

NORTHOWRAM HEDGE TOP CC

The Early Years

WESLEYAN HERITAGE

1919 – FORMATION OF CLUB

Northowram Hedge Top C.C. were originally known as Northowram Wesleyans C.C. – and, as the name implies, were linked to the local Methodist church.



John Wesley,
founder of Methodism

Northowram Wesleyans C.C. was founded in the summer of 1919, only months after the end of the Great War.

The Club played their fair share of friendly matches, but (from 1920) also competed in the Halifax & District Nonconformist League which existed from 1908 to 1939.

One year they reached the final of the Nonconformist League's Mackintosh Cup – and actually beat Pellon Baptists in the final.

They played their home games in a farmer's field north of Heywood Chapel and close to Upper Lane. They eventually moved to what would become their permanent home (Hedge Top Lane) around 1926.

RENAISSANCE TIME!

1926 – RE-FORMATION OF CLUB

As far as can be ascertained from newspaper reports, there followed a period of apparent inactivity.

The Club was then re-formed in 1926 – the year of the General Strike.



1926 strikers

Having relocated to its current site at Hedge Top Lane, immediately adjacent to the premises occupied by the Northowram Parish Church Club, it was accepted into the Halifax & District Amateur League.

Indeed, it is interesting to note that in 1926 clubs representing Heywood Church and Northowram Parish Church both competed in the 1st Division of the Halifax & District Amateur League, while the Wesleyans were in the 3rd Division.

METHODIST MERGER

1937 – NORTHOWRAM METHODISTS

The Club's first name-change occurred in the mid-1930s when the Wesleyan and Ebenezer churches merged, and 'Methodists' became the generally adopted title.



Thus, in 1937 we encounter the Club playing as Northowram Methodists in the Halifax & District Amateur League, 2nd Division.

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**RISHWORTH v. NORTHWRAM
METHODISTS.**

(Halifax and District Amateur League
—Second Division—First Teams.)

NORTHWRAM.

L. Wade b Greenwood	4
R. Riddale lbw b Hampshire	4
K. Moxon b Morton	19
L. Walton b Greenwood	8
W. Howden c Greenwood b Lumb	12
A. Greenwood b Greenwood	4
W. Haigh b Hampshire	8
E. Higham b Lumb	0
L. Riddale not out	22
J. Broughnough b Greenwood	12
J. Ambler c Schofield b Greenwood	2
Extras	9
Total	95

Greenwood, five for 25.

Clough Mills v. Priestley Bros.

(Halifax and District Amateur League
—Fourth Division.)

PRIESTLEY BROS.

J. Pollard c Wincup b Bentley	0
T. Bland c Devine b Chippendale	10
H. Priestley c Sutcliffe b Wincup	0
H. Daveney c Shields b Wincup	0
W. Eddleston b Wincup	14
R. Charlesworth b Wincup	0
J. E. Priestley b Chippendale	0
C. Rodney b Chippendale	0
R. Gledhill not out	1
E. Benn c Ambler b Wincup	0
J. Clay run out	5
Extras	3
Total	33

Wincup: Five for 5.

CLOUGH MILLS.

J. Devine b Daveney	7
J. Shields c Huddleston b Clay	0
F. Chippendale b Clay	7
H. Sutcliffe not out	5
E. Wincup b Daveney	0
J. Bentley lbw b Daveney	0
J. Ambler b Daveney	0
H. Gelder c Priestley b Daveney	12
E. Sykes not out	1
Extras	2
Total (for 7 wickets)	34

Daveney: Five for 4, including "hat-trick."

Mytholmroyd v. Sowerby.

(Halifax Cricket League—Second
Teams.)

SOWERBY ST. PETERS.

A. Parnell lbw Graham	1
A. Broadbent c Kitchen b Graham	2
N. Thwaites b Pitton	5
N. Spragg b F. Greenwood	10
F. Hartley c Walton b Greenwood	17
J. Riley b Greenwood	26
F. Halliwell not out	2
W. Wardle c Tonge b Graham	2
J. Hanson b Pitton	16
W. Laycock c Graham b Pitton	7
H. Haigh b Walton	3
Extras	4
Total	95

MYTHOLMROYD.

F. Walton b Laycock	1
E. Eagen b Wardle	1
T. Crossley not out	1
J. Tonge not out	2
Extras	3
Total (for 3 wickets)	9

Beaumont Bros. v. S.B.C.I.

(Halifax and District Amateur League
—Third Division.)

BEAUMONT BROS.

R. Beaumont b Collins	2
E. Palmer c Turner b Greenwood	4
N. Whitworth b Greenwood	0
T. Edwards c Wiss b Collins	1
W. Riley c Wiss b Collins	0
W. Beaumont c Sutcliffe b Wiss	5
F. Hartman c Greenwood b Collins	4
W. Lawton c Sutcliffe b Collins	4
J. Holmes b Collins	3
E. Barker c Birky b Collins	6
H. Broadbent not out	6
Extras	4
Total	42

Northowram P.C. v. Bradshaw.

(Halifax and District Amateur League
—First Division—Second Teams.)

BRADSHAW.

