

CRICKET.

GRAND CRICKET MATCH AT BATLEY. UNITED SOUTH OF ENGLAND ELEVEN v. TWENTY OF BATLEY AND DISTRICT.

This three days match, which has been looked forward to with very great interest in local cricketing circles, commenced on Monday, on the ground of the Batley Cricket Club, at Hawley Hills. The weather was magnificent, and consequently there was a large attendance of the public, there being from 3,000 to 5,000 persons present. The picket was all that could be desired, and great credit is due to the committee of the Batley club for the excellent arrangements they had made. The wickets were pitched shortly after twelve o'clock, and about half past twelve play commenced. The local men having won the toss, took first innings, and were represented at the wickets by R. G. Barlow (the Salford professional) and Martin Riley (Dewsbury), the bowlers being W. G. Grace and Southerton. Riley was quickly bowled by Southerton without scoring, and J. Taylor (Batley) was substituted, and made a few leg hits. Barlow also made one or two splendid hits. Both men played very carefully, and after Barlow had made a neat score of 10, he was bowled by Grace. Hansell (Dewsbury) now joined Taylor, but the latter having placed one into Grace's hands, had to retire with a score of 10, and he was succeeded by Blackburn (Chickensley). Both Hansell and Blackburn made splendid drives for fours. G. F. Grace then took the leather in lieu of Southerton, and in his second ball Hansell was caught by W. G. Grace, having scored 18. Blackburn maintained his ground for a short time longer, after being joined by Louis Hall (Batley), but he was at last caught by W. G. Grace, off Lillywhite—who had taken the place of W. G. Grace as bowler—having played well for 24, this being the highest score got during the day. His place was taken by Mycroft, but the Derbyshire man was soon disposed of, being caught by Charlwood to the bowling of G. F. Grace, without scoring. A Hind (Batley) next took the bat, and after scoring 8, he was caught by Gilbert. The ball now rung for luncheon, and Hall came out with bat in hand, having played well for 20. On the field being cleared after the adjournment, Hall was partnered by Sykes, but the latter was bowled by G. F. Grace in the first over, without making a run. He was followed by W. Shaw, and directly afterwards Hall was cleverly bowled by G. F. Grace without increasing his score. K. Lumb (Dalton) next took the willow, and the two men played very steadily, Shaw especially being extremely cautious in making runs, and Lumb defended the wickets admirably, maintaining his ground during the remainder of the day. Shaw, however, played a ball into the hands of Charlwood, and retired with a score of 7. J. Smith (Batley) followed, and was bowled by Lillywhite for a triplet. G. R. Gibson was despatched by the first throw from the same bowler. L. Stocks (Chickensley) was caught by W. G. Grace, having only made three "notches." Southerton was again sent to the bowling in place of G. F. Grace, and Eastwood joined Lumb at the wickets. He began his innings by sending two fours to the boundary, off Southerton, but was soon afterwards bowled by a "twister" from Southerton for nine. W. Farrar (Batley) was the next comer, but was caught by Charlwood for a single, and was succeeded by S. Smithson (Heddonwike). The latter was immediately stumped by Pooley. J. Blake (Birstall) next handled the bat, and he was soon disposed of, after adding three to the total, by the bowling of Southerton. F. Poppellwell (Batley) succeeded, but he was cleverly caught by W. G. almost as soon as he got to the wicket. Knowles (Wakefield) was the last man to take the bat on the part of the Twenty, and he began to hit freely off Lillywhite, but on stepping out he was stumped by Pooley, after playing capitally for a score of 8. This concluded the first innings of Batley and District, and Lumb, on carrying out his bat, was heartily applauded. The extras included 1 wide and 6 byes, making a total for the Twenty of 152. After a brief interval the eleven commenced their first innings, sending W. G. Grace and Elliott to the wickets, Blackburn and Hind being the bowlers. The stumps were drawn a little before six o'clock, Elliott having got one to the square leg for two runs, and Grace cutting Blackburn's first ball for one.

