

MINOR COUNTIES CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP.

DURHAM v. NORTHUMBERLAND.

Chester-le-Street "Pro's" Spirited Batting Display.

A large crowd assembled at the opening match of the Minor Counties Cricket Championship held at Chester-le-Street on Whit Monday and Tuesday, between Durham and Northumberland.

The cricket all through was interesting and the position at the close of the first day was fairly even, Durham being 138 behind the Northumberland first innings total of 280 with six wickets to fall. If two catches, one at third man and another at the wicket, had been held, however, in the closing stages, Northumberland would have been in quite a strong position.

Northumberland, winning the toss, were given such a splendid start in the morning on a wicket which looked good for many runs that a very big score seemed in prospect. The "old firm," Bruce and Mackay, had put on 139 in 105 minutes before Bruce chopped a ball on to his wicket, but after Mackay had followed his partner to the pavilion five minutes later, and Lee had been bowled playing back to Howell, there was need for caution.

Durham had their "tails up," and batsmen who are not naturally free scorers were unable to maintain even their normal rate of scoring, with the result that, though 79 runs came from the fourth and fifth partnerships, 85 minutes were occupied in making them. Twenty-nine runs from the ninth wicket pair, of whom Craig claimed 20, improved the general scoring rate, however, so that in the end Northumberland were found to have made their 280 runs in 250 minutes.

By comparison, Durham made their first 60 runs at the rate of about one a minute, but got the next 82 in 45 minutes, thanks mainly to Dobson and Moon's penchant for boundaries.

Bruce was the more confident of Northumberland's opening pair for some time, and had quite a useful lead, but by lunch time Mackay was only four short of his partner's 60, the pair having then made 122 between them in 90 minutes. They were only together for ten minutes after lunch, Bruce being the first to leave after an attractively played 68, made out of 133 runs coming from the bat in 105 minutes.

Quite the feature of their stand had been the running between the wickets and the way in which both "placed" their singles to a fairly open field. It was more in the manner of first-class batsmen to see balls pushed towards point (when he was deep and hovering between two positions), and mid-on, or turned, which earned singles by good backing up. Bruce had ten 4's, and seven of them were made in front of the wicket. He should have been caught at slip when 45.

Mackay, second to leave at 141, made his 66 out of 134 in 110 minutes, and had seven 4's. He survived an l.b.w. appeal when six, and had one or two

streaky shots. He missed little on the leg and also had three square cuts to the boundary.

Broadbelt stayed 100 minutes while 88 runs were added, but scored only 32 of them, and might have been caught when 16. His three 4's came from square cuts. Wade undoubtedly helped to stop a threatened collapse, though taking 40 minutes over his 14 runs. Mutch, on the other hand, while defending well, did not fail to hit hard with safety and he had five 4's in his 28. Baxter did not get a great deal of the bowling, but showed better form than on his previous visit to the ground and cut neatly. Craig had a "life" when six and went on to make 20, hitting three 4's.

Ferens tried five bowlers before lunch, and six altogether, with a total of ten changes. He kept Howell on for 80 minutes in one spell after lunch, and seemed to err in not bringing Dobson on before 192, for the left-hander proved difficult to play. Elsdon also troubled the batsmen at times and Carr was perhaps unlucky in the morning. Ellis and Howell sent comparatively little loose stuff down, but naturally tired. The ground work was quite good.

Durham, who have seven or eight club-opening batsmen, sent out Clayton-Greene and Adamson, two old Dunelmians, to start their innings at 4.45, and they made 32 before Adamson was caught at the wicket. Gibbon and Clayton-Greene, and Adamson, two old Dunelmians, to start their innings at 4.45, and they made 32 before Adamson was caught at the wicket. Gibbon and Clayton-Greene, Sunderland's first wicket pair, carried the to 67 ere Clayton-Greene was bowled by Lee after making 30 in over the hour in his debutant county innings. Then Baxter yorked Gibbon, who hit well in front of the wicket, at 79 and 87 got Oliver caught at forward short-leg. Moon then came in to partner Dobson, and these two had actually put on 55 runs in a shade under 20 minutes, when time was called. Both had a "life" in forcing the pace, but they deserved it for their enterprise. Moon had 16 in one over from Machonachie. Dobson used the square cut with effect and also pulled hard for three of his six boundaries.

Machonachie had his five bowlers on, and frequently rang the changes.

There were about 5,000 spectators and the first day's "gate" was £201.

CARR'S FIREWORKS.

There was some merry hitting when the game was resumed on Tuesday, and, much to the delight of the Chester-le-Street spectators, Carr was the top scorer of the match.

Though Durham eventually won by nine wickets, they fared badly immediately after the commencement of the second day's play, losing two wickets in the first 16 minutes, whilst still 122 in arrears. Ninety-nine runs were still required to equal the visitors' total when the seventh wicket fell, Elsdon at 181 being the first "victim" in the North-East of the new rule governing l.b.w. and the snick.

From this point, however, Durham forged ahead, and largely through the instrumentality of Carr, who opened his shoulders to nearly everything which came his way, the home county put on 180 runs in an hour. Of these the local

"pro." contributed no fewer than 125, and his rate of scoring and hitting power may be gathered from the fact that he had five 6's and 18 4's—102 from shots which cleared or reached the boundary. Naturally he had some risky shots, but generally speaking it was one of the best innings he has ever played, besides being his highest in county cricket.

Machonachie's Sporting Action.

He started off with seven 4's, including 16 runs in one over from Baxter, and did not put a ball into the danger zone until all but making it possible for Mutch to bring off what would have been a very spectacular catch at long on, when his score stood at 31. He reached 50 in 27 minutes, having then hit a six and nine fours, and was 55 when rain caused a stoppage of 15 minutes. He resumed with a drive for four, and had reached 84 (two 6's and 14 4's) when he was caught on the boundary by Mutch off a big drive. The Northumberland captain, Ian Maconachie, was fielding on the boundary, too, on the other side of the wicket, and noticed that Mutch had half a heel or so over the line, though taking the catch in the field. He waved Carr (who was going out) back, and after consultation with the umpire, the batsman was allowed to resume, and the hit counted four.

Carr showed his appreciation of this let off by going on to reach three figures in 56 minutes, completing the hundred with a six. He gave a very hard chance a moment later, Wade making a fine attempt to take a running catch sideways, and then after hitting a four and another six, to take him to 111, play was stopped when Craig was struck in the mouth with a rising ball, and it was decided to take lunch.

Starting off again with a four and taking 18 runs from the over—a feat he had performed between 69 and 83—Carr wound up with a six, before being bowled by Baxter. His last five scoring shots produced 24, and he got a great ovation as he returned to the pavilion. He used the drive chiefly, and on this occasion hit his lofted shots with more power and certainty than usual. Pulls brought him a good number of his runs, all but 12 of which were made in front of the wicket.

115 Runs in 41 Minutes.

It would have been bad enough for Northumberland if Carr had been hitting alone while someone else was keeping an end up, but Harry Moon, of Darlington, was hitting before Carr came to join him at the fall of the seventh wicket, and he continued to do so with such effect that the pair actually carried the score from 181 to 296, an addition of 115 runs, in 41 minutes.

Moon's innings was somewhat overshadowed by Carr's, but it was a most valuable one, and there was genuine regret that he failed by nine to reach a hundred. Naturally he did not score so fast as Carr—no one else could very well—but he made 91 out of the 209 runs added in 100 minutes whilst he was batting, and on Tuesday morning he reached 52 after he had been batting 65 minutes, and then he got his next 39 runs in 35 minutes. He had one "life"

overnight, and gave the chance of a high catch at slip when 56. He was apt to mistime fast balls on the leg side, and was hit several times in this way, but his square cutting was very good, and he used the hook shot nicely at times. As may be gathered from the fact that he had 18 4's, there was any amount of power in his shots, particularly those which brought the wrists into full play.

With a lead of 90 runs Durham went into the field a second time well "on their toes," and when Howell dismissed Mackay and Bruce with only 25 runs scored it was obvious that something big would have to be done to prevent them winning. Broadbent and Lee played carefully for an hour while 40 runs were added, but half the side was out for 75; and though Mutch again hit well and Craig knocked up 17 in very plucky style, the total was but 147 when Hetherton joined Maconachie for the last wicket.

Thanks to smart running between the wickets, however, and some bold hitting, the last pair put on 29 before the captain was bowled for a well played 42. He had gone in at the fall of the sixth wicket and stayed fifty minutes while 68 runs were added, his best hits being five 4's. It was a courageous innings and gave Northumberland an outside chance, Durham having to get 87 to win with two hours at their disposal.

Adamson left at 23, out to a shot which he rarely plays, but Gibbon and Clayton-Greene stayed together 43 minutes to win the match. The amateur had 55 runs all told in his innings and Gibbon 74.

The latter's best hits in this innings were four 4's and five 3's. The Northumberland fielding was rather slack in the last half-hour and two chances were missed.

Baxter had the best bowling return for Northumberland, taking five for 87 (including 16 in one over) in the first innings. Hetherton bowled 18 overs on Tuesday morning without change and 44 in the match. Ellis, Dobson and Carr had good returns in the Northumberland second innings and Eldon's figures included 16 taken from him by Mutch in one over.

Dobson, four for 34, and Carr, four for 60, had the best Durham figures in the match, though Howell and Ellis bowled most overs, of course, and were never to be treated lightly. There was more variety in the Durham attack and Northumberland missed a left hand slow to medium bowler. Scores:—

Northumberland.—1st innings.

J. B. Bruce, b Howell	68
W. G. Mackay, lbw, b Ellis	66
F. T. Broadbent, c Carr, b Dobson	32
H. C. Lee, b Howell	3
W. D. Wade, b Eldon	14
J. Mutch, b Ellis	28
Baxter (L.), b Gibbon	19
I. C. Maconachie, b Carr	9
J. A. Allan, lbw, b Dobson	3
J. K. Craig, c Clayton-Greene, b Carr	20
Hetherton (W.), not out	0

Extras 18; total ... 280

Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell	23	3	62	2
Ellis	30	8	57	2
Carr	13	0	48	2
Eldon	12	1	31	1
Gibbon	5.1	0	39	1
Dobson	13	4	25	2

Durham.—1st innings.

C. L. Adamson, c Craig, b Maconachie	15
H. A. Clayton-Greene, b Lee	30
Gibbon (H.), b Baxter	29
T. K. Dobson, c Craig, b Hetherton	38
T. D. Oliver, c Mackay, b Baxter	1
H. N. Moon, b Hetherton	91
H. C. Ferens (capt.), b Hetherton	5
Carr (J.), b Baxter	125
A. Eldon, lbw, b Baxter	15
Howell (A. L.), not out	10
Ellis (S.), c Mackay, b Baxter	4

Extras 7; total ... 370

Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hetherton	33	10	123	3
Maconachie	10	1	52	1
Baxter	14.4	0	87	5
Lee	6	2	23	1
Allan	17	2	78	0

Northumberland.—2nd innings.

J. B. Bruce, c Ellis, b Howell	11
W. G. Mackay, c Oliver, b Howell	5
F. T. Broadbent, b Eldon	24
H. C. Lee, run out	12
W. D. Wade, c Ellis, b Dobson	9
J. Mutch, b Carr	23
Baxter, b Carr	6
I. C. Maconachie, b Ellis	42
J. L. Allan, c Ferens, b Dobson	0
J. K. Craig, b Ellis	17
Hetherton (W.), not out	7

Extras 20; total ... 176

Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Carr	3	1	12	2
Ellis	13.4	5	36	2
Eldon	12	5	33	1
Howell	17	3	55	2
Dobson	8	4	9	2
Gibbon	4	0	11	0

Durham.—2nd innings.

C. L. Adamson, c Broadbent, b Hetherton	5
H. A. Clayton-Greene, not out	25
Gibbon (H.), not out	45

Extras 18; total (1 wkt) ... 88

Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hetherton	11	4	25	1
Maconachie	5	0	11	0
Baxter	5	1	19	0
Lee	2.1	0	10	0
Allan	4	1	10	0

The receipts for the two days amounted to £254 5s 3d., being a record for several years.

DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE.

Boldon v. Chester-le-Street.

Boldon entertained Chester-le-Street on Monday, the result being a draw, largely due to a century by Hardy, of the home club, who made his third century in four games.

Chester-le-Street.

G. S. Bewick, c Shield, b Lang ...	56
C. F. Gowland, run out ...	74
W. Akers, b Lang ...	34
J. Ward, not out ...	53
A. Watson, b Lang ...	8
J. Turnbull, not out ...	33

Extras 12; total (4 wks) ... 270

Innings declared closed.

Bowling: Lang, 3 for 81

Boldon.

J. W. Bolton, st Wheatley, b Buglass 24	
Lang, c Akers, b Robson...	2
H. W. Hardy, not out ...	101
J. E. Brockhill, b Ward...	27
F. M. Boulton, b Crichton ...	4
H. G. Duncan, not out ...	1

Extras 6; total (4 wks) ... 165

Bowling: Crichton, 1 for 48; Robson, 1 for 25; Ward, 1 for 5; Buglass, 1 for 14.

Durham City v. Burnmoor.

Although without their three county players, Durham City gained an easy victory over Burnmoor.

Durham City.

T. Starling, c Noble, b T. Smith ...	33
A. Bates, c and b Forster ...	64
M. Bates, lbw, b T. Smith ...	4
C. H. R. Wilson, c T. Smith, b Clark ...	27
C. R. Milam, b Forster ...	13
E. Nichol, st Noble, b J. W. Bell...	4
W. R. Wilson, c Hardy, b T. Smith ...	41
C. F. Meikle, b A. Smith...	14
J. Cowan, b Fairbairn ...	5
U. W. Perrin, lbw, b T. Smith ...	0
E. W. White, not out ...	0

Extras 4; total ... 209

Bowling: J. L. Gelson, 0 for 43; J. W. Bell, 1 for 44; E. S. Clark, 1 for 30; T. Smith, 5 for 39; C. L. Fairbairn, 1 for 24; R. Forster, 2 for 25.

Burnmoor.

C. L. Fairbairn, c W. R. Wilson, b Cowan ...	14
T. Hardy, c Nichol, b Milam ...	10
E. S. Clark, c Milam, b White ...	31
R. Forster, b Cowan ...	4
A. Yellowley, b Perrin ...	3
J. L. Gelson, b Perrin ...	0
A. Lawton, not out ...	29
R. H. Elliott, c Nichol, b Perrin ...	1
J. W. Bell, b Perrin ...	0
T. Noble, b Cowan ...	17
T. Smith, c M. Bates, b Milam ...	4

Extras 7; total ... 120

Bowling: T. R. Milam, 2 for 31; J. Cowan, 3 for 39; J. W. Perrin, 4 for 27; E. H. White, 1 for 16.

Philadelphia v. Wearmouth.

On Monday a draw resulted from the meeting of Philadelphia and Wearmouth on the former's ground.

Wearmouth.

