HEAVY WOOLLEN CUP.

CLECKHEATON'S FINE VICTORY.

Cleckheaton were at home to Ossett in the second round of the Heavy Woollen Cup, and although Ossett were regarded as having a good chance of winning the cup Cleckheaton beat them by three wickets. Owing to the rain it was not possible to start the game until 4.30 and at some periods play was slow and uninteresting. Ossett, who had first use of the wicket, opened carefully, Greenwood, one of their opening batsmen, scoring 22 out of his 28 runs in singles. The first wicket fell at 25 and the second at 31. L. Dews livened things up a bit by scoring 16 in three scoring hits—two sixes and a four before being caught by Weatherall off Garthwaite. G. Dews was top scorer with 29, four fours being included in the total. When Ossett finished their innings after seven o'clock they had 147 runs to their credit. Joe Hirst bore the brunt of the attack, bowling 17 overs and taking five wickets for 36 runs (three maidens). Garthwaite had three for 57 in 12, Burnhill one for 14 in three (one maiden) and Deadman one for 21 in 8.6 (two maidens). It was 7.25 when Cleckheaton went out to bat, but so well did they set about their task that they had won by nine o'clock. Barraclough and Preston quickly got to work and put on 73 runs for the first wicket when Preston was caught by G. Dews off Greenwood for an excellent 41, which included six fours and a six Barraclough continued to bat steadily, and when the winning hit was scored he had 52 to his credit and was still at the wicket, seven fours being included in his score. A. Walker and A. Weatherall each added 17, the former scoring three fours and the latter four, the winning hit coming with three wickets in hand. Armitage took four for 36 in ten overs (one maiden). Greenwood one for 17 in one, Fozard one for 31 in five and Armitage one for 46 in seven.

OSSETT.

R Greenwood st Lightowler b Garthwaite	28
A Guest c Wood b Hirst	19
F Fozard c Lightowler b Hirst	3
E Varley c Preston b Garthwaite	10
L Dews c Weatherall b Garthwaite	16
G Dews b Burnhill	29
L Armitage b Hirst	15
C Barker c Holmes b Hirst	5
B Armitage c Holmes b Hirst	3
J C Brooke not out	11
O Bettley c Holmes b Deadman	2
Extras	6
Total	—147

CLECKHEATON.

H Barraclough not out	52
F Preston c G Dews b Greenwood	41
A Walker lbw b B Armitage	17
E Holmes b L Armitage	4
R Wood b L Armitage	0
A Weatherall c Bettley b L Armitage	17
J Lightowler c and b Fozard	2
J Hirst b L Armitage	3
J Burnhill not out	4
Extras	8
Total for seven wickets	—149

SCHOLES IN CUP SEMI-FINAL.

Cleckheaton Win The Heavy Woollen Cup.

Decisive Victory Over Scholes.

After having been in three previous finals, Cleckheaton won the Heavy Woollen Cup for the first time by a decisive victory over Scholes, on the Hartshead Moor ground, on Saturday. The game was full of interest and very open until it was evident that the Scholes batsmen were not rising to the occasion, and once the Cleckheaton bowling got on top it was only a matter of time before victory was theirs.

Cleckheaton had first use of the wicket and opened cautiously, but only four runs were on the board when Berraclough played on from Walker, after scoring [illegible]. The total had been increased to 38 when A. Walker, who, up to then, had been batting very well, made a wild stroke at a ball from Burnett and was well beaten. Before any addition had been made to the total Preston was bowled by Walker for 19.

A further sensation followed, for with the total still at 38 a brilliant one-handed catch by Robinson, in the slips off Sykes, dismissed Holmes before he had scored. Weatherall was bowled by Walker for a single and half the side were out for 44. Lightowler came to the rescue and played magnificently for his 38 when he was run out as the result of a smart piece of fielding. This was most unfortunate for the batsman and also for his side, and, in this connection, a fine sporting gesture on the part of Burnhill deserves placing on record. In the temporary confusion which followed the breaking of the wicket it might have been open to question as to whether the batsmen had crossed before someone was run out.

A CORRECT DECISION.

