Cup dispute goes to league hearing

A DISPUTE between Copley and Stones over their first round Parish Cup tie comes before the Halifax League tomorrow.

Stones are demanding that Copley — who won by 21 runs — should forfeit the match because they played an ineligible player.

The match dragged on for a week because of rain and, on the final night, Copley included a player who had already taken part in their second XI's Crossley Shield match against Stones.

Stones skipper Brian Hunter — who complained on the night to his Copley opposite number Dennis Bowyer about the player's inclusion — was backed by the Halifax League executive committee.

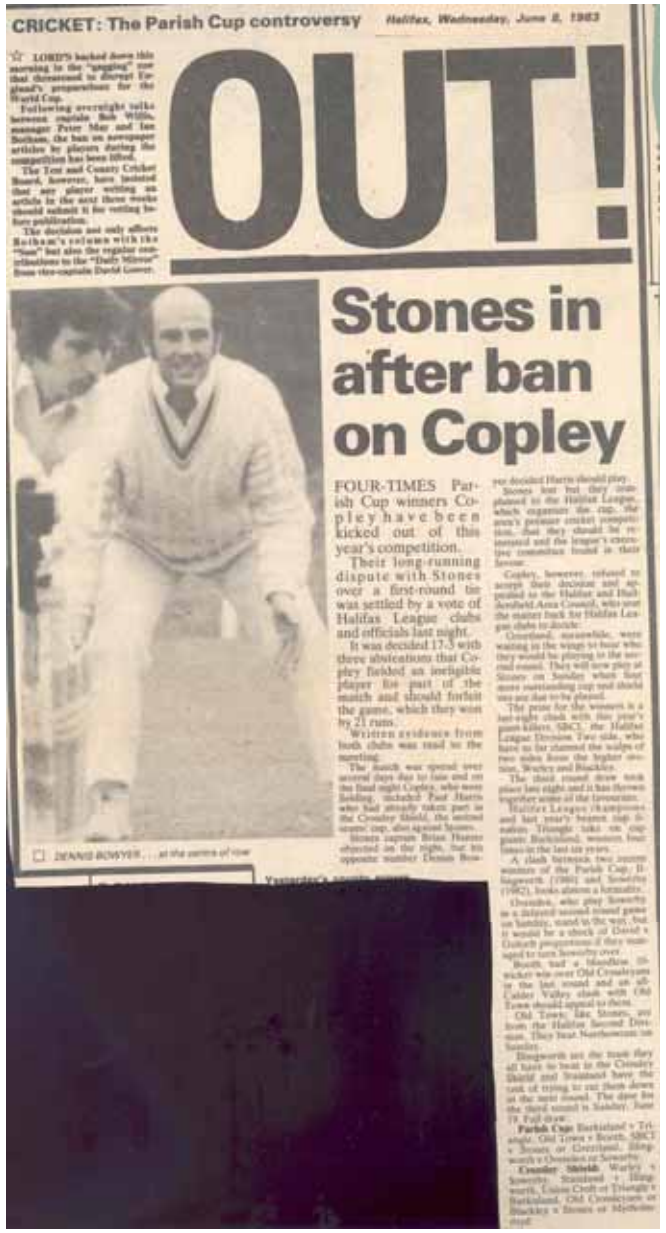
But Copley refused to accept the verdict. They took their case to the Huddersfield and Area Council on Friday evening and the council ruled the matter must be settled by the full Halifax League committee.

That meeting — which must rule on a rather carelessly-worded section — is at Thrum Hall tomorrow with each club having one vote.

Weekend cricket

Schweppes Championship (continued today): Glamorgan 289 for nine v Yorkshire; Essex 262, Somerset 35 for three; Worcestershire 223, Sussex 76 for none; Warwickshire 396 for four v Lancashire; Derbyshire 170, Hampshire 106 for two; Kent 350 for six dec, Middlesex 6 for none; Leicestershire 93 for nine v Nottinghamshire.

John Player League: Hampshire 255 for nine, Yorkshire 257 for four; Northants 130 for seven, Lancashire 131 for two; Worcestershire 89, Middlesex 90 for three; Warwickshire 220 for seven, Derbyshire 223 for five; Glamorgan 200 for seven, Nottinghamshire 189. No play: Gloucestershire v Surrey, Somerset v Essex.



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Stones in after ban on Copley

FOUR-TIMES Parish Cup winners Copley have been kicked out of this year's competition.

Their long-running dispute with Stones over a first-round tie was settled by a vote of Halifax League clubs and officials last night.

It was decided 17-3 with three abstentions that Copley fielded an ineligible player for part of the match and should forfeit the game, which they won by 21 runs.

Written evidence from both clubs was read to the meeting.

The match was spread over several days due to rain and on the final night Copley, who were fielding, included Paul Harris who had already taken part in the Crossley Shield, the second teams' cup, also against Stones.

Stones captain Brian Hunter objected on the night, but his opposite number Dennis Bowyer decided Harris should play.

Stones lost but they complained to the Halifax League, which organises the cup, the area's premier cricket competition, that they should be represented and the league's executive committee leaded in their favour.

Copley, however, refused to accept their decision and appealed to the Halifax and Huddersfield Area Council, who put the matter back for Halifax League clubs to decide.

Greetland, meanwhile, were waiting in the wings to hear who they would be playing in the second round. They will now play at Stones on Sunday when four more outstanding cup ties clashes are due to be played.

The prize for the winners is a last-eight clash with this year's giant-killers, SBCI, the Halifax League Division Two side, who have so far claimed the scalps of two sides from the higher division, Warley and Brighouse.

The third round draw took place last night and it has thrown together some of the favourites.

Halifax League champions and last year's beaten cup finalists Triangle take on cup-giants Brighouse, winners four times in the last six years.

A clash between two former winners of the Parish Cup, Illingworth (1980) and Sowerby (1982), looks almost a formality.

Ovenden, who play Sowerby in a delayed second round game on Sunday, stand in the way, but it would be a shock of David v Goliath proportions if they managed to turn Sowerby over.

Booth had a bloodless 10-wicket win over Old Crossleyans in the last round and an all-Calder Valley clash with Old Town should appeal to them.

Old Town, like Stones, are from the Halifax Second Division. They beat Northowram on Sunday.

Illingworth are the team they all have to beat in the Crossley Shield and Stainland have the task of trying to cut them down in the next round. The draw for the third round is Sunday, June 19. Full draw:

Parish Cup: Barkisland v Triangle, Old Town v Booth, SBCI v Stones or Greetland, Illingworth v Ovenden or Sowerby.

Crossley Shield: Warley v Sowerby, Stainland v Illingworth, Union Croft or Triangle v Barkisland, Old Crossleyans or Brighouse v Stones or Mytholmroyd.