

BEDFORDSHIRE 1965

CAPTAIN: J. SMITH

MATCHES 10.

NB	DAY	DATE	MONTH	VERSUS	VENUE	BT	LST	BR	LN
		⁷⁸ 8,9	JUNE	LINCS	GRIMSBY	F.S.B	F.S.B	-	F.S.P.B
	W,T	16,17		CAMBS	ELY	F.S.B	-	-	(S)A
	W,T	30,1	JULY	HERTS	STEVENAGE	F.S.B	F.S.B	-	-
	W,T	14,15		STAFFS	LUTON	F.S.B	F.S.B	-	-
	W,T	21,22		CAMBS	LUTON	F.S.B	F.S.B	-	-
	M,T	2,3	AUGUST	SHROPS	BEDFORD	F.S.B.W	-	-	F.S.B
	W,T	4,5		LINCS	BEDFORD	F.S.B.W	F.S.B.W	-	(S)A
	F.S	6,7		HERTS	BEDFORD	A	A	-	P.F.S.B
	M,T	16,17		SHROPS	WELLINGTON	-	-	-	(S)A
	W,T	18,19		STAFFS	WOLVERHAMPTON	P.F.S.P.B	F.S.B	-	F.S.B
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					AVERAGES	10 SEPT	4 SEPT		
					REVIEW	10 SEPT	4 SEPT		
					AGM	10 SEPT	4 SEPT		
						24 DEC	4 SEPT		

JAN - DEC	BEDFORDSHIRE TIMES (1 Vol)	T.P.C	M.C	W.W
JAN - DEC	BEDFORD RECORD (2 Vols)	✓		✓
MAY - OCT	LUTON SATURDAY TELEGRAPH (1 Vol)	✓		
JAN -	LUTON NEWS			

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J.P. ROLT	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
G. DANSON	✓	✓	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	-	-	6
N.S. COOLEY	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-	✓	-	-	6
W. CHAMBERLAIN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	10
D.J.F. HOARE	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	✓	3
B.D. ROBINSON	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	8
V.E. GALYER	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	4
J. MORDEUE	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	6
T.G.A. MORLEY	✓	✓	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	8
W.J. BUSHBY	✓	✓	-	-	-	✓	✓	-	-	-	4
A. INGLEDEW	✓	-	-	✓	-	-	✓	✓	-	✓	5
P.M. TAYLOR	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-	✓	✓	7
A.W. DURLEY	-	✓	-	-	-	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	5
J. SMITH	-	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	8
M.W. CROUCH	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	✓	✓	6
A.D. CURTIS	-	-	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
F.L. MOORE	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	8
R. GRAY	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	-	-	2
T. BECH	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	-	-	2
G.M. JARRETT	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	4
R.H. WHITE	-	-	-	✓	✓	-	-	-	✓	✓	4
R.J.H. BARKER	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	-	-	-	1
P.H. SPRAY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	-	-	1
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- B. RECORD - 28 DEC - Herbert Frederick Holdstock, the cornerstone of the Beds County Cricket team in the 1920s died on 23 December aged 86. He leaves a widow & 2 daughters.
- B. TIMES - 31 DEC - P.2 - Death Notice - On Dec 23 1965, Herbert Frederick Holdstock, beloved husband of Emily Jane Holdstock 20 Cosmic Avenue, Bedford aged 86 years, father of Doris & Marly, and grandson Robert.
 - 31 DEC - P.27 - Obituary of Bert Holdstock - ordered.
- B. TIMES - 26 FEB, P.25 - Presentation of cricket bat to Jack Leggett, aged 45 at Henlow CC dinner. Mr Leggett had talked of retirement before 1964 season, but went on to score over 1000 runs.
- B. TIMES - 24 SEPT, p.2 - Wedding of Patrick Russell Curthick - Ordered.

COUNTY GO OUT OF TOWN

THE Bedfordshire County cricket selectors cannot be accused of purely looking to Bedford Town and Luton Town for their players. In the XI to meet Northamptonshire 2nd in a one-day friendly at Northampton on Tuesday they give a chance to Henlow's pace bowler I. E. Bigley, Everton's opening bat G. Darlow, and Harpur's in-form all-rounder G. Fensome.

The team will be hoping for a full day's play in view of the wash-out against a Nottinghamshire XI last month. Then only 45 minutes was possible before the rains came: Bedfordshire had taken three wickets for 43 runs.

The side for Tuesday is:
J. Smith (capt.), G. Dawson, T. G. A. Morley, A. Ingledey, G. Wynn, R. J. H. Barker (wicketkeeper), D. P. Rolt, I. E. Bigley, G. Fensome, G. Darlow, and P. Webley.

Because the Sleaford ground is not up to requirements the County will now open their championship programme against Lincolnshire on June 7-8 at Grimsby. Other fixtures are:

June 16-17 v. Cambs (Ely);
June 30-July 1 v. Herts (Stevenage); July 14-15 v. Staffs (Luton); July 21-22 v. Cambs (Luton); August 2-3 v.

Shropshire; August 4-5 v. Lincs; August 6-7 v. Herts (all Bedford School); August 16-17 v. Shropshire (Wellington); August 18-19 v. Staffs (Wolverhampton).

TOWN TEAMS

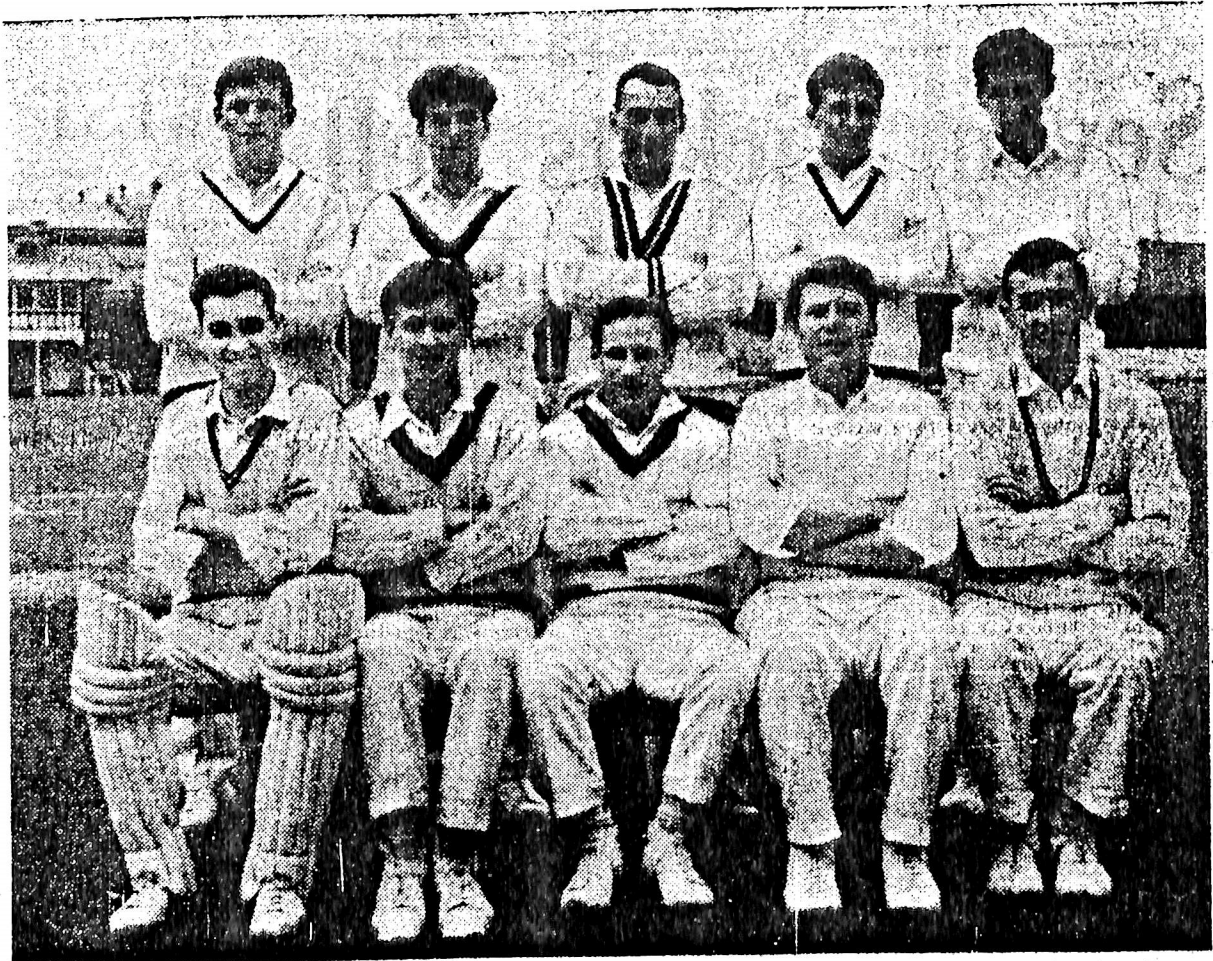
1st XI (Henlow away):
Morris Mordue, Hoare, Cooley, Ingledey, Bushby, Avis, White, Peet, Oakley, Greene.

2nd XI (Ickwell home):
Rischmiller, Howard, Thomas, Taylor, Sills, Nethaway, R. Ebbs, Dean, Claridge, Edge, Parks.

Ramblers (BMS away):
Linger, Breeze, Woolliscroft, T. Woolliscroft, D. Sharpe, Wolfreys, Whiting, Fenn, Bennett, D. Peeling, Brown, J.

Sunday 1st (Enfield away):
Oakley, Bushby, Hoare, Peet, Avis, Ingledey, White, Parks, Cooley, Williams, Ebbs.

The Town have an extra game on Tuesday, entertaining Water Orton (2 p.m.).



Bedfordshire's "Ten". Back row, left to right, I. Bigley, G. Fensome, D. P. Roll, P. Webley, G. Darlow. Front. R. J. Barker, T. G. A. Morley, J. Smith (capt.), A. Ingledew, G. Wynn.

Buccaneers held

Bedford School made a draw with the Buccaneers on Saturday; their earlier games this season against Ousels and Free Foresters were abandoned through rain.

Once again Mr. D. C. Money made the School task more difficult, hitting 62, and J. G. W. Davies—the man who achieved fame a number of years ago by bowling Bradman for a "duck" at Cambridge—contributed 54 not out for Buccaneers.

Against a declared total of 179 for seven, the School replied with 121 for eight, the *thorax* in their batting flesh being Jervis (6-16).

Patterson (59 not out) and Wright (41) achieved a 100 opening stand against Ousels, but an early declaration at 127-1 could not force a game, rain checking the Ousels' reply at 40-2.

Against the Foresters there was even less play, the School having claimed six wickets for 74 runs when rain intervened.

And it was rain again which caused Tuesday's visit to The Leys to be put off until yesterday. Tomorrow the School are hoping for some sun at home to M.C.C. (11.30).

With only two Old Colours, skipper J. D. Poustie and wicketkeeper J. P. McDaniel, the side is necessarily short on experience. But there is a lot of cricket in the XI, including a 16-year-old Rhodesian, A. Green, who was top scorer with 35 against the Buccaneers and took two for 48 with his slow, left-arm bowling.

Dunstable here

Claridge replaces Avis (unavailable) in the Bedford team to entertain Dunstable tomorrow. Teams:

1st: Morris, Mordue, Hoare, Oakley, Cooley, Ingledew, White, Peet, Bushby, Greene, Claridge.

2nd (away to Dunstable II): Rischmiller, Howard, Thomas, Taylor, Nethaway, Dean, Sills, Banks R., Aston, Henderson, Parks.

Ramblers (away to Queens II): Linger, Breeze, Whiting, Woollicroft T., Woollicroft D., Kirk, Bennett, Sharpe, Wolfreys, Ebbs, Edge.

Sunday 1st (home to Aylesbury): Oakley, Bushby, Hoare, Ingledew, Cooley, Peet, White, Parks, Williams, Ebbs, Brown.

HOSPITAL CUP: Second round draw

The draw for the second round of the Bedford Hospital Cricket Cup was made on Monday evening and resulted thus:

Blunham II or Potton v. Queens Works "A".
Argus or Shire Hall or Postals v. Maulden or Salford.
Pertenhall or Little Staughton I v. Colworth House.
Thurleigh "B" or Turvey Park v. Wilden or Bedford Swifts.
Amphill v. Elstow or Bromham Nomads.
Blunham I or St. Neots "A" v. Ickwell.
Harrold v. Staploe or Southoe.
Eaton Socon or Renhold v. Sharnbrook.
Harpur or Hobkirk's v. Great Staughton "B" or Covington.
Kempston v. Langford "B" or Biggleswade.
Bedford Town "B" v. Henlow or Great Barford II or Wrestlingworth.
Eversholt v. Ickwell "B" or Great Barford I.
Diemer's v. Kempston Ramblers or Wootton.
Marston I or North Crawley v. Caldecote or Roxton or Cople "A".
Bedford Town "A" or Cryselco v. Hail Weston or Kimbolton.
Bedford North End v. Lynton Works or RAE.

Matches to be played by June 4.

Latest results

Harrold 48 (J. Edwards 14, R. Saunders 6-23, R. Hulatt 3-18); Oakley 43 (D. Hulatt 12, R. Chambers 6-27, I. Sharpe 4-11).

Diemer's 75-3 (Bavington not out 32, Gregory not out 24); ARA 44 (McMullen 3-15, Irvine 4-15).

