

Herts County Cricket Club.

SEASON'S PLAY REVIEWED.

BRIGHT PROMISE FOR THE FUTURE.

The narrow defeat at the hands of Bucks, which was chronicled in our last issue, brought to a close the 1924 campaign of the Herts County Cricket Club in the Minor Counties Championship. Of the eight matches played, three were won outright, three won on the first innings, and two lost. The County thus achieves 24 points out of a possible 40, or a percentage of 60, which should leave Herts in about the fifth place in the Minor Counties table.

That is an improvement on last year's record, and, although early hopes of winning the championship outright were not fulfilled, must be accepted as satisfactory.

Looking back over the season, there is justification for saying that the County XI. was good enough to go to the top, for their failure to do so was due to two unaccountable lapses in batting, in which department they were exceptionally strong. Though these two failures in the second innings of the return matches against Norfolk and Bucks took place in the face of good bowlers bowling above their form, it is difficult to find adequate reasons why they occurred.

BATTING STRENGTH.

For in the rest of the matches the batting strength was clearly proved. Thus, a score of 533 for 8 wickets was compiled against Bedfordshire at Stevenage, and one of 440 against the strong Norfolk bowling on the same ground. Five centuries were compiled by Herts batsmen—two by Meyer and one each by Titchmarsh, Clarkson, and the captain, L. A. Watson, both the latter being against Norfolk.

The bowling this year was stronger than for many years past. Burton showed that he had lost none of his old form with the ball, and bowled untriflingly, but frequently with bad luck. But the find of the year was the Cambridge Blue, R. J. O. Meyer, who, besides a brilliant batting record, proved as effective as Burton as a bowler.

Of the fielding, it is not possible to speak with equal satisfaction, and there is much room for improvement in this department, especially in the slips.

The most satisfactory point about the season now closed is the promise it gives for the future. An abundance of youthful talent has been discovered and is being given every encouragement. Meyer, it is hoped, will be a mainstay for many years, while G. M. Crossman, of Cokenach (who deputised for Arthur Grimadell as wicket-keeper), is a most promising batsman. J. G. Bland, of St. Albans, and C. R. Fordham, of Bishop's Stortford, have shown both style and ability of a high order. In addition, first-rate talent is coming in from the Public Schools, which the county authorities are watching.

NEXT YEAR'S JUBILEE.

Of the veterans, Titchmarsh, though playing several admirable innings, was not so consistent as in former years. R. B. Cowley showed his best form on many occasions, and Hyllton-Stewart bowled extremely well at times, while L. A. Watson heads the batting averages, and was the most consistent batsman in the team. Arthur Grimadell was, unfortunately, an absentee, owing to an injured knee, and C. R. G. Hunter was on tour in America with the Corinthians.

Perhaps the greatest asset of the County Club is its present captain. Mr. Reid is a man of calm judgment and quick decision, and with it he possesses a most charming personality. It is due to him that such perfect harmony and good fellowship permeate the eleven, and the excellent record of this season is, to a very large extent, due to his able direction.

The year 1925 marks the jubilee of the Herts County Cricket Club, and it is hoped to celebrate the event by a dinner in the spring, by an extended county championship programme, and by a Jubilee County Cricket Week. In the meanwhile, it is desired that many new members will be added and increasing support will be given to this excellent organisation.

PROMISING YOUNG PLAYERS FOR HERTS.

It would seem that Hertfordshire is not lacking in young cricket talent. On Friday, fourteen Public Schoolboys, with qualifications for the county, opposed the Gentlemen of Herts, at Watford, and although the side was beaten, some members of it showed much promise.

Batting for the Public School's team, Davenport, with 31, was responsible for the best knock, although Halsey and Kingsley both played in correct style, and Redhouse hit up 19 in a very few minutes. His hits included a six, a four and a six hit off consecutive balls from Marsh. The Harpenden man, however, bowled very well throughout. He took seven wickets for 85, and E. Dennis, of Buntingford, captured 4 for 26.

