

# CRICKET.

## SYKES CUP FINAL.

### Open Position at Close of First Day's Play.

When the stumps were drawn at Fartown on Saturday the Sykes Cup-final between Huddersfield and Friarmere, was left in an interesting and open position. Huddersfield, who batted first, scored 294, and Friarmere's reply was 151 for four wickets.

There were several good individual performances in the Huddersfield innings, the best being by Herbert Haigh, who was stumped out when only nine short of his century. J. H. Freer was stumped when he was 77, and L. Sallis, who might have been caught when he was nine, was 61 not out at the close of play. J. A. Falck added 24 runs.

J. A. Neal, A. E. Whitehead, and H. Morris batted well for Friarmere. Neal had the misfortune to be stumped out when he only required one run for the half-century. Whitehead made 58 before being bowled by Freer, and Morris was 32 (not out) when the afternoon's cricket ended.

Play will be resumed at 5-15 to-night.

Huddersfield.—B. Ripley, c A. Whitehead b W. Rhodes 14; H. Haigh, st Swann b Morris 91; H. W. Gill b Winterbottom 0; G. Senior, c Swann b Whitehead 7; J. H. Freer, st Swann b Rhodes 77; W. Beaumont, b Winterbottom 2; L. Sallis, not out 61; J. Jebeon, b W. Rhodes 1; W. Webster, c Brierley b Sharples 0; J. A. Falck, b Sharples 24; L. Booth, c and b A. Whitehead 0; extras 15;—total 294.

Friarmere.—J. A. Neal, st Booth b Jebeon 49; N. Hill, c Beaumont b Webster 1; A. E. Whitehead, b J. H. Freer 58; H. Morris, not out 32; G. Winterbottom, b Jebeon 0; extras 11;—total for 4 wks. 151.

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## GLOUCESTERSHIRE v. KENT.

At Cheltenham, on Monday, Kent defeated Gloucestershire by an innings and 47 runs. Gloucestershire 71 and (Dipper 52, Hammond 21, Bloodworth 62) 300; Kent (Hardinge 76, Woolley 178, Collins 82) 412.

## THRILLING FINAL AT FARTOWN.

### The Sykes Cup.

## Huddersfield defeat Friarmere by a single run.

The glorious uncertainty of cricket was again exemplified at Fartown last night where Huddersfield, in the final of the Sykes Cup Competition, veritably snatched victory from Friarmere in what must have been the most exciting finish in the history of this competition. Faced with a score of 294 Friarmere made a good start, and at the close of play on Saturday they had compiled 151 for the loss of four wickets, so that the chances were clearly even. Last night Friarmere's chance, improved to such an extent that at one period in the game they appeared to have victory well within their grasp, but eventually they lost by the narrowest margin possible and in a most unfortunate manner.

With only two runs required to win and with the last two batsmen at the wickets Swann hit the ball and a single was attempted. Webster gathered the ball smartly, threw it to Booth, and the stumper whipped off the balls with A. Rhodes not safely home. The effort which so nearly produced a tie resulted in defeat for a team which had made a gallant struggle to win.

### AN EARLY SET-BACK.

Friarmere suffered an early set-back when play was resumed last night, for H. Morris, who was 32 (not out) at close of play on Saturday, was caught in the slips by Sollis off Haigh in the first over, and before any addition to the score had been made. P. Sharples then went in to partner C. Bradbury, and these two batsmen quickly made an appreciable difference to the total. In less than half an hour 200 was reached, the batsmen hitting freely on what appeared to be a perfect wicket. Haigh and Webster opened the bowling, but at 186 Sollis went on for Webster, and shortly afterwards Beaumont relieved Haigh. The change failed to secure a wicket, and the score steadily mounted, other bowling changes meeting with no more success.

After about an hour and a quarter's play Bradbury reached the half-century mark, and in the next over Sharples accomplished the same feat. Their partnership realised 119 runs before Sollis, who was having his second period with the ball beat Sharples, who had made 51, including seven 4's. It was a magnificent partnership, and might easily have proved too good for Huddersfield, as only a further 25 runs were required. Sollis, however, was in deadly mood, and his bowling was almost unplayable. With his next ball he secured another wicket, that of W. Rhodes, and in his next over he again bowled A. Brierley. The scoreboard showed two wickets to fall and 19 runs required, and the excitement consequently was running very high.

Sharples and A Rhodes carried the Friarmere total still nearer their object, and the Huddersfield supporters must have breathed a sigh of relief when Webster bowled Sharples, who was the most dangerous batsman. His contribution of 65 included nine 4's, and he well deserved the hearty reception accorded him on his return to the pavilion. Swann took his place, and he and Rhodes, as already stated, carried the score to 293.

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Friarmere.—J. A. Neal, st Booth b Jebson 49; N. Hill, c Beaumont b Webster 1; A. E. Whitehead, b J. H. Freer 58; H. Morris, c Sollis b Haigh 32; G. Winterbottom b Jebson 0; C. Bradbury, b Sollis 51; P. Sharples, b Webster 65; W. Rhodes, b Sollis 0; A. Brierley, b Sollis 0; A. Rhodes, run out 4; H. Swann, not out 4; extras 29;—total 293.

### THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

Mr. J. J. Lodge, president of the Huddersfield and District Cricket League, presided over the presentation ceremony in the pavilion, and said he did not think they could have had more for their money. The committee were grateful for the large attendances, which showed there was still a big public for cricket in the district. He congratulated Huddersfield on their victory and Friarmere on their fine fight. They had, he thought, been the two teams of the year.

The Mayor (Alderman Law Taylor) handed the cup to Mr. Jebson, the captain of the winning team. The final, he said, had been as exciting as any football match. He congratulated Huddersfield on their splendid fight and Friarmere on their fine spirit. To go in and face such a score was, he said, a wonderful performance. He also mentioned the good spirit of the spectators.

Mr. Jebson briefly replied, and proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor, which was seconded by Mr. W. Whitehead, a vice-president of the Friarmere club.