

# BIRSTALL GET OUT OF SPIN

by ANDREW EVANS

IT WAS no fault of the experienced Hilton Shaw, 46-year-old all-rounder who has figured with distinction in the Yorkshire Council for many years, that Batley's push towards promotion was halted by battling Birstall.

Shaw, who travels weekly from London in an all-out bid to get Batley back in the top section of the CENTRAL YORKSHIRE LEAGUE, had Birstall in a spin.

Able supported by wicketkeeper Joe Smith, Shaw had Birstall in trouble at 81 for five in reply to Batley's declared score of 141 for six.

Batley seemed destined for more priceless points, particularly when Shaw showed his versatility by running out a sixth rival at 87.

But Birstall, hovering near the foot of the table, launched a creditable fight back as the Batley attack faded because of ineffective support for Shaw's spinners.

Hugh Smith and Keith Foster took Birstall within sight of victory, Foster reaching the objective with only three deliveries remaining of the allotted time. So Birstall scraped home by two wickets, despite a 6-48 analysis from Shaw.

Batting honours in this enthralling struggle went to two other veterans, Norman Parrish, the Batley captain, and Ken Haley, long service Birstall all-rounder.

## Struggle

Parrish included seven boundaries in his score of 49 as he opened the Batley innings and laid a foundation on which Joe Smith thrived by cracking four towering sixes in 40.

But Haley had the last word, following up his 5-31 return by scoring 48 to emerge as the match-winning factor in Birstall's revenge success.

**BATLEY:** M. Brooke b Haley 5; N. Parrish c Hill b Haley 49; A. Brisson bow Haley 12; K. Wormald b Haley 8; Joe Smith b Johnson 49; H. Shaw b Haley 1; A. McAlister not out 1; A. Howden not out 1; Extras 11; Total (6 wks dec) 141; Bowling: K. Haley 5-31; D. Johnson 1-51.

**BIRSTALL:** J. K. Burns c Howden b Shaw 26; K. Haley bow b Shaw 48; H. Smith 5; Joe Smith b Shaw 21; D. Todd c Joe Smith b Shaw 7; J. Hill c Jack Smith b Shaw 8; G. Welfenden b Shaw 3; D. Johnson no 5; K. Foster no 12; M. Vaseen bow b Parrish 6; D. Gill no 2; Extras 3; Total (6 wks) 112; Bowling: H. Shaw 6-48; N. Parrish 1-24.

# SCORING REVEL AT MOUNT PLEASANT

Batley 118

Birstall 237 for 4 dec.

Although McCarty tried seven bowlers, none seemed to have much effect on the Birstall batsmen who made their runs in about 170 minutes. Haley and Murphy



S. Naylor

started the revel with a fine opening stand of 99, and after the former had left for a grand 54, Sugden helped to carry on the good work. When Murphy left for 73, at 156, Naylor helped to hammer the bowling all over the field. Sugden went at 20; but at the close Naylor was undefeated with 51 to his credit.

He hit a six and five fours. All the

batsmen had scored with ease. Scott was the mainstay of the Batley batting and he made 60, in which there were eight boundaries and a six, out of 88 in just over an hour. But then there was a collapse against the bowling of Sugden and from 90 for 3 Batley were 105 for 7 and all out for a further 13 runs. Sugden finished with 6 for 23 in 12.3 overs and Hainsworth had 4 for 40.

**Birstall.**—J. W. Murphy, b Stuart, 73; K. Haley, c Rhodes b Squires, 54; H. Sugden, c Kirk b McKeller, 30; S. Naylor, not out, 51; H. Hainsworth, c McKeller b Stuart, 16; R. Thompson, not out, 4; Extras, 9; total (for 4 wks., dec.), 237.

**Batley.**—F. C. Scott, c Thompson b Sugden, 60; R. Brooke, b Hainsworth, 0; R. Kirk, b Sugden, 19; G. Blakeley, lbw b Sugden, 14; J. Speak, c Thompson b Sugden, 1; H. Squires, c Bruce b Hainsworth, 0; R. Hirst, lbw b Hainsworth, 2; W. McKeller, b Sugden, 7; A. McCarty, b Hainsworth, 11; G. Rhodes, not out, 1; T. Stuart, b Sugden, 0; Extras, 3; total, 118.

# Birstall held out to a deserved draw

BIRSTALL (for 7) ... 144. BATLEY (for 9) ... 160

**A** MAGNIFICENT "back to the wall" innings by veteran J. K. Binns helped Birstall to avoid defeat in the "derby" game at Leeds Road on Saturday. It was a game that had many possibilities and one that should have reached a definite conclusion (writes Harry Beavers).

One was left wondering whether, if batsman Johnson had arrived earlier Birstall might not have dismissed Batley for considerably less than 160, yet in the Birstall innings a possible early success to batsman Manby, who bowled Binns with a "too tall" and a dropped catch from Binns to Malcolm Brooks left me with the feeling that it could have been so easy for Batley.

Generally speaking, the cricket was interesting because of its extreme variety. Howden and Malcolm Brooks gave Batley a sound start, with 46 for the first wicket. Lloyd and McAllister shared in a 45 run partnership later in the innings, and Parkin had a merry knock for the last wicket.

At the same time, fast bowler Charlie Johnson, who had five for 41 in 15 overs, was always the danger man, but his talent was not to the side because of a late arrival.

## UNUSUAL

Birstall's reply was not as effective as Batley's. Binns and Brooks opened with 24, but Batley had the usual experience of collecting a "duck" and one of the promising youngsters, Mitchell, was soon back in the pavilion with only one to his name. Four wickets were down for 27, when veterans Binns and Charlie Fox came together. And they remained together until the score had gone beyond the century mark.

Perhaps a little variation in the Batley attack might have produced a different result. Suffice it to say that since these batsmen had been asked to settle in they resisted every attempt to separate them.

Binns went on to his 50 and then became fifth man out at 102 when he gave a return catch to bowler Manby, who up to that point had bowled well with the wind without success. On his departure and that of Fox at 107, Terry Foster took over the scoring role, but at 117 he too fell to Manby. Youngsters, Buckley and Whitaker played out time and were 18 runs short of the Batley total at the end.

I have been present at Leeds Road "derby" games in the past and the cricket has been a great deal more thrilling, but I cannot help wondering what might have been. After all, when Birstall took the field with about four reserves and Binns, winning the toss, gave injury first use of the wicket one wondered whether this was a wise move. In the event, perhaps it was not.

**BATLEY**—A. Howden b Haley 17, M. Brooks b Buckley 11, Haley 17, K. Ham, S. Johnson 4, J. Lloyd & Mitchell 24, J. Manser 24, A. McAllister & Gary 3, Jagger 21, T. Foster 20, and J. T. Jagger 9. Bowled 14. J. Parkin 10, and 14, K. Worsfold & Haley b Johnson 1, C. Manby b Johnson 4, D. Thompson not out 4, extras 14. Total (for 9 wickets) 160.

**BIRSTALL**—J. K. Binns & and b Manby 27, M. Brooks & Howden b Brook 10, K. Haley & Jagger b Manby 9, J. Mitchell b Brook 1, D. Lloyd & Brook 4, C. Fox b Ham 11, T. Foster b Manby 11, D. Whitaker not out 1, D. Buckley not out 4, extras 6. Total (for 7 wickets) 144.

Bowling—Birstall: G. Dicks, 4-1-25

# BIRSTALL OPENERS SHARED A CENTURY

Brook Motors ..... 82, Birstall ..... 161 for seven

**A** brilliant century partnership between openers Ken Haley and Hugh Smith gave Birstall a flying start to the new season and fulfilled a 23-year-old dream.

Ken Haley, who started his cricketing career 23 years ago with Batley seconds at the age of 14, has scored many half centuries and centuries during his career but Saturday's 53 was the first half century he has scored in the opening match of the season.

"It's something I've always dreamed of but, until Saturday, never been able to do," he said after Birstall had beaten Brook Motors by 79 runs.

Both Haley and Smith, who scored 54, were dismissed after seeing the score past the 100 mark but apart from David Gill (26) none of the remaining batsmen were able to get to grips with the indifferent Brook Motors bowling.

The total of 161 for seven in the 46 overs, however, was very good considering there were still traces of the rust which forms during the football season.

Brook Motors could never get to terms with the accurate Birstall bowling. Michael Pearson quickly claimed the wickets of opening pair, Boothroyd and Jackson, and Johnson hammered away at the middle order batsmen.

Thewlis scored an unbeaten 49, but only Chester of his colleagues reached double figures.

