

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 1924.

MINOR COUNTIES CRICKET AT HINCKLEY

Leicestershire II. Cut Sorry Figure v.
Buckinghamshire.

MATCH SPOILT BY RAIN.

What undoubtedly would have proved the most attractive fixture in the Hinckley district during the present season was spoilt, last Friday and Saturday, by rain, which fell so heavily throughout the former day and during the night, that only an afternoon's cricket was possible in Leicestershire second's match with Buckinghamshire. The attendance naturally suffered very considerably. The gates did not open until 1.30 on Saturday, and the weather was then so uncertain that there was never more than 200 people present.

The allocation of the match to Hinckley was a prelude to what local enthusiasts hope will be an annual first-class county championship match on the Ashby Road. The drawback at present is the lack of adequate pavilion accommodation, but efforts are being made to secure a removal of the handicap in this connection.

Gibson, the Hinckley professional, had prepared a splendid wicket, which the Buckinghamshire players described as the best they had seen so far this season.

Hinckley's luck, however, was on Friday again dead out in the matter of weather, for at 10.30, an hour before the advertised time of commencement, heavy rain commenced to fall, and the prospect of play before lunch quickly became exceedingly remote.

At 2.30 rain was still falling heavily, and an hour later it was decided to abandon play for the day.

Local interest in the match was enhanced by the inclusion in the Leicestershire side of three Hinckley amateurs, W. E. Pratt, C. G. Watts and G. A. Palmer. Pratt has several times played for the county, Watts appeared in the side which opposed Glamorgan on Tuesday, and Palmer is a fast bowler with a most destructive delivery.

BUCKS BOWLERS' WONDERFUL FORM.

Further heavy showers prevented a commencement at the advertised time on Saturday. An early lunch was taken, and a warm sunshine meanwhile enabled a start to be made at 2 o'clock. The Leicestershire captain won the toss and decided to take first knock, sending in Dobson and Berry (the latter appearing in place of Hutchinson) to face the attack of Edwards and A. V. Payne. The former, a medium paced bowler, who has been spoken of as a possible candidate for Australia, early had the batsmen in difficulties, and with his seventh ball he disturbed Berry's stumps. With the score at eleven he also accounted for Bradshaw. W. E. Pratt, the Hinckley captain, was not destined to stay long, for in playing back to Payne he was clean

bowled. Charlie Watts also fell to a fast ball from the left hander, and G. A. Palmer, the other Hinckley representative, was bowled off his pads first ball.

Thus five wickets were down for 18 in less than half an hour. Edwards had four to his credit for two.

The attendance, poor at the start, improved with the weather. Some resolute defensive play was witnessed on the part of Dobson and Snary, but the situation, of course, called for extreme care, and Edwards and Payne continued to send up such excellent stuff that all the batsmen were able to do in half an hour was to score ten singles. However, it was good under the circumstances to find the defence effectively resisting the attack.

A PROCESSION.

Dobson, after batting an hour and a quarter for a dozen, received marching orders through a smart return from Baker at short leg. He hit the ball hard for what appeared to be a good run, and after attempting to get to the other end ran back, but was unable to regain his crease ere Franklin, who is captaining the visiting side, had smartly whipped off his bails. Six wickets were down for 23, and with the addition of a bye W. L. Everard, who filled Dobson's place, had his defence broken by Edwards. In sixteen overs, nine of which were maidens, the latter had clean bowled five batsmen for eight.

Smith only survived a few balls, being clean bowled by Payne with the score at 25 for eight, and Snary left eight runs later, being taken at the wicket off Payne. Meanwhile Bailey, the Barlestone youth, snicked one from the same bowler through the slips for four, the second boundary of the match, and got two lucky ones at the expense of Edwards. Shenton, the last man, was dismissed for a single, and the innings, which had lasted an hour and three-quarters, closed for 35, Bailey being not out nine. Edwards had the wonderful analysis of six wickets for ten.

The wicket was rapidly drying when Leicestershire took the field, and though L. W. Jackson and W. B. Franklin, the opening batsmen showed some enterprise initially, Snary, who shared the bowling with Bailey, quickly got a couple of successes, clean bowling Jackson and A. V. Wells, the new comer, with only 11 runs telegraphed. Leicestershire were repeatedly applauded for smart work in the field, and it became apparent that the visitors were not to have matters entirely their own way. Franklin, apparently realising that time was precious, in view of the gathering clouds, attempted rapid run getting, but paid the penalty by mistiming a good length ball from Snary.

TERRIFIC HITTING.

Le Gros was likewise enterprising, and the score board was kept merrily rattling. In one over from Snary he helped himself to no less than 10. With the coming of A. V. Payne, the batsmen hit out mercilessly, and Bailey was punished to the extent of 11 in one over, Payne obtaining victory for Bucks on the first innings with a clean hit to leg.

