

**History
Of
Bledlow Village Cricket**

1951 to 2000

RISBOROUGH OPEN WELL

PRINCES RISBOROUGH opened their season on Saturday with a win at Bledlow by 43 runs. K. Folley bowled well for Bledlow and took six wickets for 22 runs, but their batting, with the exception of J. Admitt 20, did not match it.

PRINCES RISBOROUGH: J Pearce run out 4, R Rogers run out 20, I Milton c and b K Folley 21, R Hunt lbw K Folley 15, A White lbw I Horwood 0, A Banks b K Folley 5, P Herridge b K Folley 7, S Yates b Horwood 13, J Clay b K Folley 0, D Richer b K Folley 0, A Copcutt not out 3; extras 8. Total 96.

Bowling: K Folley 6 for 22, I Horwood 2 for 29.

BLEDLOW: R Mitchell b J Clay 1, I Fuller b A Copcutt 8, P Smith b A Copcutt 2, J Admitt b D Richer 20, W Adams c Yates b A Copcutt 1, G Quirt b A White 5, J Horwood b D Richer 7, J Witney b D Richer 0, A Rolfe not out 1, W Stallwood st A Banks b R Hunt 0, K Folley b J Milton 1; extras 7. Total 53.

Bowling: J Clay 1 for 6, A Copcutt 3 for 13, A White 1 for 7, D Richer 3 for 7, R Hunt 1 for 2, J Milton 1 for 0.

Honours Box

The new young fast bowler for Tring Park takes chief honours this week for his performance on Sunday against Dickinson's of Apsley. He took eight of the first nine wickets at a personal cost of 33 runs.

BATTING

A V Hurst (Aylesbury)	63
G W Hammond (Luton)	59
L Hinton (Tring Park)	*51
D Whitehead (Tring Park) ..	51

* Denotes not out.

BOWLING

R Darwin (Tring Park) 8 for 33	
K Folley (Bledlow) 6 for 22	
N G Hartley (Tring Pk) 6 for 23	
J G Owen (Luton Tn.) 5 for 28	
W R Cruickshank (Aylesbury)	5 for 14
C R Rush (Nalgo)	8 for 49
J G Kerr (Aylesbury) ..	6 for 12
A/C Howieson (Halton) 5 for 26	

* **Kimble 107** (R. Little 25, F. Woolcott 35; Hunt 4-2, Tyler 3-36, Ridgley 3-58); **Bledlow 113 for 8** (T. Fuller 29, J. Harvey 21; G. Smith 5-29).

STAND FOR VICTORY

The efforts of two former players Harold Evans of the Town. and "Ducky" Weston of the Dominion, went a long way towards Waddesdon's victory over Bledlow with three wickets to spare.

This followed a tail-end collapse by Bledlow, who after being 78 for 4. lost the remaining six wickets for 22 runs.

BLEDLOW		
R Mitchell	c J Franklin b Cooper	28
T Fuller	c Cherry b Cooper	32
V Claydon	c Cherry b Dormer	0
P Smith	c Andrews b Dormer	0
G Strathdee	c Andrews b Dormer	10
G Carpenter	b Cooper	1
D Smith	b Dormer	8
J Horwood	b Dormer	9
J Whitney	b Dormer	0
K Folley	lbw b Cooper	0
T Curtis	not out	0
Extras		12
Total		100
Bowling: W Dormer 6 for 28.		
WADDESDON		
D Curtis	c Horwood b Folley	5
F Andrews	c Fuller b Folley	2
H Evans	lbw b D Smith	52
J Franklin	b P Smith	6
F Eldridge	c Mitchell b P Smith	12
W Weston	c Mitchell b Horwood	36
O Franklin	run out	0
G Cherry	run out	4
P Leybourne	lbw b P Smith	21
W Dormer	not out	2
J Cooper	b Horwood	1
Extras		7
Total		148

Bucks Advertiser & Aylesbury News - Friday 28 November 1952

RISBORO'S AMBITION

Best Sports Ground

A glowing tribute to Princes Risborough cricketers was paid at their annual dinner in the "Red Lions". Bledlow. on Friday, by the president of the Risborough Football Club. Professor G. W. Keeton.

Proposing the toast of the cricket club, he said: "The Football Club recognise that by your consistent efforts you have brought cricket as an enjoyable spectacle and of a high quality to our town." Speaking of the hard work that had been put in by footballers and cricketers alike at the Windsor Playing Field, the Professor added that Risborough could have a sports ground second to none in Bucks. Replying. cricket captain Mr. J. Milton said that despite the fact that the club was making money and spending money, its finances were sound.

PRACTICE PITCH "We require a decent practice wicket, ne said, "and there is a possibility of one being laid this spring. We should have a good season next year.' Proposing the visitors. club chairman. Mr S. Yates. welcomed representatives from Monks Risborough. Denton. Bledlow and Kimble cricket clubs. "Next year we hope to have better facilities on our ground." he said "We hope that we shall be able to entertain more visitors. and particularly those of the opposite sex " The club accepted the "generous offer" by Mr G T S. Stevens. a former England cricketer. to come down to the ground and give cricketing lectures. In an amusing reply Mr. Stevens included many anecdotes of his playing career.

BOB'S TANKARD Surprise item the evening was the presentation of a silver tankard trophy given by Mr Milton Mr Yates and the secretary. Mr A Copcutt. for the year's most outstanding performance The trophy this year went to Mr Bob Rogers The presentation was made by the president Mr P F Laidler.

Uxbridge & W. Drayton Gazette - Friday 27 June 1952

Two good innings, one 66 not out by Boden Tebbutt for West Drayton and 67 not out by Mitchell for Bledlow were the highlights of the game at Bledlow on Saturday. Batting first West Drayton II scored 191-7 dec. and Boden Tebbutt was well backed up by N. Lane (32). and W. Long (48). In reply Bledlow scored 160-6. Oakley bowling well for Drayton to take 4-34.

Uxbridge & W. Drayton Gazette - Friday 02 July 1954

wickets. A different picture was painted on Sunday when at Bledlow a first wicket stand of 96 enabled the home side to declare at 124 for 9 (Joyce 3-28).

West Drayton passed this total with the loss of six wickets, Fuller (59), Lane (26) and Bayley (22) being chief scorers.

Uxbridge & W. Drayton Gazette - Friday 24 May 1957

Sunday's game against Bledlow 2nd XI ended in a draw. Bledlow declared at 143 for 9, Stevenson taking 6 for 50 in 18 overs.

West Drayton were soon in trouble against the bowling of Beaumont (5 for 27), and at one time they had lost seven wickets for 24 runs. Flack (19) and Burke (50 not out) came to the rescue and at the close West Drayton had scored 103 for 9.

Lynn Advertiser - Tuesday 02 August 1960

IN BUCKS

G. W. D. Ryan's XI (Methwold) won by four wickets when they visited Bledlow, Cricket Club (Buckinghamshire, last week. Bledlow found the bowling of F. Greenacre (2 for 12). D. Day (4 for 13). S. Chase and C. Young tight and this free-scoring side, who the week before had put the 200 up, struggled. Only a stand by Folley (12) and Janes made the score look respectable at 59. Ryan's side found runs hard to get and only some good batting by Sid Chase (26) and Dave Kay (13) turned the score in the South Norfolk side's favour, as the Buckinghamshire bowlers began to get on top. Ryan's XI scored 60 for 6.

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Daily Mirror - Monday 05 March 1962

Play

A LITTLE out-of-season advice to the village cricketers of the hamlet of Bledlow, Buckinghamshire. Lord Carrington, First Lord of the Admiralty, deserves a match trophy in his honour.

Milord, a keen cricketer and president of the Bledlow Cricket Club. has just given the club a field for their permanent pitch.

Lord Carrington said: " I don't want it used for anything else but cricket "—and, by Jove, this was sincere straight bat talk.



Sunday Mirror - Sunday 20 October 1963

The 879 villagers of Bledlow, Bucks, are fighting a bitter battle against a proposed maggot factory there. Lord Carrington. First Lord of the Admiralty and a villager, has sent an inspirational message: " Fight it for all you are worth." These glowing words, sent by telegram or signal flags, no doubt have their value.

A pity he couldn't despatch a gunboat -- or a stern admonition that the traditional place for maggots is in ship's biscuits

Reading Evening Post - Tuesday 17 May 1966

Bledlow were out for 115 (Witney 30, McQueen 26, Janes 20; Tomlin 5-34, New 4-23) against Mapledurham, who collapsed to a total of only 57 after some good bowling by McQueen (5-11) and Cartwright (5-15). Cam was their top scorer with 12.

Now supported by Raiment. Hyde cut loose and when he holed out on the boundary. he had scored his runs out of 87. Several bowling changes had little effect on the other Gaytonian batsman who all scored freely.

Raiment got 31. Meyler, gathered 27 and Doyle was unbeaten for 43 at the closure.

Without Wells and Simpson, two of their regular bowlers. Gaytonians' attack was rather limited. Or so it seemed until Meyler got Mitchell caught and bowled with only 11 up. Metter and Eggleton steadied the side to 51 when Hyde again entered the argument . and won it.

He started by getting Mettler leg before and then shot through the rest of the batsmen, Raiment contributing 3-53 as Gaytonians ran out winners by 94.

Daily Mirror - Saturday 03 September 1966

Maggot factory banned: People living near a farm have won their fight against a plan to start a maggot factory there. Yesterday, the Housing Minister announced that he had rejected Mr. Frank Murgett's appeal for permission for a maggot factory at Bait Farm, North Mill, Bledlow, Bucks.

At-the inquiry it stated on behalf of Mr Murgett a search for a suitable site for a maggot factory had going on for five years. The site had to be isolated because of the emotional horror with which his business is viewed by the public" The Minister added that although the building could be erected on the site without making any material impact on the appearance of the countryside, in other respects the site was unsatisfactory. Waste from the farm was likely to give off highly offensive odours.

Harrow Observer - Thursday 10 August 1967

Old Gaytonians met Bledlow for the first time on Saturday and they won't mind' playing them again! For Bledlow won the toss and put them in, a gift that produced 214-6 and then slow bowler Hyde. who had hammered 63 (three sixes) slaughtered the visitors for 120 with 6-27 in 15 overs.

Hyde and Phillips had opened the Gaytonians innings against a medium-fast attack with the intention of chasing the runs but Phillips was caught behind for six at 23.

Amersham held the aces

Bledlow, who did so well in the • Haig Village Cricket Cup, visited Shardeloes on Sunday. and, as expected, brought a '1 strong side' But although every batsman looked capable of staying and making runs, Amersham held the aces and broke the opening 'partnership at 18. Floyd and Dillamore put on another 18 before Floyd was bowled by Nick Andrews for ten and at 32 Dillamore was caught off David Barnes for 23. With Atkins and Barnes bowling steadily the Bledlow innings dosed at 123, both Amersham bowlers taking four wickets. Keith Edwards' entrance at 84 signalled Bledlow's downfall. He hit a rapid 17 before leaving the wicket, and once spin it was left to Nick Andrews.

But he added no more to his score edging a ball to the wicket keeper who held a brilliant catch to dismiss Andrews for 33, his highest score this season for the first eleven. But Amersham were nearly there, and with Barnes and Atkins at the wicket, with three ' wickets in hand, two consecutive fours from Barnes took the home side to victory.

BLDLOW	
I. Dillamore c Edwards b Barnes ...	23
A. Spencer c Holmes b Andrews ...	3
R. Floyd b Andrews	10
W. Davey c Howard b Atkins	35
G. Eggleton b Atkins	4
J. Samways b Barnes	10
M. Gill c Jones b Barnes	12
D. Witney b Atkins	5
P. Gibson b Atkins	0
A. Stewart st Holmes b Barnes	6
B. Taylor not out	0
Extras	15
Total	123
 Bowling: D. Barnes 4-33, G. Atkins 4-26.	
AMERSHAM	
M. Sear lbw b Eggleton	33
R. Jones c Floyd b Stewart	5
N. Andrews c Gill b Stewart	33
N. Caffyn b Eggleton	7
G. Howard b Gibson	1
K. Edwards lbw b Samways	17
N. Pinnock b Samways	1
D. Barnes not out	10
G. Atkins not out	3
Extras	17
Total (for 7 wkts)	127
 N. Holmes, R. Sprackling did not bat.	

