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FOREWORD

THE APPRECIATION and pleasing comment which greeted the initial bow of this publication leaves no doubt that it should again make its entry as the curtain is raised on Season 1937—brightly garbed and hopeful that its pages offer peeps into the past, and a foretaste of events to come.

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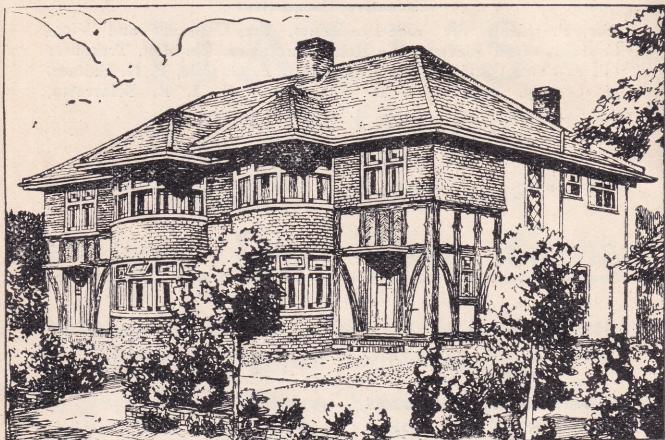
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THE CLUB SPEAKS

THE statistical records set out in detail in later pages include the results and scores of last season's matches, an interesting addition to this year's handbook; and thus can particular games and thrilling finishes be more easily recalled. We do not offer any commentary on the individual players. Bearing in mind the "voice," which is neither "still" nor "small," that encircles the Green on match days, we feel that such an effort would be an extravagance. The statistics, however, do not reveal the fact that last season left much to be desired. It lacked sunshine. Cricket, accompanied by grey skies, cold winds and rain, is only partly cricket. Summer sunshine and cricket are inseparable—each demands the other; and so, 1936 failed us.

THIS SEASON.

An attractive fixture list has again been arranged and the Club will make new friends in the Malden Wanderers, Clayhall and Midland Bank Cricket Clubs, whose first teams will play on the Green. The Second team will visit Beckenham to play Midland Bank and will travel to Merton Park to renew acquaintances with the Old Rutlishians. Congratulations are extended to the Old Rutlishians for being the proud possessors of such a splendid new pavilion, surely the envy of most Clubs in the district and for miles around.

The Third team are to meet Gaumont British and the Hovis Sports Clubs in addition to the majority of the Clubs which took part in last season's engagements.

Hopes run high for 1937. A wonderful Green—an expert Groundsman—players who have the ability to uphold the traditions of Mitcham Cricket—crowds and crowds of happy and pleased spectators, chief of whom and most frequent must be (and we promise not to pass him the box) King Sol.

WOMEN'S CRICKET.

To most of us the game last year was a revelation. Batting, bowling, fielding, captaincy—all showed a deep knowledge of the game and ability to execute it, while everything was accomplished with an ease and nonchalance that was a pure delight. And no time was wasted!

This year the Australian Women's Team visit England for the first time in quest of the Ashes, and on Wednesday, July 28th will play Surrey on our Green: this is another milestone set in the history of Mitcham. Given fine weather the crowd record is likely to be broken.

By the kind permission of Miss Marjorie Pollard (the W. G. Grace of Women's Cricket) and her publishers, Messrs Hutchinson and Company, we are permitted to publish a photo of a Women's Cricket Team in 1890. The letterpress which accompanies it indicates the purpose for which two such teams were formed. No records of their achievements, however, are available, for to quote Miss Pollard from her book, "Cricket for Women and Girls" (Hutchinson)—"These elevens apparently travelled up and down the country. Who they played and where they played it is difficult to discover. But, to my mind, the whole thing savoured of exploitation and

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was not a genuine effort to provide cricket as a summer game for women and girls."

THE BOYS' MATCH.

Last year the Mitcham Boys beat the South London Boys good and true. It is certain that this year the South London Boys will come to the Green on Monday and Tuesday, July 5 and 6 with dark and horrible intentions.

A Mitcham boy, with a broad grin, says, "That's O.K. with us."

THE WILSON HOSPITAL MATCH.

What a day was September 2nd, 1936. Brilliant sunshine (for once), Burn Bullock's Team of County Players, excellent cricket, a record crowd and £140 for the Hospital.

Thank you, Burn! and thank you, everybody.

This year the match is being played on the Saturday in Cricket Week (September 4th), instead of the Wednesday as has been the custom in recent years. This is because Surrey are playing Sussex on September 1 and Mr. Bullock has kindly agreed to the altered date so that he can bring to us our own County players.

