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MANY UNSETTLED PROBLEMS IN STEWARDS' CUP.

COTTRILL AND BEATTY MAY STILL PRODUCE ANOTHER ACE.

PERSSE BUSY.

Sceptre is not to go to Brazil after all. Lord Glanely has offered her to the National Stud, there to spend her remaining days. One good result will be that a Sceptre Ward will eventuate at a hospital.

The Stewards' Cup is probably the most puzzling race of the season. Not that the majority of us do not have strong ideas as to the possible winner, but the unnecessary absence of an acceptance stage keeps us guessing as to the plans of the prominent stables at Goodwood's opening to-morrow. We have seen Pharmacie, Lady Juror, Tetrameter, His Excellency, and others prominently paraded in some of the club wagering of late, but that is far from being a guarantee that they will be the respective main hopes of the stables that shelter them. So far as I can make out, the position all round is still as unsettled as the elements.

DONOGHUE RIDES.

Cottrill trains Pharmacie and Proconsul for separate patrons—incidentally he also has Volunteer and Wild Mint for other owners—and there may be a lot behind Pharmacie's market easiness. She should be well suited by the course and distance, and has less weight than the majority thought she would have, and Donoghue rides for Mr. White. Yet the shadow of Proconsul looms up all the while. He also is really well treated—remarkably so with Black Gown—to contrive Wokingham Stakes pleasings with Canterbury, Strathleven, and some others. I recall that Proconsul ran remarkably well for last year's Two Thousand, and this year's Lincoln, before he found his best recent form. Anything is possible when a sprinter is on the up grade. There is talk of a Proconsul boom in to-day's market. So you see the uncertainty of the position. I gather that Cottrill will probably start both, and that Whalley will ride Proconsul.

Taylor has a little fleet in Tetrabbazia, Two Step, Lady Juror, and the penalised Sister-in-law, who may be the best of her sex for all we know. She doddled her Liverpool race and can go fast as well as stay. Mr. Somerville Tattersall ran Tetrabbazia as well as "Sister" at Aintree and made no declaration. Some layers actually wrote the winner's name at 10 to 1 before she started at 7 to 4 and were the chief cash. So Manton might get as generous about Two, even when the numbers go into the frame at Goodwood to-morrow—and even after we have seen the capal. Yet most people will stick to the probable combination of Lady Juror and Elliott.

SHOUTS AND WHISPERS.

Beatty is not a trainer to shout his plans from the housetops. Some say Black Gown will still be the best; others vow that the equally improved Service Kit will win the handicap again; many whisper the name of the lightly weighted His Excellency. I would as soon have Black Gown despite the handicap; but I do not know which horses will leave H.Q. this morning. Anyway, we can surely wipe out Hale Show after Hurst Park; if not His Excellency after Newmarket. His Excellency is the latest Newmarket whisper, but there were most semi-inspired inquiries at Hurst Park for Service Kit.

If I had to make a bet this moment it would be Weathervane (each way), but let us all see what the morrow brings forth. An item of news is that the Liverpool Cup winner, Eaglehawk, will not run at Goodwood. His Majesty's fine Ellangowan and Glorioso in the Cup was anticipated.

It was Persse's day at Hurst Park on Saturday, for he lifted the two big plums. Those not behind the scenes will feel more puzzled than ever that Bell's Life should have been backed freely to lick his stable companion, Town Guard, in that Sandown fiasco, for Lamlungera, the poor third that day, slammed Bell's Life and everything else in the Hurst Park Plate. If confirmed my earlier news of the dark grey daughter of The Tetrarch—Moonray, and, by the way, The Tetrarch and Gay Crusader are the two horses for whom a definite offer of £100,000 each was refused. La Lumiere is said to be the Stockbridge best. She made all the running and beat the useful My Own in a canter by five lengths, and it looked twenty. The well-tried Montenello deadheated for third place with the second Stockbridge representative, but the much-boomed favourites, Bell's Life and Vulpina colt, were never in the hunt. Vulpina colt was said to be well galloped with Shri, but he began slowly.

THE SCOUT.

EGLINTON RETURNS.

2.0.—CUNINGHAME (S.) H'CAP PLATE.
Hennycomb (Mr. H. Tatt), 4, 8 4 ("The Scout's" sel.) .....Childs 1
My Nannie (Mr. W. Alderson), 4, 8 1 ...D. Gordon 2
Knight of the Air (Mr. W. Mason), 6, 9 0, Walsh 3
Also: Tetrabbazia (Mr. Somerville Tattersall), 4, 9 2, Balkan Bird (Mr. R. Peck Hamel), 11, Leilson), 100—8 each Chi Chi (C. McCall), Anona (S. North), Phrosie (Wolstenholme), Sash (Ramsden), Cramond Lad (A. Brough), 31, J. Burns.

