

Todmorden

ACCOMPLISH "DOUBLE"
FIRST TIME IN CLUB HISTORY.

After Twelve Hour Marathon
Final.

CENTURY-MAKER CROWTHER IN BIG
STAND WITH DAWSON.

On Tuesday, after a marathon final with Haslingden at Turf Moor, Burnley, had lasted nearly twelve hours and a half, Todmorden finished champions of the Lancashire League. They had already won the Worsley Cup and thus accomplished the "double" for the first time in the club's history. This feat had previously been accomplished twice, by Bacup and three times by Nelson.

Play began last Saturday and a two days match had originally been arranged but a third day was necessary, in spite of which Todmorden batted only once, whereas Haslingden were twice dismissed, for an aggregate of 340. Todmorden thus won by an innings—and 71 runs. Gate receipts totalled £303 14s. 11d.

Todmorden's total of 411 is the highest total in the history of the league, previous best being 403 for 9 by Nelson against Lowerhouse in a Worsley Cup tie in 1928. The feature of the game was a magnificent third wicket stand of 176 by John Crowther, who made a brilliant and chameleonic century, and Harold Dawson, who scored 89. Crowther then took five wickets for 32.

This third wicket stand by Crowther and Dawson must be a record for Todmorden. It was the third century of Crowther's career and it is worthy of note that his first (103 not out) was made at Turf Moor against Burnley in 1935. He made his other (117) last season as professional for Millom.

For Haslingden Headley scored a half century in each innings and H. Holden scored 80 in the second innings.

Headley Gives Haslingden Good Start.

The weather could not have been more beautiful for a day in September than it was last Saturday; the sun shone beneficently from an azure sky and it was not until six o'clock that one began to feel a little of the chill of an autumn evening.

On arrival at Turf Moor at one o'clock there was only a handful of spectators but in the next half-hour cricket enthusiasts from all parts of the area of the League rolled on in hundreds, and when play began at 1.30 most if not all of the seating accommodation had become occupied.

After the two captains had inspected the

Cricketers' Break Records.

The attendance was officially given as 8,000, gate receipts totalling £703 14s. 11d. Collections for Headley and Crowther amounted to £12 8s. 6d. and £11 0s. 0d. respectively.

Great Batting By Crowther And Dawson.

The weather was dull and threatening on Monday but soon kept off well and there was a dull afternoon's cricket. Gate receipts amounted to £12 8s. 6d. 2,729 people paying for admission.

Play began at 1.30 and there was a thrill in the first over when Headley, standing by the stumps, hit a single, and Crowther, after a lead of 100, made 100. Crowther's first century was made in the first over when Headley, standing by the stumps, hit a single, and Crowther, after a lead of 100, made 100. Crowther's first century was made in the first over when Headley, standing by the stumps, hit a single, and Crowther, after a lead of 100, made 100.

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CATCHES DROPPED.

When 200 appeared at three o'clock, after 183 minutes, the new ball was demanded and the pace bowlers, Crawshaw and Brierley, returned. With the total 212, Dawson when 75, was dropped behind the wicket by Aldred off Brierley, in whose net over Crowther offered his first chance—he was then 132 and was dropped at first slip by Tattersall.

A fifth bowler in Crawshaw was called upon at 227, but it was Brierley who broke the partnership by getting Dawson caught at the wicket. In two hours and a half Dawson and Crowther had put on 176 for the third wicket. Dawson's 89 included ten fours.

Sutcliffe joined Crowther and after a quiet start began to get out. When 20 he lifted Bonner to leg and Headley jumped in the air and caught the ball but could not prevent one foot from slipping over the edge of the boundary. Sutcliffe apparently thought he had been adjudged out but Headley very sportingly reassured him on the matter.

Crowther's long and glorious innings came to a close at 294, when he was adjudged low to Bonner. He had batted three hours and fifty minutes, and his 144 included fourteen boundaries. One run later Sutcliffe was caught on the drive. Crowther, by the way, received a telegram from Sid. Hird, Barnbottom's professional, which stated: "Hearty congratulations on your magnificent double. Best of luck today."

HARD LINES, MARTIN!

Fiddling scored a boundary off Bonner to bring up 300 after just under four hours. He then hit Crawshaw over the ring but had the misfortune to break his wicket in making the stroke. The interval was taken at 4.50 with Todmorden's score 321.

After tea Ashworth and Martin batted

When Smith returned to the attack at the football end Headley despatched him to the boundary—the second four of the innings to make his individual score 25 after an hour.