F. Thirlwell, c Dawson, b Ellison...	57
Whitehead, A. E., lbw, b Field ...	38
W. Charlton, b Field ...	5
E. C. Harrison, c Ellison, b Field...	30
H. P. Clode, c and b Field ...	9
A. Walton, not out ...	64
E. Hindson, senr., c Oliver, b Bewick	12
D. Holt, b Field...	0
J. Hindson, lbw, b Wilson ...	7
W. Madden, not out ...	12

Extras 13; total (8 wks) ... 247

T. Holyoak did not bat.

Bowling: Field, 5 for 77; Ellison, 1 for 61; Wilson, 1 for 49; Bewick, 1 for 47.

Philadelphia.

J. Blackbird, lbw, b E. Hindson ...	7
M. Wilson, c Clode, b Charlton ...	50
W. Jones, lbw, b E. Hindson ...	24
H. Dawson, c Holyoak, b Charlton	11
J. Pow, not out...	55
H. Bewick, c Charlton, b Clode ...	12
E. M. Martin, c Walton, b Charlton	2
I. Oliver, st Holyoak, b E. Hindson	15
J. Souleby, c Holyoak, b E. Hindson	10
S. Ellison, not out ...	5

Extras 7; total (8 wks) ... 198

Bowling: E. Hindson, 4 for 54; Charlton, 3 for 50; Clode, 1 for 48.

DURHAM IN WINNING POSITION.

Carr at It Again.

YORKSHIRE COLTS FARE BADLY.

As a result of yesterday's play at South Shields in the match against Yorkshire II., Durham placed themselves in a position that should ensure their second victory of the week and third of the season.

They had first use of the wicket and retained possession until 4 o'clock, during which period of 225 minutes they made 360 runs. Yorkshire were thus left with just under two hours before stumps were drawn, and after a very slow start they made a fair recovery, only to lose two wickets quickly just on time; and now, with five wickets down for 77 runs, they require 181 to save the follow-on.

Durham again owed a great deal to Jack Carr. He hit his second century in three county innings this season, and in making 127 he surpassed his Northumberland score by two runs, and brought his total to 312 for three innings.

Yesterday he was at the wicket for only 63 minutes, but there were four 6's and 18 4's from his bat during that stay. All the bowlers were treated alike. Shackleton, the "googly" man, was hit for a six and a four off the two last balls of one over, and for four successive 4's in the next; Goulder, the slow left-hander, was lifted out of the ground; then the Yorkshire fast bowler, Morton, was introduced, but from him Carr helped himself to two further 6's. Longfield might have held a skier at 47, but apart from a narrow escape in running a short single to give him his 50 there was no other chance until another drive, with more loft than distance, was well taken by Downes running back from deep mid-off.

HAMMOND'S ABILITY.

The nature of Carr's play may be realized when it is stated that practically throughout his innings there was only one fielder, apart from the keeper, behind the batsman.

Prior to Carr's advent Durham had lost Gibbon at 14, Ward at 60, Oliver at 62, Hardy at 114, and Ferens at 149.

Ward hit freely for 28, but Oliver was an hour over his 12 runs. Hardy commenced very cautiously, but after the interval he opened out, whereas his partner, Hammond, slowed down. Although he went on to reach 68 the Stockton man failed later to show his earlier freedom. Hammond had four 4's and a three in his first 23, but his later hits included only two further boundaries and one more three, and he had no less than 32 singles in all, 11 on end at one time.

Of course when he was in with Carr he naturally occupied a subordinate position, for of the 113 runs they added together in 34 minutes Carr had 88. When he did have an opportunity, however, Hammond showed the ability to make a delightful off drive, 40 of his runs coming from well-timed shots between long-off and cover point.

With so many runs on the later Durham batsmen could afford to take risks, and Elsdon and Hutchinson were particularly successful in forcing the pace. This pair added 36 for the last wicket, and Elsdon's well-played 34 not out had five 4's and two 2's amongst its 17 scoring strokes.

Morton, with four victims, claimed the most wickets, but Turner seemed to cause most trouble during his opening spell, whilst Shackleton, when he came on, beat both Hardy and Ferens, who tried to play back to him; and had it not been for Carr's punishment his would have been by far the best return.

HOWELL'S "MAIDENS."

Yorkshire had half an hour's batting before tea. They lost no wickets during this time, but there were only 16 runs scored. Howell and Ellis were the bowlers, and their figures were respectively 7-5-5-0 and 6-2-8-0. There was a little more enterprise after tea, but the introduction of Hutchinson for Howell proved to be a move which broke the partnership at a promising stage.

It was Broadhead who went first, bowled off-stick by Hutchinson's tenth ball. Grimshaw remained eight minutes, and so did Shackleton, but they made only seven between them, and both were out to Elsdon, who was meeting with success by the use of a deceptive leg-break. This meant that three wickets were down for 44.

Halstead found a useful partner in Turner, and they added 32 and looked like playing out the remaining 40 minutes.

Ferens had tried Carr, but an injury caused the latter to give way to Ellis after only one over. Then a last minute change of Gibbon for Howell brought about a dramatic wind-up to the day's play. Gibbon bowled Halstead fifth ball, and Ellis, with the second of the next over, completely beat Turner.

Although he failed to take a wicket, of Howell's 78 balls only four were scored from, and there were nine maidens in 13 overs. Scores:—

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

Gibbon (H.), b Morton	12
T. D. Oliver, b Goulder	12
J. Ward, c Bedford, b Turner	24
H. W. Hardy, b Shackleton	20
W. R. Hammond, at Buller, b Morton	14
H. C. Ferens, hit wkt, b Shackleton	17
Carr (J.), c Downes, b Morton	191
A. Elsdon, not out	34
Howell (A.), lbw, b Downes	0
Ellis (R.), b Morton	11
Hutchinson (R.), b Turner	12
Extras, 13; total	360

FALL OF THE WICKETS.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
16	60	62	114	149	202	317	317	324	360

YORKSHIRE II.—1st Innings.

Broadhead, b Hutchinson	16
Halstead, c Hammond, b Gibbon	31
Grimshaw, lbw, b Elsdon	4
Shackleton, b Elsdon	3
Turner, b Ellis	12
Downes, not out	0
Bedford, not out	1
Extras, 10; total (for five wickets)	77

FALL OF THE WICKETS.

1	2	3	4	5
20	38	44	70	76

Major R. C. Chichester-Constable, Buller, Morton, and Goulder to bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Morton	25	1	102	4
Goulder	18	4	60	1
Turner	21.3	1	70	2
Shackleton	11	1	65	2
Downes	8	0	54	1
10 byes, 3 leg byes.				

DURHAM'S THIRD SUCCESSIVE WIN.

Howell Finds His Form.

Durham gained their third successive victory this season when beating Yorkshire II. at South Shields yesterday by an innings and 186 runs. On Tuesday they overcame Lancashire II. at Sunderland by an innings and 61 runs, and at Chester-le-Street, at Whitsuntide gained a nine wickets win over Northumberland. This form should make them quite strong favourites for the Minor Counties' Championship challenge honours.

Such a result as the Westoe one was foreshadowed by the overnight position, when Durham, after scoring 390, got rid of five Yorkshiremen for 77. The visitors thus required 181 to avert the follow-on, and when their remaining five wickets fell yesterday morning for 23 more runs they had to go in a second time needing 260 to save an innings defeat. As they had four wickets down for 13 the match was more or less over, and when eight wickets had fallen at 36 Durham seemed certain of a win by an innings and over 200 runs; but Buller and Morton, taking all risks, hit lustily in the ninth partnership to increase the score by 38 runs and, incidentally, to spoil the analysis of Hutchinson. Howell, however, finished off the innings by taking the last two wickets at 71.

BOWLING TRIUMPHS.

In the morning it was Ellis and Howell who finished off the innings. The former was practically unplayable, and Howell came right back to his best form by taking four wickets in seven overs, one each in the last four. His fast, good length bowling, rather on the leg side, was too much for the Tykes.

Howell and Hutchinson bowled throughout the second Yorkshire innings, and Howell secured seven wickets for 27 runs, to give him a record in the match of:

O.	M.	R.	W.
32.4	15	51	11

or 11 for 41 yesterday, his four wickets in the morning costing only 14 runs.

The Durham fielding and wicket-keeping was good, with Ward outstanding for his fine stopping and accurate returns. Oliver fielded just as brilliantly, but did not get the ball in so well. Gibbon, out-fielding, had to stop but two shots yesterday, a fact which illustrates the lack of power in Yorkshire's batting.

The attendance was fairly good and the financial return for the two days in excess of that at Sunderland. Scores:

DURHAM.—1st Innings (Carr 127, Hammond 68, Elsdon 34, Ward 28, Hardy 20), 360.

YORKSHIRE II.—1st Innings.

Broadhead, b Hutchinson	16
Halstead, c Hammond, b Gibbon	31
Grimshaw, lbw, b Elsdon	4
Shackleton, b Elsdon	3
Turner, b Ellis	12
Downes, lbw, b Howell	0
Bedford, b Howell	11
Major R. C. Chichester-Constable, b Howell	0
Buller, not out	0
Morton, b Howell	0
Goulder, b Ellis	1
Extras, 12; total	100

FALL OF THE WICKETS.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
20	38	44	76	76	90	94	97	99	100

YORKSHIRE II.—2nd Innings.

Broadhead, c Ferens, b Hutchinson	10
Bedford, b Howell	2
Halstead, b Howell	0
Grimshaw, b Howell	0
Shackleton, b Hutchinson	1
Turner, b Howell	3
Downes, c Hardy, b Howell	7
Major R. C. Chichester-Constable, b Hutchinson	3
Buller, lbw, b Howell	13
Morton, not out	27
Goulder, b Howell	0
Extras, 4; total	74

FALL OF THE WICKETS.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
7	7	13	18	24	24	30	30	74	74

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

YORKSHIRE II.—1st Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell	20	10	24	4
Ellis	17.5	0	21	3
Elsdon	10	8	20	3
Hutchinson	8	3	15	1
Carr	1	0	2	0
Gibbons	1	1	0	1

YORKSHIRE II.—2nd Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell	12.4	6	27	7
Ellis	19	1	43	3
DURHAM won by an innings and 186 runs.				

DURHAM SHOULD WIN TO-DAY.

Staffordshire's Task.

SOUND BATTING AND FINE FAST BOWLING.

When Staffordshire last visited the Blackfyne ground, seven years ago, they gained a sensational win; but, unless something totally unforeseen happens to-day, Durham, themselves undefeated, will be the first to beat the Potteries side in the current season's competition, and so secure their fourth successive victory.

At the close of play at seven o'clock last night—play was extended to that hour to accommodate Staffordshire's train requirements, and there was a full six hours' cricket—Durham had managed to enforce the follow-on by getting rid of the last Staffordshire batsman in the concluding over and with about two minutes to go; and this morning the visitors will go in again at eleven o'clock requiring 151 to save an innings defeat.

Durham owed their strong position to steady batting—there were actually five scores of 40 or over, but all under 60—and excellent fast bowling, added to a couple of great catches which "shocked" Staffordshire. The absence of Barnes, who, as expected, had to go home to rest the body muscle strained at Jesmond on Monday morning, as against Northumberland, weakened the visitors' attack appreciably, but they had themselves to blame for not getting rid of Durham for less than 308, for chances were missed and runs given away by poor work in the field.

Blackhill belied its arctic reputation, for yesterday the sun shone all day with real warmth. There was an absence of wind, and the ground looked very well indeed from the elevated position of the new scorers' box, which gives quite a measure of dignity to the enclosure, and enables one to see what the ball is really doing.

T. K. Dobson fulfilled his first duty as captain of the side by winning the toss, and Durham opened on a fast, true wicket with Gibbon and Charles Adamson. A full toss on the leg side was properly dispatched to the boundary by Gibbon to commence with, and runs came at a steady rate until the Sunderland professional, at the end of half an hour, and with the score at 84, was caught at deep square leg from a skyer. His share was 21 runs, made up of five 4's, four on the leg side and the other an off drive—and a single.

BROTHERS AS PARTNERS.

His departure brought the Adamson brothers together and John soon got his eye in, driving through the covers and cutting hard, while Charles was scoring on the leg side. The partnership had produced 67 in 55 minutes when Charles, who had survived an appeal from Lockett for l.b.w., when the ball was pitched on the leg stick, was caught by that player off a shot somewhat similar to Gibbon's, a skyer from a short pitched ball which he did not quite get hold of. He had 41 out of 101 in 85 minutes and had four 4's.

Lunch was taken without further loss, 107 for two, but John Adamson was out to the 10th ball after the interval without adding to his score, Lockett taking a fast travelling ball from a cut with the left hand at backward point in splendid style. Adamson had, like his brother, made 41, out of 74 in an hour, and likewise had four 4's. He should have been stumped when 34 off Lockett, Green, the wicketkeeper, who was handicapped by an arm injury met with at Jesmond, failing to gather the ball with Adamson two yards out.

Dobson soon started to cut, off-drive and pull in his best style, and had scored 48 in 35 minutes when Lockett bowled him with a slowish ball which he tried to sweep round to leg, his being the fourth wicket to fall with the total at 168. He hit six 4's and a three and made 21 with his last seven scoring shots.

Ward, who had helped Dobson to add 50 in 25 minutes, was next partnered by his club professional, Carr, who started with a "life," Heath, the visitors' captain, stepping forward to a high catch at mid off and missing a ball which he could have held had he moved the other way. This proved a costly matter for

Carr hit up 20 in seven minutes—in the space of nine balls—before being caught in the identical spot where he had been missed. His hits were four 4's (successive shots), two 2's and two singles, and 18 runs came from one over.

TWO QUICK WICKETS.

Elson had an unhappy time before being beaten by Lockett, who had another catch dropped off his bowling before the sixth wicket fell at 207, and 18 runs later Howell was beaten by a ball from Joseph Boon which swung in late to take the off stick.

Hutchinson joined Ward and early on found the leg boundary with neat shots, but he lost the young Chester-le-Street player at 243. Woodhouse had been bowling to leg and making the ball go away, but he pitched one just outside the off stick and got Ward caught at the wicket after a stay of 75 minutes, in which the outgoing batsman had shown ability to hit well on the leg side and occasionally square cut. He had six 4's.

The ninth wicket put on 32 in 10 minutes, Ellis claiming 18, including three 4's from shots in front of the wicket, but he should have been caught at long off when 10, Lockett once again being the bowler.

James, the new wicket keeper from Darlington, joined Hutchinson, who had been batting well, for the last stand, and this actually produced 38 in 12 minutes, James hitting three leg 4's being caught on the boundary from a pull, and Hutchinson retiring with 40, made out of 85 in 40 minutes by good cricket and including six 4's. Leg shots and cutting were his forte.

The innings closed at 308 after lasting 205 minutes, the last 105 runs coming in an hour. Lockett had wretched luck, and Joseph Boon had to be carefully watched at times. Douglas White, who came in the side for Barnes, has some of the characteristics of Maurice Tate. He bowled fairly well, though not repeating his debutant performance of two years ago when he had three wickets for none in eight maiden overs.

DISASTROUS START.

