets; Forshaw 13, 4-5-20-2; Bradbeer 21, 4-34-1; Carnill 19, 4-38-1.

#### HERTFORDSHIRE

##### First Innings

T. W. Tyrwhitt-Drake not out	45
D. B. Parkin b Jenkins	1
L. Bateman not out	25
Extras	5

Total (for one wkt.) 76

G. Bentley, R. G. Simons, D. J. Carnill, M. G. Forshaw, A. A. Grimdsell, A. N. Bradbeer, C. V. L. Marques and F. Allen did not bat.

Fall of wicket: 1-12.  
Bowling: Coomb 16, 4-40-0; Jenkins 11, 1-22-1; Fry 6, 2-7-0; Owen 2, 1-2-0.

## COUNTY TEAM TO PLAY AT FENNERS

The following side has been chosen to play for Bedfordshire against Cambridgeshire at Fenners on Friday and Saturday: J. A. R. Oliver (capt.), G. L. B. August, B. E. Disbury, A. G. Coomb, M. L. Kilby, J. G. Owen, R. Street, K. R. G. Williams, J. W. Fry, D. Grady, and D. G. Jenkins.

Street, the Bedford School all-rounder, is the only newcomer.

## School All-Rounder in County XI at Fenner's

Sixteen-year-old R. W. Street, of Bedford School, will make his debut for Bedfordshire in the Minor Counties championship game with Cambridgeshire which opens at Fenner's to-day.

Street takes the place of M. S. Meeson, his School captain, and this is the only change from the County team that opposed Hertfordshire last week.

An all-rounder, Street finished top of the School bowling averages last season, his leg spinners giving him 43 wickets at a cost of just under 16 runs each. He also scored 233 runs for an average of nearly 20.

This season Street has been particularly successful as an opening batsman for the School, showing soundness and maturity.

In 17 innings, once not out, he made 427 runs, with an average of more than 26. His highest score was 73, against Gentlemen of Bedfordshire. He also hit 65 against Oundle School and his four for 18 in that match represents his best bowling performance this summer.

The team is: J. A. R. Oliver (capt.), G. L. B. August, B. E. Disbury, A. G. Coomb, M. L. Kilby, J. G. Owen, R. W. Street, K. R. G. Williams, J. W. Fry, D. Grady, and D. G. Jenkins.

Hours of play: First day, 11.30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; second day, 11 a.m. to 6 or 6.30 p.m.

### COMPOSITION OF COUNTY SIDE

To the Sports Editor

Sir.—Our County eleven's lack of success is, I know, an easy target for useless criticism, but that is something I hope to avoid. Where I feel the County Selection Committee have erred, and erred they have, is their refusal to look for talent outside four or five clubs.

By all means applaud their continued inclusion of players such as August and Disbury (two excellent openers) and Coomb (who uses the new ball intelligently), but I find it hard to reason on the continued inclusion of some of the middle batting.

In fairness, let me say here that I feel sorry for Williams, who has been thrust into an important batting position without the proper nursing and training (only achieved by repeated innings lower in the order) needed to cultivate success.

Bowling, too, has been a neglected part. In fact, I will go so far as to say the lacking part. Frequently Bedfordshire have compiled a useful score, only to find themselves without the bowlers to dismiss the opposition.

Now is the opportunity for the selectors to look round for next year's talent. Such players as Ted Smith (Biggleswade) and Basil Maries (Elunham) have the talent there. If only given the opportunity to use it in the County's service.

The criterion must be for the selectors to look out into the heart of the County, to local cricket, and there foster the players who, with the right handling, will perform an act of rejuvenation for our County cricket.

Before closing, I feel some word of praise is due to the outstanding success of the County Cricket Week at Bedford, notably J. W. Fry, who has almost carried our team with both bat and ball. Let us hope this excellent performer will aid us frequently in the future.

ERIC S. BLOTT.

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#### MINOR COUNTIES COMPETITION

Table up to last Monday

County	1st Innings						pts.	avg.
	P.	W.	I.	W.	I.	N.R.		
Oxfordshire	10	0	0	0	0	0	1	6.00
Kent II	10	0	0	0	0	0	1	6.00
Lancs. II	11	5	0	0	0	0	1	5.90
Surrey II	13	0	0	0	0	0	1	6.90
Warwick II	13	0	0	0	0	0	1	4.77
Wicks	13	0	0	0	0	0	1	4.73
Dorset	13	0	0	0	0	0	1	4.65
Camba.	13	0	0	0	0	0	1	4.25
*Middlesex II	13	0	0	0	0	0	1	3.74
Herts.	13	0	0	0	0	0	1	3.65
Durham	13	0	0	0	0	0	1	3.53
Staffs.	13	0	0	0	0	0	1	3.51
Yorks. II	13	0	0	0	0	0	1	3.41
Staffs.	13	0	0	0	0	0	1	3.35
Northampton	10	0	0	0	0	0	1	2.75
Devon	10	0	0	0	0	0	1	2.70
Norfolk	10	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.85
Wiltshire	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.75
Bedfordshire	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1.68
Berkshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.60
Hampshire II	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.60
Lincolnshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.44
Northants. II	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.37
Notts. II	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.00
Cheshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.8
Cornwall	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.85
Essex II	10	0	5	1	1	1	1	0.80

(\* First innings points in 2 matches.  
† First innings points in one match).



SKIPPER JOHN OLIVER IN FORM AT FENNER'S

# COUNTY FOLLOW ON BUT FOIL CAMBRIDGESHIRE

## Wicketkeeper's Big Part in Visitors' Collapse

Bedfordshire's captain, John Oliver, saved his side from possible defeat when he played two splendid innings of 62 and 75 without being dismissed against Cambridgeshire at Fenner's on Saturday.

Falling 119 runs short of Cambridgeshire's first innings total, Bedfordshire followed on, and when they lost August and Disbury for 14 a second collapse was threatened. Oliver, who had been at the crease from just after noon until 3.15, found himself there again at 2.30 and he was still unbeaten when stumps were drawn at six o'clock.

Cambridgeshire's total of 329 on Friday offered Bedfordshire little hope of victory, but a reply of 70 for no wicket by the close certainly did not suggest the possibility of defeat.

In just over an hour's play on Saturday, however, the visiting County lost seven wickets for the addition of a meagre 37 and only a sparkling partnership between Oliver and Grady, which yielded 93, brought respectability to the score.

### Saved County's Face

Even after this great effort, Cambridgeshire had three hours in which to put out their opponents again. In 15 minutes they sent back Disbury and August, but once more Oliver, this time partnered by Owen, saved Bedfordshire's face.

Indifferent batting was Bedfordshire's undoing. Godfrey, who took six wickets for 63 in the first innings and both those which fell in the second, received little, if any, help from the wicket.

This fast-medium bowler did, however, receive assistance from many of the opposing batsmen who seemed unable to refrain from flicking at the ball which moved away from them.

The result was that wicket-keeper Nunn took no fewer than six catches. It was ironic that he missed one chance at a critical stage, dropping Oliver in the second innings when his score was nine.

### Reputation of Fenner's

Of Fenner's it was said, many years ago, that the wickets might be pitched anywhere without previous notice to the groundsmen and a three-day match played without the pitch wearing or a batsman being hurt.

That is still true of this beautifully level stretch of turf to-day and when Cambridgeshire's captain, Crouch, won the toss, he gave his side first use of a plumb wicket. He and Harrison, opening the innings, were at once in punishing mood.

Harrison drove the first ball of the match (from Coomb) through the covers for four and the opening two overs each yielded six runs. This was the tenor of much of the morning's play.

After little more than half an hour the first wicket stand

was worth fifty and it reached the hundred mark after 75 minutes. Not until just before lunch were the pair separated.

### Foolishly Run Out

Then Harrison was foolishly run out, after making 46 (only two boundaries) out of 182 in an hour and three-quarters. He looked rather uncomfortable against Coomb at one point and offered a sharp chance to slip off that bowler when 33.

Five runs later Owen beat Crouch's forward defence to bowl him and so end a masterly innings of 86, including ten 4's. After lunch both Cornwell and Morris played themselves in quietly and, the interval score of 140 for two had been increased by only seven in a quarter of an hour when hesitancy led to another run out, Cornwell being the unlucky batsman.

A flashing off drive to the boundary was Gautreys's first scoring hit and he and Morris, making some attractive strokes, saw 200 appear after the innings had been in progress two hours 50 minutes.

At 212 Bedfordshire took the new ball and they quickly profited from this move. Gautreys's middle and leg stumps being sent askew by a fly-in-swing—215-4-25, Gautreys and Morris had added 68 in an hour.

Brown also fell a victim to Fry and Jenkins captured the valuable wicket of Morris at 249. The former Essex professional's stylish innings of 65 out of 112 occupied an hour and 50 minutes and it was studded with nine 4's. He pulled, cut, and drove with equal facility.

Among the later batsmen, Jeeps, an Old Bedford Modernian aged 20, treated the small crowd to some vigorous hitting, clouting five boundaries in compiling 30. He was well caught behind the wicket on the leg side of Coomb and so it was a case of one Old Modernian dismissing another.

Taylor, a capable all-rounder for Cambridgeshire since the war, who, with Jeeps, put on 41 in 34 minutes for the seventh wicket, contributed 29. He was last out at 329, scored at a rate of almost 66 an hour.

On a wicket that gave them no help, none of the bowlers returned very impressive figures, although Owen kept the batsmen reasonably quiet

### CHOSEN TO APPEAR AGAINST INDIANS

Two Bedfordshire players, opening batsman B. E. Disbury, and fast-medium bowler A. G. Coomb, are included in the Minor Counties representative side to oppose the Indians at Norwich on 6th and 8th September.



B. E. DISBURY

Australian Test cricketer, is to captain the side, and the other

members of the eleven are: D. F. Johns and A. J. Hughes (also of Buckinghamshire), T. W. Tyrwhitt-Drake (Hertfordshire), B. H. Belle (Suffolk), A. F. Irish (Devon), A. Coxon and J. Keeler (both of A. C. Coomb Durham), and L. A. Blunt (Cheshire). Twelfth man, N. H. Moore (Norfolk).



A. G. COOMB

during a spell which began half an hour before lunch and ended an hour after the break. For example, he bowled five maidens in seven successive overs.

The fielding was generally good. Williams, quick off the mark and accurate in throwing, saved many runs in the outfield and Kilby made several splendid stops in the gully.

In eighty minutes' batting before the close, August (36) and Disbury (33) raised Bedfordshire's hopes of a strong reply, putting on 70 in encouraging style.

### Heavy Rain Overnight

Despite heavy rain overnight a prompt start was made at 11 o'clock on Saturday. The wicket appeared easy, but Bedfordshire's batsmen soon began a procession to and from the pavilion.

August and Kilby were both caught by Nunn, Kilby without scoring, and then Disbury fell to a catch at second slip, where Godfrey held the ball at full length.

Owen began to chance his arm, and after lofting one ball close to a fielder, he hit another "down the throat" of Brown. Ninety-six for four looked bad, but worse was to follow.

Fry, who had seemed reasonably safe, tried to turn a ball from Godfrey to leg; it shot high in the air above him, and any of six close fielders could have accepted this gift from the heavens.

Williams survived two maid-

as he faced Godfrey he added to that bowler's growing list of victims—another snick, another catch. Street was dismissed in similar fashion, and there were visions of the County being all out by lunch. Fortunately, Oliver and Grady were not tempted by Godfrey. Oliver used his height to keep the ball on the ground, and Grady left any deliveries off the stumps alone.

Lunch saw the pair still together, and so great was their mastery that Godfrey was taken off. With the partnership approaching the century mark thoughts of a follow-on were dispelled. Grady hit a six and a four off Brown, Oliver completed his fifty, and the 200 went up.

Then Cambridgeshire hit back. Throughout the day their fielding was beyond reproach, and Johnson took a brilliant running catch to dismiss Grady. Godfrey immediately returned to the attack, and with Nunn's help dismissed Coomb and Jenkins for the addition of only ten runs.

### Followed on 119 Behind

Forced to follow on 119 runs in arrears, Bedfordshire could play for only a draw. Hopes of a "good" finish rested on the Cambridgeshire bowlers, and this meant Godfrey in particular. Already he had sent down 42 overs, but he again opened the attack.

After ten minutes he had Disbury caught close to the ground in the slips by Crouch, and after twenty minutes August was similarly dismissed by Nunn. The duel between Godfrey and Oliver was on once more.

Another ten minutes elapsed, and Godfrey found the edge of Oliver's bat. The catch to Nunn was easier than any of the six he had taken, but it bounced from his hands. That was the only chance, and Oliver and Owen went on serenely until six o'clock.

### CAMBRIDGESHIRE

#### First Innings

M. A. Crouch b Owen	86
C. J. Harrison run out	46
J. Cornwell run out	25
W. B. Morris b Jenkins	65
R. Gautreys b Fry	25
D. Brown b Fry	4
R. Jeeps c Grady b Coomb	30
E. A. Taylor b Coomb	29
D. Johnson b Coomb	2
J. Godfrey b Jenkins	15
R. Nunn not out	1
Extras	13
Total	329

Fall of wickets: 1-132, 2-177, 3-147, 4-215, 5-233, 6-249, 7-280, 8-310, 9-319.

Bowling: Coomb, 32 o, 7 m, 94 r 5 w; Jenkins, 17-3-64-2; Fry, 17-4-52-2; Owen, 31-7-85-1; Oliver 6-2-18-0.

### BEDFORDSHIRE

#### First Innings

G. L. B. August c Nunn b Taylor	39
B. E. Disbury c Godfrey b Taylor	48
M. L. Kilby c Nunn b Godfrey	0
J. G. Owen c Brown b Taylor	0
J. W. Fry c Nunn b Godfrey	62
J. A. R. Oliver not out	62
K. E. G. Williams c Gautreys b Godfrey	0
R. W. Street b Godfrey	2
D. Grady c Johnson b Brown	41
A. G. Coomb c Nunn b Godfrey	3
D. G. Jenkins c Nunn b Godfrey	0
Extras	7
Total	210

Fall of wickets: 1-86, 2-87, 3-89, 4-96, 5-100, 6-101, 7-107, 8-200, 9-210.

Bowling: Godfrey, 42.5 o, 14 m, 63 r, 6 w; Taylor, 35-13-55-3; Morris, 8-2-21-0; Johnson, 7-2-19-0; Brown, 21-5-45-1.

### Second Innings

G. L. B. August c Nunn b Godfrey	10
B. E. Disbury c Crouch b Godfrey	1
J. A. R. Oliver not out	75
J. G. Owen not out	57
Extras	6
Total (for two wks.)	149

Fall of wickets: 1-11, 2-14.

Bowling: Godfrey, 14 o, 6 m, 18 r, 2 w; Taylor, 10-2-26-0; Brown, 12-2-35-0; Johnson, 9-0-51-0.



## Two Changes in County XI for Last Game

Two changes have been made in Bedfordshire's team for their last Minor Counties championship match of the season—against Buckinghamshire at Ascott Park, Wing, next Wednesday and Thursday.

Sid Morris, Bedford Town's batsman, and Ron Gardiner, Luton Town's left-arm bowler, are to re-appear in place of J. W. Fry and 16-year-old R. W. Street.

The team is: J. A. R. Oliver (capt.), G. L. B. August, B. E. Disbury, A. G. Coomb, M. L. Killy, J. G. Owen, S. T. Morris, K. R. G. Williams, R. D. Gardiner, D. Grady, D. G. Jenkins.

Unfortunately Fry is not available. This 22-year-old all-rounder, who is the elder son of the Vicar of Cardington, is serving in the Royal Engineers. He has just passed out from the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, and has been posted to Gillingham.

At Sandhurst, Fry, an Old Bedfordian, was Secretary of Cricket, and appeared in the 1st XI. He has met with encouraging success for Bedfordshire in their last four matches, being awarded his County cap. His batting average is 35.33, and he has taken 12 wickets for 139, an average of 11.58.

His brother, Michael, is also a promising cricketer. He has just left Bedford School, where he gained his colours and, on his one appearance for Bedford Town he impressed with an innings of 29 when runs were sorely needed.

### TO PLAY AGAINST INDIANS

Two Bedfordshire players, opening batsman B. E. Disbury and fast-medium bowler A. G. Coomb, are included in the Minor Counties representative side to oppose the Indians at Norwich on 6th and 8th September.

### DRAW AT FENNER'S

Bedfordshire, who have still to record an outright victory this season in the Minor Counties championship, were forced to follow on against Cambridgeshire at Fenner's on Saturday. That they held Cambridgeshire to a draw was largely because of two fine not-out innings of 62 and 75 by their captain, John Oliver.

On the first day Cambridgeshire scored 329, to which Bedfordshire replied with 70 for no wicket. On Saturday, however, Bedfordshire lost seven wickets in just over an hour's play, and it was largely due to a stand of 93 between Oliver and Grady that the total reached 210.

Cambridgeshire were left three hours to force a win, and in 15 minutes they dismissed opening batsmen August and Disbury. But Oliver returned as confidently as ever to play out time with the help of Owen.

Cambridgeshire, 329 (M. A. Crouch 86, W. B. Morris 65, A. G. Coomb three for 54, J. W. Fry two for 55, D. G. Jenkins two for 64).

Bedfordshire, 210 (J. A. R. Oliver 62 not out, B. E. Disbury 48, D. Grady 41, J. Godfrey six for 63), and 149 for two (J. A. R. Oliver 75 not out, J. G. Owen 57 not out, J. Godfrey two for 18).

**Match Number 134/10 Buckinghamshire v Bedfordshire**

Played at Ascott Park

on Wednesday 27, Thursday 28 August 1952

Result: **Bucks won by five wickets**  
 Points: Bucks 10  
 Toss: Bedfordshire  
 Umpires: Not known  
 Bucks debutants: J Grout  
 First day score: Beds 375 - 7 dec; Bucks 104 - 1

**Bedfordshire**

GLB August	c Hughes b Pickett	19	1) not out	61
BE Disbury	c Phipps b Rickard	21	2) c Barnett b Rickard	4
ST Morris	b Rickard	116	3) c Hughes b Pickett	9
JG Owen	c Rickard b Pickett	129	4) c Barnett b Rickard	6
* JAR Oliver	c Phipps b Reynolds	33		
ML Kilby	c & b Reynolds	1		
KRG Williams	not out	31	5) not out	16
D Grady	b Reynolds	16		
AG Coomb				
RD Gardiner				
DG Jenkins				
Extras	b 4, lb 5	9	b 9, lb 1, w 1	11
<b>Total</b>		for 7 dec 375		for 3 dec 107

Fall of wickets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1st Innings	33	47	235	300	305	352	375			
2nd Innings	24	33	40							

Rickard	19	3	73	2		1)	11	3	28	2 1w
Pickett	19	6	68	2		2)	15	8	24	1
K Butler	11	1	43	0		5)	4	0	16	0
Phipps	10	0	37	0						
Hughes	19	5	44	0		3)	4	0	11	0
Reynolds	24	1	101	3		4)	5	0	17	0
Extras			9						11	
<b>Total</b>			375						107	

**Buckinghamshire**

NV Butler	c Owen b Gardiner	130	2) c Williams b Gardiner	93
D Phipps	b Coomb	0		
BA Barnett	b Jenkins	67	1) c & b Coomb	59
JA Cockett	c Coomb b Gardiner	42	3) b Gardiner	35
G Reynolds	lbw b Coomb	19	4) c Jenkins b Oliver	4
BJ Lucas	not out	5	5) b Oliver	0
J Grout			6) not out	9
KWA Butler				
D Rickard			7) not out	2
CA Pickett				
AJ Hughes				
Extras	b 5, lb 9	14	b 1, lb 2 nb 1	4
<b>Total</b>		for 5 dec 277		for 5 206

Fall of wickets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1st Innings	0	105	182	261	277					
2nd Innings	97	176	193	195	196					

Coomb	29	3	99	2		1)	9	0	76	1 1nb
Jenkins	23	3	81	1		2)	3	1	13	0
Gardiner	20.2	5	34	2		3)	12	0	68	2
Owen	10	0	35	0						
Kilby	2	0	7	0						
Oliver	1	0	7	0		4)	6	0	45	2
Extras			14						4	
<b>Total</b>			277						206	

Notes: Bucks, left 115 minutes to make 206 to win, reached their target with 15 minutes to spare.  
 For Beds Morris hit 13 x 4, Owen 9 x 4; for Bucks Butler hit 11 x 4 in his 130 and 9 x 4 in his 93,  
 Barnett 6 x 4 in his 67 and 8 x 4 in his 59.

Sources: Bucks score book; Bucks Year book

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## County Beaten with Minutes to Spare

Scoring at the rate of two runs a minute, Buckinghamshire raced to a five wickets victory over Bedfordshire at Ascott Park, Wing yesterday (Thursday) evening. Just after lunch a result looked out of the question. Buckinghamshire had then scored 277 for five in reply to Bedfordshire's first innings total of 375 for seven declared. The Buckinghamshire captain however declared at that score, and Bedfordshire, after hitting 107 for three in a second innings, also declared. This left Buckinghamshire to score 206 in 115 minutes to win, and they made it with about eight minutes to spare.

The wicket was a batsman's dream on Wednesday, and Bedfordshire knocked up 375 for seven declared in just over five hours.

Openers August and Disbury soon fell to catches, but then Morris and Owen came together in a third-wicket partnership which yielded 187.

Morris completed his century with a four off Rickard, but ten minutes later fell to that bowler with a ball which sent one bail almost to the screen.

There followed a lull, for Oliver took some time to settle down, and when on 87 a catch dropped by Pickett made Owen cautious. That player, however, went on to his hundred, and Oliver put up the 300 before being caught.

Owen was 108 not out at tea, and the final runs were made in great style. Williams, who scored 31 not out, and Grady 16, hit out vigorously before Oliver declared, leaving Buckinghamshire 90 minutes' batting.

Coomb struck an encouraging blow for Bedfordshire, clean bowling D. Phipps with his first ball; but this did not discourage Barnett, who knocked up a really fine 67 not out. He was ably assisted by N. Butler, and at close Buckinghamshire were 104 for one.

There was a surprising start to Thursday's play, Barnett being clean-bowled by Jenkins with his second ball. Butler, however, joined by J. A. Cockett, did not appear troubled, and the two added 77 for the third wicket. Cockett was then caught by Coomb off Gardiner in the slips, but Butler was still there at lunch with 110 to his credit and the Buckinghamshire score 250 for three.

A struggle for first innings points appeared the likely climax after lunch, but then came the Buckinghamshire declaration. The possibility of providing an exciting and definite conclusion to the game was passed to John Oliver, Bedfordshire's captain, and after his County had made 107 for three—largely as a result of some fine batting by August, who scored 61—Oliver declared at tea.

Buckinghamshire had just under two hours—with the extra half hour—to make 206, and nobly they rose to the task. Captain, B. A. Barnett, assisted by another fine innings from Butler, laid about the bowling with a will, and succeeding batsmen also cast caution aside. The extra half

hour was claimed and victory achieved with only minutes to spare.

### BEDFORDSHIRE

#### First Innings

G. I. B. August c Hughes b Pickett	19
B. E. Disbury c Phipps b Rickard	21
S. T. Morris b Rickard	116
J. G. Owen c Rickard b Pickett	129
J. A. R. Oliver c Phipps b Reynolds	55
M. L. Kilby c and b Reynolds	1
K. R. G. Williams not out	31
D. Grady b Reynolds	16
Extras	9
Total (for 7 wks, dec.)	375

A. G. Coomb, R. D. Gardiner, and D. G. Jenkins did not bat.

Bowling: G. Reynolds three for 101; C. Pickett two for 68; D. Rickard two for 75.

#### Second Innings

G. I. B. August not out	61
B. E. Disbury c Barnett b Rickard	4
S. T. Morris c Hughes b Pickett	9
J. G. Owen c Barnett b Rickard	6
K. R. G. Williams not out	16
Extras	11
Total (three wks, dec.)	107

Rickard two for 23; Pickett one for 24.

### BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

#### First Innings

N. Butler c Owen b Gardiner	150
D. Phipps b Coomb	0
B. A. Barnett b Jenkins	67
J. A. Cockett c Coomb b Gardiner	42
G. Reynolds lbw Coomb	19
D. Lucas not out	5
Extras	14
Total (five wks, dec.)	277

Coomb two for 91; Gardiner two for 54; Jenkins one for 81.

#### Second Innings

B. A. Barnett c and b Coomb	59
N. Butler c Williams b Gardiner	95
J. A. Cockett b Gardiner	53
G. Reynolds c Jenkins b Oliver	4
B. J. Lucas b Oliver	9
J. Grout not out	9
D. Rickard not out	2
Extras	4
Total (five wks.)	206

Gardiner two for 58; Oliver two for 45; Coomb one for 76.

# Bucks Raced To Victory And The Championship

**In another day of high scoring, Bucks won an exciting victory with eight minutes of the extra half an hour left.**

By declaring at 107 for three in their second innings, Beds had set them the task of getting 206 to win in 115 minutes, which they did with five wickets down. During the morning Bucks put on 147, bringing their lunch-time figure to 250. Most of the runs were made by N. Butler, whose total at the interval was 110.

Barnett's wicket fell to Jenkins's second ball of the day. Cockett, caught by Coomb, made a useful 42.

Bedfordshire's fielding was not up to their opponents' standard, and Butler and Barnett found

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little difficulty in piercing the field to the boundary at times. Cockett was dropped in the gully when 39.

**By putting on 27 in 20 minutes after lunch, Bucks prevented a follow-on, and declared at 277 for 5.**

Bedfordshire's second innings was uneventful, except for August's 61 not out, and both Owen and Morris, who made centuries in the first innings, failed to reach double figures.

The most spectacular catch of the match came in this innings, when, fielding at deep square leg, Hughes held a high, hard drive from Morris, right on the boundary.

### EXCITING RACE FOR RUNS

There was an air of excitement as Bucks opening pair, Barnett and Butler, began hitting out for that 206-run target. They piled on the score at more than two a minute and then Barnett was caught and bowled by Coomb when he had made 59.

Cockett came out to join Butler and when there were 45 minutes to go they still needed 60. And they wanted 39 in just over the half-hour, but Cockett fell to Gardiner at 176.

With 25 minutes left and 13 runs still needed, Butler lost his wicket with a catch that Coomb had plenty of time to get under. Lucas was bowled by Oliver without scoring at 195 and Reynolds was caught by Jenkins soon afterwards.

It was then up to Grout and Rickard, and the former made the winning hit off Oliver with eight minutes left.

Their victory leaves Bucks at the head of the table and Kent have challenged them for the championship.

### BEDFORDSHIRE—1st Innings

G L B August c Hughes b Pickett	19
B E Disbury c Phipps b Rickard	21
S T Morris b Rickard	116
J G Owen c Rickard b Pickett	129
J A R Oliver c Phipps b Reynolds	33
M L Kilby c and b Reynolds	1
K Williams not out	31
D Grady b Reynolds	16
Extras	9

Total (for 7 dec.) 375

A G Coomb, R D Gardiner, D G Jenkins did not bat.

Bowling: Reynolds 3 for 101, Pickett 2 for 68, Rickard 2 for 73.

### BUCKINGHAMSHIRE—1st Innings

N Butler c Owen b Gardiner	130
D Phipps b Coomb	0
B A Barnett b Jenkins	67
J A Cockett c Coomb b Gardiner	42
G Reynolds lbw b Coomb	19
B Lucas not out	5
Extras	14

Total (for 5 dec.) 277

J Grout, K Butler, C Pickett, D Rickard, A J Hughes did not bat.

Bowling: Gardiner 2 for 34; Coomb 2 for 99; Jenkins 1 for 81.

### BEDFORDSHIRE—2nd Innings

G L B August not out	61
B E Disbury c Barnett b Rickard	4
S T Morris c Hughes b Pickett	9
J G Owen c Barnett b Rickard	6
K Williams not out	16
Extras	11

Total (for 3 wkts dec) 107

J A R Oliver, M L Kilby, D Grady, A G Coomb, R D Gardiner, D G Jenkins did not bat.

Bowling: Rickard 2 for 28, Pickett 1 for 24.

### BUCKINGHAMSHIRE—2nd Innings

B A Barnett c and b Coomb	59
N Butler c Williams b Gardiner	93
J A Cockett b Gardiner	35
G Reynolds c Jenkins b Oliver	4
B J Lucas b Oliver	0
J Grout not out	9
D Rickard not out	2
Extras	4

Total (for 5 wkts) 206

Bowling: Oliver 2 for 45, Gardiner 2 for 68, Coomb 1 for 76.

## County Finish Nineteenth in Table

Bedfordshire finished nineteenth in the Minor Counties Competition, six places higher than in 1951.

While the County failed to win any of their eight matches, they established a commanding position in the game with Lincolnshire at Bedford School only for rain to prevent play on the second day.

The weather did indeed hit Bedfordshire, rain interfering with no fewer than five of their matches. Their two defeats both came in extra time, Cambridgeshire winning by four wickets at Luton in the last over, and Buckinghamshire succeeding by five wickets at Ascott Park. Wing, with only minutes to spare

Here is the final table:—

	B	w.	l	1st. Inngs.	w.	l.	n.r.	pts.	av.
Bucks.	10	6	0	3	1	0	70	7.00	
Kent II	12	7	0	3	4	1	79	6.58	
Surrey II	16	7	1	7	1	0	92	4.75	
Berkshire	10	4	1	3	2	0	51	5.10	
Lancs. II	14	6	0	1	3	0	71	5.07	
Warwick II	10	3	1	3	0	1	41	4.60	
Middlesex II	12	3	3	3	2	1	52	4.33	
Staffs	10	3	2	3	3	1	42	4.20	
Cambs	10	2	0	3	0	0	38	3.80	
Durham	8	1	0	3	0	1	30	3.75	
Herts	10	2	1	3	2	2	35	3.50	
Yorkshire II	14	2	1	3	5	0	41	2.92	
Northumbld	10	1	3	4	2	0	27	2.70	
Devon	10	1	4	4	2	2	22	2.60	
Dorset	10	1	2	4	3	0	22	2.50	
Suffolk	8	1	3	2	2	1	20	2.50	
Oxfordshire	10	1	3	2	3	3	21	2.10	
Norfolk	10	1	5	1	1	2	18	1.80	
Bedfordshire	8	0	2	2	1	1	14	1.75	
Wiltshire	8	0	3	1	3	1	14	1.75	
Lincolnshire	10	0	2	4	4	0	16	1.60	
Essex II	12	1	5	1	4	1	19	1.58	
Northants. II	8	0	2	2	1	1	11	1.37	
Hampshire II	8	0	3	2	2	1	10	1.25	
Notts. II	10	0	2	2	6	0	12	1.20	
Cornwall	10	0	5	1	3	1	8	0.80	
Cheshire	8	0	3	0	4	1	6	0.75	

The challenge match between Kent II and Buckinghamshire will be played at High Wycombe on 13th, 15th and 16th September.

### GEORGE AUGUST TOPS BATTING AVERAGES

George August, whose consistency as an opening batsman is most noteworthy, headed Bedfordshire's batting averages, and the leading bowler was John Fry, a 22-year-old all-rounder, who is the elder son of the Vicar of Cardington.

The full averages are as follows:—

	inns	not out	runs	Hrst	av.
G. L. B. August	15	3	518	75	43.16
J. A. R. Oliver	10	2	310	75*	38.75
B. E. Disbury	15	1	423	71	30.21
J. G. Owen	11	2	230	129	25.55
D. Grady	7	1	132	41	22.00
K. R. Williams	13	5	169	86*	21.12
M. L. Kilby	12	0	182	93	15.16
A. G. Coomb	9	1	102	33*	12.75
D. G. Jenkins	8	5	31	14*	10.33
J. Legate	5	0	45	26	9.00

\* Signifies not out.  
Also batted: D. C. Money, 1-0-6; R. D. Gardiner, 22-4-0-1; D. Meakin, 36-6-4; S. T. Morris, 5-116-9; J. W. Fry, 35-10\*-56-5; P. G. Miller, 0-10-0; M. E. Meeson, 4; R. W. Street, 2.

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	o	m.	r.	w.	av.
J. W. Fry	54.5	12	146	12	12.16
D. Jenkins	156	35	414	12	25.97
A. G. Coomb	248.5	52	753	27	27.88
R. Gardiner	112.2	36	280	9	31.11

Also bowled: J. A. R. Oliver, 4 for 127; J. G. Owen, 6 for 343; J. Legate, 1 for 85; D. Meakin, 1 for 66; K. R. G. Williams, 1 for 80; M. L. Kilby, 0 for 7.

### CATCHES

A. G. Coomb, 10; D. C. Money, 5; D. Grady, 4; K. R. G. Williams, 4; J. A. R. Oliver, J. Legate, S. T. Morris, J. G. Owen, D. G. Jenkins, and D. Meakin 2 each; B. E. Disbury, M. L. Kilby, and R. D. Gardiner 1 each.

### STUMPINGS

D. C. Money 1, D. Grady 2.



## CRICKETER'S VALUABLE SERVICES TO BE RECOGNIZED

The long and valuable service given by Mr. A. B. Poole to Bedfordshire County Cricket Club is to be recognized in the form of a presentation to him next summer.

This was decided at a meeting of the Club's general committee in the Shire Hall on Wednesday.

Mr. Poole first played for Bedfordshire in 1925 and during his six years' captaincy until 1951, the side twice finished runners-up in the Minor Counties Competition. His highest score in County cricket was 234 against Oxfordshire at Banbury in 1936—an innings which occupied only 3 hours 14 minutes.

At the Club's annual meeting, which followed the committee meeting, the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Frank Crompton, observed that the successes enjoyed in the trial matches at the beginning of the season encouraged all to hope that the County would meet with better fortune than in 1951.