One of the brightest points of Birstall's encouraging victory was the performance of new wicket-keeper, Brian Scarr, who claimed four victims one of whom was stumped.

**BIRSTALL**—K. Haley, c and b Green, 53; H. Smith, run out, 54; D. Forman, run out, 1; J. K. Binns, b Frankland, 7; D. Gill, c Salgadoe b Frankland, 28; L. Fox, lbw b McNulty, 0; J. Powell b Frankland, 0; D. Johnson, not out, 13; D. Buckley, not out, 1; extras 4. Total (for 7 wickets), 161.

**BROOK MOTORS**—G. Boothroyd, c Scarr b Pearson, 1; S. Jackson, lbw b Pearson, 0; J. Thewlis, not out, 49; M. Salgadoe, c Powell b Johnson, 3; P. McNulty, b Johnson, 2; J. McCallman, c Scarr b Johnson, 0; A. Clough, c Scarr b Pearson, 0; B. Chester, c Powell b Smith, 20; D. Frankland, st. Scarr b Smith, 0; T. Kilner, b Powell, 0; S. Green, b Johnson, 6; extras, 1. Total 82.

**Bowling**—Brook Motors: P. McNulty, 1-59; D. Frankland, 3-36; M. Salgadoe, 0-23; B. Chester, 0-19; S. Green, 1-20. Birstall: D. Johnson, 4-17; M. Pearson, 3-22; D. Buckley, 0-1; K. Haley, 0-13; H. Smith, 2-16; J. Powell, 4-14.

# Ken Haley steals the thunder

**BRIGHTER DAYS** are here for Birstall, thanks to all-rounder Ken Haley. He starred as bowler and batsman when Birstall gained their first **YORKSHIRE COUNCIL** win of the season by six wickets against Brook Motors.

After capturing five for 28, Haley led Birstall's batting with a spirited knock of 66 not out.

Two other batsmen who chalked up half centuries were R. Hooley and Dr. Garner, Wombwell captain. Hooley was 51 not out as Hunslet Nelson opener at East Ardsley, where he shared in a stand of 82 with R. Parker.

Garner gave Wombwell a winning start with 51 against Goole Town, who provided Wombwell with their fourth consecutive victory.

## LEAGUE CRICKET SPECIAL

# STRIKE MEDAL FOR HALEY

By Allan Cave

**B**ILL WARD plays for Knottingley. Bill Ward plays for Thorncliffe. They are two Yorkshire Council bowlers.

Knottingley's Bill is an old hand. He saw off Allerton Rywater in a 7-for-7 return from eight overs.

Thorncliffe's Bill is their captain, does a bit with bat and ball. He got eight wickets for 38 and then got his side's top score, 36. But Aston Hall beat Thorncliffe by two runs.

Yorkshire, always dead keen to hear of slow left-arm bowlers above the average, think well of Brian Wood, a Kirkhymoorside boy who plays for Scarborough. Brian's 8 for 28 (including a hat-trick) at Doncaster will cause a spot of chin-rubbing at county headquarters.

### Black eye

Ken Haley should get a medal for pluck. But for his courage Birstall would probably not have won their Heavy Woollen Cup-tie at Cleckheaton.

Haley opened the batting but took one in the eye when he'd scored five. He went to hospital to have it stitched. And back he came, straight up to skipper Harry Sugden, with the plea: "Let me go in now."

Harry couldn't resist, and Ken obliged with the game's best score, 26. Besides which Haley got three wickets.

Mike Cowan's bowling return for the county this season is 11-5-28-0. But he's still Bingley's pride. It was Mike's 7 for 33 which beat Idle, the Bradford League leaders—16 wickets

for 83 runs is Mike's return from three Bingley games.

Two other "quickies" with county experience dominated the rest of the Bradford League scene. Mel Ryan, the Yorkshire colt, took Baildon to victory over Lightcliffe in 6 for 18. And Phil Hodgson (Pudsey) got six Brighouse wickets for 23 runs—on a rain-affected pitch.

Elland won the Sykes Cup in 1953 and 1954, when Ernest Needham was their pro. Now he motors over from Rochdale to pro for Broadoak, and he's put them in the second round.

# HALEY'S PLUCK SWINGS GAME FOR BIRSTALL

THREE 17-year-old players beginning to make names for themselves in the YORKSHIRE COUNCIL are John Hampshire, Rotherham, Bil. Selby, Dearne, and Kevin Verity, Illingworth.

Hampshire's father, policeman Jack Hampshire, played for Yorkshire occasionally before the war.

Highest innings of the day came from Hampshire, with 92 not out for Rotherham against Harrogate, who were beaten by six wickets.

Selby polished off Hewsworth by taking three wickets in four deliveries with his pace bowling.

Verity, still at school in Halifax, and one of three brothers associated with the Illingworth club, claimed three for three when Whitwood were out for 111.

## PLEADING

Birstall can thank the pluck of Ken Haley for their win at Cleckheaton in the first round of the HEAVY WOOLLEN CUP.

Haley had scored five as opening batsman when he had to be taken to hospital after being struck in an eye by a rising ball.

Back he came with two stitches in the wound, pleaded with his captain, Harry Sugden, to let him bat again, and did so to make 26, highest score of the match.

Haley then took three for 24 and saw Birstall home to an eight-run victory.

# OVER 400 RUNS IN BIRSTALL GAME

Birstall (for 5, dec.) .. 201  
Brook Motors (for 6) .. 203

A magnificent opening partnership of 140 between Jack Binns (88) and Kenneth Haley (79) put Birstall in a good position, but the home side batsmen had no difficulty in achieving their aim of 202, with four wickets and eight overs still to go.

The effervescent Binns and the more placid Haley thrashed the homesters' attack and it looked as if Birstall would reach a mammoth total. When M. Saigadoo bowled Haley with 140 runs on the board the later batsmen, with the exception of D. Gill (17, not out), could not press home their advantage and only 86 runs were added for the loss of four more wickets.

Birstall had reached a respectable score of 201 for five declared and their fate was left in the hands of their bowlers. Wickets tumbled fairly regularly and with only tail-enders to come the home team were 100 for the loss of five wickets. M. Saigadoo, the ex-Huddersfield League professional, was still at the crease and when he finally fell to Johnson the score was 173 with four more wickets yet to fall. He had scored 81 valuable runs.

Brook Motors finished victors of what had proved to be an exciting and entertaining game with over 400 runs being scored.

BIRSTALL.—J. K. Binns lbw b Eisey 88, K. Haley b Saigadoo 79, H. Smith Woodhead b Saigadoo 4, D. Gill not out 17, C. Glow c Hanson b Eisey 0, R. Barracough c Hanson b Eisey 0, T. Williamson not out 7, extras 6. Total (for 5 wks) 201.

BROOK MOTORS.—F. Jackson b Leach 18, B. Lee c Binns b Johnson 3, M. Saigadoo b Johnson 81, J. Thompson c Smith b Johnson 14, J. Youell c Binns b Smith 9, M. Woodhead c Smith b Haley 11, C. Wright not out 26, B. Bottomley not out 7, extras 24. Total (for 6 wks) 203.

Bowling.—Brook Motors: K. Wright, 13-0-62-0; T. Eisey 13-3-34-3; J. Thompson 5-0-23-0; M. Saigadoo, 14-0-50-2; M. Woodhead, 2-0-19-0. Birstall: D. Johnson, 14-1-57-3; H. Leach, 11.5-0-55-1; K. Haley, 8-0-23-1; H. Smith, 7-0-48-1.

## ACCOMPLISHED BATSMEN WON THE DAY

Birstall 158 for 4.  
Drighlington 156.

The Birstall attack in past weeks has proved a rather deadly weapon but they hadn't things all their own way in the cup game with Second Division side Drighlington. The visitors reached the suspension total and it was Birstall's more accomplished batsmen who won the day.

Drighlington were given a great start by Booth and Howard but once they were parted four more wickets fell quickly. Hepworth averted a complete collapse and with Howard batting steadily at the other end the 100 mark was reached. Hepworth was caught but his partner stayed and was still at the wicket when they suspended at 153 for 8.

The home batsmen had little trouble with the mediocre Drighlington attack and with 65 runs on the board for the first wicket, runs came freely from the later batsmen. Haley made a welcome return to form and at the close had 58 to his credit. Bedford, who hit eight fours, fell one short of his half century.



K. Haley

After their score had been passed, Drighlington went to the wicket again but their two outstanding wickets yielded only five runs and aith and Haley scored the necessary runs for victory without being parted.

Howden (3 for 56), Naylor (2 for 16) and Abbott (2 for 10) were the Birstall star bowlers, while Morris took 3 for 1 for the losers.