Burnhill, who was in with Lightowler at the time, was running to the pavilion when he was sent back by the umpire and Lightowler was the man to leave, a perfectly correct decision which no one questioned, but apparently Burnhill desired to give his club mate the benefit of any doubt, if there should be any. After playing a bright innings of 12 Burnhill was smartly caught by Lee, off Walker, and soon after the Cleckheaton innings closed for 112. H. Walker bore the brunt of the Scholes attack and bowled remarkably well, finishing up with five for 30 in 15.1 overs, one of which was a maiden. Sykes also bowled well, taking three for 43 in 13 overs. The only other bowler was Burnett who had six overs, 32 runs being scored off him.

When Scholes opened their innings the large "gate" settled down to what appeared would be an interesting finish. Lee and Hargreaves opened confidently enough and took the total to 14 before the first wicket fell, but when the second man was out with only 20 runs on the board, things began to look favourable for Cleckheaton. Burnhill brought off a fine catch off Deadman to dismiss Hargreaves for nine. Asquith was bowled by Deadman for 10, the highest score of his side, and Robinson was beaten by Hirst for five, four wickets being down for 31.

FINE UNDERSTANDING.

The next five wickets were brought about as the result of a fine understanding between the bowlers and fielders, four being taken in the slips off Hirst and in three instances Berraclough was the fielder. This slip "trap" has served Cleckheaton well on several occasions this season, and it never worked more effectively than it did on Saturday, the Scholes players seeming quite unable to escape it. Joe Hirst took the fullest advantage of his chances and bowled magnificently, on two occasions he had two wickets with two successive balls but each time he missed the "hat" trick.

After a "life," Herbert Smedley played a gallant innings, carrying out his bat for eight, but none of the other remained long, and, after a disappointing display, the Scholes innings closed for 45. Hirst and Deadman bowled unchanged throughout the innings, Hirst took six wickets for 35 runs in 11 overs (two maidens) and Deadman four for nine in 10.7 (five maidens).

88-YEAR-OLD ENTHUSIAST.

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88-YEAR-OLD ENTHUSIAST.

The cup was presented to J. Burnhill, the Cleckheaton captain, by Mr. Edwin Hayes, who, at 88 years, is one of the oldest cricket enthusiasts in the district. He, certainly, is the only man living who took an active part in framing the first rules of the cup competition in 1883.

In asking Mr. Hayes to perform this duty, Mr. G. Blackburn, the treasurer, referred to Mr. Hayes's long association with the Heckmondwike club, of which he was a former president, and his interest in that competition and cricket generally.

Mr. Hayes, who was received with loud applause, said as a lover of cricket he regarded it as a great honour to have been asked by the cup committee to perform that very pleasing duty. They were very fortunate in having had such a fine day. (Hear, hear.)

Reference had been made to the fact that he was one of the first to be associated with the competition for that cup. During the 56 years it had been in existence the standard of cricket had improved considerably, and, during that time, it had also resulted in many friendships having been created. This was a very good thing, and it had helped to make the game more pleasant.

HELPING CHARITIES.

In addition to these advantages the competition had been the means of raising a large sum of money for the different charities in the Heavy Woollen area. This had been put to a good purpose in helping the sick and those who had been unfortunate in various way. This had only been possible by the assistance of the players and the support of the spectators.

He had the greatest pleasure in presenting the cup to Mr. Burnhill and in wishing him and his club every success in the future. In Mr. Hirst, they had an old bowler with a wonderful record. (Loud applause.) He hoped all who had taken part in that game would have long life and enjoy the game for many years. (Applause.)

Mr. J. Burnhill, who was received with renewed cheers, said that was one of the proudest moments of his life for at long last one of his childhood ambitions had been realised.

SPLENDID SUPPORT.

He thanked the members of his team for the splendid support they had given him throughout the season, they were a splendid lot of fellows, both on and off the field. He also thanked the general committee, and particularly the selection committee, for the hard work they had put in and the efforts they had made to bring about that success.

As far as Scholes were concerned, he knew from past experience how they felt and on behalf of the Cleckheaton club he offered them their sincere condolences. (Applause.)

Mr. W. Burnett, Scholes captain, who had previously congratulated Mr. Burnhill on the success of his team, said he was very sorry Scholes had lost and went on laughingly to add he wished Scholes had made a better show, they somehow seemed to get into finals and then fail at the last minute. (Laughter and applause.)

