

Impressive Golcar claim county title

GOLCAR are the Yorkshire Indoor six-a-side champions.

The Drakes Huddersfield League side won the Huddersfield and Halifax area finals last month to qualify for the county finals at Headingley.

In the quarter-finals and semi-finals they beat the winners of the Bradford and Nidderdale areas respectively to set up a final clash with Clifton, from York.

David Law (42 not out) and Mike Smith (30 not out) helped Golcar notch an excellent 120-4 total in their allotted 12 overs, and in reply Clifton were reduced to 87 all out as Golcar lifted the title for the second time in five years.

Golcar will now represent Yorkshire in the North of England final again at Headingley, on March 1, when the winners will qualify for the national final at Lord's.

The victorious Colne Valley side were represented by David Marshall, David Law, James Charlton, Mike Smith, Michael [unclear] and Chris Holmes.

By **DAVID LOCKWOOD**

HUDDERSFIELD League and Cup holders Meltham have been pitted against Sheffield League side Elsecar in the first round of the Black Sheep Yorkshire Champions Trophy this season.

The top half-dozen clubs, including Meltham, have all been kept apart in the opening round with holders Pickering—who defeated Scholes in last year's final—meeting Bardsey away.

Bradford League side Undercliffe are at Ryhill, while Yorkshire League champions Harrogate meet Woodhouse Grange.

The full draw, to be played on or before Sunday, May 31 is: Bardsey v Pickering, Bradshaw v Methley, Elsecar v Meltham, Fenner v Hemsworth MW, Harden v Adel, Old Hymerians v Esholt, Ryhill v Undercliffe, Woodhouse Grange v Harrogate.

CENTRAL League side Cawthorne are holding their winter nets at Darton High School, in Barnsley, on Sundays (10-11.30).



Golcar bag Lord's trip

GOLCAR are on their way to Lord's after qualifying for the finals of the English Cricket Board's Indoor six-a-side tournament.

David Marshall's side, who last month won the Yorkshire region at Headingley, returned to the county headquarters for the Northern regional finals, and beat teams from Staffordshire, Durham and Derbyshire to line-up a Lord's appearance on Sunday.

With a couple of the regular side on a cricketing holiday in Barbados, Golcar called in two replacements, and Meltham's Darren Hinchliffe and Honley's Dave Sadler, who both play regularly indoors for Golcar during the winter.

"There were no outstanding individual stars, it was just a very good all-round team effort" said Marshall. "Everyone in the side bowled and

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fielding magnificently throughout the competition.

"I was particularly pleased with the way the lads played in the semi-finals against Durham University, who were the firm favourites to win the tournament with a couple of ex-county second teamers in their side."

In the quarter-finals against Handford, from Staffordshire, James Charlton ran out both openers and James Marshall also had two direct hits to run out two more of Golcar's opponents, who were dismissed for 87, replying to the Huddersfield side's 99-4.

Golcar were up against past winners Durham University in the semis and after posting a useful total of 109-4 held the

tournament favourites to 90-4 in reply, with some tight bowling and tremendous fielding.

In the final the Drakes League side met Derbyshire club Alveston and Boulton, and again batting first notched 104-5, before dismissing their opponents for 87.

"We have used a total of nine players in reaching the finals," added Marshall, "but we are only able to take seven down to Lord's, and although it's naturally disappointing for the two lads that came into the side, we are sticking with our original squad for the final."

Marshall will be joined in the line-up by veteran opener David Law, Mike Smith, James Charlton, James Marshall, Michael Illingworth and Chris Holmes.

In the national semi-finals they meet Kent club Broadstairs, with Winchester and Lutterworth meeting in the other.

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Dave Marshall's selection of bats

Golcar ready for action!!



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Emma consoles James after a duck at Lords



Hi-de-Hi campers!!



Golcar as never seen before



Ron - am I really here?



The fans aren't too upset



The party after a drink or two

Under-17s – Walker Cup winners



UNDER 17 TEAM 1998 WALKER CUP WINNERS

BACK: URFAAN ALI; DEAN CLARK; GAVIN SMITH; WILLIAM GREEN; JAMES RUSCOE; STEPHEN OLDROYD; MICHAEL ILLINGWORTH

FRONT: PAUL QUARBY; MARCUS TINSLEY; STEVEN WHITWAM (CAPT); CRAIG RUSCOE; GRAHAM HUDDRESTONE.