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THE MARLBOROUGH CRICKET MATCH.

We have had reason to believe that we were wrong in thinking that our readers would need no further account of the Marlborough match from us. In case any of our readers wish to keep an account of it in their copies of the *Meteor*, we give an account of it now. Notwithstanding the present Rugbeians being unable to witness the match, a large number of old Rugbeians collected to see the performance of the School, at Kennington Oval. At a quarter past eleven on Tuesday, the 24th, Messrs. Stokes and Wilkes appeared at the wickets, Rugby having won the toss, against the bowling of Messrs. Moeran and Macgregor. Runs were got fast, and a change had been made in the bowling, Hillyard going on with slows in place of Moeran, before Wilkes was caught at the wicket for 11. Soutter joined Stokes, and both played splendidly, putting on some 80 runs before they were parted, and bringing Head and Gordon on to bowl. At 120 up Stokes was stumped, and retired for a brilliantly played innings of 66. Pauncefote followed, and his batting was, as usual, perfect. Soutter, however, was soon forced to part company with him with a score of 40. Bucknill was caught for 4, but Pauncefote and Tobin ma. were not parted till the Captain had made 58 and his companion 38. The next three wickets fell for 232; and the score was brought to 241 by Messrs. Francis and Bourne, at which the innings closed.

The Marlborough innings was commenced by Bourdillon and Leach, to the bowling of Pauncefote and Bourne. For a few minutes the play was cautious, but Bourdillon soon opened his shoulders, and drove Pauncefote finely for five mid loud Marlborough cheers. Almost immediately, however, our Captain had his revenge, bowling Leach clean with a very fine bailer. Wyld came next, and Bourdillon, apparently undaunted at the loss of his companion, repeated his on-drive once or twice, scoring 6 for one. Wyld played steadily, but hit hard when he got a chance; and these two batsmen soon brought on Ellis at the Captain's end. The Old Rugbeians now began to get a little anxious, but Yardley soon brought relief by a fine catch at the wicket, which did for the Marlborough captain; almost immediately after Wyld also received his dismissal in the same way, Bourdillon having contributed 23 in a very short time by a few big hits, while Wyld's 19 comprised a four and three twos. After this Hillyard was the only one who made any important resistance to the very fine bowling of Bourne and Ellis, his hits including two fours and two threes. Rugby bowling, however, and fielding was well nigh perfect. Yardley was "all there" at the wicket; while Soutter at cover point, Bucknill at long stop, and Tobin ma. at long leg, were especially conspicuous. Of the bowling it is needless to speak: suffice it to say that the old Rugbeians were delighted with the performance of both Bourne and Ellis. The Marlborough innings closed shortly after five for a total of 91. Many were the congratulations and loud the praises which our Eleven champions received as they returned to the pavilion at the completion of the innings; and gloomy and dark the looks of the Marlburians as they scanned the faces of their successful rivals. However, in a short time they were ready to follow their innings, and sent Messrs. Bourdillon and Garnier (the not out) to the bowling of Bourne and Ellis. Garnier was soon disposed of for four, hitting one back to the bowler which was well secured. Soon after, Bourdillon was clean bowled by Bourne for seven (one for 11, two for 21.) Leach added 14, and played the ball on to his wicket. Wyld and Gordon now became partners, and brought the score up to 57, when time was called. On Wednesday, at quarter past eleven, Wyld (not out 17) and Gordon (not out 8) appeared at the wickets. Gordon added six to his Tuesday's score, when he fell a victim to Ellis. Money joined Wyld—and now the Marlburians appeared in their best form. Both batsmen played carefully and well, and necessitated a change in the bowling, Francis and Soutter taking the places of Ellis and Bourne respectively. Both the new bowlers bowled straight and well, but it was all to no purpose, as both batsmen were well in. Loud and long were the Marlborough cheers as ten after ten went up on the telegraph, and a perfect roar ensued when 150 was hoisted, which saved the innings. It was not till Pauncefote went on with slows at the far end that Wyld concluded a very fine innings of 74, being caught by Bourne off the captain. Wyld received a perfect ovation from both sides as he retired to the pavilion, his 74 being the score of the match. Head was next in, but after scoring 11 he, too, fell a victim to the slows (seven for 184.) Cummings showed very good form and great driving powers in his 24. The two last wickets were soon disposed of, Money (who owes a debt of gratitude to an oblique-eyed umpire) bringing out his bat for a well-played 62. The Marlborough total amounted to 238, leaving Rugby 89 to get in order to win. Stokes and Wilkes were the first to appear to the bowling of Hillyard and Moeran. Both played with great care, the Marlborough Eleven bowling and fielding brilliantly. Soon after dinner Stokes was very finely caught at long leg by Head for seven (one for 25.)