Staffordshire started in disastrous fashion. Woodhouse was l.b.w. to Howell third ball, Homer was splendidly taken by the keeper low down on the off side from an out-swinging at 24, Mayer was bowled by Howell at 27, the ball coming off fast as he played across it, and at 44 Carr made a brilliant catch at deep point, falling and rolling over as he took the ball, to dismiss the aggressive Lockett. Bourne and Heath stayed together for an hour while adding 61 against a varied attack. Gibbon then got the captain l.b.w. for 27, and the next ball hit one yorked Smith on the off stick, Gibbon thus doing an excellent service to his side.

The next three partnerships took the score from 105 to 165, but the innings closed at the same total. Howell took three of the last four wickets and Ellis the other, the Shields bowler getting rid of Bourne, who, in at the fall of the first wicket and ninth to leave, defended well and also hit eight 4's and a six (a big leg shot) while making 61 out of the total runs. He was bowled by a ball just outside the leg stick which he turned inside in trying to force it away. Green hit a plucky 15.

Howell, Ellis and Gibbon had excellent bowling figures, the first-named getting five wickets. James stood right up to the fast bowling and kept wicket finely. The "gate" was £58 10s.

Scores:—

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

Gibbon (H.), c White, b Boon (J.)	21
C. L. Adamson, c Lockett, b White	41
J. A. Adamson, c Lockett, b Boon (J.)	41
T. K. Dobson, b Lockett	48
J. Ward, c Green, b Woodhouse	44
Carr (J.), c Heath, b Lockett	20
A. Elson, b Lockett	3
Howell (A. L.), b Boon (J.)	9
Hutchinson (E.), not out	40
Ellis, c Smith, b Lockett	18
E. T. L. James, c Woodhouse, b Lockett	12
Extras, 16; total	308

FALL OF THE WICKETS.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
84	101	109	158	180	207	223	243	276	308

STAFFORDSHIRE.—1st Innings.

H. W. Homer, c James, b Ellis	5
F. Woodhouse, lbw, b Howell	0
H. E. Bourne, b Howell	61
E. Mayer, b Howell	2
Lockett (A.), c Carr, b Ellis	12
J. S. Heath, lbw, b Gibbon	27
A. Smith, b Gibbon	0
W. Boon, b Howell	7
G. B. Green, b Howell	15
Boon (J.), c J. O. Adamson, b Ellis	8
D. White, not out	0
Extras, 18; total	155

FALL OF THE WICKETS.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	24	27	44	105	105	126	142	155	155

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Boon (J.)	29	5	125	3
Lockett	26.1	3	61	5
Woodhouse	11	3	29	1
White	7	2	27	1
Mayer	2	0	15	0

8 byes, 7 leg byes, 1 no ball.

STAFFORDSHIRE.—1st Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell	15	0	40	5
Ellis	15.1	7	29	3
Hutchinson	6	1	22	0
Carr	8	3	17	0
Elson	5	0	12	0
Gibbon	5	2	8	2

15 byes, 2 leg byes, 1 no ball.

T. K. DOBSON TO PLAY AT OLD TRAFFORD.

The following will represent the Minor Counties against Lancashire at Old Trafford on July 16 and following days:

W. T. Cook (captain), R. J. Woollatt, and Squires (H. S.) (Surrey), F. Hartley, W. W. Inge, and Walters (C.) (Oxfordshire), W. T. Brindley (Bucks), F. Rawlins (Bedfordshire), G. S. Watson (Kent), P. K. Dobson (Durham), and Smith (J.) (Wiltshire).

DURHAM'S FOURTH SUCCESSIVE WIN.

Howell Inspired. VICTORY BY TEN WICKETS AT CONSETT.

Durham had gained their fourth successive Minor Counties' Championship win of the season at Blackhill yesterday by ten minutes past three, and in beating Staffordshire by ten wickets were the first to lower the colours of the Potteries side whose 100 per cent. record Northumberland had spoilt at Jesmond on Tuesday by forcing a draw.

Such a decisive victory did not seem likely when Staffordshire following on 153 behind yesterday morning put on 57 for the first wicket, and went in to lunch with the score at 98 for two, 61 runs then being required to make Durham bat again and eight wickets to fall. After the interval, however, we had 65 minutes of Albert Howell bowling at his best, and in the end Durham were set to get only 17 runs to win, and these Gibbon (14) and C. L. Adamson secured in 25 balls.

In the morning Howell had been bowling, as on Wednesday, from the score box end. Yesterday it was seen that there was a hole in the near crease, evidently made by Howell's left foot in the course of his 18 overs. This affected Howell's delivery at times, for there was the foot check and consequent danger of twist or strain after delivering the ball. Thus in nine overs before lunch he did not get a wicket whilst conceding 26 runs.

INTO THE WIND.

Now after the interval Howell went on to bowl from the opposite end, into the wind, and started with a maiden. The next over yielded four runs, but he got a wicket in the third, a maiden, one in the fourth (one run), a maiden fifth, a wicket in a maiden sixth, and a wicket for two runs in the seventh, making his figures for this period 7-4-7-4.

The wicket-keeper missed a difficult chance, from the third ball of Howell's eighth over, and the latter beat W. Boon all over, without bowling him, with the fifth. The over cost two runs and the ninth five. Then, having bowled for an hour, he started the tenth over with a wicket and got another from the third ball, while he finished off the match with two dots and a wicket in his 11th over. The figures read:

O.	M.	R.	W.
10.3	4	15	7

His seven wickets cost 41 all told and he returned the following record for the match:

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37.3	11	90	12

It may be remembered that he had 11 for 51 in the last County match.

So far this season Howell has taken 28 Minor Counties' wickets for 11 runs apiece, and it is safe to say that no bowler has given Durham more whole-hearted service than this Westoe match-winner.

BOURNE UNLUCKY.

Beginning the day in arrears of 153 Staffordshire opened carefully on a slower wicket than Wednesday and Homer and Bourne sent up the 60 in 50 minutes. Seven runs later Bourne, who had batted well in the previous innings, was dismissed in a not particularly satisfactory manner. Gibbon had relieved Hutchinson at 57 and from the third ball he sent down Bourne was caught at the wicket, though it rather seemed as though the ball came off his waist. This was at the end of an hour's play and Bourne, in making 29 of the runs, had hit five 4's.

Then at 61 Dobson who had been troubling Homer completely beat the batsman who had scored 22 including

three leg 4's and one to cover. He had survived appeals at ten off successive balls for l.b.w. and stumping, Hutchinson being the bowler.

Smith showed his batting ability this time on joining Woodhouse and was more comfortable than the latter who had given a hard chance to slip a left hand when one. Smith was first to go, however, providing Howell with the first of his seven wickets—when at 112 James took a catch at the wicket low down from a swinger. Smith scored his 31 runs exclusively with the leg shot and the cut.

The fourth wicket fell at 118, when Howell beat Lockett with a swinger which hit the top of the off stick, and half the side were out for 120, Howell following up his own bowling to take a catch from Heath, who, twice mis-hitting, had been nearly caught at point in trying to turn Howell.

With the sixth wicket falling at 128, Mayer unluckily displacing a leg ball in turning and going out on appeal, it seemed that Durham would not need to bat again, but W. Boon stayed with Woodhouse to take the score to 162 before Howell got him caught and bowled.

LAST THREE FOR SEVEN.

Then the last three wickets fell for seven more runs. Woodhouse, wanting only three for his 50, had the middle stump knocked back by Howell, Ellis bowled Green with a medium off break, and Joseph Boon played across a straight Howell ball.

The innings produced 169 in 185 minutes, and Woodhouse, in at the fall of the first wicket and eighth out, made his 47 runs out of 106 in 115 minutes, hitting six 4's (three with his last three scoring strokes). It was a fine piece of all-round batting in the circumstances.

Staffordshire felt the absence of Barnes and three of their regular "home" batsmen. White, who came in after the Newcastle game, had not fully recovered from a broken toe. The fall of their first wicket on Wednesday for nothing and the catching of Lockett off a hard square cut that deserved a boundary all the way had not a little to do with the ultimate result.

All the bowlers tried except Carr and Hutchinson got wickets, and both these two deserved one or two, for they beat the bat a few times, Carr being especially unlucky. Gibbon came in very useful, breaking up a troublesome partnership each day and having three for 15. James again kept wicket well, and Ward and Hutchinson were very safe outfielders. Scores:—

DURHAM.—1st Innings (Ward 41, C. L. Adamson 41, J. A. Adamson 41, Hutchinson 40 not out, Dobson 45, Gibbon 21, Carr 20; Lockett 5-90), 308.

STAFFORDSHIRE.—1st Innings (Bourne 61, Heath 27; Howell 5-49, Ellis 5-30, Gibbon 5-8), 185.

STAFFORDSHIRE.—2nd Innings.

H. W. Homer, b Dobson	22
H. E. Bourne, c James, b Gibbon	29
F. Woodhouse, b Howell	47
A. Smith, c James, b Howell	51
Lockett (A.), b Howell	1
J. S. Heath, c and b Howell	6
E. Mayer, hit wicket, b Howell	6
W. Boon, c and b Howell	13
G. B. Green, b Ellis	7
Boon (J.), b Howell	0
D. White, not out	0
Extras, 13; total	169

FALL OF THE WICKETS.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
57	61	112	118	120	128	163	163	169	169

DURHAM.—2nd Innings.

Gibbon (H.), not out	14
C. L. Adamson, not out	1
Extras, 2; total (for no wicket)	17

DURHAM won by ten wickets.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

STAFFORDSHIRE.—2nd Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell	10.3	4	41	7
Ellis	14	6	31	1
Carr	9	4	20	0
Hutchinson	8	1	12	0
Dobson	14	3	30	1
Gibbon	6	2	7	1

DURHAM.—2nd Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lockett	2.1	1	5	0
White	2	0	10	0

DURHAM COUNTY AVERAGES.

Played 4; won 4.

1,447 runs scored for the loss of 89 wickets, an average of 37.10; opponents have scored 1,184 runs for loss of 80 wickets, an average of 14.80.

BATTING.

	Inns	N.O.	H.R.	Runs	Ave.
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Also batted: W. S. Hammond 68, J. A. Adamson 41, H. W. Hardy 26, E. T. L. James 12.

BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Ave.
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Hutchinson (E.)	61	14	165	12	12.0
Gibbon (H.)	21	5	65	8	13.00
T. K. Dobson	35	11	73	5	14.60
Ellis (S.)	121.4	39	296	15	13.73
A. Eldon	49.1	9	130	4	17.00
Carr (J.)	52	13	115	5	23.00

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J. Ward, c Green, b Woodhouse	44
Carr, c Heath, b Lockett	20
A. Eldon, b Lockett	3
Howell, b J. Boon	9
Hutchinson, c Woodhouse, b Lockett	40
Ellis, c Smith, b Lockett	18
E. T. L. James, not out	12
Extras	16

Total 393

STAFFORDSHIRE—1st Innings.

H. W. Homer, c James, b Ellis	5
F. Woodhouse, lbw, b Howell	0
H. E. Bourne, b Howell	61
E. Mayer, b Howell	2
Lockett (K.), c Carr, b Ellis	12
J. S. Heath, lbw, b Gibbon	27
A. Smith, b Gibbon	0
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Carr	8	3	17	0
Gibbon	5	2	8	2
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STAFFORDSHIRE—2nd Innings.

	O.	M.O.	R.	W.
Howell	19.3	5	41	7
Ellis	16	6	32	1
Carr	8	4	26	0
Hutchinson	5	1	12	0
T. K. Dobson	14	3	30	1
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THE COUNTY GAME: SOME REFLECTIONS.

It was to be greatly regretted that a full day's play was not possible last Thursday in the county game at Blackfins. The end arrived soon after three o'clock—just at a time when, probably, many people would have paid a visit to the ground, which, by the way, looked in splendid condition, and the beautiful wicket prepared by George Richards stood the strain of two days' play well. Perhaps the most satisfactory feature about the Durham innings was the fact that so many men on the side proved themselves capable of making runs. I should say that it is something unique that in a total of over 300 runs there was not a single batsman that reached the half-century. But five of the side got into the forties. That highly promising player, Ward, of Chester-le-Street, was top scorer with 44, but he only beat his captain by a single run, T. K. Dobson giving us an attractive display of free and forcing cricket. The brothers Adamson made 41 apiece, whilst Hutchinson surprised many by playing capital cricket for his 40, and he can obviously bat as well as bowl. Owing to an unfortunate error Hutchinson was returned in the papers as out, when really he was undefeated. It was James, the wicket-keeper, that was last out.

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One would fain draw a veil over the work of Staffordshire in the field, as it was far from being up to the standard that we expect in a county fixture. Both the catching and ground fielding were extremely moderate. J. Boon, who secured three wickets, but at a big expense, is very fast, and there was considerable discussion as to whether he or Howell was the faster. I was told that Fletcher, one of the umpires, considered Boon to be the faster. He certainly makes the ball come off the pitch at a rare rate. I don't suppose that John Carr will look upon the Blackfins enclosure as one of his happy hunting grounds, as he but seldom explodes any of his fireworks there. He hit up 30 in a few minutes, but might have been out before he had opened his account. John seems to reserve his sparkling displays for grounds further away from home. Perhaps he will oblige again at Ashbrooke next week. I was disappointed with Elsdon, for whom, I am afraid, the occasion was rather too big. He never shaped with anything approaching confidence, and seemed to be always "feeling" for the ball. And yet he was in quite a long time for a modest three. Lockett, who is a great-hearted player, captured half the wickets, and also brought off a brace of catches. He was badly supported in the field.

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In direct contrast to that of the home side, the Staffordshire reply of 153 was practically the work of three or four men. Bourne played nice cricket for his 61 before he found one from Howell too good for him. The captain, Heath, also shaped attractively, albeit he was never at home with Elsdon's "glows" when the Medomsley bowler came on towards the close of the innings. Perhaps the most spectacular incident of the match was a marvellous catch at point by Carr, and I feel certain that no other man on the field could have taken it. Lockett put all his strength into a cut off Ellis, and it appeared to be a boundary all the way—which it deserved. But we had reckoned without Carr, who dived for the ball with his long arm at full stretch, just got hold of it, rolled over a time or two, but never relaxed his hold of the ball. It must have been the sort of catch by means of which the English captain, A. P. F. Chapman, has made a name for himself. It earned for the Chester pro. probably the warmest cheers of the day—and well he deserved them. It was a masterpiece. We were all very sorry that Barnes was unable to turn out owing to an injury sustained in the game against Northumberland. Howell rendered splendid service with five for 40.