With 209 to get, the Gentlemen of Herts won by seven wickets. Crossman and Bland opened the innings. The former had made 24 of the 35 which were on the board when he made a hard return, which Irani held. Cowley and Bland added 151 in a second-wicket partnership. Cowley hit powerfully and cleanly, while Bland played a patient game. Bland fell to a catch at extra cover when the total had reached 189, having made 42, which included four four's. Cowley went soon afterwards, having compiled 88 in less than an hour. The Berkhamsted man hit 15 boundaries. R. J. O. Meyer and the Rev. H. Sturt, the fourth-wicket pair, had a race against time to get the runs, but the former, batting brightly, hitting 55 in quick time, carried his side to victory. Meyer's 55 included one six and eight four's. Scores:—

PUBLIC SCHOOLS XIV.

P. A. T. Kinsley (Winchester), c Meyer b Marsh	21
Z. Irani (Hitchin Grammar), st Cowley b Marsh	1
M. A. Jones (Highgate), c Meyer b Marsh	2
J. E. Davenport (Malvern), c Meyer b Dennis	31
J. H. Robson (Westminster), b Meyer	4
E. A. Catesby (Mill Hill), c Taylor b Meyer	0
A. F. Halsey (University College), c Molyneux b Marsh	47
P. C. M. Foster (Leys), c and b Dennis	30
L. W. Winterburne (Watford Grammar), c Dennis b Marsh	20
D. A. R. Kemp (Harrow), not out	5
D. C. Kendrick (Watford Grammar), b Dennis	3
H. E. Wetherill (Berkhamsted), b Marsh	1
G. A. Redhouse (Bishop's Stortford), c Bland b Marsh	19
A. J. Wolf (Aldenharn), b Dennis	0
Extras	25
Total	209

Bowling.—Meyer, 25o.—4m.—65r.—2w.; Marsh, 35—7—85—7; E. E. Dennis, 14.1—3—26—4.

GENTLEMEN OF HERTS.

G. M. Crossman, c and b Irani	28
J. G. Bland, c Redhouse b Kingsley	42
R. B. Cowley, c Davenport b Redhouse	68
R. J. O. Meyer, not out	55
Rev. H. Sturt, not out	11
Extras	12

Total (for 3 wkts.) 236

T. R. Taylor, E. E. Dennis, J. Molyneux, W. H. Marsh, S. Douglas Jones and E. H. Wales did not bat.

WALTHEW AND MARSH IRRESISTIBLE.

Captain F. S. Walthew and W. H. Marsh bowled in irresistible style for Harpenden on Saturday, and so enabled their side to gain a remarkable victory by 83 runs over Stevenage.

Harpenden, who were playing at home, only totalled 112, to which H. Bentley, with 24, was the chief contributor, although Walthew, 19, and Marsh, 16, both batted splendidly. A total of 112 did not seem a difficult task for the strong side which Stevenage fielded; but before the bowling of Walthew and Marsh, they collapsed badly, being dismissed for 29, to which L. A. Watson, who has the best batting for Herts in the Minor Counties championship this season, was top scorer with nine. Scores:—

HARPENDEN.

J. E. Davenport, b Shelford	1
E. T. French, c Allison b A. Field	4
E. N. Trinder, b Shelford	0
F. S. Walthew, b Shelford	19
W. H. Marsh, b Shelford	16
E. E. A. Talbot, c P. Field b Shelford	6
H. F. Walthew, c and b Shelford	7
A. E. Kimber, b Shelford	2
H. B. Mole, b Hale	10
H. Bentley, c Watson b Shelford	24
A. E. Bentley, not out	8
N. W. Hind Smith, b Shelford	8
Extras	10

Total 112

Bowling.—Shelford, 9 for 57; A. Field, 1 for 20; E. Pumphrey, 0 for 10; P. Field, 0 for 3; F. Hale, 1 for 12.

STEVENAGE.

P. Field, b F. S. Walthew	2
M. A. Jones, c Bentley b Marsh	1
L. A. Watson, c Trinder b F. S. Walthew	9
H. Allison, b F. S. Walthew	5
F. Hales, b F. S. Walthew	0
J. Boorman, b Marsh	7
O. Daltrey, c Trinder b F. S. Walthew	0
E. Pumphrey, lbw, b F. S. Walthew	1
W. Shelford, b F. S. Walthew	0
R. Moulton, c and b Marsh	0
S. B. Daltrey, not out	0
A. Field, b Marsh	0
Extras	4

Total 29

Bowling.—F. S. Walthew, 19o.—12m.—15r. 7w.; W. H. Marsh, 19o.—12m.—10r.—4w.

