

## BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE.

### PROSPECTS FOR THE COMING SEASON.

With the whole of the well-known players available who helped to win the Birmingham and District League championship last season, Moseley are sure to make a bold bid for the cup in the forthcoming campaign. It says much for the strong amateur talent at the club's disposal that since the game was resumed the Reddings team have won the championship twice without the aid of a professional. The same policy is to be adopted this season, and it will be interesting to note if their bowling will again prove equal to the occasion.

F. W. Morter will again lead the side, and he will be supported by P. G. Stephens, R. G. Baynton, R. I. Scorer, G. A. Rotherham, E. P. Cross, C. A. F. Hastlow, W. Baines, and P. Blaylock. The whole of these players, with the exception of the two last-mentioned, have at different times appeared in the County team. Baines played some splendid innings for the club last season, and he had the distinction of heading both the batting and bowling averages; while Blaylock, who has had experience with the Durham County, if a trifle disappointing with the bat, proved himself to be an exceptionally clever fielder. Amongst other players who are likely to figure on the side are R. W. Price, L. N. White, and G. E. Tyler.

Considering the heavy wear the ground has been subjected to the turf is in pretty good condition, and although, as is well known, the cricket club are under notice as regards their tenancy, they are not without hopes of remaining on an enclosure where, for over forty years, some of the best and brightest cricket has been seen in the whole district.

### SMETHWICK.

#### A COACH APPOINTED FOR THE YOUNG PLAYERS.

Mr. A. Neale, who was a member of the Smethwick Club in its palmiest days, is anxious to revive the fame which the club enjoyed when the brothers Docker were associated with the team. To this end he is endeavouring to cultivate the latent talent among young players in the district, and with this object has secured the services of F. Burgoyne, formerly associated with the Oratory club, as coach. Already a third team has come into existence and a field has been secured in Londonderry, and it is hoped this will be a useful recruiting ground for the senior teams. Mr. Neale, whose interest in the club has been recognised by his re-election to the presidency, has the satisfaction of seeing his son, Leslie, chosen as captain of the team. There have been some interesting applications for membership, including one from a former captain of Bromsgrove School team, and though it is no easy matter to replace such men as Arthur Boneham, who was captain for many years, the Threlfalls, and others, some of whom have succumbed to the fascination of golf, the prospects are very bright. Practically all the old players are available, and if, as is hoped, some of the younger ones develop as they promise to do, the side should be a strong one.

The ground is in excellent condition, and it has been possible to get in some useful practice work. One unfortunate incident has marred the work at the nets. W. H. Ellerker, who was top of the batting averages last year and is regarded as one of the coming cricketers in the district, had the misfortune to sprain his ankle badly, and may not be able to turn out for the opening match against the League champions at Broomfield. Shipman will again act as professional, and other available players are A. J. L. Neale, W. H. Ellerker, D. Dorman, J. Turner, W. Beaver, G. Cox, R. N. Webster, T. W. Durnell, H. Woodhouse, in addition to players who took part in second team matches last year.

### WEST BROMWICH DARTMOUTH.

#### NORMAN KILNER AS THE CLUB'S PROFESSIONAL.

The West Bromwich club will open the season under happier auspices than has been the case

for many years. Thanks to the energy and enthusiasm of ladies and gentlemen connected with the club, the heavy expense of removing the ground from the Four Acres to Sandwell Park has at last been wiped out, nearly £1,000 having been realised by the recent bazaar, and the club starts in the happy position of having over £200 in hand. Additional seating accommodation has been provided in the reserved enclosure, and it is hoped to stimulate interest in the club by the issue of season tickets (admitting to the ground only) at 5s. 9d.

Stacey Jackson will captain the first eleven, and Bernard Langwell the second team, while the majority of last season's players will be available. Frank Waterhouse will turn out for home matches, and it is hoped that Norman Partridge will be able to make more frequent appearances in the side. A new fast bowler, in the person of A. R. Bowles, has joined the club, and he is regarded as a valuable acquisition. Unfortunately, G. B. Partridge, T. Mallin, and E. Cole are not expected to be available, but there is a good deal of promising young talent.

Norman Kilner, who is qualifying for Warwickshire, is the new professional, but as he will not be available to act as coach, Mr. Walter Perks, who is a former captain, and has for many years taken a deep interest in the club, has undertaken this duty, and is organising practice matches. The players available for first team matches are S. Jackson, G. W. Field, F. D. Perks, N. Partridge, P. Waterhouse, A. A. Perry, E. F. Sparkes, F. Smith, W. J. Evans, H. Stephens, H. B. Dealey, A. Fitton, H. E. Mitchell, and Kilner.

### ASTON UNITY.

#### S. J. PEGLER EXPECTED TO ASSIST THE CLUB.

League cricket at Trinity Road commences next Saturday, and the Unity Club are fortunate in having Mitchells and Butlers to open the season. It is always an attractive fixture, and the home team are hoping to give a good account of themselves. Last year they had a run of bad luck in many ways. They were unable to put a full first team eleven in the field, and had to draw largely on the second, with the result that both fared badly. This year the committee are making a big effort to provide strong teams, and next Saturday the players will include E. F. Odell, who again takes over the captaincy, Syd. Ogden, E. T. Edden, J. H. Holland (the veteran wicket-keeper), L. T. Jones, A. R. Husselbee, and Norman Pulley. S. J. Pegler, who has just returned from South Africa, an old player for the Unity, is also expected to turn out. Meunier has been retained as professional and coach, and some useful practice has been put in.

The ground is in perfect condition, very special attention having been paid to this during the winter months, and is now one of the best in the League. Altogether the committee have every confidence that with favourable weather they will finish the season with credit to the old club, which in the past has secured so many victories.

### MITCHELLS AND BUTLERS.

#### A FOURTH TEAM TO BE RUN DURING THE SEASON.

Evidence of the popularity of the Mitchells and Butlers Club is provided in the fact that the membership is so large that a fourth team will be run during the coming season. The club will operate at Cape Hill for another season, although the new "promised land" in the City Road is developing very satisfactorily. Here eventually will be the centre of the sports organisations in connection with the firm. A number of players who have come to reside in the district have thrown in their lot with the Cape Hill club, and J. F. Stephenson, who will again act as captain, hopes to be able to lead his men to even greater success than was reached last season, when they finished "runners up."

Wilkinson, who has rendered yeoman service to the club, is retained as professional, and the players who took part in last season's tournament, including several sons of directors of the firm, will be available. Though, of course, the new ground at City Road has claimed a good deal of attention the old pitch has not been neglected, and visiting teams will find it in first class condition.

Among the players who will be available for the first team are—J. F. Stephenson, J. Williams, W. E. Hatfield, R. H. Butler, F. Cox, H. Payne, E. M. Child, H. Kirtson, R. Stimpson, F. W. Byrne, W. O. Butler, J. A. Lones, and C. Harbage.

### OLD HILL.

#### W. L. EDWARDS'S TWENTY-EIGHTH YEAR AS CAPTAIN.

Few changes are recorded in connection with the Old Hill Cricket Club for the coming season. T. F. Homer, who has decided to retire from the game after a long association with the team, will undoubtedly be missed in the batting department, whilst it is also probable that H. Greaves will be unable to assist the first eleven during the first two months of the season. As regards the playing strength of the side, much is being expected from some of the young players who showed such promise in the later matches last season. The first eleven will again be led by W. L. Edwards, who enters on his twenty-eighth season as captain, whilst the second eleven, under the leadership of Stanley Adams, will be out to achieve a record by winning the championship three successive seasons. The valuable services of Platt as professional and coach have again been retained.

Considerable improvements have been carried out at the ground, which include the re-laying of the playing pitch and the erection of a new county score-box, the gift of Mr. F. Sykes, a generous supporter of the club. The county committee have again allocated the Staffordshire v. Norfolk match to the Haden Hill ground in July.

### DUDLEY.

#### OLD HILL TO OPEN THE CAMPAIGN AT THE COUNTY GROUND.

Owing to a variety of causes—the weather principally—Dudley fared badly last year financially and from the playing point of view, and occupied but a very lowly position in the League tables. Better prospects are entertained for the approaching season. The teams will have the services of many of the old players, and in addition there will be a strong reserve of young talent. Frank Adshead will again pilot the first eleven, having this season as his deputy J. Wilkinson, whose reputation in Birmingham League cricket is well known. Other players will include P. Jeavons, A. O. Lloyd, and S. Greaves, whilst R. Morgan will again captain the second eleven.

The first contest will be with Old Hill at home—a match in which a good deal of healthy rivalry is always displayed—and the coffers of the club should benefit materially. Two county matches, as last season, have been allotted to the ground.

### WALSALL.

#### A FORMER PROFESSIONAL TO ACT AS COACH.

At the annual meeting of the Walsall Club some weeks ago severe comments were made on the apparent lack of interest shown by many members in not turning up to practice, but it was admitted that this was largely due to the lack of a coach. Efforts have been made to remedy this deficiency, and an arrangement has been entered into with Brammer, the club's old professional, to act as ground bowler. Sedgwick, the Staffordshire bowler, will again be the club's professional, this being his third season. It will be his last also, as a new League rule makes it compulsory that in future professionals shall also act as coaches, instead of their services being available for matches only. Probably the alteration will be to Walsall's advantage, as there is no doubt the club has suffered through having a professional who was never seen on the ground except on Saturday afternoons.

There will be one or two changes in the personnel of the first eleven in the coming season. Bert Taylor, who was second in the batting averages last year, will be unable to play owing to business engagements, and his loss will be severely felt. He has rendered yeoman service to the club for some years, but it is satisfactory to know that a younger brother, L. J. Taylor, who dropped out of League cricket last season, is taking it up again, and has been appointed vice-captain. N. P. Hewson retaining the captaincy. G. W. Pollock, another useful batsman and change-bowler last season, has left the town, but against this has to be set the fact that R. G. Seldon, who last season got a place in the Staffordshire team, is likely to play regularly. With the two exceptions named, it is expected that all last season's players will be available.

Graham Cozens will again captain the second eleven, and it is hoped that the improvement shown last season will be maintained, in spite of the fact that F. Davis, who last season topped the averages, has since gone to New Zealand.

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SECOND TEAMS AT EDGBASTON.

WARWICKSHIRE'S LEAD AGAINST  
DERBYSHIRE.

