

County Championship Records 1993-2017 – Lowest Total and Best Bowling

Derbyshire

Lowest Total

For				Against			
Total	Opp	Venue	Year	Total	Opp	Venue	Year
16	Notts	Nottingham	1879	23	Hants	Burton-on-Trent	1958
<p>Replying to Notts' 159 (scored from 595 balls), Derbyshire finished the day 16 all out (from 86 balls) and 0-2 following on. "Derbyshire began badly and ended worse. About three-quarters of an hour sufficed to complete their innings." "Speedy Fred" Morley took 7-7. Morley, considered the fastest bowler in England, died from dropsy at the age of 33 – he was buried with a cricket ball in his hand. Derbyshire fared a little better in their 2nd innings, falling for 44: "little more than an hour sufficed to finish the match".</p>				<p>Derbyshire began the day on 8 for 1 and ended winners. "Except for 20 minutes play on Wednesday it was all over in a day. Yesterday 39 wickets fell for 251 runs in seven hours and a quarter...The cause of the trouble was a drying pitch of devilish behaviour." "Hampshire's batsmen fell like leaves in an autumn bluster to the speed of Rhodes (5-10) and Jackson (4-12)." Derbyshire won by 103. Players remember this match in Stephen Chalke's excellent <i>Runs in the Memory</i> (Fairfield Books)</p>			

44 ¹	Gloucs	Bristol	2010	65	Essex	Derby	1998
52	Som	Derby	2007	70	Gloucs	Bristol	2010
60	Middx	Lord's	2013	83	Lancs	Blackpool	1994

¹Derbyshire went on to win this match by 54 runs

Derbyshire bowled out Durham MCCU for 67 at Derby in 2014
Derbyshire bowled out Durham UCCE for 70 at Derby in 2008

Best Bowling – Innings

For					Against				
Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year	Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year
10-40	W Bestwick	Glam	Cardiff	1921	10-45	R L Johnson	Middx	Derby	1994
<p>Aged 46, fast bowler Billy Bestwick (now teetotal) was in prime form. A month earlier he had his best FC figures of 9-65. Here, on the morning of the second day, he improved on that, clean-bowling seven to boot. With his career batting average lower than 5, Billy (along with his team and supporters) then spent an anxious afternoon as Derbyshire, chasing 192 to win, slumped from 96-3 to 116-8. He was not needed as Wilfred Carter, with a maiden 50, and Harry Elliot scored the final 77 runs. It was the first time two bowlers had taken all ten on the same day – Jack White bowling out Worcestershire with 10-76.</p>					<p>In contrast to Billy, Richard Johnson achieved the feat at the other end of his career. The 19-year old ran through Derbyshire to give Middlesex an abrupt victory. The hosts had made 344 in their first innings, to which Middlesex replied with 545. A struggle was expected on a decent wicket but Richard belied expectations as Derbyshire fell to him for 105. He underwent a knee operation after this match and played only two more games that year. Sadly, this injury recurred and, together with back trouble, would blight Richard's promising career.</p>				

9-43	DG Cork	North	Derby	1995	10-45	R L Johnson	Middx	Derby	1994
8-52	KJ Dean	Kent	Canterbury	2000	9-41	PJ Hartley	Yorks	Chesterfield	1995
8-90	GC Viljoen	Sussex	Hove	2017	9-86	MJ McCague	Kent	Derby	1994

Best Bowling – Match

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Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year	Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year
17-103	W Mycroft	Hants	Southampton	1876	16-101	G Giffen	Aus	Derby	1886
<p>24-25 Jul. On an "exceedingly good wicket ... a piece of bright green standing out conspicuously (<i>Hampshire Advertiser</i>)" Hampshire's first innings fell to William Mycroft who took 9-25 and the catch in the slips to dismiss the No. 9 Henry Tate: perhaps instinctive reactions precluded any thought of shelling it! He had never taken all ten. Despite William's efforts his team lost. In "one of the most exciting matches ever played at Southampton" Hampshire's 10th wicket added the 9 runs needed to win – Reginald Hargreaves (husband to the famous Alice Liddell) driving Mycroft for 4 to seal the victory.</p>					<p>George Giffen took 7-41 in Derbyshire's 1st innings of 95 and for an encore took 9-60 in the 2nd. The other wicket was a run-out to dismiss the No. 10 batsman. However, George had previously bowled out an entire side. Playing for an Australian XI against a Combined XI at Sydney in Feb 1884, George took 10-66 in the 2nd inns. Fortunately for Arthur Mailey (and his admiring readers), George didn't write an autobiography, despite being the first player to the double of 1000 runs and 100 wickets in Tests (and in only 31 matches). Here at Derby, he capped his bowling performance by hitting the winning runs.</p>				

15-170	GC Viljoen	Sussex	Hove	2017	15-147	MJ McCague	Kent	Derby	1994
13-93	DG Cork	North	Derby	1995	14-188	AD Mullally	Hants	Derby	2000
13-184	P Aldred	Lancs	Derby	1999	12-108	AA Noffke	Middx	Derby	2002

Durham

Lowest Total

For				Against			
Total	Opp	Venue	Year	Total	Opp	Venue	Year
67	Middx	Lord's	1996	18	Dur MCCU	Chester-le-Street	2012
At the end of Day 3 Middlesex (191 and 391) set Durham (209) a stiff task. David Follett, playing in only his 3 rd Championship match, then took 8-22: the best figures at Lord's since Paddy Clift's 8-17 for Leicestershire against MCC in 1976. Brought on with the score on 19-0, he struck with his first ball, and Durham "tottered into lunch" on 49-7. Durham, dismissed soon afterwards, "could hardly blame a pitch which exhibited far less variable bounce than on the first day."				Coach Graeme Fowler; "the pitch couldn't have been designed to help the Durham attack any more than it did - the ball was moving all over the place - but we played some soft cricket." A fifth of England-qualified County cricketers then on the circuit had come through the MCC's six centres of excellence. While Graeme wondered if these games should be deemed FC, he feared losing the MCC grant (and valuable bedding environments) if they were not.			

67	Middx	Lord's	1996	56	Som	Chester-le-Street	2003
71	Middx	Lord's	2015	63	Derby	Derby	2013
74	Yorks	Chester-le-Street	1998	69	Som	Taunton	2009

Durham bowled out Durham UCCE for 67 at Chester-le-Street in 2001

Best Bowling – Innings

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10-47	OD Gibson	Hants	Chester-le-Street	2007	9-34	JAR Harris	Middx	Lord's	2015
Ottis Gibson is the only Durham player to take all ten wickets in a FC innings (although Mr Onions may demur ¹). Ottis was 38 years old when he dismissed Hampshire. He was held up by a lengthy rain break with the score on 115-8 during which his team-mates urged him on. He needed only 3 more balls. Michael Brown carried his bat for 56. Indeed, no-one could dismiss him. His 126* in the second innings secured a tense draw as Hampshire finished on 262-9.					The game began with Middlesex compiling 463 and Durham 294. Then wickets fell in a rash. Durham reduced the hosts to 50-9 but were irritated by a 39-run last-wicket stand. Still, that left Durham a target of 259 – far fewer than they might have expected. They ended the day on 24 for 2. The next morning under grey skies and in a buffeting gale which caused him twice to pull up during his run-up, James Harris ended their hopes with a burst of 5 for 5 from 16 balls.				

10-47	OD Gibson	Hants	Chester-le-Street	2007	9-34	JAR Harris	Middx	Lord's	2015
9-52	C Rushworth	North	Chester-le-Street	2014	9-36	MS Kasprowicz	Glam	Cardiff	2003
9-64	MM Betts	North	Northampton	1997	9-36	CR Woakes	Warw	Birmingham	2016

¹Against Notts in August 2012, following a dash up the M1, unwanted from the England camp, Graham Onions took 9-67. He was also responsible for the other wicket (the 9th to fall), beating Luke Fletcher's attempted single with a direct hit to the non-striker's end from square leg.

Best Bowling – Match

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Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year	Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year
15-95	C Rushworth	North	Chester-le-Street	2014	13-103	JAR Harris	Middx	Lord's	2015
Northamptonshire had already been relegated, and their state was reflected in being dismissed for 83 and 90 in a combined 40.2 overs on a "largely blameless pitch". Chris Rushworth had not had a five-wicket haul all season. Here he took 15 wickets in 18 overs (having started with 2 wicketless ones). Chris was denied all ten in the 1 st innings (9-52) by Ben Stokes taking the 9 th wicket to fall. His forced abstinence for charity for the year denied Chris celebratory pints afterwards.					(see above) This was the second time James Harris had taken 10 wickets in a Championship match. Eight years earlier, in his second County Championship match, two days after his birthday, James became the first 17-year old to take 7 wickets in an innings (7-66) and, with 5-52 in the 2 nd innings the next day, the youngest player to take 10 wickets in a Championship match.				

15-95	C Rushworth	North	Chester-le-Street	2014	13-103	JAR Harris	Middx	Lord's	2015
14-177	A Walker	Essex	Chelmsford	1995	13-110	MS Kasprowicz	Glam	Chester-le-Street	2003
13-143	MM Betts	North	Northampton	1997	12-68	JNB Bovill	Hants	Stockton-on-Tees	1995

MS Kasprowicz took 9 wickets in an innings home and away against Durham in 2003

Essex

Lowest Total

For				Against			
Total	Opp	Venue	Year	Total	Opp	Venue	Year
20	Lancs	Chelmsford	2013	14	Surrey	Chelmsford	1983
Essex 273 and Lancashire 398, then disaster. Paul Grayson (coach) "I'm lost for words. It was a good wicket, probably one of the best all year that we could have batted on at Chelmsford but 20 all out, it's amazing." "Three of the wickets were due to errors by the batsmen [two playing loose shots, the other run out], the rest were the result of dead straight bowling" (<i>Cricinfo</i>). There were 6 LBWs – one of the victims didn't bother to wait for the umpire's finger.				Essex, inserted, made 287 behind captain Keith Fletcher's 110. Surrey had just over an hour to face to close: enough for Messrs Phillip and Foster (the latter's first game after a serious back injury). "The bowlers were swinging it like an absolute boomerang", said Keith Pont, "People were letting the ball go because it was starting two-and-a-half feet outside off stump. They were either trapped LBW or clean-bowled." Even so, the game was drawn and Essex went on to win the title.			

