



WORSLEY CUP FINAL

Sunday 5th August 2018

Wickets pitched 12.30pm

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It gives me great pleasure to welcome everybody to the Brooks Foundation ground for the 93rd Worsley Cup Final between Lowerhouse and our near rivals Burnley.

It is perhaps surprising that in 93 years of Worsley Cup competition our two clubs have never met in the final. It is even more surprising that the first occasion should arise in the first season in which the competition has been extended to 24 teams. That said, until that great day in 2004, Lowerhouse were the 'Cinderella Club' of the Lancashire League and rarely progressed the latter stages of the competition.

Times however have changed and in the last decade, the teams of Lowerhouse and Burnley have been among those dominating Lancashire League cricket so it perhaps fitting that we now meet in a showpiece final at what is a very exciting time of the league following the recent, in my opinion successful, expansion.

As you enter the ground today you will see around you the culmination of 4 weeks hard work by our band of volunteers. Our aim from winning through to the final and being chosen as hosts was to make this an event to be remembered and we do hope that we have achieved that and that everybody has a fantastic day. I would like to take this opportunity to place of record my thanks to everybody who has contributed in whatever way. I will not name names, you all know who you are!

I would like to thank our main club sponsors SPE Furnishings for their support this summer and also JW Lees for their efforts since becoming league and club sponsors earlier this year.

Without being sombre, on days like today I also think of all the people that have gone before us. The great players of the past and the custodians of the club that ensured that we are still here 156 years after being formed. I am sure that each and everyone of them will feel the same sense of pride that we do as the teams take to the field at 12.30.

Finally, the cricket. It is a great shame that our club professional Ockert Erasmus will miss the game through injury. In his second season with us I know that Ockert will be as disappointed as we are that he misses out. On the field there will be heroes like 'Charlie and Blez' in 2004 and there may well be villains, but I hope that we see a close game, played in a great spirit and may the best team on the day get their reward and win.

Up the House #UTH

Matthew Stansfield, Managing Director, Lowerhouse Cricket Club



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It is fitting that in this 2018 season in the Lancashire Cricket League's history, the Worsley Cup Final should be between two of the oldest league rivals, Lowerhouse and Burnley. The league membership has expanded this year to 24 clubs which has stimulated the league competition for everyone including players and spectators, yet today we will see what is probably recognised as the final of all finals between these original member clubs.

Both teams have very strong amateur sides backed up by their Professionals and the game is certain to attract a huge crowd who will be well looked after by the host club.

The League and the Worsley Cup have new sponsors this year in J W Lees Brewery of Middleton who are tremendous supporters of local sport, in particular, league cricket. We are sure they will enjoy their first Worsley Cup Final.

Many changes are taking place in the structure of League Cricket in the County and our League is held in such high esteem by many at a higher level so let's ensure we all enjoy the day and show cricket followers just how strong the Lancashire Cricket League is and what a spectacle the Worsley Cup Final can be.

Mike Bibby, Lancashire League Chairman

As the cricket chairman, it gives me great pleasure to welcome everyone to the Brooks Foundation Ground on what looks likely to be a very special occasion. I extend a particularly warm welcome to all from Burnley Cricket Club.

The game is surrounded by history and history in the making. Today's visitors are our town friends, neighbours and in some cases relatives, yet it is the first time we have met in the Worsley Cup final. Burnley have had a record run of success in the cup in recent years. We have created our own records too with league, cup, double, T20 and LCB cup success in modern times. Today I think we make history with expected record gate receipts. These are good times for the cricket people of our town and I hope today's game brings much to enjoy.

The game is of course about the players and I hope that they enjoy the game and have their own personal success. We are of course very sorry that Ockert cannot be on the pitch today.

The occasion is probably about the people however. The executives, the committees, volunteers, sponsors, members, families and friends from both clubs. Whilst many from our club will be working hard on the day, all volunteers at clubs do so because they want the best for the club. A cup final of this magnitude is just reward for the service given to both clubs by those people and for the members and supporters of both clubs for their loyalty.

I would like to finish by thanking all those who contributed time, money and effort in getting us to this momentous final and in staging the day.

Both Burnley and ourselves do cricket in this town great service and I think today will be no exception. Here's to a wonderful atmosphere and a game to remember.

