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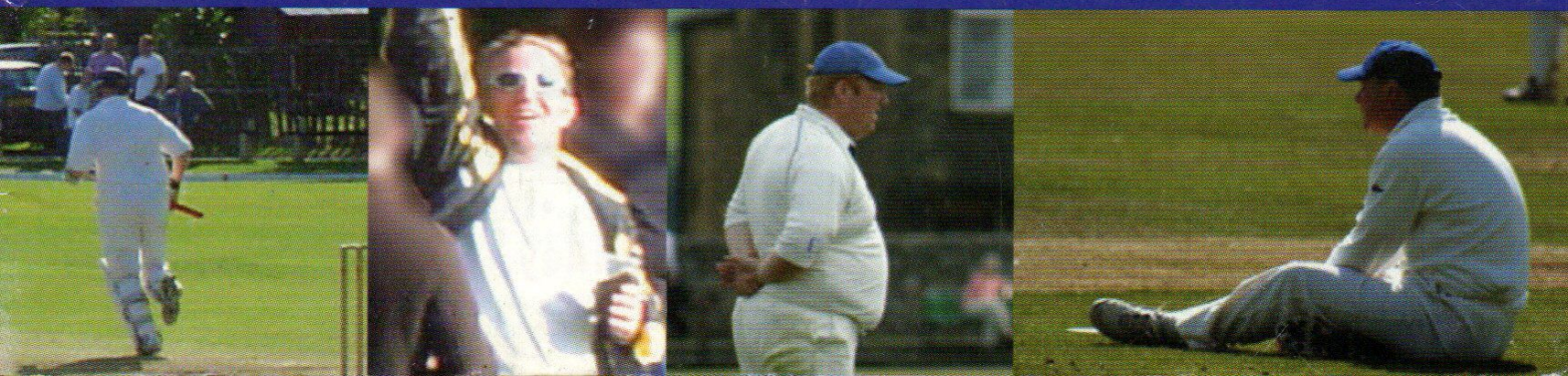
**Lowerhouse Cricket Club**  
versus  
**Haslingden Cricket Club**

**Sunday, 8th August, 2004**

**West End, Lowerhouse Lane, Burnley**

wickets pitched 1:15pm

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## A word from the Lancashire League Chairman

From the Chairman of the Musbury Fabrics  
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This 2004 Switch To Switch Worsley Cup final, judging by the respective clubs league positions should be an interesting encounter.

History could be made for Lowerhouse Cricket Club if they emerge victorious, being runners up in their previous appearance in the final in 1980.

Haslingden cricket Club are making their twelfth appearance in the final since its inception in 1920, winning it on five occasions.

On behalf of all clubs I would like to thank Switch To Switch Electrical, our current sponsors of this competition for their support.

Good luck to both teams and their supporters. Enjoy the day.  
Bert Hanson, League Chairman.

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## A word from Lowerhouse Chairman, David Wren

Lowerhouse Cricket Club was formed in 1862 and 142 years later the club hosts it's first final of the Worsley Cup and still remains the only club to never win a trophy.

Great professionals have come and gone without success including Manoj Prabhaker (India), Colin Milburn (England) and Tony Dodemaide (Australia) and more recently Australians Matthew Mott, Shawn Flegler and Ryan Harris and current South African Test players Martin Van Jaarsveld and Jacques Rudolph.

Talented and respected amateur players have sweated blood for the cause without any silverware or medals coming their way.

Today, however there is a big difference in the stature of the club compared to previous decades. The club now has over 120 registered players including 75 up to under-17 levels playing in 3 senior teams plus 7 junior sides. The club boasts 10 qualified coaches and has invested heavily in the development of the club and the players resulting in the club being awarded the 'Clubmark' that denotes that Lowerhouse is recognised as an approved focus club of excellence. We therefore expect that the next few years will begin to bear fruits of the labours of Stan Heaton and the coaches.

Today would be a good day to make up for those 142 barren years!

Welcome to everybody to the ground today and we hope you enjoy the fun, the atmosphere and the game.

Finally can I express our thanks to Frank and his team for the hard work that has been put in over the last few weeks and on the day. I'm sure you'll agree that it has been a huge success.



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## Good Luck messages

Hello there to the 'House faithful!

