HALL BOWER FOUR POINTS AHEAD

Only One Needed to Secure Title

Hall Bower now have a four points lead in the Central League, and unless they lose to Scholes on Saturday they become champions for the third season in succession.

If, however, Hall Bower lose and B.D.C. and Nortonthorpe win, the latter two clubs will have to play off to decide the right to challenge Hall Bower for the title. Hall Bower have not met either of them in the League, and so in that case the challenge rule would operate.

Nortonthorpe have made a fine effort. They have won their last nine League matches, and, including Cup-ties, have won twelve of the last thirteen games played. The only match they lost in this period was to British Dyes in the final of the Holden Cup.

On Saturday Hall Bower gained a comfortable victory over Thurstonland at Hall Bower. J. Wood (four for 32), H. Hepworth (three for 17), and A. Stead (two for 13) shared the attack against the Thurstonland batsmen, who were able to make only 67, and then F. Taylor (16 not out) and L. Sewlow (31 not out) came to the rescue of the champions after they had lost four cheap wickets. The margin of victory was thus six wickets.

B.D.C. SUFFER SET-BACK

British Dyes suffered a set-back at Cumberworth where the United beat them by four wickets. The United bowlers, most prominent among whom were E. Horn (five for 23) and D. Cook (three for 16), generally held the mastery during the British Dyes innings, and only three men managed to achieve double figures in an effort which realised 73. Cumberworth were steadier with the bat, and good work was done by Horn, who followed up his bowling by scoring 30 not out.

Nortonthorpe's bowlers, A. Battye and H. Jones, conducted an unchanged attack at Scholes, and, returning four for 34 and six for 22 respectively, disposed of the opposition for 56. H. Tinker (34) was the main scorer in the winning reply of 61 for four wickets.

Skelmanthorpe, who entertained Shelley, were narrowly foiled of victory, for the last pair of opposition batsmen were together at the call of time, and they were 144 runs behind. Skelmanthorpe had a most successful afternoon with the bat, making 213 for eight declared. J. Kenworthy (56), E. Bowker (47), W. Nolan (30), and T. Spring (24) were the main scorers. G. A. Peace (22), L. Roebuck (18) and T. Cunningham (16) did good service. [illegible]

Another match which ended in a draw was that at Netherton Hill, where Penistone Richardson and Clayton West were in opposition. Penistone, for whom R. Wendle opened off not out, totalled 146. Clayton West got a good send-off through E. Hepworth (30) and H. Fowler (32), but after their dismissal wickets fell quickly and six such had been sent back to the pavilion for 56 runs, when the rain came on.

SKELMANTHORPE v. SHELLEY.

At Skelmanthorpe.—R. Greaves c R. Dyson, b [illegible] Skelmanthorpe.—R. Greaves c R. Dyson, b Roebuck 0; H. Frankland lbw b Roebuck 34; E. Bowker c T. Spring lbw b Roebuck 34; W. Norton run out R. Dyson b Metcalfe 47; W. Nolan run out 28; J. Kenworthy c and b Precious 54; D. Littlewood b Roebuck 19; J. Littlewood (not out) 7; G. Hampshire c Roebuck b Precious 1; C. Ellis (not out) 8; extras 3;—total for 8 wkts. 213. Innings declared.

Shelley.—J. Dyson b Hampshire 3; L. Roebuck c Kenworthy b Hampshire 19; R. Sykes b Hampshire 0; G. A. Peace c Kenworthy b J. Littlewood 22; T. Cunningham b J. Littlewood 16; F. Precious lbw b Spring 9; R. Dyson b J. Littlewood 0; J. Whitehouse (not out) 1; H. Haigh b Spring 4; L. Matthews (not out) 0; extras 3;—total for 9 wkts. 76.

HALL BOWER v. THURSTONLAND.—

At Hall Bower.

Thurstonland.—T. Calvert c Calvert b Wood 7; W. Charlesworth b Wood 0; C. Pontefract c L. Hepworth b H. Hepworth 1; [illegible]

CENTRAL LEAGUE

Up to and including September 19th, 1936.

First Elevens

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Hall Bower	20	13	6	1	32
B.D.C.	20	12	4	4	28
Nortonthorpe	20	11	6	3	28
Shelley	20	7	9	4	23
Cumberworth U.	20	8	6	6	22
Penistone N.	20	8	6	6	22
Lepton High.	20	5	9	6	19
Cartworth Moor	19	5	8	6	18
Skelmanthorpe	20	4	9	7	17
Denby Dale	20	5	6	9	16
Scholes	20	4	8	8	16
Clayton West	20	4	6	10	14
Holmebridge	19	3	7	9	13
Thurstonland	20	1	8	11	10

Second Elevens

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Penistone N.	20	11	5	4	27
Skelmanthorpe	20	9	9	2	27
Hall Bower	20	10	5	5	25
Clayton West	20	10	4	6	24
Nortonthorpe	20	9	6	5	24
B.D.C.	20	7	8	5	22
Cumberworth U.	20	7	7	6	21
Scholes	20	8	5	7	21
Shelley	20	6	7	7	19
Cartworth Moor	20	6	6	8	18
Lepton High.	20	5	7	8	17
Holmebridge	20	4	7	9	15
*Denby Dale	20	3	5	12	13
Thurstonland	20	2	6	12	10

*1 point deducted for playing ineligible men.

ASSOCIATION

FINAL TABLES

First Elevens

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Rastrick New Road	16	11	2	3	25
Rowley Hill	16	9	3	4	22
Blackley	16	9	5	2	20
Almondbury Wes.	16	7	4	5	19
Birchencliffe Church	16	7	6	3	17
Cowcliffe Church	16	4	7	5	15
Filland Wesley	16	5	6	5	15
Britannia Works	16	6	5	3	14
L. B. Hollidays S. C.	16	5	5	3	14
D.R.S. Ath. Club	16	5	5	3	13
Outlane	16	4	7	5	13
Hudd. Industrial Soc.	16	2	13	1	5

Second Elevens.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Rastrick New Road	16	13	2	2	28
Outlane	16	9	4	3	21
Birchencliffe Ch.	16	8	4	4	20
*Britannia Works	16	9	4	3	19
*D.R.S. Ath. Club	16	9	5	2	18
Blackley	16	8	6	2	18
Cowcliffe Ch.	16	7	6	3	17
Almondbury Wesley.	16	6	7	3	15
L. B. Hollidays S. C.	16	4	9	3	11
Rowley Hill	16	4	12	2	10
Filland Wesley.	16	2	11	3	7
H.I.S.	16	2	12	2	6

* Two points deducted.

HUDDERSFIELD MID-WEEK LEAGUE

TRADES