The century appeared at 3.20 when Headley hit Smith to leg for two. Hereabouts Holden gave two possible chances; when 41 Smith might have caught and batted him, while at 48 Scott dropped him although leg from the first ball sent up by Sutcliffe. With the score 110, Holden rejected his first fifty of the season, and then, when 57, he had another narrow escape. He deflected Crowther only just short of Ashworth's point.

SUCCESS AT LAST.

Headley completed his fifty with the total 132 after he had been batting 115 minutes, and 110 had been put on. Success at last came Todmorden's way; Maguire, in his sixteenth over, bowled Holden with the total 139, the product of 183 minutes. The players then left the field for refreshments.

When the innings was continued at a quarter to five Haslingden lost four wickets in fifteen minutes. Headley, who had hit only one boundary in a stay of two hours and a quarter, was caught at the wicket in Smith's second over; Whitaker was caught in Mr. Causley's leg trap from a ball which creased up, while Brierley and Leas were dismissed by Smith in one over.

The seventh wicket defied the attack for twenty minutes, whereupon Haslingden collapsed, the last four wickets then fell in twenty five minutes, two of the batsmen being run out. When the last man was run out at 5.45 the innings had lasted three hours and twenty two minutes. Gate receipts amounted to £27 2s. 8d., and a collection for Holden amounted to £4 7s. 1d.

HASLINGDEN.

(Second Innings).

J. Ashworth c. Crowther b. Smith	11
H. Holden b. Macaulay	80
Headley c. Fiddling b. Smith	50
J. Brierley bow. b. Smith	8
H. Whitaker c. Dawson b. Macaulay	1
J. H. Crowther c. Bonner b. Macaulay	1
G. Leas c. Fiddling b. Smith	0
F. Tattersall run out	7
W. Aldred not out	1
W. S. Crawshaw b. Macaulay	1
J. Bonner run out	0
Extras	17
Total	171

Fall of wickets.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
22	139	145	148	150	156	167	170	171	171

BOWLING—Todmorden.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
A. Smith	29	4	54	4
W. Bates	11	2	17	0
Macaulay	26	10	39	4
J. Crowther	13	1	34	0
W. Sutcliffe	7	2	10	0

Presentation Of Cup And Championship Flag.

TODMORDEN JOIN SELECT COMPANY.

"SHONE IN OTHER MATCHES."

Mr. Sutcliffe said he thought it was correct to say that Todmorden had proved themselves the best team in the league. He paid tribute to Haslingden for playing such a fine game in face of the huge total Todmorden had made. Mr. Longworth had mentioned some individual performances, which were undoubtedly great performances, but they must not forget those who had shone in other matches and so placed Todmorden in a position to appear in the final. (Hear, hear). He hoped Haslingden would be in the running again next season, but he hardly thought they would be without George Headley (laughter), but may be they would be in 1940. He wished Haslingden the best of luck. (Applause).

Mr. H. Sutcliffe, chairman of the Todmorden Club, thanked Mr. Longworth for making the presentation and coupled with him the name of Mr. Foster, the league treasurer, both of whom had spent a great deal of time in connection with the organization and playing of the semi-finals and final. Thanks were also due to the officials of the Burnley Club for making the final such a success. After he had congratulated Todmorden's players on their achievement, Mr. Sutcliffe paid tribute to the manner in which Haslingden had played, and added that if the league had not changed the system of awarding points Haslingden would have been champions and a play-off would not have been necessary.

TRIBUTE TO UMPIRES.

Mr. G. Hindle, president of the Haslingden Club, said Haslingden liked to be regarded as sports and those who played cricket ought to be able to take defeat as well as victories in the proper spirit. He thought he could say "Well played, Todmorden! Todmorden were worthy champions."

Mr. H. Foster also congratulated Todmorden and expressed sympathy to Haslingden. He thought Todmorden were entitled to be considered the best team in the league this season.

Mr. J. Ashworth, Haslingden's captain, said he was rather disappointed the cup was not going to Haslingden, but only one team could win and the best team had won. He would also like to pay tribute to the umpires. (Hear, hear). He wished to congratulate their friends from Ramsbottom and Rawtenstall on the way they had handled the match; they had stood steadfast in face of some frantic appeals (laughter).

Civic Reception.

THE MAYOR'S CONGRATULATIONS.

The journey from Burnley was made by Mr. J. Chew's motor coach, the roof of which had been removed, and during a short triumphant tour the Worsley cup and the league cup were held aloft by the captain, Walter Sutcliffe, and the vice-captain, Willie Scott. On arrival at Portsmouth and Cornholme people cheered a good deal, and one householder at Knott's rushed to the door with two pint pots, which he held proudly in the air. A large

NOBATHON
MATCH

HASLHOBEN

TOPMORDEN

1 1/2 HOURS

SEPT. 10th 12th & 15th 1885.