Player of the year - 1976

Among individual performances congratulations must go to Steve Williams, who played more games, scored more runs, took more wickets and held more catches than anyone else. He was the first Bledlow batsman to score 1,000 runs for a number of years.

Total runs 1133, Total Wickets 78

PICK OF THE WEEK

BLEDLOW batsman Steve Williams came within three runs of beating Ray Hutchison's top score of 140 for the Bucks Free Press bat award this week. Steve was run out for 138. We are awarding a five star Grey Nicholls bat for the top score by a local player.

Another bat goes to the best bowling figures by a local cricketer. Terry Gale, of Molins, is the leader so far with 10-30.

This week's top performances were:

BATTING	
S. Williams (Bledlow)	138
G. Jones (Bucks)	114
D. Chandler (L. Kingshill)	110
J. Pratt (Frieth)	102
A. Penny (Jordans)	97

BOWLING	
R. Evans (Wooburn 2nds)	8-15
K. Edwards (Coleshill)	7-33
K. Baker (Winchmore H.)	7-37
J. Evans (Wye Valley)	7-53
A. Wright (Desborough)	6-12

CHALFONT Saints boosted their chances of winning the Bucks Indoor Cricket League when they defeated title challengers High Wycombe in the latest round of matches at Bisham Abbey.

However, Saints have only one more game to play, while Wycombe and division one leaders Caldicott have two each.

Saints set Wycombe a target of 105 for victory, but Wycombe, deprived of some of their players who were in Kenya, could only muster 87 runs.

Dave Penbrooke hit a match-winning 43 not out for Chalfont St Giles as they upset promotion hopefuls Bledlow in division two.

Chalfont won by one wicket after Bledlow had been all out for 102.

Chalfont St Giles had earlier lost to Great Kingshill, making only 53 in reply to 114-4.

Great Kingshill followed this

with a narrow victory over Hazells, scoring 65 and then restricting their opponents to 64-3.

Division One

	P	W	T	L	Bon	Pts
Caldicott	6	5	0	1	31	81
Chalfont Saints	7	5	0	2	30	80
H Wycombe	6	5	0	1	29	79
Slough	6	4	0	2	23	63
Datchet	5	4	0	1	20	60
P Risborough	7	2	1	4	28	53
Gerrards Cross	5	3	0	2	18	48
Burnham	5	2	1	2	22	47
Amersham Hill	6	2	0	4	17	37
Chesham	4	0	0	4	12	12
Knotty Green	6	0	0	6	11	11
Marlow	5	0	0	5	5	5

Division Two

	P	W	T	L	Bon	Pts
Beaconsfld	6	6	0	0	27	87
Bledlow	7	5	0	2	32	82
Marlow Pk	7	5	0	2	30	80
Farnham R	8	4	0	4	39	79
Iver	6	4	0	2	25	65
Gt Kingshill	6	3	1	2	26	61
Chalfont St G	7	3	0	4	26	56
Marsh Gdns	7	2	0	5	24	44
Chalfont St P	5	1	1	3	16	31
Lt Kingshill	6	1	0	5	19	29
Hazells	6	1	0	5	18	28

Daily Mirror - Friday 11 May 1979

The little team taking a big knock

By MIKE RAMSBOTTOM

BLEDLOW'S big hitting could prove costly in the Whitbread village cricket championship.

The Bucks club, who reached the quarterfinals in 1972, had four balls hit into the garden of an uncooperative neighbour during their first-round win over Kimble.

Vice-chairman Ken Folley said:

"We've had trouble for years getting the balls back from this house.

"We've lost countless balls, although the four balls against Kimble were eventually returned."

"The current price of cricket balls makes it an expensive business."





ALL-ROUNDER Steve Williams was the toast of the little village of Bledlow in the Whitbread Championship, organised by The Cricketer.

Steve cancelled another cricketing engagement to help out the Bucks village in their third-round match against Brill. And what smashing help he provided. Steve opened the batting and hammered 151 not out in a total of 199 for four and then he chipped in with four wickets for three runs as Brill crashed to 120 all out.

His cracking performance earns him a Mirror award of a bat and ball and gives Bledlow a fourth-round match against local rivals Lacey Green, the side that knocked them out in the group final last season.

Super Williams hammers Brill for 151 not out

A brilliant innings by Bledlow opener Steve Williams completely dominated their Whitbread Village Championship third round match at Brill on Sunday.

Williams made a superb unbeaten 151 not out, one of the highest ever scores in the competition, and then claimed four wickets as Bledlow cruised into the county semi-final. The extent to which Williams dominated the match can be gauged from the fact that only 43 runs came off the bat at the other end during their total of 199-3 made in 40 overs. His driving was devastating as he struck two sixes, a five and 20 fours in the highest score ever made on Brill's ground.

In an unbroken fourth wicket stand of 55, David White made only four, while Bill Davey contributed 28 of a third wicket partnership of 92. Williams' innings will not go unrewarded. He will receive a crate of mixed wines and spirits from the sponsors and is thought will also win a bat from the Daily Mirror.

To cap a splendid day Williams claimed 4-3 in 23 balls when he came on to bowl his leg breaks. Bledlow's captain for the day, Edward Turner, held four catches as Brill replied with 120 to lose by 79 runs.

In the next round Bledlow are away to Lacey Green, who beat them in last year's county final. Terry Kelloway the Lacey captain, is a Bledlow playing member, so this local derby will have additional spice.

The Cricketer, July 1980

The Samuel Whitbread Village Cricket Championship

Fine weather and hard pitches produced a glut of runs and enabled all 252 first round matches to be completed on or before deadline.

The highest of the 24 individual centuries was by S. Williams of Bledlow (Bucks) who reached his hundred against Radnage in 101 minutes and went on to 150* which included five sixes and 21 fours – 114 in boundaries. He becomes the first player in the competition to score 150 on two separate occasions, having made 151* against Kimble last year.

Reading Evening Post - Saturday 12 July 1980

IT'S A BIG weekend for local cricket.

Berks are playing Bucks at the Ibis ground, Scours Lane, Reading, with their sights on repeating last Monday's four-wicket win at Buckingham.

The game continues tomorrow at 11am.

Tomorrow Kidmore End will be bidding for a place in the last 16 of the Whitbread Village Championship when they

play Bledlow at Gallows Tree Common (2.30).

Then on Monday the two Evening Post Cup semi-finals take place, with Finchampstead playing hosts to Reading while Falkland meet Tadley.

Last night Finchampstead were beaten by Wokingham in the semi-finals of the Bracknell Evening Cup.

Wokingham 71-9 (Dunn 7-26, King 2-39), Finchampstead 54 (Applewhaite 7-12, Bute 2-34).

Daily Mirror - Monday 14 July 1980

CRICKET
SAMUEL WHITBREAD VILLAGE CHAMPIONSHIP — sixth round. Bledlow 61 for 0 (12 overs; D. Rutt 45 not) v Kidmore End. Match abandoned rain. To be played next Sunday.

Reading Evening Post - Monday 21 July 1980

Heads . . . out go Kidmore

KIDMORE END were tossed out of the Whitbread National Village cricket cup last night.

The Oxfordshire champions cruelly lost their sixth round tie to Bledlow on the toss of a coin.

The match had earlier been washed out for the second successive Sunday.

Bledlow had — despite four interruptions by rain at Gal-

lowtree Common — reached 145-3 off 35 overs when the downpour had the final word again.

The sides were unable to agree on a date for a third meeting later this week, so they decided to spin a coin to settle the issue.

Kidmore skipper Rick Rowse lost — and the Bucks group winners went through.

SAMUEL WHITBREAD VIL-
LAGE CHAMPIONSHIP.—
Quarter-finals: Bledlow 165-6 (40
overs: W. Davey 40 not) lost to
Longparish 166-1 (32·3 overs: D.
Luff 110 not) by 9 wkts. March-

Big-hit Dennis books a place in last four

DASHING Dennis Luff yesterday swept Longparish into the semi-finals of the Samuel Whitbread village cricket championship for the first time.

The left-handed opener hammered an unbeaten 110, including two sixes and 19 fours, as Longparish raced home by nine wickets against Buckinghamshire's Bledlow

He was given good support by Keith Sutcliffe (27) and then by John Heagren (17 not out). Luff, 42, has now hit 578 runs in the competition and has only been out twice. He also won the Daily Mirror man-of-the-match award.

Mid-Bucks League

There was a tight finish at Bledlow in Division Four where Coleshill II's Jones and Sayers batted out the last two overs to earn a draw. Payne and Francis had earlier taken 3-21 and 3-22 respectively to restrict Bledlow to 85-7 with Smith hitting 48. but Coleshill were always in trouble against the bowling of Horne (4-27) and finished on 66-9 with the lions share of the points going to Bledlow.

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Bledlow vrs Hambledon

Whitbread National knockout tournament

Bledlow thumped Hambledon in their third round Whitbread National knockout tournament match on Sunday.

Bledlow, who reached the last eight of the competition last season proved much too strong for Hambledon and emerged winners by a crushing 109 run margin. Although Dave Rutt and Bob Floyd were out cheaply, Steve Williams and Bill Davey (35) steered Bledlow out of trouble with a partnership of 72. Malcolm Large then hit the second half-century of the innings (he and Williams struck eight sixes between them) and with good support from Clive White (26) the home side reached 219 for nine off their 40 overs.

Hambledon were never up with the required scoring rate thanks to tight bowling from the six bowlers used. Tubb who opened the innings scored 29 before Brian Baker bowled him. Hambledon were dismissed for 110 after 37.2 overs. Chris Johnson took three wickets and Neil Waite who only bowled eight balls took two.

Bledlow: 2019 for 9. (S. Williams 88, M. Large 57, M. Hollis 5 for 61)

Hambledon: 110 (Tubb 29, C. Johnson 3 for 26, N. Waite 2 for 3)

Pick of the week

THERE are no new challengers to the leaders in the race for the Bucks Free Press bat for the best batting and bowling figures of the season this week.

Eddie Honore tops the batting list this week with 123 for Molins, bringing his tally to the season ever nearer the elusive 1,000 mark. The best bowling figures of the week belong to Bledlow's Johnson who took 8-34.

This week's best performances are:

BATTING	
E. Honore (Molins).....	123
C. Thomas (Wycombe Hills).....	111
Williams (Bledlow).....	94*
R. Graham (Gerrards Cross).....	94
T. Uphill (Penn and Tyers Green 2nd).....	91

BOWLING	
Johnson (Bledlow).....	8-34
R. Swaney (Radnage).....	8-39
Orford (Booker).....	8-39
M. Abbott (Hazlemere 2nd).....	7-14
Lawrence (John Hampden).....	7-49

Sunday 13th June 1982



It looks like a close shave but Kimble batsman Frank Woolcott survives this delivery. However, the side collapsed and lost by nine wickets to Bledlow in the Whitbread Trophy on Sunday.



The triumphant Bledlow team who entered the Bucks final of the Whitbread Trophy. Back row (from l to r): Dave Rolfe, Terry Kelloway, Bob Floyd, Dave White, Bryan Baker, Clive White. Front row: Bob Howe, Neil Waite, Bill Davey, Steve Williams, Paul Brown.

WINCHMORE HILL won this Whitbread Cup thriller with a super combination of team spirit and superior outfield cricket, an application that brought them a well-earned victory over Bledlow — for the third time — and a place in the area final at Penn House Park (June 26) against Hambleden.

But Hill had to fight hard for that place.