Drighlington.—P. Booth, b Sugden, 38; E. Howard, b Abbott, 44; K. Ineson, c and b Howden, 0; N. Bastow, b Howden, 0; W. E. Lambert, lbw b Womersley, 0; N. Hatfield, b Howden, 5; N. Hepworth, c Haley b Hainsworth, 27; J. Morris, lbw b Naylor, 13; P. Aspinall, c Hainsworth b Naylor, 5; G. Fawcett, st Bruce b Abbott, 16; D. Kaye, not out, 1; extras, 2; total, 156.

Birstall.—J. Bedford, c Kaye b Morris, 49; E. Naylor, c Hepworth b Morris, 21; H. Sugden, lbw b Morris, 16; K. Haley, not out, 56; M. Womersley, b Fawcett, 6; W. B. Smith, not out, 7; extras, 3; total (for 4 wickets), 158.

## HALEY'S GOOD KNOCK

Although Birstall had lost half their side before they approached Drighlington's total they were not worried. The best reward the match offered was points in the Yorkshire Council table, and Birstall are more concerned with the Central League this time.

The home side took two hours to get their 89 which, on a small-sized field, could not be classed as fast scoring. It took Birstall 90 minutes, but Haley was chiefly responsible for the run-a-minute pace. It was unfortunate that, within three of his half-century, he should fail to connect properly and send up an easy catch to Eric Womersley, who played regularly at Birstall last season.

Drighlington was soon in trouble and only 12 runs were registered when four men had returned to the pavilion. Gill came to the rescue and hit five fours and two sixes in a merry 44. Like Haley, he failed to connect and fell an easy victim. Kemp, a youth of some 6ft. 2ins., made Drighlington's tail-end wag. Hainsworth, who enjoyed a welcome return to the Birstall side, took a wicket with his first delivery. It must have been one of the worst Hainsworth has sent down for Birstall, and no one registered more surprise than he when it brought success. Pearson took two smart catches.

Haley found the boundary eight times in his delightful innings and youthful Ronnie Thompson showed he is a batsman in the making for Birstall.

## CHILLY CRICKET AT SAVILE

Birstall ..... 130

Dewsbury ..... 92

By Henry Wilson

There are all manner of societies for the protection of all manner of things—and good work they do. But some humanitarian folk should band themselves together to protect the cricketer who casts many clouts before May is even in. Some such society is needed—sweaters are not enough.

At Savile Town, King cricket (in the guise of Dewsbury and Birstall) found a hint of Jack Frost in the wind—and an uncomfortable Commoner he was.

Birstall won because their play suggested they had had more practice than Dewsbury's newly constituted amateur side. Haley's innings might have been a gem of mid-summer. From the first he showed some beautiful flowing strokes past cover and some crisp cutting. Then Balle hit hard, including a vast six, and spoiled Dewsbury's chances. Wright and Crabtree bowled with ideas, but Dewsbury's ground fielding was poor. Quayle kept an excellent wicket.

In spite of a valuable innings by Wright, Dewsbury never looked like making the runs. Showers of rain were sufficient to aid the Birstall bowlers—of whom Womersley seemed the most dangerous.

Birstall.—J. Bedford, c Quayle, b Wheelhouse, 10; K. Haley, c Quayle, b Wright, 58; G. D. Wilson, c Quayle, b Wright, 15; M. Stocks, b Crabtree, 0; A. Pearson, c Wheelhouse, b Wright, 12; R. Thompson, b Harrison, 10; H. Bailes, not out, 52; M. Womersley, b Wheelhouse, 1; E. Abbott, c Williamson, b Harrison, 6; D. Brown, c Quayle, b Wright, 1; E. Blakeley, lbw, b Wright, 0. Total, 130.

Dewsbury.—H. Claydon, b Blakeley, 1; Williamson, b Blakeley, 20; Wilson, b Pearson, 0; Hardy, b Pearson, 2; J. Squires, c Thompson, b Womersley, 12; M. Crabtree, b Pearson, 0; E. Wright, b Womersley, 41; Harrison, c Wilson, b Womersley, 2; Hemingway, b Womersley, 0; Quayle, not out, 2; Wheelhouse, b Brown, 0; extras, 13. Total, 92.

Bowling.—Dewsbury: H. Wheelhouse, 13-0-25-2; E. Wright, 13-4-0-42-5; M. Stocks, 5-0-23-1; Harrison, 6-0-25-3; J. Squires, 1-0-3-0. Birstall: E. Blakeley, 14-4-13-2; A. Pearson, 10-2-41-3; M. Womersley, 9-1-25-4; D. Brown, 5-1-3-3-1.

## East Ardsley v. Birstall

The last ball of the match hit towards the boundary and stopped on the boundary edge to prevent a tie was the thrilling climax to this run feast served up at East Ardsley, which maintained interest to the very end. Blakeley and Hainsworth caused a shock start by securing the first three wickets for 26 runs when East Ardsley batted first in ideal conditions. But opening batsman Armitage played himself in, shared with Booth (18) in a fourth wicket partnership of 78, and was fifth out with a splendid century which included 14 fours at 154. Waldock carried on the good work and the home team were able to declare at 206 for 8. D. Brown was the most successful Birstall bowler with 4 for 56. Birstall's reply was encouraging, Bedford and Haley putting on 88 for the first wicket. But Thompson, promoted from the second team following an unbeaten 104 last week, left at the same total. When Haley went after reaching his half century, Naylor became Birstall's mainstay and the score had reached 170 for 7 when time expired. Birstall claimed the extra five overs but to no avail. Naylor, who made 63 not out, made a bold bid to force a victory, but Birstall, four runs short, had to be content with their ninth draw.

East Ardsley: L. Armitage, lbw b Brown 103; W. Bedford, b Blakeley 0; W. Hall, b Blakeley 0; A. Norman, b Hainsworth 9; G. Booth, c Hainsworth b Haley 18; D. Waldock, not out 37; J. C. Walker, c Thorpe b Brown 6; E. Thornton, b Brown 3; C. H. Saville, lbw b Brown 0; W. Baldwin, not out 13; extras, 17; total (for 8 wks., dec.), 206.

Birstall: J. Bedford, b Waldock 44; K. Haley, c and b Walker 55; R. Thompson, lbw b Waldock 0; S. Naylor, not out 63; H. Hainsworth, b Waldock 27; D. Brown, b Saville 1; L. Thorpe, run out 1; H. Bailes, run out 1; W. Pearson, not out 2; extras, 6; total (for 7 wks.), 204.

## BIRSTALL JUST LOSE

East Ardsley ..... (for 4) 165  
Birstall ..... (for 6) 164

Batsmen had a happy Saturday afternoon at Jeffrey Field where East Ardsley United scored runs at the rate of 4.5 an over to knock up 165 for 4 in reply to 164 for 6 by Birstall in the limit of 46 overs, 3.5 an over.

Stars of the home side were former skipper Bob Pearson, 55 not out and 4 wickets for 50, and John Moyser 24 not out and 2 for 42.

Birstall stalwarts were K. Haley, 54 runs and C. Fox 50.

Haley took the crease after a wicket was down with only eight runs on the board and with the help of opener M. Brooke (8), he saw the score to 49 for 2. He then shared a partnership of 43 with Fox before being caught by Church off Moyser. His score included five fours.

Fox and J. Hill (19) then pushed the score to 139 for nine, and the former lost two more partners before being joined by D. Marshall (8 not out) for the last few overs. Fox hit four boundaries.

Ardsley were given a promising batting start, the shine being knocked off the ball by E. Lanning (13) and B. Wallis (22) who were parted with the score at 30 for one.

J. Schofield (5) was caught out five runs later, and then Wallis and Pearson added 19. The latter was joined by R. Church (27) and they shared a stand of 41, Church being caught with the score at 95 for 4.

Pearson and Moyser, who each hit five fours, confidently tackled the bowling to hit 70 runs all round the wicket in the final unbroken stand.

BIRSTALL.—M. Brooke, lbw b Moyser, 5; J. Brink, b Pearson, 4; K. Haley, c Church b Moyser, 54; C. Fox, not out, 50; J. Hill, c Church b Pearson, 19; P. Phillips, b Pearson, 2; G. Wolfenden, b Pearson, 9; D. Marshall, not out, 8; extras, 14. Total (for 8 wks.), 164.

EAST ARDSLEY UNITED.—E. Lanning, b Fox, 13; B. Wallis, b Wood, 22; J. Schofield, c Haley b Wood, 5; R. Pearson, not out, 50; R. Church, c Fox b Sirk, 27; J. Moyser, not out, 24; extras, 9. Total (for 4 wks.), 165.

