COUNTY BATSMEN HAVE A GOOD TIME

Shepherd Defies Yorkshire Bowlers—Fender Hits Out—R. Tyldesley's First Hundred—Russell Again.

JOE FOX ACCEPTS BIG PARIS OFFER.

Although no huge scores were made in the eight county cricket matches started on Saturday batsmen generally had the best of matters. It was a day in which thrills were few and far between; indeed, in some of the matches the play, especially in the early stages, was extremely dull. Only three centuries were scored, Hendren (Middlesex), Kent (Leicester) and R. Tyldesley (Lancashire) being the successful batsmen.

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Shepherd in Form.—The meeting of Yorkshire and Surrey at Bradford was particularly interesting, as these two counties head the championship table. The Londoners batted first, and Hobbs treated the crowd to a characteristic display. Shepherd took the batting honours of the day, however, with a brilliant 95, though it must be said he was rather favoured by luck in the early stages of his innings. Still, he played very soundly and defied the Yorkshire bowling for nearly four hours, a couple of 6's being his biggest hits.

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Fender's Fireworks.—The most exciting batting of the day, however, came from Fender, who took 53 off the home bowlers in the forty minutes he was at the wickets. He hit seven 4's. Macaulay bowled effectively in the later stages of Surrey's innings, and the last four wickets went down quickly. Yorkshire went to the wickets for five minutes before stumps were drawn, but did not score a run.

CHAMPIONS SLOW.

Middlesex' Dull Start.—The early Middlesex batting at Lord's was very unenterprising, and when the tea interval arrived only 172 runs had been scored. The Somerset bowlers kept a good length and the fielding was exceptionally keen. White bowled his left-handed slows and kept the batsmen on the defensive. Dales took two hours and 20 minutes for his 42. Play livened up somewhat when Hendren and Crutchley were associated, all loose balls being severely punished.

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Hendren Hits Out.—A change came over the batting after tea. Hendren was naturally careful just before reaching his 100, but afterwards he and Crutchley both took risks and remained masters of the situation to the drawing of stumps. Hendren has at present scored 120, and Crutchley is only eight short of three figures. The Somerset fielders worked smartly to the end of the day.

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Russell Again.—Russell, of Essex, was again in form and he treated the Kent bowling with scant respect at Tonbridge. He timed his drives perfectly and took only an hour to reach his half century. He had scored 86 out of 143 in just under two hours when he was dismissed. The Kent bowling was very good and the subsequent Essex batsmen could do little with it. Douglas contributed 35, but the innings closed for 212.

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Fine Kent Batting.—Kent batsmen were soon masters of the Essex attack upon going to the wickets, although Hardinge did not stay long. With A. F. Bickmore and Seymour together runs came quickly, the amateur driving in confident style on the off-side of the wicket with great power. Whitcombe, a left-handed medium paced bowler, was punished rather severely by Seymour. Neither man gave a chance and the total just equalled the Essex score when stumps were drawn.

NOTTS FIELD ALL DAY.

R. Tyldesley's First Century.—Excellent bowling by Notts rather subdued the Lancashire batsmen in the early stages of their innings at Old Trafford, but later in the day, when R. Tyldesley and Parkin were together, play grew very lively. The latter amused the spectators by scoring 52 out of 89 in 50 minutes. This is Parkin's third successive innings of 50 or over. R. Tyldesley had one or two "lives," but succeeded in putting together his first 100 in county cricket after a stay of two hours and 20 minutes. Lancashire remained at the wickets till the end of the day, the venture closing for 396.

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Northants as Usual.—Once again Northants gave a feeble display of batting, their first innings at Brighton realising only 111. Roberts, who bowled very fast and appeared to get considerable spin on the ball, did most of the damage, taking half the wickets. Sussex did not fare particularly well when they went in, but they had no difficulty in *passing the* visitors' total. A. E. Gilligan and Higgs were responsible for the brightest batting of the day.

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Leicester Bat All Day.—Rain interfered slightly with the Hampshire and Leicester match at Southampton. The visitors batted all day, and, as the score of 257 for four wickets would suggest, were very cautious. King played steadily in scoring his century, but he was fortunate in being missed when he was 6. Lord's 51 contained eight 4's, and Coe, who partnered King later in the innings, cut splendidly. Considering the lack of variety in the bowling, the scoring was remarkably slow, none of the batsmen showing any real enterprise.

Derby's Good Score.—The Derby batsmen got runs slowly at Gloucester until Jackson and Hutchinson were together for the fifth wicket, when play livened up. They put on 85 runs in fifty minutes. There was a shower in the afternoon, which eased the wicket, and Curgenven hit freely when play was resumed. He made 65 runs in three-quarters of an hour. Hutchinson's contribution was 67, and, like Curgenven, he hit three 6's. Gloucester were *faced with a total of 248 when they went in*, and reached 45 in fifty minutes before stumps were drawn.

