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CRICKET.

NORTHANTS v. BUCKS.

This fixture was commenced on the County Cricket Ground, Northampton, on Friday, August 23, in bright weather and on a splendid wicket. The Bucks team, although a good one, was not fully representative.

On the resumption Wood bowled at the Hotel end and Colson at the Pavilion end. Paravicioli made a big off-drive for five off Wood, and the century was busted. Both men batted steadily, and the 116 and 120 quickly followed.

With just over half an hour to play Gulliver and H. E. Kingston opened the Northamptonshire batting, Nash and Wright trundling. Both men batted carefully, and the first five overs were maidens, a dark shadow just across the middle of the ground being very awkward.

The net outs—G. J. Gulliver and H. E. Kingston—resumed batting at 11-15, in opposition to Nash and Wright. Runs came slowly, and at 32 Gulliver was bowled by Nash after having been in nearly an hour for a useful 15.

On the resumption at a quarter to three the attack was in the hands of Wright and Nash. A few three maidens Wood was out 1-b-w to Nash without adding to his score.

Colson was the next pair, and both between hit out, four becoming frequent. Colson completed his 50 with a smok for a couple off Nash, but after making two more he was caught at the wicket. (Eight for 196). His invaluable 62 included four 4's, four 3's, and six 2's. 109 runs had been scored during his stay.

C. W. Hunt and H. Suthery started the visitors' second venture, to the bowling of Thompson and East. The score was only 10 when Thompson caught and bowled Suthery. Grenfell joined Hunt, but at 14 was caught in the long field off Thompson.

Table with columns: First Innings, Second Innings. Lists players like C. W. Hunt, H. Suthery, Wood, Thompson, etc. with scores.

Table with columns: G. J. Gulliver, H. E. Kingston, E. Scriven, etc. Lists scores for various players.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE v. BEDFORDSHIRE.

The return match between these counties was commenced at High Wycombe, on Monday, August 26. The morning was showery, and luncheon was taken before play began.

On commencing on the Tuesday, but one ball sufficed to bring the innings to a close, and consequently, Bedford held a lead of 24. Nash took seven wickets for 8 runs each.

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BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

Table with columns: First Innings, Second Innings. Lists players like Hoy, J. Stratton, etc. with scores.

SHERINGTON v. CHURCH INSTITUTE.

This return fixture was played in Bury Field, Newport Pagnell, on Saturday, August 24, and, after a most exciting finish, ended in a victory for the latter by the narrow margin of 1 run.

Table with columns: F. Field, W. Mynard, J. Crowe, etc. Lists scores for various players.

CHURCH INSTITUTE.

Table with columns: G. Pearce, B. Toke, J. Wilmer, etc. Lists scores for various players.

NEANTONBURY ST. JAMES' V. NEWPORT PAGNELL PARISH CHURCH.—The above match was played at Newport Pagnell, on Friday, August 24th, and resulted in a win for the home team by 37 runs on the first innings.