

## BRIGHOUSE CC

The Later Years

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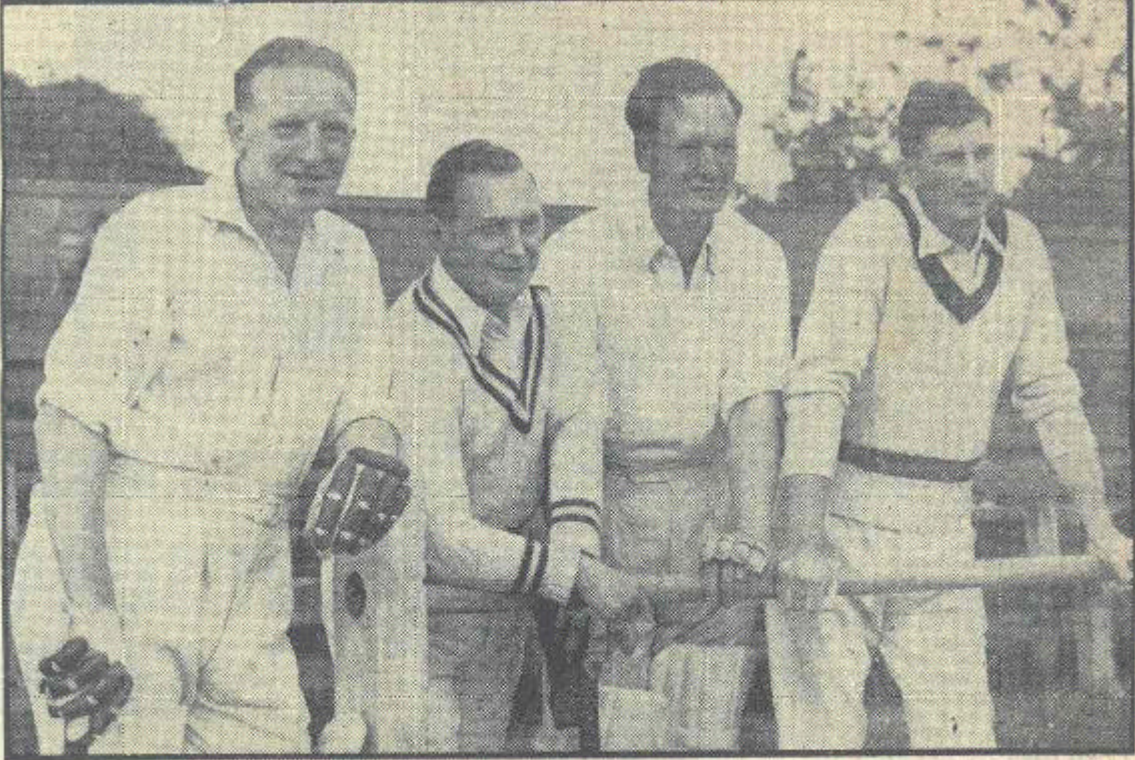
## 1950s – MATCHDAY SCORECARD



Even in the 1950s, local league cricket clubs like Brighouse were reliant on generous and supportive local sponsors.

# Late call-up

## 1950s – PADGETT SIGNS UP



A call to Headingley to act as twelfth man prevented Yorkshire batsman Douglas Padgett from making his debut for Brighouse against Pudsey St. Lawrence, but here is brother Granville (extreme left), the Bradford League's most prolific scoring batsman this season, before the start. Next to him is Pudsey's professional, Terence Webster, who used to be with Brighouse. Geoffrey Hirst, Brighouse's captain, who was bowled by Webster for 15, and Roland Parker, Pudsey's skipper, are seen on the right.