20	Lancs	Chelmsford	2013	34	Leics	Southend	2011
65	Derby	Derby	1998	46	Northants	Luton	1995
68	Kent	Tunbridge Wells	2001	70	Derby	Derby	1998

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10-32	H Pickett	Leics	Leyton	1895	10-40	EG Dennett	Gloucs	Bristol	1906
Essex joined the County Championship in 1895; their opponents here being one of four other debs. This was Harry Pickett's 19 th FC match and the 4 th CC match for Essex, but he'd been with the county since 1881. "On a wicket that was inclined to be fiery," Harry bowled out Leicestershire for 111 in the first innings of the match in a spell of fast bowling lasting two hours. It was not enough for a maiden victory - Essex went on to lose by 75 runs – but the wait for that was not long. In their next match, the hosts beat Somerset by 2 wickets in a tense finale. A collection round the ground at Leyton for Harry realised £20 (£2400 in today's money).					Essex won the toss and batted "on a bowler's wicket at Bristol". They made a good start, progressing to 47-1. Then the deluge, started by 3 wickets falling at that score; George Dennett going on to remove them for 84 in an hour and three-quarters. "The wicket had not improved when Gloucestershire went in", but captain Gilbert Jessop's 75 (out of 173, next highest score 23) saved the hosts from a similar fate. Essex lost by 9 wickets. They salved their wounds back at HQ in Leyton a few days later, running up 522 and beating Sussex by 10 wickets.				

9-19	MC Illott	Northants	Luton	1995	9-138	Z Khan	Worcs	Chelmsford	2006
9-95	SR Harmer	Middx	Chelmsford	2017	8-53	GJ Smith	Notts	Nottingham	2002
8-10	DD Masters	Leics	Southend	2011	8-68	GJ Batty	Surrey	Chelmsford	2014

Best Bowling – Match

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17-119	W Mead	Hants	Southampton	1895	17-56	CWL Parker	Gloucs	Gloucester	1925
25-27 Jul. Hampshire won the toss and made "a good start on a wicket that was scarcely likely to recover", and eventually compiled 246. Walter Mead took 8-67; his best FC haul – until the next day, when "his pitch and break were so effective" that he improved his mark to 9-52 (Hants 135 all out). Despite Walter's performance, Essex (128 & 83) lost: "where Hampshire gained their advantage was in getting first innings before the wicket grew difficult, and much of their success could be traced to the fine start by Mr Hill [37] and Barton [79]" on the first day.					Charlie Parker "soon showed that the wicket was to his liking" and Essex, inserted, were dismissed for 115. Parker took 9-44; the 10 th wicket being a run-out. (Charlie Parker had taken all ten against Somerset 4 years previously). Gloucester declared after making 287 as "the sun had begun to make the wicket treacherous. Parker ... keeping an excellent length, made the ball come off the pitch at the most disconcerting angles and at a great pace." "Chorley"'s figures in the 2 nd Innings were 17-10-12-8.				

14-105	MC Illott	Northants	Luton	1995	14-177	A Walker	Dur	Chelmsford	1995
14-128	SR Harmer	Warw	Chelmsford	2017	13-94	Saeed Ajmal	Worcs	Worcester	2014
14-172	SR Harmer	Middx	Chelmsford	2017	13-134	M Muralitharan	Lancs	Manchester	1999

Glamorgan

Lowest Total

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Total	Opp	Venue	Year	Total	Opp	Venue	Year
22	Lancs	Liverpool	1924	33	Leics	Ebbw Vale	1965
<p>"There was a most exciting day's cricket at Liverpool yesterday, after the loss of the whole day's play [on the previous day]". Lancashire decided to bat "on a treacherous wicket" and were dismissed in 85 minutes for 49 in the 28th over. Welsh celebrations were short-lived. Glamorgan were all out in less than an hour, for less than half that score. Off-spinner "Cec" Parkin took 6-6 in 8 overs. His performances this season resulted in him being named by Wisden as one of the Cricketers of the Year. Lancashire's openers then put on 107 as the wicket eased, leading the hosts to a 128-run win.</p>				<p>"Thin rain sifting over the slag heaps and down the grey roof tops" heavily reduced play on first two days. Glamorgan "who cannot afford to lose ground at this stage of the Championship [in late July]" made declarations to leave the visitors 149 to win in 110 minutes. Leicester succumbed in 80 minutes for 33. "The pitch had been too wet and lifeless ... but late in the game it began to dry out and the Glamorgan spinners took full toll." Glamorgan's quest for the title went to the penultimate round of matches. They beat Surrey, but Worcestershire won a hard-fought game at Hove to retain their title.</p>			

31	Middx	Cardiff	1997	51	Lancs	Liverpool	1997
56	Northants	Northampton	2006	54	Sussex	Swansea	1997
60	Middx	Swansea	2007	67	Sussex	Swansea	1997

Glamorgan bowled out the Sri Lankans for 54 at Cardiff in 1998

Best Bowling – Innings

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Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year	Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year
10-51	J Mercer	Worcs	Worcester	1936	10-18	G Geary	Leics	Pontypridd	1929
<p>Worcester won the toss and decided to bat. Rain in the night delayed the start, but "although the pitch gave him little assistance, Mercer kept an accurate length and made the ball break sharply either way." By lunch Jack Mercer had taken 6-15 and Worcester were on 59. Rain delayed play for an hour (Magician Mercer presumably being pressed to entertain his team with tricks). Then the bowlers struggled with the wet ball, but Mercer eventually prevailed, securing his best FC bowling figures. He remains the only Glamorgan bowler to have taken all ten in an innings. This success came in his Benefit Year.</p>					<p>Glamorgan were set 84 to win; the lowest score in the match. But, "on a pitch that helped the bowlers throughout, Geary was unplayable. He flighted the ball, and imparted swerve and spin very cleverly, being able to make the ball turn so quickly that the batsmen were helpless (<i>The Scotsman</i>)." George Geary soon got rid of the top order: 19-5. Maurice Turnbull and captain (and stalwart) Johnnie Clay fought back and "prevented an utter rout", taking Glamorgan to 55-5. But their demise signalled the end: the last 5 wickets fell for the addition of 13 runs.</p>				

9-36	MS Kasprowicz	Dur	Cardiff	2003	9-52	RI Keogh	Northants	Northampton	2016
9-45	MS Kasprowicz	Dur	Chester-le-St	2003	9-76	J Srinath	Gloucs	Abergavenny	1995
8-17	Waqar Younis	Suss	Swansea	1997	8-29	PCR Tufnell	Middx	Cardiff	1993

Best Bowling – Match

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17-212	JC Clay	Worcs	Swansea	1937	16-96	G Geary	Leics	Pontypridd	1929
<p>(see Worcs) Glamorgan won the toss, fielded and although Jack Mercer took the first wicket, Johnnie Clay, coming on first change, took the remainder (9-66) to dismiss Worcester for 123. After conceding 417, the visitors fought hard, but they could not resist Clay. "The pitch gave him little help. He maintained a splendid length and flighted the ball cleverly." This season Johnnie set the (still-standing) record for most FC wickets (176) and most County Championship wickets (170) in a season for Glamorgan.</p>					<p>(see above) Glamorgan were in the box seat on the first day, dismissing Leicestershire for 102, which might have been better, but the last 2 wickets added 44. Opener William Bates then battled away against the ascendant Geary to score 70 and lead Glamorgan to 160: Geary finishing on 6-78. There was even time to take a Leicestershire wicket before the close. The following day Glamorgan remained ahead in the game, dismissing the visitors for 141, to leave themselves needing 84 to win.</p>				

13-110	MS Kasprowicz	Dur	Chester-le-St	2003	13-125	RI Keogh	North	Northampton	2016
13-187	RDB Croft	Glouc	Cheltenham	2006	13-150	J Srinath	Gloucs	Abergavenny	1995
12-105	S Bastien	Essex	Cardiff	1993	13-181	D Kaneria	Essex	Chelmsford	2007

Gloucestershire

Lowest Total

For				Against			
Total	Opp	Venue	Year	Total	Opp	Venue	Year
17	Aus	Cheltenham	1896	12	Northants	Gloucester	1907
<p>"On a bowler's wicket", watched by 7000 spectators, the sides were separated by Syd Gregory's unbeaten 71 – that being the size of Australia's 1st innings lead and the only score over 30. Heavy rain did not deter 5000 visitors on Day 2 but sadly they saw only 3 runs. The rain produced "a false pitch" and Hugh Trumble started the final day with a hat-trick. Dismissing WG Grace and Gilbert Jessop gave him 5 wickets in 5 overs without conceding a run. This was the lowest score against Australia in England, watched by 3000 "much disappointed" spectators. The hosts had played the tourists at Bristol two months earlier, losing by an innings with Trumble taking 11-127.</p>				<p>Heavy storms over the Spa Ground limited play to 50 minutes on Day 1; the hosts finished 20-4. On Day 2, "the ground, of course, greatly favoured the bowlers", and 33 wickets fell. Gloucester reached 60 - Gilbert Jessop (22) the only player in double figures. George Dennett then took the first 8 Northamptonshire wickets, including a hat-trick. Poised on 8-9 after 6 overs, George watched Gilbert take the last two wickets with the next three balls. Towards the end of the day, Jessop pleaded for an extra half-hour's play, but Northants turned him down. Once again George was poised to take all ten (with figures of 15-8-12-7 and Northants on 40-7): this time he was thwarted by the weather - no play was possible on the final day.</p>			

61	Kent	Canterbury	2017	44	Derby	Bristol	2010
70	Derby	Bristol	2010	71	Sussex	Hove	2000
71	Leics	Cheltenham	1996	72	Middx	Lord's	1998

Best Bowling – Innings

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10-40	EG Dennett	Essex	Bristol	1906	10-66	AA Mailey	Aus	Cheltenham	1921
<p>(see Essex) George's effort and Gilbert Jessop's 75 won the match. Jessop's knock took 95 minutes; "he was much slower than usual and by no means so daring." George Dennett was a slow left-arm orthodox bowler. His previous best was 8-53, taken earlier in the season at the Oval. He had two more 8-wicket hauls later in August, a month in which George compiled remarkable figures. He took 79 wickets and bowled almost 451 overs – 46% of his team's total. Across three matches George bowled 162 overs unchanged.</p>						K Smales	Notts	Stroud	1956

9-76	J Srinath	Glam	Abergavenny	1995	9-38	CA Connor	Hants	Southampton	1996
8-43	LC Norwell	Leics	Leicester	2017	9-93	AJ Bichel	Worcs	Worcester	2002
8-46	MCJ Ball	Som	Taunton	1993	8-37	A Richardson	Worcs	Worcester	2013

Best Bowling – Match

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17-56	CWL Parker	Essex	Gloucester	1925	15-87	AJ Conway	Worcs	Moreton	1914
<p>(see Essex) "The pitch was still soft on top and ... Colonel Robinson decided to put his opponents in." Although no play was possible on Day 2 and delayed until noon on Day 3, Gloucestershire won by an innings. Charlie Parker was the leading wicket-taker in the County Championship this season, amassing 200 for the first time (he had taken 195 three years previously). Going into the last match at the Wagon Works Ground, Charlie was on 193 wickets. When Leicestershire's 6th wicket fell on 186 early on Day 2 with little prospect of them batting again, Charlie still needed three. He took one, saw Mills take the next but got the last two in a rush, finishing with figures of 62.5-17-142-7.</p>					<p>This was the first time since 1888 a FC cricket match was played "at the delightfully-situated ground at Moreton-in-the-Marsh ... The wicket had been rather coarsely marled, and although it was quite fast, it gave the bowlers a fair amount of assistance." Fast bowler Arthur Conway had not taken five wickets in a FC innings, but produced 9-38 to give his team a 118-run first innings lead. That led to a win. The hosts were bowled out in their second innings for 96, relative riches after Arthur had taken 3 of the first 4 wickets to leave them on 8-4. Arthur played football for Aston Villa and Wolves.</p>				

