

BRADSHAW CENTURY WAIT OVER

A SUPERB batting display from Brent Walker and an outstanding marathon bowling spell from Andy Ingham earned Bradshaw their first ever victory in the 101st Parish Cup final at Barksland yesterday.

While the margin of victory, only 14 runs, suggested a closely run contest, Bradshaw really earned their triumph. Triangle were fighting an uphill battle from the moment Bradshaw skipper Steve Bell won the toss.

He said: "It was very important to win the toss and go into bat on such a good wicket."

"We made the most of that, Brent Walker batted superbly and Andy Ingham bowled very well, and the pressure was on them all the way."

Bell's decision showed profits from the off as openers Mick Turner and Phil Halliwell played themselves in, gave no chances and mercilessly punished any ball that offered a run-making stroke.

By the 15th over Turner had knocked up 24 runs, all from fours, and in the next over the 50 arrived with the pair still together the only chance having been a possible catch to keeper Andrew Kershaw from Turner off Chris Greenwood.

The pair continued in fine style with Halliwell keeping pace and cracking away seven fours, but the stand was broken in the 24th over when Gary Rodger, bowling second change from the pavilion end, clipped Turner's off stump with the score on 90 — Turner making 41.

Skipper Bell joined Halliwell at the crease and little changed, the total being taken to 100 in 25 overs.

Three overs later Halliwell, who had looked comfortable in making 51, then showed indecision going for a run that was never on and was duly run out.

Enter Walker, and in his first over he was subject to an almighty lbw appeal from Gary Rodger. It was turned down and Walker answered with a cracking leg-side blow for six off the next ball.

Walker continued to hand out the punishment, going on to strike six sixes and eight fours, but he sent a few hearts fluttering with his running between the wickets, twice offering more than reasonable chances to the Triangle fielders.

Triangle tried to counter with three bowling changes, but the relentless Walker stayed put until the 43rd over when he hoisted a ball off Gary Rodger to David Hudson on the boundary. He had made 87 in a stand of 111 with Bell.

The final two overs earned Bradshaw another 11 runs, though they lost Bell for 27, giving Triangle a target of 235 to win.

That chase began poorly with the loss of skipper Steve Frankland, who had scored the only run on the board.

Father and son pair Gary and Dick Rodger then looked happy and even bettered Bradshaw's early scoring rate as they showed an uncanny understanding running between the wickets.

Their partnership looked set to blossom but in the 12th over Simon Lees dismissed Dick Rodger, lbw on 14, a decision the senior player seemed a little unhappy with.

Walker and Ingham the heroes for underdogs

Bradshaw v Triangle	
Bradshaw won by 14 runs.	
BRADSHAW 234 for four	
M. Turner b G. Rodger	44
P. Halliwell run out	51
S. Bell c C. Greenwood b Pollard	27
B. Walker c Hudson b G. Rodger	87
S. Lees not out	1
T. Kerry not out	4
Extras	23
Bowling: C. Greenwood 13-4-82-0; W. Pollard 8-1-37-1; D. Fletcher 3-0-25-0; M. Greenwood 8-1-33-0; G. Rodger 12-1-63-2.	
TRIANGLE 220 for seven	
R. Rodger lbw b Lees	14
S. Frankland b Ingham	1
G. Rodger run out	50
D. Hudson b Ingham	64
F. Shannon b Ingham	4
B. Crossland c Halliwell b Ingham	39
D. Fletcher b Ingham	20
C. Greenwood not out	0
A. Kershaw not out	1
Extras	14
Bowling: A. Ingham 23-3-92-5; S. Lees 10-0-42-1; M. Beumort 6-0-35-0; C. Sutcliffe 6-0-38-0.	

That wicket was perhaps the turning point as Ingham, who bowled 23 overs for a 5-92 return then put in a useful maiden and steadily Gary Rodger and Hudson got bogged down.

Tight fielding and even tighter bowling, particularly from Ingham, increased the pressure as Triangle dropped behind the asking rate.

That pressure told on the 24 over mark when, just two runs after completing a fine 50 which included eight fours, Rodger was needlessly run out, Bell producing an acrobatic throw to dismiss him.

Three overs later Ingham struck, bowling Paul Shannon off his pads for four, and the onus was on the steady Hudson and Bob Crossland to up the rate.

They did just that with Hudson, previously quiet, pushing away a couple of fours in quick succession in the 29th over — the second of which brought up the 100.

Crossland added his weight, smashing three big sixes, and the pair had put on

68 before Crossland was held near the boundary by Phil Halliwell off Ingham for 38.

Two overs later Hudson pushed a single for his 50 and then added a six for good measure. But with 14 balls to go Hudson was snapped up by Ingham, bowled middle stump for 64, and the task became impossible.

Needing 32 off 12 balls, Dave Fletcher hunted he could do something but Chris Sutcliffe tied him down and into the last over 25 were needed. Ingham snapped up Fletcher third ball and it was all over.

Bradshaw skipper Bell was delighted: "I am just over the moon with the result, we played marvellously as a team."

Losing skipper Steve Frankland was generous in defeat and said: "We didn't bat well or bowl well, but we were a little unlucky with a lbw and a run out decision."

"But you can't take it away from them, they batted brilliantly, Andy Ingham bowled superbly and they played very well."



TOO LITTLE, too late . . . Dave Fletcher hits out but can do little to help Triangle in last night's closing overs.

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