ST. ALBANS' CONSISTENT BATTING.

St. Albans' and Luton's match at Clarence Park, on Saturday, ended in a draw, but Luton, when stumps were drawn, with only three wickets in hand, were 87 behind the St. Albans total.

Steady and consistent batting on the part of St. Albans enabled them to declare for 185 with only five wickets down. Hosier, Wheddon and Heams each played a fine innings. Luton were quite outclassed, and but for G. Taylor's fine effort must have lost. His innings included two four's and seven three's. Scores:—

ST. ALBANS.

L. G. Hosier, c Herringshaw b Warboys	37
H. Wheddon, c Whickson b Smart	39
C. Dumpleton, b Emery	26
A. H. Wilks, lbw, b Herringshaw	15
R. W. Heams, not out	34
J. Baum, run out	13
W. E. Green, not out	2
Extras	20

Total (for 5 wkts. dec.) 186

G. F. Waghorn, H. J. Forster, E. Evans and H. Bow-Smith did not bat.

LUTON.

G. Herringshaw, c Dumpleton b Hosier	8
L. Wheeler, c Bow-Smith b Dumpleton	4
G. Taylor, not out	54
T. Payton, run out	1
R. G. Smart, b Evans	17
W. Emery, b Evans	0
H. Smith, run out	3
A. Warboys, b Green	3
A. Webdale, not out	2
Extras	7

Total (for 7 wkts.) 99

W. Johnson and A. E. Whickson did not bat.

Bowling.—Dumpleton, 1 for 32; Hosier, 1 for 27; Evans, 2 for 15; Wheddon, 0 for 4; Wilks, 0 for 10; Green, 1 for 4.

Saturday 23 August 1924

UNFINISHED GAME AT RADLETT.

Rain terminated Radlett's match with Hampstead when play was in a very interesting state. Hampstead made 139, and when the game was abandoned, Radlett, having scored 66 for the loss of three wickets, seemed well on the way to success. Scores:—

HAMPSTEAD.

A. G. Saunders, c Smith b Norris	24
W. M. Lamb, lbw, b Batchelor	20
J. G. Donaldson, c Batchelor b Norris	0
L. Brache, run out	34
N. W. Lamb, c Reid b Norris	8
S. M. Gow, c Reid b Sygrove	5
A. L. Patterson, b Dumbleton	7
T. M. Farnill, c Batchelor b Reid	16
G. J. Murdoch, st Denny b Reid	8
G. S. Livers, st Denny b Reid	11
A. L. Butcher, not out	5
Extras	1

Total

139

Bowling.—Norris, 3 for 58; Batchelor, 1 for 32; Sygrove, 1 for 16; C. Dumbleton, 1 for 21; Reid, 3 for 11.

RADLETT.

C. C. Dumbleton, not out	25
T. J. Reid, b Gow	6
H. B. Ridgway, b Gow	12
W. Sygrove, b Gow	14
Extras	3

Total

60

T. P. Norris, H. P. Denny, R. J. Lamb, M. Branton, W. Smit, B. W. Batchelor and E. E. Stock did not bat.

Bowling.—Brache, 0 for 13; Gow, 3 for 30; Saunders, 0 for 14.

ANOTHER LYE HOUSE REVERSE.

Lye House, playing at Bricket Wood, on Saturday, lost to Croxley Green by 39 runs. Scores:—

Croxley.—Lancaster, b A. Austin, 7; King, b Arnell, 2; Holloway, run out, 22; Nobbs, c Jefford b A. Austin, 0; Holloman, c J. Roffe b Arnell, 6; Bull, c Powell b J. Roffe, 14; J. Holloway, c and b J. Roffe, 8; Simmons, b J. Roffe, 7; Williams, run out, 2; Jearod, not out, 0; Kerr, b Arnell, 3; extras, 8; total, 79. Bowling.—C. C. Arnell, 3 for 30; A. Austin, 2 for 24; J. Roffe, 3 for 12.