Stevington 44 (R. Dunkley 6-16); Colworth House 45-3 (Lowe not out 22).

Queens II 57 (R. Smith 5-20, D. Budd 4-13); North End 41-1 (D. Pickering not out 25).

Brookthorpe Igranic 100-7; Bedford II 101-1 (K. Williams 60).

Skipper Smith—and borrowed player—save County 'face'

BEDFORDSHIRE'S batting let them down in the one-day friendly against Northamptonshire II at the County ground, Northampton, on Tuesday. But for a bolstering 43 not out by skipper Jack Smith the margin of defeat—64 runs—would have been much greater.

After rain had delayed the start for 30 minutes, Northants put on 170 runs before declaring. Pace bowler Morley claimed all four victims for 41 runs.

An attacking 69 by Mike Kettle and a steady 65 not out by opener Archie Sim prevented a more penetrating breakthrough by Bedfordshire who employed seven bowlers.

Bedfordshire batsmen were in trouble from the start. Pacemen Ray Bailey—the Eagles footballer—and Tom Durose dismissed the openers for under double figures. Ivor Bell, a member of the Northants ground staff, who had been loaned to Bedfordshire for the day, produced a sturdy 29, but after he had gone another collapse followed. Only skipper Smith saved a really humiliating defeat.

NORTHANTS II

M. Norman	b. Morley	...	0
A. Sim	not out	...	65
Musachtaq	Mohammad	lbw b Morley	17
D. Breakwell	b. Morley	...	3
M. Kettle	c. Rolt b. Morley	...	69
J. Nutter	not out	...	6
Extras	...	...	10

Total (for 4 wks. dec.) 170

Bowling:	Rigley	12-2-27-0;	Morley	16-3-41-4;	Fensome	6-0-27-0;	Ingladew	10-5-24-0;	Webley	7-1-31-0;	Smith	6-3-10-0.
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G. Darlow	c. Johnson	b. Durose	...	2
G. Fensome	b. Bailey	4
I. Bell	b. Musachtaq	29
D. P. Rolt	b. Bailey	1
G. Wynn	b. Durose	...	...	0
P. Webley	c. Bailey	b. Musachtaq	...	10
A. Ingladew	c. Musachtaq	b. Sully	...	1
J. Smith	not out	...	...	43
T. Morley	c. Musachtaq	b. ...	...	1
Breakwell	...	...	...	1
R. J. Barker	c. Sully	b. Breakwell	...	7
I. Bigley	b. Breakwell	...	...	4
Extras	...	...	...	4

Total ... 106

Bailey	7-1-10-2;	Durose	5-4-8-1;
Sully	3-4-8-1;	Musachtaq	7-0-27-2;
Breakwell	7-5-2-27-3;	Nutter	4-0-11-0.

TOWN v. LUTON SHOULD BE A GOOD ONE

WITH the prospect of some sunshine and both teams running into form, the Bedford v. Luton game which marks President's Day at Goldington Bury tomorrow (2.15) could well be a memorable one.

Seven of the current County side will be playing, five of them for Bedford, who will be at top strength.

Luton miss John Oliver and new South African acquisition, Lendrum, but Ken Brazier who comes in is no stranger to the fixture and his latest knocks for Luton's 2nd side are 100 and 50, both not out.

Beck, who shares the opening attack with John Wills, has recently returned to the club, and another new name, Galyer, hails from Hitchin.

Teams:
Bedford: S. T. Morris, J. Mordue, D. F. Hoare, P. D. Oakley, N. Cooley, A. Ingledew, R. White, W. Bushby, M. Avis, W. Chamberlain, A. Greene.

Luton: B. D. Robinson, A. W. Durley, P. M. Taylor, T. H. Clark, R. J. Barker, D. P. Holt, P. J. Webley, I. Beck, K. Brazier, V. Galyer, J. Wills.

The Town II and Ramblers are away to Luton II and Tabulators and on Sunday at the Bury visitors are Cambridge University ACS.

A glut of cricket continues with the Town "week" at the Bury, fixtures being Monday, v. Finchley; Tuesday, Saints; Wednesday, Bletchley; Thursday, Gents of Beds. All start at 11.30.

Any cricketers on holiday in the latter part of the week should contact the Town Club who may have a vacancy in their sides.

Bedfordshire open their Minor Counties programme playing Lincolnshire, at Grimsby, on Monday and Tuesday. Team:

J. Smith (captain), D. Hoare, A. W. Durley, G. Dawson, N. Cooley, W. Chamberlain, B. D. Robinson, W. J. Bushby, T. G. A. Morley, J. Mordue, M. Crouch (wicket keeper).

Cup gets tougher

Bedford Town "A" had their hardest game to date in the Hospital Cup when entertaining Kimbolton on Tuesday. Three of the more senior players pulled them through: Morris hit 26, Bennett took a brilliant leg-side catch, and Breeze returned six for 38. Totals: Town "A" 88 for six (off 18 overs); Kimbolton 71 all out (17.3 overs).

Two other games were played on Tuesday. Bromham Nomads dismissed last year's semi-finalists, Ampthill, scoring 98 to Ampthill's 90, and Bedford Argus comfortably put out unbeaten Salford.

R. Peters took five for 27 and Salford's total of 67 for nine (M. Short 27) was overhauled for the loss of one wicket. R. Frossell (24) and C. Gill (29 not out) clouted 57 off the first eight overs.

Other ties were being decided last night and this evening in Bedford Park North End meet RAE (6.30). Third round draw:-

1. Kempston or Biggleswade v. Bedford "B" or Henlow.
 2. North End or RAE v. Eaton Socon or Sharnbrook.
 3. Diemer's or Woolton v. Southoe.
 4. Bedford "A" v. Turvey or Bedford Swifts.
 5. St. Neots "A" v. Bedford Argus.
 6. Marston or Roxton or Cople v. Fenton or Quecks "A".
 7. Bromham Nomads v. Harpur.
 8. Eversholt or Great Barford v. Little Staughton or Colworth House.
- To be played by June 18
Fourth round by July 1: 7 v 5; 6 v 3; 4 v 2; 8 v 3

COUNTY CRASH

BEDFORDSHIRE, in their first Minor Counties fixture of the season against Lincolnshire at Grimsby, never recovered from the humiliation of being dismissed for 59 in the opening 92 minutes of the match, and were soundly beaten by seven wickets.

Such a result had been on the cards from the time Bedfordshire won the toss on Monday morning and elected to bat on a damp pitch and in a heavy atmosphere which were ideally suited to the activities of Lincolnshire fast bowlers McVicker and Evans.

Only opener Geoff Dawson offered any real resistance against experienced seamers exploiting favourable conditions to the full.

By the time Lincolnshire began their first innings, the wicket was playing much easier, and even some splendid pace bowling by Bushby—well supported by Morley—could not stop them raking the early points. Evans spoiled Morley's figures with some lusty hitting and took the home county to a 94-run lead.

Dawson, the best-equipped

batsman of the game, ensured that there would be no second collapse when Bedfordshire batted again, and even a painful blow on the arm from Evans which sent him to hospital for an X-ray late on Monday night could not halt his progress.

He was back to resume his innings on Tuesday morning, and though his arm felt stiff and sore he completed a grand, aggressive effort of 75 in only 100 minutes at the crease.

But though good contributions from Cooley, Robinson, Hoare, and Galver gave Bedfordshire a total of 195 and a 102-run lead, it proved insufficient. Lincolnshire, with three hours 38 minutes to get the runs, raced home in 99 minutes to thwart the approaching rain and clinch their third victory in as many matches.

BEDFORDSHIRE	
First Innings	
D. P. Rolt c Madray b McVicker	0
G. Dawson c Mashin b Evans	23
N. Cooley c Beeson b Evans	1
W. Chamberlain c Pougher b Evans	4
D. Hoare b McVicker	10
B. D. Robinson c Keyworth	2
V. E. Galver b McVicker	13
J. Mordue b McVicker	0
T. G. Morley c Madray b McVicker	1
W. J. Bushby c Beeson b Camplin	2
A. Ingledew not out	0
Extras	3
Total	59

Bowling: McVicker 13-5-28-6; Evans 8-3-26-5; Camplin 4.5-2-2-1.

Second Innings	
Rolt c Mashin b Evans	6
Dawson c Beeson b Evans	76
Cooley b Evans	33
Bushby c Camplin b Evans	10
Chamberlain c Mashin b Evans	2
Hoare c Beeson b Evans	19
Robinson c Camplin b Evans	21
Galver b Camplin	17
Mordue b Camplin	0
Morley not out	0
Ingledew b Camplin	0
Extras	12
Total	165

Evans 37-12-77-7; McVicker 22-6-56-0; Camplin 19.2-6-48-3; Madray 1-0-2-0.

LINCOLNSHIRE	
First Innings	
D. A. Buckthorpe c Hoare b Bushby	51
M. J. Keyworth c Cooley b Mordue	5
M. Mashin c Cooley b Bushby	9
I. S. Madray c Cooley b Morley	6
R. N. Hakin c Cooley b Morley	4
H. Pougher c and b Morley	9
P. Bariss c Cooley b Bushby	14
N. M. McVicker c Hoare b Bushby	13
J. R. Evans b Bushby	24
R. N. Beeson c Morley b Bushby	14
G. B. Camplin not out	1
Extras	3
Total	153

Bushby 17.5-5-36-6; Mordue 12-3-39-1; Morley 25-6-57-3; Ingledew 6-1-18-0.

Second Innings	
Buckthorpe b Bushby	13
Keyworth b Bushby	33
Madray not out	39
Hakin c Cooley b Bushby	0
Mashin not out	19
total (for 3 wkts)	104

Bushby 10-1-36-3; Mordue 3-0-14-0; Morley 7-0-54-0.

Team for Wednesday and Thursday v. Cambridgeshire at Ely: J. Smith, (capt.), M. Crouch (wkt. kpr.), G. Dawson, A. W. Durley, W. Chamberlain, N. Cooley, W. J. Bushby, T. G. Morley, P. Taylor, J. Mordue and V. Galver.

County out for 44

The prospect of an innings defeat loomed large for Bedfordshire at Ely yesterday when former England and Yorkshire spinner Johnny Wardle routed them for 44. But though Cambridgeshire enforced the follow-on they could not quite push through to victory thanks to a defiant half century by Bedford's Norman Cooley.

Two heavy showers curtailed Wednesday's play in which the home side scored 141 for 8. Five of the wickets fell to Morley for 86 runs.

Cambridgeshire had won the toss but Morley soon had their early batsmen reeling. At 11, Fairey skied a ball to Dawson at backward short leg, six runs later, Watts was trapped leg before, and then with his next delivery he sent back Hales off stump with a ball that moved away.

Shippey and skipper Gautrey restored some stability until the former was caught and bowled by Mordue. The pair had put on 46.

At 67 Mordue bowled Campbell-Ferguson before the wicketkeeper had scored, but with former Yorkshire and England spinner Wardle in attacking mood, the total moved to 94 for 5 at lunch.

Rain now held up play until after tea when Wardle and Knight both fell to the eager Morley. Then it was rain again to end play one hour before the official close.

Morley grabbed the home side's last two wickets when play resumed yesterday for a splendid tally of 7-77, but soon an even more devastating display of bowling was afoot—and now Bedfordshire were the victims.

Openers Taylor and Dawson went comfortably enough to 21, but when the former was taken off a snick at slip, the picture changed alarmingly.

With Dawson hanging on doggedly the rest of the Bedfordshire batsmen processed—four of them for "ducks"—and within 40.1 overs the side was all out for 44.

Wardle's quite staggering analysis was 17-11-9-6.

So Bedfordshire followed on and for a while disastrously, Dawson, mainstay of the first innings, and Taylor going for only a run.

But Chamberlain and Galver now lent stiffening support to Cooley who started to go for the strokes of which Bedford people know he is capable.

The total crept to 100 before there were further alarms, Wardle bowling Mordue and Smith with successive deliveries.

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First innings

P. Taylor c Hales b Lyons	7
G. Dawson b Wardle	24
A. Durlley c Hales b Wardle	5
W. Chamberlain lbw b Wardle	0
N. Cooley b Wilson	0
A. Galver b Wardle	0
J. Mordue o Wilson	0
J. Smith c Hales b Wardle	1
W. J. Bushby b Wilson	3
T. G. A. Morley b Wardle	0
M. Crouch not out	0
Extras	4
Total	44

D. Lyons 9-2-20-1; A. Wilson 14.1-8-11-3; J. H. Wardle 17-11-9-6

Second innings

Taylor lbw b Wardle	1
Dawson c Campbell-Ferguson b Lyons	0
Durlley c Gautrey b Lyons	15
Chamberlain c Hales b Wilson	25
Cooley not out	52
Galver c Gautrey b Lyons	20
Mordue b Wardle	4
Smith b Wardle	0
Bushby c Gautrey b Wardle	0
Morley run out	4
Crouch not out	2
Extras	9
Total (for 9 wickets)	152

Lyons 15-5-29-3; Wilson 20-8-54-1; Wardle 38-20-44-4; Gadbury 19-10-16-0.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

First innings

P. H. Fairey c Dawson b Morley	2
A. Watts lbw b Morley	16
P. A. Shippey c and b Mordue	24
T. B. Hales b Morley	0
R. A. Gautrey c Crouch b Bushby	29
J. Campbell-Ferguson b Mordue	0
J. H. Wardle c Smith b Morley	54
J. Knight b Morley	1
B. C. Gadbury c Galver b Morley	2
D. Lyons c Smith b Morley	17
A. Wilson not out	1
Extras	15
Total	160

Bowling: W. J. Bushby 15-2-51-1; D. C. Morley 29-8-77-7; J. Mordue 14-7-15-2; J. Smith 11-4-22-0.

