

# WARLEY'S TRIUMPH IN PARISH CUP

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**R**ECEIVING the Parish Cup from the Mayor of Halifax after the final last Saturday, R. Crossley, the Warley captain, stated that without doubt his side had beaten the finest team in the Halifax Cricket League. Warley's success—their first ever in a Parish Cup final—was fully deserved.

It would be most unfair to belittle the Warley performance, yet as a game this match failed to satisfy many of the old cricket enthusiasts who turn up year by year to criticise or praise. There was apparently more of criticism last Saturday. Probably many of these opinions were influenced by the bad show the Greetland players gave us, and one is led to wonder whether the big occasion is tending to prove too much for them. One is reminded of their equally poor display they gave in the 1966 final when they were beaten by Websters, who at that time were having a very lean time in league activities.

### First ball

Stuart Hellowell, the Greetland captain, appeared to get the initial advantage by winning the toss and deciding to take first knock. He himself opened the innings with B. Sykes. The very first ball of the game from Haymer was one that could have been left alone. Sykes, however, flashed at it, got a touch, and was brilliant in taking the wicket by the former Gloucestershire player, Peter Rochford. This was a severe blow for Greetland, and one which they scarcely recovered from. It put Warley really on their toes, for apart from one occasion, midway through their own innings, they stayed on top to the end.

Hellowell soon followed his opening partner, providing Rochford with his second victim off the same bowler, while Sandford was clearly bowled with a real beauty from Butterworth. Three wickets were down for 15 runs.

### Played on

The Warley success was halted somewhat by Ellis and J. Hayes, but after making 24 useful runs the latter played a ball from Haymer on to his wicket. Meanwhile, both Warley bowlers, and in particular Butterworth, tended to bowl too many balls wide of the wicket, but at no time was any Greetland

Mr. Jack Crossley, who reports on the Parish Cup final, has been secretary of the competition for 30 years. He succeeded Mr. Harry Hirstwick, of Illingworth, who held office for 24 years. The competition has been played without a break since 1888, and Greetland first won the cup in 1894. They have now won the cup five times and been beaten in finals four times.

batman capable of taking advantage of this. Runs should have been forthcoming, but this opportunity was lost.

Whiteley began his innings rather shakily, but he was joined by Lumb in a partnership which met the Warley bowling for the first time with any confidence. Both played the Warley attack in the manner in which it should be played, until Whiteley gave Rochford his fourth catch. He had scored 18 runs.

### All out

The Greetland innings finished at 44 runs. Haymer and Butterworth had bowled throughout, the former returning four for 38 and the latter six for 43.

Warley opened their innings to the bowling of B. Joy and B. Wolfenden and the opening was almost as disastrous as that of Greetland. With the score only one, Sandford, fielding at fine leg, took a good catch off Joy, to dispose of J. Hoyle. When he had scored only seven, Rochford was clean bowled by Joy, but H. Gilmour stayed to bat very patiently until with his score 13, he made a full-blooded shot to point, well taken by Lumb off the bowling of Wolfenden.

It was apparent that when Mycock came in to bat, he was quite willing to look for the runs. He collected 11 and then in attempting a big hit off Wolfenden, lifted the ball towards cover point, when the Greetland captain held the catch. Srimshaw scored 10 before being caught in the slips to give Joy his third wicket.

### Risky

This was the last wicket to fall. J. Peters and M. Steward were now together and took the Warley score to 87 for five, and victory. Peters finished with 37 not out, and many of his runs, though welcome to Warley, were not for the cricket purist. At times he was half way down the wicket to a bowler of the calibre of Joy. M. Sheard had 14 not out.

Greetland had a slight chance of turning the game when Mycock was out, but two catches were not accepted. It was an unexpected victory which can do the Warley club a great deal of good. On the day's play, they received a wonderful start; stuck to their opponents throughout, and proved themselves the better team by far.

### Previous games

In previous rounds, Warley beat Barklanaid, whom they dismissed for 34, by five wickets; Dean Clough by 56 runs, and Stones. They had a bye in the second round. Greetland, who played every round, beat S.B.C.I. by nine wickets, Giddal, Copley by 67 runs after suspending their innings at 153 for six, and Websters (152) by three wickets.



The 72nd winners of the Halifax Parish Cricket Cup are Warley, who last week recorded their first victory in the competition. The team (above) which beat Greetland was.—Back row (left to right): David Butterworth, Jim Hoyle, David Mycock, Tony Haymer, Stanley Srimshaw, Jack Peters. Front: Michael Sheard, Roy Clegg, Roy Crossley (captain), Peter Rochford, Harold Gilmour.