

## CRICKET.

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP WON BY  
HARTSHEAD MOOR.

Hartshead Moor won the championship of the Bradford section of the Yorkshire Council by a fine victory over Salts (Saltaire) on Saturday. The match was at Saltaire, and the home team opened with L. Hutton, the famous test player, and H. Smith. Hutton looked like making a big score but when he had scored 40 he was dismissed with a brilliant catch taken close in the slips by Wilcock. The drive had considerable force behind it but, with wonderful anticipation, Wilcock succeeded in holding it, R. Walker being the bowler. Another clever catch was taken at the other end by R. Walker. Indeed, the fielding of the Moor was a feature of the match, and had much to do with their success. Salts lost eight wickets for 83 runs, but the last two batsmen added 30 runs. R. Walker and D. Wilcock bowled exceptionally well throughout the innings, and it was not until the last over that H. Walker relieved his namesake and took a wicket with his fourth ball. Wilcock took six wickets for 50 runs in 19 overs, six of which were maidens. Walker also had 19 overs, two were maidens, and he had three wickets for 52 runs.

With such a comparatively small score things looked promising for the visitors, but the wicket was very tricky, and it soon became evident that runs would be difficult to get. Only ten runs were on the board when Norman Brook skied a ball from Hutton into the bowler's safe hands, after scoring eight. Womersley left at 33 after a promising innings of 17. With five wickets down for 53 the match became intensely interesting. Salts were on their toes, and the visitors had to fight hard for every run. Clifford Booth, the Moor captain, set a fine example, and played Hutton with confidence. The next two wickets fell at 66 and 89 respectively, Booth being given out l.b.w. to Hutton after contributing an invaluable 23. T. H. Howarth, a member of the second team, played one of the best innings of his career, batting with confidence and, accepting all the chances Dame Fortune gave him, successfully defied all attempts to dismiss him. Metcalfe took the place of Hutton and bowled Wilcock in his first over. Eight wickets were down, and seven runs needed for victory. H. Walker filled the vacancy, but it was Howarth who did the needful, and with two fine boundary strokes took his side to victory, and carried his not-out total to 34 after one of the best games of the season. Hutton took four wickets for 43 runs in 13 overs. Details:—

Salts: L. Hutton c Wilcock b R. Walker 40; H. Smith c R. Walker b Wilcock 8; B. Henry lbw b R. Walker 0; N. Gilson lbw b Wilcock 4; J. Asquith c Metcalfe b R. Walker 6; W. Metcalfe b Wilcock 0; G. Smith not out 12; B. Smith b Wilcock 7; R. Long c R. Walker b Wilcock 3; H. Wood c Brook b Wilcock 10; S. Rudge st C. Booth b H. Walker 13; extras 10; total 113.

Hartshead Moor: A. R. Womersley c Henry b H. Smith 17; N. Brook c and b Hutton 8; G. Hinchcliffe c Asquith b H. Smith 8; H. H. Booth c and b Hutton 5; C. Booth lbw b Hutton 23; R. Walker b Hutton 0; S. Metcalfe b H. Smith 5; T. H. Howarth not out 34; D. Wilcock b Metcalfe 6; H. Walker not out 1; extras 11; total (for eight wickets) 118.

CENTRAL YORKSHIRE LEAGUE.

FINAL TABLE

HARTSHEAD MOOR CRICKET CLUB.,  
 1ST XI SEASON 1940.  
 WINNERS OF BRADFORD SECTION YORKSHIRE COUNCIL.



W. F. Wood, J. H. Spencer, W. Booth, L. H. Howarth, W. H. Midgley, H. Walker, S. Metcalf, A. Barber, G. W. Syrett,  
TREAS. SCORER CHAIRMAN & COMM. SEC.  
 D. Wilcock, A. K. Womersley, E. Booth, G. Hinchcliffe, H. H. Booth,  
CAPT.  
 K. Walker, N. Brook.