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J. Smart's Attractive Innings.—The best cricket of the day at Stourbridge came from J. Smart, of Warwickshire, who took 68 off the Worcester bowling and landed ten 4's. Santall also hit out in admirable style, his 75 including thirteen boundary strokes. The other Warwick batsmen were not impressive, however. Worcester's innings was interrupted by a shower, and they lost four men for 92 runs before play ceased for the day.

CHANCE FOR MATTHEWS.

Boxing for Title.—The big boxing bout tonight is the meeting of Billy Matthews, of London, and Arthur Wyns, of Belgium, for the European featherweight championship. Matthews has already beaten Wyns, but not at the weight, and the title did not pass, but to-night's contest at the Liverpool Stadium is under championship conditions, and if Matthews wins again he will be feather-weight champion of Europe, despite the fact that two better boxers, in Criqui and Fox, are in the field.

Matthews.

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Matthews' Prospects.—Still, that can all be cleared up later. We have seen Wyns beat Mike Honeyman, and although he has been discredited by some of his later bouts, he won well enough then. Matthews has always been considered a good second-class boy, and if he can beat Wyns for the title the latter has gone off. It is an interesting bout, and Matthews can do a lot towards clearing up the tangle, and earn himself some big money, by beating Wyns.

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Burns' Record.—Mr. Charlie Lucas, the manager of Frankie Burns, Cook and Lloyd, the Australian boxers, is sarcastic at the expense of the people who contend that Burns is not a match for Kid Lewis. He points out that British boxing form is not any better than the Australian, and goes on to say that Burns is undoubted champion of Australia, and has put Tommy Uren and Jimmy Clabby on the floor for the full count. Lewis has not done better than this, he says.

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Well-Matched Men.—Lewis is a great fighter. But I have always contended that his punch is not so much a k.o. punch as a smarting—often cutting—blow, which hurts a man and gradually wears him down, as in the case of Johnny Basham. Now Burns has a real big punch, and is also a clever boxer, so that we should be in for one of the biggest treats of the year when they meet next Monday at Holland Park. Real photographs of this contest will appear in *The Daily Mirror*. They will be taken by the aid of the famous lights which have been used for nearly all the big bouts in this country for a long time. And they will appear in no other daily picture paper.

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To-night at the N.S.C.—At the National Sporting Club to-night the big bout is one of fifteen rounds between George McKenzie, of Leith, and Charlie Stone, of Taffs Wells. I heard someone say on Saturday: "It's an off night at the club on Monday." But it is generally recognised by members that many of the so-called "off nights" give us the most interesting boxing.

P. J. M.

FOX AND CRIQUI AGAIN.

Return Contest.—Rumours have been rife concerning the future movements of Joe Fox (Leeds) and Eugene Criqui (France), who met a fortnight ago at Holland Park Rink, when Criqui won. Fox was said to be going to Australia, and Criqui was credited with an American trip. *The Daily Mirror*, however, is able to announce that Fox and Criqui will almost certainly meet in a return match at Paris on July 1.

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No Side Stake.—Mr. Harry Dorsey, Fox's manager, informed our Leeds representative on Saturday that offers for the fight had been received from London, Liverpool and Paris, but the best inducement came from Paris. This one guarantees Fox a considerable sum, win, lose or draw, and the Leeds boxer immediately wired acceptance. There will be no side stake this time, but the men will meet at 9st.—the championship weight.

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Carpentier Fixed Up.—According to the Central News, Carpentier has signed to meet Joe Beckett. The news is conveyed in a cable which the European champion has sent to Tex Rickard stating that he cannot meet Greb this summer because he has signed to meet Nilles at Paris in September and Beckett at a London hall in October.

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Duncan Wins on New Golf Course.—An 18-holes match between George Duncan and Harry Vardon marked the opening of a new 18-holes golf course at Gerrard's Cross on Saturday, when, with an approximate 73, Duncan won by 5 and 4. Bogey for the course is 75. In the afternoon Duncan and C. W. Pedler, the local professional, beat Vardon and C. McIlvenny (North Middlesex), in a four-ball match by 4 and 3.

OTHER SPORT IN BRIEF.

News Items and Gossip About Men and Matters of the Moment.

Duncan Honoured.—George Duncan has been elected an honorary member of the Hanger Hill Club

Hunt Cup Scratchings.—*The Yellow Dwarf* was struck out at 10 p.m. on Friday and Ballyrag at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Cowdray Win Ranelagh Cup.—Cowdray won the Ranelagh Cup at Ranelagh on Saturday by defeating the Quidnuncs by 7 goals to 3.

Golf at Richmond.—Mid-Surrey won the singles by 7 to 3 and the foursomes by 4 to 1 against Oxford and Cambridge Society on Saturday.