Although rain interfered with the majority of the games this could not wholly account for their failure. The batting in the middle was weak, and the bowling required strength-



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ening. The fielding, although good at times, was in the main very poor. Young players were brought into the side and with a little more experience they should do well.

John W. Fry was given his County cap and blazer and County ties were awarded to D. G. Jenkins, K. R. G. Williams, R. D. Gardiner, and D. Grady.

For the second successive year the Cricket Week at Bedford School was seriously interfered with by rain. The total receipts for the week amounted to £156 0s. 3d. as compared with £119 5s. 9d. in 1951 and £248 in 1950.

Commenting on the annual report, Ald. H. R. Neate, Chairman, who presided, said he was sure that Bedfordshire possessed some young players of great promise, who would uphold the County's good name.

Presenting the financial statement, which showed a credit balance on the year's working of £113 11s. 7d. and assets of more than £903, the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. S. A. Swift, pointed out that there had been a considerable increase in subscriptions and donations which amounted to £525 9s. 6d.

Officers elected were: Patron, Mr. J. Arnold Whitchurch; President, Major Simon Whitbread; Chairman, Ald. Neate; Vice-Chairman, Mr. W. W. Corfield; Hon. Secretary, Mr. Crompton; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Swift; Captain, Mr. J. A. R. Oliver; Vice-Captain, Mr. G. L. B. August; Hon. Scorer, Mr. A. W. H. Poole; Hon. Club Umpires, Mr. C. H. Poole and Mr. R. Cox.

## Bedford School Has Five Old Colours

With five old colours remaining and four other players of first eleven experience available, Bedford School can look forward to the season with confidence.

M. S. Meeson, who is entering his fourth season as a member of the 1st XI, should bring experience to the captaincy. The four other old colours are opening batsmen R. W. Street and D. Coley, off-break bowler R. A. Collinge, who with Street (leg-break) forms the spin attack, and pace bowler J. O. Murray-Clarke. Both Collinge and Street have another year at school.

Only real problem is to find another bowler to open with Murray-Clarke. There is a wealth of change bowlers, and the task is to discover the best.

With two free-hitting batsmen coming up from the Colts there should be no difficulty in this respect, and Davison, last season's second eleven wicket-keeper, is available.

### R. A. GALE TO CAPTAIN B.M.S. AGAIN

Bedford Modern School would also appear to be favourably placed, having their talented all-round cricketer, R. A. Gale, to captain the side again and four other old colours.

These are K. T. Whiting (vice-captain), G. Millman (secretary), who was last year's wicket-keeper, M. G. Cave, a young pace bowler and useful bat, and another batsman in F. J. Comerford.

Furthermore, there is a good nucleus of players with first eleven experience and promising material in the Colts. Batting would appear to be strong, and the need is for another good spin or stock bowler.

Opponents are the same as last year, with the addition of a game next Wednesday between a School XI and Bedfordshire Constabulary.

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## QUEEN'S TO RUN FOUR XI'S

Queen's Works are again in the happy position of being able to field three teams, and in addition hope this year to enter a Junior XI in the Bedford Youth League.

Fixtures have been arranged with most of the club's old friends and acquaintance is being renewed with Waterlow's, Dunstable. Sunday fixtures have been strengthened by the addition of home matches with Wellington Priory and Luton Corinthians.

At the annual meeting of the club the following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. E. H. G. Chambers; Vice-Chairman, Mr. F. H. Knight; Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. Shepherd; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. M. M. J. McDonald; Captain 1st XI, Mr. S. V. Wildman; Vice-Captain, Mr. E. G. Wooding; Captain "A" XI, Mr. F. H. Knight; Vice-Captain, Mr. D. R. Clarke; Captain Extra XI, Mr. J. Matthews.

## SPORTS FIXTURES

### Cricket

#### FRIENDLIES

Bedford Town v. Chesham.  
Queen's Works v. Northampton Saints.  
March Town v. Harpur Sports.  
Chesham II v. Bedford Town II.  
Harpur Sports II v. Rodexican.  
Northampton Saints "A" v. Queen's Works "A".  
Bedford School v. Ouse's C.C.  
Tom-Tits v. Bedford Ramblers.

#### BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

##### Premier Division

South End Ramblers v. Pavenham.  
Potton v. Langford.  
Sharnbrook v. Blunham.  
Marston v. Renhold.

##### Division I

Felmersham v. Marston.  
Clapham v. Thurligh.  
Mogerhanger v. Great Barford.  
Little Staughton v. Pertenhall.

##### Division II (Section I)

Wilden v. Colmworth.  
Wyboston v. Haynes.  
Caldecote v. Riseley.

##### Division II (Section II)

North Crawley v. Turvey.  
West End Club v. Stevington.  
Stagsden v. Wood End.  
Marston Sports v. Copie.

##### Division III (Section I)

Thurligh v. Oakley.  
Keysoe v. Little Staughton.  
Little Paxton v. Sharnbrook.  
Melchbourne v. Staploe.

##### Division III (Section II)

Haynes v. Potton.  
Langford v. Roxton.  
Wrestlingworth v. Clapham.

### Association

#### COUNTY JUNIOR CUP

##### Final

Woburn Athletic v. Stanbridge and Tilsworth (Bell Close, Leighton, 3).

### Bedford Cricket League

## PERTENHALL'S GOOD START

Winners of the Bedford and District League, Division II (Section II), last year, Pertenhall made a successful debut in Division I when they defeated Thurligh on Saturday by 22 runs in a low-scoring game.

Rain affected this game as many others and play did not start until after tea. Not one batsman reached double figures, and Thurligh were all out for 20 after Pertenhall had made 42.

W. Presland and S. George bowled unchanged for Pertenhall and shared Thurligh's wickets for 7 and 13 runs respectively.

One of the best bowling achievements of the day was that of A. Cox of Stevington, who took eight Cople wickets for 23 runs. His side lost, however, by 14 runs.

Roxton's home game with Wrestlingworth was also delayed until after tea—Roxton lost by 11 runs—and no start was made in Turvey's home fixture in Division II (Section II) because of rain.

#### DIVISION I

##### Thurligh v. Pertenhall

Pertenhall: O. Stapleton 2, K. Gentle 0, S. Stapleton 6, C. Banks 2, W. Presland 5, S. George 0, S. Shelton 7, V. Roddle 7, A. George 1, J. Elliott 7, G. Stapleton not out 3, extras 2, total 42.—W. Asplin four for 15, J. Thorne three for 14, R. Maddison two for 6.  
Thurligh: K. Wagstaff 0, A. Ellison 1, R. Berrill 0, R. Maddison 0, W. Asplin 1, D. Berrill 5, J. Wagstaff 3, J. Thorne not out 9, L. Franklin 0, S. Asplin 1, J. Warner 0, total 20.—W. Presland five for 7, S. George five for 13.

#### DIVISION II (SECTION II)

##### Stevington v. Copie

Stevington: G. Guy 0, A. Wildman 22, R. Cox 0, G. Curtis 1, L. Cook 16, A. Cox 0, J. Swain 0, O. Puyser 0, H. Dart 0, S. Alberry 4, W. Tucker not out 2, extras 5, total 50.—P. Shingler four for 9, E. Hull four for 9, R. Bennett two for 13.  
Copie: E. Hull 6, W. Nevard 23, A. Hart 3, R. Bennett 5, A. Worrall 2, B. Hilliard 12, P. Burr 1, D. Shingler 1, D. Thacker 7, J. Camberg not out 1, D. Storton 0, total 64.—A. Cox eight for 23, G. Guy one for 0, G. Curtis one for 16.

#### DIVISION III (SECTION II)

Wrestlingworth 39, Roxton 27.

# Meeson's Fine Hundred for Bedford School

A splendid not out hundred by M. S. Meeson, Bedford School's captain, was the chief factor in their victory by two wickets over Aldenham School at Bedford on Saturday.

Meeson made the winning hit with only six minutes left for play, and this also gave him his century—102 (a six and nine boundaries) in 90 minutes.

For Aldenham, Heron proved to be the mainstay of a side which was never comfortable against accurate bowling. His chances against accurate bowling, his chancellous century in 160 minutes was the more valuable for the way in which he nursed the tail-end batsmen. Smith II again showed himself to be an accurate bowler, taking four for 14 in 12 overs. Strong (three for 15) also revealed much promise as an opening bowler. Bedford's fielding was not up to the standard of that in the Crusaders' match, suffering from two missed stumpings and a dropped slip-catch.

By tea five Bedford wickets were down for 31, while for 48, fighting the ball well against batsmen reluctant to move down the wicket. Meeson batted so confidently, however, that within an hour there appeared an outside chance of victory.

In the last half hour he completely captured the bowling and hit cleanly and powerfully all round the wicket. His innings, achieved in a difficult situation, must surely represent one of the finest performances seen on the ground.

Aldenham: C. J. Newton c Coley b Hay 19; E. S. White c Coley b Strong 3; P. D. Heron not out 100. Bedford: D. Coley bow b Smith II 16; D. Coley bow b White 4; Smith II b White 3; Fry b White 2; M. S. Meeson not out 102; Smith I b White 1; R. A. Collinge b White 14; Hay bow b Strong 12; Strong b White 0; J. O. Murray-Clarke not out 5; extra 7. Total (for eight wickets) 106. Davidson did not bat.

## Leys School Defeated

Bedford School, in defeating Leys School by seven wickets on Thursday, achieved another good performance in the field, dismissing their opponents for 91. Strong (two for 9), who has proved a most useful mental bowler, dismissed both opening batsmen. The best figures, however, were those of R. W. Street (three for 33), while Smith II (two for 14) was again most accurate.

Street also showed signs of finding his form as a batsman. Meeson played another correct and sensible not-out innings, while R. A. Collinge proved a useful, though rather fortunate, 41. Bedford scored their runs in half the time taken by their opponents.

The Leys: F. H. B. Spoonfield 4; Strong 5; M. K. Payne b Strong 0; A. B. Thomas st Davidson b Street 10; J. I. Scarf run out 11; D. J. Thomas b Hay 3; A. O. Vick c Meeson b Street 0; M. G. Rovey b Smith II 2; D. Godwin b Smith II 1; M. H. Barker c Coley b Murray-Clarke 10; A. G. Baker not out 3; K. M. Pickett c Murray-Clarke b Street 3; extras 7. Total 91.

Bedford: R. W. Street c A. Thomas b D. Thomas 24; D. Coley bow b Pickett 5; Hay c and J. D. Thomas 0; R. A. Collinge not out 41; M. S. Meeson not out 17; extras 6. Total (for three wickets) 97.

## Encouraging Start

Bedford Modern School made an encouraging start to the season on Wednesday, when they visited a strong Trinity College, Oxford, side. The match was drawn, Trinity finishing 18 runs behind with only one wicket to fall.

Batting first, the Modern School soon lost Milman, but Gale and Whiting scored steadily until Gale was surprisingly bowled for an immaculate 49. Whiting went on to make 34, benefiting from fielding lapses and Norman and Comerford shared a valuable stand, which enabled Gale to declare at 126 for five.

Gale took two wickets with his first two balls and he claimed another victim in his next over, Trinity then being eight for three. Taylor and Wylie added 42 for the fourth wicket and another good stand ensued when Hill joined Wylie. With half an hour left, Trinity needed 38 to win.

Jarrett, a spin bowler making his debut for the School, proved expensive, and Gale continued the attack with Palmer, who struck a decisive blow by yorking Wylie. When the last pair came together four balls remained, and Brooke played out Palmer's over. The School Attack deserves praise and their fielding was always tight.

B.M.S.: Gale b Bryson 49; Millman b Bryson 4; Whiting c Jossin b Bryson 34; Norman b Bryson 10; J. I. Cooper not out 9; Cave not out 3; extras 7. Total (for five wickets, dec.) 126. Bryson five for 37.

Trinity College: Taylor c Millman b Gale 23; Jossin b Gale 0; Bryson b Gale 7; Wylie b Palmer 42; Hill b Palmer 20; Hastlow bow b Gale 1; Stover b Palmer 6; Greenish b Palmer 1; Blackiston not out 4; Brooks not out 0; extras 4. Total for nine wickets 108. Gale five for 45; Palmer four for 31.

### Southill Park v. Shire Hall

Southill Park: A. G. Burnage 7; N. Senior 0; V. Green 4; G. S. B. Gilbert 32; H. Dalton 5; A. C. Massey 22; K. Ballard 2; G. Hunt 57; A. Swain not out 11; extras 11. Total (for eight wickets, dec.) 170. Hollis three for 37; Evans two for 22; Wills two for 31; Poole one for 36.

Shire Hall: Scrivener 19; Hill 8; Wills 5; Hollis 2; Poole 4; Ruff 25; Durra 2; Vivara 6; Wright 0; Evans not out 12; Harris not out 0; extras 7. Total (for nine wickets) 107. A. Massey four for 25; G. Gilbert two for 26; A. Burnage two for 26; E. Sanderson one for 8.

### Hitchin Town v. Southill Sunday XI

Southill: R. A. Gale 22; A. G. Burnage 8; N. Senior 13; G. S. B. Gilbert 13; M. Green 3; R. Humphries 3; A. Swain 1; A. C. Massey 8; P. E. Vintner 6; H. Dalton 7; M. Senior not out 10; extras 7. Total 101. C. Brown six for 35; P. Appleyard three for 37; B. Feast one for 15.

Hitchin: N. Holt 0; P. Timms 15; J. Burkes 5; G. Grant 34; E. Nurnak 17; G. Oldham 40; T. Morley not out 33; J. Barker 6; extras 4. Total (for seven wickets) 154. R. A. Gale three for 49; A. Massey two for 20; P. Vintner one for 19; G. Gilbert one for 27.

### Sandy v. Great Barford

Sandy: Single 0; Ransom 1; Linton 9; Hallworth 0; Butcher 10; Gurney 4; Hall 0; R. Wagstaff 0; Pitts 0; S. Wastall 1; R. Viner not out 3; extras 2. Total 33. G. Robinson four for 11; J. Breeze five for 14.

Great Barford: P. Usher 1; G. Mardlin 3; G. Robinson not out 19; A. Bead 2; S. Skelvington 1; J. Breeze 6; W. Bridge not out 2; extras 2. Total (for five wickets) 36.

### Lynton Works v. Burtonian C.C.

Lynton Works: Beardmore 18; Danham 2; Brooks 29; Gore 12; Lizard 0; Watts not out 12; Jones 6; Norpeth 0; Appley 0; Conway 3; Robinson 0; extras 18. Total 100.

Burtonian: Matthews 1; Fruman 9; A'Court 3; Blairs 8; J. Luff 8; Odel 0; Ryeroff 7; Hunt 6; Reynolds 12; Connolly 6; Dilley not out 0; extras 8. Total 68.

Bedfordshire Times v. Astell's  
Astell's: Turner 0; E. Astell not out 18; Denon 1; Holdway 9; extras 2. Total (for three wickets) 30.

Bedfordshire Times: Sharp not out 31; Saley not out 33; extras 4. Total (for no wicket) 68.

Casuals C.C. 95 (B. Everest 26; Southern four for 15; Bann three for 14); Igantic 67 (W. Russell 16); R. K. Jones 10; Townley five for 17; Falconer two for 6).

R. B. Sanders, 78 for eight (Turner 25; Williamson three for 25; Lewis four for 21); Gentlemen of the Light 82 (Green 10; Leader 12; Williamson 11; Stotts four for 24; Bannock three for 12).

Gentlemen of the Lion 69 (Boyle 12; Harris 12; Moore four for 10; Sande 'A' 74 for nine (Hall 52; Williamson four for 25; Wills three for 22).

Wilden, 63 for eight (J. Parner six for 8); Thelmeian 53 (J. Ashpole four for 7).

Dikens (Harold) C.C., 78 for eight (R. Rogers 34; A. Walker 22; J. Windham four for 50); Podington, 26 (H. Norman 12; V. Bowler two for 9; S. Faulkner two for 8; A. Lyman three for 11; v. Extras two for 1).

## Hospital Cup

# Gilbert Captures Seven Wickets for Harpur

Fine bowling by P. Gilbert and B. Cornell enabled Harpur Sports "A" to beat Cople by 66 runs in the preliminary round of the Bedford and District Hospital Cup at Bedford Park on Tuesday. They bowled unchanged. Gilbert taking seven for 26 and Cornell one for 13 in ten overs.

Harpur, batting first, were given a good send-off by Woodland and R. Webster, who scored 43 in nine overs before they were separated. With King, J. Newman and Robertson also making useful contributions, Harpur totalled 109 for six in 20 overs.

Opening batsmen Nevard played a good innings for Cople, and Hilliard forced the pace for a valuable 15. Harpur's excellent fielding helped to keep the villagers' score down to 43.

Harpur: M. Woodland 21; R. Webster 32; T. King 14; J. Newman 12; C. Robertson 14; A. Webster 5; D. Hoare not out 4; T. Minns not out 3; extras 4. Total (for six wickets) 109. A. Lousley, P. Gilbert and B. Cornell did not bat.

Cople: W. Nevard 7; E. Hull 5; R. Bennett 4; B. Hilliard 15; C. Graves 2; P. Burr 0; J. Chambers 0; D. Shingler 7; D. Thacker 2; A. Worrall 0; P. Jennings not out 0; extras 3. Total 43.

### Elstow Abbey v. Britannia Works

Elstow, batting first, were routed by Thomas (80 c. 4 w., 7 f., 4 w.) and Buckingham (75—1—11—6). Britannia scored the runs required in eight overs for the loss of only one wicket, Green hitting a glorious six and a four. A collection totalled 28. Id. Elstow: Nichols 2; Prudden 2; Lowe 2; Wilson 0; Corke 1; Rowkins 1; Lack 1; Bennett 2; Bartram 0; Brown 1; Cave not out 6; extras 4. Total 22.

Britannia: Graddock not out 6; Farren 5; Green not out 12; extras 3. Total (for one wicket) 26.

### Pavenham v. Turvey

Turvey: D. Skelvington 1; E. Hutchings 1; F. Paynton 0; R. Wright 17; H. Sargent 1; E. Cockings 0; J. Kruthoffer 0; S. West 1; A. Sugars 0; D. Hillson 0; B. King 0; total 21. G. Scoley five for 13; T. Higgs four for 8.

Pavenham: M. Higgs 0; N. Wesley 18; S. Coleman 0; G. Scoley 7; A. Wesley 9; J. Crawley 0; J. Pearson 0; T. Higgs 0; C. Whitworth 2; A. Howe 0; J. Blakenmore 0; extras 2. Total 38. F. Paynton seven for 15; A. Sugars three for 24.

### United Counties v. Diemer & Reynolds

Diemer & Reynolds: R. Cox 12; K. Hall 11; P. Pell not out 29; D. Williamson 3; R. Pilby 3; N. J. McMullen 7; G. J. Plummer 6; E. Simcoe 2; extras 2. Total (for seven wickets) 75.

United Counties: Roberts 7; Keeble 7; Spray 0; Folling 4; Humphries not out 5; Gatehouse 6; Leadbetter 6; Cooper 12; Davis not out 1; extras 3. Total (for seven wickets) 51. McMullen six for 21.

Bedford Town "B", 120 for two (W. Peet 57; C. G. Jones 40) not out; D. T. Matthews 19; Baptist C.C. 63 (Fisk 17; Scott 13; R. D. Linger six for 25).

Blunham "B" 44; Lynton Works 43; Eversholt 66 for nine; Wyboston 35.



Bedford and District Cricket League

PAVENHAM AND MARSTON WIN EXCITING MATCHES

There were several exciting finishes in the Bedford and District League on Saturday. In the Premier Division Pavenham defeated Sharnbrook by four runs and Marston won by a similar margin against Langford.

Good bowling by R. Dankley (four for 19) and H. Martin (four for 12) enabled Sharnbrook to dismiss Pavenham for 55. N. Wesley was top scorer with 27, and Blakemore defied the attack for 40 minutes in scoring ten. Dankley also fared well with the bat for Sharnbrook, scoring 18, but L. Blundell was the only other batsman to reach double figures, and they were all out for 51. G. Scoley returned the fine analysis of seven wickets for nine.

At Langford, Marston, batting first, lost a wicket for only three runs. F. Lilley (16) was the only batsman, however, took the score along steadily, but later wickets fell regularly and the score reached 68 for nine. The last wicket, however, added 17.

Langford's early batsmen, apart from T. Cheesman (21), offered only moderate resistance, six wickets being down for 29. The tall then began to wax with a vengeance, but with the home side needing only five runs for victory, no out of 51. G. Scoley returned the fine analysis of seven wickets for nine.

In a well-contested game, South End Ramblers won by 19 runs at Renhold. For the first hour D. Stapleton and W. Harlow completely pegged down the visitors' early batsmen and the latter ends were left to score most of the runs against a tired attack. Renhold never mastered the bowling of Evans (seven for 17) and Tompkins (two for 15).

Only A. Barker (13) reached double figures for Feinersham, who lost by 31 runs to Thurleigh. W. Asplin, Maddison and Holley bowled well for Thurleigh, who, in reply to their opponents' total of 37, made a last-innings total of 68, losing three cheap wickets. But Maddison, D. Berrill, W. Asplin, and S. Asplin all made useful contributions.

Bowling unchanged for Pertenhall, W. Presland (five for 4) and S. George (four for 3) dismissed Moezhanger for 13. They began by losing their first two batsmen for only four runs. Their fifth wicket fell at ten, so that the last nine wickets yielded only three more runs. Pertenhall posted their opponents' total for the loss of only one wicket. O. Stapleton, who opened the innings, was last out for 35, and, with S. George, he added 22 for the last wicket.

Great Barford, batting first, cut a rather sorry figure against Little Staughton, for whom R. Robins and Saunders bowled throughout. Staughton won by 37 runs. K. Banks, Clark and Queen's West, Barford's 15-year-old bowler, did the hat-trick.

Stevington, after losing five wickets for 17 runs, recovered well to beat Turvey by 14, and so gain their first win of the season. It was a slow-scoring game, which was notable for good full-round performances by Curtis, of Stevington (58 not out) and four wickets for nine) and Pavinton, of Turvey (16 and five for 21), and for a fine spell of bowling by Bird, of Stevington (three wickets for five in 12 overs, including nine maidens).

North Crawley never recovered from a disastrous start in their away game with Cople. They lost three wickets in the first over and were five for one. All out for 19, they improved in a second knock and made 28, but Cople knocked off the 23 runs required to win for the loss of only one wicket.

PREMIER DIVISION

Langford v. Marston

Marston: C. Rowe 5, R. Copperwheat 0, F. Lilley 6, D. Stapleton 28, A. Barker 7, R. Berry 0, D. Faulkner 3, A. Barker 0, C. Copperwheat 0, W. Swales 1, K. Birchman not out 12, extras 0, total 25. R. Dodson three for 21, E. Whitehead one for 9, H. Huckle four for 21. D. Elz one for 18.

Langford: J. Cheesman 21, E. Whitehead 2, R. Dodson 5, D. Roberts 0, S. Gentle 1, B. Fellow 0, Warboys 0, D. King 14, N. Rogers not out 11, H. Huckle 13, J. Piper 3, extras 2, total 61. C. Copperwheat four for 26, K. Brightman five for 28, F. Lilley one for 9.

Pavenham v. Sharnbrook

Pavenham: M. Higgs 0, N. Wesley 27, S. Coleman 0, Blakemore 4, A. Wesley 9, G. Scoley 0, C. Ollide 3, C. Whitworth not out 1, J. Pearson 0, A. Howe 0, T. Higgs 0, extras 5, total 55. R. Dankley four for 19, Martin four for 12.

Sharnbrook: Clayton 1, H. Boyles 1, E. Ward 0, R. Dunkley 18, G. Boyles 4, H. Martin 4, Marsh 1, Bragg 1, L. Blundell 10, Benson 2, L. Page not out 7, extras 2, total 51. G. Scoley seven for 9, Higgs two for 22, N. Wesley one for 6.

Renhold v. South End Ramblers
South End: G. Ferguson 6, A. Spice 6, J. Bosworth 11, G. Walker 5, F. Pallant 0, F. Roomo 10, L. Jones 14, S. Sheridan 13, N. Evans 4, S. Nichol 0, S. Tompkins not out 3, extras 7, total 76. Stapleton four for 21, Fenton three for 15.

Renhold: D. Stapleton 6, P. Swann 4, D. Fenton 1, Barker 0, N. Evans 4, Harlow 0, W. Harlow 4, J. Jeffs 4, G. Allen not out 9, A. Duncombe 7, G. Harlow 4, P. Harlow 3, extras 5, total 57. Evans seven for 17, Tompkins three for 22.

Blunham v. Pelton
Blunham: C. Saunders 0, C. Rawlins 5, B. Maries 0, R. Hurdin 1, F. Jester 0, R. Clarke 0, W. Page 0, W. Pordham 5, I. Wakefield 0, R. Rawlins not out 1, R. Sims 0, extras 1, total 19. 2nd Innings: 29.

Pelton: H. Jakes 2, D. Pace 5, E. Clarke 9, B. Smith 0, N. Price 1, E. Huckle 1, J. Giles 2, K. Woodman 0, J. Turnbull 0, C. Munns 0, J. Standen not out 0, extras 1, total 21. 2nd Innings: 30 for four wks.

DIVISION I

Thurleigh v. Feinersham

Feinersham: A. Betts 3, J. Turner 2, P. Turner 4, D. Barker 0, B. Pickering 2, V. Bowdler 2, H. Lawson 0, S. Constant 2, S. Lovell 0, D. Lovell 0, T. Longstaff not out 0, extras 3, total 37. W. Asplin three for 12, R. Maddison four for 3, B. Holley three for 8. Thurleigh: K. Waksat 1, L. Wildman 0, J. Thorne 1, R. Maddison 17, D. Berrill 13, A. Ellison 0, W. Asplin 1, R. Holley 1, S. Asplin 11, B. Berrill 0, J. Wagstaff not out 1, extras 6, total 68. S. Lovell four for 15, A. Betts two for 8, V. Bowdler two for 22.

Marston II v. Clapham

Clapham: S. Wiles 16, R. Devereux 8, J. Taskins 0, A. Henman 1, J. Buck 7, L. Woodley 8, K. Pickering 4, C. Turner 7, R. Facey 1, G. Hoffman 1, L. Norman 0, total 38. A. Goodman four for 13, T. Claridge two for 6, G. Pearce two for 12, S. Knight two for 20.

Marston II: J. Nicholls 11, S. Ingle 0, G. Pearce 0, V. Hais 8, A. Knight 1, G. Cayes 9, T. Claridge 0, T. Ellis 1, R. Burdick 0, A. Goodman 4, S. Knight 0, extras 7, total 47. R. Pickering four for 8, A. Henman three for 7, G. Hoffman two for 10.

Pertenhall v. Moezhanger

Moezhanger: F. Reid 2, C. Cooper 0, R. Phillips 0, K. Reid 1, B. Reid 2, R. Reid 5, S. Green 0, W. Wilsher not out 0, C. Street 1, R. Bunch 2, Thomas 0, total 13. W. Presland five for 8, S. George four for 3.

Pertenhall: O. Stapleton 35, K. Gentle 6, S. Stapleton 8, C. Banks 2, S. Shelton 1, G. Weller 0, C. Stapleton 0, J. Elliott 7, V. Roddis 0, W. Freeland 2, S. George not out 8, extras 3, total 72. K. Reid seven for 32.

Great Barford v. Little Staughton

Great Barford: C. Skevington 7, O. Mardlin 0, O. Robinson 5, W. Bridge 3, A. Stead 1, P. Usher 0, K. Tatum 1, R. Breeze 3, P. Mitney 0, R. West not out 0, J. Bourdon 0, extras 5, total 41. R. Robins six for 19, L. Saunders three for 17.

Little Staughton: G. Stapleton 3, K. Banks 11, G. Robins 0, R. Thorne 24, C. Brown 7, V. Banks 9, R. Robins 0, S. Marshall 6, L. Saunders 2, J. Robins 0, Queryby not out 12, extras 6, total 80. West four for 4, Breeze four for 26.

DIVISION II (SECTION I)

Wyboston v. Willdon

Willdon: W. Norman 20, G. Wright 23, J. Ashpole 1, J. Fell 5, V. Ashpole 7, E. Pell 1, V. Peter 0, B. Water 0, R. Stone 4, R. Stanton not out 0, C. Stanton 0, extras 3, total 84. Ellis four for 18, A. Darrington two for 13, Wyboston: J. Darrington 0, A. Unher 3, W. Peter 0, W. U'ett 1, R. Whammond 1, R. Blisoe 0, T. Bridge 0, A. Ellis 0, A. Avo 2, A. Darrington 0, C. Polbing not out 4, extras 2, total 13. J. Ashpole five for 4, V. Pell four for 7.

DIVISION II (SECTION II)

Turvey v. Stevington

Turvey: D. Skevington 4, E. Hutchings 4, S. West 4, R. Frost 3, H. Sargent 2, F. Pavinton 1, R. Wright 0, J. Letta 4, J. Kruthofer 1, E. Cocklina 1, A. Sugars not out 0, extras 2, total 48. G. Curtis four for 9, W. Bird three for 5, G. Guy two for 11, R. Cox one for 5.

Stevington: A. Wileman 2, R. Cox 0, G. Guy 0, G. Curtis not out 38, L. Cook 0, S. Alury 2, D. Purser 8, A. Cox 1, J. Curtis 3, W. Bird 3, B. Mackness 0, extras 5, total 62. P. Pavinton five for 21, A. Sugars four for 18, H. Sargent one for 14.

Cople v. North Crawley

North Crawley: F. Mitchell 0, E. Brandon 0, F. Savage 0, 22; P. Wooding 0, T. Caves 1, 0; J. Lancaster 8, 5; F. Stanton 8, 0; A. Goodman not out 3, not out 9; O. Addison 0, 3; P. Bonner 0, 1; A. Higgins 0, 0; extras 0, 6; total 19 and 58. R. Bennett seven for 9 and three for 27; D. Shingler two for 10; E. Hull six for 10; J. Cambers one for 11.

Cople: W. Nevard 3, 5; E. Hull 3; A. B. Hilliard 15, 0; 14; Worrall 0; P. Johnson 7; R. Bennett 0, 0; D. Shingler 5; C. Graves 0, not out 3; D. Cambers not out 4, not out 3; D. Thacker 10, 4; P. Jennings 0, extras 6, 4; total 55 and 40 for six wks. P. Wooding seven for 17, P. Bonner three for 14, F. Stanton four for 11, F. Savage two for 21.

DIVISION III (SECTION I)

Sharnbrook v. John Lings XI

Sharnbrook: S. Alcock 4, R. Odell 1, B. Lovell 0, E. Ganly 5, J. Bance 4, R. Ward 0, J. Boyles 8, A. Huslop 4, R. Knight 5, J. Deighton 0, E. Blundell 0, extras 9, total 49. J. A. Higgins one for 10, M. Nelson two for 12, Parnham three for 15, Erey one for 2.

John Lings XI: Reay 0, Thomas 1, Brown 3, Melson 0, Walton 0, Parnham 2, Joseph 5, Mizey 0, Whitaker 5, Deason 16, White 2, extras 7, total 51. Alcock one for 10, R. Ward eight for 10, Knight one for 12.

Little Staughton v. Little Paxton

Little Staughton: E. Topham 14, H. Parker 4, L. Hawkins 0, J. Jordan 1, E. Robbins 0, C. Jordan 7, S. Smith 0, R. Brown 11, R. Saunders 0, D. Huckle not out 1, H. Bull 0, extras 6, total 44. 2nd Innings: 45 (E. Robbins 22).

Little Paxton: T. Gould 0, F. Dav 1, A. Dabit 1, T. Robinson 2, D. Humphreys 12, C. Jaggard 1, G. Quince 12, G. Groombridge 1, D. Smith not out 7, M. Hopkins 0, S. Jakes 0, extras 1, total 38. 2nd Innings: 42 (H. Parker eight for 38, K. Brown nine for 26).

DIVISION III (SECTION II)

Roxton v. Blunham II

Blunham: F. Abbott 3, G. Barker 3, A. Sims 1, M. Daniels 2, M. Rawlins 4, P. Rawlins 19, G. Breed 0, H. Sims 0, T. J. Herries 0, F. Jefferson 0, B. Stevens not out 0, extras 3, total 37. 2nd Innings: 27 (S. Gaddden twelve for 11).

Roxton: O. Jellefries 5, L. Livett 0, R. Clarke 0, D. Howe 0, S. Gadsden 1, J. Larkins 0, W. Clarke 1, R. Johnson 0, R. Darlow 0, R. Minney 0, P. Keighley not out 0, extras 2, total 7. 2nd Innings: 25 (P. Rawlins ten for 11, A. Sims six for 12).

Langford II v. Potten II

Langford II: L. King 8, C. Hawkins 0, C. Dilley 0, W. Potten 0, A. Aggett 1, R. Smith 1, A. Wells 0, R. Payne 1, L. Saragosa 1, C. Kilby 6, S. Rutt not out 8, extras 2, total 28.

Potten II: E. Blott 0, C. Blott not out 9, W. Emery 0, J. Plummer 0, J. Hutchinson 0, K. Hutchinson 0, W. Worboys 9, V. Hutchinson 0, L. Gurney 0, D. Hutchinson 0, extras 2, total 28.

2nd Innings: Langford 17, Potten 17 for six wks.
Wrestlingworth v. Haynes
Wrestlingworth: W. Plant 2, L. Rooper 7, P. Vogel 0, J. Norman 8, W. Daisley 10, H. Robinson 1, J. Compton 6, V. Bentley not out 0, J. Williams 0, A. Bennett 0, H. Lee 0, extras 3, total 29. Clarke six for five, Stevens two for 4, Neale two for 12.

