
CRICKET.

SYKES CUP FINAL.

NO PLAY LAST EVENING.

The Sykes Cup final between Kirkheaton and Elland, postponed at Fartown on Saturday through the bad weather, should have been resumed yesterday afternoon, but heavy rain prevented a start being made. Both teams turned up, but after a heavy thunderstorm and further showers the ground was found to be in such a soddened state that all prospects of play were abandoned without even the wickets being pitched.

The teams conferred as to the date when the game could be resumed, but they failed to agree, and the matter has been referred to the League Committee, who will meet and discuss the matter on Thursday night. It is considered probable that the match will be resumed next Monday evening.

TO-DAY'S SYKES CUP FINALISTS.



ELLAND C.C.

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Names (reading from left to right):—

Back row: V. Pitchforth, G. Crossley, G. Hoyle, C. Radcliffe, A. Smith, and W. Greenwood (scorer).

Front row: A. L. Richardson (pro.), M. Haigh, B. Smith, S. Hampshire, and F. Ellis.



KIRKHEATON C.C.

Photo by Gledhill.

Names (reading from left to right):—

Standing: W. Senior, H. Dunhill, J. S. Oakes, J. K. Brook, E. Micklethwaite, and Mr. J. Hallas (treasurer).

Sitting: M. Hallas, H. Maflin, H. Haigh (pro.), W. Waddington, F. Cocker, and

SYKES CUP.

Elland and Kirkheaton Resume Unfinished Final.

There has been some difficulty in completing the match between Elland and Kirkheaton, which was commenced on July 24, and curtailed by rain after about a couple of hours play. Kirkheaton then had the good fortune to win the toss and have first use of a beautiful wicket. They did none too well with three wickets down for 50. Then, however, Haigh was joined by Lockwood, and both men made some good drives, and the total was carried to 121 without further loss ere a deluge flooded the ground and made further play impossible.

The wicket to-day looks to be well nigh perfect, and the delay in finishing the game will not handicap either team, though there is an old saying that runs on the board are worth more than those that have to be got. To that extent the Yettomers have the advantage.

Elland, unfortunately, were without their wicket-keeper, Hampshire, who is too far away to make the journey. This is a severe handicap for the newcomers into the League. Otherwise both teams turned out as on July 24. At the time of the start, which was made punctually, there was a fair ring of spectators, and there was a steady stream of new arrivals. Sykes deputised for Hampshire behind the stumps when Savage opened to Lockwood, who had 28 to his credit. The batsman was anything but comfortable, but survived the over. King took charge of the other end, and all but got rid of Haigh, who was 70, with his first ball. The third ball gave Haigh a 4 to leg, and the fourth beat the batsman. Each batsman scored singles in Savage's second over, Lockwood three and Haigh two.

It is rather a coincidence that in the semi-final Kirkheaton's score was 108 for five.

An off-drive by Lockwood and a couple through the slips were neat strokes, and a 4 to leg by Haigh kept the scorers busy, but in the same over he was caught in the slips. King certainly deserved a wicket, as he had bowled well all through.

Haigh had played attractive cricket for his 60, which included eleven 4's. One hundred and thirty runs for four was quite satisfactory from the "Yettom" point of view. Oakes, who came next, opened with a snick for a single, which should have been a couple, but the batsman was too slow in making his first run. After singles Lockwood reached the off boundary with a very good stroke and then got a single, and Oakes had a lucky snick in the same over, which yielded a couple.

By this time the attendance had largely increased, and there must have been over 2,000 present at 2-30.

At 158 Savage, who had been unable to find a length, gave way to Richardson. With the first ball of his second over the new bowler clean bowled Oakes. In King's following over he bowled Lockwood, who was 3 short of his 50. This made things much better from the Elland point of view.

Senior, who followed, opened with a 4 to leg, but was well taken by Savage at the second slip in the same over.

Hallas opened with a snick between the wicket-keeper and the short-slip, which went for 4. A nice leg-glance to the boundary helped Berry's score along, as did a couple in the same direction. Then he followed with a beautiful drive to the off boundary in the same over. This brought on Savage in King's place, but Berry got the new bowler to the leg boundary in his first over.

THE SECOND CENTURY.

This sent up the second hundred when play to-day had lasted an hour and a quarter. With a ball full on the foot Savage got Berry lbw.

After a period of six maidens Hallas cut Richardson to the boundary, and straight-drove him to the track off successive balls, and also got a single, and Brook also got in a straight drive for 4. Thirteen in one over was a change with a vengeance, and caused King to take the ball from Richardson. The change worked, as a good catch by Richardson at slip sent Brook back. H. Maffin, the last man, survived an appeal for lbw only to fall to a catch at slip off the following ball.

Apart from the batting of Haigh, Lockwood, and a few strokes by Berry Kirkheaton's batting lacked distinction, but 215 was a score that gave the "Yetton" bowlers every encouragement.

King, who came out with excellent figures, bowled steadily all through with not the best of luck. King, who was accompanied by C. Radcliffe, opened the batting to Haigh, and scored a couple through the slips off the first ball, and a single followed. Brook took charge of the chapel end. King got a single, and then in Haigh's second over hit the first two balls beautifully to the off-boundary. The Elland captain then got another 4 from a "snick" from which he might have been out for all he knew. The ball went chest high between first and second slip.

KIRKHEATON

W. Waddington, c Hampshire b King	18
T. Hargreaves, b King	8
H. Sandland, b Richardson	12
H. Haigh, c Savage b King	60
M. Lockwood, b King	47
J. Oakes, b Richardson	11
W. Senior, c Savage b King	4
A. Berry, lbw b Savage	21
M. Hallas, not out	16
J. R. Brook, c Richardson b King	4
H. Maffin, c Richardson b King	0
Extras	20

Total 219

King took seven wickets for 78, Richardson two for 58, and Savage one for 42.

KIRKHEATON WIN.

SUCCESS IN THE POSTPONED SYKES CUP FINAL.

Kirkheaton won the Sykes Cup match at Fartown yesterday by 49 runs, but Elland, their opponents, could only bat ten men owing to the absence of Hampshire their wicket-keeper. Interest was added to the closing stages of the match by the hitting of Smith and the defence of F. Ellis, who put on 48 runs for the last wicket. Details:—

Kirkheaton.—W. Waddington, c Hampshire b King 18; T. Hargreaves, b King 6; H. Sandland, b Richardson 12; H. Haigh, c Savage b King 60; M. Lockwood, b King 47; J. Oakes, b Richardson 11; W. Senior, c Savage b King 4; A. Berry, lbw b Savage 21; M. Hallas, not out 16; J. R. Brook, c Richardson b King 4; H. Maffin, c Richardson b King 0; extras 20;—total 219.

Elland.—O. Radcliffe, b Haigh 21; W. King, b Haigh 54; B. Smith, lbw b Haigh 0; A. L. Richardson, b Haigh 19; P. Savage, run out 6; V. Pitchforth, b Maffin 2; F. Ellis, c Berry b Brook 18; M. Haigh, b Maffin 0; L. Sykes, lbw b Maffin 7; A. Smith, not out 33; extras 10;—total 170.

Haigh took four for 78, and Maffin three for 39.