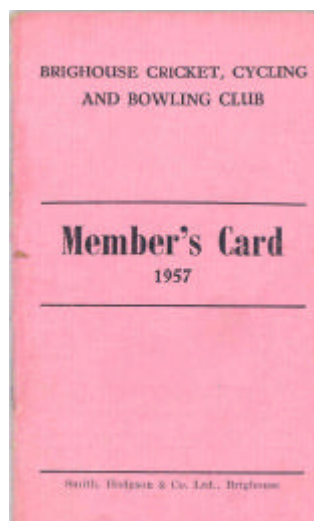
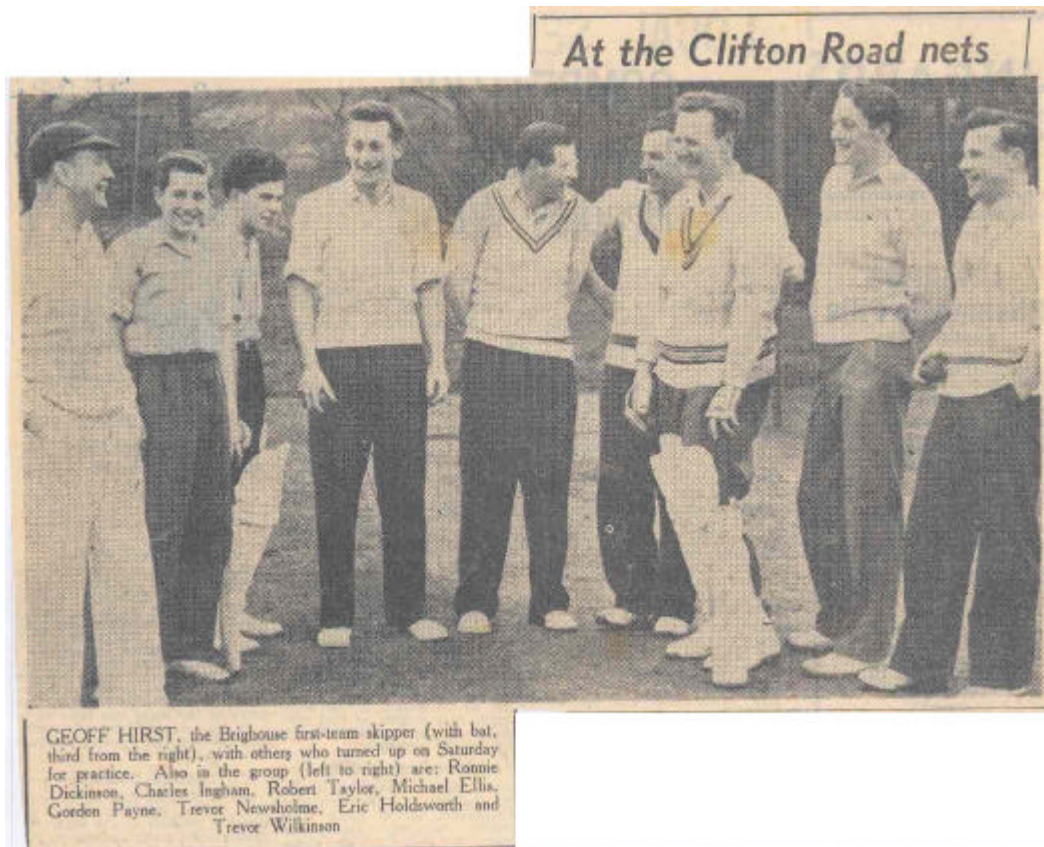
The Brighouse career of Yorkshire prodigy Doug Padgett got off to an inauspicious start...when on the day of his expected debut for the Club he was called up by Yorkshire to fulfil twelfth-man duties.

Padgett would later go onto coach the County side.

# Anyone for nets?

## 1957 – POST-WAR OPTIMISM

By 1957 interest and spirits were clearly high as Brighouse began pre-season practice.



# Test star signs in

## 1959 – MAJOR SIGNING

In Winter 1958 Brighouse pulled off a major coup by signing Frank Lawson, the former Test batsman who had been released by Yorkshire.



Lowson, who scored 15,321 runs in his 9-year career with Yorkshire, had an immediate impact. In his first season Brighouse won the Bradford League Division 2 title and the Waddilove Cup.



**The 1959 1st XI**

# Title winners

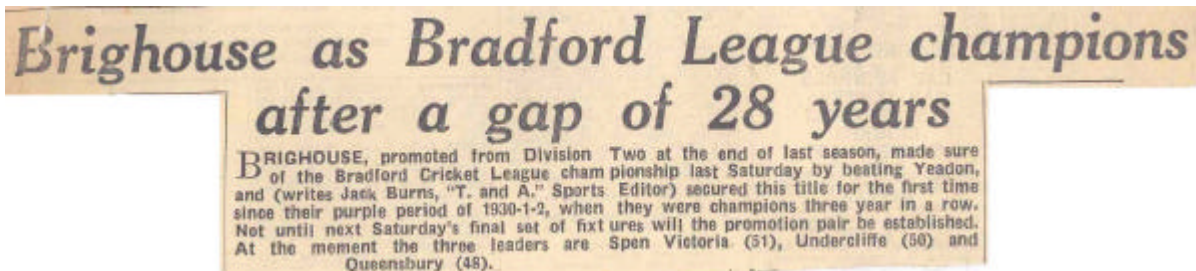
## 1960 – BRADFORD LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

After the initial success which had come with signing Frank Lawson, the 1st XI strode out with confidence to begin the 1960 season.



The Yorkshire Colt David Pickles, who had begun his career down the road at Sowerby Bridge, had joined the Club to strengthen the bowling attack.

By September that confidence had turned to euphoria as, for the first time since 1932, the Bradford League title came to Clifton Road.



The team had achieved the remarkable feat of ending the season undefeated.



**Geoff Hirst: Club skipper in the epic 1960 season**

BRIGHOUSE CRICKET CLUB

1st XI: Winners of Section A and Asa Briggs Cup,  
1960

**Celebration  
Dinner**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd

1960

at 7.0 p.m.

THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS  
BRIGHOUSE

# Rain stop play!

## 1961 – LOCAL DERBY FRUSTRATIONS

The June 1961 encounter between Brighouse and Lightcliffe was washed out completely. The photo below shows a group of disappointed players, but note how smart they looked!



This page from Brighouse captain Geoff Hirst's cricket scrapbook also reveals a couple of other news stories.

# So near, yet so far!

## 1963 – PRIESTLEY CUP SEMI-FINAL

In 1963 Brighouse once again found that the Priestley Cup was an elusive competition to win.



This time they met Farsley in a semi-final which was given extra spice by the inclusion of the successful Brighouse captain of 1960, Geoff Hirst, in the opposition line-up. Hirst had left his home town to live in the Farsley area and had joined up with his local Bradford League club.



Hirst top scored in Farsley's 134 for 9 with a fighting 54, after his side had been reduced to 31 for 3. For Brighouse, Scrimshaw took 6 for 40. But his efforts were in vain as Farr returned identical figures for Farsley as Brighouse were dismissed for a paltry 86.

# End of an era

## 2002 – GROUND MOVE

Brighthouse eventually sold their ground to Tesco and left Clifton Road at the end of the 2002 season.