Bledlow captain A. Payne won the toss and put Hill in to bat first. Superb bowling from Chris Johnson (9-5-13-1) kept the brakes on Hill, but the Ludlow twins, Peter and Paul, concentrated in brilliant fashion to swell the total to 154.

Peter scored a fine 36 before being involved in a disputed run-out. Paul was close on his

trail with a quick 32.

Opener Paul Massey was the only other Hill batsman to collect a top score with 30.

Hill were plainly disappointed with their final score, but it was one which concentrated their minds beautifully into the arts and crafts of tactical outfield cricket.

Hill had to keep this sort of pressure on throughout, to keep the renowned batsmen of Bledlow from cutting loose, and they did just that.

The turning point of the game came when Peter Ludlow took an amazing catch to dis-miss Williams, off Chrissy Meeks's bowling.

He ran some 25 yards, and slid 10 more to take the catch

. . . one that proved a real match-winner.

From this spectacular catch Hill never looked back, going on to win by 20 runs.

Over the last three years Hill have played some very exciting cricket in the Whitbread Cup, but this match capped every one of their previous performances, with every man a hero.

Containment is the name of the game, and when Kenny Baker reached a final analysis of 9-2-9-0 he should have been doing cartwheels of joy. Instead he was upset at not having taken a wicket . . . That's the kind of competitor he is.

Wicket or not, that bowling performance was the one that won this match for Hill.

**WHITBREAD
VILLAGE CUP**

Bledlow v Winchmore Hill
(Hill won by 20 runs)

Winchmore Hill

P. Massey c Johnson b Downes	30
C. Meeks b Floyd	8
D. Payne c Howe b Downes	4
P. E. Ludlow ro	36
S. Simmonds b Johnson	14
G. Blenkinsop b Howe	3
A. Payne c Johnson b Rutt	8
Paul Ludlow b Rutt	32
J. Glen c White b Floyd	4
K. Baker no	3
R. Tarakovitz no	2
Extras	10
Total	154

Fall of wickets: 1-29, 2-34, 3-52, 4-85, 5-97, 6-102.

Bowling: R. Floyd 8-1-23-2, R. Downes 9-1-32-2, C. Johnson 9-5-13-1, S. Williams 5-0-29-0, D. Rutt 6-0-29-2, R. Howe 3-0-18-1.

Bledlow

R. Rutt ro	24
T. Kellonay b Peter Ludlow	21
W. Davey b Paul Ludlow	4
R. Floyd c Barker b Meeks	13
S. Williams c Peter Ludlow b Meeks	20
N. Waite c&b Paul Ludlow	16
C. Johnson c Blenkinsop b Meeks	13
R. Howe c Peter Ludlow b Paul Ludlow	9
R. Baker lbw Paul Ludlow	0
D. White no	4
R. Downes ro	0
Extras	10
Total	134

Bowling: K. Baker 9-2-9-0, Paul Ludlow 9-2-29-4, Peter Ludlow 7-1-21-1, C. Meeks 8-0-31-3, R. Tarakovitz 6-0-34-0.



ALTHOUGH Bledlow at least managed respectable score from their allotted overs 156 all out their performance was not up to the highest of standards Waite with 40 and Bob Baker 30 helped the Bledlow cause but steady bowling from Hill's Steve Neat 3-32 and Chris Meeks 2-25 restricted any adventurism When Hill batted only shock was the inexplicable dropping of star batsman Steve Simmons down the order to six However with Dell again making a very steady 58 and Massey making his only mistake when on 82 Hill coasted home with Massey's wicket going at 147 to win by nine wickets

Bledlow	
R. Floyd c Dell b Meeks	19
T. Kelloway c Peter Ludlow b Paul Ludlow	1
C. White b Paul Ludlow	15
D. Stone run out	7
N. Waite c Dell b Neat	40
R. Barker C Dell b Meeks	17
D. White c Peter Ludlow b Paul Ludlow	8
R. Howe c Glen b S. Neat	6
D. Rolfe b Neat	0
B. Baker c Payne b Paul Ludlow	30
A. Brennan not out	1
Extras	12
Total	156
Fall of wickets: 1-3, 2-25, 3-36, 4-54, 5-80, 6-116, 7-116, 8-116, 9-153.	
Bowling: Paul Ludlow 9-0-38-4, S. Neat 8.4-2- 32-3, C. Meeks 9-0-25-2, A. Payne 9-1-31-0, R. Dell 4-0-18-0.	
Winchmore Hill	
R. Dell not out	58
P. Massey st Kelloway b Floyd	82
G. Blenkinsop not out	0
Extras	19
Total	159
Fall of wickets: 1-147	
Bowling: Floyd 9-3-27-1, A. Brennan 9-0-44- 0, D. Rolfe 2-0-4-0, B. Baker 7-0-38-0, R. Howe 5.5-1-27-0.	

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SUPER STEVE

BLEDLOW wrote their name into the list of best performances in the National Village Cricket Championship when they hammered Bradenham by 204 runs in their second round match on Sunday.

Bledlow batted first and scored 319-5 in their 40 overs, the 16th best score since the competition started back in 1972. The man behind

the imposing score was opener Steve Williams, who cracked 145. The support from his colleagues was admirable as the Bradenham bowling took a pasting, Benning making 45, Witney an undefeated 36, Bob Floyd 34 and Waite 27.

The score was never within Bradenham's reach, and they could only subside to 115 all out as Witney took 3-13 and Benning 3-41. Samuel made 24 and

Adlam 23, but it was all small fry compared with what had gone before.

The final is at Lord's on August 31, and if this is anything to go by, Bledlow aim to get within reach of headquarters.

There will be no Lord's appearance for one of our other entrants, Kimble, who lost an exciting game by three runs away to Winchmore Hill in their second round tie.

Hill batted first after winning the toss and openers Haynes (24) and Payne (61) made 64 before being parted. Kimble steadied things after that, but thanks to 29 not out from T. Bradshaw and 24 from Thompson, Winchmore Hill managed 190-6 when the overs ran out.

Kimble lost their openers for just 25, but the middle order men set about pulling the innings round. Whitehead made 29, Evans 26 and then came the main contribution, 68 from Alex Bull. Kimble needed just 11 to win with four wickets left, but then Bull was out and two more followed as Kimble closed on 187-9, losers by just three runs.

BLEDLOW'S BEST STILL ON COURSE

BLEDLOW's 'best ever team' stormed into the last 16 of the National Village Knockout Cup on Sunday with a sensational last ball victory over Hursley Park.

Skipper David Rutt, who this week tagged his side as the greatest to come out of the little village, will now lead Bledlow into action on Sunday against unknown Kent champions Shipbourne.

And he will be hoping to avoid the angonising, nail-biting moments of last week when the game hung in the balance until the last seconds.

Bledlow, inspired by a fine knock of 45 from Steve Williams, made 155-8.

And when former finalists Hursley Park needed 24 off the last two overs, victory looked in the bag for Rutt's men.

But Park fought valiantly and only failed by three runs at the death.

Bledlow's victory owed much to superb fielding and the bowling of Rutt who took 3-30 off nine overs.

"I think we have improved substantially this season," said the Bledlow skipper.

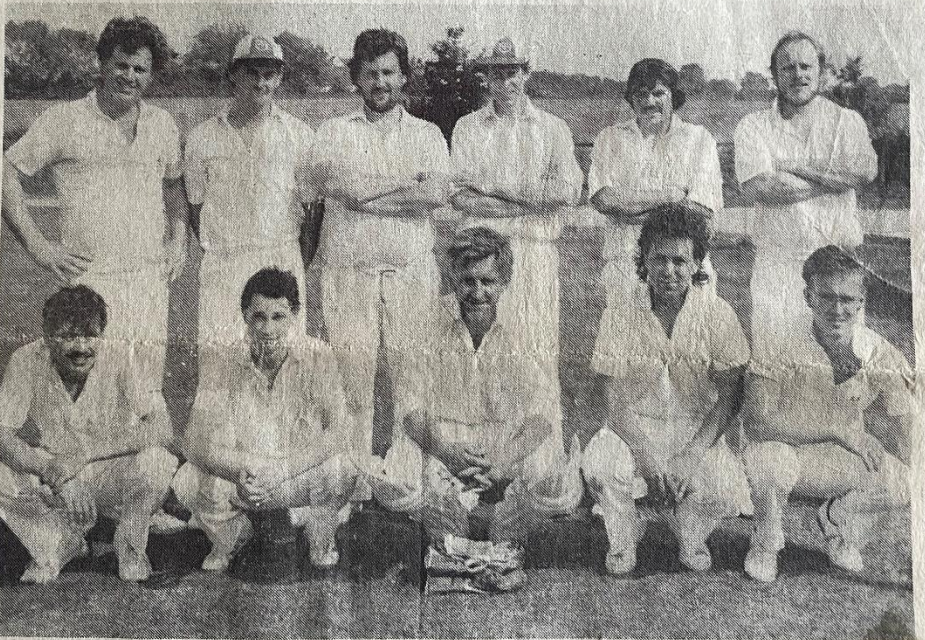
"So much so that I believe this is our best ever team."

Sunday: Bledlow bt Hursley Park by 3 runs.

National Village Knockout Cup

BLEDLOW	
Rutt lbw Loveridge.....	21
Williams b Westbrook.....	45
Howe st Wright b Mead.....	7
Floyd b Mitchell.....	11
Kelloway c Harvey b Mead.....	10
Waite run out.....	1
Scowen c Davis b Westbrook.....	15
Higgins not out.....	14
Raffety b Westbrook.....	0
Baker not out.....	8
Extras.....	22
Total	155-8
HURSLEY PARK	
Wright c Williams b Floyd.....	9
Surrey c & b Rutt.....	19
Harvey st Kelloway b Rutt.....	3
Thow b Floyd.....	5
Davis b Brenan.....	30
Mitchell b Rutt.....	9
Bast not out.....	32
Fox run out.....	16
Mead run out.....	6
Loveridge run out.....	1
Westbrook run out.....	0
Extras.....	20
Total	152-9

Fall of wkts: 1-22, 2-30, 3-46, 4-46, 5-89, 6-89, 7-141, 8-147.
 Bowling: Scowen 9-0-34-0, Floyd 9-1-25-2, Rutt 9-2-30-3, Brenan 8-1-38-1, Raffety 4-0-13-0.



The brilliant Bledlow team which booked a place in the last 16 of the National Village Knockout Cup on Sunday. Back row, l-r: Steve Scowen, Mark Raffety, David Rutt, Bob Floyd, Bob Howe, Steve Williams. Front row, l-r: Neil Waite, Rob Baxter, Terry Kelloway, Barry Higgins, Alistair Brenan.

SHIPBOURNE LET IT SLIP

**Shipbourne 131
Bledlow 133-7**

A TOPSY TURVY encounter saw Shipbourne's brave run in the Norsk Hydro Village Cricket Championship come to an end on Sunday — just three matches away from Lords.

Buckinghamshire champions Bledlow hit the winning runs with nine balls remaining and three wickets in hand. Earlier in the afternoon, however, a close match had not looked so likely.

Shipbourne batted first and only a defiant 57 from Barry Hart kept the innings together as the recognised batsmen fell to Scowen (4-34) and Rafferty (2-26).

A few late flurries from Matheson (16) and Fenton (14) helped the home side reach 131, but their total looked a good 30 runs short of safety.

While Bledlow were putting the champagne on ice in anticipa-

tion of a comfortable win, the Kent champions had other ideas.

Kellloway (31) and Williams (26) played steadily despite a fair few edges off Kavanagh and Wakeman, but some exceptional fielding saw Shipbourne reduce their opponents to 76-5 after 30 overs with four stunning run outs.

With things going very much the Kent side's way, Bledlow's man of the moment Scowen stepped into the breach. Some powerful hitting put his side back in the driving seat as 57 runs came from 8.3 overs.

The Bledlow batsman finished unbeaten on 40 to take the Bucks side into the last eight, where they will face the winners of Horndon on Hill (Essex) v Langleybury (Herts).