Lye House.—E. G. Holland, b Lancaster, 8; A. Austin, c King b J. Holloway, 4; C. Austin, b Lancaster, 3; J. Roffe, not out, 15; W. Roffe, c Jearod b Lancaster, 2; C. C. Arnell, b Lancaster, 0; T. Powell, b Lancaster, 0; R. Jefford, c Holloman b Lancaster, 2; G. Wells, b Holloway, 0; T. Coster, b Lancaster, 1; F. Austin, b Holloway, 0; extras, 5; total, 40.

ALDENHAM VISIT HATFIELD ESTATE.

Aldenham's visit to Hatfield Estate produced a drawn game. Scores:—

Hatfield Estate.—A. Johnson, b Wilson, 14; W. Mitchell, c Timms, b Mead, 30; W. Groom, lbw, b Mead, 31; T. Hickson, lbw, b Mead, 13; A. Gow, c Masters, b Wilson, 8; A. Lawrence, b Wilson, 11; G. Diddams, b Wilson, 7; L. Hickson, b Wilson, 1; H. Reeves, not out, 3; extras, 6; total (for 8 wickets, dec.), 12. B. Harrison and F. Moore did not bat. Bowling.—A. Mead, 2 for 42; A. Wilson, 5 for 22; C. Mead, 1 for 24.

Aldenham.—G. Timms, b Lawrence, 0; H. Stacey, b Lawrence, 5; H. Hawkins, c Groom, b Mitchell, 8; C. Mead, c Harrison, b Mitchell, 7; A. Wilson, not out, 6; E. Timms, not out, 1; extras, 1; total (for 4 wickets), 28. E. Wright, C. Walters, P. Masters, S. Jones and A. Mead did not bat. Bowling.—A. Lawrence, 2 for 12; W. Mitchell, 2 for 6.

HATFIELD OUTPLAYED AT LEAVESDEN.

Hatfield had a lucky escape at Leavesden, on Saturday. When the end came, in a game which was much delayed owing to rain and a late start, they had two wickets in hand with a deficit of 133 to face. Grundy, who made 101 not out, for Leavesden, batted well, but he gave two chances—one when he had made 20 and the other at 60. Scores:—

Leavesden Mental Hospital.—T. Grundy, not out, 101; G. Richards, c and b Elliott, 17; C. Ansell, c and b Elliott, 4; H. Crownshaw, c Hickson b Fuller, 18; H. Chandler, c Eastgate b Blackett, 13; O. Gregory, c Church b Smith, 0; H. Howlett, not out, 1; extras, 6; total (for 5 wks. dec.), 160.

S. Denchfield, T. Bunce, T. Simmons and W. Hopkins did not bat.

Hatfield United.—E. J. Hickson, b Crownshaw, 2; B. J. Blackett, c Howlett b Ansell, 0; A. Reynolds, c Ansell b Crownshaw, 2; W. Smith, b Crownshaw, 3; G. S. Church, b Crownshaw, 0; R. Ray, b Ansell, 0; E. Elliott, c Howlett b Crownshaw, 10; A. O. Fuller, not out, 0; W. R. Watson, c Crownshaw b Gregory, 0; A. Eastgate, not out, 4; extras, 6; total, 27. V. Scott did not bat.

SOUTH MIMMS' EASY VICTORY.

South Mimms, playing at home, on Sunday afternoon, defeated Mr. J. Ward's XI. by 36 runs. Scores:—

Mr. J. Ward's XI.—A. Towilson, c Cobbe, b F. Jones, 1; S. Pondleton, b W. Allen, 0; R. Ward, b W. Allen, 0; R. Mabbett, b W. Allen, 4; J. Ward, b F. Jones, 0; A. Tozzi, b W. Allen, 4; A. Baston, b F. Jones, 2; B. Ward, b W. Allen, 0; E. Roffey, b W. Allen, 1; H. Allen, c F. Jones, b W. Allen, 7; W. Binstead, not out, 0; extras, 1; total, 20.

South Mimms.—F. Jones, c Baston, b Towilson, 19; A. Gerken, b B. Ward, 4; W. Jones, b B. Ward, 0; W. Allen, b R. Ward, 13; C. Sirey, lbw, b R. Ward, 2; B. Jones, b R. Ward, 0; G. Wickens, c Tozzi, b Towilson, 0; A. Neale, b Mabbett, 11; W. Gerken, c H. Allen, b Mabbett, 0; J. Cobbe, b Towilson, 1; J. Northover, not out, 0; extras, 6; total, 56.

