

HOLMFIRTH ARE CRICKET LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Marsden and Golcar promoted

Section "A"
Almondbury v Huddersfield

J. P. ...	0
M. ...	9
J. ...	8
P. ...	8
A. ...	6
M. ...	23
M. ...	7
J. ...	7
H. ...	0
M. ...	0
P. ...	0
Total	63

ALMONDBURY	13
Huddersfield	50
Total	63

Lascelles Hall v Paddock

P. ...	0
B. ...	0
D. ...	0
H. ...	0
A. ...	0
M. ...	0
J. ...	0
K. ...	0
Total	0

Meltham v Holmfirth

A. ...	6
C. ...	21
R. ...	64
B. ...	27
P. ...	1
H. ...	10
Total	131

HOLMFIRTH are the new champions of the District Cricket League. In a battle for the title which went to the last day of the season on Saturday, they pipped Sykes Cup winners Paddock by a margin of three points. The Section "B" champions are Marsden, by virtue of a superior scoring average over Sykes Cup finalists Golcar. Both teams finished with fifty-one points.

Lockwood have long been resigned to playing in Section "B" next season, but not until Saturday did it become certain that their companions in relegation would be Broad Oak, who were beaten at Hall Bowar. At the bottom of Section "B" Armitage Bridge and Shepley will have to apply for re-election.

The season came to an exciting climax at Meltham, where Holmfirth needed to beat Meltham to make absolutely certain of the Championship. Having been sent in, the home side hit 151-7, then captured the first four Holmfirth wickets for only 48.

Captain P. Hepworth stepped into the breach with an innings of 41, and he was well supported by professional Pat Illingworth, who was run out for 12. As time passed the fight got worse and worse, but Holmfirth, even though they had eight wickets down for 107, refused to appeal. R. Stirk (not out 13) and J. Watson (not out 8) gradually raised hopes again, but with the total at 131-8 and four overs still to go, the umpires decided that the fight was much too bad—they could not see to make decisions—and the game ended.

Sweet revenge. Understandably, perhaps, Holmfirth were somewhat put out by this turn of events, particularly as the rumour had spread round the ground that Paddock had beaten Lascelles Hall.

However, Holmfirth reflections on the cruel injustices of this life were swept away by the news that Paddock had, in fact, been defeated by Lascelles Hall, who thus gained sweet revenge for their seminal defeat in the Sykes Cup.

Isky Holmfirth, Paddock put their opponents in to bat, but at 81-3 the plan seemed to have misfired. Then came a fine spell of bowling by E. Graham, who completely changed the situation by taking five for 12.

With eight wickets down for 73, Lascelles Hall were really in trouble but the last two wickets improved the position considerably. Captain, Jack Daffern, batted patiently for 12 not out while Brian Shaw hit 49 and K. Leng 8, 47 being added while the last two wickets fell.

Chasing a total of 120, Paddock made a dismal start, losing their first four wickets for 14. Eddie Gill tried desperately to stem the tide, and useful knocks came from J. Pearson (16), E. Langton (14) and wicket-keeper Colin

'Season's ups and downs'

CHAMPIONS. — Holmfirth.

RELEGATED. — Broad Oak and Lockwood.

SECTION "B" CHAMPIONS.—Marsden.

PROMOTED. — Marsden and Golcar.

To apply for re-election—Armitage Bridge and Shepley.

Hopkinson Trophy—Bradley Mills.

Performances

BAITING

R. Sykes (Bradley Mills)	30
G. Fawcett (Marsden)	27
A. Walker (Elland)	26
P. Dibb (Slaithwaite)	25
D. Stow (Hall Bowar)	24
R. Kiner (Meltham)	24
J. Sykes (Linthwaite)	22
J. Gledhill (Lockwood)	22
T. Walker (Slaithwaite)	22
J. Shaw (Kirkburton)	22

BOWLING

P. Eyre (Golcar)	8-15
E. Graham (Paddock)	6-46
D. Batty (Thongsbridge)	5-25
E. Leadbeater (Almondbury)	5-28
R. Tindall (Almondbury)	5-46
S. Lawler (Lockwood)	5-47
S. Roberts (Lascelles Hall)	5-47
S. Oliver (Marsden)	5-53
H. Pember (Primrose Hill)	5-54

Final tables

Section "A"

