

Parish Cup final post-mortem

Crowning glory for cup kings

Hat-trick boost for Barkisland

THE CROWN didn't slip, not for an instant.

Barkisland remain the undisputed kings of Halifax cup cricket.

Their almost inevitable completion of a hat-trick of Parish Cup, wins now begs the question: Who the devil can stop them making it four next season?

There simply isn't another side in the Halifax League which can compete with them in the limited overs game. Perhaps it's a good thing that the league match format is different!

SBCI tried their damndest in this Courier sponsored match to end the monopoly but true grit was merely a cover for inadequacy. And early resistance gradually weakened into a steady decline and eventual annihilation.

The bald statistics are these:

SBCI started, soundly, scoring 46 for none from the first 20 overs — the

platform, they prayed, for a flurry of hitting which would take them towards 200.

But the only flurry was of batsmen pacing to and from the pavilion, unable as they were to sustain any kind of acceleration against an unrelenting attack.

From the respectable — though woefully laboured — position of 75 for two in 30 overs SBCI lost their remaining eight wickets for the addition of only 42 runs in 76 deliveries.

Barkisland started at four runs an over and sustained it, despite a quite unnecessary run out and two superlative catches. They passed SBCI's meagre total in 18 fewer overs.

While it was once again triumph for teamwork, the individual achievements of

Bob Oates shone through.

The 'wiry, all-rounder hasn't done a lot of bowling for his side this season but yesterday he opened the attack and, although doubtless frustrated by the pittance of only one wicket, wheeled monotonously through 15 overs at an uncharitable cost of 22 runs.

Then, when Barkisland's innings had fallen into a temporary slump at 47 for three, he smacked nine fours in an unbeaten 47 and picked up the man-of-the-match award for his endeavours.

There were few individuals to rival him: Barry Walsh demonstrated gritty application in a sheet-anchor 34, then ran himself out; Albert Gawn played a true captain's innings but was cut down in his prime; Stephen Dalby did not have the best

of luck in a return of three for 43 in 13.1 overs; Andrew Schofield, the game's top wicket-taker, will readily confess that his figures of 9.4-1-22-4 were aided and abetted by reckless batting.

And the best remembered moments in a none-too-memorable cup final? Read on.

SBCI

- 9 Alan Sutcliffe strikes the game's first boundary, past square leg off a friendly full toss from Brian Crabtree, who, hindered by a recurrence of his Achilles tendon trouble, bowled well below his best.
- 15 Barry Walsh hits his first four — an off drive debilitated to Crabtree.
- 16 Bob Oates concedes his first four — off the edge



The SBCI team, from the left; back row — B. Walsh, S. Dalby, W. Brennan, D. Jones, K. Dorward, T. Laycock and A. Sutcliffe; front row — J. Halstead (scorer), A. Hampshire, A. Gawn (capt), R. Thornton and M. Wood.

- 17 Crabtree's ninth over costs him nine runs — the second most expensive over of the innings. Walsh square cuts for four; four byes from a short ball which rises over the batsman's head; and an upish single to Walsh.
- 21 The first wicket. Sutcliffe, not having scored since his edge off Oates, attempts to drive and sends a return catch to Crabtree. 47 for one.
- 22 David Jones is out, facing only his second ball. The ball pops up off a length, catches the top of his bat and floats gently to Peter Rothwell. Oates's only wicket. 48 for two.
- 25 Andrew Schofield replaces Crabtree.
- 30 Oates concedes his second (and last) four after Albert Gawn's clout to long-on.
- 31 Walsh is run out attempting a suicide single after Crabtree's misfield at mid-on. Actually, he was lucky to escape the same fate as early as the eighth over. 75 for three.
- 32 Bob Davies replaces Oates.
- 33 Roger Thornton, trying to drive, is bowled by Schofield. 81 for four.
- 36 SBCI hopes to edge fast as Trevor Laycock dollies a catch back over Davies's head to Craig Longbottom. 88 for five. But two fours and a two by Gawn make it the most expensive over of the innings.
- 38 Davies's astute field placement pays dividends when Gawn is caught on the square leg boundary by Rothwell; next ball, Stephen Dalby is lbw. Martin Wood prevents the hat-trick, merely by evading a sharp, rising delivery. 103 for seven.
- 41 Warwick Brennan and Wood make their exit, bowled by Schofield. 109 for nine.
- 43 Kevin Dorward, having hit only the 12th boundary of the innings, is bowled by Schofield attempting a 13th. Alan Hampshire is the not out batsman.

BARKISLAND

- 5 John Barron, after striking three delightful boundaries, is bowled by Dalby, attempting another, 20 for one.
- 6 Skipper Barry Tennyson, having promoted himself in the order, commits a suicidal run out. 21 for two.
- 11 Davies, having threatened to tear apart the

attack with four boundaries in 17, pulls Dalby to leg and stares disbelievingly as Alan Hampshire, just forward of square leg, holds a magnificent catch which must rank as the best of the season. Offered commiseration later, Davies says: "I shouldn't have hit it in the air." 47 for three.

12 Gawn replaces Hampshire and concedes 19 runs in two overs before handing over to Dorward.

19 Craig Longbottom, exhibiting cool beyond his years in an innings of 26 with four boundaries, falls victim to another brilliant catch, again off Dalby and this time executed by wicketkeeper Jones, who dives far to his right to hold a low, edged shot. 78 for four.