A SOUTH MIMMS SUCCESS.

South Mimms, for whom C. Sirey took 7 wickets for 14 runs and performed the "hat trick," defeated Chipping Barnet by 41 runs, on Saturday. Scores:—

South Mimms.—F. Jones, b Debenham, 0; P. Penketh, b Beale, 3; W. Jones, c Offord b Beale, 2; Dr. Watkins, c Paternoster b Offord, 24; C. Sirey, b Beale, 1; W. Wickens, b Offord, 0; G. Read, c Parvis b Beale, 3; A. Gerken, b Debenham, 21; A. Jones, not out, 6; W. Sirey, b Coomber, 0; T. Ansell, b Beale, 6; extras, 3; total, 69.

Chipping Barnet.—A. Ratcliff, lbw, b C. Sirey, 0; E. Offord, c A. Jones b W. Sirey, 0; W. Beale, b C. Sirey, 5; E. Purvis, b W. Sirey, 18; C. Coomber, run out, 0; J. Paternoster, b W. Sirey, 3; H. Tooth, c F. Jones b W. Sirey, 0; J. Croig, b W. Sirey, 1; R. Debenham, b W. Sirey, 1; W. Wadsworth, not out, 0; J. Parslow, b W. Sirey, 0; extras, 0; total, 28.

ABBOT'S LANGLEY BEAT BOXMOOR.

Visiting Boxmoor, Abbot's Langley were successful by 9 runs after a very good game. Owing to holidays, neither side was at full strength. Scores:—

Abbot's Langley.—M. Bland, b Anniss, 4; H. Guess, b Anniss, 1; E. Gomme, c Hoar b Carpenter, 8; W. Welsh, c Carpenter b Anniss, 9; R. Pusey, c Glover b Carpenter, 11; F. W. Hill, b Anniss, 0; M. Flint, b Carpenter, 16; F. Woolridge, b Carpenter, 3; S. Read, b Anniss, 0; S. Burrage, not out, 1; F. Perry, b Carpenter, 0; extras, 4; total, 57. Bowling.—B. Carpenter, 5 for 10; W. Anniss, 5 for 43.

Boxmoor.—F. Fairbank, c Flint b Welsh, 2; W. Bonfield, b Welsh, 14; A. Glover, b Welsh, 3; W. Hoar, c Bland b Welsh, 3; V. Whybrow, b Guess, 0; B. Carpenter, c Read b Welsh, 2; J. Hoar, b Guess, 7; R. Lee, b Guess, 0; G. Anniss, b Welsh, 12; P. Poulter, b Guess, 0; H. Fuls, not out, 1; extras, 4; total, 48. Bowling.—H. Guess, 4 for 19; W. Welsh, 6 for 25.

WELWYN GARDEN CITY LOSE.

Herts County Mental Hospital, Hill End, were too strong for Welwyn Garden City. They declared with 169 for 5, and dismissing the Garden Citizens for 57, won by 112 runs. Scores:—

Hill End M.H.—E. Searle, c Manger b Hemmings, 0; A. Runchman, b Hemmings, 10; W. Clay, c North b Hemmings, 2; B. Goodchild, not out, 60; F. G. Williams, c and b Wilkie, 0; W. Runchman, c Manger b Hemmings, 4; F. Taylor, not out, 82; extras, 11; total (for 5 wks. dec.), 169. G. Wilders, E. J. Hayward, G. Cull and E. Ison did not bat. Bowling.—Hemmings, 4 for 43; Wilkie, 1 for 50; Yuill, 0 for 12; Page, 0 for 28; Reiss, 0 for 20.

Welwyn Garden City.—Page, b G. Cull, 2; North, b G. Cull, 0; Hemmings, c W. Runchman b Taylor, 24; R. Reiss, b W. Runchman, 0; H. Reiss, b B. Goodchild, 16; Wilkie, lbw, b Taylor, 0; Beaumont, c A. Runchman b Goodchild, 0; Manger, b Goodchild, 0; Yuill, not out, 3; Carriek, b B. Goodchild, 0; Care, b B. Goodchild, 1; extras, 11; total, 57. Bowling.—G. Cull, 2 for 13; W. Runchman, 1 for 12; B. Goodchild, 5 for 4; F. Taylor, 2 for 17.

