

Cup 'favourites' beaten

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For the first time, Mirfield will have their name inscribed on the Heavy Woollen District cup, and nobody who saw the final at Savile Town on Saturday will begrudge them the right.

For they were a better team on the day's play than Hanging Heaton, whose bid to achieve the double of league and cup winners was foiled quite unexpectedly.

Mirfield had a discouraging start, but they plodded on taking three hours to reach 110 for five wickets, and while most of the spectators, at least in the earlier stages of Hanging Heaton's reply, anticipated that the game would run into a second day, the league leaders crumbled as their bid ended at 81.

This was a final which was patchy, at times dull, at other times thrilling, but the crowd who paid £81 to see it had their money's worth.

PEACOCK — ON THE GREEN!

Mirfield opened with Brook and Peacock on a wicket which was a little green, but soon became tame, and the start was a shock for Mirfield. Haigh and Nicholson opened the bowling, and with the total at one, Brook was caught by J. Smith off Haigh, and at four, Grace was bowled by Nicholson. But then Peacock and Rigg settled down. Both had some uneasy moments and Peacock was lucky to see a sharp chance behind the wicket get away and he also survived an appeal for lbw. But despite bowling changes,

Haigh and Nicholson having a turn at each end and Kilvington also being brought on, this pair, very slowly, but surely, put Mirfield into a stronger position. Peacock was the first to go, getting his leg in front of a delivery by Haigh, but he had made 48 out of the 64 on the board. Rigg followed at 76, of which his share was a very useful 23, and although the pair had certainly taken their time over run getting, they had worn the edge off the Hanging Heaton attack, and also it might be said, off the fielding, which started keenly, but seemed to lose some of its sparkle as the pair "dug in." Ellis and Hodgson continued the good work, although Hodgson was missed by McNair and Ellis was credited with a five as the result of an overthrow when Hanging Heaton were getting somewhat "rattled" as their opponents pushed up their score.

RAIN

But even when tea was taken with Mirfield 110 for 5, Hanging Heaton were not really discouraged for the wicket seemed capable of yielding many runs.

A sharp shower of rain might have had some effect on the wicket, but surely not enough to have

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