

1890s

1894 Tables & Averages

| BOWLING ANALYSIS— | | CRAIG VALE. | | | SALEM | | | | |
|-------------------|---|-------------|----|---|-------------|----|---|----|---|
| | | O | M | R | W | O | M | R | W |
| Wilson.. | 6 | | | | | | | | |
| Murgatroyd... | 5 | 6 | 19 | 5 | F Barker .. | 15 | 5 | 15 | 5 |
| J E Lord .. | 5 | 0 | 11 | 0 | J Stocks .. | 10 | 2 | 13 | 1 |
| J Crowther.. | 7 | 3 | 13 | 1 | T Wilson .. | 5 | 4 | 12 | 4 |

Results of matches up to and including Sept 8th.

| | Matches played | Won | Lost | Drawn | Pts. |
|-------------|----------------|-----|------|-------|------|
| Salem | 18 | 11 | 4 | 3 | 25 |
| Mytholmroyd | 18 | 12 | 5 | 1 | 25 |
| St James's | 18 | 10 | 7 | 1 | 21 |
| Cross Lanes | 18 | 10 | 7 | 1 | 21 |
| United Star | 18 | 10 | 8 | 0 | 20 |
| Craig Vale | 18 | 8 | 8 | 2 | 18 |
| Birchcliffe | 18 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 17 |
| Hep Slack | 18 | 5 | 10 | 3 | 13 |
| Crimsworth | 18 | 4 | 13 | 1 | 9 |
| Hep Parish | 18 | 4 | 11 | 3 | 9 |

Heptonstall Parish have two points deducted for playing an unqualified player. Heptonstall Parish and Cross Lanes have each received two points for St James's and Birchcliffe not fulfilling their engagements.

6 best Batting Averages.

| | Innings | Not out | Runs | Aver. |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|------|-------|
| W Redman, Salem | 15 | 5 | 128 | 12.8 |
| A Culpan, Mytholmroyd | 13 | 0 | 151 | 11.6 |
| J Crowther, Salem | 16 | 1 | 158 | 10.4 |
| H Grace, Craig | 16 | 2 | 139 | 9.9 |
| B Mitchell, Hep Slack | 16 | 1 | 147 | 9.8 |
| P Lughan, Mytholmroyd | 17 | 2 | 131 | 8.7 |

12 innings to qualify.

6 best Bowling Averages.

| | Overs | Mdns | Runs | Wkts | Aver. |
|-------------------------|-------|------|------|------|-------|
| C Cotton, Crimsworth | 95 | 36 | 108 | 40 | 2.7 |
| A Culpan, Mytholmroyd | 138 | 48 | 136 | 49 | 2.7 |
| J W Murgatroyd, Salem | 203 | 80 | 243 | 75 | 3.2 |
| A Shackleton, Hep. Par. | 154 | 81 | 188 | 54 | 3.4 |
| W Travis, St James's | 131 | 40 | 202 | 55 | 3.6 |
| T Travis, St James's | 134 | 55 | 195 | 48 | 4.0 |

36 wickets to qualify.

1895 Semi-Final

HEBDEN BRIDGE LEAGUE

The result of the semi-finals is that both the clubs in the A Section have secured a place in the final. These are Zion (Hebden Bridge) and Mytholmroyd, who are drawn to play off for possession of the cup on Saturday, September 7th, at Foster Holme.

SEMI-FINAL MATCH.

MYTHOLMROYD v. MYTHOLMROYD WESLEYANS.—This was one of the semi-final matches of the League, and was played on neutral ground at Calder-holme. Considerable interest was taken in the match, seeing that the clubs are such near neighbours. The result was a very easy victory for Mytholmroyd. The Wesleyans batted first. Culpan and Oxbury bowled at first, but Heap was put on vice Oxbury, and demolished the wickets at a fine rate, taking 6 wickets for 9 runs. The Wesleyans only got 88. It was considered now to be almost a foregone conclusion. When Mytholmroyd had lost 8 wickets for 17 runs, S Eastwood and A Culpan got together and batted splendidly for 26 and 41 respectively, winning the match with 3 wickets to spare. Scores and bowling:—

MYTHOLMROYD WESLEYANS.