14-169	MCJ Ball	Som	Taunton	1993	14-227	G Keedy	Lancs	Manchester	2004
13-150	J Srinath	Glam	Abergavenny	1995	13-159	TM Moody	Worcs	Worcester	1996
12-102	CA Walsh	Notts	Nottingham	1994	13-187	RDB Croft	Glam	Cheltenham	2006

Hampshire

Lowest Total

For				Against			
Total	Opp	Venue	Year	Total	Opp	Venue	Year
15	Warw	Birmingham	1922	23	Yorks	Middlesborough	1965
<p>A famous match. "Major Tennyson will probably never forget his experiment of putting Warwickshire into bat first" – the pitch was damp. The hosts made 223. Hampshire were shot out inside 9 overs and 40 minutes. "Howell was very fast on a pitch that helped the bowlers." Following on, they fought much harder but fell to 274-8. Whereupon Tennyson's valet Walter Livsey went in (reputedly after drawing his Lordship's bath and being told to score a century). He helped George Brown (172) add 177 in 140 mins for the 9th wicket and then, with Stuart Boyes, 70 for the 10th. Walter's 110* (his maiden FC century) lifted Hampshire to 521 and an eventual 155 run victory with plenty of time to spare on Day 3.</p>				<p>The teams could barely be separated after the first innings (121 to 125), but Yorkshire had lost their openers Geoff Boycott and John Hampshire to close Day 1 on 7-2. Day 2 did not last long. "Against some well controlled fast bowling by White of Hampshire, who took 6-10, the Yorkshire batsmen collapsed in sensational fashion ... The pitch, true enough, held considerable help for seam bowlers. The seam bit into the well-grassed surface ... sometimes, too, it lifted awkwardly from a good length or kept low".</p>			

76	Sussex	Southampton	1999	76 ¹	Essex	Rose Bowl	2017
76	Essex	Rose Bowl	2017	83	Dur	Basingstoke	2000
80	Warw	Birmingham	1998	86	Worcs	Rose Bowl	2007

¹Hampshire went on to lose this match by 108 runs

Best Bowling – Innings

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9-25	RMH Cottam	Lancs	Manchester	1965	10-46	W Hickton	Lancs	Manchester	1870
<p>Less than a month after deadheading the White Rose (above), Hampshire lopped the Red. At the start of Day 2 Lancashire were 60-1 replying to 174, and progressed serenely to 102-1. Bob Cottam then came on "succeeding in obtaining vicious lift when pitching only a shade short of a length. Several of his victims were caught close to the wicket fending the ball." He bowled out the hosts for 136. Hampshire fell to Statham and Higgs for 77 even though neither "got as much devil out of the treacherous pitch as Cottam", and Lancashire (chasing 116) looked in control at 40-1. At the close they were 99-8.</p>					<p>Hampshire began the second day replying to Lancashire's 262, founded on opener Albert "Monkey" Hornby's 132. They finished the day following on, having made a decent start but falling away from 76-1 to 138 all out. At the close in their 2nd innings Hampshire were 52-3 (with another batsman retired hurt). All 3 wickets had been taken by William Hickton. William made sure his batsmen didn't have too much to do on the final day by bowling out Hampshire for 129, with figures of 36.2-19-46-10 [4 ball overs].</p>				

9-38	CA Connor	Gloucs	Southampton	1996	10-47	OD Gibson	Dur	Chester-le-St	2007
9-93	AD Mullally	Derby	Derby	2000	9-51	SC Kerrigan	Lancs	Liverpool	2011
8-46	JA Tomlinson	Som	Taunton	2008	8-24	M Davies	Dur	Basingstoke	2008

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16-88	JA Newman	Som	Weston-s-Mare	1927	17-103	W Mycroft	Derby	Southampton	1876
<p>"After tea [on Day 1] a complete change came over the game The ball suddenly became master of the bat" - 11 wickets fell for 40 runs in less than two hours. Hampshire lost 7 for 24 and Somerset finished on 7-4, all taken by medium pacer Jack Newman. At the age of 42, Jack took 8 wickets in the first innings, and followed that by scoring 58. On the final day, Jack took 19-7-23-8 to dismiss Somerset for 81 and a 236-run victory. The following winter he played for Canterbury in NZ, starting by opening the batting (scoring 31, then 35 and 65 – top scores) and the bowling for The Rest v NZ in two matches.</p>					<p>(See Derby) Mycroft's 1st innings return of 9-25 gave the visitors a handy lead (115 v 63), which they extended as they closed the day on 56-1. But in the morning Hampshire roared back to take the last 9 wickets for 34. Facing a target of 144 - and Mycroft still in wonderful fine form - Hampshire inched their way to 130-7. Two quick wickets seemed the end but the Hargreaves shepherded the No. 11 Galpin to add the runs required.</p>				

14-188	AD Mullally	Derby	Derby	2000	13-79	JD Lewry	Sussex	Hove	2001
13-93	KD James	Som	Basingstoke	1997	13-192	A Kumble	Northants	Northampton	1995
12-68	JNB Bovill	Dur	Stockton	1995	12-100	OD Gibson	Dur	Chester-le-St	2007

Kent

Lowest Total

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Total	Opp	Venue	Year	Total	Opp	Venue	Year
18	Sussex	Gravesend	1867	16	Warw	Tonbridge	1913
Sussex (156) took a handy lead replying to Kent's 98 on Day 1. Day 2 lasted only three-quarters of an hour, "the Kent XI being exceedingly unfortunate" being caught on a rain-affected pitch. Kent lost 9 wickets for 8 runs - George Kelson was absent hurt with an injury to his leg. James Southerton took 6-7 for Sussex. A week later he was back at the Bat and Ball Ground, this time playing for Hampshire (taking 6-88 in a losing cause). He returned again a month later for a third County; Surrey and took another 6 (6-18) as Kent were dismissed for 44.				Kent finished Day 2 on 104-4 trailing by 158 runs. On the last day, their last 6 wickets fell for 28. Then Frank Woolley and Colin Blythe shared the wickets (literally, each 5-8): "on sticky wickets Blythe and Woolley are a terrible proposition." Chasing 147 to win Kent fell to 16-2, but Woolley settled the matter with an unbeaten 76 in 80 minutes. After this match (Tonbridge week had "so often been disastrous to them") Kent remained the only unbeaten side and went on to the title, winning 20 of 28 against Yorkshire's 16 of 28.			

63	Worcs	Canterbury	2013	61	Gloucs	Canterbury	2017
71	Surrey	Tunbridge Wells	1999	68	Essex	Tunbridge Wells	2001
78	Dur	Chester-le-St	2008	69	Northants	Canterbury	1999

Best Bowling – Innings

For					Against				
Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year	Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year
10-30	C Blythe	Northants	Northampton	1907	10-48 ¹	CHG Bland	Sussex	Tonbridge	1899
Kent ended the first day on 212-4. Rain precluded play on Day 2, and made the final day tricky for batsmen. Kent lost 3 wickets for 5 runs, but Kent batted on, reaching 254. Colin Blythe, in an opening spell of 6-5-1-7, laid waste to Northamptonshire. From 4-7, George Vials 33* and Lancelot Driffield 12, lifted the hosts to 60. Colin's figures were 16-7-30-10: the first time he had taken all ten.					Sussex had to follow on as they were 124 runs in arrears "and this fact doubtless helped them to victory, for, having to bat last, the home team failed badly against Bland." This was the last season the follow-on was compulsory (shenanigans in the 1893 and 1896 Varsity matches had provoked hoots from MCC members but no sensible law change). Thus Kent batted on a badly worn surface, and Cyril Bland levelled them to 25-6. Cyril wrapped up the remarkable victory in his 26 th over.				

9-86	MJ McCague	Derby	Derby	1994	8-52	KJ Dean	Derby	Canterbury	2000
8-36	MA Ealham	Warw	Birmingham	1996	7-22	A Richardson	Worcs	Canterbury	2013
8-64	Mo' Sami	Notts	Maidstone	2003	7-29	MM Betts	Dur	Darlington	1997

PR Adams took 9-79 for the South Africans at Canterbury in 2003

Best Bowling – Match

For					Against				
Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year	Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year
17-48	C Blythe	Northants	Northampton	1907	17-106	TWJ Goddard	Gloucs	Bristol	1939
(same match as above). Northamptonshire survived about as long when they followed-on, but scored fewer runs, being dismissed for 39. Colin Blythe finished with 17 wickets in a day; the most in FC history (the mark was equalled later by Hedley Verity – below - and then Tom Goddard - opposite). "A wonderful achievement, even admitting that the wicket was all in his favour and that the Northamptonshire batting is weak."					Perhaps stung by being the 3 rd victim in Doug Wright's hat-trick which finished off Gloucestershire innings at 284 and closed the first day's play, Tom Goddard took 17 wickets the next day. "From the moment he went on the batsmen were practically helpless." Kent went from 73-2 to 120 AO as Tom returned 15.4-2-38-9 [8-ball overs]. He took 8-68 in Kent's 2 nd innings. Tom liked Ashley Down. In 6 CC matches before war cast its shadow, he took 81 wickets: 16-99 (Worcs), 14-59 (Som), 12-72 (Hants), 9-128 (Warw) and then out-duelling Hedley with 13-99.				

15-114	Mo' Sami	Notts	Maidstone	2003	13-132	Mushtaq Ahmed	Sussex	Canterbury	2006
15-147	MJ McCague	Derby	Derby	1994	12-63	A Richardson	Worcs	Canterbury	2013
12-144	MM Patel	Som	Canterbury	2001	12-148	CEW Silverwood	Yorks	Leeds	1997

¹ George Tarrant took 10-40 for England against Kent at Lord's in July 1863. Although this match was deemed first-class, Kent fielded a team of 13 players against England's 11. Thus, 12 Kent wickets were available to be taken, and George's figures are ignored.

