

FRIARMERE WIN SYKES CUP FOR THIRD TIME.

Rastrick's Failings.

CROWD OF 5,000 SEE INTERESTING FINAL.

Friarmere won the Sykes Cup for the third time by beating Rastrick at Fartown on Saturday. They were deserving winners, too, for, without any disrespect to Rastrick, they showed superiority in all departments, but more particularly in the field. It was in this respect that Rastrick contributed largely to their own undoing, for their work was a curious mixture of brilliance and slackness. The Friarmere bowling was steady throughout, their fielding excellent in every respect, and the disposition of the field was a tribute to the captaincy of J. A. Meal, the former Golear player, and county colt. On the other hand the Rastrick bowling might have been better handled, and earlier use ought to have been made of Berry. The winners also had a decided pull behind the wicket, for whereas J. Hudson conceded only two extras, J. W. Tiffany gave away twenty-three, though it must be said that he did much smart work in other respects. The game was played under ideal conditions, for although the weather was threatening early on, the rain held off and a prompt start was made. The afternoon proved exceedingly warm and bright, except for a very few moments at tea time, when spots of rain fell, but play was not interfered with in any way. Consequently there was a splendid attendance, and about 5,000 people paid the sum of £117 1s. 9d. for admission. The amount that will be available for local charities will bring the total for that worthy object to about £600 since the competition was instituted. The match began at two o'clock and did not finish until 8-50.

THE GAME.

Batting first on a good wicket, Friarmere made a bad start, for they lost Meal at 13, Hill at 26, and Morris at 27, while Hawkyard, who looked like stopping, was out from a simple stroke to the slips at 48. Whitehead had some luck, but with Milnes he changed the complexion of the game. The old Golear player was in his usual vigorous mood, and quickly knocked up 53, when he was very unfortunate to be run out in going for a single to complete Whitehead's 58. The county colt reached his coveted half century after an hour and forty minutes' batting, but he was out soon afterwards to a great catch in the slips by Smith. Sharples and Bradbury consolidated the position, and Winterbottom lent a hand so that 214 appeared on the board when Hudson, the last man, went in. The stumper quickly showed that he was out to use the long handle, and profiting by mistakes in the field he and Brierley added an invaluable 65 runs for the last wicket. The Rastrick bowlers and fielders were clearly relieved when the end came

after their long and arduous time in the field. Outram and Gill gave their side an excellent send-off, and looked like making a big stand, when Gill was out to a very lame stroke to mid-on. Hill & Co. was quite good going, but it was not kept up by later batsmen. Berry and Helm were soon disposed of, falling to successive balls from Brierley. The bowler held a boy return from Berry, and from the next delivery Helm fell to a magnificent catch at mid-off by Winterbottom. Shaw fell into Sharples's trap close in on the on side, and Smith was brilliantly taken with the left hand by Hill at mid-on. Friarmere were giving little away in the field, and were constantly on their toes, while the bowling was admirably turned. Outram continued to hold the fort as long as he stayed. Rastrick appeared to have a chance of pulling the game round. But Outram was at length smartly taken by Hudson behind the wicket, woe two short of his fifty. He had played beautiful cricket, and was unfortunate to miss the half century. Horne and Crowther made a fight of it, but the odds were too great, and the end came at 160.

FRIARMERE.

A. E. Whitehead, c Smith b Gill	59
J. A. Meal, b Hopton	13
W. Hill, c Hopton b Gill	26
M. Morris, run out	27
A. Hawkyard, c Hopton b Shaw	48
A. Milnes, run out	58
P. Sharples, c Tiffany b Shaw	53
C. H. Bradbury, b Berry	30
G. Winterbottom, b Berry	18
A. Brierley, not out	28
J. Hudson, b Shaw	17
Extras	23
Total	275

FALL OF THE WICKETS.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
13	26	27	48	111	125	167	199	214	275

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
F. Hopton	22	1	71	1
W. Shaw	21	1	86	3
R. Crowther	11	1	31	0
L. Gill	15	2	41	2
E. Berry	5	1	20	2

*RASTRICK.

L. Gill, c Hill b Sharples	26
H. Outram, c Hudson b Sharples	48
E. Berry, c and b Brierley	7
G. R. Helm, c Winterbottom b Brierley	0
W. Shaw, c Winterbottom b Sharples	15
F. Smith, c Hill b Whitehead	5
A. Horne, b Sharples	25
L. Jagger, lbw b Sharples	4
J. W. Tiffany, c Whitehead b Brierley	1
R. Crowther, c Sharples b Brierley	22
F. Hopton, not out	0
Extras	2
Total	160

FALL OF WICKETS.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
67	64	81	99	111	125	130	151	160	

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
P. Sharples	25	5	52	5
G. Winterbottom	15	1	27	0
A. Brierley	17	3	53	4
A. E. Whitehead	4	2	16	1

Immediately at the close of the match the cup was presented to J. A. Meal, the Friarmere captain, by Sir Joseph Turner, under the presidency of Mr. Herbert Sykes, president of the League. Sir Joseph complimented both teams on the splendid cricket they had shown, and said there was no fear of lack of support so long as the game was played in that spirit. He congratulated the winners, and on behalf of Rastrick said there was no telling what the result might have been had they batted first. They all knew what a responsibility was laid by a team having to face such a score as 275. A vote of thanks to Sir Joseph was moved by Mr. W. N. Holt, seconded by Mr. J. A. Meal. The umpires were G. Goulder (Marston) and G. Wood (Bradley Mills).