

HOUSE!

Saturday 4th June 2011

Lowerhouse

v

Nelson

Worsley Cup
Quarter Final

CLA^{UK}



OBITUARY

Lowerhouse are deeply saddened to announce the death of club stalwart Phil Astin.

Phil died from the result of heart attack which occurred on Friday morning May 27th.

Phil had a long and distinguished career with Lowerhouse having been a first team cricketer since his teens. He played for the club in 5 decades from the 1960's to 2000.

During his first eleven career Phil was a part of the 80's runners up team and Worsley Cup final team. He later went on to Captain the Third XI at the end of his playing career.

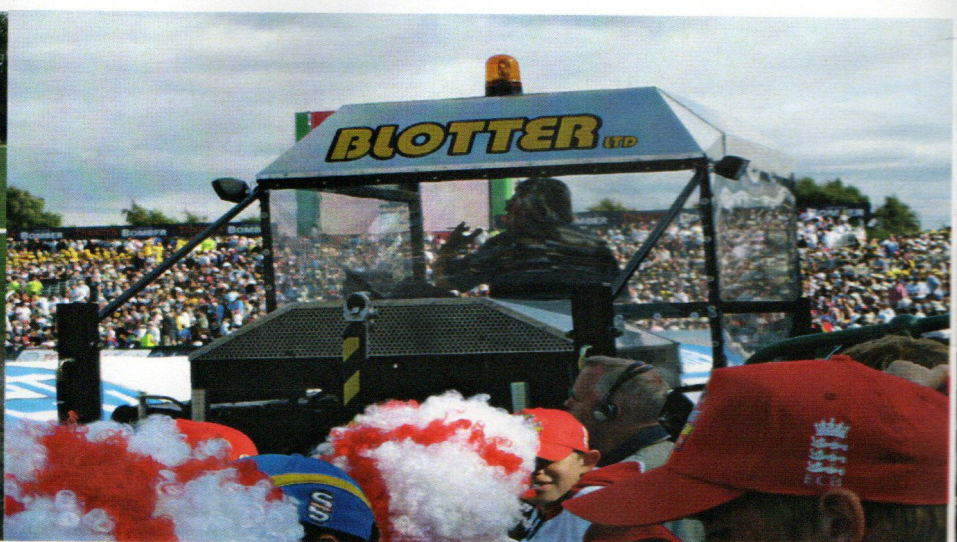
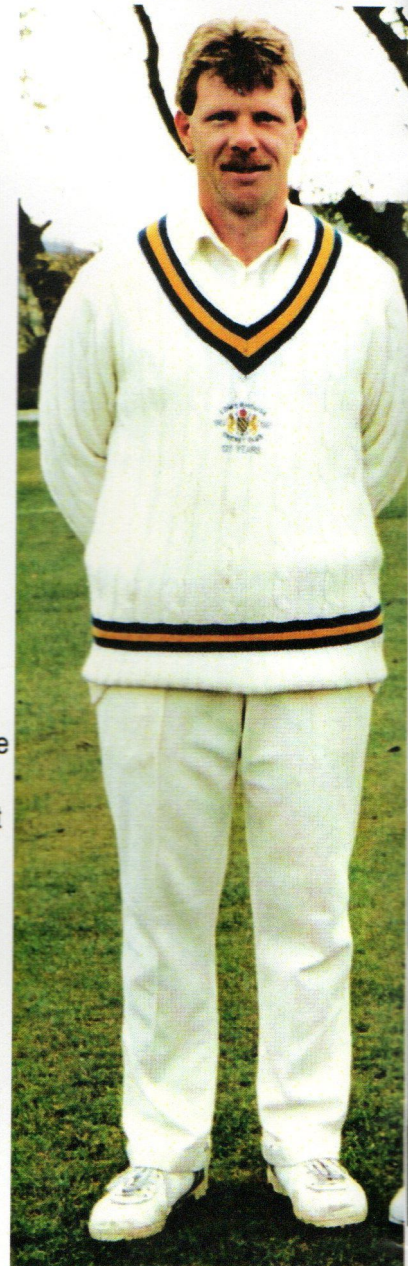
Phil was a technically correct batsman who was equally at home against pace and spin. Some of his finest innings were made against the top professionals none more so than when scoring 70 in a Lowerhouse win against Andy Roberts in 1981. At the time Roberts was one of the most feared bowlers in all of world cricket.

His highest first XI score was 98 against Ramsbottom in 1986. He was a very safe pair of hands and could field anywhere – slip, short leg or the outfield. He was a tough competitor, relished a challenge but played the game fairly.