It was a pity, for the sake of the game, that the game was not left in a more interesting condition, as the visitors, 153 behind, followed on when the match was resumed on Thursday morning before a poor attendance. Staffordshire opened in highly promising fashion, as six bowlers were tried before the opening pair were separated, and the score-board read 57 for one at that time. After Bourne's dismissal, Woodhouse and Smith batted confidently, and it appeared to be quite on the cards that Durham would be set a decent score to win. The first four Staffordshire men put on over 120, but the lunch must have affected the remainder, as Howell skittled them out almost as quickly as they could come in. The Shields pro. was practically irresistible after the interval, and whilst he had 26 hit off him before he secured a victim, he finished up with the grand figures of seven for 41. Howell is a real match winner. Carr bowled admirably without capturing a wicket. Durham had the easy task set them of obtaining 17 runs for victory, and these were hit off without loss. Gibbon claiming 14 of them. Thus the game fizzled out tamely at 10 past three.

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A SAD AFFAIR.

I feel sure that the utmost sympathy will go out to Mr. Albion Heckels, of Burnhope, and all the bereaved relatives as a result of the tragic death of Mr. Matthew Heckels, who died from injuries received on the railway. There are many people in the Consett district who well knew the deceased gentleman, and the news of his sad death came as a shock to them. Mr. Matthew Heckels occupied an important position under Messrs. Ritson, and resided at North Shields. He was a keen lover of our summer pastime, and at one period played for Tynemouth II. He took a great interest in church affairs, Freemasonry, etc., and his place will be difficult to fill, as his interests were many and diversified. Needless to say, the news cast a gloom over deceased's native village of Burnhope, where he was so well-known and highly esteemed. Always genial and kindly, he made friends wherever he went, and his passing is deeply deplored in many places. He was but 51 years of age.

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I have mentioned above the name of Mr. Albion Heckels, than whom there is probably no more popular follower of cricket in the district. He captained Burnhope for several years, and earned for himself, deservedly, the name of being one of the finest sports it was possible to meet with. I had the pleasure, many years since, of playing several times at Burnhope, where we always received the best of treatment and hearty hospitality. But what else could you expect from a side which included Albion Heckels and Joe Robinson? At that time, too, Jack Gair was at his best, and when that was the case he took a considerable amount of playing. After a long absence I paid a visit to Burnhope a few weeks ago, and found the same good spirit of sportsmanship prevailing as in the days of "Auld Lang Syne"

to which I have alluded, and I also found my old and esteemed friend, Albion Heckels, not a little bit changed. He was as cordial, genial, and generous as ever, and we enjoyed a "crack" over old times. Other friends that I came in contact with were the same, with the result that I spent a delightful time. I have sometimes heard Burnhope spoken of in a disparaging manner. Why I don't know. Upon the occasion of my visit I found everyone the essence of courtesy and kindness, and also real good sports.

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CONSETT'S REVIVAL.

STILL IN THE RUNNING.

The Consettians showed pretty conclusively at the Preston Avenue ground, North Shields, on Saturday, that they are still a factor to be considered in the fight for the championship of the Tyne-side Senior League, and at the moment they are bracketed with two other clubs for topmost posi-

tion on the chart of merit. It was an admitted fact that Tynemouth had designs upon the championship at the beginning and for some weeks after the commencement of the season, but it would now seem that they have but a poor chance of realising their ambition. It was not perhaps the fact that Consett beat the outsiders that surprised so much as the very decisive manner in which the home men went under. They were made to look like a very ordinary side, and their batting particularly was lacking in enterprise, albeit it must be admitted that the visitors' bowling was exceptionally good, and it was highly gratifying to see Coulson return to something like his old form.

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Willie Foggan was absent from the Consett side—being at Leeds for the Test game—but, fortunately, Harry Dyson was able to resume with excellent effect, and with Willie Foggan back again no doubt a determined effort will be put forth to retain the championship. The feature of the Consett venture was the level nature of the scoring, no fewer than eight men securing double figures. Moon, who had rather disappointed since being promoted, led the way with a well-played 33, Ellison again doing well with 26, and he would now appear to have become an indispensable member of the senior team. Then Whaley (who was undefeated at the close) and Dyson also got into the twenties, whilst Headley had the misfortune to be run out with 17 to his credit. We are all anxious to see Headley give us a taste of that form which he displayed two seasons since. After batting for about two and three-quarter hours for 180, Alf. Oliver decided to close the innings with a wicket yet to fall. Rather curiously, McCreddie failed to secure a single victim, but the other bowlers tried hard fair figures.

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Probably no one present was prepared for the sensational cricket that followed when Tynemouth entered upon their response. Coulson at once sent back Mutch with a splendid ball that beat the county man all ends up, and then he served Lee in similar fashion. The early downfall of these two batsmen, who have been scoring freely, appeared to cast a damper over the home men. Dyson emulated the good work of the pro. by dismissing Purvis and McCreddie, and half the side were out for but few runs. This disastrous start the residents never recovered from, although Turnbull and Brown made a valiant effort to stem the tide, but received no assistance. Ridley Rhind was selected, but expressed a desire before the match to be relieved. A substitute was called upon, but he had not arrived when the game commenced. Rhind fielded as a substitute pending the arrival of the eleventh man, but the latter never materialised. Rhind then took the eleventh place and batted last, showing all his old-time freedom during his few minutes at the wicket. It was held by some of the spectators that Rhind had no right to bat, seeing that he fielded as a substitute, but as he did not affect the result there was no need to press the point.

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In my opinion, according to the laws of the game Rhind had no right to bat after fielding as a substitute. An exactly similar case at Medomsley the previous Friday night caused a lot of bad feeling, but I failed to see why it should. Suppose, for the sake of argument, Tynemouth had only required three or four runs for victory at the fall of their ninth wicket, Consett would have been perfectly justified in objecting to Rhind batting. I cannot for the life of me see anything unsportsmanlike about it; it is simply obeying the laws of the game. As I understand it, it is only by the courtesy of the opposing captain that a substitute is allowed to come on at all. I hope that we shall have no more maudlin sentiment over this question. Reverting to the game at Preston Avenue, it should be said that both Dyson and Coulson bowled finely, and it was due to their efforts that the back of the Tynemouth batting was broken. The summary dismissal of Mutch and Lee must have meant a lot. Dyson had the best figures with four for 26, Coulson had the same number for 33, with Whaley one for one, and Ellison one for 18. It was truly a famous victory.

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PLUCKY LANGLEY.

In the face of many drawbacks calculated to make the most optimistic lose heart, those associated with the Langley Park club are putting forth plucky efforts to keep the flag flying. It probably needs no words of mine to emphasise the fact that this is no easy matter, and practically only a handful of enthusiasts are left to carry on. The club at present is at the bottom of the league

table, and it appears to me that they cannot hope to materially improve their position until some of the youngsters now comprising the team have developed upon the right lines. There can be no doubt about it that the club has the call upon some highly promising material, which requires more experience before being of outstanding service to the club. I should say that Langley has the youngest side in the competition, but it is quite possible that in the course of a year or two they may improve to such an extent as to enable them to compete upon something like equal terms with opposing clubs.

When Medomsley visited Langley Park on Saturday it was a case of the two extreme meetings, and anything but a comfortable win for the league leaders never entered one's calculations. Elsdon and Hurst, who opened for Medomsley, enjoyed a rare time at the expense of the home bowlers. They took the total to 190 before a separation was effected, when the old Malton Colliery player was sent back for a vigorous 70. Hodgson and Stoddart stayed with Elsdon until he had completed his century, and with the fall of the Southampton footballer's wicket, Wheatley enforced the closure for the big total of 228 for the loss of three wickets, which were made in about 10 minutes under two hours. Elsdon carried out his bat for 111, and always had the mastery over the attack, which was well collared. The home men batted very pluckily in response, but were indebted to some poor fielding on the part of Medomsley, several easy catches being dropped. Newall shaped best with the bat, and it was a creditable feat to put on 127 against the leaders of the league.

"TAIL" WAGS FEEBLY.

It was a thousand pities that rain commenced to fall about half-past four on Monday afternoon, as this fact undoubtedly prevented a number of people from making the journey to Blackhill who had intended to be present at the final of the Richard Murray Hospital Competition for the Walton Bowl, kindly presented by Mr. G. H. Walton, late stationmaster at Blackhill. Under the circumstances, I was surprised to see such a splendid crowd present, and with nearly 250 taken as it was at the gate, what would it have been with a fine summer night in evidence? I should hazard the opinion that all local records would have gone by the board. There was a long string of motor cars outside the Consett ground reminiscent of the county game, and that the figures for the latter match would have been beaten with fine weather prevailing, I have but little doubt. And it was a most enthusiastic crowd, who warmly cheered every piece of good play—and also some that was not good.

Medomsley began in such a manner as to inspire their followers with reasonable hopes of taking the bowl home with them. Elsdon and Hodgson effected a good stand and faced the attack of Armstrong and Francis with confidence. With only two or three men out, and 70 on the board, it was felt that things were going nicely for Medomsley, and thus far the players had exceeded anticipations. The turning point came when Smith took over the ball from Armstrong, and he at once had the batmen in difficulties with his in-swingers, and was also keeping a beautiful length. None of the latter half of the side could make anything of his deliveries, and he came out with the remarkable analysis of five wickets for but nine runs. Some bowling this! Francis had four for 26, but was entirely put in the shade by his colleague at the other end. The curious part of the business is that a gentleman from Seaham informed me that Smith had only just been promoted from the second team. Great Scott! Seaham have evidently been harbouring a match-winner unawares.

The Medomsley venture, which opened in such highly promising fashion, finished up ingloriously for the moderate total of 80, the last seven wickets only adding some 18 runs. No one could stand up to Smith. Let me also pay a tribute to the Seaham skipper, Williamson, for his clever placing of the field, as he appeared to have a man for every stroke, and no runs were thrown away. Medomsley had to fight hard for everything they got. Rain was falling and the light was not too good when Seaham commenced their task, but Brown and Dunn shaped with confidence until the former was run out through a misunderstanding. Francis came next, and he and Dunn advanced the total slowly but steadily, but bad judgment in running cost Dunn his wicket. As he came out he seemed to make some remark to Francis which I should say, was scarcely of a complimentary character. Williamson came next, and victory was in sight when Turner—who had come on for Elsdon—well beat and bowled Francis after the pro. had had one or two narrow escapes.

With Hunter in the necessary runs were soon knocked off, and Seaham triumphed by seven wickets. Had the Medomsley "tail" only made a half decent show the bowl might have been kept in the district, as only eight overs remained for play when the winning hit was made. A total of about 120 would probably have done the trick. It was surprising in view of the fact that so many runs were made on the leg side that at times there was but one man fielding in this position. I should certainly have had three. In the presence of a cheering crowd in front of the pavilion, Coun. G. T. Hyden (Chairman of Governors and Trustees of the Hospital) introduced Miss Evans, the matron, to hand over the bowl to Williamson. It is of no use crying over spilled milk, and Medomsley must now concentrate upon retaining possession of the Tanfield Nursing Cup when they meet Oraghead at Blackline to-morrow (Friday) night. Of late the Head have shown themselves to be a vastly improved side.

LINTZ V. SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

The meeting between these clubs at Lintz on Saturday last, under N.W. Durham League auspices, provided the spectators with many thrilling episodes, and the highest score recorded upon the ground this season. The home team took first knock, and thanks are again due to the Brothers Hickman, stalwarts of the club, for snatching a victory with only three balls to go. George and Sam Hickman opened the innings for Lintz, and before they were separated no fewer than 188 runs were compiled—a record for the club in a first wicket partnership. George Hickman gave a brilliant display of hitting all round the wicket for 147, and in the hour and 25 minutes he was at the wicket he sent the ball to the boundary upon 39 occasions. Joseph Hickman, in compiling 32, showed the crowd how to score runs rapidly. His total was made up of 14 shots, these including 11 fours, one five, and two singles. The home team declared with a total of 303 for seven wickets after two hours and ten minutes batting, and the display given by their batmen was a credit to the club.

A splendid response to the huge total was made by Shotley Bridge, but they failed in their task to effect a draw. T. Albon (87) and Norman Barron each gave capital performances with the bat for their club, and Shotley also played a man short. Lintz thus avenged a defeat they received at Lintz by Shotley Bridge in a cup-tie earlier in the season, when Barron fielded a ball before it reached the boundary and successfully had an opponent run out, and they won by a single run.

WHICKHAM HOSPITAL CUP.

FINAL.

SOUTH MOOR V. BIRTLEY.

In a divisional final of the Whickham Hospital Cup competition at Birtley, South Moor won by 26 runs.

SOUTH MOOR.

F. Ramshaw, c Dobson, b Hall	30
J. Dodds, lbw, b Adamson	62
E. Reed, b Hall	2
T. Collin, c Adamson, b Hall	0
W. Pomeroy, b Surry	17
J. Daglish, b Surry	23
F. Swinney, b Adamson	0
Naylor, b Surry	3
G. McNeal, c and b Adamson	0
S. Christopher, c Dobson, b Adamson	1
W. Roxby, not out	1
Extras	1

Total 140

BIRTLEY.

J. Chisholm, c Naylor, b Collin	31
J. Ames, c Ramshaw, b Swinney	11
J. Adamson, run out	17
G. Dobson, c Pomeroy, b Naylor	20
W. Dixon, c and b Reed	1
J. Hall, b Reed	0
B. H. Surry, c Christopher, b Reed	10
W. Adamson, b Naylor	4
H. Hornsby, c and b Naylor	17
C. Pick, not out	2
J. Strong, not out	1

Total 114

RICHARD MURRAY HOSPITAL COMPETITION.

MEDOMSLEY V. SEAHAM HARBOUR.

Though the inclement weather kept the attendance down at Blackhill, on Monday night, 248 was taken at the final of the Richard Murray Hospital (Walton Bowl) charity competition. Seaham Harbour, in winning by seven wickets, secured a trophy for the first time in the history of the club.

and there was much jubilation amongst their numerous supporters.

Medomsley, batting first, had 16 on before Hurst provided Francis with his 100th wicket of the season, and the second wicket did not fall until 46, in the 12th over. Seventy was reached with only Hurst and Hodgson out, but then Smith, a promoted player, took over from Armstrong, and, in swinging the ball, got Elsdon's wicket after the county batsman had made 33. Smith got a second in his third over, and two in his fourth, while Francis finished off the innings in the 29th over with the total at 80, the last seven wickets adding only 18 runs.

Rain was falling when Seaham started to bat in bad light, but their first two wickets put on 57 in 16 overs, both Brown and Dunn being run out through a misunderstanding. The light improved with Francis and Williamson together and eventually Seaham won in the 24th over—after Francis had been bowled by Turner. The Medomsley fielding was keen, but the placing of the men left loopholes. Scores:—

MEDOMSLEY.

G. Hurst, c Hunter, b Francis	6
J. Hodgson, c Dunn, b Armstrong	21
A. Elsdon, c Dunn, b Smith	33
S. Hall, b Francis	11
A. S. Pattison, b Francis	0
W. Stoddart, c Francis, b Smith	5
J. Wheatley, b Smith	3
R. White, b Smith	2
C. Turner, c Francis, b Smith	0
E. Crawford, c and b Francis	2
A. Rutherford, not out	4
Extras	3

Total 90

Bowling: Francis, 14.1, 2, 36, 4; Armstrong, 8, 0, 42, 1; Smith, 5, 1, 27, 5.