2.30.—REDBURN JUVENILE (S.) STAKES. 5f.
Almond c (Mr. E. Clark), 8 7 .....J. Ledson 1
Temple f (Sir R. Jardine), 8 4 .....C. Parker 2
Bis (Mr. H. Tatt), 8 4 .....G. Walsh 3
S.P.—7-2. 10—1, 8—1. Also: 8—11 Charlie's Gift (J. Thwaites), 8 each Golden Match (Crisp), Prince Hamed (E. Jones), 10 each Minishant (S. North), Hippo (T. Burns), 31, S. Peacock.

3.0.—EGLINTON H'CAP PLATE. 1½m.
Vain Simon (Mr. C. Clover), 4, 8 1 .....Dylan 1
Hurcuta Maid (Mr. W. Mason), 4, 8 11 ...G. Walsh 2
Radiry (Mr. J. B. Irving), 4, 8 5 .....C. Parker 3
S.P.—6—1. 5—1, 7—1. Also: 5—1 Tiffin (T. Burns), 9—2 Bold Buck (Thwaites), 10 each Limonyx (H. McGuigan), Mocking Bird (K. Robertson), 31.; same. Derby.

3.30.—CARNOCK T.Y.O. PLATE. 5f.
Crete Elder (Mr. A. Stakerl), 9 8 .....Ledson 1
Fortunate Boy (Mrs. H. Shaw), 9 8 ...J. Thwaites 2
Flying Sadie (Mrs. F. Mitchell), 8 9 ...W. Burns 3
S.P.—Even. 11—10, 33—1. Also: 33 Pina (S. North), 11 1.; 10. Peacock.

4.0.—PULLARTON STAKES. 1 m.
Collingale (Mr. W. Mason), 3, 8 1 ("The Scout's" sel.) .....Dylan 1
Leprechaun (Mr. J. McGuigan), 4, 8 3 .....D. McGuigan 2
Fartam (Lt. Lonsdale), 3, 7 7 .....G. Gordon 3
S.P.—5-4. 5—1, 10—1. Also: 5—2 Set Fair (C. Parker), Master Rufus (Thwaites), Fragments (T. Burns), 10 1.; 2. Bindle.

4.30.—APPRENTICE STAKES. 1½ m.
Shorks (Sir R. Liddell), 4, 7 13 ("The Scout's" sel.) .....Stanton 1
Gallant Spear (Capt. J. Renwick), 4, 8 8 .....E. Blogstead 2
Dance of Death (Mr. W. Egerton), 3, 6 5 .....Tomsden 3
S.P.—4-5. 11—8, 100—8. 11 1.; 4. Peacock.

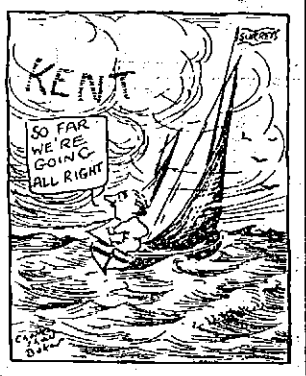
WOOLLEY SHADOW OVER SURREY.

CAN KENT MAINTAIN THEIR BLACKHEATH RECORD?

Last season: Match drawn.

Surrey, the only unbeaten county cricket side, count their annual match with Kent on the Rectory Field at Blackheath as their most vital game of the season. It is the more so this year because Surrey lead the championship table. Their record on the ground has, indeed, been black. Once, and once only, have they won a match there, and one has to go back as far as 1889 to find it. Will they manage to break the Blackheath spell before to-morrow night or will Kent, with Woolley brilliant in every phase of the game, go on their way rejoicing?

He made it possible for Kent to show a good return for Saturday's play with a typical innings of 75, and the wicket promises to give him great assistance when Surrey go in to bat to-day. In view of the wet day the attendance was surprisingly large. It was quite the



largest number ever seen on the Rectory Field, but a considerable portion of the 15,000 people could see little of the cricket.

What might have happened had the morning been fine can only be conjectured, for this large number made their way to the ground despite the rain. They were sandwiched in everywhere and even the official scorers had much difficulty in getting a clear view of the game. Rain caused three interruptions in the play, and the net time available for cricket was exactly 200 minutes, during which Kent scored 213 runs for the loss of eight wickets.