CRICKET FIXTURES

Saturday

FRIENDLIES

March v. Bedford Town, Horton v. Harpur Sports, Northampton Brewery v. Queen's Wks., Bedford School v. Biccaneera C.C., Bedford Town II v. Southill, Harpur II v. Queen's Works, Queen's Works "A" v. Harpur "A", Kempston v. Clophill, Meppershall v. Bedford Argus, Luton St. Mary's v. Steppinkley, Elisley v. Bedford Ramblers, Elstow v. Britannia Works, Britannia Works II v. Luton II, Bedford North End v. Biggleswade, Biggleswade II v. Smart and Brown, Three Counties Hospital v. Pinchley, Buckden v. Gentlemen of the Lion.

BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

Premier Division

Potten v. Renhold, Pavenham v. Langford, South End Ramblers v. Blunham, Sharnbrook v. Marston.

Division I

Marston v. Thurleigh, Feinersham v. Moezhanger, Clapham v. Pertenhall.

Division II (Section I)

Riseley v. Willdon, Haynes v. Ickwell, Colnworth v. Great Staughton, Caldecote v. Wyboston.

Division II (Section II)

Wood End v. Turvey, Kempston West End v. Cople, North Crawley v. Marston Sports, Stevington v. Staasden.

Sunday

Eaton Socon v. Bedford Town, Queen's Works v. Harpur Sports, Southill Park v. Huntingdon, Corley v. Sandy, H.A.F. Basingbourne v. Berkeley Sports.

Bedford and District Cricket League

RENHOLD DEFEAT CHAMPIONS BY ONE RUN

Potton, champions of the Bedford and District League, Premier Division, last year, suffered their first defeat of the season on Saturday, losing at home by one run to Renhold.

When their last man, skipper F. Paine, joined Price, Potton needed two runs to win. Paine played out the over, and then Stapleton bowled a maiden to Price. Paine turned the second ball of the next over (to Swann) to leg, but W. Harlow, making ground, brought off a splendid one-handed catch, and so Potton lost an exciting match.

Earlier, Renhold, put in to bat, were all out for 36, the bowlers making the most of a new ball. After tea, Potton were quickly in difficulties against the bowling of D. Stapleton and W. Harlow, who were well supported in the field.

In the game between South End Ramblers and Blunham in Bedford Park the batting of both sides broke down after good starts. Saunders and C. Rawlins, Blunham's opening pair, scored 27, but ten wickets then fell for only 30 runs, Evans taking seven of the wickets, including a hat-trick. Price and Bosworth were painstaking, and South End had only one wicket down with 16 needed for victory, but Marles, Tester, and R. Rawlins took seven wickets before Blunham's total was passed. Sheridan, South End's wicket-keeper, did not allow a single extra.

Thirty-one wickets fell for 80 runs at Pavenham, where the home side beat Langford by ten wickets. Batting first, the visitors offered little resistance to Scoley (five for 10) and T. Higgs (four for 6), being all out for 21. Pavenham, however, fared even worse against Huckle (five for 3) and Whiteman (four for 0), and were two runs behind on the first innings.

With two and a quarter hours left for play, Langford went in a second time, and collapsed again. N. Wesley taking four wickets for 3, Scoley five for 5, and T. Higgs one for 0, Pavenham's second innings was opened by A. Wesley and Scoley, who hit the 21 runs required for victory before being separated.

Clapham owe much to S. Wiles (17) and R. Pickering (26) for beating Pertonhall by four runs. Pertonhall, batting first on a hard and dry pitch, began well enough, 51 runs being on the board when their second wicket fell, but the rest of the side added only 25 between them. Banks batted well for 31.

Thanks to good batting, Turvey beat Wood End 12 was a hard day for the bowlers. Turvey kept the runs down, but it took them a long time to dismiss Fuller, R. Ashpole, and Caves. Slow scoring early on meant that Wood End lost their last few wickets cheaply through having to force the pace to finish their innings in reasonable time. Skevinton and Hutchins gave Turvey a good send-off, and Wood End's score was eased for the loss of five wickets. Letts, Frost, and Sargent doing some hatu hitting.

PREMIER DIVISION

Potton v. Renhold

Renhold: D. Stapleton 7, F. Harlow 7, D. Perton 0, J. Norman 2, F. Swann 0, W. Harlow 5, F. Joyce 1, J. Jeds 4, G. Allen 1, G. Harlow 1, P. Harlow not out 2, extras 6, total 36. J. Turnbull six for 12, N. Price two for 6, E. Huckle two for 9.  
Potton: H. Jakes 0, B. Smith 0, J. Clarke 2, N. Price not out 13, D. Paine 0, E. Huckle 5, J. Giles 0, J. Turnbull 6, K. Woodman 5, J. Standen 3, F. Paine 0, extras 3, total 35. D. Stapleton five for 18, W. Harlow three for 12, P. Swann two for 2.

Sharnbrook v. Marston

Sharnbrook: G. Boves 4, H. Gray 8, R. Dunkley 40, H. Martin 0, F. Dowdeswell 10, D. Clayson 7, D. Dunkley 8, H. Lovell 5, J. Brank 5, J. Blundell 6, D. Benson 1, extras 3, total 99. K. Brightman four for 22, C. Copperwheat four for 29.  
Marston: R. Copperwheat 0, C. Rowe 5, P. Lilley 0, D. Stapleton 11, A. Stapleton 2, R. Berry 1, D. Faulkner 4, A. Bunker 0, K. Brightman 1, W. Saxles not out 0, C. Copperwheat 3, extras 3, total 30. Benson five for 16, Blundell four for 2.

Pavenham v. Langford

Langford: T. Chessum 1, 0; E. Whiteman 2, 0; R. Dolson 1, 2; S. Gentle 0, 0; B. Kirby 0, 1; H. Huckle 3, 4; D. King 1, 3; M. Rogers 3, 3; J. Piper 0, 2; J. Swain 0, 0; P. Piper 0, 0; extras 4, 1; totals 21 and 18. N. Wesley four for 3, G. Scoley ten for 15, T. Higgs five for 18.  
Pavenham: N. Wesley 5, M. Higgs 1, 0; B. Kirby 0, 1; H. Huckle 0, 4; Wesley 5, 13; G. Scoley 4, not out 0; A. Howe 0; J. Pearson 0; T. Higgs 0; J. Crawley 0; G. Wesley 0, extras 2, 0; totals 19 and 22 for one wk. H. Huckle six for 17, E. Whiteman four for 5.

South End Ramblers v. Blunham

Blunham: C. Saunders 9, C. Rawlins 18, B. Marles 0, F. Tester 12, R. Clarke 9, W. Fordham 0, W. Page 2, R. Harding not out 0, P. Rawlins 1, R. Rawlins 0, 1, Wakefield 0, total 57. Evans seven for 32, Tompkins two for 25.  
South End: G. Ferguson 1, A. Spire 0, J. Bosworth 10, J. Walker 12, R. Pallant 5, L. Jones 0, R. Roome 12, J. Sheridan 4, W. Evans 11, W. Nichols 9, S. Tompkins not out 1, extras 12, total 89. Marles three for 24, Tester three for 29, R. Rawlins two for 6.

DIVISION I

Clapham v. Pertonhall

Pertonhall: O. Stapleton 10, C. Banks 31, S. Stapleton 7, S. Shelton 0, W. Presland 3, K. Gentle 10, S. George not out 11, A. George 0, J. Elliott 1, V. Roddis 0, D. Stapleton 9, extras 4, total 77. J. Buck four for 14, G. Hoffman three for 31.  
Clapham: R. Devereux 1, S. Wiles 17, R. Norton 5, A. Henman 1, L. Wooding 0, T. Buck 0, C. Turner 0, R. Pickering 26, B. Tankins 8, R. Facey 0, G. Hoffman not out 3, extras 10, total 61. W. Presland six for 29, S. George four for 25.

Folmersham v. Mozerhanger

Folmersham: A. Betts 6, J. Turner 12, D. Parker 5, V. Bowdler 1, R. Barker 2, H. Lawson 1, P. Turner 8, S. Lovell 1, D. Lovell 5, K. Richardson not out 5, J. Mackenzie 3, extras 7, total 59. K. Reid four for 29, Rev. H. Phoenix five for 11.  
Mozerhanger: F. Reid 0, E. Wilsner 5, W. Washer 0, K. Reid 1, S. Reid 12, E. Street 1, R. Reid 0, C. Street 0, Rev. H. Phoenix 3, R. Bunch 4, C. Cooper not out 0, extras 3, total 33. S. Lovell two for 6, D. Parker three for 13, A. Betts five for 6.

Marston II v. Thurlleigh

Marston: Nicholls 13, Inkle 2, Pearce 12, Hale 11, Claridge 4, Caves 2, Rolfe 9, Barker 5, Goodman 0, A. Knight 2, S. Knight not out 0, extras 3, total 67. Palmer three for 20, J. Wagstaff two for 4, W. Asplin two for 21.  
Thurlleigh: I. Wildman 7, A. Ellison 1, K. Wagstaff 15, R. Maddison 3, D. Berrill 25, S. Asplin 12, B. Holly 0, J. Palmer not out 17, W. Asplin 8, R. Berrill 1, extras 7, total (for nine wks) 108. Goodman three for 14, S. Knight two for 10.

DIVISION II (SECTION D)

Harnes 62 and 45 (R. Daniels four-teen for 35, Harries three for 21, Ickwell, 27 and 34 (H. Norman nine for 26).

DIVISION II (SECTION II)

Wood End v. Turvey

Wood End: J. Fuller 17, J. Jessop 0, W. Hutchins 3, R. Ashpole 17, C. Caves 11, B. Childs 5, T. Owen 1, P. Burroway 4, V. Ashpole 1, P. Lant not out 1, F. Ashpole 0, extras 7, total 67. Panton four for 20, A. Saxars five for 35.  
Turvey: O. Skevinton 4, F. Hutchins 8, B. Frost 18, H. Sargent 12, J. Letts 20, P. Panton 5, S. West 0, R. Wright 1, J. Kneigher not out 10, E. Cockins 0, A. Saxars 0, extras 3, total 92. Hutchins two for 10.

Stevinton v. Slazden

Stevinton: G. Newman 34, P. Taylor 4, D. Hornsey 1, R. Townley 4, S. Dutton 19, A. Cooper 0, H. Newman 7, G. Abbott not out 12, R. Tite 2, A. Woodson 1, J. Brooks 0, extras 1, total 83.  
Slazden: A. Berry 0, R. Cox 4, A. Wildman 15, G. Curtis 3, F. Percer 0, L. Cook 1, G. Guy 2, J. Curtis 0, A. Cook 2, H. Dart 0, W. Bird 0, total 47. Hornsey five for 14, Dutton five for 15.

Kunstow West End v. Cople

Cople: W. Nevard 6, T. Hall 2, R. Bennett 1, H. Hayward 6, F. Johnson 0, D. Shinger 1, J. Chambers 3, C. Graves 0, D. Thacker 2, P. Burr 0, A. Warral not out 8, extras 3, total 42. S. Smart four for 8, D. King four for 2.  
West End: F. Loft 36, P. Perival 1, K. Jessop 6, S. Smart 15, B. Moore 3, L. Hill 0, R. Darlow 2, G. Vignone 6, D. King 16, M. Darwood 0, R. Freeman not out 0, extras 6, total 147. Chambers three for 14, T. Hall four for 38.

DIVISION III (SECTION D)

Little Staughton II v. Oadby

Little Staughton: H. Parker 9, E. Topham 1, E. Robins 40, C. Parker 1, R. Robins 2, G. Jordan 5, C. Pell 0, R. Smith 5, K. Brown 0, H. Ruff 6, D. Huckle not out 0, extras 1, total 70. G. Rainbow took seven wickets.  
Oadby: J. Briggs 3, J. Bryson 1, T. Thompson 0, J. Newell 5, M. Dore 4, B. Saunders 2, R. Croft 0, G. Bird 0, G. Rainbow 0, G. Saunders not out 0, S. Moore 0, extras 2, total 17. R. Robins six for 3, H. Parker four for 10.

DIVISION III (SECTION II)

Roxton v. Tempsford

Tempsford: P. Braybrooks 5, B. Lowe 3, C. Jackson 8, R. Fuller 1, D. Jenkins 2, L. Quince 5, G. Chidley 0, R. Jones 3, R. Bellis 0, E. Ingram not out 3, J. Jackson 2, extras 2, total 32. W. Clarke eight for 11.  
Roxton: L. Livett 4, J. Larkins 0, S. Quadsen 34, W. Clarke 0, R. Clarke 1, E. Darlow 0, D. Howe 9, R. Johnson 5, W. Stapleton 2, B. Livett 0, R. Minney not out 2, extras 5, total 60.

Langford II v. Clapham II

Langford: L. King 5, C. Dille 12, D. Barton 3, G. Ayres 5, C. Hawkins 0, R. Smith 24, W. Poston 9, E. Rutt 0, C. Kirby 2, R. Payne 10, A. Wells not out 5, extras 5, total 78.  
Clapham: C. Buttell 12, J. Pettifer 6, R. Nicholson 3, R. Brown 3, N. Cope 2, A. Devereux 0, W. Luak 0, F. Baker 0, W. Burton 2, J. Pickering not out 0, extras 2, total 42.

SWIMMING

Bedford Modern School visited Berkhamsted School on Wednesday, the first team losing by 361 points to 213, and the Colts losing by 37 to 24. These defeats were mainly due to the age range of the best boys from each team. It is the first time that the senior team has lost to Berkhamsted since the war. Breast-stroke in both sides is a weak point this year, but back-stroke swimmers, Hedecock and Hobbles, thrive in the front, and Bear and Livesey in the Colts, show good promise.





## Saturday Sports Review

### Footballers' Day At A Cricket Match

IT was almost completely footballers' day at Wardown on Wednesday, when the Town C.C. had Bletchley Wednesday as their visitors.

Luton had Sid Owen and Bert Mitchell in their side, and Bletchley were captained by Jack Ansell, the Northampton Town goalkeeper, who is on the transfer list at £2,000.

Among the spectators were other footballers, Gordon Turner, Roy Davies, Billy Cooke and Leslie Jones, of the Town, Hugh Billington and Percy James (Worcester City), and Iorwerth Hughes, who is on Cardiff City's transfer list.

### Was James Seeking Iorwerth Hughes?

PRESENCE of Percy James, who is Worcester's player-manager, gave grounds for some speculation, especially as he was seen in conversation with Hughes who, being on the transfer list, is free to go to non-League football if he chooses.

I understand that Hughes would prefer to remain in the League if he can, but a fee of £5,000 on the head of a goalkeeper is something of a stumbling block when it comes to securing another club. James and Hughes have com-

mon ground, for both played for Wales as amateurs and the latter went on to earn full caps.

### Accurate Bowling By Owen Again

SID OWEN put up another splendidly accurate bowling performance in which he took 7 for 53 in 21.2 overs, seven of which were maidens.

His figures would have been even better but for the fact that Ansell "collared" him to the extent of hitting him for three fours in one over.

For Ansell this was a fine match, for his left handed batting brought him a brisk 26 and he followed up this by taking 7 for 41 with his fast-medium bowling and clean bowled six of his victims.

This played a major part in the downfall of the Town Wednesday for the fourth consecutive match.

### Mitchell Brilliant In The Field

NOT that they were badly beaten, for the margin was only 19 runs and the match was won with 10 minutes to spare.

There was a time when with Bert Mitchell and Asher Waller figuring in a sixth-wicket partnership of 47, the Town seemed to be heading for victory, but dismissal of both put Bletchley on top again.

Mitchell was top scorer with a very good 32 and, on his first appearance at Wardown, he impressed greatly with the crispness of his fielding and made a brilliant catch at cover-point.

Mitchell is to play for the Town next Wednesday and Thursday and Gordon Turner is to have a game on Thursday, too.

### Grady's Success In Conference Trial

LOCAL player who gained distinction in the Club Cricket Conference trial on Wednesday was Dan Grady, Dunstable Town's captain who had a couple of games for Bedfordshire last season.

He made 52 not out in just over an hour and followed up this by claiming six victims behind the wicket—four stumped and two caught.

That form should earn him a place in the Conference side,

though, of course, there is considerable competition.

It advances his claims, too, to remain in the county side, though here, too, he will have competition from David Money, who both kept wicket well and batted splendidly against Leicestershire.

Hospital Cup

QUEEN'S WIN IN LAST OVER

There was an exciting finish to the match between Queen's Works "A" and Potton "A" in the first round of the Bedford and District Hospital Cup at Allen Park on Tuesday. Queen's won in the last over.

Potton began poorly, but thanks to a fine innings by Kitchener they put themselves in a reasonably good position. In the falling light Queen's scored freely, but not quite quickly enough at first. Poulter and Collingridge did some hard hitting and quick running between the wickets. After Poulter had been bowled by Kitchener, Wildman and Collingridge played out the remaining overs, and with two runs required in the last over Queen's just won.

Potton: H. Jakes 1, F. Paice 15, B. Smith 0, D. Page 1, E. Huckle 9, J. Giles 2, K. Woodman 0, T. Kitchener 3, J. Turnbull 11, C. Munns not out 1, extras 4, total (for nine wickets) 81.—J. Dawson five for 34, E. G. Walker three for 25.  
Queen's: E. C. Wooding 11, R. E. Poulter 27, K. R. G. Williams 4, E. W. Collingridge not out 31, G. Shepherd 1, E. S. Wether 0, V. Wildman not out 5, extras 7, total (for five wickets) 86.—E. Huckle two for 14, T. Kitchener one for 19.  
Collection: £2.

Ickwell v. Marston

R. Gale and G. Reeks batted well for Ickwell, and this paved the way for victory, despite a hat-trick (his first ever) by C. Copperwheat, who took six for 43. Marston batted in extremely bad light and lost five wickets for 26 runs. The following batsmen could do little in the hour of darkness: the ball in the drizzle, and the last wicket fell at 72.  
Ickwell: R. Gale 39, A. Marston 4, G. Gilbert 4, J. King 4, A. Wright 0, G. Reeks 31, C. Sheldon 0, G. Byrnes not out 1, J. Turnbull 0, D. Byrnes 0, E. Hilliard 0, extras 4, total 85.  
Marston: D. Stapleton 1, A. Stapleton 4, F. Lilley 0, R. Copperwheat 11, T. Nicholls 9, P. Bunker 5, A. Bunker 18, R. Berry 5, Brightman 5, C. Copperwheat 0, W. Swales not out 1, extras 13, total 72.

Stevington v. Ashdown Bros.

Ashdown Bros.: S. Crisp 17, S. Tysoe 3, W. Davis 16, T. Rust 16, W. Crisp 8, Bell 1, C. Lambert 1, A. Ashdown not out 13, G. Taylor run out 8, extras 1, total (for seven wickets) 77.  
Stevington: A. Wildman 33, G. Curtis 2, S. Myers 4, G. Ruthead 1, L. Cook 7, J. Swain 25, M. G. Bird not out 1, A. Cox not out 1, extras 1, total (for seven wickets) 81.

Thurleigh v. Ridemont

Thurleigh: F. Bull 1, F. Franklin 4, N. Needham 8, R. Lovell 11, J. Warner 6, R. Berrill 3, B. Ingle 3, M. Pagewood 3, L. Goodman 1, extras 5, total 53.—T. Norris six for 23, I. Pickerskill two for 16, N. Artlingstall one for 9.  
Ridemont: T. Barnes 6, C. Garratt 5, O. Artlingstall 11, A. White 1, N. Artlingstall 3, W. Bowler 1, R. Warwick 0, L. Evans 0, T. Norris 6, L. Pickerskill 5, A. Farrott not out 0, extras 9, total 45.—N. Needham three for 10, C. Maddison five for 26.  
Collection: £1 16s.

Blunham "B" v. Thurleigh "A"

Thurleigh: W. Asplin 11, A. Ellison 11, K. Wagstaff 1, R. Maddison 9, D. Berrill 3, B. Asplin 17, J. Wagstaff 1, B. Holley 0, J. Palmer 2, L. Wildman 0, J. Thorne not out 0, extras 10, total 65.—A. Sims four for 16, P. Rawlins three for 27.  
Blunham: F. Abbott 5, G. Barker 0, P. Rawlins 8, H. Sims 1, G. Breed 22, A. Sims 2, D. Brookes 0, E. Jefferies not out 3, M. Daniels 0, R. Stevens 3, I. Humphries 1, extras 4, total 51.—J. Palmer four for 14, B. Holley two for 1, W. Asplin three for 27.

Gentlemen of the Lion v. Potton "B"

Gentlemen of the Lion: J. Bolsford 11, R. Harris 5, R. Lewis 4, P. Green 42, I. Williamson 5, W. Gazeley 7, M. Boyd 2, E. Wardley 7, D. Reeder not out 0, G. Leadley not out 4, extras 5, total (for eight wickets) 92.—Blott six for 37.  
Potton "B": E. Gurney 8, Plummer 4, K. Hutchinson 3, Worboys 0, J. Hutchinson 3, Blott 0, Emery not out 17, Sheerman 1, Croot 1, L. Gurney 1, D. Hutchinson 10, extras 1, total 49.—Lewis five for 12, Gazeley four for 23.

Willington v. Kempston

Kempston: White 10, Parker 33, Ellis 4, Turner 2, Faulkner 5, Bennion 12, B. Moon 0, R. Turner 8, G. Davis 1, C. Bavington 0, D. Wright not out 4, J. Burrows 5, M. Gilbert 2, extras 7, total 75.—D. Hull five for 14.  
Willington: D. Hull 1, L. Hull 0, D. Jones 5, T. Mallon 7, D. Jeffs 0, P. Maybury 2, E. Jones 0, N. Sawford 4, E. Wood 0, H. Sargent 0, W. Lennard not out 1, extras 6, total 26.—S. O. Faulkner five for 6, C. Bavington three for 4.

Diemer and Reynolds 86 for nine (Carr five for 19), Marston Sports 90 for five (Butt 35).  
Cardington, 61; Langford, 62 for five.  
Evershoit, 89 (P. Oakley 21, S. Evans eight for 22 including hat-trick); Goldington, 71 for five (Hanson 21, F. Dean 17 not out, F. Line 13 not out, Cousins three for 36).

J. Smith's First Fifty for Bedford School

Unfortunately the weather minimized the chances of a finish in Bedford School's match with Stowe School at Bedford on Saturday, a draw resulting. Two and a half hours' play were lost and Bedford had to force the pace during the afternoon.

After a sound innings by Smith i, Smith ii, Collinge, and Eldridge all hit the ball powerfully. Smith ii played an innings of much promise for the future and well deserved his first fifty for the XI.

Stowe were set 169 to win in 110 minutes but made a bad start. Murray-Clarke (five for 44) again bowled with pace on a wicket which caused the ball to lift. Five splendid catches were taken in rapid succession while only 33 runs were scored.

The slow bowlers proved unable to make such good use of the wicket however, and Butlin and Vance made a determined stand which, with a further break for rain, placed Stowe in a position to resist defeat.

Despite their inability to clinch matters, Bedford must be satisfied with some fine all-round performances and the high standard of their fielding.

Bedford: R. W. Street c Dew b Morris 8, D. Coley c Dew b Morris 12, Smith i b Vance 28, R. A. Collinge st Dew b Cobham 24, M. S. Meeson c Horden b Vance 9, Smith ii not out 59, Eldridge st Dew b Cobham 18, Hay not out 5, extras 5, total (for six wickets, dec.) 168.  
Stowe: M. C. Fenwick c Eldridge b Murray-Clarke 3, C. N. H. Horden c Meeson b Murray-Clarke 4, J. R. Crombie c Collinge b Murray-Clarke 11, A. J. Beerbohm c Collinge b Murray-Clarke 0, R. F. Butlin b Stronk 42, D. M. Vance b Murray-Clarke 33, D. G. du B. Dew not out 3, A. P. Hill not out 0, extras 10, total (for seven wickets) 111.

Rain Ends Modern School Match

On a wicket perpetually deadened by recurring showers of rain at Oakham on Saturday, Bedford Modern School were unable to take more than one Oakham School wicket while conceding 233 runs.

Nuttall and Atkins were at first both unsettled, especially by fast-medium bowler Cave, who might easily have had both batsmen before they had scored 20.

With the bowlers unable to find a firm foothold on a treacherous surface it is not surprising that such a large scorer was out of the picture. Nuttall was out to Cave with the score at 181, but Atkins stayed on to hit the tiring attack and to be left 116 not out.  
The Modern School were set 234 to win in a little over 160 minutes, a task which might well have been achieved when one considers the fine form of Gale and Whiting. A heavy fall of rain, however, made further play impossible when the score had reached 52 without loss. Neither Gale nor Millman experienced difficulty in playing the bowling and scored the 52 runs off 16 overs.

Oakham: P. S. Nuttall lbw b Cave 98, D. J. Atkins not out 116, D. M. Green not out 14, extras 5, total (for one wkt., dec.) 233.—Cave one for 63.  
Modern: R. A. Gale not out 27, G. Millman not out 22, extras 3, total (for no wkt.) 52.

Wilden v. Pertenhall

Wilden: J. Ashpole 0, B. Ashpole 2, W. Norman 6, V. Ashpole 3, V. P. J. Pell 1, K. Stanton 0, J. Franks 5, B. Forster 0, E. Stanton 0, R. Stone not out 0, extras 3, total 16.—S. George five for 3, S. Dawson three for 2.  
Pertenhall: S. Stapleton 4, P. Dix 5, S. Dawson 4, J. Elliott 1, S. Shelton 11, C. Weller 2, H. Stewart 4, S. George not out 10, W. Presland 4, C. Banks 10, extras 11, total for nine wickets 64.—V. Pell two for 3, J. Ashpole three for 13.

Pertenhall v. Smart and Brown

Pertenhall: S. George 8, S. Stapleton 11, A. George 5, P. Dix 7, S. Shelton 3, V. Roddis 0, Joe Roddis 5, T. Hardwick 0, S. Dawson 8, C. Weller 5, W. Presland not out 1, extras 4, total 57.—R. Richardson four for 18, A. Wilcock four for 17.  
Smart and Brown: W. Brawn 1, T. Murphy 4, R. Richardson 1, E. Cox 0, A. Wilcock 13, J. Cooper 0, A. O'Dell not out 4, M. Jenkins not out 8, extras 3, total for six wickets 34.—S. George three for 11, W. Presland two for 10.

North End C.C. v. Kempston

Kempston: White 10, Parker 33, Ellis 4, Turner 2, Faulkner 5, Bennion 0, Southgate 20, Bavington 1, Wright 3, Davis not out 0, Turvey 0, extras 6, total 85.—Eady six for 35.  
North End: Beardmore not out 60, Pickering 24, Ager 15, Chapman 1, Arnold not out 1, extras 3, total (for three wickets) 104.

Northants XI to Visit Bedford

For their match with Bedford Town at Newnham Avenue next Sunday (2 p.m.), in aid of the testimonial fund for wicket-keeper Ken Fiddling, a Northamptonshire County XI will include D. Brookes, N. Oldfield, V. Broderick, A. E. Nutter, G. H. J. Brice, D. Greasley, S. Starkie, Bullmer, and Fiddling himself. T. L. Livingston was to have appeared, but he broke a finger while playing for the County last week.

Bedford Town have chosen the following side: E. S. Smith (capt.), B. E. Disbury, E. C. Howard, V. J. Harris, J. Pratt, F. K. Breeze, D. G. Jenkins, A. B. Poole, C. F. Sabey, K. McCannlis, B. Cornell (Harpur Sports).

Attractive Match

Two of the fixtures to which Bedford Town C.C. look forward to most during the season are those with Luton Town, who to-morrow (Saturday) will visit their rivals at Newnham Avenue.

Bedford's team will be: J. Pratt (captain), A. B. Poole, B. E. Disbury, S. T. Morris, C. F. Sabey, E. C. Howard, E. S. Smith, V. J. Harris, F. K. Breeze, D. G. Jenkins, P. Markham.

Last season Bedford drew with Luton at home and won at Warden Park by nine runs (119 to 110).

Baptist v. Pavenham

Pavenham: C. Whitworth 0, N. Wesley 0, M. Higgs 29, G. Scoley 11, S. Coleman 7, G. Pearson 0, A. Wesley 14, D. Higgs not out 5, extras 10, total 74.—Panter two for 11, W. Nett two for 30.  
Baptist: R. Daniels 8, G. Clarke 3, E. Pearson 0, W. Scott 0, Setchell 8, Walton 10, F. White 7, Skinner 0, F. Warnett 0, F. Panter 0, Pullinger not out 1, extras 6, total 43.—Scolley four for 12, Higgs four for 23, Wesley two for 2.

Rootes (Luton) v. Stewarby

Rootes: 114.—Tayles five for 28.  
Stewarby: J. Harding 0, J. Adams 5, P. Orchard 2, W. Whitbread 27, A. Webb not out 21, J. Tayles not out 10, extras 6, total for four wickets 71.

Stewarby v. Ewart

Stewarby: J. Harding 47, A. Longhurst 2, P. Orchard 3, M. Campbell 45, A. Webb 4, J. Richardson 3, J. Adams 17, D. Hartwell not out 8, J. Tayles 1, R. Nicholls not out 9, extras 7, total 152.  
Ewart: 77.

**Bedford and District Cricket League**

**STEVINGTON BATSMAN SCORES 103 NOT OUT**

Playing for Stevington against Marston Sports at Marston on Saturday, G. Curtis hit the first individual hundred of the season in the Bedford and District League.

According to Mr. R. G. Mackness, Stevington's secretary, no person in the village can remember a local player ever scoring a century for the club before.

Set to make 174 to win, Stevington scored 205 for seven wickets, Curtis being undetested at the close for 103. For Marston, H. Stapleton, Butt, Jordan, and Carr batted well. Carr also took four wickets.

Langford beat South End Ramblers by 25 runs mainly because of dogged sixth-wicket partnership between Gentle and King, who doubled Langford's total. Pallant and Walker gave South End a good chance to beat the clock, but in going for runs they had to face White-man's skill as captain and bowler. He took South End's last wicket in the last over.

R. Dunkley gave a good all-round performance for Sharnbrook when his side defeated Renhold on Saturday by seven wickets. He took six wickets for 22, and then hit 36 not out—the highest score of the game. His counterpart for Renhold was W. Harlow; he took the only three Sharnbrook wickets to fall for 27 runs, and was his side's top scorer with 22.

Excitement ran high in the match between Thurlough and Great Barford, at Thurlough, the visitors winning by two runs. The home side, batting first, owed much to Maddison, who scored nearly half their total of 52. Breeze took five wickets for nine, and he was well supported by Robinson.

Great Barford's batting was also chiefly a one-man show. Breeze completing a fine all-round performance by scoring 28.

S. Lovell (six for 18) was largely responsible for Clapham's low total of 46 against Felmersham, who replied with 76 for eight.

Losing their first seven wickets for six runs, Mogerhanger were all out for 18 against Marston II. Responsible for the low total were G. Pearce (six for 11) and A. Goodman (three for 7). Marston II made 50.

In a game that was interrupted several times by heavy showers, Turvey, away to Stagden, batted well, but the home side's bowlers deserved better results. Skevington, Wright, and Kruthoffer played useful innings for Turvey.

The wet wicket proved ideal for Paynton and Sugars, of Turvey, who dismissed Stagden in 15 overs. Sugars was in particularly good form—six wickets for five runs in seven overs, three of them maidens. For Stagden, F. Frossell gave a fine display of hard hitting.

**PREMIER DIVISION**

**Renhold v. Sharnbrook**

Renhold: D. Stapleton 16, F. Harlow 12, D. Penton 7, J. Norman 9, D. Swann 0, W. Harlow 22, F. Joyce 0, J. Jeffs 9, G. Allen 6, G. Harlow 0, P. Harlow not out 0, extras 6, total 67.—R. Dunkley six for 22, L. Blundell one for 2, D. Benson one for 9, H. Martin one for 23.

Sharnbrook: Alcock 0, Gray 26, Marsh 2, R. Dunkley not out 36, G. Boyles not out 6, extras 3, total (for three wks.) 73.—W. Harlow three for 27.

**Langford v. South End Ramblers**

Played at Langford.

Langford: T. Chessum 4, R. Dodson 12, E. Kilby 33, H. Huckie 9, N. Rogers 0, S. Gentle 25, D. King 27, E. Whiteman 7, D. Roberts 16, J. Piper 6, P. Piper not out 1, extras 3, total 142. N. Evans 4 for 50, W. Nichols 4 for 21.

South End: G. Ferguson 13, A. Spice 5, J. Walker 18, R. Pallant 42, L. Jones 15, J. Sheridan 0, F. Roome 3, N. Evans 0, W. Nichols 4, G. Roddis 0, S. Tompkins not out 1, extras 3, total 117. E. Whiteman 4 for 20, R. Dodson 3 for 50.

Marston v. Potton  
Marston: R. Copperwheat 7, J. Nicholls 6, D. Stapleton 17, A. Bunker 13, P. Lilley not out 7, A. Stapleton 9, extras 10, total for five wickets 69.—Potton did not bat; rain stopped play.

**DIVISION I**

Clapham v. Felmersham  
Clapham: S. Wiles 4, R. Devereux 4, R. Norton 13, A. Henman 1, M. Tompkins 1, R. Pickering 3, C. Turner 0, B. Tamkins 3, R. Facey 3, T. Buck 10, L. Wooding not out 0, extras 4, total 46.—S. Lovell six for 18, D. Parker two for 14, A. Betts one for 10.  
Felmersham: A. Betts 23, J. Turner 0, D. Parker 5, J. Mackenzie 13, F. Turner 3, B. Cocksings 4, D. Lovell 3, K. Richardson 2, T. Longstaff not out 4, extras 9, total (for eight wks.) 76.—R. Pickering two for 17, L. Wooding two for 7.