Bowling.—East Ardsley United: E. Fisher, 12-2-49-0; R. Pearson, 14-2-50-4; M. Sirk, 5-0-18-0; J. Moyser, 15-4-42-3; Birstall: C. Fox, 12-1-45-1; W. Sirk, 8-2-36-1; J. M. Wood, 10-0-28-3; K. Haley, 3-0-25-0; P. Phillips, 3-0-22-0.

## This isn't promotion form!

BIRSTALL ..... 99  
EAST ARDSLEY .... 121

Birstall continued to tread the downward path on Monday when an East Ardsley score of 121 proved out of reach.

It was another saddening defeat for the Howden Clough side who this season had thought that promotion was within reach. Unfortunately, this appears to be just a pipe-dream as defeat follows defeat.

East Ardsley took first knock on the green wicket and after a shaky start S. Bowers and F. Leathley helped to push the score along steadily. Michael Pearson bowled consistently to take four wickets but an "extras" total of 23 helped East Ardsley to a respectable 121.

Being wary of the tricks the pitch was playing Birstall started cautiously but lost Binns very early. Terry Foster and Ken Haley took the score to 41 and Birstall looked to have victory well within their grasp but apart from David Gill (28) the rest of the side collapsed and were all out for 99.

Birstall had only 10 men and the side was made up by youngster Philip Haley, Ken Haley's son.

## HALEY'S BOWLING UPSET THE MINERS'

Birstall 136 for 8 dec.  
Frickley Colliery 112

Birstall had one player, at least, who had every reason to be proud of himself on Saturday. Ken Haley is his name, ex-Mount Pleasant is his name, who so far has had a good season as Birstall's opening man. But it was with the ball, not the bat, that he claimed his share of the honours against the mining team at Leeds Road.

"Stripper" Hainsworth gave Haley a chance he was not slow to make the best of. His first over was a maiden, his second was a wicket-maiden and his victim was George Waites, Frickley's all-rounder who had bowled magnificently against Birstall.

Frickley's score was then 75 for 5. Haley's next over cost him two runs, his next proved to be another wicket-maiden and this time he sent back opening batsman Orange who had barred the way to an easy victory for the Leeds Road men. His score was 46 out of 78. Haley's analysis was then 2 for 4 in four overs and his final reckoning when he closed the Frickley innings by clean bowling Ogden was 3 for 22 in 11.2 overs. Womersley took 3 for 25 and Hainsworth 2 for 41.

Birstall found the miners' bowling much too tight for their liking and responsible was Waites who had a "hat-trick" of maiden overs three times in his long spells. In fact, an hour and a half had gone before Birstall had reached the half century mark. In came that valuable pair Smith and Hainsworth and together they doubled that total before Smith went the next ball after hitting a lovely six.

Birstall.—K. Haley, c Stead b Waites, 17; S. Spright, b Walton, 9; H. Sugden, b Walton, 17; J. Bedford, b Walton, 0; W. R. Smith, c Liddle b Ogden, 35; H. Hainsworth, b Waites, 31; G. Bruce, b Waites, 6; R. Thompson, not out, 8; J. Howden, c Walton b Waites, 0; K. Muffitt, not out, 4; extras, 9; total (for 8 wkts., dec.), 136.

Frickley Colliery.—J. Stead, b Womersley, 6; G. Orange, b Haley, 46; A. Ward, b Womersley, 2; G. Baaford, b Hainsworth, 5; R. Atkinson, c Smith b Muffitt, 14; G. Waites, b Haley, 1; E. Leighton, c Bruce b Hainsworth, 20; G. Liddle, b Womersley, 11; R. Barker, run out, 6; H. Ogden, b Haley, 2; W. Walton, not out, 0; extras, 5; total, 112.

## Hanging Heaton v. Birstall

When bad light stopped play at Bennett Lane the home team were in a very favourable position and can count themselves very unfortunate in not taking full points from their game with Birstall. Batting first on an easy-paced wicket, Hanging Heaton lost half their side for only 43 runs, but a classical 64 not out by McNair saved them from disaster. Hainsworth bowled extremely well and took six wickets for 48 runs. The Birstall batsmen fared none too well and only Thorpe (22) and Haley (25 not out) could cope with the keen Hanging Heaton bowling in which honours went to Crane (two for 15) and Watkinson (two for 10). A feature of the home team's innings was that Bowers, Crane and Stenson were all run out. A team that hopes to obtain honours this season must learn to run between the wickets.

Hanging Heaton: Sykes, lbw b Hainsworth 19; Heppenstall, c Pearson b Blakeley 3; Smith, b Hainsworth 7; Bowers, run out 4; McNair, not out 64; Duckworth, lbw Hainsworth 0; Robinson, b Hainsworth 3; Crane, run out 14; Stenson, run out 4; Coggin, c Blakeley b Hainsworth 4; Watkinson, c Blakeley b Hainsworth 3; extras 9; Total, 134.  
Birstall: Smith, b Robinson 3; Sugden, b Watkinson 10; Thorpe, b Coggin 22; Bedford, c Stenson b Watkinson 2; Haley, not out 25; Hodgson, b Crane 0; Bailes, lbw b Crane 0; Hainsworth, not out 1; extras 5; Total (for 6 wkts), 79.

## BIRSTALL COME-BACK GATHERS PACE

BIRSTALL ..... 136  
CLECKHEATON .... 27

Birstall continue to amaze having narrowly missed promotion last season, their hopes were pinned on a quick climb up the tree this year but early-season form proved anything but encouraging.

Now they appear to have struck a purple patch, and Saturday's victory over Cleckheaton, having lost to them twice already this season, was almost unbelievable.

To dismiss a side of Cleckheaton's character for only 27 after hitting 136 themselves is really promotion form, but Birstall cannot afford to slip if they are to climb up more rungs.

Cleckheaton's dominance seemed to be continuing when the home side opened their innings. Terry Foster, Joe Sims, Ken Haley and David Todd went very cheaply, and at 38 for four Birstall appeared to be stumbling to defeat.

Then a remarkable stand of 87 between comparative newcomers to the first team, Butlerfield and Fox, pepped up the home team.

There was another collapse after Butlerfield had been run out and Birstall were out for a respectable 134.

### ALARMING

Dennis Johnson, wallowing in his recently-found top form, tore into the Cleckheaton side from the outset, and with Michael Pearson backing up well the visitors were soon collapsing.

Moyser was their only batsman to reach double figures—and he only just made it before Pearson bowled him—and an alarming collapse came when the last five wickets fell without any runs being scored.

Johnson collected five wickets for eight runs, Pearson three for 14 and Haley two for none.

BIRSTALL.—T. Foster, c Sims b Womersley, 2; J. E. Sims, c Blakes b Mortimer, 11; K. Haley, c Moyser b Womersley, 4; D. Todd, b Womersley, 5; H. Smith, c Allatt b Mortimer, 20; R. Butlerfield, run out, 52; D. Gill, c Thorpe b Moyser, 10; C. Fox, b Mortimer, 42; B. Kaye, b Mortimer, 1; D. Johnson, b Moyser, 0; M. Pearson, not out, 0; extras, 4; Total, 136.

CLECKHEATON.—K. Bruce, b Johnson, 8; J. Sims, c Foster b Pearson, 9; R. Sugden, b Pearson, 1; H. Allatt, b Johnson, 1; A. Horner, c Johnson, 7; J. Moyser, b Pearson, 0; W. Goldsmith, c Johnson b Holt, 2; K. Mortimer, c Kaye b Johnson, 4; R. Berry, b Johnson, 0; P. Kelly, b Haley, 0; H. Womersley, not out, 0; extras, 5; Total, 27.

# Big hits order of the day

Hartshead Moor 141  
Birstall 208 for 5 dec

It was free-and-easy cricket at Hartshead Moor and the spectators witnessed some fine hitting. Taking first use of a wicket which seemed full of runs, Birstall had a good start, Robotham and Murphy putting on 80 before the former left for 25. Murphy went on to make 57, which included nine fours, and Kenneth Haley hit a similar number of boundaries in his 50. Hainsworth added a bright and breezy 39, in which he hit six fours and a six. The score was made in 150 minutes. Eighty runs were on the card before the first home wicket fell, but after that wickets fell steadily and there was little doubt that Birstall would emerge winners. Opening batsman D. Hirst scored 47, including eight fours, b. R. Hirst's innings was the highlight for the brighter cricket exponent. His score of 31 was made up of four fours, two sixes and three singles. Young Jack Howden took 5 for 25.