Lancashire

Lowest Total

For				Against			
Total	Opp	Venue	Year	Total	Opp	Venue	Year
25	Derby	Manchester	1871	20	Essex	Chelmsford	2013
<p>This was Derbyshire's first FC match. Perhaps Lancashire were feeling confident of beating the newcomers for they won the toss and decided to bat. A familiar face opened the bowling and before anyone could say, "that's young Hickton", they were 6-5. Derbyshire, winning by an innings, might have wondered what all the fuss was about. Fixtures against Lancashire were their only FC fare for the 1st 3 seasons – they lost the other matches, heavily beaten in 4 of them.</p>				<p>(See Essex) "We've been involved in a piece of history," said Kyle Hogg (4-11), who described the action as "unreal". Glen Chapple (5-9 and a run-out); "It's definitely one of the best days of cricket I've had in my career because things just don't happen like that. In terms of it being memorable, it's right up there." At the start of the day Kyle and Glen both made half-centuries as Lancashire moved from 277-8 (only 5 runs ahead) to 398 all out.</p>			

51	Glam	Liverpool	1997	20	Essex	Chelmsford	2013
63	Worcs	Manchester	2012	62	Northants	Manchester	2013
72	Som	Taunton	1993	67	Yorks	Manchester	1999

Lancashire bowled out Cambridge MCCU for 56 and 62 at Fenner's in 2017

Best Bowling – Innings

For					Against				
Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year	Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year
10-46	W Hickton	Hants	Manchester	1870	10-40	GOB Allen	Middx	Lord's	1929
<p>(see Hants) "Monkey" Hornby opened and made his maiden FC century in Lancashire's 262. The Hampshire XI combined only just exceeded his score and had to follow on. William Hickton made sure Hornby had a rest – James Ricketts knocked off the 6 required. The following year William played FC cricket for both Derbyshire and Lancashire – choosing Derbyshire in the two games between them. He began the first of those by removing Lancashire's top 4 for 5 runs, which led to Lancashire's lowest FC score (above).</p>					<p>The reigning champions started well, lurching at 90-1. They lost two wickets soon afterwards, but Ernest Tyldesley (102) moved them to 215-3. He fell just before tea and that was that. After sandwiches Gubby Allen wrapped up the innings, taking the last 4 wickets in 5 balls without conceding a run. The Red Rose county still managed a first innings lead to secure the 5 to 3 points-advantage in the ensuing draw (a win being worth 8 points).</p>				

9-51	SC Kerrigan	Hants	Liverpool	2011	9-32	AR Caddick	Som	Taunton	1993
8-30	M Watkinson	Hants	Manchester	1994	8-50	Kabir Ali	Worcs	Manchester	2007
	Wasim Akram	Som	Southport	1994	8-61	Azhar Mahmood	Surrey	Oval	2002

Best Bowling – Match

For					Against				
Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year	Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year
17-91	H Dean	Yorks	Liverpool	1913	16-65	G Giffen	Aus	Manchester	1886
<p>An extra Roses match. Harry Dean took 9-62 in the first innings, but rain meant Lancashire's reply to Yorkshire's 177 was delayed until the next day, when, "hot sunshine following the rain gave the bowlers a great deal of assistance". "In the course of little more than four hours and a half 24 wickets went down for 236 runs." Lancashire conceded a lead of 85. Relishing the conditions, Harry took 8-29 to dismiss the visitors for 73. His combined figures are the best in a Roses Match. Captain Hornby, with 68, steered his side to a 3-wicket victory.</p>					<p>On Day 1 in front of 6,000 spectators, "the wicket, under the influence of the sun and wind, was very difficult as it dried." Australia made 145 then George Giffen returned figures of 8-23 as Lancashire were dismissed for 46. The hosts "with great care" finished the day on 29-0, following on. However, on the morrow in gloomy weather and in "light by no means good", they wilted again to George. A little over a week earlier he had 16 wickets in a match (see Derby) and then took 8-56 in Cambridge's only innings at Fenner's on 11 June. So after this match, George had snared 40 victims in 5 innings in three successive fixtures in 10 days.</p>				

14-117	M Muralitharan	Warw	Southport	1999	13-123	PCR Tufnell	Middx	Manchester	1996
14-227	G Keedy	Gloucs	Manchester	2004	13-184	P Aldred	Derby	Derby	1999
13-79	PJ Martin	Middx	Uxbridge	1997	13-213	PM Such	Essex	Manchester	1999

Leicestershire

Lowest Total

For				Against			
Total	Opp	Venue	Year	Total	Opp	Venue	Year
25	Kent	Leicester	1912	24	Glam	Leicester	1971
<p>Leicestershire won the toss, elected to bat and at the close of play were 66-3 ... in their second innings. Insertions seemed rare in those days: John Shields won the toss 32 times as captain for Leicester and fielded only once, conceding 405 to Yorkshire and losing in 1913. Still, Shields might have had some explaining as "the Kent bowlers were almost unplayable on the treacherous wicket."</p> <p>Succumbing largely to Colin Blythe's 7-9 and bowled out inside 15 overs, the hosts then responded well to restrict Kent to 110 in their first innings. Second time round, however, Leicestershire again had no answer to Blythe, who took 8-36, despite being handicapped (he retired for a while - during which the hosts added 40 runs) after taking a severe blow on the leg from a straight drive on the full from Arthur Mounteney. Colin's consolation was to see the ball rebound to Humphreys at mid-off who held the catch.</p>				<p style="background-color: green;">24</p> <p>Oxford U</p> <p>Oxford</p> <p>1985</p> <p>Leicestershire won the toss and inched to 123-8. Captain Roger Tolchard and Garth McKenzie then added 86 when the skipper declared – perhaps urged on by the Australian ("I'd rather bowl than bat on this, mate"). Glamorgan closed on 6-3. McKenzie finished with 7-8. "Glamorgan were helpless against [McKenzie's] fine pace and control, with the ball moving about a great deal from the responsive pitch."</p> <p>The Dark Blues, replying to 330, fell to the lowest FC score recorded at The Parks. The <i>Times</i> lamented that places, more so at Oxford than Cambridge, are now awarded exclusively on academic merit rather than often to "all-round" men who were excellent at sport.</p>			

34	Essex	Southend	2011	52	Yorks	Leicester	1999
43	Worcs	Leicester	2016	61	Notts	Worksop	1998
48	Northants	Leicester	2011	71	Gloucs	Cheltenham	1996

Best Bowling – Innings

For					Against				
Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year	Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year
10-18	G Geary	Glam	Pontypridd	1929	10-32	H Pickett	Essex	Leyton	1895
<p>(see Glam) This was the best return in the County Championship, beating Colin Blythe's 10-30 (see Kent) and dismissing Glamorgan for 68 to give Leicestershire a victory by 15 runs in a game in which they had always been behind. George's figures were 16.2-8-18-10; perhaps inspired by a message from England Chairman of Selectors Leveson-Gower. That morning injured Maurice Tate pulled out of the final Test against South Africa. In the afternoon George Geary received "Shrimp's" telegram to say he had been called up.</p>					<p>(see Essex) After this setback, Leicestershire set Essex 199 to win. Approaching the close on Day 2 Essex were well set on 92-2, but there were "some bumpy places on the wicket." Three wickets fell for 6 before play ended. The next morning, another four went for 19, and Leicestershire won by 75 runs. To begin this season Leicestershire had won their first CC match, vanquishing the mighty Surrey and followed that by beating Nottinghamshire. However, this victory over Essex would be their last win of the year.</p>				

8-42	ARK Pierson	Warw	Birmingham	1994	9-47	MP Bicknell	Surrey	Guildford	2000
8-63	DE Malcolm	Surrey	Leicester	2001	8-10	DD Masters	Essex	Southend	2011
8-148	CF Parkinson	Worcs	Worcester	2017	8-43	LC Norwell	Gloucs	Leicester	2017

Best Bowling – Match

For					Against				
Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year	Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year
16-96	G Geary	Glam	Pontypridd	1929	16-102	C Blythe	Kent	Leicester	1909
<p>(see above) This was George's best wicket-taking season (152 FC victims). The previous winter he toured Australia. Brought in for the Second Test at Sydney he took 5-35 and made a maiden Test 50 (66 in 162 minutes) to help England to a match-winning lead. He was, however, initially not selected for the 1929 home series against South Africa. After his late call-up at Pontypridd, George took two wickets at the Oval to reduce South Africa to 20-3 both balls "almost unplayable. They swerved late from leg and, after pitching on leg stump went with the arm to flick the off bail." South Africa, however, went on to compile 492 and draw.</p>					<p>Three years before securing match figures of 15-45 at Aylestone Road (above left), Colin Blythe had hunted happily there in Kent's opening game in what would be their second Championship title year. Bill Fairservice dismissed one opener but Colin sent back the rest, taking 9-42, to establish a 230-run 1st-innings lead. Before the day was out Blythe had taken another 5 wickets as the hosts closed on 143-8. He finished off the game quickly the next day so his team could have a rest and a leisurely journey to Derby for the match starting the following day, which resulted in another innings victory.</p>				

12-111	RH Joseph	Glam	Leicester	2012	16-119	MP Bicknell	Surrey	Guildford	2000
11-89	AD Mullally	Notts	Worksop	1998	12-58	EE Hemmings	Sussex	Horsham	1993
11-130	AD Mullally	Derby	Derby	1996	12-72	SP Kirby	Yorks	Leeds	2001

Middlesex

Lowest Total

For				Against			
Total	Opp	Venue	Year	Total	Opp	Venue	Year
20	MCC	Lord's	1864	31	Gloucs	Bristol	1924
Middlesex won the toss and batted - "took possession of the wickets" in the parlance of the day - "but they did not keep them long, for about an hour sufficed to see them all out". They fell to 8-7 along the way. Middlesex's two previous FC matches that season were played at the Cattle Market Ground in Islington and resulted in easy innings victories. They lost this match at Lord's by 5 wickets but cunningly invited the MCC to Islington a week later and exacted revenge to the tune of an innings and 232 runs.				31	Glam	Cardiff	1997
				Gloucestershire decided to bat. "On a drying pitch, batsmen had a very unpleasant time". The hosts fell in 75 minutes. The first five batsmen were dismissed for 7, 6, 5, 4 and 3 respectively: a worrying trend which got worse as the next four dismissals were for ducks. By the end of the day Middlesex had been bowled out for 74. The next day batting was easier, at least for Hammond who, in four hours, made 174* out of 294. That turned the match; Middlesex losing by 61 runs. Charlie Parker took a hat-trick in each innings for the hosts. On Day 3 at Cardiff on "a pitch slow but capable of springing an occasional surprise" Middlesex (319) took a first-innings lead over Glamorgan (281) by virtue of a 10 th wicket partnership of 41, with Tufnell scoring 21. That must have been vexing, but galling was to come. "An hour later the Welsh were 11-6 and it might have been worse had Mike Gatting not dropped a sitter at slip ... a sudden burst of grubbers from Angus Fraser set the ball rolling (<i>Electronic Telegraph</i>)", dismissing James, Morris and Maynard all LBW. The shocking collapse and defeat were blows to Glamorgan, who were one of the leading teams. Yet, they recovered and won a closely-fought title in the last game of the season at Taunton, appropriately enough two days after the referendum had decided in favour of a Welsh Assembly.			

