

## **ANTHONY WEBB**

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**From:** "ANTHONY WEBB" <webb1pn@btinternet.com>  
**To:** "Lawton Smith" <lawtonsmith@supanet.com>  
**Sent:** 14 February 2015 10:46  
**Subject:** Re: 1909 query

Dear Julian

This may be a duplicate of one I meant to send earlier. Good spot by David. Source for Fall of Wickets was Bedfordshire Advertiser of 6 August. I am sending copy to you and Colin. The match report states however that the eighth wicket fell at 194, not 216.

Regards

Tony

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Lawton Smith](#)  
**To:** 'ANTHONY WEBB'  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 11, 2015 6:13 PM  
**Subject:** 1909 query

Dear Tony,

David Harvey has raised the following query:

[Page 88 Match 57](#) Given that the Bedfordshire not out batsmen had scored 16 and 10 and that the total was then 216-8, the 8th wicket would not have fallen at 216 as shown in the f o w

Can you resolve?

Thanks  
Julian

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**County Cricket at Luton.**

It was rather unfortunate that both county cricket fixtures at Luton this season should follow one another. The Bank Holiday match was, of course, all right, seeing that it was practically the only attraction in the town. But the Friday and Saturday engagement with Lincolnshire, coming as it did immediately before the holiday was a mistake from the point of view of drawing a crowd or benefiting the Club financially. The critics, who always grumble, had, naturally, a lot to say about the arrangements, and were to be heard saying such hard things as that the team only comes to Luton when Bedford does not want them. Such twaddle is utter nonsense. When arranging the fixtures it was impossible to play two matches at Luton on other dates. The County Club realise the assistance they get from this side of the shire, and are desirous of cultivating the cricketing spirit here; but they cannot, of course, do impossibilities. Though the weather was rather against play, those who watched the game with Lincolnshire on Saturday were well rewarded. The game against Cambridgeshire on Monday and Tuesday was even better, and there was a good crowd.

**BEDFORDSHIRE v. LINCOLNSHIRE.**

At Wardown on Friday and Saturday, Bedfordshire met Lincolnshire in the Minor Counties' Championship. This is the first season for Lincolnshire to be included in the same group as Bedfordshire, and the engagement was naturally looked forward to with interest. Capt. Orr won the toss, and having an idea that the wicket would improve he decided to put the visitors in. However, comparatively little cricket could be had on Friday, owing to the wet weather. The play was really confined to Saturday, so that the sides were only able to play one innings each. Lincolnshire, who opened the batting, made a poor start, the first wicket being down for a single, while only eight runs had been added before the fall of the second wicket. Morcom bowled well, but Grierson did even better. The 20 was reached at the fall of the fourth wicket. However, after this runs came steadily, and the fifth wicket yielded 37 runs. Peel was now put on at bowling, and the sixth wicket fell for a total of 65. The Lincoln batsmen were now playing with caution, and the "tail" wagged very much indeed. R. W. Williams was giving all the trouble, and he made 45, the highest score on his side, before he was cleaned bowled by Grierson. The ninth wicket produced 126 runs, and a quarter of an hour afterwards the side were all out for 133.

Bedfordshire opened their innings on Saturday afternoon, B. L. Peel and Holdstock first going in. In less than a minute there was a mild sensation by Holdstock being caught out in the first over, when only four runs had been made. Wharmby was the newcomer, and he partnered Peel in carrying the score to 38, when the professional had the misfortune to hit his wicket. King filled the vacancy, and played a magnificent innings. The Old Modernian beat the bowlers at all points. At 72 Peel was caught in the field. Capt. Orr then partnered King, and between them they carried the score to 119. King made 57 when he also succumbed to a catch in the field. Mr. Orr made 31, and Mr. Apthorp 27. Bedfordshire passed their opponents' score for the loss of five wickets. This was shortly after five o'clock, but it was decided to continue to play for another hour. The eighth wicket went down for a total of 194. Holmes-Brown and Morcom continued the innings, and the score was 216 for eight, when stumps were drawn. Score:—

