

# New Road won 'only three trophies'

WITH successes last year, a healthy financial situation, optimism about the coming season and an attendance that included nearly all the first and second team players, there was a happy spirit pervading the annual meeting of New Road Sunday School Cricket Club at Rastrick. And the feeling was given an additional emphasis by two presentations for good work both on and off the field.

In his annual report the secretary, Mr W. Bottomley, went into descriptive detail about "the glories of last season" congratulating the second team on their magnificent cup and league "double" and on their promotion from the "C" to the "B" section of the Huddersfield Cricket Association, and the first team on also winning a trophy. He spoke of Malcolm Whitaker's nine-for-11 feat which gained him a "Man of the match" award, of Winston Samuda's hat-tricks in consecutive matches which only just failed to gain him the league second-team bowling prize for the third year in succession, of exciting finishes to vital games, and of the more consistent performances of first-team batsmen.

A pleasing aspect of the second-team successes, he added, was that they had been achieved by the youngest set of players that the club had had for a few years.

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pleted, the president made two surprise presentations — one to Winston Samuda, for his four-wickets-in-four-balls and three-in-three in consecutive games near the end of last season, and the other to Mr Arnold Bottomley in recognition of his 25 years as treasurer.

Praising Winston's "outstanding bowling performances," one of which pulled the game out of the fire for New Road and gave them a vital victory, Mr Albert Bottomley presented the smiling West Indian with a mounted and inscribed cricket ball to remind him of his two notable hat-tricks. At the end of two seasons Winston had headed the section bowling averages, and the double feat almost brought him a third appearance at the top.

"He has been a stalwart of the second team for a few years and we have been very pleased to have him with us," said the president. "When he goes back to his own country, as I believe he intends to do, he will be able to take this back with him and have a constant reminder of the happy times he has had here, as well as of a remarkable double feat."

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watch which the committee, acting secretly, had decided to present was intended as a token of the club's esteem and thanks for his valuable service.

Handing over the watch, Mr Albert Bottomley said: "I hope that it will serve you as long as you have served the club and that it will be as accurate in its timekeeping and as dependable as you have been in looking after the finances and accounts of this club for the past 25 years."

"This is the biggest shock I have had in all the 25 years," said Mr Arnold Bottomley in his acknowledgement. "I haven't heard a whiff about this from anybody."

Asserting that he had enjoyed every minute of his service to the club and that he still enjoyed his Saturday afternoons in summer, he added that his only regret was that he was no longer able to be doing something out on the field. He would carry on serving the club to the best of his ability.

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Others elected were Messrs E. Gooder, W. W. Sykes, H. Walker, E. Armitage, B. Whiteley, H. Keene and Arnold Bottomley (vice-presidents), A. Heywood (representative on the Huddersfield Cricket Association executive), Taylor and Keene (auditors), Heywood and T. Bottomley (first-team captain and vice-captain respectively), A. I. Edley and E. Arnold (second-team captain and vice-captain), and the preceding four along with Mr M. Whitaker and the president, secretary and treasurer (selection committee). Karen M. Towell and Andrew Eccles were appointed scorers.

It was reported that because of the serious shortage of umpires there was a distinct danger that some games in 1971 would be without umpires altogether.

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