



All together: Winners from various sections of the Yorkshire Post Club Cricket Challenge gather at Headingley.

Stars crown Club Challenge winners

Robert Mills

YORKSHIRE players Chris Silverwood and Chris Taylor provided a successful end to another great year of league cricket competition by presenting the prizes in the Dunlop/Slazenger-Yorkshire Post Club Cricket Challenge in the East Stand at Headingley last night.

The event is in its fourth year and is firmly established on the regional sporting scene with this year's event being entered by 232 clubs, a total of about 3,500 players. Jill Atkins, sales and marketing director for Dunlop/Slazenger, said: "It is a vital part of the company strategy to be involved in grass roots club cricket and we are delighted that the competition goes from strength to strength."



Nick Brown of Middleham, retained his title as batsman of the year, as did Sue Metcalfe (Pateley Bridge) in the women's section.

Luddendenfoot, from the Halifax League, were the team of the year and Tony Todd, of Ben Rhydding, was not only bowler of the year but also finished runner-up in the six-hit competition behind Philip Swain (Luddendenfoot).

Other winners were: Steve Harri-

son, of Gomersal, who held the most catches, Brian Howard (Streethouse) who was the top wicketkeeper and Shanuka Dissanayake, of Acomb, who was the leading overseas player.

Yorkshire fast bowler Silverwood revealed that he is not after all having an operation on his injured ankle, which forced him to end his season after the side's C and G Trophy win at Lord's.

"The piece of bone has become attached to a tendon and the doctor is reluctant to operate because of the damage it might cause.

"He has said that rest should cure the problem and I feel a lot better at the moment, but I am just hoping that the trouble will not flare up again next season," he said.



Luddenden Foot skipper John Hickey is pictured with the trophy with, from the left, Foot chairman Graham Smith, Yorkshire's Chris Taylor, Susan Woolford, Gavin Hayes, Yorkshire's Chris Silverwood, Phil Swain, David Moore, Andrew Heptinstall and Paul Wildsmith.

Foot prove a big hit

LUDDENDEN Foot CC should certainly look the part when the 2003 Trinity Insurance Halifax League season dawns.

Not only will they be smartly kitted out but they will have had some expert coaching as they bid to step up on their third place in Section B this season.

The equipment and coaching are among the prizes Foot have received for winning the Yorkshire Post/Slazenger Team Challenge title for the season completed last month.

They beat 231 other Yorkshire clubs who registered for the competition, which awards points for runs, wickets,

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catches and other aspects of performances.

Foot were well off the pace at one stage but surged through to beat Aire/Wharfe League side Adel by 10 points, thanks to some high totals and big hitting towards the end of the campaign.

A smallish ground and good wicket proved a big advantage with an abundance of big hits the key factor in Foot's success. The team's winning total was 507 points and 103 of those points came from sixes hit by individual winner Phil Swain

(46), David Moore (31) and Gavin Hayes (26). Sixes are worth one point each.

Foot received their trophy plus cricket clothing, cricket balls and bags from Dunlop/Slazenger marketing and sales director Tim Pearce at Headingley.

Foot secretary Susan Woolford said the club would also be invited to two coaching clinics with international players over the winter and they were waiting for details of when and where they would take place.

Outlane and Bradshaw were other Halifax League teams who took part.



Team of the Year
Winner

Luddendenfoot Cricket Club

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Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Watson".

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