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Soutter came next, but was soon caught by the long stop. Marlborough was now in high spirits, and consequently uproarious; but the knowing ones who saw the Rugby captain take his place at the vacant wicket had a pretty good idea that their joy would not be of long duration. However, Pauncefote soon lost the company of Wilkes, and Bucknill, failing to get into double figures, Tobin ma. faced his captain, who had begun in a steady careful way: the hitting soon waxed freer and freer to the evident displeasure of the Marlburians, though both their bowling and fielding still continued very good. Pauncefote was in his very best form, and completely baffled the bowling. When only a few more runs were wanted to win, he made the hit of the match, driving one of Moeran's fastest magnificently to the on: the ball passed the racket court and hit the fence hard, realizing five runs (almost six), but worth seven if nothing had been in the way. After this the match was virtually won; and the Rugbeians gradually advanced from the pavilion, till the winning hit was made, when with one accord they rushed forward, tackled the captain, hoisted him up, and carried him with triumphant shouts to the pavilion. Pauncefote, Stokes, and Tobin ma., were presented with bats for their fine scores, an honour which they richly deserved. We must not omit to mention that Pauncefote was throughout the match indefatigable in the field, and the winning of the match is in no slight degree owing to his able management.

RUGBY SCHOOL.

1st Innings.	2nd Innings.
F. Stokes, st Money, b Gordon	66 c Head, b Hillyard 7
J. Wilkes, c Money b Macgregor	11 b Gordon .. 24
J. T. Soutter, c Macgregor, b Gordon	c Garnier b Hillyard .. 4
B. Pauncefote, st Money, b Hillyard	58 not out .. 32
S. P. Bucknill, c Cummings, b Gordon	4 b Hillyard .. 8
F. Tobin ma., c Garnier, b Gordon	38 not out .. 13
W. Yardley, c Moeran, b Gordon	4
F. Tobin mi., st Money, b Hillyard	0
V. Ellis, c Money, b Gordon	0
C. K. Francis, b Hillyard	1
A. A. Bourne, not out	2
Byes 8, leg-byes 9	17 Byes .. 4
241	92

MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE.

1st Innings.	2nd Innings.
J. Bourdillon, c Yardley, b Bourne	23 b Bourne .. 7
R. Leach, b Pauncefote	2 b Bourne .. 14
W. H. Wyld, st Yardley, b Bourne	c Bourne b Pauncefote .. 74
C. S. Gordon, b Ellis	6 b Ellis .. 14
H. Hillyard, c Pauncefote, b Bourne	18 c Francis b Bourne 4
H. Cummings, c Ellis b Bourne	9 b Francis .. 24
R. L. Head, c Pauncefote, b Bourne	5 c & b Pauncefote 11
E. E. Money, b Ellis	0 not out .. 62
E. S. Garnier, not out	3 c and b Ellis .. 4
E. H. Moeran, c Wilkes, b Bourne	0 st Yardley b Pauncefote .. 4
J. P. Macgregor, c Soutter, b Bourne	2 b Francis .. 2
Byes 2, 1-b 1, w 1	4 Byes 4, 1-b 5, w 7 16
91	238

THE RIFLE CORPS.

The following Matches have been shot by the School Eleven against other Rifle Corps in the neighbourhood:—At Lutterworth, on June 11. The School made—200 yds. 129, 500 yds. 91; total, 220. Lutterworth, at 200 yds. 115, 500 yds. 71; total, 186. The School won by 34 points.—At Leamington, against the Warwick Corps, on June 25th. School: 200 yds. 133, 500 yds. 106; total, 239. Warwick: 200 yds. 154, 500 yds. 111; total, 265. School lost by 26 points.—At Coventry, June 29th (13 on each side); the School were beaten by 34 points.—At Milverton, against Leamington, July 2nd. The School were beaten by 39 points.—At Coventry, July 6th. The School won by 12 points.—At Daventry, July 11th. The School won by 35 points.

In the last shooting the Baldwin Cup was won (for the third time) by Captain Tobin, who made, with a long Enfield, the excellent score of 73. The Cup has been held, since its presentation in November, 1865, by the following members of the Corps:—Sergeant Carpenter, Corporal Crowdy, Sergeant-major Ryley, Corporal Tobin, Sergeant-major Ryley, Private Watkins, Ensign Tobin, Captain Tobin, Private Acland, Private Penrose, Lieutenant Graham (2), & Captain Tobin.

THE BENTLEY CHALLENGE CUP.—On Tuesday afternoon, 23rd inst., this annual match was shot by members of the Corps. A novelty was introduced on this occasion—the entrance was made 6d. each, instead of 1s. as formerly, and sighting shots, instead of being free, were charged 2d. each, the proceeds to be added to the Sweepstakes. After a well-contested match, the winners ranged themselves in the following order:—

	200	300	400	500	Total.
1st—Private Fletcher.....	13	10	13	14	50
2nd—Private Crowdy.....	13	13	11	11	48
3rd—Captain Tobin	11	8	15	9	43
4th—Lance-Corporal Humphry.....	10	7	15	8	40
5th—Private Penrose.....	12	7	13	6	38