THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT CUP.

FINAL TIE AT DEWSBURY.

SPLENDID VICTORY BY SPEN.

On Saturday afternoon the final tie in the Heavy Woollen District Cup Competition was played on the Savile Ground at Dewsbury, the contending eleven being those representing the Spen Victoria and Low Moor clubs. The last round in this competition is always looked forward to with keen interest, and the fact that Spen had distinguished, as well as in the few past years, Cup-tie week, in taking and plucky hold for the trophy, was sufficient to draw to call forth this appreciation of all local cricketers. Fortunately the luck of the weather was this day in a favourable mood, and from a cricketers' point of view the atmospheric conditions were most auspicious. As a natural consequence there was a good gate, the supporters of both clubs turning up in large numbers. The wicket too was in good condition, and, as subsequent events proved, proved very true. The captain of the Spen brigade won the toss, and sent in W. H. Peel and Hirst to face the bowling of Milligan and Clough. The first-named had only scored four when he fell a victim to the wrecking of the County cricketer and Kellett, the wicket being shattered by his foot for a duck. Hirst was joined by Clough for 15, and these wickets were soon followed by another 20. L. H. Peel and Cherry accumulated another dozen, and the score was eighty for the fourth wicket when Cherry was bowled off Kellett's foot, which, as it turned out, was the last wicket to fall, the total being increased to 308 by the addition of 28 more, the result of vigorous cricket, features of which were an exhibition of cricket by Hirst and Hardwick. He was the eighth man out, and Hardwick, who had Hirst, being the second to go, had a good number of runs, and the score at his dismissal was over 100. Hardwick now began to handle the bowling about, and although his play was not of the most sightly description, it was very effective, the score in a most effective manner. It was mainly by his efforts that the total was raised to 308, he being last man out for 44. He received valuable assistance from Crossland (11) and A. H. Peel (not out 16). Towards the latter end of the innings the fielding of the Lowmoor men became very loose, and a number of runs were in this way thrown away. The strength of Whitlam also showed very poor form, as whence the fact that there were 24 extras. Milligan was the most effective of the bowling, though his figures were 89 runs.

It was just five o'clock when Low Moor went to the wickets. The first comers were Whitlam and Wright, and for a time they had a fairly "hard" Milligan proved a very difficult opponent. His many (illegible) the ball being about one of the best on the "Dewsbury" wicket, above the average. Ultimately his stay was not a long one, as when it had been reached and he had added 25 to the score was dismissed by a splendid ball from Hirst. Whitlam succeeded this member by one, and was caught behind the wickets, which Hardwick was out for a duck. With the exception of Kellett and Wright, who scored 11 and 14 respectively, the other players made a miserable show, most of them scoring double figures, and after an hour and a half's play the innings closed for 99. A word of praise is due to Crossland and Hirst for their excellent bowling, each taking five wickets for less than 40 runs. The following are the scores:—

Spen Victoria.		Low Moor.	
W. H. Peel, b Milligan	4	Whitlam, b Hirst	1
Hirst, c and b Clough	15	Wright, c Hardwick, b Hirst	14
Cherry, b Milligan	20	Milligan, b Hirst	25
L. H. Peel, b Kellett	16	Kellett, b Hirst	11
Hardwick, c and b Kellett	44	Hardwick, b Hirst	0
Crossland, c Clough, b Milligan	11	Robinson, c Hardwick, b Hirst	0
A. H. Peel, not out	16	Crossland	0
Extras	24	Clough, c A. Peel, b Crossland	0
		Wright, b Crossland	14
		Kellett, b Hirst	7
		Whitlam, not out	0
		Extras	8
Total	308	Total	99

PRESENTATION OF THE CUP.

Immediately on the conclusion of play the crowd made a rush for the pavilion, where the cup reposed in charge of Mr. J. Hirst, the secretary. The appearance of Mr. B. Hirst, captain of the Spen team was acknowledged by loud and prolonged cheers.

Mr. J. E. Glover, president of the Cup Committee, mounted a chair for the purpose of making the presentation of the cup. He said that after many attempts, Spen had at last been successful in carrying off the trophy, and nobody was more hearty in their congratulations than the committee who had charge of the matter. (Hear, hear.) They had had a splendid day's cricket, and a splendid innings from a young cricketer (alluding to L. H. Peel). (Cheers.) On one or two occasions in the past they had had equally good innings from young Spen players, and he was only sorry that after the club had trained them to a high pitch of perfection they should lose their services. (Hear, hear.) This had occurred in the case of Spencer, who was now playing with Derbyshire and Ostram, now with Brighouse. It was a great hardship for a club to lose young men of that character. But in this instance they had been fortunate in finding such players as Peel and Hardwick. (Cheers.) He had spoken of the latter player last year when Spen were unlucky enough to lose the cup by a very narrow margin of runs.