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TRIED UNDER-ARM BOWLING AT ALMONDBURY

Hurricane hitting by McNulty

Top

TWO of the District Cricket League's big-hitting batsmen—Marsden's Clint Headlam and Primrose Hill's Peter McNulty—were, for the second successive week, in cracking form on Saturday, while in contrast, the Almondbury batsmen resorted to such a funereal scoring rate that the frustrated Paddock bowlers were goaded into bowling underarms!

Holmfirth, the Section "A" leaders now hold a four-point lead at the top of the table, with Huddersfield and Hall Bower sharing second place. Elland and Almondbury are at the bottom.

In Section "B," Honley and Primrose Hill share first place, one point ahead of Thongsbridge, while Dalton, who have yet to win a point on the field of play, and Broad Oak are in the bottom positions.

In a sixth-wicket stand of 62, Primrose Hill all-rounder Peter McNulty hammered four sixes and five fours off the Kirkheaton bowlers in an innings of 52, made in only thirty-eight minutes, while anchor man Rex Evans held the fort at the other end with an unbeaten 44.

Kirkheaton were never really in a position to challenge the Primrose Hill total of 168-8, but they avoided outright defeat with their last pair at the wicket and scored 135. Top scorer was P. Walker, with 45.

Headlam again

Marsden's Clint Headlam, who hit the season's first century last week, belted two sixes and ten fours in an unbeaten 73 against Shepley, while opener A. D. Butterworth made 35 not out as Marsden moved to a nine-wicket win.

Earlier, Shepley had been dismissed for 116, with J. Ainley hitting 35 and professional Frank Squire 22.

The Kirkburton professional, Peter Gott, was also in magnificent form with the bat, falling only one short of his century against Slaithwaite.

Gott "murdered" the bowling to such effect that he reached fifty in only thirty-five minutes, and altogether slammed six sixes and nine fours. He shared in a fifth-wicket stand of 132 with Keith Collier, who hit a six and five fours in his innings of 47.

Rearguard action

In the face of Kirkburton's huge total of 240-7, Slaithwaite's batsmen were in determined mood, none more so than professional Peter Dibb, who opened the innings and hit twelve fours in his innings of 60. Later, T. Sykes cracked a six and eight fours in an entertaining knock of 41 and Slaithwaite held out for a point at 134-8.

Paddock last year's champions, hit 206 off the Almondbury bowlers, opener Bevil Ward

being unbeaten with 96. Eddie Leadbeater captured seven for 69 with his leg-breaks, then proceeded to break Paddock hearts with an unbeaten 83 in an unbroken sixth-wicket stand of 85 with B. Sandford (not out 50).

Paddock had good reason to feel frustrated, for the first four Almondbury wickets had fallen for only 6 runs.

Naturally enough, the home side's only hope was to try and scrape a point, an objective which they achieved, and their concentration was not disturbed by the novelty of underarm bowling from Langton and Hepworth!

Golcar collapsed in alarming fashion at home to Holmfirth. From 68-2, their last eight wickets crashed for the addition of 19 runs, with professional Michael Raven taking four for 34. Holmfirth made heavy weather of knocking off the runs, losing six wickets in the process, but an innings of 41 by R. Rownall helped them on their way.

Real shocks

Only one Broad Oak batsman reached double figures in a poor score of 50 against Thongsbridge, whose professional, Stuart Armitage, captured five wickets for 26. When the home side batted, R. Beardsell hit 22 to help the score along to 41-1, but then came some real shocks, five wickets falling while the score moved to 47. Thongsbridge survived, however, and won without further alarms.

Armitage Bridge, who twice this season have been dismissed for less than a hundred, moved to the other extreme against Dalton with a century opening partnership between L. Duncaif (47) and T. Sims (51). Armitage Bridge won by seven wickets, for earlier Dalton had been dismissed by 118, professional B. Castleton taking five for 29.

Performances

BATTING

P. Gott (Kirkburton)	99
B. Ward (Paddock)	96
J. Sykes (Slaithwaite)	76*
C. Headlam (Marsden)	73*
D. Meynell (Lockwood)	69
J. S. Sanderson (Honley)	63*
P. Dibb (Slaithwaite)	60
G. Heywood (Hall Bower)	59*
P. McNulty (Primrose Hill)	52
T. Sims (Armitage Bridge)	51
B. Sandford (Almondbury)	50*

* Denotes not out.

BOWLING

E. Leadbeater (Almondbury)	7-69
J. Pennington (Rastrick)	6-34
J. Beard (Bradley Mills)	6-52
S. Armitage (Thongsbridge)	5-26
B. Castleton (Armitage Bridge)	5-29
N. Scrimshaw (Primrose Hill)	5-53
R. Hall (Slaithwaite)	5-56

Registrations

Holmfirth—Brian Eastwood, Olive James Shepherd.
 Paddock—Peter Bullus (ex Broad Oak).
 Primrose Hill—Frank Kelly.
 Thongsbridge—Michael J. Bennett (ex Birkby CYC).



Juniors beat Wombwell at Hall Bower

HUDDERSFIELD Juniors beat Wombwell at Hall Bower yesterday in the Joe Lumb Cricket Competition. They confined the visitors to 82-9 and then knocked off the runs for the loss of five wickets.

WOMBWELL

D. Rothery b Shaw	5
G. Downing b Wood	7
M. Potter c Shaw b Chippendale	13
J. Guild c Dutton b Shaw	0
J. Walters c and b Shaw	20
G. Breslin c Dawes b Chippendale	3
G. Byram c Senior b Rangeley	0
J. Crowther c Senior b Chippendale	9
W. Wright not out	5
J. Bennet b Shaw	8
A. A. Ward not out	5
Extras	7
Total (for 9)	82

Bowling: D. Shaw 4-38, N. Wood 1-6, J. Chippendale 3-16, I. Rangeley 1-15.

HUDDERSFIELD

D. C. Smith c Rothery b Bennet	9
P. Dawes c Downing b Crowther	1
J. Senior lbw b Byram	27
J. Dutton b Ward	10
S. Carrat not out	6
J. Chippendale b Ward	2
I. Rangeley not out	22
Extras	9
Total (for 5)	86

Bowling: J. Crowther 1-36, J. Bennet 1-22, A. A. Ward 2-12, G. Byram 1-7.

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