



Runners-up Birchencliffe. Back row: R. Walker sen., T. Willerton, D. Taylor, R. T. Brook, D. Wareham, G. Schofield. Front row: G. Brook, R. Walker jun., B. Schofield, T. McGinty, H. Crowther.

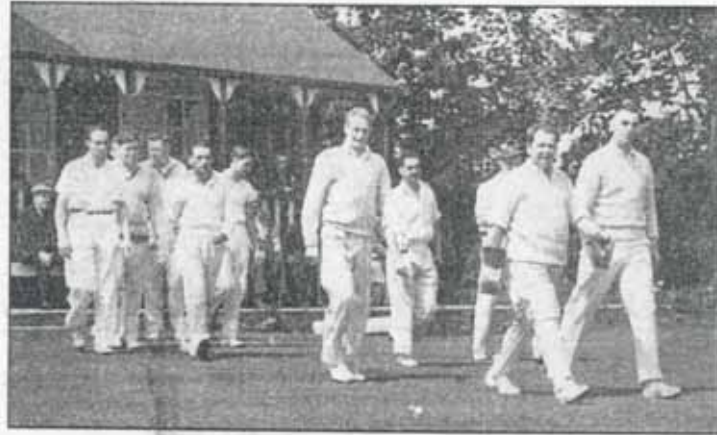
Rastrick New Road have fine
chance of double again

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The start of the Lumb Cup final



The Birchcliffe team going out to field at the start of the Lumb Cup final against Rastrick New Road on the Brook Motors ground this afternoon.

A sedate start by Rastrick NR

RASTRICK NEW ROAD, the Lumb Cup-holders, made a sedate start to their effort to win the trophy for the eleventh time in this afternoon's final against Birchcliffe on the delightful Brook Motors ground at Dirby. Birchcliffe had won the trophy only once previously—in 1907.

With grass lush green after the rain and the field surrounded by trees, this was surely the nicest approach to country house cricket in this district. Had the surroundings might have suggested a different match, the cricket was a far different thing. This was a cup in a grim and unrelenting.

STEADY STRENGTH
T. Willerton from the road end and D. Taylor used the new ball to attack the stumps and keep a steady length that allowed no liberties by the Rastrick wicket-keeper, captain W. Bottomley, who had won the toss, and A. Lawson.

The Birchcliffe fielding was as ruggedly as their bowling, nothing being given away, and the first boundary, after twenty-five minutes, came from leg bye. Only twenty-three runs came in the first half-hour, during which Lawson survived two low appeals and, after being beaten by Willerton, nearly scooped a catch in Willerton's arms.

The first ten overs brought twenty-five runs before Willerton gave way to Wareham with

Ronnie Walker, who had been breaching down the batsmen's socks from some mid-on, missed on the ball inches from the ground when Lawson forced away a ball off his legs.

This bowler in Trevor Bottomley, and immediately the tempo changed, for the new batsman wasted no time in settling in and persuading his cousin to follow suit. Willford drove Taylor for four, and when G. Schofield relished that bowler Trevor urged him vigorously to the edge.

TWO WILLERTON CATCHES
Schofield got one or two to turn and at 41 he found the shoulder of Wilf Bottomley's bat and Willerton at slip brought off a fine catch.

The same pair nearly got rid of Trevor Bottomley, but Willerton, though getting his hand to the ball, could not hold it. He did, however, cling on to see a moment later to Dennis Swallow, and three wickets were down for 34 runs.

RASTRICK N.I.

A. Lawson & Walker (best)	5
Wareham	14
W. Bottomley & Willerton	5
catching	12
T. Bottomley got out	17
D. W. Schofield & Willerton	5
Schofield	2
Ketras	8

His seventy-fourth Lumb Cup final played last Saturday, ended the four-day struggle that arose expected between two assumed opponents as struck New Road and Birchcliffe.

Lumb Cup finals are traditionally blessed with good weather, and last Saturday was no exception. Despite the unsettled nature of the previous week, the weather settled, and the ground, bathed in glorious sunshine, presented a light picture as the Birchcliffe captain, having lost the toss, led his men to the field.

Both teams were at full strength, and both had the encouragement of a considerable following of supporters. The game opened quietly, then Lawson and Wilf Bottomley

and found his stumps shattered by the same bowler.

At this point Rastrick were struggling, and with the score unchanged, would have been in even more troubled waters had Wareham, holding at mid-off, held on to a hot chance driven straight at him by Donald Bottomley—the only blemish on Birchcliffe's fielding all afternoon. Donald stayed, however, and proceeded to dig himself in in true Bottomley fashion.

He received good support for a while from Brian Taylor, who has been in good form in recent weeks. After straight driving was glorious six over the right screen from Schofield, however, Brian had the misfortune to mistime a hook from one of the few really bad balls sent down throughout the innings, and the ball ran up his arm and dropped gently on to the wickets.

Intriguing position

Donald Bottomley and Roland Towell not only played out the remaining time but in fact kept the scoreboard moving at quite a good rate. With a total of 125-6, the game was in an intriguing position.