G. J. Bryan and Hardinge opened the innings on a moist and easy wicket, but they stayed only half an hour, during which the amateur scored the majority of the 40 runs on the board before he was caught by Sherard.

Seymour failed, and although Hardinge stayed till the score was raised to 77 in eighty minutes he gave two chances to Strudwick off Shepherd's bowling. The showers began a few minutes after lunch. Following the fall of the fifth wicket came some admirable work by Woolley, who received useful support from Hubble and Hedges.

Woolley, indeed, dominated the cricket, the famous left-hander withstanding the Surrey bowling for two hours and ten minutes, and although compelled to break his innings three times never lost his form. He was eighth out at 201, and drove exceptionally well, the chief strokes in his 75 being six 4's and seven 3's.

Surrey bowled well, especially Shepherd, and their fielding was good, but with the weather unsettled the prospects of success after what happened on Saturday cannot be regarded as hopeful. Present score:—

KENT.—First Innings.

G. J. Bryan, c Shepherd, b Hitch	28
Hardinge, st Strudwick, b Fender	30
Seymour, b Shepherd	0
Woolley, c Abel, b Shepherd	75
Ashdown, b Shepherd	0
G. E. Hurst, st Strudwick, b Shepherd	6
Hubble, c Strudwick, b Fender	14
L. P. Hedges, lbw, b Fenner	24
Collyer, not out	8
L. H. Thornton, not out	10
Extras	13
Total (8 wkts)	213

Freeman to bat.

SURREY.—P. G. H. Fender, M. Howell, A. Jeacocke, Hobbs, Sandham, Ducat, Shepherd, Strudwick, Hitch, Peach, Abel.

HURST PARK DETAILS.

2.0—WIMBLEDON 3Y.O. (S.) H'CP. PLATE. 1m.
Croisieur (Mr. P. Benson), 8 4 .....F. Bullock 1
Troika (Mr. D. Gant), 8 5 ("The Scout's" sel.) .....J. Ewins 2
Rock Hill (Mr. H. Beam), 7 11 .....Elliott 3
S.P.—5-1. 7—1, 8—2. Also: 4 The Goaly (H. Jones), 8 Niagara (Beckett), 7 Rennyson Lake (Robins), 100—8 each Brotherhood (F. Lane), Edgcote's Beauty (Cricksmere), 11.; 2. Wilson.

2.30.—BUSHEY T.Y.O. (S.) PLATE. 6f.
Glastenbury (Mr. H. Sidebottom), 8 11 ("The Scouts" sel.) .....J. Childs 1
Garrison (Mr. J. White), 8 11 .....Donoghue 2
Ashes (Mr. W. de Pledge), 8 8 .....J. Ewins 3
S.P.—5—2. 5—4, 7—1. Also: 10 Fair My Hobby (Grace), 10—3 Sea Alice, 7 Balkan Bird (Elliott), 4 Well Beloved (Gillies), 5 King Throstle (J. Brennan), 6 Our William (Fox), 100—8 Orrow (Lynch), 11.; 1. Cole, Chilton.

3.0.—DUCHESS OF YORK STAKES. 11m.
Corcyrian (Sir G. Murray), 3, 8 2 .....G. Smith 1
Brinklow (Maj. H. Worthington), 4, 9 7 ...Elliott 2
Dragoon (Mr. W. Singer), 3, 9 4 .....Childs 3
S.P.—100—30. 7—2, 4—1. Also: 5—2 Bhuddhagach (Fox), 4 Paulinus (F. Bullock), 10 each Pilgrim (Gray), Pillory (H. Stokes), Silver Thistle (Beard). Short head; 11. Perse.

3.30.—HURST PARK T.Y.O. PLATE. 5f.
La Lumiere (Mr. W. Clark), 7 13 .....G. Smith 1
My Own (Mrs. Bancroft), 7 8 ("The Scout's" sel.) .....Childs 2
Montenello (Maj. J. Holliday), 7 6 .....Elliott 3
Mountain Light (Sir G. Murray), 7 3 D. McGowell 4
S.P.—9—2. 7—1, 6—1. Also: 7—2 Bell's Life (Whalley), 5—2 Vulpina c (Wragg), 100—6 each Lamplugh (Grew), Nonnacell c (Spear), March On (J. Clark), Blackstone f (T. Pryor), 31.; 2. Perse.

