

Joe Lumb Fixtures 2006

Sunday 14th May

Home At Micklehurst C.C.

Sheffield 200a.o. (Welsh 81, Sanderson 72; G.Buckley 4-52)

Huddersfield 201-5 (B.Ravenhill 49, J.Oldham 72*, R.Lambert 30; Welsh 4-61)

Sunday 4th June

Home At Broad Oak C.C.

Huddersfield 245-9 (T.Denton 81, T.Kemp 50, B.Ravenhill 36; Broadbent 3-49)

Heavy Woollen 246-5 (Atkinson 83, Broadbent 49)

Sunday 11th June

Away At Stokesley C.C.

Huddersfield 229a.o. (T.Denton 47, C.Matthewman 65, J.Oldham 46; Bruton 3-38)

North Yorkshire 174a.o.(Allinson 52, Greenwell 39*; N.Sharp 3-35)

Sunday 25th June

Home At Broad Oak C.C.

Huddersfield 289-9 (G.Buckley 171; Hartley 3-48)

Craven 165a.o. (Geraghty 42, Brown 44; G.Wadsworth 4-52, G.Buckley 3-21)

Sunday 2nd July

Away At Featherstone Town C.C.

Huddersfield 283-7 (T.Denton 112, C.Matthewman 89)

Pontefract 191a.o. (Hussain 90; G.Wadsworth 5-39)

Sunday 16th July

Away At Windhill C.C.

Huddersfield 384-7 (T.Denton 175, G.Buckley 50, S.Scott 63*)

Bradford 126a.o. (G.Buckley 4-18)

Sunday 30th July

Away At Hull Zingari C.C.

East Yorkshire 139a.o. (Drury 43; G.Wadsworth 3-39, B.RavenHill 3-37)

Huddersfield 140-3 (G.Buckley 54*)

Sunday 20th August

Joe Lumb Final

Away At Kexborough C.C.

Barnsley 157a.o. (G.Buckley 4-31)

Huddersfield 159-4 (G.Buckley 99*)

Report on latest match

JOE LUMB FINAL 2006

Huddersfield v Barnsley Sunday 20 August at Kexborough C.C.

Innings BARNESLEY

Jordan ct Kemp b Butterfield 24

Nuttall ct Sharpe b Butterfield 6

Higgins ct & bowled Buckley 57

Bullingham ct Mathewman b Raven Hill 8

Whittaker ct McNamara b Raven Hill 7

Rafiq lbw Buckley 25
Donaghue ct Sharpe b Wadsworth 0
McFadyen ct Kemp b Buckley 4
Reid st McNamara b Buckley 8
Pedler ct Sharpe b Wadsworth 7
Heppenstall not out 3
Extras 8
TOTAL 157 all out

Scott 4 0 20 0
Butterfield 6 2 14 2
Sharpe 6 0 16 0
Denton 3 0 14 0
Raven-Hill 6 0 21 2
Wadsworth 15 3 37 2
Buckley 9 1 31 4

Innings HUDDERSFIELD

Denton ct McFadyen b Rafiq 6
Raven-Hill ct Bullingham b Rafiq 10
Matthewman ct Jordan b Higgins 17
Buckley not out 99
Oldham ct Reid b Heppenstall 6
Kemp not out 5
Extras 19
TOTAL 159 for 4

Rafiq 16 5 51 2
Heppenstall 9.3 1 30 1
Higgins 9 1 37 1
Donaghue 3 1 11 0
Reid 6 1 9 0
Pedlar 5 2 8 0

Huddersfield win by 6 wickets

Huddersfield win the Joe Lumb Cup Competition

Huddersfield won Yorkshire's premier junior cricket competition for the first time since 1992, when they beat Barnsley at Kexborough on Sunday. It was a one-sided final, Huddersfield showed all their character, team spirit and versatility, but they never allowed the unbeaten Barnsley team, who have destroyed seven teams in reaching the final, to show their talent.

During the group matches Barnsley have never lost more than six wickets and have scored a minimum of 230 runs per innings and when Huddersfield won the toss and asked Barnsley to bat first, the big crowd questioned the wisdom of the decision. Captain Raven Hill is nobody's fool and he marshalled his team in an impeccable manner, cleverly rotating seven bowlers and put the batters under constant pressure.

Sam Scott has been the main strike bowler all season and has played a major part in getting Huddersfield to the Final, but Raven Hill did not hesitate in removing him from the attack when his line wavered. Johnny Butterfield and Nicky Sharpe took centre stage, having the star Barnsley batters in all sorts of trouble bowling a line and length, which limited the scoring, built pressure and frustrated the batters.

The introduction of the wonderful spinning trio of off spinner Greg Wadsworth and the two leg spinners Ben Raven Hill and Greg Buckley was eventually too much for Barnsley and they slowly

crumbled under constant pressure. The spinners bowled 30 overs between them and took 8 wickets, but it is fair to say they were softened up by Butterfield and Sharpe.

All the bowlers were supported by an excellent fielding display. Huddersfield have fielded well all season and in the final they took all the catches, chased down every ball and kept the batsmen under constant pressure. The icing on the cake in this excellent Huddersfield team has been the introduction of the Elland's wicketkeeper Jo McNamara. He has immense talent behind the wickets, is a tremendous team player and has played a major part in Huddersfield's success.

Barnsley were eventually dismissed for a modest 157 and with the depth of Huddersfield's batting it was always going to be several runs short of a winning score.

The batting of Tom Denton has been a major part in Huddersfield's success this season, but the England U15 captain and spinner, Rafiq, dismissed Denton and Raven Hill early. At 24 for 2, with the opening pair in the pavilion, Barnsley were aggressively confident, but the smiles were quickly removed with the introduction of Greg Buckley who was well supported by Chris Matthewman in a stand of 86. Buckley, the Micklehurst all rounder, proceeded to destroy the Barnsley attack scoring a match winning 99 not out, hitting 11 fours and 5 sixes. Buckley, a talented cricketer played shots all around the ground and produced a flawless batting display. He missed out on a century but he saw Huddersfield through to a comfortable and outstanding 6-wicket victory.

The group matches began in early May and all the Huddersfield players have played a part in the success. They hunt as a pack, support each other and they are all concerned with team success and not individual achievement. Ben Raven Hill can be proud of his players, Huddersfield can be proud of their team and the players can be proud of themselves. Winning Yorkshire's premier junior cricket competition and most coveted trophy is simply an outstanding performance.

Last, but not least, mention must be made of team manager Richard Dodson, who has done a fantastic job in guiding this team. His efforts, enthusiasm and commitment to the team cause cannot but rub off onto the individuals.