Stan Heaton, Cricket Chairman, Lowerhouse Cricket Club



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Lowerhouse v Haslingden
The Brooks Foundation Ground, Lowerhouse
Lowerhouse: 273 for 7
Haslingden: 83 all out
Lowerhouse won by 190 runs

2nd Round 26th May 2018

Burnley v Bacup
Turf Moor, Burnley
Bacup 180 all out
Burnley 181-2
Burnley won by 8 wickets

Church v Lowerhouse
Blackburn Road, Oswaldtwistle
Lowerhouse: 258-5
Church: 230 all out
Lowerhouse won by 28 runs

Quarter Finals 16th June 2018

Rishton v Burnley
Blackburn Road, Rishton
Burnley: 160-9 (34 overs)
Rishton: 134-9 (34 overs)
Burnley won by 26 runs

Norden v Lowerhouse
Woodhouse Lane, Norden
Norden: 113 for 5 (40 overs)
Lowerhouse: 151-6 (38.4 overs)
Lowerhouse won by 4 wickets (D/L method)

Semi Finals 8th July 2018

Todmorden v Burnley
Centre Vale, Todmorden
Todmorden: 237-9
Burnley: 238-5
Burnley won by 5 wickets

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The Brooks Foundation Ground, Lowerhouse
Lowerhouse: 184 all out
Crompton: 92 all out
Lowerhouse won by 92 runs



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LOWERHOUSE V BURNLEY

Worsley Cup Head To Head

by Paul Hargreaves

The Worsley Cup, as we know it today, was first contested in 1920; the second season after league cricket had returned since the hiatus caused by the Great War. Almost 100 years later, Lowerhouse and Burnley will contest their very first final together.

There have been some epic encounters down the years at various stages of the competition. The very first meeting was in 1924 with both clubs looking for a semi-final place. Both 'House openers passed 20 but they were bowled out for 92. Burnley floundered in reply and were well beaten. That great club servant Tommy Shutt, in his penultimate season of a career which had started in 1893, took 5-18 with his canny bowling. Shutt took 1,000 league wickets for Lowerhouse and nobody else has got within 400 of that! **'House 1 Burnley 0.**

Two years later, Lowerhouse played Burnley for the first time at Liverpool Road. The stand-out performers for the home side were South African Test pro' Claude Carter with 6-35 and stalwart batsman Arthur Spencer with a half century. Lowerhouse won by 2 wickets. **'House 2 Burnley 0.**

Three years later the teams clashed again in the competition's second round of 1927. Fred Webster, one of Lowerhouse's best and most underrated professionals took 5-27 and Lowerhouse won by 3 wickets. **'House 3 Burnley 0.**

A year later 'House would make it 4 in a row versus their cross town rivals. Lowerhouse batting first made 153. Burnley were humiliated, making just 39 all out. Webster took 7-27 and it shows Lancashire's county side's strength that this Accrington born player was very limited in his first class chances. **'House 4 Burnley 0.**

In 1931 Fred Webster had crossed town to be Burnley's pro' but even his skills couldn't stop Lowerhouse making it a nap hand. Lowerhouse chased 110 for victory and scraped home with the last pair at the wicket. **'House 5 Burnley 0.**

In the first round of the 1935 Worsley Cup Lowerhouse carried on their streak making it 6 in a row and proving a real cup nemesis to the Turfites. Burnley's 108 was insufficient to stop a 5 wicket win for the 'House. **'House 6 Burnley 0.**

A year later Burnley finally got on the scoreboard. Lowerhouse actually made a healthy 202 and the Turf Moor side could have been forgiven if they'd had a 'here we go again' feeling but they chased down the runs with opener Eric Procter starring with 91. **'House 6 Burnley 1.**

During the Second World War the Lancashire League carried on without the engagement of professionals and also without the Worsley Cup being contested. When the competition returned in 1947 it was the same pattern as pre-War with Lowerhouse securing a 25 run win over Burnley. They owed it to a fine all-round performance from pro' Manny Martindale. This fine West Indian player had been pro' at Turf Moor in the late thirties but was a definite thorn in their side this day taking 6-40 and scoring a vital half century. This would be as good as it gets for Lowerhouse as the margin of victories would soon close dramatically. Still **'House 7 Burnley 1.**

The last time the Worsley Cup was drawn on a regional basis was 1949 and the old rivals clashed in the second round. Lowerhouse were all out for 97. It wasn't their fine, if volatile pro' Cec Pepper who did the main damage but Leo Dixon with a 7-40 spell. Burnley cruised through to the semis by 7 wickets. It was the last Worsley Cup game for 'House veteran Herbert Lawson, then the team's record run scorer. **'House 7 Burnley 2.**

An 8 year gap followed before the next clash in the first round of 1957. Burnley piled up 307 runs, the highlight being a 184 run partnership between ex-Claret footballer Peter Kippax (110) and Derek Chadwick (85) Lowerhouse made a gallant attempt but were 250 all out. Manny Martindale's 2 sons Colin and Fred played for Lowerhouse that day, the latter getting a century in the losing effort. **'House 7 Burnley 3.**