4.0.—EARLSFIELD H'CP. PLATE. 8f.
Orderly (Lady A. Compton-Vyner), 4, 7 Hebbing 1
Western Hill (Lt. Glossey), 3, 8 1 .....W. Speck 2
Hale Show (Mrs. E. Platt), 3, 8 1 ("The Scout's" sel.) .....Donoghue 3
S.P.—10—1. 100—6, 3—1. Also: 7—2 Gilliat (Elliott), 4 Well Beloved (Gillies), 5 King Throstle (J. Brennan), 6 Our William (Fox), 100—8 Orrow (Lynch), 11.; 1. Cole, Chilton.

4.30.—KINGSTON H'CP. STAKES. 1m.
Mizzen Mast (Sir C. Nugent), 4, 7 13 .....F. Stokes 1
Active Lad (Mr. L. Lysaght), 4, 7 11 .....F. Lane 2
Aquatamia (Mr. J. C. Gabbiani), 5, 8 1 ("The Scout's" sel.) .....Gray 3
S.P.—1—1. 7—1, 8—1. Also: 5 Mademoiselle Fleche (Crickmere), 6 Thealby (Whalley), 100—8 each Fontain (R. Cooper), Sybarite (Barber), 21.; 5. Nugent.

THIRTY-ONE YEARS OF BAD LUCK.

NOTTS TRYING TO BREAK YORKS' SEQUENCE.

PATIENT PAYTON.

Last season: Yorkshire won by an innings and 48 runs.

Many things depend on the match between Notts and Yorkshire which began at Trent Bridge on Saturday. Both counties are close on the heels of Surrey at the head of the championship table, but greatest importance from a local point of view attaches to the result because the annual game with the "Tykes" has proved so disastrous to the midlanders. Notts have not beaten Yorkshire at Trent Bridge since 1891. Can it be wondered at therefore that John Gunn chose this game for his second benefit?

Notts were at the wicket all day on Saturday for 257 runs, but the beneficiary was not able to mark the event by a great score as he fell to the Waddington-Macaulay combination after scoring only 10.

EXPENSIVE MISTAKES.

Runs were hard to get, but Yorkshire discounted their admirable bowling and fine ground fielding by dropping some catches, and the mistakes proved expensive. Whysall added only three after giving a chance at long-leg, but Payton was missed at the wicket at 37, and then went on to increase his score to 61 before being last out. He played a sound but weary innings for three hours, although he copied his captain's example by hitting one 6. Carr, however, shaped in business-like fashion, and his 25 was the most attractive feature of the day's play. Barratt, with a little luck to help him, hit fearlessly, and scored 33 runs out of 41 in half an hour, and under the conditions Notts were fortunate to reach such a good total as 257. Present score:—

NOTTS.—First Innings.

Gunn (G.), c Robinson, b Rhodes	35
Whysall, b Waddington	14
Gunn (J.), c Waddington, b Macaulay	10
A. W. Carr, c Leyland, b Rhodes	25
Barnstaff, c Waddington, b R. Kilner	17
Payton, run out	67
Flint, lbw, b Robinson	13
Staples, lbw, b Rhodes	8
Oakes, c and b Robinson	22
Barratt, c Sutcliffe, b Rhodes	33
Richmond, not out	6
Extras	7
Total	257

YORKSHIRE.—G. Wilson, Holmes, Sutcliffe, Oldroyd, Robinson, Rhodes, Kilner (R.), Leyland, Macaulay, Dolphin, Waddington.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

NOTTS.—First Innings: Waddington 1 for 46, R. Kilner 1 for 67, Rhodes 4 for 59, Macaulay 1 for 48, Robinson 2 for 30.

ESSEX SURPRISED.

ADVANTAGE OVER NORTHANTS QUICKLY LOST.

Last season: Essex won by an innings and 164 runs.

Despite the fact that rain prevented a ball being bowled till after lunch, such good progress was made on Saturday with the first match of the Southend cricket week that in the course of the afternoon all the wickets went down for an aggregate of 182 runs. Essex fared badly, as with only four men to be disposed of, they were 70 runs behind at the close of play.

Northants were decidedly the better more than two hours for 126, and seemed to have gained no advantage by batting first, but as they subsequently got rid of all their opponents for 95, they had cause for satisfaction. Weeks saved the visitors by hitting 42 out of 57 in less than an hour. Dunkley, bowling unchanged, met with conspicuous success.

Other Sport will be found on Page TEN.

He made the ball come off the pitch quickly, and took seven wickets for 52 runs.

During the Essex innings four wickets fell at 50, before Morris and C. T. Ashton played out time. Present score:—

NORTHANTS.—First Innings.

