

## BIRCHCLIFFE WERE TROUNCED

### Bridgeholme worthy winners in knock-out final

Bridgeholme, unbeaten leaders of the second division of the Hebden Bridge League were worthy winners of the League Knock-out Cup and beat first division side Birchcliffe in the final at Hollins Holme on Wednesday evening.

Birchcliffe will be the first to congratulate a team which, on this showing, was superior in every department. Although Birchcliffe's score of 97 in 20 overs was respectable, they failed lamentably in the field and Bridgeholme had little difficulty in passing their total for the loss of only three wickets.

A steady innings of 24 by Stanley Greenwood gave Birchcliffe a good start and the second wicket fell at 31. Greenwood was unfortunate to be out of his crease when the ball bounced off the wicket-keeper's pads on to his wicket. Ronnie Fulcher was also a stumping victim after scoring 17. Arthur Snowball improved Birchcliffe's prospects with a bright knock which brought him 26 runs. But the batsmen never subdued the bowling, and apart from a hard-earned 11 from R. Beswick, the Birchcliffe "tail" was without life. A. Martin, who relieved Clayton after he had bowled six overs, returned the best figures for Bridgeholme with four for 18.

Bridgeholme started in good style and Durgan, who opened the Birchcliffe bowling with Beswick, never found a length. W. Davies and A. Martin took the score to 21 before Martin was out to a ball that he should have left alone. It was the combined efforts of Davies, J. Martin and D. Hollinrake that sealed Birchcliffe's fate. Davies was out with the score at 41. Martin and Hollinrake then took the total to 81 before Martin gave Jack Lord his third catch behind the wicket. This was the last wicket to fall and Hollinrake and R. Greenwood had little difficulty in passing the Birchcliffe total. A feature of the game was the umpiring of Messrs J. Greenwood and W. Dobbv.

## PRESENTATION

Mr Tom Greenwood, chairman of the league, introduced the president, Dr A. H. Clegg, and thanked the Salem Club for their co-operation in the use of the field.

Dr Clegg said that this season they had two new clubs in the league, one of which was Bridgeholme. He welcomed them and commented on their performance in the second division of not having lost a game. He also congratulated the Salem Club on the ground improvements and said that better grounds made for improved cricket.

Handing the cup to J. Martin, captain of the winning side, he offered his congratulations on the team's fine performance. Both captains replied.

In addition to the cup the members of the winning team each received a medallion and the runners-up vouchers.

A collection for league funds realised £4 5s. 7d.

Details:—

### Birchcliffe

S Greenwood st	W Davies b	Clayton 24
C Fielding c	Hollinrake b	Horsfall 5
J Astin lbw b	Clayton	1
R Fulcher st	Davies b	A Martin 17
J Lord run out		2
A Snowball b	A Martin	26
N Riley c	Horsfall b	A Martin 3
R Beswick b	A Martin	11
C Durgan b	Horsfall	1
P Eastwood not out		1
J Matthews not out		1
Extras 5	Total (for 8)	97
16 31 36 48 62 70 85 88 96		

### Bridgeholme

W Davies c	Lord b	Beswick	17
A Martin c	Lord b	Durgan	1
J Martin c	Lord b	Greenwood	34
D Hollinrake not out			26
R Greenwood not out			9
Extras 11	Total (for 3)		98
			21 41 81

**Bowling—** Bridgeholme: J Horsfall 2 for 36, E Clayton 2 for 38, A Martin 4 for 18, Birchcliffe: R Beswick 1 for 41, O Durgan 1 for 15, R Fulcher 0 for 21, S Greenwood 1 for 10.