

CRICKET.

SYKES CUP.

FRIARMERE WIN COMFORTABLY.

The finalists were fortunate in the weather on Saturday, and the game was played under ideal conditions. There was a pretty general feeling that Friarmere were the better balanced side, and that only an exceptionally brilliant individual performance on the part of one of the Almondbury men could upset calculations. Though the old Saddleworth League club were such strong favourites this did not prevent a good crowd assembling in the hope of seeing an exciting finish. When Friarmere, who won the toss, lost their two best bats, W. Ellis and J. A. Meal, in Fisher's first over, everyone got ready for thrills, but there were no more forthcoming, as the old Central League players allowed one or two golden chances to slip them, and Milnes, who has done much good work for Golcar in years past, took advantage of his fortune and by good resolute hitting put his side in a very strong position, and had the honour of scoring a century in the first final of the competition.

When Almondbury went in to bat they gave quite a plucky display, but they never seriously threatened danger, and Friarmere fulfilled expectations with a comfortable margin to spare. Scores:

Friarmere.		Almondbury.	
W. Ellis, st Boccock		A. Boccock, c Ellis b	
b Fisher	0	Milnes	22
B. Wood, c Waddington		E. Fisher, c Wood b	
b Wood	7	W. Rhodes	4
J. A. Meal, b Fisher	0	G. Moore, b W.	
N. Hill, c Moore b		Rhodes	5
Littlewood	39	B. Dransfield, c Wood	
A. Milnes, c Fisher		b Meal	30
b Maffin	102	H. Sykes, not out	34
J. Hudson, b Maffin	40	F. Littlewood, b Meal	20
A. Whitehead, c Waddington		J. Wood, c and b	
b Maffin	31	Meal	3
A. Rhodes, not out	39	H. Webster, b Ellis	7
H. Hudson, run out	3	H. Hall, c A. Rhodes	
J. Wrigley, b Sykes	18	b Ellis	2
W. Rhodes, b Sykes	0	H. Maffin, b Meal	10
		F. Waddington, b	
Extras	10	Meal	6
		Extras	10
Total	329	Total	162