Cliffe End CC

1889 Lumb Cup final:

LUMB CHALLENGE CUP.

FINAL TIE.

CLIFFE END v. KIRKHAMPTON.

The final tie in the competition for the Lumb Challenge Cup was played on Saturday, on the enclosure of the Armitage Bridge Club. The ground was in capital order, and as the weather was fine the match was witnessed by about 3,000 spectators, the gatemoney amounting to £21 11s. 3d. White Haigh won the toss for choice of innings, and decided to send his team in, and Hirst and Rawcliffe commenced operations, to the bowling of Hallas and Hirst. The telegraph showed but seven runs on when a double disaster befel Cliffe End. Hallas then bowling Hirst and Joe Pugson in his first over, and hitting the middle wicket each time. This was a bad beginning for Cliffe End and matters looked worse when, at 14, Albert Pugson played the ball into the hands of Hirst, at short slip, but to the great delight of the Longwoodites the fielder failed to pick it in leather. Three joy was short lived, however, for with one run added Hirst bowled Pugson with a splendid delivery, and a loud shout betokened the approval of the spectators at the fall of the next wicket, that of Rachforth, who fought the first ball he received to be more than he could negotiate. Hampson had a short but merry life, during which he and Rawcliffe added 13 runs to the score, and then the former was "yorked" by Hirst, off whom Rawcliffe had just previously been bowled at the wickets. Chadwick hit Hallas fearly to the square leg boundary for 4, and was then smartly taken at slip. Thornton filled the vacancy, made a single, and was then "yorked" by Hallas, and his place was taken by Shaw, who, with Rawcliffe, put a rather better complexion on the score. Two runs from Hirst were punished for 13 runs, but it was an expiring effort, and the end soon came. Rawcliffe, after a patiently played innings of 22, was caught from a cut hit against the wicket-keeper, and Hirst finished matters up by bowling Arthur Pugson and Haigh with successive deliveries. The total of the innings was 58, made from the following bowling:—

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.
G. H. Hirst ...	9-5	2	13	5
T. Hallas	9	0	21	5

With 59 to make to win Kirkhampton started on the task with Stringer and Hodge, who were opposed by Haigh and Hampson. The former's first over produced 5 runs—a two run and a hit for 3 by Stringer. Hampson began with a maiden, but in his second over Hodge got him to leg for 2, and in his third the same player twice got him to leg for 2, and Stringer not him gently for the same figure. This treatment brought on Albert Pugson for W. Hampson, and a change was necessitated at the other end also, as Stringer cut down Haigh fearly for 4, and got him to leg for 2. Haigh gave way to Shaw, whose first delivery caused bowled Stringer (who in Pugson's first over was missed in the longfield), and in the same over Thornton was smartly taken at slip without scoring. One run later Hallas played on to Albert Pugson, who got a tremendous amount of break on the ball, and he retired in favour of Wilson, who made a stand with Hodge, and caused the Cliffe End captain to again change the bowling, Haigh and Hampson finishing. As overs turned out, however, it might have been advisable to have given Shaw a longer trial, seeing that in three overs only 2 runs were scored from him, no one hit, and he took two wickets. Hodge and Wilson raised the score to 48, when the latter was bowled by a splendid delivery from Hampson, which seemed to utterly disheartent the batsman, and 2 runs later Schofield was smartly stumped by Chadwick. Ten runs were wanted to win when Steel joined Hodge, and he at once set about getting his share of them. Hodge scored a single from Hampson, and Steel followed with a straight drive for 2, and a hit to the off for a single, the latter being a kicker, which Rachforth made a very good attempt to reach. Nothing short of a miracle could now keep Kirkhampton from winning, and a round of cheering went up as Steel off drove Haigh for 3, and played Hampson straight for a couple. The game was now a tie, and amid intense excitement, Steel made a straight drive for 4 from Hampson, and Kirkhampton won by five wickets. The Cliffe End bowlers had the following averages:—

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
W. Hampson ...	7-5	2	17	1
W. Haigh	8	2	19	2
H. Shaw	4	1	2	2
Albert Pugson ..	4	0	8	1

The following was the full score:—

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G. H. Hirst, b T. Hallas ...	3	D. Stringer, b Shaw	14
A. Rawcliffe, c Hirst, b T. Hallas	22	W. Hodge, not out	23
Joe Pugson, b T. Hallas ...	0	F. Thornton, c Rawcliffe b Shaw	0
Albert Pugson, b Hirst ...	4	T. Hallas, b Albert Pugson	0
R. Rachforth, b Hirst ...	0	D. Wilson, b Hampson ...	8
W. Hampson, b Hirst ...	8	J. Schofield, st. Chadwick b Haigh	0
A. Chadwick, c Hirst, b T. Hallas	4	T. Steel, not out	14
T. Thornton, b T. Hallas	1		
H. Shaw, not out	12		
Arthur Pugson, b Hirst ...	2		
W. Haigh, b Hirst	0		
Byes	4	Byes	5
Total	58	Total for 5 wkts.	65

FALL OF WICKETS.

Cliffe End.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
7	7	15	15	28	35	38	54	58	58

Kirkhampton.

1	2	3	4	5
26	30	31	46	48

THE PRESENTATION OF THE CUP.

The presentation of the cup and medals—the latter given by the Cricket Association—to the victorious team took place at the Queen Hotel in the evening, and was made by Mr. R. Lumb, the donor of the cup and president of the Association. There was a very large company present.

Mr. Lumb remarked that that was the third time the cup had been won—first by Armitage Bridge, then by Holmfirth, and now by Kirkhampton. He was most happy to have to congratulate—he was going to say one of the junior clubs—well not exactly junior, but one that was thought to have a very solidly strong at the beginning of the season, on having won it. (Applause.) He was sure all true cricketers would congratulate the Kirkhampton eleven on the very excellent form they had displayed during the cup ties. (Hear, hear.) They ought to be celebrated in that neighbourhood, seeing that they were so near that celebrated nursery of cricket—Lockwood Hall—(applause)—and the competition this season had proved that they were good cricketers, likely to take a front position in the future cricket of that neighbourhood, and some of them he hoped to merely refereed. (Applause.) He heard very good accounts of one young player, a very young player. (Applause.) They told him that he was a first-rate bowler already, and he hoped that before many years were over he would have the honour of representing the country. (Applause.) If his conduct improving as he had done that season the county might look to without him. (Applause.) And good-ness knows they needed some cricketers at present. (Hear, hear.) Referring to the county team, perhaps he might say a word or two on it. He always said that good play and good luck went together, and with their county bad play and bad luck went together. (Hear, hear.) They hoped for every improvement in the future, and with the assistance of some young players the county would no doubt take its usual position in the cricket world. He congratulated the Cliffe End team on the excellent good form they had shown, in beating some of the best clubs in the district. (Hear, hear.) The general opinion was that they had a cheap thing on that day, at any rate that was the impression in that neighbourhood, but very different reports came from Kirkhampton, where they were confident of winning. Both sides had played creditably and well. No doubt the rain had spoilt the wicket that day, consequently it was a bowlers' wicket. He had great pleasure in presenting the cup to the Kirkhampton team, and he hoped they would take good care of it. (Hear, hear, and applause.)

Mr. Stringer, the captain of the Kirkhampton team, was warmly received on coming forward. He said he had great pleasure in receiving the cup on behalf of his team, and he proposed their health, and that of the Cliffe End Team. (Applause.)

The cup, which had been filled with champagne, was