

# Kitson Injury Blow Too Much For Honley

## Huddersfield's Crawl in Sykes Cup Final

THE Sykes Cup final, it seems, is fated to produce something out of the ordinary, and this year's match, in which Huddersfield won the Cup for the sixth time by beating Honley by seven wickets, will be remembered, not for any outstanding cricket, but for an unfortunate accident to Frank Kitson, Honley's captain-professional-wicketkeeper-leading batsman.

Early in the match Kitson deflected a throw-in on to his left eye. Though he struggled on gamely he had eventually to leave the field, and once off so quickly did the eye puff that the sight was completely blocked and he could not attempt to bat.

It was cruel luck for Honley, for in losing Kitson they lost more than their leading batsman and wicketkeeper. They lost their rallying point, the man who might have seen to it that Huddersfield's suspended total of 113-3 was passed for the loss of few wickets.

For a long time the crowd, which numbered 5,199 and paid £280 7s., did not realise the extent of Kitson's injury and they, like myself, wondered at the

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Honley fielding. The Holme Valley side came to the final with a reputation of missing nothing, yet chance after chance went abegging as Huddersfield's bright opening scoring slowed almost to a stop. Kitson, himself, missed three chances, two catches and one stumping, and it seemed that Cup Final nerves had afflicted the young Honley team.

Then, as with twenty minutes left before tea Kitson handed over to Heeley and came off, the reason for his lapses was plain to see—a swollen, discoloured eye that showed how gallantly he had fought.

Frank Hall, the occasion, I felt, said "take no risk!"

When he was eventually out for 43, immediately after Kitson had gone off, he had batted 141 minutes.

Wade's innings was bright enough, but the Huddersfield batting generally took its tempo from Walker, and at the end of two and half hours there was only 113 on the board.

Honley bowled hard enough, but never with great inspiration. Oldham got some pace but little lift from the wicket, and Hall tantalised with his slows, but probably the best bowling was that of Mellor, who made the ball move smartly across the bat.

Honley's innings was marked by some delightful batting by Quarmby and Mellor, some lusty hitting by Heeley and a stubborn last-wicket stand by Woodward and Oldham.

The start was serious enough for two wickets were down for 4 runs, Wilson and Kinder being bowled by Fielding and Fisher respectively, almost before tea had been masticated.

Then came the Mellor-Quarmby stand. They were not dismayed by the position and dealt with the bad balls summarily, Mellor with a grand cover drive and Quarmby with a more wristy shot off the back foot past point.

They had the fortune that goes

### The Scoreboard

#### HUDDERSFIELD

E Walker	b Green	...	43
H Fisher	c Kitson	b Oldham	12
B Wade	lbw b Hall	...	21
G V England	not out	...	44
M Grindrod	not out	...	18
Extras	...	...	8

Total (for 3 wkts) 146

Fall of wickets: 1-29, 2-59, 3-107.

Bowling: Oldham 16-3-48-1, Green 17.2-2-37-1, Hall 5-0-19-1, Mellor 6-2-24-1, Kinder 3-0-10-0.

#### HONLEY

B Wilson	b Fielding	...	1
R Quarmby	c Fisher	b Eag-land	20
G F Kinder	b Fisher	...	2
R Mellor	b Fielding	...	39
H Heeley	c Brigg	b Fisher	27
D Castle	c Shires	b Fielding	0
P Woodward	c Fielding	b Fisher	22
F Hall	lbw b Fisher	...	6
L Green	c Crowther	b Fisher	8
G Oldham	not out	...	16
F Kitson	absent hurt	...	0
Extras	...	...	4

Total ... .. 145

Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-4, 3-42, 4-78, 5-82, 6-96, 7-102, 8-114, 9-145.

Bowling: Fisher 16.4-0-61-5, Fielding 10-0-56-3, England 7-1-24-1.

### Holden Cup

## Batsmen in Command at Shelley

THE Holden Cup final between Skelmanthorpe and Clayton West at Shelley is developing into a marathon game and will be continued tomorrow evening with Skelmanthorpe 217-6 and Clayton West 150-4.

