

1924 Sykes Cup Winners

SLAITHWAITE'S CRICKET RECORD.

A Double Event.

COLNE VALLEY TEAMS WIN SYKES CUP AND PADDOCK SHIELD.

Slaithwaite last night won both the Sykes Cup and the Paddock Shield, a "double" which had never previously been accomplished. Their performance in the Paddock Shield Competition is regarded as a particularly good one, for it was not expected that the Colne Valley side would be successful against the Huddersfield second eleven.

THE SYKES CUP.

Slaithwaite Win by Margin of Nine Runs.

About forty minutes' play was sufficient last evening at Fartown for the completion of the match between Huddersfield and Slaithwaite for the Sykes Cup. A keen struggle was witnessed—and enjoyed—by a large crowd, and at the end, when Slaithwaite had won by a margin of nine runs, it was agreed that the match had been a capital one, played in a very sportsmanlike spirit by both sets of players.

Huddersfield resumed their innings, wanting 28 to win with 2 wickets to fall, but Beaumont was clean bowled by Dawson when only a bye had been added to their total of the previous evening. The last pair, B. Ripley and L. Booth had, therefore, 27 to get, and they had to face the bowling of Webster and Dawson, both of whom were dangerous. But the batsmen set about their task bravely, snatching a single here and there, with an occasional couple, and as the score crept up slowly the excitement grew. They put on 17, and then Webster knocked Booth's leg stump clean out of the ground. Huddersfield's last pair had done well, Ripley in particular with 19 not out. Webster's bowling figures were 4 wickets for 45 runs, and Dawson's 3 wickets for 46. The full scores were:—

Slaithwaite.	
P. Sykes, c Jebson b Mortimer	8
F. Greenwood, c Woodhouse b Jebson ..	47
A. Shaw, c Beaumont b Jebson	38
F. Dodson, c J. H. Freer b Jebson	7
N. Sugden, c Booth b Beaumont	0
F. Webster lbw b Beaumont	0
J. Haigh, c J. H. Freer b Beaumont	8
H. Sykes, b Beaumont	10
J. Dawson, b Beaumont	7
B. Middleton, not out	1
J. R. Bamforth, b Mortimer	4
Extras	17
Total	147

Huddersfield.	
J. Jebson, run out	0
T. Day, b Webster	29
E. Woodhouse, c Bamforth b Dawson ..	0
J. H. Freer, c P. Sykes b Middleton ..	39
C. Falck, b Dawson	2
W. Webster, c Webster b Middleton	0
A. Mortimer, c Greenwood b Webster ..	10
B. Ripley, not out	19
E. Freer, b Webster	4
W. Beaumont, b Dawson	9
L. Booth, b Webster	7
Extras	19
Total	138

THE PRESENTATION.

The Mayor (Alderman J. Berry) presented the cup to F. Dodson, the Slaithwaite captain, after an introduction to the crowd from Mr. H. Johnson, the President of the League. Both Mr. Johnson and the Mayor congratulated the Slaithwaite team on their splendid win, and spoke of the fine manner in which the match had been played. Mr. Dodson accepted the cup amid applause, after which J. Jebson, the Huddersfield captain, congratulated the Slaithwaite team on their performance.

A vote of thanks was accorded the umpires, Messrs. T. E. Ashton (Golcar) and W. Shaw (Friarmere), for the manner in which they had discharged their duties. Mr. Shaw replied.

REJOICINGS AT SLAITHWAITE.

Enthusiastic scenes were witnessed at Slaithwaite last night on the return of the Slaithwaite cricket team with the Sykes Cup. The fact that the second eleven had also won the Paddock Shield added to the general interest in the proceedings. The members of the second eleven with the committee and officials of the club journeyed to Huddersfield by charabanc, and met the victorious first team in the town. The combined party then proceeded to Slaithwaite, where they were met by cheering crowds of people who lined the streets. On arrival at the cricket ground at Hill Top a crowd of over 1,000 people had assembled, and the players had a great reception. The president, Councillor J. Garside, addressed the crowd, after which the players, officials, and members of the club adjourned to the pavilion, where the rejoicings were continued.

Congratulatory speeches were made by the president and others, and the two captains, Mr. Fred Dodson and Mr. A. L. Wood, also spoke. Mr. H. Garside, captain of the Huddersfield second eleven, and Mr. J. Hirst, another member of the Huddersfield second team, also added their congratulations.

It was interesting to note that two members of the Slaithwaite first eleven, Mr. Fred Dodson, the captain, and Mr. J. R. Bamforth, the wicket-keeper, are both in their thirty-first season in club cricket. Mr. Dodson is fifty years of age and Mr. Bamforth forty-nine. Both are natives of Slaithwaite, although Mr. Bamforth has played with other clubs besides his own. In 1912 the Slaithwaite Club brought off a double event when both teams won the League championship.