Mogerhanger v. Marston II  
Marston: O. Roffe 10, G. Pearce 2, O. Hale 11, A. Goodman 0, D. Faulkner 10, M. Smith 0, T. Clarke 2, F. Bunker 5, R. Burridge 0, T. Ellis 1, S. Knight 2, extras 7, total 50.—K. Reid five for 25, F. Reid two for 3, R. Reid two for 11.

Mogerhanger v. Thurlough  
Mogerhanger: F. Reid 2, T. Wilsher 0, Rev. H. Phoenix 0, K. Reid 0, R. Reid 0, R. Bunch 3, S. Reid 1, E. Street 2, C. Street 8, W. Wilsher 1, A. Green 1, total 18.—O. Pearce six for 11, A. Goodman three for 7.

Thurlough v. Great Barford  
Thurlough: L. Wildman 0, A. Ellison 7, K. Wagstaff 0, R. Maddison 24, D. Berrill 3, N. Needham 2, J. Wagstaff 1, W. Asplin 8, S. Asplin 2, R. Berrill not out 2, M. Papworth 0, extras 1, total 52.—Breeze five for 9, Robinson three for 12.

Great Barford: G. Mardlin 6, S. Skevington 0, G. Robinson 8, A. Stead 2, W. Bridge 0, K. Tatman 0, J. Breeze 28, P. Minney 3, M. Maskell 0, R. West 1, J. Bourdon not out 1, extras 5, total 54.

**DIVISION II (SECTION I)**

Haynes v. Wilden  
Haynes: R. Daniels 3, A. Herbert 1, P. Baker 2, C. Joy 0, A. Cox 2, H. Herbert 7, R. Goodship 0, H. Ayres 0, J. Newbury 1, T. Jeffery 2, R. Clarke not out 0, extras 11, total 29.—V. Pell seven for 6, J. Ashpole three for 12.  
Wilden: W. Norman 3, E. Pell 14, V. Ashpole 4, V. Pell 0, J. Pell 2, J. Ashpole 20, F. Pell 27, R. Foster 4, J. Franks 4, J. Stone 8, E. Stanton not out 12, extras 6, total 104.—A. Herbert three for 28, C. Joy three for 24.

**DIVISION II (SECTION II)**

North Crawley v. Kempston West End  
North Crawley: E. Brandon 3, D. Savage 1, F. Savage 13, P. Wooding 6, P. Caves 1, F. Mitchell 0, T. Collier 1, P. Stanton 4, A. Goodman 1, P. Bora 0, G. Odderson not out 4, extras 2, total 36.—S. Smart six for 14, P. Percival three for 9.  
West End: D. Percival 4, A. Hyde 2, K. Jessop 2, S. Smart 24, L. Hills 11, B. Moore not out 1, extras 2, total 48 for five wickets.—P. Wooding two for 7.

**Cople v. Kempston Wood End**

Wood End: J. Fuller 32, W. Hutchings 1, R. Ashpole 24, C. Caves 4, R. Copperwheat 2, B. Childs 3, D. Jessop 2, T. Burroway 4, V. Ashpole 6, P. Lant 0, C. Fuller not out 1, extras 5, total 84.—R. Bennett two for 11, J. Cambers three for 19, F. Johnson four for 12.

Cople: W. Nevard 2, E. Hull 4, J. Cambers 2, B. Hillyard 1, F. Johnson 11, R. Bennett 0, D. Shingler 16, A. Worrall 2, D. Thacker 3, C. Graves not out 4, P. Burr 9, extras 4, total 58.—V. Ashpole three for 18, J. Fuller three for 14, W. Hutchings three for 8.

**Marston Sports v. Stevington**

Marston Sports: T. Thoburn 8, T. Jordan 25, D. Butt 38, L. Odell 11, H. Stapleton 44, E. Barnes 1, R. Stapleton not out 5, J. Parrott not out 16, M. Carr 21, extras 6, total for seven wickets 175.—W. Bird four for 75.  
Stevington: A. Wildman 15, G. Curtis not out 103, L. Myers 23, R. Cox 10, G. Ruffhead 2, L. Cook 8, G. Guy 10, J. Swain 0, J. Curtis not out 15, extras 17, total for seven wickets 203.—M. Carr four for 56.

Stagden v. Turvey  
Turvey: E. Hutchins 0, D. Skevington 11, R. Frost 8, J. Letts 6, F. Paynton 4, 8, West 6, D. Hillson 3, R. Wright 16, J. Kruthoffer not out 11, A. Sugars 5, E. Cocksings 0, extras 6, total 76.—P. Taylor two for 17, D. Hornsey four for 20, H. Newman three for 35.

Stagden: P. Newman 5, P. Taylor 0, L. Kershaw 3, D. Hornsey 3, H. Newman 1, F. Frossell 10, H. Ibbott 6, R. Tite 0, Woolton 2, Brookes 0, Clarke not out 1, total 31.—Paynton four for 26, Sugars six for 5.

**DIVISION III (SECTION I)**

Sharnbrook v. Little Staughton  
Little Staughton: Marshall 2, H. Parker 0, Topham 6, E. Robins 4, R. Robins 18, C. Parker 1, Brown 0, Smith 7, Howkins 3, Saunders not out 4, Jordan 2, extras 1, total 48.—R. Knight seven for 25, R. Odell three for 22.

Sharnbrook: H. Boyles 1, E. Ward 3, D. Dunkley 23, E. Carty 10, R. Odell 0, L. Pacey 2, J. Boyles 4, E. Blundell 3, Deighton not out 1, R. Knight 7, C. Brown 0, extras 7, total 61.—R. Robins five for 31, H. Parker three for 23.

**DIVISION III (SECTION II)**

Potton II v. Clapham II  
Clapham: C. Bottrell 2, J. Pettifer 2, R. Brawn 11, C. F. Loak 0, W. J. Loak 6, F. Baker not out 7, A. Cope 10, G. Hilslop 0, A. Devereux 0, W. Burton 0, J. Pickering 2, extras 10, total 50.

Potton: F. Gurney 4, J. Plummer 3, P. Hutchinson 19, J. Hutchinson 6, C. Munns 1, L. Boston 19, E. Blott 5, W. Warboys 1, G. Shearman 3, K. Hutchinson not out 8, L. Gurney 0, extras 1, total 70.

**Blunham II v. Tempsford**

Tempsford: Braybrooks 11, Childerley 1, Jones 0, Bettles 0, Ingram 12, Jackson 4, Dawes 5, Eaton 2, Jackson 0, Quince 1, Fuller 0, extras 1, total 35.—A. Sims six for 12.

Blunham: P. Abbott 33, G. Barker 1, I. Jefferies 2, P. Rawlins 8, M. Rawlins 0, E. Bred 2, A. Sims 0, H. Sims 0, J. Wakefield 0, T. Jefferies 1, R. Stevens 0, extras 3, total 50.—Dawes four for 15, Bettles three for 15.







**Bedford and District Cricket League**

**RAMBLERS COLLAPSE: FIVE RUNS BEHIND**

Marston won an exciting duel with South End Ramblers by five runs in a game in which fortunes fluctuated from one side to the other.

Marston's total of 80 owed much to their tail-enders and when Ramblers were 50 for three in reply, Marston's position looked hopeless. An amazing collapse followed, and Ramblers needed 25 to win when the last man came in. They made 20 but then Evans fell to Copperwheat, whose final analysis was six for 19.

Renhold could scarcely have thought their total of 24 would be a winning one against Blunham, but bowlers D. Stapleton and W. Harlow had other views, putting out Blunham for 18. Stapleton took six for 7 and Harlow three for 9. Not one batsman in either side reached double figures. In a second knock both teams showed batting improvement, Renhold hitting 54 and Blunham 41 for four.

B. Holley took five Staploe wickets without conceding a run and helped Thurleigh II to a 30 runs' victory. He was also top scorer in Thurleigh's innings, scoring 19. R. Berrill, second highest scorer with 14, took the other four Staploe wickets for 16 runs.

Nine Great Barford batsmen failed to score in their game with Pertenhall and the side was out for 15 in 10.5 overs. S. George and W. Presland shared the wickets at a cost of six and seven runs respectively. The first five wickets went for one run—a bye, Pertenhall totted 67.

Riseley again topped the 100 mark on Saturday, beating Great Staughton by 44 runs. All Riseley's batsmen made runs, W. Partridge being top scorer with 30. Second highest was W. Allen (17), and it was he who was largely responsible for Great Staughton's dismissal, taking six for 18.

R. Bennett, of Cople, performed one of the best bowling feats of the season on Saturday, when he took five Stagden wickets in one over. His final analysis was 7 overs 5 maidens 7 wickets 3 runs. Cople passed Stagden's total of 28 for the loss of one wicket.

**PREMIER DIVISION**

**Blunham v. Renhold**  
Renhold: D. Stapleton 0, 5; F. Harlow 4, 9; D. Penton 9, 7; J. Norman 1, 2; W. Harlow 0, 13; M. Jeffs 1, 1; F. Swann 1, 9; P. Harlow 0, 4; F. Joyce 2, 4; G. Allen 1, not out 0; G. Harlow not out 2, 0; extras 3, 0; totals 24 and 54.—B. Marles six for 8 and five for 11; F. Teaster four for 13. R. Sims two for 19.

Blunham: C. Saunders 0; C. Rawlins 3, not out 5; B. Marles 1, 10; R. Clarke 0; R. Rawlins 4, not out 11; F. Teaster 2, 12; G. Barker 0; R. Harding 2; R. Simms 3; W. Fordham 0; H. Sims not out 1, 2; extras 2, 3; totals 18 and (for four wks.) 41.—W. Harlow three for 9 and three for 20; D. Stapleton six for 7 and one for 18.

**Marston v. South End Ramblers**  
Marston: R. Copperwheat 6, C. Rowe 9, F. Lilley 1, F. Stapleton 1, A. Bunker 0, V. Hale 8, R. Berry 13, G. Pearce 10, W. Swales 15, K. Brightman not out 6, C. Copperwheat 0, extras 7, total 80.—N. Evans four for 30, K. Ferguson four for 34. Ramblers: G. Ferguson 1, A. Spice 13, G. Walker 18, J. Bosworth 15, K. Ferguson 0, R. Pallant 2, F. Roome 0, J. Sheridan 0, N. Evans 16, W. Nichols 2, S. Tompkins not out 4, extras 4, total 75.—C. Copperwheat six for 19, G. Pearce two for 19.

**DIVISION I**

**Pertenhall v. Great Barford**  
Pertenhall: C. Banks 31, O. Stapleton 1, S. George 6, S. Stapleton 1, L. Cottingham 3, K. Gentle 8, A. George 2, V. Roddis 4, W. Presland 3, C. Stapleton 2, C. Weller not out 0, extras 5, total 66.—P. Minney six for 15, J. Breeze four for 25.

Great Barford: K. Tatman 0, P. Usher 0, G. Robinson 0, W. Bridge 0, G. Marlin 0, A. Stead 0, J. Breeze 5, P. Minney 0, S. Skevington 8, M. West not out 0, R. West 0, extras 2, total 15.—S. George five for 6, W. Presland five for 7.

**DIVISION II (SECTION I)**

**Riseley v. Great Staughton**  
Riseley: H. Stringer 16, J. Pragnall 10, C. Holmes 2, L. Williams 8, G. Hopkins 8, A. Wise 5, W. Partridge 30, W. Allen 17, C. Clayton 6, J. Baines not out 8, G. T. Williams 12, extras 10, total 132.—Davidson five for 69.  
Great Staughton: H. Davidson 0, C. Heading 9, W. Allen 5, G. Morton 0, J. Malle 13, G. Mages 9, H. Stewart 9, A. Dawkes 11, W. Pell 8, O. Davidson 11, P. Heading not out 4, extras 7, total 88.—W. Allen six for 18.

**DIVISION II (SECTION II)**

**Cople v. Stagden**  
Stagden: A. Cooper 2, D. Hornsey 1, H. Newman 1, S. Dutton 11, F. Prossell 0, R. Tite 8, J. Alder 1, K. Brooks 0, J. Ibbott 0, A. Woolston not out 0, C. Clarke 0, extras 4, total 28.—R. Bennett seven for 3, E. Hull two for 21.  
Cople: W. Nevard 16, E. Hull 9, J. Cambers 4, R. Bennett 14, A. Shingler 0, A. Worrall 0, F. Johnson 9, P. Burr 0, D. Thacker 8, C. Graves not out 8, B. Hillyard 6, extras 11, total 85.—D. Hornsey four for 10, S. Dutton two for 24.

**DIVISION III (SECTION I)**

**Staploe v. Thurleigh II**  
Thurleigh II: L. Franklin 3, R. Berrill 14, D. Berrill 5, J. Warner 6, J. Palmer 5, B. Holley 19, F. Bull 6, P. Holley 0, C. Maddison 10, B. Ingle 1, G. Roberts not out 0, extras 1, total 67.—R. Smith four for 23, Brewer three for 19, P. Corn three for 25.  
Staploe: G. Beal 5, F. Corn 5, R. Daniels 1, R. Lambert 1, R. Smith 1, F. Jex 21, S. Robins 0, E. Smith 0, G. Staughton not out 1, J. Roberts 0, R. Brewer 1, extras 4, total 40.—R. Berrill four for 16, B. Holley five for 0.

**Sharnbrook v. Oakley**  
Sharnbrook: D. Dunkley 27, L. Pacey 0, E. Canty 7, J. Boyles 59, E. Ward 0, R. Marsh 1, S. Alcock 0, A. Hialop 0, R. Ward 0, E. Blundell not out 2, J. Deighton 11, extras 6, total 99.—J. Bryson five for 35, G. Rainbow four for 30.

Oakley: J. Briggs 26, J. Bryson 2, F. Rainbow 3, J. Scullion 5, J. Newell 0, R. Croft 5, J. Thompson 2, J. Saunders 4, G. Rainbow 0, B. Saunders not out 3, R. Blaks 0, extras 3, total 60.—Blundell five for 23, Alcock two for 16.

**DIVISION III (SECTION II)**

**Potton II v. Blunham II**  
Blunham: P. Abbott 5, G. Harding 10, M. Rawlins 0, P. Rawlins 0, 2, Jeffries 1, I. Wakefield 0, M. Daniels 6, A. Sims 0, T. Jeffries not out 6, J. Barker 1, G. Pitts 0, extras 5, total 34.—J. Hutchinson three for 13, C. Munns seven for 14.

Potton: E. Gurney 5, J. Plummer 2, K. Hutchinson 13, P. Hutchinson 39, C. Munns 8, L. Boston 2, J. Hutchinson 4, E. Giles not out 1, D. Hutchinson 0, J. Gray 0, L. Gurney 0, extras 4, total 78.—A. Sims seven for 21, R. Rawlins two for 28.

**Langford II v. Tempsford**  
Langford: C. Dille 47, D. Burton 2, W. Potton 5, G. Asgett 22, R. Smith 10, E. Rutt 7, C. Hawkins 4, L. Houghton 0, A. Wells 8, R. Payne 12, R. Woodward not out 0, extras 15, total 132.—Bettles four for 41, Dawes three for 21, Sawford two for 17.

Tempsford: B. Lowe 19, P. Dawes 6, E. Ingram 15, S. Braybrook 0, G. Childerley 8, R. Bettles not out 10, D. Jeffries 11, J. Sawford 1, S. Hope 0, L. Quince not out 0, extras 11, total (for eight wks.) 88.—C. Dille three for 20, R. Smith three for 24.

**Clapham II v. Haynes**  
Clapham: J. Pettifer 11, R. Devereux 11, C. Buttle 0, R. Smith 25, C. Loak 0, A. Cope 30, R. Brown 2, D. Brown 8, W. Loak 5, A. Devereux not out 4, F. Baker not out 0, extras 22, total (for nine wks. dec.) 118.—R. Daniels three for 27, D. Neale three for 28, D. Russell two for 5.

Haynes: R. Daniels 9, G. Potter 1, J. Newbury 18, B. Jefford 15, R. Clarke 4, D. Neale 1, A. Dear 3, A. Base 13, W. Russell 8, H. Simms 8, W. Newbury not out 7, extras 9, total 98.—C. Bottell five for 40, C. Loak two for 5, R. Smith three for 13.

**CRICKET FIXTURES**

**Saturday**

**FRIENDLIES**

Mill Hill v. Bedford Town.  
Dulwich College v. Bedford School.  
Harpur Sports v. March Town.  
Queen's Works v. Buckingham Town.  
St. Neots v. Bedford Argus.  
R.A.F. Wyton v. Tom-Fits.  
Britannia Works v. Elstow.  
R.A.F. Cardington v. Clifton.  
Kempston v. Shire Hall II.  
Cross and Co. v. Bedford Ramblers.  
Bedford Town II v. Mill Hill II.  
Bedford School II v. Dulwich College II.  
Wellington Grammar School v. Bedford Modern School II.  
Rodexian v. Harpur Sports II.  
Queen's Works II v. Siscoe.  
Carlton School v. Britannia Works II.  
L.B.C. Stewartby v. Cloekhouse L.B.C.  
Steppingley v. Ridsmont.

**BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE Premier Division**

Renhold v. Langford.  
South End Ramblers v. Sharnbrook.  
Marston v. Pavenham.

**Division I**

Great Barford v. Thurleigh.  
Mogerhanger v. Little Staughton.

**Sunday**

Southill Park v. Bedford Town.  
Dunstable Town v. Harpur Sports.  
Queen's Works v. Luton Corinthians.  
Igranie v. Bedford North End.  
R.A.F. Cardington v. Walsworth C.C.  
L.B.C. Stewartby v. Luton Clarendon.

**Monday**

**BEDFORD HOSPITAL CUP**  
Bedford Argus v. Thurleigh.

**Tuesday**

Bedford School v. M.C.C.

MCC Side Hard-Pressed by Bedford School

Two well-known B.C.C. commentators, Rex Alston and Peter West, and the celebrated actor, Trevor Howard, were among an M.C.C. side which was almost defeated by Bedford School at the School ground on Tuesday.

A stand of 54 by Rex Alston and Peter West probably saved the M.C.C. from defeat. When stumps were drawn the side were 150 for nine, over 100 runs short of the School's declared total of 264 for six.

R. W. Street and P. Smith gave the School a good start, and J. D. S. Hay, J. Smith and P. C. Eldridge all followed with fine, forceful innings against an attack which included the visiting professionals Alexander and Doshing, and the Oxford Triple Blue Stewart Pether. Hay hit 35 and J. Smith was untroubled with 68.

When the M.C.C. batted, the School captured 130 quick wickets for 29, but Trevor Howard stabilised the position with 19 in 31 minutes, and Rex Alston and Peter West put on 54. Collins made his off spinners accurately and with varied pace, taking four for 47.

Bedford School: R. W. Street c Howard b Alexander 24, P. Smith run out 40, J. D. S. Hay b Dowling 55, R. A. Collins c Nicholas b Wilkinson 16, R. S. Meeson c Alston b Pether 0, J. Smith not out 68, P. C. Eldridge b Alexander 47, Fry not out 5, extras 11, total (for six wkts.) dec 126.

M.C.C.: M. H. Jones Davies run out 5, D. Heddy b Murray-Clarke 7, P. Alexander c Street b Fry 1, Trevor Howard b Collins 19, Peter West c Collins 47, P. J. Nicholas b Collins 22, D. Heddy b Street 6, Rex Alston c Alexander 47, Fry not out 5, extras 11, total (for six wkts.) dec 126.

Bedford School Lose to Dulwich

A collapse in which seven wickets went for only 22 runs cost Bedford School their game against Dulwich College at Dulwich on Saturday.

After losing two quick wickets, Meeson and the Smith twins staged a great recovery, so that the School looked well-placed for a three-run margin when a chapter of accidents. P. Smith misjudged a full toss, Eldridge was caught off a wide fly, headed off his pads, and Cook ran out.

Eldridge was left single in the end, but they succeeded in just over three hours with six wickets to spare. Bedford School: R. W. Street c Lane b Taylor 6, P. C. Coley b Hinde 6, Taylor 0, P. Smith b Howard 21, M. S. Meeson b Hinde 6, Warren 6, J. Smith b Howard 2, P. C. Eldridge c Board b Cook 0, J. D. S. Hay c Warren 5, Fry b Cook 5, Cook run out 2, J. O. Murray-Clarke not out 5, G. W. Wilson 0, total 130.

Dulwich: B. Lane not out 69, P. T. R. Brown b Gray 29, G. W. Cook b Murray-Clarke 17, M. A. Shirley c Eldridge b Hay 2, S. J. Lam b Hay 9, C. B. Howland not out 1, extras 9, total (for four wkts.) 147.

Rain Mars Gentlemen's Game with School

Rain interrupted play for 73 hours in Bedford's home game with the Gentlemen of Bedfordshire at the School ground last week. Nevertheless, nearly 400 runs were scored, and the match resulted fairly in a draw.

R. W. Street hit 75 for the School—a really fine innings against some awkward hitting balls from Jenkins and Meakin. P. Smith (32) and R. A. Collins (not out 35) also played creditably.

S. T. Morris and G. Longworth put on 75 in 45 minutes in reply to the School's declared total of 115 for three, but found fielding by the Gentlemen 55 runs short of victory with six wickets standing at the close.

Bedford School: R. W. Street c Jones b Percy 75, D. Coley c Percy b Jenkins 2, P. Smith c Percy b Jenkins 32, R. A. Collins not out 35, extras 17, total (for three wkts.) dec 129. M. S. Meeson, J. Smith, P. C. Eldridge, J. D. S. Hay, Fry, Cook, and J. O. Murray-Clarke did not bat.

Gentlemen of Bedfordshire: D. C. Morris c Cook b Meakin 0, S. T. Morris c Fry b Hay 42, G. Longworth b Hay 51, G. S. S. Gilbert b J. Smith 17, K. Williams in reply to the School's declared total of 115 for three, total (for four wkts.) dec 129. P. J. Slater, K. V. Percy, J. A. R. Oliver, D. Meakin, and D. G. Jenkins did not bat.

Newman and Hoar in Form for Harpur

The match between Harpur Sports and Dunstable Town Sunday XI's at Dunstable resulted in a draw, the Bedford side finishing 71 runs behind with 200 wickets in hand.

Dunstable elected to bat first on a perfect wicket. Gilbert headed Mills with the second ball of the match, but Martin and Garwood put on 20 for the second wicket before Garwood was bowled. Martin continued in the side and completed his century, 84 minutes before tea, when the innings was declared closed at 202 for three. Martin was missed twice while in the nick.

Harpur were left with two hours' batting. R. Webster was bowled in the first over. Then Hoar and Lowmes took the score to 40 before Lowmes was run out. Hoar was joined by his captain, J. Newman, who raised hopes of a Harpur victory by quickly hitting 47, including one glorious six and six fours. Hoar batted extremely well for an hour, being bowled in attempting a drive. Jarrett defended stubbornly, while Insley followed Newman's example, scoring 20 quick runs, all in boundaries. Rain stopped play for about 15 minutes during Harpur's innings, and at the close they were 151 for eight.

Dunstable: G. Mills 0, B. Martin not out 110, J. Garwood 42, D. G. Cook 4, D. Bird not out 27, extras 9, total (for three wkts.) dec 202.

Harpur: R. Webster 0, D. Hoar 35, R. Lowmes 11, J. Newman 47, M. Gussard 2, J. Mack 0, A. Martin 6, G. Jarrett 2, A. Insley not out 29, P. Gilbert not out 0, extras 2, total (for eight wkts.) 151.

Weaver's v. Randall's

Weaver's: R. Clark 25, W. Smith 14, H. Barrow 2, E. Bowler 14, E. Coppershead 4, P. Denton 22, Davies 0, P. Parry 12, H. Coppershead 4, D. Bowler not out 11, W. Appleby 0, extras 5, total 101. Wilson four for 21, Stock two for 51.

Randall's: J. Ager 25, J. Skevington 1, K. Amis 10, G. Stock 0, R. Norman 0, A. Wilson 15, P. Pearce 9, D. Brown 1, M. Harris not out 0, P. Binstead 0, B. Hulatt 0, extras 10, total 65. R. Clark six for 25, B. Parry four for 5.

Bedfordshire Times v. Grafton Granes

Times: Spavin 1, Litchfield 21, N. Wilson 4, Martin 24, Phillips 0, Galley not out 22, Lee 5, Crippen 4, D. H. Harris 10, total (for six wkts.) 44. Grafton: Harris 22, Ayres 1, Collins 5, Sanders 12, Woodard 0, Lovell 1, H. Jackson 2, Street 0, Wells 0, R. Jackson 0, Denton not out 1, extras 16, total 60. Lee four for 15, R. Wilson three for 12, Galley two for 2.

R. B. Sanders v. Bedfordshire Times

Times: Spavin 0, Moon 15, Waple 0, Bowker 5, Harris 2, Young 4, Galley 0, May 0, Lee 1, Payne not out 0, extras 0, total 30. Harris six for 10, Lambert three for 15.

R.B.S.: Wright 2, Atkins not out 44, Pettit 4, Baynaston 22, Clark 1, Gosnell 12, Reek 4, Morris 21, Lambert 0, Reece 0, extras 8, total (for nine wkts.) 112. Lee two for 29, Moon two for 16, Galley two for 7.

Diemer and Reynolds v. Bedfordshire Times

Times: Sayer retired hurt 10, Coleman 22, Sharp not out 30, Young 4, Hughes not out 28, extras 5, total (for three wkts.) 107.

Diemer's: Spring 4, Plummer 35, Fry 0, Hall 6, McMahon 0, Cox not out 20, Fowler 3, Cripp not out 0, extras 11, total (for six wkts.) 94. Reynolds: Galley two for 12.

Salford v. Mauden II

Salford: C. Lett 8, M. Sturges 3, G. Hutton 3, J. Hall 1, S. Watling 27, S. Higgins 0, J. Hunt 1, J. Rose 1, B. White 3, R. Res. 2, W. Sturges not out 0, extras 12, total 77. B. Robinson four for 11.

Mauden's: E. Page 12, S. Willmer 2, L. Homan 0, B. Husk 5, I. Kirby 4, R. Maga 0, B. Blanton 6, F. Arnold 4, J. Wallis 17, R. Tatum not out 4, H. Sayer 10, extras 5, total 70. M. Sturges six for 27.

Carlton School v. Britannia Works II

Carlton School: B. Harris 0, Patterson 1, S. Shas 1, R. Harris 0, Price 17, Larkins 1, Burroughs 21, Edcock 2, Mackenzie 2, total not out 5, Paddon 1, extras 9, total 24. Mellor five for 52, Humphreys four for 34.

Britannia: P. Wathan 4, H. Proudlock 1, J. Olliv 7, H. Harvey 5, W. Farrah 11, D. Powell 1, H. Stapleton 1, D. Mellor 0, P. Humphreys 0, S. Hill 0, D. Knuzit not out 2, extras 6, total 29. Harris seven for 19, Shas two for 10.

Renhold v. Goldington Sports

Goldington: J. Dean 0, A. Binck 0, I. H. Whales 1, R. Bramwell 0, P. Lane 5, S. Evans 17, P. Jelby not out 4, W. Eaton 0, D. Cox not out 1, extras 1, total (for eight wkts.) 40. W. Harlow three for 15, A. Dincombe two for 9.

Renhold: F. Jove 10, G. Harlow 5, A. Dincombe 1, P. Harlow 1, P. Carter 1, F. Bookett 0, D. Stapleton 0, J. Woodson 0, E. Edwards 0, D. Constant 0, W. Harlow not out 4, extras 5, total 22. S. Evans four for 17, J. Dean four for 12.

Queen's Works "A" v. Great Barford

Queen's Works "A": Williams for M. Marchant 23, Cottenham 1, Beard 22, Mares not out 26, Wilson 0, Piramore not out 4, extras 10, total (for five wkts.) 149. R. West two for 14.

Great Barford: A. Norman not out 2, G. Mardin 4, G. Robinson 21, J. Jeffs 14, J. Newell 14, P. Usher 7, S. Skevington not out 5, extras 7, total (for five wkts.) 67.

R.A.F. Cardington v. R.A.F. Henlow

R.A.F. Henlow: Heath 21, Wilson 57, Pearce not out 5, J. Mather not out 37, extras 1, total (for two wkts.) dec 129.

R.A.F. Cardington: Sater 1, Canale 2, Gough 0, Burneck 40, Crossland 0, Price 4, Hampton 11, Jarrett 5, Rosen 0, French not out 5, total not out 0, extras 9, total (for five wkts.) 64.

R.A.F. Cardington v. Walsworth C.C.

Walsworth: go (Oxston three for 10, Price three for 10, Williams two for 15, French two for 21).

R.A.F. Cardington: Sater 11, French 1, Hancock 1, Batten not out 18, Price not out 42, extras 3, total (for three wkts.) 94.

R.A.F. Cardington v. Clifton C.C.

R.A.F. Cardington: Sater 7, Standbrook 0, Crossland 6, Barden 0, French 0, Dudge 30, Cockin 19, Oxston 0, Vernon 5, Hancock not out 14, Williams 4, extras 1, total 62. Clifton: Watkinson 11, Walters 17, Sanderson not out 20, Wright 22, Watts 0, extras 17, total (for four wkts.) 67.

Willington v. Astell's

Willington: D. Hill 11, P. Maybury 12, D. Jones 5, W. Leonard 5, I. Hill 14, D. Jeffs 15, E. Wood 1, H. Cooper 1, N. Sawyer 2, total 2, G. Humphreys 1, G. Leonard 0, extras 7, total 70. Patridge six for 14, Astell three for 2.

Astell's: Devenck 1, B. Astell 4, Jones 4, Patridge 6, J. Astell 0, Fisher 5, E. West 11, Craker 0, W. West not out 0, Turner 0, extras 7, total 42. Wood three for 14, I. Hill three for 6, D. Hill three for 11.

Arley Old Timers v. London Brick Co.

Delightful weather and an appreciative crowd greeted this match on Saturday at the Bury Meadow, Arley. The Old Timers won by 40 runs.

Old Timers: Dr. J. V. M. Davies 4, C. Harris 1, R. Lynn 0, J. Vine 11, E. G. Abbot 0, E. Bailey 5, W. G. Abbot 32, R. Page 21, N. Neill 6, Mac 0, W. Archer not out 0, extras 17, total 123.

L.B.C.C.: P. Kingsley 3, A. Papworth 13, L. Abbot 2, H. Fosse 0, P. Albone 1, V. Pavey 4, Cooper 4, S. Breacher 0, W. Breacher not out 11, D. Arher 0, B. Breacher 25, extras 14, total 85.

The sum of £18 10s 4d was collected for Arley over 60's Club.

Icranio v. North End Club

North End: D. Pakering 0, W. Beadsome 3, R. Wesley 10, G. Footler 0, R. Sherrills 0, R. Stanley 0, R. Simmons 3, E. Taylor 3, R. Stevens 0, S. Cole 17, J. Summerfield not out 0, extras 13, total 152. Collins four for 22.

Icranio: D. Studman 4, C. Franklin 10, B. Moore 2, D. Feinton 5, G. Collins 8, E. Warwick 4, B. York 8, P. Swain 5, K. Hilder 2, D. Gray 1, N. De Souza 0, extras 10, total 60. K. Simmons four for 19, R. Stevens three for 31.

Icranio v. Rheostatle (Slough)

Rheostatle: go (Warwick five for 40, Collins three for 0).

Icranio: D. Studman 36, G. Collins 1, B. York 13, C. Franklin 12, A. Taylor 0, R. Newman 2, W. Eaton not out 9, G. Tucker not out 11, extras 1, total (for eight wkts.) 71. Harris six for 50.

Randall's: J. Ager 30, H. Goff 15, A. Hinkley 1, K. Amis 0, G. Stock 1, A. Wilson not out 30, P. Binstead 11, R. Gaves not out 3, extras 19, total (for six wkts.) 107. Dimmock five for 37.

Bacchus v. Borough of Bedford

Borough: Hargreaves 8, Wisler 0, Watson 29, Collinge 1, Wells 0, Bott not out 5, Stapleton 21, Jones not out 1, extras 19, total (for six wkts.) 75. Jarrett four for 40, Cheade two for 24.



Bedford and District Cricket League

TURVEY LOSE BY THREE RUNS AT WEST END

There was an exciting finish to the Bedford and District League match between West End and Turvey at West End on Saturday, the visitors losing by three runs.

With the exception of F. Loft, who contributed 34 to West End's total of 52, this was an unlovely day for batsmen of both teams. Pavenham and South End made their mark at most West End batsmen, Sargent doing the honours and then finishing the over by taking another wicket.

Turvey's innings started well, and at 50 for three they were in a healthy position. But West End quickly skilful on the remaining batsmen to win by three runs.

Sharnbrook can largely thank R. Dunkley for their well-deserved victory over South End Ramblers at Bedford Park. His score of 50 was the backbone of a moderate total. The best batting contribution was in extras.

South End had good time in which to get the runs, but only Walker and Spruce looked comfortable against Benson, Bundred, and Martin. A change of a drive was lost by fall-out-men who threw wickets away when a win was out of the question.

A fine spell of bowling by Copperwheat played a large part in Marston's win by 52 runs over Pavenham. Copperwheat's analysis was 12 overs, 7 maidens, 7 wickets, 7 runs.

Marston started badly, losing six wickets for 55, and again it was the later batsmen who helped the side to a respectable total. N. Wesley and J. Turner put on 27 for Pavenham's first wicket, but then Copperwheat found his form and in his second spell of seven overs took seven wickets for four runs.

In the game between Cople and Stevenage, batsmen found the Cople wicket to their liking, although there were some good batting performances. Stevenage's G. Curtis scored his 67 out of 8, and during that time R. Bennett looking into the wind, collected only 21 runs. E. Hill landed roundly for Cople, scoring 42 out of 50 and being caught out. G. Curtis was again only 51 runs in 19 overs.

