

HUDDERSFIELD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

THE LUMB CHALLENGE CUP.

FINAL.

SHELLEY v. EMLEY CLARENCE.

This event came off on the Armitage Bridge ground, on Saturday, in the presence of a large number of spectators, many of whom had come from Shelley and Emley. The ground was in excellent order, and great credit is due to the Armitage Bridge Club and the groundsmen, not only on that account but also for the excellent arrangements for the match. Play should have commenced at 2.30, but at that hour the teams had not arrived, and it was not till after three o'clock that play commenced. Emley batted first, sending in A. W. Leather and J. E. Gunn, to the bowling of H. Kirk and Goldthorpe. Gunn was the first to go, being taken smartly by Sykes off Kirk. The first wicket fell for 22. Jos. Wilkinson took the vacant place, and he and Leather hit out in merry fashion, so that there was a change of bowling, C. E. Barden and Mosley going on, and at last, after much patient waiting, Wilkinson was cleverly taken off Mosley.

At 70 Goldthorpe resumed, vice Barden. The third and fourth wickets fell for 87, Mountain and T. Wilkinson being dismissed. White, the next man in, was missed by Barden, and H. Kirk went on at Goldthorpe's end, as the latter had not taken any wickets. Leather, who had been giving a good display of batting, had scored his 50 at half-past four, and shortly after this he had a life. Barden went on at the top end in place of Mosley, and gradually the score was lifted to 110, at which figure the fifth wicket fell, White retiring with 10 to his credit. Mosley went on at the bottom end soon after. Leather had two lives. At length Kirk found his way to Leather's wicket, and the Emley captain retired with a very good 74, and the total then stood at 132. Clegg and Heeley got together, and when the seventh wicket fell the total had reached 159, but the eighth went at 157, and the ninth and tenth went soon after, the innings closing at 5-15 for 157, of which nearly one-half were made by the captain.

After a short interval Shelley went to the wickets, H. Kirk and C. E. Barden taking up batting, to the bowling of Jos. Wilkinson and John Wilkinson, the former from the pavilion end. With the score at 20 Heeley went on, and with the score at 31 Kirk fell a victim to the new bowler for 11. J. W. Kirk joined C. E. Barden, who after playing freely let out at one of Heeley's, but missed it, and the ball went into the wickets. Two for 40, last man 22. A. Goldthorpe was the new batsman, and when the score had reached 55 Parker went on at John Wilkinson's end. Goldthorpe hit out at Parker, but was bowled. Three for 59. J. A. Wilkinson was the next man in, and he and J. W. Kirk made matters lively for a time. With the score at 80 Jos. Wilkinson resumed, and Kirk hit him for 3 fours in one over off consecutive balls. Heeley went on again at the bottom end, and with the score at 100 Wilkinson was well taken by Leather off Jos. Wilkinson. With 4 runs added A. Barden was disposed of, and with 5 runs on Sykes was sent to the rightabout. Mosley joined Kirk. When the latter had made 45 he should have been taken by John Wilkinson, but he managed to make another 4, and his friends were hoping that he was going to last out, when Parker, who had come on again in place of Heeley, got his wicket. Kirk had given a good display of patient batting. With three wickets to fall and 33 runs to get to win, it was thought that the last three might perhaps be the trick, but the eighth wicket went at 132, the ninth at 138, and the tenth fell at the same figure, the innings closing somewhat after seven o'clock after some very exciting play. The last three wickets were taken by Parker, who clean bowled his men.

The following is the score:—

EMLEY CLARENCE.		SHELLEY.	
A. W. Leather, b H. Kirk	73	H. Kirk, b Heeley	11
J. E. Gunn, c Sykes, b H. Kirk	7	C. E. Barden, b Heeley	22
Jos. Wilkinson, c P. Armitage, b Mosley	26	J. W. Kirk, b Parker	49
J. Mountain, c C. E. Barden, b Mosley	6	A. Goldthorpe, b Parker	2
T. Wilkinson, b Mosley	0	J. A. Wilkinson, c Leather, b Jos. Wilkinson	18
H. White, b C. E. Barden	10	A. Barden, b Jos. Wilkinson	0
J. W. Clegg, b Mosley	12	R. Sykes, b Heeley	0
H. Heeley, c A. Goldthorpe, b H. Kirk	72	J. Mosley, not out	11
John Wilkinson, c B. Armitage, b Mosley	4	W. Shaw, b Parker	0
G. Haley, not out	0	P. Armitage, b Parker	0
G. W. Parkes, c H. Kirk, b Mosley	0	B. Armitage, b Parker	0
Extras	7	Extras	18
Total	157	Total	128

The following is the bowling analysis:—

EMLEY CLARENCE.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
H. Kirk	74	1	35	3
A. Goldthorpe	8	0	23	0
J. Mosley	15-2	1	55	6
C. E. Barden	8	0	39	1
SHELLEY.				
Jos. Wilkinson	11	2	51	2
John Wilkinson	7	1	17	0
G. W. Parker	6-5	2	19	5
B. Heeley	11	2	33	3

PRESSENTATION OF THE CUP.

When the players had resumed their ordinary attire, they repaired to the pavilion, where the cup was on view.

Mr. HAYDN MATTHEWS, of Shepley, said he would like first of all to thank Armitage Bridge, on behalf of the Huddersfield and District Cricket Association, for the loan of the ground and also for the splendid arrangements that they had made for this match. The Armitage Bridge Club had practically given them the free use of that beautifully situated ground, which was in admirable order. He was sure that the spectators had seen what they expected to see—a good match. The cup was no stranger to Armitage Bridge, because it had been there on more than one occasion. Unfortunately the Armitage Bridge Club were not in the League; perhaps they were engaged in something more profitable to them. He might remind those assembled that the "gate" that afternoon would go to the Huddersfield Infirmary. Although the attendance was not so large as it used to be it was good, and what they had to offer would go to a very worthy object. If Shelley had not won they had fled fighting hard, and he offered them his sympathy. They need not, however, be discouraged, for they had shown some most excellent play, especially the younger members of the team, and were in the running for the Combination Cup, which he hoped they would make a big effort to capture. Binley were rather older cricket hands than Shelley, but not much. They also had played good cricket and had won right worthily. For the second time within twelve months it had been his privilege to present to Mr. Leather a cup, this and the Combination Cup, which they were now holding. He had much pleasure in handing the cup to Mr. Leather.

Mr. LEATHER, the captain of the Binley team, accepted the cup with thanks.

Mr. JOS. WILKINSON was called on to say a few words, and remarked that they had had a good game. He could not tell yet which was the better team; he could only tell which had won. He echoed the sentiments of Mr. Matthews with regard to the ground, but with all deference to Armitage Bridge there was no better wicket than that on which they played at Shepley last year.

Cheers were given for Binley and Shelley, and after a vote of thanks had been accorded to the umpires, Messrs. Brook and Senior, for the way in which they had discharged their duties, the proceedings closed.

One very agreeable feature of the proceedings was the provision on the ground at a very reasonable rate of an excellent tea, of which many partook.