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Honley signings for next year

IONLEY, the Huddersfield Cricket League "B" section leaders, have re-engaged three players who have had much to do with their success this season.

Deryck Crossland, Bruce Jakeman and Peter Rix will play with the Holme Valley club again next summer writes JOHN GLEDHILL.

Crossland's batting has been a feature of Honley's play, and the former Lascelles Hall and Barnsley player leads the race in the league to 1,000 runs. He has already scored 786 in league and cup games and there are seven league games remaining.

His highest score is an unbeaten 135 in the Sykes Cup against Slaithwaite. In 1971 he was the top batsman in section "A" when he totalled 616 runs (average 34.22) for Lascelles Hall and also took sixty-one wickets. The following season he scored 666 runs, which again made him the highest aggregate scorer in the top section, and he took fifty-seven wickets.

A hip injury forced Crossland to withdraw from his contract to play at the Hall in 1973 and 1974 but he later played with Yorkshire League club Barnsley after regaining his fitness and joined Honley for this season.

BRUCE JAKEMAN has already proved a big success at Honley, whom he joined after eight years as professional at Bradley Mills. So far this season Jakeman, younger son of former Yorkshire and Northants left-bander Freddie Jakeman, has scored 512 runs and taken thirty-four wickets.

His highest score is 94 against Paddock and twice he has taken seven wickets in an innings.

Jakeman, a former professional with Central League side Holmbridge, scored over 5,000 runs and took 400 wickets for Bradley Mills. He has played with Huddersfield's Steiner Cup team this summer.

PETER RIX has already upheld the high reputation he received as an all-rounder in the Bradford League with Spen Victoria.

The left-hander has scored almost 300 runs with a top score of 71 and taken thirty-eight wickets with his seamers. His best figures were seven for 22 in the Sykes Cup third round against Broad Oak.



DERYCK CROSSLAND Leads chase for 1,000



BRUCE JAKEMAN Prominent with bat and ball



PETER RIX

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Hero Jakeman as Honley finally make it

SKIPPER Bruce Jakeman steered Honley to their first Sykes Cup success in eight attempts at Fartown yesterday and created a competition record.

For the experienced all-rounder collected the Victor Muff man-of-the-match award as he led Honley to a relatively comfortable seven-wicket triumph over Primrose Hill on Saturday.

Jakeman tucked up the Hill batsman with his medium-pacers, conceding just 34 runs and taking one wicket in an unbroken 16-over stint which he never dreamed he would be able to bowl.

For he had been having treatment on an injured left hamstring all week and was

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velously treated himself from the previous day's Huddersfield League match against Marsden.

In addition to his tremendously tight bowling return, the Honley skipper went on to make an unbeaten 35 to steer them past their 158-run target in the 41st over again.

Victory gave three Honley players special reason to celebrate. Peter Cross, a Honley servant for 27 years, said: "This is the best moment of my cricketer's career," as he collected a winner's medal at the fourth attempt. Off-spinner Masoor Peters was equally suited after waiting 20 years for his first final appearance, and all-rounder Mike Bocarro, who blasted a 45-minute unbeaten 37, was delighted to be on a winning final side again before he emigrates to Australia on August 22.

All the plucky losers went away with the £25 or so collection Norman Clew received for hitting a half-century before narrowly failing to match Jakeman's performances by conceding just 48 runs from 16.4 overs.

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Brown and Clew lead brave fight

It took a low, diving left-hand slip catch by Mike Lindley to end Brown's run spree in the 14th over off Jakeman and send him back to the pavilion and warm applause from the meagre 1,200 - £376 receipts - crowd after his 34 runs.

Finally, Barracough was run out attempting a second as Peters threw the ball square to Jamie Hincliffe instead of the wicketkeeper. Hincliffe shied at the stumps, missed, but Jakeman collected and threw them down.

The target was always

The Hill hopes suffered a major blow in the 17th over when batsman John Wharrier offered a straightforward catch to Bocarro as short leg off Hincliffe and was out for four with the score on 56.

The Hill had lost their momentum and they also lost their skipper when Rimmington's throw from backwash point to wicket-keeper Neil Hodgson beat him when attempting a quick single in Peters' first over.

