
TO THE EDITOR:

Deddington, July 19, half-past four.

SIR,—The match between the Deddington and Banbury Cricket Clubs has just terminated, and in favour of the latter. Very few expected this, as the Banbury Club is but a newly formed one. The field at the commencement had a very grotesque appearance, chiefly from the Banbury men wearing, in addition to the usual dress, very odd hats, if they could be called hats, being things in the shape of a porringer, made of the coarsest stuff, undyed above, and green underneath. They looked, when together, like a banditti; and I was told by one of them, that there was a joke originated on their own field, that they might not escape the suspicion of having had an intrigue with a boatman's wife, and of ending the affair by running away in the boatman's hat. Be this as it may, they proved ugly customers, as we found to our cost. The day had been very rainy, but both sides kept to it. Deddington went in first, and got 23 runs. Banbury, at first innings, got 45. Deddington second innings was 54. Banbury then went in for last innings, and got 34 notches, with only five men out; winning the match by two runs and five wickets to go down. There was some fun caused on the field by the upset of a provision cart. Our men will play the return match at Banbury on Wednesday next, when I hope to be able to give you a better account of our game.

Your obedient servant,
ONE OF DEDDINGTON.
