

Behind Enemy Lines: Bradshaw CC

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Bradshaw's Mike Turner reveals his thoughts on Copley Cricket Club:



Q. What are your main memories of past matches between Bradshaw and Copley?

A. My main memory was scoring my maiden century at Copley in 1989 (137), in a match where Neil Whittaker scored 150-plus for Copley and still ended up on the losing side.

Q. If you could take any one player from Copley's current side and add them to Bradshaw CC then who would it be?

A. Nick Pyrah - as we're in need of a new opener!

Q. How would you say Copley CC is perceived by Bradshaw players?

A. They're considered to be a very close-knit club.

Q. What positions do you think Copley and Bradshaw will finish in the Halifax League in 2007?

A. Both sides should finish the season in the top six.

Q. When the fixtures for the season are announced, how highly would you say Copley figure in terms of matches that your players are looking forward to?

A. I think that all our players look forward to all of the games equally as much, unless they have previously played for another club.

Q. In terms of Bradshaw's rivals, how high up the list would you put Copley?

A. Copley's record over the last decade is fantastic, so that alone puts them up there as main rivals along with Warley, Southowram and Triangle.

Q. If you had to choose victory over Copley in the Parish Cup final or victory over Copley to win the Halifax League which would you take?

A. Winning the Halifax League - it shows that you are the best side over a whole season.

Q. Can you think of any players who have played for both Copley and Bradshaw?

A. Yes, quite a few: Brent Walker, Simon Collins, Dean Jackson, Chris Dalby, Ken Hubbard and Lee Gathercole immediately spring to mind.

Q. And finally, in terms of Halifax League cricket grounds, how impressed are you with Copley Lane?

A. Nice and flat, good atmosphere at ground on a sunny day. It would be nice to play in the middle of the square on occasions!