Team	P	W	L	(3)	(1)	T	Pts
Holmfirth	22	9	1	3	9	0	34
Paddock	22	8	3	4	7	0	31
Lascelles Hall	22	10	5	2	5	0	31
Linthwaite	22	6	4	6	7	0	24
Elland	22	4	3	7	8	0	14
Almondbury	22	10	7	0	5	0	14
Meltham	22	3	4	12	0	0	3
Huddersfield	22	4	9	4	5	0	3
Hall Bowar	22	5	6	11	0	0	3
Kirkburton	22	3	8	9	0	0	2
Broad Oak	22	3	9	3	7	0	2
Lockwood	22	4	12	0	5	0	2

Section "B"

Team	P	W	L	(3)	(1)	T	Pts
Marsden	22	6	1	8	9	0	31
Golcar	22	9	2	2	9	0	31
Rain-K	22	8	3	2	9	0	31
Honley	22	7	8	2	5	0	29
Primrose Hill	22	6	7	3	6	0	29
Bradley Mills	22	5	8	4	5	0	27
Dakon	22	6	9	2	5	0	25
Slaithwaite	22	5	6	2	9	0	25
Thongsbridge	22	6	8	1	7	0	24
Armitage Bridge	22	3	7	2	10	0	24
Shepley	22	3	9	3	7	0	24

Marsden winners by virtue of superior scoring average.

Hopkinson Trophy

Team	P	W	L	(3)	(1)	T	Pts
Bradley Mills	6	3	1	2	0	10	18

LEAGUE

Section "B"
Armitage Bridge v Bradley Mills

ARMITAGE BRIDGE

J. Booth c Senior b Beard	17
E. Wood lbw b Beard	22
D. Green b Beard	6
R. Booth run out	16
K. Hillis lbw b Stevenson	21
R. Booth run out	16
E. Heaton run out	30
L. Dunlop not out	31
D. Wilcock not out	31
Extras	6
Total (for 7)	171

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J. Wallace 0-44, J. Beard 3-44, E. Heaton 0-19, W. H. Bell 0-21, R. Stevenson 2-32.

BRADLEY MILLS

W. H. Bell c and b Wood	25
R. Sykes c Dunlop b Wilcock	20
D. Senior c Green b Wood	12
B. Cousen b Ellis	12
M. Senior b Booth (J)	3
J. Taylor b Booth (J)	14
T. Haybury b Wilcock	8
R. Stevenson not out	8
I. Wallace c Booth (R) b Wilcock	1
D. Hitchforth not out	13
Extras	13
Total (for 8)	178

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J. Booth 2-50, D. Wilcock 2-44, E. Wood 2-17, G. Morrell 0-22, K. Hillis 1-15.

Armitage Bridge 1st Bradley Mills 5pts.

Honley v Thongsbridge

KONLEY

C. Mellor b Cartwright	8
D. Taylor run out	37
W. Large lbw b Roebuck	7
J. Sanderson c James b Batty	8
J. Waddington c Berry b Batty	22
I. Kenworthy not out	22
C. Wakefield b Batty	1
A. Farrand c Wilson b Hallas	0
T. Brierley b Batty	5
M. Askew b Hallas	0
B. Fisher b Batty	2
Extras	2
Total (for 9)	98

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B. James 0-23, E. Cartwright 1-16, H. Roebuck 1-15, E. Hallas 2-29, D. Batty 5-23.

THONGSBIDGE

C. Fearn b Sanderson	20
P. Wilson c Mellor b Fisher	4
K. Marsh b Askew	11
T. Berry b Fisher	1
B. Hartley b Wakefield	42
R. Hallas not out	17
H. Roebuck not out	11
Extras	2
Total (for 5)	100

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B. Fisher 2-15, M. Askew 1-26, T. Brierley 0-21, J. Sanderson 1-18, O. Wakefield 1-17.

Honley Opts Thongsbridge 4pts.

Slaithwaite v Linthwaite

LINTHWAIT

K. Oldham b Dibb	0
D. Wood c Knight b Gledhill	21
L. Robinson c Dibb b Moxon	12
J. Sykes c Dibb b Gledhill	62
D. Cowgill c Smith b Gledhill	14
D. Hall c Walker b Gledhill	17
K. Hallam c Knight b Dawson	4
J. Smith not out	12
G. Hoyle not out	17
Extras	8
Total (for 7 den)	166

Total (for 7 den) 166
Total overs 40.
P. Dibb 1-32, O. Moxon 1-27, P. Swift 0-19, D. Gledhill 4-28, K. Brook 0-15, T. Walker 0-17, H. Dawson 1-11.

SLAITHWAITE

T. Walker not out	56
D. Gledhill c Hall b Hallam	5
P. Dibb not out	68
Extras	8
Total (for 1)	167

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Total overs 44.3.
T. Holroyd 0-36, F. Taylor 0-40, K. Hallam 1-28, E. Hall 0-30, K. Moxon 0-28.