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|---|--|----|
| F Helliwell, b Culpan .. | 4 | J E Helliwell, c Butterworth b Heap .. | 1 |
| G Smith, c Robinson b Heap .. | 7 | F Smith, c Crowther b Heap .. | 2 |
| S Greenwood, b Culpan .. | 7 | G Moore, not out .. | 0 |
| F Carter, b Culpan .. | 0 | F Sager, b Heap .. | 0 |
| T Sager, c Eastwood b Culpan .. | 8 | Extras .. | 4 |
| W Sykes, c Culpan b Heap .. | 1 | Total .. | 88 |
| B J Foster, b Heap .. | 9 | | |

MYTHOLMROYD.

| | | | |
|---|----|-------------------------------|----|
| J Greenwood, b F Sager .. | 4 | J Robinson, not out .. | 1 |
| S Eastwood, b G Smith .. | 26 | W Heap, b Smith b F Carter .. | 0 |
| N Crowther, at Gre'nw'd b Sager .. | 0 | Extras .. | 2 |
| A Robertshaw, b Sager .. | 3 | Total for 7 wkte .. | 82 |
| A Culpan, b F Helliwell .. | 41 | | |
| E Butt'r'w'rth, at Greenwood b F Helliwell .. | 5 | | |

BOWLING ANALYSIS—

| MYTHOLMROYD. | | | | WESLEYANS. | | | | |
|--------------|----|---|----|------------|------------------|----|---|----|
| O | M | R | W | O | M | R | W | |
| A Culpan .. | 16 | 7 | 18 | 4 | F Sager .. | 17 | 1 | 26 |
| J Oxbury .. | 6 | 2 | 9 | 0 | F Carter .. | 13 | 4 | 17 |
| W Heap .. | 9 | 2 | 9 | 6 | F Helliwell .. | 6 | 0 | 17 |
| | | | | | T Sager .. | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| | | | | | J E Helliwell .. | 3 | 1 | 8 |
| | | | | | G Smith .. | 4 | 0 | 6 |

OTHER MATCHES.

HEPTONSTALL PARISH 2ND v. HEPTONSTALL SLACK 2ND.—At Heptonstall. Barker (10) and F T Sunderland (14) were best batsmen for the Parish, who only made 38. Thomas and Whitham being destructive bowlers, the former taking 5 for 7 and the latter 4 for 3. But there was more effective bowling still on the other side by Sutcliffe and Hollinrake, who put the visitors out for 25.

CRAGG VALE v. HOPE BAPTISTS.—At Old Chamber. For Hope, a good start was made by I Lawton (25) and J W Mitchell (24), who however with Extras (15) were the chief scorers, the rest just adding 4 runs among them. Still, the total of 70 was good, and more than Cragg Vale were equal to, for Lawton and Mitchell put them all out for 30 runs. A Barker, 13 years of age, was one of the Cragg bowlers, and took 6 wickets for 13 runs.

BIRCHCLIFFE 2ND v. ZION.—At Foster-holme. For Birchcliffe, Henry and Herbert Greenwood put on 23 runs for the second wicket and were then disposed of, the latter having scored 15. Charles Greenwood afterwards added 12. The innings realised 48. Zion responded with 23 only, J G Greenwood having 6 wickets for 11, and H Greenwood 4 for 9.

WEST END 2ND v. HALIFAX ST. THOMAS'S.—At Siddon Hall. For the homesters J E Drake presented a formidable front and scored 52 but of a total of 70 the remaining batsmen being unable to withstand the bowling of Fogg, Haule, and Crowther. The Westenders looked all over like losing when their first seven wickets yielded only about 20 runs, but Maude and Wray put in a considerable stand for something like 80 runs for the ninth wicket, thus winning quite handsomely for their side, the totals being 70 and 87 respectively.

1895 Cup Final

fallen as under—

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Mytholmroyd | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Zion | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Mytholmroyd looked to have an easy thing on and were no doubt confident of victory. J Greenwood and S Eastwood commenced in a very steady manner against Cotton and J W Sowden, the first six overs being maidens. Bowden getting a wicket in his last. Like Zion, a procession was then started and continued until the fall of the eighth wicket. Then a short stand was made, six runs being put on before a separation was effected. The last man was quickly disposed of, and the score fell four runs short of Zion. All throughout the Mytholmroyd innings the greatest excitement prevailed, and when the wickets kept falling without many runs being added and six were down for 6 runs, the hopes of the Mytholmroyd partisans sunk very low indeed, but when the stand was made by Butlerworth and Robinson they began to rise again, and many thought that Mytholmroyd would ultimately run out the winners. However, they were doomed to disappointment, as will be seen by the fall of the wickets—

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Mytholmroyd | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Zion | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

