

HALEY TOO GOOD FOR EX-COLLEAGUES

1965

BIRSTALL 108 for 7 SCHOLES 107

Spin bowler Ken Haley put Birstall well on the way to victory by taking four wickets for 54 against the side which he captained last season.

He quickly had the Scholes opening pair in difficulties. Smith fell to him first of all, in his second over, when there were only three runs on the board. Six runs later, Baxter, the number three bat, was caught by Lyles off Haley, who then caught Reid off Peel.

When Scholes appeared to be on the way to a good total, Tom Thompson broke through to take the seventh, eighth and ninth wickets.

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One of his victims was Muffitt, who has previously played for Birstall. He hit the only six of his side's innings.

Birstall, too, made a shaky start, with their first three batsmen back in the pavilion with only nine runs on the score sheet. Wolfenden and W. B. Smith settled in and, defying all Scholes's attempts to move them, put on a partnership score of 47, when the former was l.b.w. to Ingham.

Brooke came out to join Smith and between them added a fifth wicket partnership of 25 before Smith was caught by Kent off Baxter. His score of 35 was the highest for his side. Next highest scorer, Brook (20) was run out.

David Gill had previously hit a couple of good fours, helping his side when they needed 20 runs to win with four overs left. Lyles and Thompson swiftly cut the remaining deficit, to give Birstall victory with an over and two balls left of their allotted 46 overs.

SCHOLES.—Kent, run out, 44; P. Smith, b Haley, 1; Baxter, c Lyles b Haley, 3; Reid, c Haley b Peel, 16; Blamires, c Williamson b Peel, —; Greenwood, b Haley, 1; Ingham, c Binns b Thompson, 10; Robinson, b Thompson, 11; Muffitt, b Thompson, 12; Hodgson, b Haley, 5; Hirst, not out, 0; extras, 5. Total, 107.

BIRSTALL.—Haley, run out, 4; Binns, b Ingham, 5; H. Smith, b Muffitt, 0; W. B. Smith, c Kent b Baxter, 35; Wolfenden lbw b Ingham, 19; Brooke, run out, 20; Gill, lbw b Ingham, 15; Lyles, not out, 3; Thompson, not out, 3; extras, 4. Total (for 7 wks.), 108.

Bowling.—Scholes: Ingham, 15-2-34-3; Muffitt, 16-4-7-32-1; Hirst, 6-1-19-0; Baxter, 7-1-20-1. Birstall: Thompson, 15-2-33-3; Haley, 22-1-8-54-4; Lyles, 3-0-6-0;