



Still neck and neck at top

Central Yorkshire

THE First Division championship will be decided on the final day next Saturday.

Methley and Gomersal remain level on points at the top after their matches were washed out yesterday. Methley entertain Birstall and Gomersal are at home to Thornhill on the last day.

Skipper Kevin Sharp took eight for 44 off 15.3 overs in Ossett's 66-run win over Gildersome.

An unbeaten century from Nigel Hargreaves was not enough to save Thornhill from a seven-wicket defeat against Liversedge for whom Mark Hydes made 80 not out.

Opens Alec Gilston and Doug Skate shared an unbroken century partnership for Slazengers in a ten-wicket success over Staincliffe.

David Lovell was in sparkling form for Second Division Batley in a nine-wicket win over Mirfield Parish Cavaliers. Lovell took six for 39 with his spin bowling and then hammered 11 fours

TABLES DIVISION ONE

Methley.....	96
●GOMERSAL.....	96
Ossett.....	72
Morley.....	70
Birstall.....	69
Mirfield.....	67
Altofts.....	58
Slazengers.....	58
STAINCLIFFE.....	52
Soothill.....	50
LIVERSEEDGE.....	50
Gildersome.....	46
Thornhill.....	46
HECKMONDWIKE.....	12

●Deducted six points for breaking league ruling

DIVISION TWO

Wrenthorpe.....	96
Wakefield City.....	90
Wakefield St. Michaels..	86
Batley.....	64
WOODLANDS.....	62
Mirfield Parish Cavaliers	60
King Cross.....	54
Stanley Falcons.....	53
SCHOLES.....	48
East Ardsley.....	42
Wakefield Thornes.....	36
Hopton Mills.....	27
Hunslet Nelson.....	18

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GOMERSAL retained the First Division championship by collecting maximum points against Thornhill on the final day.

An unbroken stand of 143 between Steve Foster (77) and Mark Gee (73) steered Gomersal to an eight-wicket victory.

They finished two points ahead of runners up Methley who collected four points from a one-wicket win over Birstall.

Thornhill's defeat at Gomersal saw them relegated. Gildersome avoided the drop by tying with the other relegated side, Heckmondwike, both teams making 145.

Richard Myers (5-26) and Mark Hydes (50no) led Liversedge to an eight-wicket success over Morley.

Wakefield City clinched promotion from the Second Division by picking up four points against champions Wrenthorpe.

Third-placed Wakefield St Michaels were the day's top scorers, Latif (90) and Sajjad (89) leading them to 268 for three at Scholes.

