

By their victory over Penistone "B" at Penistone last Saturday, Holmbridge won the Championship of Section "B" of the Huddersfield Central League. With this goes the David Brown Cup, promotion to Section "A" next season, and eligibility to take part in the Sykes Cup Competition of the Huddersfield and District League.

Penistone won the toss and sent Holmbridge in to bat. H. Marshall and L. Walker made an opening stand of 44, but the second and third wickets added only seven and eight runs respectively. E. Marsh and H. Schofield then took the score from 59 to 130 for four. The fifth wicket fell at 140 and the sixth at 163. Then D. Haigh and D. Castle joined in a seventh wicket stand of 40, to make the score 208. When the time limit was reached Holmbridge were 232 for nine. Two Penistone bowlers each took three wickets—B. Masheder for 52 runs, and S. Townsend for 58 runs.

With only nine men, Penistone were dismissed for only 65 runs, M. Thompson claiming five wickets for only 25 runs, and J. Kaye taking the other three for only 18 runs. The only batsman to reach a respectable score was M. Hatfield with 24, but seventeen extras added to the total.

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Although Cartworth Moor were dismissed for only 92 runs by Lepton Highlanders, they put out the home side for 88. The Cartworth Moor innings started badly, the first and second wickets falling with only a single run scored, and the third and fourth both dropping with only seven runs on the board. Then D. Booth and M. Cunnington put on 58 for the fifth wicket, having scores of 25 and 35 respectively. The only other player to reach double figures was W. Holland, with 16. P. Boustead claimed four wickets for only 12 runs, and M. Broadhead claimed three for 18.

Leymoor had lost six wickets by the time they had 32 runs on the board, but the position improved slightly with 22 runs added for the seventh wicket. The eighth wicket added only three runs, but the ninth put on 25 to make the score 82, and another six were added by the last pair. G. Boyes was in good form with the ball, taking seven wickets at a cost of only 27 runs.