Saturday 27 September 1924

COUNTY CRICKET CLUB AVERAGES.

Hertfordshire were placed fifth on the final table of the minor Counties Championship. Their record in the competition was: played, 8; won, 5; lost, 2; won on first innings, 3; lost on first innings, 0. Runs gained 24 points out of a possible 40. The Clubs averages are set out below:—

MINOR COUNTIES MATCHES.

Batting.						
		No. of in's.	Times out.	Most in an in's.	Total runs.	Average.
L. A. Watson	.....	11	1	95	440	40.00
R. J. O. Meyer	.....	12	0	109	465	38.68
F. F. Halsey	.....	2	0	39	80	30.00
C. H. Titchmarsh	.....	14	2	143	249	29.80
R. H. Cowley	.....	12	1	94	312	26.36
P. Chalkson	.....	7	0	118	184	26.28
L. J. Reid	.....	10	1	105	207	23.00
J. G. Bland	.....	9	1	95	172	21.50
G. M. Crossman	.....	12	0	76	254	21.16
B. D. Hylton-Stewart	.....	8	2	33	99	16.50
J. J. Thorley	.....	6	2	18	61	15.25
C. B. Fordham	.....	2	0	11	21	10.10
F. S. Walthew	.....	2	1	5	9	9.00
Cuthbertson	.....	2	1	6	7	7.00
G. H. Vasey	.....	1	0	7	7	7.00
Burton	.....	10	3	18	43	6.16
R. Driscoll	.....	6	1	10	21	4.20
H. E. Blower	.....	3	0	7	11	3.66

Bowling.

Club	Overs	M'd's.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avg.
T. F. Halsey	6	1	17	3	5.66
Burton	305	74	813	55	14.78
Cuthbertson	12	0	46	3	15.33
L. J. Reid	24	2	112	7	16.00
R. J. O. Meyer	298	60	882	51	17.29
B. D. Hylton-Stewart	60	12	245	12	20.41
F. S. Walthew	12	3	47	1	47.00
R. Driscoll	15	2	74	1	74.00

THE OTHER MATCHES.

The record of the Gentlemen of Herts and the County Club matches were:—Played, 18; won, 9; lost, 6; drawn, 4. The averages for those games were:—

Player.	Batting.			Total runs.	Average.
	No. of in's.	Times out.	Most in an in's.		
C. H. Titchmarsh	3	—	107	211	70.33
P. A. E. Kinglake	3	—	73	143	47.66
C. B. Fordham	3	—	80	113	37.66
H. J. Gibbon	5	—	44	169	33.80
J. Molyneux	6	2	47	135	33.75
J. G. Bland	12	2	81	325	32.50
Cuthbertson	5	1	83	126	31.50
Kent	7	1	115	160	26.66
T. R. Taylor	3	—	71	80	26.66
R. B. Cowley	7	—	88	177	25.28
G. G. Dumbleton	4	1	39	69	23.00
A. F. Day	7	1	62	129	21.50
Lt.-Col. E. Caldecott	5	—	58	81	16.20
C. R. Cubitt	3	1	15	28	14.00
W. H. Marsh	9	2	21	71	10.14
C. G. Blaxter	4	—	31	40	10.00
Rev. H. Sturt	6	1	15	60	10.00
B. A. Tooth	3	1	15	20	10.00
E. H. Wales	12	3	35	89	9.88
E. R. Ross	4	—	12	37	9.25
A. J. Barnes	10	3	19	47	6.71
R. H. Baucher	3	1	10	12	6.00

Bowling.

Club	Overs	M'd's.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avg.
Lt. T. E. Halsey	19	6	59	4	9.75
Burton	20	7	54	8	10.80
E. E. Dennis	48	11	127	10	12.70
A. J. Barnes	118	10	491	37	13.27
R. J. O. Meyer	51	15	114	8	14.25
Rev. H. Sturt	56	9	217	15	14.46
Cuthbertson	79	13	208	14	14.85
W. H. Marsh	174	26	492	33	14.90
C. B. Fordham	16	2	47	3	15.66
Kent	54	14	113	7	16.14
T. F. Cuthbertson	16	1	65	4	16.25
B. Hylton	45	8	137	5	27.40
H. J. Gibbon	34	4	138	3	46.00