

Armitage's eight wickets in Sykes Cup final

ELLAND professional Stuart Armitage yesterday became the first bowler ever to take eight wickets in a Sykes Cup final, and his magnificent performance enabled his side to achieve what was ultimately a comfortable victory over Hall Bower, the latter side being all out for 82 in reply to Elland's 136-7.

By John G

Armitage's performance with the ball, together with the useful runs he made for his team in a critical period of their innings, made him an obvious choice for the Victor Muff man-of-the-match award and enabled him to celebrate his twenty-eighth birthday in fine style.

Elland thus won the trophy for the seventh time in the club's history — they were appearing in their third final in four years, although they had not lifted the cup since 1964 — and Hall Bower had to be content with the honour of being the District League's first all-amateur eleven to reach the final since Stalhwaite's team of 1946.

For the neutral observer, the game was probably something of a disappointment, for the scoring throughout the match was slow, with the bowlers enjoying the upper hand on a greenish wicket and relatively slow outfield.

Hall Bower, in fact, made a bright beginning and at one stage they had their Section "A" opponents reeling at 48-5 with half the allotted overs gone.

Raymond Stirk and Ian Kenworthy opened for Elland but neither survived very long.

Kenworthy got an edge to a delivery from Woodhouse outside the off stump and wicketkeeper Peaker held the catch with the score at 3. Then at 15, Stirk was bowled by Booth the batsman following another ball which was high and outside the off stump and dragging it onto his stumps.

Much then depended on Bob Holroyd, and after a slowish start this left-hander eventually began to play one or two attractive shots.

A feature of the play at this stage had been the fielding in the covers of Leslie Richardson, and when Holroyd's partner, Mike Bottomley, set off for a quick single, Richardson swooped onto the ball and threw it quickly to his wicketkeeper with the batsman just out of his ground.

This was 41-3 and it quickly became 48-4, for Gordon Scott had his leg stump knocked back by Woodhouse without offering a stroke.

When Holroyd failed to get to the pitch of the ball from Woodhouse he was clean bowled for 26 made from 48 and Elland were in trouble.

Terry Woodhouse at this stage had figures of three for 21 and he had thoroughly deserved his success. He managed to move the occasional delivery in the air and he and Ian Booth really had their tails up at this point.

Colin Jowett and Armitage decided that they had to graft their way out of the tight spot and only 10 runs came from the next seven overs.

It was here that Hall Bower skipper Geoff Heywood must have been torn between keeping his opening pair on in the hope that they would press home their advantage or bringing on either Richardson, or Greaves.

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At 29, after sixteen overs, however, Armitage got some movement off the pitch and Heywood was bowled off stump.

Greaves looked to be in complete command of the situation, despite the poor scoring rate, but Elland Bower were struck two best bowlers when they lost Jones and Ramsden in one Armitage over.

After Greaves had advanced the score to 33, Jones was taken behind by Kenworthy and later in Armitage's same over, Ramsden had his stumps spraddled without addition.

David Scott was introduced to the attack with his left-arm spin in place of Duff, but it was Armitage who struck again. With the score at 50, Greaves mistimed a pull to mid-wicket and Scott took a catch to send back the left-hander for 22.

When Stephen Peaker skied one to backward short leg Armitage's reward for fast, accurate bowling was to have taken all six wickets to fall at a personal cost of 21 runs.

It was 85-6 and with Booth going for a duck — yet another Armitage victim — the later resistance offered by John Peaker and Ian Graham was purely incidental.