As with Honley in the Sykes Cup final, Clayton West were handicapped by an illness to their captain and wicketkeeper, W. A. Allott, who played though suffering from severe stomach pains, which affected his play.

J. Kenworthy and N. Kaye had a fine partnership for Skelmanthorpe after a wicket had fallen with only one run on the board. Kaye was eventually caught after making 66, but Kenworthy, given a "life" when 20, batted on until Skelmanthorpe suspended at 155-3.

Clayton West were soon in trouble and lost two quick wickets.

## Walker's Innings

As for the cricket, there was nothing out of the ordinary. Huddersfield began well enough, and Ernest Walker seemed likely to produce one of those bright innings of which he is known to be capable. Yet instead of getting better the longer he stayed the more stodgy he became. He had the good fortune to be given two "lives," yet even this did not help, and he fairly hacked the wicket, sending up showers of earth by many of his "shots." There was none of that free hitting expected from him, and though he often promised it, especially in stepping out to

## Wigan "Sevens"

### Huddersfield Lose to Warrington

**H**UDDERSFIELD, after beating Bradford Northern by 21-0 in the first round of the Wigan Seven-a-side competition at Wigan on Saturday, lost in the semi-final by 5-0 to Warrington.

There was nothing to choose between Huddersfield and Warrington in a keenly contested semi-final. In fact, the Fartowners, if anything, had the better of the play, and it was only a last-minute try by Helme, which Bath improved, that gave Warrington the victory.

Wilson gave a brilliant display of running, after catching Bevan when that player appeared a certain scorer.

Huddersfield had an easy passage into the semi-final, beating Bradford Northern by 21-0. Valentine (2), Wilson (2) and Hughes scored tries, and Anderson kicked three goals.

In the final Warrington were beaten by Salford by 13-11 after they had led by 8-0.

Tonight, Huddersfield are taking part in a seven-a-side competition at Leigh, and their team will be selected from:—

Valentine, Nicholson,  
Hughes, Meek, Banks, Fer-  
guson, Anderson, Wilson.

## Golf

### Combined Union's

to the brave when Quarmby, slashing at Eagland; saw the ball flash through the slips, but when next Quarmby edged the young all-rounder Fisher darted out a hand unconcernedly to take the catch.

"Only Fisher can get Heeley" was a comment I heard in the crowd as Honley's big hitter went out, and so it was, though in the meantime Heeley collected 27 runs by enterprising batting. Setting three men on the boundary edge between long-off and long-on Fisher soon tossed one up to be hit and Heeley duly obliged—with a six! "It's but a matter of time" went the whisper and he eventually skied one to mid-off where Brigg made a neat catch.

Meanwhile Fielding had bowled Mellor with a good delivery that left the Honley man strokeless, and the end seemed in sight at 5-82 and Kitson not batting.

### Stubborn Last-Wicket Stand

Young Woodward, however, was not giving up easily. Green stayed with him until the Huddersfield total was passed, and then Oldham, who makes no claims to batsmanship, stayed in a gallant last-wicket stand that captured the crowd's imagination.

Run by run was added to the number Huddersfield had to get, every one being cheered mightily; Eagland running back and Crowther running forward got in one another's way at a lofted hit off Fisher; and Schofield's catch of Oldham was from an Eagland no-ball before Woodward put one from Fisher into Fielding's hands at long-on, and Huddersfield had 33 to score.

Fisher finished with 5-61.

Heeley again took over Kitson's job as wicketkeeper when Huddersfield batted again, and again used only the wash-leather inners as he had done before. He missed two chances given by Grindrod in the opening over, and that was the end, for slowly the runs were taken, thirty-seven minutes being required for the 33 runs wanted. Eagland competently made 44 not out.

The Cup was presented to Ken Schofield, the Huddersfield captain in the absence of R. E. Haigh, by the Mayor (Ald. D. J. Cartwright).