49	Notts	Nottingham	2006	31	Glam	Cardiff	1997
66	Worcs	Lord's	2010	60	Glam	Swansea	2007
68	Worcs	Worcester	1993	60	Derby	Lord's	2013

Best Bowling – Innings

For					Against				
Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year	Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year
10-40	GOB Allen	Lancs	Lord's	1929	9-38	RC R-Glasgow	Som	Lord's	1924
(see Lancs) Gubby Allen had to work full-time, which limited him to 2 games in 1928. His new employer in 1929 gave him leave for cricket. Allen returned from injury for this match against the champions of 1926, 1927 & 1928. He arrived by prior agreement 20 minutes late because of work. Fortunately for him no-one had taken a wicket. Arthur Fielder was the last bowler to take all ten at Lord's (removing the Gents in 1906). Allen bowled from the Pavilion end with a fair wind behind him, but got little help from the pitch which "played easily enough." He hit the stumps 8 times: "real fast bowling at its best."					Day 1 saw "only 275 runs scored on a wicket that was too dead ever to be difficult." Yet Raymond Robertson-Glasgow finished the day with 5 wickets as Middlesex closed on 97-6, using the hill to great effect and flinging the ball deceptively. Crusoe finished with 7 clean-bowled victims, "having pegged away at a steady length with every now and then a ball that came extra quick and which swung in the air uncomfortably late." Crusoe added 3 wickets in the second innings and "a remarkable piece of fielding at mid-off" to run-out Leslie Kidd, as Middlesex lost by 37 runs.				

10-45	RL Johnson	Derby	Derby	1994	9-95	SR Harmer	Essex	Chelmsford	2017
9-34	JAR Harris	Dur	Lord's	2015	8-31	CE Shreck	Notts	Nottingham	2006
9-37	ST Finn	Worcs	Worcester	2010	8-32	PJ Martin	Lancs	Uxbridge	1997

Best Bowling – Match

For					Against				
Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year	Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year
16-114	G Burton	Yorks	Sheffield	1888	16-100	JEBBPQC Dwyer	Sussex	Hove	1906
	JT Hearne	Lancs	Manchester	1898	In May against Derbyshire, "E. B." Dwyer took 9 wickets in an innings. The 10 th was taken by Albert Relf, who removed one of the openers. A month later and a case of déjà vu. Relf took the first wicket and "E.B" the rest (9-44) in Middlesex's 2 nd innings to wrap up an innings victory. On Day 1 in Middlesex's 1 st inns he had taken 7-56. Dwyer, an Australian from a Sydney suburb, was encouraged to play in England for Sussex by Plum Warner and CB Fry. Arriving in 1904, he was a regular in 1906.				
Despite George Burton's sterling efforts of 8-48 and 8-66 off a total of 94.3 overs (4-ball), Yorkshire (113 & 122) set Middlesex (98) the highest total of the match to win. Tim O'Brien's 79* ensured George's work was not wasted. It had been in the previous match: his 10-59 against Surrey was followed by Middlesex being dismissed for 53 on the way to a 3-wicket defeat.									
At Old Trafford on Day 1 "the wicket was soft and slow, but in the absence of sunshine it did not become very difficult." Lancashire finished on 202-3, Jack Hearne having taken all three. Under bright sun on Day 2, "the turf was very treacherous" and 26 wickets fell. Twelve went to Jack Hearne, who took 6-16 in 8 overs to end Lancashire's 1 st innings and finish with figures of 9-68. Nevertheless Lancashire, having batted when the pitch was decent, went on to win by 44 runs.									

15-118	OP Rayner	Surrey	Oval	2013	14-165	SCG MacGill	Notts	Nottingham	2002
14-106	ST Finn	Worcs	Worcester	2010	14-172	SR Harmer	Essex	Chelmsford	2017
13-103	JAR Harris	Dur	Lord's	2015	13-79	PJ Martin	Lancs	Uxbridge	1997

Northamptonshire

Lowest Total

For				Against			
Total	Opp	Venue	Year	Total	Opp	Venue	Year
12	Gloucs	Gloucester	1907	33	Lancs	Northampton	1977
<p>(see Gloucs) On a rain-affected pitch and in reply to Gloucestershire's 60, Northamptonshire had moved to 10-1. Thirty-three balls later they had lost 9 wickets for 2 runs; still the lowest total made in the Championship. This was Northamptonshire's third season. In each of 1905 and 1906 they had played 4 games against original counties (Sussex, Surrey, Notts) and lost 7 heavily (weather saving them once). 1907 they played 10, again usually suffering heavy defeats (but were in a good position against Surrey when rain intervened). This game at Gloucester came 9 days after back-to-back matches against Kent.</p>				<p>The first innings of the match was limited to 100 overs, and the total overs for both first innings was limited to 200. The team bowling first inherited any unused overs, so an insertion and quick wickets were the order of the day. Northants won the toss, swingers Alan Hodgson and Sarfraz Nawaz each took 3 wickets to leave Lancashire on 7-6; Sarfraz finishing with 6-8 and Lancashire all done inside 27 overs. The hosts compiled 383, using 23 of the inherited overs. Lancashire began the final day on 205-2, and Frank Hayes batted them to safety. Amazingly, Lancashire made the season's lowest and highest (501) Championship scores in this match.</p>			

46 ¹	Essex	Luton	1995	48	Leics	Leicester	2011
59 ¹	Surrey	Northampton	1995	56	Glam	Northampton	2006
62	Lancs	Manchester	2013	65	Sussex	Eastbourne	2000

¹Northants beat Essex by 2 wickets and Surrey by 7 runs

Best Bowling – Innings

For					Against				
Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year	Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year
10-127	VWC Jupp	Kent	Tunbridge W	1932	10-30	C Blythe	Kent	Northampton	1907
<p>Vallance Jupp did all he could to win this game. On Day 1 he reduced Kent to 164-6, but then Les Ames and Alec Pearce added 194 for the 7th wicket. After a rest Vallance ended that, taking the final 4 wickets for 2 runs: the first time he had ten. Northamptonshire were then caught on a drying wicket. Jupp showed fight, top-scoring in both innings, and by some margin: 34 to the next highest of 18 in 97 AO and 32, next highest 12, in 75 AO. Vallance did not play in 1935. He was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to nine months' imprisonment in the second division (no food or furnishings from outside allowed). His car hit a motorcycle shortly before midnight on 12th January 1935. Sentencing, Mr Justice Humphreys referred to the "mad driving which is almost every day to be seen on our roads."</p>					<p>(see Kent) A month before the game at Gloucestershire (above left), Northamptonshire played Kent in successive matches. They were unfortunate in twice suffering the worst of the conditions. In this match, after Kent batted in good conditions on Day 1 and rain prevented play on Day 2, they were caught on a sticky wicket. Catford, scene of their previous game, "was in no sense a batsman's wicket, for the turf was soft on the surface and hard underneath, and the ball bumped a good deal right through the day." Frank Woolley made light of that, scoring 99 in Kent's 259. Then Northamptonshire had the bad luck to face the fast bowler Arthur Fielder in the evening. He "found his length at once and in the rather poor light was almost unplayable."</p>				

9-52	RI Keogh	Glam	Northampton	2016	9-19	MC Ilott	Essex	Luton	1995
9-65	RK Kleinveldt	Notts	Northampton	2017	9-37	MA Robinson	Yorks	Harrogate	1993
8-60	DG Wright	Yorks	Leeds	2005	9-43	DG Cork	Derby	Derby	1995

Best Bowling – Match

For					Against				
Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year	Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year
15-31	GE Tribe	Yorks	Northampton	1958	17-48	C Blythe	Kent	Northampton	1907
<p>Rain played havoc. Brian Close scored 46 out of Yorkshire's first innings of 67. One can imagine his reaction to seeing team-mates confounded by George Tribe (7-22) of Australia, especially as Brian had the good sense to be dismissed by Frank Tyson: "George? I coodda playyed 'im wit' broom-handle". Yorkshire had just moved into the lead on 43-2 in their second innings, but then George dismissed Lowson and their "batting crumbled". George took 8-4 in his last 6 overs (14.2-10-9-8 overall). The hosts knocked off the required 26 to record their first home win against Yorkshire since 1911.</p>					<p>(see above) Northamptonshire lost both matches to Kent by an innings. That made three consecutive innings defeats, for they had been mauled by Nottinghamshire at home. Over those games, Northamptonshire compiled totals of 52, 88, 73, 86, 60 and 39: a miserable May. But there was joy in June with consecutive victories over Hampshire (their tail saving them twice with the bat) and Derbyshire (George Thompson taking 12-94). Those teams (in reverse order) had been Northamptonshire's first victims in the County Championship in 1905.</p>				

13-98	RK Kleinveldt	Notts	Northampton	2017	15-95	C Rushworth	Dur	Chester-le-St	2014
13-125	RI Keogh	Glam	Northampton	2016	14-105	MC Ilott	Essex	Luton	1995
13-192	A Kumble	Hants	Northampton	1995	13-93	DG Cork	Derby	Derby	1995

Nottinghamshire

Lowest Total

For				Against			
Total	Opp	Venue	Year	Total	Opp	Venue	Year
13	Yorks	Nottingham	1901	16	Derby	Nottingham	1879
Unbeaten Yorkshire won the toss and batted. Within half-an-hour Arthur Shrewsbury, one of the host's best batsmen, suffered a split hand fielding at point. Lord Hawke graciously allowed a full substitute. Overnight rain followed by a sunny morning spelled doom for Nottinghamshire who started the day on 1-1. They lasted for 50 minutes "but they could plead in excuse for their failure that on such a wicket they could not have had two more difficult bowlers to play than Rhodes [6-4] and Haigh [4-8]." Following on, they moved to 155-3, then suffered another collapse losing 7 wickets for 18 runs.					Surrey	Oval	1880

59	Yorks	Nottingham	2010	49	Middx	Nottingham	2006
61	Leics	Worksop	1998	81	Leics	Leicester	2017
68	Surrey	Oval	1993	86	Yorks	Leeds	2011

Notts bowled out Durham UCCE for 46 at Durham in 2006, and Camb MCCU for 52 and 79 at Fenner's in 2016 and 2017 respectively

Best Bowling – Innings

For					Against				
Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year	Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year
10-66	K Smales	Gloucs	Stroud	1956	10-10	H Verity	Yorks	Leeds	1932
(see Gloucs) This was the first County Championship match played at Stroud. Ken Smales took all ten and left Bruce Dooland wicketless (a couple of dropped catches in the first evening helped). Dooland, the wonderful Australian leg spinner, can't have had many futile innings in a 5-year spell for the county in which he took 805 FC wickets. Nottinghamshire started their 2 nd innings well, Reg Simpson's 70 taking them to 111-1. But "after some heavy rain had livened the pitch" 6 wickets were lost in the last 55 mins for 15. Only 90 mins of play were required on the last day for Gloucestershire to win.					(9-12 Jul) Behind Harold Larwood's top-score of 48 (including a 6 off Hedley Verity; "a stroke gravely out of character with the day's play" frowned the <i>Times</i>), Nottinghamshire finished a rain-curtailed Day 2 ahead in the game: Yorkshire on 163-9 trailing by 71. Play was delayed while the pitch dried on Day 3 and Yorkshire declared. In the hour before lunch Nottinghamshire moved to 38-0. After lunch "the ball was turning more quickly ... and the pitch was now definitely difficult." 44-0 became 67 all out, as Hedley Verity produced figures of 19.4-16-10-10. The pitch was easier when Yorkshire batted and they eased to victory.				

