

# BROAD OAK'S BIG VICTORY.

Sykes Cup Won.

BRADLEY MILLS BEATEN BY 216 RUNS.

Brook on the Stumps.

At Farnham, on Saturday, Broad Oak won the Sykes Cup for the first time in the club's history by the biggest margin of any final.

Batting first, they compiled 268, and then dismissed Bradley Mills for 58.

The victory was not unexpected, for Broad Oak are generally regarded as the probable winners of the game. During the present season they are from time to time demonstrated that they are a powerful batting side, whilst both Mitchell and Brook have shown themselves to be match-winning bowlers. On Saturday they made a bad start; Whiteley lost his wicket without a run scored, and the position was never very comfortable until F. Q. Woodhead and G. Hirstwood, and later D. Baxter and Hirstwood, were together at the wicket. These two respective stands realised 59 and 132 runs respectively.

### BRADLEY MILLS'S ATTACK.

Bradley Mills have not a formidable attack, and the only bowler capable of going through a batsman is J. E. Taylor, the professional. The rest of the bowling is of the same variety (too many of the same bowlers are of the same style), whilst accuracy was never very constant on Saturday apart from the work of the professional, who maintained a steady length throughout the innings. The bowling was at times brilliant (particularly that of the boundary men), but two batsmen were missed, one of which would have made a considerable difference to Broad Oak's score. At 95 F. Q. Woodhead was missed by D. Baxter, who was able to regain his cross, and the wicket-keeper did not take the ball cleanly.

### SLOW BATTING.

The whole Broad Oak's batting lacked dynamism. Hirstwood and Baxter made 58 and 61 respectively, but Hirstwood was slow and unenterprising; his rate of scoring was hardly justified by the quality of the bowling with which he had to contend. He was at the wicket a quarter of an hour before he scored, and when he completed his innings had lasted two hours and twenty minutes. He speeded up afterwards, but by the time much of the sting had been taken out of the Bradley Mills attack. Baxter, as mentioned above, ought to have been out for non-strike, or some time after that escape he was very uncomfortable against Dwyer, whom he had never attacked the bowling strongly, and he showed few really attractive strokes, the ball hard and often.

Brook, like Baxter, opened uncomfortably, but he settled down. The earlier part of his innings was slow, but after the half-century he became aggressive and made two runs off a drive and a square cut. Hirstwood, who opened with Whiteley, looked to stay some time, but with his score at 132 he was out at Dwyer and sent Craft a catch on the leg.

### EIGHT MEN CLEAN BOWLED.

Brook's batting was weak in the extreme; not one of the players showed any real courage against either Mitchell or Brook, who were unrepentant. Hirstwood, who was in wonderful form, was troubled by the batsmen with his break, and his accurate length and direction and the pitch was more than they could cope with. His accuracy may be gauged from the fact that he all the stumps five times, whilst the weakness of the Bradley Mills batsmen was apparent when it is seen that eight of them were clean bowled. The innings lasted only one hour and twenty minutes during which time Mitchell and Brook changed. Their full figures were—

# BROAD OAK C. & A.C. WINNERS OF THE SYKES CUP, 1930.



F. Brooke, W. Renshaw, J. Washington, F. C. Woodhead, J. A. Beaumont, W. Mitchell, A. Lockwood (Pro.),  
H. S. Woodhead, S. Yewlett, D. Baxter, J. Moore (Scorer),  
J. Whincup, J. Dwyer (President), F. C. Whiteley (Captain), W. Weavil (Coach), C. Hirstwood.