**LINCOLNSHIRE.**

E. T. Cooke, c Apthorp, b Morcom	3
Day, b Morcom	9
T. Hedworth, c Wharmby, b Grierson	8
W. E. Thompson, c Apthorp, b Wharmby	22
E. B. Waite, c Sub, b Morcom	2
F. S. Cannell, c Apthorp, b Peel	23
R. W. Williams, b Grierson	45
J. E. Crookes, b Peel	2
A. W. Foster, c Holmes-Brown, b Grierson	8
Geeson, b Grierson	7
Allen, not out	5
Extras	8
Total	133

**Fall of the Wickets.**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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1	9	17	20	57	65	79	98	126	133
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**BOWLING.**

	o	m	r	w
A. F. Morcom	20	3	41	3
H. Grierson	15.4	1	34	4
H. R. Orr	5	0	22	0
B. L. Peel	13	3	19	2
Wharmby	5	1	9	1

**BEDFORDSHIRE.**

B. L. Peel, c Williams, b Geeson	33
Holdstock, c Allen, b Geeson	0
Wharmby, hit wkt., b Geeson	17
W. E. King, c Foster, b Williams	57
H. R. Orr, c Cooke, b Geeson	31
E. E. Apthorp, b Crookes	27
H. O. Sutherland, c Foster, b Crookes	10
A. E. Holmes-Brown, not out	16
B. Maclear, c Waite, b Crookes	1
A. F. Morcom, not out	13
H. Grierson did not bat	
Extras	11

Total (8 wks.)	216
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**Fall of the Wickets.**

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4	38	72	119	164	184	186	216
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**BOWLING.**

	o	m	r	w
E. T. Cooke	13	3	42	0
Geeson	18	5	55	4
Day	6	0	16	0
A. W. Foster	2	0	13	0
J. E. Crookes	12	4	32	3
R. W. Williams	9	0	44	1

## Lawton Smith

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**From:** ANTHONY WEBB [webb1pn@btinternet.com]  
**Sent:** 14 February 2015 10:29  
**To:** Lawton Smith  
**Subject:** Re: 1909 query

Dear Julian

Good work from David. The source for fall of wickets was the Bedfordshire Advertiser of 6 August. I have copied this to you and Colin. Meanwhile text helpfully gives eighth wicket falling at 194 - not 216 as in score - and this solves the problem.

Regards

Tony

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**From:** ANTHONY WEBB [webb1pn@btinternet.com]  
**Sent:** 09 December 2014 18:49  
**To:** Lawton Smith  
**Subject:** Re: Some 1909 Queries

Dear Julian

Thank you for your recent enquiry. I have sent you the Scores at a Glance List for 1909 under separate cover. It was compiled in 2006 so will need careful checking!

Match 24 - Cambs 2nd Inns - All the sources listed bar one give in Cambs 2nd innings Watts c Titchmarsh b White. The exception is the Cambridgeshire Weekly News which has c Titchmarsh b Marsh. I would think this is right - but one could perhaps confirm this is so by checking the Herts averages.

Match 92 - Herts 1st inns - All sources listed bar three give H M Harford c Watts b Reid. The exception are the Cambridge News, Cambridgeshire Weekly News and North Herts Mail which give c Watts b Shelford which again hopefully is confirmed by the Herts averages.

This score check system is worth its weight in gold!

Regards

Tony

PS - I will send a paper copy of this email and the list to Colin tomorrow as he also raised the questions with me.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Lawton Smith](#)  
**To:** '[ANTHONY WEBB](#)'  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 06, 2014 8:17 PM  
**Subject:** Some 1909 Queries

Dear Tony,

Please find attached the latest version of the 1909 scorecards. Pete Griffiths has now uploaded all of the matches on to CricketArchive. It showed up a lot of typos and missing player initials and he has sent all of the changes to Colin - together with a paper copy of the scorecards.

I have spoken to Colin today and we have resolved a lot of the queries. However there are a couple which we hope you may be able to help with.

Match 24 - wickets given to bowlers White and Marsh do not agree with the batting scorecard in Cambs second innings.

