

CENTRAL CRICKET

Low scoring in the last games

CRICKET came to an end in the Central League for 1967 at the conclusion of last Saturday's games and, by virtue of a win over Holmbridge, Clayton West are Section "A" champions. They finished three points clear of their nearest rivals, Emley "A," who could manage only one point from the game against Scholes, bad light stopping play.

Bowlers were again prominent in last week-end's matches and as a result most of the games were low-scoring affairs. Higham travelled to Shelley and were all out for 104, home bowler J. Addy taking five of the wickets for 30.

However, a hostile spell of bowling for the visiting side put the skids under Shelley and they were all out for 45. The bowler in question was N. Rowe, with a return of eight for sixteen.

Not one batsman in the Skelmanthorpe side could reach double figures and as a result the side were dismissed for 28 runs against Thurstonland, for whom professional B. Kettlewell said farewell to Central League cricket with a return of seven wickets for 11 runs. Thurstonland knocked off the runs for the loss of two wickets.

Denby Dale used all their overs to score 125 runs for the loss of seven wickets at Cumberworth, 66 of the runs coming from the bat of E. Roebuck. Home bowler D. Frankland took five of the wickets that fell for 32 runs. The home side, however, could do nothing against the bowling of H. Dyson, who took seven for 15 and were all out for 45. This win means a return to Section "A" for Denby Dale.

Holmbridge could total only 53 in their home match with Clayton West, due no doubt to the bowling of E. Smith, who had a return of seven for 19. The visitors did not have things their own way, however, losing six wickets before passing their opponents' total to clinch the league title.