

# Local Cricket.

YORKSHIRE COUNCIL CHAMPIONSHIP.

ELLAND v. STAINCLIFFE.

On Saturday last, on the Brighouse C. & B.C. ground, the final for the championship of the Yorkshire Council took place in fine weather and before about 600 spectators. The contesting teams were Elland and Staincliffe, the former having beaten Hunslet Nelson and Staincliffe having disposed of Cleckheaton in the semi-finals. There was a vast difference in the calibre of the two teams, and it was a matter of astonishment how Staincliffe had reached the final as both in defence and attack they proved a more inferior side to Elland, the latter team being on top all the way. Batting first Elland, although being unfortunate in losing Herman Smith by the first ball he received, totalled 260 for nine wickets in two hours and fifty minutes, and then applied the closure. White and Hepworth made a big stand for the second wicket, the former reaching his 60 just within the hour, and finally making 89. Hepworth, who received much assistance from B. Smith, reached 56, whilst the latter quickly placed 53 to his credit. Naylor and Cragg also made double figures. Wadsworth did not bat owing to a damaged thumb. Against the bowling of Wadsworth and Mortimer, Staincliffe made a poor show in a bad light, and had lost three wickets for three runs. Jowett then made 17 out of the next 20 runs put on for the fourth wicket, and later Newbould made a gallant attempt to place his side in a desperate position with a forceful 24, but he had little support, and the innings closed for 62. The two Elland bowlers shared the wickets equally, Wadsworth securing five for 33 and Mortimer five for 27. Scores:—

Elland.	
S. H. Smith, b Davy	89
W. White, b Ellis	56
J. L. Hepworth, c Jowett, b Davy	53
B. Smith, c Newbould b Yates	3
F. E. Kaye, c Grey b Davy	0
R. W. Mortimer, b Grey	24
A. Naylor, c Yates b Scott	7
L. Sykes, b Scott	4
J. Garside, not out	16
T. E. Cragg, c Butterfield b Scott	8
Extras	260
Total for 9 wks. (innings declared)	260
Staincliffe.	
S. Butterfield, b Wadsworth	4
C. Davy, lbw. b Wadsworth	0
H. Ellis, b Mortimer	3
F. Clegg, b Mortimer	0
B. Jowett, c Wadsworth b Mortimer	17
H. Yates, c Sykes b Wadsworth	1
J. Newbould, b Wadsworth	24
P. Scott, c Smith b Wadsworth	2
F. Grey, not out	9
T. Brearley, b Mortimer	0
W. Ashton, c Sykes b Mortimer	0
Extras	2
Total	62

## PRESENTATION OF THE CUP.

At the conclusion of the game a large crowd assembled in front of the pavilion, when the cup and medals were presented to the captain of the winning team by Mr. Walter Brenard, who was accompanied by Coun. H. Turner (president of the Halifax Council section).

On receiving the cup Coun. T. E. Cragg (captain of the winning team) said he was very proud to receive the trophy and medals on behalf of the Elland team. He admitted that Elland had been more fortunate than many other teams in being able to retain their players for so long. The players had risen to the occasion in the last two games, performing brilliantly on the previous Saturday and again that day. He hoped Staincliffe would be more fortunate next season (applause).

## A REST MATCH.

A match has been arranged for to-morrow (Saturday) on the Elland ground between the Champions and the Rest of the League. The Rest will be strongly represented, the players who have been invited to take part including the following:—A. Garside (King Cross), H. Wood (Brighouse), W. Copley (Sowerby Bridge), P. Feather (Siddal), W. Milby (Clifton), G. Wadsworth (Brighouse), H. Jackson (Clifton), H. Haley (Siddal), H. Sharp (Lightcliffe), J. Chappell (Kastwick), G. H. Wilde (King Cross), J. W. Nicholson (Sowerby Bridge), A. Fell (Lightcliffe) and G. Airey (Kastwick).



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