Match 92 - wickets given to bowlers Reid and Sheldrick do not agree with the batting scorecard for Hertfordshire first innings.

Can you check your original sources for these matches to resolve these?

Finally, do you have a copy of the Season's Results at a Glance for 1909 that you could send me to save us having to type this up.

I hope all's well.

Best wishes

Julian

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**From:** ANTHONY WEBB [webb1pn@btinternet.com]  
**Sent:** 01 December 2014 21:14  
**To:** Lawton Smith  
**Subject:** Emailing: 1909-REV R H MOSS  
**Attachments:** 1909-REV R H MOSS.docx

Dear Julian - I have made many changes to my note on R H Moss, so it is probably best to send you a fully revised version - which is attached, Thanks to Tony Percival for the extract from Crockford's. I have since had access to the one for 1957. Please let me know if you have any questions related to it. I thought I might be able to help with Patrick Crimmins - but I do not have any newspaper obituary or the scores for his non-first class matches for Hampshire. So I must decline the invitation.

Kind regards

Tony

Your message is ready to be sent with the following file or link attachments:  
1909-REV R H MOSS

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**Rev R H Moss – Bedfordshire 1901-1909 [born 24 February 1868; died 19 March 1956]**

Played 48 matches for Bedfordshire between 1901 and 1909. He was initially a right-arm fast bowler but by the time he played for Bedfordshire he is reported as bowling at little over medium pace. He took 87 wickets at 20.82 for the county, with a best innings bowling performance being 7 wickets for 31 runs against Staffordshire at the Victoria Road, Stoke-on-Trent in 1902. On 5 occasions he took five or more wickets in an innings but never ten in a match. A good slip fielder he held 31 catches. A right-hand batsman, he scored 810 runs at an average of 13.22, his highest innings score being 59 versus Buckinghamshire in 1904 at the Wolverton Cricket Club Ground at Osborne Street when he batted fourth in the order. In later years he was found batting lower down the order. He was educated at Radley College, where he was in the Cricket XI for four years between 1883 and 1886. He attended Keble College, Oxford between 1886 and 1890 where he played for his college with some success. Making his first-class debut in 1897, he played 3 matches for the University in 1897, none the next year, and five in both 1889 when he gained his Blue and 1890 when he did not. In 1893 he played two further first-class matches for the MCC v Lancashire at Lord's in May and for Liverpool and District v the Australian touring team in August. His final first-class match was for Worcestershire against Gloucestershire at Worcester in May 1925 when he was aged 57 scoring 2 and 0 and taking 1 wicket for 5 runs. The gap of 32 years is a record between first-class appearances, and arguably his main claim to fame. His first-class record of 16 matches saw him score 123 runs average 6.83 with a highest score of 18 not out for Oxford University v Surrey at Oxford in 1887, his debut season. He held 11 catches and took 25 wickets for 886 runs, averaging 35.44, his best bowling being 4 wickets for 9 runs for the University against Sussex at Hove in 1890. At below first-class level he played for Lancashire 2<sup>nd</sup> XI in 1893. His club cricket included playing for Liverpool, Huyton, Radley Rangers, MCC, Bedford Town, and the Club and Ground sides for Bedfordshire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire. He was an Assistant Master at Bilton Grange School, Rugby from 1891 and 1896, and Chaplain and an Assistant Master at Cheltenham College from 1896 until 1899. In 1899 he became the Rector of Bletsoe, a village 6 miles north of Bedford and qualified for that County. Over the years after Bletsoe, he served as Rector of Woburn from 1912 to 1915. He was an Assistant Master at Malvern from 1915 to 1924, which provided him with residency qualification for Worcestershire, and from 1924 to 1944 he was Rector of Icomb, a small village 2 miles south east of Stow-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire. While at Oxford he also won an Athletics Blue for the 'Hammer and Weight'. Reginald Heber Moss was born in Tarbrook Road, Huyton, Lancashire, his father's occupation being a corn broker, and he died at Vere Cotage, West Road, Symondsburry, a village one and a half miles west of Bridport, Dorset aged 88.

