

# Thorpe's team take title in style

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COPLEY clinched the Halifax League title in style on Saturday.

They not only beat Siddal by 10 wickets at home, but skipper Richard Thorpe crashed a mighty six through the viaduct arches for the winning runs.

It took Thorpe to 67 and his captain-partner Neil Whitaker was just behind on 63, the 17-year-old showing his full range of shots in a marvellous display of attacking stroke-play.

Thorpe had earlier taken four for 64 as Siddal were dismissed for 130. Brother Andy took two wickets and Tim Rusden also took two.

Siddal promised a fight, knowing that they were already down and Copley needed to win, and Darren Hickey did all he could to set a reasonable target, hitting 39.

But they could not stand in the way of a determined young Copley side.

Copley's win was essential because Booth, hard on their heels, also took maximum points, beating Stainland at home by eight wickets.

Stainland gruffed hard to reach 169 for eight, openers Brian Evans, run out for 43, and Ian Ord their top scorers.

Booth's first pair Shaun Charley and Morgan Thomas almost clinched victory themselves, taking their side to 153 before Thomas fell for 71. Charley stayed in within four of their target before he was run out hit the points — and runners-up spot — were by then in the bag for Booth.

Northwram were another side in with a chance of taking the championship and they did all they could, winning at Triangle by six wickets.

Steve Frankland made them work for their win. He scored an unbeaten 94 in Triangle's 214 for four with Don Fletcher 64 not out, the pair adding an unbroken century stand.

But half centuries from Phil Whitehead, Brian Dearn and Steve Parkinson guided Northwram to a win which sealed third spot, a fine achievement for a club which has now established itself in the first division.

Warley were the only other side

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### Final Tables

DIVISION ONE				
	P	W/D/L	Pts	
Copley	22	8	4	200
Booth	22	10	3	185
Northwram	22	8	2	162
Warley	22	8	2	151
Triangle	22	7	4	140
Eastwood	22	6	4	130
Bradshaw	22	6	4	120
SBC	22	5	7	111
Sowerby Bridge	22	5	7	101
Spennithorne	22	3	2	93
Siddal	22	2	2	83
D. Crossleyans	22	2	2	73

DIVISION TWO				
	P	W/D/L	Pts	
Osney	22	13	3	214
Sowerby	22	12	4	210
Osney	22	11	4	200
Mytholmroyd	22	8	7	188
Old Town	22	7	7	172
Leeds	22	7	7	167
Bradley	22	6	7	167
Mytholmroyd	22	5	4	164
Macrosport	22	2	11	132
Greenfield	22	2	10	120
Union Swift	22	2	10	114
RFA	22	1	10	98

in with a shot on the final day but they drew an incredible high scoring game at home to Barkisland.

Bating first, Barkisland made 322 for two off 50 overs. David Green hitting through, for an undefeated 164. Ben Friend was 63 not out, having shared a partnership worth 171.

But Warley still took four points against one. Their innings was restricted to 22 overs and Paul Vine and Stuart Bates came out for a real thrash.

They hammered 145 without loss, in record the faster scoring rate, Vine hitting 63 and Bates 67, ensuring Warley held on to fourth place. It was certainly a game to boost the batsmen's first averages.

Sowerby Bridge gained a winning draw at home to SBC who batted first and scored 207. John Pettigrew was top scorer at 82 and Kevin Lord hit an amber 50.

Garrett Duffield led Bridge's chase in a limited innings win not out in their 118 for five but SBC's mid-innings man bowlers, giving everyone a run their arm before winter.

Old Crossleyans did their best to win their final division one game but Bradshaw held out on a 1-1 finish.

Old Crossleyans were bowled out for 129, with Robert Fair 44 and Chris Hogg 43 their substantial scorers.

Bradshaw, after a bright start began to fall apart but they held for a point at 118 for nine.

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### Division One

#### Old Crocs v Bradshaw

Match drawn. Old Crossleyans 1 pt, Bradshaw 4.

#### OLD CROSSLEYANS 129

R. Egan c. Bell b. Hughes	17
R. P. Williams c. Hughes b. Simpson	44
R. Copley b. Lees	1
L. Greenwood b. Hughes	0
J. Green c. Bell b. Lees	1
C. Hogg b. Beaumont	43
M. Fairclough not out	0
M. Reynolds b. Hughes b. Simpson	5
F. Reynolds c. Longworth b. Beaumont	6
L. Copley c. Beaumont b. Simpson	3
D. Hogg not out	0
T. Bates	1

Bowling: A. Hughes 14.3-21-2, S. Lees 13.2-20-2, M. Beaumont 9.1-0-21-2, R. Simpson 8.0-25-5.

#### BRADSHAW 118 for nine

R. Taylor c. R. Egan b. D. Hogg	19
P. Hoggwell c. Copley b. P. Reynolds	4
K. Simpson not out	4
S. Bell not out	20
R. Walker not out	2
T. Egan c. Greenwood b. Fairclough	0
S. Lees b. Fairclough	1
S. Longworth b. Fairclough	0
P. Reynolds c. Green b. Reynolds	1
A. Hughes not out	1
M. Beaumont not out	0
Extras	6

Bowling: R. Fairclough 15.2-24-2, P. Reynolds 8.1-21-2, D. Hogg 5.0-28-1.

### Division Two

#### Sowerby v Blackley

Sowerby win by six wickets. Sowerby eight points, Blackley nil.

#### BLACKLEY 130

S. Harwood b. Abbott	46
G. Holland b. Hogg b. Ritchie	15
S. Williams b. Abbott	9
A. Brook c. Abbott b. Ritchie	5
C. Hogg b. Abbott	23
S. Townsend c. Middleton b. Abbott	1
A. Whithead c. Tamplin b. Ritchie	1
J. R. Townsend b. Ritchie	20
J. Townsend b. S. Abbott	1
S. Lewis not out	4
J. Williams b. Abbott	0
Extras	20

Bowling: R. Abbott 22.4-4-66-6, G. Harwood 22.5-75-4.

#### SOWERBY 160 for four

G. Middleton b. Hogg	5
U. Tamplin c. Townsend b. Hogg	2
R. Mower c. Hogg b. Lewis	60
N. Fulkerson b. Williams b. Hogg	9
T. Ryan not out	59
R. Abbott not out	14
Extras	10

Bowling: S. Townsend 4.0-20-0, G. Hogg 8.0-2-25-2, A. Whithead 8.1-25-0, S. Lewis 8.1-37-1, J. Townsend 5.0-29-0.

#### Old Town v Mytholmroyd

Match drawn. Old Town 1 point, Mytholmroyd 4.

MYTHOLMROYD 100 for four



**COPLEY FIRST XI**  
**FIRST DIVISION CHAMPIONS & WORTHINGTON SPORTS FINALISTS 1988**  
Nigel Tonge Richard Dixon Andrew Thorpe Tim Rushton Richard Hoyle Paul Taylor  
Neil Whittaker Gordon Scott Richard Thorpe (Capt) Mick Stanger Peter Hoyle



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