There was an interesting and full day's play in the second eleven's fixture between Warwickshire and Derbyshire, which opened yesterday at Edgbaston. Batting first, the home side gave an uneven display, and it was only some spirited hitting, curiously enough by the bowlers, which redeemed after-lunch failures. Croom played soundly, and W. H. Ellerker shaped well; but seven wickets fell for exactly 100. Jennings and Fox made a useful stand, but the eighth and ninth wickets were down at 132. Grayland and Wassell, however, added 40 runs in twenty minutes for the last wicket. The former made a splendid straight drive for 6, besides scoring four 4's. Derbyshire, after scoring freely through Pratt at the start—his 25 included six 4's—subsequently collapsed. It was only a steady display by F. G. Peach which retrieved the position. Eighth out, Peach scored 54 out of 88 in an hour and a half. He at one time figured in Warwickshire cricket. Grayland, who is now bowling at Rugby School, maintained a good pace on an easy wicket, and secured five victims for 50—all clean bowled. Tipper had two wickets for 6 runs, and Jennings took three wickets for 43. Warwickshire lead on the first innings

by 61 runs. The home side had twenty minutes' batting in their second innings and scored 111 without loss.

WARWICKSHIRE II.—1st Inn.		2nd Innings	
W. H. Ellerker c Mac-	27	W. H. Ellerker c Mac-	27
Miller b Cresswell	7	Miller b Cresswell	7
N. Sharp lbw b Worthing-	33	N. Sharp lbw b Worthing-	33
ton	7 not out	ton	7 not out
Croom b Shardlow	33	Croom b Shardlow	33
Jackson c Peach b	6	Jackson c Peach b	6
Worthington	11	Worthington	11
B. G. Tipper b Shardlow	14	B. G. Tipper b Shardlow	14
J. Morton b Cresswell	14	J. Morton b Cresswell	14
Smart b Shardlow	0	Smart b Shardlow	0
Fox c Oll. w b	8	Fox c Oll. w b	8
Thornycroft	20	Thornycroft	20
Jennings c and b Worth-	16	Jennings c and b Worth-	16
ington	25	ington	25
Wassell b Cresswell	25	Wassell b Cresswell	25
Grayland not out	8	Grayland not out	8
Extras	172	Extras	172
Total	111	Total	111
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F. G. Peach b Grayland	54	F. G. Peach b Grayland	54
Pratt c Grayland b	25	Pratt c Grayland b	25
Jennings	0	Jennings	0
Hutchinson c and b	0	Hutchinson c and b	0
Jennings	0	Jennings	0
MacMillan b Grayland	1	MacMillan b Grayland	1
E. H. Bedford b Tipper	2	E. H. Bedford b Tipper	2
Worthington b Grayland	0	Worthington b Grayland	0
Rev. E. H. R. Ellison b	0	Rev. E. H. R. Ellison b	0
Grayland	1	Grayland	1
Thornycroft at Smart b	16	Thornycroft at Smart b	16
Jennings	0	Jennings	0
Cresswell lbw b Tipper	7	Cresswell lbw b Tipper	7
Shardlow b Grayland	0	Shardlow b Grayland	0
Oll. w not out	5	Oll. w not out	5
Extras	13	Extras	13
Total	111	Total	111

COUNTY SECOND ELEVENS AT  
EDGBASTON.

DERBYSHIRE'S CREDITABLE DRAW  
WITH WARWICKSHIRE.

There was every prospect of a keen finish in the second eleven's match at Edgbaston between Warwickshire and Derbyshire until rain stayed the progress for two hours after lunch, and in consequence a draw was inevitable. Fine bowling by Cresswell (medium left) caused Warwickshire to be dismissed for 128, he taking six wickets for 34 runs. Ellerker played another useful innings, while Grayland was again to the fore with some free batting, helping to add 43 for the eighth wicket. Set to get 100, the visitors made a laudable effort in the eighty-five minutes available, though the Warwickshire bowlers were handicapped by a wet ball. Pratt (who was missed at slip when 6), together with F. G. Peach, scored 77 for the first wicket in forty minutes. Croom made a timely change bowler, and had two wickets for 16 runs. Derbyshire finished up with a favourable draw, as with six wickets in hand they were but 67 behind.

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INTER-LEAGUE MATCH.

COVENTRY AND BIRMINGHAM SIDES AT FOLESHILL.

Teams representing the Coventry and District League and the Birmingham League attracted 800 people to the Lockhurst Lane Ground, Foleshill, yesterday, when the proceeds were on behalf of the Coventry Sportsmen's Hospital Bed Fund. In Coventry's first innings J. Wilkinson took four wickets for 5 runs, and in the second three for 15. Scores:—

COVENTRY & DIS.—1st Inn.		2nd Innings.	
F. Wykes b Lee	0	c Parks b Wilkinson	3
H. Venn b Wilkinson	46	b Baines	12
F. Cole (lbw) b Morter	0	b Baines	4
A. Wigston c and b			
Baines	3	o and b Wilkinson	8
T. Langdon c Score	b		
Lee	2		
W. Cooper not out	10	c Parks b Baines	3
A. Nott b Wilkinson	0	not out	8
J. Garner b Wilkinson	1	c Williams b Wilkinson	1
A. E. Taylor c and b			
Score	0	not out	7
V. Worley c Yates b			
Score	0	b Baines	1
E. A. Bailey c Lee b			
Wilkinson	1		
Extras	2		
Total	71	Total (7 wickets)	47

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P. O. Yates b Taylor	1
P. D. Parks b Bailey	34
H. W. Homer (lbw) b Worley	2
H. I. Moore c Wigston b Bailey	23
F. O. Stevens at Nott b Taylor	29
R. Williams not out	15
W. Baines b Taylor	45
Extras	9
Total (innings closed)	177

W. Lee, G. W. Wilkinson, E. V. Cross, and V. W. Morter did not bat.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

LEADERS' DWINDLING LEAD IN THE TABLE.

Although Kidderminster and West Bromwich Dartmouth are first and second respectively in the league table, the results of the games played last Saturday and Whit-Monday have left Kidderminster with 14 points and Dartmouth with 13 points as against Walsall's 12 points, with a lead of one point only, whereas the previous week they were six points clear of any of their rivals. The champions' dual success during the week-end has materially improved their position, but Aston Unity at one time, one of the most formidable elevens in the district, have yet to win a match. The positions up to date are as follows:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Kidderminster	7	4	1	2	14
Dartmouth	7	4	2	1	13
Walsall	7	3	3	1	12
Mitchell	7	2	0	5	11
Moseley	7	2	1	4	10
Old Hill	7	2	2	3	9
Dudley	7	2	3	2	8
Stourbridge	7	1	2	4	7
Smethwick	7	1	3	3	6
Aston Unity	7	0	6	1	1

In the second division, West Bromwich Dartmouth and Mitchells and Butlers are still first and second respectively, and the latter side with their powerful batting are sure to make a bold bid for ultimate honours, as so far they have not lost a match. The positions up to date are as follows:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Dartmouth	7	5	1	1	16
Mitchells	7	4	0	3	15
Old Hill	7	4	3	0	12
Dudley	6	3	3	1	11
Kidderminster	7	3	3	1	9
Smethwick	7	3	3	1	8
Moseley	7	2	4	1	7
Stourbridge	0	2	3	1	7
Walsall	7	2	5	0	6
Aston Unity	7	1	5	1	1

STECHEFORD v. FULFORD.—At Stechford. Stechford: T. P. Walker run out 2, A. H. Carr b Bennett 3, R. Edley run out 30, C. Walker b Bennett 2, L. Willday b Harris 5, M. A. Young c Lee b Harris 0, A. W. Ansell not out 98, P. Whelan c Seaton b Bennett 4, W. Power b Bennett 2, S. Sloan c Wyatt b Seaton 9, J. Howard b Townsend 1, extras 9; total, 161. Fulford: H. Seaton c and b Power 15, H. Heasman c and b Walker 6, J. Newcombe c G. Walker b Ansell 17, A. Bennett not out 22, C. Davies b Walker 0, T. Wyatt b Walker 4, L. Townsend not out 5, D. Harris, E. Clarke, L. Wyatt, and G. Leigh did not bat, extras 13; total, 79 for five wickets. Match drawn. A. W. Ansell's 98 was a remarkably fine effort, and he was undefeated at the close of the innings.

WOLVERHAMPTON v. SUTTON COLDFIELD.—After a delayed start, Wolverhampton batted, and knocked up 110 runs all out, but no further play was possible owing to rain, and the match was eventually abandoned. Wolverhampton: E. H. Bennett b Crookford 19, C. Howl c Russell b Crookford 19, G. H. Thornycroft b Clark 14, J. J. Moore c Clark b Crookford 10, E. W. Page c Russell b Clark 11, W. J. Croft c Payne b Clark 7, R. J. Moreton b Janney 8, H. J. Richards c Avery b Evans 2, R. Howl c Crookford b Evans 8, R. G. Willoughby b Evans 2, P. S. Bagley not out 2, extras 1; total, 130. For Sutton Coldfield, R. M. Evans took three wickets for 6 runs, P. B. Clark three for 48, E. N. Crookford three for 40, and R. T. Jeany 1 for 9.

CLUB MATCHES.

COVENTRY AND NORTH WARWICKSHIRE v. LEICESTER IVANHOE.—Rain interfered badly with this old-standing fixture at Binley Road, Coventry, yesterday. Going in first, Ivanhoe declared at 108 for the loss of six wickets. Coventry, after three adjournments to the pavilion, put on 65 runs for one wicket when rain finally stopped play. Scores:—

Leicester Ivanhoe: A. T. Sharpe lbw b Greething 20, J. W. Bream b Rotherham 4, W. F. Curtis b Holden 36, M. Howard at Carpenter b Greething 40, Peck c Player b Beveridge 45, Macdonald b Holden 6, Thornton not out 18, Squibb not out 7 (Chaplin, Kemp, and Wells did not bat), extras 12; total (innings closed) 188.

Coventry and North Warwickshire: A. H. Paul not out 37, J. S. Woodward b Doan, 12, R. H. Parsons not out 10 (H. Grimshaw, G. A. Rotherham, A. Bedford, H. G. Hurley, E. J. Parry, T. Greening, S. M. Holden, V. Carpenter and G. H. Beveridge did not bat), extras 6; total (one wicket) 65.

