

BATLEY AND BIRSTALL NOTES AND COMMENTS.

GRAND PERFORMANCE BY BATLEY.

(By King-Crow.)

From football to cricket is a pretty sudden jump, but so long as it has to be taken it is as well to feel as cheerful about it as possible under the circumstances. I mean no offence to our great summer pastime, for I am certain that none will suffer from a few months' attention to the bat and ball, and the donkey of the men in flannels. Batley opened their season on Saturday with a game with Morley at Mount Pleasant. This season, by the way, should prove a very unique one so far as Batley is concerned, for besides the fact that the league has been knocked on the head, Batley have been very unkindly, and, if I may say so, very unwisely debarred from taking part in the Heavy Woolen Cup Competition.

Morley turned up with only nine men and were accordingly wiped out in the space of a very short time. By the way, it was a very poor compliment to the Batley club to send such a rag of a team, especially seeing that more than ordinary interest was evinced in the meeting consequent upon the trouble that ensued in connection with last season's cup final. However, the Batley bowlers did to work in earnest and cleared out the opposition for 17 runs, there being four wickets for and Joe Wilson four for none. On the home side taking up the bat, Joe Greenwood was run out for four, Tom Fox bowled for three and the batsmen, but the veteran, Abe Farrar, added up 14, and with Hodgson not out, three runs extra, the total reached 25 for four wickets, and the game came to an end.

In the second innings at Morley there was a remarkable falling with the bat. The batsmen went in first and not one of the bunch could make double figures, and the lot was disposed of for 34, the old original Burns being top scorer with eight. When Morley went in W. K. J. bowled immediately commenced a game of skittles, for

AND PASTIMES.

TICKET.

...ered with the matches played of the games were stopped, they were abandoned at 10.15. afternoon, and these rendered a unit for play.

...ed their initial match against District at Wash-on-le-earne by an innings and 12 runs. ...ab in their first innings and got rid of for 18 and 12. In ...Hugh secured 10 wickets for 26, and Wainwright 2 for 9. ...Coddley took 3 wickets for 24. Hirst 2 for 10, Hinchl 1, and Wainwright 1 for 16.

...a visit from Morley, at whose ...ed an easy victory. The visit- ...line men, were dismissed for ...ey responded with 22 for 4 ...en Savie and Chickensly Beck- ...asset, Staincliffe and King ...nd Halden Green, and Brigg- ...ery all left drawn.

BRIEF JOTTINGS.

...y the keeper.) ...ame would have resulted from ...ville and Chickensly, at Savie ...been for the unfavourable wea- ...ters fell just after noon, and in ...spectators attended. The sun ...out, but in vain, and although ...able to complete their innings, ...d the game being played out.

...e first represented at the wickets ...d J. Nilson. These two made ... Preston contributing 13, and ...remaining batsmen could do little ...ew of Tenny and Woodhead, the ...ing at 36, and five men hitting ...ly secured 6 wickets, and Wood- ...commenced their innings, and ...scored 4 for the loss of 1 wicket ...all.

...rlands and Dewsbury Moor eighth ...borough to competition with the ...District League. The ground, ...suit for play, and the rain was

very quickly five batsmen had fallen to his bowling for one run. As on the previous stand at seven wickets for five runs, the rain robbed the Batley second of victory.

I have not been able to trace a report of the Birstall and Castleford match which should have been played at Castleford, and there is evidence that it was abandoned owing to the wind and weather.

The meeting of Birstall Mount Top and Birstall Wesleyans in fine weather would have created a lively interest in the thriving little town. The game took place on the Wesleyans' ground, and the Mount Top brigade won very comfortably. The home eleven went in first and ran up 26 with one a single double figure contribution, this no doubt being due to the fine bowling of W. Blakeley, who took seven wickets for 17 runs, and W. Stainthorpe, whose record was one over and one maiden, no runs, and three wickets. That's a bowling for you! When Mount Top went in at second's as though whether rapid slaughter was about to take place, for that is the only position he many runs, but this left J. Aylward and S. Farrand in partnership, and they made the victory secure, the former scoring 15 and the latter seven.

I shall be glad to receive reports of matches played in the Batley and Birstall districts to be included in this column. To insure insertion, the matter should reach the "Reporter" office, Batley, not later than Monday noon each week.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

BATLEY V. MORLEY.

At Batley: Morley had only three men.

Morley		Batley	
L. Greenwood, c Gale b Wilson	8	J. Greenwood, run out	4
D. Mendenhall, st Gale b Wilson	0	T. Fox, b Greenwood	3
J. B. Stainthorpe, b Hinchl	1	E. S. Gale, b Greenwood	0
A. Hinchliffe, c & b Wilson	0	A. Farrand, b Wainwright b Greenwood	14
W. Stainthorpe, b Wainwright	0	T. Hodgson, not out	3
W. Kinnear, b Hinchl	1		
A. Hinchliffe, not out	4		
L. Leach, b Stainthorpe	0		
Wilson, c	0	Extra	1
Total	17	Total for 4 wickets	25

DEWSBURY V. CHICKENLEY.

DEWSBURY		CHICKENLEY	
L. Preston, c Lend b Penny	13	J. Kitson, c Brooke b Penny	8
H. Hargreaves, b Hill b Penny	6	H. Senior, c Higgins b Penny	5
J. Hiley, c Hinchliffe b Woodhead	2	J. Beaumont, c and b Penny	0
T. Springer, b Woodhead	0	W. Hall, c Woodhead b Penny	1
A. Hinchliffe, b Woodhead	0	C. Farrot, b Woodhead	0
C. Farrot, b Woodhead	0	A. Appleward, not out	0
A. Appleward, not out	0	Extras	0
Total	20	Total	14

Dewsbury - D. Glover, not out 7. H. Hill, b Hill 9. Total for 1 wicket, 14.