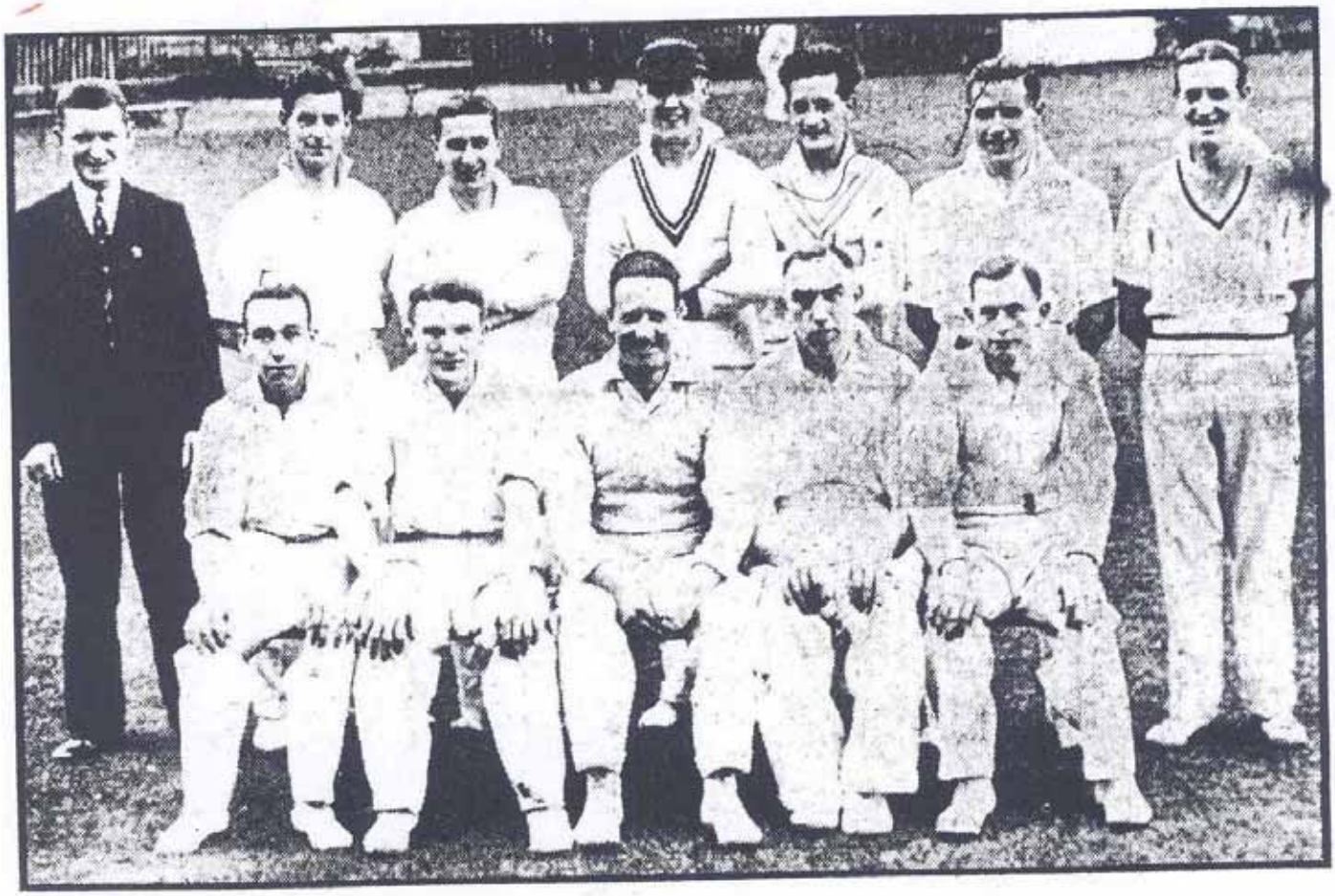
Mr. A. Brearley, secretary of the committee, thanked Mr. Hayes for having presented the cup. He also expressed the thanks of the committee to the Hartshead Moor club for the excellent arrangements they had made for the final.