SEAHAM HARBOUR.

W. Brown, run out	12
S. Dunn, run out	31
Francis, b Turner	20
G. H. Williamson, not out	20
W. L. Hunter, not out	4
Extras	4

Total (for 3 wkts.) 91

Bowling: Elsdon, 7, 0, 22, 0; Pattison, 7, 0, 31, 0; Turner, 5, 3, 11, 1; Stoddart, 2, 0, 15, 0; Hurst, 2, 0, 8, 0.

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JOHN SAUNDERS CUP.

SOUTH MOOR V. DURHAM CITY.

Durham City had a comfortable victory over South Moor on Friday night, winning by 46 runs. There was a large crowd present, and the gate receipts amounted to over £25. Scores:—

DURHAM CITY.

C. L. Adamson, run out	41
J. A. Adamson, st. McNeal, b Naylor	19
M. Bates, lbw, b Reed	0
G. H. R. Wilson, b Naylor	1
E. Nichol, st. McNeal, b Collin	9
S. Ellis, c Daglish, b Reed	9
J. Iley, c Pomeroy, b Naylor	34
J. Cowan, st. McNeal, b Naylor	10
C. R. Milam, retired hurt	0
T. Darling, not out	6
J. Perrin, not out	8
Extras	17

Total 152

SOUTH MOOR.

J. Dodds, run out	1
F. Ramshaw, b Ellis	40
W. Pomeroy, c Perrin, b Ellis	6
W. Welsh, b Ellis	4
T. Collin, c C. L. Adamson, b Perrin	20
J. Daglish, b Ellis	11
F. Swinney, lbw, b Perrin	5
E. Reed, st. Wilson, b Perrin	5
Naylor, c C. L. Adamson, b Ellis	9

G. McNeal, b Perrin	1
S. Christopher, not out	0
Extras	4
Total	10

STANLEY WESLEYANS v.
BURNHOPE II.

Stanley Wesleyans were defeated before their own supporters by Burnhope II on Saturday by five wickets. J. W. Littlefair carried out his bat for the winners for 31, while Moralee and Allan performed well with the ball. Todd for the Wesleyans, clean bowled five Burnhope batsmen. Scores:—

STANLEY WESLEYANS.

J. Rutherford, b Allan	12
R. Armstrong, b Moralee	5
H. Taylor, b Moralee	4
E. Parker, c Fish, b Moralee	5
A. Todd, c Selway, b Allan	1
R. Teasdale, b Moralee	2
S. Brown, c Armstrong, b Moralee	2
F. Middlemast, b Allan	1
S. Collins, b Allan	1
C. Moir, b Allan	5
T. Taylor, not out	0
Extras	10
Total	54

BURNHOPE II.

T. Fish, b Todd	7
J. Patterson, b Todd	0
J. W. Littlefair, not out	31
A. Armstrong, b Todd	0
J. Allan, b Todd	3
W. H. Johnson, b Todd	2
M. Selway, not out	0
Extras	14
Total (for 5 wickets)	57

BLACKHALL MILL v. TANFIELD.

Tanfield were successful at Blackhall Mill on Saturday by two wickets, in a 3rd. Division N.W.D. League fixture.

BLACKHALL MILL.

R. Winship, c Watson, b Jos. Armstrong	10
T. Seymour, c T. Thompson, b Jos. Armstrong	6
E. Davison, c S. Corbett, b Oliphant	9
T. Richardson, lbw, b T. Thompson	7
R. Musgrove, c W. Corbett, b T. Thompson	2
M. Little, not out	18
W. Lonsdale, b S. Thompson	2
T. Oxley, c Jno. Armstrong, b S. Thompson	3
R. Bell, b S. Thompson	0
T. Shearer, c S. Thompson, b Swinburn	0
J. Little, b S. Thompson	9
Extras	7
Total	82

TANFIELD.

T. Swinburn, c Little, b Seymour	17
S. Corbett, b Little	3
W. Thirlwell, b Seymour	0
L. Oliphant, c Lonsdale, b Shearer	12
S. Thompson, b Seymour	3
Jno. Armstrong, not out	23
T. Thompson, c Little, b Shearer	0
J. Watson, c Davison, b Richardson	17
J. Corbett, lbw, b Little	2
W. Corbett, not out	0
Extras	7

Total (for 8 wickets)

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BOWLERS IN COMMAND AT REDCAR.

Durham Out for 156 but
Well Placed.

ELLIS'S REMARKABLE FIGURES.

Durham had the best of the play in the opening day of their return match with Yorkshire II., which commenced at Redcar yesterday, scoring 156 and then getting nine of their opponents out for 42. Durham had not previously failed to exceed 300 in a completed innings, but, as may be judged from the Yorkshire debacle, the wicket was very difficult for the batsmen. In fact, it was a veritable "glue pot" in the afternoon.

Redcar had not escaped the heavy thunderstorm of Tuesday, and at five o'clock that night the ground was under water, so that, although the weather was fine yesterday morning, it was not possible to commence play at 11.30.

A start was made at 12.10, however, and Cecil Ferens, winning the toss for Durham, took Charles Adamson with him to open the innings. Both Adamson and Gibbon were out with 36 on the board, but Ferens found Dobson a good partner, and these two added 42 for the third wicket, which proved to be the best stand of the day.

Ferens, fourth out at 114, batted two hours and 23 minutes, and hit only one four in his score of 44. He had played a great innings for his side in the circumstances.

MOON TOP SCORER.

Moon was the top scorer, however, with 49, in which were six 4's, all drives. He was in for 70 minutes, and rendered his side invaluable service. He was fifth to leave at 142, and a remarkable collapse followed his departure, the sixth, seventh and eighth wickets all going down at the same total.

A run later the ninth wicket fell, but Ellis and Hutchinson put on 13 for the last, the total of 156 runs having occupied three hours and 35 minutes. Hutchinson's only score was a six off Turner.

Fisher, like Verity and Backhouse, a left-arm bowler, was chiefly responsible for the collapse in the following spell:

O.	M.	R.	W.
5	4	2	4

Turner always troubled the batsmen with his leg spinners.

TWO RUNS—FOUR WICKETS.

Yorkshire went in after tea and made such a disastrous start that they lost four wickets for two runs, all clean bowled. Ellis claimed three of them and Howell one. Ellis got the fifth wicket at 12, and then Richardson (a Scarborough amateur who has been doing well) and Fisher made the only stand, adding 15. Ellis broke up the partnership by dismissing Richardson, and he also secured the next two wickets, to finish the day with the following remarkable figures:—

O.	M.	R.	W.
18	11	17	7

Howell had one for three in five overs, Dobson one for 13 in nine overs, and Hutchinson none for 8 in four overs.

There was a gratifying attendance, the "gate" being the best at Redcar this season.

Prior to the match J. Ward and Hutchinson were presented with their County caps by the Durham skipper, H. C. Ferens. Scores:

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

H. C. Ferens, c Fisher, b Turner	44
C. L. Adamson, c Fisher, b Hall	7
Gibbon, b Backhouse	9
T. K. Dobson, c Verity, b Backhouse	21
H. N. Moon, c Richardson, b Fisher	49
H. W. Hardy, c Chichester-Constable, b Turner	4
J. Ward, c Richardson, b Fisher	0
Carr, c Jennings, b Fisher	0
Howell, c Jennings, b Fisher	1
Hutchinson, not out	6
Ellis, c Sellars, b Turner	0
Extras	0
Total	156

FALL OF THE WICKETS.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10	20	73	114	142	142	142	142	143	156

YORKSHIRE II.—1st Innings.

Broadhead, b Ellis	1
Bedford, b Ellis	0
A. H. Sellars, b Ellis	0

Turner, b Howell	1
Backhouse, b Ellis	2
A. J. Richardson, lbw, b Ellis	16
Fisher, not out	11
Verity, lbw, b Ellis	5
Major R. C. Chichester-Constable, b Ellis	0
Hall, b Dobson	5
Jennings, not out	5
Extras, 1; total (for nine wickets)	42

FALL OF THE WICKETS.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	1	2	2	12	27	35	37	42

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hall	11	2	20	1
Fisher	20	6	34	4
Verity	13	2	33	0
Backhouse	19	4	41	2
Turner	15	7	20	3

NORTHUMBERLAND STILL IDLE.

For the second day in succession Northumberland had a blank day when visiting Old Trafford yesterday for the opening of their match with Lancashire II. An inspection at two o'clock showed the wicket to be unfit for play, and the start was postponed until this morning—weather permitting!

DURHAM'S WINNING CAREER CHECKED.

First Innings Points
Secured.

ELLIS'S FEATS AGAINST YORKSHIRE II.

Durham could only get first innings points against Yorkshire II. at Redcar and so lost their hundred per cent. record, but they are still at the top of the table with 93.33, Buckinghamshire being second, with 80.00. Durham had won their previous five matches by wide margins and only the clock saved Yorkshire in the current match, for Durham, with a full innings to play, required 152 to win. They had only 90 minutes available, including the extra half hour for batting, however. At the end of 70 minutes they had secured 90 runs and no further purpose being served by the match going on, stumps were pulled up.

The wicket was even in a softer condition than on the previous day, heavy rain having fallen overnight, and the start was delayed until 11.30, the loss of this half hour, as it proved, practically robbing Durham of complete success.

Jennings and Fisher only added five in the Yorkshire first innings when the latter was finely caught by Adamson at short leg off Carr, the fieldsman taking the ball almost on the ground. The Tykes had been in nearly two hours for 47.

FOUR FAIL TO SCORE.

Ferens naturally enforced the follow on and Yorkshire, 109 behind, made an even more disastrous start than had been the case in their first innings. Howell got Broadhead caught at the wicket in his first over and Ellis claimed the wickets of Bedford—a "pair"—and Turner in his second. Howell followed this up by getting Backhouse caught at the wicket, and the score was four for eight, none of the dismissed batsmen having scored; Richardson made some sort of a show, but Ellis claimed his wicket, to make half the side out for 28.

Then Fisher proved such a useful partner to the amateur, Sellars, that at lunch the score stood at 79 without further loss. Despite frequent changes, all the six Durham bowlers being tried, the score rose to 94 before Ellis bowled Sellars. The partnership had put on 66 runs and Sellars scored 53 in 90 minutes.

Fisher fell to Howell a run later, after making 31.

A SAVING STAND.

Verity and Chichester-Constable then took part in a valuable stand. The latter should, however, have been dismissed when 30. He skied one behind the bowler and both Hutchinson and Moon went for the ball. Moon had it in his hands but on colliding with Hutchinson, the ball dropped to the ground. The partnership was not broken until the score had reached 246, the pair having been together two hours and ten minutes. The Major hit five 4's in that time and

Verity had a six and six 4's in a score of 72, over which he occupied two hours and 20 minutes. The innings closed for 280, the result of four hours and 20 minutes' batting.

Durham went in at 5.30 requiring 152 to win. Adamson and Gibbon scored 20 in the first three overs, but steadily bowling then kept them quiet. Gibbon later hit out, and when caught in the long-field, had scored 50 out of 89 in 63 minutes. Carr went in to force the game, but was soon out—a "pair," too—and then play ceased. Scores:—

DURHAM.—1st Innings (Moon 49, Ferens 44, Dobson 21; Fisher 43, Turner 3-20), 156.

YORKSHIRE II.—1st Innings.

Broadhead, b Ellis	1
Bedford, b Ellis	0
A. H. Sellars, b Ellis	0
Turner, b Howell	1
Backhouse, b Ellis	2
A. J. Richardson, lbw, b Ellis	16
Fisher, c Adamson, b Carr	14
Verity, lbw, b Ellis	5
Major R. C. Chichester-Constable, b Ellis	0
Hall, b Dobson	5
Jennings, not out	5
Extras, 2; total	47

FALL OF THE WICKETS.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	1	2	2	12	27	35	37	42	47

YORKSHIRE II.—2nd Innings.

Broadhead, c Ferens, b Howell	0
Bedford, lbw, b Ellis	0
A. H. Sellars, b Ellis	53
Turner, b Ellis	0
Backhouse, b Howell	0
A. J. Richardson, b Ellis	7
Fisher, b Howell	14
Verity, lbw, b Ellis	23
Major R. C. Chichester-Constable, b Ellis	63
Hall, lbw, b Howell	4
Jennings, not out	0
Extras, 28; total	200

DURHAM.—2nd Innings.

C. L. Adamson, not out	38
Gibbon, c Broadhead, b Verity	60
Carr, b Verity	0
Extras, 2; total (for 2 wickets)	90

FALL OF THE WICKETS.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	7	7	8	28	94	101	243	255	260

FAIL OF THE WICKETS.

1	2
89	90

MATCH DRAWN.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

YORKSHIRE II.—1st Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ellis	21	13	19	7
Howell	3	3	3	1
Hutchinson	4	2	8	0
Dobson	9	3	13	1
Carr	2	1	2	1

YORKSHIRE II.—2nd Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell	23	3	82	4
Ellis	28	10	45	6
Hutchinson	10	0	37	0
Dobson	18	3	37	0
Carr	8	1	15	0
Gibbon	5	0	13	0

DURHAM.—2nd Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hall	5	0	19	0
Fisher	8	1	23	0
Turner	8	2	29	0
Verity	5	0	17	2

NORTHUMBERLAND OUT OF LUCK.

Northumberland's fixture with Lancashire II. was completely washed out yesterday when again play was not possible at Old Trafford. Thus for the third day in succession Northumberland were idle, their tour having produced play on Monday only, at Porthill. Earlier in the season the match with Yorkshire II. at Rotherham suffered a similar fate to that of yesterday, five days in all being lost on tour, a unique experience probably in the history of Northumberland cricket.

DURHAM ON TOUR. City Pair Shaping for Recovery.

Durham opened their tour at Wolverhampton yesterday, when they commenced their return match with Staffordshire. The home county, taking first knock, scored 159, and Durham replied with 77 for six, thus winding up 82 behind with four wickets to fall.

Rain overnight had made the wicket a little soft on the top, but it was hard underneath. Staffordshire made their runs in three hours and 25 minutes. Yates, fifth out at 93, only hit three 4's and was batting a hundred minutes. He was never comfortable and survived two confident appeals for catches behind the wicket. Gibbon had two for 10 before lunch, and coming on again later, finished with three for 17. Elsdon had one wicket before lunch and got the last two to finish with the same analysis. John Adamson made a great catch at cover in disposing of Lockett, who played free cricket. Dobson was always difficult to score from and bowled eight overs for two runs in one spell. Durham had 10 for first wicket, but the next four wickets fell at 24, 25, 27, and 27. This brought John Adamson and Carr together, but at 42 Carr was caught on the boundary. Cecil Ferens succeeded him and the City pair had taken the score to 77 when rain stopped play for the day at five minutes to six.

Barnes, so far, has taken five wickets for 25 runs. Scores:

STAFFORDSHIRE.—1st Innings.

