Scholes win by sixteen runs

In A THRILLING game in which fortunes were in doubt until the very end, Scholes managed to beat their worthy rivals, Denby Dale, in the final of the Alleop Cup at Cawthorne on Saturday.

Having batted first Scholes set their rivals a victory target of 146 runs. Denby Dale failed by sixteen runs, but with their opener Eric Morley still at the wicket with 64 not out anything could have happened in the last two overs.

Scholes's victory was largely due to the way in which their bowlers contained the Denby Dale batsmen early in the innings, backed up by some first-rate fielding and wicketkeeping by Turner.

Skipper Kaye made a particular impression with some consistently good slow bowling that gave him three wickets at a cost of 28 runs in eleven overs, though towards the end of his stint the Denby Dalers were getting his measure much better.

Both sides got off to shaky starts, Scholes losing Heap in the first over and Denby Dale losing Roebuck, who was run out with a superb throw by Haworth with only 3 on the board.

Denby Dale, who beat the holders Nortonthorpe in the second round of the competition, had to face a much more aggressive field than they had set Scholes and had to score at the rate of three runs an over if they were to claim the trophy.

Haigh made a useful 36 in a third-wicket stand of 55 with Morley, and Wood added a handy 8 when the game was reaching its tensest moment towards the end. With the last two men in Denby Dale needed sixteen runs and two overs were left, but Cocking, having snatched a single, had to face up to Braithwaite, who promptly removed one of the stumps to claim victory.

Denby Dale fast bowler Steven Wade did a lot of damage among the Scholes batters and returned five for 44 in twenty overs. Scholes were assisted by two sound innings by Turner (31) and S. Ellis (32) and also "Mr Extras" with 26.

SCHOLES

L Heap b Wade	0
N Turner c Hoyle b Dyson	31
S Ellis c Wood b Dyson	32
H Howarth b Dyson	1
A Thackery b Wade	14
J Ellis b Wade	6
R Hallas b Wade	0
N Holroyd b Wade	13
G Kaye run out	19
S Whiteley run out	3
C D Braithwaite not out	0
Extras	26
Total	145

Bowling.—S Wade 20—5—44—5, H Dyson 20—5—47—3, N Cocking 3—0—17—0, N Gaunt 2—0—11—0.

Fall of wickets: 1—4, 2—64, 3—67, 4—96, 5—100, 6—100, 7—103, 8—126, 9—142, 10—145.

DENBY DALE

E Morley not out	64
E Roebuck run out	1
K Morris c Turner b Braithwaite	11
D Haigh c Turner b Ellis	36
G Morris b Kaye	0
H Dyson lbw b Kaye	5
N Gaunt c Turner b Hallas	1
S Wade b Hallas	0
B Hoyle b Kaye	1
M Wood b Hallas	8
W Cocking b Braithwaite	1
Extras	2
Total	130

Bowling.—R Hallas 17—4—45—3, C D Braithwaite 10.2—2—33—2, G Kaye 11—2—28—3, N Holroyd 8—0—15—0, S Ellis 2—0—7—1.

Fall of wickets: 1—3, 2—32, 3—87, 4—88, 5—104, 6—106, 7—106, 8—108, 9—119, 10—130.

CENTRAL LEAGUE

COMFORTABLE WIN FOR LEADERS

BOWLERS generally had the whip hand in Saturday's Central League games and the majority of the completed innings were less than 100.

Several bowlers took five or six wickets, but only N. Hinchliffe, of Cartworth Moor, reached his half-century. He made 57 not out in his side's home match with Cumberworth.

Scholes, the Section "A" leaders, had a comfortable win by five wickets against David Browns and Cawthorne, at the head of Section "B," secured their first victory over Thurstonland for many years.

Scholes's victory clinched their positions as champions for Emley Clarence, their nearest challengers, lost, and so, with one match to go, there are seven points between the sides.

Section "A"

David Browns 81 Scholes 82—5.
Denby Dale 81 Nortonthorpe 82—2.
Kexbrough 56 Holmbridge 57—7.
Penistone 80—2 Emley Clarence 76.
Skelmanthorpe 70—9 Clayton West 71—3.

Section "B"

Cartworth Moor 144—6 Cumberworth 69.
Cawthorne 90 Thurstonland 51.
Lepton Highlanders 114 Denby 61.
Leymoor 127—6 Higham 107—6.

Performances

BATTING

N Hinchliffe (Cartw'th Moor) 57

BOWLING

B Jakeman (Holmbridge "A")	6—28
I Kennedy (Cawthorne)	6—29
B Kettlewell (Thurstonland)	6—30
D Williams (Penistone)	6—33
G Kaye (Scholes)	5—15
R Hardy (Nortonthorpe)	5—23
W Williams (Kexbrough)	5—29
L Podger (Lepton H)	5—31
F Smith (Clayton West)	5—34