BARNT GREEN v. BIRMINGHAM Y.M.C.A.—At Barnt Green, Birmingham. Y.M.C.A.: J. H. White c Walker 6, Brown 3—not out 8, V. Towell lbw b Basford 4—not out 5, Adams b A. R. Adams b Basford 5—not out 5, J. H. Ashby c and b Brown 3—not out 5, S. J. Barritt b Andrews 35—not out 5, B. Bassett hit wkt. b Basford 15—not out 5, H. Phelps b Kimberley 8—not out 5, Brown 17, H. Grantam c Banks b Kimberley 8—not out 5, Brown b Andrews 0, P. S. Stephenson b Basford 1—not out 5, Moore b Brown 16, O. Bolton not out 14—not out 5, Basford 11, extras 6 and 2; total 101 and 75. Barnt Green: S. Banks c and b A. R. Adams 3—not out 5, J. Dingley c Phelps b A. R. Adams 5—not out 5, A. R. Adams 0, B. Walker b A. R. Adams 0—not out 4, C. F. Brown lbw b Bolton 14—not out 5, Stephenson b Adams 16, E. Kimberley b A. R. Adams 26—not out 5, V. Lodge c and b Phelps 5—not out 5, A. R. Adams 16, O. Moore c Grantam b Phelps 10—not out 5, Adams 16, O. Basford b Phelps 2—not out 5, O. H. Gault b Phelps 1—not out 5, C. Wilson not out 4—not out 5, Grantam 0, E. Andrews c Barritt b Phelps 0—not out 5, Stephenson b A. R. Adams 0, extras 7 and 6; total 77 and (nine wickets) 65.

MARKET DRAYTON v. ROYAL WELSH FUSILIERS.—Fusiliers: E. Hamner Jones b Partridge 0, E. Wodhouse b Elrey 11, L. A. Freeman c Eccles b French 7, J. C. Lloyd Edwards lbw b Winer 3, J. C. Wynne Edwards c Harper b Partridge 3, W. P. Keegan c and b Davies 35, H. A. Davies c and b Winer 0, H. P. Gerson Williams c and b Partridge 6, J. Holborn c b Elrey 1, H. de Hardie not out 25, M. B. Dawse c and b Elrey 8, extras 4; total 102. Market Drayton: E. Partridge b Davies 9, L. D. Stratton c Hamner Jones b Freeman 40, H. Harpner lbw Davies 5, Major Benson b Wynne Edwards 5, Hon. W. French b Freeman 0, J. Eccles c Hamner Jones b Freeman 4, R. T. Elrey c De Hardie b Freeman 0, Rev. A. P. Winer c De Hardie b Freeman 1, F. Wilkinson b Freeman 3, E. R. Davies not out 7, T. A. Hilditch c De Hardie b Freeman 4, extras 2; total 80. For the Welch Regiment Freeman took seven wickets for 9 runs.

KINOTON v. SPARKHILL.—At Kington. Kington: S. Grams b Parkes 32, W. Hardiman c sub, b Parkes 0, Major Turner lbw b Womack 12, Dr. Oldmeadow c J. King b Womack 0, W. Darlow not out 42, J. Darlow c Womack b Parkes 0, W. Hodge c J. King b Womack 19, F. Shephard c Womack 2, H. Broadwell c Womack 11, J. Styles c J. King b Womack 3, F. Smith b Womack 6, extras 8; total 140. Sparkhill: A. A. Parkes b Oldmeadow 10, W. E. Crook c Shephard b Brown 7, S. J. Halsey b Styles 55, J. King b Oldmeadow 97, F. Womack not out 25, F. Pike b Shephard 2, F. Shutt c Smith b Oldmeadow 2, F. King not out 6 (G. W. Lester, H. Arculus, and H. E. King did not bat), extras 4; total 202.

OLD HILL v. WORCESTER CITY.—This day match took place at Old Hill yesterday in consequence of the Worcester County Ground being flooded by the storm of a week ago. Old Hill: H. F. Girdle c Boulter b Higgins 27, W. Walker Higgins b Rabbjohn 10, F. Woodhouse c Higgins b Price 24, C. Palmer not out 69, H. Mitchell c Lee b Pearson 7, Platt b Boulter 5, P. E. Banks c Price b Boulter 8, W. L. Edwards b Boulter 4, J. Newton b Rabbjohn 1, H. Hill lbw b Rabbjohn, L. T. Round b Rabbjohn 2, extras 9; total 167. Worcester: Fox lbw b Platt 25, H. R. Davey run out 18, H. A. Woodhouse b Mitchell 0, W. Roberts b Platt 11, Pearson c Banks b Hill 7, P. Rabbjohn b Platt 11, Price b Hill 7, A. J. Boulter c Banks 5, Woodhouse 0, H. Grundy b Mitchell 2, F. Shutt c Smith b Oldmeadow 2, F. King not out 6 (G. W. Lester, H. Arculus, and H. E. King did not bat), extras 4; total 102.

BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CO. v. SPARKHILL II.—At Moor Green. Sparkhill: E. Green b Fletcher 20, A. Haggis b Elney 1, H. C. Neal c Fletcher b J. A. Gray 2, E. Littlefield b A. Gannell c Pearson 2, C. Shutt c Wood b A. Harris 31, E. Gilkes b Elney 0, R. Bevins c Harris b Elney 16, H. Partridge not out 37, A. Lamb c L. Harris b A. Harris 2, T. Radcliffe b A. Harris 4, extras 11; total 123. Britannic: C. Elmer 7, Littlefield 7, Fletcher c Haggis b Littlefield 1, E. R. Howell c Green b Littlefield 9, H. Pearson b Littlefield 11, A. Harris c Gilkes b Littlefield 6, E. Walker c Haggis b Shutt 35, B. J. Gray c Shutt b Gilkes 1, J. A. Gray c and b Neale 21, D. J. D. Wood not out 35, L. Harris run out 0, A. H. Murray b Littlefield 1, extras 3; total, 128. Britannic won by 1 run.

REDDITCH v. ERDINGTON.—At Redditch. Erdington: F. Parkins 24, P. Lockett 1, A. Parkins 15, E. Leavitt 8, E. Rudman (not out) 6, R. Hollingsworth 8, E. Alday 0, H. Jolly 2, H. Attwood 1, J. Gwinnell 1, J. Hindson lbw 2, extras 7; total 74. Redditch: A. C. W. Hosson 20, H. Hot 0, J. S. Hume 0, B. Wedgbury 6, C. Lee 16, V. Partridge 2, R. Court 0, B. Ames 15, E. Henning 5, R. W. Mickle (not out) 1, C. F. W. Bendie 1, extras 5; total 85.

ASTWOOD BANK II. v. STUDLEY.—At Astwood Bank, yesterday. Astwood Bank: S. Cooper b Swindon 7, R. Hillman c Bead b Hill 0, C. Chatterley b Swindon 0, Rev. J. H. Balford c S. Crook b Swindon 9, J. Grier b Hill 4, L. Cor retired hurt 0, D. Baylis b Swindon 1, H. Clarke at R. Crook c Swindon 1, D. Ward not out 2, P. Summers b Swindon 0, D. Bead b Hill 3, extra 1; total 23. Studley: H. Bead took six wickets for 24 runs, F. Hill three for 3. Studley: A. Youall not out 24, W. Bird c sub, b Clarke 0, A. Inglis not out 8, extra 3; total, 35. Rain stopped play.

PICKWICK II. v. KING'S HEATH II.—At Wake Green Road. King's Heath: F. Massey 0, L. Morgan 1, F. Bradshaw 4, F. Hawthorne 3, W. Sturley 6, C. Sanders 47, L. Threshfield 4, R. Page 10, L. Ratcliffe 0, H. Shorthouse 2, W. Weaver 21, A. E. Steele 4, extras 15. King's Heath: E. Dixon 0, P. Barnett 4, H. Miles Thomas 14, J. R. Morris 4, A. P. Smith 14, J. Attwell 9, Billington 4, Stokes 1, Pritchett 6, P. Smith 2, Mead (not out) 0, extras 3; total, 61. H. Shorthouse secured six wickets for 28 runs.

OLTON II. v. KNOVELE AND DORRIDGE II.—At St. Barnabas Road, Olton. Olton: S. J. Morris 51, E. J. Phelps 7, A. Johnson 5, C. Robinson 4, H. Mevrie 0, G. F. Hill 7, Gannet 3, Bryan 16, Jones 0, Kerslake (not out) 9, extras 2; total, 85. Summerfield took six wickets for 34 runs. Knovle and DorrIDGE: F. J. Gault 0, J. W. Wyatt 12, J. Gault 0, J. E. Steele 7, R. J. Summers 7, R. R. Edgar 5, P. Green 10, A. J. Steele 2, Billington 2, H. O. Hartell 0, R. Tipton (not out) 3, extras 15; total, 82. S. J. Morris took five wickets for 11 runs.

ASHFELD II. v. OLTON II.—At Olton. Olton: C. Windmill 32, E. J. Phelps 5, M. Weller 3, E. J. Johnson 1, J. H. Hill 17, C. Robinson 1, P. J. Gannet 4, R. Phillips 8, H. Phillips (not out) 2, H. Roberts 1, extras 8; total 83. Ashfield: J. H. Edge 1, E. Hutchings 11, J. Dixon 4, J. Santall (not out) 51, R. Hill 9, J. Byrne 15, 8, Johnson 3, G. E. Adams 0, L. Moore (not out) 5, A. Adams and C. Sheats did not bat, extras 6; total 103.

# EVEN PLAY AT DERBY.

## M. KILNER'S GOOD BATTING FOR WARWICKSHIRE II.

Good progress was made in this two-days match at Derby yesterday. Derbyshire gave a trial to Archie Cadman (the son of S. Cadman) and H. Carter (brother of W. Carter). Kilner batted well for Warwickshire. Scores:—

DERBYSHIRE.—1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Pratt c and b Fox	12	McMillan b Fox	7
McMillan b Fox	7	Morer c Barry b Hasti-	15
Morer c Barry b Hasti-	15	low	22
Thompson run out	22	R. Carter c Quail b	0
R. Carter c Quail b	0	Hastlow	39
A. Cadman b Kilner	39	Warthington b Kilner	35
Warthington b Kilner	35	Rev. H. Ellison c Kirtan	0
Rev. H. Ellison c Kirtan	0	b Kilner	7
b Kilner	7	Ordish c Bates b Fox	0
Ordish c Bates b Fox	0	Cresswell not out	1
Cresswell not out	1	Shardlow b Kilner	7
Shardlow b Kilner	7	Extras	135
Extras	135	Total	191

WARWICKSHIRE II.—1st Innings. 2nd Innings.

