

LASCELLES HALL VANQUISHED!

Armitage Bridge, 1887 - First Ever Lumb Challenge Cup Winners By Paul Rai

Armitage Bridge is a club steeped in history. Founded in 1839, the club has been a linchpin in Huddersfield cricket leagues for 169 years. Arguably, their greatest achievement came in 1887 when they became the first ever team to proudly lift the Lumb Challenge Cup.

Below, the legendary 1887 cup-winning squad are pictured alongside the Lumb Cup. The team's achievement is made all the more special given the knowledge that the feat took place at a time when pitches were uncovered.



In 1887 the game of cricket would have taken place in its original form - simply eleven against eleven with bat and ball. The picture above shows that the quality of cricket equipment available in 1887 was very basic. Only two players are wearing pads and there are just two bats viewable - and it is likely that they would have been shared

among the whole team. No helmets are in picture; in modern cricket virtually every individual player would have their own helmet, pads, bats and balls. How times have changed!

Armitage Bridge's passage through to the Lumb Cup Final in 1887 was by no means straightforward. They had to overcome some tough encounters to earn the right to contest the final: "earlier rounds saw Robert Moorhouse run out for 91 and then scoring 60 out of a total of 205 against Dalton and F.Shaw contributed 55 to the total." Also *en route* to the final, only one scoring shot separated the Bridge from Lockwood in the semi-final which was won by the smallest of margins - four runs.

After the Bridge sneaked past Lockwood in the semi-final, they then returned to Lockwood to play against Lascelles Hall in the first ever Lumb Cup final on the 20th August 1887.

MATCH Played at <i>Lockwood between Lascelles Hall & Armitage Bridge</i>		<i>Flowers</i>		<i>Aug 20th 1887</i>	
BATSMAN'S NAME	RUNS.	HOW OUT	BOWLERS NAME	TOTAL	
1 <i>B Gledhill</i>	<i>21 13 13</i>	<i>C Broadhead</i>	<i>E W Wilson</i>	<i>14</i>	
2 <i>R Moorhouse</i>	<i>23 31 13 13 1</i>	<i>Run out</i>		<i>22</i>	
3 <i>T F Oldfield</i>	<i>13 23 33 11 3 3 11 4 4 12 4 3 1 1</i>	<i>C Broadhead</i>	<i>A Castle</i>	<i>81</i>	
4 <i>F Shaw</i>	<i>12 11 21 11 11 11</i>	<i>C E W Wilson</i>	<i>E W Wilson</i>	<i>15</i>	
5 <i>J Barand</i>	<i>23 11 13 13 23</i>	<i>C + B</i>	" "	<i>22</i>	
6 <i>G Moorhouse</i>	<i>311</i>	<i>C Ambler</i>	<i>C H Wilson</i>	<i>5</i>	
7 <i>C Haigh</i>	<i>113</i>	<i>Bowled</i>	" "	<i>5</i>	
8 <i>E R Binson</i>	<i>44 21 3 13</i>	<i>C G Bates</i>	" "	<i>19</i>	
9 <i>B Hawkeford</i>	<i>11 4 4 2 13</i>	<i>C Broadhead</i>	<i>C H Wilson</i>	<i>17</i>	
10 <i>H Turner</i>	<i>3 3 13 13 1</i>	<i>C H Shewler</i>	<i>E W Wilson</i>	<i>15</i>	
11 <i>G W Oldfield</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>Not out</i>		<i>3</i>	
BYES <i>11 32</i>		LEG BYES <i>11 21</i>		WIDE BALLS	NO BALLS
1 for <i>37</i>		2 for <i>38</i>		3 for <i>106</i>	4 for <i>160</i>
5 for <i>160</i>		6 for <i>167</i>		7 for <i>170</i>	8 for <i>198</i>
9 for <i>224</i>		10 for <i>233</i>		11 for <i>233</i>	TOTAL <i>233</i>
BOWLERS NAME		NUMBER OF OVERS & RUNS MADE FROM EACH BOWLER.		MADN	WICK
				OVERS	RUNS
				BYE	WIDE
				ST	BALLS

