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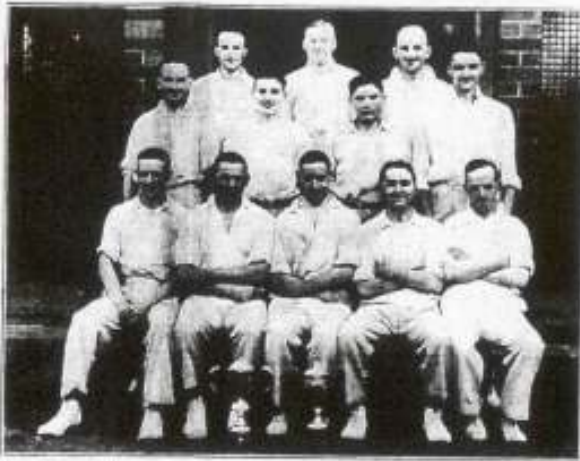
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HANGING HEATON C.C.—Champions 1944

L to R, Back Row—G. Stones, L. Denton and A. S. Gomersall.
 Centre Row—H. Bailes, J. Byrne, J. P. Duckworth and F. Berry.
 Front Row—R. Robinson, W. Armitage, W. S. Goldsmith (Capt.), H. Newbould and A. Wormald.

HANGING HEATON'S GREAT ACHIEVEMENT.

YORKSHIRE COUNCIL LEAGUE CHAMPIONS.

FIRST HEAVY WOOLLEN TEAM TO WIN CUP.

SUCCESS AT SOUTH KIRKBY.

Hanging Heaton delighted their supporters on Monday by winning the Yorkshire Council League Championship and the cricketing public in the village will be all the more elated at the success achieved having in mind the fact that in the two previous seasons Halesley have failed to obtain that honour after having reached the final stage in 1942 and the semi-final stage in 1943. Halesley people, however, are just as pleased as their Hanging Heaton friends that the trophy has gone to "Teawell" bats, and the victors will also have the honour (representations of the respective districts in the shape of the Heavy Woollen District. The honour of winning the Yorkshire Council Championship has never before come to a team in the Heavy Woollen District, which makes the Hanging Heaton success an outstanding one.

By winning the loss on Saturday, Hanging Heaton had the advantage of first use of the wicket, although the one originally prepared was not played upon, a second pitch having to be got ready to enable a start to be made. Hanging Heaton scored 88 for two wickets on Saturday, and in view of what happened on Sunday, they were considered to be in a good position when play was resumed on Monday. A prominent Heavy Woollen District captain said on Monday morning that if Hanging Heaton could increase their total to 120 their chances would be bright and that prognostication proved to be correct. Hanging Heaton increased their Saturday total to 122 and then dismissed Hickleton for 85. There was some anxiety in the Hanging Heaton camp over the weekend as to whether all members of the team would be available to play on Monday, and much concern was felt regarding Robinson. However Robinson got there and played the Hickleton batsmen to the extent of capturing eight wickets for 44 runs including the "hat trick" which he performed by taking wickets with the seventh and eighth balls of his twelfth over and the first ball of the thirteenth over. At that stage of the game he had taken seven wickets for sixteen runs and was fit for five boundaries afterwards.

DESCRIPTION OF MATCH

(By Our Reporter.)

Speculation was rife at South Kirkby on Saturday as to which team, Hanging Heaton or Hickleton, would carry home the Yorkshire Council trophy for 1944. As is usual at big matches, or, for that matter, at any match, spectators who were "to the know" voiced their opinions every now and then. "I'd go and so can get so many runs, they have the match in their pocket." "The first team to do this that or the other" were heard to say. Yes, one could hear comments such as these ringing through the crowd, but it was "anybody's match." The two teams were pretty well balanced and it was a case of "may the best team win." As events turned out, however, the team taking first use of the wicket certainly had the advantage, for the wicket was never really good and appeared to get worse as the game progressed.

Winning the toss, Hanging Heaton elected to bat and sent in H. Hales and P. Berry to open the innings. The first run of the match was made by Hales who, however, a few minutes later had to be evicted off the field after being hit in the face by J. Riley, a Hickleton fast bowler. Hales was replaced at the wicket by G. Stokes. A smart boundary by Berry brought the Hanging Heaton

score up to thirteen at the end of the third over. The score proved unlucky for them, for Berry was out low, bowled by Riley, for eight.

The captain, W. S. Goldsmith then went in to bat. Stokes scored a grand four but was then caught by J. Hutchins for nine. The Hickleton captain for nine Hanging Heaton's score now stood at 28 for two. H. Newbold was out low for 47 ducks, and was followed at the wicket by W. Armitage, who achieved the highest individual score of the match. After having thrown his bat half way down the pitch, Armitage ran on in triumph for a two, and with three clever fours in one over off W. Lockwood raised the Hanging Heaton score to 48. The half-century was reached a few minutes later, but Goldsmith, with the useful but unlucky score of thirteen, was caught by J. Riley. Five of the Hanging Heaton men were caught, all good catches, during the match, but this one of Riley's was really brilliant. With the score now standing at 61 for four, H. Robinson took his place at the wicket, seventh man in, after about 50 minutes play. Armitage's fine innings of 77 was left unaided by a great ball from Lockwood which plucked the middle stump out of the ground. Armitage received a much deserved ovation from the spectators when he re-entered the pavilion. With the Hanging Heaton score at 62 for five, A. Wornald struck Robinson at the wicket and brought the score up to 84 when play was postponed to Monday.

MONDAY'S PLAY

Play re-opened on Monday afternoon, making a fine start together. Wornald and Robinson raised the score to 94 when Wornald was caught by A. Turner for twelve. Hales, making a welcome re-appearance, raised a cheer from the crowd. Hales and Robinson made some good hits, but excellent fielding by Hickleton kept them down mostly to singles which brought the score to 97.

The century was passed when Hales scored a five off the ball—running out and the throw-in reaching the boundary. Robinson, having made a fine 20, was then bowled by Riley. J. Duckworth, the sixteen-year-old player, went out to partner Hales with the score at 103 for seven. Three runs and a single by Hales raised the score to 110. After a four off the ball from Lockwood, Duckworth hit a fine single to line leg off the same bowler. Lockwood then "pulled up his socks" so to speak, and with the first ball of his next over took Hales' middle "leg." A fine balling of eighteen overs shut by a fine ball. The best man, A. R. Cunningham, only added one to the score of 117 before a brilliant catch by Turner sent him back to the pavilion. J. Denton, the last man, joined Duckworth at the wicket with the score at 118. Duckworth hit a nice boundary on Lockwood and was then caught and bowled by Lockwood for six.

Of the wickets, Lockwood had taken seven for 59 and Riley three for 42. And so ended the Hanging Heaton innings, 122 all out. Not a brilliant innings, but nevertheless a fine score taking the prevailing conditions into account, and a score Hickleton would have "all in" to beat.

Needing 124 to win, Hickleton opened their innings with H. Riley and A. Turner, the 19-year-old player, at the wicket. P. Berry began bowling and although he took no wickets he kept the Hickleton batsmen quiet. With Robinson bowling at the opposite end, Hickleton had made the modest score of eleven in ten overs. Riley hit a four off Robinson and was then dismissed by a great catch by Newbold for seven. With their first wicket down at thirteen things began to look

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