

New Road clinch title

RASTRICK NEW ROAD clinched the Section "A" Championship of the Huddersfield Cricket Association on Saturday when they took full points from their inter-section fixture against Bradley and Colnebridge, while Oakes CYC OB, their only challengers for the title, were being held to a draw by the West Indian Association XI.

Trevor Bottomley had a great all-round performance for Rastrick, who are now five points clear of Oakes with only next week's fixtures remaining.

Bottomley was in splendid form with the bat as he scored 90 of his side's total of 151. Then when Bradley and Colnebridge were restricted to 116, Bottomley had a return of five for 8.

Oakes declared at 129-8 after forty-four overs, but the West Indians held out for a point at 61-9.

RAFA batsman Peter Varley was another batsman in outstanding form and he took a

Section "A"

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chanceless 100 off the Police attack in an RAFA declared total of 194-6 in forty-three overs. Police took a point, however, with a score of 129-4.

Inter-sectional

BRADLEY AND COLNEBRIDGE v RASTRICK NEW ROAD RASTRICK NEW ROAD

T Bottomley lbw b Watts	90
D Shaw run out	1
W Bottomley b Watts	5
G Hargreaves c Corrigan b Pratt	37
A Heywood b Pratt	0
D Garner c Corrigan b Regan	2
E Arnold b Watts	0
B Shepherd b Regan	5
A Bottomley c Nunns b Regan	1
A Shaw c Wolff b Regan	0
P Leeming not out	0
Extras	10

Total 151

J Regan 4-39, A Watts 3-31, D Nunns 0-29, B Wolff 0-24, J Pratt 2-18.

BRADLEY AND COLNEBRIDGE

D Preston b Shaw	27
R Hawkyard run out	5
R Wolff c Bottomley (A) b Shaw	24
D Brook c and b Bottomley (T)	22
C Richardson c and b Shaw	0
A Corrigan b Bottomley (T)	1
J Pratt b Shaw	1
J Regan c Leeming b Bottomley (T)	14
A Watts c Heywood b Bottomley (T)	0
R Oddy not out	7
D Nunns c Arnold b Bottomley (T)	0
Extras	15

Total 116

P Leeming 0-33, A Shaw 4-60, T Bottomley 5-8.



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KNOCKING up his second century of the season and again remaining undefeated, Trevor Bottomley laid the foundation for another victory for New Road at Badger Hill on Saturday. Batting steadily and displaying a great variety of strokes, he soon began to demonstrate his dominance over the bowling and to be the major run-getter.

Evidently not too greatly endowed with recognised bowlers, the Oakes skipper made no changes until 16 overs had been sent down. By that time the batsmen were starting to hit freely and from then onwards there were few maiden overs.

From 50 the score mounted to 100, and it had reached 130 before New Road's opening pair were separated. David Shaw was the one to go, with five boundaries in his useful 40, his third good score in succession and his individual best this year. By that time Bottomley was nicely on the way to his century.

At the end of the 44th over, when the total was approaching 190, Heywood declared the innings closed. A six and 17 fours were Bottomley's principal scores, and Garner, his final partner, also hit a six.

SEVEN FOR LEEMING

From the start of the visitors' innings the bowling of Peter Leeming was troublesome, and he conceded no run until his fourth over. Alan Shaw at the other end was also in good

form, though he was unable to capture a wicket.

Leeming, on the other hand, separated the opening batsmen in his fifth over, and, though some time elapsed before there was any further success, he was kept on. In fact, he bowled throughout the innings and finished with the creditable analysis of seven for 34, which took his season's aggregate so far to 44 wickets. Cardwell also bowled well.

Oakes reached 68 before their third batsman was dismissed and their fourth-wicket pair added 15, but after that there was great difficulty in adding to the score. In fact, the last five wickets fell for the addition of only four runs, the tail-enders striving manfully but hopelessly

to force a draw. Here are the scores:

New Road 186 for two declared.—T. Bottomley 110 not out, D. Shaw c Bowyer b Cartwright 40, E. Arnold b Cartwright 7, D. J. Garner 16 not out, extras 13. Cartwright 17-3-47-2, Baldwin 11-1-38-0, Bowyer 14-1-74-0, Harbisher 2-0-14-0.

Oakes CYC OB 94.—P. Linton c Heywood b Cardwell 12, R. Walker b Leeming 6, M. Bowyer b Leeming 40, B. Goldsborough c Heywood b Leeming 19, D. Greenfield c Heywood b Cardwell 3, L. Baldwin c A. Shaw b Leeming 7, D. Horsfield c Heywood b Leeming 1, B. Harbisher lbw b Leeming 0, P. Turner not out 2, G. Aspmall 1

FOUNDATION FOR VICTORY LAID BY TREVOR BOTTOMLEY'S 110 NOT OUT

Leeming 0, A. Cartwright b Cardwell 0, extras 4. A. Shaw 7-1-15-0, P. Leeming 22-10-34-7, J. R. Cardwell 15-1-4-1-3.

FINE PARTNERSHIPS

Continuing their series of battles against first teams, New Road's second string put up a magnificent performance at Bradley, making the home side work extremely hard before they could gain a three-wicket success.

Brian Taylor scored 53 of the first 99 runs before he was stumped. Richard Arnold also batted splendidly, and Malcolm Keene and John Ramsden figured in a 51 partnership for the third wicket. Nine fours and a six were scored by Taylor,

nine boundaries were scored by Arnold, Keene was credited with five, and Ramsden hit five fours and a six.

No fewer than four batsmen departed while the total stood at 154 but Charlie Horner (back out of semi-retirement to fill a holiday gap), Whitaker and Todd stopped a complete collapse and were mainly instrumental in taking the score past the 180 mark.

Determined not to be beaten, if they could help it, by a second team, Bradley opened their innings with a 34 partnership, followed by stands of 44 and 23. But later came a minor collapse and when the sixth wicket fell at 123 New Road began to feel that they still had a good chance.

The home side, however, struggled to get back into the picture and nearly 30 runs were added for the seventh wicket.

Corrigan and Oddy, hitting freely, then figured in an unbroken partnership of 31 which carried their side to victory. But the New Roaders had put up a game tussle and had not gone down without a fight.

Scores:

New Road II 181.—R. Arnold b Brook 44, B. Taylor st Corrigan b Pratt 53, M. Keene st Corrigan b Nunns 21, J. S. Ramsden c Oddy b Regan 29, A. L. Edley run out 0, C. Horner c Richardson b Regan 8, G. Wilkinson b Nunns 0, M. Whitaker b Regan 16, P. L. Todd b Wolff 7, W. Samuda c Corrigan b Regan 0, S. Eccles not out 0, extras 9. Regan 15-3-58-4, D. Nunns 9-1-38-2, K. McAvinue 5-2-25-0, Pratt 6-0-37-1, Brook 2-0-13-1, Wolff 2-1-1-1.

Bradley and Colnebridge 181 for seven.—J. Pratt c Todd b Whitaker 19, R. Hawkward c and b Horner 41, D. Brook 1 Whitaker 26, R. Wolff c Ramsden b Samuda 20, J. Regan c Edley b Ramsden 10, C. Richardson c Wilkinson 1, Ramsden 3, D. Early b Ramsden 7, T. Corrigan not out 30, E. Oddy not out 14, extras 9. Whitaker 11-1-49-2, Samuda 19-2-59-1, Ramsden 12-1-0-56-2, Horner 4-1-10-1.