

Nortonthorpe Champions of Central League

NORTONTHORPE won the championship of the Central League on Saturday by beating Shelley, the League leaders, at Nortonthorpe on Saturday by the narrow margin of nine runs.

The two clubs had been running neck and neck for the title, and they met in the final game of the season. Up to Saturday's game Shelley had a two-point lead over their rivals, and a draw on Saturday would have given them the championship.

They were at full strength for Saturday's game, while Nortonthorpe had four of their regular players missing owing to football calls and illness. Shelley had every reason to be satisfied when, after sending in the home side, they had dismissed them for 101, with only D. Hague, who scored 46, gaining any mastery over A. Heeley (4-43) and G. Schofield (5-38).

W. A. Allott began Shelley's innings by hitting two magnificent sixes in the first over, but thereafter the Nortonthorpe bowlers took command, and despite a sterling innings of 26 not out by G. Bowker, Shelley were all out for 92. J. Greaves took 4-25 and R. Hardy 4-17.

The Auckland Cup was presented to the Nortonthorpe captain, J. Armitage, by Mr. H. Armitage, of Cartworth Moor.

Nortonthorpe 101 (G Schofield 5-38) Shelley 92.

David Browns 82-6 Lepton H 81 (J K Senior 5-25).

Thurstonland 99 (D Hey 7-37) Penistone Y8 "B" 102-5.

Cumberworth U 49 (R Frankland 6-10) Denby Dale 52-3.

Emley C 34-1 Holmebridge 30 (G B Brooke 7-13).

Cartworth Moor 160-7 dec Rowley Hill 104.

Scholes 108-4 Clayton West 104 (P Gibson 57).

SECOND ELEVENS
Lepton H 191 Scholes 102-6 (H Greaves 64 not out).

Rowley Hill 101-9 (B Auckland 6-20) Cumberworth U 98.

Final Tables
FIRST ELEVENS

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Nortonthorpe	18	11	2	5	38
Shelley	18	11	3	4	37
Denby Dale	18	9	4	5	34
David Browns	18	8	3	7	31
Clayton West	18	7	4	7	28
Lepton Highlanders	18	8	6	4	28
Cartworth Moor	18	6	6	6	24
Penistone Y8 "A"	18	6	7	5	23
Penistone Y8 "B"	18	5	6	7	22
Scholes	18	5	6	7	22
Skelmanthorpe	18	6	8	4	22
Emley Clarence	18	4	7	7	19
Thurstonland	18	4	8	6	18
Holmebridge	18	3	9	6	15
Cumberworth United	18	3	10	5	14
Rowley Hill	18	3	10	5	14

SECOND ELEVENS

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Scholes	18	10	2	6	36
Clayton West	18	10	3	5	35
Lepton Highlanders	18	10	3	5	35
Denby Dale	18	9	3	6	33
Cartworth Moor	18	8	4	6	30
Rowley Hill	18	8	4	6	30
Nortonthorpe	18	7	4	7	28
Holmebridge	18	6	6	6	24
Thurstonland	18	5	9	4	19
David Browns	18	4	9	5	17
Emley Clarence	18	4	9	5	17
Skelmanthorpe	18	3	8	7	16
Shelley	18	2	9	7	13
Cumberworth United	18	2	12	4	10

The championship will be decided on Saturday, September 9, at Scholes. Clayton West being within three points of Scholes.

Association

Section "A"

RAFA 154 Taxes 182 (R Bottom 66).
Britannia Works 119 YMCA 76 (W Cuniffe 6-17).
Martins 85 Brook Motors 78.
Blackley 58 Rastrick NR 61-5.
Leymoor 48 Almondbury Wes 114 (C Coulson 5-51).

Section "B"

Rastrick NR 58 (J Dickenson 5-11)
Blackley 62-6.
Almondbury Wes 29 (H Armitage 6-21) Leymoor 30-2.
Hudd Co-op 68 Acre Mills 158.
Blakeboroughs 192 (J Pickard 51, P Sutcliffe 51) Oakes CYC 20 (L Child 7-11).

Section "A"

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Rastrick New Road	18	10	1	7	37
Britannia Works	18	9	3	6	34
Outlane	18	8	2	8	24
Almondbury Wes	18	8	3	7	28
YMCA	18	9	4	5	28
Leymoor	18	6	8	4	18
RAFA	19	4	8	7	15
Brook Motors	18	4	9	6	14
Blackley	18	3	9	6	12
Taxes	18	4	10	4	12
Martins	18	2	10	6	10

Section "B"

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Acre Mills	19	11	4	4	26
Blakeboroughs	18	10	5	3	23
Britannia Works	18	10	5	3	23
Huddersfield Co-op	18	8	6	4	20
Leymoor	18	7	5	6	20
Almondbury Wes	18	6	7	5	17
Outlane	18	3	6	7	17
Oakes Youth Club	19	6	8	5	17
Blackley	18	4	8	6	14
Rastrick New Road	18	3	7	8	14
YMCA	18	2	11	5	7

*Two points deducted for playing an ineligible man.

New Schemes for Cricket League

THE members of the Council of the Huddersfield Cricket League on Wednesday heard proposals from the management committee for the re-organisation of the League. These proposals will be taken back to the clubs, and it is hoped that decisions may be taken on them at the October meeting. They cannot operate until 1952.

The first proposal, explained by Mr. J. Robinson (Huddersfield), is for one league of twenty-eight clubs, and for the purposes of arranging fixtures there will be four sections of seven clubs each, each club to meet the clubs of its own section as well as the clubs in corresponding positions in the other sections, making eighteen fixtures in all.

The second scheme also proposed twenty-eight clubs of three sections of ten, nine and nine clubs respectively. The first section clubs would play each other, and the second and third sections have extra inter-sectional games. Three clubs would be promoted and relegated annually.

Total receipts of the Sykes Cup and Paddock Shield semi-finals and finals amounted to over £526.



Nortonthorpe's championship side, 1950. From back left: C Blackburn, E Monkman, J Wilkinson, J Greaves, J Battye, A Shaw, D Tipler, R Bentley, D Blackburn; F Exley, K Bowers, R Hardy, B Hoyle, D Haigh, A Scargill, H Senior. Inset: J Armitage, captain.