Central Yorkshire League Final League Tables

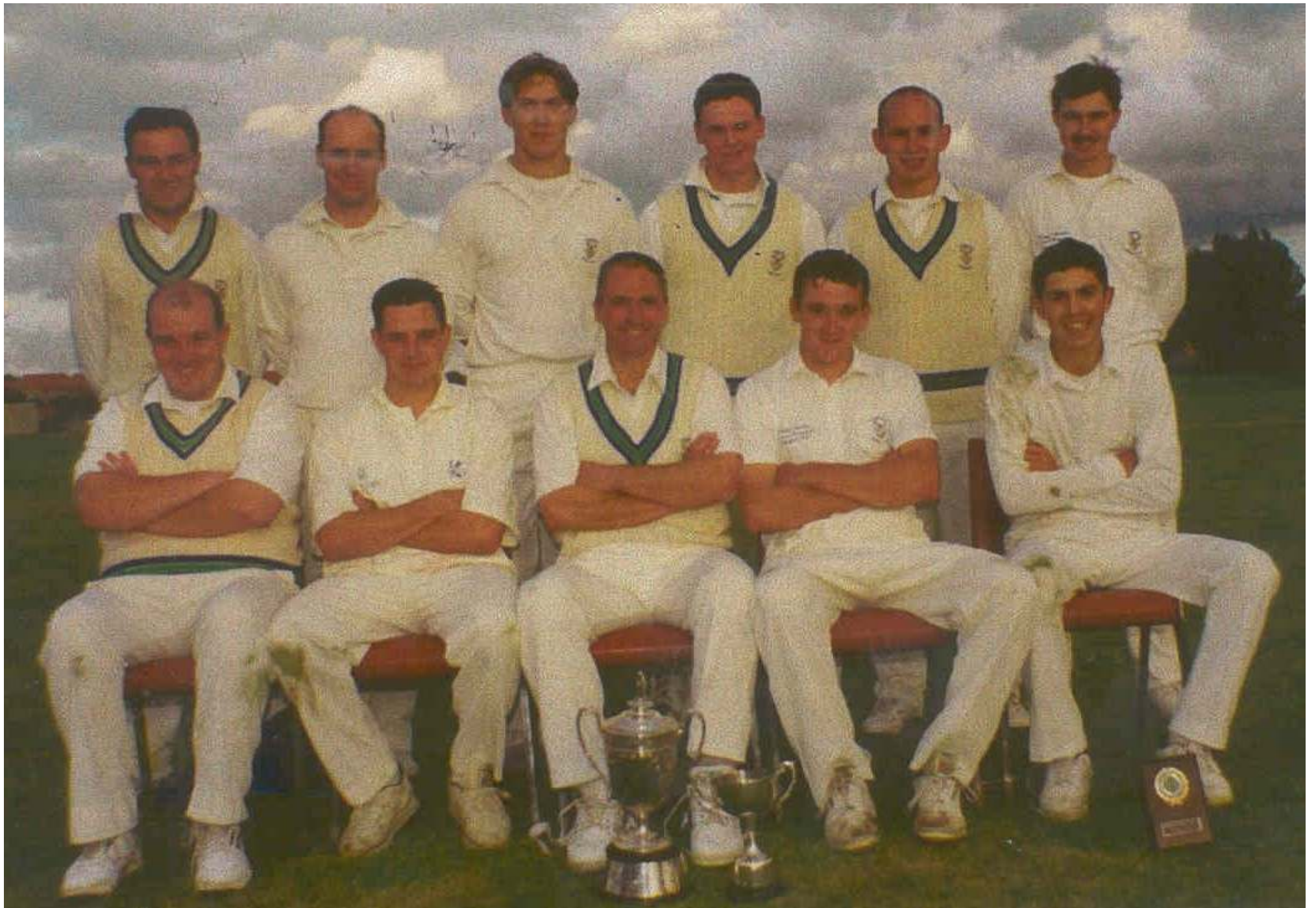
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Wrenthorpe.....	96
Wakefield City.....	94
Wakefield St. Michaels..	92
Batley.....	70
Mirfield Parish Cavaliers	66
WOODLANDS.....	62
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Gomersal hopes to beat of rivals in H.W. Cup

GOMERSAL will be seeking to retain the Heavy Woollen Cup when they clash with arch rivals Methley in the competition's 111th final at Roberttown Lane, Liversedge, this Sunday.

The two teams who have topped the CYL first division for most of this season meet for the second time this year following Gomersal's dramatic three run win at Little Church Lane on June 11.

Gomersal, whose record in cup ties over the past three seasons is second to none, must go into the final with a narrow advantage.

However, with the fate of their league championship challenge seemingly resting in the hands of the CYL Appeals committee, they will take the field on Sunday with more on their minds than Cup Glory. Any distraction would be fatal.

Nethertheless their team is full of individuals who can turn a match on its head, and it would be no surprise if the HW Cup finds itself returning to Oxford Road on Sunday evening.

Foster this season. He can also be a useful pace-bowler if called upon.

M. FOSTER-Gomersal's Australian import has been a tremendous coup for Tony Pickersgill's men since joining the Oxford Road club from Altofts in the close-season. The Victoria State player has the power and skill to dominate the opposition attack and along with Steve Foster has forged the most feared opening partnership in the CYL. Could well bat Methley out of the game.

D. ELLIS-The young powerful right hander hit an unbeaten 71 in Gomersal's semi-final victory over Kirkheaton. Has the temperament for the big match occasion as he proved last year in hitting 58 to help the Oxford Road men to victory in last year's final. Capable of playing a match winning innings.

A. SUMNER-Will be determined to do well in the wake of the controversy which has surrounded him after his decision to play in the Semi-final of the HW Cup rather than play for the CYL in the White Rose Trophy. Missed the final last year following a one day match at

OWEN BENTALL takes a look at the Gomersal team and their chances of retaining the HW Cup in Sunday's big clash

the pacey Mark Chapman extremely well at the spearhead of the Gomersal attack. Slanting the ball across the right handed batsman with his left arm over brand of pace bowling, he often tempts players into nibbling at deliveries wide of the off stump. Likely to pick up early wickets if his line is right.

P. EWART-Averaged over 34 second team last year hitting against Soothill. Capable of scoring good runs for the Cup-holders if the order fail.

D. HARRISON will take on duties of 12th man.

Admission for the final which starts at 2.00pm is by programme only.



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