This match was resumed at noon on Tuesday, when there was a very large concourse of spectators. The weather was very fine and warm. W. G. Grace and Elliott, the not outs of the previous day, went to the wickets, to the bowling of Blackburn and Hind. Blackburn disposed of Elliott in the second ball, the latter playing into Hall's hands. (1 wicket for 3.) Jupp was the next to take the bat, and in the first over Blackburn missed a good catch off W. G. Grace. The latter sent one of Hind's balls to leg boundary for 4. Singles now were the principal runs got. Jupp nicked one to the leg for a couple, and Grace drove one for a single, Gibson having missed fielding it. Grace sent one to the boundary, which was caught by Halliley (substitute) off Blackburn. (2 for 13.) W. R. Gilbert was the next to handle the bat. Jupp now played Blackburn, and was caught by Stocks behind the wickets—(5 for 15)—and G. F. Grace next took the bat as the partner of Gilbert, but he was caught by Halliley in the first ball off Blackburn—(4 for 15)—

and after adding 4 to the total parted company with Lillywhite, who was splendidly bowled by Mycroft. The innings closed for 167. The twenty, who had only 76 to get in order to beat their opponents, sent in Lumb and Barlow, to the bowling of Lillywhite and G. F. Grace. Lumb scored two in Lillywhite's first over. After a maiden over off Lillywhite, Barlow sent one of G. F. Grace's balls to leg for 2, and in the same over got him through the slips for a single. This was followed by a 3 and a 2 by Barlow off Grace, but in Lillywhite's next over Barlow played one straight into the bowler's hands, which was easily taken. (One for 11.) Taylor followed and commenced by fielding one to leg boundary for 2 off Grace, but shortly after he was caught by G. F. Grace off Lillywhite. (Two for 15.) Hansell next came in to face the southern bowlers, and shunted one to the leg for a single, and in Lillywhite's next over sent him to the same place for a couple. G. F. Grace now lowered Lumb's stumps with a shooter. (Three for 21.) Blackburn was applauded on taking his turn at the wickets, and soon played one of Grace's splendidly to the boundary for 4. Hansell springing out to one of Lillywhite's, skied it, and paid the penalty by being caught out by that gentleman. Hind next took the bat. Blackburn cut Lillywhite for a 2, and Hind followed by playing Grace for 3, and cutting Lillywhite for 1, and Blackburn got another 4 to leg boundary for 4 off Grace. Hind was also playing capitally, but soon lost Blackburn, who was caught by Jupp, after adding 11, including two fours. L. Hall was the next batsman. Hind now drove G. F. Grace's next ball to the boundary for 3, and Hall lifted one of the same bowler's to the leg boundary for 4, but was caught by Filley, after scoring a single. (Six for 45.) Knowles now partnered Hind, who was the only one that had yet made any stand, but soon after Hind played one off G. F. Grace into W. G. Grace's hands, after contributing by some excellent play a score of 9 to the total. Sykes now came to try his skill at the wickets, but soon fell a victim to one of Grace's shooters. (Eight for 49.) Luke Stocks now joined Knowles, who drove one of Lillywhite's slows to the boundary for 4, when the bell rang for luncheon, the twenty having scored 55, leaving only 20 to win, and twelve wickets to fall. After luncheon, Stocks and Knowles again went to the wickets. In G. F. Grace's first over Knowles was missed by Southerton, and he afterwards drove one of Lillywhite's to the boundary for 4, and Stocks nicked one between the slips for 2. This was followed by a 2 from Knowles, and a couple of fours concluded the match, which was won by the twenty, with eleven wickets to fall.

TWENTY.