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**From:** ANTHONY WEBB [webb1pn@btinternet.com]  
**Sent:** 12 November 2014 20:51  
**To:** Lawton Smith  
**Subject:** Re: 1909 Biographies

Hello Julian - I would not include E B Raikes in the 1909 book - We spent a lot of time avoiding reference to the friendly matches to avoid confusion in the records. I am sure Stephen would understand. I have the details for Reg Moss and I hope to get the material to you by Monday. Stephen's book on Lionel Robinson is my current 'cricket' read and I am full of admiration for the research he has undertaken to write it. Michael Pearce's Surrey book is a reference book all should want. Glad to read you are looking forward to your retirement in February. I hope you enjoy it as much as I have. I hope tomorrow's meeting goes well. Please remember me to all colleagues present.

Best wishes - Tony

PS Are there any final season players who should be covered but are not at the moment?

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Lawton Smith](#)  
**To:** 'ANTHONY WEBB'  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 11, 2014 8:01 AM  
**Subject:** 1909 Biographies

Hi Tony,

I hope you are keeping well. We remain behind on our schedule for the 1909 book but are meeting on Thursday to review the first full draft of the scorecards following feedback from all statisticians. The publication date has been put back to February but that will still be tight to achieve.

I have received most of the proposed biographies and wonder when I might expect one for RH Moss from you? Stephen Musk has prepared a biography for EB Raikes but is not sure that it is worthy of inclusion. An interesting career but only 11 championship matches. I would value your opinion on whether to include it or not.

### **E B Raikes – Norfolk 1897, 1901, 1909 (born 18 November 1863; died 7 December 1931)**

Most of Ernest Raikes' career took place before the Minor Counties Championship was inaugurated; he made his debut for Norfolk in 1882, playing in all 11 competitive matches and 29 friendlies. He took 24 Championship wickets at 18.75, with a best of 6-6 against Cambridgeshire at Lakenham in August 1897. He is the only Norfolk bowler to take 17 wickets in a match, when he returned figures of 8/47 and 9/44 against Hertfordshire in 1888 in a match which ended in a tie – that year he took more wickets (58) than the rest of Norfolk's attack combined. In all matches for Norfolk he took 200 wickets at 15.27 each. Educated at Haileybury College (where he was in the Rugby XV) and Keble College, Oxford, Raikes spent much of his legal career in India, where his bowling, with its 'puzzling action' that enabled him to obtain break in both directions, earned him a first-class bag of 49 wickets at an impressive 10.28 runs apiece (with a best of 8-22). When he returned to England, he sat on the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, dealing with commercial law; he was awarded the OBE and the KC. He also served on the Committee of the Norfolk CCC, frequently organising the County's Colts matches and served on the Norfolk branch of the British Red Cross Society. His brother, George, and son, Tom, both played for Norfolk and gained "Blues" at Oxford. During his career, Raikes bowled the four-, five- and six-ball over. He died at his home at Ham Common, Surrey.

For information, I have now resigned from work and will finish at the end of January. From that point I will be able to devote most of my time to my cricket research and publications, something I have been looking forward to !

I'll keep you posted on progress with 1909.



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**From:** ANTHONY WEBB [webb1pn@btinternet.com]  
**Sent:** 16 July 2014 18:56  
**To:** lawton Smith  
**Subject:** 1909 Season

Julian

Amendments to Scores - Provided by Colin

- ✓ No 16 - Beds v Norfolk - Notes line 4 - replace 'game' by 'match'
- ✓ No 39 - Herts v Beds - Notes line 4 - replace '3' by '38'
- ✓ No 77 - Norfolk v Beds - Both Norfolk inns - remove "b , lb , '
- ? No 85 - Suffolk v Beds - Hyphenate 'Gorell-Barnes'

Final Season Players - At Colin's request, I will attempt to do this.

Season's Results at a Glance Match List - Who is compiling this?

Dorset 1909 - Building on the groundwork done by Michael Pearce, I am seeking to provide the Dorset scores for 1909 - hopefully providing some missing bowling analyses for a couple of missing innings. Colin has kindly agreed to check the work. A copy has also been sent to Michael. When are you seeking to have the scores with Peter?