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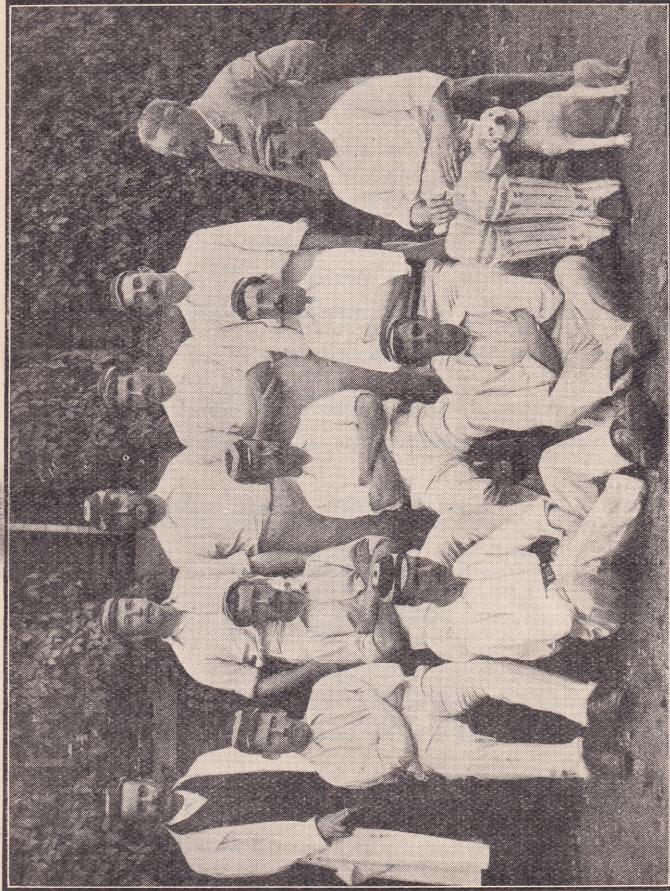
Many members were pleased to welcome an old friend in Mr. Howard Lacy, who visited the Green on several occasions last year. Mr. Lacy was Captain of the Club for many years, and during that difficult period during and immediately after the War did a great deal for The Mitcham Cricket Club. He gave freely of his energy, time and money, and we have much for which to thank Mr. Lacy.

MARRIAGE.

Mr. Leslie Hennen, our popular skipper, has been the recipient from his fellow members of a hall wardrobe to commemorate his marriage last year, and with the gift goes our good wishes for a long and happy partnership.

MIXED FEELINGS

While congratulating Mr. C. Markwick on his business appointment at Manchester, we are deeply sorry that his cricketing abilities will be lost to us. Charles has a firm conviction that the purpose of a cricket bat is to hit the ball. On many occasions he has pulled his side out of a nasty position in a few minutes, and we shall miss him very much.



MITCHAM C.C. 1891.

PHOTO ON FACING PAGE

Back Row:

D. KNAPP. Umpire.
A. WOODCOCK. Fast bowler and groundsman. At one time engaged by Leicester County C.C.
G. SPILLMAN. Good bat and wicket keeper. Kept wicket for Middlesex County C.C.
T. RICHARDSON. The incomparable. Mitcham, Surrey, England.
H. LIDDEN. A fine all rounder. On ground staff at Oval.
W. W. THOMSON. An official of the Club for many years.

Front Row:

J. CAFFREY. Splendid bat. Also played for J. W. Hobbs' XI—famous team of the period.
N. A. HARVEY. A great all rounder.
T. P. HARVEY. The greatest Mitcham skipper in living memory. Bat, bowl and field superbly. Skipped Surrey Second XI. County Hockey player.
F. HARRIS. Left arm bowler and fine field.
A. F. CLARKE. Renowned wicket keeper. Kept for Surrey.

In Front.

J. BOXALL. Fine bat and bowler. On Oval ground staff and played for County. Later groundsman on Green.
H. PILLINGER. Splendid bat. Several tours with Surrey C. & G.

The Wednesday XI have suffered in the departure from Mitcham of Mr. Walter Parker, who was one of the original members and Captain for many years, and has done a great deal to build up the present fine Wednesday side. Walter, having spent all his business life in providing the public with a commodity which creates thirst, now offers to quench it. We wish him all the best as "Mine Host" in a Sussex village.

MATHEMATICS APPLIED TO THE COLLECTING BOX.

We are very grateful for the financial assistance the Club receives from the collecting boxes, but it is surprising how small is the estimated average contribution per head, and we would not be so ungenerous as to state it in cold print. We may say, however, that if the amount could be raised to 1d. per head per match (or even near it), we should be highly delighted; which means that at present a great many people let the box pass by.

WE LOOK AT OURSELVES.

Last season out of a total of 89 games played 30 were drawn. The problem of the drawn game persists. Various expedients have been tried in recent years—a smaller ball, a larger wicket and the new L.B.W. rule. But the drawn game, defiantly robust, continues to claim its unfair share of results.

In "time limit" cricket there must be unfinished games, but a draw is not necessarily wholly unsatisfactory. It can, and often does, provide thrills and excitement in plenty. A team making a mad fling for quick runs, or striving to keep intact that last wicket while a minute hand seems to be standing still—is real cricket, even if it is a draw.

There is one reason for a drawn game, however, that must irritate the spectator, and (we hope) bring a twinge of remorse to the players. It is the match that needs but another 15 minutes for a decision, but which started 20 minutes late.

In these days of closely grouped fixtures and easy transport facilities, there is no valid excuse for the time that is persistently lost in starting the game. In the few hours available in a week there is no room for waste.