8-31	CE Shreck	Middx	Nottingham	2006	9-48	Mushtaq Ahmed	Suss	Nottingham	2006
8-47	CL Cairns	Suss	Arundel	1995	9-65	RK Kleinveldt	North	Northampton	2017
8-52	SCJ Broad	Warw	Birmingham	2010	9-67	G Onions	Dur	Nottingham	2012

Best Bowling – Match

For					Against				
Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year	Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year
17-89	FCL Matthews	Northants	Nottingham	1923	17-89	WG Grace	Gloucs	Cheltenham	1877
Fast bowler Frank Matthews surprised the visitors who decided to bat. "He went on soon after the start ... and immediately met with success." Frank took 8-39 as Northamptonshire were dismissed for 77. "That there was nothing wrong with the pitch was demonstrated by the easy manner in which runs were scored" by Nottinghamshire who finished the day on 222-3. They declared on 302 without further loss. Then "the magnificent bowling" of Matthews who "maintained a tremendous pace and kept a fine length" returned figures of 9-50.					WG gained himself a day's rest before the Cheltenham Festival by bringing Canterbury Week to an abrupt end. In an even match on Day 2 Kent lunched on 30-0. WG, refreshed, took 6-19 to dismiss them for 74 and, with 49*, knocked off the required runs in an hour. At Cheltenham in Nottinghamshire's 1 st innings, replying to 235, WG took 9-55 as the visitors were dismissed for 111. Following-on they finished the day on 69-2. In the morning, Arthur Shrewsbury was soon stumped off Billy Midwinter, whereupon WG (evidently again in a hurry) took 7 wickets in 17 balls to close proceedings.				

15-83	CL Cairns	Sussex	Arundel	1995	15-114	Mo' Sami	Kent	Maidstone	2003
14-165	SCG MacGill	Middx	Nottingham	2002	13-88	GD Rose	Som	Taunton	1996
12-110	VC Drakes	Warw	Nottingham	1999	13-98	RK Kleinveldt	Notts	Northampton	2017

Somerset

Lowest Total

For				Against			
Total	Opp	Venue	Year	Total	Opp	Venue	Year
25	Gloucs	Bristol	1947	22	Gloucs	Bristol	1920
<p>As August opened, Gloucestershire shared the lead in the Championship table with Middlesex (albeit having played a match more). They made short work of Somerset. Facing a target of 342, Somerset stumbled to 20-4. Tom Goddard was brought on. He conceded a four and then took 5 wickets in 7 balls, including a hat-trick. The title contenders met at Cheltenham two weeks later. By then Gloucestershire were 4 points ahead, having sneaked an 8-run win at Bradford (Tom taking the last 3 wickets for 1 run) combined with Middlesex losing their game in hand to Kent at Lord's (their last 4 wickets going for 4 runs to lose with 5 minutes to play). Gloucester, chasing 169 to beat Middlesex, were 67-2 but collapsed to 100 AO. Middlesex clinched the title by winning their next 3 games, while Gloucestershire could win only one of theirs.</p>				<p>Somerset chose to bat and worked hard to make 169 from 91 overs. In the final 18 overs of the day, the hosts were routed for 22. "The Gloucestershire innings only lasted an hour, during which time none of the batsmen showed any likelihood of scoring off Mr. White." Jack White took 9-4-10-7, "his bowling has a more deceptive flight than that of anyone else at present playing FC cricket." Day 2 was lost to rain. On the third "some surprise was caused when Mr. Daniell declare the Somerset innings [126-7] closed during the luncheon interval, for, if the bowling was once mastered, the Gloucestershire batsmen had ample time in which to make the runs. That this was achieved was chiefly due to Mr Townsend", who scored 84 in an opening stand of 119 in 75 mins. The hosts pulled off a remarkable win by 4 wickets at 6:20 having faced 80 overs.</p>			

50	Warw	Taunton	2011	52	Derby	Derby	2007
56	Dur	Chester-le-St	2003	72	Lancs	Taunton	1993
69	Dur	Taunton	2009	86	Kent	Canterbury	1998

Somerset bowled out Oxford Universities for 74 in 2000, and Lough UCCE for 77 in 2007 (both at Taunton)

Best Bowling – Innings

For					Against				
Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year	Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year
10-49	EJ Tyler	Surrey	Taunton	1895	10-35	A Drake	Yorks	Weston-s-Mare	1914
<p>Surrey went to Taunton in high spirits after beating Kent - with Lancashire losing unexpectedly in Derby, the title was in their sights. On Day 1, replying to the host's 168, Surrey reached 93-2 but ended the day on 135-8; the genial Teddy Tyler accounting for all of the wickets. Teddy's FC best was 9-33. Whatever anxiety he felt was soon dispelled as the last 2 wickets fell in 3 balls. A collection for him yielded over £35. Surrey never recovered. They then failed to finish off Gloucestershire (37-7 in 2nd inns) at Clifton so their West Country tour meant that failure to win their last match at Hove would see the title go to Lancashire. To the rescue came Bobby Abel and Walter Read with centuries and Tom Richardson with 12 wickets (passing 250 for the year) to see them crowned at the seaside.</p>					<p>For this match, starting on the 27th August, the largely amateur side of Somerset "were weakly represented" because of mobilisation. On a wet wicket, the first day saw 24 wickets fall, as Yorkshire (162 and 59-4) took command. Rotherham's Alonzo Drake had much to do with that, making 51 and taking 5-16 as Somerset were all out for 44. Alonzo enjoyed his second day even more. Inside 9 overs he sent back the Somerset side – the first Yorkshireman to take all ten. Alonzo was a footballer first, reaching the top flight with Sheffield United from 1903-07. The Army rejected him when he tried to enlist – heavy smoking had taken its toll. Ill-health led to his early death in February 1919 aged 34.</p>				

9-32	AR Caddick	Lancs	Taunton	1993	8-20	SJ Magoffin	Sussex	Horsham	2013
9-65	Abdur Rehman	Worcs	Taunton	2012	8-30	Wasim Akram	Lancs	Southport	1994
8-55	MK Munday	Notts	Taunton	2007	8-46	MCJ Ball	Gloucs	Taunton	1993
						JA Tomlinson	Hants	Taunton	2008

Best Bowling – Match

For					Against				
Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year	Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year
16-83	JC White	Worcs	Bath	1919	17-137	W Brearley	Lancs	Manchester	1905
<p>Worcestershire did not take part in the Championship this year but played six FC fixtures (winning none), including Somerset home and away. Matches were only two-day. The first was ended by rain after Somerset had made 241: "the cricket, on the whole was dull." Next day was more exciting. Rain delayed the start until 2:45 and Worcester "could do little on a ruined pitch". Jack White took 8-36 and 8-47 as the visitors were dismissed twice inside 3 hours.</p>					<p>"On a pitch which did not seem difficult", Somerset chose to bat, but fast bowler Walter Brearley, "being at times almost unplayable", had 9-47 inside 13 overs. With his feet up, he watched his mates run up 424-8 by close of play. Walter didn't worry about adding runs at No. 11 (saving the horse a walk between the roller shafts), leaving his energy for bowling. He reduced Somerset to 0-2 in two balls, thus taking 4 wickets in 4 balls over the two innings.</p>				

14-101	Abdur Rehman	Worcs	Taunton	2012	14-169	MCJ Ball	Gloucs	Taunton	1993
13-88	GD Rose	Notts	Taunton	1996	13-93	KD James	Hants	Basingstoke	1997
12-71	AR Caddick	Gloucs	Bristol	2007	13-137	MS Panesar	Sussex	Taunton	2012

Surrey

Lowest Total

For				Against			
Total	Opp	Venue	Year	Total	Opp	Venue	Year
14	Essex	Chelmsford	1983	16	MCC	Lord's	1872
<p>(see Essex) "It is doubtful that the wicket could be held responsible for such a stunning turn of events ... Bad or irresolute batting was the main reason." Surrey captain Roger Knight; "We just didn't bat well and that's all there was to it". Surrey were saved by rain and an unbeaten 4-hour 167-run 3rd wicket partnership by Grahame Clinton and Knight.</p>				<p>The match was completed in a day (175 4-ball overs were bowled). Wet weather prevented play on the first, and made batting difficult on the second. Electing to bat the MCC surely reached the zenith of futility: in the 9th over they were 0-7: "how on earth did you decide to bat on that, skipper?" On the scorecard the MCC captain is (mercifully) not indicated although Surrey's is. Surrey won the match (in which the top score was 19) by 5 wickets at 6:30.</p>			

81	Glam	Oval	2014	59	Northants	Northampton	1995
85	Dur	Chester-le-St	2000	68	Notts	Oval	1993
88	Essex	Colchester	1994	71	Kent	Tunbridge Wells	1999

Surrey bowled out Cambridge MCCU for 54 at Fenner's in 2014

Best Bowling – Innings

For					Against				
Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year	Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year
10-43	T Rushby	Som	Taunton	1921	10-28	WP Howell	Aus	Oval	1899
<p>This was Tom Rushby's last season in County Cricket, having begun playing for Surrey in 1903. "On a fast pitch ... Somerset had a very unpleasant time against some excellent bowling by Rushby." At the end of the first day Tom had single-handedly reduced Somerset to 89-9, replying to 236. Next day he took the 10th wicket with the penultimate ball of his third over. His best figures came in his 222nd FC match out of the 229 he played.</p>					<p>Australia left out Bill Howell for their first two tour matches, and were soon wondering why. Surrey chose to bat and were 39 without loss when Bill was brought on. He bowled Bobby Abel with his first ball. "From that point his superb length and varying pace ruined the chances of the Surrey batting. Whether the men went forward or played back they were equally at sea." He was the first Australian to get all ten in England. His previous FC best was 6-40.</p>				

9-47	MP Bicknell	Leics	Guildford	2000	8-46	OP Rayner	Middx	Oval	2013
8-52	SC Meaker	Som	Oval	2012	8-49	Mo' Akram	Essex	Oval	2003
8-60	IDK Salisbury	Som	Oval	2000	8-63	DE Malcolm	Leics	Leicester	2001

