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A collapse

Bottomley and Oliver went on to bat sensibly and the score mounted slowly but surely. Fourteen overs yielded 37 runs and then Oliver hammered two boundaries off Kaye who was immediately replaced by the young left-arm spinner Galvin.

The change of bowling failed to produce a wicket and at 68—1 skipper Richardson came on for Galvin and got the wicket that his side so desperately needed.

He had Oliver caught by Iredale for 23 and this was the start of a Bradley Mills collapse. Holroyd was brilliantly caught and bowled by Lynes and Stevenson bowled in the same over. Fitton, who had batted extremely well hitting the hard ball hard, was then caught at deep point by Woodhouse and Bradley Mills had slumped from 68—1 to 71—5.

Shortly afterwards, however, they hit back with an aggressive knock by Roy Ainley, captain of the Bradley Mills junior side.

Ainley hammered eighteen off one over from Richardson—one six and three fours. Two byes in the same over took the score from 82—6 to 102—6 and Bradley Mills were suddenly back in the game with a chance.

The next over—bowled by Lynes—produced ten more runs, all to Ainley, but then the occasion seemed to be a little too much for Bradley Mills who threw away two wickets with silly run-outs.

Rothery paid the penalty for not backing up properly and Swales was run out going for a second run.

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R Thorpe b Swales	5
C Galvin b Swales	4
L Richardson run out	19
T Kaye c Hirst b Rothery	14
T Woodhouse not out	32
T Lynes b Holroyd	6
J Orwin c Rothery b Holroyd	3
S Heywood not out	0
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Total (for 9)	137

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Cricket—

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Ossett v Brook Motors

Morley v Mexborough (C)

BRADFORD LEAGUE

East Morley v Lightcliffe

Brighouse v Bingley

ASSOCIATION

Section "A"

Rastrick v New Road v Bradley and Cleckheaton

Birkenshaw v YMCA

West Indians v Paddock CYC OB

Birkby OB v Oakes CYC OB

Section "B"

Pollard v Fartown

Almondbury Street v Taras

Lockwood CYC v PAFA

Birkby CYC v Moldgreen CYC

Inter National

Britannia Works v College of Tech

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Section "E

Rastrick v Shepley

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