Having retired from the game Phil continued as a volunteer to support cricket at both Lowerhouse and Lancashire CCC. At Lowerhouse he fulfilled rolls in coaching, groundmanship and maintenance. The recognition of his groundwork at Lowerhouse resulted in him being called in at Old Trafford for Test and County matches.

The club has received many messages of condolences from within the Lancashire League and from abroad, including former professional Evan Gray (New Zealand) from the 1982 runners up team.

A club spokesman said. 'We will miss Phil immensely. He was a much respected player, coach and groundsman and a popular character. We cannot overstate the importance Phil's work at the club meant to us. He was the ultimate cricketer – he gave everything as a player and stayed on to give his all as a clubman. We are all very upset and our deepest sympathy goes out to his family'



OLD SCORES TO SETTLE

Paul Stansfield

Lowerhouse v Haslingden

Matthew Brown Lancashire League 1981
Liverpool Road, Lowerhouse on 6th September 1981
(34-over match)

Venue
Balls per over
Toss
Result
Points

8
Toss not known
Lowerhouse won by 15 runs
Lowerhouse 5 (Bowling 1); Haslingden 0

Lowerhouse innings

+B J Higgin

PJ Astin

M Amarnath (Pro)
SAM Heaton
P Tripathi
G Bushell
J Ormerod
D Keeley
TJ Sullivan
A Holden
R Bromley
Extras

Total

Fall of wickets:

1-45, 2-89, 3-105, 4-105, 5-111, 6-160, 7-170, 8-180

Haslingden bowling

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Wides	No-Balls
Roberts	12	1	58	2	-	-
Taylor	9	1	56	1	-	-
Barnes	7	0	32	1	-	-
Molloy	6	0	33	3	-	-

Haslingden innings

	Runs	Balls	Mins	4s	6s
*B Knowles	c Holden b Amarnath	4			
JN Entwistle	c Higgin b Bromley	4			
MJ Ingham	b Amarnath	7			
AME Roberts (Pro)	b Bushell	81			
AW Massicks	c Astin b Amarnath	1			
M Grindrod	b Bushell	38			
D Jackson	c Bushell b Amarnath	0			
SJ Molloy	b Amarnath	16			
R Taylor	b Amarnath	0			
AJ Barnes	run out	3			
+A White	not out	1			
Extras	(4 b, 8 lb, 5 nb)	17			
Total	(all out, 30.3 overs)	172			

Fall of wickets:

1-9, 2-9, 3-47, 4-49, 5-148, 6-151, 7-151, 8-151, 9-170, 10-172 (30.3 ov)

Lowerhouse bowling

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Wides	No-Balls
Bromley	5	0	37	1	-	-
Amarnath	14.3	2	43	6	-	-
Holden	6	0	45	0	-	-
Bushell	5	1	29	2	-	-

Notes

--> Bowling in the Haslingden innings adds 1 run under

P Astin 70 (9 x 4)

AME Roberts 81 (8 x 4, 4 x 6)



THE TEAMS

LOWERHOUSE

Cottam
Bailey *F*
Beneduce
Bleazard
Finch
Marquis
Martin *J*
Martin *P*
Walker
Whitehead
Haasbroek

NELSON

Lemon *SR*
Dibb
Woodcock
Crotty
Lord
Lemon *SM*
Nazir
Thompson
Bradley
Hussain
Tahir

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Friday 10th June 2011

Lowerhouse

v

Colne



T20

BREAST
CANCER

BREAKTHROUGH

Friday
10th June
2011

Lowerhouse v Colne

West End cricket ground, Lowerhouse Lane, from 6:15pm.
Admission £2 Concessions £1

Fast & Furious T20 cricket action with live
DJ & Music throughout the game

Live coverage of T20
Lancashire v Yorkshire
on the big screens

full bar &
tea room

After the game

Live Music

Act to be announced

LIVE in the club house
from 8:30

BREAST
CANCER

BREAKTHROUGH

At this event Lowerhouse Cricket Club will be raising and
collecting money on behalf of one of your chosen charities :

Breakthrough Breast Cancer is a pioneering charity dedicated to saving lives and change future,
through research, campaigning and education - removing the fear of breast cancer for good.

LETTERS FROM A 'LIFER'



By Life-Long 'house' Fan Paul Hargreaves

Any team who are top of the Lancashire League, have 7 successive wins, including one over today's opponents, should feel confident and be worthy favourites in today's quarter-final clash.

