

# CRICKET.

## HEAVY WOOLLEN CUP.

### HANGING HEATON'S FIRST SUCCESS.

#### THRILLING END TO "MARATHON FINAL"

[By "Observer."]

Hanging Heaton won the Heavy Woollen Cup at Mount Pleasant, Balby, on Friday evening last for the first time in the history of the club. They beat Oseett by one wicket in as thrilling and as exciting a finish as the competition has provided for some years. When the last Hanging Heaton batsman went to the wickets two runs were required for victory. The final scores were: Oseett 146, Hanging Heaton 147 for nine wickets.

Play on four evenings was necessary to decide the final and the receipts totalled \$112.

#### MEMORABLE MATCH.

When the game was resumed on Friday evening, Hanging Heaton had scored 91 runs for five wickets in reply to the Oseett total of 146. Rarely, I imagine, have the fortunes of two contending teams fluctuated so much as they did in the closing stages of this memorable match. With a score of 100 for six wickets, N. Sugden still at the crease, and W. Armistage and R. Robinson left, the chances of Hanging Heaton appeared rosy, but when Armistage left at 125 and Sugden one run later, the probabilities of the cup going to Oseett were being discussed. Sugden was by no means satisfied with the low decision given against him and he held up his bat to signify to the crowd that he had hit the ball with the bat. The umpire, however, was very quick and very definite in his decision. Immediately the appeal was made up went the umpire's hand with the first finger pointing skywards, and despite Sugden's polite and silent protest, the hand remained raised; the umpire was adamant and Sugden had to go—a very disappointed man. The total was then 127 for eight wickets. Sugden had played a sound game and to many he stood between victory and defeat for his side. He played fine cricket, just the sort that suited the occasion. Extremely cautious in defence and very sure and effective in attack upon loose balls, Sugden was a stalwart and the outstanding batsman for Hanging Heaton. R. Robinson indulged in consistent batting, forceful at times, and it appeared that he and Johnson would make victory secure. They probably would had not Robinson been tempted, by Wallis to hit just as Brennan was tempted by Wood the previous evening. Just as Brennan opened his shoulders to send a nicely scummed ball from Wood to the boundary but failed, so Robinson endeavoured to add a four or a six off Wallis, and sent the ball to Brooke who brought off a brilliant catch in the long field. The total had reached 145 when Robinson was guilty of this indiscretion—for such it was at such a critical stage in the game—and only two more runs were required with one more wicket to fall.

#### TWO WANTED.

Not for many years has there been such tension on the Mount Pleasant ground as prevailed when T. Watkinson walked to the wickets to join Johnson, last man in and two runs only wanted. To record all the prognostications that individual members of the crowd made whilst Watkinson was taking his way to the crease would be very interesting reading. Oseett were now in the picture once more and seldom in local cricket has there been provided a more striking example of the term "It's anybody's game." Johnson had given evidence of his ability to get the necessary two runs if given the opportunity, but Watkinson had the bowling. Watkinson seemed anything but comfortable to the first ball he received but he survived, and the next delivery saw the ball travel from the bat in the direction of the slips. This enabled the batsman to get a "quick one."

That made the scores level. "We cannot lose now," shouted a Hanging Heaton supporter. Johnson now had the bowling and the suspense was soon relieved, for Johnson hit an easy single which gave Hanging Heaton possession of the cup until August, 1947. Oseett utilised the services of four bowlers and Wallis had the best return with four wickets for 51 runs. Glover claimed two wickets for 44 runs, Beardshall two for ten runs, and Wood one for five runs.

OSSETT.

S. Dewa, b Watkinson.....	1
H W Glover, c Robinson, b Sugden.....	10
C. Stansfield, c Johnson, b Sykes.....	38
L. Dewa, c and b Sykes.....	40
W. Hornsall, st. Brennan, b Sykes.....	2
C. Barker, c Brennan, b Sugden.....	2
J. Brooks, c Watkinson, b Robinson.....	40
A. Wallis, c Sugden, b Sykes.....	8
D. Orase, c Sugden, b Robinson.....	8
A. Beardshall, b Robinson.....	0
R. Wood, not out.....	1
Extras.....	4
Total.....	146

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C. Sykes, lbw, b Glover.....	0
H. Newbould, b Wallis.....	20
O. Harrison, b Wallis.....	8
O. Brooks, b Wallis.....	3
D. V. Brennan, c Barker, b Wood.....	27
N. Soden, lbw b Beardshall.....	28
H. Bailis, lbw, b Glover.....	7
W. Armitage, b Beardshall.....	15
R. Robinson, c Brooke, b Wallis.....	14
A. Johnson, not out.....	2
T. Watkinson, not out.....	1
Extras.....	12
Total (for nine wickets).....	147

CUP PRESENTATION.

In the unavoidable absence of the Mayor of Batley (Councillor J. H. Margetta), who had been present on other evenings, the cup was presented to H. Bailis, captain of the Hanging Heaton team, by the Mayor of Dewsbury (Councillor W. H. Hooper).