Sweeping changes

Although Bedfordshire have undoubtedly experienced the worst of the wicket in both their matches this season, it can equally be argued that their players have failed to overcome these conditions. So changes are made for the game with Hertfordshire at Stevenage next Wednesday and Thursday.

First County chances are given to Henlow's opening bat R. Gray, pace bowler Tom Beck of Luton, and Leighton Buzzard's F. Moore.

Unavailable are Graham Jarrett — a particular miss this season — and Bedford's Bill Bushby and David Hoare. Team:—

J. Smith (capt.); G. Dawson, T. G. A. Morley, N. Cooley, W. Chamberlain, M. Crouch (wicket-keeper), T. Beck, A. D. Curtis, F. Moore, R. Gray and J. Wills.

Last-ball drama

RESULT of the Minor Counties match at Stevenage yesterday was in doubt to the last ball. Hertfordshire needed a six to win and Bedfordshire required one wicket. Neither was achieved so the game ended drawn.

At one time it looked as though Hertfordshire, set 164 in 130 minutes, would reach their target, but once Clough and Gardner had been dismissed no-one could be found to stay with Cundle, who hit 79.

Feature of the match was the batting of Bedfordshire's Cooley, who hit 192 runs in the two innings without being dismissed.

On a good wicket and fast outfield Bedfordshire, winning the toss, built a sound total on Wednesday. Dawson and Taylor (brought in when Wills dropped out) opened briskly, Dawson looking in great form.

When Cundle dropped him at cover it looked an expensive miss, but two overs later Dawson was rapped on the pads sweeping at Wacey and given lbw. Dawson looked visibly surprised.

Curtis was another leg before victim but at the other end Taylor was moving smoothly to his 50 with some handsome cover shots. But

then he played tentatively forward to Appleyard and was caught at the wicket.

Cooley made a slowish start but after lunch played one of the finest innings ever seen at Stevenage.

The 4s flowed as he revealed every shot in the book and it was a sizzling drive off the back foot through extra cover which announced his 100.

O'Neill and Cundle made a goodish start to Hertfordshire's reply and Bedfordshire, with only three recognized bowlers, looked to face a hard task.

But the third of the bowlers, skipper Smith, broke the partnership when he had O'Neill caught and then trapped Clough in front. And with new boy Beck grabbing two wickets Hertfordshire finished the day in trouble at 97-5.

Morley quickly removed Gardner yesterday morning, but then Wacey and Simons came together in a partnership which banished thoughts of a follow-on. Wacey was eventually caught one short of his 50 but Simons batted on doggedly to lunch when Hertfordshire, 61 behind, surrendered first innings points with a declaration.

The move was a good one. In Wacey's first over Curtis was bowled and with only one run on the board Dawson was again leg before.

Chamberlain and Moore were later out in the same fashion—aiming sweeps to leg—and the batsmen clearly disliked the umpiring decisions.

But once again Cooley made batting look easy and he was unbeaten with 59 when Smith declared just after 4 o'clock.

SKIPPER HONOURED

Bedfordshire captain Jack Smith, whose bowling tied up the Australians last season at Bedford, is again chosen for Minor Counties against the South Africans at Jesmond on July 14-15-16. Interesting newcomer is Cornwall's Roger Hosen, the Northampton and England rugby full back.

BEDFORDSHIRE		HERTFORDSHIRE	
First innings		First innings	
G. Dawson lbw b Wacey.....	29	J. Cundle c Dawson b Morley.....	26
P. Taylor c Simons b Appleyard.....	60	A. O'Neill c Cooley b Smith.....	22
A. Curtis lbw b Wacey.....	2	P. Clough lbw b Smith.....	4
N. Cooley not out.....	133	I. Gardner c Crouch b Morley.....	35
W. Chamberlain b Wacey.....	13	V. Garling c Crouch b Beck.....	17
F. Moore lbw b Wacey.....	8	H. Cutino lbw b Beck.....	0
R. Gray b Wacey.....	16	R. Wacey c Gray b Beck.....	49
J. Smith b Collins.....	11	R. Simons not out.....	41
M. Crouch not out.....	6	R. C. Marques c Crouch b Dawson.....	8
Extras.....	13	J. Appleyard lbw b Beck.....	3
		A. Collins not out.....	7
		Extras.....	8
Total (for 7 wkts dec.)	281	Total (for 9 wkts dec.)	220
Wacey 27-6-80-5; Appleyard 24-6-46-1; Collins 19-2-75-1.		Beck 31-10-83-4; Morley 26-14-44-2; Smith 28-15-45-2; Dawson 2-0-16-1; Gray 8-0-20-0; Moore 2-1-1-0.	
Second innings		Second innings	
A. Curtis b Wacey.....	0	Cundle c Cooley b Beck.....	74
P. Taylor c Simons b Wacey.....	7	O'Neill c Curtis b Beck.....	3
G. Dawson lbw b Marques.....	0	Clough lbw b Smith.....	30
N. Cooley not out.....	59	Gardner b Morley.....	17
W. Chamberlain lbw b Marques.....	8	Collins b Morley.....	3
F. Moore lbw b Collins.....	14	Cutino c Moore b Morley.....	2
R. Gray b Appleyard.....	8	Wacey c Crouch b Smith.....	0
J. Smith not out.....	7	Simons not out.....	9
		Marques run out.....	4
		Appleyard not out.....	1
		Extras.....	10
Total (for 6 wkts dec.)	103	Total (for 9 wkts.)	161
Marques 11-3-23-2; Wacey 14-7-28-2; Collins 9-1-33-1; Appleyard 6-1-19-1.		Morley 19-2-64-3; Smith 13-4-39-3; Beck 9-1-48-2.	

They had a go

AT Luton last night, Bedfordshire were set by Staffordshire the near impossible task of scoring 96 to win in 43 minutes. They decided to have a go. . .

They lost three quick wickets and then called off the chase—after ten minutes of the extra half hour. And the match was drawn.

With a much weakened team Bedfordshire emerged creditably on Wednesday when no play was possible before lunch because of the wet pitch.

Leading the side for only the second time, Robinson lost the toss and Ikin predictably took first use of a wicket which took spin almost from the start but only slowly.

Of the opening bowlers, Mordue looked more dangerous than White but generally speaking Gibbs and Neal were not in much trouble and put on 52 before the former, an Oxford Blue, was brilliantly caught at cover by Chamberlain.

Both Neal and Hall were given 'livcs' but in the case of the latter, it was not expensive.

The innings continued in an unspectacular fashion until tea time when evidently the order went out to go for quick runs with a view to a declaration.

Wickets were lost in the process but Lindo showed the right approach with a swash-buckling innings of 30 in only 18 minutes which included six fours.

This set the stage for his partner, Ikin, to close the innings which left Bedfordshire with an awkward 45 minutes at the end of the day. Chamberlain and Taylor survived without any great difficulty and at the same time produced 37 runs.

After a day of fluctuating

STAFFORDSHIRE

First innings

P. J. K. Gibbs	c Chamberlain	b	31
Mordue			41
A. S. Neal	c Gaver	b Moore	66
J. I. Hall	lbw	b Jarrett	10
P. Tunnicliffe	c Robinson	b Ingledew	45
M. Perkins	not out		45
J. E. Ikin	not out		41
H. Poon	c Chamberlain	b White	4
A. R. Robinson	b White		2
C. V. Lindo	not out		30
Extras			7

Total (for 7 wickets dec.) 198

P. R. Harvey and D. Wilson did not bat

Bowling: Mordue 54-0-51-1, White 25-0-40-2, Ingledew 23-2-55-2, Jarrett 10-1-25-1, Moore 7-0-1-1.

Second innings

P. J. K. Gibbs	st Crouch	b Jarrett	36
A. S. Neal	c Cooter	b Jarrett	45
C. V. Lindo	st Crouch	b Jarrett	3
M. Perkins	not out		2
K. Tunnicliffe	c Garrett	b Moore	9
Extras			9

Total (for 4 wickets dec.) 99

Bowling: White 62-13-40, Mordue 22-0-1-0, Jarrett 11-0-1-7, Ingledew 6-0-25-0, Moore 1-0-1-1.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First innings

P. M. Taylor	c Perkins	b Harvey	17
W. Chamberlain	c Ikin	b Wilson	27
K. Cooter	c Robinson	b Wilson	13
R. D. Robinson	c Lindo	b Wilson	10
F. Moore	b Wilson		42
V. Gaver	c Robinson	b Lindo	6
J. M. Mordue	not out		44
G. Jarrett	c Wilson	b Harvey	17
A. Ingledew	lbw	b Ikin	13
M. Crouch	not out		4
Extras			11

Total (for 8 wickets dec.) 202

Bowling: Wilson 55-0-44-4, Lindo 14-1-36-1, Harvey 20-5-58-2, Ikin 17-4-0-0-1, Poon 1-0-0-0.

Second innings

B. D. Robinson	c Hall	b Harvey	6
W. Chamberlain	not out		13
N. Cooter	c Tunnicliffe	b Harvey	4
G. Jarrett	c and b Wilson		1
Extras			1

Total (for 3 wickets) 25

Bowling: Harvey 3-0-18-0, Wilson 1-0-0-1.

fortunes Bedfordshire clinched first innings points just before four o'clock yesterday with two wickets to spare.

Such a reward did not look feasible in the morning with Wilson and Harvey, the pace bowlers, exploiting the lively wicket and, after Taylor and Chamberlain had put on 50 for the opening partnership, a collapse set in.

Five wickets were down for 86—the front line batting had gone. Rescue came from Moore, of Leighton Buzzard, and Bedford's Mordue, more noted for his bowling than his batting. They put on 58 for

the sixth wicket before Moore left when only two short of his first half-century in Minor Counties cricket.

At that stage, there were some thoughts of Bedfordshire declaring. But a bright innings by Jarrett took them within sight of the lead. Then Ingledew proved another valuable partner for Mordue, who was batting most sensibly, and when Ingledew left only 11 runs were needed.

Crouch defended stolidly and the leading runs came from an overthrow after the ball had struck Mordue painfully on the ear.

STORM HITS COUNTY GAME

Blank Day

A SHORT but violent storm yesterday lunchtime forced the game between Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire at Luton to be abandoned with no result.

Not a ball was possible yesterday morning because of heavy overnight rain. After the storm, the wicket was flooded.

Before lunch on Wednesday, Bedfordshire's attack was reduced to three bowlers. Fielding at short leg, Dick White was struck behind the ear and had to be taken to hospital for X-rays. Verdict, he had concussion, was ordered home to bed and told to take no further part in the match.

When that happened, Cambridgeshire had lost only one wicket, to White and were going along to what seemed likely to be a big score.

That they should have been contained to 214 was a tribute to the industry of the two spinners, Graham Jarrett and Jack Smith who between them bowled nearly 60 overs and took nine wickets.

Jarrett's figures would have been better if two catches had been held and a most costly miss was when Moore put down Hale at deep square leg when he had made only three. The Minor Counties batsman went on to reach a glorious fifty in almost even time but when he and Gautrey went, the tail had to struggle on a wicket which was turning only slowly.

Again, Chamberlain and Taylor gave Bedfordshire a strong start, but unfortunately the former got out mishitting to cover. Mordue, promoted to No. 3, played a stubborn knock; his defence was good and it was completely out of character when he suddenly struck Wilson straight for 6.

Others got in trouble with the spin of Wardle but Galyer stayed well in the gathering gloom and rain which ended play 10 minutes before the scheduled close.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

First innings

D. H. R. Falrey c Chamberlain b Jarrett	56
A. Watts c Galyer b White	10
R. Pearl c Gray b Jarrett	28
T. S. Hale b Smith	50
R. A. Gautrey c Jarrett b Smith	31
P. Marsh not out	27
J. H. Wardle c Galyer b Jarrett	9
J. Campbell-Ferguson b Jarrett	8
C. B. Gadsby b Jarrett	0
D. Wing c sub b Jarrett	13
A. R. Wilson at Crouch b Smith	3
Extras	3
Total	214

White 9-1-32-1; Mordue 8-2-23-0; Jarrett 30-5-115-8; Smith 20-1-14-42-3.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First innings

P. M. Taylor b Wardle	12
W. Chamberlain c Watts b Wilson	31
J. Mordue c Campbell-Ferguson b Wardle	28
R. Gray at Campbell-Ferguson b Pearl	11
B. D. Robinson c Gautrey b Wilson	8
F. Moore lbw b Wardle	4
V. Galyer not out	20
Extras	9
Total (for 6 wkts.)	120

Wing 7-0-30-0; Wilson 11-5-35-2; Wardle 24-16-27-3; Gadsby 8-3-13-0; Marsh 2-0-8-0; Pearl 2-2-0-1.

County look for a win

Bedfordshire County Cricket Club come to their week at Bedford School without a win this season. In their five games so far they have lost to Lincolnshire by seven wickets drawn with Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire and Staffordshire and the return game with Cambridgeshire was abandoned.

Fortunately the teams available for next week's three games (Shropshire on Monday and Tuesday, Lincolnshire on Wednesday and Thursday, and Hertfordshire on Friday and Saturday) are as good as any fielded this term.

J. Smith leads in all three matches, and others who will play in all the games are G. Dawson, W. Chamberlain, B. D. Robinson, F. Moore, J. Mordue and T. G. A. Morley.