The season I had at Lowerhouse in '98 was a thoroughly enjoyable one. I was encouraged (persuaded really) to play by former pro and close mate Shawn Flegler. I must admit at first I had my reservations after a less than pleasant game at the 'House in my previous stint with Church.

As Flegs had predicted I had a whale of a time, and I actually resembled one after some of the sessions we had back at the club that year!! (Must be something in the water).

In the last few years the club has battled to survive, and it is credit to Dave Wren and his merry band of supporters that now the club has a chance to thrive. It is fantastic to see a club with so many dedicated people on and off the field get the chance of success.

Enjoy the experience that win, lose or draw will live with you forever. Best of luck!!! I look forward to hearing about an historic Lowerhouse display at the "House of pain".

Matthew Mott, Lowerhouse Professional 1998

"Best Wishes to everyone at Lowerhouse CC.  
Good luck in the final, Jacques"  
Jacques Rudolph, Lowerhouse Professional 2002

"I hope you have a great day and good luck!"  
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## Road to the final 2004

### 1st Round: Sunday 9th May 2004

Lowerhouse 167 all out - Burnley 138 all out  
Lowerhouse won by 29 runs

Todmorden 156 all out - Haslingden 159-4  
Haslingden won by 6 wickets

### 2nd Round: Saturday 5th June 2004

Lowerhouse 200-5 - Colne 197-9  
Lowerhouse won by 5 wickets

Church 184 all out - Haslingden 185-2  
Haslingden won by 8 wickets

### Semi-Finals

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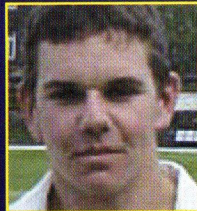
## Lowerhouse Cricket Club

**Matt Hope -  
Captain**



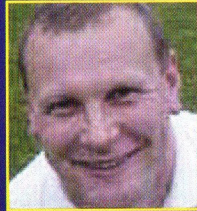
All rounder and captain of the side who leads by example. Aggressive batsman who could comfortably bat anywhere in the order and dangerous bowler who is capable of taking key wickets. Matt plays with his heart on his sleeve and his will to win is evident to all those who play with him or against him. Although he is still only 31, he has accumulated close to 2000 league runs and over 250 league wickets. This is his 4th term as captain.

**Jonathan Finch**



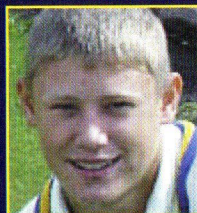
A single minded young cricketer with great talent in all aspects of the game. With the bat, he has good technique, excellent timing and can play shots all round the wicket. If he can improve his concentration, we will see him play longer "quality" innings that will be attractive to watch. A useful bowler, Finch can bowl aggressive medium pacers that pick up wickets with changes of pace and movement off the seam. Finch is capable of scoring 500 runs a season on a regular basis.

**Chris Bleazard**



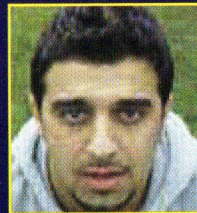
The best amateur batter I have seen in the league over the past 10 seasons. His consistency and talent is outstanding. He has scored over 10,000 league runs and I'm sure will continue to score runs for many years to come. Blez is also an outstanding fielder either close to the wicket or in the deep. He is also a very useful slow/medium pace bowler. His bowling usually mirrors his philosophy on money, very tight. But there is always an exception to the rule, don't mention Mark Higgs!

**Ben Heap**



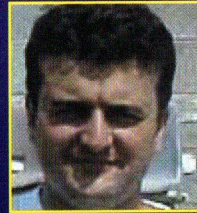
Ben made his first team debut in the 2003 season when he was only 15. He has a lot of ability in both the batting and bowling departments and we hope he will play a major part in the club's future years. This season Ben has become known as the "second team pro" after dominating several games with both bat and ball.

**Saeed Riaz**



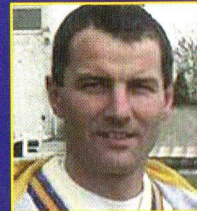
Saeed has adequately filled the void left by Jonny Russell's temporary departure. He always gives 100% effort even when asked to bowl into the wind or up a slope. He took a few games to get going in the wicket taking stakes but his tally is coming along nicely now and he will be hopeful of getting 30 plus wickets for the season. He is also quite useful with the bat, proving very difficult to dismiss even though he comes in at number 10.

