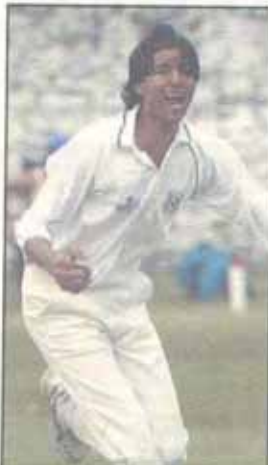


Honley eyeing double after great triumph

JAKEMAN TURNS IN SUPER SHOW



ROMIDA SYKES CUP



HONLEY claimed what could be the first part of an historic club double when they powered to a 96-run victory over Delph & Dobcross in yesterday's Romida Sykes Cup final at Elland.

The Holme Valley club, currently leading the Drakes Premiership, bridged a 23-year gap since their last Cup success with a brilliant all-round performance to sink the ex-Saddleworth League side, who were making their first-ever final appearance.

Inspired by an excellent innings of 95 from Richard Jakeman (scoping his fourth Cup-winners medal) and a run-a-ball half-century from Steve Crook, Honley posted a challenging 251-6 total after being sent in to bat by Delph captain Grant Jones.

They lost Simon Kelly in only the third over, but Jakeman and Danny Howard (35) laid a solid platform for Honley with a second-wicket stand of 86.

Howard fell lbw to Carl Jump in the first over after the halfway drinks interval before Jakeman brought up his half-century and Honley's 100 in the next over.

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54 deliveries and injected the perfect acceleration at just the right time, and although he went shortly after, holing out to Smethurst at long-off. Jakeman continued to take the attack to Delph with a series of well-timed straight drives.

He was finally out, five short of what would have been a richly-deserved century, when he stopped on a shot from spinner Kamran Mirza, and chipped the ball straight back to the bowler.

The Green brothers Martin (21no) and Jimmy (16no) kept the board ticking over nicely in the last half-dozen overs and Honley were quietly pleased with their total.

Delph, who had been rocked by a late blow when Kyle Hogg was prevented from playing because of his contractual obligations with Lancashire, were in trouble from the moment they lost Bruce Cruse lbw in the sixth over, playing no shot to a delivery from Ritchie Howarth.

Howarth was the pick of Honley's attack with a tremendous 15-over stint, and was further rewarded



RUNNING MAN: Man-of-the-match Richard Jakeman sprints another quick single on the way to a match-winning knock of 95 for Honley
Pictures by Peter Cottle (3769-2-05)

SCOREBOARD		DELPH & DOBCROSS	
HONLEY v DELPH & DOBCROSS			
HONLEY			
Kelly c Jones (G) b Maqsood	5	Nagoe c Crook b Howarth	20
Howard lbw b Jump	36	Cruse lbw b Howarth	9
Jakeman c and b Mirza	95	Jones (G) c Jakeman b Howarth	21
Pawar c Smethurst b Jump	15	Simpson c Green (M) b Crook	6
Crook c Smethurst b Maqsood	50	Smethurst b Crook	2
Green (M) not out	21	Morris lbw b Green (M)	12
Moore b Mirza	1	Jump c Moore b Howarth	8
Green (L) not out	16	Hargreaves lbw b Pawar	15
Extras	13	Mirza c Kelly b Pawar	15
		Maqsood not out	54
		Jones (W) c Jakeman b Green (M)	5
		Extras	7
50 overs	Total (for 6): 251	40 overs	Total 155
Maqsood 15-1-71-2, Smethurst 11-1-41-0, Jump 9-0-36-2, Mirza 15-0-62-2		Crook 15-1-51-2, Howarth 15-2-47-4, Pawar 13-2-41-2, Green (M) 3-0-15-2	

Tahir Maqsood entertained one of the biggest crowds in recent years, in

ended the contest with his second catch behind and along with his