

# A Giant-Killing at Lakenham

## The Minor Counties Defeat The South Africans

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Immediately after their final Test match of the summer, the 1924 South Africans travelled to Norwich to play a first-class match against the Minor Counties, who included no fewer than seven Norfolcians in their eleven. Despite their

opponents being apparently weak, the tourists put out what was virtually their Test side. The match was a closely contested affair, with the advantage swinging from one side to the other and then back again. It culminated in a thrilling finish. The South Africans were defeated by 25 runs, losing their last wicket off the final ball of what would have been the penultimate over. This was a great achievement for Minor Counties' cricket in general and Norfolk in particular. It was also a personal triumph for the veteran skipper, Michael Falcon, who rolled back the years with an impressive display of pace bowling that was both hostile and sustained.

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