Birstall.—J. W. Murphy, b Hirst, 57; T. Robotham, b Tillott, 25; K. Haley, c D. Hirst, b Tillott, 50; H. Sugden, c London, b Walker, 1; H. Hainsworth, not out, 39; R. Thompson, b Holmes, 4; S. Naylor, not out, 9; extras, 23; total (for 5 wks., dec.), 208.

Hartshead Moor.—D. Hirst, c Cooper, b Hainsworth, 47; D. Layton, not out, 1; N. Mounsey, c Rowbotham, b Howden, 33; R. Walker, 1; H. Hainsworth, not out, 39; R. Walker, lbw, b Womersley, 11; R. Hirst, st Bruce, b Howden, 31; R. E. Curran, c Robotham, b Howden, 1; R. Holmes, b Womersley, 6; D. B. London, run out, 5; C. Hodgson, b Howden, 0; W. Hirst, st Bruce, b Howden, 0; D. Tillott, b Womersley, 4; extras, 2; total, 141.

## Birstall v. Hartshead Moor

Birstall soon ended Hartshead's cup chances when this game continued on Monday evening. They secured the last two wickets for 10



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runs and then knocked off the required runs in short time. On Saturday, the visitors had been given an excellent send-off by Smith and Walker, but after being 72 for one were soon 69 for five. Smith was still batting well and he led a revival and they were able to suspend their innings. He hit six 4's in his 72. Hainsworth took five for 40. The home batsmen were never really troubled by the eight bowlers tried and Kenneth Haley was top scorer with 66, including eight 4's. Wilson's 31 included four 4's and a six, and young Thompson contributed a fine 23 not out.

Hartshead Moor: H. Smith, run out 72; K. Walker, lbw, b Hainsworth 30; D. Baxter, b Hainsworth 0; W. Booth, st Naylor, b Hainsworth 1; D. Layton, lbw, b Hainsworth 5; G. Parkin, c Wilson, b Brown 1; R. G. Whiteley, b Blakeley 11; R. Holmes, c Naylor, b Wilson 16; A. Bailey, b Hainsworth 11; N. Burnett, lbw, b Blakeley 3; W. Hirst, not out 0; extras, 10; total, 100.

Birstall: K. Haley, lbw, b Baxter 60; G. L. Wilson, b Burnett 31; S. Naylor, c Whiteley, b Burnett 20; R. Thompson, not out 26; W. B. Smith, not out 3; extras, 12; total (for 5 wks.), 161.

# Haley's lone fight in vain

MORLEY ..... 109  
BIRSTALL ..... 105

Morley put in another strong challenge for the leadership of the Central Yorkshire Division Two on Saturday when they defeated Birstall.

Morley's victory was achieved through the bowling of Marwood, who returned six wickets for 41, and Howley, who collected four wickets for 36 runs.

Birstall won the toss and sent Morley in to bat. It looked as if this gamble was going to pay off when Woods lost his wicket, after he had scored two runs, with only nine on the board, especially when Fairburn soon followed Woods back to the pavilion after he had scored five runs.

Palkingham joined Marwood, the other opener, however, and they brought the Morley total up to 41 before Palkingham lost his wicket, with 19 runs to his credit. Marwood, who had been holding his side up was the next out when he had scored 37 valuable runs. Scott and Ainsworth saw the score past the 100 mark and then both fell within one over of each other with the score at 108. Ainsworth had scored 20 and Scott 19.

### TAIL WAGE.

Wainwright soon walked back to the pavilion with four runs to his credit. Booth and Wilson brought Morley round once again after their reprieve. Booth was the top scorer for Morley with 29, and his partnership with Wilson produced 35 runs for the eighth wicket. Morley were eventually all out for 109 with Wilson at 11 there at 14 not out.

Johnson was the most successful bowler with four wickets for 47 runs.

The Birstall innings was less useful than the Morley innings with only two batsmen reaching double figures. Their opening batsman, K. Haley, was unlucky not to carry his bat throughout the Birstall innings. He was the ninth batsman out after he had scored 60 innings-saving runs. D. Gill was the only other Birstall batsman to reach double figures and he scored 13 before being caught and bowled by Howley.

The last four Birstall batsmen produced only nine runs, six of which were scored by D. Johnson.

MORLEY.—Marwood, b Ainsworth 57; Woods, b Leach 2; Fairburn, b Leach 2; Palkingham, c and b Howley 19; Scott, c Ainsworth, b Johnson 19; Ainsworth, c Johnson, b Haley 20; Wainwright, c Howley, b Johnson 1; Booth, b Johnson 29; Wilson, not out 14; Howley, c Johnson 1; D. Gill, not out 2; extras, 6; total, 109.  
BIRSTALL.—K. Haley, c Booth, b Marwood 60; K. Holmes, b Marwood 20;

## Birstall v. Heckmondwike

Birstall were saved from almost certain defeat by the rain last Saturday. Only Haley (19) showed any real confidence against some fine bowling by Grange, an Oxford University student home on vacation, who took 5 for 21, and Parkin, who was also very effective and took 5 for 33. Grange and Parkin bowled unchanged. There were four "ducks" in a row and they were tumbled out for the meagre total of 55. Heckmondwike were able to score 10 runs for the loss of Brooke's wicket before rain stopped play.

Birstall: S. Naylor, b Parkin 4; J. Bedford, c Moorby b Parkin 10; K. Haley, b Grange 19; W. Ramsbottom, b Grange 0; B. Smith, b Parkin 0; H. Hainsworth, c Ellison b Grange 0; G. Hodson, b Parkin 0; H. Bailes, c Snowden b Grange 8; L. Thorpe, b Parkin 9; E. C. Womersley, not out 0; D. Brown, b Grange 4; extras, 1; total, 55.

Heckmondwike: F. Ellison, not out 6; V. Brooke, c Hainsworth b Womersley 3; D. M. Pollard, not out 0; extras, 1; total (for 1 wkt.), 10.

## BIRSTALL'S BIG SCORE

Birstall (for 8) ..... 236  
Liversedge (for none) ..... 4

No one at Birstall, even the oldest members, seemed able to recall their side scoring 236, in recent seasons anyway.

The score and the Test match was all that was worth discussing after tea, for no one expected any more cricket that day, and they were almost right.

Blakeley bowled Birstall's over. Mann gave one chance, but Bedford, fielding at slip, mistimed the fast moving ball, and it struck him a nasty blow just below the knee. He was the second slip fielder to be in the wars. Liversedge's veteran, left-arm bowler, E. Firth, received a rap in the chest when fielding at that position.

Birstall's batsmen punished the weak bowling of Liversedge, whose fielding was no better. In all, the ball was whipped to the boundary edge 28 times, whilst a wild overthrow resulted in Hainsworth being credited with a five.

Sugden had eight fours in a superb innings whilst young Kenneth Haley hit his first half-century for Birstall (including seven fours) also showed great promise.

**BIRSTALL.**—B. Smith, lbw, b Brooke, 25; J. Bedford, lbw, b Broadbent, 7; S. Naylor, b R. Towell, 22; H. Sugden, c Brooke, b Ward, 55; H. Hainsworth, st Hodgson, b Ward, 14; K. Haley, not out, 59; H. Bailles, lbw, b Broadbent, 3; L. Thorpe, b Ward, 4; D. Brown, c Towell, b Ward, 16; E. C. Womersley, not out, 2; extras, 23. Total (for 8 wickets, dec.), 236.

**Liversedge.**—W. Mann, not out, 4; R. Towell, not out, 0. Total (for no wickets), 4.

**Bowling.**—Liversedge: R. Towell, 12-2-61-1; A. Broadbent, 12-1-40-2; K. Brooke, 9-1-32-1; E. Firth, 8-1-34-0; T. Ward, 11-2-45-4. Birstall: E. Blakeley, 1-0-4-0.

## HANGING HEATON APPROACH FESTIVAL YEAR TREBLE

BACK to normal league matches after a week's enforced rest, local cricket players certainly gave their supporters something to shout about on Saturday afternoon. Perhaps the most ardent enthusiasts can be found at Bennett Lane, where Hanging Heaton are going "big guns" this season. They have already captured the Heavy Woollen Cup and the Central Yorkshire League Championship, and this Saturday they will be in search of their third honour—the Yorkshire Council Championship. They hope to make it a Festival treble.

### Birstall v. Morley

The Morley lot must be very content with the result of their league meetings with the Leeds Road side this season, for they have completed a decisive "double." Their outstanding batsman on Saturday was Henry Newbould, their opener, who batted right



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through the innings and made a classic 77 not out, which included eight fours. Marwood only contributed 19 to a first wicket stand of 51 and for the ninth wicket Watson made two out of 23. That gives some indication of Newbould's all-round batting. Hainsworth took four for 72. A valiant third wicket stand by Haley and Hainsworth, which added 30, looked like winning the game, but once they had gone a major collapse started.