SLAITHWAITE SECOND ELEVEN WIN PADDOCK SHIELD.

Slaithwaite second eleven beat Huddersfield at Slaithwaite last night in the final for the Paddock Shield, and thus the Colne Valley Club brought off the double event.

When play ceased on Monday Slaithwaite had scored 106 and Huddersfield 15 for 2. The resumption found F. Wimpenny in excellent form with the ball, and as the local team excelled in the field, Huddersfield were dismissed 1 for 89. Wimpenny bowled throughout, and sent down 22.2 overs, 8 maidens, for 35 runs and 6 wickets. W. Wilkinson took 3 for 19. Scores:—

Slaithwaite.—T. Bamforth, c Whincup b Hirst 3; L. Wrigley, b Maude 7; H. Stones, c Garside b Maude 5; W. Wilkinson, b Maude 0; L. Wilkinson, c Green b Maude 2; J. Dodson, b J. Falck 45; A. L. Wood, b Maude 3; W. E. Lunn, st Green b Maude 11; B. Sykes, c Hirst b J. Falck 0; F. Wimpenny, not out 7; E. Webster, lbw b Maude 12; extras 11.—total 106.

Huddersfield.—J. Whincup, c and b Wimpenny 2; C. R. Green, b Wilkinson 8; J. Fidler, run out 4; J. A. Falck, c Wood b Wimpenny 14; H. Garside, b Wimpenny 18; Elv Wilkinson, b Wimpenny 1; C. Dawson, b Wilkinson 1; W. Maude, c Bamforth b Wimpenny 16; H. Falck, c Wood b Wilkinson 1; J. Armitage, not out 12; J. Hirst, b Wimpenny 4; extras 8.—total 89.

The shield was presented to the Slaithwaite captain (A. L. Wood) by Councillor J. Garside (president of the club), under the chairmanship of Mr. Henry Hirst. A vote of thanks to the president was moved by Mr. Wood, and seconded by Mr. H. Garside, the Huddersfield captain.

SYKES CUP FINAL 1924

SLAITHWAITE

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F. Webster	L.B.W.	b Beaumont	0
J. Haigh	CT Freeer. H.	b Beaumont	8
J. Dawson		b Beaumont	7
H. Sykes		b Beaumont	10
B. Middleton	NOT OUT		1
J. R. Bamforth		b Mortimer	4
		EXTRAS	17
		TOTAL	<u>147</u>

	B	M	R	W
A. Mortimer	15	3	41	2
W. Webster	2	0	8	-
E. Freeer	8	2	26	-
H. Freeer	6	2	14	-
W. Beaumont	17	5	25	5
J. Jelison	5	1	16	3

1923 Almondbury 49 v Kirkburton 52 for 2
 Bradley Mills 56 v Kirkburton 62 for 3
 Kirkstall 129 v Kirkburton 138
 Kirkburton 143 v Meltham 138
 Rastwick 96 v Kirkburton 97 for 7
 Kirkburton 98 v Lockwood 55
 Lockwood 141 v Kirkburton 92
 R.C. Huddersfield 245 v Kirkburton 47



Top Row, starting on left—J. Oakes (Shooter), J. E. Greenwood, J. Dewar, L. Dymon, J. H. High, P. Sykes,
 A. W. Shaw, H. Sykes, C. B. Miller (Vice-President)
 Bottom Row—N. Sugden, J. B. Babuluth, P. Dodson (Captain), J. Gervais (President), G. Gervais,
 B. Middleton and F. Webster (Professional)



CRICKET CELEBRATIONS.

The large and enthusiastic gathering held last Saturday to celebrate the winning of the double event by the Slaithwaite Cricket Club was a huge success. It added one more to the long list of successes that have come to the first team, but this was the greatest of them all, because this year both teams have contributed to a record that may last for years and possibly, in the words of the poet, "it may be for ever". The future fortunes of the club are in the hands of the younger members of the team. Cricketers like Dodson and Bamforth cannot be expected to take an active part in match play much longer, but their advice and instruction to younger men will stand the club in good stead for many years to come. As was pointed out by Mr. Denton at the presentation ceremony, one of the secrets of the club's success is that there is a real clubbable feeling amongst its members, that manifests itself in a willingness to share the work and shoulder some of the responsibility. While this spirit persists there is no anxiety about the future fortunes of the club. The bowling section has no traditions to boast of like the cricket, but this season they have done well, and it is now time for them to make a beginning if they are to rival the achievements of their flannelled friends.