PREMIER DIVISION

Marston v. Pavenham

Marston: C. Rowe 7, R. Copperwheat 7, R. Berry 6, E. Hill 5, F. Loft 10, A. Stapleton 4, G. Pearce 0, W. Seales 17, A. Bunker 9, K. Bickham not out 0. C. Copperwheat 0, extras 12; total 78. G. Sealey four for 35. J. Turner three for 19. J. Pearson two for 14.

Pavenham: N. Wesley 8, J. Turner 16, J. Blakenore 2, S. Coleman 3, A. Wesley 0, G. Sealey 3, M. Hicks 4, J. Bradley 0, C. Whitworth 0, J. Pearson 2, A. Howe 1, extras 5, total 36. C. Copperwheat seven for 7, K. Brighting one for 5, A. Stapleton one for 5, G. Pearce one for 10.

South End Ramblers v. Sharnbrook

Sharnbrook: H. Gray 10, D. Dunkley 7, F. Dowdswell 16, D. Clayton 20, R. Dunkley 30, H. Martin 7, G. Bostes 10, A. Garity 7, J. Bowler 4, L. Bundred 3, D. Benson not out 0, extras 25, total 139. W. Evans six for 47. S. Tompkins three for 29.

South End: O. Ferguson 0, A. Spruce 19, F. Walker 24, J. Burworth 22, R. Plant 2, L. Jones 8, W. Evans 20, F. Rome 1, J. Sheridan 0, S. Tompkins 0, W. Nichols not out 0, extras 15, total 105. D. Benson three for 26, L. Bundred three for 33, H. Martin two for 52.

Table with 7 columns: Team, Runs, Wickets, Overs, Extras, Total, Points. Includes Pavenham, Marston, Sharnbrook, South End Ramblers, Langford, Blunham.

DIVISION I

Great Barford v. Thurlleigh

Thurlleigh: C. Asplin 1, R. Maddison 11, L. Franklin 11, B. Holley 8, J. Thomas 0, D. Berrill 6, J. Warner 5, R. Berrill 14, M. Ellison 4, J. Palmer 7, W. Asplin not out 2, extras 7, total 71. R. West two for 2, P. Minney two for 11, J. Breeze three for 21.

Table with 7 columns: Team, Runs, Wickets, Overs, Extras, Total, Points. Includes Great Barford, P. Usher 21, 8, Stevenage 9, A. Stead 7, G. Robinson 6, W. Baker 12, J. Breeze 6, G. Martin 1, P. Minney 0, J. Jellie 1, R. West not out 2, J. Boudon 0, extras 5, total 72.

DIVISION II (SECTION I)

Haynes v. Wyoston

Haynes: R. Daniels 8, 10, J. Newton 9, G. A. Bennett 0, F. Smith 0, S. C. Joy 24, G. C. Bunnage 7, 7, B. Jelford 0, 3, H. Herbert 15, 16, V. Cox 0, 0, D. Russell 1, 4, W. Newcomb 2, 0, extras 3, totals 65 and 60.

Wyoston: O. Folger 0, 11, J. Darlington 0, 8, W. Peet 2, 9, R. Whiddon 0, 1, 0, W. Lavelle 2, 9, Yates 0, 1, A. Usher 1, A. Darlington 0, 4, R. Ellis 0, 4, A. Atto 0, 7, A. Evans 1, 6, extras 6, 20, totals 19 and 70.

Table with 7 columns: Team, Runs, Wickets, Overs, Extras, Total, Points. Includes Wyoston, Haynes, Great Staughton, Wyoston, Haynes, Bekwell, Colmworth.

DIVISION II (SECTION II)

Cople v. Stevenage

Stevenage: A. Whitman 2, G. Curtis 67, W. Bird 0, L. Cook 7, G. Guy 1, C. Cox 7, J. Swain 9, S. Albery 5, J. Bottom 3, A. Cox not out 13, H. Dart 1, extras 2, total 117. R. Bennett five for 30, D. Skinkler five for 42.

Kempston West End v. Turvey

West End: W. Bailey 2, K. Jessop 1, F. Loft 34, P. Percival 0, C. Anthony 3, T. Prudden 1, D. Loft 0, R. Darlow 0, R. Loft 0, A. Hyde 1, M. Darwood 6, Curtis five for 31, W. End three for 24, G. Guy one for 29.

Stagsden v. Marston Sports

Marston Sports: Ingham 10, Barnes 4, Jorden 0, Carr 17, Butt not out 30, Odell 3, R. Stapleton 5, H. Stapleton 0, Bundred not out 13, extras 5, total 77. Seven wkts dec 119. Horsely two for 40, Dutton two for 30, Kershaw three for 25.

Stagsden: Kershaw 0, Cooper 1, Newman 4, Dutton 5, Hornsey 3, Fossell 2, Alder 1, Brooks 1, Abbott 0, Wexleton 3, Clarke not out 0, extras 4, total 35. Carr one for 19, Guss one for 6.

Table with 7 columns: Team, Runs, Wickets, Overs, Extras, Total, Points. Includes West End Club, Stevenage, Cople, Kempston West End, Turvey, Stagsden, North Crawley.

DIVISION III (SECTION I)

Staploe: ... 6, 3, 1, 0, 10, Thurlleigh II: ... 7, 4, 3, 0, 8, Blunham II: ... 6, 3, 5, 0, 6, Little Staughton II: ... 0, 2, 4, 0, 4, Oakley: ... 7, 2, 5, 0, 4.

DIVISION III (SECTION II)

Blunham II v. Langford II

Langford: L. King 10, G. Dilley 6, D. Burton 2, G. Aggett 0, R. Smith 2, E. Butt 0, W. Potten 0, C. Hawkins 0, R. Payne 4, A. Wells 1, C. Kirby not out 0, extras 11, total 33. G. Barker five for 6, J. Jellies two for 6.

DIVISION III (SECTION II)

Wrestlingworth v. Roston

Wrestlingworth: W. Hunt 5, L. Rahone 21, R. Franklin 2, K. Robinson 0, R. Walker 10, V. Bentley 29, J. Hamerbottom 0, W. Dabey 4, R. Lee 12, L. Canon 0, A. Bennett 5, extras 4, total 92. Clark took four wickets.

Table with 7 columns: Team, Runs, Wickets, Overs, Extras, Total, Points. Includes Wrestlingworth, Blunham II, Potten II, Kempford, Roston, Wrestlingworth, Clapham II, Haynes II.

Hospital Cup

BLUNHAM PUT OUT BY HARPUR "A"

P. Gilbert and B. Cornell ran through Blunham's side for 40 runs to give Harpur Sports "A" a 35 runs victory.

Harpur batted first and were soon in trouble against the excellent attack of B. Maries and F. Tester. Four wickets fell for 27, and J. Newman (55) and T. Martin (15) were the only players to reach double figures. Newman was dropped at after an expensive mis-b. B. Maries' analysis was eight for 25.

C. Saunders and C. Rawlins put on 25 for Blunham in an opening stand, but when they were parted the remaining batsmen offered little resistance.

Before the start of the game the teams and officials stood in silence in memory of Mr. Eaden, who died on Saturday last. Mr. Madden was President of Harpur C.C.

Harpur: A. R. Webster 5, A. Webster 5, G. Robertson 0, J. Newman 55, D. Hoar 0, A. Martin 15, R. King 5, A. Looby not out 0, B. Atkins 0, P. Gilbert 3, H. Cornell 2, extras 7, total 75. B. Maries eight for 29, F. Tester two for 25.

Blunham: C. Saunders 7, C. Rawlins 10, R. Clarke 1, R. Harding 5, R. Rawling 1, B. Maries 1, F. Tester 0, W. Fordham 0, F. Jarvis 1, W. Pace 2, R. Simms not out 0, total 40. P. Gilbert six for 25, B. Cornell four for 15.

Thurleigh Win Replay

The first encounter having ended in a tie, the replay between Thurleigh and Bedford Argus was in Bedford Park on Monday. After another exciting game Thurleigh won by 14 runs.

Argus batted first and knocked up 105, of which Jack Hejler made 75 not out.

D. Berrill contributed largely to Thurleigh's success when his three cautions to the wicket and knocked five boundaries, including a six, in a quick-inn 39.

Argus: J. Hejler not out 75, H. E. Jones 16, A. H. Dexter 3, B. Peters 1, J. Savage 2, H. J. Page not out 7, extras 1, total (for four wickets) 105.

Thurleigh: W. Martin 13, A. Ellison 20, S. Asplin not out 50, J. Westwell 8, D. Berrill 50, K. Wastfall not out 21, extras 10, total (for four wickets) 149.

Semi-Finals Draw

The draw for the semi-finals to be played on or before 24th July, has resulted as follows:

Kilnabe of Biggleswade v. Silsoe or Queen's Works 'A' umpires Messrs A. Denton and Hyde.

Harpur Sports 'A' or Thurloch 'A' Bedford Town 'A' or Crayke 'A' umpires Messrs Dunham and Cox.

CRICKET FIXTURES

To-day (Friday)

HOSPITAL CUP: Kilnabe v. Biggleswade (Bedford Park, 6.30 p.m.)

Saturday

FRIENDLIES: Bedford Town v. Wisden Town, Northampton Brewery v. Harpur Sports, Bedford Modern School v. Kink Edward's School.

Queen's Works v. Letchworth Tabulators, Bedford Argus v. Shore Hill, Tom-Tits v. Kimlifford.

Biggleswade v. Bedford North End, Britannia Works v. Weaver Manufacturing.

Wisden Town II v. Bedford Town II, R.A.F. Cardington v. Bedford Ramblers, Harpur Heavy Linton, Vauxhall Linton II v. Britannia Works II, Letchworth Tabulators 'A' v. Queen's Works 'A'.

Kempston v. Eading, R.F.E.A. STEWARDS v. Colmworth House, Abchurch II v. Steppingley.

BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

Premier Division: Langford v. Potten, Blunham v. Sharnbrook, Pavenham v. South End Ramblers, Reinhold v. Marston.

Sunday

Queen's Works v. Bedford Town, Twenty Club, Bambyes v. Harpur Sports, Potten v. R.A.F. Cardington.

Tuesday

Silsoe v. Queen's Works (Hospital Cup), Wednesday: Lincolnshire v. Bedfordshire (Grimsby), Harpur 'A' v. Crayke (Hospital Cup, Bedford Park, 6.30 p.m.)

Bedford and District Cricket League

LAST MAN STUMPED WITH SCORES LEVEL

Excitement ran high at Pertenhall on Saturday, when the Bedford and District League, Division I, match between Pertenhall and Little Staughton ended in a tie.

Little Staughton, batting first, lost half their side for 10, after which the tail-enders added valuable runs and the last two wickets yielded 27.

Needing 68 to win, Pertenhall began well, their first wicket falling at 24. Then three more batsmen were dismissed for only two runs, but with the fifth and sixth wickets each adding 12, the total reached 58 for seven.

When the last man went in Pertenhall needed two to tie. J. Elliott hit a two, but he was stumped off the next ball with the scores level.

South End Ramblers registered their fourth victory in the Premier Division by winning at Pavenham. Wesley and Turner gave the home side a good start. Then two lucky wickets swung the game round, and Evans and Tompkins, supported by good fielding, ran through the rest of the side.

F. Walker, with Ferguson and Pallant in turn as partners, left South End needing only seven runs for victory with seven wickets in hand. And then, a little too late, Pavenham "discovered" J. Crawley, a newcomer, whose spin bowling at one end was as unplayable as that of Scoley at the other end.

Thurleigh put Clapham in to bat, and claimed five wickets for 19 runs. Some good hitting by R. Pickering (58) saved Clapham from complete collapse.

Set to beat 6-5, Thurleigh also began badly, and only D. Berrill (20) and A. Ellison (19) could play the good bowling of Bick (five for 10). Wicket-keeper A. Cope, who took two hard catches, also helped Clapham to a six runs victory.

Ickwell fought back gallantly against Riseley after eight wickets had fallen for 24, but the addition of 41 runs by the last two wickets failed to save them from defeat. Riseley, who made 58, owed much to W. Allen, who took six Ickwell wickets for 15.

A good all-round batting performance by Turvey put them in a reasonably safe position with a score of 101, made in two hours. North Crawley started badly in reply, losing three wickets for 14 runs, but they improved and were only 15 runs short when the eighth wicket fell.

Time was running out, and Sargent saved the day for Turvey by taking the last Crawley wicket in the final over. The day's best performance was by Wooding and F. Savage, of North Crawley, who added 58 for the fourth wicket.

PREMIER DIVISION

**Pavenham v. South End Ramblers**  
Pavenham: N. Wesley 11, J. Turner 11, J. Blackmore 3, S. Coleman 1, A. Wesley 2, G. Scoley 3, J. Pearson 0, C. Gladie 4, J. Crawley 2, C. Whitworth 4, A. Howe not out 2, extras 2, total 49.—N. Evans seven for 22, S. Tompkins two for 19.  
South End Ramblers: A. Spice 1, O. Ferguson 10, F. Walker 10, J. Bosworth 0, R. Pallant 16, L. Jones 3, W. Evans 2, F. Roome 6, S. Tompkins 2, W. Nichols not out 0, extras 0, total (for nine wkts.) 55.—O. Scoley five for 17, J. Crawley four for 5.

**Blinham v. Sharnbrook**  
Sharnbrook: H. Gray 6, D. Dunkley 0, D. Doveswell 7, R. Dunkley 24, D. Clayton 21, G. Boyles 8, R. Marsh 0, T. Brigg 8, J. Boyles not out 5, L. Blundell 5, D. Benson 0, extras 8, total 62.—R. Rawlins five for 46, F. Fester four for 14.  
Blinham: C. Saunders 9, R. Harding 3, B. Maries 8, C. Rawlins 10, R. Clarke 14, R. Rawlins 4, F. Jarvis 3, F. Tester 0, R. Sims 7, I. Wakelind 0, B. Stevens not out 1, extras 1, total 66.—Benson five for 25, R. Dunkley five for 25.

**Renhold v. Marston**  
Renhold: F. Harlow 11, F. Joyce 4, D. Fenton 1, J. Norman 0, W. Harley 3, D. Stapleton 17, P. Swain 1, P. Harcus 8, G. Allen 7, R. Carter 0, R. Price 6, extras 3, total 61.—Copperwheat five for 19, Swales four for 20.  
Marston: R. Copperwheat 12, C. How 5, F. Illies 16, D. Stapleton not out 51, A. Stapleton 11, A. Bunker not out 2, R. Berry 2, extras 14, total (for five wkts.) 111.

DIVISION I

**Thurleigh v. Clapham**  
Clapham: S. Wiles 2, R. Devereux 7, R. Norton 1, R. Smith 0, T. Buck 1, R. Pickering 59, A. Cope 1, R. Facey 3, W. Look 12, Wooding 0, G. Hoffmann not out 2, extras 0, total 65.—W. Asplin four for 16, J. Wagstaff two for 10, B. Holley two for 14, J. Palmer two for 17.  
Thurleigh: R. Maddison 0, J. Palmer 1, L. Franklin 5, A. Ellison 16, D. Berrill 20, K. Wagstaff 2, B. Ingle 0, R. Berrill 8, B. Holley 0, W. Asplin 0, J. Wagstaff not out 1, extras 3, total 57.—T. Buck five for 10, R. Pickering two for 18, W. Look two for 26.

**Little Staughton v. Pertenhall**  
Little Staughton: O. Stapleton 3, E. Robbins 2, S. Hall 2, G. Robbins 1, F. Queney 1, R. Thorne 9, S. Marshall 9, L. Saunders 8, C. Brown not out 15, R. Robbins 10, J. Robbins 5, extras 4, total 67.—W. Presland four for 14, S. George four for 26, I. Cottingham one for 6.  
Pertenhall: C. Banks 14, O. Stapleton 2, S. George 1, L. Cottingham 0, K. Gentle 9, W. Presland 11, O. Stapleton 5, S. Stapleton 9, S. Dawson 3, J. Elliott 2, C. Weller not out 0, extras 9, total 67.—C. Brown five for 12, R. Robbins five for 38.

**Moxehanger v. Great Barford**  
Moxehanger: E. Wilsher 7, O. W. Wilsher 0, C. Watts 3, 4, D. Jones 0, J. F. Reid 0, 10, S. Reid 6, 4, K. Reid 12, G. R. Reid 2, C. Street 0, 2, E. Street 1, P. Thomas not out 0, D. extras 0, totals 43 and 40.—1st innings bowling: R. West three for 5, Breeze three for 11, P. Minley three for 12.  
Great Barford: P. Usher 4, S. Skevington 2, C. Robinson 5, G. Robinson 3, W. Bridge 9, J. Breeze 0, J. Jeffs 10, P. Minley 5, M. West 0, R. West not out 3, J. Bourdon 2, extras 2, total 49.

**Marston II v. Felmersham**  
Felmersham: A. Betts 2, 2, A. Cattalano 2, 2, V. Bowler 2, 2, J. Turner 19, 1, J. Mackenzie 1, 3, B. Cockings 2, 0, D. Parker 0, 1, D. Lovell 2, 3, H. Lawson not out 7, not out 3, G. Constant 0, 2, S. Lovell 17, 0, extras 2, totals 64 and 31.—V. Hale seven for 15, A. Goodman one for 10 and five for 7, S. Knight four for 11, A. Knight one for 11.  
Marston II: G. Nichols 0, 2, T. Claridge 4, 1, S. Ingle 0, not out 15, D. Faulkner 1, 30, V. Hale 1, 0, A. Knight 2, 0, T. Ellis 3, 0, C. Caves 0, 14, R. Burridge not out 7, 2, A. Goodman 1, not out 0, S. Knight 4, extras 2, 6, totals 25 and 62 for eight wkts.—S. Lovell seven for 8 and three for 24, D. Parker three for 15 and one for 19, A. Betts three for 2.

DIVISION II (SECTION I)

**Riseley v. Ickwell**  
Riseley: H. Strinzer 2, J. Pragall 12, C. Holmes 3, F. Williams 20, W. Partridge 20, J. Barnes retired hurt 8, O. Hopkins 15, W. Allen 3, C. Clayton 2, A. Lammie 1, G. T. Williams total out 2, extras 2, total 61.—Dilkeigh four for 21, H. Norman four for 37, Ickwell: E. Ruhs 1, L. Humphreys 1, R. Milton 4, H. Norman 2, E. Dilkeigh 2, C. Thompson 20, B. Bygraves 11, E. Shelton 0, R. Marston 3, M. Sims 5, T. Norman not out 14, extras 2, total 65.—W. Allen six for 15.

DIVISION II (SECTION II)

**Stevington v. Kempston West End**  
Stevington: A. Wildman 7, O. Curtis 17, W. Bird 0, L. Cook 1, R. Cox 0, S. Albery 2, G. Guy 0, J. Swain 0, A. Cox 4, J. Ingram 0, H. Dart not out 0, extras 1, total 38.—F. Lott six for 12, D. Lott two for 6, D. King two for 6.  
West End: P. Percival 2, W. Bailey 0, F. Lott 20, K. Jessop 4, C. Anthony 0, D. Lott 0, D. King 1, C. Viewing 0, D. Darlow not out 1, P. Jackson 7, M. Darwood 2, extras 7, total 45.—G. Curtis five for 11, W. Bird four for 28.  
North Crawley v. Turvey  
Turvey: E. Hutchins 8, D. Skevington 13, B. Frost 0, H. Sargent 16, J. Letts 9, S. West 3, F. Pavton 12, J. Kruthoffer 13, R. Wright 2, D. Hibson not out 3, A. Suggs 2, extras 13, total 101.—B. Howe 6, total 61.—Buck two for 13, W. Hedge two for 21.  
North Crawley: Howe 0, Wooding 31, Hedge 1, Mitchell 0, Savage 27, Branden 3, Lancaster 4, D. Savage 11, Stanton 2, Goodman not out 1, Addison 1, extras 10, total 91.—Suggs four for 33, Pavton two for 13, West two for 13, Sargent two for 19.

Cople v. Marston Sports

Cople: E. Hull 2, C. Graves 2, J. Cambers 4, R. Bennett 20, B. Hilliard 7, D. Thacker 0, P. Barr 2, F. Johnson 0, D. Slaughter 4, A. Hart not out 3, P. Jennings 0, extras 3, total 33.—R. Wilby five for 32, H. Guess three for 16, E. Barnes two for 2.  
Marston Sports: T. Tholburn 2, E. Barnes 14, H. Stapleton 2, L. Odell 4, H. Guess 6, R. Stapleton 0, F. Boffield not out 0, J. Parrott 3, R. Wilby 0, R. Gilbe 0, extras 1, total 44.—R. Bennett 10 for 18, E. Hull two for 12, F. Johnson one for 13.

DIVISION III (SECTION I)

**Sharnbrook II v. Little Paxton**  
Sharnbrook: L. Facey 7, H. Boyles 16, E. Canty 8, E. Ward 4, R. Whitman 2, J. Bance 16, J. Dewinton 6, E. Blundell 1, R. Knight 11, R. Ward not out 8, C. Brown 1, extras 2, total 72.—Abbott three for 34, Gould five for 27, Humphrey two for 19.  
Little Paxton: E. Day 13, A. Peck 2, T. Gould 1, A. Abbott 3, G. Quince 3, Humphrey 4, D. Smith 0, Groombridge 0, J. Barnes 0, G. Jackson not out 0, Ruff 0, total 29.—E. Ward four for 1, Bance four for 8, Knight two for 7.

**Oakley v. Thurleigh II**  
Thurleigh: F. Bull 5, F. Holley 1, R. Lovell 0, J. Thorne 3, M. Pavey 0, 3, D. Green 1, J. Warner 2, F. Hooker 0, C. Maddison 0, P. Hogg not out 1, R. Whitmore 0, extras 3, total 24.—2nd Innings: Holley 3, Lovell 7, Thorne 4, Pavey not out 6, Green 30, Warner 21, Maddison 2, extras 4, total (for five wkts.) 77.—Bird four for 9 and four for 25, Rainbow three for 12 and one for 25, Bryson one for 15.  
Oakley: C. Bird 2, J. Briggs 0, J. Bryson 0, J. Scullion 2, J. Newall 15, R. Higg 11, T. Thompson 3, O. Rainbow 4, R. Clifton 0, J. Saunders 1, B. Dolekhan not out 0, extras 1, total 64.—2nd Innings: Bird 0, Briggs 9, Bryson 12, Scullion 7, Newall not out 0, Higg not out 0, extras 2, total (for four wkts.) 30.—Thorne five for 11, Hooker four for 16 and one for 11, Pavey two for 6.

DIVISION III (SECTION II)

**Roxton v. Langford II**  
Langford II: L. King 0, C. Dilley 1, D. Burton 2, G. Asgett 12, W. Porton 3, R. Smith 1, G. Ruff 3, A. Wells 0, C. Hawkins 3, R. Payne 0, C. Kilby not out 0, extras 0, total 35.—W. Clarke took seven wickets and Gadsden two.  
Roxton: L. Lyett 0, J. Larkins 0, S. Gadsden 0, W. Clarke 4, R. Clarke 8, E. Darlow 4, R. Johnson 0, P. Keldentley 0, M. Jones 2, D. How 1, R. Minney not out 0, extras 4, total 23.—R. Smith took six wickets and Dilley three.

**Haynes v. Blunham II**  
Blunham: F. Abbott 26, M. Daniels 0, G. Barker 0, D. Moore 0, E. Jeteries 2, M. Rawlins 16, P. Rawlins 10, A. Sims 5, J. Scrivener 2, H. Sims 15, F. Humphreys 1, extras 0, total 88.  
Haynes: B. Goodship 2, H. Ayres 1, M. Minney 0, J. Newbury 3, H. Herbert 0, F. Smith 8, W. Newbury 0, O. Stevens 0, W. Roberts 10, H. Sims 7, S. Potter 1, extras 15, total 45.—A. Sims three for 5, O. Barker four for 13.

Friendly Cricket

Three Sixes in Gale's Forty for B.M.S.

Bedford Modern School registered their third successive win and maintained their unbeaten record by beating King Edward's School, Birmingham, by three wickets at Bedford on Saturday.

Put in to bat on a rain-affected wicket, King Edward's School were dismissed for 41. Despite a bright knock of 40 (including three sixes) by Gale, B.M.S. had lost five wickets and wanted 57 to win just after tea. A determined stand by Norman and Small brought victory nearer and Hyde and Cople stole the last few singles to win the match.

King Edward's School: 0/1 (0) S. Wheatley 47, Jarrett five for 20, Gale four for 39. Cople one for 14. B.M.S.: R. A. Gale 40, G. Millman 4, E. P. Whitting 1, P. J. Comerford 4, A. Norman 17, J. I. Cooper 0, J. D. Small 11, D. W. Hyde not out 4, M. G. Cople not out 4, extras 5, total (for seven wickets) 92. Royal five for 47, Wheatley two for 42.

Britannia Works v. Weaver's Sports. Played on R.B.S. ground at Kempston. Britannia: Craddock 21, Crane 9, Sharp 19, Green 16, King 6, Thomas not out 36, Buckingham 29. While not out 2, extras 4, total (for six wickets) 169. Clarke three for 32, D. Bowler two for 47.

Weaver's: E. Bowler 3, Denton 2, Smith 9, Burrows 5, E. Copperhead 25, Farr 0, D. Bowler 4, Clarke 0, Parrish 0, H. Copperhead 0, Andley not out 6, extras 11, total 67. Sharp six for 17, Thomas three for 22.

Luton Hightown v. Britannia Works. Hightown: 18, Thomas eight for 34. Knight two for 40.

Britannia Works: Craddock 1, Crane 7, Nelson 12, Buckingham 1, Green 28, Thomas 3, Knight 1, Askew 3, Whittle 15, Farrin 6, Probert not out 0, extras 6, total 99. Willis five for 46, Smith four for 29.

Coldington v. Bizzleswade. Bizzleswade: E. Smith 0, R. James 14, A. Bainsford 24, R. Jones 4, P. Boyer 24, J. Gange 6, Bowles 5, A. Earl not out 11, B. Smith 1, extras 10, total (for eight wickets) 101. S. Evans two for 23, L. Dinnick two for 19, J. Dean two for 19, F. Line two for 23.

Goddington: G. Hawson 0, A. Shild 2, A. Rawlins 6, D. Day 1, L. Dinnick 39, G. Tucker 7, F. Line not out 3, J. Dean not out 22, extras 9, total (for six wickets) 92. Gange three for 26, P. Bowles two for 23, A. Gray one for 25.

R. B. Sanders v. Clapham. R. B. Sanders: G. Goswell 2, D. Wright 1, C. Bayington 16, W. Luff 4, N. Rentle 2, C. Lambert 1, R. Goswell 16, P. Morris 1, J. Clark 5, A. Beeve 1, S. A. Lillman not out 0, extras 14, total 61. Picketing six for 20, S. Smith three for 14, Skeemer one for 9, Clapham: R. Devieux 25, D. Smith 0, Beeve 1, Picketing 5, Willis 3, Benjamin 0, Brian 0, Skeemer 0, Hilton 2, Picketing 0, S. Smith not out 0, extras 6, total 52. C. Lambert eight for 19, P. Morris two for 16.

Kempston Methodists v. Bedfordshire Times. Times: Coleman 51, Sharp 34, Rentle not out 5, A. P. Martin not out 6, extras 2, total (for two wickets) 79. Methodists: Brooks 1, Stock 1, Bennett 1, Beddall 2, White 1, Giffin 1, Turner 65, Denton 0, Bellamy 0, Wright 2, Gilbert not out 1, extras 6, total 96. Litchfield six for 24, May two for 21.

Pavenham v. Stevington. Pavenham: A. Wade 17, J. Turner 1, C. Whitworth 3, G. Staley 13, N. Wesley 1, J. Blakemore 7, J. Crawley 1, J. Pearson not out 3, extras 3, total 48.

Stevington: G. Curtis 26, S. Allery 2, H. Dart 0, W. Bird 22, J. Swain 7, A. Cox 7, G. Guy 1, S. Jeffries not out 0, J. Wooding 4, J. Inkam not out 0, extras 3, total 79. Six-overs took five wickets.

Dickens (Harrold): 55 for six (R. Rogers 13, R. Harris four for 22, D. Harris two for 13), Carlton Training School: 36 (R. Harris 21, S. Faulkner four for 12, A. Leman two for 7, V. Bowler two for 22).

Angus: 59 (Evans eight for 34), Meltham: 30 (Turner nine for 18).

Bedford Women's C.C. v. Vazabonds. Bedford: N. Hunt 1, M. Tyson 8, Bennett 0, R. Norman 1, B. Pirani 0, P. Norman 11, E. Hobbard 14, T. Cooper 17, S. Miles 0, E. Robinson not out 7, M. Tyson 0, extras 8, total 71.

Vazabonds: V. Williams 7, C. Gibson 0, J. Smith 7, P. Tuck 7, M. Adams 1, E. Crox 0, J. Usher 2, S. Frost 0, M. Cunnock 51, P. Shook 21, A. Collins not out 53, extras 6, total 137. Robinson took four wickets and Tyson three.

Hospital Cup

Igranic, Queen's in Semi-Final

In the semi-finals of the Hospital Cup, to be played in Bedford Park on or before 25th July, Igranic will oppose Queen's Works and Harpur Sports will meet Bedford Town or Thurleigh, whose fourth round match was played at Thurleigh last night.

Harpur Sports "A" v. Craykeo

Feature of this game in Bedford Park on Wednesday was a splendid 57 by A. Webster for Harpur, and he was also in fine form, taking three wickets. Making three catches, one at full-length "Young" Joe Bayington was the only Craykeo player to offer any resistance to Gilbert and Cornhill, who bowled unopposed.

The collection of £10 15s is the highest to the competition so far this season, the previous best being £10 2s for the Harpur v. Blunham game in the third round.

Harpur: R. Webster 76, A. Webster 57, J. Newman 17, G. Robinson 4, A. Martin 1, A. Looch 1, D. Hoar not out 0, extras 5, total (for six wickets) 125.

D. Boze four for 65, E. Micallef two for 47. Craykeo: E. Middleton 0, H. Boze 0, D. Bayington 15, R. Thornton 5, E. Micallef 0, E. Davies not out 0, D. Harrison 3, L. Gorton 2, extras 1, total 57. D. Gilbert five for 25, B. Cornhill five for 15.

Igranic v. Bizzleswade

Igranic faced a total of 106 in their match against Bizzleswade last Friday. The night was bad, but with 25 on the board for the loss of D. Studman and R. K. Jones, they proceeded to hit what must have been one of the latest hundreds seen on Bedford Park for some time. J. Quinney (40) and K. Warwick (33) not only hit every ball within reach as hard and as far as possible, but every stroke was orthodox, but under the conditions their effort was superb. With 125 overs gone, Warwick hit the winning four, and Igranic reached a total of 103 in less than 40 minutes.

Bizzleswade: E. Smith 37, M. Williams 16, P. Miller 0, M. King 0, W. Bygraves 11, D. Carr 0, R. Humphries not out 2, G. Giffard 6, P. Dean not out 2, extras 12, total (for seven wickets) 106.

Igranic: D. Studman 15, R. K. Jones 12, J. Quinney 40, K. Warwick not out 33, B. Lissack not out 1, extras 4, total (for three wickets) 103.

Silsoe v. Queen's Works

Silsoe won the toss and batted first and after a slow start some good hitting and running between the wickets of Young, Mills, and Yeoman's helped them to a total of 101 for six wickets. Wooding and Pooleer put a nick 20 on the board for Queens, but when Wooding was run out the scoring slowed and Queens were taking things. After 40 minutes was out, Wooding once Pooleer and the pace began to quicken.

The turning point was when Widdman hit 11, including three corners, one over the top, and a six, and although losing three cheap wickets, Queen's batted strong total was 100 and a spare.

A. Pooleer was the sporting hero of the day, when Silsoe were 40-2, and in falling light he broke the wicket and the wicket-keeper Widdman ran out the wicket-keeper sportingly called him back as the ball was not in his hand, at the 11, 17, breaking the wicket.

Silsoe: J. Young 23, C. Mathews 19, D. Munn not out 26, R. Monwrethes 0, R. Obit 2, H. Knocker 0, J. Taylor 6, F. Yeoman's not out 16, extras 10, total 99 for six. Seales two for 20, Walker two for 42.

Queen's Works: E. C. Wooding 8, R. E. Poulter 29, E. W. Collingridge 3, S. V. Widdman not out 29, G. Shepherd 11, E. E. Walker 38, M. M. J. McDonald not out 1, extras 10, total 95 for five. Biddington three for 3, Collection: 45 4s 1d.

A. G. Coomb will make his first appearance of the season for Bedford Town C.C. to-morrow (Saturday) when they visit Luton Town. Another County player, G. L. B. August, is to appear for Bedford for the first time. Rest of the team is: J. Pringle (capt), A. B. Poole, E. C. Howard, E. S. Smith, V. J. Harris, C. F. Sayer, D. G. Jenkins, R. D. Linker, T. H. Woollicroft.

A. B. Poole will captain Gentlemen of Bedfordshire against Old Bedfordians at Bedford School on 21st July (11.30 am). The rest of the team is: E. C. Howard, Col. T. Harris, D. M. King, G. Longworth, D. C. Money, R. D. Gaultier, Philip Gilbert, A. G. Coomb, T. B. Woollicroft, R. K. Costin.

Queen's Works are holding an inter-departmental six-a-side knock-out cricket competition at Allen Park on Monday and Tuesday of next week. Fourteen teams will compete for a shield, to be given by the Chairman of the Company, Sir Richard W. Allen, C.B.E., D.L.

County Hockey

NEW METHOD OF SELECTION

The annual meeting and an emergency general meeting of Bedfordshire Hockey Association were held recently.