### Almost two "hat-tricks"

Not very often in a cricket match are "hat-tricks" missed twice, but this was the case at Birstall on Saturday when the home side were batting. Right arm fast bowler Watson took three wickets with his last four deliveries, and Hardacre also took three wickets in four balls.

Four wickets fell at 85 and the last three fell to Watson for the addition of one run. Watson bowled unchanged and took seven for 40 and Hardacre three for 15. Haley, who played a grand innings against some accurate bowling, hit four fours in his 47.

**Morley:** H. Newbould, not out 77; C. Marwood, lbw b Hainsworth 19; K. Brown, 19; Blakeley 0; T. Crossley, run out 2; J. Matthews, b Womersley 1; F. Cookson, b Hainsworth 0; P. Leathley, b Hainsworth 1; D. Tribe, b Womersley 7; A. Kivington, 4; Hainsworth 12; A. J. Watson, not out 2; extras 15; total (for 8 wickets, dec.) 119.

**Birstall:** A. J. Haley, b Watson 10; G. Cookson, b Watson 2; H. Haley, b Hardacre 19; H. Hainsworth, b Watson 15; R. Thompson, b Watson 1; E. Foster, lbw b Hardacre 1; W. Mann, b Womersley 6; M. Womersley, b Hardacre 4; D. Brown, lbw, b Watson 5; E. C. Womersley, not out 2; J. Daniels, b Watson 23; extras 14; total 119.

## APPEAL REFUSED

Whitaker had bowled three overs on Friday when he had Haley caught and in his next over there came a confident appeal for a catch behind the wicket off the edge of Bedford's bat. The umpire said "No" and it was plain that Ossett were bitterly disappointed. Bedford, of course, went on to make 54 and received a £6 11s. collection.

A partnership worth 73 from Bedford and Sugden looked as if it was going to bring to an end all Ossett's hopes. They raced on at the rate of a run a minute and had the grass in the outfield been as short as it was on the starting day then they would have got very close to the Ossett total. Many of the boundary shots fell short and Birstall were finding that they had to hit the ball hard.

At 77 Sugden went and the ton started. Speight's off ball was removed by a gentle kiss from the ball as it whistled past the surprised Birstall man. Six runs later Smith got in the way of another straight one from Whitaker.

## HAINSWORTH STEADY

Hainsworth continued to keep down the runs and when Grace drove him for a four it was the only time any Ossett man had really hit him hard. The punishment did not worry Hainsworth and Ossett still remained cautious after losing three wickets cheaply.

After one hour's play Ossett had scored 27, of which Glover had made 7. Against Blakeley he became more aggressive and in one over cracked him through the covers for a glorious four and a two. Grace followed suit and went on the offensive against Hainsworth. It was not for long, however, and he had reached 14 out of 46 when he was missed off the Birstall captain, Bedford failing to take a difficult slip catch. It would have been a splendid one had he taken it but Grace failed to profit from his "life" and went next ball. He was unsuccessful in middling the ball properly and gave Sugden a simple opportunity at point. Grace and Glover had taken the score from 18 to 41 and Dews, who joined Glover, had only chance to make two before play terminated.

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Hainsworth's figures were then 1 for 16 in 14 overs, eight of which were maidens. Blakeley's 6.3 overs had cost him 12 runs and he had two maidens.

Birstall were well on top, even though they owed a great deal of their success to the poor stroke play of their opponents. Their fielding was keener than ever and to individualise would certainly not be fair.

Play was out of the question on Monday evening and after an inspection of the wicket had been made on Tuesday afternoon a notice announcing that there would be no play that evening was posted on the gates.

Ossett recovered on Wednesday night thanks to a dour fighting innings by opening man Horace Glover. At the close of play, brought on by bad light at 8-15, he was two short of a chanceless half century. He had been the stumbling block in Birstall's way after fast bowler Blakeley dealt two more shocks for Ossett.

Fifteen minutes play had gone when he shattered the wickets of Ossett's captain, Dews, with a lovely ball and repeated the doze to Flint with the next ball. The score was then 52. Hemingway saved the "hat-trick." He also helped to save Ossett's innings for in a grim partnership he helped to put on 36 runs before Birstall gained their next and last success of the evening. Hemingway batted 75 minutes for 11 runs and was cut having a go at Hainsworth.

Hemingway's defensive role had helped to give Ossett a fighting chance whilst at the other end Glover was content to hit the occasional loose ball. But these were not in profusion and Birstall's bowling was tight on a wicket which did not give bowlers a great deal of assistance.

Birstall's fielding remained as keen as ever and batsmen had to fight hard to get the ball away through a vigilant close field.

went out and made the scores level with a leg glance and it fell to Hainsworth to hit the winning run.

## THE PRESENTATION

Alderman J. E. Tolson was unable to be there on Monday to present the trophy. The cup competition president, Mr. A. Bruceley, deputised for him and read a message from Alderman Tolson. The alderman wrote, "The great hold which the cup has on cricket lovers in the district is shown by the fact that there have been three persons present at the match who saw Martha Riley receive the first cup on behalf of Heckmondwike 71 years ago. The game is as good as ever, it was and when some of the older generation begin to say how much better it used to be, let the young ones smile and carry on."

Hainsworth thanked his team and Dews and his men for a sporting game and Dews suitably replied. Thanks were expressed to the Heckmondwike club by Mr. T. Kaye (Birstall club chairman).

### OSSETT

J. W. H. Glover, c Sugden b Blakeley	53
R. Progett, c Bruce b Womersley	10
R. Walker, c Sugden b Womersley	10
G. Robinson, c Hainsworth b Womersley	4
V. Grace, c Sugden b Hainsworth	14
L. Dews, b Blakeley	2
K. Flint, b Blakeley	6
E. Hemingway, b Hainsworth	11
D. C. Bate, c Hainsworth b Blakeley	0
S. Bowers, not out	0
G. Whitaker, b Blakeley	12
Extras	4
Total	127

### BIRSTALL

J. Bedford, lbw b Whitaker	54
K. Haley, c Robinson b Whitaker	1
H. Sugden, lbw b Whitaker	32
S. Speight, b Whitaker	6
W. B. Smith, lbw b Whitaker	5
H. Thompson, run out	7
H. Hainsworth, not out	10
D. Kershaw, c Bate b Flint	12
G. Bruce, b Flint	0
E. Blakeley, not out	1
Extras	7
Total (for 8 wickets)	129

Fall of wickets: 4-77-77-83-105-112-126-126.

Bowling.—Birstall: Blakeley 30.4-0-43-5; Womersley 22-7-30-3; Hainsworth 30-14-44-2; Ossett: Whitaker 39-0-67-5; Bower 6-1-14-0; Flint 21-3-26-2; Glover 6-1-15-0.

## HUNDRED UP

Bedford and Thompson were compelled to take things most carefully on Monday. The 100 was reached after 45 minutes, Bedford getting his half century as the three figure score appeared. At 105 Bedford fell and seven runs later Thompson was smartly run out.

Ossett threw themselves into the fight full of vigour. The cup was as much within their grasp as Birstall's. Kershaw almost killed their hopes with a useful 12 and Birstall needed two runs when he fell. Still Ossett were not finished. Bruce joined Hainsworth and left him after two deliveries from Flint. Blakeley went out and made the scores level with a leg glance and it fell to Hainsworth to hit the winning run.

## THE PRESENTATION

# BIRSTALL GO INTO THIRD PLACE

SCHOLES ..... 67  
BIRSTALL ..... (for 5) 181

Birstall gained sweet revenge on Saturday for their cup defeat at the hands of Scholes a few weeks ago and in doing so jumped into third position in the league.

They batted first and there was no sign of their all-too-familiar batting failures as Brooke and Binns built up a sound opening partnership. Binns, playing against his former club, was much the faster scorer of the two and soon left his partner well behind. The pair had added a very solid looking 70 for the first wicket when Brooke was bowled by Wilde for 20.

Haley joined Binns and immediately took up the initiative with good forcing shots and the score moved along to 59 and Binns to 54 before he was dismissed. Haley now took over completely and new partner Lyles was content to play steadily while Haley pushed the score along. He dominated the third wicket partnership which saw 80 runs added before Lyles fell for 13. Marshall was our almost immediately attempting to force the score along and Haley was out just before the 40 overs were completed after a well hit 74.

Scholes tried six bowlers in all to stem the run flow. Most successful was Bentley with two for 39 and Kent two for 45.