Best Bowling – Match

For					Against				
Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year	Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year
16-83	GAR Lock	Kent	Blackheath	1956	15-57	WP Howell	Aus	Oval	1899
<p>The 5th in Surrey's 7 consecutive titles. An annual fixture at Rectory Field which Surrey had come to dominate. On Day 2 they declared on 404-4. The Kent openers put on 55, but when Tony Lock was introduced the prospect became as dark as the heath: 6-29 in 101 AO. He had been worried in the previous fortnight by suspected appendicitis and a broken small toe. "He was helped by poor batting", but by the end of play Lock had taken another 6 as were Kent 128-6 following on. On the last morning on "a pitch spiteful for the first time in the match", play lasted for 25 minutes. Kent added two runs, then Lock took the last 4 wickets for no further score finishing with 29.1-18-54-10, his 1st all 10.</p>					<p>(see above) Bill Howell was not finished with Surrey. After rain limited play to 40 mins on the second day, Australia moved from 163-5 to 249 on the third – a lead of 135. That was plenty, as "with the pitch false ", Howell and Trumble shared the wickets in dismissing the hosts for 64 – the 22-year old Ernest Hayes being the sole resistance, but his 43 "could not save his team from an inglorious show". To rub salt in to the wound, Bill took his 5 2nd innings wickets from the opposite end to his 1st innings effort. This was his first match outside Australia: "England's bonzer, cobber!"</p>				

16-119	MP Bicknell	Leics	Guildford	2000	15-118	OP Rayner	Middx	Oval	2013
12-91	IDK Salisbury	Som	Oval	2000	11-70	DI Stevens	Kent	Canterbury	2011
12-110	Saqlain Mushtaq	Dur	Oval	1999	11-72	GM Hamilton	Yorks	Leeds	1998

Sussex

Lowest Total

For				Against			
Total	Opp	Venue	Year	Total	Opp	Venue	Year
19	Surrey	Godalming	1830	18	Kent	Gravesend	1867
	Notts	Hove	1873				
<p>Godalming briefly had an annual fixture against the MCC. The visitors won the first in 1821, but lost the next three – hammered in two of them. So that ended that. Surrey enjoyed this last FC fixture here, winning by 197. They finished the match by bowling out Sussex for 19: William Hooker carried his bat for 8! At Hove, “the first innings of Sussex was a ridiculously small one for a county team.” The hosts chose to bat and Alfred Shaw set about them, taking 6-8. James Lillywhite saved an innings defeat with 7 wickets and 34*, but Notts ran out easy winners. Sussex lost all 4 Hove fixtures in the 1873 season.</p>				<p>(see Kent) The first day saw almost 168 4-ball overs bowled as both sides finished their first innings – Sussex 156 replying to Kent’s 98, which might have been better as the visitors were 123-4 at one stage. The second day was short. Kent were 10-0, and then lost their last 9 wickets for 8 runs - “a sorry exhibition of cricket”. The two James - Lillywhite and Southerton - took all 20 wickets in the match, and took 17 in the victory in the return match at Hove (Royal Brunswick Ground). James Southerton, in his first season playing regularly, took 132 FC wickets at around 9 per match. Lillywhite included him in the XI to play the first 2 Test matches in Australia in 1877.</p>			

54	Glam	Swansea	1997	72	Leics	Horsham	1993
63	Warw	Birmingham	1997	76	Hants	Southampton	1999
65	Northants	Eastbourne	2000		Som	Horsham	2013

Best Bowling – Innings

For					Against				
Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year	Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year
10-48	CHG Bland	Kent	Tonbridge	1899	9-11	AP Freeman	Kent	Hove	1922
<p>(see Kent) Sussex won after following-on (154 AO to Kent’s 278). They made 350 in their second innings. Fast bowler Cyril Bland then roared through the hosts, reducing them to 67-8. “He had a short rest while Hearne and Huish [Kent’s No. 10] were together, but otherwise bowled unchanged”. Alec Hearne carried his bat for 55, but Cyril returned to dismiss Huish and Bill Bradley in short order. After being injured in WW1 Cyril returned to his native Lincolnshire and in 1950 committed suicide by drowning himself in a canal there. He remains the only Sussex bowler to have taken all ten.</p>					<p>Rain limited Day 1 to only 50 mins: but Tich Freeman managed 5-10 off 8 overs, Sussex 44-5. “He was somewhat flattered by the poor batting opposed to him, Bowley, Vine and Mr. W. C. Jupp all being out to wretched strokes.” A wet pitch delayed play on Day 2 until 2:30. Tich was quickly to work; two wickets with his first two balls, and 2 more in his next over. The previous year Tich had taken the first 9 Sussex wickets at Hastings, but the hosts had then declared. At Hove, Frank Woolley dashed his hopes of all ten by dismissing wicket-keeper George Street. George had a record year for Sussex in 1923 but in April 1924 died after crashing into a wall in Portslade on his motor-bike endeavouring to avoid a lorry.</p>				

9-48	Mushtaq Ahmed	Notts	Nottingham	2006	8-17	Waqar Younis	Glam	Swansea	1997
8-20	SJ Magoffin	Som	Horsham	2013	8-46	A Richardson	Warw	Birmingham	2002
8-75	IDK Salisbury	Essex	Chelmsford	1996	8-47	CL Cairns	Notts	Arundel	1995

Best Bowling – Match

For					Against				
Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year	Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year
17-106	GR Cox	Warw	Horsham	1926	17-67	AP Freeman	Kent	Hove	1922
<p>Sussex were missing leading bowlers Maurice Tate, who was playing in the Test Trial, and Arthur Gilligan. George Cox, who made his FC debut in 1895, took up the slack. As third-change bowler, George returned 38.4-19-56-8, as he razed Warwickshire from 171-2 to 257 AO. Sussex managed a thin lead, but George made it appear larger by taking 9-50 in the second innings. Sussex then hit the winning runs in the last over of the game. George followed this “very fine performance for a man of his age” by taking 6-45 the next day at the start of the 2nd match of Horsham Week: over 100 overs in 4 days play for 23 wickets: not bad for a 52 year old!</p>					<p>(see above) The <i>Times</i> pointed out that only Gideon Elliott had taken 9 wickets at a lower cost than Freeman. The round-arm fast bowler returned figures of 19-17-2-9 for Victoria as Tasmania were bowled out for 33 (14 extras of which 11 were byes) at Launceston in February 1858. Back at Hove, Kent declared on their overnight score of 196-9. Tich, with 23.5-6-56-8, bowled his team to an innings victory to close the 1922 season, of which the Cricket Correspondent remarked: “the prospects of the game ... are decidedly brighter than they have been since the war.”</p>				

13-79	JD Lewry	Hants	Hove	2001	15-83	CL Cairns	Notts	Arundel	1995
13-108	Mushtaq Ahmed	Notts	Nottingham	2006	15-170	GC Viljoen	Derby	Hove	2017
13-132	Mushtaq Ahmed	Kent	Canterbury	2006	12-166	ML Cummins	Worcs	Hove	2016

Warwickshire

Lowest Total

For				Against			
Total	Opp	Venue	Year	Total	Opp	Venue	Year
16	Kent	Tonbridge	1913	15	Hants	Birmingham	1922
<p>(see Kent) On Day 1 Warwickshire's batting "was steady all through. Runs came at a fair pace" as they made 262. They then dismissed three of Kent's best batsmen. Only an hour's play was possible on Day 2, rain delaying the start, "making the ball get up quickly" and ending the day early. On the last day "with the conditions all in favour of the bowlers" Kent (132) lost their last 6 wickets for 28. However, Warwickshire went in at 1220 and were all out by 1305, caught on a "sticky."</p>				<p>(see Hants) On Day 1 23 wickets fell. Warwickshire were inserted and made 223 – something of a disappointment after Reg Santall and Freddie Calthorpe "hitting out magnificently ... put on 122 runs in 80 mins" had taken them to 166-3. The Hampshire innings included 8 ducks. Following on, Hampshire were 274-8 but added 201 for the loss of only one wicket and finished Day 2 leading by 267 – enough to win.</p>			

69	Yorks	Birmingham	2015	50	Som	Taunton	2011
84	Yorks	Leeds	1998	60	Worcs	Worcester	2012
86	Essex	Chelmsford	1999	63	Sussex	Birmingham	1997

Best Bowling – Innings

For					Against				
Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year	Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year
10-41	JD Bannister	Comb S	Birmingham	1959	10-36	H Verity	Yorks	Leeds	1931
<p>The Combined Services played a few games in the years after WWI but had more regular fixtures after WWII – 3 or 4 per year against the Counties. By the late 50s this had dwindled to one or two, as wartime veterans retired from cricket and National Service wound down. The hosts made 328-4 and by the end of the day the Services were 64-7. The next day, Aircraftsman Paddy Phelan of Essex smacked a rapid 41 but Jack Bannister took all ten for the first time. His team went on to win by 9 wickets. In Jack's previous match against the Services in 1953, he had taken 6-21 – then his best FC mark.</p>					<p>Yorkshire won the title at a canter, winning 16 of 28 and losing 1. This was the 2nd game of the season; Yorkshire fresh from an innings victory at Leyton. The visitors chose to bat and moved to 145-3, only to fold to 201. Yorkshire took a 97-run lead. Bill Bowes and Emmott Robinson bowled 9 wicketless overs, then Hedley Verity was brought on. Warwickshire plummeted from 33-1 to 72 all out – Hedley dismissing 5 batsmen in 8 balls, sending back 4 in one over. This was the first time he took all ten; on his 26th birthday and in only his 14th FC game.</p>				

9-36	CR Woakes	Dur	Birmingham	2016	8-36	MA Ealham	Kent	Birmingham	1996
8-46	A Richardson	Sussex	Birmingham	2002		SR Harmer	Essex	Chelmsford	2017
8-51	A Richardson	Gloucs	Birmingham	1999	8-42	ARK Pierson	Leics	Birmingham	1994

Best Bowling – Match

For					Against				
Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year	Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year
15-76	S Hargreave	Surrey	Oval	1903	17-92	AP Freeman	Kent	Folkestone	1932
<p>Warwickshire won their 1st game at the Oval in 1874, but since then had been soundly thrashed in 5, the other 3 drawn. Day 1 was lost to heavy rain making the ground unfit. That was fortunate for Sam who had initially been left out, as he returned late from Lord Hawke's tour to Australia and New Zealand. Surrey batted on a difficult wicket in reply to 222 and were dismissed for 82; Sam Hargreave with 6-41. Warwickshire batted for an hour when play finally started in the afternoon on Day 3, declaring on 55-4. Seeking 196, Surrey's "batsmen were always in difficulties". Sam ran through them with figures of 16.3-4-35-9 for a welcome victory in Kennington.</p>					<p>This was amid Tich Freeman's 8 successive seasons as leading wicket-taker in English cricket; averaging 219 in the Championship. In the first match of Folkestone Week, Tich had finished off Lancashire "who once more demonstrated their inability to play spin bowling on a pitch that was helping the ball to turn" with 8-56 (13-144 in the match). Two days later, Warwickshire, top-and-tailed by a run-out and a wicket by Alan Watt, fell to Freeman's 8-31. Tich took 5-4 in half-an-hour after tea. Next day, set 215 to win, the visitors found Freeman too much once more. Tich rounded off the Week with 9-61, for combined figures of 30-236 in four day's play.</p>				