Another matter: We hear a chorus of voices, "What about the tea interval?" Yes, that's bad, too.

Club cricketers are extraordinary folk. They gather together and grumble about late starts, about the interminable tea interval, but do they mend their ways? No!—at least, not yet.

YOU MAY HAVE LOST IT.

To those who desire to collect for posterity each issue of this publication we would mention that a few of last year's copies are still available, and may be obtained from the Honorary Secretary.

ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE.

This function continues to enjoy considerable success, and was this year held on February 20 at the White Hart Hotel, Mitcham.

"STRUDDY"



Our friend, Mr. Bert Strudwick, ever ready to help the old Club, has kindly contributed on another page an article on his early recollections of Mitcham Green. It is a pleasure for Mitcham to hear from one of her most worthy sons.

Here—

is not a suggestion that you should occupy a bed in the Wilson Hospital! It is but an endeavour to impress upon those who have not hitherto realised it, the value of the Hospital to sportsmen and Mitcham people generally.

From the Medical Report of last year, we learn that—

Admissions numbered	1,271
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a very considerable increase of service on any previous year.

The Mitcham Cricket Club has again a fixture Saturday, September 4th, for the benefit of the Hospital. For this generous effort the Trustees and Committee are grateful. They would, however, wish to see the list of Annual Subscribers to the Hospital funds strengthened.

Will you, reader, please consider this?

My Early Days . . .

By H. STRUDWICK

(ENGLAND : SURREY : MITCHAM)

WHEN I LOOK BACK TO MY BOYHOOD, I ALWAYS picture the happy days I spent watching cricket on the Green. A beautiful stretch of green turf, three clumps of trees, a marquee, players in white, warm sunshine, Tom Richardson with dark hair and smiling countenance bowling his fastest, and me, a kid, hoping someday to be "out there."

In those days the middle was sacred; no one ever thought of walking over it, although we used to practice around the sides. How proud we were of our Green! And the players of to-day should be even more proud of having in the midst of a growing town an open cricket ground that is unrivalled anywhere in the world.

In my boyhood days we used to play with wooden balls and cheap bats made in one piece. It was a wonderful thing to own a willow bat with a cane handle. A few years later, when Tom Richardson began to play for Surrey, we used to gather in groups after practice and talk about the game. There were very few evening papers in Mitcham in those days. Occasionally someone would bring one from Town and then everyone would dash to see it. The papers in those days gave a good deal more detail about the matches and players than is the case to-day. We are told there is not the space available. Not sufficient space for the greatest of all games! There used to be very fine reports on cricket in the local paper by a writer who signed himself "The Spectre." He helped us youngsters on. His praise was a great tonic. He was a man who loved the game; I wish there were more like him to-day.

I cannot remember when I first began to play cricket, but my first match of any importance was against the South London schoolboys, for whom was playing a Mitcham lad, R. Pearson, who later played for Worcester for many years. He was the best all-round youngster I have known. If he had stayed with Surrey there is no doubt he would have played for England, as he would have had greater opportunities.

In my very early days I remember two Australian teams coming to Mitcham to practice. They were great days for us kids. What a keen lot of fellows they were; when not batting or bowling they were scouting after the balls. We kids wanted to show them how we could field, but they gave us little opportunity to show off! Crowds of people used to come to watch them, and it was a great honour for Mitcham. On the last day of their practice period they used to play a scratch match on the "middle," and I remember one of the team hitting a ball on the Vestry Hall roof—a straight drive. Now then, some of you present day hitters, what about it?

In those days, I believe everyone who lived in Mitcham was cricket mad. "Cricket in the blood" some used to say.

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I little thought as I watched those giants that I should visit their country to keep wicket for England, otherwise I might have taken more notice of the great wicket-keeper, J. M. Blackham—"the prince of wicket-keepers," they call him.

At this time Mitcham could boast a very fine side. The captain, T. P. Harvey, was a very fine cricketer and good enough for any county, as was his brother, N. A. Harvey. A. F. Clarke, the 'keeper, was one of the best I have seen, and played for the County, as also did J. Boxall, J. Keene and Tom Richardson, while J. Cranston played for Gloucester. W. Hussey was on the ground staff at the Oval, but did not get his cap. F. Harris, H. Hazell and H. Pillinger were all good players, the latter two used to open the innings. The players I mentioned are those playing when I was about nine years old. There were, of course, many more, but the names have slipped my memory.

I cannot remember when boundaries first came into vogue at Mitcham, but there were none when I first played on the Green. It used to be great fun seeing a fieldsmen chasing the ball down Church Road. Batsmen had to be careful in running for a hit into the road, as a thick ring of spectators made it difficult to discern if the fielder had the ball or not. And the fielder was not slow to take advantage of the possibilities.

The most popular cricketer who ever lived was undoubtedly Tom Richardson. He was also the finest fast bowler I have ever seen. This was the opinion of the great players of his time with whom I have spoken. I once heard W. Lockwood (also a fine fast bowler) say that Richardson was the best fast bowler "ever." And when I remarked to him, "What about yourself," he replied, "I'm not in the same parish."

