

SEVERN'S HAT-TRICK IS SHIELD FINAL HIGHLIGHT

THIS week's Crossley Shield final at Barkisland, which produced record receipts of £14 18s 3d, was highlighted by a hat-trick by Stainland all-rounder Trevor Severn. He helped his side to beat Stones by 91 runs (writes Gordon Sampson).

Stainland made 130 in 39 overs on the first night and Stones were out for 39 in only 18 of their allocated overs in 70 minutes on the second evening.

Trevor Severn, who bowled unchanged with Barry Normanton, finished with seven for 15. In successive deliveries, he dismissed left-handed opener and captain, Herbert Hollowell, for ten and Roy Galloway and J. Bridges for "ducks."

Normanton's nine overs produced three wickets at a cost of 19 runs, including two maidens.

Stones never looked likely to achieve their objective, and the only other man to achieve double figures was hard-hitting K. Taylor, who collected 12 runs.

Stainland won the toss and decided to bat on the first night, which was dull and overcast. A notable feature was that in going for the runs, four men were run out.

There were two useful stands. After former Siddal opener A. Lowe had been dismissed for one when he was caught by J. Kenworthy off A. Pollard, John Lewthwaite (25) and C. Noble (29) shared in a second-wicket partnership of 56.

Wickets then started to fall and Stainland found themselves 76 for seven. But Dennis Severn (26) and Leonard Norcliffe (11) put on 35 for the next wicket.

Both players were run out, the others to lose their wickets in this way being Noble and another ex-Siddal player, B. Green, who made five.

Medium-pace man Pollard took four for 52 in 20 overs, including six maidens. Dan Hamer, who has been associated with the club for over 20 years, played his part by collecting two for 45 in ten overs.

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