13-158	HH Streak	North	Birmingham	2004	14-117	M Muralitharan	Lancs	Southport	1999
12-135	AF Giles	North	Northampton	2000	14-128	SR Harmer	Essex	Chelmsford	2017
12-216	AF Giles	Kent	Birmingham	2002	12-110	VC Drakes	Notts	Nottingham	1999

Worcestershire

Lowest Total

For				Against			
Total	Opp	Venue	Year	Total	Opp	Venue	Year
24	Yorks	Huddersfield	1903	30	Hants	Worcs	1903
<p>Fartown was the 5th venue at which Yorkshire welcomed newcomers Worcestershire (after Sheffield, Bradford, Dewsbury and Harrogate). Rain prevented play on Day 1. An hour's play was possible early on Day 2 and Worcestershire, who decided to bat, "gave an extremely feeble display and were dismissed in an hour ... Rhodes and Hirst bowled brilliantly on the sticky wicket." Rain fell again and play did not resume until 5:45, and less than an hour remained in the day. The footholds were treacherous for the bowlers and Yorkshire thrashed 76 from 16 overs losing only one wicket. Rain threatened Day 3 so the hosts declared, aiming at an innings victory. However, Worcestershire battled to 27-6 off 51 overs to escape when rain returned.</p>				<p>Worcestershire had established an ascendancy over Hampshire, beating them in 1900, 1901 and 1902 at any ground the Southerners cared to prepare – Bournemouth, Southampton and Portsmouth. But, the four previous matches at New Road had been drawn. "The breakdown of the Hampshire batting was in no way due to the state of the ground ... they failed lamentably before the bowling of Wilson (who made the ball swerve in a puzzling manner) and Arnold." The visitors got to 27-2. Their final 8 wickets added 3 runs. One of the many Fosters to play at New Road (Henry) and Frederick Bowley put on 156 for the 1st wicket showing "that there was nothing the matter with the wicket" and the hosts duly progressed to an innings victory. Less than a fortnight later they beat Hampshire at Southampton.</p>			

60	Warw	Worcester	2012	43	Leics	Leicester	2016
73	Yorks	Worcester	1994	63	Lancs	Manchester	2012
80	Warw	Worcester	2015		Kent	Canterbury	2013

Worcestershire were bowled out for 77 by South Africa A at Worcester in 1996

Best Bowling – Innings

For					Against				
Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year	Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year
9-23	CF Root	Lancs	Worcester	1931	10-51	J Mercer	Glam	Worcester	1936
<p>Fred Root, purveyor of fast-medium in-swingers and author of the fascinating <i>A Cricket Pro's Lot</i>, was 41 when he returned his best figures of 9-23. In a rain-affected match, 17 wickets fell on the last day. Worcestershire (1st inns 169) folded from 82-4 to 117 AO, but still set Lancashire (1st inns 75) a stiff target. Fred, "helped by admirable fielding, was at times almost unplayable ... and made less use of the leg trap than usual." Fred holds Worcestershire's record for FC wickets in a season (207 in 1925).</p>					<p>(see Glam) Roger Human came in with the score on 42-5 and attacked the bowling – "the first real resistance to Mercer". After lunch when the ball was wet, 54 runs were added in just over an hour. Human made an unbeaten 59 to take Worcestershire to 143, which looked enough for a 1st innings lead when Glamorgan slid to 65-7. But the Welsh Dragon's tail wagged for an 8-run lead. Still, Worcestershire were handily placed on 163-5 when rain ruined the end.</p>				

9-93	AJ Bichel	Gloucs	Worcester	2002	9-37	ST Finn	Middx	Worcester	2010
9-138	Z Khan	Essex	Chelmsford	2006	9-65	Abdur Rehman	Som	Taunton	2012
8-37	A Richardson	Gloucs	Worcester	2013	8-64	AR Caddick	Som	Taunton	1998

GM Gilder took 8-22 for South Africa A at Worcester in 1996

Best Bowling – Match

For					Against				
Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year	Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year
15-87	AJ Conway	Gloucs	Moreton	1914	17-212	JC Clay	Glam	Swansea	1937
<p>(see Gloucs) This was Worcestershire's 9th Championship match of the season. They had suffered 6 comprehensive defeats (4 by an innings) and had two draws. This was the only County Championship match played at Moreton-in-Marsh but brought the first of only two wins for Worcestershire from their 22 games in 1914. On 8th August a special meeting debated the future of the side as a FC county. It was decided the club should continue – Kent, Hampshire, Surrey, Yorkshire and other counties had offered financial help and the Worcestershire professionals agreed to play two games in 1915 for nothing or contribute £100. Six days after this meeting Worcestershire won at Taunton.</p>					<p>(see Glam) Worcestershire had a dreadful first day at St Helen's, being bowled out for 123 (Clay 9-66) and then conceding 280-5 to the hosts. Glamorgan eventually made 417 underpinned by captain Maurice Turnbull's best FC score of 233. He and good friend Johnnie Clay, architects of this victory, received a presentation after the game from the Glamorgan members. They were equally effective off the field, having built-up Glamorgan from a parlous position where bankruptcy beckoned. Glamorgan won more matches than they lost for the first time in the 1937 season.</p>				

13-94	Saeed Ajmal	Essex	Worcester	2014	14-101	Abdur Rehman	Som	Taunton	2012
13-159	TM Moody	Gloucs	Worcester	1996	14-106	ST Finn	Middx	Worcester	2010
12-63	A Richardson	Kent	Canterbury	2013	13-140	Mushtaq Ahmed	Sussex	Hove	2004

Yorkshire

Lowest Total

For				Against			
Total	Opp	Venue	Year	Total	Opp	Venue	Year
23	Hants	Middlesbrough	1965	13	Notts	Nottingham	1901
<p>(see Hants). John Arlott described the accurate bowling of pace bowler Derek Shackleton as "beating down as unremittingly as February rain." He took 4-10 as Yorkshire slipped to 47-7. Fred Trueman came in, spanked him for 26 in one over, and made 55 off 22 balls. As a result, the hosts got to 121. Hampshire fell away from 86-3 to only a 4-run lead, but by the close the hosts were 7-2. This third day lasted only 20 overs, as Yorkshire's collapse ceded victory. Their 23 was 3 worse than their effort against Surrey at the Oval 56 years previously.</p>				<p>(see Notts) Wilfred Rhodes reached 100 FC wickets for the season during this innings – on the 21st of June! This was his 13th match of the season, which he ended on 109 wickets. Wilfred reached 100 FC wickets on the same date the previous year - again in his 13th match, which he ended on 112 wickets. These were Rhodes' two best seasons for wickets: 261 FC (206 CC) in 1900; 251 FC (196 CC) in 1901.</p>			

52	Leics	Leicester	1999	59	Notts	Nottingham	2010
67	Lancs	Manchester	1999	69	Warw	Birmingham	2015
74	Essex	Chelmsford	2017	73	Derby	Sheffield	1994
					Worcs	Worcester	1994

Yorkshire bowled out the Zimbabweans for 68 at Leeds in 2000

Best Bowling – Innings

For					Against				
Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year	Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year
10-10	H Verity	Notts	Leeds	1932	10-37	CV Grimmett	Aus	Sheffield	1930
<p>(see Notts) At Headingley the previous year on his birthday, Hedley Verity took all ten for the first time: 10 for 36 to dismiss Warwickshire for 72. Here he beat those figures. Yorkshire declared 81 runs behind, and while waiting for the sun to turn the pitch nasty Hedley bowled nine maidens in 11 overs. Then the ball started gripping and he took 10 wickets in 8.4 overs, including a hat-trick (concluded with an LBW from a straight ball). One run later, Verity had the chance to take a second hat-trick in the innings, but Lilley "scored three very lucky runs." Hedley shrugged and took the last 2 wickets in consecutive balls.</p>					<p>Clarrie Grimmett enjoyed Yorkshire. At Bradford he took 6-87 in the host's only innings in 1926, and 11-133 in July 1930. Sandwiched between those came this game at Sheffield in May 1930. Yorkshire opted to bat. Clarrie was not put on to bowl until the score was 46-0. "After he had dug the first three batsmen [starting with Percy Holmes and Herbert Sutcliffe] he did very much as he liked with the rest of the side." He bowled from the Football Stand end on a pitch "which was quiet and easy. He made the ball turn, however" and flighted the ball well. His last 7 wickets cost him 16 runs. His previous FC best was 8-57. Rain prevented him bowling again. He returned in 1934, but managed just 4 wickets in the match.</p>				

9-37	MA Robinson	North	Harrogate	1993	8-53	Kabir Ali	Worcs	Scarborough	2003
9-41	PJ Hartley	Derby	Chesterfield	1995	8-60	DG Wright	North	Leeds	2005
8-55	C White	Glos	Gloucester	1998	8-65	PJ Hartley	Hants	Basingstoke	1999

Best Bowling – Match

For					Against				
Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year	Figures	Player	Opp	Venue	Year
17-91	H Verity	Essex	Leyton	1933	17-91	H Dean	Lancs	Liverpool	1913
<p>Essex chose to bowl, but Yorkshire made 340. "When a pitch shows any sign of taking spin, the unhappy captain of a side who faces Yorkshire must feel himself impelled to put Yorkshire in, for it is more expedient to keep one's own batsmen away from Verity and Macaulay", commented the <i>Times</i>, reporting on Day 1 which Essex ended with 13 without loss. Rain damned Day 2, and Hedley Verity then proved the Thunderer's point. He matched Colin Blythe (see Kent) in taking 17 wickets in a day; 9-44 in the second innings. On a "pitch which was helping the ball to pop" Jack O'Connor (whose benefit match this was) was hit in the face by a ball rising abruptly from Hedley, but he denied Hedley all ten: "Macaulay had been so inconsiderate as to get O'Connor leg-before."</p>					<p>(see Lancs) In the Championship the Roses matches were split. In the first at Old Trafford, Lancashire scored 130 and Yorkshire collapsed to a Heap twice – James taking 6-16 and 5-23. At Headingley James Heap swapped ball for bat and made his highest FC score of 90 in the first innings. Aigburth hosted Liverpool & District's annual match against Yorkshire from 1887 to 1895 (match not played in 1888, and the last was not FC), which had been evenly contested. But this was Yorkshire's first game there since L&D lost FC status. Lancashire won the match by 3 wickets. The other two Roses matches played at Aigburth also ended in Lancashire wins – by 248 runs in an extra match in 1958 and by 6 wickets in the Championship match in 2011 (when Old Trafford was unavailable).</p>				

13-154	SP Kirby	Som	Taunton	2003	13-186	Danish Kaneria	Essex	Chelmsford	2004
12-72	SP Kirby	Leics	Leeds	2001	12-125	Wasim Akram	Lancs	Manchester	1993
12-124	MA Robinson	North	Harrogate	1993	12-157	JE Emburey	Middx	Leeds	1995