At 48, G. A. Palmer, the Hinckley bowler, took the ball from Bailey, and Le Gros sent up the 50 in three-quarters of an hour. Payne left at 54, being smartly stumped by Shenton off Palmer.

After tea Le Gros and Baker punished the Leicestershire bowlers mercilessly, and the former hit Snary for 26 in one over, including three big hits for six each. Such terrific hitting has seldom been seen on the Ashby Road grounds, certainly not in recent years, and the crowd appreciated the performance of the visitors enthusiastically.

Bucks applied the closure with the score at 121 for four, and sent Leicestershire in a second time. They were making excellent progress towards obtaining an innings victory until Bradshaw and Everard came together, but these batsmen succeeded in playing out time, the score then being 43 for six. Details:—

Leicestershire II

O. Dobson, run out	12
Berry, b Edwards	0
J. C. Bradshaw, b Edwards	4
C. G. Watts, b Edwards	1
W. E. Pratt, b Payne	0
G. A. Palmer, b Edwards	0
Snary, c Franklin b Payne	6
W. L. Everard, b Edwards	0
Smith, b Payne	0
Bailey, not out	9
Shenton, c Fletcher b Edwards...	1
Extras	2

35

Buckinghamshire.

W. L. Jackson, b Snary	1
W. B. Franklin, b Snary	15
A. V. Wells, b Snary	2
P. W. Le Gros, not out	70
A. V. Payne, c Shenton b Palmer	15
G. L. Baker, not out	17
Extras	1

(For 4 wickets) 121

(Innings declared closed).

Leicestershire II. (2nd innings).

O. Dobson, st Franklin b Edwards	5
Berry, b Edwards	7
C. Watts, st Franklin b Edwards	6
W. E. Pratt, b Edwards	0
G. A. Palmer, b Payne	0
Snary, b Edwards	0
J. C. Bradshaw, not out	21
W. L. Everard, not out	4

(For 6 wickets) 48

BOWLING.

Leicestershire (1st innings).

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Edwards	20.1	12	10	6
Payne	20	9	23	8

Leicestershire (2nd innings).

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Edwards	15	7	19	5
Payne	15	4	24	1

Buckinghamshire.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Snary	12	2	61	3
Bailey	8	1	22	0
Palmer	5	0	26	1
Smith	2	0	7	0

Umpires, T. Keanealey and G. Nixon.

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LEICESTERSHIRE II.

Records in the Minor Championship.

In their first season in the Minor Counties Championship, the Leicestershire second eleven met with a gratifying measure of success, and, apart from the results, the experience gained by the younger members of the ground staff, together with the coaching of Ernest Hayes, should prove of great value. Results and averages are appended:—

WON.

Defeated Lincolnshire, at Sleaford, by five wickets.
Defeated Norfolk, at Loughboro', by six wickets.
Defeated Lincolnshire, at Leicester, by five wickets.

LOST.

Lost to Norfolk, at Norwich, by 48 runs.
Lost to Buckinghamshire, at High Wycombe, by seven wickets.

DRAWN.

Drew with Bedfordshire, at Luton (Bedfordshire won first innings points).
Drew with Buckinghamshire, at Hinchley (Bucks won first innings points).
Drew with Bedfordshire, at Oakham (Leicestershire won first innings points).

BATTING.

	No. of Times	Most in	Total	
	Inns.	not out.	runs.	Avg.
W. L. Everard	4	3	165	31.00
Merry	8	0	177	22.12
J. C. Bradshaw	12	3	188	20.88
O. L. M. Brown	5	0	100	20.00
Berridge	7	0	65	16.50
Hutchinson	12	2	162	16.20
O. Dobson	8	0	38	12.88
S. W. Bradshaw	5	0	27	12.50
Snary	12	3	191	11.22
Smith	10	1	90	10.00
Shenton	8	4	31	7.75
Bailey	4	1	9	5.00
Lee	11	0	78	7.09

Also batted: Coulson, 23 and 39; Gamble, 5, 4, and 2; Riley, 1; Denkin, 0, 1*, and 5; O. G. Watts, 1 and 6; W. E. Pratt, 0 and 0; G. A. Palmer, 0 and 0; N. Armstrong, 6*, Hale, 7 and 9; W. K. Holsiehl, 18; O. E. Starmur, 9; A. O. J. Gorman, 4 and 32; G. B. F. Rudd, 4 and 1; G. K. F. Ruddie, 9 and 0.

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING.

	Overs	Mdn.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avg.
Snary	210	98	444	32	11.68
Hale	52	18	115	9	12.77
Lee	31	11	79	8	13.16
Smith	154.3	47	354	26	14.60
Hutchinson	88.2	28	231	15	15.40
Denkin	57	18	129	8	17.37
Bailey	66.4	13	165	8	23.12

Also bowled: N. Armstrong, 21-3-66-4; O. L. M. Brown, 7-1-30-2; O. E. Starmur, 16-2-44-3; Berridge, 13-2-28-0; G. A. Palmer, 5-0-26-1; G. B. F. Rudd, 1-0-1-0.

