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WEST SHUT OUT SOUTH-EAST

Dollard and Wenk Give Only Three Hits

The forecasted close South East v West tussle became a fact on July 3rd at Mitcham, there being a 4-0 margin in favour of Western Counties that gained them the Coronation Pennant.

The weather kept down the attendance to about 500, but enthusiasm ran high throughout.

PITCHING DUEL

Pitching was a big feature of the game and only two "walks" were given up (both by Western pitcher Wenk). Wenk took over from Dollard after six innings during which the Beavers' moundsman had gained ten strike-outs in giving up one hit; Wenk gave up two hits but gained two strike-outs in the final three frames. Briggs Brigands' pitchers Halpin and Green shared eight innings for South East. Halpin struck out five in five innings for five hits and Green had one strike-out in three frames whilst giving four hits.

Western Infield shines

When Laurie and Howard each hit Dollard's opening pitch inches foul along the left-field line it appeared that South East might have a good day at bat. However although Howard made a safe hit after Laurie was struck out the Southeasterners were retired without scoring in the first frame and then failed to get a man on base until Dawber got an infield hit in the seventh. This was largely due to steady play by the Western keystone combination of Adey and Cooper who made some good pick-ups to back up their pitchers.

Dollard starts rally

Although Western had men on base in the first two innings they did not score until the third. Dollard started the rally with a triple and came home on an error; Sargeant scored in the same innings, being advanced from first to third by Cook and coming home on Whiting's sacrifice to short stop.

Western's other two runs came in the fifth. Adey reached first on another error, stole second and came home on Ingall's sacrifice. Robinson added another when he hit a two-bagger and went all the way from second on Whiting's single.

Pinch-Hitters fail

At this stage, manager Al Maddison made several changes in his line-up in an effort to get some hitting power into the S.E. team, but although Banks and Harris were walked in the gap there was no hit to bring them in. The final blow to Eastern hopes was in the last frame; Howard hit safely, stole second and seemed certain to score—only for Beckwith's smash hit through the pitcher's box to be stopped by Cooper for the put-out at first!

THE TEAMS

(in batting order)

SOUTH EASTERN

L. Laurie (Essex), *2nd*; A. Howard (Fords), *s.s.*; W. Beckwith (IBM), *c.f.*; W. Dawber (IBM), *1st*; S. Alexander (Briggs), *r.f.*; W. Willson (Dagenham), *3rd*; R. Field (Kodak), *l.f.*; I. Gallton (IBM), *c.*; W. Halpin (Briggs), *p.* *Substitutes*: *6th innings*: L. Green (Brigands) for Halpin; R. Pulleo (Essex) for Willson *7th innings*: H. Yellop (Briggs) for Laurie; L. Banks (Essex) for Alexander, R. Harris (Kodak) for Field.

Manager: A. Maddison (Essex). *Coach*: J. Hellier (Dagenham)

WESTERN

P. Adey (Sutton), *s.s.*; L. Ingalls (Epsom), *r.f.*; D. Sargeant (Wokingham), *c.f.*; H. Cook (Sutton), *r.*; B. Whiting (Tigers), *1st*; R. Rowlands (Tigers), *l.f.*; W. Cooper (Sutton), *2nd*; A. Kantor (Epsom), *3rd*; B. Dollard (Sutton), *p.* *Substitutes*: *6th innings*: E. Robinson (Dulwich) for Sargeant; T. Edmunson (Sutton) for Rowlands; T. Wenk (Wokingham) for Dollard.

Manager: P. Adey. *Coaches*: C. Cameron (Epsom), H. Smith (Tigers).

SCORE BOX

South Eastern	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0
Western	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	x	—	4

	Hits	*Walks*	*Errors*	*L.O.B.*
South Eastern	3	2	6	3
Western	9	0	1	7

Winning Pitcher: Dollard.
Losing Pitcher: Halpin.

Runs: *Western*: Sargeant (2), Dollard, Adey.

Hits: *South Eastern*: Howard (2), Dawber. *Western*: Sargeant, Cooper, Dollard (2 each), Adey, Cook, Whiting.

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THIS IS THE FINAL ISSUE FOR THE 1954 SEASON

Hull beat Langar at Craven Park

CECIL AND MARSHALL HOLD CANUCKS

Langar Canucks of the Notts League travelled to Craven Park on July 4th to meet a selected Hull League side.