**Joe Beneduce**



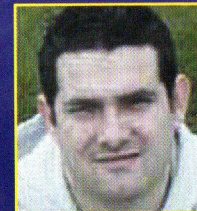
Joe is a good attacking big hitting middle order batsman, off spin bowler and a good fielder in the deep or in close. Joe has turned himself into an excellent cricketer with the minimum of technique. He is a great team player and is one of the first names on the team sheet. The type of cricketer you want in your team rather than against you. His family are also very involved in the club regularly bringing the team pizza's for tea and his dad can often be seen on the ground in his famous ice cream van.

**Jez Hope**



One of the best amateur bowlers of the past 10 seasons. Jez bowls medium pace and has a very good variety in pace. He has taken well over 500 league wickets and as an ex captain of the side he also offers very good advice and support. Good athletic fielder and useful lower order batter. Jez can often be seen dishing out punishment to cheeky members of the squad.

**Chris Benbow**

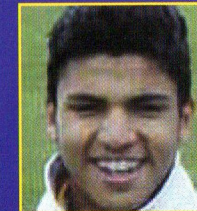


Chris is a very effective off spinner and dangerous middle order batsman. He has already picked up many key wickets for us including several professionals. His aggressive style of play with the bat sometimes appears unorthodox and the ball often goes in the air but he times the ball very well and when he hits the ball well, it stays hit. Also a very useful fielder both in the slips and in the outfield.

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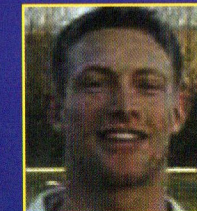
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**Vishal Tripathi**



An immensely talented player with the bat who shows incredible maturity at the crease for his age. He also bowls useful leg spin and with some development, could be a genuine all rounder. He is already in the Lancashire academy and has recently been picked for the England Under 17 side. Obviously we hope to keep hold of him for another couple of seasons but it appears inevitable that we will lose him to Lancashire in the near future.

**Peter Mawdsley**



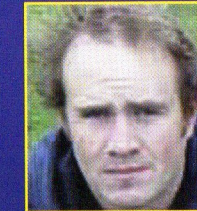
Another acquisition in the close season from Craven League side Pendle Forrest. Peter has played at a good standard of cricket at university, which has certainly helped him. Recently made his first team debut and looks like he will be a good player. Middle order batter and a decent fielder "Perfect Pete" as he is known will be a good addition to the club. Pete has also fitted in well at the club but he needs to remember that he is no longer a village cricketer.

**Charlie Cottam -  
Wicketkeeper**



Charlie made his debut at the age of 15 and looked to have all the ability to make a big impact on the first team. For some reason he hasn't made the impact that everybody thought he would. Only this season has Charlie played to his full potential and recently scored his first Lancashire League 50. Also an outstanding fielder and a useful wicketkeeper. Despite becoming a fireman and getting married, recently he had to ring his wife at work to ask how much beef paste to put on his sandwiches!

**Peter Fulton -  
Professional**



The 25 year-old New Zealander is a right handed batsman who bowls right arm medium pace. To date he has scored 1682 first-class runs at an average of 44.3 with a highest score an unbeaten 301 against Auckland in 2003. Peter has also taken 11 wickets at 33.9. He plays for Canterbury who he has captained. He also played for two seasons for Lytham in the Liverpool and District Competition in 2001/02. Peter is the club's second New Zealand professional after Evan Gray in 1982.



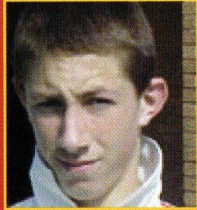
## Haslingden Cricket Club

**Paul Blackledge -  
Captain**



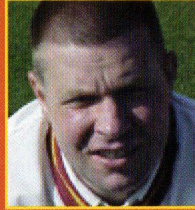
Club captain, formerly an opening batsman, now bats in the middle order. Specialises in the drive on one knee which is his coup de Gras. Fancies himself as a seam bowler. One of the best net bowlers you'll come across. A totally committed cricketer who is thoroughly committed to the cause at Haslingden. Not exactly a racehorse in the field, but he tends to field in positions where he is best suited. A good safe pair of hands.

