

Worsley Marathon

Who holds the Lancashire League Worsley Cup for 1962-63? The final between Nelson and Todmorden, started on August 10th and continued on Sunday, is still unfinished. Whether or not it ever will be finished will be decided by the Lancashire League committee at their meeting on September 26th.

Todmorden were 132 for five when they suspended their innings on August 19th, and two Nelson wickets had fallen for 61. On Sunday, five more Nelson wickets fell and with the score 119 rain stopped any further play.

League chairman Mr. C. R. Davies and secretary Mr. Jack Isherwood discussed the continuation with Nelson and Todmorden club officials. Nelson, with their pro. Johnny Wardle no longer under contract, asked for the cup to be "shared"—six months each by both clubs—but Todmorden would not agree. Todmorden chairman Mr. Walter Scott wanted the match to continue tomorrow.

Todmorden last held the cup in 1954 and were confident that they would hold it again until next season. But the probability is that the League committee's decision will follow the Nelson suggestion.

A "celebration" planned to take place in the Todmorden club pavilion last Sunday night was cancelled.

Nelson's league representative, Mr. F. W. Burrows, said on Monday that his club would have great difficulty in getting the team together again. If the League decided the match had to be played out it would not be until late October, he said, and that would be farcical. They were also in the difficult position that professional

secretary, said of Todmorden's Todmorden would stress that it was suggested that they should hold the Cup for six months. "After all, we are in a winning position and we got that way by better cricket. We would have been ready to play on Saturday or at any time."

Before rain ended play on Sunday there had been every prospect of the match ending—with a Todmorden win. Pickles (36) and Wardle (0) re-opened their innings, both scoring off Marshall's first over and slight rain already falling. In Marshall's fourth over, Pickles edged one for Connor to take beautifully behind and in Whittaker's next over Wardle was walking back, too, caught by Dawson. Wardle had skied the ball and Dawson got under it and there was a gasp as the ball bounced once in his hands. Nelson were then 80 and the four important wickets down.

Only two runs later Malcolm



Every picture tells a story—why the Worsley Cup Final did not finish.

survive to
made further play impossible.

TODMORDEN				
K. Wilkinson b Wardle	67			
M. Heywood c Dickenson b Wardle	2			
H. Dawson b Wardle	10			
D. Barrick lbw b Greenwood	32			
M. Jowett not out	11			
P. Brownbridge c Wardle b Thomas	3			
R. Marshall not out	0			
Extras	7			
Total (for 5)	132			
(Innings suspended)				
NELSON				
R. Pickles not out	36			
I. Greenwood c Barrick b Hollows	2			
R. Warburton c Heywood b Whittaker	23			
J. Wardle not out	0			
Total (for 2)	61			
BOWLING				
Nelson				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
M. Thomas	7	1	17	1
J. Wardle	19.6	3	53	3
J. Harrison	7	0	35	0
I. Greenwood	6	1	20	1
Todmorden				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
B. Whittaker	10	2	29	1
K. Hollows	4	1	21	1
B. Davies	3	0	6	0
R. Marshall	2	1	5	0

*Worsley Cup final
at overton
Sunday Aug 1962*



Todmorden C.C. who will appear on Sunday in the Worsley Cup Final. Left to right — front row: K. Wilkinson, D. Barrick, H. Dawson, A. Connor, M. Heywood. Back row (left to right): M. Jowell, B. Whittaker, R. Marshall, D. Taylor.