Woolley, c Russell, b Dixon	12
W. W. Timms, b Douglas	19
Walden, c and b Douglas	2
Bellamy, b Dixon	2
H. E. Bagnall, c and b Eastman	23
L. S. P. Morris, c Perrin, b Douglas	5
P. A. Wright, b Douglas	5
Weeks, not out	42
H. G. Atkinson, c Dixon, b Douglas	7
D. Hardy, c T. Ashton, b Douglas	3
Morris, lbw, b Douglas	0
Extras	8
Total	126

ESSEX.—First Innings.

Russell, c Atkinson, b Murdin	15
J. G. Dixon, c Bagnall, b Wright	31
Freeman, run out	4
A. P. Martin, c Bellamy, b Murdin	0
P. Perrin, lbw, b Murdin	0
L. C. Eastman, c Bellamy, b Murdin	0
H. M. Morris, not out	1
C. T. Ashton, not out	2
Extras	3
Total (6 wkts)	56

J. W. H. T. Douglas, Capt. F. W. H. Nicholas, and H. W. F. Franklin to bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

NORTHAMPTON.—First Innings: Douglas 7 for 52, Dixon 2 for 38, Eastman 1 for 16.

TERROR TO BATSMEN.

MILLS AND PARKER AGAIN BOWL UNCHANGED.

Last season: Gloucester won by 141 runs.

Bowlers held the upper hand of the batsmen on a heavy wicket at Ashby-de-la-Zouch on Saturday, where Leicestershire were opposed by Gloucestershire. First Arthur and Geary, and then Mills and Parker, the last-named pair again bowling unchanged, had batsmen in great difficulties, and twenty wickets fell for an aggregate of 184 runs. Gloucester's 72 was their lowest of the season.

Dipper, who went in first for Gloucestershire, defended with great determination for two hours and twenty minutes, and carried out his bat. He played finely under difficult conditions, but he was missed before scoring.

Monteney showed enterprise when Leicestershire batted, and during a stay of forty minutes hit two 6's. Mills and Parker bowled so effectively, however, that at the close of an innings apiece Leicester were only 59 ahead. Present score:—

GLOUCESTER.—First Innings.

Capt. M. A. Green, c sub, b Geary	4
Dipper, not out	29
Smith, c and b Astill	22
B. H. Lyon, st Sidwell, b Bestwick	4
J. Williams, b Astill	9
L. Williams, b Astill	1
Mills, c Sidwell, b Geary	1
F. C. Williams, c Coe, b Geary	10
Parker, lbw, b Astill	10
Bennett, b Geary	2
Bossard, b Astill	1
Extras	7
Total	72

Second Innings: Dipper, not out 0. Bennett, not out 1. Total (no wkt.), 1.

LEICESTER.—First Innings.

Monteney, b Parker	33
Lord, lbw, b Mills	12
Astill, c Green, b Mills	2
King, b Mills	2
Major F. Poole, c Green, b Parker	10
Whitehead, c Dipper, b Mills	8
Coe, lbw, b Parker	7
Geary, b Mills	12
Sidwell, c F. Williams, b Parker	10
Sharman, b Parker	0
Benskin, not out	0
Extras	19
Total	111

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

GLOUCESTER.—First Innings: Astill 5 for 38, Geary 4 for 13, Benskin 1 for 11, Sharman 0 for 1.

LEICESTER.—First Innings: Mills 5 for 44, Parker 5 for 48.

SPORTS SUMMARY.

CRICKET.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.

Kent (v. Surrey) 213 for 8 wickets.
Notts (v. Yorkshire) 257.
Northants 126, Essex 56 for 6.
Gloucester 72 and 1 for 0, Leicester 111.
Sussex 147, Somerset 183 for 8.
Middlesex (v. Hants) 317 for 6.
Glamorgan 42, Lancashire 286 for 7.
Worcester 149, Derby 108 for 2.

SECOND DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP.

Bedfordshire 64 and 1 for 0, Norfolk 208 for 5 (each match drawn).

SWIMMING.—Zephyr S.C. 236 yds. handicap: O. H. Bellesse (Hanover, start), 1; F. Tilton (scr.), 2; F. le Gros (10), 3.

WATER POLO.—London League—Zephyr S. Penguins 0. Club Camp.—Harry 3, Avondale 5; Barry II. 1, Avondale II. 5; St. James' III. 2, Lewisham II. 2; St. James' III. 2, Barry III. 2; Zephyr 3, Merciant 1.

SOCCER IN LONDON PARKS.

The Parks Committee of the London County Council have reported that it will not be possible to increase the number of football pitches next season. Although a large area has been allotted, twenty-four pitches have to be closed to rest the turf. Instead of there being 158 pitches, only 186 will be available at the beginning of the season.