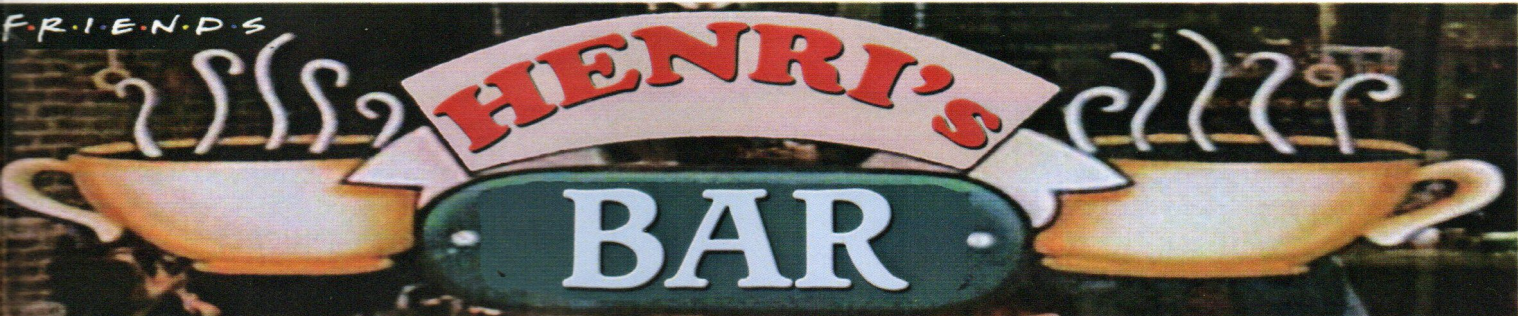
That said it would be unwise for the 'House to get ahead of themselves because Nelson have so often been their nemesis in the Worsley Cup. In the early days of the competition the draw was made on a regional basis and Lowerhouse and the men of Seedhill met on a fairly regular basis. Between 1922 and 1939 there were 11 games between the 'House and Nelson and the latter won all 11. The first was in the 1922 semi-final and all the others in either the first or second round. It wasn't just because of having a certain Learie Constantine that Nelson prevailed because they also had a strong amateur roster as well. In the second round of 1938, Lala Amarnath, father of beloved 'House pro Mohinder, had taken over as professional, and took 7 wickets to scupper Lowerhouse. A year later ace amateur Clifford "Chick" Hawkwood helped defeat Lowerhouse with a century. Hawkwood was such a good player he occasionally got the call from the County side and once scored a Roses hundred.

After the Second World War it was business as usual with Nelson taking their winning streak to 13 in 1947 and 1948. In 1949 a unique thing happened when Manny Martindale's 6-34 bowled the 'House to victory. A year later, after at last mastering Nelson, the first round was drawn on an open basis. Whether this was pushed for by a now running scared Nelson is not known! The 2 teams next met in 1953 when a 91 from Rennie Holdsworth couldn't save the 'House. In 1955 Lowerhouse sank to 54 all out and in their next clash in 1964 things got even worse. It looked good for Lowerhouse when Roy Gilchrist's 7-39 saw Nelson to 91 all out. Lowerhouse couldn't overcome history though and capitulated for 37, with only a young Brian Higgin making double figures.

Lowerhouse and Nelson then went 10 years without meeting in the Cup until the 1974 semi-final. The Seedhill side's innings was dominated by the great Collis King, who scored 125 of his side's 189 all out. He was eventually bowled by Lowerhouse workhorse Trevor Jones but Trevor was convinced that he had King banged to rights L.B.W. way before. Collis even confirmed it in the bar afterwards. The 'House tried valiantly but were 144 all out with Mick Swift top scoring on 44. Amazingly the 2 teams have only met once since in 2001. 'House scored 138 with Frank Entwistle the top scorer with 43 not out. Those great betting, as well as batting, buddies Paul Garaghty and Marcus Phelan came together at 65 and saw their team to a 7 wicket victory. This all makes the final tally 18 to 1 in Nelson's favour. Let's hope today the 'House team are not burdened by history. Lowerhouse should think more Henry Ford than David Starkey!

NOTICE

Barbara, Joanne, Lindsay, Neil, Blez & families would like to thank everyone at Lowerhouse for their support, kind words and cards over the last few hard months whilst Keith has been ill. He would have been amazed at the turn out on Tuesday and would have loved a few pints back at the club to celebrate his life. Many thanks again to everyone.



**PLEASE RAISE A GLASS THIS WEEKEND
IN MEMORY OF A COLLEAGUE AND FRIEND
WHO GAVE 40 YEARS OF TOTAL COMMITMENT
TO LOWERHOUSE CRICKET CLUB
WITHOUT ASKING FOR A SINGLE THING IN RETURN.**

**SADLY, HIM AND HIS SORT ARE IRREPLACEABLE
AND HE WILL BE MISSED BY EVERYONE**