Bates b b Shardlow	15	R. O. Kirtan c Ordish b	9
R. O. Kirtan c Ordish b	9	Warthington	14
Warthington	14	H. Sharp b Morer	60
H. Sharp b Morer	60	Kilner (N.) c Cadman b	1
Kilner (N.) c Cadman b	1	Borer	23
Borer	23	J. Norton b Morer	0
J. Norton b Morer	0	Z. W. Quail c Shardlow	0
Z. W. Quail c Shardlow	0	Swart not out	0
Swart not out	0	J. Thrusfield not out	4
J. Thrusfield not out	4	Extras	125
Extras	125	Total	183

C. A. S. Hastlow, Fox, and Grayland to bat.

# A DRAW AT DERBY.

## WARWICKSHIRE II. LEAD ON FIRST INNINGS.

At Derby, yesterday, Warwickshire II. led on the first innings by 17 runs. Derbyshire II. scored 191 for eight wickets, and then declared, and Warwickshire replied with 86 for four wickets in their second venture, the match being left drawn. Scores:—

DERBYSHIRE II.—1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Pratt c and b Fox	12	McMillan b Fox	7
McMillan b Fox	7	Morer c Barry b Hasti-	15
Morer c Barry b Hasti-	15	low	22
Thompson run out	22	R. Carter c Quail b	0
R. Carter c Quail b	0	Hastlow	39
A. Cadman b Kilner	39	Warthington b Kilner	35
Warthington b Kilner	35	Rev. H. Ellison c Kirtan	0
Rev. H. Ellison c Kirtan	0	b Kilner	7
b Kilner	7	Ordish c Bates b Fox	0
Ordish c Bates b Fox	0	Cresswell not out	1
Cresswell not out	1	Shardlow b Kilner	7
Shardlow b Kilner	7	Extras	135
Extras	135	Total (inn. closed)	191

WARWICKSHIRE II.—1st Innings. 2nd Innings.

Bates b b Shardlow	15	R. O. Kirtan c Ordish b	9
R. O. Kirtan c Ordish b	9	Warthington	14
Warthington	14	H. Sharp b Morer	60
H. Sharp b Morer	60	Kilner (N.) c Cadman b	1
Kilner (N.) c Cadman b	1	Borer	23
Borer	23	J. Norton b Morer	0
J. Norton b Morer	0	Z. W. Quail c Shardlow	0
Z. W. Quail c Shardlow	0	Swart not out	0
Swart not out	0	J. Thrusfield not out	4
J. Thrusfield not out	4	Extras	125
Extras	125	Total	183

C. A. S. Hastlow, Fox, and Grayland to bat.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP.

STAFFORD'S STRONG POSITION  
AGAINST NOTTS II.

At Porthill Park, yesterday, Staffordshire placed themselves in a strong position on the first day, Notts II. only avoiding the follow-on by the narrow margin of one run. L. Kirk, the visiting captain, took a risky course after winning the toss in sending Staffordshire in first. As the wicket later became increasingly difficult Barnes and Aaron Lockett took full advantage of it and were almost unplayable.

STAFFORDSHIRE—1st Inn.		2nd Innings.	
W. H. Fitchford c Iremonger b Marshall	0	c Wheat b Marshall	13
R. G. Seldon b Staples	33	not out	23
H. W. Homer b Larwood	62		
A. Bickerton b Larwood	15	not out	12
Barnes b Marshall	26		
P. O. Yates b Larwood	5		
Sedgwick b Larwood	14		
C. Edwards not out	17	c Iremonger b Marshall	5
not out b Marshall	3		
J. B. Russell b Marshall	10		
A. Lockett c Wheat b Marshall	0		
Marshall	0		
Extras	6	Extras	7

Total	190	Total (two wickets)	63
NOTTS II.—1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
D. Fletcher lbw b Barnes	1		
Lilley b Barnes	6		
H. L. W. Herrick b Barnes	11		
Payton c Yates b Barnes	9		
L. Kirk b Lockett	10		
A. Iremonger c Sedgwick b Barnes	17		
H. Silverberg b Lockett	0		
Staples b Lockett	0		
Marshall b Lockett	12		
Larwood b Lockett	12		
Wheat not out	0		
Extras	10	Extras	—

Total	.....	91			Total	.....	—	
BOWLING ANALYSIS.								
STAFFORDSHIRE—1st Inn.					2nd Innings.			
	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Larwood	32	11	61	4	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marshall	12	3	30	5	.....	.....	.....	.....
Staples	12	0	48	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Iremonger	19	6	45	0	.....	.....	.....	.....

NOTTS II.—1st Innings.					2nd Innings.				
Barnes	...	17	...	5	...	36	...	5	
Sedgwick	...	8	...	0	...	22	...	0	
Lockett	...	8	...	2	...	23	...	5	

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP.

STAFFORDSHIRE'S VICTORY OVER  
NOTTS II.

Staffordshire yesterday won their home fixture with Notts II. at Porthill by 130 runs. Play was not possible on the second day until 3.30, when the home side carried their overnight total to 116 for five and declared. The visitors were dismissed in an hour and a half for 76. Sedgwick's three wickets for eleven runs being the best bowling performance. Barnes, although injured, took three for 34. Scores:—

STAFFORDSHIRE—1st Inn.		2nd Innings.	
W. H. Fitchford c Iremonger b Marshall	0	c Wheat b Marshall	13
R. G. Seldon b Staples	33	b Marshall	34
H. W. Homer b Larwood	62		
A. Bickerton b Larwood	15	not out	48
Barnes b Marshall	26		
P. O. Yates b Larwood	5	c Wheat b Marshall	3
Sedgwick b Larwood	14	c and b Marshall	1
C. Edwards not out	17	c Iremonger b Marshall	5
H. Hunt b Marshall	2		
J. B. Russell b Marshall	10		
A. Lockett c Wheat b Marshall	0		
Marshall	0		
Extras	6	Extras	12

Total	190	Total (one innings closed)	116
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NOTTS II.—1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
D. Fletcher lbw b Barnes	1	b Barnes	1
Lilley b Barnes	6	b Barnes	12
H. L. W. Herrick b Barnes	11	c Yates b Barnes	5
Payton c Yates b Barnes	9	b Lockett	1
L. Kirk b Lockett	10	b Lockett	0
A. Iremonger c Sedgwick b Barnes	17	c Russell b Sedgwick	23
H. Silverberg b Lockett	0	c and b Sedgwick	7
Staples b Lockett	0	run out	2
Marshall b Lockett	15	b Hunt	7
Larwood b Lockett	12	c Russell b Sedgwick	7
Wheat not out	0	not out	3
Extras	10	Extras	8

Total	91	Total	76
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BOWLING ANALYSIS								
STAFFORDSHIRE—1st Inn.				2nd Innings				
	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Larwood	32	11	61	4	14	4	45	5
Marshall	12	3	30	5	15	3	34	4
Staples	12	0	48	1	6	0	16	0
Iremonger	19	6	45	0	2	0	6	0
Lilley	—	—	—	—	2	0	3	0

NOTTS II.—1st Innings.					2nd Innings.				
Barnes	17	5	36	5	10	2	34	3	
Sedgwick	8	0	22	0	6	1	11	3	
Lockett	8	2	23	5	11	5	13	2	
Hunt	—	—	—	—	5	2	11	1	

## CLUB MATCHES.

**ASHFIELD v. SUTTON COLDFIELD.**—At Yardley Wood Road. Sutton Coldfield: F. H. Beardsley c, Tipper b E. D. Turner 16, C. E. Francis o Harper b E. D. Turner 4, H. Walton c Tipper b E. D. Turner 69, P. B. Clark b E. D. Turner 29, G. Fletcher o Harper b E. D. Turner 2, W. R. P. Hayward lbw b E. D. Turner 5, J. Fletcher b Furse 11, N. Clark (not out) 20, R. T. Janney c Hill b Taylor 1, R. Roper b Taylor 0, extras 12; total 169; E. D. Turner took seven wickets for 70 runs. Ashfield: A. Price o J. Fletcher b Janney 6, H. C. Tipper o Hayward b Janney 16, H. Harper b Janney 6, A. C. Baker o F. R. Fletcher b Walton 49, A. R. Taylor (not out) 76, F. S. Cox run out 10, J. H. M. Nicolson o G. Fletcher b Janney 1, H. W. Hill c G. Fletcher b Janney 1, H. W. Hill o Hayward b F. R. Fletcher 21, R. Turner at J. Fletcher b Francis 10, T. A. Furse b Francis 0, E. D. Turner (not out) 0, extras 11; total (nine wickets) 205.

**HARBORNE II. v. WOLVERHAMPTON II.**—At Harborne. Harborne II: P. Wainwright b Birnie 26, F. B. Brindle run out 6, C. Harlow o Burslem b Fullerton 30, N. Wilkinson o Birnie b Fullerton 12, N. A. Denison b Birnie 1, P. B. Prieke b Birnie 9, H. S. Goering b Fullerton 1, L. C. Cartwright o Burslem b Birnie 7, B. E. Craigie o Holmes-Walker b Fullerton 3, E. H. Trenbath lbw b J. A. Cooper lbw b Birnie 0, extras 6; total not out 7, J. A. Cooper took five wickets for 25 runs and H. T. Fullerton four for 23. Wolverhampton II: E. S. Rickards b Harlow 21, N. A. Reed o Denison b Harlow 31, B. Holmes-Walker o Cooper b Wainwright 42, W. J. Gray at Wainwright b Harlow 6, J. H. Farnival b Wainwright 20, H. T. Fullerton b Trenbath 3, A. C. Knowles o and b Harlow 6, J. Birnie (not out) 18, J. L. Cartledge at Brindle b Harlow 4, P. Howard o Denison b Harlow 3, E. Burslem b Harlow 0, extras 2; total 156. C. Harlow took seven wickets for 81 runs.

**COVENTRY AND NORTH WARWICKSHIRE v. WOLVERTON.**—At Coventry yesterday, for Tom Duckham's benefit. Coventry and North Warwickshire: H. Grimshaw lbw b F. Adams 68, J. S. Woodward run out 34, H. Clarke o W. Adams b Faulkner 13, A. Wigston b F. Adams 19, A. Bedford at Dixon b Faulkner 9, J. Newton c Mackey b Faulkner 2, H. I. Garlick c Smith b Mackey 17, A. J. Player (not out) 14, T. Wormell run out 4, T. Greening b Faulkner 0, W. Carpenter o Smith b Mackey 0, extras 15; total 195. Wolverton: W. Adams (not out) 42, F. Whiting at Carpenter b Greening 11, F. Adams at Carpenter b Greening 0, L. N. Smith b Greening 19, W. Panting b Wormell 2, J. Whiting c Garlick b Wormell 0, L. Faulkner o Bedford b Wormell 2, F. Matts b Greening 0, D. Mackey c and b Newton 2, R. Davis c Grimshaw b Newton 2, H. Dixon b Newton 0, extras 6; total 86.

