

# CRICKET.

## SYKES CUP.

### Huddersfield's Easy Win: Slaithwaite Collapse.

Huddersfield secured the Sykes Cup on Saturday by an easy win at the expense of Slaithwaite. This was the first time the two clubs had met this season, and as they are the first two in the League table everyone had looked forward to an interesting game. And during the Huddersfield innings the game was interesting. A sudden collapse of the batting, and then an unexpected stand gave the Huddersfield innings a flavour of the dramatic, and as one always had in mind a belief that Slaithwaite were likely to prove stubborn run-getters, the Huddersfield total of 166 seemed to promise a keenly-fought end. But Slaithwaite soon disappointed. Except for two short stands, made after the fall of the third and the ninth wickets, the Slaithwaite innings was a record of collapse. Their opening pair began quietly, and in the third over they lost their first wicket. Then in the same over Sollis captured a second, and in the next, with only one more run added, N. Sugden was given out lbw. and three wickets were down for only 12. Dobson and Ellis then began to hit. Runs came rather more freely, but Mortimer dismissed Ellis with a smart delivery. Shaw seemed likely to help to improve the Slaithwaite score, and opened his shoulders to hit, but succeeded only in hitting the ball up for a catch. The eighth and the ninth wickets fell at 55 and then Williamson and Dawson, batting carefully and with as much confidence as any of the earlier batsmen, carried the total to 74.

The Huddersfield bowling was good, but not sufficiently good entirely to explain the Slaithwaite collapse. Sollis bowled particularly well at the opening; he turned the ball, which came from the turf with a nip, but later he sent up innocent deliveries, which deserved more punishment than they received. Mortimer sent up too many full tosses. Jones plainly puzzled the batsmen, who treated some of his poorer deliveries with the respect they paid to the better ones.

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The Huddersfield innings began merrily. Dr. Carleton was dismissed early on by a smart catch at point, but Harland and Senior put on runs at a good rate. Fifty went up in 40 minutes, and but for a slow outfield runs would have come even more freely. But with the fall of the third wicket at 83 there came a dramatic turn in the game. Jones snicked a delivery from Middleton into the hands of Ellis, and with only one more run added, Middleton captured his fourth wicket by snapping up a return from Senior. Middleton's analysis at this stage of the game was four wickets for fifteen runs. Then Ellis, with a beautiful catch from off his own delivery, secured the sixth Huddersfield wicket—and the Huddersfield score was then only 85. Mortimer gave an easy behind the wicket catch, and then during the next over, Webster mowed the grass with his bat and was bowled by Middleton. The ninth wicket fell at 128. Huddersfield supporters were apprehensive, but Falck and Hobson made a merry last wicket stand—the former batting with care and the latter with zestful clouts towards the boundary and with a comic "cheek" in stealing singles, both of which made the crowd happy. Scores:—

Huddersfield.		Slaitthwaite.	
Dr. Carleton, c Dodson b Brown	3	P. Sykes, b Sollis	5
H. Harling, b Middleton	30	W. Ellis, b Mortimer	15
G. Senior, o and b Middleton	31	H. Ainley, b Sollis	0
E. W. Gill, b Middleton	9	N. Sugden, lbw b Mortimer	0
J. S. Jones, c Ellis b Middleton	0	F. Dodson, c Harling b Jones	18
J. Jebson, c and b Ellis	3	A. Shaw, c Falck b Sollis	5
A. Mortimer, o Sugden b Ellis	21	G. Garside, b Jones	10
W. Webster, b Middleton	8	B. Middleton, c Senior b Jones	0
L. Sollis, b Middleton	6	J. Brown, b Sollis	1
C. Falck, c Shaw b Sugden	21	J. W. Williamson, not out	9
J. Hobson, not out	22	J. Dawson, c Jones b Sollis	9
Extras	12	Extras	2
Total	166	Total	74

### BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Huddersfield.					Slaitthwaite.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
W. Ellis	13	3	31	2	A. Mortimer	5	0	25	2
J. Brown	9	0	37	1	L. Sollis	13-5	1	34	5
J. Dawson	6	0	29	1	J. S. Jones	8	3	13	3
B. Middleton	14	3	50	5					
N. Sugden	1-3	0	4	1					
A. Shaw	1	0	3	0					

Miss Canby afterwards presented the cup. A vote of thanks was accorded to Miss Canby and to the chairman (Councillor Johnson) on the proposal of the Huddersfield captain, seconded by the Slaitthwaite captain. Alderman Canby responded.