A. W. Duriey, N. Cooley and G. Jarrett play against Shropshire and Hertfordshire; W. Bushby against Lincolnshire and Hertfordshire, P. Taylor, R. Barker and A. Ingledeu against Lincolnshire and T. Beck against Shropshire.

Crouch is not available, and Cooley and Barker share the wicket-keeping duties.

With the Bank Holiday being moved to the end of August the County face the prospect of a drop in gates, particularly on Monday.

It is to be hoped that those who can support the week will do so and that it will also be graced by some much overdue summer weather.

Win by six in last over

WITH the third ball of the last over, Bedfordshire captain Jack Smith secured the vital wicket that gave his side victory by six runs over Lincolnshire at Bedford School ground last night.

Set to make 203 in 155 minutes to win, Lincolnshire faltered at first against an inspired spell by Bill Bushby, who claimed two wickets in one over and at one point had four for three in 3.1 overs.

McVicker, however, rallied Lincolnshire with a great fighting innings of 94 not out. When the last over was called, Lincolnshire needed seven. McVicker hit a single on the first ball and Smith bowled Camplin with his third delivery.

Lincolnshire met with two early successes when their skipper, Beeson, on winning the toss, put the home county in on a lively pitch. With the third delivery of the morning McVicker, one of the best opening bowlers in the competition, caused Dawson to edge a catch behind the wicket where Beeson diverted the ball into Maslin's waiting hands at first slip.

Not one run was on the board, and at 11 McVicker claimed another victim, getting the left-handed Taylor well caught at silly mid-on. With Cooley not available, Mordue was promoted in the order and fully justified the confidence placed in him.

After surviving a difficult period, Chamberlain was next to go. Johnny Lawrence, the 51-year-old former Somerset leg break and googly bowler, came on for McVicker and with his first ball had the Old Bedford Modernian smartly stumped.

Three wickets were down for 35 and only 11 runs later Moore, in trying to hook, had his off stump knocked back. Robinson clouted Lawrence for a six and helped to add 42 for the fifth wicket before he became Beeson's second stumping victim off the spinner.

Without addition to the lunch score of 99 for five, Smith gave a return catch to Evans, but Mordue continued tenaciously. He was seventh out at 138, trapped leg-before, and although his 45 occupied

two hours and a half, it was a most valuable knock in the circumstances.

Replying to a total of 151, made in three hours, Lincolnshire appeared to carry caution to excess—with all due respects to the bowling. It took them an hour and three-quarters to pass the 50 mark for the loss of three wickets.

When their little left-handed opening batsman, Keyworth, was fourth out at 67, he had scored 36 in nearly two hours. Madray, who appeared in two Tests for West Indies against Pakistan in 1958, was also most subdued. There were 11 singles in his first 13 runs, and when he was caught at short mid wicket, he had crawled to 18 in one hour 25 minutes.

Hakin's innings was an unusual mixture of restraint and aggression. His stay for 35 lasted 80 minutes and yet he hit seven fours, mainly as the result of powerful drives.

In eight balls yesterday morning, Lincolnshire lost their two remaining wickets and so conceded first innings lead by 22 runs. Morley finished with the best analysis he has achieved at Bedford—five for 32—and Mordue also bowled well.

Bedfordshire were soon in trouble in their second knock in face of excellent new ball bowling by McVicker and Evans, supported by keen fielding.

Four wickets tumbled for a mere 19 but Robinson led a splendid recovery. The Luton Town captain was indeed the hero of the innings. He reached 104 out of 139 in two and a quarter hours with a cracking leg hit for six off Evans.

Eighth out at 165, Robinson claimed one six and 16 boundaries—chiefly the result of firm strokes in front of the wicket—in his 111.

Bushby played another bright little innings and Bedfordshire declared at 179 for nine after 210 minutes' batting.

BEDFORDSHIRE	
First innings	
P. M. Taylor c Madray b McVicker	7
G. Dawson c Maslin b McVicker	0
J. Mordue lbw b McVicker	45
W. Chamberlain at Beeson	.....
b Lawrence	14
F. Moore b Evans	8
E. D. Robinson at Beeson	.....
b Lawrence	25
J. Smith c and b Evans	5
W. Bushby not out	52
A. Ingledeu c Madray b Evans	0
T. G. Morley b McVicker	0
R. Barker lbw b McVicker	0
Extras (b 16)	16
Total	151

Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-11, 3-35, 4-46, 5-67, 6-92, 7-138, 8-149, 9-161

Bowling: McVicker 17.5-8-44-5; Evans 26-7-83-8; Lawrence 14-1-15-2; Camplin 4-1-1-0; Madray 1-0-2-0.

Second innings	
G. Dawson c Beeson b Evans	5
P. M. Taylor lbw b Lawrence	17
J. Mordue b McVicker	0
W. Chamberlain run out	.....
F. Moore lbw b McVicker	0
E. D. Robinson b Camplin	111
J. Smith b Evans	7
W. Bushby c and b Lawrence	17
A. Ingledeu c D. Johnson b Lawrence	5
T. G. Morley not out	8
R. Barker not out	0
Extras (b 9)	9
Total (for 9 wks. dec.)	179

Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-16, 3-19, 4-19, 5-54, 6-91, 7-128, 8-165, 9-173.

Bowling: McVicker 20-8-58-5; Evans 32-9-85-2; Lawrence 13-4-37-3; Camplin 8-3-12-1.

LINCOLNSHIRE	
First innings	
F. Johnson c Mordue b Morley	7
M. J. Keyworth lbw b Mordue	36
D. Johnson lbw b Morley	4
M. Maslin lbw b Smith	2
I. A. Madray c Taylor b Mordue	18
R. N. Hakin b Mordue	35
J. W. Lawrence c Barker b Morley	9
N. M. McVicker c Ingledeu b Morley	11
R. N. Beeson b Morley	1
J. W. Evans not out	4
G. B. Camplin b Mordue	1
Extras (lb 1)	1
Total	129

Fall of wickets: 1-18, 2-22, 3-35, 4-67, 5-80, 6-110, 7-122, 8-124, 9-128.

Bowling: Morley 25-5-52-3; Bushby 8-1-17-0; Smith 14-6-22-1; Mordue 12-2-5-27-4; Ingledeu 10-5-30-0.

Second innings	
T. Johnson run out	2
D. Johnson b Bushby	25
M. Maslin b Bushby	22
I. A. Madray c Ingledeu b Bushby	8
R. N. Hakin b Bushby	0
J. W. Lawrence c and b Ingledeu	6
N. M. McVicker not out	94
R. N. Beeson b Ingledeu	4
J. W. Evans b Bushby	17
M. J. Keyworth lbw b Smith	1
G. B. Camplin b Smith	11
Extras (b 4, lb 1)	5
Total	195

Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-50, 3-81, 4-87, 5-60, 6-92, 7-104, 8-153, 9-164.

Bowling: Morley 8-0-40-0; Mordue 10-2-46-0; Bushby 14-3-47-5; Ingledeu 10-1-30-2; Smith 7-5-1-25-2.

THREE DECLARATIONS BRING LIVELY FINISH

DEFYING all attempts to dislodge them in the closing stages, the last Shropshire pair alone stood between Bedfordshire and their first Minor Counties victory of the season when the opening match of the week on Bedford School ground ended on Tuesday.

After more than four hours' cricket had been lost on Monday because of rain, three declarations kept the game alive and were the forerunners of a tense, exciting finish.

Shropshire, set to score 171 runs in 130 minutes to win, fell well behind the clock as they faced some accurate bowling by Morley (fast-medium) and Jarrett (leg spin). At the close the visitors were 78 for nine, 92 behind, and so the match was drawn.

At times Morley made the ball "stand up" awkwardly from a length and in his opening spell of 16 overs, seven of which were maidens, he claimed four wickets for 22. Jarrett lent admirable support and his figures would have been even better but for some lusty swipes by Claffey at his expense late in the innings.

An injury to their number three and leading rungetter, Gough, compelled Shropshire to rearrange their batting order. Gough, who split a finger in fielding a full-blooded leg hit by Cooley, went in last and when he joined Breakwell with the total at 76, a quarter of an hour of extra time remained. They coolly played out those 15 dramatic minutes with a ring of fielders around the bat, all eager to snap up the slightest chance.

Sheet anchor of the Shropshire innings, as in the first knock, was their pain-taking opener, Jones, who was eighth out at 67, after a stay of one hour 40 minutes for 33. This gave him a match record of 72 for once out.

SEASON'S BEST

Bedfordshire skipper, Jack Smith, declared first thing on Tuesday at 114 for no wicket which, incidentally, was easily the County's best opening stand of the season thanks to Durley and Dawson.

In reply, Shropshire began

badly, losing Marsh at two, but Gough, dropped at cover three runs later, opened out attractively after an uncertain start. At 44 he was well caught at deep square leg in trying a big hit off Smith.

Barnes and Jones more than doubled the total before Lowe closed the innings 24 runs behind. Shropshire's 90 for two had occupied one hour 50 minutes.

Again Durley and Dawson gave Bedfordshire a fine send-off in their quest for quick runs. Dawson, after losing his partner at 51, punished York for 18 in one over—four fours and a two—and was unlucky to miss what would have been a thoroughly deserved 50.

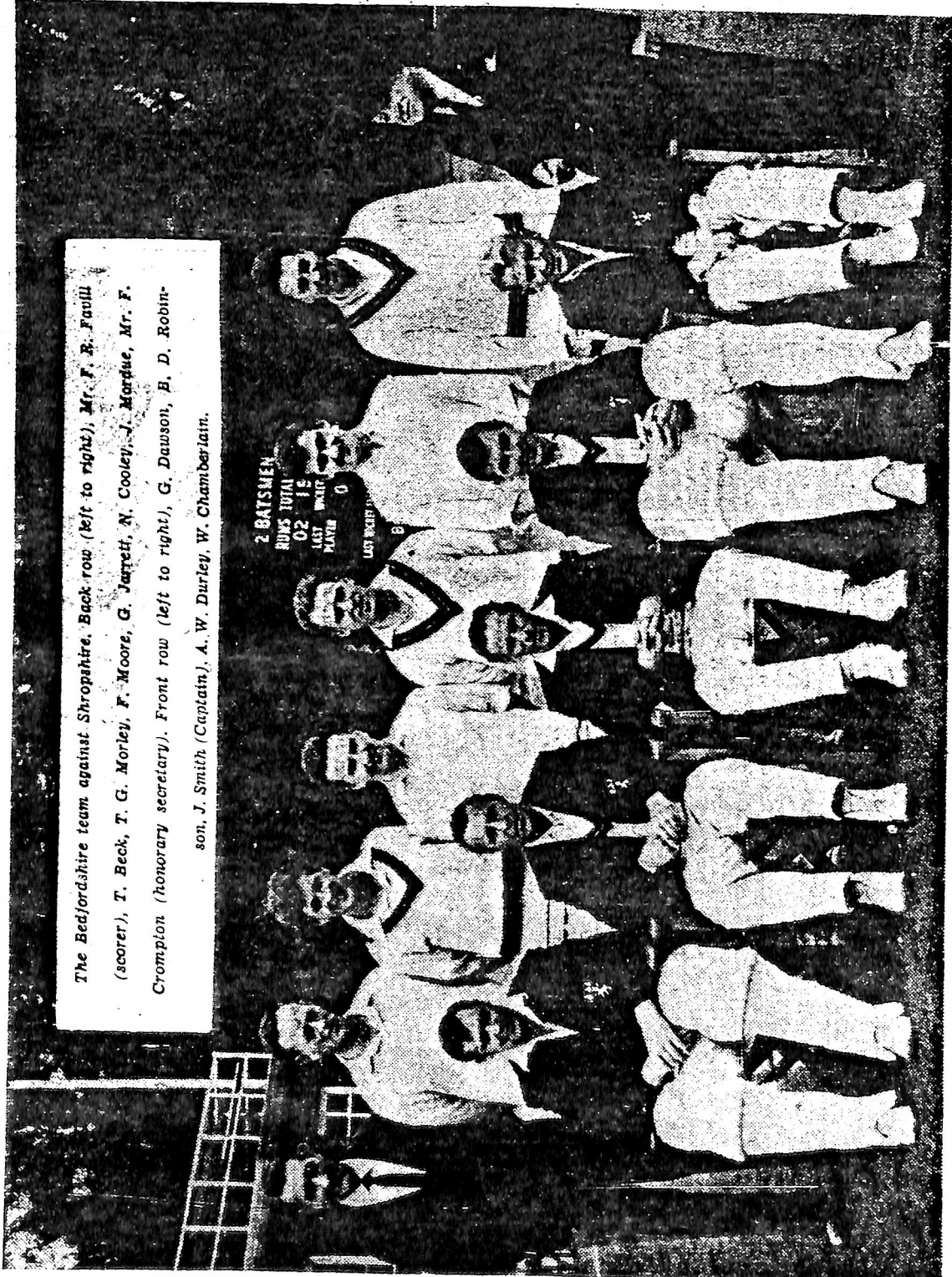
Cooley emulated Dawson's example and played an innings right in keeping with the situation, although he was missed in the slips when his score was 14. At the declaration, he was undefeated for 45.

Breakwell was Shropshire's most successful bowler, deservedly securing three of the four wickets that fell.