First Innings.	Second Innings.
R. G. Barlow, b W. G. Grace	0 out b Lillywhite
M. Riley, b Southerton	0
J. Taylor, c and b W. G. Grace	10 c G. F. Grace b Lillywhite
J. Hansell, c W. G. b G. F. Grace	5 c and b Lillywhite
J. Blackburn, c W. G. Grace b Lillywhite	11 c Jupp b Lillywhite
L. Hall, b G. F. Grace	20 c Filley b Lillywhite
A. Hind, c Gilbert b G. F. Grace	5 c W. G. b G. F. Grace
B. Sykes, b G. F. Grace	0 b G. F. Grace
W. Shaw, c Charlwood b Lillywhite	7
E. Lumb, not out	21 b G. F. Grace
J. Smith, b Lillywhite	3
G. Gibson, b Lillywhite	0
L. Stocks, c W. G. b Lillywhite	7 not out
K. Eastwood, b Southerton	0
W. Farrar, c Charlwood b Lillywhite	1
S. Smithson, st Pooley b Lillywhite	0
J. Blake, b Southerton	3
F. Poppellwell, c W. G. Grace b Southerton	0
Knowles, st Pooley b Lillywhite	8 not out
Mycroft, c Charlwood b G. F. Grace	0
Extras	7
Total	152
Extras	2
Total for 2 wks.	76

THE ELEVEN.

Mr. W. G. Grace, c Sub. b Blackburn	5	b Smithson	40
Elliott, c Hall b Blackburn	2	c Hansell b Smithson	6
Jupp, c Stocks b Blackburn	4	b Mycroft	19
Mr. W. R. Gilbert, b Blackburn	3	c Hind b Hall	32
Mr. G. F. Grace, c Sub. b Blackburn	0	c Taylor b Mycroft	8
Charlwood, c Hall b Blackburn	3	c Blake b Sykes	5
R. Humphrey, b Blackburn	0	ran out	7
Pooley, c Hind b Blackburn	20	c Poppellwell b Mycroft	20
J. Lillywhite, b Blackburn	7	b Mycroft	11
Southerton, not out	6	not out	4
Filley, b Hind	7	c Mycroft b Hansell	5
Extras	9	Extras	9
Total	60	Total	167

LANCASHIRE v. YORKSHIRE.

A better cricketing day than Saturday, when these counties resumed play at twelve o'clock, could not possibly have been expected. Lancashire commenced their second innings as usual with Mr. Hornby and Barlow, the two Yorkshire bowlers again being Hill and Armitage. Mr. Hornby made three off the first ball he received, and when the score was up to 15 Barlow was clean bowled by Hill for a single only, this young batsman

was the next to handle the bat. Jupp now played Blackburn, and was caught by Stocks behind the wickets (3 for 15) and G. F. Grace next took the bat as the partner of Gilbert, but he was caught by Halliley in the first ball off Blackburn. (4 for 15.) Charlwood was the next to try his success, and commenced by giving a straight drive off Hind. A nice bit of fielding on the part of Knowles was much applauded. Gilbert was missed at slip by Blackburn, off Hind. Charlwood now "skied" one to cover point, and it was missed by Shaw, who was hit, and had to retire. Charlwood then played one over his shoulder, which was caught behind the wickets by Hall, long stop. (5 for 18.) R. J. Humphrey next joined Gilbert, who was playing steadily, nicked one to leg for two, but soon afterwards he had his balls removed by Blackburn, who was bowling splendidly. (6 for 20.) Pooley next took his place at the stumps, and got a single through the slips. Humphrey next fell a victim to the excellent bowling of Blackburn, and had to retire without scoring. (7 for 21.) Lillywhite, the Surrey bowler, now took the willow in partnership with Pooley, who gave Hind a chance, which he missed. In the next over Lillywhite got a single off Blackburn, and he next shunted one to leg for another single. Pooley got one of Hind's balls to the leg for a couple, and Lillywhite drove one to the boundary for 4, and was greeted with applause. Another bit of fielding by Knowles, at point, was greatly admired. Pooley, who now seemed in excellent trim for playing, sent one to the boundary, but it was fielded by M. Riley, and he only got a single for it, but immediately after he added two to the score off Blackburn. Lillywhite was batting very steadily, when he was bowled by Blackburn after adding 7 to the total. (8 for 33.) Fillery, the slow bowler, was the next man to face Blackburn's bowling, and he hit the first ball splendidly to the boundary for 4, and, in the same over, got a single. In the next over he drove Hind to the boundary for two, but Hind's time soon came to have a wicket, and he bowled Fillery splendidly for 7. (9 for 40.) Southerton, the last man, next made his appearance at the wickets. Pooley got Blackburn's next ball to boundary for 4, and Southerton got one of Hind's to leg for 1. The eleven were all got out in one hour and forty minutes for the small score of 69.

