

**Golcar v Shepley**  
 Sykes Cup Round One  
 Saturday/Sunday 1st/2nd May 2010  
 Swallow Lane, Golcar

Shepley earned a hard fought win against Sykes Cup holders Golcar when the game resumed on Sunday afternoon on an 'interesting' Swallow Lane pitch. Put in by the hosts, Shepley found it hard going after losing Sam Haigh and Tim Rees early. SP Singh (34) featured in a stand of 43 with Liam Wiles (24) as the visitors reached 69-3. But once Steve Whitwam dismissed both batsmen in his fourth over, the pressure was on. Whitwam, who finished with 5-23, including 4-2 off 7.2 overs. Good bowling, but an indication of how difficult this pitch was. Shepley were finally bowled out for 91 off 41 overs.

Golcar in reply started badly as Whitwam was bowled by Danny Glover off the third ball of the innings. James Sykes and Craig Horner put on 17 for the 2nd wicket before Aussie Leigh Millar took the wickets of Horner, his compatriot Kentish and keeper Wilson in 9 balls to leave Golcar struggling on 19-4. The dogged Sykes (15) and Micky Illingworth (25) took the score to a hopeful 57-4 before four quick wickets fell to Bandula Don Ranjith, Glover and Millar, leaving Golcar on a precarious 63-8. Immediately the eighth wicket fell, the umpires took the teams off in persistent rain and the game carried over to Sunday afternoon. On the resumption, nerves jangled as neither side had any margin for error and the pitch was still demanding. But once Liam Wiles took a superb catch to dismiss Rothery off Ranjith (2-15), Millar (4-32) had France caught by the outstanding Glover (15-8-18-4) to warp up the tie.

**Shepley**

SP Singh	c E Wilson	b S Whitwam	34
Sam Haigh	c C Horner	b A France	7
Tim Rees	c L Rothery	b A France	2
Liam Wiles	c W Hinchliffe	b S Whitwam	24
D Bandula Ranjith	run out		0
Nigel Hoyle	c L Rothery	b S Whitwam	0
Leigh Millar	c E Wilson	b L Kentish	2
Danny Glover*	c B Robshaw	b S Whitwam	2
Sam Denton	run out		4
Steve Sullivant	c L Kentish	b S Whitwam	7
James Walters	not out		0
		Extras(nb2;w1;lb3;b3)	9
		<b>Total</b>	<b>91</b>

**Bowling**

W Hinchliffe	7	2	17	0
A France	5	0	26	2
L Kentish	12	6	18	1
S Whitwam	16	6	23	5
C Horner	3	2	1	0

**Golcar**

James Sykes	C T Rees	b D Glover	15
Steve Whitwam		b D Glover	0
Craig Horner	c D Glover	b L Millar	13
Leigh Kentish	c S Sullivan	b L Millar	1
Eddie Wilson†	c SP Singh	b L Millar	0
Micky Illingworth	c N Hoyle	b DB Ranjith	25
Ben Robshaw	c&b	b D Glover	1
Ashley Pamment	lbw	b D Glover	0
Adam France	c D Glover	b L Millar	8
Liam Rothery	c L Wiles	b DB Ranjith	0
Will Hinchliffe	not out		0
		Extras (lb1;b5;w2)	8
		<b>Total</b>	<b>72</b>

**Bowling**

D Glover	15	8	18	4
L Millar	8.2	0	32	4
DB Ranjith	7	4	15	2

**Shepley beat Golcar by 19 runs**