When Scholes went in to bat, they were soon in trouble as Muffitt took the first two wickets for only five runs. Humphries made a brave attempt to swing the game but the Birstall pacemen, Muffitt and Fox, were not to be denied and he was bowled by Fox after making 19, and the score 28 for three.

After the dismissal of Humphries, the pacemen took over completely and wickets fell at regular intervals with little or no addition to the score. Six wickets were down for 32 and the ninth wicket fell at 51. Number ten batsman, Hamires, hit out at the end to make 15 and raise the score to 67 before Fox bowled him to give Birstall a resounding victory.

Muffitt and Fox bowled throughout the Scholes innings, Muffitt returning the remarkable analysis of six for 16 in 14 overs and Fox four for 43 in 14 overs.

**BIRSTALL**—M. Brooke, b Wilde, 20; J. E. Binns, o Wilde b Kent, 52; K. Haley, c Humphries b Kent, 74; H. Lyles, c Mitchell b Bentley, 13; B. Marshall, c Goodall b Bentley, 6; C. Fox, not out 5; W. R. Geddis, not out 9; Extras 15; Total (for 5 wkts.) 181.

**SCHOLES**—A. Humphries, b Fox 19; P. Kent, c Lyles b Muffitt, 0; K. Bentley, b Muffitt, 1; L. Fenlon, b Fox, 4; M. Kent, c and b Muffitt, 1; J. Bentley, c Walsingham b Muffitt, 0; B. Ingham, c Theistler b Muffitt, 5; W. Mitchell, b Fox, 7; J. Goodall, c Haley b Muffitt, 4; H. Hamires, b Fox, 15; C. Wilde, not out 0; Extras 6; Total 67.  
**Bowling**—Scholes: J. Bentley, 11-1-28-2; B. Ingham, 5-1-13-0; M. Kent, 13-2-45-2; J. Fenlon, 9-1-22-0; C. Wilde, 5-0-25-1; B. Goodall, 3-0-26-0; Birstall: K. Muffitt, 14-5-16-6; C. Fox, 13-4-1-43-4.

# HALEY RETURNS TO FORM WITH HALF-CENTURY

Staincliffe 32 for 2  
Birstall 154 for 6 dec.

Most pleasing feature of this game was the return to form of Kenneth Haley, the Birstall batsman. For most of the season, he has been opening the innings but has had little luck. Against Staincliffe, he went in number four and completed a grand 51 which included seven boundaries. Murphy and Naylor had a useful opening partnership of 56 runs. They both became victims of fast bowler Parkin, after making 28 each. When Thompson joined Haley when the score was 69 for four wickets and he helped Haley in a grand fifth wicket stand which was worth 61 runs. Parkin and Gibson both bowled 16 overs and took 3 for 43 and 2 for 58 respectively.



K. Haley

Staincliffe had never a hope of getting the required runs and although they lost two quick wickets, Hall and Raine played out time.

Birstall.—J. W. Murphy, b Parkin, 28; S. Naylor, c and b Parkin, 28; T. Robotham, c and b Parkin, 7; K. Haley, c Sykes b Chatwood, 51; H. Sugden, lbw b Gibson, 0; R. Thompson, lbw b Gibson, 21; H. Halsworth, not out, 4; G. Bruce, not out, 5; extras, 10; total (for 6 wkts., dec.), 154.

**Staincliffe**—B. Goodall, run out, 1; C. Sykes, b Womersley, 6; R. Hall, not out, 14; D. Raine, not out, 10; extras, 1; total (for 2 wkts.), 32.

# Birstall keep up challenge

Birstall ..... 137 for 7  
Staincliffe ..... 104

Birstall kept up their league challenge when they took useful points from Staincliffe at Leeds Road on Saturday but dropped catches helped to make their win rather more comfortable than it might have been.

Birstall's openers, Brooke and Binns, were both dismissed before they had scored double figures, but Haley and Fox combined in a sound partnership which helped to put a better complexion on the game from the home point of view. Haley made 21 before being bowled by Simpson, but Fox found another good partner in Lyles and the score was taken to 84 before Fox was out to Smith for 30.

Lyles and Smith added valuable runs and the score reached 113 with only half the side out, Lyles having made 21. The scoring rate had not been as fast as had been hoped, however, and efforts were made to speed it up. Smith left after making 19 and when the time limit was reached Birstall had made 137 for not too difficult score.

### ATTACK

Staincliffe's attack was without spectacular contributions to take the score to the half century mark for the loss of three wickets. It was at this point that the game was really decided, for five wickets crashed quickly, the damage being caused mainly by pace bowler Muffitt and the Staincliffe score slumped disastrously to 61 for 3.

Goldsmith and Blakeley made a valiant attempt to pull the game out of the fire and force a draw, and 30 runs were added in the best partnership of the innings before Blakeley fell to Haley after making 13. Last man Smith tried to give his captain the bowling, but Haley were home. Goldsmith was left at the close with top score of 22 not out to his credit.

Muffitt's breakthrough of the middle batting gave him figures of 6 for 32 in 19 overs, while Haley had 4 for 22 in 12.2 overs.

**BIRSTALL**—J. W. Murphy, 28; S. Naylor, 28; T. Robotham, 7; K. Haley, 51; H. Sugden, 0; R. Thompson, 21; H. Halsworth, 4; G. Bruce, 5; extras, 10; total (for 6 wkts., dec.), 154.

**Staincliffe**—B. Goodall, run out, 1; C. Sykes, 6; R. Hall, 14; D. Raine, 10; extras, 1; total (for 2 wkts.), 32.

# Haley skittles King Cross

King Cross ..... 72, Birstall (for 3) ..... 73

**KEN HALEY** struck top form for Birstall on Saturday with a dynamic six for 18 spell of bowling which helped to shoot out King Cross for a meagre 72.

There was little help for pace bowlers Johnson and Leach in the King Cross wicket and they were soon replaced by Haley and Smith. The two medium pace and slow bowlers soon struck gold and helped by some excellent fielding skittled out the King Cross batsmen in lightning fashion.

King Cross looked to be heading for a big score with openers J. Standeven and E. C. Walker holding the upper hand over the Birstall bowlers. Then the rot set in.

When the score was 33 Haley guiled his first wicket when Walker was out caught by Powell. Now that the opening stand was broken Birstall really had their toes up and after Standeven had followed Manger and Whiteley to the pavilion the King Cross batting luck was cracked.

Apart from the two openers not one of the remaining King Cross batsmen reached double figures and the extras, five, shared with the best highest totals.

Haley bowled on a good length throughout his 13 overs and Smith was rewarded with three wickets for his pains.

## ENTHUSIASM

The King Cross total may only have looked a small one but Birstall's batting ability during their few matches this season has left much to be desired. J. K. Binns and D. Buckley, however, warmed to the task enthusiastically and when the needed runs had been scored seven wickets still remained.

It took only 18 overs to reach the total and Binns, 29, not out, Buckley, 23, and J. Powell 15 not out looked really confident. J. K. Lomas took all the three Birstall wickets but there was little consistency in any of the other three King Cross bowlers.

**KING CROSS**—J. Standeven ct D. Johnson b Haley 21; E. C. Walker ct J. Powell b Haley 23; D. Manger ct Foster b Leach 3; G. N. Whiteley b Haley 3; M. Armitage ct and b Smith 5; B. Wood b Haley 5; A. K. Burnett ct and b Haley 5; K. O'Boyle ct and b Smith 4; M. I. Priestley b Haley 1; D. Embley not out 3; J. K. Lomas ct J. K. Binns b Smith 5. Extras 5. Total 72.

**BIRSTALL**—K. Haley ct M. I. Priestley b Lomas 2; J. K. Binns not out 29; D. Gill b Lomas 4; D. Buckley b Lomas 23; J. Powell not out 15. Total 73.

**Bowling**—Birstall: D. Johnson 5-1-12-0; H. Leach 11-2-42-1; K. Haley 13-5-18-4; H. Smith 2.1-2-15-1. King Cross: J. K. Binns 9-1-31-2; A. K. Burnett 5-0-22-4; B. Wood 2-0-22-0; D. Smith 2-2-14-4.

## LAST WICKET STAND FOR BIRSTALL

Staincliffe ..... 162

Birstall (for 9 wkts.) ..... 164

No one is going to grumble at Birstall, or Staincliffe either, if they see cricket throughout 1930 as their respective sides provided on Saturday at Leeds Road. Shocks, thrills and runs galore with the most attractive features of the day's batting provided by B. Smith and K. Haley, two youthful acquisitions to the Birstall side. The former last year assisted Staincliffe, whilst Haley could not find a regular place in the Batley side.