SCOREBOARD

BEDFORDSHIRE		SHROPSHIRE	
First Innings		First Innings	
G. Dawson not out	43	D. Jones not out	39
A. W. Durley not out	69	E. Marsh c Cooley b Beck	0
Extras (lb 1, nb 1)	2	F. Gough c Morley b Smith	29
Total (for no wkt dec)	114	D. J. Barnes not out	20
		Extras (lb 2)	2
		Total (for 2 wkts dec)	90
Bowling: York 7c-2m-18r-0w;		Fall of wkts: 1-2; 2-44.	
Breakwell 12-0-51-0; Pitt 8-1-32-0;		Bowling: Morley 12-4-30-0; Beck 9-	
Barnes 8-3-11-0.		3-14-1; Smith 11-1-26-1; Jarrett 9-2-	
		16-0.	
Second Innings		Second Innings	
G. Dawson b Breakwell	49	D. Jones b Beck	33
A. W. Durley b Breakwell	25	E. Marsh c Smith b Morley	7
N. Cooley not out	45	D. Lowe c Cooley b Morley	0
W. Chamberlain c Claffey	12	D. J. Barnes lbw b Morley	0
b Breakwell	9	R. Burton c Dawson b Jarrett	0
B. D. Robinson c Jones b Barnes	3	T. Pitt c Cooley b Jarrett	4
F. Moore not out	3	D. York c Cooley b Morley	4
Extras (lb 3)	3	J. Tranter b Jarrett	4
Total (for 4 wkts dec)	146	M. Claffey lbw b Jarrett	15
		B. Breakwell not out	4
		F. Gough not out	0
		Extras (w 1, nb 1)	2
		Total (for 9 wkts)	78
Fall of wkts: 1-51, 2-76, 3-105, 4-		Fall of wkts: 1-22, 2-22, 3-32, 4-	
135.		38, 5-40, 6-47, 7-54, 8-68, 9-78.	
Bowling: York 8-0-45-0; Breakwell		Bowling: Morley 19-9-24-4; Beck	
17-5-57-3; Pitt 3-0-12-0; Barnes 7-0-		7-1-11-1; Jarrett 17-6-59-4; Smith 2-	
29-1.		1-2-0.	

The Bedfordshire team against Shropshire. Back row (left to right), Mr. F. R. Fovell (scorer), T. Beck, T. G. Morley, F. Moore, G. Jarrett, N. Cooley, J. Mordue, Mr. F. Crompton (honorary secretary). Front row (left to right), G. Dawson, B. D. Robinson, J. Smith (Captain), A. W. Durlley, W. Chamberlain.



COUNTY LINE-UP

FOR their game with Shropshire, at Wellington, on Monday and Tuesday, and Staffordshire at Wolverhampton on Wednesday and Thursday, Bedfordshire will be without N Cooley and G Jarrett.

They will choose from the following: v. Shropshire: J. Smith (captain), A. W. Durlley, P. Taylor, D. Hoare, W. Chamberlain, F. Moore, B. D. Robinson, M. Crouch (wicket keeper), P. Oakley, T. G. A. Morley, R. White, P. Spray. v. Staffordshire: From the same twelve with the addition of A. Ingledeu.

COLTS SHOW GOOD FORM

OPENING their series of games on Monday against Leicester Young Amateurs, Bedfordshire Colts showed excellent form.

Good batting from Darlow, Weston, Green and Gold made it possible for a declaration to be made. Leicester, helped by two fielding mistakes, were able to save the game. Some excellent bowling by Green had Leicester in trouble all through their innings, and no doubt only a stoppage for rain saved them from a heavy defeat.

Bedfordshire: Darlow 25, Weston 40, Jeffrey 15, Pearson 9, Green 77, Folds 22, Whitaker not out 4, Pattinson 7, extras 7, total (for seven wickets) 206.

Leicester: 122-9 (Hanus 1-19, Green 5-50, Pearson 3-14).

There was another fine showing on Tuesday by the Bedfordshire Colts. Suffolk,

batting first, took 3½ hours in making their runs, leaving Bedfordshire Colts 2 hours 20 minutes batting time—a difficult task.

Fine attacking batting by Darlow (Stratton School) and the captain, John Pearson, made possible a fine win for the Colts.

Suffolk Colts: 197-9 (Darlow 1-14, Ranson 3-32, Green 2-42, Cox 2-11, Pearson 1-26).

Bedfordshire Colts: Darlow not out 94, Weston 15, Whiting 0, Pearson 58, Green not out 17, extras 14, total (for three wickets) 198.

Bedfordshire Colts were greatly outplayed by a strong Lancashire side on Wednesday.

Bedfordshire Colts: Darlow 24, Mumford 1, Whitaker 9, Pearson 10, Green 9, Lawrence not out 36, Cox 15, Jeffrey 0, Tomkins 0, Stewart 2, Hanus 0, extras 7, total 111.

Lancashire 113-2 (Tomkins 2-19).

Run chase fails

AFTER dismissing Shropshire for a mere 98 on the first day at Wellington, on Monday, Bedfordshire replied with 205 for eight wickets declared, and looked set for a win.

But the Shropshire side made a gallant second innings effort to total 232, and leave the visitors to get 126 runs in 85 minutes.

The Bedford openers did not score fast enough to meet this challenge, and although Bill Chamberlain showed the right sense of urgency, it was soon evident that the game would result in a draw.

Some tight bowling by Birmingham League player, Tom Pitt, kept the scoring rate down. After losing four wickets for 85, Bedford conceded the draw with ten minutes of the extra half hour remaining.

Shropshire, 1st innings 98. Bowling: Morley 30-13-47-5; White 14-8-16-2; Smith 17-1-10-29-3. Second innings 232. Bowling: Morley 34-8-80-3; White 29-6-61-1; Smith 37-3-16-68-6; Spray 4-0-15-0.

Bedfordshire, 1st innings: A. W. Durlley lbw b Burgess 25, P. M. Taylor c Pilkington b Burgess 34, F. Moore lbw b Barnes 0, D. Hoare c Jones b Burgess 5, W. Chamberlain c Phillips b Burgess 54, B. D. Robinson b Phillips 44, P. Spray lbw b Burgess 25, J. Smith c Jones b Burgess 14, M. Crouch not out 0, extras 4, total (for eight wickets declared) 205.

2nd innings: A. W. Durlley b Pitt 21, P. M. Taylor b Pitt 26, W. Chamberlain not out 31, B. D. Robinson lbw b Pitt 0, J. Smith b Burgess 5, D. Hoare not out 1, extras 1, total (for four wickets) 85.

COUNTY PLAY SAFE

BEDFORDSHIRE were set to score 200 runs in 130 minutes to beat Staffordshire in the Minor Counties match at Wolverhampton yesterday after Staffordshire had declared their second innings at 144 for four. Bedfordshire finished at 97 for two without claiming the extra half-hour. They made no attempt to chase the target and the game ended in a tame draw.

On Wednesday, Bedfordshire opening bowlers, White and Morley, seemed to be dominating the play after they had dismissed the first two Staffordshire batsmen for only seven runs.

But a mid-innings stand between Neale and Brown brought a welcome increase in the Staffordshire score. Between them they took the score to 106 until Neale was caught at mid-on by Durley after scoring 86 runs.

During the afternoon an hour and a half's rain completely changed the surface of the field and it took some time for the batsmen and bowlers to regain their form.

After tea, Staffordshire got some quick runs, then declared after Shardlew was stumped by wicketkeeper Crouch.

Bedfordshire went in to bat with only an hour left for play and they got off to a much better start than their opponents with 50 on the scoreboard in 50 minutes.

Then they lost Chamberlain (a well hit 50) and Durley.

A dour sixth-wicket stand of 49 by Bedfordshire opener Peter Taylor and captain Jack Smith held up Staffordshire yesterday. But after fast bowler Timmis had removed both batsmen in quick succession, Taylor for 37 and Smith for 23, Bedfordshire were soon dismissed for 138 to give Staffordshire a first innings lead of 55.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings

A Durley c Brown b Timmis	1
P Taylor b Timmis	37
W Chamberlain c Robinson b Lindo	50
D Hoare c Moore b Lindo	1
F Moore c Shardlew b Lindo	16
R Robinson c Ikin b Lindo	2
J Smith b Timmis	23
A Ingledew b James	1
M Crouch b James	0
T Morley not out	1
R White c and b Ikin	1
Extras	3
Total	138

Bowling: R James 20-8-34-2, P Timmis 15-6-31-1, C Lindo 20-4-44-4, J Ikin 4-1-6-1.

BEDFORDSHIRE

(Second Innings)

A Durley lbw b Brown	11
M Crouch c Shardlew b Ikin	14
W Chamberlain not out	42
D Hoare not out	27
Extras	3
Total (for 2 wickets)	97

Bowling: Lindo 4-3-4-0, James 3-2-0-0, Shardlew 10-2-7-0, Ikin 17-3-44-1, Gibbs 3-0-9-0, Brown 8-0-28-1.

STAFFORDSHIRE

(First Innings)

P Gibbs c Durley b White	0
D Hancock lbw b Morley	5
S Neal c Durley b White	44
P Brown c Crouch b White	54
P Shardlew c Crouch b Smith	36
J Ikin not out	4
Extras	7
Total (for 5 wkts dec)	195

Bowling: T Morley 20-8-37-1, R White 15-5-44-1, J Smith 22-9-44-1, A Ingledew 7-1-19-0.

STAFFORDSHIRE

Second Innings

P Gibbs c Hoare b Morley	29
D Hancock c Durley b Morley	28
S Neal c Smith b Ingledew	13
P Brown run out	39
P Shardlew not out	13
J Ikin not out	10
Extras	6
Total (for 4 wkts dec)	144

Bowling: T Morley 20-8-55-2, R White 8-1-39-0, A Ingledew 14-5-53-1.

CRICKET

Cooley top again

Bedfordshire finished 16th, a two-point improvement on last year, in the Minor Counties table. And, as last year, Norman Cooley again headed the batting averages.

BATTING

	I	no	R	H's	av.
N. Cooley	11	4	413	153*	59.00
A. W. Durley	10	1	217	65*	24.11
W. Chamberlain	18	5	351	54	23.40
G. Dawson	12	1	248	73	22.54
R. D. Robinson	13	0	252	111	19.32
P. M. Taylor	11	0	215	50	19.55
J. Mordue	9	2	124	45	17.71
F. Moore	10	0	176	66	17.60
V. E. Galyer	6	1	79	20*	15.80
D. J. F. Hoare	8	2	57	27*	14.25
M. Crouch	7	5	26	14	13.00
J. Smith	12	3	106	31	11.77
W. Bushby	8	1	68	32*	9.71
A. Ingledeu	8	2	40	17*	6.66
T. G. A. Morley	9	3	15	8*	2.60

* Signifies not out.

Also batted: G. Jarrett 17, 1, 18, 7; R. Gray 16, 8, 11; P. Spray 25; D. Roll 0, 6; A. D. Curtis 2, 0; R. White 1; R. Barker 0*.

BOWLING

	O	M	R	W	av.
W. Bushby	80.5	17	213	16	13.31
G. Jarrett	125.2	24	383	27	14.17
J. Smith	239.4	96	434	26	16.69
T. Beck	56	15	156	8	19.50
T. G. A. Morley	290.5	85	695	35	19.85
J. Mordue	86.2	28	228	8	28.50
R. White	103	27	269	9	28.77
A. Ingledeu	90	22	274	6	45.66

Also bowled: F. Moore 2 for 24; G. Dawson 1 for 16; R. Gray 0 for 20; P. Spray 0 for 15.

CATCHES

N. Cooley 14 (and 1 stumping); M. Crouch 10 (and 5 stumpings); A. W. Durley 7; T. G. A. Morley 5; G. Dawson, V. E. Galyer, J. Smith and A. Ingledeu 4 each; J. Mordue, D. J. F. Hoare, F. Moore, W. Chamberlain and G. Jarrett 3 each; R. D. Robinson, P. Spray and P. M. Taylor 2 each; A. D. Curtis, R. Gray and R. Barker 1 each.

He's tops — at cricket and soccer

NORMAN Cooley, popular Eagles footballer, had another facet of his success exposed at the Shire Hall, Bedford, when he was presented with the Wilfred Rhodes trophy for topping the Minor Counties' batting averages.

The presentation was made at the annual meeting on Thursday of the Bedfordshire County Cricket Club by the secretary, Mr. Frank Crompton, who is also secretary of the Minor Counties Cricket Association.

The Club chairman, Mr. J. A. R. Oliver, said: "Those who have watched Norman Cooley bat in the last three years have seen emerge one of the finest batsmen the county has had in the last thirty years, and we are all pleased that he has brought such honour on himself and the club."

The president of the club, Mr. A. B. Poole, presenting to Norman a replica of the trophy, said: "We have all admired your prowess on the football field just as we have taken great pleasure in watching your batting."

Last season, Norman gave some superb batting displays, and his 133 not out against Hertfordshire was the highest

score in an innings in the whole of the Minor Counties in 1965. He was the only Bedfordshire batsman to appear in the Minor Counties averages.

In his annual report, the chairman referred to the success of former Bedfordshire Bowler, Ian Davison, who took 34 wickets for Notts II for an average of 9.91.

"This goes to show that Bedfordshire can produce the players if only they can appear more regularly," said Mr. Oliver.

Referring to the past season, he said that Jack Smith again led the side admirably, and it was a great pity that they did not achieve a higher place in the table. "But we were severely handicapped by the non-availability of some players for matches," he went on. "I ask sincerely that in 1966, the players will try hard to find the time to play, for it would be a shame to have to look outside the county for people to fill the side regularly."