WHAT
A MATCH!

WHETHER THE LENGTH IS A RECORD I DO NOT
KNOW, BUT THIS I DO:

THAT TOPMORDEN NOW HAVE THE RECORD

411.

- IT IS A RECORD FOR THEM TO WIN THE DOUBLE,
(LEAGUE AND WOODLEY CUPS)
- CROWTHER MADE HIS RECORD SCORE, 144
- BURNLEY'S NEW SCORE BOARD PASSED ITS TEST
LAST SAT., AND ABOVE ALL THAT
TOPMORDEN ARE THE CHAMPIONS

AND
NO
"FIDDLING"

HE DID HIS
SHARE WITH-
OUT A DOUBT,

J. CROWTHER
DESERVES A
CENTRAL POSITION
AFTER ALL
HE ALONG
WITH
H. DAWSON
(ON THE
LEFT LEG)
LAID THE
FOUNDATION.

A. SMITH DESERVES A CROWN
FOR GETTING
HEADLEY'S WICKET
TWICE & TAKING
68 WICKETS IN
LEAGUE
MATCHES

WE EXPECT
FROM
AND WE GOT IT,
35

MACAULAY
DID HIS PART,
FOR LIKE
HE COULD TAKE
ANYTHING, BUT
SPECIALISES
IN CRICKET
BALLS

WELL PLAYED!
J MARTIN
47

144
BRAVO!
H DAWSON
89
5 FOR 32

ED. CRABTREE ESQ
(PRES. OF THE LEAGUE)
AND A TOPMORDEN MAN
WOULD HAVE BEEN A
PROUD MAN TO HAVE
HANDED THE CUP TO

WALT
SUTCLIFFE

WHICH
H. LONGWORTH,
ESQ. (Chairman of
the League)

THERE IS NOT ROOM FOR
W. SCOTT, R. HOORSFALL,
B. ASHWORTH, & W. RABY, BUT
WE KNOW WHAT FINE CRICKETERS THEY ARE

IN FACT TOPMORDEN IS FULL OF 'EM



A TRUE
SPORT
MR. H. SUTCLIFFE

AND A PROUD
MAN.

DID IN
HIS ABSENCE

SR GOOD

v. fright when they went ahead.

Goalkeeper J. Blacka, who

with CLARKSON netting the fifth from a penalty kick.

This was probably the best Todmorden eleven

1938 — a remarkable double

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS and Worsley Cup winners — that was Todmorden Cricket Club's proud boast in 1938!! And many of the town's seasoned cricket enthusiasts herald this particular Todmorden side as "probably the best".

It was a season when in one match against Haslingden, Todmorden recorded their highest-ever score — 411. But high scores were not always the order of the day. It is a remarkable fact that people today are always commenting — "in the old days sides were scoring 200-plus runs regularly". Yet in this 1938 championship season Todmorden topped 200 runs only three times. In winning the Worsley Cup, Todmorden only needed to score 311—in all three matches!!

It was a memorable season for professional Macauley who took 95 wickets at 8.84 but there was admirable service from three other bowlers — Alec Smith, 72 wickets at 13.20; John Crowther, 46

wickets at 13.84; and Will Raby 30 wickets at 19.13.

On the batting front, Todmorden had three batsmen who, between them, scored 2,340 runs — Harold Dawson (672), John Crowther (675) and Walter Sutcliffe (508). Then there was Dick Horsfall (409), Billy Scott (485), Kenneth Fiddling (342), Ben Ashworth (228). Those certainly were the days!!

Macauley's record is quite remarkable considering that in one lean period of eight matches he only took seven wickets. In the three Worsley Cup games he claimed 17 wickets at a cost of only 58 runs. In the league he took 78 at 11.24. Macauley twice completed the hat-trick.

The season was described as the wettest and most atrocious on record and yet only two matches in the season's campaign were abandoned. Gate receipts from league matches was £425 and the Worsley Cup matches realised another £151.

Todmorden clinched the championship play-off against Haslingden at Burnley and after the presentations, the team and officials came back to Todmorden in Mr J. Chew's motor coach — the roof of which had been removed. On display were both the Worsley Cup and the Championship Cup. On arrival at Portsmouth and Cornholme, people cheered a good deal, and at Knotts one householder rushed to the door with two pint pots. A large crowd had gathered at Gandy Bridge where the official tour began. The motor coach was preceded by Todmorden Old Brass Band.

On reaching the Town Hall where Burnley Road was packed with people, the Mayor and Mayoress (Coun and Mrs W. Egerton) honoured the occasion by acceding the players a civic reception.

It was quite a day — and quite a season. One of the most memorable in the history of the Centre Vale club.