

Jim Moncrieff MA

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Jim Moncrieff was a talented and intelligent all round sportsman who played cricket for Bridgeholme in the 1960s and 70s.

He had considerable success in two spells with Todmorden in the Lancashire League between 1948 and 1957, captaining the first eleven to top four finishes in 1949 and 1950.

He also played centre forward for Halifax Town where he scored prolifically in the reserve side. He made reference to his football experiences when speaking at the Hebden Bridge and District Cricket League dinner in 1954. Guest of honour was 24 year old Brian Close and Jim mentioned that he had played against Close at both cricket and football.

President of Hebden Bridge League Club Heptonstall Slack, he was a popular after dinner speaker. At the annual dinner of Mytholmroyd Methodists Cricket Club in 1953, he revealed his sporting philosophy: ‘On your good days remember the bad ones and on your bad days remember the good ones’.

Jim was upset by the demise of the Hebden Bridge League in 1957. Under his presidency Heptonstall Slack remained loyal to the end.

‘The club can do no more. We have two teams in the league and also provide the league secretary.’

Passionate about local sport, Jim was a highly respected figure who made a telling contribution.