The teams in batting order were:

HULL

Stanford (Pirates), *s.s.*; Glanville (Royals), *l.f.*; Fewlass (Royals), *r.f.*; Pallas (USAF), *1st*; Bean (G.) (Giants), *2nd*; Lee (USAF), *c.*; Akers (Pirates), *c.f.*; Ashton (Pirates), *3rd*; Cecil (USAF), *p.*; Marshall (Royals) substituted for Cecil in the 7th.

LANGAR

Kelly (*3rd*); Snider (*c.*); Davies (*2nd*), Rainboth (*p*); Wilkinson (*c.f.*); Wreggitt (*1st*); Moffatt (*s.s.*); McKinnon (*r.f.*); Miller (*r.f.*).

Langar load 'em up in First

Langar loaded the bases in the first innings before Cecil struck out Wilkinson to retire the side, and then made short work of the first three Hull batters in their half.

In the second McKinnon brought home Wreggitt for the Canadians' first run, but Cecil again came to his side's rescue by "fanning" Davies for the third out with bases loaded. Hull again failed to score.

Hull settle down and lead

Settling down to better ball, the homesters retired Langar in order in the third and fourth innings and went into a 3—1 lead by scoring one in the third and two in the fourth. Ashton had a hand in these, scoring the first and bringing in the third; Bean came home on an error between these tallies.

From then onwards Yorkshire held the upper hand, the Canadians being held scoreless except for the sixth frame when Kelly and Davies scored before Rainboth was put out at the plate and Wilkinson retired at first to end the rally. However Hull soon hit back in their half, Lee hitting a homer, and they won fairly comfortably by 10—3.

SCORE BOX

Langar	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	—	3
Hull	0	0	1	2	1	4	2	0	x	—	10

	Hits	*Walks*	*Errors*	*L.O.B.*
Langar	4	5	12	4
Hull	10	2	6	6

Winning Pitcher: Cecil.
Losing Pitcher: Rainboth.

Runs: *Langar*: Wreggitt, Kelly, Davies. *Hull*: Bean (3), Akers (2), Stanford, Pallas, Lee, Ashton, Marshall.

Hits: *Langar*: Kelly, Snider, Rainboth, McKinnon. *Hull*: Bean, Lee, Ashton (2 each), Stanford, Fewlass, Cecil, Marshall.

NOTTS CANADIANS 11-6 WIN OVER YORKS YANKS

4,000 See Air Force Sides

Correspondent: MALCOLM MARTIN *(Notts League)*

The August Bank Holiday Monday meeting of the U.S.A.F. Cowboys and R.C.A.F. Langar brought together the leaders of the Hull and Nottingham Leagues at Nottingham. The fixture proved to be a big attraction, over 4,000 being present to see the Canadians win by 11—6. The Cowboys were without their best battery—Fred Lee and Fred Cecil—but the Notts side proved a stronger all-round combination on the day.

Sgt Anderson of the RCAF, Langar, gave a running commentary on the game and thanks are also due to all others who assisted in making the game possible.

Four-Pitcher Duel

In a four-pitcher duel Young (8 strike-outs in 6 innings) and Willington (7 strike-out in 3 innings) had the edge over the USAF pitchers Wazinski (6 strike-outs, 6 innings) and Borysiak (4 strike-outs in 3 innings). They were well backed-up by their infields with only three errors between them.

The turning point of the game was in the fourth innings; after scoring three runs Cowboys had two men in a scoring position with one out. When the pinch-hitter hit a ball to deep centre-field, Neal made the catch and pegged straight home to catch the runner from third crossing the plate after tagging-up, and from then on the Langar side maintained their lead.

Salter's Shoe-string catch ends game

However, in the ninth frame the Yanks again came back with a rush and although having two out again had two men on. Once more a big hit sailed into the outfield, but this time right-fielded Salter ran 20 yards to make a "shoe string" catch to end the game at 11—6 in the Canadians' favour.

Wazinski (Cowboys) and Ruinaboth (RCAF) were the best batters of the day.

SCORE BOX

USAF	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	—	6
RCAF	1	0	2	4	0	2	0	0	2	—	11

LEEDS DRAWING BIGGER GATES

300 FOR DIAMONDS' VISIT

The winning of the Baynes Cup has proved to be a great encouragement to the Leeds club. Although they have played a number of games in Hull, their own "home" season opened on July 11th at the Middleton Miners' Welfare Ground against Kingston Diamonds. Over 300 were present for this tussle which was tightly contested from start to finish, and interest was maintained throughout with the visitors winning 6—5 in a game that lasted only 100 minutes.