Birchcliffe's bowlers had toiled manfully to contain the free-scoring Rastrick batsmen, none more so than Geoffrey Schofield, who finished with four wickets for 41 in sixteen overs.

What a pity for the Birchcliffe supporters that their batsmen did not show the same spirit! They suffered a couple of early blows when Robert Crawley fell to an lbw decision in the first over, and young Ronnie Walker was snuffed up by Duggie Swallow at silly mid-on with only ten runs on the board. Much depended on Brian Schofield, but this was not to be his day, and after scoring 12 of the first 16 runs, he had the misfortune to hit his wicket.

There followed the most fruitful stand of the innings between Denis Wareham and Trevor Brook, but with the advent of the evergreen Charlie Horner

NOTES ON ASSOCIATION CRICKET

probably the best pair of opening batsmen in the Association, faced Trevor Willerton and Frank Taylor, for some years being regarded by many as the best pair of opening bowlers.

The result was a points victory—albeit a narrow one—for the batsmen, for decisive leads and accurate bowling, aided by some help from the field, were little difficulty seemed to have. Little difficulty in keeping their wickets intact apart, that is, from a little uncertainty in their remaining between the wickets.

The first bowling chance came with the score at 25, when Denis Wareham replaced Willerton. It brought immediate success, for in Wareham's first over Arthur Awood failed to get to the pitch of the ball and was beautifully caught by Ronnie Walker (best), striking dangerously close at silly mid-on.

Another astute bowling change by Brian Schofield brought his brother, Geoffrey, with his right-arm elbow, into the attack, and led to the fall of another wicket.

This was the first time I had seen Geoffrey as a bowler, and on his occasion he bowled well. He kept the ball well up to the batsmen, varied his pace cleverly, and once or twice got the ball to lift awkwardly off quite a good length. It was one of these balls that popped in his second over, with the score at 44, that found the edge of Wilf Bottomley's bat, and he was well caught at slip by Trevor Willerton.

Repeat performance

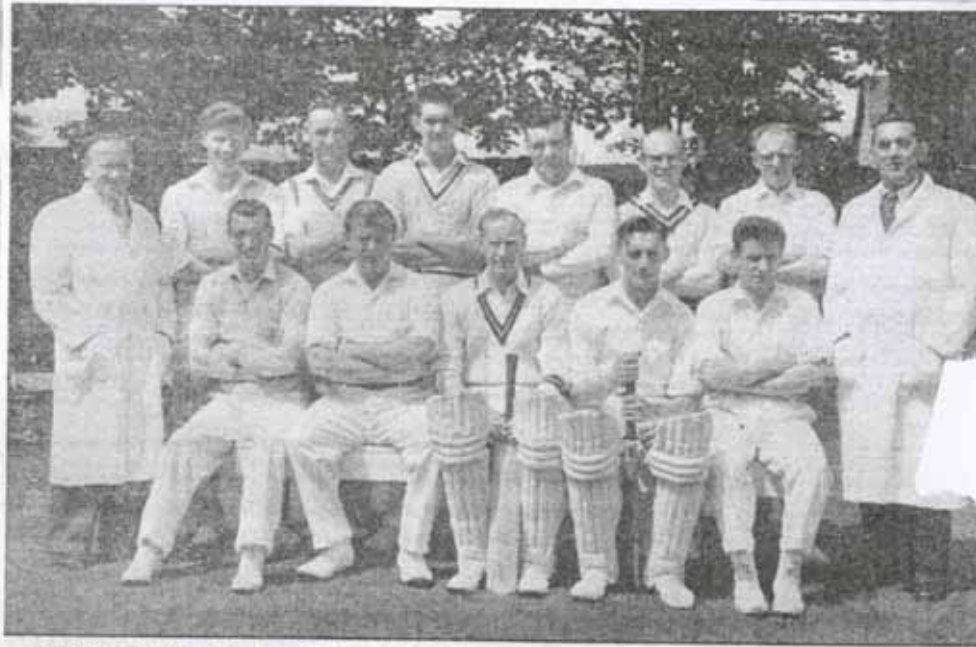
Ten runs later came a repeat performance, with Willerton bringing off another fine catch, the victim this time being Duggie Swallow.

This brought together Trevor Bottomley and Ken Armitage. It is always a treat to see these two together, for never in the art of returning between the wickets better illustrated.

They were not allowed to take many liberties on this occasion, and after the partnership had put on a further 23 runs, Schofield turned one just enough to beat Trevor's bat and bowl him off his pads.

Almost immediately afterwards Ken, who never likes to be bowled, made up his mind to have a go at the wrong ball

JINGSTERS *Lumb Cup finalists* IT WAS



Restrick New Road, the Cup winners. Back row: W. Wood (umpire), T. Bottomley, R. B. Towell, D. Bottomley, B. Taylor, C. Harner, A. Peal, D. Farnworth (umpire). Front row: D. W. Swallow, H. Broodbent, W. Bottomley, A. R. Lawson and K. Armistage.



