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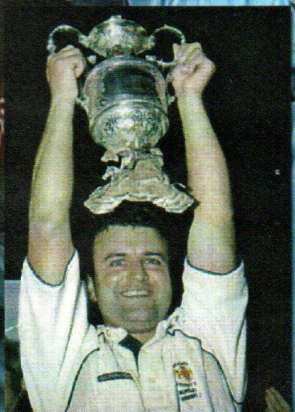
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THE TEAMS

LOWERHOUSE

Bleazard
Beneduce
Collins
Hawke
Heap
Hope S
Martin P
McGregor
Bailey F
Walker
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Meet The Fans

Three things most of us know about Arthur Hall are that he is a Lowerhouse C.C. fan who also supports Wigan RLFC and enjoys his Guinness. I didn't ask him which these vices he would find easiest to give up because he was wearing a cherry and white rugby shirt and had a pint of the black stuff in his hand. I didn't want to hear the sacriligious answer that it might be Lowerhouse.

Arthur is a man of the Midlands who brought his family to Burnley in 1965. In his native West Bromwich he was a regular at Smethick C.C. who play in the Birmingham and District League. This is known as a very good quality league and although they didn't have professionals; the competition featured overseas players hoping to qualify for county cricket. A good example in Arthur's time was Kiwi Tom Pritchard who played for Smethick before going to Warwickshire.

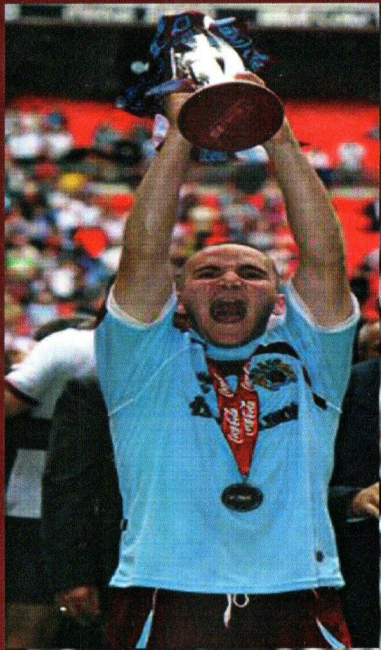
With a young family coming first, Arthur's visits to Lowerhouse were infrequent although he recalls watching Des Sparks several times in the late 60's. It was in his first season as a member that Arthur really got the bug because it coincided with the 'House's valient attempt to win the league in 1982. Under Alan Holden's captaincy and with Evan Gray as pro 'House came up just short and finished a single point behind champions Rawtenstall. Crucial defeats at Burnley and Rawtenstall themselves were to cost dearly. Arthur still gets animated about the latter and what he considered the poor decision to give Gray run-out.

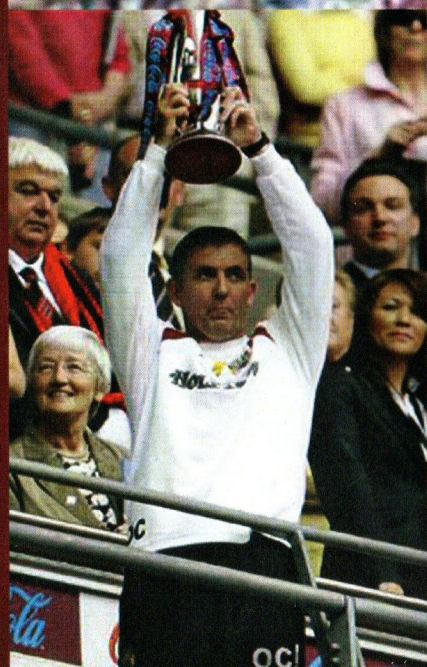
Another thing you have to say about Arthur is his forthrightness and that he gives his views freely and stongly. Normally his bark is worse than his bite but as Johnny Russell can vouch, if he keeps bowling down the leg-side, teeth marks in his leg can soon become apparent. One of Arthur gripes is that Lowerhouse have never had what he considers a really strong, intelligent captain in the mould of Burnley's hard-nosed skipper Roland Harrison.

Arthur named Kirti Azad as his favourite pro for his sheer entertainment value. Among amateurs Jez Hope, Chris Scott and the ever present in these lists, Chris Bleazard get Arthur's vote. Will there come a time when Blez isn't on the teamsheet? Say it's not so Chris!

Although acknowledging the 2,005 league campaign as the pinnacle of the club's history, Arthur really enjoyed the Cup wins versus Enfield and Haslingden the year previous. His one sadness was that his great mate Ken Smalley, who Arthur thought of as Mr Lowerhouse wasn't around to see it. Arthur and Ken both enjoyed Stan Heaton's sense of humour. Stan would write dry and ironic stories involving real people at the cricket club. Maybe it's time to get a little revenge on Stan and here's what I've come up with.

"It was with great reluctance that Stan Heaton spent the entire Burnley innings in the unfamiliar position of the scoreboard boundary. He had gained his spurs and nickname of "swoop" from being a Derek Randall-like figure in the covers. When he came into bat at No.5 Stan gave Kirti Azad a rollicking telling him his slow scoring-rate was killing the 'House's chances. Kirti was soon worn out by Stan calling him through for quick single after quick single. While a knackered Kirti played the anchor role Stan took Trevor Jones and the Burnley attack apart. A bemused Jones had no answer to Kirti's forward defensive lunge and Stan's twinkle-toed footwork and the 'House victory was inevitable. The match was concluded and Jack Hayes told his wife to carry the sprite-like hero from the field"





THE FUTURE

Church 2XI - 124-all out

Michael Lee 6-21
Kieran Tighe 3-28

LHCC 78-all out

Matt Marquis 17
Phil Haggerty 13

The inability for any of the batsmen to dig in and graft produced a disappointing result. Michael Lee took his second 6 wicket haul of the season.

COLNE 3XI - 161-all out

Corey Hope 2-16
Declan Bailey 2-34
Ismael Khalil 2-35

LHCC 3XI 162-4

Patrick Martin 70*
Jonny Whitehead 39*
Rhys Woodworth 16
Paddy Howley 13

Although originally selected as a Captain only, Colne's decision to deploy first and second team bowlers made it necessary for the LHCC youngsters to bat around Patrick Martin, who played a perfect innings.

Earlier Corey Hope (15) and Ismael Khalil (14) took maiden senior wickets in a good bowling and fielding performance

Longridge u9 - 21-7

Joseph Halstead 3-3
Thomas Halstead 2-4

LHCC u9s- 42-4

top scorer Joseph Halstead

The under 9s beginning the season with 2 victories. The Longridge game will long be remembered for Thomas Halstead's 2 caught and bowled. The first one an incredible Gordon Banks/Pele like dive

Bacup (1) u9 - 20 -6

Ethan Laraway 2-5

LHCC u 9s - 46-2

Joseph Halstead top scorer

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