

'Minnows' near to upset

Mirfield Parish Church, minnows from the Dewsbury and District League, came within seven runs of causing one of the biggest upsets in the history of the Heavy Woollen Cup, writes John Drake.

Allowed entry to the competition for the first time, they shook Heckmondwike, one of the favourites and who

have won the trophy on 13 occasions since 1883, by dismissing them for 123.

Heckmondwike, missing former Somerset seamer Geoff Hall and left-arm specialist Max Wigglesworth, struggled to bowl out their 'junior' opponents for 117 and owed success in the end to 'occasional' bowlers Geoff Parkes and Martin Bradby, two spinners who shared seven wickets.

Heckmondwike now have a money-spinning home quarter-final tie with joint-favourites Ossett.

Second round results: Batley 118, Ossett 119-2, Kirkheaton 193, Chickensley 88, Heckmondwike 123, Mirfield P.C. 117, Kirkburton 194-8, Lascelles Hall 196-6, Almondbury 98, Sowerby Bridge 99-8, Staincliffe 135, Morley 139-1, Birstall 163-8, Drighlington 165-5, Wakefield 85, Thornhill 89-3.

Third round draw (June 22): Morley v. Sowerby Bridge, Drighlington v. Thornhill, Heckmondwike v. Ossett, Kirkheaton v. Lascelles Hall.

WADDILOVE CUP. Second round: Otley 189-8 dec (H. Blomfield 61, S. Bentley 45) v. *Menston; *Green Lane 95 (D. Hardacre 55; H. Houseman 4-24, A. Crowther 2-30) v. Guiseley. Both games continue tonight.

Fretwell strikes

A FIGHTING innings of 52 from captain David Whitaker failed to save Staincliffe from defeat in their **Heavy Woollen Cup** preliminary round tie against West Yorkshire C.O. yesterday.

The West Yorkshire side had a 50-run winning margin after they had conceded ground advantage because of another engagement on their Walton Lane ground.

Enterprising bowling from Colin Fretwell (5-57) guided Mirfield PC to victory over Slazengers and earned them a home tie against Liversedge in the first round next Sunday.

Kirkburton, the Huddersfield League side, have withdrawn from the competition, giving Almondbury a bye into the first round.

West Yorkshire CO 180-6 dec (N. Fowler 78, E. Poyser 44 no; J. Hardy 3-47) ***Staincliffe 130-7** (D. Whitaker 52, J. Hardy 32 no, P. Kirk 3-26).

Gomersal 174-5 dec, *Thornhill 179-3.

Slazengers 160-9 dec (G. Wagstaffe 33, R. Davies 26; R. Clarke 3-33, C. Fretwell 5-57) ***Mirfield PC** (R. Clarke 41, S. Twohig 45, N. Ledgard 39, J. Barker 4-45)