**CHELLENHAM v. WORCESTER.**—At Cheltenham yesterday. Cheltenham: C. S. Bennett o Mann b Rabjohns 134, P. J. Craig o Jones b Price 25, J. Alcock at Jones b Rabjohns 5, G. R. O. Pike lbw b Rabjohns 0, T. B. Hitchman b Rabjohns 6, F. Pearman lbw b Rabjohns 31, H. T. Stephens c Mann b Roberts 5, K. J. Fisher not out 3 (E. A. Field, P. H. Newcombe, and F. Bliss did not bat), extras 18; total (seven wickets) 227. Worcester: D. Rabjohns lbw b Newcombe 3, C. V. Bea o Bliss b Alcock 8, W. Roberts b Alcock 1, Major Mann b Alcock 3, P. Osborn b Newcombe 0, W. Price o Bliss b Newcombe 0, H. Fillimore o Fisher b Newcombe 0, C. M. Sparshott run out 6, A. O. Jones not out 2, B. Higgins c and b Alcock 0, T. R. Jones lbw b Alcock 2, extras 2; total 27. Cheltenham thus won by 200. Alcock took five wickets for 11 and Newcombe four for 14.

**PICKWICK v. Y.M.C.A.**—At Bristol Road. Y.M.C.A.: F. A. Adams b F. G. Morris 6, N. Matthews at Harris b Lates 19, J. H. Ashby o and b Lates 8, H. Phelps b Lates 11, S. J. Barratt o Dixon b Lates 4, A. R. Adams b Lates 0, F. Bleckern c H. J. Ordway b F. G. Morris 6, O. Bolton c and b Lates 5, B. Bassett c F. E. Wilkes b Lates 15, F. W. Norley lbw Lates 7, L. P. Grantham (not out) 2, extras 2; total 85. E. S. Lates took eight wickets for 45 runs. Pickwick: H. J. Ordway b Grantham 67, F. Dixon run out 0, H. Ordway lbw A. R. Adams 4, E. Hastings b Bolton 12, A. E. Wilkes b Phelps 6, F. G. Morris b Phelps 0, H. M. Thomas b Bolton 0, F. E. Wilkes b Bolton 1, E. S. Lates b Matthews 6, G. G. M. Morris c Ashby b Matthews 4, E. C. Harris not out 2, extras 2; total 104.

**HARBORNE v. SOMERVILLE.**—At Queen's Park, Harborne. Somerville: H. Austin b Harris 55, E. Davies c Dillon b Cooper 1, F. Read o Rodgers b Harris 21, G. Payne o Wood b Cooper 85, A. Roberts b Harris 51, W. S. Slack b Harris 7, F. Street not out 54, W. Roberts b Jones 9, S. Oldfield not out 2 (L. Fox, A. Collier, and Rev. Upton did not bat); total (innings closed) 285. Perry Barr: A. Wood b Pix 16, J. Handa b Read 0, 285. Perry Barr: A. Wood b Pix 16, J. Handa b Read 0, Davies 2, Rogers b Street 20, Penton o Payne b Slack 14, Drew at Roberts b Street 3, Harris not out 5, R. Wood not out 1 (Dillon did not bat), extras 17; total (eight wickets) 141.

**SMETHWICK v. SMETHWICK AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.**—This annual fixture took place at Broomfield yesterday. League: W. Chaplin o Albitt b Underwood 3, Sinclair o and b Ellerker 13, F. Lamb c McElwell b Underwood 5, O. Hill at Albitt b Lee 1, E. Waldron c Bill b Ellerker 58, J. Smallman c Underwood b Ellerker 4, J. Waterhouse c Harrison b Webster 8, Hadley c Ellerker b Underwood 1, H. Wakelam b Underwood 7, R. Price b Bell 0, Stevens not out 0, extras 6; total 86. Smethwick: W. H. Ellerker c Hill b Wakelam 66, R. N. Webster c Smallman b Wakelam 2, T. McElwell c Sinclair b Hill 25, R. Lee o Hill b Lamb 47, F. Bell b Hill 0, G. Day b Wakelam 2, J. Harrison c Chaplin b Wakelam 0, A. Hadley b Stevens 5, L. G. Lardner b Stevens 0, T. Underwood c Stevens b Lamb 2, H. A. Albitt not out 8, extras 5; total 160.

**REPTON PILGRIMS v. LEICESTER GENTLEMEN.**—At Repton. Repton Pilgrims: Ruddle lbw b Worthington 2, Hill b Dixie-Smith 4, Sale c Carter b Worthington 0, Holdsworth at Stephens b Dixie-Smith 14, Winter c Stephens b Dixie-Smith 2, Dobson at Stephens b Dixie-Smith 2, Byass not out 26, Alham b Worthington 15, German b Worthington 4, Baines c Godfrey b Dixie-Smith 13, Rennick c Carter b Worthington 6, extras 5; total 99. Leicester Gentlemen: E. Pickering Clarke c German b Byass 18, B. Stephens run out 6, J. Joyce c German b Byass 22, T. W. R. Bramson c Ruddle b Byass 3, J. W. Dixie-Smith lbw b Byass 3, J. F. Carter c Byass b Dobson 1, C. W. Godfrey c and b Dobson 1, J. O. Worthington not out 8, G. Pickin c Sale b Byass 3, J. Cunningham c German b Dobson 0, S. J. Jenkins b Dobson 0, extras 8; total 78.

**CHELLENHAM v. STRATFORD-ON-AVON.**—On the Victoria Ground at Cheltenham, and ended in a draw. Stratford-on-Avon: G. E. Holdsworth c Kendrick b Davy 14, T. C. Hatt c Barnett b Wood 39, H. Ratcliff c Bixy b Jewell 4, H. Longford c Erndfield b Wood 19, E. Bunting c Davy b Wood 11, T. Loul c Jewell b Wood 24, H. N. Spencer b Wood 2, D. Buckley lbw b Jewell 3, W. B. Clifton c and b Wood 6, P. Sealey c Morris b Jewell 1, C. W. Pardee not out 14, extras 1; total 128. Wood had six wickets for 59, Jewell three for 44, and Davy one for 5. Cheltenham: F. H. Kendrick c Ratcliff b Clifton 6, C. S. Barnett not out 42, W. H. Simpson's b Ratcliff 0, P. J. Morris c Clifton b Ratcliff 1, F. Davy b Ratcliff 16, H. A. Bendall run out 24, T. F. Bromfield b Ratcliff 0, R. Horton b Spencer 5, F. Bliss not out 5, extras 10; total (for seven wickets) 107.

**KNOWLE AND DORRIDGE v. OLTON.**—At Olton. Knowle and Dorridge: N. D. Impey b C. Heseltine 1, E. H. Sherry b C. Heseltine 4, W. H. Darby c E. Boswell b K. Boswell 22, J. H. Prosser b K. Boswell 24, C. L. Hughes b C. Heseltine 1, P. Nichols b K. Boswell 6, J. L. Somersfield b K. Boswell 4, G. Williams lbw b C. Heseltine 0, G. Prosser (not out) 4, H. Priestley lbw b C. Heseltine 0, E. W. Cartwright b C. Heseltine 0, extras 6; total 72. Olton: F. W. Marshall lbw b N. Impey 4, F. Windhill lbw b W. Darby 19, E. Neal run out 16, W. Elze lbw b W. Darby 20, K. Boswell lbw b W. Darby 3, E. Edmunds b W. Darby 4, V. Clark run out 5, J. Brewer b Darby 21, E. Boswell not out 11, L. Bryan b N. Impey 8, C. Heseltine c Williams b N. Impey 0, extras 9; total 120.

In the annual fixture at Tettenhall Wolverhampton overplayed Harborne. The home team knocked up 227, of which Bennett got a fine 79, while Harborne could only reply with 77. Despite Wolverhampton's total, David, only reply with 77. Despite Wolverhampton's total, David, for the visitors, had a good average, taking eight wickets for 69. J. J. Moore, for Wolverhampton, returned the fine average of seven for 27. Wolverhampton: E. H. Bennett c and b David 79, C. Howl at Thelfall b David 7, G. H. Thorneycroft lbw b David 41, J. J. Moore c Allday b David 4, E. W. Page b David 12, H. A. Page lbw b David 4, R. J. Moreton c and b David 2, W. J. Croft c Burzum b David 27, C. W. R. Hodges b Whitehouse 12, H. Howl (not out) 19, P. S. Bayliss c Hodges b Jackson 2, extras 18; total 227. Harborne: L. H. Richards c Croft b Moore 0, W. B. Thelfall c Thorneycroft b Moore 16, H. N. Briggs b Bayliss 29, W. H. Burzum c C. Howl b Moore 3, C. H. F. Thelfall b Moore 0, D. Hodges c Croft b Moore 11, W. Dealey lbw b Moore 2, P. G. Whitehouse b Moore 0, A. K. Jackson b Croft 0, F. C. Allday lbw b Croft 4, L. David (not out) 6, extras 6; total 77.



# STAFFORDSHIRE CRICKET.

## BARNES'S SUCCESS IN SPITE OF DIFFICULTIES.

The cricket season has been a disappointing one for Staffordshire, whose record in the Minor Counties Championship Competition certainly does not adequately represent the playing strength of the county. Bad weather has several times robbed the team of points which appeared almost certain to accrue, and constantly changing conditions have told against the side on other occasions, whilst injuries to prominent players have been a most serious handicap. In spite of his great success with the ball, Barnes, who returned to the team after an absence of ten years and played in every match, has suffered since the end of June, from an unsound knee, has had painful injuries to two of the fingers of his right hand, and finally was totally incapacitated at a vital stage in the last match at Norwich by a strained shoulder. During the greater part of the season he has been unable to take his usual run up to the wicket. Taking three or four steps only and perforce avoiding strain upon the left knee, he has, of course, bowled slower than formerly, but his wonderful command of length, his truly remarkable finger spin, and his subtle variations have operated to give him a brilliant record.

Morgan's services have been lost owing to a shoulder injury early in the season, and his acceptance after a slow recovery of an engagement at Kilmarnock. J. Ankers and J. W. Johnson, who last year scored close on 600 runs between them, and were the mainstay of the batting, have both been out of the team owing to injury, Ankers for the whole season, and Johnson since being struck on the jaw by a ball from M. Falcon, the Norfolk captain, at Old Hill, early in July. The team has thus been severely handicapped, the more so as such players as B. Moakin, E. W. Page, E. H. Bennett and E. H. Bourns have not been able to spare time for county cricket.

### THE SEASON'S RECORD.

Ten matches have been played in the Minor Counties Competition, with the following result:— Won 4, won on first innings 2, lost 3, drawn 1. Possible points 43, points gained 26, percentage 57.77, compared with 72.50 last year. The number of players called upon was 28, of whom eight played in one match only, whilst J. B. Russell (captain), A. Lockett, and Barnes appeared in every match, and R. G. Seldon (Walsall) missed the opening fixture only. Staffordshire lost 164 wickets for 2,796 runs, an average per wicket of 17.04, and an average score per completed innings of 170. They captured 160 opponents' wickets for 2,098 runs, giving an average per wicket of 13.11, and per completed innings of 131.

