

CLUB STALWART

Thelma Pickford on her late husband, Gordon

My husband Gordon was a stalwart of the club; he died recently.

Feast of runs in Denby's Pickford Memorial match

DENBY Sports and Social Club cricketers had an afternoon off on Saturday as both matches against Edgerton and Almondbury respectively were rained off, the latter sponsored by Price Construction, Building Contractors.

Sunday saw the club hold the Gordon Pickford Memorial Match with an Andrew Pickford XI taking on a Select XI.

Pickford's team batted first and made 254 all out in 38 overs. Leading the way was Edward Hunt with 77, which included three sixes and 12 fours. He was dropped five times and caught out off a no-ball. Ben Neville scored an effortless 43, including two sixes and four fours. Chris Ashton's 27 included one six and five fours while Jonathan Hunt hit five fours in his 23. Stephen Roebuck hit 20 and Pickford 13, while Ashley Littlewood, Mark Butterfield and Clifford Smith each took two wickets and excellent catches were taken by Adrian Whittaker and Bas Lucas.

The Select XI's reply was positive. Ashley Littlewood made 15, Lucas 27 — including one six and four fours — while Matthew Dolley hit 23, Brian Dolley 19 and, until Butterfield was out for an excellent 74 (four sixes and seven fours) they looked to be in sight of the winning post.

But, David Jones with 5-48 from his eight overs saw the Select XI close on 232.

Mrs Thelma Pickford presented her son Andrew with the Memorial Trophy on a day when 71 boundaries were scored, keeping umpires Brian Hodgson, Howard Moxon and scorer John Mosley busy.



Skippers Andrew Pickford and Bas Lucas are pictured with their respective sides before the game.

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He was on the Huddersfield Central League committee for many years and he also umpired. He grew up in the village and spent all his life here. When he died, the club instigated an annual memorial match which is obviously a lovely way to remember him.

Gordon played a bit of cricket – if the team was short!