

S Cricket
A MAGNIFICENT CUP
FINAL

THRILLING FINISH
BROAD OAK TURN TABLES ON
KIRKBURTON

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Real cricket was seen at Farnham on Saturday. Broad Oak turning the tables on Kirkburton in the Sykes Cup Final, when the latter seemed to have the match in their grip. But not all the 4000 spectators who paid £100 at the entrance remained to witness the most thrilling finish it is possible to imagine. Handfred had left the ground in view of Broad Oak's apparently inevitable defeat. In reply to Kirkburton's 129, Broad Oak lost Hineswood, the League's leading batsman, at one, and Roebuck and Riding with the score at six! The collapse was stayed for a time, but even so the seventh wicket had come down at 86, and most people regarded the match as good as over. The next wicket fell at 109, and then Fred Whiteley, the veteran captain of Broad Oak, and Shackleton proceeded to knock the bowling to all parts of the field and to make a night of it.

A NARROW SHAVE

But Shackleton's fine effort ended with the final at 171, and still twenty-nine runs were required for victory, which seemed hopeless. Poole, the last man in, is not regarded as a batsman, but he helped Whiteley manfully in the crisis. The pair carried on, and the Kirkburton score was gradually overhauled. Six were required when Whiteley sent a sixer in the direction of long-on, where a substitute fieldman got the ball in his hands—and dropped it! Exceedingly hard lines both for Kirkburton and the anti-bowler, M. Mayor, who had rendered splendid service after an injury had caused the retirement of C. Haigh. The score reached 190, one to set and two to win. Whiteley preferred to get them in singles. A sharp one made the score level, and Poole varied the rest of the over. Another sharp single to Whiteley, and one of the most remarkable victories in the history of the competition had been achieved. But it was a narrow shave. Had a line at the wicket been even a little more accurate, the game would have ended in a tie! The crowd went delirious, and Whiteley and his colleagues were "chaired" off the field.

SYMPATHY FOR DEFEATED

Both friend and foe, however, must sympathise with Kirkburton in having apparent victory eluded from their grasp. The game only emphasised the beautiful uncertainty of a glorious game. Kirkburton had the advantage of batting first, and the earlier batsmen seemed in too big a hurry in a time-limitless match. Carrington actually hit boundary in Hinchliffe's first over, which yielded 16 runs! The Broad Oak professional, however, soon found his length, and after he had had a crisis caused behind the wicket, he clean bowled Carrington with a beauty. The first run then fell at 23, and with Shackleton howling steadily from the football end, both Harrison and Lawrence had left with the total at 34. Both things were expected from Lawrence, but the professional lashed out wildly at a yorker and clean howled.

A MAGNIFICENT STAND

Tray was missed by Haigh in the slips and Hinchliffe when he had scored a single, and he and Cardale were associated in a useful little stand. Both left at 25, however, and Carler followed them to the pavilion at 77, so that the game swung in favour of Broad Oak once more. It came a magnificent stand by C. Haigh and Poole, the former playing very fine cricket. He went on top of the ball when Hinchliffe was leg to four slip fielders, and in spite of frequent changes in the attack—

Looking
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1949

RIFLE SHOOTING. — Members of the Huddersfield and District Rifle Club were in competition for the prize presented by the president of the club, Mr. R. H. Haigh, and under favourable shooting conditions the club's youngest member, Joe Norecliffe, made history by scoring 48 at 200 yards and 49 at 500 yards, giving a total of 97 out of a possible 100. Another remarkably good card at 500 yards range was handed in by H. Scott, who also scored 49 out of a possible 50.

1934

SYKES CUP. — Experience usually counts for a great deal in "needle" matches such as the Sykes Cup Final, and if it be any determining factor Broad Oak should be the winners, for twice previously they have lifted the cup, and they have been beaten finalists. Some of the present players assisted the club in 1930 and 1931 when they beat Bradley Mills and Meltham respectively. It is a moot point as to whether they are as strong as when they won the cup, but their batting has proved its strength this season. Hirstwood, Lockwood, Washington, Haigh, Roebuck, Riding and Hinchliffe have proved themselves to be prolific run-getters. Of Hinchliffe's skill with the ball there can be no doubt, but in his support as good as that offered to Mitchell in the cup-winning years? We shall have to see.

BROAD OAK C. & A.C. FIRST XI.
 WINNERS OF THE SYKES CUP — 1934.



A. P. Fielding, (Secretary), E. Shackleton, H. Hinchliffe, (Infielder), A. Woodhead, W. Bakewell, (Old President), D. Hogg, S. Taylor, (See Hinchliffe), E. Poole, A. Roebuck, A. R. Lockwood, H. Night,
 W. Horton, (Scorer), T. Edmund, C. Hinkwood, F. C. Whitely, (Captain), J. Warrington, F. Ridgway, G. Cotton, (Groundsman),
 Sykes Cup.