THANKS TO DALES AND HENDREN.

LOP-SIDED BATTING BY MIDDLESEX.

Last season: Middlesex won by 151 runs.

Some strange cricket was seen on the United Services ground at Portsmouth in the opening of the Hampshire and Middlesex match on Saturday. The champions scored 317 for eight wickets, but all the batsmen, with the exception of Dales and Hendren failed. These two players claimed 249 of the runs, the next highest individual innings after their centuries being Skeet's 15 not out.

The ball often got up awkwardly, and Livsey, the Hampshire wicket-keeper, received such a severe blow under the eye that he had to give up. Brown taking his place. Dales and Hendren, who became partners when Hearne was second out at 33, played most skilfully, their judgment in waiting for the loose ball and then hitting it being very pronounced. They put on 230 runs in three hours and twenty minutes before Dale was out.

He obtained his 112 out of 263 in four hours and hit twenty-one 4's, while Hendren in three

hours and three-quarters sent the ball twenty-two times to the boundary in making his 137. Both men hit to square-leg with confidence, while Hendren in particular drove finely to the on and made many pretty strokes past cover-point. Present score:—

MIDDLESEX.—First Innings.

H. L. Dales, c Newman, b Tennyson	112
N. Haig, b Kennedy	10
Lee, c Kennedy, b Newman	1
Hearne, c Livsey, b Kennedy	10
Hendren, b Boyes	137
F. T. Mann, c Mead, b Boyes	13
G. T. S. Stevens, run out	4
H. L. Street, not out	15
G. O. Allen, c Brown, b Boyes	3
Extras	12
Total (8 wkts)	317

Murrell and Durston to bat.

HAMPSHIRE.—Hon. L. H. Tennyson, H. L. V. Day, R. Aird, W. R. Shirley, Mead, Kennedy, Brown, Newman, Boyes, Livsey, Dowell.

GLAM GLOOM.

NO CESSATION TO THEIR RUN OF BATTING FAILURES.

Last season: Lancashire won by four wickets.

Glamorgan, who were not at full strength at Swansea on Saturday, had another gloomy experience in their return match with Lancashire. They were dismissed in an hour and a half by Cook and Parkin for the paltry total of 42, and then Lancashire ran up 286 for seven wickets.

Morgan carried his bat through the innings for the only double-figure score on the sides, a feat he accomplished against Notts in the middle of this month. Apart from this, the Glamorgan batting was one long succession of failures. Cook, bowling ten maidens in fifteen overs, took five wickets for 13 runs, and Parkin had the other five for 27.

When Lancashire went in, Hallows played admirably, getting nearly half his 65 in two hours by boundary strokes, but the brightest cricket was shown by R. Tyldesley and Parkin. The former, scoring 20 in one over off Creber, made 49 in twenty-five minutes, and Parkin during his stay of thirty minutes hit a couple of 6's in his 45.—Present score:—

GLAMORGAN.—First Innings.

T. Morgan, not out	13
T. Arnott, lbw, b Parkin	2
W. Groves, lbw, b Parkin	6
G. Cordling, c Cook	0
Bates, c J. Tyldesley, b Cook	4
F. Matthias, c and b Cook	0
J. Mills, c Green, b Cook	4
J. C. Clay, c Makepeace, b Cook	0
Nash, b Parkin	1
Creber, c Shelmerdine, b Parkin	6
Barcroft, b Parkin	4
Extras	2
Total	42

LANCASHIRE.—First Innings.

Makepeace, c Bates, b Crober	14
Hallows, c Newman, b Mills	65
Tyldesley (E.), lbw, b Creber	21
Watson, not out	54
G. O. Shelmerdine, b Bates	4
Tyldesley (J.), c Matthias, b Creber	18
Tyldesley (R.), c and b Creber	49
Parkin, c Clay, b Nash	43
M. N. Green, not out	8
Extras	14
Total (7 wkts.)	288

Parkin and Cook to bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

GLAMORGAN.—First Innings: Cook 5 for 13, Parkin 5 for 27.

WORCESTER WOES.

MODERATE BATTING ON EASY DERBY PITCH.

Last Season: Worcester won by six wickets.

Derbyshire, by giving a splendid all-round display, gained an advantage over Worcestershire at Derby on Saturday. An eventful day's cricket, finished with Derby only 41 runs behind with eight wickets in hand.

Worcester took first innings, but made poor use of an easy if somewhat slow pitch. In fact, they never recovered from a moderate start, the innings, which lasted three hours and twenty-five minutes, reaching 149.

