

Aug 18 1945

ALMONDBURY v SLAITHWAITE	
Slaithwaite	
H Middleton c Bedford b Leadbeater	9
J Shaw lbw b Laycock	3
G Mitchell lbw b Leadbeater	2
G Shaw c Bedford b Laycock	27
E St Hill b Laycock	0
T Sykes c McNab b Leadbeater	3
J Dawson c Leadbeater b Laycock	14
R Brown st Bedford b Leadbeater	1
J Habbergham run out	1
Dyson lbw b Laycock	0
J Brown not out	0
Extras	1
Total	61
Almondbury	
W Bedford c Brown b St Hill	0
E Leadbeater not out	33
P McNab b Habbergham	15
E Jessop c Dawson b St Hill	6
C Thorley not out	6
Extras	3
Total (for three wickets)	63

SLAITHWAITE'S POOR SHOW.

For the third time this season Almondbury have beaten Slaithwaite, completing the double in League games, and knocking them out of the Cup. Saturday's game was reminiscent of the end of season as far as Slaithwaite were concerned, for at the time for the start they were waiting for players to turn up from their holidays. H. Middleton was home on leave and was given a place in the team. They had first knock, but cannot be said to have excelled. A good innings of 27 by G. Shaw was the outstanding feature, and 14 by the captain (Jack Dawson) was the next best. The professional (E. St. Hill) disappointed by being out without scoring, being bowled by the young bowler (F. Laycock). The whole effort only reached 61. Almondbury quickly lost Bedford, but Leadbeater and McNab stuck long enough to put victory in sight. This was accomplished for the loss of three wickets.

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SLAITHWAITE v HONLEY	
Slaithwaite	
G Knight c Oldham b Woodward	58
G Mitchell st Kaye b Woodward	37
G Shaw not out	36
E St Hill b Woodward	6
J Shaw lbw b Hall	3
T Sykes c Woodward b Hall	7
N Wood b Oldham	0
J Dawson b Oldham	3
P Habbergham not out	5
Extras	8
Total (for 7 wkts. 1.1.)	163

Aug 25 1945

BRADLEY MILLS v SLAITHWAITE	
Slaithwaite	
H Middleton c Wadsworth b Wood	1
G Mitchell c MacNairy b Wood	12
J Shaw c Sandford b MacNairy	4
G Shaw c and b Wood	21
E St Hill c Mallinson b Wood	13
N Wood b Wood	0
T Sykes c Sandford b Wood	16
J Dawson b Wood	0
J Habbergham b Senior	0
R Dyson lbw b Senior	0
J Brown not out	0
Extras	2
Total	69
Bradley Mills	
A Higson b E St Hill	3
C Sandford lbw b E St Hill	9
J K Senior c J Dawson b E St Hill	13
W H Bolt b E St Hill	0
L Wood not out	29
R MacNairy b E St Hill	10
R Medley not out	3
Extras	3
Total (for five wickets)	70

SLAITHWAITE ?

Slaithwaite's luck seems dead out, and they do not seem capable of making any decent score, but they are sadly short of seasoned players. Their veteran batsman, Geo. Knight, is still suffering from the accident he sustained at Lockwood, and his absence makes a big difference to the young players who have had to be introduced to make up the team. Middleton, on leave, was able to have another knock before he goes back, but he is out of practice, and the youngsters on Saturday were not comfortable with the bowling of Wood and MacNairy, and it was not surprising when the end came at 69. Giles Shaw was again top scorer with 21. Bradley Mills lost five wickets in knocking off the requisite runs. E. St. Hill took all the five wickets.

SLAITHWAITE RETURN TO FORM

After weeks of disappointing slumps, Slaithwaite made a great revival in their home game with Honley at Hill Top. Once again they had George Knight back, and he led the way in a big first-wicket partnership with G. Mitchell which produced 90 runs. Knight's score was 58, Giles Shaw was also prominent again,