

DAFT'S ENGLISH ELEVEN.

RICHARD DAFT, the Captain of the Eleven, was born at Nottingham, Nov. 2nd, 1835. As a professional cricketer, is one of the most prominent men of the day. His career may be regarded as one continued success. For twenty-four years he has been celebrated as a batsman—nor is there any indication of falling off in his wonderful defence, whilst his peculiarly polished style, together with his elegant wrist playing, has always attracted attention. In 1875 his admirers (Sir Henry Bromley, Bart., in the chair) presented him with a purse of 500 sovereigns and a solid silver tea and coffee service costing 160 guineas. At the same time Mr. Walker, Middlesex, and Capt. Holden, Hon. Sec. of the Notts Club, made him very valuable presents.

GEORGE ULYETT, born Oct. 21st, 1851, at Pitsmoor, near Sheffield, is a fine bowler, capital bat and a brilliant field. He is said to be the best all-round player in England.

ALFRED SHAW, born April 29th, 1842, at Bulton-Joyce, Notts. One of the very best professional cricketers, the straightest and most destructive medium pace bowler, and a good bat.

E. LOCKWOOD, born at Lascelles Hall, Yorkshire. April 4th, 1845, is a grand batsman and a fairly successful bowler.

WILLIAM OSCROFT, born Dec. 16th, 1843, at Arnold, Notts. A fine batsman. His forward drives and leg hits are extremely good.

GEORGE PINDER, born at Ecclesfield, Yorkshire. A good bat and splendid wicket keeper.

F. MORLEY, born Dec. 16th, 1850, at Sutton, in Ashfield, Notts is the most successful fast left hand bowler.

W. BATES, Yorkshire. One of the most promising young cricketers of the day, a very good bat, and as a slow round-arm bowler nearly at the top of the tree.

THOMAS EMMETT, born at Halifax, Sept. 3rd, 1841, is a fast left-handed bowler, a fine bat and a very fine hitter.

W. BARNES, Notts, born May 27th, 1852. A very good bat and improving bowler.

JOHN SELBY, born at Nottingham, July 1st, 1849. A fine field and very excellent bat. Had the highest average in 1878.

ARTHUR SHREWSBURY, Notts, born April 11th, 1856. A very fine free bat and good field.