

WAS IT CRICKET?

Any resemblance between the goings on here and ordinary cricket wasn't even coincidental. You'd have guessed as much on seeing Frankie Vaughan on the ground, and especially when David Tomlinson went in. It was the Keystone Cops Eleven, composed of show business people, playing a local team to raise funds for Bedford and Bucks boys clubs. Tomlinson began quite well (pity the selectors weren't there). Lord Westmerland warmly supports the Boys Clubs. Brian Rix obliged with autographs, hoping he wouldn't have to take Frankie Vaughan's place till the fast bowlers had tired a bit.

There's always the risk that rain will stop play, but nobody expects a deluge. Just in scampering back to the pavilion the players were half drowned.

As there'd been no charge for admission, let's hope the collection was taken before the-or-interval.