On the field being cleared after dinner, the eleven proceeded with their second innings, W. G. Grace and Jupp going to the wickets, so the bowling of Blackburn and Hall. Grace sent the second ball of Hall to the boundary for four, and in the next over he cut Blackburn splendidly for another four, and drove him for a similar number. In the next over he cut Hall for 2, and Jupp got one from Blackburn, and soon after Jupp made a splendid rise off Hall, sending the ball right over the spectators for 4. Mycroft was now tried in lieu of Blackburn. His first ball was a wide, and his next ball was cut by Jupp for 4, and then for a single. In the same over Grace got one through the slips for 4, and in the following over Jupp got Hall to the leg for 4, and Grace drove him to the boundary for 2. It was quite evident the eleven were determined to be more successful in their second innings than the first, and much amusement was caused at this point by several runs being stolen in succession in consequence of the ball being turned half-way between the wickets; after which Grace again drove Hall to his boundary for 4, and in the next ball cut him for 2. In the next over Mycroft lowered Jupp's stumps, and he retired. (One for 62.) W. R. Gilbert now appeared at the wicket, and Samuel Smithson was put on as bowler in place of Hall. Smithson displaced Grace's stumps the second ball. (Two for 62.) G. F. Grace was the next batter, and he drove the first ball of Smithson to boundary for 4, and in the next over he gave him another drive for 4. He then skied one, which was well caught by Taylor close to the boundary. (Three for 71.) Charlwood next took the willow, and after Gilbert had played one neatly under his leg for a single, J. Smith was sent to Smithson's place as bowler. Gilbert sent his second ball for 4, and drove Mycroft to the boundary for 4. In Mycroft's next over Gilbert trapped him in the slips for 4, and soon after Charlwood was caught by Blake off Sykes. Elliott took his place as the partner of Gilbert, and began by hitting Smith well, but in his second attempt he was caught by Hansell. Pooley was the next man, and on his joining Gilbert, the latter—who was playing admirably—got one of Smith's balls through the slips for 4, and this was immediately followed by Pooley cutting him for another 4. Gilbert next drove Smith for 1, and Pooley made a splendid drive off Sykes for another single, and it was well fielded by Hansell, who was now asked to bowl at the pavilion and in lieu of Sykes. In Hansell's second over Gilbert got one through the slips for two, and Pooley got one to the same place for 4. Hall was then tried again instead of Smith, and Pooley cut his second ball for 2, and afterwards drove Hansell to the boundary for 4. Gilbert in getting a ball well caught by Hind off the leg after having played very carefully for his score of 22. Humphrey next replaced Pooley as wicket-keeper. The soldier of Knowles was in the field. When the score stood at 100, Pooley was missingly Blackballed at square leg, and Humphrey cut one of Hansell's for two. In the meantime he got one through the slips for 4. At this point the stumps were driven for the day, the eleven having scored 121 and 4 wickets to fall.

The next morning on Wednesday shortly after twelve o'clock by the last day of Tuesday, Humphrey and Mycroft, along to the wickets, the respective bowlers being Mycroft and Hansell. The weather was brilliant, and the spectators were in the greatest enjoyment, commencing with the first over. In the first over Pooley was caught up by Hansell, and Lillywhite was the next man to join Humphrey, but soon lost his company. Mycroft being cut off by the bowling of Hansell (missed). The next man to be bowled was Pooley, who was batting very steadily, but he was bowled by driving Mycroft to the boundary for 4, but soon after was caught by that gentleman off Hansell. Southerton, the last man for the eleven, now appeared,

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