Village Cricket Championship

Shipbourne, apart from their Norsk Hydro plaque for being Kent Champions, now proudly displayed in the pavilion, receive a cheque for £100 as losers in round seven.

**Farningham 150-5
Shipbourne 149-8**

THE home side cruised to a five wicket win in the Cobb's Mid-Kent League on Saturday with eight overs to spare.

Tight bowling kept Shipbourne down to 149-8 in their 44 overs, with Traylor taking 3-18. Davidson (47 no), Morris (34) and Buckley (21) made the main contributions.

Buckley (2-21) got among the wickets early onto lift the visitors' hopes, but Daniel (57 no) and Greenhead (36) set up victory in confident style.

Lord's beckons for Bledlow!

BLEDLOW'S brilliant band of battlers are now only two wins away from a dream appearance at Lord's in the final of the National Village Knockout Cup.

Despite the absence of injured skipper David Rutt, the tiny village team blasted into the last eight of the competition on Sunday with a seven wicket win over Kent champions Shipbourne.

And the hero of the hour was all-rounder Steve Scowen.

Bledlow were struggling to keep up with the run rate set by Shipbourne who made 131.

But Scowen turned the game on its head when he hit a rapid 40 not out in the last six overs to see his side home with 10 balls to spare.

Scowen also made a significant contribution with the ball taking four wickets.

Bledlow now meet Herts outfit Langleybury on opposition soil a week on Sunday for a place in the semi-finals.

Skipper Rutt, who has an ankle injury, confirmed he will be fit in time to lead his men into this crucial encounter.

National Village Knockout Cup

And he is under no illusions about the task.

"They will be a tough nut to crack," said the Bledlow captain.

"They have been to Lord's before and they are obviously a good side."

Aston Rowant's dream died on Sunday when they slumped out of the competition.

On Saturday Bledlow drew with Wendover in the Chiltern League.

Scowen was again in form taking 3-57 and hitting 26.

Saturday: Bledlow drew with Wendover.

WENDOVER

Dick b Floyd.....	24
White c Floyd b Scowen.....	5
P. Rogers c&b Scowen.....	12
Coles c Kelloway b Scowen.....	30
Stanworth run out.....	33
S. Rogers b Brenan.....	0
Atkins b Brenan.....	9
Jones b Rafferty.....	13
Robinson c Floyd b Brenan.....	6
Kent b Rafferty.....	2
Seabrook not out.....	1
Extras.....	7

Total 142

Bowling: Scowen 14-3-3-57, Floyd 11-2-1-34, Brenan 11-3-22-3, Rafferty 8.2-2-23-2.

BLEDLOW

Howe c Dick b Jones.....	5
Williams c Dick b Jones.....	40
Scowen c Coles b Jones.....	26
Kelloway b Robinson.....	6
Floyd not out.....	2
Waite not out.....	1
Extras.....	2

Total 82-4

Bowling: Robinson 13-3-38-1, Jones 12-0-43-3.

Sunday: Bledlow bt Shipbourne by 3 wkts.

SHIPBOURNE

May c Kelloway b Scowen.....	0
Buckley c&b Scowen.....	7
Hart c Kelloway b Brenan.....	57
Morris run out.....	1
Davidson b Rafferty.....	3
Marchant c Kelloway b Rafferty.....	9
Fenton run out.....	14
Matheson c Howe b Scowen.....	16
Darlington st Kelloway b Rolfe.....	6
Kavanagh b Scowen.....	11
Wakeman not out.....	0
Extras.....	7

Total 131

Bowling: Floyd 9-2-25-0, Scowen 9-2-34-4, Brenan 9-2-25-1, Rafferty 9-1-26-2, Rolfe 4-0-15-1.

BLEDLOW

Howe run out.....	7
Williams c Hart b Wakeman.....	26
Floyd c Darlington b Kavanagh.....	4
White run out.....	18
Kelloway run out.....	31
Higgins run out.....	0
Scowen not out.....	46
Baker lbw Hart.....	1
Rafferty not out.....	2
Extras.....	5

Total 133-7 Bowling: Matheson 9-1-22-0, Kavanagh 8-2-32-1, Davidson 9-1-31-0, Wakeman 9-2-15-1, Hart 3.3-0-28-1.



STEVE SCOWEN
... hero

Looking to Lord's

Its quarter-final day in the Norsk Hydro Village Cricket Championship today.

The sides involved are Forge Valley (N Yorks) v CARLTON (W Yorks); Toft (Cheshire) v Chaddesley Corbett (Worcs); Ynysygerwn (Glam) v Troon (W Cornwall); Langleybury (Herts) v Bledlow (Bucks).

Out of 659 starters, there are only eight left in the back straight to Lord's on August 24.

1/4 FINAL D. TELEGRAPH Herts champions

But perhaps the pick of the quarter-finals in this national village championship, sponsored by Norsk Hydro Fertilizers, will be at Langleybury, who take on Bledlow, of Bucks. Langleybury the Hertfordshire village champions, have been much fancied for national honours over the past few years but, as the draw is arranged, they and Troon cannot meet at Lord's on Aug 24.

NORSK HYDRO VILLAGE CHAMPIONSHIP.—Quarter finals: Forge Valley 164 bt Carlton 144; Chaddesley Corbett 246-4 bt Toft 180; Ynysygerwn 155-4 bt Troon 151; Langleybury 195-5 bt Bledlow 193-7.

When the bucks from **Bledlow** crossed the border to **Langleybury** in Hertfordshire, they had a real humdinger of a game, which few who were there will forget. Langleybury's total

of 192 for five was due for the most part to a fine partnership of 135 for the second wicket by five times captain of the club Gordon Riddick (61) and the new captain Simon Palmer (88). But Bledlow stuck at it and restricted Langleybury to only 35 runs off their last eight overs.

Steve Williams, opening for Bledlow, looked good when he hit it, but not so good when he missed. He hit more than he missed and reached a remarkable 50 in only 15 overs out of 76. Supporters went quiet, realising that this could be a close one. However, when Williams was lbw for 54, Bob Floyd took over. This left-hander played some fine strokes especially through the covers, and he kept the score moving along to such good effect that only 23 were needed off 4.3 overs. Many of the crowd could not watch. Nails were bitten, non-smokers lit cigarettes.

When Simon Palmer took the ball for the last over nine were needed. His mother went for a walk round an adjoining field. Four singles and a two left the issue in doubt to the last ball. The batsman missed it and Langleybury had won a game which was a credit to both sides and a marvellous exposition of village cricket.

Brave Bledlow ^{1/4 final} beaten at last

Special report by Sports Editor Alan Bennett

IF you're going to go out of a competition, go out with a bang.

Bledlow did finally make their exit from the Norsk Hydro Village Competition at the quarter final stage down at Langleybury's Hunton Bridge ground on Sunday, but they gave a display which the club can look back on for years to come with unrestrained pride.

You didn't have to be a genius to realise why Bledlow are making such a strong challenge this year for the Chiltern League as they took the Herts champions — now in the semi-final for the fifth time — to the very last ball before succumbing.

Barry Higgins had to hit that last ball from Simon Palmer for three to give the visitors a memorable win, but Palmer found the perfect short of a length fizzer past Higgins' chest and the Bledlow dream was over.

How long, however, that dream had stayed alive. Superb innings by Steve Williams and Bob Floyd put Bledlow well on the way to their daunting target of 196, and with the score at 166-4 in the 35th over and Floyd and Neil Waite both going well, a Bledlow win looked more than a 50-50 chance.

DISASTER

Then, triple disaster struck in the course of little more than an over. John Whiteman shattered Waite's stumps and in the next over, the 36th Floyd nicked Simon Palmer to wicketkeeper Mick Dobner and Steve Scowen struck the same bowler straight to Steve Walford at mid off.

166-4 had suddenly become 173-7 and the job was that much harder. Higgins and Robin Baker ran like stags in the closing stages, but lacked the real firepower to find the boundary.

Nine were needed off the last over, and we even had the drama there of a sharply run two that was too sharp — one short was signalled by the umpire as Baker had failed to ground his bat properly at the bowler's end.

Higgins said afterwards: "I went for a walk before the last ball to try and compose myself, but my legs were like jelly."

Langleybury, thankful to



The Bledlow side before Sunday's epic Norsk Hydro match at Langleybury.

emerge winners from a game where cricket was the biggest winner of all, now go to Wales for the semi-final against Ynysygerwn, comfortable winners against Troon in Sunday's quarter final tie.

The Herts club have lost all their previous four semi-finals. What an extra compliment to Bledlow it would be if they could go one better and make the Lord's final.

Back to Sunday, however, and the massive Bledlow support soon had something to cheer as Langleybury won the toss and batted first.

Graham Reid, after making a horrendous start against Floyd's late swing, was sent back by fellow opener Gordon Riddick and failed to beat Waite's superb pick up and throw from a square leg. It was to be an awfully long time before Bledlow celebrated again.

Riddick set about making amends for running out his partner with a solid display while home skipper Simon Palmer blasted the ball to all parts.

FOURS

It was just 25-1 off ten overs, but the 11th, bowled by Scowen, saw Palmer hit four successive fours and take 18 in all. Suddenly it was 43-1 off 11 overs and Langleybury were rolling away.

Floyd went off with just nine runs from his first seven overs, but although Alistair Brennan bowled well to have Palmer in quite a tight position, it was

choice of ends for his off breaks — bowling against the slope — gave both Riddick and Palmer the chance to smash him through the mid off and extra cover areas.

Williams limped off after 18 overs with a leg strain and Bledlow faces grew more anxious. Mike Rafferty could not stem the tide as Palmer's 50 in 73 minutes also saw the 100 come up in the 24th over.

Riddick's 50 also raised the 100 stand and the fielding began to wilt under the onslaught as well-timed strokes off the hard outfield eluded grasping fingers — body not always behind the ball, it must be said. Palmer also escaped a chance at deep mid wicket.

CAUGHT

Riddick took most of the 18 that came off a Rafferty over, Palmer was well caught off a no ball and the misery ended at last on 146 when Riddick scooped the ball back to Scowen after a stand of 135.

The score stood at 147-2 off 30 overs and from here on in, Bledlow did well to keep matters in hand, Rutt returned at the right end this time to bowl well, Rafferty tightened up and Floyd bowled out his highly respectable spell.

Palmer holed out to Bob Howe at long off, Brian Davey struggled and Walford saw his side through to 195-5 — daunting but, my word, it could have been far worse for Bledlow.

Williams saw straight away that this was a pitch made for batting and it was a case of dip your bread in. He was little short of magnificent as he hammered the bowling to all parts. Jeremy Parker suffered as he worked the ball away on the leg side, and the normally hostile and miserly Sean Palmer was pulled and driven with great abandon.

Rutt, clearly troubled by a hand injury, defended with courage and added a couple of good shots himself, but Williams was the star turn.

WEAKNESS

Just when Langleybury thought they would try to see if there was any weakness outside the off stump, Walford found out the hard way in an otherwise impressive display of swing bowling.

One shot through extra cover as good as left burn marks across the outfield, and this was followed by a square drive on the up that fizzed through for four more.

The score after ten overs was 57-0, and the first breakthrough came in the 12th over when Rutt was stumped off Dobner's pads for 16, the score on 66.

Floyd settled comfortably as Williams brought up a majestic 50 in the 15th over in 55 minutes with the score on 76. However, with Williams losing the strike a little, things changed drastically and leg spinner Eddie Reid trapped him in front in the 20th over

with the score on 88. Williams protested he had hit it, but the impression was pad first and then bat.

Howe was well held by Whiteman at deep square leg off Reid — a hard sweep shot — and then Reid was taken off after conceding fours in one over to both Floyd and Terry Kelloway.

MISTIMED

Kelloway was caught at mid wicket off a mistimed pull, but Waite settled in well, was lightning fast between the wickets and helped Floyd through to his 50 in 80 minutes as the home fielding began to fall apart.

Two simple stops were missed and fours accrued when only two should have been there at most.