Scores of times I have been asked where I learnt my cricket, and have been very pleased to say, "At Mitcham," and my questioner has said, "Oh, yes, the nursery of Surrey Cricket." I recall hearing people suggest that one end of the wicket was dry and the other wet, one for Tom Richardson and the other for T. P. Harvey! I never saw such a thing, and think the suggestion was just somebody's imagination. T. P. Harvey was a slow right-arm bowler with a slight suspicion of a throw. He could make the ball turn on any wicket. So with Tom Richardson one end and two slow bowlers like T. P. Harvey and J. Keene the other end it might have appeared so. These three were a great combination. Most of the matches in these days were whole day affairs, and the Club headquarters was at the "Cricketers," then kept by J. Southerton, who served a fine lunch.

Two other teams played on the Green at this time. The "Old Buffers" in front of the police station, and Mitcham Wanderers opposite the Vestry Hall. Each of them were responsible for bringing many youngsters to the front. The Wanderers, at one time, had five men in the side who played in county cricket. R. Pearson, E. Bale, R. Turner (Worcester), Dan Sullivan (Surrey and Glamorgan), and myself. It must be a record hardly likely to be broken to have three members in a side who were all to be first choice wicket-keepers for a county team. They were, of course, E. Bale, D. Sullivan, and myself. In addition, C. Pearce and A. Batt were on the Oval ground staff, while Tom Sturtivant, our skipper, was a very good cricketer, as also were D. Lynch, S. Fry, F. Turner and C. Richardson.

It is high time Surrey found another player from Mitcham. Andrew

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Sandham is the last. I am sure there must be youngsters still who could uphold the tradition of Mitcham cricket if they would only give their mind to it. But I am afraid sometimes that the keenness is missing. We who were youngsters together were certainly keen. We put up and took down our nets, watered and rolled the wicket, and often walked miles for a game of cricket, and I believe that if the present day youngsters had to do this they might have a greater love and keenness for the game.

Mitcham has turned out some very fine cricketers for County and England. Are there not any youngsters in Mitcham to-day with ambition to play for county, for England—and in Australia? Believe me, it is a wonderful life and a grand game. Hard work it is, though healthy for mind and body. What more can I add than to say that if I could live my life again I should choose cricket, and how I wish I could.

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SNAPSHOTS FROM "STRUDDY'S" RECOLLECTIONS

Tom Richardson had a wonderful memory. After many years, if a match in which he had played, was referred to, he could recall the actual score, including individual batsman and bowling analysis. Also, coming off the field after an innings of perhaps 300, he could tell each bowler the number of runs scored against him.

Tom Hayward (Surrey) played occasionally for Mitcham while qualifying for the county—he being Cambridge born. His grandfather was, I believe, born in Mitcham in 1808, and played for Mitcham v. Surrey.

Arthur Woodcock, another Mitcham fast bowler at the time of Tom Richardson, afterwards played for Leicestershire.

On one occasion I was picked to play for Surrey C. & G. versus Mitcham, but at the request of T. P. Harvey was allowed to play for Mitcham. After the match "T.P." said, "Thanks for playing. I only wanted you to play for us so that you shouldn't play against us." I didn't quite know how to take this.

Mr. W. W. Thomson, Mitcham skipper before T. P. Harvey, used to take a great interest in the youngsters, and gave prizes for batting and bowling. He used to give me a ball for wicket-keeping.

Mitcham had a representative in the first team to visit Australia in 1862—T. Sewell. Other members of the Club who have played for England "down under" are D. Hayward, J. Southerton, R. Humphrey, Tom Richardson, A. Sandham and myself.

J. Southerton, in 1870, took 210 wickets in first class cricket. He was, I believe, the first bowler to get over 200 wickets. He is certainly the only man who has played for three counties in one season—Surrey, Sussex and Hampshire.

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FIXTURES 1937 — FIRST ELEVEN

