

Town spinner forces schoolboys to collapse

TONBRIDGE Town inflicted their first defeat on Tonbridge School since 1964, when they met in the opening match of the season at the school ground on Saturday.

It was a case of experience having the edge over a side undoubtedly full of ability.

Town won the toss and put the school in to bat on a perfect wicket. Jenkins and Williams batted well putting on 60 before the partnership was broken.

N. R. de Abren, a beautifully fluent bat, gave Town some trouble until he was bowled in the last over before lunch by Peter Williams, who bowled a full length without much luck.

At lunch the school had reached 109-3, but after the interval a spin attack was introduced and Peter Hubert bowled magnificently so early in the season, and showed that experience prevailed against the boys. He picked up 5-36 in 14.4 overs and left the Town a reasonable total to score.

The Town batting, lacking pre-season nets, was rusty, and they lost two for 19, but David Hamilton batted with assurance and was joined by Hubert. Between them they put on 63 to make the total 82-2 at tea.

They both lost their wickets shortly after tea and John Darby, the former Southborough skipper making his debut for Tonbridge, the club would be beneficial.

With skipper Norman Greenop, he put on 33 in a quarter-of-an-hour when rain threatened.

Peter Bentall and Darby then continued to push the score along so that by 5.35 — half an hour before the rain started — Town had won by four wickets.

Tonbridge School	
G. G. L. Jenkins	st Kidman
J. D. Williams	lbw Gebry
N. R. de Abren	b Williams
N. T. Barnes	c J. Maylam
R. A. Mudge	st Kidman
T. J. L. Chandler	c Greenop
A. M. Sims	c Williams
M. J. Bourne	c Darby
R. A. C. Dart	b Hubert
G. Connell	not out
R. P. Hook	c Kidman
	b Hubert
	Extras
	Total

Tonbridge Town	
P. French	b Connell
D. Hamilton	b Connell
T. Mercer	b Connell
P. Hubert	st Hook b Chandler
J. Darby	not out
N. Greenop	c Jenkins
P. Bentall	c de Abren
K. Kidman	not out
	Extras
	Total (for 6)



NORMAN GREENOP, captain of the triumphant Tonbridge Town side, leads his team out for their first match of the season.