Councillor F. W. H. Auty (president of the competition and Deputy-Mayor of Batley) presided, and, introducing the Mayor of Dewsbury, said it had been a great match and they were very proud that the cup had come to Batley. (Laughter, and hear, hear.) Cups had a habit of coming to Batley, he said, but Councillor Auty emphasised that Ossett had been as fine a team as he had seen, because they had proved they never knew when they were beaten. Councillor Auty, who had been abroad on holiday, mentioned that he had just arrived home from Sweden, making part of the journey by air, and was delighted to have been able to see the conclusion of such a thrilling match. He congratulated both the winners and the losers upon an excellent game.

The Mayor of Dewsbury was in a jocular mood when he spoke before presenting the cup. In a hint at amalgamation, he mentioned that he had not come there to say that Batley and Dewsbury would be one in another week or so. (Laughter, and Councillor Auty: "We might take you in yet," and laughter.) They might think he was spying out the land to see whether they would like to come into Batley (laughter)—but he was not troubled either way. However, he was representing the Mayor of Batley on that occasion and he agreed it had been a very fine game. Those who won could always afford to be magnanimous to those who had lost, and as he was neutral he had a bit of sympathy. He was president of the Dewsbury Club. "We knocked Batley out," said Councillor Hooper, "and I was a bit frightened about coming here but I was promised protection." (Laughter.)

A GOOD WICKET.

"It has been a great final, one of the best I have had the pleasure of watching, and I have never been in this field three nights in one week before in my life—(laughter)—but I have enjoyed

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greeting and welcome to all old and new members, especially to returned Service men.

BIG HIT BREAKS WINDOW.

In sending up the 100 for Birstall against Drighlington, W. Bedford hit a six, the ball breaking a window of the pavilion. Bedford played an attractive innings of 50 (not out) and after Birstall had lost two wickets for 12, he and L. Phillips took the score to 85 before being separated. A stand for 50 was made for the ninth wicket and the Birstall innings were declared at 164 for nine. Drighlington batsmen were never allowed to settle down and were dismissed for 107, J. W. Lamb capturing five wickets for 40 and P. Jackson four for 36.

CRICKET FIXTURES.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24th.

YORKSHIRE COUNCIL.

- Batley v. Morley.
- Scholes v. Dewsbury.
- Ossett v. Hanging Heaton.
- Staincliffe v. Heckmondwike.
- Thornhill v. Wakefield.
- Chickensley v. Birstall.
- Drighlington v. Liversedge.
- Harlshead Moor v. Gomersal.

every minute I have been here because the advantage has ebbed and bowed." (Hear, hear.) Concluding, the Mayor was understood to say he was glad of that because so many of his Hanging Heaton friends said it was "in the bag"—(laughter)—and he was very glad it was not "in the bag" until the last man went to the wickets. (Hear, hear.)

H. Bailis, on receiving the trophy, said that was the first time Hanging Heaton had won the cup and it was 47 years since they last appeared in the final and then they were dismissed for 28 runs. (Laughter.) However, they had just pulled it off this year and he considered Watkinson, the last man in, had done marvellously. He sympathised with Ossett, who had played the game in the best sporting spirit. (Hear, hear.) Ossett had won the cup a few times and therefore would not begrudge Hanging Heaton their victory.

L. Dewa, captain of the Ossett team, congratulated Hanging Heaton upon their victory, but could not say the best team had won because it had been a toss up. (Laughter.) He congratulated the winners upon the way in which they had played the game. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. G. Blackburn (hon. treasurer of the competition), proposing thanks to the Mayor of Dewsbury for presenting the cup and to the Batley Club for the loan of their ground for the final, said his sole interest was the financial side and charities. The Batley Club had spared no effort to make the final a success and no one could have had a word to say against the wicket. Every credit was due to Mr. H. Hall for the wicket.

Mr. A. Brearley (hon. secretary), who seconded, said that the Batley Club had given every help to Mr. Blackburn and himself.

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# HANGING HEATON

## TESTIMONIAL.

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### TWO CRICKET STALWARTS HONOURED.

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The match between H. Bailes XI and R. Robinson's XI, which served as a testimonial to the two Hanging Heaton stalwarts, W. Armitage and A. Wormald, was played at Hanging Heaton on Sunday. Though this game was the third to be arranged as a testimonial match, rain interfered. Robinson's XI batted first but soon after the interval play had to be abandoned. Yorkshire county players had autographed a bat which raised £16 and was won by D. V. Brennan; who returned the bat for auction when it was subsequently sold for £5.

At the end of the match, testimonials were presented to Willie Armitage and Arthur Wormald, whose services to cricket were commended by Mr. R. Robinson. Thanks to all who had subscribed or helped in any way, were expressed by Mr. N. Cheetham, who announced the success of the testimonial fund. The presentations were made by Councillor R. S. Roberts, president of the Hanging Heaton Cricket Club, who was introduced by Mr. H. S. Pickles.

Councillor Roberts thanked the players and said that the club was interested in all young lads and would give them every encouragement. He hoped there would be more cricketers who would give such good service in future years. Councillor Roberts then presented engraved solid silver cigarette cases (complete with cigarettes) to Messrs. Armitage and Wormald, who expressed their thanks amid loud applause. The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. Pickles, as chairman, and to the president of the club, Councillor R. S. Roberts.