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Figuring in the only Huddersfield and District League match of the day, Thongs Bridge gained an overwhelming victory against Shepley at Thongs Bridge. The foundation for the home side's success was well and truly laid by Tom Hirst and Douglas Heywood, the team's opening pair, who put up their third century partnership. The aggregate was 101 when Heywood, with 36 to his name, was run out. Hirst, the Thongs Bridge "pro.," played brilliantly. He was not out 128 when his team declared at 215 for three wickets; then he went on to capture three wickets for nine runs and to take four catches. Shepley were all out for 53, Bray taking five wickets for 13.

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## **HIRST'S FINE RECORD FOR THONGS BRIDGE C.C.**

**HEADS BOTH BATTING AND BOWLING  
IN FIRST ELEVEN AVERAGES**

**T**OM HIRST, the Thongs Bridge Cricket Club professional, has had an exceptionally successful season with the club, as is shown by the averages, just issued for publication.

His all-round performance may prove to have excelled that of any other player in the League, for he scored a total of 699 runs, giving him an average of 63.54 runs an innings; his highest score was 128 not out; he gained 63 wickets at an average cost of 7.11 runs per wicket; and he took twelve catches.

As already announced Hirst has been re-engaged by Thongs Bridge as professional for next season.