The long-standing and controversial method of team selection by a committee consisting of a representative from each affiliated club has been discontinued. In future the Selection Committee will consist of the Chairman, three elected members, and the County captain nominated by the Committee. The members elected for next season are: K. Stears, of Luton, R. S. M. Beasley, of Kempston, and R. H. Alder, of Queen's Works, Bedford.

This Committee will conduct a series of trials early in the season, and thereafter will be available to watch any players considered suitable for County representative status and recommended by their clubs.

A full day's coaching course has been arranged to take place at Allen Park in September. This will be conducted by senior officials of the English Hockey Association, and will include practical and theoretical instruction on all aspects of the game. Club secretaries have been asked to submit names of players wishing to take advantage of this scheme.

Officers have been elected as follows: President, Mr. R. J. Parker, of Luton, Chairman, Mr. G. Freshwater, of Bedford, Treasurer and Team Secretary, Mr. K. W. Brown, of Dunstable, General Secretary, Mr. E. R. Alder, of 165 Harwood Road, Bedford.

Mr. J. A. R. Oliver, retiring Chairman, was thanked for his widespread work in reviving the affairs of the Association since the war, and Mr. A. B. McKelvie for his service as Secretary during the past three years.

CRICKET FIXTURES

Saturday

Luton Town v. Bedford Town, Harpur Sports v. Welwynborough Town, Luton Town v. Queen's Works, Bedford School v. Craykeo (11.30), Bedford Town II v. Luton Town II, Luton I v. Harpur Sports II, Oldham 'A' v. Northampton Saints 'A', Oldham v. Luton II, Luton I v. Bedford Ramblers, Luton I v. Bedford, Luton I v. Bedford Argus, Luton I v. Bedford, Luton I v. Luton N.A.L.G.O., Bizzleswade v. Amersham, Luton v. Bedford, Luton v. Luton, Luton v. Luton, Luton v. Luton.

BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

Premier Division

Bedford v. Luton, Luton v. Luton, Luton v. Luton.

DIVISION I

Clapham v. Luton, Luton v. Luton, Luton v. Luton.

Sunday

St. Neots v. Bedford Town, Craykeo v. Harpur Sports, Luton v. Luton, Luton v. Luton, Luton v. Luton.



**Bedford and District Cricket League**

**WOOD END STRENGTHEN BID FOR HONOURS**

By defeating Turvey by 16 runs on Saturday Wood End placed themselves in a strong position for winning Division II (Section II) of the Bedford and District League.

Battling first, Wood End made a poor start, but S. Hutchins (19) and B. Childs (16) saved the side from a very low score. A. Sugars did his best to thwart Wood End's efforts by taking eight wickets for 37 runs.

After losing their first wicket cheaply, Turvey improved and looked as though they would pass Wood End's score fairly quickly. However, V. Ashpole matched A. Sugars's bowling, claiming seven wickets for 15 runs, and Turvey were all out for 50.

Blunham led their lowly league position when they beat South End Ramblers easily by 62 runs. C. Rawlins with 46 was the mainstay of Blunham's innings of 95, and then Maries and Tester ran through South End's team, allowing no batsman to reach double figures.

Renhold's last pair, P. Swann and P. Harlow, contrived to play out the last 20 minutes of the match against Potton and thus saved a draw. Potton's last pair, P. Hutchinson and J. Gray, also made a good stand, adding 49.

R. Dunkley took seven Marston wickets for 18 runs on Saturday—including the hat-trick—and thus helped his side to a 45 runs' victory. C. Copperwheat also returned good bowling figures for Marston—six for 29.

An opening stand of 52 between J. Turner (53) and S. Coleman (28) put Pavenham on the way to an eight wickets' victory over Langford.

A lively 54 by R. Pickering, including two sixes and seven fours, carried Clapham to victory over Little Staughton. T. Buck troubled the Little Staughton batsmen. He took two wickets in his first over, and ended with four for ten. Pickering's 54 was made in only 20 minutes.

**PREMIER DIVISION**

**Blunham v. South End Ramblers**

Blunham: C. Rawlins 46, F. Abbott 7, B. Maries 1, R. Clarke 0, F. Tester 1, R. Rawlins 0, F. Jarvis 17, G. Barker not out 8, R. Harding 1, B. Page 3, W. Furdham 3, extras 8, total 92. J. Walker three for 14, A. Spice two for 22, N. Evans two for 28. South End Ramblers: G. Ferguson 0, A. Spice 2, J. Walker 2, J. Busworth 1, R. Pallant 9, L. Jones 2, F. Roome 3, J. Sheridan not out 6, N. Evans 2, S. Tompkins 1, W. Nichols 0, extras 5, total 35. B. Maries three for 8, F. Tester four for 20, R. Rawlins two for 0.

**Renhold v. Potton**

Potton: F. Pater 6, H. Jakes 5, E. Clarke 16, T. Kitchener 22, J. Giles 7, D. Page 0, J. Turnbull 20, J. Sinden 4, P. Hutchinson not out 38, E. Blott 0, J. Gray 12, extras 17, total 147. Wood End: P. Swann four for 37, P. Swann two for 16. Renhold: F. Harlow 2, G. Harlow 5, D. Fenton 1, W. Harlow 18, J. Norman 7, D. Stapleton 2, F. Joyce 9, P. Swann not out 14, M. Jeffs 0, P. Carter 7, P. Harlow not out 6, extras 5, total (for nine wks.) 70. T. Kitchener three for 10, J. Turnbull four for 35, E. Clarke two for 10.

**Marston v. Sharnbrook**

Sharnbrook: D. Dunkley 33, Gray 0, Lowell 5, R. Dunkley 11, Clayson 7, G. Boyles 9, Martin 12, H. Boyles not out 7, Marsh 1, J. Boyles 1, Benson 1, extras 6, total 93.—C. Copperwheat six for 29. Marston: R. Copperwheat 2, Rowe 3, Lilley 0, Bunker 0, Swales 0, A. Stapleton 15, Berry 0, Pearce 6, Hale 7, Brightman not out 4, C. Copperwheat 4, extras 9, total 50.—R. Dunkley seven for 18, Martin two for 22.

**Langford v. Pavenham**

Langford: T. Chessham 23, S. Gentle 0, B. Kilby 10, N. Rogers 22, D. King 7, H. Huckle 11, D. Hutchinson 10, T. Piper 2, P. Piner 10, G. Brown 0, R. Kilby 0, extras 8, total 98. T. Higgs four for 23, G. Sealey five for 33. Pavenham: J. Turner 33, S. Coleman 25, M. Higgs not out 18, N. Wesley not out 14, extras 12, total (for two wks.) 102. H. Huckle one for 17, P. Piper one for 13.

**DIVISION I**

**Mogerhanger v. Felmersham**

Mogerhanger: F. Reid 2, O. W. Wilshe 0, C. Street 3, 11; E. Wilshe 4, not out 7; D. Jones 6, 5; S. Reid 5, 5; K. Reid 4, 5; R. Reid 0, not out 5. R. Bunch 0, O. F. Street 0, R. Phillips not out 0, extras 1, 1; totals 27 and 33 for six. D. Parker five for 8.

Felmersham: A. Belts 3, 4; A. Catnach 1, 0; J. Turner 2, 0; B. Gaskins 3, 4; J. Mackenzie 2, 0; D. Parker 0, 15; H. Lawson 8, 2; D. Lovell 0, 0; K. Richardson not out 7, not out 7; G. Constant 3, 3; S. Lovell 1, 2, extras 4, 3; totals 41, 40. R. Reid four for 9.

**Little Staughton v. Clapham**

Little Staughton: G. Stapleton 2, E. Roberts 0, S. Hall 11, R. Thorne 0, G. Robins 12, C. Brown 1, V. Banks 0, 1, Saunders 0, J. Robins 3, R. Robins not out 3, P. Ouenby 0, extras 13, total 62. R. Pickering three for 15, T. Buck four for 10, A. Henman two for 13. Clapham: S. Wiles 19, R. Norton 3, C. Birtell 0, R. Smith 10, R. Pickering 34, A. Henman 3, A. Cope not out 1, extras 10, total (for six wks.) 108. R. Robins two for 15, C. Brown two for 34, G. Robins two for 16.

**Thurleigh v. Marston II**

Marston II: J. Nicholls 3, T. Claridge 22, A. Knight 1, C. Caves 10, S. Hyde 1, D. Faulkner 10, B. Denton 16, R. Berridge 0, M. Smith 1, A. Goodman 4, S. Knight not out 2, extras 7, total 77.—R. Berrill three for 16, J. Waestaff two for 7, W. Asollin two for 19. Thurleigh: W. Asplin 13, J. Wagstaff 2, S. Asollin 21, R. Maddison 4, D. Berrill 17, L. Franklin 6, K. Wagstaff 5, A. Ellison 0, B. Holley 7, R. Berrill not out 2, B. Ingle 2, extras 5, total 84.—A. Goodman five for 23, A. Knight three for 28.

**DIVISION II (SECTION D)**

**Wilden v. Riseley**  
Riseley: H. Stinger 50, J. Praunall 9, C. Holmes 7, L. Williams 1, T. Hanley 8, W. Partridge 15, G. Hopkins 0, W. Allen 8, R. Hartop 0, C. Clayton 4, C. Ball not out 1, extras 10, total 60. Wilden: E. Pell 0, B. Norman 5, O. Pell 9, W. Norman 0, J. Ashpole 8, J. Pell not out 7, V. Ashpole 0, F. Pell 0, R. Stanton 3, B. Forster 1, J. Franks 0, extras 8, total 47. Allen four for 16, Partridge three for 21, Hopkins two for 2.

**Ickwell v. Haynes**

Haynes 79 (H. Herbert 27, R. Daniels 11, Norman Ave for 15, Marston two for 5, Milton two for 8); Ickwell 51 (C. Dilleigh 19, B. Bygraves 13, Minnis four for 2, Daniels two for 10, A. Herbert three for 23).

**DIVISION II (SECTION II)**

**Turvey v. Wood End**  
Wood End: R. Ashpole 0, R. Copperwheat 6, L. Jessop 0, C. Caves 0, S. Hutchins 19, V. Ashpole 0, D. Jessop 2, B. Childs 16, T. Burrows 5, W. Hutchins 0, B. Ashpole not out 0, extras 6, total 66. A. Sugars eight for 37, H. Sargent one for 14. Turvey: J. Letts 3, E. Hutchins 13, B. Prosser 4, B. Sargent 2, S. West 0, F. Clayton 1, J. Kruthoffer 3, R. Wright 13, A. Sugars 4, L. Bullard 1, D. King not out 0, extras 5, total 50. V. Ashpole seven for 15, R. Copperwheat three for 30.

**Cople v. Kempton West End**  
Cople: E. Hull 0, W. Nevard 4, A. Worrall 6, R. Bennett 0, C. Graves 16, D. Thacker 19, J. Cambers 0, P. Burr 1, D. Shingler 8, B. Hilliard not out 0, A. Hart 0, extras 7, total 61. P. Loft four for 12, P. Percival two for 16, D. Loft three for 16. West End: W. Bailey 4, P. Percival 1, F. Loft 0, L. Hill 18, K. Jessop 0, C. Viewing 9, D. Darlow 6, D. Loft 5, P. Jackson 3, M. Dyrwood not out 1, S. Loft 17, extras 2, total 78. R. Bennett eight for 30, E. Hull two for 25.

**Staxton v. Stevington**  
Stevington: A. Wildman 6, G. Curtis 36, S. Albery 3, R. Cook 6, W. Bird 19, R. Cox 0, J. Swain 22, G. Guy 0, A. Cox 3, J. Ingram 0, H. Dart not out 0, extras 6, total 104. G. Newman eight for 48, J. Abbott two for 14. Staxton: G. Newman 2, L. Kershaw 0, A. Cooper 6, F. Williams 17, F. Prossell 5, J. Dunt 0, R. Flute 0, R. Tite 2, K. Brooks 2, O. Clarke not out 1, A. Woolston 1, extras 2, total 38. C. Curtis three for 17, W. Bird four for 17.

**DIVISION III (SECTION I)**

**Oakley v. Little Staughton**  
Little Staughton: E. Topham 3, S. Marshall 4, H. Parker 0, K. Banks 16, O. Jordan 4, S. Smith 0, J. Jordan 0, R. Smith 4, C. Pell 2, B. Ruff 0, E. Saunders not out 1, extras 2, total 36.—Bryson seven for 13, Craft three for 17. Oakley: J. Briggs not out 33, F. Rainbow 0, J. Bryson 15, J. Scullion 3, J. Newall 0, R. Croft 0, B. Saunders 34, R. Bliz 7, S. Moore 0, B. Donegan 10, extras 8, total for nine wickets 110.—H. Parker three for 44, K. Banks two for 19, R. Smith four for 17.

**Staploe v. Sharnbrook II**  
Sharnbrook II: Ahoock 23, Pacey 0, Cauty 4, Bance 8, Hslop 16, Wildman 5, Leighton 2, Knight 17, Blundell 1, Martin not out 16, E. Ward 0, extras 15, total 107.—Santford two for 20, Robins two for 16, Corn three for 20. Staploe: Beal 11, Corn 4, Danie's 1, Lambert not out 12, Roons 12, Smith 0, Roberts 4, Sanford 14, Soutcher 1, Brewer 0, Farrer 1, extras 13, total 73.—Knight four for 13, Bance five for 40.

**DIVISION III (SECTION II)**

**Potton II v. Haynes II**  
Haynes II (G. Batey 65, Peck three for 27, Minnis four for 37); Potton II (G. Peck 23, C. Minnis 13, Webb two for 5, Stevens five for 12, Neale two for 37).

**Friendly Cricket**

**Gale's Average for B.M.S. is Over 90**

Bedford Modern School recorded their sixth win of the season, and thus retained their undefeated record, when they beat Old Bedford Modernians in a two-day game last week.

The School, who won by ten wickets, were again indebted to R. A. Gale, who scored a half-century (106) and had a match bowling analysis of ten wickets for 22 runs. His season's aggregate for the school is 723 runs for eight times out (average 90.375), and 36 wickets at a cost of 10.34 runs each.

Gale and Millman put on 59 for the first wicket against Banbridge and county bowlers Price and Coomb, before Millman was caught for 14. Whittington, Comerford and Norman were out before lunch, at which the score was 101 for four, with Gale not out 57. Gale featured in stands of 57 (with Tomkins) and 45 (with Smart) before he was bowled by Pearson. His innings included two sixes and ten fours.

J. D. Smart and M. G. Cave put on 26 for the eighth wicket in 40 minutes and the innings was declared closed at 248 for eight.

Old Bedford Modernians never recovered from a poor start. At the close of Thursday's play the score was 68 for five. On the second morning the remaining batsmen collapsed, only Rose facing Gale and Jarrett with confidence.

Following on 136 runs behind, Price and Spencer hit 47 for the O.B.M.'s first wicket. The lovers then got on top again, and apart from Rose, who played another gallant innings, the batsmen fared badly.

B.M.S.: R. A. Gale 106, G. Millman 14, K. P. Whittington 7, F. J. Comerford 6, A. Norman 6, R. G. Tomkins 16, J. D. Smart not out 36, D. W. Hyde 0, M. G. Cave 51, G. M. Jarrett not out 1, extras 21, total (for eight wickets dec.) 248. Price three for 55, Coomb two for 56, Pearson three for 50.

Second innings: G. Millman not out 1, K. P. Whittington not out 4, extras 4, total (for no wicket) 11.

O.B.M.s: G. H. J. Brice 5, 28; G. A. Spencer 0, 36; G. S. Andrews 15, 3; A. G. Coomb 11, R. G. N. Allen 9, 15; E. F. Barcock 15, 1; H. W. Rose not out 40, 32; A. Riley 5, 11; A. B. Poole 6, not out 5; J. R. A. Pearson 4, 0; I. Banbridge 0, extras 4, 4, totals 112, 141. Palmer three for 24, Cave one for 12, Gale four for 18 and six for 41, Jarrett two for 44 and four for 0.

**Bedford School v. Old Bedfordians**

This two-day game ended in a draw with the scores level. In the School's first innings Spark claimed six victims, five caught and one stumped. Bedford School: R. Street 1, 39; P. Smith 1, 11, 25; R. Hay 5; R. Collinge 17, 61; M. Meeson 146, not out 16; J. Smith 5, 40; P. Eldridge 5, not out 1; D. Coley 37; M. Fry not out 22; J. Murray-Clarke 1; D. Cook 2, extras 17, 3, totals 269, and 187 (for four wickets dec.). Percy three for 53, Cook three for 68, J. Steven three for 45 and two for 45.

Old Bedfordians: B. E. Disbury 23, 161; P. Pickett 19, 9; A. Panton 10, not out 1; G. Gilbert 43, 57; M. Dawes 34, 1; C. Reed 0, 21; A. Saley 9, 0; R. Spark 0, not out 3; K. Percy 22, 2; J. Cook not out 1, 36; extras 4, 16; totals 167 (for nine wickets dec.) and 286 (for eight wickets). Hay two for 50, Collinge three for 20, Street two for 7.

**Old Bedfordians v. Forty Club**

Forty Club: G. L. S. Jackson 3, H. H. Gibbons 0, K. A. Howison 36, 8, T. Morris 16, F. G. Wood 14, J. Paley not out 32, T. Howard 0, extras 5, total (for six wickets) 257. R. Harris three for 59.

O.B.M.s: B. E. Disbury 124, G. Gilbert 13, F. M. Fletcher 9, N. Dawes not out 5, C. N. Reed not out 16, extras 15, total (for three wickets) 260. Breeze two for 61.

**Peterborough II v. Bedford Town II**

Peterborough 146 (Obeo 27, Maynard 2, Stimpson 24, Ditchburn 24, Cooper four for 36), Baines three for 15.

Bedford: Peet 34, Barcock 0, Harrison 10, Wooliscroft 31, Matthews 2, Bennett 22, Llewellyn 7, Cooper not out 17, Buckley not out 0, extras 4, total (for seven wickets) 141.

**Cockayne Hatley v. Wrestlingworth**

Wrestlingworth: I. Ralston 11, R. Franklin 5, N. Bennett 4, S. Compton 10, B. Walker 32, V. Bentley 0, J. Humberstone 2, J. Williams 8, A. Bennett not out 4, A. Clark 0, H. Oliver 0, extras 6, total 81.—M. Deeble seven for 34, W. Brett three for 8.

**Britannia v. Ickwell**

Ickwell: A. Marsom 19, D. Law 1, R. Lippard 14, T. Ibbott 24, G. Rees 37, A. Wright 1, G. Bygraves not out 5, G. Sheldon 0, H. Thompson not out 10, extras 10, total for seven wickets 121.—Sharp three for 33, Probert three for 32.

Britannia: Askew 0, Green 16, Buckingham 30, Thomas 1, Sharp 0, Barrington 20, Whittle 4, Probert 3, Rowell 0, Proudlock 4, D. Knight not out 6, extras 4, total 90.—Sheldom two for 21, Lippard four for 34, M. Bygraves two for 18.

**Randall's v. Fittwick**

Fittwick: H. Gazeley 37, S. Danmore 51, T. Andrews 4, W. Wynn not out 4, B. Miller 4, extras 6, total for four wickets 106.—Ager three for 19.

Randall's: J. Ager 32, E. Stapleton 19, K. Armistey 5, R. Cayes 2, A. Wesson not out 34, G. Stock 1, R. Norman 7, D. Brown 0, P. Binstead 0, M. Harris 0, R. Harris 0, extras 3, total 103.—F. Washington two for 38, C. Gazeley seven for 25.

Pertenhall 102 for nine (C. Banks 36, S. Stapleton 25, A. Sivers five for 34), Kimbolton 11 90 for nine (A. Sivers 35, K. Watson 31, C. Stapleton three for 7, M. Bennett three for 20).

Willington 37 (S. George five for 15, C. Stapleton two for 11), Pertenhall 67 (V. Ruddis 22, J. Elliott 16, E. Wood six for 36, C. Barker three for 10).

Likens (Harrold) 71 for six (H. Larkins 32, S. Coleman 20, G. Rich four for 10, S. Smith two for 23), Souldrop 50 (C. Read 16; V. Bowdler seven for 21, A. Lyman two for 7).

Thurleigh 121 (D. Berrill 76, Ager four for 22), Randalls 34 for nine (A. Wison 26, Berrill three for 9).

Podington 43 (R. Rogers two for 20, B. Larkins five for 12, S. Faulkner 13 for 8), Dickens (Harrold) 59 for eight (J. Freestone three for 14, C. Coley two for 21).

**Hospital Cup**

**HARPUR'S NINTH FINAL**

When Harpur Sports meet Queen's Works in the final of the Bedford and District Cricket League Hospital Cup at Bedford Modern School Field to-morrow (Saturday), this will be the ninth occasion their club has appeared in the final of the competition, which was inaugurated in 1933.

Harpur have won the trophy five times—in 1933, 1938, 1943, 1944, and 1949—and have far and away the best record. Bedford Town, last year's holders, whom Harpur beat in this year's semi-final, have won the Cup three times, and Shire Hall and Clapham, twice. This will be Queen's Works' first final.

Teams are as follows: Harpur (from A. Webster, captain), J. Newman, R. Webster, P. Gilbert, B. Connell, T. Minns, G. Robertson, M. Woodland, T. Martin, R. King, A. Lookey, and T. King.

Queen's Works: S. V. Wildman (captain), E. C. Wooding, R. Poulter, G. Shepherd, M. M. J. McDonald, E. G. Walker, A. Peasey, E. C. Collingridge, K. R. G. Williams, J. Dawson, K. Swales, and C. Beard (12th man).

The match starts at 3 p.m.

**CRICKET FIXTURES**

**Saturday**

**Hospital Cup Final**  
Harpur Sports v. Queen's Works (B.M.S. Field).

**Friendlys**

Bedford Town v. Vauxhall Motors.  
Camden C.C. v. Harpur Sports.  
Shire Hall v. Bedford Argus.  
Kushden v. Bedford North End.  
Burt's v. Britannia Works.  
L.B.C. Stewarty v. Kayser Bondor.  
Ariel v. Bedford Town II.  
De Havilland Aircraft II v. Bedford Town II.  
Harpur Sports II v. Stony Stratford.  
Heppingley v. Maulden II.  
Kempston v. Clapham.

**BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE**

**Premier Division**

Patton v. Marston.  
Blunham v. Paveilham.  
Sharntrook v. Renhold.

**Division I**

Marston v. Mogerhanger.  
Felmersham v. Clapham.  
Great Barford v. Pertenhall.  
Thurleigh v. Little Staughton.

**Sunday**

Hitchin Town v. Bedford Town.  
R. B. Sanders v. Harpur Sports.  
Southill Park v. Bedford North End.  
S. T. Hawkins XI v. L.B.C. Stewarty

**Monday**

Bedfordshire v. Lincolnshire (Bedford School) and Tuesday.  
Royaon v. Bedford Town.  
March Town v. Harpur Sports.  
Chadwell Heath v. L.B.C. Stewarty.

St. Neots, competing on Saturday with eleven other teams, won the Huntingdonshire Divisional Young Conservatives and National Liberal League tennis tournament, and were presented with the Ainslie Cup. Huntingdon "B" were runners-up. St. Neots pair were Miss J. Newling and Mr. H. Malth.

**BEDFORD CRICKET WEEK**

**BEDFORD SCHOOL**  
**AUGUST 4th to 9th**

**BEDFORDSHIRE v.**  
**LINCOLNSHIRE**  
**BUCKINGHAMSHIRE**  
and  
**HERTFORDSHIRE**

11.30 to 7 First Day and  
11 to 6 Second Day  
**FRANK CROMPTON** Hon. Secretary

## Last-Wicket Pair Thwart Bedford

A lively unfinished stand of 27 for the last wicket foiled Bedford Town in their home match with Vauxhall Motors (Luton) on Saturday, and the match was drawn.

When their ninth wicket fell, Vauxhall had scored only 35 in reply to the Town's total of 104 for seven declared, and there were 15 minutes to go.

Skipper E. Parkin, last man in, was undaunted, however. His first three scoring strokes yielded ten (2, 4, 4) and he and Alf. Heymeson, former County bowler, played out time despite the re-introduction of pace bowlers Jenkins and Breeze into the attack for the last four overs.

Jenkins and Breeze caused Vauxhall's batting breakdown. They sent back half the side for only 14 and each had bowled nine overs when they were taken off with the score at 28 for seven. Breeze had then claimed three victims for 8 runs and Jenkins four for 19.

### Worst Start of Season

In the early stages of the match, Bedford, too, were in the doldrums. Against capital bowling by Hayhurst, whose left-arm deliveries were particularly menacing, and Parkin, the Town made their worst start this season.

Five men were out for 22, including County batsmen Disbury and Morris, and chief credit for Bedford's recovery goes to Eric Howard, re-appearing after missing two matches, and to young Michael Fry, the Bedford School batsman and brother of the County player.

Howard played probably his best innings of the season. In an hour's stay he hit five boundaries, including three in one over off Hayhurst and his fifth wicket partnership with Fry realized 66 in fifty minutes.

Pratt declared at 104 for seven, leaving Vauxhall 95 minutes' batting. Rain, incidentally, delayed the start by nearly half an hour and the weather caused another inter-

## KEMPSTON WIN BY FIVE RUNS

A fine all-round performance by H. Etheridge just failed to bring victory to Clophill at Kempston on Saturday. After taking eight wickets for 45 runs he batted well and was top scorer with 39, being last man out when the score was only five runs short of Kempston's total.

Kempston batted first and totalled 95, of which 31 were added in an eighth-wicket stand by C. Luff and G. Davis.

When Clophill went in to bat they found Stan Smith in good bowling form and he took seven wickets for 34 runs. Apart from Etheridge, E. Clare (18) and C. Calpin (19) were the only batsmen to stay long.

ruption late in the Town's innings.

Bedford: B. E. Disbury b Hayhurst 2, J. Pratt b Parkin 6, S. T. Morris c Hills b Hayhurst 5, C. F. Sabey c Capstick b Parkin 2, E. C. Howard c Spary b Heymeson 41, C. G. Jones b Hayhurst 0, M. H. Fry c Hills b Heymeson 29, F. K. Breeze not out 6, R. Willows not out 1, extras 12, total for seven wickets declared 104.—Hayhurst three for 34, Parkin two for 10. Heymeson two for 20.

Vauxhall: A. Capstick b Breeze 2, S. Spary c Sabey b Breeze 1, A. Nelsey c Disbury b Jenkins 0, R. Hills b Jenkins 5, J. Wheatley c Jones b Jenkins 5, R. Tompkins c Jones b Linger 11, A. Moore b Jenkins 4, G. Brown c Morris b Breeze 0, A. Heymeson not out 15, H. Hayhurst b Disbury 0, E. Parkin not out 15, extras 4, total for nine wickets 62.—Breeze three for 11, Jenkins four for 24, Linger one for 6, Disbury one for 17.

Kempston: A. Ellis 17, A. Parker 9, W. Tipton 15, R. Turner 1, S. Southgate 6, W. F. Bennion 2, C. Luff 25, S. Smith 1, G. Davis 15, E. Curtis 0, J. Burroughs not out 0, extras 4, total 95.

Clophill: B. Peat 0, C. Culpin 19, M. Wells 0, K. O'Dell 2, E. Clare 18, H. Etheridge 39, G. Dear 2, R. Peat 0, E. Harris 5, E. Kent 0, A. Peat not out 0, total 90.

### Kempston East Methodist v. Randalls

Methodist: A. Parker 9, D. Simpson 26, D. Bellamy 0, R. Turner 25, H. Denton 25, E. Curtis 1, T. Ellis not out 2, D. Brooks 0, L. Griffin 4, extras 11, total for seven wickets 103. K. Armsby three for 37, P. France two for 25.

Randalls: J. Ager 2, E. Stapleton 0, P. France 6, A. Wisson 12, A. Hinckley 13, M. Harris not out 14, D. Brown 6, P. Binstead 0, K. Armsby 2, R. Harris 4, B. Hulatt not out 1, extras 12, total for nine wickets 72. Brooks two for 23, Gilbert two for 10.

### Bedford Thursday v. Northampton Chemists

Thursday: W. Luff 12, S. Lilliman 9, R. Wisson 8, T. L. Rose 3, N. Rentle 10, P. Green 1, A. Chapell 39, Stan Smith 21, E. D. Rainbird not out 7, R. Millman 1, R. Norman 0, extras 8, total 119.

Chemists: 147. Stan Smith and P. Green each took three wickets.

## Harpur II's Good Out Cricket

Excellent bowling and fielding played the major part in Harpur Sports II's win by 36 runs over Stony Stratford at Newnham Avenue on Saturday. Gill, the Bedford side's wicketkeeper, was in fine form and he claimed three victims, all stumped.

Harpur: F. Sharp 5, F. Housden 25, A. Norman not out 35, C. Gill 3, T. Maggs 24, D. Sharp 1, A. Ingledew 3, N. Willson 4, extras 13, total (for 7 wkts. dec.) 113. H. Smith two for 25, S. Cockerill two for 21, L. Willison two for 12.

Stony Stratford: 77. N. Willson four for 23, A. Ingledew two for 21, G. Jarrett three for 11.

## HARPUR DRAW WITH R.B.S.

The match between Harpur Sports Sunday XI and R. B. Sanders at Kempston resulted in a draw.

Harpur lost nine wickets for 61, but Ingledew and Gilbert quickly added 44 in an unfinished last wicket stand. At the close R.B.S. were 37 runs behind with four wickets in hand.

Harpur: C. Gill 30, H. Allen 0, A. Norman 10, T. Maggs 0, A. Martin 8, C. Newman 6, R. Lowings 0, R. Sparks 0, L. Sharpe 1, P. Gilbert not out 15, A. Ingledew not out 27, extras 8, total (for 9 wkts. dec.) 105. R. Atkins two for 25, S. Smith four for 44, D. Wright three for 17.

R.B.S.: R. Atkins 4, J. Tysoe 21, S. Lilliman 17, R. Webster 0, S. Smith 0, M. Goswell 16, R. Goswell not out 3, D. Wright not out 1, extras 6, total (for 6 wkts.) 68. P. Gilbert three for 19, A. Ingledew one for 22, H. Allen two for 16.

Bedford and District Cricket League

COLMORTH BOWLER TAKES SIX FOR NONE

There were several fine bowling performances in the Bedford and District League on Saturday, and none was better than that of R. Chamberlain, of Colmorth, who took six Caldecote wickets in three overs and four balls without conceding a run.

Taking eight wickets for eight, W. Presland, the Pertenhall bowler, was chiefly responsible for the dismissal of Great Barford for 23. Pertenhall passed this total without loss and thus gained their biggest win of the season.

B. Sharp (seven for 26 in ten overs) bowled splendidly for Stagsden against Turvey, who were all out for 47 and so lost by 50. Stagsden owed much to G. Newman, who scored 46 after half the wickets had fallen for 22. Their score of 97 represented 97 of hard work in the long grass of Turvey's outfield.

PREMIER DIVISION

Potton v Marston

Potton: H. Jukes 59, F. Paice not out 7, E. Clarke 7, N. Price 18, T. B. Kitchener 4, D. Page 4, E. Huckle 1, J. Turnbull 0, K. Woodman 27, R. Pepper 0, J. Standen 0, extras 2, total 109.  
 Marston: R. Copperwheat 34, C. Rowe 8, F. Lilley 20, D. Stapleton 12, R. Berry 1, A. Stapleton 2, W. Swales 4, V. Hale 5, A. Hunker 0, G. Pearce not out 0, F. Hunker 5, extras 11, total 98.—Standen five for 19.

Sharnbrook v Renhold

Renhold: F. Harlow 19, Joyce 1, G. Harlow 0, W. Harlow 5, Stapleton 14, Norman 2, Swann 4, Jells 0, P. Harlow 0, P. Carter 0, R. Carter 1, extras 5, total 50.—Martin four for 15, Blundell three for 7, R. Dunkley two for 9.

Sharnbrook: Gray 19, Clayson 2, H. Boyles 11, R. Dunkley not out 53, D. Dunkley 0, G. Boyles 0, Martin 2, Blundell 3, Lovell 9, Marsh 0, Renhold 1, extras 10, total 116.—Swann four for 20, Stapleton three for 27.

	F	W	L	D	PTS
Sharnbrook	11	7	3	1	15
Marston	10	6	2	2	14
Potton	10	4	3	4	12
Pavenham	9	5	3	1	11
Langford	11	3	5	3	9
South End Ramblers	10	3	4	3	9
Renhold	10	2	6	2	8
Blunham	10	3	7	0	6

DIVISION I

Great Barford v Pertenhall

Great Barford: P. Usher 1, S. Skevington 1, G. Robinson 4, A. Stead 2, W. Bridge 1, G. Mardlin 0, J. Jeffs 1, P. Minney 6, R. West 0, M. Mackell 1, J. Bourdon not out 0, extras 6, total 23.—W. Presland eight for 8, S. George two for 9.

Pertenhall: S. Stapleton 14, J. Roddis 8, L. Cottingham not out 19, A. George not out 11, extras 5, total (for two wks.) 57.

Thurleigh v Little Staughton

Thurleigh: R. Maddison 6, W. Asplin 22, S. Asplin 7, R. Berrill 44, D. Berrill 26, K. Wagstaff 56, L. Franklin 3, B. Holley 2, A. Ellison not out 24, extras 6, total (for eight wks., dec.) 178.

Little Staughton: J. Robins 0, P. Quenby 0, G. Stapleton 30, G. Robins 2, R. Thorne 1, R. Robins 12, C. Hall 7, L. Saunders 2, S. Marshall 21, G. Brown not out 1, extras 10, total 86.—J. Wagstaff five for 32, W. Asplin two for 19.