Morley Parish Church, 50; *Dewsbury Salem, 24 for 6.1; Gawthorpe Old School, 49; *Gawthorpe Congregational, 20 for 6. Dewsbury Temperance, 36; Chickensly Heath Club, 37 for 6. Mirfield Parish Church, 93; *Hopton Mills, 29 for 3. Hlowebury St. Matthew's, 78; Hopton Congregational, 15 for 4. Mirfield P.S.A., 21; *Thornhill Edge, 24 for 9. Newark Moor, 32; Mirfield Rangers, 23 for 7.

Second Elevens.

*Chickensly Heath Church, 81; Dewsbury Temperance, 21 for 2. Dewsbury Parish Church, 82 for 5 (declared); Dewsbury Friends, 20. *Mirfield P.S.A., 27; Thornhill Edge, 29 for 9. *Hopton Congregational, 53; Dewsbury St. Matthew's, 36 for 6. *Gawthorpe Old School, 21; Gawthorpe Congregational, 9. *Mirfield Parish Church, 84; Dewsbury, Salem, 3 for 1.

On grounds of clubs marked *

REGULATED BY AND INCLUDING SATURDAY, APRIL 25th

A DIVISION.

FIRST ELEVEN.

Club	F	W	L	D	Pts
Morley Parish Church	4	3	0	1	7
Dewsbury Parish Church	4	5	0	1	7
Chickensly Heath Church	4	2	0	2	6
Dewsbury Salem	5	1	0	2	4
Birstall Parish Church	4	0	2	2	4
Dewsbury Friends	4	2	1	1	3
Gawthorpe Congregational	4	0	2	2	2
Gawthorpe Old School	5	0	5	2	1
Dewsbury Temperance	4	0	4	1	1

SECOND ELEVEN.

Club	F	W	L	D	Pts
Chickensly Heath Church	4	2	0	2	6
Gawthorpe Old School	5	5	2	0	11
Dewsbury Parish Church	4	2	1	1	11
Gawthorpe Congregational	4	2	1	1	11
Dewsbury Temperance	3	1	1	1	11
Morley Parish Church	4	1	1	1	11
Dewsbury Friends	4	1	1	2	11
Gawthorpe Congregational	3	0	1	1	11
Birstall Parish Church	4	0	5	1	11

*Dewsbury Friends 2 points deducted, and added to Birstall Parish, owing to the former playing ineligible men on April 24th, contrary to Rule 3.

B DIVISION.

FIRST ELEVEN.

Club	F	W	L	D	Pts
Thornhill Edge	3	2	0	0	8
Hopton Mills	3	1	1	0	6
Dewsbury St. Matthew's	3	2	0	0	6
Mirfield Rangers	3	0	0	1	6
Mirfield Parish Church	3	0	1	1	5
Hopton Congregational	1	0	0	0	2
Grange Moor	1	0	0	2	2
Mirfield P.S.A.	5	0	0	0	0

SECOND ELEVEN.

Club	F	W	L	D	Pts
Hopton Congregational	3	1	0	2	4
Mirfield Parish Church	2	1	1	0	4
Thornhill Edge	3	3	1	0	10
Mirfield P.S.A.	2	0	1	1	4
Dewsbury St. Matthew's	2	0	1	1	4
Mirfield Rangers	0	0	0	0	0

DEWSBURY JUNIOR CLUBS' ALLIANCE.

Scores on Saturday, April 25th. First Elevens.

Netherton v. Emley, Wakefield 2nd vs Birt

BATLEY AND DISTRICTS CRICKET LEAGUE.

Birstall Mount Top West v. Birstall Gospel Hall, 7-0. General West View v. Birstall General Grove, 1-0.

Batley Carr Church v. Birstall General West View, 1-0. Birstall Westleyans v. Birstall Mount Top West, 1-0.

White Lee v. Batley Carr Church, 1-0. Birstall Gospel Hall v. Livingstone Mills, 1-0. General Grove v. General, 1-0.

Birstall Westleyans v. Birstall Gospel Hall, 1-0. Birstall Westleyans v. White Lee, 1-0. Birstall Mount Top West v. Birstall Westleyans, 1-0.

Batley Carr Church v. Birstall General Grove, 1-0. Birstall West View v. Birstall General Grove, 1-0. Birstall Mount Top West v. Birstall Westleyans, 1-0.

Batley Carr Church v. Birstall Gospel Hall, 1-0. Livingstone Mills v. Birstall Westleyans, 1-0. White Lee v. General, 1-0.

General West View v. Birstall Gospel Hall, 1-0. Birstall Mount Top West v. General Grove, 1-0. White Lee v. Birstall Westleyans, 1-0.

Batley Carr Church v. Birstall Westleyans, 1-0. White Lee v. Birstall Westleyans, 1-0. Birstall Westleyans v. General, 1-0. Livingstone Mills v. General, 1-0.

Livingstone Mills v. Birstall Gospel Hall, 1-0. White Lee v. Birstall Westleyans, 1-0. General Grove v. Birstall Westleyans, 1-0.

Batley Carr Church v. Birstall Westleyans, 1-0. Birstall Mount Top West v. Birstall Westleyans, 1-0. General West View v. Birstall Westleyans, 1-0.

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NETHERTON

May 6 - Emley 13 - Birstall 50 - Netherton 23 - Birstall 27 - Original 3 - Keston