

CRICKET

Underdogs Thongsbridge create a few flutters but Cup kings clinch fifth triumph in six years

Swallow hero in Meltham's glory swoop

IAN SWALLOW and his Meltham side proved once again yesterday that they are Huddersfield cricket's team of the decade.

Skipper Swallow led from the front as Meltham picked up another set of winners' medals with a five-wicket triumph against Thongsbridge in the Hills supplies Sykes Cup final at Elland.

Swallow bagged six for 45 as Thongsbridge were dismissed for 155 and then eased his side towards victory with a well-calculated half-century — leav-

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However, earlier in the day it was Meltham's ebullient wicketkeeper David Maybury who struck the vital first blow. After losing the toss and being sent in, Thongsbridge

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Cup kings again — the jubilant Meltham team celebrate lifting their fifth Hills Supplies Sykes Cup victory in six years after yesterday's five-wicket win against Thongsbridge. Picture by Peter Cottle