Felmersham v Clapham

Felmersham: A. Betts 5, A. Cattanach 1, J. Turner 8, B. Cockings 0, D. Parker 15, H. Lawson 11, R. Barker 6, S. Boyle 7, K. Richardson 0, G. Constant 0, B. Lovell not out 0, extras 4, total 57.—T. Buck four for 15, W. Loak three for 11.  
 Clapham: S. Wiles 5, R. Norton 2, B. Tamkin 0, C. Bottell 1, R. Cope 0, T. Buck 2, R. Bailton 10, G. Hoffman 8, L. Wooding 1, W. Loak not out 5, C. Turner 0, extras 2, total 44.—B. Lovell five for 21, D. Parker four for 18.

Felmersham (2nd Innings): Betts 2, Cattanach 2, Turner 18, Cockings 5, Parker 6, Lawson 4, R. Barker not out 19, S. Boyle 2, B. Lovell 32, extras 7, total (for eight wks.) 98.—Buck three for 12.  
 Clapham (2nd Innings): Norton 5, Buck 6, Tamkin 2, Hoffman not out 5, extras 3, total (for three wks.) 21.—Betts three for 15.

	F	W	L	D	PTS
Pertenhall	11	7	1	1	19
Felmersham	10	8	2	0	17
Clapham	9	7	2	0	14
Thurleigh	12	5	6	1	11
Great Barford	8	5	3	0	10
Little Staughton	9	1	4	4	6
Staysden II	10	1	8	1	3
Mogerhanger	10	1	9	0	2

DIVISION II (SECTION I)

Colmorth v Caldecote

Colmorth: J. Swales 1, J. Hughes 0, A. Henderson 1, R. Henderson 0, W. Ellison 0, S. Matthews 0, H. Swales 0, C. Stringer 8, J. Chamberlain 0, Walter Ellison 2, R. Chamberlain not out 2, extras 2, total 14.—Tanner five for 9, Clarke four for 5.  
 Caldecote: C. Raybould 3, E. Woodward 0, A. Woodward 5, C. Odell 9, F. Tanner 0, G. Watts 5, L. Edwards 2, F. Summerfield not out 0, A. Clark 1, D. Bygraves 0, J. Webb 0, extras 31.—H. Chamberlain six for 0, M. Henderson two for 7, H. Swales one for 3.  
 Caldecote, batting a second time, hit 85 for the loss of five wickets, Odell being 32 not out, A. Clark 13 not out, and Tanner 13.

	F	W	L	D	PTS
Riseley	11	8	2	1	16
Caldecote	11	8	5	0	16
Wilden	10	5	3	2	12
Woolston	10	5	5	0	10
Haynes	10	5	5	0	10
Great Staughton	9	4	5	0	8
Ickwell	8	1	6	1	3
Colmorth	10	1	9	0	2

DIVISION II (SECTION II)

Stevington v Marston Sports

Stevington: A. Wildman 4, G. Curtis 30, S. Albury 2, L. Cook 4, W. Bird 0, A. Cox 2, J. Swain 2, G. Guy 2, J. Ingram 5, H. Dart 0, R. Cox not out 2, extras 3, total 56.—Carr five for 18, Wilby three for 28, Guess two for 6.  
 Marston Sports: T. Thoburn 8, H. Guess 8, J. Parrott 0, M. Carr 0, L. Odell 0, R. Stapleton 7, P. Bonfield 5, H. Stapleton 2, R. Wilby 32, E. Cook 0, T. Thoburn not out 0, extras 3, total 65.—G. Curtis seven for 14, W. Bird one for 31, G. Guy one for 12.

Turvey v Stagsden

Stagsden: H. Newman 0, A. Cooper 5, B. Sharp 6, F. Williams 5, S. Dutton 15, D. Hornsey 1, G. Newman 46, J. Alder 1, R. Tate not out 10, A. Woolston 0, K. Brooks 1, extras 7, total 97.—Paynton four for 38, Sargeant five for 39.  
 Turvey: J. Letts 2, E. Hutchings 5, B. Frost 21, H. Sargeant 2, J. Kruthoffer 0, S. West 0, F. Paynton 8, R. Wright 0, D. Hillson 8, L. Bullard not out 1, P. Bullard 0, extras 5, total 47.—B. Sharp seven for 26, G. Newman two for 9.

	F	W	L	D	PTS
Kempston Wood End	11	8	3	0	13
Kempston West End	10	6	3	1	13
Stevington	9	6	3	0	12
Marston Sports	10	6	4	0	12
Cole	10	6	4	0	12
Turvey	10	4	5	1	9
Stagsden	8	1	6	1	3
North Crawley	11	1	9	1	3

DIVISION III (SECTION I)

Little Staughton v Sharnbrook II  
 Sharnbrook: Pacey 0, E. Ward 7, Cansy 14, J. Boyles 43, H. Hop 3, Wildman 3, Bance 17, Knight 22, E. Blundell not out 30, Blood 10, Goode 0, extras 16, total 163.—K. Banks four for 30, Parker three for 42.  
 Little Staughton: Topham 3, Robins 0, V. Banks 4, K. Banks 7, Parker 6, Reynolds 9, Smith 3, Payne 1, Brown 7, Fell not out 0, Sanders 0, extras 17, total 57.—Knight seven for 17, Bance three for 25.

	F	W	L	D	PTS
Laing's (Thurleigh)	10	7	3	0	14
Sharnbrook II	9	5	4	0	10
Staploe	7	5	2	0	10
Oakley	9	3	4	0	10
Thurleigh II	8	4	4	0	8
Little Paxton	10	4	6	0	8
Little Staughton II	9	2	7	0	4

DIVISION III (SECTION II)

Haynes v Roxton

Roxton: L. Livett 11, J. Larkins 50, W. Clarke 17, B. Gadsden 20, G. Jeffries 17, M. Jones 0, R. Clarke 0, E. Darlow 5, P. Keighley 2, B. Livett 1, extras 14, total (for nine wks., dec.) 137.  
 Haynes: G. Potter 2, G. Stevens 7, F. Smith 12, A. Bennett 0, F. Smith 0, A. Dear 8, H. Simms 1, A. Webb 1, S. Potter 8, W. Newbury 0, K. Webb not out 0, extras 2, total 42.

	F	W	L	D	PTS
Langford II	10	7	2	1	13
Blunham II	9	7	2	0	14
Potton II	9	6	3	0	12
Wrestlingworth	8	5	3	0	10
Tempston	9	4	4	0	9
Roxton	10	3	7	0	6
Clapham II	10	3	7	0	6
Haynes II	10	2	8	0	4

Hospital Cup

QUEEN'S WIN BY 8 IN FINAL

Queen's Works won the Bedford and District Hospital Cup for the first time by beating Harpur Sports by eight runs at Bedford Modern School field on Saturday. It was the Works' first appearance in the final.  
 Queen's: E. C. Woodling 48, R. E. Poulter 18, K. R. G. Williams not out 56, E. W. Colnbridge not out 45, extras 11, total (for two wks.) 148.—S. V. Wildman (capt.) 1, G. Shepherd, M. M. J. McDonald, E. G. Walker, A. F. Feasey, J. Dawson, and K. D. Swales did not bat.  
 Harpur: F. M. Woodlands 19, R. Webster 21, A. Webster 11, J. Newman 16, T. Minns 30, G. Robertson 1, A. A. Lookey 14, T. Martin 5, P. Gilbert 13, R. King not out 0, B. Cornell 4, extras 6, total 140.—Williams three for 31, Dawson three for 34.

After the game, Ald. J. Arnold Whitechurch, President of the Bedford and District League, presented a cheque for £303 5s.—a record for the competition—to Mr. E. H. L. Stonebanks, Secretary of the Bedford Group Hospital Management Committee.



**Friendly Cricket**

**Pratt in Form for Bedford**

Bedford Town's captain, John Pratt, who has not enjoyed the best of luck this season, dominated his side's innings against Royston at Royston on Monday.

Going in first, he scored 65, being ninth out at 116 and hitting a six and seven fours. No other Bedford batsman reached double figures and they were all out for 118. Royston passed this total for the loss of five wickets.

Bedford: Millman 7, Pratt 65, Jones 2, Evelyn 2, Hollis 0, Buckley 5, Parker 1, Breeze 5, Moller 2, Palmer 0, King 1, extras 22, total 118.--Palmer four for 22.

Royston: Thomas 15, Randall 0, Bullock 35, Kelly 42, Pennington 16, J. Calvert 24, E. Calvert not out 17, extras 5, total (for six wks.) 148.--Palmer three for 19.

**Bromham Nomads v. Ampt Hill**

Ampt Hill: J. Rogers 2, R. Thompson 1, H. Loane 0, R. Thompson 1, H. Hoskins 0, H. Inskip 0, B. Copper-wheat not out 13, R. Dillingham 1, L. Taylor 0, J. Barrett 2, extras 3, total (for nine wks.) 23--Bellis took six wickets.

Nomads: K. Bushell 12, G. Galliver 3, E. Bowen not out 19, J. Church 1, extras 2, total (for three wks.) 37.--Taylor two for 19.

**W. and H. Peacock v. F. W. Western and Co.**

In this annual challenge game between two firms of auctioneers, played on the Igranic ground, the trophy was won by W. and H. Peacock from the holders. For the winners, J. Church accomplished the hat-trick to finish Western's innings.

Western's: A. T. Porter 8, I. Mantle 10, N. Chambers 40, A. Bennett 0, J. Hilton 3, W. Hanford 11, H. S. Dibley 2, H. Silis 4, G. Fuller 1, B. Porter 0, E. W. Johnson 0, extras 10, total 91.

Peacock's: F. A. Jeffrey 17, R. J. Holland 5, Woodard 21, S. Lysne 2, R. E. Arnold 1, R. Whitmore 22, R. H. Craig 5, A. R. K. Damon 2, A. R. H. Wilkins 14, J. H. Church 5, K. D. Lazenby 0, extras 6, total 103.

**Pertenhall v. J. Laine's XI**

Laine's XI: H. Melson 5, J. Pringle 2, B. Airey 32, W. Dalton 9, G. Govee 0, H. Eisey 8, Bennett 6, Brown 0, Boyd 1, Skepper 0, H. Hughes 0, total 63.--V. Roddis five for 13 (including hat-trick), S. Dawson three for 3.

Pertenhall: S. Stapleton 14, Jk. Roddis 15, C. Stapleton 5, C. Banks 7, V. Roddis 0, W. Pireland 0, A. George 0, S. Dawson 3, C. Weller 0, H. Stewart 3, B. Roddis 0, extras 11, total 58.--R. Airey five for 23, H. Melson four for 8.

Kempston, 95 (C. Luff 25, H. Etheridge eight for 45); Clophill, 99 (H. Etheridge 39, Stan Smith seven for 34).

Southill Park Sunday XI, 126 (A. Swain 39, V. Green 30, L. Chamberlain five for 39, T. Eady four for 35); Bedford North End, 9 for four (D. Berridge two for 3), A. Burnage two for 6). Rain stopped play.

Metis, 80 (C. Norwood 19, J. King seven for 26); Tetwell, 132 (A. Wright 25, J. King 18).

N.A.E. (Clapham), 100 (A. D. Jones 21, McMullen 19, Spice five for 29); South End Ramblers, 150 for eight (Jones 65, Evans 27).

Gentlemen of the Lion, 100 (Reeder 24, Wallis 19, Allen 17, Dagher five for 13, Latcham three for 18); Luton Road A.A., Dunstable, 101 for seven (Prentice 25, Dynes three for 32, P. Wooding three for 10, Thorogood two for 13, Donaldson two for 27).

Stanbridge and Tilsworth, 107 for eight, dec. (A. Jones 32, Gazeley five for 51, Leadley one for 9, Gibb one for 16); Gentlemen of the Lion, 68 (Gazeley 16, Gibb 13, A. Cherry four for 17).

Gentlemen of the Lion, 54 (Boyde 14, Gibb 14, W. Cherry three for 3, Turner four for 20) and 69 for four when rain stopped play; Stanbridge and Tilsworth, 65 (W. Cherry 25, Miles four for 27, Harris three for 17, Gibb two for 10, Boyde one for 9).

Shelton, 66; Dean, 25. Played on Monday.

**B.M.S. Captain Honoured**

R. A. Gale, the Bedford Modern School captain, has been honoured by being chosen to lead The Rest against Southern Schools at Lords today (Friday) and to-morrow. He played in the corresponding match last season as well as for Public Schools v. Combined Services at Lords.

As an all-rounder—he bats left and bowls right-arm off-spinners—Gale has just completed a most successful season for his School. He headed both batting and bowling averages.

In ten innings, twice not out, he scored 725 runs, average 90.62. His highest was 140 against Old Bedford Modernians, and he also hit 123 against City of London School and 109 not out against Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet. He took 36 wickets at a cost of 10.36 runs each.

**CRICKET FIXTURES**

**To-day (Friday)**

**MINOR COUNTIES COMPETITION**  
Bedfordshire v. Hertfordshire, Bedford School ground (and on Saturday).

**Saturday**

**FRIENDLIES**

Bedford Town v. Marsh Town, Kettering Town v. Harpur Sports, Queen's Works v. Shire Hall, Bedford North End v. St Neots, Kintlington v. Tom-Tits, Bedford Argus v. Kempston, Southill v. Bedford Town II, Harpur Sports II v. Wolverton, Adnham (Luton) v. Queen's "A", Henlow v. Bedford Town Ramblers, Stewart v. Kent's (Luton), R.A.F. Cardington v. Bromham Nomads, Shillington v. Steppingleade, Luton Town v. Buglesade, Three Counties Hospital v. Centels Sports, Willington v. Gentlemen of the Lion.

**BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE Premier Division**

Pavenham v. Potton, Langford v. Blunham, South End Ramblers v. Marston.

**Division I**

Marston v. Great Barford, Pertenhall v. Felmersham, Clapham v. Mokerhanger.

**Sunday**

**FRIENDLIES**

Stevenage v. Bedford Town, Leighton v. Harpur Sports, Queen's Works v. Kettering Town, R.A.F. Cardington v. Stewartby, R.A.F. Cardington v. Walsworth, Sherington v. Gentlemen of the Lion, Southill Park v. D. Hammond's XI.

**FOUR WICKETS IN FOUR BALLS**

S. George, of Pertenhall, achieved the rare feat of taking four wickets in four balls last Saturday, finishing with these remarkable figures: 2 overs, 2 maidens, 0 runs, 6 wickets.

He was playing for his club against Great Barford in a friendly of 15 overs a side after the teams had finished their Bedford and District League game. Great Barford were all out for 51 after being 50 for three, and Pertenhall replied with 82 for five.

**TOOK ALL TEN WICKETS**

M. Martin took ten wickets for 17 runs whilst playing for Cold Storage against Castle Press at Bedford Park last Friday evening.



### THURSDAY ATTACK IN FINE FORM

#### Leighton All Out 28

Bedford Thursday defeated Leighton Buzzard for the first time ever, winning by 86 runs, when the sides met at Bedford Park last week.

Batting first, the Thursday made a disastrous start, losing half the side for only 13. Peter Green then received good support from Stan Smith, their sixth-wicket stand adding 33. Another useful contribution from Norman Rentle made the score look still more presentable, and Peter Green batted extremely well for a valuable 58. For Leighton, L. Branton took six wickets for 40.

With only 114 runs on the board and the strong batting of Leighton to tackle, the Thursday expected a hard fight. However, they went into the attack with real determination. Stan Smith bowled extremely well and was well supported by Dick Wisson. The Leighton side were dismissed for 28 runs, Smith taking five wickets for five runs, and Wisson five for 23.

Thursday: W. G. Poole 0, G. Millman 1, R. Wisson 4, P. Green 58, A. Chappell 0, W. Luff 6, S. Smith 14, N. Rentle 18, E. D. Rainbird 8, S. Lilliman 0, T. L. Rose not out 0, extras 5, total 114.

Leighton: L. Branton 6, T. S. Davis 9, J. Heady 3, H. Capp 1, D. Dale 2, G. Shackshaft 0, R. Saxby not out 6, F. Alderman 0, G. Mobbs 0, W. J. Cook 0, C. Olney 1, extras 0, total 28.

This week Thursday will meet Bedford Postels in Bedford Park.

#### Pavenham v. Potton Town

Pavenham: N. Wesley 4, J. Turner 3, J. Pearson 1, C. Whitworth 1, A. Wesley 7, G. Scoley 0, J. Blakemore 2, M. Higgs 0, P. Wootton 0, T. Higgs 0, G. Wesley not out 0, extras 1, total 19. E. Huckle five for 8, J. Standen three for 9, D. Page one for 1.

Potton Town: F. G. Paice 10, D. Page 3, E. Clarke 3, E. Huckle 0, K. Woodman 25, J. Giles 0, J. Hutchinson 5, P. Hutchinson 0, R. Pepper 3, J. Gray not out 7, J. Standen 1, extras 3, total 62. G. Scoley one for 20, J. Pearson six for 28, T. Higgs one for 11.

### EVERSHOLT WIN BY FIVE WICKETS

#### Rain Delays Start Against Meltis

Although a start was not possible until 4 o'clock, a result was obtained in Eversholt's match with Meltis Sports at Bedford on Saturday, Eversholt winning by five wickets.

Batting first, Meltis were soon in trouble. W. Fleckney bowled Cook in his first over, and C. Brown had Letts stumped by Sanderson in his second. R. Odell settled down, however, and with W. Cousins raised the score to 20. Three wickets then fell cheaply, but Meyerstein and Odell put on 22, Odell being eighth out, having made 21. The innings closed for 55.

B. Oakley, and Fleckney opened confidently for Eversholt, but runs were difficult against the slow bowling of W. Cousins. Nor did a wet outfield help.

Five wickets were down before K. Cousins made the winning hit—a four to the long leg boundary off Robinson. Cousins's running between the wickets was very good. He was last out to a very good catch by E. Braybrooks, having made 25.

Meltis: D. Cook 1, R. Letts 0, R. Odell 21, G. Robinson 3, W. Cousins 12, E. Braybrook 2, P. Barr 0, B. Eaton 0, D. Meyerstein not out 10, W. Wilson 0, W. Winfield 2, extras 4, total 55. C. Brown three for 9, W. Fleckney three for 15, K. Cousins three for 27.

Eversholt: B. Oakley 13, W. Fleckney 8, L. Sanderson 9, R. Oakley 2, W. Holmes 5, K. Cousins 25, F. Maggs 0, D. Impy 0, C. Brown not out 6, extras 4, total for eight wickets 72. E. Jarvis and P. Gough did not bat. G. Robinson two for 34, W. Cousins six for 27.

#### Horton v. R. B. Sanders

Horton: J. Whiting 0, R. Deacon 0, B. Clarke 19, G. Whiting 0, B. Walker 3, W. Gillett 10, A. Stanton 2, A. Sansome 16, W. Mills 4, W. Sansome 3, B. Lucas not out 1, extras 8, total 66. S. Smith three for 11, P. Morris one for 14, C. Lambert one for 9, G. Goswell three for 13, C. Bavington one for 0.

R. B. Sanders: R. Atkins 9, C. Bavington 2, S. Lilliman 0, C. Lambert 3, P. Morris 2, G. Goswell 8, R. Goswell 6, S. Smith 6, J. Reek 3, A. Reeve 2, J. Clark not out 0, extras 2, total 43. G. Whiting four for 29, R. Deacon five for 12.

### SCHOOL CRICKETER IS HONOURED

R. A. Gale, the Bedford Modern School Captain and Southill Park cricketer, has been honoured by being selected to lead the Public Schools against Combined Services at Lord's yesterday (Monday) and to-day. Gale captained The Rest v. Southern Schools at Lord's last week.

## Martlets Enjoy Tour Despite Weather

Bedford Martlets, touring for the twelfth time in Kent, had planned for nine days' cricket, but the second day of the Tonbridge match was rained off, the last match—against Linden Park at Tunbridge Wells—could not be played because the wicket was soaked, and two other games were started, only to be abandoned.

All the same, five complete days' cricket were enjoyed, and the social side of the tour, set in some of the loveliest parts of Kent and Sussex, was as enjoyable as ever.

The touring party was somewhat smaller than usual owing to the late withdrawal through injury of N. E. Gillham and R. A. Gale, the latter having been hit in the face when fielding for Middlesex II at Eastbourne and compelled to rest until the Public Schools matches at Lord's. Results—

At Tonbridge: The Martlets, 312 for five dec. (J. C. Featherstone 113, E. W. Giles 100, E. S. Volz 47 not out, C. H. Knott four for 59); Tonbridge, 105 for one. Second day's play abandoned.

At Frindsbury: Frindsbury, 64 for no wicket. Rain stopped play.

At Sittingbourne: The Martlets, 6 for no wicket, against Bowaters Lloyd. Match abandoned.

At Sevenoaks: Sevenoaks Vine, 207 for nine dec. (G. C. Downton 78, K. J. Pettis five for 47); The Martlets, 90 (R. E. Jeeps 25). Lost by 117 runs.

At Chatham: The Martlets, 248 for six dec. (R. E. Jeeps 68, H. Steele-Smith 50 not out); Royal Naval Barracks, 130 (A. Burness seven for 37). Won by 118 runs.

At Hythe: Hythe, 173 (L. Bambridge three for 49); The Martlets, 175 for three (J. H. Davis 56 not out, B. C. Barnwell 65, R. E. Jeeps 23 not out). Won by seven wickets.

At East Grinstead: East Grinstead, 148 (K. J. Pettis three for 45); The Martlets, 137 (B. C. Barnwell 33, E. S. Volz 45 not out). Lost by 11 runs.

At Linden Park: Match abandoned. The following were members of the party during all or part of the tour: E. J. Cooper, W. Moore, E. S. Volz, H. Steele-Smith, B. C. Barnwell, R. E. Jeeps, L. Bambridge, A. Burness, E. C. Featherstone, K. D. Ballard, J. H. C. Davis, K. J. Pettis, G. Bulloch, E. W. Giles, G. Millman, R. A. Cox (umpire), and Alex Davis (scorer).

## Town's Exciting Win

Bedford Town Sunday XI gained an exciting seven-wickets victory over Stevenage at Stevenage. The home side declared at 163 for six, leaving Bedford 105 minutes' batting. Skipper E. S. Smith (47) and E. C. Howard (68) gave them a fine send-off in an opening century stand, and the winning hit was made in the last over.

Grosvenor Club v Bedfordshire Times  
Grosvenor: Crisp 3, Peters 10, Crowe 0, Anstee 0, Alder 0, Palmer 9, Jones not out 20, Ford not out 7, extras 7, total (for six wks) 56.—Sabey three for 2, Young two for 16.

Times: Coleman 6, Spavins 9, Northwood 1, Sabey not out 28, Anderson 4, Tipping not out 12, extras 2, total (for four wks) 62.

A weakened Casuals team visited Sharnbrook on Sunday, losing by 74 runs. Only R. Cooper and A. Barnett offered any real resistance to the home bowling. Sharnbrook, 144 (Boyles 24, Dunkley 24); Casuals, 70 (Cooper 21, Barnett 16, R. Dunkley seven for 16).

Sherington and Chicheley, 49 (B. West 11, T. Wills four for 14, G. Leadley two for 1, A. Simpson two for 12, R. Dynes one for 7); Gentlemen of the Lion, 49 (D. A. T. Leadley 13, Dynes 11, Chappill four for 19, Line three for 22).

Diemer and Reynold's, 63 for six (Bennett 13 not out, White 13 not out, Wilson three for 10, King two for 20); Wells of Bedford, 48 for six (King 24 not out, Pilly two for 15, Simcoe two for 25, Langford one for 12).

## Bedford and District Cricket League

### MOGERHANGER COLLAPSE

Fine bowling by Pickering, Buck, and Bottell on a rain-soaked wicket played a leading part in Clapham's comfortable home victory over Mogerhanger in the Bedford and District League, Division I, game on Saturday.

Mogerhanger, winning the toss, took first knock and were all out for 35, the only batsman to master the bowling being J. Reid. He played well for 26. Clapham's opening pair, Wiles and Norton gave them a good start and, with double-figure contributions from Buck, Devereux, and Tamkin, they totalled 89.

Pertenhall, with two games to play, now have a lead of two points at the top of Division I. Their latest triumph (by 15 runs) was against close rivals in Felmersham.

#### PREMIER DIVISION

##### Pavenham v. Potton

Pavenham: N. Wesley 4, J. Turner 5, J. Pearson 1, C. Whitworth 1, A. Wesley 7, G. Scoley 0, J. Blakemore 2, M. Higgs 0, P. Wootton 0, T. Higgs 0, G. Wesley not out 0, extras 1, total 19.—E. Huckle five for 8, J. Standen three for 9, D. Page one for 1.

Potton: F. G. Paice 10, D. Page 3, E. Clarke 3, E. Huckle 0, K. Woodman 25, J. Giles 0, J. Hutchinson 5, P. Hutchinson 0, R. Pepper 5, J. Gray not out 7, J. Standen 1, extras 5, total 62.—J. Pearson six for 28, T. Higgs one for 11, G. Scoley one for 20.

#### DIVISION I

##### Clapham v. Mogerhanger

Mogerhanger: F. Reid 0, E. Wilsner 0, E. Street 4, S. Reid 26, D. Jones 0, K. Reid 1, C. Street 0, Rev. H. V. Phoenix 0, W. Wilsner 0, R. Reid 2, R. Phillips not out 2, total 33.—R. Pickering four for 21, T. Buck three for 9, C. Bottell two for 3.

Clapham: S. Wiles 14, R. Norton 15, C. Bottell 3, B. Tamkin 11, R. Brittain retired 2, R. Pickering 2, R. Devereux 12, T. Buck 13, G. Turner 4, A. Henman 7, R. Brown not out 1, extras 5, total 89.—K. Reid four for 23, P. Reid three for 23, R. Reid two for 26.

##### Pertenhall v. Felmersham

Pertenhall: S. Stapleton 2, O. Stapleton 2, C. Banks 12, K. Gentle 6, V. Roddis 0, J. Roddis 0, A. George 0, S. George 21, W. Presland 3, O. Stapleton 6, J. Elliott not out 0, extras 9, total 61.—S. Lovell six for 22, A. Betts two for 10.

Felmersham: A. Cattanech 1, V. Bowdler 0, J. Turner 8, A. Betts 9, D. Parker 6, H. Lawson 6, S. Lovell 0, F. Turner 8, S. Boyle 1, K. Richardson 1, G. Constant not out 1, extras 5, total 46.—W. Presland five for 19, K. Gentle three for 9.

#### DIVISION II (SECTION II)

##### Turvey v. Marston Sports

Turvey: F. Paynton 0, J. Lettis 20, B. Frost 2, H. Sargent 2, L. Bullard 0, S. West 1, R. Wright 4, A. Sugars 2, J. Kruthoffer 8, P. Hilson 0, P. Bullard not out 0, total 40.—Willby nine for 25.

Marston Sports: Thoburn 3, Guest 0, Butt 9, Carr 1, Barnes 0, Wilby 35.

Carrol 11, Shorrocks not out 4, Stapleton 3, Jordan 20, extras 8, total 94.—P. Paynton five for 31.

##### North Crayley v. Stevington

Stevington: A. Wildman 1, G. Curtis 11, P. Albery 1, W. Bird 0, R. Cox 6, G. Guy 0, J. Swain 5, J. Ingram 0, H. Dart 5, A. Mackness not out 8, F. Church 1, extras 2, total 38.—W. Howe eight for 13, P. Wooding two for 9.

North Crayley: P. Wooding 8, S. Lancaster 6, P. Savage 3, F. Brandon 10, T. Caves 6, A. Goodman 0, W. Howe 0, C. Stanton 0, K. Kitchen 0, P. Bonan not out 2, C. Adderson 5, extras 5, total 43.—G. Curtis five for 15, G. Guy five for 16.

##### Stagsden v. Kempton West End

West End: R. Darlow 2, C. Viewling 1, P. Percival 0, K. Jesson 2, C. Anthony 0, L. Hills 2, W. Bailey 1, P. Jackson 3, M. McCully not out 2, P. Percival 0, extras 1, total 14.—Sharo five for 4, O. Newman three for 9.

Stagsden: A. Cooper 12, H. Newman 5, B. Sharo 2, G. Newman 6, S. Dutton 6, P. Williams 7, D. Hornsey 0, R. Tits 12, J. Ibbot 8, J. Alder 7, C. Clark not out 0, total 63.—Percival took seven wickets and Jackson three.

#### DIVISION III (SECTION II)

##### Potton II v. Roston

Roston: L. Livett 2, J. Larkins 19, W. Clark 3, S. Gadsden 7, G. Jeffries 18, P. Keighley 0, R. Clarke 9, M. Jones 6, R. Johnson 10, E. Darlow 0, B. Livett not out 0, extras 5, total 79.

Potton: G. Munns 11, E. Gurney 1, R. James 17, O. Peck 2, K. Hutchinson 15, J. Plummer 0, E. Blott 0, D. Hutchinson 8, B. Moore 1, L. Ourney 3, A. Aldridge not out 0, extras 5, total 61.

## TOWN JUST FAIL IN RACE WITH CLOCK

Bedford Town, visiting Hitchin on Saturday with a much-weakened team, just failed to win after being asked to score 152 in two hours on a slow wicket and outfield.

Hitchin, batting first, were soon in trouble, Palmer (Bedford Modern School) taking the first three wickets with only 19 runs scored, at a personal cost of seven.

T. and J. Burgess added 36 runs for the fourth wicket, but then wickets fell regularly, despite missed catches, until, with the score 90 for nine, Gleason joined Welch, who had been missed off his first ball, and this pair added 61 runs for the last wicket.

### One Single In 45

Gleason used the long handle and hit at almost every ball, his innings of 45 including one six and five fours and only one single. Humphreys was the most successful bowler, capturing four wickets for 31; Palmer took three for 35, Sabey two for 52, and Howard one for three.

Pratt and Smith opened for Bedford and started briskly, putting on 52 in 38 minutes before Pratt became the first of Grant's victims behind the wicket. Smith followed at

55. l.b.w. to Stanley. Howard and Harris looked to be settling down, but with the score at 74 Howard mistimed a shot and was caught at short leg.

Harris and Sabey attacking the bowling, added 26 runs in 19 minutes before Sabey was caught at cover. Spencer helped Harris to add another 26, but by this time Bedford were behind the clock, and four more wickets were lost in attempting to get the runs.

### Harris Bats Well

Time was called with Bedford still 12 runs short and only two wickets to fall. Harris batted well for his 38 not out, and might have won the game if he had received his share of the bowling.

Hitchin: N. Holt b Palmer 2, W. Stanley c Spencer b Palmer 4, T. Burgess b Humphreys 31, G. Grant b Palmer 2, J. Burgess st Harris b Humphreys 25, F. Appleyard lbw b Humphreys 0, T. Young b Sabey 4, R. Carlisle b Sabey 0, J. Welch not out 21, J.

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Adams c Smith b Humphreys 10, A. Gleason c Harris b Howard 45, extras 7, total 151.

Bedford: J. Pratt st Grant b Stanley 18, E. S. Smith lbw b Stanley 34, E. C. Howard c J. Burgess b Stanley 12, V. J. Harris not out 38, C. F. Sabey c Appleyard b Stanley 19, G. A. Spencer st Grant b T. Burgess 13, M. Suckley st Grant b T. Burgess 0, H. F. Stokes c Carlisle b T. Burgess 0, P. Humphreys st Grant b Burgess 0, R. D. Linger not out 2, extras 4, total (for eight wickets) 140. A. Palmer did not bat.

## Dunkley Hits 69 Not Out for Queen's Sunday XI

Queen's Works Sunday XI scored a comfortable win by 85 runs over Vauxhall Motors Sunday XI at Allen Park. Feature of Queen's declared total of 166 for four was an unbeaten 69 by R. F. Dunkley.

After Saturday's rain the wicket was good, but the outfield was slower than usual. Poulter and Wooding opened quietly, but when Dunkley joined, Poulter the rate of scoring increased, the 50 going up in 50 minutes. Poulter was caught and bowled by Heymeson for 25, but Collingridge and Dunkley with quick running and hard hitting put up the next 50 in 38 minutes. Dunkley was batting well—after being dropped at 22—and his 50 came in 64 minutes.

Collingridge was out to a good catch for 37. McDonald after scoring six was out lbw. Shepherd came in and took 11 runs off one over from Motto and Queen's declared at 166 for four.

Vauxhall made a bad start and never recovered. Walker clean bowled Price without a run being scored, and a little later took two more wickets with successive balls. Wickets continued to fall regularly, and the innings closed for 81. Walker took four for 11, Beard three for 19, and Skeemer three for 22.

Queen's Works: E. C. Wooding 13, R. E. Poulter 25, R. F. Dunkley not out 69, E. W. Collingridge 37, M. M. J. McDonald 6, G. Shepherd not out 13, extras 3, total (for four wickets dec.) 166.

Vauxhall 81.

## WEAKENED QUEEN'S SIDE TROUNCED

After a fortnight's rest Queen's Works resumed on Saturday and a weakened side were heavily defeated by Bletchley at Manor Field. All the side were out for only 36, their lowest score this season. In fairness it must be stated that the wicket was probably the reason for their collapse. It was sodden, and a matting was put on it.

With the exception of Wooding and Feasey, none of the Queen's batsmen stayed long. Feasey did his best to keep his end up, and stay with Wooding who scored a gallant 16 in 45 minutes. The outfield was wet and slow, and it was hard to get more than a single. Without belittling the bowlers' efforts, the matting certainly helped them.

When Bletchley went in to bat a little of the moisture had gone from the wicket, but, without the services of Swales, Walker, and Dawson, Queen's did not possess the bowlers to get the kick out of it. The seven bowlers tried, especially Skeemer, kept the batsmen quiet, and it was not until the 19th over that they passed Queen's total.

