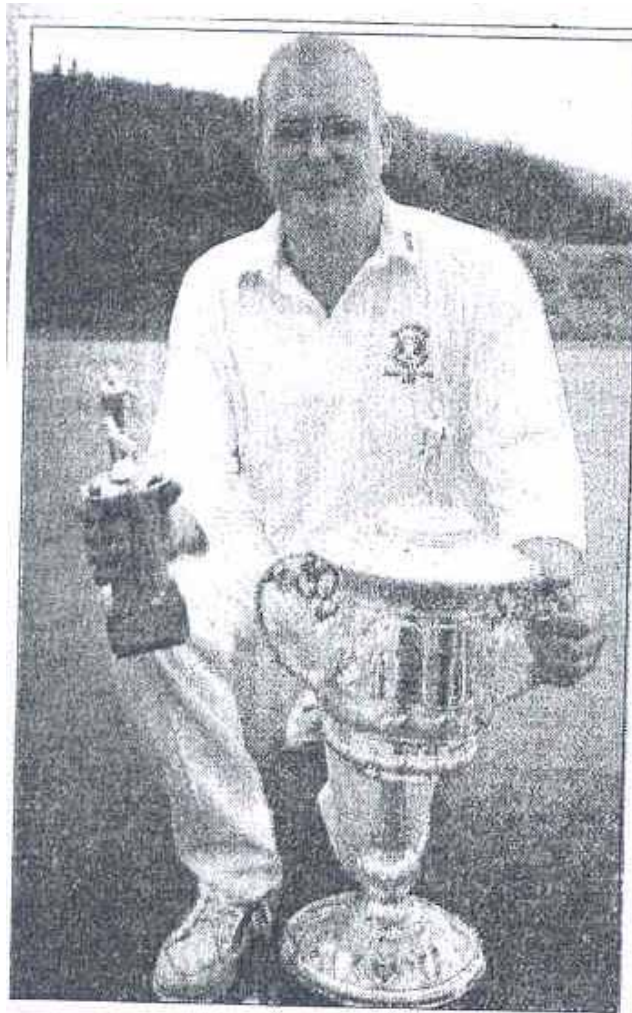


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Man of the match in the 2000 Parish Cup final.



Parish Cup man of the match Jake Smith

# Southowram strike silver

A NEW name will be engraved on the Halifax Parish Cup before it heads into the bank vault for safe-keeping this week.

Southowram will be added to the 26 other clubs who have won the elegant trophy in its 112-year history after their 13-run success over Outlane at Copley yesterday.

Fine performances from man of the match Jake Smith, Fiaz Haider and Zahid Mahmood helped Southowram win a 473-run contest and put a broad smile on the face of their skipper Richard Eastaugh.

As the Southowram party started he said: "You can see from the reaction of our happy mob of spectators that this is a great lift for the club."

"It is what we have been striving for over the last four or five seasons and hopefully it will lead to more trophies."

Outlane made a valiant bid to reach Southowram's towering total of 243 for five but fell just short in an exciting finish.

Eastaugh, whose side will have to settle for showing off a smaller replica trophy over the next 12 months said: "I turned a bit grey over the last few overs.

"Outlane certainly pushed us hard and it turned out to be a good game of cricket for everyone."

Eastaugh paid tribute to Smith's outstanding effort with the bat, ball and in the field against his old club and revealed the secret of Haider's phenomenal run-making this season.

The Pakistani curry chef has cooked up something special on numerous occasions and he added another 85 runs to his near 1,250-run tally yesterday.

"Fiaz was up for it today. His confidence is unbelievable. If he says he is going to score runs he will score them."

Eastaugh's opposite number John Pettinger, meanwhile, was cursing himself for not curtailing Haider's innings off the second ball of the match.

"We had planned a field for him but I must have had a blackout because I didn't go into the square leg/mid-wicket position I was supposed to and he mistimed the ball and hit it there."

The Outlane captain was in no mood to cry over spilt milk, however, saying: "We have had an excellent day and hopefully we have a platform to build for next season. We just need one or two extra players."

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