H. W. Homer, b Howell	10
P. O. Yates, b Dobson	93
Barnes, c Hutchinson, b Gibbon	13
F. Woodhouse, b Gibbon	1
W. H. Ellerker, b Elsdon	9
Lockett, c J. A. Adamson, b Hutchinson	32
J. S. Heath, b Gibbon	22
E. Mayer, c Elsdon, b Hutchinson	3
A. R. Hollowood, not out	7
F. P. Cross, b Elsdon	7
Taylor, c Dobson, b Elsdon	0
Extras, 5; total	159

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

C. L. Adamson, lbw, b Taylor	8
Gibbon, lbw, b Barnes	7
J. A. Adamson, not out	26
T. K. Dobson, c Lockett, b Barnes	0
H. S. Moon, b Barnes	1
J. Ward, c Taylor, b Barnes	0
Carr, c Woodhouse, b Barnes	14
H. C. Ferens, not out	17
Extras, 6; total (for six wickets)	77

A. Elsdon, Howell, and Hutchinson to bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

STAFFORDSHIRE.—1st Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell	18	4	43	1
Hutchinson	10	3	25	2
Carr	0	3	22	0
Dobson	23	9	30	1
Gibbon	8	1	17	3
Elsdon	—	—	17	3

DURHAM ASSURED OF LEADERSHIP.

Victory Secured Two Minutes from Time.

GIBBON'S BIG SHARE IN TEN WICKETS' WIN.

Durham gained a glorious victory over Staffordshire at Wolverhampton last night two minutes from time, after claiming the extra half hour, and now, possessing a record of 91.20, cannot be displaced from the leadership of the Minor Counties Championship table.

Thus Durham may be challenged by a county which they have not already met, in which case the deciding game would, as in 1926 when Oxfordshire challenged, be played at Ashbrooke, Sunderland. In the first week in September. Otherwise, Durham will be undisputed champions. To defeat Staffordshire on their own ground is indeed a great performance, but yesterday's feat is nothing short of wonderful.

Durham were set to get 129 runs for victory when they entered upon their second innings and Gibbon and Charles Adamson actually made the runs without loss.

HOW IT WAS DONE.

The innings commenced at four o'clock, but after 20 minutes rain drove the opening pair off. Play was resumed after 25 minutes' delay and tea was taken in the meantime. Gibbon and Adamson, re-joining, sent up the 50 in 45 minutes, the Sunderland professional doing most of the scoring. He reached 50 out of 53 and then there were four further interruptions owing to rain; but Gibbon, skilfully managing the bowling and hitting out at every opportunity, made the winning shot only two minutes from time.

When the batsmen came out after the last interruption there were only eleven minutes to go and 31 runs were required.

Durham were dismissed in the morning, when they continued their first innings, for 141, completed in three hours and, incidentally, their lowest score of the season.

CITY PAIR AND ELSDON.

The partnership between the Durham City pair, Ferens and John Adamson, realized 32 runs. Ferens, first out, had batted 50 minutes for his capital innings of 35, which included three 4's, one a fine cut off Barnes.

John Adamson, next to go at 129, hit four 4's during a stay of two hours and 20 minutes, during which he batted splendidly against good bowling. Elsdon, too, showed fine form in making 26, not out, in a stay of 45 minutes.

Barnes took chief bowling honours with 5 for 41. He had three for 11 yesterday morning, but actually, he got them for two runs in his last three overs.

SEVEN FOR 61.

Staffordshire, leading by 18 runs, lost their first two wickets for six runs on going in again. Barnes and Lockett added 27 for the third wicket, but Howell and Hutchinson bowled so well that seven wickets were down for 61. Then Heath and Mayer made a determined stand, adding 43 before Howell, going on again, bowled Mayer in his second over. Then Elsdon, as in the first innings, got the last two wickets cheaply.

Durham's success was all the more remarkable in view of Ellis's absence. The City fast bowler is expected to be available to-day and to-morrow against Lancashire II., at Old Trafford. Scores:

STAFFORDSHIRE.—1st Innings (Yates 50; Gibbon 3-17, Elsdon 3-17, Hutchinson 2-25), 159.

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

C. L. Adamson, lbw, b Taylor	6
Gibbon, lbw, b Barnes	7
J. A. Adamson, b Barnes	42
T. K. Dobson, c Lockett, b Barnes	0
H. S. Moon, b Barnes	1
J. Ward, c Taylor, b Barnes	0
Carr, c Woodhouse, b Barnes	14
H. C. Ferens, b Taylor	36
A. Elsdon, not out	20
Howell, b Barnes	8
Hutchinson, lbw, b Barnes	0
Extras, 6; total	141

STAFFORDSHIRE.—2nd Innings.

H. W. Homer, c Ferens, b Hutchinson	0
P. O. Yates, b Howell	1
Barnes, b Howell	23
A. R. Hollowood, c Ferens, b Howell	4
Lockett, c C. L. Adamson, b Hutchinson	11
J. S. Heath, not out	20
W. H. Ellerker, c Carr, b Howell	1
E. Mayer, b Howell	22
F. Woodhouse, c Gibbon, b Hutchinson	0
E. P. Cross, b Elsdon	0
Taylor, b Elsdon	1
Extras, 15; total	110

DURHAM.—2nd Innings.

C. L. Adamson, not out	30
Gibbon, not out	93
Extras, 3; total (for no wkt.)	131

DURHAM won by ten wickets.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Taylor	10	4	52	2
Lockett	11	1	34	0
Ellerker	3	0	8	0

STAFFORDSHIRE.—2nd Innings.

Howell	17	7	20	5
Hutchinson	11	1	30	3
Carr	0	2	7	0
Gibbon	4	1	11	0
Dobson	4	0	10	0
Elsdon	5	1	8	2

DURHAM.—2nd Innings.

Barnes	13	2	29	0
Taylor	11	1	30	0
Ellerker	5	0	23	0
Lockett	5	0	27	0

DURHAM ON TOUR.

Lancashire II. Bat Nearly All Day.

Durham entered upon the second match of their tour at Old Trafford, yesterday, against Lancashire II., who, batting first, aggregated 364. Durham scored four without loss and thus wound up needing 361 to gain the points for a lead on the first innings.

The weather was ideal and the wicket good, despite the rain of Tuesday. Ellis came into the Durham team instead of Elsdon, this being the only change from the side that had such a splendid win over Staffordshire.

Durham lost the toss, but Howell started well, for in his third and fourth overs he got the wickets of Parkinson and Bowers respectively. Hutchinson secured the next wicket at 34. Then Beattie, who only scored six in the first hour, and Booth did so well that they added 144 before Carr bowled Root, who hit two 6's off Carr and Dobson and four 4's, and was batting an hour and forty-five minutes.

Beattie, fifth out at 245, was batting three hours and three-quarters and hit four 4's. Latchford played well and hit eight 4's and batted an hour and three-quarters.

Elliott and Preston added 52 for the ninth wicket. The innings lasted five and a half hours. Lancashire's score was by far the highest recorded against Durham this season, the previous best being Northumberland's 283.

The Durham bowling was good throughout. Only when Booth, and Beattie were together could it be said to have been mastered. Scores—

LANCASHIRE II.—1st Innings.

F. D. Beattie, c C. L. Adamson, b Hutchinson	22
Parkinson, c Carr, b Howell	6
N. Bowers, b Howell	0
J. N. Bryce, c Smith, b Hutchinson	17
Booth, b Carr	92
Latchford, c and b Carr	71
P. Higson, c Carr, b Dobson	3
Horrledge, b Howell	11
Elliott, not out	25
Preston, c Carr, b Hutchinson	31
Wilson, lbw, b Ellis	2
Extras, 24; total	364

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

C. L. Adamson, not out	0
Gibson, not out	1
Extras, 3; total (for no wicket)	4
J. A. Adamson, H. N. Moon, J. Ward, T. K. Dobson, H. C. Ferens, Carr, Howell, Hutchinson, and Ellis to bat.	

DURHAM SECURE AS MINOR COUNTIES' LEADERS.

No further play was possible in the Lancashire II. and Durham match at Old Trafford, Manchester, yesterday, the game being abandoned at two o'clock. As no decision was arrived at on the first innings, the match does not count in the Minor Counties' Championship, and Durham, with 91.28, lead the table, and cannot be headed.

There may be a challenge, in which case the deciding match will be played in Durham County, most likely at Sunderland.

Otherwise they will automatically become Minor Counties' champions for the second time since the war, having won the title in 1926, when they beat Oxfordshire at Ashbrooke.

It is possible that Durham will finish 20 per cent. above their nearest rivals.

Scores:—

LANCASHIRE II.—1st Innings: 364.
DURHAM.—1st Innings: 4 for none.
MATCH abandoned.

CRICKET NOTES.

DURHAM AND MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

North-East League Issues.

(By "UMPIRE.")

Durham have finished their programme of matches, and easily head the Minor Counties' Championship table with a percentage of 91.25, having won six matches outright. They beat Northumberland twice, once by an innings and once by nine wickets; beat Staffordshire twice, both times by ten wickets; defeated Lancashire II. by a innings; and in the other match there was no decision on the 1st innings. They beat Yorkshire II. by an innings, and in the other match they gained three points for a first innings lead. They thus secured 33 points out of a possible 35, giving them a percentage of 91.25.

No other county can get anywhere near this. It is possible for Surrey II., providing they win their two remaining matches with Devon and Cornwall, to obtain a percentage of 77.77. Lancashire II. have another match to play with Denbighshire, and if they win that can obtain a percentage of 74.00. Buckinghamshire have finished their programme, and have a percentage of 70.00.

It would appear from the above that Lancashire II. seem to be best situated, as Denbighshire have yet to win a match. If Lancashire were to finish second then there would not be a challenge match, as Durham have already played them in the competition. If, however, Surrey II. or Bucks finish second then they would have the right to challenge Durham, and the match would have to be played in Durham. The last matches to decide the foregoing will be played on Monday and Tuesday first, and the challenge match, if there is to be one, will be played on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, September 3, 4, and 5.

When Durham played Oxfordshire in the challenge match of 1929 the game was decided at Ashbrooke, Sunderland, and it is possible that the same ground will be utilized for the 1930 challenge contest if it materializes.

CHOSEN FROM TWELVE.

Durham's team for such a fixture would no doubt be selected from the players who took part in this week's tour. Elston strengthened his claims by a fine all-round performance against Staffordshire, but Ward has shown useful form with the bat and is a first-class fieldman. There are only places for six amateurs, and H. C. Ferens (who batted very well on tour), J. A. Adamson, C. L. Adamson, H. N. Moon, and T. K. Dobson are obvious choices, presuming availability.

The crowd at Wolverhampton, the largest seen there this season, waxed very enthusiastic over Durham's play, and Gibbon and Charles Adamson got a great reception on Tuesday night when Durham won with two minutes to spare. Gibbon's batting was positively brilliant, for while forcing the runs he rarely lifted the ball, and certainly not to hand. Adamson backed him up well for the singles which gave Gibbon most of the bowling, and altogether Durham have not scored a better win for many years. Admittedly the wet ball handicapped the Staffordshire bowlers, but then the batsmen's innings was broken four or five times.

Staffordshire were very sporting and wasted no time in resuming after the rain interruptions, Captain Heath leading his men out practically with the umpires. The only regret is that the match was not played to a "full house" on a Durham ground!

DURHAM AVERAGES.

The Durham final averages are as follows:—

Scored 2,145 runs for the loss of 70 wickets—average, 30.44.

Took 110 wickets for 1,772 runs—average, 12.65.

BATTING.

	Inns	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Avg.
Carr	5	1	127	362	51.71
C. L. Adamson	11	5	78*	242	47.00
Gibbon	12	4	98*	355	41.37
H. A. Clayton-Greene	3	1	32	87	43.50
H. N. Moon	5	0	91	213	42.60
A. Elston	5	2	34*	110	36.00
H. C. Ferens	5	1	41	130	31.75
Hutchinson	5	3	40*	69	30.00
J. A. Adamson	3	0	42	87	29.00
T. K. Dobson	4	0	43	102	25.50
J. Ward	5	0	41	91	18.20
Edils	4	0	18	39	9.75
Howell	4	1	10*	25	5.00

*Not out.
Also batted: W. S. Hammond, 68; H. W. Hardy, 20 and 4; G. J. T. James, 12; T. Oliver, 1 and 12.

BOWLING.

	O.	M	R.	W.	Avg.
Edils	223	81	405	35	11.57
A. Elston	61	12	161	13	12.38
Hutchinson	137	26	510	26	13.42
Howell	221	63	643	43	15.00
Gibbon	47	0	127	8	15.87
T. K. Dobson	100	24	290	11	21.72
Carr	101.5	24	246	0	27.83

FOUR LEAGUES.

The Championship issues in the four leading North-East leagues are still open and may not be decided until a week hence, later perhaps in the Tyneside and Durham competitions. The appended records of teams who still have a say in these issues, together with their remaining matches, will furnish readers with some idea as to the probable or alternative solutions.

Wallsend will not lose the Tyneside title if they gain full points from the remainder of their matches, or at least do not drop any. One defeat will be sufficient to give the County the title, however, if the latter at the same time do not give anything away. Wallsend were champions once before, in 1914, and the County in 1927. The champions, Consett, will be fortunate to retain the title following two successive defeats.

Wallsend.

Present per cent., 71.11; possible per cent., 77.19.
Gateshead Fell (a), Morpeth (h), Benwell (a), South Northumberland (a).

County.

Present per cent., 60.04; possible per cent., 75.92.
Close House (a), Blyth (h), Consett (h), Blyth (a).

Consett.

Present per cent., 61.44; possible per cent., 70.37.
V.A.W. (a), Ryton (h), County (a).

Backworth.

Present per cent., 62.22; possible per cent., 70.17.
Benwell (h), South Northumberland (a), Gateshead Fell (h), North Durham (a).

V.A.W.

Present per cent., 61.00; possible per cent., 68.02.
Consett (h), North Durham (a), Tyndale (h).

Tynemouth.

Present per cent., 60.43; possible per cent., 66.66.
Greenside (h), Greenside (a), South Northumberland (h).

The Durham Senior position is "complicated," too. It is possible that the Shields and City match at Westoe on the last day of the season, September 6, will decide the Champion's fate one way or another. To-day's match on the same ground between Shields and Sunderland is a most important cue, for if the Wear-siders lose they will be four points behind and rather out of the running.

Shields, it will be remembered, were Champions for the first time last season. Sunderland have not won the title since 1921, but they have seven previous successes to their credit.

South Shields.

Present points, 37; possible, 46.
Sunderland (h), Wearmouth (a), Durham (h).

Sunderland.

Present points, 36; possible, 45.
South Shields (a), Burnmoor (h), Philadelphia (a).

Boldon.

Present points, 33; possible, 42.
Burnmoor (a), Philadelphia (h), Seaham (a).

Durham City.

Present points, 32; possible, 41.
Kippitton (a), Hendon (a), South Shields (a).

Seaham Harbour.

Present points, 29; possible, 38.
Chester (a), Whitburn (a), Boldon (h).

