

Welcome to Barkisland

Like ourselves this ex Halifax League team which was established in 1899 stepped up to join the Drake's League in 2001 and made similar progress to ourselves, taking two years to acclimatise before winning their Conference section and making their debut in the Premier league this term. They just missed promotion in their second season losing in the play-offs to Clayton West. Last season they amassed 129 points giving them 31 spare.

Their batting performances were absolutely superb with three different century makers. It was little surprise that Paul Winrow with five centuries should win the Conference batting prize. He hit no fewer than 1,392 runs at an average of over 107. All-rounder Darren Etheridge was just 13 short of making his 1,000 runs but hit the club's top individual score of 154 to finish with an average of 62. Add to this 83 wickets at 11.29 which placed him second in the conference bowling made him the conference's top all-rounder. His colleague Matthew Steer pushed him out of top spot in the bowling with 50 wickets at 10.6. There were other good support players. J Summerscale made an unbeaten 119 in his 846 run total to average 40. and I. Robinson took 40 wickets at an average of 16.23. Add to this a wicketkeeper N. Oddy, who with 31 victims, including eight stumpings who finished fourth in the averages you have team of many talents who will be hard to beat.

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