So to the famous and very one-sided match in the first round of 1959. Burnley got a remarkable 523, of which their West Indian star pro' 'Collie' Smith got 306 not out. Lowerhouse's record margin of defeat of 376 runs may take some shifting from the record books! Sadly a mere 3 months later Turf Moor and the entire cricketing world were in mourning when Smith was fatally injured in a car crash. **'House 7 Burnley 4.**

Two years later Derek Riley's 96 was the highlight of a fairly routine Burnley victory. **'House 7 Burnley 5.**

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Sunday 5th August 2018

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Worsley Cup Head To Head, continued...

by Paul Hargreaves

Another small 2 year gap before the next clash at Liverpool Road. Keith Williams top scored for Burnley but Lowerhouse's reply was pitiful. They were dismissed for 41. Ross Howarth (5-26) and pro' Malcolm Hilton (3-15) doing the damage. **'House 7 Burnley 6.**

In 1967 the two teams met in the first round. Lowerhouse batted first and made 142. Long time player and supporter Malcolm Blackhurst top scored with 33. Burnley just got over the line with a typically painstaking knock of 45 not out from sub-pro' Trevor Bailey. He was an Essex and England all rounder and for countless years a familiar voice on Test Match Special. **'House 7 Burnley 7.**

Burnley would then take their first lead in the series in the second round tie of 1970. Neil Whalley, father of former 'House player David, top scored for Burnley with 71 out of 202. Lowerhouse were well short at 121 all out despite another top score from Blackhurst (44). **'House 7 Burnley 8.**

There was then quite a long gap of nine seasons until 1979. Young Ben Uttley's grandad Mick McLeod saved Burnley from humiliation, making 76 out of 120. Lowerhouse were sadly undone for just 76 and to rub salt into the wounds it was ex-Lowerhouse favourite Trevor Jones who was the culprit taking an impressive 6-24. **'House 7 Burnley 9.**

The longest ever gap of 14 years occurred before a second round clash in 1993. Lowerhouse owed Ted Whittle's 30 just to reach a paltry 91. Burnley lost 4 wickets before crossing the line. **'House 7 Burnley 10.**

Just a 4 year gap this time but the result was the same as Burnley piled on the agony for 'House again. They made 187 with pro' Dale Benkenstein getting a careful 65 (Jordaan 5-74). In reply Chris Bleazard's 57 was in vain as 75-2 became 147 all out. **'House 7 Burnley 11.**

The clubs again came out of the hat together in 1998 and after fifty years of misery since their last win over Burnley; Lowerhouse got a measure of revenge. The 'House made 209 with Mark Whelan top scoring with 82 not out. Whelan was a good player but his availability wasn't nearly enough for Lowerhouse's liking. Burnley's reply came up 46 runs short. **'House 8 Burnley 11.**

Four years later on the way to a very forgettable semi-final, Lowerhouse pulled off a 4 wicket win at Turf Moor. Chasing 199, that excellent batsman Jacques Rudolph's 62 helped towards a 4 wicket victory. **'House 9 Burnley 11.**

2004 was a special year for Lowerhouse Cricket Club as finally that season's Worsley Cup was secured and became their first major trophy. The 'House got 4 straight home games in the 2004 competition. The first of these saw them score 167 against Burnley. The old rivals were looking good at 71-2 but they fell to 138 all out. **'House 10 Burnley 11.**

The 'House-Burnley rivalry was at it's most ferocious in 2008 when the controversy of whether Burnley pro' Kulatunga was or wasn't caught by Finch caused serious repercussions especially at Lowerhouse. It was crucially given not out and Burnley got home. **'House 10 Burnley 12.**

Before 2013 all the clashes between Lowerhouse and Burnley had been in the first or second round but now they were amongst the elite teams and both had been drawn together in the semi-final. The game was at Burnley's Turf Moor ground but rather unsatisfactorily was carried on over two weekends. Burnley cracked the 200 mark with Q Ali top scoring with 76. Even with a stacked batting line-up which saw Matt Walker batting as low as No.9, Lowerhouse were well short at 167. **'House 10 Burnley 13.**

The dream of a 'House-Burnley final was a very realistic possibility in 2014 when the semi-final draw saw them avoid each other. Unfortunately Lowerhouse couldn't quite fulfil their side of the bargain when they put in a below par performance versus Rawtenstall and were narrowly beaten.

The draw wasn't so kind for the semis of 2015. In the second meeting at the semi-final stage in 3 seasons, Lowerhouse's innings of 180 at Liverpool Road. wasn't nearly enough against their powerful neighbours. David Brown making an imperious 91 not out in a 7 wicket Burnley win. **'House 10 Burnley 14.**

Who knows what today's 25th meeting and the very first in a final will bring? It's particularly strange that it should happen just as the number of teams trying to get their hands on the famous silverware has risen to 24. Let's hope the spirit of the match is excellent but, for better or worse, this is not a tombola at the vicarage tea party and the elation of victory and the sour taste of defeat are inevitable in such an epic contest. Let's hope that one side shows class and humility in victory and the other feels no more than a little pain in defeat. Is it in the stars that it'll be **'House 11 Burnley 14** or **'House 10 Burnley 15**?

