

HALIFAX CRICKET LEAGUE

President: Mr T Wynne

Present the

CROSSLEY SHIELD FINAL

Sponsored by

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at

Copley Cricket Club

on

Sunday August 20th 1989

Wickets pitched 1.30pm

BARKISLAND C.C.

V

WARLEY C.C.

Umpires:

J K JACKSON - R WHITELEY

Admission by Programme

Adults 50p

Children and O.A.P. 25p

Refreshments available



David's dream come true

"I HAVE a dream..."

Check in the Oxford Dictionary of Quotations and you will find that one attributed to a famous American human rights campaigner but Warley CC president David Armitage was quite happy to borrow the idea.

Armitage had said that getting to the Crossley Shield with Warley seconds was a dream come true.

Yesterday, at Copley, the dream came alive in glorious technicolour when Armitage and his teammates defeated Barkisland by eight wickets and the Warley strike bowler collected the man-of-the-match award for a five for 56 haul to boot.

And all when his company Briggs Priestley were sponsoring the event!

"It really is a dream come true," said

an emotional Armitage after the match. "There have been lots of finals but none like this."

"It was a great team effort."

Warley did everything right to overcome Halifax League Second XI Division One leaders and clear favourites Barkisland, despite their opponents being the stronger batting line-up on a batsman's wicket.

Having restricted Barkisland to 158 all out in 40.5 of their 45 overs, Warley played a controlled innings of their own and cruised to victory at 159 for two with 27 balls remaining.

"It was well worked out," said Armitage. "We knew that, having kept them down, if we batted sensibly we had a chance. We were all worked up for the match."

"From the first ball they were on for 250, we thought, but the way we kept them down was absolutely fantastic. But it was never easy."

"The Warley lads had to play as good as they have ever played to win it — we needed a good start. It is okay taking your time getting the runfix you have wickets at the end."

"We had wickets in hand. They didn't and they couldn't get the runs."

That was a fairly accurate assessment of a match which, after looking theirs for the taking, drifted out of Barkisland's reach and into the grip of Warley.

Warley skipper Chris Speak, standing in for cup-tied brother Andrew, won the toss and put Barkisland in to bat — a decision which could have backfired had Peter Rothwell's Barkisland locked up a major total.

When veteran opener Brian Winrow smashed a straight four off the first ball from Armitage that looked to be the likely outcome. But the Barkisland run riot never materialised and, by the close of their innings, they looked in desperate need of assistance from prolific first team runmaker David Green.

Winrow departed the scene in the fourth over, caught by Harold Smith off young bowler Simon Kingdon, that boundary his only contribution to the scorecard.

The combination of opener Steve Pol-

litt and Bob Oates made good inroads with a stand of 73 which included a straight six — first ball — and successive fours from Oates to see off Kingdon.

Oates gave the same treatment to Kevin Dorward as well. Dorward only came into the Warley side five minutes before stumps when Alan Leach failed to show — he thought the match started at 2.30.

The 50 came up in the 15th over but just as Barkisland had started to accelerate the pace they lost Pollitt for 35, run out by the combination of Gordon Lee and Dorward.

Oates (46) followed with the score on 92, bowled by Armitage having hit him for six the previous ball, perhaps a little too eager to register his half century.

When Smith replaced Dorward — Armitage bowled straight through at the other end — in the 27th over he had instant success when Terry Firth was caught by the Warley captain for five.

Wood was run out for 17, again by Gordon Lee, and Matthew Denby was sixth out for three — caught Speak, bowled Armitage — with the score on 134. But with ten overs left Barkisland were still well set to score 200 plus.

Or so it appeared. Smith and Armitage had different ideas and pinned them down with some excellent accurate bowling.

Ray Attiwell and Rothwell added 22 for the seventh wicket before the collapse occurred in dramatic fashion.

Barkisland slumped from 156 for six to 158 all out. Attiwell, Duncan Brundell and Andrew Kitchen went to Armitage, giving him figures of five for 56 from 20.5 overs, and Smith claimed the scalp of Rothwell.

Suddenly Warley's task had been made considerably easier.

They were given a sterling start by openers Phil Stanton and Howard Cooper, who put on 61 for the first wicket, not very quickly — in fact 23 overs — but that was not the important criterion for Warley.

When Cooper went for 26, leg before to Firth, Stanton found the perfect foil to his steady innings-building.

Veteran Raymond Lee came to the

crease and immediately accelerated the pace. The scoring rate suddenly rose to five an over as Lee smashed a quickfire 46 off an assorted Barkisland attack.

Kitchen, Brundell and Firth all suffered at his hands but Attiwell received the most severe treatment as Lee hammered a series of sixes and fours towards the long-on boundary.

Wood did not help the Barkisland cause when he dropped two of them.

Lee, spotting black clouds on their way over, tried one lusty blow too many and was clean bowled by Kitchenfour short of his 50, a mark Stanton had reached almost apologetically some minutes earlier.

But the job had been done. Lee departed with Warley needing only 22 off nine overs.

Wicket-keeper Mark Kelly came in and did what was required. Included in his unbeaten 15 were the straight six to tie and single to win which he hit off Kitchen's 15th and last over.

Stanton remained resolutely unbeaten on 65 and the rain immediately began to fall, but David Armitage and Warley were not going to let it dampen their spirits.

It hadn't been in the dream so it probably wasn't happening.

Barkisland v Warley

Warley won by 8 wickets

Barkisland 158

Winrow c Smith b Kingdon	4
Pollitt run out	35
Oates b Armitage	46
Wood run out	17
Firth c Speak b Smith	5
Rothwell b Smith	34
Denby c Speak b Armitage	3
Attiwell b Armitage	2
Brundell lbw Armitage	0
Nunn not out	0
Kitchen c Kelly b Armitage	0
Extras	9

Bowling: Armitage 20.3-56-5; Kingdon 4.1-20-1; Dorward 9.0-42-0; Smith 7.0-32-2.

Warley 159 for two

Stanton not out	65
Cooper lbw Firth	26
R Lee b Kitchen	46
Kelly not out	15
Extras	7

Bowling: Kitchen 14.3-145-1; Brundell 14.2-39-0; Firth 6-0-29-1; Attiwell 4-0-34-0; Denby 2-0-9-0.



CHAMPAGNE STYLE... Second team skipper Chris Speak (front left), man-of-the-match David Armitage (front right) and the rest of their Warley team celebrate their Crossley Shield victory over Barkisland in fitting manner.