As Whiteman moved in to bowl the 35th over, Bledlow were favourites, and a Langleybury supporter said to me: "We need a miracle."

The miracle in the form of three quick wickets duly materialised and a great cup run was over for Bledlow.

But, most important of all, they had left memories of a really good side and one that played the game in truly sporting fashion.

As Kelloway said afterwards: "We have shown we are a good side and we have had a great run. Of course we are disappointed but it was a terrific game."
I hear.

THE CHILTERNS Cricket League is to be known as Prudential Chilterns Cricket League for the 1987 season.

The Thames and Chilterns Region of Estate Agents Prudential Property Service (formerly A. C. Frost & Co) are sponsoring the activities of the league.

The clubs in the Prudential Chiltern League are: Amersham on the Hill, Bledlow, Chalfont St Giles, Denham, Farnham Common, ICI -Paints, Hazlemere, Kimble, Marlow Park, North Maidenhead, Princes Risborough, Stoke Green, Taplow, Wendover, White Waltham, Winchmore Hill (Penn), Wooburn Narkovians.

Norsk Hydro Knock-Out Cup (Regional Semi-Finals)

Pete Ludlow stars as Hill beat Bledlow

Winchmore Hill 183-5 Bledlow 48 all out (Winchmore Hill won by 135 runs)

WINCHMORE HILL are in the area final of the Norsk Hydro Village Knock-out Cup again They achieved this feat courtesy of an 135 runs success against Bledlow on Sunday at Penn House Park in the semi-final Their final opponents will be Penn & Tylers Green (Sunday June 28 at Penn Jeff Rodgers began the Winchmore Hill innings in whirlwind fashion hitting three sixes and five fours in his 47 for a first wicket stand of 68 with Lloyd Warn.

Pete Ludlow continued the slaughter hitting three sixes and eight fours in his 69 and the remaining Winchmore batsmen all contributed to their total of 183.

All the bowlers returned excellent figures for knockout cricket, with Browne 2-11, Pet Ludlow 3-9, Jeff Rodgers 3-15 and Mark Bradshaw nipping in at the end with 2-2.

WINCHMORE HILL	
Rodgers c Kelloway b Floyd.....	47
Warn b Howe.....	20
P. E. Ludlow ro	69
A. Payne c Waite b Floyd	12
Meeks b Raffety	11
Bradshaw no.....	12
P. A. Ludlow no	4
Extras	8
Total	183-5
Fall of wickets: 1-68, 2-82, 3-103, 4-149, 5-174.	
Bowling: Parker 9-4-30-0, Raffety 9-1-35-1, Witney 2-0-23-0, Floyd 9-1-26-2, Howe 9-3-43-1, Rolfe 2-0-18-0.	
BLEDLOW	
Howe c P. A. Ludlow b Browne.....	4
Floyd c Simmons b Rodgers	8
Higgins lbw P. E. Ludlow	4
Baker c Simmons b P. E. Ludlow.....	9
Kelloway c & b P. E. Ludlow.....	6
Waite c P. A. Ludlow b Bradshaw	5
West c Massey b Rodgers	1
Parker b Rodgers	4
Raffety c Simmons b Bradshaw.....	0
Witney c P. E. Ludlow b Browne.....	1
Rolfe no	0
Extras	6
Total	48
Fall of wickets: 1-10, 2-19, 3-19, 4-33, 5-36, 6-43, 7-45, 8-45, 9-47.	
Bowling: Browne 6.1-2-11-2, P. A. Ludlow 5-2-5-0, P. E. Ludlow 7-3-9-3, Rodgers 8-2-15-3, Bradshaw 2-0-2-2.	

Coleshill take title

Bledlow 207-8 Coleshill 211-3 (Coleshill won by 7 wkts)

BATTLING COLESHILL are group champions of the Hydro National KO Cup a title well earned after this no nonsense seven-wicket victory on Sunday at Bledlow. Star of the show was that man Stuart Dalrymple who hit a fabulous 101 a weighty ton which effectively knocked any last remnants of resistance out of Bledlow. Alan Edwards weighed in with 4-53 causing as much trouble as a fox in a chicken shed with his fast and deadly on line bowling.

Coleshill now go forward to meet Hursley Park (Winchester) on Sunday July 3 when supporters will be given coach facilities for the journey.

Bledlow were inserted after Coleshill won the toss and gave the visitors a worrying time of it as they climbed to 109-2. Opener Howe assisted by Waite piled on the agony before Edwards struck to have Howe hole out to Tom Crabbe. The same pair struck again just 15 runs later to gobble up Waite and after that the remaining batsmen - with the exception of Baker - had no answer to the Edwards attack. Baker eventually went to a run out.

Facing the somewhat daunting total of 208 for victory Coleshill openers Adam Jones and Stuart Dalrymple put together a valuable first wicket partnership of 97 before Jones went to an lbw from Parker. Dalrymple now braced himself to the task and proceeded to demoralise the Bledlow fielders with a stunning display of all around the wicket stroke-play.

Bledlow	
S. Williams c A. Jones b Crabbe	19
R. Howe c Crabbe b Edwards	55
N. Waite c Crabbe b Edwards	74
R. Floyd c Chapman b Edwards	8
T. Kelloway b Thompson	4
R. Baker run out	24
M. Rafferty run out	1
K. Parker b Edwards	2
A. Witney not out	3
Extras	17
Total (for 8 wkts)	207
Fall of wickets: 1-31, 2-209, 3-124, 4-154, 5-183, 6-193, 7-204, 8-207.	
Bowling: Bradshaw 9-1-22-0; Crabbe 9-0-39-1; Dalrymple 9-1-51-0; Edwards 9-0-53-4; Fallowfield 2-0-15-0; Thompson 2-0-15-1.	

Coleshill	
A. Jones lbw b Parker	27
S. Dalrymple b Floyd	101
A. Small lbw b Floyd	18
M. Bradshaw not out	39
B. Chapman not out	4
Extras	21
Total (for 3 wkts)	211
Fall of wickets: 1-97, 2-155, 3-175.	
Bowling: Floyd 9-1-41-2; Rafferty 8-1-46-0; Parker 9-1-21-1; Williams 2-0-18-0; Witney 5-0-22-0; Rofe 4-0-31-0; Howe 2-0-13-0.	

His innings was a chanceless affair until he was clean bowled by Floyd, after reaching that dangerous period of relaxation on achieving the century.

Before that happened Dalrymple made life a hot running affair for the Bledlow fielders. In short he hit four sixes and eight fours, reaching his 101 off just 71 balls. A truly match winning performance.

Victory

Small and Bradshaw added the runs that mattered with 18 and 39 respectively to go on to victory.

It was a day to remember and now Coleshill are ready for the UK last 32, confident of putting on a good show at Winchester.

**Winchmore Hill 166
Bledlow 171-4
(Bledlow won by 6 wkts)**

BLEDLOW raced to a six wicket home success in the Prudential Chilterns Cricket League Division One on Saturday against Winchmore Hill.

The opening attack of Mike Rafferty (2-20) and Paul Brown (2-36) prevented any Hill dominance and except for opener Dabber Payne, with a gutsy 49, the other batsmen were in trouble at 66-4.

Steve Haynes (24) and Bobby Thompson — with a lightning 29 — gave brief hope but Winchmore were eventually all out for 166 giving Bledlow four extra overs to chase their total.

Bledlow reached the required number of runs for the loss of only four wickets against a surprisingly inept Winchmore attack.

Only Chris Meeks bowled to line and length and his 10 overs for 21 runs were a paltry reward for his efforts.

Dave Benning hit a typical

aggressive 69 for Bledlow and his second wicket stand of 90 with Bob Floyd (28) virtually settled the match. Bob Howe then hit a quick 31 to take Bledlow to the brink of victory.

Winchmore Hill 166 Payne (Williams 4-51). Bledlow 171-4 Benning 69.

Norsk Hydro National Village Knockout - 1989

BLEDLOW earned themselves a place in the last 32 of the Norsk Hydro National Village Knockout Cup with the narrowest of victories in a rousing finish against Kimble.

With one ball remaining, Kimble needed one run to level the scores having lost nine wickets, the same number as Bledlow. Unfortunately for them, their scoring rate for the first 20 overs was inferior to Bledlow's which meant they needed to take two runs off Bledlow skipper Bob Floyd's last delivery to win, a task which proved beyond them.

The last pair of Spinks and Cocking made a valiant attempt but Spinks failed to make his ground for the second run and was run out to hand victory to Floyd and his men.

Runs were never easy to come by all afternoon as a result of some tight bowling and keen fielding and a wicket where the ball did not come on to the bat.

Tight

Robin Baker - always ready to play his shots and ride his luck - followed his previous day's Chiltern League century against Wendover with a priceless 59 for Bledlow, their major innings of the day. Neil Waite and Andy Witney batted out the final five overs, adding 29 valuable runs to take the total on to 168-9.

Some tight early bowling put Kimble behind the clock, but a partnership of 59 between Matt Bull and Whitehead almost regained the initiative. The final three wickets to fall were all run out as the Kimble batsmen tried desperately for the elusive runs which would have seen them home.

Bledlow now take on

Norsk Hydro National Village Knockout

Essex champions Horndon on the Hill at home for a place in the last 16. The tie will start at 2pm on Sunday, July 9.

Sunday: Bledlow CC bt Kimble losing fewer wickets (scores tied).

BLEDLOW CC

S Williams ct Spinks b J Russell	6
D Benning bowled Locking	10
R Baker bowled A Bull	59
R Howe ct A Russell b Locking	1
R Floyd ct and b Miller	6
T Helloway ct M Bull b A Bull	10
N Waite not out	29
B Higgins lbw b Miller	5
P Helloway bowled Wright	6
M Raffety run out	1
A Witney not out	18
Extras	17
Total 168 for 9	(40 overs)

Fall of wkts: 1-17, 2-37, 3-38, 4-75, 5-103, 6-106, 7-117, 8-138, 9-139.
Bowling: J Russell 9-2-37-1, S Locking 9-2-25-2, J Wright 8-1-28-1, L Miller 9-0-35-2, A Bull 5-0-30-2.

KIMBLE

L Miller b Raffety	2
A Russell b Floyd	10
A Skegg lbw b Witney	20
M Bull run out	51
A Whitehead ct Williams b Benning	41
J Wright ct Benning b Williams	0
A Bull st P Kelloway b Witney	5
P Evans ct Floyd b Raffety	77
J Russell run out	10
P Spinks run out	1
S Locking not out	3
Extras	8
168 for 10	(40 overs)

Fall of wkts: 1-3, 2-25, 3-49, 4-108, 5-109, 6-134, 7-149, 8-155, 9-165.
Bowling: M Raffety 9-0-22-2, R Floyd 9-1-33-1, A Witney 9-1-38-2, D Benning 9-0-38-1, S Williams 4-0-30-1.



■ Sunday's victorious Bledlow team. Left to right, back row: James Cousens (umpire), Terry Kelloway, Andy Witney, Mike Raffety, B Howe, Pat Helloway, John Baverstock. Front row: Neil Waite, Robin Baker, Bob Floyd, Steve Williams, Dave Benning, Barry Higgins.

Bledlow's KO blow

BLEDLOW CC's attempt to reach the final of the Norsk Hydro National Village Knockout Cup was thwarted at the first hurdle by a determined Essex side, Horndon-on-the-Hill.

Formidable

Having beaten Kimble in the final of the regional area, Bledlow held high hopes of reaching the quarter finals to extend an impressive record in the competition.

On three occasions they have reached the national quarter finals, the last of them being two years ago.

This time, however, it was not

Norsk Hydro National Village Knockout

to be as dropped catches cost them dear and sent them to a 39-run defeat.

Batting first on a lively wicket, Horndon opens Stitson and Cole were both dropped and went on to put 87 for the first wicket, Stitson making 24.