Clew began to produce some fine drives off Peters but Gordon Scott was struggling and was lucky to survive when he spooned up the ball off Jakeman in the 30th over but Peters and Green left the ball for each other.

The 10th was reached in the 33rd over and the pair took them to 121 by the 36th when Hincliffe replaced Jakeman and saw Lindley drop Clew on 43, at square leg.

Bocarro replaced Peters and immediately took a wicket when he bowled Lindley in the 14th over off Jakeman and sent him back to the pavilion and warm applause from the meagre 1,200 - £376 receipts - crowd after his 34 runs.

Scoreboard

PRIMROSE HILL	
Brown c Lindley b Jakeman	34
Jowett run out	13
Widdler c Bocarro b Hincliffe (L)	4
Clew c Lindley b Hincliffe (L)	56
Senior b Bocarro	24
Scott caught b Bocarro	5
Mullaly b Hincliffe (L)	3
Barracough run out	1
Robinson run out	1
Robinson b Hincliffe (L)	0
Allan (D) not out	0
Extras	13
Total 158	
James	5-0-30-0
Jakeman	18-7-34-5
Hincliffe (L)	8-5-48-4
Peters	6-1-20-0
Bocarro	4-0-8-2
Honley	
Rimmington c Allan b Robinson	25
Lindley c Senior b Harpin	25
Hincliffe (C) c Senior b Robinson	22
Robinson	22
Jakeman not out	35
Bocarro not out	3
Extras	3
Total for 3	160
Robinson	14-1-26-2
Barracough	4-0-21-0
Clew	16-4-2-48-0
Hincliffe	6-1-31-3



An anxious-looking Primrose Hill skipper Colin Jowett prepares to run as Honley pacer Andrew James races in during yesterday's final

going to be difficult to defend and Honley openers and left-hander Lindley achieved a splendid start. Rimmington described the track as "perfect" and raced to 25 with some splendid strokes before he fell to pacerman Robinson, who had clipped the ball off his toes but David Allan jumped to clutch the ball with both hands at square leg to make Honley 44 - in the 14th over.

Lindley became tied down by Clew's slow-medium pacers into a patch outside the off-stump but 17-year-old Darren Hincliffe punctured Robinson's one-side field with some delightful groundstroke deliveries.

He finally fell when Senior claimed a catch before another as Bocarro quickly swept up with his partner. Jakeman was content to give him the strike and Bocarro ended proceedings with the fifth boundary in the 41st over to give Honley the cup at last and leave the Hill, playing in only their second final, still seeking a first success.

Splendid display helps avoid drop

By GRANVILLE BECKETT

A SPLENDID rearguard action by Longwood Harriers enabled them to avoid the trapdoor of relegation from the Northern League's Second Division in the season's final match at Leeds Road, on Saturday.

The local athletics produced their best result of the season to send Middlesex and Warrington tumbling down to Division III.

Middlesex had completed their fixtures before Saturday, and could do nothing to save themselves. But, Warrington were well and truly sent off by Longwood, whose Saturday tally of 211pts gave them the edge when match points were brought into the reckoning.

The main stars for Longwood were the Browns brothers, Derrick and David, who hauled in an unprecedented maximum in the League competition in the sprint.

Derrick, 18, won the 'A' sprint 100 metres in 11.6sec and David, 17, was first in the 'B' race in 11.8sec. Later they switched places in the 200 metres and David won the 'A' race in 22.8sec and his elder brother the 'B' race in 22.9sec. Both are still juniors yet this was senior men's competition.

Kanath George, frustrated by the weather at Castford in midweek, was also a double winner. He took the 800 metres in a career best of 1min 52.2sec and added a victory in the 400 metres in 51.6sec.

To end the day he ran a storming leg for the club's 4 x 400 metres relay squad which finished second to Sutton Harriers from St Helens.



Success at last - Sykes Cup winners Honley before yesterday's final. Pictured are (from left to right) Back row - Scores David Brook, twelfth man David Brooker, Mike Broome, Mike Lindley, Robert Denton, Steve Rimmington, Jamie Hincliffe, Andrew James. Front row - Maurice Peters, Peter Green, Bruce Jakeman (captain), Neil Hodgson, Darren Hincliffe