If Mytholmroyd had gone in for opening their shoulders only a little bit, the probability is they would have been lucky enough to wipe off a small total like 10, but they contented themselves with attempting to play the bowling of whatever sort it was. Both sides were very facile in that way; no matter how loose a ball was sent up the batsmen simply played it, instead of doing their utmost to score off it. The bowling of the Mytholmroyd pair was very good, as also was Bowden's, but Crossley Cotton carried off the palm for superiority with the leather. He went straight at the sticks. Bowling of this kind is sure to prove destructive, and so it did on Saturday. In his fourth over he captured two wickets, repeated the performance in his fifth, and secured one in his sixth. The holding of both teams was 41, and it was impossible to take liberties. Three men who attempted short runs found out their mistake when it was too late. The fact that neither side scored an extra shows the smartness in the field. That two clubs playing off in a final should only score 23 between them is an exhibition which no one expected, and such ought not to have been the case. Appended are the scores and bowling analyses—

ZION.

| | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|----|
| M Barritt, c S Eastwood | J Walton, run out | 0 |
| b Heap | J Hill, not out | 1 |
| W Smith, b Heap | S Wilcock, b Culpan | 0 |
| J W Sowden, run out | J Lord, c M Crowther b | 0 |
| S Bowden, b Culpan | Heap | 8 |
| C Cotton, b Heap | Extras | 6 |
| A Barritt, b Culpan | | 0 |
| J Lord, b Heap | Total | 16 |

MYTHOLMROYD.

| | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|----|
| J Greenwood, b Sowden | J Eastwood, run out | 0 |
| S Eastwood, b Cotton | E Butlerworth, not out | 3 |
| A Robertshaw, c Smith | J Robinson, c M Barritt | 0 |
| b Bowden | b Sowden | 0 |
| N Crowther, b Cotton | J Houldsworth, b Sowden | 0 |
| A Culpan, b Cotton | | 0 |
| W Heap, c M Barritt b | Extras | 0 |
| Cotton | | 0 |
| J Oxbury, b Cotton | Total | 12 |

BOWLING ANALYSES—

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|--------------|----|---|----|-------|------------|----|---|---|---|
| MYTHOLMROYD. | | | | ZION. | | | | | |
| | O | M | R | W | | O | M | R | W |
| A Culpan | 13 | 8 | 10 | 3 | C Cotton | 10 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| W Heap | 12 | 8 | 6 | 5 | J W Sowden | 9 | 5 | 7 | 4 |

PRESENTATION OF THE CUP AND MEDAL.

At the conclusion of the game, the Rev Harry Wild, of Hoptonhall, one of the vice-presidents of the League, mounted a table in front of the Salem cricket tent, and made the presentations, a large crowd assembling around. He said: You have not seen much batting for your money, but you have had plenty of fun, and plenty of excitement, and have witnessed some extremely good bowling and batting. I think this League does a great deal of good in the district by fostering the game of cricket. You know that one of the greatest disadvantages in playing with a junior club is that they very often fail to fulfil their engagements, but by this League every club is forced to keep its appointments, and so the League in this way does a great and useful work and serves a very good purpose. The present League is better than the old-fashioned cup competition, as it necessitates the best club all the year round being the winner of the cup, and this I think has been the case this year. (Applause, finishing up with three cheers for Mr Wild by the Zion partisans.) I think you will notice that the men at the top of the batting and bowling averages belong to Zion, Mytholmroyd and Eastwood, all of which clubs have got into the concluding rounds, and the two persons who head the bowling average represent the two clubs who have been playing for the final to-day. I think the best club has come to the top. (Good and continued cheering.) Calling on J W Sowden, the captain of the Zion eleven, Mr Wild said, holding the cup aloft: I have great pleasure in presenting this cup to the Zion club to hold until next year. I think there is very great praise due to the club, for it is a newly-formed one and was started with a small number of members. Let all honour be given to them for winning the cup to-day. (Cheers.) Mytholmroyd are also to be congratulated on getting into the final. They won the cup last year, and I think it is best for the trophy to go round. We want to get it on the top of the hill (Hoptonhall) sometime.

Mr Sowden replying said: It gives me great pleasure to be the captain of the winning team to-day. I think everyone will own that the best team has won. (Cheers and counter-cheers.) I only hope we shall have the same success next year. (Applause.)

Again addressing Sowden and holding up the medal for the bowling average, Mr Wild said: I have pleasure in presenting you with the medal for the best bowling average. I am sure you have fought hard for it.

Mr Sowden briefly thanked Mr Wild.

The batting average prize, also a medal, won by J Mitchell, Eastwood, could not be presented as the winner of it was absent.

A collection was made on the field for Crossley Cotton because of his feat in bowling, and calling him up beside him, Mr Wild said: A collection has been made on the ground for this bowler and has realised the handsome sum of 41s 11d, which I now present to him. I hope he will not spend it foolishly.

Mr Cotton expressed his thanks, and the proceedings terminated.