The chief feature of the play has, of course, been the remarkable bowling of Barnes, but Sedgwick, the Walsall professional, who has not been suited by the prevalence of soft wickets, has bowled exceedingly well at times. A. Lockett has even done better than Barnes on one or two occasions, but on the whole his figures show a marked falling off compared with last year, and are his worst for several seasons.

In batting, R. G. Seldon, in his first season of county cricket, and Barnes, have taken the place of Ankers and Johnson as the principal run-getters, and both have been much more valuable than their averages implies. H. W. Homer, of Old Hill, and W. H. Fitchford, of Porthill, have batted so well as to suggest that their absence from the majority of the matches was a great loss to the county. One of the most promising recruits of recent years appeared in the last two matches, in the person of H. Goodwin, of the Stafford club. A son of Mr. W. H. Goodwin, of Hednesford, this young left-hand batsman played delightful cricket in his first match at Skegness. Like his elder brother, who has this season assisted Derbyshire with a residential qualification, he learnt his cricket at Rossall School. With a beautifully free style, he drives with great power, and is a rapid scorer.

Staffordshire's batting has not been satisfactory, for the team crumpled up inexcusably on two or three occasions, even allowing for the difficulty of the wicket. Cheshire bundled them out at Porthill for 32, and Lancashire II. did likewise at Stoke for 41, both matches being lost. The other defeat was at the hands of Norfolk at Old Hill, when Staffordshire had the worse of the wicket, and M. Falcon was dangerous and unplayable for a time. Notts II. and Lincolnshire were each defeated twice, Norfolk were apparently saved at Norwich by Barnes's incapacity, and Cheshire and Lancashire II. by the intervention of rain.

The following are the batting and bowling averages:—

### BATTING.

	No. Times of not Inns. out.	Total runs.	H't score.	Aver.
H. W. Homer.....	0 .. 0 ..	176 ..	88 ..	29.33
W. H. Fitchford.....	6 .. 1 ..	146 ..	100 ..	29.10
H. Goodwin.....	4 .. 0 ..	113 ..	62 ..	28.25
A. Lockett.....	16 .. 0 ..	161 ..	58 ..	23.00
D. P. Lutter.....	5 .. 1 ..	92 ..	34 ..	23.00
P. F. Stubbs.....	6 .. 1 ..	91 ..	28 ..	18.20
R. G. Seldon.....	17 .. 0 ..	300 ..	74 ..	17.64
Barnes.....	16 .. 0 ..	259 ..	41 ..	16.81
C. G. Varcoe.....	10 .. 2 ..	133 ..	43 ..	16.62
H. Hunt.....	4 .. 0 ..	66 ..	30 ..	16.50
C. Edwards.....	4 .. 2 ..	38 ..	17 ..	16.50
A. A. Bickerton.....	8 .. 1 ..	115 ..	48 ..	16.42
J. Jolley.....	8 .. 0 ..	115 ..	37 ..	14.87
P. O. Yates.....	8 .. 0 ..	115 ..	58 ..	14.73
Sedgwick.....	12 .. 0 ..	173 ..	75 ..	14.41
Platt.....	13 .. 1 ..	150 ..	65 ..	13.25
J. W. Johnson.....	7 .. 0 ..	80 ..	23 ..	12.71
A. Smith.....	5 .. 0 ..	62 ..	30 ..	12.40
J. B. Russell.....	15 .. 0 ..	120 ..	62 ..	8.00

Also batted:—Morgan 1\*, 10; L. H. Morris 1, 9; J. Whalen 0\*, 8; W. Lee 0, 0; R. St. J. Sheppard 5, 5; E. H. Bennett 10; J. J. Moore 10; E. W. Page 0; G. H. Thorncroft, 2.

\* Signifies not out.

### BOWLING.

	Over.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver.
Barnes.....	250.5 ..	70 ..	525 ..	73 ..	7.19
Sedgwick.....	123.5 ..	24 ..	337 ..	27 ..	12.48
A. Lockett.....	103.5 ..	42 ..	337 ..	26 ..	14.88
Platt.....	113 ..	16 ..	398 ..	19 ..	22.11

Also bowled:—J. Whalen, 23 overs, 5 maidens, 45 runs, 4 wickets; W. Lee, 17—3—74—4; Morgan, 8—2—18—1; R. Hunt, 5—2—11—1; J. J. Moore, 7.3—2—6—1; C. G. Varcoe, 12—0—80—0; R. St. J. Sheppard, 0—0—25—0.

# WORCESTERSHIRE CRICKET REVIEWED.

## INVEN BATTING STILL A HANDICAP.

### ROOT'S FINE SEASON WITH THE BALL.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

Worcestershire yesterday concluded a season in the County Championship which, having regard to the admitted elements of weakness which the side possesses, cannot be described as unsatisfactory. In that they won four county championship games they have every reason to be satisfied with their position, although last year they won five matches. Still, it is a great improvement upon the position in the year prior to that, when they boasted a solitary victory and had sixteen defeats to lament.

In estimating the quality of Worcestershire's performance, it must not be forgotten that they were deprived of the services of L. G. Crawley, who last year, headed the batting averages with 48.50; of Fox, who was third with 31.70; of J. F. Mackean, whose average was 20.53, and whose wicket-keeping was invaluable. Naturally, the absence of these men had a serious effect upon the batting efficiency, and of the present representatives only M. K. Foster can be regarded as a really first-class batsman.

They have had very little help from the Hon. J. B. Coventry and Gilbert Ashton, and the only men who have been seen to even reasonable advantage with the bat were M. K. Foster, who made four centuries, H. O. Hopkins, who made 157 against Notts at Trent Bridge, Root, who made four scores exceeding 50, and Pearson who three times exceeded that number. H. L. Higgins has been somewhat disappointing, and seems to have lost a great percentage of his form, but W. H. N. Shakespeare has proved himself a thoroughly good batsman, and the pity is that he cannot play regularly. Tarbox has again been disappointing. The side have also felt the loss of a responsible wicket-keeper, but one cannot understand them taking the field without one, in that Summers would have been available all through had his services been sought, and Summers is an efficient wicket-keeper. Root's batting, by the way, has been of exceptional worth upon several occasions, and M. K. Foster's centuries were brilliant ones; that against Sussex, at Horsham, more particularly. When he is at bat he is indeed a great batsman, worthy to rank with any of the Fosters. But there is still something a trifle uneven about his work with the willow; occasionally he lacks restraint, but like all the brotherhood, when he is out to defend his wicket he has quite exceptional powers of defence.

#### ROOT'S SUCCESS WITH THE BALL.

In regard to the bowling, once more Root has carried off the honours. Last year he took 165 wickets in county championship games, at 20.21 apiece. This year he has scarcely reached those figures, but his record is a fine one. He has had a enormous amount of work to do and has done it magnificently. Only a lion-hearted cricketer could have attempted to do what Root has done, and there are very few men in cricket to-day who can bowl so persistently and so accurately, for Root scarcely ever sends down a bad ball. His peculiar methods give him an individuality which is quite unique, and one cannot help saying that if a Yorkshireman or a Surrey man or a Middlesex man had done what Root has done during the last two seasons he would have been marked out for some of the highest honours of the game, especially considering that Root is quite a good batsman, and an excellent field.

Pearson has been somewhat disappointing; last year he did an exceptional performance, for he took 106 wickets and made 1,046 runs. This season he has fallen off both with bat and ball. But then he is in the veteran stage now, and one can only admire the splendid service he has done for the shire. He is naturally feeling the effects of long years of service, but he is still an indispensable member of the side, and his batting in the last match was quite delightful to watch.

The other bowling has been somewhat moderate, although Wilson, the son of George Wilson, a great fast bowler of other years, has made a most satisfactory debut, and bids fair to be a great accession to the bowling strength. Other bowlers have scarcely had a fair chance. Proce has been bowled comparatively little, and sometimes men who are played for their bowling have been ignored throughout a match.

Worcestershire again distributed their matches somewhat, playing at Dudley, Kidderminster, and Stourbridge. Next year they will probably play more matches at Kidderminster and Stourbridge. It was almost a national misfortune when their beautiful wicket was spoiled by the serious floods at the end of May and the beginning of June. The pitch is recovering, but it has given Hunt, the groundsman, a tremendous amount of labour; considering the condition in which the floods left it, however, the wickets obtained have been quite satisfactory, and much better than might have been expected.

#### SUMMARY OF RESULTS.

May 10, v. Glamorgan at Worcester. Worcestershire 148 and 115, Glamorgan 56 and 32 for five. Match drawn.  
May 17, v. Kent at Tonbridge. Worcestershire 245 and 77 for three, Kent 218. Match drawn.  
May 21, v. Essex at Worcester. Essex 201, Worcestershire 90 and 24 for four. Match drawn.  
May 24, v. Warwickshire at Edgbaston. Warwickshire 64 and 234 for eight, Worcestershire 165 and 48 for eight. Match drawn.  
May 31, v. Derbyshire at Derby. Derbyshire 206, Worcestershire 95. Match drawn.  
June 4, v. Hampshire at Portsmouth. Worcestershire 98 and 105, Hampshire 104 and 94 for three. Worcester lost by seven wickets.  
June 7, v. Essex at Leyton. Worcestershire 225 and 127, Essex 267 and 56 for five. Worcestershire lost by five wickets.  
June 11, v. Gloucestershire at Dudley. Gloucestershire 154 and 111, Worcestershire 115 and 48. Worcestershire lost by 102 runs.  
June 14, v. Kent at Tonbridge. Kent 137 and 345, Worcestershire 158 and 231. Worcestershire lost by 93.  
June 18, v. Sussex at Horsham. Worcestershire 290 and 57, Sussex 155 and 144 for five. Worcestershire lost by five wickets.  
June 21, v. Warwickshire at Kidderminster. Worcestershire 182 and 74, Warwickshire 111 and 111 for four wickets. Worcestershire lost by six wickets.  
June 25, v. Notts at Trent Bridge. Worcestershire 68 and 251, Notts 241 and 54 for two. Worcestershire lost by 10 wickets.  
June 28, v. Somerset at Worcester. Somerset 261 and 80 for 1, Worcestershire 75 and 244. Somerset won by nine wickets.  
July 1, v. Gloucestershire at Swansea. Gloucestershire 166 and 130, Worcestershire 232 and 95 for six. Worcestershire won by four wickets.  
July 3, v. Hampshire at Worcester. Worcestershire 171 and 80, Hampshire 147 and 110 for two. Worcestershire lost by eight wickets.  
July 12, v. Northants at Kettering. Worcestershire 109 and 147, Northants 193 and 98. Worcestershire won by 25 runs.  
July 19, v. Lancashire at Liverpool. Lancashire 165, Lancashire 276 for eight. Match drawn.  
July 20, v. Lancashire at Stourbridge. Lancashire 54 for 6 wickets. (Worcestershire did not bat). Match drawn.  
August 2, v. Essex at Worcester. Essex 110 and 142, Worcestershire 164 and 131 for five. Worcestershire won by five wickets.  
August 6, v. Derbyshire at Worcester. Worcestershire 212 and 219, Derbyshire 102 and 116. Worcestershire won by 223 runs.  
August 9, v. Gloucestershire at Cheltenham. Gloucestershire 114 and 150, Worcestershire 114 and 68. Worcestershire lost by 91 runs.  
August 16, v. Northants at Worcester. Worcestershire 176 and 169, Northants 124 and 166 for five. Match drawn.  
August 23, v. Somerset at Taunton. Worcestershire 226 and 166, Somerset 344 and 4 for 0 wickets. Worcestershire lost by ten wickets.  
August 27, v. Notts at Worcester. Worcestershire 180, Notts 224 and 149 for 3 wickets. Match drawn.

