

SATURDAY'S LOCAL MATCHES.

By Rouge.

SYKES CUP.

There was some abnormally heavy scoring in the preliminary round of the Sykes Cup. One team, Broad Oak, topped the fifth century, Friar-mere and Meltham Mills both got into the fifth hundred, while Kirkburton just passed the second hundred. Perhaps the most extraordinary match was that at Broad Oak, where 606 runs were scored in the afternoon and the match brought to a definite issue. When Washington, who appears to be in his element in this competition, got going the Honley bowlers must have begun to think things, but the record-holder departed when he had made 57 by bright cricket. The Honley men were but at the beginning of their task, however, when he departed, for F. C. Whiteley (107) and W. Renshaw (127) rattled along merrily, and the tune was kept up down to the last man, and Honley had to face what is, I believe, the record score in this competition. Naturally 506 was beyond them after their strenuous time in the field; but W. Booth (54) showed that Mitchell, Stead, and Beaumont could be hit before the home men won with 346 runs to spare. J. Stead's five wickets for 65 stood out as a good piece of work in such a game.