*Lumb Challenge Cup
Final Round*

On the day of the final, Bridge opted to bat first and get runs on the board. Gledhill and R.Moorhouse strode out to the middle to open the batting with all the pressure on their shoulders to set the tone for the innings. Gledhill took strike for the first delivery of the day but he eventually fell for just fourteen. Robert Moorhouse, who went on to play for his county, Yorkshire, got his eye in but was eventually run out for 22.

With both openers back in the hutch and the score on 38 for 2, skipper T.F.Oldfield took guard. If ever the Bridge needed a captain's innings it was now. F.Shaw was at the other end and both batsmen began to nudge the ball into the gaps, picking up easy ones and twos. T.F.Oldfield and F.Shaw added 68 for the third wicket and the Bridge were now 106 for 3.

The final seven Bridge wickets fell for just 127 runs; however, a solid 81 from captain T.F.Oldfield, made up of just three boundaries, formed the basis of a more than competitive 233 all out. Now the pressure was on Lascelles Hall to chase them down.

MATCH Played at *Lockwood* between *Elvers* 1888

BATSMAN'S NAME	RUNS	HOW OUT	BOWLERS NAME	TOTAL																								
1 H. Lascelles	213112	Bowled	F. Shaw	12																								
2 C. H. Milnes	3111313	"	B. Hawkyard	13																								
3 F. Lascelles	11311	"	R. Moorhouse	7																								
4 A. Caste	34111111222	C & B	F. Shaw	22																								
5 G. Bates	3	Bowled	H. Turner	3																								
6 R. C. Sadler	2211333331	Not out		22																								
7 H. Bates		C & B	Oldfield	F. Shaw	0																							
8 A. Swift	111	C & B	"	Hawkyard	3																							
9 J. Ambler	1	Bowled	R. Moorhouse	1																								
10 E. W. Milnes		"	"	0																								
11 L. Broadbent	111	C & B	Turner	F. Shaw	3																							
				7																								
BYES 13		LEG BYES 11		WIDE BALLS	NO BALLS	TOTAL																						
1 for 15	2 for 25	3 for 52	1 for 55	5 for 66	11 for 66	2 for 84	5 for 85	11 for 85	11 for 93	11 for 93	TOTAL	93																
BOWLERS NAME											NUMBER OF OVERS & RUNS MADE FROM EACH BOWLER			Overs Made			Wicks			Runs			etc.			Balls		
B. Hawkyard											21			7			37			2			18-1					
F. Shaw											18			9			26			4			6-2					
R. Moorhouse											12			7			10			3			3-1					
H. Turner											7			1			13			1			12-0					
B. Hawkyard																												
F. Shaw																												

Lump Challenge Cup's
Final Round

With runs on the board, the Bridge bowlers had a good total to defend. B.Hawkyard and F.Shaw were given the responsibility of getting the most out of the new ball by skipper T.F.Oldfield. Only 25 runs were on the board when the first Lascelles Hall wicket fell and, as happens in cricket, when one wicket falls it often leads to another in quick succession and Hall were 25 for 2 and under pressure.

Opting to bat first proved to be the correct decision as Lascelles Hall collapsed under the pressure of chasing a good score. 25 for 2 soon became 66 for 5 and then wickets began to tumble and the last five Lascelles Hall wickets went at a cost of just 27 runs. LHCC were all out for an embarrassing 93.

F.Shaw was the pick of the Bridge bowlers in the final, taking 4-26 from his 18.2 overs. Both captain Oldfield and all-rounder Shaw put their names in the hat for the man of the match award, but it was the performance of the team as a whole that has gone down in history. With a 140-run victory over Hall, Bridge "became the first winners of the second oldest trophy in Yorkshire cricket, to be played for by amateurs only".