

DEWSBURY AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

A THRILLING FINAL.

MOORLANDS' ONE RUN VICTORY.

There was a thrilling finish to the Dewsbury and District League's first eleven championship on the Hanging Heaton ground on Saturday, when, amid the greatest excitement, Dewsbury Moorlands defeated Brownhill by one run. Both teams had fully earned the honour of taking part in the final, and an exciting struggle was anticipated.

Moorlands had first use of the wicket, and though Auty soon left for two, Lee and Gledhill advanced the score, and later, Stubbs and J. Hughes batted soundly. Perkins and Elstub, who have done exceedingly well on the attack for Brownhill throughout the season, were subdued, and the total eventually reached 102. This was not considered a big score in view of the success which Brownhill batsmen have enjoyed, but the Birstall side began disastrously, losing Platts and Dewhirst for none each. Balmforth stemmed the tide, however, and Elstub, Boyce, and Birkhead gave capital support. The century was hoisted, and it seemed only a matter of seconds before Brownhill could call themselves champions. A surprise bowling change, however, brought the desired effect from the Moorlands' standpoint, and with one run separating the sides, the last Brownhill wicket fell.

For Brownhill, Elstub took four wickets for 38 runs, Perkins three for 32, Dewhirst one for seven, and Jackson two for thirteen. On the Moorlands' side, Auty took four wickets for 28 runs, Hargreaves two for sixteen, Waterworth two for fifteen, F. Gledhill one for seven, and W. Watson one for 29. Scores:

Moorlands.—R. Lee, b Dewhirst, 28; H. Auty, b Perkins, 2; R. Gledhill, b Jackson, 20; R. Stubbs, b Elstub, 10; F. Gledhill, b Jackson, 0; E. Wroe, c Birkhead, b Elstub, 7; H. Kitson, b Perkins, 0; G. Waterworth, hit wkt., b Elstub, 6; W. Watson, b Elstub, 0; H. Hargreaves, b Perkins, 0; J. Hughes, not out, 17; extras, 12. Total, 102.

Brownhill.—F. Platts, b Hargreaves, 0; A. Crowther, b Auty, 9; P. Dewhirst, b Hargreaves, 0; G. Balmforth, c Lee, b Auty, 13; C. Scarth, b Waterworth, 7; F. Elstub, b Auty, 12; L. Boyce, lbw, b Waterworth, 10; W. Birkhead, b Auty, 19; J. Perkins, c Stubbs, b F. Gledhill, 4; W. Ely, b Watson, 1; N. Jackson, not out, 0; extras, 6. Total, 101.

Mr. George Wilson, former treasurer of the league, and for many years associated with the Moorlands' Club, presented the cup to the winners, being introduced by Mr. Ernest Auty. Mr. Wilson spoke of his association as a player with the old Moorlands' side, and recalled that the fathers of most of the players taking part that day were in the first side. Particularly in evidence were the Watsons and Kitson's, names which had been connected with Moorlands since the club was started.

In addition to the cup, the winners received barometers and the runners-up clocks.

The Hanging Heaton officials were thanked for the loan of the field by Mr. Ernest Goldthorp.