Mr. Oliver continued: "Cricket week this year was a great success—if the standard of cricket continues at this high level, we need never look further than the grounds of Bedford School."

In conclusion, he noted the promising colts side, and commented on the excellent training they were undergoing.

The treasurer, Mr. Osborne, reported that the expenditure in the past year had been greater than the previous year owing to increased costs and depleted "gates," the new August Bank Holiday date being the cause of this.

"However," continued Mr. Osborne, "various matches, including the visit of the West Indian side, ensure a brighter prospect in the coming year."

The election of officers followed with the re-election of all major officials.

Let's have those replies

Mr. S. T. Morris, chairman of the Bedfordshire Council for Sport, follows up last week's report of the visit to Bedford of Mr. Brian Harrison, chairman of the Eastern Sports Council. Mr. Morris writes:

"In the last paragraph of the report, Mr. Harrison says 'The sooner your local Council states its needs and provides plans the better'.

"On behalf of the Bedfordshire Council for Sport, our Executive Committee have been engaged in obtaining information from clubs of sporting facilities and needs in the County in order that an accurate and complete survey may be prepared for presentation together with a statement of needs to the local Authority.

"To be of use, this survey must be as complete as possible. Unhappily, there is still a minority of clubs who have not returned the questionnaire.

"I have heard that this questionnaire is 'too complicated and will take up too much time'. For the information of all overworked hon. secretaries, may I state that this questionnaire was compiled to be used for ALL sport and, therefore, if any questions do not apply to that particular club, they should be struck out.

"But please, you small minority, let us have your replies as soon as possible."

The Council secretary, to whom the questionnaires should be returned, is Miss A. Horobin, 71 Bromham Road, Bedford.



Congratulations . . . from Mr. Frank Crompton (left), to Norman Cooley.

Have cricket club neglected youth?

An accusation that Bedford Town Cricket Club had not over past seasons encouraged young players was denied at the club's annual meeting last week.

The charge was made by Mr. E. C. Howard, a long-serving member, who said: "We are not making the progress we should. A cricket centre cannot be achieved without the services of youth and adequate net facilities. Youth has not been given a chance here."

Mr. Howard said he was afraid the club's ground was becoming a place where regular players turned up once a week assured of their team places. He pleaded for regular net practice under the guidance of team skippers whom, he said, must be prepared to show the way.

Mr. D. J. F. Hoare denied that the club had lacked net facilities or that the attitude of team captains discouraged youth.

Nets had not been used as much as they might have been. It was up to the players themselves to rally round and support practice.

Mr. S. T. Morris said net wickets for the coming season had been laid and net practice would be a permanent feature this year.

Mr. Morris was re-elected first team captain in a ballot decision over Hoare. Vice-captain is J. Mordue. Second team captain and vice-captain appointments went to Keith Rischmiller and E. C. Howard respectively. No nominations were received for the captaincy of the Ramblers XI.

The treasurer's report showed a profit of £184, making an accumulated surplus of £3,145. Mr. F. K. Breeze pointed out, however, that had it not been for a profit of £217 from the Minor Counties v. Australia match, the season's finances would have ended "in the red".

Officials elected were: President, Ald. R. G. Gale; secretary, Mr. H. F. Stokes; treasurer, Mr. F. K. Breeze; committee, Major C. J. Crocker, Mr. H. W. Nightingale, Mr. T. B. Woolliscroft, Mr. R. H. White, Mr. Collin Roffe, and Mr. J. M. Mordue.

Talking Sport with

Spectator

THE WOMEN PLAY TOO

CRICKET is not the prerogative of the men, and the Women's Cricket Association have come up with the new idea of a knock-out competition of 20 35 and 40 over matches

In the Midlands Group, Bedford WCC, Nottingham, Leicester and Northampton are competing, and Nottingham appeared to be sweeping the board in accounting for Leicester and Northampton.

But now Bedford have visited — and beaten — them to throw the group wide open. Nottingham were all out 72, M. Boothroyd taking six for 25, and M. Humberstone four for 18, and Bedford got home by one wicket with 74 for nine. Boothroyd completing a fine match with top score of 23.

Winners of the Midlands group will meet the winners of the London group at Bedford in July.

Nine wickets cost—one run

SOME rare bowling took place this week. Lester Edin (pictured here) took nine Stony Stratford wickets for just one run, hitting the stumps each time. Full analysis: 5.3-4-1-9. Stony were all out 12 (including seven extras) and West Indians II made 13 for one in reply.



And all out six

TWELVE was not the lowest team total, however. Diemer's shot out Caldecote II for six in the East Bedfordshire Shield on Tuesday. Irvine took five for one (including hat-trick), and McMullen five for five. Diemer's reply—eight for two.

Result was in doubt until final over

FOR the second year running, the game between Finchley and Bedford town on Monday could have had one of three results from the last ball. Again, the result was an honourable draw.

Bedford won the toss and batted on a fast wicket with just a bit of a lift in it. The opening partnership proceeded steadily until the Finchley captain, Ian Bedford, came on with his leg breaks and googlies and had Thomas stumped in his first over. Soon afterwards, Whittington got some lift from the pitch and Green played on when looking full of runs. Carlisle wasted little time and at 44 for three Town were precariously placed.

Williams and Avis played sensibly, if not always correctly, to the bemusing spin of Ian Bedford and hitting the loose balls hard, they took the score to 101 before Williams lofted Dolder not quite high or hard enough. Oakley joined Avis and despite a precarious over from Bedford, these two remained and took the score to 145 at lunch.

The score mounted rapidly after lunch with some powerful strokes at the expense of the seam bowlers until Dolder's return to the attack removed Avis after a sound innings of 78. Oakley having batted sensibly, caught the fever that had upset Williams and Avis and also lofted Dolder harmlessly to the deep. The innings continued with some pleasant shots from the youthful Kirk and Whittington until Town declared, leaving Finchley the same time to score the runs.

Finchley started off little troubled by the opening attack. Cowan in particular playing some powerful shots on the off side. When Oakley came on, he quickly removed Ward who swept at a straight one and then produced a prodigious amount of turn to remove Cowan's off ball.

Aston, soon afterwards, gained just reward for his perseverance and had Dennis

"leg before" After tea, Ian Bedford and O'Connor looked well set until Carlisle took a brilliant left-hand catch in the gully to dismiss the unlucky O'Connor.

Pratt and Dolder succumbed to the mixture of "flicks" and "squirts" that Williams produced from anything between 22 and 25 yards. Meanwhile, Ian Bedford had been moving quietly and inevitably towards his century and with the help of Piper, he took the Finchley score to within 15 runs of victory with 18 minutes still to play and four wickets in hand.

After putting up his richly deserved 100, he played a vicious cover drive, a foot or so off the ground that seemed a certain four. Carlisle, however took off at cover point and held the most magnificent catch one could hope to see anywhere.

This proved the turning point of the game. Whittington and Piper giving their wickets away in an unnecessary rush for runs, leaving the young Aldis brothers to play out the last two overs and drawing the game.

BEDFORD:

A. Greene	b	Whittington	25	
T. Thomas	st	Pratt	b Bedford	15
K. Williams	c	Bedford	b Dolder	34
P. Carlisle	b	Whittington	4	
M. Avis	c	Piper	b Dolder	78
P. Oakley	c	Bedford	b Dolder	24
C. Whittington	st	Pratt	b Dolder	20
P. Kirk	run out	.....	15
J. Brown	not out	.....	8
J. Aston	c	Bedford	b Dolder	3
T. Hutchinson	not out	.....	4
Extras	.....	.....	8
Total (for 9 wkts dec) 256				

Whittington 18-2-57-2; Dolder 17-1-61-5; Bedford 19-5-62-1.

FINCHLEY

G. Cowan	b	Oakley	40	
B. Ward	lbw	b Oakley	24	
D. O'Connor	c	Carlisle	b Aston	21
B. Dennis	lbw	b Aston	1	
I. Bedford	c	Carlisle	b Avis	100
L. Pratt	b	Williams	9	
R. Dolder	b	Williams	0	
D. Piper	c	Oakley	b Avis	30
K. Whittington	c	Oakley	b Avis	1
K. Aldis	not out	.....	3
L. Aldis	not out	.....	2
Extras	.....	.....	3
Total (for 9 wkts) 254				

Aston 24-8-60-2; Avis 14-1-61-3; Oakley 21-2-69-2; Williams 12-1-41-2.

Tuesday and Wednesday games v. Saints and Bletchley were washed out by rain but there was real cricketing weather yesterday for the match with Gents of Bedford

SPORTS DIARY

SATURDAY

Aylesbury v Bedford
Bedford II v Aylesbury II
George Kent v Ramblers
Harpur v Woboch O.C.
St. Neals II v Argill
North End v Craykeon
Kermiston v West Indians
Diemer's v Silsoe
Safcock v Ixamic
Ixamic II v Kempton Methodist
Evershill v Amphill
Preston v Hinxworth
Quene Works II v Sharnbrook
Ickwell v Sandy
Goldington Sports v Emberton
Kempton Ramblers v BAC. Luton.
Eddisbury v Meltis

BEDFORD & DISTRICT LEAGUE

Premier Division
Clanham v Cl. Bedford
Turlich v Little Staughton
Blunham v Stevenston
Coole v Marston

Division I
Falmersham v Southoe
Pritwell v Staughton
Wood End v Revton

Division II

Hail Weston v Coole II
Hobkirk v Wroctinsworth
Wilden v Potten
Maulden v Turlich II
Marston II v Tempsford

Division IV

Sharnbrook v Langford
Renhold II v Caldecote
Cl. Bedford II v Little Staughton II

SUNDAY

Bedford v Hitchin
Hitchin II v Bedford II
Ickleford v Marjur.
ICI Welwyn v North End.
Crusico v Rixdixian.
Odhams v Diemer's
Ixamic v Luton Old Boys.
Spandits v Amphill
Knebworth v Hinxworth
Micham Ferrari v Turvey Park.
BOC v Stoke Mandeville v Colworth House.
Sharnbrook v West Indians.
Phoenix v Holwell.
Kempton Ramblers v Bramham.
Meltis v New Park.

All square

Bedford School v. Tonbridge.
First innings:
Bedford School 192 (A. L. O. Green 86).
Tonbridge 251 (Green 5-104).
Second innings:
Bedford School 173 (Mytton 50).
Tonbridge 102 for six (Nico 5-57).
Match drawn.

All out 9

Lowest score to date in the Hospital Cup — Little Staughton all out nine! Wreckers were Colworth House pace bowlers R. Dunkley (five for 3) and J. L. Aston (four for 5). Colworth made 10 for 2.

SCHOOL BEAT XL CLUB

Pat (don't tell the Rugby Club he's 40!) Briggs bolstered up the XL Club total with a splendid unbeaten knock of 81, but Bedford School still won—with five wickets and five minutes in hand.

XL CLUB	
P. D. Briggs not out	81
D. C. Money c Lyon b Nice	0
V. Colling b Green	6
R. Simons run out	46
G. L. B. August run out	2
J. M. Mills b Green	3
R. G. Bullock c Patterson b Dalzell	1
H. Poustie c McDaniel b Dalzell	7
A. J. Campbell-Hill not out	9
Extras	9
Total (for 6 wkts dec)	160

BEDFORD SCHOOL	
A. G. Wright b Campbell-Hill	21
R. L. K. Nice b Mills	25
J. D. Poustie b Bullock	48
A. L. O. Green not out	39
Dalzell run out	15
Patterson c and b Jenkins	1
Mytton not out	12
Extras	2
Total (for 5 wkts)	161

Big hitting

There is a strong rugby flavour about the side raised by J. D. Heaton, President of Kempston Ramblers CC, for the annual fixture against the Ramblers in Addison Howard Park this Sunday (2.30).

Mr. Gilbert Cook, Mike Lord, Pat Carlisle, George Cullen and the President himself should ensure some entertaining hitting while in charge of scoring is Mr. T. L. (Lin) Lloyd, former Town Rugby Club team secretary. Team:—

J. D. Heaton, S. T. Morris, D. G. Jenkins, G. H. Cullen, P. R. Carlisle, R. Linger, R. Shepherd, J. G. Cook, E. Smith, J. Cook and M. Lord.

LAST EIGHT SHOCKS



Last eight in the Bedford Hospital Cup are now known and the semi-final draw is as follows:—

Bedford Town "A" or North End Club v. Colworth House or Harrold.

Biggleswade or Roxton v. Harpur or St. Neots "A".

Bedford were due to play North End last night at The Bury. Harpur meet St. Neots in Bedford Park on Monday (6.30), and Colworth play Harrold at Colworth on Tuesday. The Roxton Biggleswade tie is also likely to be fixed for Tuesday.

Semi-final dates are Tuesday, July 6 and Thursday, July 8, both in Bedford Park and starting at 6.30. The final

Stalwart pair on left are Harrold openers, Dr. J. Seddon and S. Coleman, who figured in a sensational tie at Woolton. Harrold's total of 48 barely looked enough but Woolton were all out 18, Chambers taking six wickets without cost!

will be on Thursday, July 15 at 6 p.m.

Biggest surprise for a place in the last eight must be Roxton who beat Potton on Wednesday night. They shot out Potton for 49 and knocked off the runs for the loss of five wickets.

Roxton are likely to find Biggleswade too much for them, however, but who will be Biggleswade's semi-final opponents? Harpur v. St. Neots looks a real "cracker" and one which should draw a full-house Park on Monday.