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BURNLEY PLAYER PROFILES

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DANIEL PICKUP
Captain



Date of birth: 23/04/1986
Batting: Right handed middle order
Bowling: Right arm medium pace
1st XI debut: 2002
Highest score: 115
Best figures: 3-10

CHRIS BURTON
Wicketkeeper



Date of birth: 12/01/1987
Batting: Right handed early order
1st XI debut: 2005
Highest score: 70

CHRIS HOLT



Date of birth: 14/03/1989
Batting: Left handed middle order
Bowling: Slow left arm
1st XI debut: 2008

JOE McCLUSKIE



Date of birth: 07/12/1991
Batting: Right handed lower order
Bowling: Right arm medium pace
Highest score: 56
Best figures: 6-42

LIAM BEDFORD



Date of birth: 21/08/1990
Batting: Right handed early order
Bowling: Right arm medium pace
Highest score: 137
Best figures: 3-23

DAVID BROWN



Date of birth: 08/12/1982
Batting: Right handed early order
Bowling: Right arm medium pace
1st XI debut: 1998
Highest score: 117 not out
Best figures: 5-58

MATT ROBERTS



Date of birth: 12/10/1997
Batting: Left handed early order
Bowling: Right arm medium pace
1st XI debut: 2017
Highest score: 107

TOM LAWSON



Date of birth: 20/07/1999
Batting: Right handed lower order
Bowling: Left arm fast medium
1st XI debut: 2013
Highest score: 16 not out
Best figures: 5-26

QASIM SHAH



Date of birth: 12/01/2002
Batting: Left handed early order
Bowling: Right arm medium pace
1st XI debut: 2016
Highest score: 90

JOEY MARSHALL



Date of birth: 02/03/1984
Batting: Left handed early order
Bowling: Left arm spin
1st XI debut: 2017
Highest score: 112
Best figures: 5-28

STEPHEN BRUNT



Date of birth: 13/06/1977
Batting: Right handed early order
Bowling: Right arm medium pace
1st XI debut: 2003
Highest score: 71
Best figures: 5-34

COLE HAYMAN



Date of birth: 20/09/1994
Batting: Right handed lower order
Bowling: Right arm fast
1st XI debut: 2011
Highest score: 33
Best figures: 6-40

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LOWERHOUSE PLAYER PROFILES

By Ben Heap and Jordan Page

**BEN
HEAP**
Captain



Ben lives and breathes Lowerhouse and has already tasted success as Captain. The hardest working player on and off the pitch, Ben never shies away from a battle. A destructive top order batsman with a huge amount of natural talent.

**CHARLIE
COTTAM**



The most natural sportsman in the team and a fierce competitor.

Charlie is the most successful captain in the history of Lowerhouse CC.

**FRANCOIS
HAASBROEK**



A fan favourite and our ex professional.

Franky is a fantastic player who dominates teams with bat and ball.

**TOQIR
HUSSAIN**



Toxy has settled in well at Lowerhouse and is now an important part of the squad with nearly 50 wickets in one & half seasons.

**JOSEPH
HAWKE**



Hugely talented individual who is now finally starting to back it up with consistency.

Currently one of the best bowlers in the league.

**JOE
MARTIN**
Wicketkeeper



A recent century maker for the first time for Lowerhouse 1st XI and there has been many a good player not achieve that! "Sorry Stan" Nicest man at the club and a top keeper.

**CHRIS
BLEAZARD**



Needs no introduction. One of, if not the best genuine amateur batsman the league has ever seen.

Lowerhouse through and through and can take any attack apart.

**JONATHAN
FINCH**



A hugely experienced player now who gives us an aggressive option with the bat and control with the ball.

One of the few players to do the amateur double.

**PATRICK
MARTIN**



One of the best all rounders in the league and a big game player.

Paddy will play a huge part in the clubs future and break records along the way.

**BENJAMIN
UTTLEY**



Butters is an exciting talent with a bright future.

An aggressive batsman who played a major role in the win at Norden.

**JACK
SIMM**



Jack is another one of the production line and will fulfil the 12th Man duties.

An aggressive top order batsman and definitely one to keep your eye on...

**OCKERT
ERASMUS**
Professional



Unfortunately for Ocky, he misses the final through injury. The lads are gutted for him but he is one mentally tough individual and I've no doubt he will be back in Lowerhouse colours next season challenging for trophies.

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