

COAST TO TINKER CUP VICTORY

CASTLETOWN Cricket Club made history on Sunday when they became the first ever Second Division Forester League side to win the premier knockout competition — the Tinker Cup.

After winning the toss Castletown decided to insert Ramsey on a damp lifeless wicket.

Ramsey opens — senior pros Bob Corkill and Les Rawlings — made a steady start, with both looking confident and playing shots on both sides of the wicket.

The wet outfield was proving a handicap to Castletown bowlers Wesley Bond and Alf Oddie with the ball being dried on the sawdust piles after each delivery.

Equally, it could be argued from the Ramsey point of view that the shots from the bat quickly slowed up with the saturated outfield.

With six overs bowled Ramsey intent on a good start had scored only 10 runs. Then in the eighth over with the sun breaking through the heavy cloud cover Alf Oddie got the first ball of the game to lift and Billy Condon took a diving catch behind the wicket to dismiss Bob Corkill with the score on 12.

Oliver Webster survived a confident lbw appeal from Bond before giving a simple caught and bowled chance to Oddie which was jubilantly accepted by the Castletown bowler. So, with Ramsey skipper John Gilford coming to the wicket the

score stood at 17 for 2 wickets.

Paul Baker replaced Bond and in his first over almost had Gilford caught at deep gully when Lol Jenkins made

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a superb attempt to hold a full-blooded cut but just failed to hold what would have been an amazing catch.

However, with only seven more runs added in the 13th over Paul Baker bowled skipper Gilford with the score on 24.

Oddie was rested from the Castletown attack and Peter Baker, joining brother Paul, had immediate success bowling opener Les Rawlings who finally lost his patience, and, trying to force the run rate was comprehensively bowled by Baker's delivery.

Batsmen Crellin and Kinrade took the score on the 29 before David Kinrade fell lbw to Paul Baker and the Ramsey side had slumped to 29 for five.

With the score on 34 in the 18th over, Peter Baker had Steven Crellin well caught at first slip by Roy Crebbin and with the fall of the sixth wicket, Ramsey stalwart Stan Kenyon faced the now "cock-a-hoop" Baker brothers with David Ball being the other batsman.

With the sun now shining brightly Paul Baker struck again, yorking Ball, and Ramsey's seventh wicket had fallen for only 36 runs.

Kenyon was joined by Mark Wilkinson who, though not scoring quickly, thwarted the Castletown attack for a further four overs until once again Paul Baker bowled Wilkinson with the score on 40.

Alf Oddie was recalled to the attack, replacing Peter Baker and promptly had new batsman Dave Oldfield caught at square leg, trying to hook a short ball.

Roger Capewell joined Kenyon, who was proving Ramsey's main hope of salvation, and it was Kenyon who, after

SCORECARD...

RAMSEY			CASTLETOWN			
How out	Bowler		How Out	Bowler		
L. Rawlins Bowled	Peter Baker	17	R. Crebbin Not Out		18	
R. Corkill Caught Condon	Oddie	2	J. Kermodé Bowled	Kenyon	19	
O. Webster Caught & Bowled	Oddie	1	W. Bond Bowled	Capewell	8	
J. Guilford Bowled	Paul Baker	2	Peter Baker Not Out		2	
S. Crellin Caught Crebbin	Peter Baker	2	A. Oddie	} Did Not Bat		
D. Kinrade LBW	Paul Baker	1	D. Kneen			
S. Kenyon Caught & Bowled	Paul Baker	13	Paul Baker			
M. Wilkinson Bowled	Paul Baker	1	B. Condon			
D. Ball Bowled	Paul Baker	1	R. McCullough			
D. Oldfield Caught Jones	Oddie	0	L. Jenkins			
R. Capewell Not Out	Oddie	3	B. Jones			
	Extras	10				
	TOTAL	53				
		all out				
					TOTAL 54	
					For 2 wickets	

BOWLING FIGURES — CASTLETOWN

B'ler	Ovrs	M'dns	Rns	Wkts
W. Bond	5	0	10	0
A. Oddie	8	2	12	3
Peter Baker	6	4	4	2
Paul Baker	10	3	17	5

RAMSEY BOWLING FIGURES

Bowler	Ovrs	M'dns	R'ns	Wkts
L. Rawlins	3	0	14	0
S. Kenyon	7	1	19	1
M. Wilkinson	5	0	13	0
R. Capewell	1	0	1	1

one and a half hours play produced Ramsey's first boundary of the innings.