27 Oates, in complete control of the situation and aided soundly by Richard Schofield, drives Barkisland to victory. His finale is a towering pull out of the field off Dalby.

scoreboard

SBCI 117

B. Walsh run out	34
A. Sutcliffe lbw b Crabtree	18
D. Jones c Rothwell b Oates	0
A. Gawn c Rothwell b Davies	34
R. Thornton b Schofield	2
T. Laycock c Longbottom b Davies	2
W. Brennan b Schofield	6
S. Dalby lbw b Davies	0
M. Wood b Schofield	3
A. Hampshire not out	3
K. Dorward b Schofield	5
Extras	10
Bowling: B. Crabtree 12-1-36-1, R. E. Oates 15-3-22-1, Schofield 9.4-1-22-4, R. Davies 6-0-27-3.	A.

BARKISLAND 121 for four

J. Barron b Dalby	12
C. Longbottom c Jones b Dalby	26
B. Tennyson run out	0
R. Davies c Hampshire b Dalby	17
R. Oates not out	47
R. Schofield not out	7
Extras	12
Bowling: S. Dalby 13.1-2-43-3, A. Hampshire 6-2-21-0, A. Gawn 2-0-19-0, K. Dorward 5-0-26-0.	

SPEEDWAY: Halifax DuKes 43, Wolverhampton Wolves 35

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PARISH CUP WINNERS 1979 vs S.B.C.I.

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Barkisland's Years

THEY'LL GO DOWN in Halifax cricket history as The Barkisland Years — 1977, 1978 and 1979, the years Barkisland won the Parish Cup to establish a unique hat-trick in the competition.

Our computerised assessment of the last three years of the Cup, with the Quality Factor rating expressed in percentage terms, illustrates the yawning gulf between Barkisland and the rest.

Illingworth might well have closed the gap a good deal but for the fact that they lost to Barkisland in this season's second round, following their defeat in last year's final.

And, of the three games Crossley's have lost in three seasons of the cup, two have been against the cup king (and the other, this season, was against Bradshaw, one of the top Quality Factor outfits).

Blackley, Copley and SBCI, all steamrollered in turn by Barkisland, are the only other teams in our cup table who have won more games than they've lost since '77.

Barkisland's record makes quite remarkable reading:

- They've never had a bye in those three years.
- They've scored 2,614 runs — an average of 174.
- They've had 1,731 runs scored against them — an average of 115.
- They've topped 200 five times — 215 for four against Luddenden Foot and 247 for four against Old Crossleyans last year; and this year, 206 for

eight against Old Town, 253 for nine against Greetland and 200 for eight against Booth.

- Only three clubs have topped 200 in the last three competitions — Siddal hit 221 for eight against Bridgeholme in the first round in 1977; Crossley's scored 204 for nine against Old Town in last year's second round; and Illingworth took 201 off Bradshaw's attack in last season's quarter final.
- In 15 matches, Barkisland have lost only 100 wickets — an average of six per game.

By Stephen Hirst

- They've been bowled out only once — for 126 by Crossley's in last year's semi-final (then they bowled out Crossley's for 51!).
- They've bowled out the opposition on 10 out of 15 occasions.
- Five teams have mustered fewer than 100 against them — Blackley (89) in the '77 final, Crossley's (51) in the '78 semi-final, Old Town (91) in this year's first round, Illingworth (83) in the second round and Booth (78) in the semi-final.
- The highest score against them is Illingworth's 162 for nine in the '78 final. Only two other teams have topped 150 — Copley, in the first round of

1977 (151 for six) and Old Crossleyans in the quarter finals of 1978 (152 for six).

The most ominous aspect of it all is that this year's cup campaign was their most impressive — so either they're getting better, or everyone else is getting worse!

As I said in my cup final report last Monday: Who the devil is going to stop them winning against next season?

Perhaps we can run a free ad in the Courier:

"Wanted, urgently, giant killers, apply to any of 26 teams competing in the Parish Cup."

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BRADFORD League Division One outfit East Bierley fly the flag for Yorkshire tomorrow in the national semi-final of the Hoag Village competition.

Bierley, who have beaten a crop of Halifax League clubs since the inception of the competition a few years ago, are at home to Fordham, the Cambridgeshire County Senior League champions.

The reward for the winners is a place in the final at Lord's

TEAM-BY-TEAM CUP RECORD OF THE BARKISLAND YEARS — '77, '78, '79

	P	W	D	L	Quality Factor %age
BARKISLAND	15	15	0	0	100.00
Illingworth	7	5	0	2	71.42
Blackley	10	7	0	3	70.00
Crossley's	10	6	1	3	60.00
Bradshaw	7	4	0	3	57.14
Copley	7	4	0	3	57.14
SBCI	7	4	0	3	57.14
Booth	6	3	0	3	50.00
Mackintosh's	6	3	0	3	50.00
Mytholmroyd	6	3	0	3	50.00
Old Crossleyans	4	2	0	2	50.00
Greetland	5	2	0	3	40.00
Northowram	5	2	0	3	40.00
Stones	5	2	0	3	40.00
Webster's	3	1	0	2	33.33
Outlane	4	1	0	3	25.00
Siddal	4	1	0	3	25.00
Sowerby	4	1	0	3	25.00
Triangle	5	1	1	3	20.00
Bridgeholme	3	0	0	3	00.00
King Cross	2	0	0	2	00.00
Luddenden Foot	3	0	0	3	00.00
Mytholmroyd Meths	3	0	0	3	00.00
Old Town	3	0	0	3	00.00
RAFA	1	0	0	1	00.00
Stainland	3	0	0	3	00.00
Warley	3	0	0	3	00.00