

TWO DECADES AND MORE!

Michelle Oates on becoming involved at the club

I met my husband Andrew in the early 1980s so I've probably been involved in doing teas at Warley since the mid-1980s. That's about 20-odd years. I hated helping at first!

Master batsman Oates is the star again



ANDREW Oates will go down as one of the most successful players in Parish Cup final history after collecting his third man of the match award yesterday.

The number three batsman hit an unbeaten 84 to help favourites Warley easily overhaul Bradshaw's 183 for six total at Sowerby Bridge.

Oates had previously won the award in 1996 and 1999 with scores of

the-paced overs in the Bradshaw innings.

"I tweaked my calf in the field," he explained. "I had some ice put on it during the last eight overs of the Bradshaw innings and it settled down OK."

Oates's 125-run stand with Paul Vine (57) effectively settled the contest and Warley skipper Rob Keywood played

tribute to both players.

"Andrew's knock was superb. He is carrying an injury but the way he hits fours and sixes he doesn't need to bother running," he said.

"Paul Vine made a nervous start but then helped us take control and once our target got below 100 the Bradshaw heads started to go down, although they never gave up."

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Andrew plays in the 1st XI and Dominic, my son, has just started to play for the 2nd XI and 3rd XI. He's only 16.

We live in the village – walking distance from the ground. Warley are a successful club. The issue of facilities is always going to be a problem; I guess the club just has to try harder to attract players.