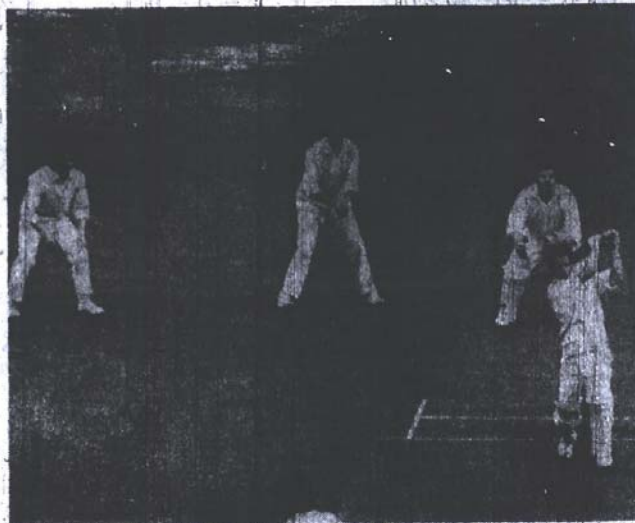
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The Sykes Cup was presented to Raymond Stirk by the Deputy Mayor, Cllr. A. J. Hazelden, and there was an attendance of approximately 1,600 with receipts totalling £228.

ELLAND: I. Kenworthy, G. Peaker (2), B.



Stuart Armitage



Elland batsman Colin Jowett in action in yesterday's Sykes Cup final at Fartown. Jowett was top scorer in the match with an unbeaten 47 and he shared in a big sixth-wicket partnership with Stuart Armitage. The Hall Bower fielders in the picture are (from left) Stuart Greaves, Stephen Peaker and wicketkeeper John Peaker.

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GOLF

Sheffield win on last match

THE Sheffield and District Union gained an exciting victory over the Halifax, Huddersfield and District Union in their annual golf match at Dewsbury yesterday with the result depending on the very last match of the day, which went to the last green.

Sheffield won the morning foursomes by 3-1 with two halved, but there seemed a chance that the home union might just save the game in the singles, for with two results still to come in they needed to win both to finish all square in the match.

Phillip Pitchforth managed to win his match and as Graham Elratt had won the first three holes against the Sheffield captain, George

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Colin Jowett and Armitage decided that they had to graft their way out of the tight spot and only 19 runs came from the next seven overs.

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At 123-6 there were only three overs remaining. Hitter David Scott mustered 7 before he was bowled by Booth and when the overs ran out, Jowett was just three short of his half-century.

Bowling through the innings had taken its toll on Woodhouse, whose three for 21 had become three for 58.

Elland got off to a wonderful start in the field, for Barry Robertshaw had the crucial misfortune to be out first ball, splendidly caught behind the wicket by Kenworthy who dived low on the leg side to pull off a fine catch off Armitage.

Stuart Greaves then joined his skipper, Geoff Heywood, and these two began the task of restoring confidence and building a foundation to the innings.

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1 Kenworthy	c Peaker (1)	b
2 Woodhouse		
3 R Stirk	b Booth	
4 R E Halpern	b Woodhouse	
5 M Bottomley	run out	
6 Booth	b Woodhouse	
7 Jowett	not out	
8 Armitage	run out	
9 Scott	b Booth	
10 Fountain	not out	

Extras

Total (for 7)	1
Fall of wickets:	1-3, 2-1
2-41, 4-43, 5-48, 6-52, 7-134	
Bowling:	1 Booth 23, 4-53, 2
Woodhouse 22-9-68-3	

HALL BOWER

1 Robertshaw	c Kenworthy	b
2 Armitage		
3 Heywood	b Armitage	
4 Greaves	c Scott	b Armitage
5 Jones	c Kenworthy	b
6 Armitage		
7 Ragsden	b Armitage	
8 Peaker	c Fountain	b Armitage
9 Peaker	b Booth	
10 Booth	b Kenworthy	b Armitage
11 Graham	b Duff	
12 Richardson	b Armitage	
13 Woodhouse	not out	

Extras

Total	1
Fall of wickets:	1-0, 2-1
3-21, 4-28, 5-50, 6-56, 7-1	
Bowling:	1 Armitage

13-4-44-8, J Duff 9-1-7-19-1, Booth 18-1-19-3

A collection in aid of Huddersfield Hospital Broadcas resulted in total of 64.