Bedford Town look destined to come through to yet one more final: they are, of course, the present holders, and if one had to risk a final prophecy it would be Town v. St. Neots with Town to win.

ANOTHER CENTURY

Bill Chamberlain (below) hit 120 for Bedford Sunday XI against club chairman Jack Nightingale's XI.

Seventy-two of the runs came in boundary shots and he reached his 100 in 137 minutes.

Other batsmen contributed



little, and Gilbert and Breeze bowled well to contain the side to 166 for 5.

Hoare and Greene opened against their own club opening attack and with Hoare out plancing to leg, it was left to 16-year-old M. Wynn and bowler Netherway to save a draw.

BEDFORD

K. Williams c Taylor b Gilbert	0
N. Cooley b Breeze	19
W. Chamberlain c Brown b Netherway	120
C. Whiting b Breeze	0
A. Parks b Gilbert	4
R. Ebbs not out	18
Extras	6
Total (for 5 wks dec)	166

P. Gilbert 16-2-45-2; P. K. Breeze 15-2-36-2; E. Netherway 11 5-2-38-1.

NIGHTINGALE'S XI

A. Greene c Cooley b Bushby	12
D. Hoare c Cooley b Bushby	11
K. Richmond c Parks b Bushby	7
R. Taylor b Bushby	0
J. Brown lbw b Oakley	16
M. Wynn lbw b Ingledeu	22
D. Bennett b Ingledeu	0
E. Netherway not out	57
P. Woolston b Bushby	1
P. Gilbert b Bushby	0
Extras	7
Total (for 9 wks)	120

W. Bushby 15-6-20-8; A. Ingledeu 8-0-5-2; P. Oakley 6-0-30-1

"WELL KEPT"

On Saturday at Bedford Borough Bowls Club 50 members took part in a friendly game on the day set aside for the benefit of the greenkeeper, Mr. Bob Reynolds.

Afterwards all were entertained in the clubhouse to a buffet meal and the president, Mr. Bill Cousins, paid tribute to the work of Mr. Reynolds

in keeping such a wonderful green.

To help swell funds a mammoth competition was held for prizes donated by members.

On Sunday the club beat High Wycombe by 114 shots to 84 and later players and wives from both clubs were entertained to a meal prepared by the wives of the Borough members.



Knocking up before the start—GRAHAM FENSOME contributed 24 runs for Harpur.

Cup repeat?

HOSPITAL Cup winners this year? Take your pick from Bedford Town, Harpur, Biggleswade Town and Colworth House. And expect some exciting semi-finals in Bedford Park next week.

On Tuesday the Town (holders) are again matched with Colworth House. They should repeat last year's win. On Thursday, Harpur meet Biggleswade and will be hoping for success and another final crack at Bedford. Both games start at 6.30 and the final the following Thursday (July 15) at 6 p.m.

SET by St. Neots to score at the rate of five an over on Monday, Harpur always kept up with the clock. They passed the St. Neots total of 93 for six in the 18th over with five wickets still standing.

St. Neots managed only 30 runs in the first ten overs. Then, V. Reed and M. Haynes stepped up the scoring rate to make Harpur's target more formidable. Harpur, however, were given a good start by Woodlands and Fensome and J. Newman put them in a winning position after two wickets had gone quickly and cheaply.

ST. NEOTS

B. Richardson c Woodlands b Ransome	2
D. Fordham b Gilbert	2
C. Drew c Fensome b Ransome	15
V. Reed not out	29
M. Haynes c Ransome b Gilbert	32
R. Darrell b Gilbert	2
C. Freeman run out	1
H. Strrell not out	1
Extras	9
Total (for 6 wks.)	93

Bowling: P. Gilbert 10-0-54-3, M. Ransome 10-0-30-2.

HARPUR

M. Woodlands lbw b Reed	11
G. Fensome c Yardley b Newman	24
J. Newman not out	29
D. Middleton run out	7
R. Webster c Yardley b Newman	0
K. Ferguson b Seekings	0
B. Ebbs not out	10
Extras	14
Total (for 5 wks.)	95

Bowling: K. Seekings 5-0-27-1, H. Strrell 5-0-17-0, V. Reed 4-0-17-1, L. Newman 4-0-19-2.

ROXTON were never in the hunt against Biggleswade Town on Tuesday after the Town side, in 18 overs had put on 86 for six. Roxton had lost six wickets after six overs with only 25 runs on the board. Finally, they were all out for 41 in just over twelve overs.

BIGGLESWADE

V. Charter c Rowlands b Larkins	25
R. Gillard b Keightley	2
E. Furnise b Keightley	6
E. Bowles c Pullen b Keightley	30
A. Bumstead b Keightley	3
M. King b Keightley	5
M. Course not out	1
Extras	7
Total (for six wks.)	85

Bowling: Larkins one for 42, Keightley five for 25.

NOXTON

A. Franklin b Hoole	11
G. Jenneris b Bowles	0
M. Larkins b Bowles	0
N. Burgess b Bowles	0
M. Pullen c Gillard b Hoole	3
R. Smith c Furnise b Hoole	11
J. Watron b Bowles	5
P. Keightley b Bowles	0
N. Pell b Bowles	2
M. Rowlands not out	4
P. Russell b Bowles	0
Extras	5
Total	41

Bowling: Bowles seven for 14, Hoole three for 22.



St. Neots' chief run-getter **CLIVE DREW** — caught by Fensome, having made only 15.

An opening stand of 69 in ten overs between M. G. Stephens and G. A. Robinson put Colworth House on the path to victory over Harrold on Tuesday.

Colworth reached 110 for eight and Harrold, 31 for five at one stage and well behind the run-rate, were dismissed for 83.

Colworth House 110 for eight M. G. Stephens 45, J. L. Aston 26, G. A. Robinson 21.

I. Sharpe five for 37). Harrold 83 (R. Chambers 28, I. Sharpe 20, Aston six for 39).



Star performer for Biggleswade was **ERIC BOWLES** — top scorer with 30. He also clean bowled seven Roxton batsmen for 14 runs.

School's lowest

Bedford School were shot out for 59 by new opponents, St. Edward's, Oxford, on Saturday, their lowest total for many years. The school were put in but the wicket was not really spiteful, rather, some indifferent batting was exploited by an excellent bowler in Radcliffe.

BEDFORD

A. G. Wright b Radcliffe	14
D. Poustie c Purdon b Radcliffe	17
R. L. K. Nice c Rivett b Tompkinson	3
A. L. O. Green c Rivett b Radcliffe	4
Leon b Radcliffe	0
Merton run out	2
Dalzell c Whittehead b Bord	0
Farrerson b Radcliffe	1
Cornell c Tompkinson b Bord	4
Cornish not out	5
Kerr b Bord	7
Extras	2
Total	59

ST. EDWARD'S

Purdon b Nice	6
D. F. Radcliffe b Green	0
Whitehead not out	12
Rivett c Cornish b Nice	16
Total (for 5 wks.)	60

BEDFORD MODERN V. WYCCGESTON SCHOOL

Wyccgeston

C. G. Squance c Burnie	22
R. Egan c Hall b Burnie	14
P. R. Haywood c Weston b Burnie	1
Cornish c Weston b Allen	4
D. R. Elliott c Burnie b Sharp	4
D. B. Dennis c Hall b Allen	6
P. A. Gocun c Burnie b Allen	1
P. C. L. Mason lbw b Burnie	8
P. Sisson c Weston b Sharp	2
D. Knowles c Wrayton b Sharp	3
G. P. Saunders not out	0
Extras	12
Total	167

Bowling: M. G. O. Sharp 4-0-11-4, A. S. Allen 18-0-50-3.

Bedford Modern

L. F. Weston c Egan c Goodrich	7
P. A. J. Burns b Saunders	19
D. V. G. Sharp c Saunders	0
C. Burt b Saunders	13
R. A. Hely b Saunders	3
K. Chamberlain b Saunders	0
R. K. Williams run out	15
A. J. Burns c Knowles b Harrold	24
P. Newman c Knowles b Saunders	1
R. Allen not out	24
L. P. Hall c Squance b Saunders	11
Extras	13
Total	135

Saunders 12-0-54-7, B.M.S. bow by 20 runs.

SPORTS DIARY

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SUNDAY

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North End v. LBC, Stewartby.
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Queens v. Sharnbrook.
Sharnbrook II v. Wellingtonborough OO.
Turvey Park v. Higham Ferrers.
Biggleswade v. Hinxworth.
Istantic v. Delapre.
Bicester Road CC v. Amptill.

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CRICKETER DIES

Struck On Head By Ball During Staff Match

John Rutt, aged 21, of Brookside caravan site, Bromham, near Bedford, died in Bedford General Hospital late last night after he had been struck by a cricket ball.

He was playing for the North Bedfordshire College of Further Education in a staff match at Clapham Road, Bedford, on Tuesday evening, when he was hit on the temple by the ball.

He was admitted to hospital on Saturday and had an operation.

Sir Edmund Hillary arrived

Drum-Major W. H. S. pupil of Birkenhead and whose home is at 4 Chester Road, Rook was presented with his Scholarship Badge at school's annual open church parade for its bined Cadet Force year Smith, who is 17 years has already qualified at

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Aged 28 and a teacher

Last night's Hospital Cup final

TOWN DO IT AGAIN

Short — by one over

Set to make 171 in just under two hours, Bedford Modern School failed by eight runs. Losing a wicket probably cost them the chance of one more over and the match.

TRINITY SCHOOL	
P. Fletcher b Sharp	11
C. Wadsworth b Wessman b Hall	6
C. Sargent b Newman b Allen	1
J. Galloway b Hoole	7
M. Bennett b Hoole	17
P. Carr not out	0
B. Atkinson run out	0
Extras	6
Total (for 5 wks. dec)	170
Hall 10-1-49-1, Sharp 14-5-51	
Burnie 10-5-40-25-1, Allen 12-0-47-1	
BEDFORD MODERN	
L. Weston c Seymour b Gentry	20
P. J. Pugh c Atkinson b Meleis	17
M. Galloway b Gentry	33
R. Hart c Seymour b Meleis	43
R. Pater b Bree	19
A. Burns not out	0
R. Williams not out	0
Extras	5
Total (for 5 wks. dec)	182
Meleis 10-1-41-1, Bree 11-5-51-1	
Goggin 14-1-61-1	

THE Bedford-Biggleswade Hospital Cup final at Bedford Park last night proved a very bleak, one-sided affair. Bedford, even minus five County men, shattered the victors of Harpur to retain the trophy.

The Breeze-Bushby attack shook out half the visitors for 20 runs and the game ended in light fashion with Bedford skipper Morris bowling the last over.

The game opened under (for this wretched summer) appropriately grey skies and there was a cold nip in the air too to cut attendance. There must have been barely a 100 watching the first over from Hoole — Bedford having won the toss.

Hoole conceded two runs off his first over, Bowles—with 12 victims in his last two cup games—the same number off his.

Greene started to find a few runs on the leg side off Hoole and then cut him square for the first four. Another followed to leg for 23 off five overs.

Greene and Hoare continued rather decorously—Hoare's 11 scoring strokes were all singles. And it was trying to take another short

one that Greene was run out from a lightning return by Bumstead from square leg.

Bowles was keeping an immaculate length but Hoole was occasionally short and the perky Peet got going with a four hit square.

Half the overs had produced a modest 46 and Biggleswade struck again with Peet caught at mid-on.

Avis joined Hoare—who had scored only 14 of the 57 on the board — and it was still mostly singles. The outfield was holding but off Bowles's eighth over Hoare at last managed a driven four, the first conceded by the Biggleswade man.

Then Hoare treated the growing crowd to a six, stepping two paces down the wicket to Hoole before he had delivered the ball.

The same tactic brought a two off the next but another attempt left him with a shattered wicket (74 for 3 off 17 overs).

Avis and Morris jumped the score along to 100 in the 21st over, Avis producing the liveliest batting of the innings before he fell to a juggled catch by Carr. Then Bowles, in the last over, achieved a beautiful running catch off his own bowling for his only wicket, a well deserved success for a very accurate stint.

Biggleswade, requiring five runs an over, tried to go off too briskly, losing opener Charter run out off Breeze's first ball, Oakley hitting the wicket with an underarm throw.

Gillard turned Breeze nicely to leg but the last ball of this over saw him snick a catch to Bushby at slip.

Memories of Harpur's early plight against the Town in last year's final came to mind as Breeze brought one back to bowl Newman and then Bushby rattled down King's wicket. Nine runs and four wickets called for desperate measures and when Bushby obliged with a full toss Bowles responded with a four.

A brilliant catch, right on the grass by wicketkeeper Avis, ended Bowles however, and 20-5 was hardly a happy time for the advent of Waders skipper Mike Course.

A delicate stroke for 2 and then he was gone to an almost freak run out, Avis darting square with the wicket to shy it down—again underarm.

The Town now indulged the luxury of spinners Oakley and Peet, and Philbrook and Furniss brought a little respectability to the score.

BEDFORD	
A. Greene run out	24
D. Hoare b Hoole	29
W. Peet c Charter b Hoole	8
M. Avis c Carr b Hoole	28
S. Morris not out	19
P. Oakley c and b Bowles	0
W. Bushby not out	1
Extras	9
Total (for 5 wks.)	118

Bowling: Hoole 12-0-60-3; Bowles 12-0-49-1

BIGGLESWADE	
V. C. Charter run out	1
R. Newman b Breeze	3
B. Gillard c Bushby b Breeze	3
M. Kirk b Bushby	1
F. Bowles c Avis b Bushby	4
A. Bumstead b Breeze	10
M. Course run out	2
R. Furniss not out	21
J. Philbrook c Breeze b Oakley	18
D. Carr b Peet	0
N. Hoole not out	7
Extras	2
Total (for 9 wks.)	69

Bowling: W. Bushby 10-1-20-2; P. Breeze 8-1-20-3; P. Oakley 3-0-11-1; W. Peet 2-0-8-1; S. Morris 1-0-7-0.

