

BATLEY CRICKET NOTES.

(By King-Crow.)

The weather on Saturday was in sharp contrast to that prevailing the week previous, and cricket was enjoyed under the most favourable conditions. Lofthouse and Batley are old rivals, and time was when a meeting between the pair would have attracted an attendance of enthusiasts the like of which is not seen now-a-days. A visit to Mount Pleasant on Saturday was a real treat, but the cricket was not by any means perfect, notwithstanding the fact that Batley obtained so many runs that they were enabled to adopt the closure with five wickets in hand. As a matter of fact,

Hanging Heaton received a visit from Lofthouse, and could the game have been played out the homesters would have won. The visitors were late in arriving, and this probably saved them from defeat. Hanging Heaton batted first, Guest and Field opening the innings. At 25 Guest was run out. He had played well for 16. J. Lodge joined Field, and both batted freely. They mastered the bowling completely, carrying the score to 89 when Lodge was bowled by Scott for 33. Field continued to bat well, and increased his score to 54. With the total at 113 for five wickets, Field being not out, Hanging Heaton declared. Lofthouse lost five wickets in making 53 runs, 45 of these being scored by two men, T. Parkin (not out) 22, and J. Noble 23. Both these men played good cricket. On the home side, H. Lodge had two wickets for 20 runs, H. Spencer