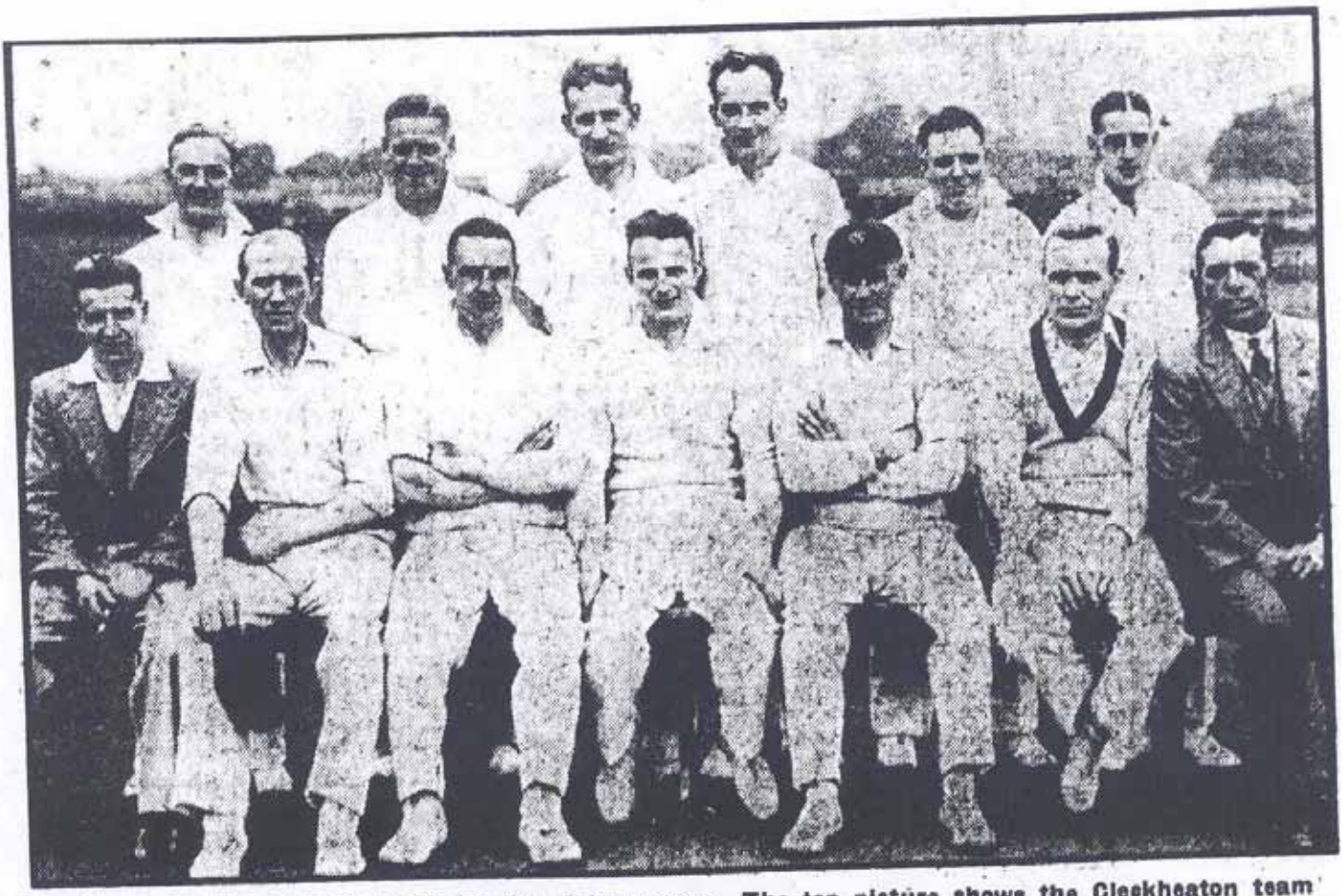
Mr. Hayes said he had enjoyed every minute of the time he had spent in connection with cricket.

The "gate" taking were £35 2s. 3d. A word of praise is due to Mr. Arthur Brearley, secretary of the cup committee, for the excellent arrangement he made. He was well supported by Mr. G. Blackburn, treasurer of the cup committee, and officials and members of the Hartshead Moor club, who spared no pains to make the event a success. The women's committee again made excellent arrangements for catering.

As usual, the club were fortunate in the number of voluntary workers who assisted there and, at the conclusion, repelling an Monday, thanks were tendered to all, and further [illegible]

HEAVY WOOLLEN CUP FINALISTS.





The Heavy Woollen Cup final will be played to-morrow. The top picture shows the Cleckheaton team and the second one Scholes.