In the North Yorkshire and South Durham League the issue is a straight

one between Darlington and Norton, and the former must slump badly if the Tees-siders are to go really close. Darlington R.A. were the champions last year, so the title looks like remaining in the railway town, though on a different "sideboard." Darlington's championships in this section number six, three since the war and the last in 1929.

Darlington.

Present points, 40; possible, 49.
Chornaby (a), Bishop Auckland (a), Saltburn (h).

Norton.

Present points, 35; possible, 47.
Darlington (h), Saltburn (a), Normanby (h), Gillingham (h).

Medonsley are strongly placed, too, in the North-West Durham League. Indeed, only by a complete "turn-up" can either Swallow or South Moor depose them from the leadership. South Moor, champions the past two years, have won the title nine times so that it will not be out of place if Medonsley secured it for the first time. Many people will be surprised to learn this but actually only four clubs have held the championship of the League, namely, South Moor (nine times), Craghead (five), Consett (five), and Langley Park (once).

Medonsley.

Present points, 32; possible, 41.
Burnhope (h), Burnfield (a), Shotley Bridge (h).

Swallow.

Present points, 27; possible, 36.
South Moor (a), Lintz (h), Craghead (a).

South Moor.

Present points, 27; possible, 36.
Swallow (h), Kibbleworth (a), Tanfield Lea (a).

TYNESIDE SENIOR LEAGUE AVERAGES.

BATTING.

	Inns	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Avg.
W. D. Wade	10	5	28*	210	35.00
H. C. Lee	10	0	77*	509	50.90
J. B. Bruce	14	1	120	623	47.92
F. T. Broadbent	12	2	115*	497	43.18
T. H. Houston	7	1	51*	268	41.07
J. M. Robinson	14	2	109*	522	43.50
M. Dwyer	12	0	85*	423	35.77
L. C. Macdonald	11	3	69	263	32.88
W. G. Mackay	11	0	95	458	35.71
J. B. Wright	10	2	50*	357	35.70
G. C. Taylor	10	1	153*	464	30.93
D. Gledson	9	1	73	247	30.88
L. McIlkinn	17	2	94	433	28.87
R. D. Haworth	10	1	109*	257	28.50
J. Mutch	11	1	83	311	28.42
Fenwick (R.)	12	3	71*	245	28.33
H. Foggon	14	1	124	358	27.54
C. B. Gillespie	12	2	87*	310	25.83
J. P. Brown	13	2	56*	287	20.00

*Not out.

BOWLING.

Qualification	20 wickets	O	M.	R.	W. Avg.
Hetherington (W.)	...	211.4	65	430	65 6.61
J. E. Allan	...	229.3	40	576	63 9.14
J. A. Arden	...	175.5	47	375	41 9.15
Bateman (W.)	...	21.1	71	484	48 9.06
E. Clarke	...	138	31	418	46 9.77
H. C. Lee	...	182.1	30	420	43 9.91
Fenwick (R.)	...	107.1	87	610	60 10.07
Atkinson (T.A.)	...	214.2	74	678	62 10.98
Tait (G.)	...	281.5	61	766	64 11.03
A. W. Murray	...	177.1	34	355	28 11.25
A. E. Richardson	...	50.1	60	68	11.48
A. G. Grundy	...	172	42	407	40 11.67
J. E. Allan	...	193.1	60	450	32 11.76
J. L. Towler	...	107.4	21	322	27 11.93
J. L. Towler	...	100.7	21	322	27 11.93
L. C. Macdonald	...	128.1	18	844	82 12.00
Galloway (J. G.)	...	215.5	61	540	45 12.13
R. S. Ross	...	94.3	11	305	25 12.20
E. Tulip	...	169.3	30	475	37 12.81
R. F. Moffat	...	191.3	25	412	34 13.00
H. Dyson	...	175	30	488	33 13.27
S. O. Hughes	...	130.2	20	327	22 13.95
J. Graham	...	242.5	60	568	39 14.36
McCreddie (D.A.H.)	...	231	54	690	41 14.63
W. G. Thompson	...	182.4	34	502	31 14.76
W. Marshall	...	98.3	14	325	22 14.77
W. A. Taylor	...	110.5	40	594	54 14.92

DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE AVERAGES.

BATTING.

	Inns	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Avg.
J. A. Adamson	5	2	89	370	62.00
F. A. Youngman	4	1	90	312	41.57
W. Charlton	20	2	121*	772	42.88
Gibbon (H.)	17	1	134	641	40.06
H. W. Hardy	1	4	140*	551	39.35
C. E. Goward	15	3	83*	410	38.33
L. V. Smith	13	1	97	459	38.25
H. A. Clayton-Greene	12	3	75*	330	37.50
H. C. Ferens	13	1	79	439	36.38
C. L. Adamson	15	4	78*	463	30.63
Howell (A. L.)	15	4	113	310	30.44
J. W. Rolton	15	4	85*	374	31.00
H. Reay	10	0	65*	160	23.20
H. Dobson	12	4	20*	76	23.00
H. S. Levy	18	3	85	489	32.60
F. Conison	18	2	181*	521	32.60
L. H. Weight	17	2	104	486	32.40
Whitehead (A. E.)	19	1	117	577	32.05
W. Jones	5	0	160	413	29.53
J. Turnbull	10	2	47	227	28.37
E. S. Clark	10	2	118*	417	27.80
A. C. Dixon	13	2	55	224	28.00
T. K. Dobson	13	1	60*	356	27.37
J. E. Brockhill	15	3	50*	309	25.75
N. Watson	11	1	65	253	25.80
W. B. Akers	14	2	81	301	25.08
J. Ward	14	2	73	300	25.00

*Not out.

BOWLING.

	O.	M	R.	W.	Avg.
L. H. Weight	229.4	60	537	61	8.80
Francis (G. N.)	317	67	850	64	9.10
Edils (S.)	317	61	710	65	10.90
J. Walton	160	38	378	33	11.45
J. E. Brockhill	250	76	650	40	12.08
Hutchinson	290.9	62	774	58	13.81
Howell (A. L.)	256.2	61	612	48	13.37
Brown (W.)	61.4	60	814	60	13.57
S. Dunn	115.1	14	370	27	14.03
A. J. Ingram	196.3	39	622	37	14.10
T. K. Dobson	276.3	60	702	53	14.57
Lane (G. S.)	301.4	49	910	63	15.00
Lewerson, T. R.	179.8	29	619	38	16.42
H. Robinson	243.2	52	583	37	15.70
Gibbon (H.)	243.2	52	583	37	15.70
Carr (S.)	289.3	67	730	40	15.80

CRICKET.

SENSATIONAL PLAY AT ASHBROOKE.

157 for First Durham Wicket.

AND 18 OTHERS FALL FOR ONE RUN LESS.

Winning the toss made a big difference to the fortunes of the game at Ashbrooke, Sunderland, yesterday, when Durham and Surrey II. entered upon their Minor Counties' Championship challenge match.

Durham secured the option of batting first on a wicket which gave batsmen an advantage, such as sun and wind had done their worst, to compensate for the wet outfield and slower travelling ball.

This advantage had, however, to be turned to account first, and Harry Gibson and Charles Adamson showed that they were just the pair to do so by putting on 157 for the first wicket, a record opening stand this season, though the same pair had previously made 131 against Staffordshire without loss.

With this big score on the board it seems that Durham would run over the 800 mark, but such a change came over the scene, following Gibson's dismissal—when three sorts of wicket deserved century—that Surrey after all found themselves only confronted with a total of 221.

The pessimists in the Durham supporters' camp thereupon got to work, but judge their amazement when their county's bowlers showed that a changed pace wicket and a "spot" can wreck many a good side.

90 FOR NINE.

As a matter of fact Surrey II. lost nine wickets between 4.30 and 6.30 while scoring 90, the ninth partnership having put on 20, so that at the close of play on the first of a fixture which is scheduled for three days, the modern challenging county found themselves still 100 runs behind and but a wicket to fall. They did avert the possibility of follow-on, and 150 runs lead being secured on the first innings in a three days' match to enforce this, but there will have to be play of a sensational order for Durham to suffer defeat. It all depends upon the weather and the wicket—apart from the part played by the humans, of course.

Gibson and Adamson were together for two hours and 25 minutes, and Gibson made 97 of the 144 runs scored with the bat in that time. He had started off with a drive past cover for a four from the first ball and reached 51 out at 72 in 68 minutes, having then six 4's. He slowed down afterwards, taking 80 minutes for his last 46, but missed very few chances of getting runs without attempting risky shots.

FEW BALLS PAST HIM.

Altogether he had nine 4's, five 3's, and ten 2's. He made over 50 runs on the leg side by turning and placing, and four good drives gave him 13. Only about eight runs were got behind the wicket and he hit cleanly, though not always getting really "hold" of the ball. Few balls got past him and he did not seem to give a chance. Wallings, faster after lunch, bowled him after Gibson had been beaten by the previous ball.

Charles Adamson had been playing his usual game, letting the ball go up to the bat for the most part and pushing it round to leg, occasionally behind, and sometimes to point. His right hand has been a bit more enterprising in times, and judging by the fact that following this on a dismissal nine wickets fell for 60 runs, he need to be cautious.

Squires, a slow leg break bowler, coming on for the first time when the wicket had dried about two o'clock, broke up the batting with the aid of Wallings, these two taking six wickets together, including Gibson's while 28 runs were being scored. John Adamson was beaten by the leg break; Dobson stepped back into his wicket trying to pull the same bowler, Squires, who claimed Hammond for his third successive victim the Stockton man being caught at short slip the ball in playing forward to cover the break.

SHEFFIELD'S SWINGER.

Ferens nicked the ball on his pads to be out leg before to Wallings, against whom Carr fell to score. To cap this the Surrey captain brought on Sheffield and Geary again after a good rest, and these two finished off the innings, the first named taking three wickets for 11 runs in 24 balls. He disturbed the off stick with a swinger to get rid of Ward, who made no attempt to play the ball, and thus went out when shaping for runs; got Hutchinson leg before with a ball that struck the foot, and bowled Ellis, who played across a swinger, first ball. In between Geary had bowled Howell.

Charles Adamson thus had the distinction of carrying his bat right through an innings, which lasted three hours and 50 minutes. Patience has always been a virtue with Adamson, and his score of 80, not out, was a most valuable one as matters turned out. He had a good many singles, but also three 4's, five 3's, and nine 2's, together, curiously enough, with a six from a ball which he "lifted" to leg on. He put the ball up a few times, but always clear of the field. Chiefly his runs were made on the leg side, 47 coming in this way.

Squires had three for 24 in his 15 overs spell, and Wallings three for 27 runs in his last spell of 14 overs. Mobey kept wicket very well. The Surrey skipper, W. T. Cook, a left hander, was the first to go in the visitors' innings, yet, standing back to Howell, taking a catch from a ball which rose above the stumps. This was at 14 and half the side were out for 57, while four more wickets fell for other 33 runs. Durham bowled and fielded splendidly. Scores:—

DURHAM.—1st Innings.										
G. L. Adamson, not out	97									
Gibson, b Wallings	80									
J. A. Adamson, b Squires	8									
T. K. Dobson, hit wkt., b Squires	0									
W. K. Hammond, c Geary, b Squires	0									
H. C. Ferens, lbw, b Wallings	0									
Carr, b Wallings	0									
J. Ward, b Sheffield	7									
Howell, b Geary	1									
Hutchinson lbw, b Sheffield	1									
Ellis, b Sheffield	0									
Extras, 15; total	157									

FALL OF THE WICKETS.										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
157	170	180	180	105	105	200	215	223	223	

BOWLING ANALYSIS										
DURHAM.—1st Innings.										
	O.	M.	R.	W.						
Sheffield	25.4	5	53	3						
Geary	26	9	54	1						
Lock	14	2	21	0						
Wallings	19	4	49	3						
Whitfield	3	1	12	0						
Squires	12	4	24	3						
4 byes, 8 leg byes, 1 no ball.										

SURREY II.—1st Innings.										
W. T. Cook, c Ferens, b Howell	0									
Daily, b Ellis	0									
Mobey, lbw, b Howell	0									
Squires, b Ellis	0									
Whitfield, not out	24									
Baldwin, b Ellis	1									
R. Henty, b Carr	15									
E. M. Wallings, b Carr	0									
Sheffield, lbw, b Howell	10									
Lock, b Howell	10									
Extras, 8; total (for nine wickets)	60									
Geary to bat.										

FALL OF THE WICKETS.										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
14	24	28	28	34	57	59	70	90	90	

DURHAM'S BEST BATSMAN.

Leaving out the matter of average, however, Gibson has the superior record, and deserves to be named as Durham's best batsman.

He lost his opening partner in the second innings when the pair had taken the score to 140 in 40 minutes, but was not out himself until he had seen Durham well on the way to victory with 114 on the board. Gibson made his 68 runs in 105 minutes and had seven 4's and two 3's as his chief scores, shots. He was appealed against for leg before five times and in the over in which he was dismissed Wallings appealed for obstruction from three of five balls, getting the verdict in his favour from the last.

Gibson had some nice shots to cover, also got well, got four 4's from leg shots, and hit cleanly for the most part.

John Adamson, who had helped to put on 157 in an hour for the second wicket, saw Durham's stumps spreadeagled at 120, and then with Hammond took the score to 178 before being splendidly caught by Sheffield off a straight drive over the bowler's (Baldwin's) head.

At the wicket all told for two hours while making 66 out of 131, Adamson employed forcing shots to get many of his runs, and used the drive well. There were two periods of defensive play, and he was out when beginning to quicken the scoring rate with 20 made in seven shots. He had eight 4's, two of them safe pulls.

GARRY'S NOT OUT INNINGS.

Hammond, fifth out at 180, timed his late shots very well, and Ward, sixth to leave at 229, did likewise, besides getting three 4's with well-timed leg drives. Ferens did not stay long, though he asked for the umpire's decision when Geary took a catch at short slip with his hitting that the last three wickets put on 51. Carr carried his bat out for 72, made in 68 minutes, and he had a knock over the boundary when a fieldman tried to hold a high, dropping ball on the long-on, and nine 4's. Though his hitting was not what he had some good drives and forced one off a shoulder-high, offside ball very well.

The Surrey ground-work was good throughout. Wallings, Squires doing particularly fine work, Mobey again improved behind the wicket. A wonderfully agile and has very safe hands. A really fast bowler and a left-hander were lacking. Wallings, the Oxford Blue, bowled well, and Lock was never easy to score from.

In the morning Whitfield had taken out his bat for 32, scored out of 58 in 103 minutes. He averted the possibility of a follow-on at any rate. Geary made 16 in five scoring shots with pulls. Overnight Howell had taken four for 25 and these wickets finally cost 17 more runs. Ellis, who last night was relieved after sending down five maiden overs, took four wickets in the first innings at eight runs apiece, and Carr two for 16, after having two for 8 at one period.

This match, by the way, is the only one this season in which Durham have had to bat two complete innings, but time has not been so important a factor on this occasion. Scores:—

DURHAM.—1st Innings (Gibson 97, G. L. Adamson 80; Squires 3-24, Wallings 3-46, Sheffield 3-33).