Although Marshall hit a homer off him in the sixth, Holmes was in great form for Leeds and the match developed into a duel between him and the Diamonds' infield who were in great form. Holmes (who is now team-manager) had 12 strike-outs, three safe hits and "stole home" in one innings for a personal triumph.

SCORE BOX

Kingston Diamonds	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	— 6
Leeds	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	— 5

Other results have been:

June 27.—Reckitts Robins 2, Leeds 13.
July 18.—Leeds 0, Hull Royals 8.
" 24.—Reckitts Robins 7, Leeds 11 (Baynes Cup).
" 31.—Kingston Diamonds 1, Leeds 7 (Baynes Cup).

Incidentally the Baynes Cup match against Robins was notable for a remarkable recovery by Leeds who were trailing 5—0 at the start of the fourth innings but slammed their opponents for half-a-dozen runs in the bottom of the frame. Holmes had 13 strike-outs in this game.

F. PANSON

INTER-CITY GAMES FOR LEEDS AND LIVERPOOL CLUBS

Correspondent: E. R. SHARP
(Hon. Sec. N.W. Counties B.A.)

Inter-city games have been a feature of Liverpool baseball in recent weeks, among these matches being Bootle Cubs v Reckitts Robins (Hull) on July 10th and N.W. Counties v R.C.A.F. (Luffenham) on July 24th.

Reckitts lose in Liverpool

In the Cubs-Robins game the visitors took a 3—0 lead in the opening frame, but after Bootle went ahead in the third they were never caught. Hal Bonallo was the winning pitcher, B. Todd being on the mound for Robins.

Robins	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	—	5
Cubs	0	1	5	0	0	0	3	2	x	—	11

Sabres blunted at Leeds

The Leeds-Napier Sabres game on August 15th at the Middleton ground opened a Leeds-Liverpool series. Sabres were Div. II champions of the Merseyside League a couple of seasons ago and on paper the sides appeared to be evenly-matched.

This proved to be so in the actual game, for although the Sabres took the best part of four innings to settle down they lost only by 9—3.

Sabres	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	—3
Leeds	1	4	1	2	0	1	0	0	x	—9

Liverpool Cubs have provisionally agreed to visit Leeds on September 5th.

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YOUNGSTERS FOR S.E. CLUBS

Essex Baseball Club have re-started their Nomads' team for junior players, and a side under this name (consisting of youngsters interspersed with some of the Nationals) beat Benfleet Greys 23—5 on Aug. 1st at Benfleet in their first game of the season, but lost the return on the following Sunday by 18—11, Johnson hitting two homers in one innings for the Greys.

Benfleet are another club who have several members in the first season of baseball and should be in a position to fulfil a full programme in 1955.

Dagenham Royals have also been able to start half-a-dozen youngsters on practice sessions, equipping them with gloves and bats for "work-outs." The addition of a few more of these 15-17 year-olds will mean the running of a regular programme for this side against similar teams in 1955 should opponents be forthcoming.

Four in Running for S.E. League Championship

MAGPIES HEADING DIVISION ONE

In the Senior Division of the South Eastern League fixtures will continue until the end of September, a number of double-headers having to be played because of rained-off games. The championship is still very open and four clubs still have a chance of finishing at the top—Briggs Brigands, Essex, Kodak and T.B.M.

Essex met Kodak at Mayesbrook Park last Sunday in a "key" game winning 4—3 and the clubs meet again on Aug. 29th at Harrow. Other vital matches between the contenders are Essex v Brigands (double-header, Sept. 12th), T.B.M. v Kodak (double-header, Sept. 19th) and Brigands v T.B.M. (Sept. 26th).

By beating Queens Park Aces 13—3 last Sunday, Snowdown Magpies made nearly certain of the Division I championship. Their last game is against Briggs Tigers on August 29th; by winning this and their other four remaining games Tigers could force a play-off.

