

**NIDDERDALE CRICKET LEAGUE
PRESENTATION OF THE CUP**

The splendid trophy given for competition amongst the valley clubs has again been won by Dacre Banks. The league consists of 7 clubs but the fight for the cup is really confined to three clubs - Pateley Bridge, Glasshouses and Dacre Banks, and the meeting between these clubs causes some excitement, and as a consequence large numbers of supporters congregate. A good gate assembled at Dacre Banks when that club met a twelve selected from the rest of the league. Mr Bond, Hon. Sec. DBCC, made complete arrangements. The "Rest" might have been much stronger but still a pleasant and interesting game was seen. The Dacre Captain (G Brookes) won the toss and put the visitors in to bat. J Richmond and E Moorhouse facing deliveries from Sutcliffe and W Ellis. The innings does not need too much description, as with the exception of two excellent stands by A Wood and J W Ridsdale, no-one else did anything. Sutcliffe and Ellis bowled throughout and were backed up by excellent fielding. The total reached 43. After the usual interval, Dacre Banks were represented at the wickets by A Atkinson and G Brookes. The bowling was intrusted to J Richmond and F Holmes. Runs came steadily mostly from Brookes but at 23 Atkinson was neatly caught by A Wood. With J W Gill in the runs were soon knocked off, the second wicket falling at 53. After this all interest in the game was gone, and when time was called 8 wickets had been lost for 100, F R Robinson being not out 9.

After the match the players and spectators gathered around a temporary platform where the cup had been displayed. In the absence of Mr Moon, Chairman of the League, The Hon Sec (Mr W Hardcastle) briefly introduced Mrs Scott to make the presentation. He said that although he would have very much liked the cup to have gone elsewhere, he congratulated the Dacre Banks club on carrying off the cup a second time. They had played excellent cricket throughout the season, with a determination to win and their efforts had met with success. Some people thought that leagues were not a success, but he thought they were, and they would be more so if players and spectators would play the game in the proper English spirit. The bitterness between clubs was not caused by the players, but by supporters who were indiscreet, and by their conduct brought their clubs in to disgrace. He had pleasure in asking Mrs Scott to make the presentation to the Dacre Banks captain.

Mrs Scott, in presenting the cup to Mr Brookes, said it was a very pleasant duty to perform. The Dacre club had played up well, and fully deserved the trophy, but she was rather sorry the pateley team had not been more successful. She hoped that the fine old game of cricket would ever be the foremost game in England. She then handed the cup to the captain amidst loud cheers.

Mr Geo. Brookes, in accepting the cup, thanked Mrs Scott. He said he would not make a long speech. The Dacre club fought hard for the trophy, but they would fight still harder for it next year, and hoped to win it again, so that they could claim it as their own. (Cheers)

Mr Wilkinson proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs Scott for so kindly presenting the trophy.

Mr Dowson, who said he represented one of the "inferior" clubs, had great pleasure in seconding the vote of thanks to Mrs Scott. He thought Dacre a good team, and congratulated them on winning the cup for the second year in succession.

The resolution was carried amidst cheers.

The Rev A Scott (Vicar of Pateley Bridge) in responding for Mrs Scott, thanked Mr Wilkinson and Mr Dowson for the kind way they had proposed and seconded the vote. He said, amidst laughter, that that was the first time he had ever heard his wife make a speech. He congratulated the Dacre Banks club upon winning the cup again, but pointed out that Pateley Bridge had had three draws, and had the matches been played out the result might well have been different, for there was a lot of uncertainty in the game. He hoped all the clubs in the league would play hard and perhaps one of the clubs least thought of would come out at the top of the league. Dacre Banks by excellent cricket had won the cup two years in succession, but other clubs must be like the people of old and say "Cathage must fall" and persevered until the city did fall. They must make as their cry "Dacre Banks must be beaten," and each club must go on with a full determination to win the cup. The rev gentleman hoped that the Nidd Valley would long be celebrated for its cricket, and that there would always

be good company on the field to witness the game on whatever ground it would be played. He trusted the whole of the league clubs would stick well together and that good feeling would always exist among them. (Cheers)

The players, after being photographed, proceeded to the Royal Oak Hotel headed by the Birstwith Band playing "See the conquering hero comes". An excellent tea was provided at the hotel for the players and the League Committee.

After the tea Mr Scott again thanked the committee for asking for him and his wife to be present that day. They had enjoyed themselves very much. Before leaving he wished to propose a vote of thanks to Mr W Hardcastle, the hon. sec. of the League, for the care and diligence with which he had discharged his duties.

The vote was carried by acclamation.

MR HARDCASTLE said that what he did he did in the interests of the game. He was glad they had had such a pleasant game and a pleasant end to the season. He was obliged to Mr Scott for proposing the resolution, and thanked him on behalf of the committee, for his presence among them that day.

After tea a torch light procession was formed. Carriages and wagons were brought in to service. At the head came the Birstwith Band with the players, Mr Brookes carrying the cup aloft. After these came the followers and supporters of the club. Torches had been kindly supplied by Mr Rogerson, and the effect as the procession wound its way round by the church was very picturesque. The villages of Summerbridge and Low Laithes were visited, and much enthusiasm was displayed along the route. Dacre Banks was again reached without a mishap, and the proceeding brought to a conclusion.

**NIDDERDALE LEAGUE
DACRE BANKS (WINNERS) V. REST
(Twelve a side)**

Played at Dacre Banks. Score:—

REST		
J. Richmond, c G. Robinson, b Ellis		0
E. Moorhouse, b Ellis		0
F. Holmes, b Sutcliffe		0
R. Earnshaw, c T. Gill, b Ellis		3
T. Moon, b Sutcliffe		10
A. Wood, c T. Gill, b Ellis		13
T. Millward, c T. Gill, b Ellis		0
D. Richmond, b Ellis		3
J. Ridsdale, c Ellis, b Sutcliffe		10
H. Dobby, b Sutcliffe		1
E. Smithson, c J. Gill, b Sutcliffe		1
A. Threlfall, not out		0
	Extras	2
	Total	43

BOWLING

	Rest			
	O	M	R	W
W Ellis	15	5	19	6
W Sutcliffe	15	5	22	5

Dacre Banks

G. Brooks, c Dobby, b Millward		23
A. Atkinson, c Wood, b Holmes		4
J. Gill, b Dobby		31
W. Sutcliffe, c Holmes, b Dobby		11
G. Robinson, b Dobby		4
T. Gill, lbw, b Dobby		0
F. Robinson, not out		9
W. Ellis, c Moon, b Dobby		4
J. Settle, b J Richmond		3
W Houseman, not out		0
	Extras	11
	Total for 8 wickets	100

Dacre Banks

	O	M	R	W
J. Richmond	11	2	15	1
F. Holmes	10	4	12	1
D. Richmond	4	1	6	0
H. Threlfall	1	0	7	0
T. Millward	6	0	19	1
H. Dobby	13	2	24	5
E. Smithson	4	1	6	0