DATE	TIME	VERSUS	GROUND	1937	
				Mitcham	Rain—No Play
APRIL Sat. 24	2.30	Banstead	Home	205.6 dec.	118.9 D
MAY Sat. 1	2.30	Honor Oak	Honor Oak	171	232.6 dec. L
Sat. 8	2.30	Wallington	Wallington	162.8 dec.	67.9 D
Wed. 12	11.30	Surrey Club & Ground	Home	145	75 W
Sat. 15	2.30	Merton	Home	238.3 dec.	128 W
Mon. 17	11.30	Romney	Beddington	168.5 dec.	150.3 D
Mon. 22	2.30	Beddington	Home	73.1 rain	202.9 dec. D
Sat. 29	2.30	Midland Bank	Wandsworth	95	Rain—No Play 244.8 dec. L
Sat. 5	2.30	Spencer	Barnes	286.1 dec.	138.5 D
Sat. 12	2.30	Barnes	Home	183.8	182 W
Sat. 19	2.30	Honor Oak	Thornton Heath	4.0	4.0 D
Sat. 26	2.30	Spencer	Home	154.8 dec.	96.5 D
JUNE Sat. 3	2.30	Barnes	Home	116	149 L
Sat. 10	2.30	Beddington	Home	260	179.8 D
Sat. 17	2.30	Thornton Heath	Merton	100	249.7 dec. L
Sat. 24	2.30	Thames Ditton	Home	163	115 W
Sat. 31	2.30	Maiden Wanders	Banstead	167	146 W
AUGUST Mon. 2	11.30	National Provincial Bank	Home	228.9 dec.	120.7 D
Tues. 3	1.00	P. L. Williams XI	Home	161	217.9 dec. L
Sat. 7	2.30	Thornton Heath	Merton	119.9	205.8 dec. D
Sat. 14	2.30	Merton	Home	248.9 dec.	33.7 D
Sat. 21	2.30	Wallington	North & South of the Thames	191.14 dec.	313.7 L
Sat. 28	2.30	Banstead	Licensed Victuallers	100.3 dec.	130.3 L
Mon. 30	11.30	P. L. Williams XI	Home	174.5 dec.	112.8 D
Tues. 31	11.30	F. E. Peirce's XI	Home	145	Addiscombe
SEPT. Wed. 1	11.30	Clayhall	Home	119.9	119.9
Thur. 2	11.30	North & South of the Thames	Wilson BULLOCK'S TEAM	248.9 dec.	248.9 dec. L
Fri. 3	11.30	Licensed Victuallers	Wilson BURN BULLOCK'S TEAM	191.14 dec.	313.7 L
Sat. 4	11.30	F. E. Whitehead's XI	Of COUNTY PLAYERS	100.3 dec.	130.3 L
Sat. 11	2.30	Thames Ditton	Thames Ditton	174.5 dec.	112.8 D
Sat. 18	2.00	Old Ruthsians	Merton Pk.	145	Addiscombe
Sat. 25	2.00	Adliscombe	Adliscombe	25	25

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DATE	TIME	VERSUS	1937		
			GROUND	1936	Oppnts.
APRIL Sat. 24	2.30	Thornton Heath	Thornton Heath	94.5	91-6 dec.
MAY Sat. 1	2.30	Honor Oak	Home	153.9 dec.	113.6
Sat. 8	2.30	Thornton Heath	Home	188	139.9
Wed. 12	11.30	.....	Away	.....	D
Sat. 15	2.30	Merton	Merton	127	.....
Mon. 17	11.30	Imperial Club	Mitcham	79	258.9
Sat. 22	2.30	Beddington	Home	241.9 dec.	L
Sat. 29	2.30	Midland Bank	Beckenham	113	W
JUNE Sat. 5	2.30	Spencer	Home	201.7 dec.	D
Sat. 12	2.30	Barnes	Home	157	.....
Sat. 19	2.30	Honor Oak	Honor Oak	140	Rain—No Play
Sat. 26	2.30	Spencer	Wandsworth	123	150
JULY Sat. 3	2.30	Barnes .....	.....	.....	.....
Sat. 10	2.30	Beddington	Barnes	260-8	107
Sat. 17	2.30	Croydon M.O.S'	Beddington	173.5	W
Sat. 24	2.30	Thames Ditton	Home	83	D
Sat. 31	2.30	Croydon M.O.S'	Thames Ditton	173.6	178
AUG. Sat. 7	2.30	Old Ruthlians	Purley	114	W
Sat. 14	2.30	Merton	Merton Park	197.9	233.8 dec.
Sat. 21	2.30	Forest Hill	Home	172	D
Sat. 28	2.30	Imperial Club	Forest Hill	186	103
SEPT. Sat. 4	11.30	Wilson H'ly. Charity Match	Zone	194.8	W
Sat. 11	2.30	Thames Ditton	Home	181.8	49.7
Sat. 18	2.00	Forest Hill	Home	35	86
Sat. 25	2.00	Addiscombe	Home	L



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THIRD ELEVEN

DATE	TIME	VERSUS	1936		1937
			GROUND	Mitcham	
MAY Sat. 1	2.30	Wandgas (Wandsworth)	Away	151	63
Sat. 8	2.30	Earlsfield	Away	151	W
Sat. 15	2.30	Pearl Assurance	New Malden	178.9	W
Sat. 22	2.30	Midland Bank	Beckenham	263.6 dec.	139
Mon. 24	6.00	Wandgas (Mitcham)	Home	159	108
Tues. 25	6.00	Acc & Tab	Croydon	150.6	150
Sat. 29	2.30	Old Merchant Taylors	Croxley Green	195	115.3
JUNE Sat. 5	2.30	Rugby Old Guard	Ealing	98	D
Sat. 12	2.30	Croydon M.O.s'	Home	114	L
Mon. 14	6.00	Gammont British	Thornton Heath	132	90
Tues. 15	6.00	Imperial Club	Mitcham	217	L
Sat. 19	2.30	...	...	...	...
Sat. 26	2.30	...	...	...	...
JULY Sat. 3	2.30	Tooting	Mitcham	199	Rain—No Play —
Sat. 10	2.30	...	Home	133	W
Mon. 12	6.00	Mitcham Corporation	Away	...	...
Tues. 13	6.00	...	Mitcham	99	150
Sat. 17	2.30	Wandgas (Mitcham)	Away	...	...
Mon. 19	6.00	...	Mitcham	...	...
Tues. 20	6.00	...	Away	...	...
Sat. 24	2.30	...	Mitcham	...	...
Sat. 31	2.30	Hovis ....	...	...	...
AUG. Mon. 2	11.30	...	Away	...	...
Sat. 7	2.30	Hodgson's Brewery	Kingston	96	60
Sat. 14	2.30	...	Away	...	W
Sat. 21	2.30	Croydon M.O.s'	Purley	166	90
Sat. 28	2.30	...	Away	...	W
SEPT. Sat. 4	11.30	Wilson H'tl. Charity Match	Home