Batting of a much higher standard was seen when W. W. Hill-Wood, who came into the side in place of G. R. Jackson, and Bowden opened the Derbyshire innings. Hill-Wood was the first to leave, a big partner following him at 100. Present score:—

WORCESTER.—First Innings.

R. O. Hopkins, b Bestwick	39
Bowley, b Morton	11
J. B. Higgins, lbw, b Morton	11
J. P. Davies, c Jackson, b Hill-Wood	0
H. L. Higgins, c Elliott, b Bestwick	9
Pearson, c and b Storer	59
Tarbox, b Morton	1
J. Maclean, not out	24
W. H. Taylor, b Cadman	14
W. E. Norton, b Bestwick	0
W. Richardson, lbw, b Cadman	1
Extras	3
Total	149

DERBY.—First Innings.

W. W. Hill-Wood, b Norton	45
Bowden, c Maclean, b North	39
Storer, not out	21
Cadman, not out	2
Extras	2
Total (2 wkts.)	108

Carter, A. H. M. Jackson, Hutchinson, Morton, W. J. V. Tomlinson, Elliott, and W. Bestwick to bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

WORCESTER.—First Innings: Bestwick 3 for 48, Morton 3 for 35, Storer 1 for 28, Hill-Wood 1 for 22, Cadman 2 for 15.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS CRICKET.

Westminster School 108 for 4 dec. (C. H. Taylor 152), Old Wykehamists 38 for 3.
Dulwich Coll. 214 for 8 dec., Oxford University Authentics 128 for 6.
Merchant Taylors' Schl. 59, Bedford Schl. 60 for 0.
Haileybury Coll. 63 for 4, M.C.C. did not bat.
H. Gardner's Nt. 236, Tonbridge Schl. 158 for 6.
Bradfield Village 95, Bradfield Coll. 57 for 3.
Blue Mantles 205, Brighton Coll. 153 (Phipps 100).
Cheltenham Coll. Schl. 81, Nondescripts 126.
Wrekin Schl. 150, Old Choirboys 129 for 7.
Framlingham Coll. 125 for 5 dec., Perse Schl., Cambridge 51.
Rossall Schl. 60, Hampstead Itinerants 111.
City of London Schl. 157 for 5 dec., Old Citizens 114.
Keble College 178 for 7, Old Kellians 81.
Surrey C. and G. 203, Public Schools of South London 44 for 1.

MORE HONOURS FOR PETER.

The English long distance amateur swimming championship was won on Saturday by a London club entrant for the first time for thirty years. E. P. Peter (Penguin) was the successful competitor, a club colleague, Savage, being second, and C. E. Wilding (Leander, Birmingham) third.

The race took place from Kew to Putney Bridge, and the winner's time for the five miles sixty-yards was 1hr. 9min. 21sec. Three hundred yards after the start Peter took the lead from Savage, and at Barnes Bridge he had an advantage of 40sec., and he continued to increase his lead till the finish. A grand struggle took place between Wilding and Savage for second place, and in the end Peter won, with Savage over two minutes behind, Wilding just failing to sustain his great effort till the finish.

THE RENASCENCE OF ENGLISH CRICKET.

GENTLEMEN v. PLAYERS MATCH A MESSAGE OF HOPE.

BATTING REVIVAL.

By "THROW-IN."

Recent Jeremiads about the decline of English amateur batting have been made to appear rather foolish by the great score obtained by the Gentlemen against the Players in last week's historic match at Lord's. The amateur batsmen had arrayed against them the best professional bowling available, yet they thrashed it unmercifully—thrashed it to a standstill, until indeed it seemed that an apparently impregnable defence coupled with an unwonted display of aggression would never be broken down.

It is surely not an exaggeration to assert that the Gentlemen and Players match of 1922 heralds the renascence of English cricket. After the glorious exhibition of the game at its best witnessed on all three days we can lift up our heads with the conviction that the years of gloom and depression have passed. We stand at the parting of the ways. Ever since the war we have sat in sackcloth and ashes lamenting with a bitterness that no flashes of individual genius could dissolve the diffident, unenterprising, soulless character of much of our post bellum batting.

Those of us whose memories go back twenty or thirty years sighed for the days of the heroes of our youth—for a renewal of the thrill which came to us as we called up momentary visions of Stoddart, of MacLaren, of Walter Read, of C. L. Jessop, and of F. G. J. Ford. We feared—some of us—that we should never see their like again.

SUPERB BOWLING

Happily all such apprehensions may be banished after the wonderful second day of last week's great match. We saw batting of the highest class against bowling that was for the most part superb from start to finish. We discovered that our amateur batsmen had not forgotten the art of hitting the ball—and hitting it hard too.