Norton joined Cole at the wicket and the score progressed to 142 before Cole finally went for a splendid 87. Dave Benning (3-40) kept the score down with only Norton (45) making any reasonable score, but Horndon's total of 228-8 was a formidable one.

It looked even more formidable when Benning went for nine, clean bowled by Warren. And when Baker, half-century hero of the regional final, went shortly afterwards for one, Bledlow's cause looked lost.

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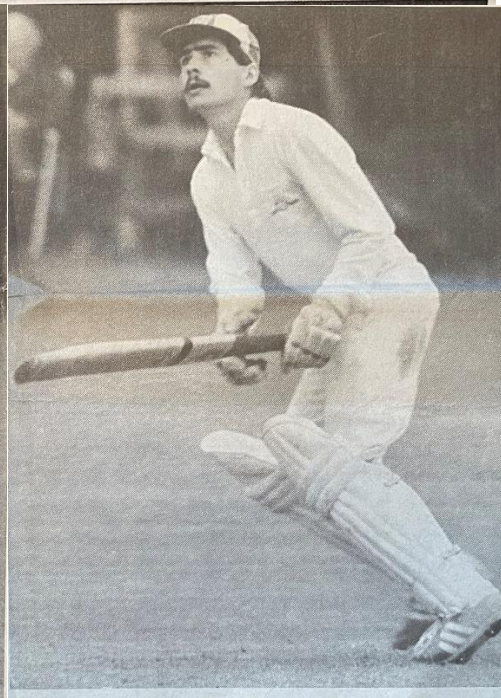
However, Steve Williams and Mick Waite batted well and soon put on another 60 for the third wicket until Waite went for 31.

Bob Floyd came and went, and it was left to Williams to try and keep Bledlow's hopes alive.

Unfortunately, when he was caught for 65, all hope faded and died and despite Howe's late flurry of 27, Bledlow finished up 39 runs short and bowed out gracefully of the competition.



■ Bledlow's Steve Williams takes a swipe at the Horndon attack.



■ Neil Waite surveys his handiwork on his way to a vain 31 for Bledlow.

One hundred years at Bledlow

BLEDLOW Village Cricket Club was founded in 1889 and although accurate records do not exist, it is evident that in the 1920s the Club was active and playing at Whites Field, Sandpit Lane, Bledlow.

It was not until the early 1930s that the Club started playing at its present ground in West Lane, and in 1964 its President, the Hon Lord Carrington, gave the Club its permanent home. The pavilion was opened in 1965 and little else has changed until this centenary year.

The actual cricketing abilities of Bledlow are difficult to monitor, as it was not until 1982 that the Club started playing league cricket.

However, three appearances in the quarter finals of the National Village Knock Out competition in

1972, 1980, 1986 winners in the Prudential Chiltern League in 1985, 1986 and runners up in 1983 bear testimony to the exceptionally high standard that has been attained by the Club.

The focal point of the centenary celebrations is a Cricket Week to be held during the week July 21 - 28, 1989.

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Itinerary for Cricket Week - Friday July 21: 8pm Race Night, Saturday, July 22: 2pm Bledlow v Kinble, Prudential Chiltern League; 8pm Barbecue and Disco.

Monday July 24: 11.30am Bledlow v S Scowens XI.

Tuesday July 25 11.30am Bledlow v Oxford County Cricket Association

Wednesday July 26: 2pm Bledlow v High Wycombe.

Thursday July 27: 2pm Bledlow v Prudential Chiltern League XI.

Friday July 28: 11.30am Bledlow v Bledlow Old Boys; 8pm Centenary Dinner and Dance.

The Club is particularly keen for any former Club members interested in taking part in the festivities to make contact. Anyone interested in further details should contact: Chris Harris Princes Risborough (0844) 5785; Mike Rafferty Great Missenden (02406) 8818; John Rushmere Princes Risborough (0844) 291961.



■ Bledlow Cricket Club president, Lord Carrington, presents chairman Terry Kelloway with a watercolour of the ground and clubhouse, by local artist Barbara Hilliam, to mark the club's centenary.

● **Memoirs of an "Old Boy"** - 85-year-old Fred Angel, the club's oldest member, reminisces about the early days at Bledlow.

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I described the Club many moons ago to John Arlott at The Old Bat & Ball, Hambledon, and in the course of time I became Club Secretary and a life member. Nowhere have I enjoyed the game more and of course many stories could be told, but the following are worthy of note.

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When I was Secretary to the Club, I sent notice of the AGM to the members almost entirely by personal delivery. One year, I delivered Lord Carrington's at the Manor House as usual. Our meetings then were held at The Lions and members began arriving a good hour earlier - nothing has changed! We had just started when I felt a nudge in the back and it was his Lordship himself just arrived back from Australia where he was Governor General. He asked if the Agenda could be altered and I said that I should normally need ten days' notice but he could address the meeting under Any Other Business. It was then that he gave us our field.

Frank Angel is 85 years old and the oldest member of Bledlow Village Cricket Club.

Amersham Hill lost at Bledlow in the Chalfont Press Chilterns Cricket League after losing the toss and being asked to bat first. Against two of the quickest bowlers in the league Eric Lloyd (21) and Russell Owens (27) opened at three runs per over and produced an opening stand of 43. Charles Spencer-Jones made an attractive 32 but after his dismissal Amersham Hill collapsed to 114.

Witney puts the blanket on Winchmore

**Winchmore Hill 163-6 Bledlow 164-8
(Bledlow won by 2 wkts)**

IN a nailbiting finish at Penn House Park on Saturday, Winchmore Hill were beaten by Bledlow on the final ball of this Chalfont Press Chilterns League match, when the ninth wicket pair for Bledlow ran two runs from a push to deep mid on.

Winchmore deserved better than this after fighting back from losing situations in a game of changing fortunes.

An outstanding spell of bowling by Bledlow's Andy Witney restricted them to just 21 runs from 20 overs - Witney finished with magnificent figures of three wickets for five runs from 12 overs, 10 overs being maidens.

With just 64 on the scoreboard after 34 tense overs, Winchmore seemed to be in an impossible situation but Lloyd Warn (35) proved a bedrock and a hard-hitting stand of 74 for the sixth wicket between Chris Meeks (36) and Colin

Massey (50 not out) rescued Winchmore and they closed at 163-6 from 48 overs.

Bledlow appeared to be coasting to victory at 127-3 after a typical Steve Williams knock of 41. But Meeks (4-33) had other ideas and Bledlow collapsed losing 5-22, to give Winchmore the scent of victory.

However Bobby Howe played a captain's knock for Bledlow (55) and they finally scraped home to maintain their second place in the table.

Match Scoreline: Winchmore Hill 163-6, Colin Massey 50 (Witney 3-5). Bledlow 164-8, Howe 55.

**FRIENDLY
PONTYPRIDD v
BLEDLOW (Bucks)**

Bledlow

D Rutt c D Painter b Oliver	5
M Kelloway b E Hallett.....	2
R Floyd c C Davies b Franklin.....	61
S Williams c D Painter b Oliver	2
R Howe c D Painter b Oliver.....	11
P Taylor b D Painter	13
M Rafferty st Thomas b Franklin	8
M Marshall not out	14
A Whitney c Wintle b D Painter.....	5
N Linnell not out	6
Extras 11	(Wkts 8 dec) Total 138
Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-32, 3-46, 4-58, 5-100, 6-104, 7-109, 8-117.	
Bowling: Oliver 14-0-28-3, E Hallett 6-0-29- 1, Holmes 10-0-28-0, Franklyn 8-0-21-2, D Painter 7-0-19-2.	

Pontypridd

M Oliver c Rafferty b Rolfe	50
P Hope run out.....	12
GI Jones b S Williams	0
J Wintle c Marshall b Rolfe.....	4
C Davies lbw b S Williams	0
C Holmes c Rafferty b S Williams	11
D Owen run out.....	2
R Thomas not out.....	34
D Painter not out.....	11
Extras 15.....	(Wkts 7) Total 135
Fall of wickets: 1-35, 2-35, 3-47, 4-50, 5-90, 6-90, 7-103.	
Bowling: Rafferty 4-0-18-0, S Williams 12-3- 40-3, Rolfe 12-0-44-2, Rutt 3-0-20-0, Linnell 0.2-2-0.	

● Pontypridd won by 3 wickets

Spanish Tour – October 1990

TYNDALL BANK CRICKET FESTIVAL

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

FOR the fifth successive year, we are privileged to receive teams from Britain and Madrid to participate in our Autumn Cricket Festival - sponsored most generously again this year by Tyndall Bank International Limited. It will be a special pleasure to welcome Mr. Barry Tippett (Director and General Manager of Tyndall's operations) to the Festival, together with his wife and daughter.

We are very pleased to welcome and entertain old friends from Cricket World magazine, Maori C.C., Madrid C.C. and Bledow C.C. - the latter playing here last year under the name of Henton C.C. After suffering two rain-affected Festivals, we are hopeful of playing all matches in the sunshine for which the Costa del Sol is famous.

All visiting players and supporters can be assured of a warm reception on and off the field by the officers of the Málaga Cricket Association and its member clubs - Costa del Sol C.C., Combined Colleges C.C., Mijas C.C. and Sotogrande C.C.

With every good wish for a most enjoyable and successful week.

CHRISTOPHER BOX-GRAINGER,
PRESIDENT

TYNDALL BANK CRICKET FESTIVAL

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OCTOBER 1990

Fri 19 th	Costa del Sol & Cricket World	BEN
Sat 20 th	Sotogrande & Cricket World	T.B.C.
Sun 21 st	Malaga C.A. & Cricket World	T.B.C.
Sun 21 st	Combined Colleges & Maori	BEN
Mon 22 nd	Cricket World & Bledow	T.B.C.
Tue 23 rd	Malaga C.A. & Bledow	BEN
Wed 24 th	Cricket World & Maori	T.B.C.
Thur 25 th	Malaga C.A. & Maori	BEN
Fri 26 th	Cricket World & Madrid	T.B.C.
Fri 26 th	Maori & Bledow	BEN
Sat 27 th	Mijas & Bledow	BEN
Sat 27 th	Combined Colleges & Madrid	T.B.C.
Sun 28 th	Cricket Wld. & Gibraltar	T.B.C.
Sun 28 th	Maori & Madrid	BEN

All Games: Arrive at ground 12:30

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SOCIAL EVENTS:
 24th Wednesday: Fuengirola Snooker Club
 26th Friday: Zodiaco - Cricketers Clubhouse. Flamenco Evening - 9.00 p.m.
 27th Saturday: Grand Festival Dinner at the Hotel Alay, Benalmadena Puerto.

TYNDALL BANK CRICKET FESTIVAL

Benalmadena

CRICKET GROUND

Benalmadena is an excellent place to play Cricket in a very pleasant atmosphere in the heart of Costa del Sol during the last two years many Cricket Clubs and teams have come to Benalmadena to play against the local Club and in tournaments including the following:

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The people of Benalmadena extend a warm welcome to all participation in this Tyndall Bank Cricket Festival 1990 taking place on Benalmadena Cricket Ground between 20th and 28th October 1990.



Chiltern Cricket Round-Up

Winchmore Hill v. Bledlow

The Massey brothers Colin and Paul spearheaded a Winchmore Hill victory 61 runs against Bledlow at Penn House Park.

Older brother Paul (81) just pipped Colin in an outstanding second-wicket partnership of 112.

The Bledlow bowlers always toiled on a batting wicket. In reply Steve Williams was outscored by Bob Howe who hit a sparkling 74. Once these parted, Bledlow lost their remaining wickets for 61 runs with Tony Bradshaw (4-40) the most damaging Winchmore bowler. Andy Tilson(3-37) and Robert Thompson (2-32) supported well in a good victory over sporting opponents.

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The Bucks Herald Thursday July 2, 1992

Super Steve puts in a real knockout performance



Bledlow skipper, Dave Benning

BLEDLOW reached the last 32 of the Rothmans Village Knockout Cup on Sunday - and they already have one eye on Lord's.