Snary's Best Performance.

Snary, who has been for several years on the ground staff, met with considerable success as a bowler. He accomplished a remarkable performance against Buckingham at High Wycombe, having the following analysis in the first innings:—

Overs	Mdn.	Runs.	Wkts.
13.5	11	6	5

Five of the six runs were scored in his first over. For the remainder of the innings, therefore, he took five wickets for one run in the course of 12 overs and five balls.

CRICKET.

SOUTH LEICESTERSHIRE LEAGUE. DIVISION I.

BARWELL v. EARL SHILTON.

Shilton visited Barwell, on Saturday, and suffered a very heavy defeat. P. Harvey was in great form, taking six wickets, and scoring 41 runs. In the batting he was ably backed by W. Green (32) and T. Pearson (30 not out). Lord took three of the remaining Shilton wickets. For the visitors F. Lee was the top scorer, while Reynolds accounted for six of the home batsmen.

Earl Shilton.

F. Lee, st Pearson b Harvey	16
H. Fullylove, c and b Lord	0
T. Wileman, run out	2
W. Marvin, lbw b Harvey	2
W. Reynolds, c Haddon b Harvey	2
J. Jacobs, b Lord	3
A. Coe, st Pearson b Lord	0
H. King, not out	0
E. Wright, c Haddon b Harvey	0
J. Norman, st Pearson b Harvey	2
H. Bonser, c Haddon b Harvey	0
	30

Barwell.

H. Coe, b Reynolds	5
A. Gilliver, b Reynolds	14
W. Green, c King b Lee	32
H. Haddon, b Reynolds	0
S. Hitch, b Wileman	1
P. Harvey, c Jacobs b Reynolds	41
J. Nutting, b Reynolds	8
A. Wells, c Wileman b Reynolds	8
T. Pearson, not out	30
G. Breward, lbw	22
A. Lord did not bat.	
Extras	10
(For 9 wickets)	163

ENDERBY v. BARWELL.

Played at Enderby, on Monday. With the aid of a good 31 by E. Gilliver, seven by J. West, and five extras, Enderby only mustered 51. Five players made "ducks." W. Green's four wickets cost him 10 runs, and H. Haddon's four 13 runs. Five of the Barwell wickets had fallen without the score reaching double figures, and with a last wicket partnership of 19, only 36 runs were registered for all ten wickets. J. West and H. Young had an equal number of wickets.

Enderby.

E. Young, st Pearson b Lord	0
E. Spence, b Haddon	3
C. King, b Harvey	0
E. Gilliver, c Gilliver b Green	31
J. West, b Haddon	7
R. Harrison, b Haddon	0
H. Spence, b Haddon	2
J. Harrison, b Green	0
W. North, b Green	0
H. Young, not out	1
J. Phillips, st Pearson b Green	2
Extras	5
	51

Barwell.

A. Lord, b H. Young	3
J. Nutting, b West	2
W. Green, b West	2
H. Coe, b H. Young	1
P. Harvey, c Phillips b H. Young	0
A. Gilliver, lbw b H. Young	0
H. Haddon, hit wkt b West	0
A. Wells, not out	7
W. Lord, c Young b H. Young	0
T. Pearson, lbw b West	12
Extras	3
	36

COUNTSTHORPE v. STANTON.

Journeying to Countesthorpe on Saturday, minus six of their regular players (away on holiday) Stoney Stanton easily accounted for Countesthorpe. Stanton, winning the toss and batting first, ran up a total of 105. E. Knight showing good form for 43. H. Riley 20, W. Green 14, also played well. Countesthorpe were put out for 30. J. Middleton bowling 11 overs for 11 runs and taking 6 wickets. Scores:—

Stoney Stanton.

E. Knight, c Burley b H. Hubbard	43
J. Middleton, st King b H. Hubbard	4
H. Draper, b H. Hubbard	6
H. Riley, b Taylor	20
W. Green, b Herbert	14
G. Carey, b Herbert	0
H. Smith, c King b Herbert	7
C. Baum, c H. Hubbard b Herbert	1
A. Hunt, st. King b H. Hubbard	0
W. Morley, not out	4
F. Cuttford, lbw b Herbert	0
Extras	6
	105

Countesthorpe.

G. Findley, b Middleton	2
S. Burley, c Draper b Middleton	7
H. Weston, run out	3
E. King, run out	7
S. Taylor, st. Cuttford b Middleton	0
H. Hickford, b Riley	0
W. Herbert, b Middleton	1
T. Hubbard, b Middleton	0
O. Huckerby, not out	1
H. Hubbard, c and b Middleton	0
C. Higgs, absent	0
Extras	9
	30