Capewell, taking a quick single to mid off, brought the 50 up for Ramsey, and with the Castletown fielding proving to be of a high standard, the Ramsey side were finding runs very hard to come by.

Then with Paul Baker in his final over he dismissed Stan Kenyon with a diving catch for a superb caught and bowled decision which signalled the end of the Ramsey innings for 53 runs.

It was a most disappointing batting performance from the Ramsey side who were clearly not happy with the way things had gone when tea was taken.

By contrast, Castletown's Paul Baker must have been delighted by his bowling figures of 10 overs, 3 maidens, 5 wickets for 17 runs.

But so could all the Castletown attack who had bowled tightly and accurately through the entire innings.

When Castletown

commented their reply, openers Roy Crebbin and Juan Kermodé wasted no time at all, taking 22 runs from the first six overs, Ramsey's opening attack of Stan Kenyon and Les Rawlings seemingly not getting the penetration of their Castletown counterparts.

With the lack of success Mark Wilkinson replaced Rawlings in the Ramsey attack but the change did not seem to affect batsman Roy Crebbin who promptly drove the new bowler for two two's on the leg side.

With nine overs bowled Castletown had reached 30 runs without loss. At this point Wilkinson could have considered himself somewhat unlucky not to have collected both openers' wickets when mishit shots fell just short of fielders.

Then with the score on 32 Stan Kenyon bowled Juan Kermodé, who had scored 19 valuable runs.

Wesley Bond joined Crebbin at the wicket and together with quick running between the

wickets took the score into the 40's with Bond scoring a somewhat fortunate four off a top edge from a full toss outside the off-stump, Kenyon straying from his usual line and length.

Crebbin, not to be outdone, turned Wilkinson to leg for four more runs, and with only 14 overs bowled and 26 remaining the Castletown score had moved on to 48 for one wicket.

Roger Capewell was introduced into the Ramsey attack and with his first delivery got the ball to cut back sharply from outside the off-stump and remove Bond's middle stump without the batsman playing a shot.

Peter Baker survived an excellent over from Capewell taking a single in the process. Three further runs came from Wilkinson's over, until, somewhat fittingly, opening batsman Roy Crebbin drove Wilkinson through the covers for two runs to bring the Castletown club victory and his own score to 18, not out in a fine opening knock.

So, for the first time in the I.O.M.C.C. history, a second division Forester League side have won the premier knock-out cup competition.

It's a remarkable achievement by Billy Condon and his team who produced an all-round performance which Ramsey could not match on the day.

Just to make Castletown's day complete the Man of the Match Award presented by Manx Radio went to Castletown's Paul Baker for his outstanding bowling performance.

I.O.M.C.C. president Bill Cook presented the Tinker Cup in front of a larger than usual crowd of spectators and congratulated Castletown on their record-making win.

Skipper Billy Condon, in reply, thanked his entire squad including those who had not been fortunate enough to be selected for the final, for their efforts during the season, and thanked Ramsey for the sporting manner in which the game had been played.

Finch Hill favourites for

DESPITE Cronkbourne's 17 point victory over Southern on Saturday, Finch Hill now look all set to wrest the trophy from the holders.

They need just 15 points from their final game against Ronaldsway on Saturday to clinch victory and, although cricket is noted for producing unexpected

results, on current form Finch Hill should not have too much trouble in gaining a victory.

But perhaps the bonus points required for bowling and batting won't be all that easily gained against a side who, when they set their minds on it, can produce a performance which is far better than

their league position would let us believe.

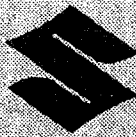
Whilst I confidently expect Finch Hill to be crowned champions on Saturday evening, I don't think it will be as easy as some people seem to think.

TOURING SIDE'S VISIT

This weekend, Fyde

Cricket Club pay a welcome visit to the Island after playing host to Cronkbourne for the past four years when the local side has played on the mainland.

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