Queen's: E. C. Wooding 16, R. E. Poulter 0, M. M. J. McDonald 3, S. V. Wildman 0, G. Shepherd 3, A. G. S. Barcock 0, A. F. Feasey 9, K. P. Wilson 0, C. J. Beard 0, E. B. Skeemer 0, G. Bates not out 1, extras 4, total 36. (Beech three for 5, Young three for 13, Morris two for 10).

Bletchley: P. Gladwin 19, A. Garner 4, A. Clarke not out 34, R. Turner not out 5, extras 3, total (for two wickets) 65. (Skeemer one for 5).

**Pilgrims C.C. Tour**

Bedford Pilgrims C.C. a newly-formed touring side consisting mainly of O.B.Ms., recently enjoyed a week's cricket in the West Country. Of six matches played, three were won and three lost.

Results were:—  
Pershore 160 for six, dec.; Pilgrims, 107 (C. Sumfield 30).  
Pilgrims, 137; R.A.F. Hereford, 139 for five.

Pilgrims, 201 for eight, dec. (R. A. Glynne-Jones not out 62, S. W. Houghton 50); Gloucester Gyphes, 113 (A. R. J. Adam three for 11, M. P. Houghton three for 26, J. R. A. Pearson three for 29).

Pilgrims, 161 for nine, dec. (S. W. Houghton 57, J. H. L. Davis 35); Tewkesbury, 117 (R. J. Adam five for 31, M. P. Houghton four for 23).

Pilgrims, 102; Mr. W. O. Hook's XI, 105 (C. Sumfield four for 24, J. R. A. Pearson four for 28).

Pilgrims, 118 (R. J. Adam 42, W. R. Burkoyne 30); Malvern, 121 for three.

**Toddington Y.F.C. v. Leighton Buzzard Y.F.C.**

Played on 14th August. Toddington Young Farmers Club passed the Leighton Buzzard total for the loss of two wickets. Each team included two ladies.

Leighton Buzzard Y.F.C.: 41. (Bowling: P. Tookey four for 15, P. Peters three for 10, B. Driscoll two for 6).

Toddington Y.F.C.: P. Tookey 9, B. Driscoll 16, A. Cook, 18 (retired), P. Burton 10, (retired), P. Peters 3, J. Smith 4, N. Whitkin 10 not out, J. Burton 0, 1, Wild 2, extras 12, total (for eight wks.) 84.

Bagshawe's, 17 (Forsdyke 25, Dynes three for 25, Eastford two for 16, R. Donaldson two for 21); Gentlemen of the Lion, 73 (Leadley 10, Willis 26, Oakden 9, Schofield five for 36, Bradley three for 35).

Gentlemen of the Lion, 43 (Leadley 9, Dynes 9, Garner five for 4, Peach four for 27); Buckden, 44 for eight (Pond 12, Dynes four for 10, Willis five for 19, Leadley one for 5).

**Bedford and District Cricket League**

**POTTON TO FINISH TOP AGAIN?**

**DIVISION II (SECTION II)**

**Marston Sports v. Kempston West End**  
Marston Sports: Jordan 16, H. Stapleton 2, Butt 9, Carr 1, Odell 5, R. Stapleton 38, Barnes 0, Willby 15, Parrott 9, Shorrocks 0, Lancaster not out 2, extras 1, total 98.—Percival five for 59, Jackson two for 15, Darlow two for 4.

**Stevington v. Kempston Wood End**  
Stevington: A. Wildman 2, G. Curtis not out 70, R. Cox 2, G. Guy 6, W. Bird 3, A. Cox 5, J. Swain 10, S. Allery 0, H. Dart 9, R. Mackness not out 3, extras 5, total (for eight wks, dec.) 114.—Fuller four for 28, V. Ashpole one for 31, R. Copperwheat three for 39.

**Wood End v. J. Fuller 1, R. Ashpole 0, R. Copperwheat 3, L. Jessop 2, S. Hutchings 6, V. Ashpole 1, D. Jessop 1, B. Childs 11, T. Burraway 2, W. Hutchings 8, B. Ashpole not out 1, total 36.—W. Bird five for 8, G. Curtis three for 20, O. Guy one for 7.**

**Stadsen v. North Crawley**

Stadsen: G. Newman 8, F. Williams 0, B. Sharp 22, H. Newman 5, S. Dutton 0, R. Tite 3, J. Abbott 2, D. Horsey 7, J. Alder not out 2, A. Woolston 6, F. Frossell 0, extras 1, total 62.—Hove four for 28, Wooding three for 9, Caves two for 6.

**North Crawley: P. Honor 4, P. Wooding 12, J. Lancaster 2, F. Mitchell 4, T. Caves 4, F. Savage 5, G. Anderson 1, W. Howe 0, F. Stanton 0, J. Hobbs 1, R. Tatham not out 2, extras 9, total 44.—B. Sharp seven for 13.**

**DIVISION III (SECTION II)**

**Wrestlingworth v. Blunham II**

Blunham: F. Abbot 10, G. Harding 15, E. Jeffries 2, R. Stevens 0, M. Rawlins 14, P. Rawlins 2, W. Fordham 0, A. Sims 5, H. Sims 6, J. Scriven 1, T. Jeffries not out 6, extras 7, total 88.—J. Norman seven for 15, A. Bennett one for 10, H. Lee one for 12, W. Plant two for 29.

**Wrestlingworth: W. Plant 0, L. Ralton 28, R. Franklin 7, H. Robinson 0, J. Norman 0, H. Lee 24, Walker 2, I. Compton 0, W. Daisley 3, A. Bennett not out 12, N. Bennett not out 5, extras 14, total (for nine wks.) 93.—A. Sims two for 30, W. Fordham one for 20, M. Rawlins three for 16, P. Rawlins three for 9.**

**Tempford v. Potton II**

Tempford: R. Bettles 7, B. Lowe 3, E. Ingram 2, C. Jackson 0, D. Eaton 0, P. Bravbrooks 1, A. Fuller not out 4, J. Jackson 6, Mudda 0, Wilson 1, extras 8, total 32.—J. Hutchinson five for 12.

**Potton: E. Gurney 2, E. Giles 0, J. Hutchinson 14, G. Peck 4, C. Munns 7, D. Hutchinson 5, C. Bharmar 6, E. Blott 4, J. Gray 6, J. Mills not out 1, J. Plummer 0, extras 4, total 33.**

Potton Town made almost certain of winning the Premier Division championship for the fourth season, when they beat Sharnbrook on Saturday. Potton have one more game to play, against South End Ramblers at Potton to-morrow. Sharnbrook batted cautiously on a wet wicket, and with five of their players failing to score were all out for 60. J. Standen took six of their wickets for 12 runs.

Potton did not have an easy time passing Sharnbrook's total. Seven wickets fell for 50, but then splendid hitting by K. Woodman and E. Huckle carried them to victory. Woodman's 45 not out included three sixes and four fours.

B. Maries the Blunham bowler, was again in great form on Saturday, taking seven Marston wickets for eight runs. All his victims were clean bowled. With F. Tester taking three for five, Marston were all out for 19 in reply to Blunham's total of 71, of which Maries hit 17 and Tester 15 not out.

**PREMIER DIVISION**

**Potton Town v. Sharnbrook**

Sharnbrook: H. Gray 4, D. Dunkley 7, H. Bovles 5, R. Dunkley 15, H. Downeswell 0, D. Cawson 0, G. Bovles 8, H. Martin 14, B. Lovell not out 0, L. Burwell 0, D. Benson 0, extras 9, total 60.—J. Standen six for 12.

**Potton: F. G. Pince 12, H. Jakes 6, D. Pave 0, E. Clarke 5, J. Giles 6, P. Hutchinson 2, E. Huckle not out 27, N. Price 1, K. Woodman not out 45, extras 3, total (for seven wks.) 108.**

**Blunham v. Marston**

Blunham: C. Saunders 18, C. Rawlins 0, P. Barker 0, R. Clarke 8, R. Rawlins 3, B. Maries 17, F. Tester not out 15, R. Harding 1, F. Jarvis 2, R. Sims 0, G. Breed 1, extras 4, total 71.—Stapleton four for 12.

**Marston: P. Copperwheat 4, A. Bunker 0, W. Hile 2, D. Stapleton 0, C. Caves 0, D. Faulkner 1, R. Berry 0, A. Stapleton 0, G. Pearce 4, W. Swales 0, K. Brightman not out 2, extras 6, total 19.—B. Maries seven for 8, F. Tester three for 5.**

**DIVISION I**

**Great Barford v. Clapham**

Clapham: R. Dvereux 2, C. Bottell 2, E. Tankin 7, A. Henman 12, R. Pickering 0, D. Norman 5, T. Buck 15, R. Brown 0, A. Cope 1, R. Fawc 1, W. Burton not out 0, extras 5, total 48.—J. Breeze five for 24, G. Robinson two for 8, J. Jeffs two for 6, P. Minney one for 5.

**Great Barford: P. Usher 9, S. Skevington 1, G. Robinson 9, W. Bridge 0, A. Stead 0, C. Robinson 1, J. Jeffs 1, R. Minney 6, J. Breeze 6, B. West not out 4, J. Bourdon 1, extras 2, total 40.—R. Pickering four for 28, T. Buck five for 10.**



League Cricket

**Scoley Bowls Well  
for Pavenham**

Not one Renhold batsman reached double figures in face of the excellent bowling of Pavenham's G. Scoley (six for 15) and J. Pearson (three for 8). Renhold were out for 29 in reply to 79 for nine by Pavenham, who recovered from a bad start of losing three wickets for 13 runs in this Bedford and District League, Premier Division, match.

**PREMIER DIVISION**

**Pavenham v. Renhold**

Pavenham: A. Wesley 1, L. Church 1, N. Wesley 12, R. Horburgh 3, J. Crawley 1, G. Scoley 29, B. Spreadborough 11, J. Pearson 5, H. Ashpole 1, T. Higgs not out 0, extras 15, total (for nine wkts. dec.) 79.—T. Swan two for 4, W. Harlow four for 20, G. Harlow one for 16.

Renhold: G. Harlow 8, F. Joyce 2, P. Swan 0, K. Edwards 0, D. Stapleton 6, G. Allen 1, W. Harlow 6, D. Constant 0, P. Carter 0, F. Harlow not out 1, extras 5, total 29.—J. Pearson three for 8, G. Scoley six for 15.

**DIVISION I**

**Clapham v. Great Barford**

Clapham: S. Wiles 2, R. Devereux 21, B. Tamkin 29, R. Smith 0, C. Bottell 0, A. Henman 15, R. Pickering 12, T. Buck 19, C. Turner 0, L. Wooding not out 2, G. Hoffman 1, extras 14, total 115.—Breeze three for 21, Robinson three for 37, Minney two for 20, Jeffs two for 25.

Great Barford: P. Usher 6, S. Skevington 0, C. Robinson 4, J. Breeze 14, W. Bridge 0, P. Minney 6, C. Robinson 2, J. Jeffs 6, G. Mardlin 1, R. West 0, J. Bourdon not out 0, extras 6, total 45.—Henman four for 4, Pickering four for 11, Hoffman one for 2, Buck one for 11.

**DIVISION II (SECTION II)**

**Stevington v. Turvey**

Stevington: A. Wildman 3, G. Curtis 8, G. Guy not out 37, W. Bird 1, L. Cook 10, S. Albery 1, J. Swain 0, A. Cox 3, R. Mackness 4, R. Cox 8, J. Ingram 0, extras 14, total 93.—Paynton four for 29, Sugars four for 52.

Turvey: Hutchings 13, Frost 11, Kruthoffer 2, Letts 6, Paynton 0, West 6, Hillson 0, L. Bullard 2, Sugars not out 9, Umney 1, P. Bullard 0, extras 6, total 56.—Curtis five for 19, Bird four for 26, Guy one for 5.

**Marston Sports v. Stagsden**

Stagsden: A. Cooper 9, H. Newman 21, Townley 0, Sharp 11, G. Newman 18, Kershaw 8, Tite 17, Hornsey 7, Abbott 0, Alder 7, Brooks not out 3, extras 7, total 108.—Carr two for 17, Thoburn two for 22, Guess one for 22, Barnes four for 22.

Marston Sports: Thoburn 11, Guess 14, Brett 14, Parrott 1, R. Stapleton 0, Barnes 0, Cook 15, Bonfield 1, H. Stapleton 0, Lancaster not out 0, extras 13, total 69.—Sharp four for 23, Townley three for 30, Newman two for 2.

**DIVISION III (SECTION II)**

**Wrestlingworth v. Tempsford**

Wrestlingworth: L. Rabone 2, V. Bentley 10, R. Franklin 4, C. A. Norman 6, A. Bennett not out 11, N. Bennett 2, H. Leo 18, H. Robinson 2, W. Dalsley 0, J. Humberstone 2, L. Compton 6, extras 12, total 74.—Bettes five for 31, Dawes four for 13, Jackson one for 27.

Tempsford: Lowe 2, Dawes 15, R. Bettes 1, Inghass 2, Jones 0, C. Jackson 0, J. Jackson 0, Bettes 0, P. Blott 0, R. Franklin 3, H. Oliver not out 1, extras 1, total 25.—Leo six for 15, Rabone four for 7.

**Langford II v. Blunham II**

Langford: L. King 29, C. Dilley 27, D. Burton 7, A. Wells 21, W. Potton 1, G. Aggett 8, R. Smith 0, E. Rutt 7, W. Patterson 7, R. Payne not out 6, C. Kirby 1, extras 16, total 130.—A. Simms six for 25.

Blunham: F. Abbott 15, E. Jefferies 1, R. Clarke not out 66, M. Rawlins 0, G. Barker 1, G. Breed 5, P. Rawlins 0, W. Fordham 4, H. Simms 12, A. Simms 1, T. Jefferies 0, extras 8, total 113.—Patterson four for 25.

**BIRTHS**

**BOATMAN.**—On 27 August, at Close Farm Hospital, Enfield, to Madeline (nee Hennek), wife of Ernest Boatman, the gift of a daughter (Pauline Lesley).

**COOPER.**—On 24 August 1952, at Verdon, to Miss Lane, Elbow, to Joan (nee Filing) and Dennis, the gift of a son (Geoffrey Thomas).

**EDWARDS.**—On 21 August, at Bedford General Hospital (North Wing), to Gwendolyn (nee Marriott) and Donald, a son (Martin Edward).

**KRAMARISIC.**—On 19 August, at St. Mary's Hospital, La Salle, Illinois, U.S.A., to Vera (nee Nixon) and Gus, the gift of a son (Paul).

**LATTON.**—On 26 August, at Bedford General Hospital (North Wing), to Sylvia (nee Hutchinson), and John Latton, of Woodton, the gift of a daughter (Elizabeth Janet).

**LENTON.**—At Bedford General Hospital (North Wing), on 21 August, to Marie (nee Bass) and George Lenton, 16 Lansdowne Road, Bedford, the gift of a daughter (Jacqueline Marie). Our grateful thanks to the nursing staff.

**OXBOROUGH.**—On Thursday, 23 August, at Bedford General Hospital (North Wing), to Peggy (nee Robinson) and J. Rex, the gift of a son (Brian David).

**PEACOCK.**—On 22 August 1952, at 35 Goldington Ave., Bedford, to Sheila Elspeth (nee Smeider) and Michael Peacock, a daughter.

**POCOCK.**—On 22 August, to Kathleen, wife of J. A. Pock, 85 Mount Road, Chessington, Surrey, a son (Robert Leonard), brother for Julie and Richard.

**SKINNER.**—On 25 August, at 25 Kimbolton Road, Bedford, to Edward and Eleanor (nee Jones), of The Lodge, Easton Mauditt, a son.

**SWAFFIELD.**—On 24 August, at Bedford General Hospital (North Wing), to Sheila (nee Orchard), wife of Clifford Swaffield, a son.

**VIVERS.**—On 23 August 1952, at "Scarboro", Deaneoff Road, Marston, Monctone, to Robert and Jean (nee Dryden), the gift of a daughter (Helen Margaret).

**FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES**

The marriage arranged between Eric Alder and Margaret Riley will take place on Saturday, 30 August, at 10 a.m., at St. Mary's Church, Goldington. All friends welcomed at the church.

The engagement is announced between Andrew Thow Butchart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Butchart, 47 Cauldwell Street, Bedford, and Dorothy Mae Pack, second daughter of Mrs. M. M. Pack, 78 Acacia Road, Bedford, and of Mr. H. J. Pack Bedford.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Grice, of 6 Foster Hill Road, Bedford, have pleasure in announcing the engagement of Peter, only son of Mrs. M. P. Corney, of Wendover, and the late Mr. J. W. Corney, to their only daughter, Gwendolyn.

The marriage arranged between Lieut. Ian Macfarlane Crichton, R.A., of Colinton, Edinburgh, and Miss Elizabeth Mary Haxley, daughter of the Vicar of Elstow, will take place at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, 30 August, at the Elstow Abbey Church. Friends will be very welcome at the church.

The engagement is announced between Ramon, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Dunkley, of 11 Harding Close, Bedford, and Jean, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mowbray, 76 Charles Street, Darlington, Co. Durham.

The marriage arranged between Thomas Fitch, of Cople, and Brenda May Franklin, of 55 Lenton Grove, Bedford, will take place on Thursday, 4 September 1952, at St. Peter's Church, Bedford, at 2.30 p.m.

The marriage arranged between Graham Hilditch, of 52 Watcote Road, Bedford, and Susan Fitch, of 51 Newnham Avenue, Bedford, will take place at 2 o'clock on Saturday, 30 August, at St. Cuthbert's Church, Bedford. All friends welcome at the church.

The marriage arranged between Derrick Thomas Jibbett, of Pastures Farm, Stagsden, and Doreen Elizabeth Dart, of 50 West Street, Stevington, will take place at St. Mary's Church, Stevington, on 6 September at 2.50 p.m. All friends welcome at the church.

The marriage arranged between Helen Harold Joly and Shirley A. Lister-Turns will take place on Saturday, 15 September, at 2.50 p.m., at St. Peter's Church, Bedford.

The marriage arranged between Cyril Nightingale and Jean Facey will take place at 2 p.m. on 6 September at Holy Trinity Church, Bedford. All friends welcome at the church.

The marriage arranged between Bernard William Packer, 20 Goldington Avenue, Bedford, and Violet Sparks, 5 Bridge Road, Bedford, will take place on Saturday, 29 August 1952, at 11 a.m. at Holy and Congregational Church, Bedford. All friends welcome at the church.

The marriage arranged between Donald Jeffrey Rampling, of Dartford, Kent, and Sheila Winifred Rayner, of 4 Hazelwood Road, Bedford, will take place on Thursday, 4 September, at St. Marc's Church, Cardington, at 5 p.m. All friends welcome at the church.

The marriage arranged between Basil Richardson, 5 Newnham Street, Bedford, and Dorothy Gibbons, of the same address, will take place on Saturday, 6 September 1952, at St. Cuthbert's Church, Bedford, at 2.50 p.m. All friends welcome at the church.

The marriage arranged between Benjamin Gordon Shotton, of 3 The Embankment, Bedford, and Miss Jean Hayward, of 92 Wendover Drive, Bedford, will take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, 30 August, at St. Paul's Methodist Church. All friends welcome.

The engagement is announced between Patrick (Jiggs) Smith, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, High Street, Clapham, and Joy Goodwin, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin, 16 Newton Road, Bedford.

The marriage arranged between Maureen Walker, of 79 Coventry Road, Bedford, and Betty Walton, of 4 Queen Alexandra Road, Bedford, will take place at 1.50 p.m. on 6 September at St. Mary's Church, Goldington. All friends welcome at the church.

The engagement is announced between Anthony Wolfe, second son of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. W. Jeps, of Dr. Ford, Bedfordshire, Kent, and Audrey Jean, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Odell, of Elm Farm, Campton, near Shefford.

The engagement is announced between Paul, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wood-Deighton, 9 Embankment, Bedford, and Dorothy, only daughter of Mrs. E. Raschewski, of Beilby.

**MARRIAGES**

**COOK-FLETCHER.**—On 23 August 1952, at St. Cuthbert's Church, Bedford, Alfred James, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Cook, of 12 Marlborough Road, Bedford, and Margaret, only child of Mr. and Mrs. A. Fletcher, 93 Dover Street, Bedford.

**SHARMAN-MASON.**—On 16 August 1952, at St. Mary's Church, Wake, Surrey, Peter George, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Sharmar, "Shandon", Patton, Bedfordshire, to Doreen, elder daughter of Squadron Leader and Mrs. P. E. Mason, Slade Cottage, Pinewoods, near Shefford.

**GOLDEN WEDDING**

**MARRIOTT-WOODWARD.**—On 27 August 1902, at St. Mary's Church, Kewston, by the Rev. J. Hill, Bannham Thomas Marriott, Bedford, to Rebecca Woodward, Kewston. Present address: 1,5 Castle Road, Bedford.

**DEATHS**

**BARRETT.**—Suddenly on 24 August 1952, Colin, dearly beloved child of Mr. and Mrs. Barrett, 5 North Way, London Road, Bedford, aged 11 years. "At rest."

**BROWN.**—On 24 August 1952, Agnes Louisa, dearly-loved sister of Lydia Brown, of St. Margaret's Cottages, Bedford, Bedfordshire, aged 70 years.

**CHILDS.**—On 20 August, Golden Childs, 11 Albert Street, Bedford, aged 46 years.

**COCKING.**—On 25 August 1952, Elsie Peterson, dear wife of Herbert Prole Cocking, 24 Ombersley Road, Bedford, aged 67 years. No flowers, but donations may be sent to Cancer Research.

**DAVIS.**—On 27 August, Gwendoline Amy Davis, 79 Palmerston Street, Bedford, aged 40 years.

**HILL.**—On 23 August, at Bedford General Hospital (South Wing), Florence Hill, of Chalton House, Mogerhanger. No flowers, no mourning.

**LIFFE.**—On 25 August, Sam Liffe, 16 Beckett Street, Bedford, aged 78 years.

**IVES.**—On 16 August, at the Bedford General Hospital (North Wing), Beatrice Ellen Ives, Moor Farm Cottages, Marston Morctaine, aged 67 years.

**MACDONALD.**—On 21 August, Rose Florence, late of 17 Timbley Road, Bedford, dearly-loved cousin of Dorothy Claude, passed peacefully away at Falkirk Infirmary, Scotland. Interment at Falkirk.

**MACKIE.**—At College Road, College of Aronaux, Canfield, on 25 August, William Milton Mackie, beloved husband of Elizabeth Gardner.

**SKEVINGTON.**—On 20 August 1952, Gertrude Sarah, aged 85, wife of the late Albert E. Skevington, formerly of Home Farm, Milton Brass.

**SLATER.**—On 27 August 1952, Edgar George Slater, beloved husband of Ivy Ellen, 18 Maryville Road, Bedford, aged 74 years. Funeral service Saturday, 10.50 a.m. at Kettering Crematorium.

**SPILLER.**—On 26 August 1952, Edith Bessie, widow of the late G. J. Spiller and beloved mother of Dorothy and Archie, 11 Breerton Road, Bedford, and late of Southill Park, aged 82 years. Funeral service to-morrow, Saturday, 11 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church, Bedford.

**TAYLOR.**—On 27 August 1952, peacefully after a long illness, Lizzie Taylor, beloved wife of Arthur Taylor and mother of Jack and Jenny, of 5 Duck End, Maulden, Bedfordshire, aged 67 years. Funeral service on Saturday 3 p.m. at Maulden Methodist Church.

**WHIGHTON.**—On 26 August 1952, in Seattle, Washington, U.S.A., Alice the beloved wife of William Herbert Whighton, M.A., D.D., 14 D. With Christ.

**YOXEN.**—On 25 August 1952, at the home of her mother, at Oakley Road, Broomham, Bedfordshire, Sarah Elizabeth Yoxen, 22 Denmark Street, Bedford, aged 72 years.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**BARNARD.**—In memory of a dear mother and grandma, Elizabeth Anne Barnard (nee Pettit), who fell on 31 August 1951.—From 1928, Horace, Betty, and Roy, Willington.

**COLLINS.**—Silent thoughts and treasured memories of a dear husband and father, John William Collins, who passed from us on 31 August 1949.—From his ever-loving wife and all at 18 All Saints' Road, Bedford.

**HARTWELL.**—Loving thoughts and treasured memories always of a dear wife, mother, and nannie, Rosa May, who passed away on 29 August 1952.—From her loving husband Herb, Kath, George, Cam, Jess, and grand children.

**LACY.**—Silent thoughts and treasured memories always of a dear husband and father, George H. Lacy, who died on 23 August 1940.—From his loving wife and children.

**MARTIN.**—Silent thoughts and fond memories of a dear husband and father, Henry Martin, who fell asleep on 29 August 1947.—From Doll and Inis.

**MERRILL.**—Fragrant memories of a dear husband, dad, and granddad, Henry Merrill, who passed away suddenly on 1 September 1951.—From his loving wife, son, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren Brian and Colin.

**WHITE.**—Treasured memories of a dear wife and mother, Mary White, who entered the fuller life on 28 August 1947.—Always remembered by her loving husband, sons, and daughter Steppingley, Northampton, and Renhold.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**ALLEN.**—In loving memory of a dear husband and father, William Thomas, who passed away on 31 August 1949.—From his loving wife and daughter, May, and son-in-law, Walter.

**BARKER.**—In loving memory of Arthur Barker (aka), of Beccles, died 12th August, 1947.—Remembered by all, Beccles and Manchester.

## FAMOUS CRICKETERS WILL HEAR Facts And Figures Of The Town C.C.'s Season

Every available ticket has been sold for Luton Town Cricket Club's annual dinner to-night, which famous cricketers Stuart Surridge, captain of Surrey, Bill Edrich, joint-captain of Middlesex, together with Jack Young and Sid Brown will attend.

They will hear that the club had a more successful season from the playing standpoint with the first team gaining nine victories against six defeats.

Taking the season through, the batting was more consistent than was the case the previous year and the fact that 10 matches were drawn is probably attributable that John Oliver often found himself short of bowling.

A bowler of real pace was a need and when Glyn Owen was absent it was difficult to find an alternative spin bowler, though towards the end of the season, Oliver gained marked success with his off-spinners.

Brunt of the attack was borne by Ron Gardiner, who heads the bowling averages for the second year in succession and Terry Matthews, who has been the backbone of the Town's bowling for a number of seasons.

Gardiner turned in some remarkable accurate spells and gained County honours, while few liberties could be taken with Matthews, who often pegged down one end.

**OWEN LEADS THE BATTING**  
There was a close struggle for the honour of heading the batting averages which went to Glyn Owen who held a narrow lead over Oliver, who was top last season.

Most runs were scored by John Muse and the wealth of batting is shown by the fact that seven players got well over the 200 runs mark.

Through the season, the policy of the selection committee was to give youngsters their chance in the side when vacancies occurred and while none achieved any remarkable success, the experience gained by such as Palmer, Robinson, Plastow and Manby will be valuable in the future.

Once again, the second team can look back with pride on their achievements and they owed much to the bowling of Arnold Worboys and Doug. Randall who had one spell of three matches when they dismissed the opposition between them.

The batting was reliable, too and runs were usually scored at a

brisk pace. Considering that they were seldom, if ever, at full strength the Sunday XI did well to go through the season with only one defeat and although the Strollers won but three matches, they unearthed some youngsters who will be distinct assets in the future.

For the first time since the war, a Wednesday XI was run and after a shaky start during which they encountered three successive defeats, they settled down into quite a strong side.

Difficulty which faced the captain, Bruce Satterley, most weeks was to put a full side into the field and, in all 42 players appeared in the 13 matches.

### 1st XI

Played 27, Won 9, Lost 6, Drawn 10, Abandoned 2.

### BATTING

	No.	Inns.	Out	St	Rns	Av
J. G. Owen	12	2	76*	333	33.3	
J. A. R. Oliver	15	4	76	355	32.3	
G. W. Hammond	27	3	111	380	27.1	
J. A. Muse	21	0	95	556	25.5	
F. Winstanley	12	1	121*	278	25.3	
K. Brazier	14	6	25	196	24.5	
B. G. F. Satterley	15	2	56	275	21.1	
C. V. A. Colling	14	3	48	224	20.4	
M. L. Kirby	16	0	50	291	18.2	
A. F. Waller	10	2	35*	101	12.6	
K. Palmer	9	1	21	78	9.7	

Also batted: T. D. Matthews 21\*, 12\*, 9\*, 4\*, 2, 1, 0; R. D. Gardiner 7\*, 4, 1, 0\*, 0, 0, 0; S. W. Owen 12\*, 6\*, 3, 2, 0\*, 0, 0; B. Robinson 25, 9, 5, 1, 0, 0; T. Brown 17, 8, 1, 1, 1, 0; C. H. Warman 23, 19, 5, 4, 3\*; D. S. Randall 44, 33, 24\*, 6; D. Plastow 9, 5, 3, 1; A. H. Borrowman 10, 15, 2; F. W. J. Webb 28\*, 21, 19; E. H. Pugh 0, 7, 5; R. Manby 3, 1\*, 0\*; A. J. Webbley 12, 48; A. J. Worboys 45, 20; J. Kirby 33, 16; R. Davies 11, 3; G. Spavins 4, 0; P. Brewer 11; N. Staddon 12; T. Kelly 9; J. Seamark 0; T. Clark 0.

\* Signifies not out

### BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av
R. D. Gardiner	330	4	95	726	58.12.1
J. A. R. Oliver	143	19	353	27	13.07
T. D. Matthews	237	2	59	553	42.13.1
J. G. Owen	115	3	19	362	21.17.2
M. L. Kirby	51	3	3	187	7.26.8
S. W. Owen	135	24	450	11	40.9

Also bowled: R. Davies 43.1.115.5; J. Kirby 43.3.142.4; G. W. Hammond 8.5.7.3; A. J. Webbley 12.2.0.58.3; T. Brown 6.0.22.2; F. W. J. Webb 5.0.17.2; C. V. A. Colling 14.0.53.2; D. S. Randall 50.4.193.2; R. Manby 23.4.85.1; R. H. Timpson 3.1.6.1; A. H. Borrowman

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## Call for More Enterprising Cricket

Vice-President and 1st XI umpire to Bedford Town Cricket Club, Mr. Arthur Brace, enlivened their annual meeting on Wednesday by calling for more enterprising cricket.

Commenting that only £17 was collected on the ground at something like 20 matches, Mr. Brace declared, "I think that is rather pathetic for the town cricket club. There's something wrong somewhere. I think it could be altered if there was more competitive cricket. One or two County sides made an effort to provide more entertaining play last season."

Suggesting that they should play matches with a limited number of overs, Mr. Brace continued, "I think most of the teams we play would agree to it. Most people come to see the ball clouted or the stumps knocked out of the ground, not artistic stroke play and few runs with batsmen 'sitting on the splice'."

The Treasurer (Mr. F. Breeze) pointed out that there was a slight increase in ground collections compared with the previous year.

In his report the Hon. Secretary (Mr. H. F. Stokes) said that the club enjoyed a very satisfactory season in 1952. The usual high standard of cricket was maintained and enjoyed by over 50 playing members. As in 1951 three Saturday XIs and a Sunday XI went into the field each week, while two sides were entered in the Hospital Cup. Although results did not compare favourably with the previous season, spectators and players had no cause for complaint of the quality of play.

### NEED FOR NEW GROUND

No progress had been made towards acquiring a new ground, although the club was very conscious of its needs in that direction. Officials were continuing their search for improved accommodation, and appealed to anyone in the town or surrounding area who had a suitable site for sale or lease to contact the club secretary.

The "Percy Burke" bat had been awarded to Maurice Suckley (Ramblers XI), who was considered the most improved young cricketer in the club.

Elections resulted as follows: Hon. secretary, H. F. Stokes; hon. treasurer, F. Breeze; hon. team secretary, G. S. Andrews; hon. match secretary, H. F. Stokes; 1st XI captain, V. J. Harris; vice-captain G. L. B. August; 2nd XI captain, D. T. Matthews; vice-captain, T. B. Woolliscroft; Ramblers captain, D. F. Bennett; vice-captain, R. Jarvis; Sunday XI captain, V. J. Harris; vice-captain, W. Peet.

T. B. Woolliscroft and V. J. Harris were elected club representatives on the Bedfordshire County Committee, and the new General Committee of the club is: W. Peet, T. B. Woolliscroft, D. G. Jenkins, G. L. B. August, A. G. Coomb, E. C. Howard, R. Jarvis, S. T. Morris, A. Brace.

### 1st XI AVERAGES

BATTING					
	Ins.	n.o.	r.	h.s.	ave.
S. Morris	11	3	337	72*	42.12
V. J. Harris	15	4	331	51*	30.09
E. C. Howard	16	4	288	76*	24.00
T. Woolliscroft	6	1	113	35	22.60
C. F. Sailey	14	2	270	39	22.50
A. B. Poole	9	4	108	31*	21.60
C. G. Jones	8	2	128	45	21.33
E. S. Smith	13	1	247	52	20.58

\* Signifies not out

BOWLING					
	o.	m.	r.	w.	ave.
P. Humphreys	35.5	4	105	12	8.37
R. Linger	93.2	25	214	16	13.37
D. Jenkins	184.1	36	517	36	14.36
F. K. Breeze	212.1	45	537	34	15.79
C. F. Sailey	84.0	18	275	16	17.18
P. Markham	99.0	26	278	15	18.53

Records of teams were: 1st XI—played 23, won 9, drawn 10, lost 5, abandoned 1; 2nd XI—played 19, won 10, drawn 5, lost 4; Ramblers XI—played 15, won 4, drawn 3, lost 8; Sunday XI—played 15, won 5, drawn 9, lost 1.