SURREY II.—1st Innings.										
W. T. Cook, c Ferens, b Howell	0									
Daily, b Ellis	0									
Mobey, lbw, b Howell	0									
Squires, b Ellis	0									
Whitfield, not out	24									
Baldwin, b Ellis	1									
R. Henty, b Carr	15									
E. M. Wallings, b Carr	0									
Sheffield, lbw, b Howell	10									
Lock, b Howell	10									
Geary, c Ferens, b Ellis	16									
Extras, 8; total	113									

FALL OF THE WICKETS.										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
74	24	28	28	31	57	59	70	90	113	

CRICKET.

DURHAM ON WAY TO TITLE WIN.

Surrey's Huge Task.

GIBBON'S UNUSUAL DISTINCTION.

Durham made their position in the Minor Counties' Championship challenge match with Surrey II. at Ashbrooke Sunderland, yesterday, almost an impregnable one.

They finished off the Surrey first Innings at 113, to gain a lead of 108, and then scored 390 in their second venture, thus setting the challengers the task of securing 419 runs to win, with a possible seven hours in which to get them, excluding any extra time which may be permissible. Surrey commenced the fourth Innings at 5.35 and had made four runs without loss when rain stopped play at 5.45 for a quarter of an hour. In the concluding half-hour the visitors lost Daily with making 21 runs, and so finished the day 383 runs behind with nine wickets in hand. Seemingly only rain can rob Durham of a well-earned victory to-day.

Durham had the unusual distinction, for a Minor Counties match, of exceeding 50 in each innings, making on the second time to give him a half-century aggregate of 105. This brings his runs total for the season up to 550 in county matches, but while this is the highest individual figure Gibson does not finish at the head of the batting averages, his figures of 52.00 being not quite so good as those of G. L. Adamson (54.42) and Carr (54.25 for 434), both of whom which Adamson has outscored in the current match. In another couple of runs the latter would have headed the list.

DURHAM.—2nd Innings.										
G. L. Adamson, lbw, b Wallings	15									
J. A. Adamson, b Sheffield, b Baldwin	60									
T. K. Dobson, b Geary	0									
W. K. Hammond, lbw, b Squires	24									
J. Ward, b Geary	22									
Carr, not out	72									
H. C. Ferens, c Geary, b Squires	13									
Howell, c Whitfield, b Geary	1									
Hutchinson, lbw, b Lock	0									
Ellis, c Daily, b Geary	0									
Extras, 8; total	200									

FALL OF THE WICKETS.										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
47	114	120	178	184	229	278	280	290	300	

SURREY II.—2nd Innings.										
W. T. Cook, not out	18									
Daily, b Hutchinson	6									
Mobey, not out	0									
Extras, 5; total (for one wicket)	24									

FALL OF THE WICKET.										
1										
24										

BOWLING ANALYSIS										
SURREY II.—1st Innings.										
	O.	M.	R.	W.						
Howell	19	3	42	4						
Ellis	19.6	0	32	4						
Hutchinson	3	0	14	0						
Carr	0	0	16	3						
Gibson	3	1	3	0						
8 byes, 1 leg bye.										

DURHAM.—2nd Innings.										
	O.	M.	R.	W.						
Sheffield	24	3	57	4						
Geary	24	3	47	4						
Wallings	15	3	41	2						
Lock	20	3	29	1						
Squires	20	2	26	1						
Whitfield	5	0	19	1						
Baldwin	5	0	19	1						
3 byes, 3 leg byes, 1 wide, 1 no ball.										

CRICKET.

DURHAM MINOR COUNTIES' CHAMPIONS.

Surrey II. Lose by 301 Runs.

HENTY PROVIDES A BRIGHT RELIEF.

Though play at Ashbrooke yesterday was limited to an hour and 40 minutes, Durham becoming Minor Counties' champions again after an interval of four years by a quarter past one, it was very bright while it lasted. Surrey were beaten by the huge margin of 301 runs, equivalent to an innings victory for Durham, but they gave the spectators something to interest them, a particularly attractive display by P. Henty, a Honor Oak batsman, rousing enthusiasm, and a curious dismissal of the last man winding up the match in a happy way for the onlookers.

Durham undoubtedly deserved their win, which was due to them as clear leaders in the competition table, but they will admit that Surrey had not a great deal of what luck was going. They lost the toss, so that Durham had the big advantage of two hours' batting on a wicket that did not help the bowlers, and then had to bat themselves when the attackers were not so much handicapped. Then yesterday morning a hot sun did the wicket no good from the batsman's viewpoint, especially in the case of a side fighting against the collar.

DURHAM'S STRENGTH.

On the other hand, Durham showed that they had bowlers really capable of making the very most of the conditions, and able to keep the batsmen quiet in any event, while the batting all round was stronger than Surrey's, allowing even for the side's indebtedness to Gibbon and Charles Adamson for their great first wicket stand of Wednesday.

Except in the field Surrey were inferior, and rather disappointingly so, considering that seven of their men had had first-class cricket experience and the eight professionals are not merely youths. Naturally this makes Durham's win all the more emphatic and enhances the strength of the team.

Yesterday morning Surrey were faced with the stupendous task of getting 391 runs to win with nine wickets in hand, and obviously only rain could save them from defeat under the prevailing conditions.

Mobay, who is one of those useful wicket-keepers who can go in first wicket down, was bowled by Ellis with two runs added to the total, and the City man got Squares leg before at 28. Cook, the captain, was fourth to go at 32, stepping right in front of a Howell delivery, and half the side were out for 35 when Baldwin, not to his own satisfaction, was also out for obstruction. The position, quite hopeless by now, was made more so through John Adamson taking a catch at forward short leg with the left-hand, low down, to dismiss Whitfield, a likely type of batsman, who fell into Ellis's leg trap.

TWO SIX HITS.

Henty, who had made 15 in the first innings, showed that the wicket was not wholly responsible for the collapse by making runs with neat glances and shots to cover, and then he began to hit, lifting the ball over Ellis's head for four and later punishing the same bowler, who neglected to have a man deep behind himself, for 16 in one over, from which also there came four byes, all run. Henty twice drove straight into the Rugby stand for six and also pulled for four, all well-timed shots.

Carr had earlier relieved Howell and naturally Ellis was taken off now, Dobson coming on to make straight hitting a risky business.

Wellings had been bowled by Carr at 50 with a ball that broke in from the leg and took the off stick as the batsman tried to turn, but 30 more runs came before Henty was dismissed. Dobson had been making the ball rear sufficiently on the offside to force Henty to play back and the latter flicked one of these deliveries into the gully for Hutchison to make a clever left-handed catch. Henty had made his 42 runs at one a minute.

THE FLYING BAT.

Sheffield played across one from Carr and was bowled at 96, but the last pair, Lock and Geary, took the total into three figures, and one past the first innings 115 by forcing shots. Then Geary, pulling Dobson, saw the bat fly out of his hands towards square leg and the ball go to the long on boundary where John Adamson judged the catch nicely.

Ellis, who had bowled five maiden overs overnight, had 4 for 9 yesterday morning before Henty took a few liberties with his bowling. Howell reopened with four maidens out of five and a wicket for a run, but Dobson finished with the best figures. Like Carr he mixed his bowling very well. The catching and fielding were excellent.

The Durham players will be entertained to dinner by the committee of the Durham County Club at the Platine Hotel, Sunderland, on Friday, October 3. Scores:— C. H. B.

DURHAM.—1st Innings (Gibbon 97, C. L. Adamson 86, Squares 32, Wellings 34, Sheffield 35), 223.

SURREY II.—1st Innings (Whitfield 32, Howell 42, Ellis 43, Carr 21), 115.

DURHAM.—2nd Innings (Carr 72, Gibbon 68, J. A. Adamson 65), 309.

SURREY II.—2nd Innings.

W. T. Cook, bow, b. Howell	17
Daly, b. Hutchison	6
Mobay, b. Ellis	0
Squares, bow, b. Ellis	1
Whitfield, c. J. A. Adamson, b. Ellis	1
Baldwin, bow, b. Ellis	1
H. Henty, c. Hutchison, b. Dobson	42
E. M. Wellings, c. Carr	2
Sheffield, b. Carr	6
Geary, c. J. A. Adamson, b. Dobson	15
Lock, not out	9

Extras, 12; total—116.

DURHAM won by 301 runs.

FALL OF THE WICKETS.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
21	26	28	32	33	38	59	89	96	116

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

SURREY II.—2nd Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell	14	5	21	1
Ellis	16	7	39	4
Carr	12	6	30	2
Hutchison	1	0	1	1
Dobson	6.5	2	13	2

6 byes, 5 leg byes, 1 no ball.

ALNWICK'S "STAR" BATSMAN.

Alnwick had the misfortune with the exclamation of 302 to take only one point away from Ambie. The home team scored 38 for no wicket when stumps and the match were drawn. Whitfield (of Alnwick) had the fine score of 113 (his first century), and K. Watson and S. Sheffield had been batting brilliantly. His score in the last four Alnwick matches being 118, 97, 78, and 78.

This young cricketer is the son of Mr P. W. Sheffield, head master of the Duke's School, and goes to Cambridge University this month, where no doubt his cricketing ability will be further developed.

Warkworth were at home to Hirst. The batting was fairly even, the visitors coming off victors by three runs—40 to 37. C. Downson, Hirst, made 20, and J. Howatson, Warkworth, 27. Tynemouth were easy winners in their match with Widdrington by 80 to 47. R. A. B. Turnbull was top scorer with 34.

In the Second Division Alnwick II. were at home to Ambie II., and the match had some remarkable points. The Alnwick team "did big things" as their seniors were doing at Ambie. They included the compilation of a century by D. Gadd, W. Forster, Alnwick II. ex-captain, contributed 35. Ambie II. were out for 81. J. Dentlie (17) being their only double-figure batsman. Of their wickets C. Batorn, Alnwick, took six wickets for 48 runs. Ambie had a depleted force of eight with which to meet Hirst Welfare II., and lost by 80 to 63. J. Chapman, Hirst, carried his bat out for 40. J. Robinson did best for the visitors with 18.

DURHAM COUNTY AVERAGES.

The Durham County team finished up a most successful season by beating Surrey II. in a challenge match and winning the Minor Counties' championship. They played nine matches, winning seven, winning one on the first innings and drawing the return match with Lancashire II., thus going through the season without losing a match. They scored 2,608 runs for the loss of 84 wickets, an average of 32.11 per wicket, while their opponents scored 2,538 runs for the loss of 170 wickets, an average of 14.92. The respective averages of the players are appended:—

BATTING.

	Inns	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Avg.
C. L. Adamson	13	6	86*	381	44.42
Carr (J.)	10	2	127	434	64.25
Gibbon (H.)	14	4	94*	520	53.00
H. A. Clayton-Greene	3	1	32	87	43.50
H. S. Moon	6	0	91	213	42.60
A. Eldon	5	2	34*	110	36.66
J. A. Adamson	5	0	66	154	30.80
W. S. Hammond	5	0	68	92	30.66
H. C. Ferens	7	1	44	149	24.33
T. K. Dobson	6	0	44	113	18.83
J. Ward	7	0	44	122	17.42
Hutchinson (E.)	7	3	40*	65	16.25
H. W. Hardy	3	0	26	30	15.00
G. T. J. James	1	0	12	12	12.00
Ellis (S.)	6	0	18	48	8.00
T. D. Oliver	2	0	12	13	6.50
Howell (A. L.)	8	1	12	42	6.00

BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
Ellis (S.)	55.4	91	476	43	11.06
A. Eldon	61	12	161	13	12.38
Hutchinson (E.)	41	26	363	27	13.44
Howell (A. L.)	20.1	71	648	49	13.50
Gibbon (H.)	48	19	123	8	15.37
T. K. Dobson	110.5	30	252	13	19.38
Carr (J.)	122.2	32	292	15	19.46
J. Ward	2	0	7	0	

Durham gave away 216 extras in the loss of 170 wickets, an average of 1.27 per wicket. Their opponents, in comparison, gave slightly more, 172 in loss of 84 wickets, which gives an average of 1.53 per wicket.

J. S. ORD'S OFFER.

J. S. Ord did well in his trial with Warwickshire, scoring 50 in his second innings, and he has received an offer from the Warwickshire County Club, no doubt with a view to qualification.

NORTH-WEST DURHAM LEAGUE.

DIVISION I.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Medomsley	21	15	4	2	34
South Moor	21	13	6	3	31
Swalwell	21	12	6	4	29
Birtley	21	12	3	6	27
Tanfield Lea	21	8	7	0	23
Lintz	21	8	7	0	23
Kimblesworth	21	6	8	7	20
Sholley Bridge	21	5	7	0	17
Burnhope	21	0	4	11	16
Langley Park	21	5	8	13	18
Craghead	21	2	8	11	13
Burnopfield	21	3	3	15	9

DIVISION II.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Leadgate	21	15	8	8	33
Malton	21	12	0	8	30
Alendale	21	11	3	6	26
Stanley Westleyans	21	10	4	7	23
Burnhope II.	21	8	6	8	21
South Moor St. George's	21	8	6	8	21
Burnopfield II.	21	7	4	10	18
Kimblesworth II.	21	7	4	10	18
South Moor II.	21	7	4	10	18
Sholley Bridge	21	7	3	11	17
Couslett Delves	21	5	8	13	13

DIVISION III.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Birtley II.	21	14	4	3	31
Bloomsfontein	21	14	3	4	31
Medomsley II.	21	12	4	6	28
Blackhall Mill	21	9	6	7	23
Tanfield Lea II.	21	9	6	7	23
Tantobie	20	10	3	7	23
Craghead II.	21	6	8	7	20
Tanfield	21	8	4	0	20
Couslett F.M.C.A.	21	7	6	9	19
Leadgate P.M.	21	3	0	12	12
Langley Park II.	21	3	4	14	10
Beamish	20	2	3	14	7

Tantobie and Beamish result not to hand. Division IV. results not to hand to complete table.

TYNESIDE SENIOR LEAGUE.

DIVISION B.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.	Perce
So. Northumberland II.	14	19	1	3	33	75.37
Gateshead Fell II.	12	11	3	3	26	70.57
Ashington II.	17	11	4	2	25	65.62
Tynemouth II.	17	10	3	4	24	61.67
Benwell II.	17	10	4	3	23	61.71
Walshend II.	17	9	4	5	20	56.46
Couslett II.	17	9	7	1	25	54.00
Seahill	17	8	5	4	22	51.80
Percy Main	17	7	2	20	23	63.70
Greenside II.	18	9	7	2	22	42.50
Rivth II.	18	8	5	4	22	40.74
Renewell Hill II.	18	7	10	2	23	46.35
Backworth II.	18	6	8	3	18	37.50
County II.	15	3	5	7	16	35.50
North Durham II.	16	4	11	1	13	27.08
Marpleth II.	17	3	12	2	11	21.57
Ryton II.	17	3	12	2	11	21.57
V.A.W. II.	17	3	13	1	10	19.61