#### CENTURIES FOR WORCESTERSHIRE.

M. K. Foster: 126 v. Kent at Tonbridge; 157 (not out) v. Essex at Horsham; 125 v. Somerset at Worcester; 111 v. Somerset at Taunton.  
H. O. Hopkins: 137 v. Notts at Trent Bridge.  
SUMMARY OF 50 OR OVER.  
Root: 54 v. Kent at Dudley; 62 v. Essex at Leyton; 61 v. Derbyshire at Worcester; 80 v. Northants at Worcester.  
M. K. Foster: 69 v. Notts at Worcester; 85 v. Kent at Dudley; 83 v. Gloucestershire at Dudley; 67 v. Derbyshire at Worcester.  
H. O. Hopkins: 77 (not out) v. Notts at Worcester.  
Pearson: 80 v. Glamorgan at Worcester; 69 (not out) v. Kent at Tonbridge; 41 v. Gloucestershire at Cheltenham College; 64 v. Notts at Worcester.  
W. H. N. Shakespeare: 63 v. Essex at Leyton.  
H. L. Higgins: 62 v. Notts at Trent Bridge.  
W. H. Shakespeare: 62 (not out) v. Glamorgan at Swansea.  
G. H. Higgins: 60 v. Lancashire at Liverpool.

#### BOWLING FEATS.

Root: 6 for 40 v. Essex at Worcester; 7 for 33 v. Warwickshire at Edgbaston; 7 for 37 v. Derbyshire at Worcester; 9 for 105 v. Somerset at Worcester; 7 for 120 at Notts at Worcester; 6 for 69 v. Gloucestershire at Dudley; 6 for 75 v. Hampshire at Worcester; 5 for 33 v. Warwickshire at Kidderminster; 5 for 50 v. Northants at Worcester; 5 for 40 v. Gloucestershire at Cheltenham College; 5 for 61 v. Glamorgan at Worcester; 5 for 67 v. Derbyshire at Worcester; 5 for 71 v. Sussex at Horsham; 5 for 85 v. Essex at Leyton; 4 for 38 v. Northants at Kettering; 4 for 41 v. Kent at Tonbridge; 1 for 44 v. Hampshire at Portsmouth; 3 for 45 v. Gloucestershire at Cheltenham College.  
H. O. Hopkins: 4 for 43 v. Hampshire at Portsmouth; 4 for 49 v. Northants at Kettering; 4 for 62 v. Kent at Tonbridge; 4 for 71 v. Derbyshire at Derby; 6 for 87 v. Kent at Worcester; 10 for 108 v. Kent at Tonbridge; 3 for 61 v. Essex at Worcester; 3 for 44 v. Derbyshire at Worcester; 10 for 104 v. Gloucestershire at Worcester; 10 for 104 v. Gloucestershire at Cheltenham College.  
Pearson: 4 for 25 v. Derbyshire at Worcester; 6 for 28 v. Gloucestershire at Cheltenham College; 4 for 61 v. Somerset at Worcester; 4 for 25 v. Gloucestershire at

Cheltenham College; 3 for 48 v. Northants at Worcester; 2 for 7 v. Hampshire at Portsmouth; 2 for 10 v. Hampshire at Worcester; 2 for 21 v. Northants at Worcester.

H. O. Hopkins: 2 for 25 v. Notts at Trent Bridge; 1 for 9 v. Glamorgan at Worcester; 1 for 14 v. Notts at Trent Bridge.

Proce: 6 for 82 v. Gloucestershire at Dudley; 3 for 37 v. Gloucestershire at Dudley; 2 for 21 v. Glamorgan at Swansea.

Tarbox: 4 for 25 v. Sussex at Worcester.

Played 24, won 4, lost 11, won on first innings 3, lost on first innings 5, no result on first innings 1.

#### BATTING.

	Inns.	Runs.	Inns.	Not out.	Ave.
M. K. Foster	40	1,320	157	4	36.66
W. H. N. Shakespeare	7	274	62	1	24.00
H. O. Hopkins	16	373	137	1	24.60
Pearson	43	834	61	1	19.80
Smith	9	131	32	1	16.37
H. L. Higgins	37	879	82	3	18.79
Root	44	645	62	1	18.73
Tarbox	43	561	80	1	13.43
Lord Somers	22	267	267	1	12.47
Dr. Barnie Adhead	4	38	29	1	12.66
G. Ashton	4	48	36	0	12.00
Hon. J. B. Coventry	20	220	48	1	11.57
H. H. Holroyde	4	43	22	0	10.75
Proce	38	281	47	7	10.36
Regers	16	190	37	4	10.00
M. P. Jewell	1	80	34	0	9.88
H. P. Gorton	9	78	30	0	8.66
H. K. Bryant	14	115	65	0	8.21
G. O. Gale	6	36	12	1	8.00
G. H. B. Abell	6	36	12	1	7.20
Summers	7	48	16	0	6.85
L. R. Gale	7	37	11	3	6.75
Wilson	33	140	30	10	6.08
R. L. Branton	4	42	10	0	5.50
C. B. Parnaby	6	24	6	1	4.80
J. R. Higgins	8	30	27	0	4.37
J. W. Greenock	4	12	11	0	3.00
J. F. Hargreaves	4	9	9	0	2.25

The following also batted: Lord Cobham 6 and 7, H. A. Gilbert 6 and 0, K. P. Jewons 0 and 1, Lang 0, 4, 3, and 9, Major Maas 4 and 3, and Suckling 0 and 0.

#### BOWLING.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Ave.
H. O. Hopkins	12.2	5	41	4	10.25
M. P. Jewell	7.4	0	31	2	15.50
Root	949.2	264	2,392	147	16.00
Proce	242	73	623	32	19.45
Pearson	731.6	195	1,784	84	21.23
Wilson	273	50	857	35	23.80
Tarbox	71.4	18	258	8	29.75
L. R. Gale	31	6	61	2	30.50
Regers	50	10	167	5	31.40
Lang	38	6	116	3	38.66

The following also bowled: R. L. Branton 5-0-20-0, Hon. J. B. Coventry 3-1-0-0, H. K. Foster 8-0-13-0, H. A. Gilbert 21-4-62-5, J. W. Greenock 17-0-69-4, J. B. Higgins 4-0-10-0, and Lord Somers 2-0-4-0.

# WARWICKSHIRE CRICKET REVIEWED.

## SEASON RUINED BY THE BAD WEATHER.

## PARSONS THE ONLY BATSMAN TO SCORE 1,000 RUNS.

The match against Northants, which ended at Northampton yesterday, brought to a close Warwickshire's programme for the season. As the public have learnt, since the final match at Edgbaston, it has been, financially, one of the most disastrous seasons the club have ever experienced, and a sum of £3,000 is now required to make good the losses sustained through bad weather and to put the club on a sound basis again. Rain ruined from the "gate" point of view the first two home matches, and, with three exceptions, apart from the Test Match, every succeeding match was interfered with by the miserable climatic conditions. There were no fewer than eleven blank, or practically blank, days, and on two others there was no play before a quarter-past five in one instance, and only forty-five minutes' play, which began at four o'clock, in the other; and on seven other days there was considerable restriction of the hours of play by the weather. Financial loss, in these circumstances, was inevitable—the gate receipts show a decline, approximately, of £6,000, compared with 1921, when the weather was fine—and the misfortunes which have been suffered should commend the club to the practical sympathy of all who care for the maintenance of first-class cricket in the county.

From the playing point of view, the improvement expected at the beginning of the campaign has not been fully realised, but having regard to the wet weather the results are fairly satisfactory. Warwickshire, in both batting and bowling, are a fast wicket side, and in a year when soft wickets have been more or less the rule, they have done almost as well as was possible for a side so limited to win seven county championship matches and lose only six. Victories were gained over Sussex (home and away), Glamorgan (home and away), Worcestershire (away), Kent (home), and Somerset (away). The defeats were experienced against Middlesex (home and away), Somerset (home), Leicestershire (away), Yorkshire (away), and Nottingham (away). Of the eight drawn matches those against Derbyshire (home) and Northants (away) brought points for first innings lead; but the first innings advantage was lost against Worcestershire (home), Lancashire (away), Hampshire (home), Leicestershire (home), and Kent (away). The matches in which there was no result were Northants (home), Nottingham (home), Derbyshire (away), Yorkshire (home), Hampshire (away), and Lancashire (home).

### A FUNDAMENTAL WEAKNESS.

The play of the side has not been consistently good, and close observers have been conscious of a fundamental shakiness in the batting that has damped confidence. Frequently there has been in evidence a tendency on the part of players to be hot-headed and recklessly "go for" bowlers enjoying a run of success, and on such occasions if the veteran Quiffe has failed the need of another batsman blessed with a cool and sound defence has been painfully apparent. As a matter of fact the side as a whole would be all the better if they showed more wariness when meeting bowlers who are unfamiliar or who happen to have struck their best form. Probably the players are more victims than culprits, however, the cause of the weakness that has crept in from time to time being the lack of practice against first-class bowling at the nets—a matter difficult to remedy with the club's present limited bowling resources. The most successful batsmen have been the captain, the Hon. F. S. G. Calthorpe, who scored 927 runs with an average of 30.90, and who made two centuries; Parsons, the only man on the side to obtain a thousand runs, who aggregated 1,068 with an average of 29.66, and who also credited himself with a couple of centuries; Smith, who made 913 (including one century) with an average of 21.32; Santall, who celebrated his coming of age year by making his maiden century and average 22.02 for a total of 815; and, of course, Quiffe, whose 141 against Glamorgan was the top score of the season for the side, and who totalled 803 with an average of 21.70. G. W. Stephens was also a valuable batsman on several occasions, and acted as deputy captain when Calthorpe was unable to play. Bates, unfortunately, had another dis-

appointing season. On the three occasions that he exceeded the half-century he displayed all the grace and polish that caused him to be regarded, a couple of seasons ago, as one of the most promising batsmen in the country; but a run of comparative failures which led to his being placed lower in the batting order unquestionably destroyed his self-confidence with unfortunate results for the side and himself. Bernard Quaife was another of the younger players who dropped out of favour of the selection committee about mid-way through the season, when he had scored 113 runs in fifteen innings, and he did not reappear. The wisdom of permanently omitting him for the rest of the programme is open to question; the value of a player of his type is not to be assessed entirely by the runs he personally contributes, and as has been indicated previously there were several times when a good defensive player might have made a big difference to the side. Croom, who became qualified this year, made a fairly promising debut, but he was invariably sent in so late in the batting order that he had small chance of proving his worth. C. A. F. Fiddian-Green joined the team in August, but suffered from the lack of regular first-class practice. Norman Kilner, who will not be qualified until another season has elapsed, played against the South Africans and created an excellent impression in scoring 48.