When Chapman, Carr, and Mann were at the wicket the ball was never allowed to hit the bat; the bat hit the ball, and it hit it with every ounce of power that the batsman possessed. The ball sped to the boundary like a flash of lightning, and generally along the carpet; but particularly in the case of Carr, if, as occasionally happened, the ball was lifted ever so slightly, there was so much propelling power in the stroke that it skimmed not more than a yard above the ground and at such a pace that the fieldsmen were beaten every time.

Carr flogged the bowling with tremendous energy. As a display of forceful hitting I have seen nothing like it this season since Fender's pyrotechnic display at the Oval against Hampshire in May. It was an innings in which brawn and muscle were associated with perfect timing and a nice judgement in the selection of the proper ball to hit. When his physical fielding is remembered in association with his qualities as a forcing batsman we need have no qualms about the selection of the Notts captain as a member of the M.C.C. team for South Africa.

Chapman's innings was on an entirely different plane. As a left-handed batsman he stands in a class apart—a class which includes F. E. Woolley of the present generation and F. G. J. Ford of twenty-five years ago. We saw both Chapman and Woolley at their best at Lord's, and a comparison of their very similar styles was therefore possible.

SUPPLE WRISTS.

Chapman, a tall, lithe, youthful figure, has perhaps the more supple pair of wrists. He uses them to perfection. His forcing shots from good-length balls in the direction of cover and extra cover were executed to perfection and with terrific power. Hobbs could a late unfold about the scores of thunderbolts he stopped during a long and weary day. Chapman hit nearly all his runs in front of the wicket, though he makes an occasional smashing leg hit and now and again an effective pull. But he rarely cut on Thursday, perhaps because the bowling was of such immaculate length and because it was so rarely off the wicket.

Woolley's innings of 18 on Friday was of a more lusty kind. It was the innings of a master batsman of wide and varied experience, in which magnificently timed hits past square leg and powerful offdrives were executed with brilliant effect. Woolley is still the finest left-handed batsman in the country; but Chapman is not a long way behind. When in 1921 the brilliant product of Cambridge University became qualified for Kent, we may expect many a prolific partnership in which the two left-handers will be associated not as opponents, but as colleagues.

But while unstinted praise is fittingly bestowed on the batting of the Gentlemen, perhaps with greater relish because the element of surprise was not absent—it would be churlish and unfair to pass by without a word of appreciation the splendid efforts of Hobbs and Russell. Hobbs's innings at the outset of the match was especially meritorious, because the wicket was slower and more uncertain than it became on the second day. He had opposed to him some really fine bowling and some superlatively brilliant fielding. It was a great innings, worthy of the world's finest batsman, and it happily signalled his first appearance as captain of the Players at Lord's.

Russell is a great run-getting machine. He may lack the grace and the finish of a Hobbs or a Hubert Ashton, but he gets the runs and he gets them well. He is a master of on-side play, but on Friday he showed how the ball should be cut. Cuttings seems almost a lost art in these days, and it was a pleasure to see the stroke executed so well by the Essex batsman.

MOST SATISFACTORY FEATURE.

When one comes to sum up the work of both teams in the field there is a positive as well as a negative side to one's impressions. The most thoroughly satisfactory feature was the fine fielding of the Gentlemen on the first day. It was almost flawless. Carr, Gilligan, Chapman, Ashton, Fiddian-Green, Fender, and White—all were good without exception, while behind the wicket, G. E. C. Wood, despite rather a large number of extras, was efficiency itself. Louden proved to be the best bowler among the Players. Indeed, his five wickets for 74 in the first innings of the Players was the only outstanding bowling achievement of the match.

Mann, I thought, did not manage his bowling too well. He obviously has no great faith in the virtues of variety. Time and again he had on together either Gilligan and Louden, the one fast and the other fastish; Fender and Stevens—both, if I may say so without offence "trick bowlers"; or White and Fender. Never once, until the closing minutes of the Players' second innings, did the captain of the Gentlemen deem it wise to have a fast bowler at one end and a slow bowler at the other. It was a palpable error in tactics.

The bowling of the Players was steadiness itself. This is particularly true of Macaulay, Parkin, and Kennedy, though it was made to appear innocuous enough against the masterly batting of Chapman, Carr, and Mann. The fielding of the Players, with the brilliant exceptions of Hobbs and Hardinge, and at times of Parkin, was not completely in the shade by that of the amateurs. Some of the Players are no longer in their first youth,