

HALIFAX PARISH CRICKET CHALLENGE CUP - "Second Round" 18<sup>th</sup> May 1960  
BLACKLEY V BRADSHAW

Reg. WILLIAMS the Blackley Captain Won the toss and elected to Bat first.  
Blackley scoring 151 Runs for the loss of only 2 wickets. Blackley had then to suspend  
their Innings and let their opponents start, their innings. [as per rule 15]  
Bradshaw took up the batting and Scored 152 for the loss of 7 wickets.  
They Bradshaw had then to be offered a choice, by the Blackley captain, Reg. Williams.  
As per the Rules of the competition. Which States :-

HALIFAX PARISH CRICKET CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION RULES.

RULE 15  
SUSPENSION OF INNINGS.

The Team Batting First must suspend it's Innings after having batted for  $2\frac{1}{2}$  Hours,  
Or Scored 150 runs in such an innings, which ever comes first.

Should their opponents bat  $2\frac{1}{2}$  Hours or score 150 runs with wickets still intact, the  
Captain of the team batting First, shall have the privilege of allowing the opposing team  
to continue it's innings, after suspension, or on the other hand of resuming the innings of  
his own side

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Reg. Williams then invited the Bradshaw captain, to continue batting. But the Bradshaw  
Captain declined the invitation, and asked Blackley to continue Batting. These Cup  
games were played to a finish in these days 1960.

At this point Blackley were 151 for 2

Bradshaw were 152 for 7.

We know anything can happen in cricket, that's what makes it such a great game, but  
Reg. had offered Bradshaw the choice, as he knew he had the confidence of his Blackley  
bowlers to see off the Tail end of his opponents Bradshaw, and he was proved right, by  
the end of the game. As Bradshaw only made another 10 runs to complete their innings.

But back to the Saturday. So Reg. Had no option but to tell the Blackley players to  
continue the batting, and by the close of play on the Saturday. Blackley were 254 for 5  
and continued batting on until Wednesday Night, scoring 302 for 7 declared.

Bradshaw being the visitors had to do the travelling and were the losers all round, this  
caused a bit of friction with the Bradshaw players and their Captain, and by the Thursday  
night only Ten men arrived at the Blackley Ground for the completion of the game.

Result.... Blackley 302 for 7

Badshaw 162 All Out

And Blackley were through to the Third round.

Consequently, this saw a change in the Rules, and in the following season 1961. Saw the  
Introduction of 45 over games. For Cup Cricket.

Just out of interest. Please Note that SIXES were NOT allowed in matches in those  
days.

The Blackley First Team on this day was. With scores in brackets.

Reg. WILLIAMS cap.[40] Shear Sykes [18] George Helliwell [66] Harry Pidgeon [66]

Trevor Priestley [22] Ronnie Cleal [39] Derek Boyne [not out 20] Brian Handy [03]

Norman Dyson [ not out 11] Ronnie Hinchcliffe { stumper.} and Brian Wolfenden our

OPENING BOWLER WERE NOT NEEDED TO BAT - EXTRAS MADE UP  
THE SCORE.