

ELLAND who have lifted the Sykes Cup more than any other club regained the trophy with a five wicket win over Honley last night — but had only three balls to spare.

In a tense and always closely fought final, Honley — who had won the competition for the first time last year — found that even good performances by each of the three Hinchliffe brothers in their side were not enough.

Darren Hinchliffe scored a solid 38 in Honley's 192-6 in 45 overs.

Elland, playing on their home ground, reached victory off the third ball of the final over, with all their wickets being taken by either Jamie or Alan Hinchliffe.

Honley, who batted first after winning the toss had an early blow when their captain Jakeman was out for a duck at three. It was then left to Rimmington and Darren Hinchliffe to repair the innings with a stand of 82.

When Hinchliffe went, opener Rimmington — who totted up a brave 53 — was joined by veteran Bocarro, who was eventually run out for 71, which included three sixes and five fours.

Elland, who had won the competition on a record breaking nine previous occasions could never be sure of overcoming the Honley total especially when Bradley went for five with 19 scored.

Alan Hinchliffe dismissed both Elland openers — Bradley and Blakey — but a stand of 97 between White who scored 75 in 110 minutes and Webster (47) put Elland on their way to victory.

HONLEY: S. Rimmington c Firth b Duff 53; B. Jakeman c Blakey b Wilkinson 0; D. Hinchliffe b Firth 38; M. Bocarro run out 71; P. Green b Wilkinson 1; R. Denton b Wilkinson 2; H. Taylor not out 4. Extras 23. Total (for 6 wks.) 192. Bowling: Wilkinson 15-4-56-3; Palfreyman 9-2-28-0; Duff 13-1-51-1; Firth 8-1-34-1.

ELLAND: R. Blakey c Denton b A. Hinchliffe 18; S. Bradley b A. Hinchliffe 5; D. White b J. Hinchliffe 75; J. Webster b J. Hinchliffe 47; R. Hardy b A. Hinchliffe 4; D. Wilkinson not out 22; J. Firth not out 16. Extras 9. Total (for 5 wks.) 196. Bowling: J. Hinchliffe 20-5-68-2; A. Hinchliffe 15-3-0-64-3; Wimpenny 8-0-43-0; Jakeman 1-0-12-0.



Mike Bocarro hits a huge legside six.