

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

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 <i>Lockwood</i>		<i>Lascelles</i>		<i>1893</i>				
BATSMAN'S NAME	RUNS	HOW OUT	BOWLERS NAME	TOTAL				
1 <i>H. Lascelles</i>	<i>21212</i>	<i>Bowled</i>	<i>F. Shaw</i>	<i>12</i>				
2 <i>C. H. Milnes</i>	<i>211212</i>	"	<i>B. Hawkyard</i>	<i>13</i>				
3 <i>F. Lascelles</i>	<i>11211</i>	"	<i>R. Moorhouse</i>	<i>7</i>				
4 <i>A. Castle</i>	<i>24111011222</i>	<i>C & B</i>	<i>F. Shaw</i>	<i>22</i>				
5 <i>J. Bates</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Bowled</i>	<i>H. Turner</i>	<i>3</i>				
6 <i>R. E. Sadler</i>	<i>2211322221</i>	<i>Not out</i>		<i>22</i>				
7 <i>H. Bates</i>		<i>C & B Oldfield</i>	<i>F. Shaw</i>	<i>0</i>				
8 <i>A. Swift</i>	<i>111</i>	<i>C & B</i>	<i>Hawkyard</i>	<i>3</i>				
9 <i>J. Ambler</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Bowled</i>	<i>R. Moorhouse</i>	<i>1</i>				
10 <i>E. W. Milnes</i>		"	"	<i>0</i>				
11 <i>L. Broadbent</i>	<i>111</i>	<i>C. H. Turner</i>	<i>F. Shaw</i>	<i>3</i>				
BYES 12				7				
LEG BYES 11				93				
WIDE BALLS				NO BALLS				
1 for 15	2 for 25	3 for 52	4 for 55	5 for 66	6 for 66			
7 for 84	8 for 85	9 for 85	10 for 93	11 for 93	TOTAL 93			
BOWLERS NAME		NUMBER OF OVERS & RUNS MADE FROM EACH BOWLER				WICKETS	MAIDENS	NO BALLS
<i>B. Hawkyard</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>18-1</i>			
<i>F. Shaw</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>6-2</i>			
<i>R. Moorhouse</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>3-1</i>			
<i>H. Turner</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>12-0</i>			
<i>B. Hawkyard</i>								
<i>F. Shaw</i>								

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".