

Crossley Shield Final: Nigel Askham

A SUPERB spell of bowling by Julian Dawson inspired Triangle to Crossley Shield success in a low scoring final against Stones at Copley yesterday.

Needing only 137, holders Stones looked to be in the driving seat at the tea interval but then up stepped Dawson with a magnificent seven for 52 effort to shatter their hopes.

He removed experienced opener and skipper Tony Heptinstall with the score on only 16 but saved his best until Stones had passed the 50 mark for the further loss of only David Normanton.

Up to that point Triangle didn't help themselves with some shoddy work in the field but Dawson made sure the mistakes weren't to prove too costly.

Working up quiet a head of steam he removed the dangerous Mick Dyson, Steven Heptinstall and Peter McDonnell in the space of only six balls.

Dyson had bludgeoned his way to 18, including four boundaries, and with him at the crease it looked plain sailing for Stones.

But a ball of very full length from Dawson accounted for him and Heptinstall and McDonnell were soon following him back to the pavilion in action replay dismissals.

From that point Triangle were always in charge despite a splendid seventh wicket partnership of 40 between Robert Heap and Tony Atherton.

They bided their time in the midst of accurate spells from Dawson and David Turner and gave Stones a glimmer of hope by taking the score to 100 for six with still nine overs remaining.

Dawson then broke the partnership when he removed the battling Atherton for 15 and when John Moore dismissed Heap soon afterwards for an admirable 44 Stones' hopes of holding on to the trophy went with him.

Man of the match Dawson then picked up the wicket of Roger Kinnear, his fifth victim to be bowled.

Vice-captain Moore wrapped things up when he trapped Ian Chaplin to leave Stones pondering what might have been.

Earlier they had bowled tightly to frustrate Triangle's attempts to put a big score on the board.

The reliable Dick Rodger made a typically patient 31 but with Chaplin right on the spot, claiming three for 34, Triangle spluttered to 62 for four.

Moore added a useful 21 down the order but Stones veteran Phillip Parry mopped up the tail to finish with five for 32.

At that stage the Triangle club were staring another cup final defeat in the face following the first team's defeat by Bradshaw in the Parish Cup a fortnight ago.

But Dawson, who only returned to the club at the start of the season

DAWSON CRUSHES STONES!

Julian's super seven shatters holders

Stones v Triangle

Triangle won by 27 runs.

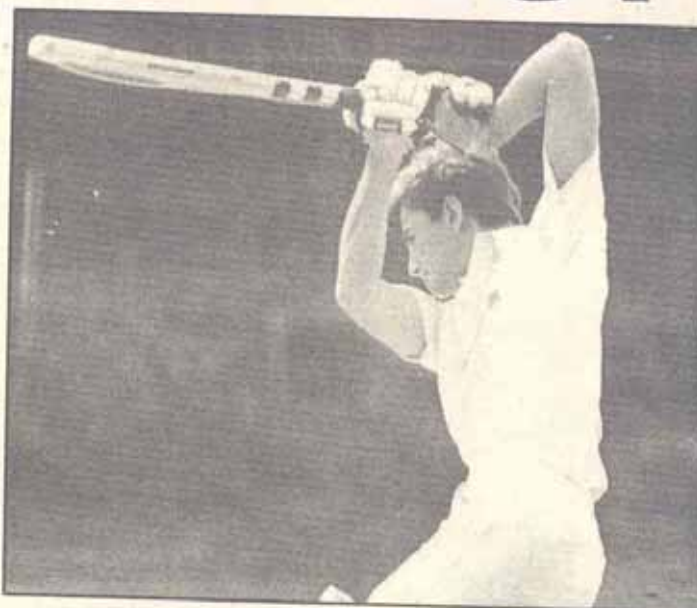
TRIANGLE 137

R. Rodgers c Parry b Chaplin.....	31
M. Prince c T. Heptonstall b Chaplin.....	13
S. Beck c Parry b Chaplin.....	12
D. Wilson b Wadsworth.....	1
R. Foster c Normanton b Parry.....	13
M. Robertshaw b Kinnear.....	16
J. Moore c and b Parry.....	21
D. Holroyd c Wadsworth b Parry.....	3
D. Turner not out.....	13
J. Parker st Normanton b Parry.....	1
J. Dawson at Normanton b Parry.....	4
Extras.....	9

Bowling: A. Atherton 9-1-28-0; I. Chaplin 11-2-34-3; R. Wadsworth 6-1-26-1; P. Parry 7-4-0-32-5; R. Kinnear 4-1-11-1.

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T. Heptinstall c Robertshaw b Dawson.....	4
D. Normanton b Turner.....	13
R. Heap c Rodger b Moore.....	44
M. Dyson b Dawson.....	18
S. Heptinstall b Dawson.....	0
P. McDonnell b Dawson.....	0
R. Wadsworth c Foster b Dawson.....	5
A. Atherton b Dawson.....	18



GOOD WHILE IT LASTED... Triangle's David Wilson looked in stylish form but made only one.