

# CRICKET GOSSIP.

## A TALE OF COLLAPSES.

### HOW THONGS BRIDGE LOST AND HOW HOLME BRIDGE WON.

(By "Eye-Witness.")

My final words in season 1922 take the form of a tale of two collapses. Last Saturday there were on the carpet two finals, upon the result of which depended the championship of the Huddersfield and District Central League and the second eleven competition of the same fraternity. Two teams from our immediate neighbours—the Thongs Bridge first eleven and the Holme Bridge second eleven—had a chance of having the names of their respective clubs engraved on pretty medals. One succeeded and the other didn't

The failure of Thongs Bridge at the finishing post was very disappointing—and, in a sense, amazing. At one period, when Shelley had lost six wickets for 19 runs, to the general onlooker it looked as though Thongs Bridge were going to win "hands down," but it was apparent to the more cautious critic that the pitch was troublesome, and, whatever sauce Shelley were receiving similar

Holme Bridge.	
R. Hinchliffe b Shaw	2
Heywood b Shaw	10
Singleton b Shaw	4
Bottomly c Rowly b Shaw	3
Whiteley not out	0
P. G. Naylor not out	20
Extras	4
Total (for four wickets) 43	

Bowling analysis.—Shaw, 7 2 21 4; G. Coe, 6 1 6 0; Peace, 1 1 0 0; Smith, 1 0 12 0.

### HUDDERSFIELD CENTRAL LEAGUE.

#### FIRST ELEVENS.—Final Table.

	P	W.	L.	D.	PTS.
Shelley	19	12	1	6	30
Thongsbridge	19	12	3	4	28
Holmbridge	18	9	2	7	25
Hall Bower	18	9	4	5	23
Cumberworth United	18	9	5	4	22
Rowley Hill	18	8	5	5	21
Clayton West	18	7	5	6	20
Shepley	18	8	6	4	20
Scholes	18	7	6	5	19
Thurstonland	18	6	5	7	19
Nortonthorpe	18	6	7	5	17
Leymoor	18	5	6	7	17
Skelmanthorpe	18	5	8	5	15
Upper Cumberworth	18	3	11	4	10
Cartworth Moor	18	2	12	4	8
*Denby Dale	18	1	12	5	6
Hepworth	16	1	12	3	5

\*One point deducted for breach of rule.

### WORKING TO RULE.

On the other hand, with respect to the second eleven championship, the boot was on the other foot. A Holme Valley team, the Holme Bridge second, benefited by the collapse of the other chaps in the final tie, and thus one of the season's distinctions goes to the top end of the Valley. The batting collapse came on early in this case on the Skelmanthorpe ground, where the Shelley second imitating the example of their seniors—had gained the right to meet Holme Bridge for final honours. Batting first, the Shelley representatives could make little progress against the Holme Bridge trundling. W. Armitage, for instance, sent down ten successive maiden overs—a remarkable achievement. After Shelley had reached twenty for two wickets, they dropped like ninepins, like this:—

20 - 20 - 20 - 22 - 22 - 22 - 22 - 32.

Four Holme Bridge trundlers shared the scalp, and they were well supported by their pals. When it came Holme Bridge's batting turn, they were never in distress. Shelley captured a few wickets, true, but when P. G. Naylor came in he quickly settled the issue. He scored five boundaries in two overs. Twenty makes a lot of difference to a match when the other side has had to be content with 32.

#### Shelley.

S. Coe lbw b R. Hinchliffe	0
Peace run out	9
Senior b Bottomley	1
Shaw run out	8
G. Coe c Clough b Armitage	0
Stafford b Singleton	0
Roberts b Armitage	0
Metcalfe c R. Clough b Armitage	0
Rowley b Singleton	0
Smith c H. Heywood b Armitage	1
Ramsden not out	9
Extras	4

Total 22

Bowling analysis.—Armitage, 13 10 12 4; Hinchliffe, 5 3 2 1; Bottomley, 4 2 8 1; Singleton, 4 2 6 2.