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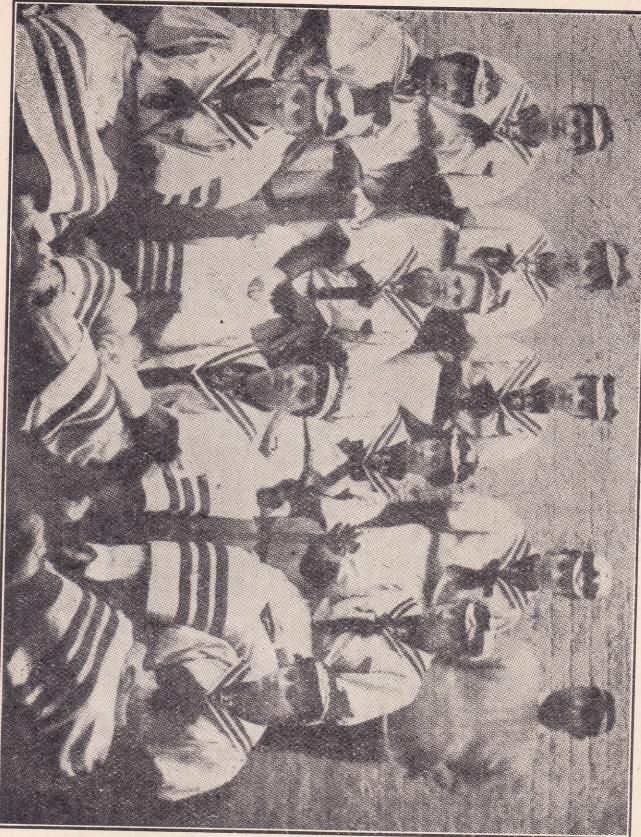
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DATE	TIME	VERSUS	GROUND	WEDNESDAY ELEVEN		1936 Oppnts.	1937
				Mitcham	Home		
APRIL Wed. 28	2.45	Battersea Wednesday	Home	114-5	211-5 dec.	D
MAY Wed. 5	2.45	"News of the World"	Home	216-2	132-6 dec.	W	.....
Wed. 12	2.45	CORONATION DAY	New Malden	169-2 dec.	146-2	D	.....
Wed. 19	2.45	London School of Economics	Home	143	153-3	L	.....
Wed. 26	2.45	Balham Wednesday	Home	187-1 dec.	55	W	.....
JUNE Wed. 2	2.45	King's College	Home	161	111	W	.....
Wed. 9	2.45	London School of Economics	Home	199-4	240-5 dec.	D	.....
Wed. 16	2.45	Banstead	Home	253-3	164	W	.....
Wed. 23	2.45	Piscatorials	Home	192-3	92	W	.....
Wed. 30	2.45	Wimbledon Wednesday	Home	237-4 dec.	207-5	D	.....
JULY Wed. 7	2.45	"News of the World"	Park Place	212-5 dec.	192-3	D	.....
Wed. 14	2.45	City of London Police	Home	139-9	92	W	.....
Wed. 21	2.45	Battersea Wednesday	Home	177-6 dec.	41	W	.....
Wed. 28	2.45	.....	Home	Rain	No Play	—	.....
AUGUST Wed. 4	2.45	Piscatorials	Beddington	Rain	109-4	D	.....
Wed. 11	2.45	Wallington Manor	Home	169	57	W	.....
Wed. 18	2.45	Wallington Manor	Banstead	148-7 dec.	107-7	L	.....
Wed. 25	2.45	Banstead	Home	130	169-6	W	.....
SEPT. Wed. 1	2.45	Links	Home	176-5	41	W	.....
Wed. 8	2.45	Balham Wednesday	Home	170-9	65	W	.....
Wed. 15	2.30	Sutton Wednesday	Home	148-7 dec.	107-7	D	.....
Wed. 22	2.30	Wimbledon Wednesday	Home	130	169-6	L	.....
Wed. 29	2.30	Wimbledon Wednesday	Home	170-9	65	W	.....
JULY						SUPPLEMENTARY FIXTURES	.....
Mon. 5	6.00	Mitcham v South London	Home				.....
Tues. 6	6.00	(School boys)	Home				.....
Wed. 28	11.30	Surrey v Australia (Women's Cricket Assn.)	Home			
AUG. Wed. 25	2.45	Wilson Hospital Sports Assn. Final Match	Home			



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PROGRESS.

