

Halifax Parish Cup Final

King Cross v Triangle at the Ramsdens

Sat 25 July – Mon 3 August 1953

The Parish Cup Final of 1953 remains one of the best – and most protracted – in the competition's history which dates to 1888.

King Cross was the most powerful team in the district at the time. The first eleven were riding high in the Yorkshire League and the second team, top of the Halifax League's first division, were favourites to secure the Parish Cup against mid-table Triangle.

Only 40 minutes play was possible on Saturday 25 July. Handicapped by a wet ball, Triangle did well to remove both openers and restrict King Cross to 43 for 2.

With no play possible two evenings later, the match was postponed until the following Saturday when a crowd of over 1000 saw 390 runs scored and 10 wickets fall. A solid 53 from D Priestley was the cornerstone of King Cross's 151 for 4 before compulsory suspension of the innings. Triangle recovered from 24 for 2 thanks to a third wicket stand of 119 between F Wolfenden (69) and B Hunter (66) and had reached 151 for 3 when King Cross elected to resume batting. A rapid 58 from JD

Uttley steered the favourites to 282 for 9 when bad light ended play at 9pm.

Six more runs were added on Monday evening before A Booth (4 for 68) ended the King Cross innings at 288.

It appeared to be enough when overnight batsmen Wolfenden and Widdop were dismissed at 175 for 5, but the left-handed E Ingham, a former King Cross player, farmed the bowling and struck 13 boundaries in a magnificent 75 to keep Triangle in the game.

The result was still in the balance when the persevering Uttley, who followed his 58 with 6 wickets for 73, had Ingham stumped at 271 for 8, but another former King Cross man, Donald Garside, kept his nerve to hit the winning runs.

The cup was presented by a former president of the King Cross club, the Mayor of Halifax, Councillor Harold Pickles JP.

King Cross

E Folwell	b Booth	9
F Popplestone	c Garside b Goodhead	27
HW Goodfellow	b Booth	42
D Priestley	b Rodgers	53
CV Robinson	c Horsman b Booth	12
J Riley	c Booth b Rodgers	8
A Worsnop	lbw Goodhead	28
JD Uttley	b Goodhead	58
P Hiley	c Widdop b Horsman	16
R Lunn	b Booth	19
RA Greenwood	not out	1
Extras		15
Total	all out	288

A Booth 4-68; T Goodhead 3-50

Triangle

R Rodgers	c Popplestone b Uttley	6
R Wolfenden	b Uttley	11
F Wolfenden	st Popplestone b Riley	69
B Hunter	lbw Uttley	66
E Widdop	b Uttley	16
E Ingham	st Popplestone b Uttley	75
E Nicholl	b Uttley	5
T Goodhead	c Uttley b Greenwood	7
D Garside	not out	9
A Booth	c Popplestone b Riley	4
G Horsman	not out	0
Extras		21
Total	(for 9 wickets)	289

JD Uttley 6-73

Triangle won by one wicket