Regards

Tony

PS - I am copying this email to both Colin and Michael.

## Lawton Smith

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**From:** ANTHONY WEBB [webb1pn@btinternet.com]  
**Sent:** 06 July 2014 20:09  
**To:** Lawton Smith  
**Cc:** Steve Musk  
**Subject:** 1909

Dear Julian

Thank you for sending me a copy of the 1908 MC Book. It was good to have this - it had a good feel and I know a lot of people have worked hard to get things right. Thank you also for the Oxfordshire booklet.

I think the best way I can help in the future will be to continue working with Colin on relevant match scores - if he wants me to do so. I have sent you by email a set of 1909 scores for Suffolk, Cambridgeshire and Lincolnshire which Colin has produced. He has asked me to say that these scores should replace all previous versions - so he is not troubled by 'out of date' comments from colleagues like he was for 1908. Can you kindly confirm they have got to you okay.

It is intended that you are sent the remaining balance of Bedfordshire scores within a week. There have been one or two difficulties in dealing with these which Colin has helped resolve.

You asked how else I could help with the 1909 book. Michael Pearce produced some fullish typed notes on the Wiltshire scores - and short ones on Dorset and Surrey 2nd XI - which I am sending you in the post.

I also have a set of Glamorgan scores marked up with scorebook editions. I expect Andrew will have already sent these - but let me know if not.

If you think there are other things where you think I can help let me know.

Meanwhile I am sending Colin a copy of this email by post.

Best wishes

Tony

PS - I am going through my papers again for the 1909 season to see if I can help Stephen with the appointment of the umpires for the 1909 season.

## Lawton Smith

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**From:** ANTHONY WEBB [webb1pn@btinternet.com]  
**Sent:** 19 June 2014 12:32  
**To:** Steve Musk  
**Cc:** Lawton Smith  
**Subject:** Re: Minor Counties Championship 2009

Hallo Stephen

The material I have relating to the 1909 season from The Sportsman are;

8 December 1908 - Cricket in 1909, Today's Meetings at Lord's - including MCCA AGM [2 pages]  
9 December 1908 - Fixtures for 1909, Minor Counties Association Annual Meeting and 'Second Division' Fixture List [2 pages]

6 December 1909 - Cricket in 1910, [Today's] Meetings at Lord's [1 page]  
7 December 1909 - Meeting of County Captains to select umpires [1 page]  
8 December 1909 - County Secretaries Meet, Fixture List, MCCA AGM [3 pages]  
9 December 1909 - MCCA Selection of Umpires [1 page]

I will send you copies by post. [Unfortunately I do not have a copy of the April issues previewing the 1909 season.]

If the Norfolk Yearbook records the scores accurately then it is serving a valuable purpose! [If you want to see the best one then look at Michael's [Week's] 'Cricket in Cornwall'.

Kind regards

Tony

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Steve Musk](#)  
**To:** [Tony Webb](#)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 10, 2014 11:07 PM  
**Subject:** Minor Counties Championship 2009

'Evening Tony,

I hope that you had a great holiday.

We *finally* got the 1908 Book out! Although the disintegration of Pete's gas central heating wasn't our fault, we remain all too aware that we are standing on the shoulders of a giant (ie you) in putting out new volumes and we marvel at the time and dedication that you put into the project. Now we do the best we can to live up to your standards.

The time has come for me to write the Introduction for the 1909 Book and, to that end, I would be grateful if you could send me some photocopies of the relevant journal(s) which would enable me to draw up the Intro. It's best done by photocopies+post rather than computer as my new machine is not very reliable...

The Norfolk CCC Handbook for 2014 is the most useless document any of us have ever seen. In my best Robert Brooke-style I have demanded a recall & pulping with a replacement issued when Mike Davage and I have sorted things. Alas, we can't afford that - but my demand to edit subsequent Handbooks personally (with Mike's help) has been granted. When that is added to my work on 'your' Project and the Player Profiles for the 'modern' Minor Counties Annuals, I find myself heavily committed to 'maintenance' and without much time to write...

| Kind Regards,  
| Stephen.