Last September the First XI played a "picnic" match in a Surrey village. When they had disembarked at the Village Green a member of the team thoughtfully surveyed the shining line of members' cars that had brought the team from Mitcham, and was heard to murmur, "And to think that a few years ago we hadn't a bag between us." Also, on the same occasion, but much later, who was the member of the party who chased a chicken, and why?

".... STRANGER THAN FICTION."

A well known member of the Second XI was given out 1.b.w. on the Green. He returned to the dressing-room, carefully placed his bat in the corner, and said, "I think I was out."

HOW TO BRIGHTEN CRICKET.

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"At the Sign of the Goat"—they said things with music in those days.

THE LAST WORD!

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In the first over the bowler hit the batsman on the leg, and the umpire slowly raised his finger in response to a frantic appeal.

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We wonder what they'll say about us in 50 years time.

The late Mr. W. Hussey, for many years a Mitcham stalwart, once declared that when playing on a *very very* country wicket he bowled a ball that disappeared down a rabbit burrow between the wickets!

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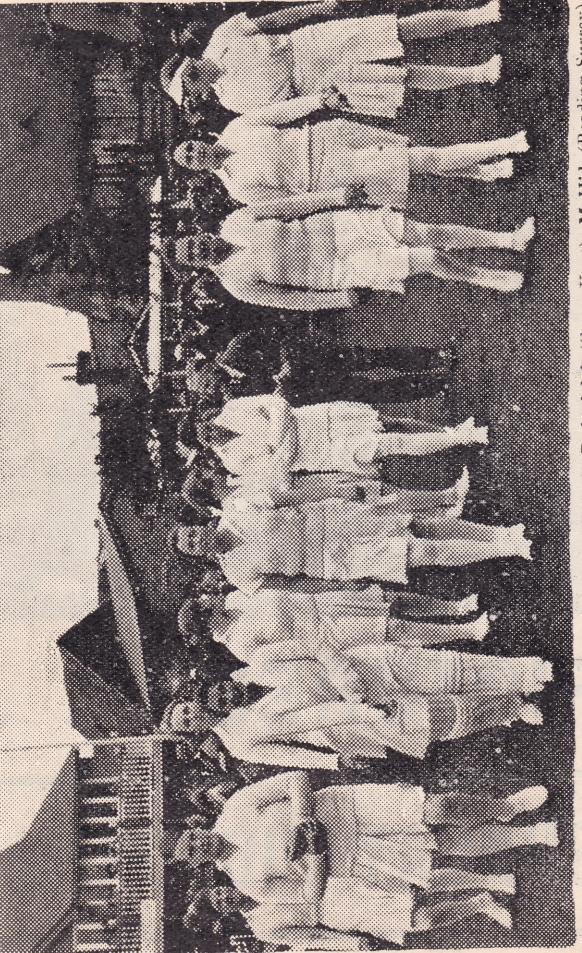
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CRICKET

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O give me the local village green,
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And laugh with those who beat us.

Most of us get out early,
Some of us get out late,
Maybe to a ball that's curly,
Maybe to one that's straight.
There's always a ball to trouble you,
To give you the final shock,
What matter it's l.b.w.
If you've enjoyed your knock.

Some long maybe for the County game,
Or the clash of a hectic Test,
Where they can gather a fleeting fame,
In North, South, East or West.
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Wherever it may be;
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BATTING (9 innings qualities)

	Ings.	Total	Highest	Times	Avg.
		Runs	Score	N.O.	
E. J. Ide	23	931	114	1	42.32
A. W. Stainforth	21	680	115*	2	35.79
E. H. Blake	17	379	97*	4	29.15
F. G. Cole	14	359	71	1	23.94
G. Brett	11	143	52*	3	17.88
H. H. W. Clover	14	204	54	2	17.00
R. S. Culmer	18	198	62	4	14.15
L. C. G. Hennen	16	160	62*	3	12.31
A. H. Hilliard	9	96	33	0	10.67
R. Love	13	107	37	1	8.92
F. G. Hatch	12	80	25*	3	8.89
T. Knight	9	51	16	1	6.38

BOWLING (50 overs qualities)

	Overs	Mdws.	Runs	Wkts.	Avg.
R. S. Culmer	364.3	84	907	73	12.42
E. J. Ide	149.0	21	444	22	20.18
L. C. G. Hennen	230.0	54	674	29	23.34
G. Brett	94.2	11	407	15	27.13
R. Love	65.1	5	282	9	31.33

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E. J. Ide, 113 (v. F. E. Whitehead's XI).

