

West Riding Wins Sheffield Cup Hat trick from Payne gives 3 - 1 victory

THE final of the Northern Fire Brigades Football League "Sheffield Cup" between Sheffield Fire Brigade and Yorkshire's West Riding County Fire Service was held at Bawtry Road, Sheffield.



The West Riding team: J. Abbott, W. Latham, E. Johnson, P. Armitage, F. Parkin, D. Rimmington (sec), D. Carter, J. Hiarling, S. Payne, G. Bennett (capt), A. Tindell, E. Clarkson.

At the kick-off Sheffield played with rain and hail blown into their faces by a strong wind. West Riding cleverly took advantage of this by lobbing the ball up into the wind to feed their forwards, which soon resulted in a goal for Payne.

Sheffield retaliated with a breakaway by Battersby, but the ball struck the crossbar with the goalkeeper beaten. Stubbs scored from the penalty spot for Sheffield, but with Payne making the most of a defensive mistake to score, West Riding were 2-1 up at half-time.

Cheers, but ...

In the second half, the sun drew the crowd of spectators from the stand to the touchline, but no amount of cheering-on seemed to help Sheffield to take advantage of the windy conditions, though most of the first 20 minutes of the second half were spent with 21 players in the West Riding half.

Eventually Payne made a breakaway for West Riding and scored again to give him a hat trick.



The Sheffield team: back row, left to right, Stn. O. J. Tingle (league secretary), C. Horsfield, G. Dewsnap, F. Tingle, R. Harrison, A. Stubbs, R. Joynes; front row, left to right: R. Hallam, K. Battersby, A. Kenyon, B. Gee, R. McDermott.