Bledlow, quarter finalists four times since the national competition began in 1972, beat Kimble by 42 runs in the Buckinghamshire final at Little Kimble.

Dave Benning's side had beaten Kimble in the regional final three years ago and this time they can thank Steve Williams for doing it again.

Williams irrevocably tilted a tightly balanced contest with an unbeaten 49 in 41 balls to set Kimble 170 to win at over four an over. It proved too much of a mountain to climb.

"Steve was absolutely superb," said Bledlow skipper Dave Benning afterwards. And Benning is already looking forward to what may lie ahead. "There is a great

tradition at Bledlow for the Village Knockout. I've only been involved for the last four years at the club but it is funny how it grows on you.

"I think we are going out to enjoy ourselves and obviously the further we get is a bonus."

Kimble's Steve Cocking (1-24 off nine overs) and his colleagues had bowled well to restrict Bledlow to 82-2 off 27 of their allotted 40 overs. But Williams, who hit six fours, and Mark Kelloway (14) put on 43 for the sixth wicket in only 23 minutes. Kimble skipper Alex Bull said his team had allowed Bledlow 30 or so runs too many as the visitors reached 169-6.

Kimble needed a quick start, but they were forced to settle for a steady one. Andy Russel and Tony Skeggs put on 38 for the first wicket and when star batsman Russel went for 21 with over a 100 still

needed, the home side were always likely to struggle.

Bledlow bowled a straight line and were difficult to get away. This was true of Andrew Witney, who took 4-18 after the pressure had been applied. Only Kimble's Adrian Rose prevented a heavy defeat, hitting a fine 44 off 76 balls with one four to his credit.

Kimble skipper Bull said: "Adrian batted very well. It was unfortunate that nobody could stay with him. He held the innings together and if it wasn't for him, we could have been totally embarrassed today."

Bull has skippered Kimble in three out of the last four regional finals and he is yet to be on the winning team. "It has got to us now. It has hurt us more this year because, at one stage today when we were fielding, I thought we were going to win."



Kimble skipper, Alex Bull



The victorious Bledlow side who have now reached the last 32 in the Rothmans Village Knockout Cup

Amersham Advertiser - Wednesday 15 July 1992

On a rainswept afternoon in Bledlow, Amersham Hill's batsmen seemed to be finally getting to grips with league cricket until a tail-end collapse resulted in a disappointing 195. Simon Born's 71 runs were well supported by the powerful hitting of Chris Hawes until both were caught at long on. During tea the heavens opened and no further play was possible.

BLEDOW v AMERSHAM HILL

AMERSHAM HILL

Spencer-Jones c Keeper b Brackley	9
Owens c&b Brackley	5
Burns c Howe b Rutt	71
Sheppard c Keeper b Brackley	13
Rawes c Howe b Rutt	78
Steward b Benning	1
Thompson b Benning	2
Ashton b Benning	0
Sidebottom b Rutt	2
Oliver b Rutt	5
Hadden not out	1
Extras	8

Total (for 95 wkts) 10

Fall of wickets: 1 at 5, 2 at 44, 3 at 76, 4 at 180, 5 at 182, 6 at 186, 7 at 186, 8 at 186, 9 at 188, 10 at 195

Bowling: Rafferty 8-0-25-0, Brackley 12-3-57-3, Benning 11-1-36-3, Rutt 10-3-2-31-4, Floyd 4-0-39-0.

BLEDLOW

Howe not out	15
Floyd not out	8
Extras	0

Total 23

Bowling: Hadden 3-1-9-0, Oliver 3-1-14-0.

TAKING STOCK INTO LAST 16

STOCK.....172-8
BLEDLOW.....127 all out

Stock won by 45 runs

Rothmans National Village
Championship

STOCK are through to the last 16
of the Rothmans National Village
Championship after a 45 run home
win over Bledlow on Sunday.

Batting first, Stock made 172-8 in the allotted 40 overs, skipper Stuart Pinkerton and Tony Raeburn with 39 apiece and Paul Taylor a useful 34 not out.

In reply, Bledlow were dismissed for 127, the wickets shared by Raeburn (3-39), Willie Leadbeater (2-25) and Phil Mellon (2-13 in nine).

Stock have been drawn at home in the next round when they play host to Hursley Park from Hampshire on Sunday July 26.

Buckinghamshire Examiner - Friday 07 August 1992

Morrant Chilterns League (Division One)

Batsmen stay in charge

Winchmore Hill 258-3 dec

Bledlow 236-6 (Match Drawn)

The unbeaten fourth wicket partnership on Saturday of Winchmore Hill captain Steve Haynes (108) and Mark Bradshaw (101) must rank as one of the best in the club's history. They chalked up 168 runs with both batsmen dominating the bowling attack. A very good batting track at Penn House Park saw Hill and Bledlow score nearly 500 runs in this hard-fought clash which ended in a draw. Put in to bat Hill had a steady first wicket stand between Haynes and Phil Yearley adding 48 in nearly 14 overs before Yearley was out for 17.

Bledlow took two wickets to leave Winchmore at 90-3 after 22 overs. Bradshaw joined his captain in an outstanding stand displaying some tremendous hitting in his 101 not out. In reply Bledlow suffered two early setbacks with Tony Bradshaw capturing both wickets. Bledlow staged a good recovery with a stand of 101 for the third wicket between Baker (59) and Steve Williams. Steve Neat struck with two wickets leaving Bledlow at 139-4. Mark Bradshaw then proceeded to bowl spinners from the Penn House End and captured two wickets for 47 as Bledlow looked set for victory. Bledlow ended up 23 runs short with Williams on a fine 77 not out and Raffety on 26 not out.

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Bledlow 236-6 Williams 77 not out (Neat 2-27)

BLEDLOW were dented by Dinton in the Bucks final of the Rothmans Village Cricket KO competition on Sunday at Bledlow. Bledlow 117-9, Williams 53 (PE.Ludlow 3-22, PJ.Ludlow 2-9). Dinton 120-5, Kelloway 29 not out.

Coleshill end season with a win

COLESHILL 2nds finished their first season in the Chiltern Cricket League with an enthralling game at Bledlow which they won by 29 runs.

Coleshill elected to bat on a pitch that had been played on the day before steadily building an opening partnership of 40 against tight bowling from Rushmore and Taylor.

Both bowled their permitted 15 overs without respite with 37-0 and 4-47 respectively.

After 30 overs, the visitors were quite nicely placed at 81-4 but then a the traditional middle order collapse was only rescued with timely 50s from Dave Baldwin (50) and Dave Dunn (58) to close at 181 all out.

Coleshill achieved an early breakthrough with an excellent slip catch by Vic Baldwin but when Zak (27) survived a caught and bowled attempt, he and Cowley (57 n. o.) kept Bledlow in touch.

However Baldwin started to take wickets and the runs dried up. In the end the home team were all out 29 runs short with three overs left.

COLESHILL 2ND XI

Palmer b Taylor	24
Hardy c and b Taylor	14
Mace c Anstead b Taylor	3
Mash c Cann b Taylor	14
Reay b Rolfe	4
Baldwin D c Taylor b Linell	50
Baldwin V b Rolfe	1
Davey c Anstead b Rolfe	0
Dunn c Rolfe b Linell	58
Khan b Linell	2
Darvell not out	4
Extras	7
Total (for 10 wkts)	181

BLEDLOW

Taylor c Baldwin b Darvell	0
Zak c and b Baldwin	27
Cowley not out	57
Higgins b Baldwin (D)	15
Cann b Baldwin (D)	0
Rushmere b Baldwin (D)	5
Linell c Davey b Baldwin (D)	15
Anstead b Baldwin (D)	11
Benning run out	3
Rolfe c Palmer b Dunn	6
Extras	13
Total (for 9 wkts)	152

Owen's kick-starts Hill

RUSSELL Owens' magnificent unbeaten 122 kick-started Amersham Hill's Chiltern League season into life after rain frustrated them for the previous five weeks.

Hill recorded a comfortable four-wicket win over tough opponents with 13 overs to spare.

Bledlow batted first. However, some rusty early bowling and fielding allowed Bledlow to get off to a quickish start.

The early loss of Williams, padding up once too often, was shrugged off by White (42) and Floyd (65) and the score reached 99-2 before Amersham got their act together and started to make inroads.

did 15-over spell for Bledlow.

Amersham's middle order contrived to throw the match away and the score reached 145-6 before skipper Sheppard kept Owens calm company at the end.

BLEDLLOW

White b Mackenzie.....	42
Williams lbw b S. Borns	6
Floyd b Lloyd	65
Collen b Thompson	16
Kelloway run out	6
Howe b Thompson	11
Witney b Lloyd	9
Steadman run out	5
Raffety not out	8
Rolfe run out	1
Minter not out	3
Extras	26

Total (for 9 wkts) 198

AMERSHAM HILL

² Lloyd c Witney b Raffety	16
⁵ Owens not out	122
⁴ Spencer-Jones c Witney b Floyd	11
Thompson lbw b Raffety	1
S. Borns c Collen b Williams	0
Rawes c Steadman b Raffety	30
Cooke lbw b Collen	2
Sheppard not out	9
Extras	12

Total (for 6 wkts) 203

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Chiltern League

Three suicidal run-outs hindered Bledlow's finishing on a below par 198-9 after their full 52 overs. David Lloyd and Russell Thompson both bagged two wickets.

Amersham batsmen Russell Owens and David Lloyd (16) took off at a scorching pace. Raffety (3-44) bowled a splen-

Fell short

GOOD outfielding and catching slowed down the Coleshill II XI run chase as the team fell short of its target by 24 runs after Morrant Chiltern Cricket League opponents Bledlow declared on 209-7.

Coleshill Ist XI were dismissed for just 104 chasing a Bledlow target of 214.

Morrant Chiltern Cricket League to 13th Aug 1994

FIRST TEAMS:

	P	W	D	L	T	A	Pts
Penn & Tylers Green	14	9	0	2	0	3	239
Great Kingshill	14	7	2	2	0	3	208
Bledlow	15	6	2	3	0	4	204
Hurley	14	5	6	1	0	2	185
Stoke Green	15	5	2	4	0	4	175
Wendover	14	5	1	5	0	3	172
Farnham Common	14	5	2	3	0	4	167
Chalfont St Giles	14	4	3	3	0	4	154
Amersham Hill	14	4	2	7	0	3	147
Little Marlow	14	3	2	5	0	4	145
Winchmore Hill	14	2	5	4	0	3	140
Taplow	14	3	1	6	0	4	137
Waltham St Lawrence	14	3	1	7	0	3	121
Denham	14	2	2	6	0	4	119
White Waltham	14	1	6	3	0	4	116
Coleshill	14	1	3	6	0	4	93

SECOND TEAMS:

	P	W	D	L	T	A	Pts
Wendover	14	9	2	0	0	3	237
Winchmore Hill*	14	7	1	3	0	3	213
Cookham Dean	14	6	2	3	0	3	195
Taplow	14	5	4	1	0	4	192
Stoke Green	15	5	1	5	0	4	181
Hurley	14	4	2	5	0	3	173
Penn & Tylers Green	14	5	3	3	0	3	171
Amersham Hill	14	4	4	2	0	4	170
Chalfont St Giles	14	5	1	4	0	4	167
Farnham Common	14	4	4	2	0	4	162
Denham	14	5	0	5	0	4	160
White Waltham	14	4	1	5	0	4	144
Bledlow	15	3	1	8	0	3	134
Great Kingshill	14	3	4	4	0	3	129
Little Marlow	14	2	3	5	0	4	106
Coleshill	14	1	1	8	0	4	95
Wal. St Lawrence**	14	0	3	8	0	3	57

* Includes 20pts for a walkover

** 20pts deducted for conceding a walkover

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HAWRIDGE and Cholesbury have reached the Bucks county final of the Alliance and Leicester National Village Cricket Championship for the first time, beating Bledlow by seven wickets in the county semi-final. They held Bledlow to 157-9 and won with the help of 58 from Brown. They are due to meet Dinton in the county final.