A. W. Stainforth, 115* (v. Romany).

2nd XI

BATTING (7 innings qualities)

	Ings.	Total	Highest	Times	Avg.
		Runs	Score	N.O.	
C. I. Markwick	12	392	102*	2	39.20
H. H. Ashby	16	325	70	2	33.21
G. S. Funnell	8	170	65	0	21.25
S. J. Pillinger	18	357	65	1	21.00
A. J. K. Lacey	9	129	69*	2	18.43
B. W. Tilley	5	108	53*	3	18.00
L. H. Tingley	17	283	72*	1	17.69
L. C. Lush	16	277	60	0	17.31
S. L. Diment	17	258	50	2	17.20
W. J. Ross	16	260	39	0	16.25
C. F. Sanders	10	89	21	3	12.71
T. O. McMullen	10	86	38*	2	10.75
A. J. Cooper	7	52	24	0	7.43

BOWLING (50 overs qualities)

	Overs	Mdws.	Runs	Wkts.	Avg.
B. W. Tilley	69.5	11	186	18	10.33
H. H. Ashby	108.2	15	344	25	13.76
C. F. Sanders	111.0	14	359	26	13.81
S. J. Pillinger	61.0	12	168	19	16.80
L. H. Tingley	141.5	22	449	25	17.96
T. O. McMullen	121.2	19	337	18	18.22

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C. I. Markwick, 102* (v. Merton).

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BATTING (7 innings qualities)

	Ings.	Total	Highest	Times	Avg.	Runs	Score	N.O.
D. T. Adams	7	185	66*	1	30.83	R. Whitmore	16	88
H. E. Mandale	14	356	87	0	25.43	S. Bond	10	469
A. C. Tollihday	11	188	101*	2	20.89	G. Freeman	17	653
A. Harris	10	201	62	20-40	A. T. Lynn	15	473	2
F. J. Day	14	211	52	2	17.58	P. H. Liddicoat	12	169
H. R. Hilliard	16	249	51	1	16.67	T. Raft	16	48*
J. H. Staniforth	9	98	35	2	14.00	J. B. Simmonds	7	71
E. V. H. Haynes	12	110	27	2	11.00	F. Hall	10	49
C. W. Higginson	10	82	41*	1	9.11	W. Parker	10	70
J. E. Gowar	7	56	14	0	8.00	E. C. Pendergast	8	40
J. E. Challis	11	70	15	2	7.78	E. F. Smythe	9	44
E. E. Harris	7	54	27	0	7.71		12*	2
J. W. Dawes	9	62	17	0	6.89		12*	2
E. A. Palmer	15	93	17	1	6.64		12*	2
G. C. Sanders	7	33	17	2	6.60		12*	2

BOWLING (50 overs qualities)

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Avg.	W. Parker <td>128.1</td> <td>23</td> <td>398</td> <td>30</td> <td>13.37</td>	128.1	23	398	30	13.37
J. H. Challis	183.1	41	9.36	S. Bond	127.0	10	519	38	13.66		
E. C. Francis	67.5	18	163	G. Freeman	59.3	9	175	11	15.91		
E. A. Palmer	117.2	32	325	C. Elswood	94.0	15	261	16	16.31		
J. H. Staniforth	125.0	13	360		138.0	12	482	25	19.28		
F. J. Day	93.0	14	342		89.0	8	259	11	24.45		

BOWLING (50 overs qualities)

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Avg.	R. W. Whitmore <td>134*</td> <td>v. Wim'don</td> <td>Wednesday).</td>	134*	v. Wim'don	Wednesday).
J. H. Challis	183.1	41	9.36	S. Bond	129*	v. (Springfield M.H.).			
E. C. Francis	67.5	18	163	G. Freeman	94.0	v. Battersea Wednesday).			
E. A. Palmer	117.2	32	325	C. Elswood	138.0	v. (London Schol. of Econ.).			
J. H. Staniforth	125.0	13	360		89.0	v. (London School of Economics).			
F. J. Day	93.0	14	342		122.2	v. (London Piscatorials).			
A. C. Tollihday, 101* (v. "News of the World").						R. W. Whitmore, 104* (v. London Schol. of Econ.).			
						R. W. Whitmore, 108* (v. London Piscatorials).			
						G. Freeman, 100 (v. Wimbedon Wednesday).			

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(D) For playing members residing outside the area of the Mitcham Borough Council, over 17 years of age, £1 10s.

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The Mitcham Cricket Club, 6, Langdale Avenue, Mitcham.

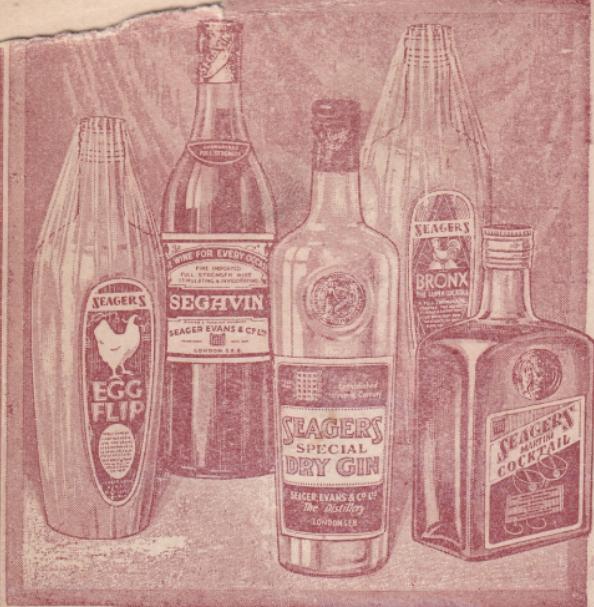
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