### HOWELL'S VALUE.

Although the season has been one of wet wickets, Howell has been once more the outstanding bowler, and his feat in taking 124 wickets at a cost of 16.84 in such circumstances is singularly meritorious. On eleven occasions he took five or more wickets in an innings, his most notable performance being to capture nine wickets for 35 runs in Somerset's second innings at Taunton. With such a record it is not surprising that the M.C.C. Selection Committee, after rejecting L.S. claims, changed their minds and invited him to make a second trip to Australia. As N. E. Partridge could not play regularly, and eventually dropped out of the side owing to an injured knee—the Old Malvernian's absence was a source of great weakness to the attack—Howell's principal supporter was R. E. S. Wyatt, who secured 61 wickets at a cost of 22.37 runs each. Wyatt joined the side last year as a batsman, and on many occasions opened the innings; but necessity demanded that he should regard himself primarily as a bowler in the season just ended. He is a young player who is a whole-hearted enthusiast for the game, and in future he will probably be the best all-round player in the team. Jennings, a left arm bowler, was only moderately successful, mainly because he needs hard wickets; and the captain's fortunes with the ball slumped to an almost incredible degree. Quaife, however, was able now and again to work his spell as of old, and he did remarkably well at Dorset, where he took five Kent wickets for 26 runs. E. P. Hewetson, the Oxford University fast bowler, was a welcome addition to the attack in August. On the whole the bowlers were well supported by the fielders, among whom Santall constantly distinguished himself; and Smith's wicket-keeping was equal to that which secured him representative honours before the war, and left nothing to be desired.

Appended are the season's results, and the principal individual performances and averages:—

May 3, 5, 6.—At Edgbaston, v. Northants. Warwickshire, 123 and 200; Northants, 71 for six wickets. No result.	May 14, 15, 16.—At Lord's, v. Middlesex. Warwickshire, 123 and 94; Middlesex, 212. Middlesex won by an innings and nine runs.	May 17, 19, 20.—At Edgbaston, v. Sussex. Sussex, 120 and 94; Warwickshire, 201 and 155 for one wicket. Warwickshire won by nine wickets.	May 21, 25, 27.—At Edgbaston, v. Worcestershire. Warwickshire, 84 and 254 for eight wickets (innings declared closed); Worcestershire, 165 and 48 for eight wickets. Match drawn.	May 31, June 2, 3.—At Manchester, v. Lancashire. Warwickshire, 115 and 71; Lancashire, 132 for three wickets (innings declared closed). Match drawn.	June 7, 9, 10.—At Derby, v. Derbyshire. Warwickshire, 317 for eight wickets (innings declared closed); Derbyshire, 34 for two wickets. No result.	June 11, 12, 13.—At Edgbaston, v. Yorkshire. Warwickshire, 139, Yorkshire, 120 for three wickets. No result.	June 18, 19, 20.—At Cardiff, v. Glamorganshire. Warwickshire, 269 and 169; Glamorganshire, 134 and 134. Warwickshire won by 170 runs.	June 21, 23, 24.—At Kidderminster, v. Worcestershire. Worcestershire, 182 and 74; Warwickshire, 119 and 141 for four wickets. Warwickshire won by six wickets.	June 25, 26, 27.—At Edgbaston, v. Somersetshire. Warwickshire, 261 and 210; Somersetshire, 177 and 295 for eight wickets. Somersetshire won by two wickets.	June 28, 30, July 1.—At Edgbaston, v. Kent. Kent, 275 and 89; Warwickshire, 225 and 137 for two wickets. Warwickshire won by eight wickets.	July 5, 7, 8.—At Edgbaston, v. Hampshire. Warwickshire, 226 and 532 for eight wickets (declared closed); Hampshire, 236 and 236 for four wickets. Match drawn.	July 9, 10, 11.—At Edgbaston, v. South Africans. South Africans, 317 and 384 for eight wickets; Warwickshire, 340. Match drawn.	July 12, 14, 15.—At Leicester, v. Leicestershire. Warwickshire, 401 for nine wickets (innings declared closed); Leicestershire, 188 and 197. Leicestershire won by an innings and 86 runs.
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July 19, 21, 22.—At Edgbaston, v. Leicestershire. Leicestershire, 187 and 81; Warwickshire, 136 and 67 for two wickets. Match drawn.	July 23, 24, 25.—At Brighton, v. Sussex. Sussex, 199 and 215; Warwickshire, 264 and 151 for five wickets. Warwickshire won by five wickets.	July 26, 28, 29.—At Bournemouth, v. Hampshire. Hampshire, 266; Warwickshire, 10 for one wicket. No result.	July 30, 31, Aug. 1.—At Taunton, v. Somerset. Somerset, 99 and 97; Warwickshire, 137 and 60 for six wickets. Warwickshire won by four wickets.	August 2, 4, 5.—At Edgbaston, v. Derbyshire. Warwickshire, 265 and 67 for two wickets (innings declared closed); Derbyshire, 180 and 36 for two wickets. Match drawn.	August 6, 7, 8.—At Edgbaston, v. Glamorgan. Glamorgan, 266 and 168; Warwickshire, 355 and 81 for two wickets. Warwickshire won by eight wickets.	August 9, 11, 12.—At Sheffield, v. Yorkshire. Warwickshire, 170 and 107; Yorkshire, 275 and 4 for no wicket. Yorkshire won by ten wickets.	August 13, 14, 15.—At Edgbaston, v. Middlesex. Warwickshire, 131 and 107; Middlesex, 280 for two wickets (innings declared closed). Middlesex won by an innings and 42 runs.	August 16, 18, 19.—At Edgbaston, v. Lancashire. Lancashire, 224 for four wickets. No result.	August 23, 25, 26.—At Nottingham, v. Nottinghamshire. Nottingham, 150 and 137; Nottingham, 323 for five wickets (declared closed). Nottingham won by an innings and 66 runs.	August 27, 28, 29.—At Dorset, v. Kent. Kent, 350; Warwickshire, 110 and 228 for four wickets. Match drawn.	August 30, Sept. 1, 2.—At Northampton, v. Northants. Warwickshire, 265 and 61 for two wickets; Northants, 219. Match drawn.
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### GOOD SCORES FOR WARWICKSHIRE.

Parsons.—v. Glamorgan, at Cardiff, 55; v. Worcester, at Kidderminster, 109; v. Northants, at Edgbaston, 109; v. Sussex, at Brighton, 158; v. Yorkshire, at Sheffield, 77; v. Kent, at Dover, 121.	Hon. F. S. G. Calthorpe.—v. Northants, at Edgbaston, 57; v. Derbyshire, at Derby, 65; v. Hampshire, at Edgbaston, 106; v. South Africans, at Edgbaston, 76; v. Sussex, at Brighton, 108; v. Derbyshire, at Edgbaston, 61; v. Northants, at Northampton, 66.	Quaife (W. G.).—v. Sussex, at Edgbaston, 56; v. Derbyshire, at Derby, 83; v. Leicestershire, at Leicester, 54; v. Derbyshire, at Edgbaston, 73; v. Glamorgan, at Edgbaston, 141.	Smith.—v. Northamptonshire, at Edgbaston, 54; v. Yorkshire, at Edgbaston, 57; v. Hampshire, at Edgbaston, 104; v. Leicestershire, at Leicester, 62.	Bates.—v. Derbyshire, at Derby, 64; v. Somerset, at Edgbaston, 70; v. South Africans, at Edgbaston, 76.	Santall.—v. Kent, at Edgbaston, 56 and 50; v. South Africans, at Edgbaston, 102; v. Glamorgan, at Edgbaston, 55; v. Kent, at Dover, 55; v. Northants, at Northampton, 75.	N. E. Partridge.—v. Glamorgan, at Cardiff, 62.	G. W. Stephens.—v. Sussex, at Brighton, 60.
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### THE AVERAGES.

	BATTING.				Bowling.			
	Inns.	Runs.	Inns. not out.	Avg.	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Avg.
Hon. F. S. G. Calthorpe.	32	927	2	30.90	814.5	109	2,088	16.84
Parsons.	39	1,068	3	29.66	220.2	56	551	17.77
Santall.	41	815	10	22.02	223.4	30	605	22.33
Quaife (W. G.).	41	803	14	21.70	651.3	195	1,432	22.37
Smith.	44	913	10	21.32	143.2	21	475	26.38
G. W. Stephens.	33	592	6	19.00	344.2	92	853	23.30
N. E. Partridge.	12	189	6	18.90	224	11	639	30.93
Bates.	35	330	7	17.32	28	3	113	—
R. E. S. Wyatt.	35	349	48	13.80	3	0	18	—
Croom.	19	200	30	13.33	6	0	30	—
E. P. Hewetson.	8	88	21	11.00	8	2	37	—
C. A. F. Fiddian-Green.	11	118	31	10.72	10.5	2	73	—
Jennings.	17	139	23	8.66	0.4	0	4	—
R. W. Quiffe.	15	113	28	8.07				
Howell.	31	104	20	7.80				
Kilner.	1	48	48	0				
Grayland.	2	6	0	0				
Smart.	1	4	4	0				

\*Signifies not out.

### HOWLING.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avg.
Howell.	814.5	109	2,088	121	16.84
N. E. Partridge.	220.2	56	551	31	17.77
Quaife.	223.4	30	605	27	22.33
R. E. S. Wyatt.	651.3	195	1,432	64	22.37
E. P. Hewetson.	143.2	21	475	18	26.38
Hon. F. S. G. Calthorpe.	344.2	92	853	23	37.30
Jennings.	224	11	639	16	30.93
Santall.	28	3	113	2	—
Bates.	3	0	18	1	—
Croom.	6	0	30	1	—
Kilner.	8	2	37	1	—
Grayland.	10.5	2	73	1	—
G. W. Stephens.	0.4	0	4	0	—