

CRICKET.

THE AUSTRALIANS v. EIGHTEEN OF BATLEY AND DISTRICT.

This match was commenced on the Batley ground on Monday. Although the weather was very unfavourable, some 2,000 persons assembled. The Australians won the toss and elected to bat, resulting in C. Hanserman and Midwinter at about a quarter to one o'clock. At that time five or six of the Eighteens had not put in an appearance, their places being taken by substitutes in brown cloth and boots (without spikes). A. Champion, the Batley professional, opened from the Bailey or pavilion and to Midwinter, who got a single off his second ball. Ackroyd, of Hylkessing, bowled from the other end, and Midwinter also got him away for a single. Each bowler having sent up a maiden, Midwinter got another single from Champion, and drove Ackroyd twice successively to the off each for a brace. Seven maidens and then Midwinter obtained another single from Ackroyd by a neat cut, and Hanserman, after a maiden from Champion, scored his first run by nicking the same bowler also for a single, which, with a bye, sent him up on the scoreboard. Hansman very slowly, neither batsman being able to get hold of Champion, who was well on, and backed up by the state of the wicket. After three more maidens the captain of the Batley team, I. Hill, took the ball from Ackroyd. His first over yielded two singles, and Midwinter scored a single from each of the succeeding three overs. Then there was a weary succession of eight maidens, and then, with the score at 16, Allan Hill, who was one of the substitutes when play began, was put on vice Hill, at the Moley end. Hanserman got a single from his first over, and after a maiden from the other man, Midwinter also got him to leg for a single. Hill then again went on vice Champion and after a couple of maidens Hanserman got two singles out of the next two overs, and Midwinter drove Hill for a brace and a single and cut Hill late also for a couple. Hill then took the ball from Hill, and Hanserman got him away for a single. After two more maidens rain came on and the ball sang for lunch. It continued to rain heavily for the next hour. When play was resumed Hill opened the bowling. Hanserman got him away for a single, and Midwinter cut Sykes and put him to leg for a couple each. Off the second ball from Hill's next over Hanserman was caught at short skip by Champion. (One for 2.) T. Horan finished the over, but rain again came on, and play was suspended for more than an hour, by which time the wicket was a quagmire. However, at about a quarter past four o'clock it began to clear up and another attempt was made. Midwinter placed Sykes for a single and did the same with Hill, while Horan also got a single off Hill and put Sykes to leg for 2. This brought on another change, for when Hill had sent up a maiden Champion took the ball from Sykes. In his first over Horan cut him for a brace and, Champion having bowled a no ball, sent 40 up. From this bowler's next over Horan got a drive for 3 and Midwinter contributed a single from the two next overs. But the first ball of Hill's next, a beauty, took his balls. (Two for 45.) Murdoch finished the over, and then followed seven maidens. At last Murdoch, who, by the way, had been struck repeatedly by the ball, got a couple of singles. Three more maidens and Murdoch cut Champion for a single, sending 50 up. After Hill had bowled another maiden, Hill went on again instead of Champion, and four more maidens were sent up. Then Horan got a single off Hill and nicked Hill for 2. Four more overs without a run, and the next only yielded a single to Murdoch. The batsmen were evidently wearing out the patience of the bowlers, for Ackroyd was now put on to give Hill a rest, and he began with a maiden. Then Horan broke the monotony by a splendid drive to the on from Hill, right over the heads of the crowd. Then Murdoch slipped Ackroyd for a single, got Hill to leg for two, and nicked him for a single. Ackroyd sent up a maiden, and then with the score at 52 Hill went on again, vice Hill, and bowled a maiden. Then Murdoch cut Ackroyd for a couple, and, owing to an overthrow, was run for a bye. Hill put down another maiden, and Horan cut Ackroyd late for a single, slipped Hill neatly for a brace, and drove him for a single, and finished the break by nicking Ackroyd beautifully for a couple. Murdoch also got a single from Hill's next over. After this there was another succession of eight maidens, and Stocks, who had been at the wicket, went on at the Moley end to bowl seven vice Ackroyd, his place being taken by Popplestone. Murdoch began by cutting the new bowler for a single, and the last ball of Hill's next he cut for a brace. Each bowler sent up a maiden, and then Horan got Stocks to leg for a single, and Murdoch did the same for a couple, sending 60 up. Hill put on another maiden, and another change was made. Hill went on vice Stocks, to bowl underhand. Murdoch got him for a single, and then play ceased for the day.

This match, which had been postponed from Monday owing to the bad weather, was continued on Wednesday. The weather was still unfavourable, showers falling at intervals, and consequently the spectators were not so numerous as on the first day. At a quarter to one o'clock Horan and Murdoch, the set outs of Monday, resumed their places at the wicket. The former maintained his ground to the close of the innings, after showing some capital defence, and when the last man went in he was bowled by Hill, having contributed 50 in excellent style. Murdoch, by careful play, added 7 to his score on Monday, and was then caught at long skip by Sykes. A Hanserman, who succeeded him, unfortunately hit his wicket, and had to retire. Garrett commenced batting in the form, and sent the ball twice over the boundary for 4. He also made three singles, when he was directly bowled by Hill. Batley was disposed of by the same bowler for 2, and Boyle was despatched by Smith for a cipher. Allan batted carefully for his 18. At the conclusion of the innings the telegraph registered 160. The analysis of the bowling is as follows:

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
Champion	29	30	13	0
Ackroyd	24	14	16	0
Hill	11.2	12	27	1
Hill	89	44	44	5
Sykes	6	1	10	1
Smith	27	9	21	3
Stocks	3	1	4	0

Champion and Ackroyd each bowled one "no ball," and Smith bowled two wickets.

Batley then went in, but none of them made a long stand against the bowling and falling of their opponents, and about a quarter past five o'clock, with the score at 59, rain came down freely, and the match ended very unamicably in a draw. The following is the score:

THE AUSTRALIANS.		THE EIGHTEEN.	
C. Hanserman, c Champion b Hill	4	L. Stocks, b Batley	10
W. Midwinter, b Hill	28	H. Hapthman, run out	10
T. Horan, b Hill	50	J. Taylor, c Horan b Midwinter	9
W. Murdoch, c Swire b Smith	24	C. Easley, b Hill	9
A. Hanserman, b Hill b Smith	1	A. Ackroyd, c Midwinter b Boyle	8
T. Garrett, b Hill	11	B. Sykes, c Horan b Boyle	8
G. R. Batley, b Hill	5	S. Hill, c Boyle b Midwinter	3
H. F. Boyle, c Swire b Smith	6	S. Smith, c Horan b Midwinter	3
W. Smith	6	W. Shaw, c Horan b Boyle	1
F. Allan, at Stocks's Hall	18	H. Chappell, c Gregory b Boyle	1
J. Blackburn, lbw b Sykes	1	D. Swire, not out	0
D. Gregory, not out	3		
Extras	13		
Total	160	Total	69

To bat: A. Farrer, H. D. Smith, G. Osborn, A. Hopkinson, and A. Champion.

The analysis of the bowling is as follows:

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
Garrett	7	3	9	0
Boyle	28	10	37	2
Batley	9	5	12	0
Midwinter	14	7	8	2