South Eastern League

(including 15 , 8 , 54)

Senior Divisi n	P	W	%
Thames Board Mills	8	7	875
Kodak	9	7	777
Briggs Brigands	7	6	857
Essex Nationals	6	4	666
Dagenham Royals	8	3	375
Hornsey Athletics	9	3	333
Ford Sports	7	2	285
Aveley Cubs	10	0	—

Division I	P	W	%
Snowdown Magpies	7	7	1000
Briggs Tigers	3	2	666
Queens Park Aces	4	2	500
De Havilland Comets	8	2	250
Southend Buffaloes	4	0	—

HULL FIXTURES TO FINISH NEXT WEEK-END

Correspondent: E. B. MARTIN (*Hon. Sec., N.W. Counties B.A.*)

Hull League fixtures will conclude by the end of August as the pitches are required for soccer from September onwards. This means a number of evening games to complete the programme.

The local derby at Preston Road on July 31st brought a low-scoring Hull League game between Aces and Royals. Wilkerton crossed the plate for Royals in the first frame, but there was no more scoring till the eighth innings when Royals hit two and added another couple in the ninth to win 5—0.

The Priestman Panthers - Eagles game the same day proved to be the o posite, Eagles completing the double in a 29—13 high-scoring duel.

Triple-play by Pirates

Pirates completed a triple-play in their game against the Royals on August 7th to help them win 12—10, despite Jack Wilkerton's "homer" for the losers.

Eagles' side of young players gave the Aces a hard fight before losing 10—7. Eagles had bases loaded in the ninth before being retired.

For the game against Royals, Dave Bateson of Leeds travelled from Bridlington and team-mate Albert Batty hitch-hiked from Grimsby. Batty celebrated with three fine outfield catches, but the form of youngsters Brian Lamb, Clive Lee and Jeff King kept Royals well ahead.

Canadian Dennis Austin recently signed for Eagles, and his play at short-stop in the match v Diamonds showed he will be an asset. The game was drawn 7—7.

Baynes Cup for Leeds

The Baynes Cup matches in Yorkshire produced some close games, and a rather surprising victory for the Leeds club who only started last season.

After Reckitts Robins had beaten Wold Road Y.C. in the preliminary round they were in turn defeated 11—7 by Leeds. Kingston Diamonds had won th other Semi-Final, but in the Final on July 31st could only score one run to Leeds' seven.

Long was outstanding for the Leeds' side in the Final, notching 15 strike-outs against the Diamonds who scored their only run in the sixth frame; Leeds had gained a 4—0 lead in the opening innings. It was unfortunate for the Hull side that their regular catcher, Dennis Hartley, was out of action owing to a road accident, but nevertheless their opponents were worthy victors.

Aces plan London Visit

Although of fairly recent formation, the East Hull Aces are a very go-ahead club. They are already planning for 1955 and have made some provisional arrangements for games in the London area next season.

The Aces' Supporters' Club has a membership of over 100, and two coach-loads went to see their side play the Holme Cowboys at the U.S.A.F. Station recently. Aces were hoping to be the first side to beat the Yanks (having held them to 9—5 in their first meeting), but although Ellerington and Ginsley scored a couple of runs for the Hull team the American pitching held the Aces scoreless for the remainder of the game to notch a 20—2 success. Smith gaining half-a-dozen strike-outs in the three frames he pitched.

Hull League

(including 15 , 8 , 54)

Division A	P	W	%
Giants	8	8	1000
Hull Royals	8	5	625
East Hull Aces	9	5	555
Pirates	9	4	444
Priestman Panthers	8	3	375
Eagles	8	0	—

U.S.A.F withdrew record deleted

Division B	P	W	%
Reckitts Robins	6	6	1000
Kingston Diamonds	6	3½	583
Maybury Y.C.	6	1½	250
Wold Road S.C.	6	1	167

BRIGANDS WIN S.E.C.B.A CUP

Briggs Brigands scored a comfortable 16—8 win over Essex Nationals in the Final of the South Eastern Counties Cup on July 11th at Dagenham. The works' side were on top from the early stages and never looked like being beaten after the fifth innings.

Green gave up 11 hits to Nationals for whom Banks (3 for 5) was the leading batter, with Pullen, Blerkom and Laurie each hitting safely twice. Pullen was the losing pitcher, Halsey (4) and Alexander (3) leading Brigands

Nationals	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	3	— 8
Brigands	0	3	0	0	2	6	0	0	x	—16

Brigands will be out to complete a Cup "double" when they meet Thames Board Mills in the S.E. League Senior Cup having already won the County Cup (for which T.B.M. did not enter). T.B.M. are the present holders, having beaten Brigands 5—4 in last season's final, but as they lost 9—11 in their League meeting earlier this season will have to improve on that performance in order to retain the trophy.

