

ELLAND'S SYKES CUP SUCCESS

HAMMOND AND SYKES TAKE RECOVERY HONOURS.

LODGE'S THRUST CHECKED

Elland won the Sykes Cup for the third time by beating Slaithwaite at Fartown on Saturday by seventy runs, and, in a general sense, their victory confirmed common expectations.

But there was a period when they were in a state of acute distress, a period in which Tom Lodge, the Slaithwaite professional, was taking all before him, and their innings had to be rescued from disaster by their captain, W. S. Hammond, and F. H. Sykes, who weathered the storm and beat down the Slaithwaite bowling to such an extent that they added 143 runs in an unbroken fifth wicket stand.

Fortune was against Slaithwaite when they lost the toss—they have lost it in all this season's Cup-ties—and King and Thornton set off for Elland in a manner which suggested a big opening stand. Lodge, however, upset all these ideas with a deadly spell of bowling which transferred Elland's position from a comfortable one to one of deadly seriousness.

At 41 he had King splendidly caught by the veteran Rooks plow down at short-leg, at 45 he completely beat Thornton with a ball which swung across and took the leg stump, at 50 he beat Drinkwater, who played on to his wicket, and at 57 he disposed of Shaw in precisely the same manner as he had done Thornton. In each of four overs he had taken a wicket, and at that period he had four wickets for 28 in nine overs.

In addition he had also caused Sykes to make one unhappy shot which sent a low chance to the slips, only for the Slaithwaite Sykes to fall in his effort to take it. That error cost Slaithwaite dearly.

PULLING THE GAME ROUND

Such was the position when Hammond, finding himself faced with a similar task to that which was his in the Lascelles Hall final, joined Sykes and, truth to tell, Elland had more moments of discomfort as Lodge kept up his hostile attack from the foot-ball ground end. Twice he went near hitting the wickets again, and his artner, Habbergham, caused Hammond to cock one ball dangerously ear to Lawton, running in from silly mid-on.

But Hammond and Sykes weathered these opening assaults made on them. Moreover, Lodge was tiring and needing a rest. He stayed on to attack all the Elland total had reached 72, and then it was that the Slaithwaite range bowling did not prove sufficiently strong to strike further from its position, the professional had won for his side. Rooks

Not a single six was hit in the course of the match.

THE SCORES

ELLAND

E. W. King	c Rooks	b Lodge	2
T. Thornton	b Lodge		1
W. L. Drinkwater	b Lodge		1
A. Shaw	b Lodge		6
F. H. Sykes	not out		6
W. S. Hammond	not out		6
Extras			2

*Total for 4 wkts. 20x

*Suspended

Fall of wickets 1—41, 2—45, 3—50, 4—57

Bowling: Lodge 15—0—60—4, Habbergham 11—1—50—0, Rooks 6—0—32—0, Jebson 3—0—20—0, Whitham 2—0—15—0

SLAITHWAITE

G. Knight	b Hammond		13
H. Lawton	b Dennis		37
T. Walker	b Dennis		2
G. A. Dawson	lbw b Dennis		20
J. T. Lodge	c Shaw	b Dennis	4
A. Sykes	b Dennis		2
J. Dawson	c King	b Peckover	24
F. Jebson	c Dennis	b Hammond	12
J. Whitham	c Holmes	b Hammond	3
E. Rooks	b Hammond		0
J. Habbergham	not out		6
Extras			7

Total 130

Fall of wickets: 1—23, 2—26, 3—68, 4—74, 5—80, 6—89, 7—121, 8—121, 9—121.

Bowling: Dennis 12—2—38—4, Hammond 9—2—37—4, Sufferland 4—0—18—0, Peckover 7—0—30—1.

The joint collection of Hammond and Sykes realised £18 11s, and a collection for the Red Cross brought in £8 19s.

The official attendance was 5,215, and the receipts £116 5s.

At the close of the match, the cup was presented to the Elland team by Mr. Arthur Hinchcliffe, Huddersfield's representative on the Yorkshire County Committee. The president of the League, Councillor W. H. Bolt, presided, and a vote of thanks to Mr. Hinchcliffe was passed on the motion of the Elland captain, W. S. Hammond, seconded by the Slaithwaite captain, T. Walker, supported by the president of the Huddersfield club, Mr. H. V. Wood.

PADDOCK SHIELD FINAL

Huddersfield Win by Seventeen Runs

The Huddersfield second team won the Paddock Shield at Cojcar on Saturday, beating Broad Oak by the narrow margin of 17 runs, in an interesting and exciting game. The batting of both sides, while never brilliant, was determined, and practically all the players had some share in the respective totals.

For Huddersfield A. Smith stood out with the best performance with 34, while P. Grönow and A. G. Briggs also batted well for 19 and 16 runs.