One- horse race?

Is the Bedford Hospital Cup competition becoming a one-horse race? Bedford Town's simple win over Biggleswade in last week's final has underlined the need for changes.

Well-known Bedford sportsman, Mr. Gordon Brice, makes this suggestion: A handicap system. He writes:

"It seems to me that the Hospital Cup, as run at present, is proving less of a competition as the seasons go by. We are now faced with the annual question of who is going to be beaten by Bedford Town in the final this year.

"I feel sure, knowing the Town Club as I do, that this is just as much an embarrassment to them as it is to the hundreds of people who want to see them knocked out.

"If the Town side were to withdraw, then the idea of financial support to the local hospitals through the competition would suffer enormously.

"May I suggest a handicap system, using this year's results as a yardstick. Thus, the Town would be scratch and working through the remainder of the competing sides a bonus of runs could be allowed so that the sides knocked out in the first round would start next year with, say 30 runs. In the book. Whatever handicap was allocated at the start of the competition could hold throughout one season only."

Bedford Cricket League

Champions again

BEATING Oakley on Saturday, Roxton clinched the First Division title with two matches still to play. Roxton, who won the Second Division last season, are unbeaten after playing 12 league matches and taking maximum points.

In the St. Neots and District Six-a-Side Competition Roxton beat St. Neots "A" in the final.

Tempstord went to Wilden needing one point to clinch the Division III title, but Wilden put up a fine display to beat them.

It was a match to remember at Pertenhall for Renhold's R. Harlow. He took seven wickets for nine runs, hitting the stumps six times. Then he figured with his brother Philip in a second wicket stand of 109, cracking five sixes before he was caught on the boundary.

For Blunham, P. Fordham and P. Desborough put on 108 runs for the third wicket in just under the hour at Stevington.

Fowler 0 J. Pell 4. K. Drage 6. J. Fowler 5 B. Ashpole 6. J. Kinn not out 5. J. Ashpole 6 extras 6 total 110.
Tempstord: C. Hicks 5. Usher 2. Eaton 4. Dawes 12. Chapman 0. Darrington 7. Hambridge 11. Sanderson 1. Jackson 7. Fuller 10. Taylor 0 extras 9. total 64.—Roberts two for 20. Towler three for 14. Drage one for 8. Ainger two for 11. Stanton one for 0.

THURLEIGH II v. MAULDEN
Maulden: D. Harris 1. F. Kent 1. J. Bullington 5. D. Burkhout 10. D. Clarke 10. P. McCarthy 1. C. Arnold not out 12. T. Lee 5. M. Sharp 14. R. McCarthy 0. A. Kennedy 1 extras 5 total 66.—D. Curtis four for 33.

T. Hollowell six for 22.
Thurleigh II: P. Hooker 14. J. Wainston 0. J. Asplin 4. C. Smith 6. S. Asplin 6. I. Hollowell not out 12. C. Clayton 0. D. Curtis 7. J. Berrill not out 2. extras 7 total (for 7 wks) 68.—D. Harris three for 24.

BLUNHAM v. STEVINGTON
Blunham: R. Harding 4. R. Rawlins 4. P. Desborough 68. P. Fordham not out 65. extras 9 total for 3 wks dec. 154.—Bird one for 12. Jackson one for 47. Curtis one for 22.
Stevington: D. Gillial 0. P. Jackson 26. G. Curtis 2. D. Jones 6. H. Pearson 8. W. Neale 4. D. King 1. W. Bird 0. P. Hodgkinson 4. G. Cox 2. R. Willis not out 0. extras 1 total 55.—Rawlins Ave for 18. Tester Ave for 20.

PREMIER DIVISION

GREAT BARFORD v. MARSTON
Great Barford: I. Robinson 5. C. Storey 35. C. Lee 18. B. Mardlin 1. M. Lovell 5. M. Maskell 6. A. Shorley 28. T. Mardlin not out 9. K. Franklin 0. B. Sutherland not out 2. extras 1. total (for 8 wks dec.) 101.
Marston: T. Thorburn 5. M. Saltoury 0. D. Darlow 0. P. Parker 3. P. Hale 1. D. Perrin 0. A. Knight 10. G. White 4. C. Caves not out 0. M. Smith 0. A. Goodman 6. total 27.

DIVISION I

PERTENHALL v. RENHOLD
Pertenhall: A. Goodson 8. B. Short 1. S. Darrington 5. R. White 7. J. Carpenter 0. W. Presland 8. A. Gentile 0. K. Reed 0. H. Short 0. P. Presland 0. J. Shelton not out 0. extras 6. total 38.—R. Harlow seven for 9.
Renhold: F. Joyce 5. R. Harlow 83. P. Harlow not out 24. extras 3. total (for 2 wks) 115.

OAKLEY v. ROXTON
Roxton: A. Franklin 19. G. Jefferies 13. R. Smith 6. M. Larkins 5. N. Polbing 6. J. Watson 68. K. Cooper 0. P. Keightley 0. O. Pell 3. M. Rowlands 0. R. Minney not out 0. extras 4. total 124.—B. Kircup two for 28. R. Saunders six for 37. K. Brown one for 22. G. Goodson one for 8.
Oakley: W. Burton 1. B. Worker 4. R. Saunders 10. B. Kircup 0. J. Saunders 2. G. Goodson 0. K. Brown 12. A. Keech 9. M. Kennett 4. R. Smith not out 2. J. Jefferies 0. extras 5. total 70.—M. Larkins six for 18. P. Keightley one for 5. N. Polbing three for 20.

DIVISION III

WILDEN v. TEMPSTORD
Wilden: L. Stanton 0. D. Hartwell 6. G. Roberts 23. M. Ainger 45. R.

MMARTIN Ashenden, who took all ten wickets for 15 runs when playing for Bedfordshire against Shropshire in 1958, has not had his contract renewed by Gloucestershire, whom he joined from Northamptonshire three years ago.

Onlooker at the Eagles game on Monday with Queen's Park Rangers — Eric Hayward, brother of the Town manager. He is assistant manager at Blackpool, for whom he played at centre-half for several seasons.

Colts shine

Lincolnshire Colts were fortunate to save a draw against Bedfordshire Colts. Excellent batting allowed Bedfordshire to declare at 233 for two, Pearson (110 not out), and Folds (65 not out), showing great form. At the close Lincolnshire were 154 for seven.

Huntingdon Colts were dismissed for 114 by Bedfordshire Colts, who replied with 117 for two. Darlow and Pearson made 41 and 42 respectively, both remaining undefeated.

Tough finish for Colts

Bedfordshire Colts completed their 6-match programme last week with two defeats and a draw.

A much more experienced Yorkshire Federation outplayed the Colts at Luton on Wednesday hitting 204-6 declared and then bowling out the home side for 92. Grace, fast and hostile, was almost unplayable in the poor light, taking six for 40. Darlow was Colts' top scorer with 36 and was then run out.

Next day Dorset Colts were met at Dunstable, and even with a modest total of 86 (Green 36) Bedfordshire should have won. Deighton dropped before scoring, made 47 in Dorset's 87-7 reply.

Finally on Friday at Queen's College, Oxford, where Bedfordshire had the better of a drawn game, Darlow continued his fine batting with 46 and Whitaker contributed 35 in Bedfordshire's 169-8 declared. Oxford replied with 132-8 (Green 5-47).

Big stand

An opening partnership, just short of a hundred between Barbara Freame and Shirley Nicholl helped Bedford Women's CC to an eight-wicket victory over British Petroleum. British Petroleum 114 (S. Smith four for 33, M. Booth-royd three for 11).

Bedford: S. Nicholl 37, B. Freame not out 62, S. Smith

11, extras 5, total (for 2 wks.) 115.

Rain stops...

Baldock meeting Brook-nist Igranic slumped from 58 for 1 to 79 for 5. Then middle order batsmen restored the position and the side reached 178-8. Igranic had only time to reach 36-2 before rain stopped play for good.

Baldock 178-8 (S. Smith five for 69, B. Moore two for 35).

Igranic I Cummings not out 16, A. Howe 2, D. Ferguson 5, C. Catherall not out 11, extras 2, total (for 2 wks.) 36.

Bedford Town Ramblers 112-7 declared (W. Colledge 38, T. Woolliscroft 25, D. Chance 4-47), Colworth House 67-6 (T. Higgs 34).

John White's Sports 142-4 declared (K. Metcalfe 66, J. Middleton 3-30), Colworth House Sunday XI 88 (K. Marlow 21).

Bowlers not only took wickets — they scored most of the runs in Cryselco's win over Rodexian, K. Smith and A. Tatum contributing 32 and 24 respectively for Rodexian, and R. Jackson and G. Moore 21 not out and 18 for Cryselco.

Rodexian 98 (D. Boyce 4-43, R. Jackson 3-50), Cryselco 100-7 (D. Gregory 29, R. Jackson not out 21).

BEDFORD LEAGUE

CENTURY STAND

Great Barford opens I. Robinson (74) and C. Storey (30) shared an opening century stand against Premier Division champions Blunham but could not push through with a win.

Wood End's modest total of 46 proved enough. Oakley collapsing from 24-4 at tea to all out 28. Wood End had earlier lost their first five wickets for 10 runs!

PREMIER DIVISION

BLUNHAM v. GREAT BARFORD
Gt. Barford: I. Robinson 74, C. Storey 30, C. Lee 19, B. Mardlin 9, A. Shoreley 2, I. Gentle 2, M. Maskell 1, M. Lovell 7, A. Evans 6, B. Suttie hand not out 1, T. Mardlin not out 1, extras 6, total (for 9 wks dec) 113. — Fordham two for 40, Rawlins one for 20, Brunt six for 31.
Blunham: R. Harding 23, D. Moore 29, R. Rawlins 6, K. Prouldlove 41, P. Fordham 1, K. Reid 9, D. Gates not out 9, extras 6, total (for 6 wks) 124. — Evans one for 20, Storey three for 10, Mardlin one for 14, Gentle one for 18.

DIVISION ONE

OAKLEY v. WOOD END

Wood End: N. Martin 1, B. Keen 1, Al. Padder 0, D. Burraway 0, I. Burraway 21, P. Hudson 1, C. Fuller 13, W. Alexander 1, D. Milby 0, K. Cummings not out 4, G. Barker 0, extras 4, total 46. — R. Saunders 12-4-21-3, D. Halpin 12-6-21-7.
Oakley: W. Burton 0, D. Hillatt 7, J. Briggs 0, J. Saunders 1, R. Saunders 15, B. Worker 0, C. Bird not out 0, A. Keech 0, M. Keenett 2, D. Halpin 1, F. Bird 0, extras 2, total 28. — L. Burraway 11-8-11-5, D. Burraway 12-2-6-12-5.

FELMERSHAM v. STACSDEN

Felmersham: D. Boyle 4, T. Albury 0, F. Longstaff 1, D. Parker 0, D. Barker 5, P. Lawson 1, D. Hawkes 0, G. Hullett 16, C. Lovell 1, R. Newsom 0, G. Constant not out 2, extras 1, total 33. — R. French 11-9-4-5, T. Brooks 11-3-5-12-5.

Stagsden: K. Brooks 14, A. Bodkin 3, F. Brooks 1, P. Archer not out 0, C. Reed not out 10, extras 1, total (for 3 wks) 40. — D. Barker 10-1-11-2.

BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Blunham I	14	11	0	3	35
Thurleigh I	14	7	3	4	28
Cople I	14	4	5	5	17
Clapham	14	4	5	5	17
Gt. Barford I	14	4	5	5	15
Stevington	14	3	10	1	7
Lt. Staughton	14	3	10	1	7
Marston I	14	3	11	0	6

Division I

Roxton	14	13	0	1	27
Stagsden	14	8	5	1	17
Felmersham	14	8	4	0	16
Wood End	14	7	4	3	15
Renhold II	12	5	6	1	11
Southoe	14	5	4	5	11
Oakley	14	3	10	1	7
Pertenhall	14	2	11	1	5

Division II

Lt. Paxton*	12	6	2	4	16
Hill Weston*	12	7	3	2	16
Staploe*	12	4	4	0	16
Wood End	12	6	5	1	15
Vrestlingworth	12	5	6	1	11
Cople II	12	3	9	0	6
Hobkirk	12	2	8	2	6

Division

Tempford	12	0	2	1	19
Blunham II	12	7	3	2	16
Thurleigh II	12	6	3	3	15
Widley	12	7	5	0	14
Marston II	12	4	7	1	0
Potton	12	4	6	0	8
Maulden	12	1	10	1	3

Division IV

Lanford	12	10	2	0	20
Spornbrook	12	8	2	2	18
North Crawley	12	6	6	0	12
Caldecote	12	6	6	0	12
Lt. Staughton II	12	5	6	1	11
Renhold II	12	5	6	1	11
Gt. Barford II	12	0	12	0	0

*Top three clubs tied for first place. Play-off this Saturday Bedford Park (2.30) between Lt. Paxton and Staploe winner to play Hill Weston the following Saturday Bedford Park, 2.30 p.m.