The evenly-matched sides should draw a good attendance to the Victoria Road Ground, Dagenham, on Sunday, 29th Aug.

Intermediate Final Tomorrow

Queens Park Aces and Briggs Tigers clash in the Intermediate Cup Fi na at Wormwood Scrubbs tomorrow (Aug. 22nd). This is the first Final appearance for both sides.

VALOR & WELLINGBOROUGH IN BIRMINGHAM PLAY-OFF

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Valor and Wellingborough U.S.A.F. have ended as joint-leaders of Division I of the Birmingham League and play-off at the end of September for the championship. The same teams have also reached the Semi-Final of the Midlands Area Cup.

Pirates won every game in Division II, Dunlop's two defeats at the hands of the champions putting them out of the running.

Wolseley made a great mid-season improvement and should have a good chance in the cup competition.

The Birmingham League have fielded teams for two representative games. They put up a great fight at North Luffenham before losing 4—3 in 10 innings but the absence of catcher-manager Hylter considerably handicapped them at Chilverston where they went under by 9—2.

Weak fielding and errors cost the Midlands Area side the game against U.S.A.F. Fairford, for despite Lambrecht's 16 strike-outs for Midlands the Airmen won 17—2.

Birmingham League

Division I	P	W	%
Valor	8	7	875
Wellingborough USAF	8	7	875
Allen's Cross	8	4	500
Dunlop Tigers	8	4	500
Beavers	8	0	—

Division II	P	W	%
Pirates	6	6	1000
Dunlop Eagles	6	3	500
Wolseley	6	2	333
Birlec Dodgers	6	1	167

Triple Challenge in Nottingham League

Rain has interfered in the Notts League programme which officially ends on August 28th. There will have to be an extension or some evening games to complete the programme to decide the championships in which Langar and Dodgers A are still undefeated. These teams have still to meet, the original games having been rained-off. Dodgers inflicted Luffenham's first defeat by a 12—10 margin.

The standard of the local clubs has greatly improved (partly due to playing against the new Canadian sides). After a bad start Braves (last season's winners) have done well in recent matches; among other good performances they held league-leaders Langar to 7—2 and Dodgers to 5—3 (10 innings).

Braves have been well-served by pitcher Shelton and catcher Todd, and other outstanding players in the League have been Beales (Senators), Povey (Dodgers), Turner and Sieman (Athletics), Rainbow (Langar), Brown (Leicester) and Willington (Luffenham).

Holders out of Nottingham Cup

Langar, present holders of the Nottingham Cup (the most coveted trophy in Notts baseball) were defeated in the first round of this season's competition, in which results were:—

Senators	3	Athletics	20
Braves	2	Dodgers A	19
Langar	2	Luffenham	10

Leicester received a bye and are at home to Luffenham in the Semi-Final in which Athletics also meet Dodgers. The trophy consists of a baseball supported by three bats on an inscribed plinth.

Midlands Cup Qualifiers

The draw for the Nottingham area of the M.C.B.A. Cup is:

Dodgers v. Luffenham or Athletics

The winners meet a Birmingham side in the Final.

Nottingham League

(including 35 . 8 . 56)

	P	W	%
Dodgers A	9	9	1000
R.C.A.F. Langar	9	9	1000
Athletics	11	8	727
R.C.A.F. Luffenham	5	4	800
Senators	11	4	363
Braves	12	4	333
Leicester	12	2	167
Dodgers B	11	0	—

Good Support at Leicester

Although meeting with no victories since the early part of the season, Leicester Baseball Club are having a successful season from other angles. They draw a fair crowd which compares well with attendances at the away games they play in the Notts League and are building up well for the future.

Recent games have brought some close tussles, examples being Langar (10—3), Senators (9—7) and Athletics (15—8) and their hard-working officials can already see good reward for their first-season's efforts.

S. C. Hardal.

WESTERN MINOR LEAGUE HAS GOOD FIRST SEASON

Time-Limit Tournament at Sutton

The progress of the Western Minor League has been one of the most encouraging features of the present season, and it is apparent that this venture has already assured the supply of players in that area.

In a recent letter to the Editor, Frank Adey (President of the Western Minor League) was very proud to tell of this success. Frank and his fellow-Committee members have obviously spared no effort to assist this development, and they are indeed to be complimented.