Bledlow				
R Baker run out				4
S.Williams lbw Pearson				1
J.Collen b Pearson				25
R.Floyd c Salethorne b Pearson				1
S.Grant c Bates b Sawyer				23
P.Taylor lbw Noakes				6
G.Saunders c Ralphs b Salethorne				9
G.Keens b Salethorne				20
A.Witney c Sawyer b Brown				19
M.Raffety not out				28
D.Templar not out				9
Extras				12
Total				157-9
Fall of wickets: 1-7; 2-7; 3-10; 4-61; 5-70; 6-73; 7-91; 8-110; 9-146				
Bowling	O	M	R	W
Pearson	9	0	50	3
Sawyer	9	4	16	1
Noakes	7	0	26	1
Salethorne	9	4	13	2
Brown	4	0	36	0
Mason	2	0	12	0
Hawridge & Cholesbury				
R.Monk b Collen				55
M.Brown c Floyd b Keens				58
M.Pearson run out				13
N.Bates not out				10
R.Garner not out				1
Extras				21
Total				158-3
Fall of wickets: 1-121; 2-143; 3-151				
Bowling	O	M	R	W
Saunders	9	4	17	0
Templar	3	0	24	0
Witney	9	0	38	0
Raffety	5	1	17	0
Collen	7	0	29	0
Williams	3	0	14	0
Keens	2.4	0	6	1

Steve slams 164

BLEDLOW'S hard-hitting opener Steve Williams is the new leader in the race for the Bucks Free Press batting award after a remarkable innings of 164 against Corfe on Saturday. In his stay of under two hours he struck 10 sixes and 18 fours and scored his runs out of 202. He overtakes Tim Russell's score of 138.

Saturday: Corfe drew with Bledlow.

CORFE

Peregrene b Williams.....	26
Aldred b Dowty.....	93
Talbot-Williams run out.....	6
Deputron lbw b Dowty.....	0
Smith run out.....	37
Brockman c Waite b Rolfe.....	4
Offen c Brooks b Baker.....	25
Wright not out.....	20
Johnstone not out.....	1
Extras.....	16

Total 227-7dec

Bowling: Baker 8-1-51-1, Brennan 4-1-22-0, Senior 3-0-26-0, Williams 9-1-49-1, Dowty 7-2-37-2, Rolfe 5-0-26-1.

BLEDLOW

C. White lbw b Wright.....	20
Williams st Johnstone b Brockman..	164
Waite c Peregrene b Brockman.....	12
D. White c Smith b Talbot-Williams....	0
Brooks b Talbot-Williams.....	0
Folley run out.....	0
Baker not out.....	3
Brennan not out.....	2
Extras.....	3

Total 204-6

Fall of wkts: 1-64, 2-104, 3-109, 4-117, 5-150, 6-202.

Williams again!

THERE is a new leading score in the race for the Bucks Free Press bat, awarded for the highest innings in local cricket this season — but there's no change in leader. Bledlow's Steve Williams, who already led with 164, struck an amazing 167 not out against Littlewick Green on Monday. During his 118 minute stay he struck 10 sixes (including five in one over) and 18 fours. He is going to take some stopping.

It was a bumper week for the batsmen with nine centuries, including two from Dave Glennerster of Little Marlow. But there were some good bowling performances as well although none overtook that of Penn Street's Dave Bonnett, the overall leader with 9-14.

This week's best performances:

BATTING

S. Williams (Bledlow).....	167*
D. Glennerster (Little Marlow).....	135*
M. May (Hit or Miss).....	130*
A. Banham (Hazlemere).....	127*
C. Lofts (Princes Risborough).....	117*
D. Glennerster (Little Marlow).....	111
M. Richardson (Gerrards Cross).....	103
O. Ash (Chalfont St Peter).....	102
D. Chandler (Little Kingshill).....	100*

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Chris Jones hammered a superb 107 not out for Ley Hill seconds a limited overs game on Sunday as Hill amassed 241-3 from 40 overs against Bledlow seconds Bledlow replied strongly but Kevin Phillips with 3-40 pegged them back to 224-8 to secure the win

Pick of the week

bledlow batsman Steve Williams, who leads the race for the Bucks Free Press bat with his innings of 167 early in the season, was in form again with the top score in this week's run feast. There were ten centuries in all with two for Little Marlow's Dave Glennerster. Peter Putnam still leads the overall bowling prize with his 9-9 for Hazlemere 2nd.

This week's best performances:

BATTING

S. Williams (Bledlow).....	141
D. Glennerster (Little Marlow).....	127
D. Glennerster (Little Marlow).....	125
S. Foster (Wooburn Narkovians 2nd).....	123
J. Fisher (Amersham).....	121

BOWLING

B. Halson (Great Kingshill).....	9-21
A. Wright (Broomwades).....	7-12
J. Adams (Winchmore Hill).....	7-26
White (Broomwades).....	7-27
J. Hazlewood (Naphill 2nd).....	7-28

Williams is better all round

A SUPERB all-round performance from Steve Williams saw Bledlow to an eight wicket victory over ICI in the Prudential Chiltern League.

Batting first, ICI were soon stunned by the accuracy of Williams who, in a ten-over spell, ripped through the top and middle order, taking 4-48, clean bowling three of his victims.

Only Webb (52) and Adams (39) withstood Williams for any length of time but when Webb's stumps were sent flying, ICI crumbled to a meagre 187 all out.

Then it was the turn of Williams the batsman, sharing stands of 42 with Dave Benning (30) and 86 with Howe (69 no) before being bowled for 61.

Neil Waite continued the chasing, smashing his way to 25 not out as Bledlow cruised home to win by eight wickets.

Saturday: Bledlow bt ICI by 8 wkts ICI

Rance c&b Raffety.....	0
Rance c Floyd b Williams	24
Webb b Williams.....	52
Brawer c&b Williams.....	3
Adams b Williams.....	17
Ellett b Wagge.....	39
Thorston c Floyd b Benning.....	12
Frances b Wagge.....	2
Higg b Benning.....	1
Symes c Benning b Raffety.....	17
Chamberlin not out.....	8
Extras.....	12
	Total 187

Fall of wkts: 1-0, 2-74, 3-80, 4-87, 5-131, 6-154, 7-149, 8-151, 9-168, 10-187

Bowling: Raffety 8-1-30-2, Williams 10-1-48-4, Floyd 5-0-29-0, Bennings 8-2-16-2, Roffe 10-2-32-0, Wagge 6-0-19-2.

BLEDLOW

Berning c Francis b Webb.....	30
Williams b Symes.....	61
Howe not out.....	69
Waite not out.....	25
Extras.....	4
	Total 189-2

Fall of wkts: 1-42, 2-128.

Bowling: Chamberlain 9-3-59-0, Thornton 9-4-3-38-0, Webb 10-2-39-1, Adams 1-0-11-0, Symes 10-2-39-1.

League and Cup triumph

Glory boys of Bledlow!

WHAT a weekend for the Bledlow boys!

David Rutt's team hammered Taplow by nine wickets on Saturday to improve their position in the Chiltern League.

And 24 hours later they destroyed bogey side Winchmore Hill by 10 wickets to win the Bucks section of the National Village Knockout Cup!

Bledlow restricted Taplow to 173-5 on Saturday before Rutt played a captain's innings of 80 not out to see his side home.

The real fireworks came against league rivals Winchmore.

The Hill men have beaten Bledlow for the past few years in the national competition.

But this time Bledlow extracted sweet revenge to progress to the next regional round where they visit Hampshire champions Hursley Park — former finalists — on July 6.

Skipper Rutt, aided by Bob Floyd, Steve Scowen and Alistair Brennan, restricted Winchmore to 103.

Steve Williams then made mincemeat of the Hill attack by hammering a marvellous unbeaten 69 to secure victory.

Elsewhere in the Chiltern League on Saturday, Princes Risborough slumped to another defeat while Winchmore Hill drew with Wendover.

Sunday: Bledlow bt Winchmore Hill by 10 wkts.

WINCHMORE HILL	
Massey c Baker b Brennan.....	27
Payne c Kelloway b Floyd.....	19
Warr b Scowen.....	32
Simmons b Floyd.....	0
Meeks b Rutt.....	5
P. E. Ludlow b Rutt.....	0
Bradshaw c Floyd b Brennan.....	1
P. A. Ludlow c & b Scowen.....	1
Massey c Howe b Rutt.....	7
Tilson run out.....	5
Junger not out.....	3
Extras.....	3
Total	103

Fall of wkts: 1-48, 2-49, 3-49, 4-57, 5-59, 6-62, 7-64, 8-83, 9-92.

Bowling: Scowen 8-3-1-26-2, Floyd 9-3-28-2, Brennan 9-1-15-2, Rutt 9-4-15-3, Raffety 4-0-18-0.

BLEDLOW	
Rutt not out.....	27
Williams not out.....	69
Extras.....	8
Total	104-0

Bowling: P. A. Ludlow 3-1-10-0, Junger 2-0-21-0, P. E. Ludlow 2-0-17-0, Tilson 2-0-7-0, Bradshaw 1-0-14-0, Meeks 2-0-10-0, Massey 2-0-10-0, Simmons 0-3-0-5-0.

Saturday: Bledlow bt Taplow by 9 wkts.

TAPLOW	
Total	173-5
Bowling: Scowen 18-4-46-2, Floyd 9-5-2-33-2, Raffety 8-2-31-0, Rutt 6-0-36-0, Brennan 2-0-19-1.	

BLEDLOW	
Rutt not out.....	80
Williams c Kallett b Greenaway.....	48
Howe not out.....	30
Extras.....	17
Total	175-1

Saturday: Winchmore Hill drew with Wendover.



Chiltern League

STEVE WILLIAMS
... brilliant knock

They All Play At Bledlow—From 17 To 70!



ONE of Buckinghamshire's oldest village cricket clubs, Bledlow, flourishing for generations, have playing members from 17 to 70 — and an astonishing wealth of talent in the game.

So many wanted to play last season that they decided to start a second team, for the first time, as well as Saturday and Sunday sides. And they still have more players than they can guarantee a regular game.

Still playing occasionally for the club is that Grand Old Man of Oxfordshire cricket, S. C. B. Lee, of Thame, former Oxford county player, now over 70. He hit up 29—all in carefully-placed

singles—in a recent game. He can still bowl a cunning spinner.

A happy family tradition of cricket keeps Bledlow well supplied with talent. Young David Smith, one of the club's most promising all-rounders, is following the footsteps of his father, Percy Smith junior, who is still playing, and of his grandfather, Percy Smith, sen. And 21-years-old Richard Witney is following the tradition of his father Bert Witney and his uncle Arthur.

With these and other youngsters like Brian Baker, skipper Ron Mitchell, who has succeeded Stuart Edmonds as captain, has plenty of talent for the future.

Mitchell, a right-hand batsman, and his vice-captain, Tommy Fuller, a left-hander—both have been playing for Bledlow since they left school — usually open Bledlow's batting. Nearly half the side are left-handed bats — to keep their opponents on their toes.

Bledlow miss the help of old stalwards like Edmonds and Captain A. Fairbrother, playing regularly until last season, but they still have the benefit of experienced like Bobby Sanders, former High Wycombe batsman, Vere Claydon, who played for Redfords, and George Strathdee.

A useful acquisition this sea-

son, too, has been Laurie Beaumont, from Ashford.

It has been a good playing season for Bledlow so far — though leaden skies have dulled the lustre of the usually colourful encounters on the picturesque Manor Farm ground. Perhaps it was tempting providence too much early on to instal a water supply for their carefully-nurtured Manor Park pitch!

Members of the Bledlow senior team, seen here, are: standing—J. Hunt, B. Baker, D. Smith, G. Eggleton, G. Strathdee, R. Witney, L. Kingham (umpire); V. Claydon, R. E. Sanders, R. Mitchell, T. Fuller, J. Ridgley.