

Berry steers side to Paddock Shield win

THONGSBRIDGE won the Huddersfield Cricket League's Paddock Shield yesterday when they beat Holmfirth with an over and three wickets to spare in the final at Thongsbridge.

David Berry hit an undefeated 56 to steer the home side past Holmfirth's all out 132, but had to share the Stanley Laycock Trophy for the man-of-the-match award with Holmfirth opening bowler,

By JOHN GLEDHILL

Gareth Hobson, who bowled through to take two for 47 and keep his side in the game.

It was an exciting finish, for after a slow start, Thongsbridge picked up nicely before Holmfirth captured five wickets while the score moved from 109 to 122. Then Berry saw Thongsbridge home.

Douggie Thorpe (25) gave Holmfirth a brisk opening, but although Michael Sunderland (41) was in good form, the Thongs-

bridge attack kept a tight hold. From 84-2, Holmfirth slumped against the bowling of Terry Brierley (5-38) and young Peter Beaumont (4-30) to be all out for 132.

When they captured two early wickets, Holmfirth were in with a good chance, but John Moorhouse and Berry took Thongsbridge well on their way before Moorhouse had the misfortune to be run out on 49 after the pair had put on 85 for the third wicket.

Another run out and wickets for Hobson and Brian Gibson, who shared the brunt of the attack with his opening partner, made for a tense finish as the overs were running out.

Berry tied the scores, however, with a straight-driven six which also brought his own fifty, and he went on to clinch Thongsbridge's eighth Paddock Shield success and their second in four years with just one over remaining.

"Gate" receipts totalled £55 and the shield and prizes were presented by Huddersfield League president, Mr Alec Lodge.

HOLMFIRTH

D Thorpe c Mallinson (R) b Brierley	25
M Sunderland c Johnson b Brierley	41
P Castle c Mallinson (C) b Brierley	6
S Fearna c Kallett b Beaumont	19
D Hartley b Brierley	13
A Dearnsley c Mallinson (R) b Brierley	6
J England c Johnson b Beaumont	8
G Halliwell run out	3
R Jackson c Mallinson (R) b Beaumont	3
G Hobson not out	0
B Gibson c Moorhouse b Beaumont	4
Extras	3

Total 132

T Johnson	5-0-18-0
Brierley	15-3-38-0
N Kaye	2-3-40-0
M Kenworthy	5-0-23-0
P Beaumont	8-1-30-4

THONGSBRIDGE

I Johnson c Fearna b Gibson	1
J Moorhouse run out	49
G Mallinson c Jackson b Gibson	14
T Berry not out	56
T Brierley b Hobson	2
P Beaumont run out	0
R Kallett c England b Gibson	1
N Kaye c Fearna b Hobson	4
R Mallinson not out	1
Extras	5

Total (for T) 133

G Hobson	12-6-47-2
B Gibson	15-3-45-3
J England	2-0-23-0
D Thorpe	2-0-15-0

Mini-cricket final

Even a black cat couldn't stop Mellor

By PETER MUFF

TINA, the Huddersfield Cricket and Athletic Club's black cat, interrupted the big bowling game at Fartown yesterday evening when she skipped with gay abandon across the green.

Penistone player Harold Parkin, one of the finalists in the Webster's Brewery Northern Counties £410 Open Bowling Handicap, grinned and waved it across his path.

But it needed more than this traditional symbol of good luck to help his cause. Though he was then leading Geoff Mellor, of Cleckheaton, 19-18, Mellor was in the middle of a devastating round-peg run which took his score

It was the end of a long, hard summer road for Mellor. He first got on to the path when the tournament began in May — and when he stood proudly alone at the end of it last night it meant that he had won eight matches, pocketed a first prize of £150 and become the first man to win the event off a handicap of seven.

Mellor is a man with Huddersfield connections which people are inclined to forget. As a member of Cowcliffe Liberal Club, he has won the Huddersfield Liberal Merit and the "Jubilee" Handicap. When he got his handsome cheque last night, it was the second three-figure cheque he had collected this season — for he had already picked up one for £100 with

things didn't look too bright when Thompson got within one at 20-19. But Mellor produced some cracking woods to beat Thompson in the corners. And then, in the semi-final, he had nine pairs as he left David Winterbottom, of Meltham, at sixteen.

Parkin — winner of the Hickleton Main Handicap twice and the Sheffield Meersbrook Handicap once — came here as something of a dark horse.

He showed his ability in his first game in the event, when, from eighteen across, he ran to game with a thirteen break. On the way to the final day, he displayed more of his ability when he dismissed David Jenkinson — winner of the competition on two occasions — for twenty.