

Holden Cup Final

Clayton West Too Good For Penistone "B"

THERE was beauty and variation in the cricket at Skelmanthorpe last Saturday, when, on a perfect summer's day, Clayton West easily defeated Penistone "B" in an entertaining Holden Cup final.

Clayton West had a somewhat shaky start. Penistone's medium-pace bowler Masbeder made the ball rise alarmingly, and Bowden had some edgy boundaries over the heads of the slip fielders.

Then Bowden and Wray settled down. An occasional delivery lifted, but the batsmen were not forced to make a stroke. They forced the pace until bowling changes slowed them down and brought eventually a Penistone success, Bowden falling to a good catch by Fearnley off Maude for 29.

Wray and P. Gibson then held the fort, Gibson making 44 and Wray 57. These two and B. Glover fell with the total at 139, and Hayes and Guy then took the Clayton West total to the suspension limit of 150.

Penistone's batsmen looked uneasy from the start. The opening pair, Wood and Brearley, were both out at 15, and though Marsh and Smethurst settled down for a while, the Clayton West attack were not to be denied.

Carter and Maude, however, played confidently and runs came steadily until bad luck came again when Maude was hit in the mouth by a rising ball from Glover and had to retire.

After Allen was neatly taken by Holden at backward short leg Maude returned with plaster on his face to drive Glover for four and send up the century for Penistone.

Hayes returned to the attack at 112. Maude was missed in the gully, but Carter fell two runs later, caught at mid-off by Glover off Gibson.

CLAYTON WEST

H Bowden c Fearnley b Maude	29
H Wray c Smethurst b Carter	57
P Gibson c Maude b Wood	44
B Glover b Wood	9
D Hayes not out	9
F Guy not out	9
Extras	9
Total (for 4 susp)	150

Bowling: Masbeder 0-15, Fearnley 0-30, Carter 1-52, Maude 1-25, Wood 2-19.

PENISTONE "B"

K Wood c Guy b E Gibson	10
R Brearley c Hardy b E Gibson	15
H Marsh c Guy b Hayes	25
J Smethurst run out	12
H Fearnley c Guy b Bowden	8
G Masbeder c E Gibson b Hayes	9
O Fowler run out	1
D Carter c Glover b E Gibson	20
L Maude not out	15
B Allen c Holden b Glover	9
G Bradley b Hayes	2
Extras	12
Total	121

Bowling: Hayes 1-34, Glover 1-30, E Gibson 1-30, Bowden 1-12.