**John Simpson -  
Wicketkeeper**



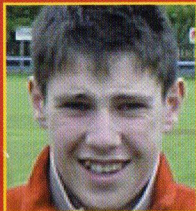
A young wicketkeeper making his way up the ladder. Bats in the top four in junior cricket, John has a solid technique. A good driver, who will be capable of scoring 500 plus runs a season in the Lancashire League in the years to come should he not go higher. John is very keen, loves training and he is never without his keeping gloves. A good pair of hands behind the sticks, he is a fine prospect.

**Steve Dearden**



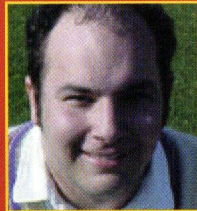
An all rounder who is one of the fastest bowlers in the Lancashire League. A former professional at Radcliffe, he bowls a very quick bouncer and when he's on song a very difficult yorker. A very attacking batsman who likes to get after the bowling from the word go. Steve is strong all round the wicket. A good driver and puller. Steve is one of the best and most exciting players in the league. Steve also has a good pair of hands and makes a massive contribution to any team.

**Lewis Macintosh**



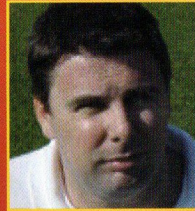
At 6'0" at 15 years of age the prospect of being an opening batsman at 6'6" is a frightening prospect. Good coming forward, he likes to drive. Selected for Lancashire as a leg spin bowler, Lewis is a good fielder with a good pair of hands.

**Stuart Catterall**



'The Cat' or 'The Monk' bowls off spin. His run up reminds most people of Monty Python's 'Ministry of Silly Walks', but he is a very effective bowler, who bowls a very nagging line and length and is very difficult to get away. He has the ability to bowl at the end of an innings when you would not expect a spinner to be bowling. Stuart has represented the LCB, where he has batted high up the order. A good driver who likes to hit through the covers, Stuart is a very enthusiastic fielder.

**Alan Howarth**



A genuine all rounder, who will not bowl two balls the same in an over. He will bowl an off spinner, a flighted delivery, a slower one, a quicker one, he really mixes it up. On his day and in the right conditions, Alan is a real handful and a thinking bowler. A good driver, Alan can play shots all around the ground. He is a very keen cricketer who turns up about two hours before the match. Alan is also a qualified coach.

## pen pics

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**Mike Ingham**



The highest run scorer in the League, Mike maintains a great hunger for the game. For the majority of his career, he batted at three or four, but he has opened the innings with great success. Mike has a sound technique which enables the team to build an innings around him. When wickets are falling, he is the man you want in to hold the innings together. A very good fielder, who is first at training and last to leave. You won't meet a more committed cricketer.

**Mike Blomley**



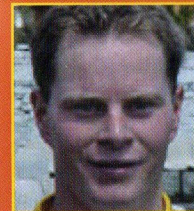
Medium pace bowler who bowls a tidy line and length which vary little throughout his spell. Mike always knows exactly how many runs have been conceded off his bowling. Mike relies on accuracy rather than pace or movement and is very difficult to get away on certain wickets. He is a genuine number 11, who has scored few if any boundaries and if you want six to win with one ball to go, Mike is not the man you want at the crease. That said, he does have a sound defence.

**Andrew Smith**



One of the tallest wicketkeepers in the league, Andrew is also one of the most destructive batsmen in the league, scoring most of his runs in boundaries. He specialises in straight drives which tend to go 100 yards in the air and come down with snow on them. Not quite worked out the art of defence, but on his day he is capable of winning a game.

**Barry Knowles**



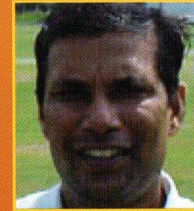
Formerly an opening batsman, who now bats low in the order due to the strength of the team, Barry now bats around the number eight position. Wherever he bats, Barry can adapt his game to defend or attack. He likes to drive, but he also likes anything short. Barry is a leg spin bowler who gives the ball a fair rip and bowls a good googlie. Barry is also a good fielder who gives the skipper other options with his all round ability. Barry trains regularly and maintains a high level of fitness.

**Lee Ingham**



At 6ft 4in and still growing, Lee is one of the league's tallest batsmen. His extra reach allows him to play his favourite shot, the expansive straight drive. He is a good athlete and a much improving fielder with an excellent pair of hands.

