

Savile Town's display with the bat was disappointing, and but for F. Bottomley's contribution of 35 their score would have been extremely poor. Bottomley and E. Blamires were the first to bat, J. Redfearn and R. Smith taking the bowling. The start was a disastrous one. Three had been scored when Blamires was caught behind the wicket by Whitehead, and J. Holmes was bowled the first ball by Smith. Dewa only stayed until 12 had been recorded, when he was caught by Nunn at mid-on. C. S. Blamires filed the breach, and then for a fair length of time matters ran more smoothly for the Wesleyans. Meanwhile Bottomley had two narrow escapes. When he had only scored 7 he sent a high catch to Smith, who, however, was not equal to the occasion. At 33 Redfearn made way for Vickers, and G. Mann took Smith's place. In Vickers' first over Bottomley gave him a very swift return, but it was too "hot" to hold. Bottomley punished Mann to the extent of two 4's and a single in his first over, but subsequently the bowler had the satisfaction of seeing him caught at mid-on by Wrathmell.

The game was started a fortnight ago in very wet weather. Hopton went in to bat, and before play was abandoned had compiled 78 runs for the loss of five wickets. On Saturday the conditions were more favourable, and some interesting cricket was witnessed. The not outs, Mann and Redfearn, faced the bowling of Bottomley and Blakeley, but were soon separated, the latter being caught by E. Blamires in the slips off Bottomley's first ball. Three more wickets fell before any appreciable difference had been made in the score. Vickers joined Mann, but he was also caught by E. Blamires after having scored 5. Mann was accounted for in like fashion before he had improved his score, which amounted to 9. Upper Hopton's total was now 83, and P. Smith and J. Nunn came together. It was some time before either of them scored. The first run was the result of an overthrow, Smith having a narrow escape of being run out. Afterwards he sent a hot catch to W. Blamires at square leg. The fielder made a good attempt to get it, but failed. When the score was 85 Nunn was bowled by Blakeley, leaving only one wicket to fall. The last man was Whitehead, who improved matters considerably, greatly to the delight of the Hopton supporters. He hit two fours and a single in one over, and it was thought advisable to change the bowling. E. Blamires went on in place of Blakeley, and off his third ball Smith was given out leg before wicket. The innings closed for 106, Whitehead scoring 14 not out. O. Blakeley took five wickets for 33 runs, E. Blamires two for 15, Holmes two for 4, and Bottomley one for 35.

Upper Hopton thus managed to rid themselves of their most dangerous opponent, and the rest was comparatively easy. The total was now 48; nine runs later Blamires had his stumps disturbed by Vickers, and O. Blakeley and Schofield were left to face the music. Redfearn took another turn with the leather, going on in place of Mann. He got Blakeley off the fourth ball in his first over. Vickers took two wickets in one over—W. Swithenbank and A. Smithson—which made eight for 64. Schofield and Bland could do nothing, and the innings closed for 71. Redfearn and Vickers each took four wickets at a cost of 22 and 19 runs respectively. Smith had one for 13, and Mann one for 14.