Sunningdale's Success.—Sunningdale beat Royal Liverpool in a golf match over singles and foursomes at Sunningdale by 7 matches to 3.

Royal Hunt Cup Betting.—9 Tetrabbazia and Silver Image, 100-8 Leighton and Montserrat, 100-7 Invergarry and Grubenmore (all t and o).

Australians Beaten at Bowls.—The Test match between the English bowlers and the Australians at Forest Hill ended in a win for England by 95 points to 71.

Swimming at Cambridge.—On Saturday Otter S.C. beat Cambridge University by 4 events to 0. They were the 50 yards, 100 yards, quarter mile and water polo.

Rowing on the Lea.—Fifteen clubs will participate in the preliminary heats of the Lee Branch N.A.R.A. regatta, which commences to-night on the River Lea, Clapton.

Saturday's Boxing.—At the Ring Gipsy Daniels (Newport) beat Harry Drake (Windsor) on points over twenty rounds, and at Stratford Seaman Hall (Chatham) drew with Fred Archer (St. George's) over fifteen rounds.

SUMMARY OF SCORES IN SATURDAY'S CRICKET MATCHES.

Below will be found a summary of the chief happenings in Saturday's county cricket matches.

MIDDLESEX v. SOMERSET—At Lord's.

Middlesex.—First Innings: 339 for 3 wkts. H. L. Dales 42, Hearne 50, Hendren not 120, G. E. V. Crutchley not 92.

YORKSHIRE v. SURREY—At Bradford.

Surrey.—First Innings: 317. Hobbs 52, Ducat 35, Shepherd 95, A. Jeacocke 36, P. G. H. Fender 53. Bowling: Macaulay 5 for 67.

Yorkshire.—First Innings: 0 for 0 wkt.

KENT v. ESSEX—At Tonbridge.

Essex.—First Innings: 212. Russell 86, J. W. Douglas 35. Bowling: Collins 4 for 66, Freeman 4 for 62.

Kent.—First Innings: 212 for 1 wkt. A. F. Bickmore not 99, Seymour not 90.

LANCASHIRE v. NOTTS—At Manchester.

Lancashire.—First Innings: 396. Makepeace 44, Ellis 36, Watson 29, Parkin 52, Tyldesley (R.) 105, M. N. Kenyon 45. Bowling: Richmond 3 for 91, Matthews 3 for 94, Gunn (J.) 3 for 46.

WORCESTER v. WARWICK—At Stourbridge.

Warwick.—First Innings: 289. F. R. Santall 75, N. E. Patridge 30, Smart (J.) not 68. Bowling: W. E. Richardson 4 for 106.

Worcester.—First Innings: 92 for 4 wkts. H. L. Higgins not 41, M. F. S. Jewell not 28.

GLOUCESTER v. DERBY—At Gloucester.

Derbyshire.—First Innings: 248. G. R. Jackson 40, Hutchinson 67, G. Curgenven 65. Bowling: Parker 5 for 66.

Gloucester.—First Innings: 45 for 0 wkt.

SUSSEX v. NORTHANTS—At Brighton.

Northants.—First Innings: 111. Wells 24, Walden 23. Bowling: Roberts 5 for 50, Tate 3 for 20.

Sussex.—First Innings: 139 for 7 wkts. Street 24.

HANTS v. LEICESTER—At Southampton.

Leicester.—First Innings: 257 for 4 wkts. Lord 51, King not 119, Coe not 50.

THE LEADING CRICKETERS.

The following averages include Saturday's play.

BATSMEN.

	Inns.	Not out.	Runs.	Most in Inns.	Aver.
Hardinge	10	2	753	249*	94.12
Russell	16	1	1,202	172	80.13
Oldroyd	12	3	712	151*	79.11
Hendren	9	2	499	172*	71.28
Hobbs	13	3	826	151*	68.83
Woolley (F. E.)	9	1	531	188	66.37
Makepeace	17	0	1,080	169	63.52
Hearne	16	3	815	201	62.69
Mead	13	1	754	235	61.16

* Indicates not out.

BOWLERS.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver.
Rhodes	261.5	110	409	43	9.51
F. R. B. Browne	157.5	49	317	29	10.93
Macauley	286.3	84	613	50	12.26
G. O. Allen	195.3	52	444	34	13.05
Richmond	323.4	73	884	67	13.19
Cox	232.3	68	442	32	13.81
Gunn (J.)	195.1	56	365	26	14.03
Kennedy	340	85	944	67	14.11
Parkin	457.5	110	1,181	76	15.53

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Lytham (7)	4-5	Boda c	Donoghue
Wolverton (3)	4-5	Backwood	J. Brennan

CATWICK.

Crabbet (6)	11-10	Farseeing	J. Evans
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