**Asif Mujtaba -  
Professional**



The 36 year old former Pakistani test player is dangerous with both bat and ball. After scoring almost 1000 runs in 25 test matches Asif is currently enjoying League cricket. In recent seasons he has sub pro'd for a number of Lancashire sides including Lowerhouse where he scored a century and took 9 wickets in one match.

## AN ADDRESS TO THE MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS OF LOWERHOUSE CRICKET CLUB

This afternoon's game is a momentous occasion for the Club and the village of Lowerhouse.

Of course if we win, the hoodoo of 142 years without a senior trophy will be vanquished.

In any event the staging of the final has proven to be a testing time but one, which I feel confident, will establish that the club has yet again moved forward.

The committee has been heartened by the support it has received from local firms and suppliers and we thank them for that wholeheartedly.

We have also been hugely encouraged by the help and support that the membership have provided in preparing for the big day, and in giving assistance on the day itself.

On a personal note it has been immensely uplifting to see such a swell of affection and camaraderie.

It is perhaps a good time therefore to remind ourselves that we are all custodians of the club for future generations.

Our Chairman David Wren is too modest to allow me to detail the massive role he has played in ensuring the survival of the club in its leaner times.

However I know that he would want me to pay just tribute to two of his predecessors as chairman - namely Jack Hayes and Ken Smalley.

On this momentous occasion it is only right and proper that we remember Jack and Ken and those generations of players, committee and members who have held custody of the club.

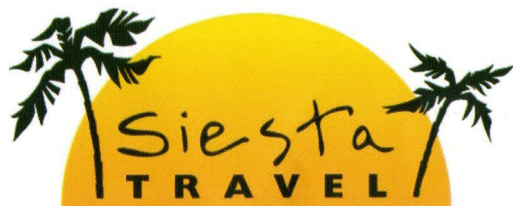
Indeed I am sure that as we watch the game today we will see many people who have assisted the club over the years either alongside Jack and Ken as committee members, or as spectators.

So whilst we are enjoying the cricket, perhaps reminiscing about old times - good or bad - it is perhaps time to remind ourselves of that old adage - this is not the committee's club, nor the players - it is your club - Long may your support continue.

With thanks for your support and help.

Stan Heaton, Secretary on behalf of the Chairman, committee and players.

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Damp weather at Alexandra Meadows meant the final was played over two Sundays. East Lincs batted first and scored 186 for 6 in a 36 over game.

The weekend after we ran out of overs on our way to 134 for 9. Jon Hartley scored a middle order half century but it wasn't enough to give us our first piece of silverware. These stories can be read in full on our website:

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## Good Luck messages

Just wanted to pass on my congratulations to the guys after the semi final win, especially to Blez!!!! (About time he pulled his finger out!)

Good luck on August 8th. I'm sure it will be a great day, and after a semi final win like that, the guys should believe that they can win anything!

Cheers,  
Flegs.  
Shawn Flegler, Lowerhouse Professional 1995/'96

*I do feel pleased for Dave Wren, Matt, Blez and Jez. I wish all the lads the best of luck and up the 'house!*  
Dave Whalley

*Good Luck Lads. All The Best today. First of many. There's only one team in Burnley!!*  
Jonny Muscle.

*Just wanted to send my best to the guys and everyone at the club. The club deserves to win something. I wish I was there playing!*  
Ryan Harris, Lowerhouse Professional 2003

*"Good luck, hope you have a great day my boys, Jarra"*  
Martin Van Jaarsveld, Lowerhouse Professional 1999/2000

' Overcoming tricky away draws in every round of this year's Worsley Cup we feel we have richly deserved our cup final place. Arriving at Liverpool Road today, the Bentgate faithful also appreciate the sense of occasion as our opponents host a Worsley Cup for the first time ever. I have been particularly impressed by the efforts made by Lowerhouse CC in promoting this final and endeavouring to make it one of the best ever.

Finally I have just four simple wishes for the day. I hope we all swelter under clear skies, the effort put in off the field by Lowerhouse CC in staging this year's final is richly rewarded, the match is a last ball thriller and, above all, the Worsley Cup is sat behind the bar at Haslingden CC at the end of the game'.  
Mark Rothwell, Haslingden CC

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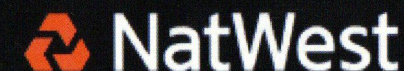
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