But what about the shocks? Both sides provided them, but Birstall recovered from the last of the day and had won before Staincliffe could spring another.

Reserve Walter Peirson, called in to fill the breach for Birstall, knew what was expected of him in a vital last wicket partnership. He was joined by Blakeley, the last man, when Birstall needed 24 runs for victory. They were the centre of attraction and the bulwark that stood between Staincliffe and full points.

Cusworth and Squires bowled their best but Birstall's last two defied them to 160. The needed runs came with a beautiful drive by Peirson, the ball speeding to the boundary with two Staincliffe men in hopeless pursuit.

Castle and Goldsmith, opening for the visitors, gave exhibitions of mighty hitting. They thoroughly whipped the cream of Birstall's bowling and both fell to spectacular catches. But when the wicket crumbled so did the rest of the Staincliffe batting, and their tail started at No. 3.

Smith and Haley gave Birstall new heart after Sugden went in the first over. Hodson batted splendidly too.

Cusworth was dangerous, whilst other Staincliffe bowlers, Squires and Atkinson, were subdued. Brooke was lucky to get four wickets.

**STAINCLIFFE**—N. Castle, c Hodson b Peirson 72; W. S. Goldsmith, c Smith b Hainsworth 64; H. Williams, b Hainsworth, 0; P. Trevitt, c Hodson b Blakeley, 1; R. Atkinson, lbw b Hainsworth, 0; H. Squires, lbw b Blakeley, 0; H. Kemp, b Hainsworth, 0; H. Lyca, lbw b Hainsworth, 2; C. Brooke, b Blakeley, 1; V. Trevitt, not out, 0; L. Cusworth, lbw b Blakeley, 0; extras, 16. Total, 162.

**BIRSTALL**—H. Sugden, c Trevitt b Cusworth, 0; R. Smith, c Trevitt b Brooke, 40; K. Haley, b Cusworth, 28; L. Thorpe, b Cusworth,

J. Bedford, b Cusworth, 1; G. Hodson, c Castle b Brooke, 27; E. Wormersley, st. Trevitt b Brooke, 31; E. Bailey, b Squires, 4; H. Hainsworth, st. Trevitt, b Brooke, 0; W. Peirson, not out, 16; K. Blakeley, not out, 7; extras, 9. Total (for 9 wkts.), 164.

**Bowling**—Birstall—E. Blakeley, 12-7-26-4; F. Womersley, 9-1-26-0; H. Hainsworth, 15-4-38-5; H. Sugden, 4-0-13-0; K. Haley, 2-0-13-0. Staincliffe—L. Cusworth, 15-2-36-4; R. Atkinson, 9-0-46-0; H. Squires, 13.2-1-32-1; Brooke, 9-1-41-4.

**Birstall 91 for 2,  
Staincliffe 90.**

It was soon apparent that Birstall's all-round strength was going to prove too much for the Staincliffe side, which included five newcomers.



Bailes made a wise decision when, after winning the toss, he sent the visitors in to bat. Only Crossland and Hall put up any resistance against the accurate bowling of Hainsworth and Womersley. Hainsworth returned an analysis of 6 for 36 in 20 overs,

H. Hainsworth while his colleague had 3 for 25. Led by Haley and Naylor, the Leeds Roaders had soon knocked off the runs. Haley had five fours in his half century.

Staincliffe.—G. N. Smith, run out, 8; W. S. Goldsmith, b Hainsworth, 7; R. Hall, b Hainsworth, 15; R. Render, c Rowbotham b Hainsworth, 5; T. Crossland, b Hainsworth, 23; D. Raine, c Womersley b Hainsworth, 8; F. Bates, c Rowbotham b Womersley, 2; F. Dransfield, b Womersley, 4; T. Gibson, not out, 12; J. Lumb, b Hainsworth, 3; G. Parkin, c and b Womersley, 0; extras, 3; total, 90.

Birstall.—K. Haley, not out, 56; H. Sugden, lbw b Gibson, 11; S. Naylor, st Crossland b Goldsmith, 20; G. Cooper, not out, 1; extras, 3; total (for 2 wkts.), 91.

**HALEY (2-17) PUT  
END TO THORNHILL'S  
HOPES**

Birstall 155  
Thornhill 117

"Hardest match so far this season" was the agreed verdict of all the Birstall men after they had seen Thornhill's last man, Higson (wicket-keeper-captain) go in the fourth of the extra five overs. It was that useful standby bowler,



K. Haley

Kenneth Haley, who did it again for Birstall, putting an end to the valiant attempt of Higson to save the day for lowly Thornhill at Leeds Road. Haley took 2 for 17 and scored 46 valuable runs for Birstall. When he went, Birstall had scored 102 for 6 but Bruce carried on the good work with a useful 27.

New bowler Tom Hirst, from Huddersfield I.C.I., gave Birstall a fright and Haigh captured Birstall's last three wickets for 13 runs in six overs. Hirst had 6 for 42 in 12 overs and the increased number of spectators at Birstall did not begrudge him a substantial collection. Hirst was not destined to collar the limelight with the bat for a smart throw in from cover by Ronnie Thompson resulted in his early dismissal. Meetham and Wilcock were thorns in Birstall's side for many an over, however, and together they put on 48 before Haley clean bowled the former. Hainsworth considered it was time he took a hand as well and Wilcock left two runs later. Blackburn came and went at the same total—68. Squires and Crossley went with 80 on the board but with time drawing short it was Birstall who had cause to be worried rather than Thornhill.

The downfall of Hinchcliffe, when Rowbotham brought off a spectacular catch on the boundary edge, was the signal for Hainsworth to make a request for the "extra five" and Thornhill went down fighting. Hainsworth added another five wickets to his season's tally at a cost of 24 runs. Fast bowlers Womersley and Blakeley received less respect, taking 1 for 22 and 1 for 39 respectively.

Birstall.—K. Haley, lbw b Hirst, 46; R. Speight, b Woffenden, 14; H. Sugden, lbw b Hirst, 20; J. Redford, b Hirst, 2; H. Thompson, c Higson b Hirst, 27; Rowbotham, c Higson b Hirst, 0; G. Bruce, b Haigh, 27; H. Hainsworth, lbw b Hirst, 12; J. Howden, c Hirst b Haigh, 0; R. Blakeley, not out, 1; M. Womersley, b Haigh, 0; extras, 16; total, 155.

Thornhill.—T. Hirst, run out, 8; G. Meetham, b Haley, 22; M. Wilcock, b Hainsworth, 20; S. Squires, b Womersley, 4; J. Hinchcliffe, b Hainsworth, 0; R. Crossley, b Hainsworth, 11; A. Higson, b Haley, 12; A. Clarke, b Womersley, 12; E. Haigh, c and b Hainsworth, 4; K. Hinchcliffe, b Rowbotham, 1; W. Woffenden, 4; D. Woffenden, not out, 1; extras, 9; total, 111.

**THRILLING FINISH  
AT LEEDS ROAD**

Birstall 72 for  
Morley 71

There was a thrilling finish this game. When young Joe Howden and Womersley were at the wicket, 11 runs were still needed for



H. Hainsworth

victory. The score crept steadily towards the Morley total and a four from Howden gave his side full points. Morley batted first and against the bowling of Womersley (4 for 30) and Hainsworth (5 for 37) were never happy. Only Cookson (35) made double figures. Birstall fared little better and lost 4 for 18, but Haley made 23 before he left at 43. Three

more wickets fell for seven runs and Bruce saw the score to 61 before he left after a useful 12. Then Howden and Womersley knocked off the runs. Kilvington took 6 for 31

Morley.—A. Seaton, b Womersley, 4; K. Brown, lbw b Hainsworth, 9; D. Price, b Womersley, 3; R. Woodcock, b Hainsworth, 0; F. Cookson, b Womersley, 35; A. Kilvington, c Robotham b Hainsworth, 5; S. Speight, b Hainsworth, 2; J. Metcalfe, b Hainsworth, 3; P. T. Leathley, run out, 0; C. Marwood, not out, 0; A. Hardacre, b Womersley, 0; extras 4; total, 71.

Birstall.—J. W. Murphy, b Hardacre, 5; T. Robotham, b Hardacre, 0; K. Haley, st Marwood b Kilvington, 23; S. Naylor, b Kilvington, 0; R. Thompson, b Hardacre, 0; G. Cooper, b Kilvington, 12; H. Hainsworth b Kilvington, 1; G. Bruce, b Kilvington, 12; H. Bailes, lbw b Kilvington, 0; J. Howden, not out, 10; M. Womersley, not out, 1; extras, 8; total, 71.