

HUDDERSFIELD CENTRAL CRICKET LEAGUE

Nortonthorpe do it again



Next Saturday sees the final games of 1965 in the Central League and as yet, only two of the important positions have been resolved.

Nortonthorpe won their game at Skelmanthorpe after quite a fright, and with it the Championship, so completing the cup and league double. Nortonthorpe had the first knock and by dint of steady batting they managed to reach the respectable total of 125. This score would have been much larger but for good bowling by A. Grainger which brought him the return of 7-15. Nortonthorpe must have thought that Grainger had a grudge against them for after they had captured six home wickets for only 66 runs he came to the crease and thumped 50 runs from their bowling including four sixes and five fours. Unfortunately, at this point, he ran out of partners and Nortonthorpe were through by the narrow margin of eight runs. Nortonthorpe's best bowler was R. Hardy 4-33.

Penistone held to a tie

Penistone "A" failed by just one run to keep up their challenge in their match at Denby Dale. The home side batted first and good batting by Gaunt 35 n.o. and E. Roebuck 28 was the foundation on which their total of 134 was built, in spite of good bowling by N. Brocklehurst who took 5-33. Penistone made a poor start when they replied, and though a stand between C. Marsden 37 and F. Marsh 32 improved the position, they still needed 14 runs when their last pair came together. These two levelled the scores, and then, going for the winning run Brocklehurst was run out, the result therefore was a tie, giving both teams two points. If Penistone had obtained three or four they would still have been in the hunt, dependant on Nortonthorpe losing their last match.

Easy for Clayton West

At the other end of the table nothing is yet settled for any one of five teams could drop into Section "B." Clayton West did themselves a lot of good by gaining full points from their home game against Thurstonland; the visitors batted first and lost four quick wickets to good bowling by E. Hepworth 4-31 and E. Smith 3-61 and then R. Barritt weighed in with 59 to boost their total to 107 all out. Clayton West never looked like losing, they were given a good start by their openers M. Battye 40 and P. Jepson 20 and

their efforts were well backed up by F. Baumont 29 n.o. and Clayton West had seven wickets to spare at the end.

Good scores at Scholes

Scholes entertained Kexborough and their batsmen took 155 runs from the visiting attack for the loss of eight wickets, with four Kexborough bowlers sharing the honours. Their top scorer was P. Weatherhead 50. Kexborough were well served by opener D. Kaye 61 n.o. and though they never threatened to get the necessary runs they hung on for a point at 123-5 at the end of 45 overs.

Holmbridge just make it

Five Holmbridge bowlers were responsible for dismissing their visitors, Cawthorne, for only 106. This total should have been well within the capabilities of the home side, but D. Roberts 5-39 tried his best to thwart them and only good efforts by K. Heppenstall 34 and T. Swift 36 n.o. enabled Holmbridge to scrape through with their last two batsmen at the wicket.

"Clarence" narrow squeak too

Emley Clarence clinched the title in Section "B" with an away win at the expense of Denby, but only just. The only Denby batsman to cause them any trouble was P. Lodge 51 and they were dismissed for a modest total of 117, mainly due to the bowling of J. Kake 6-20. Emley had no easy passage to victory for they had only two wickets to spare when they reached their target.

David Browns shorthanded

David Brown's slipped up at home against Cumborough United. The visitors, who could field only ten men were sent back for the very modest total of 74. The best stand of the innings was between the last pair, and as it turned out, it was an extremely vital, even a matchwinning effort. Only one of the works team batsmen could reach double figures in face of good bowling from D. Woodhead 5-21 and D. Frankland 4-21 who bowled unchanged to put them out for 54.

Highlanders also fail at home

Lepton, Highlanders failed to take advantage of Brown's slip when they failed to get even one point from their home encounter with Leymoor. The first seven home wickets fell in double quick time to the bowling of G. Woods 5-33 and B. Taylor 3-20 and only face-saving efforts from M. Hall 23 and K. B. Fisher 18 n.o. boosted their score to 177 and

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Nortonthorpe make use of David Brown's mistakes to win Allsop Cup

Last Saturday was the occasion of the Central League's biggest day when the finals of the Allsop and Tinker Cups were played. However, the sun did not shine on these games for they were both interrupted by rain and the one for the second strings did not even get to the half-way mark before being abandoned because of rain.

Rain halts Tinker Cup match

Scholes and Holmbridge played for the Tinker Cup at Cartworth Moor and it is refreshing to see the finals going to clubs who have hardly had their share of these events. Scholes made a steady start when they batted first, and opener N. Turner batted well to score 38 n.o. and R. Brownhill hit 28 before he had to retire with an injury. Scholes lost two wickets in scoring 78 runs and at the end of 20 overs down came the rain and play had to be abandoned for the day, and this was position at the time of going to print.

The Allsop Cup final was played at Emley and was between Nortonthorpe and David Brown's. It turned out to be very much a one horse race. Nortonthorpe had first knock and were given a good start by their openers. N. Mosley was the first to go when he was bowled by Whiteley after scoring 22 and his partner, R. Wray, should have gone before this for he gave a none-too-difficult chance to slip before he had reached double figures, this was put on the ground and the works team certainly paid for it for Wray went on to make 94 before being run out. He found good partners in S. Holden 69 and K. Armitage 54 n.o. and as a result of these efforts Nortonthorpe scored 261-4 in 45 overs to reach an unassailable position. The innings was interrupted by rain which enabled the players to take refreshments so little time was lost. David Brown's made a shocking start to their innings, two of their first three batsmen were run out and only two men, K. Battye 25 and C. Atkinson 25 offered protracted resistance to the bowling of M. Taylor 4-46 and the last wicket went down at 96. This was Brown's first appearance in the final and they had only themselves to blame that they did not make a better showing, no team can afford to throw away chances in the field against a team of the calibre of Nortonthorpe and to have three men run out is the height of folly.

DISTRICT LEAGUE

Kirkburton's professional wins the day

Local sides in the District League had mixed luck on Saturday—two winning and two losing. In Section "A," Kirkburton were at home to Meltham and they did not make a very steady start to their innings, soon losing five wickets. The next three batsmen, D. Barraclough 50, K. Collier 20 and R. Lisle 32 completely transformed the innings and their final all out total was 141. Meltham's best bowler was B. Hirst with 4-36. Meltham, after an indifferent start to their reply never looked like getting the runs and although opener B. Walker 31 tried hard, it was to no avail and the last wicket went down at 94. The man who demoralised Meltham was the home professional, P. Gott, who had the magnificent return of 8-37.

Lascelles Hall never settled down

Lascelles Hall had to take the field first in their home game against Elland and though they

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