There are at present four members—Sutton, Epsom, Tigers and Royals. There are no restrictions on players and registrations are a formality. However, teams are expected to give preference to newcomers although "first stringers" may participate in order to complete the sides. These more experienced players, must, however, not play in their regular positions. This system thus fulfils two purposes; it gives games to players who would otherwise spend most of the first-team matches "on the bench" or have left the game, as well as providing an opportunity to try out others in new positions. Matches are normally played on Saturdays.

Among the successes of their first season in Minor League "ball" are Tel Farley, Terry Mills, Howard Stagg, Les Spinks, Norman Dearlove (Sutton), Johnny Fallon (Epsom), Mayfield, Cross, Filbey (Royals), Dickie Oram, Pare and Williamson (Tigers). Dearlove should be an outstanding catcher in a couple of seasons, Fallon shows extremely bright promise, whilst Farley and Mills have been Beavers' best pitchers in the competition.

Play-offs for all places in Tourney

The Western Minor League Tournament at Rosehill Recreation Ground, Sutton, attracted a large attendance on August Bank Holiday Monday. Play commenced at 11 a.m. and continued throughout the day on the League principle, each of the entries playing their three opponents in games limited to five innings or 55 minutes of playing-time; two points were awarded for a win and one for a draw. Results were:

Sutton Beavers	10	Epsom Lions	3
Tigers	5	Mitcham Royals	3
Epsom Lions	3	Mitcham Royals	3
Tigers	7	Sutton Beavers	7
Sutton Beavers	13	Mitcham Royals	0
Tigers	10	Epsom Lions	4

Thus Beavers and Tigers each gained five points and Lions and Royals one each. This necessitated play-offs for all places. Box scores of these were:

Epsom Lions	1	0	0	2	—		3
Mitcham Royals	2	2	3	2	—		9
Sutton Beavers	0	5	2	1	2	—	10
Tigers	4	2	0	2	1	—	9

The play-off for top place between Beavers and Tigers was in doubt till the final out of the last innings, but Royals maintained a comfortable margin to finish third above the Lions.

Leading batter for the Tournament was Farley (Beavers) with an average of .538; Barber and Dearlove of the same club had .500 averages as did J. Hubbard, Bolanger and Pare (all of Tigers). Granger (Royals) and Moore (Epsom) were their clubs' leading hitters.

Beavers fighting for Third Championship

BUT TWO DEFEATS SET THEM BACK

Although they have won the Western League championships for the past two seasons, Sutton Beavers are finding it no easy matter to complete their "hat-trick." Like most League leaders the Beavers find that everybody plays harder against them in an effort to knock them "off their perch" and in recent weeks Mitcham Royals (5—3) and Epsom Lions (5—4) have succeeded.

First Loss for Dollard

In the latter game Bill Dollard pitched his first losing game in the Western League since he joined the Beavers. Dollard's battery-mate, Harry Cook, a coloured American catcher, has been the mainspring of the Sutton batting, whilst Chick Dade and Wes Cooper have been outstanding infielders as well as batters, and Bill Turtle (who is getting married next week) is another of the Beavers' top-liners.

Monarchs after another Cup

Although they have one of the largest playing-rosters in the Western League, Wokingham Monarchs have never been at full-strength for their Sunday games this season. Among their 25 players are a large number who are Pan-American Airway's pilots, and with heavy flying-schedules which mean their absence for long periods they are not often available.

With two of their pitchers heading the earned-run averages of the League, the club have been well-served in this particular department, and although out of the running for the league championship the Monarchs have already won The Noakes Cup, and have high hopes of retaining the Western Association Cup which they won last year.

E. Page.

16-Year-old pitches no-hitter in Invitation Tournament

Five clubs have competed in the S.E. League Invitation Tournament this season. In the play-offs Benfleet Greys beat Southend Buffaloes 2—1 on Aug. 15th to meet Aveley Cubs in the Semi-Final on September 5th. On the same day the Briggs Tigers v De Havilland game at Leavesden was postponed.

The Benfleet-Southend game was a real thriller. Benfleet hunted home a run in the first frame but there was no further score until Southend made it 1—1 in the eighth. Another blank innings left it all square at the end of the ninth, but Benfleet made it 2—1 in the tenth to win. 16-year-old Alan Dowley pitched a no-hit game though walking home Buffaloes' run.