G. Bentley c Slack b Rispin	1
J. Butterfield c Tellow b Bennett	15
T. Pollard b Rispin	2
H. Cole b Rispin	7
E. Wilman c Milner b Rispin	4
P. T. Lees c Tellow b Bennett	0
W. Birdsell lbw b Rispin	1
W. Sharp c Hammond b Milner	2
R. Farr b Bennett	2
A. Hopkinson c Jocelyne b Rispin	1
H. Hartley not out	0
Extras	3
Total	38

E. Rispin 5 for 12.

NORTHOWRAM P.C.

J. Newton run out	10
F. Jocelyne b Hopkinson	1
N. Barnett b Wilman	1
C. Slack c Bentley b Hopkinson	0
E. Rispin lbw b Wilman	0
E. Tellow c and b Wilman	0
T. M. Birch not out	12
E. Hammond b Hopkinson	0
H. Milner b Wilman	0
J. Heald b Hopkinson	0
A. Fountain b Cole	8
Total	35

Bradshaw won by 3 runs.

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J. E. Haigh not out

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H. Asquith b Sykes
S. Robinson b Ren
J. Broadley b Ren
H. Hunt c Drake b
E. Daniels c Wood
C. Yates b Booth
A. Roberts run out
A. Barlow run out
R. Danks c Booth
D. Freeman not out
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R. Dunsmore b H
E. Woodcock lbw
R. Martin b Hunt
A. Dunwell b Hun
W. Martin run out
A. Walton b Hunt
H. Booth not out
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A. Sykes c Asquith
D. Brake c Brad
G. Benn b Hunt

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Hunt took seven

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J. Fernyough c
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L. Barke c Brock
L. Jackson b Brox
B. Greenwood b
H. Akroyd b Smit
H. Fulcher b Sm
F. Fletcher b Sr
G. Richardson not
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H. Mallinson c
D. Smith c and b
D. Lord c and b
J. Thomas b Gre
J. Rushworth c
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J. Thorpe b F T
L. Bennett b G
W. Standeven lbw
H. Ambler b F T
N. Pickie not out
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LOCAL COMBAT

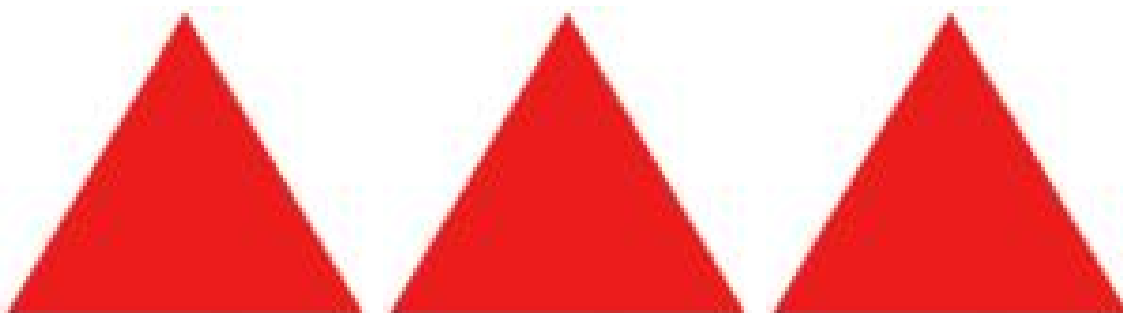
1945 – AMATEUR & RED TRIANGLE LEAGUES



In 1945 – as the Second World War drew to a close - Northowram Methodists (below abbreviated to Northowram) were competing in the Halifax & District Amateur League...

HALIFAX AMATEUR CRICKET LEAGUE					
Section "A."					
	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts
Mytholmrovd	14	11	2	1	23
Warley (2)	14	9	1	4	22
C.-Redman's	14	8	4	2	18
Patons & Baldwins	14	6	4	4	16
Heptonstall	14	6	6	2	14
Wesley	14	3	9	2	8
Halifax N.F.S.	14	3	10	1	7
Bradshaw	14	1	11	2	4
Section "B."					
Battinson Road ...	14	10	0	4	24
Northowram	14	10	0	4	24
Warley (1)	14	8	3	3	19
Sakars	14	5	6	3	13
Stones	14	4	8	2	10
Swifts	14	4	8	2	10
Dempsters	14	2	10	2	6
Hebden B. N.F.S. ...	14	1	9	4	6

...and also the Red Triangle League, a local evening cricket competition.



Red Triangle League

Knock-out cup competition, 2nd rd:
 Stones 94 for 8 (J. Cox 55 not out),
 Y.M.C.A. 94 for 9 (R. Barker 53);
 replay at Spring Hall, Monday, July
 30. Sowerby Bridge 67 for 5 (H.
 Copley 35), King Cross 84 for 7.
 Semi-finals to be played before
 August 10 are: Halifax v. Stones
 or Y.M.C.A., King Cross v. Siddal.

League results: Siddal v. Illing-
 worth St. Mary's not to hand; Sow-
 erby Bridge 71 for 3, King Cross 74
 for 2; R.E.S. Gym. 73 for 9, Halifax
 93 for 7 (V. Drake 39); Y.M.C.A. 98
 for 3 (D. Deadman 48 not out).
 Elland 35; Northowram Meth. 61
 (D. Gelder 31), Stones 50 (R. Gallo-
 way 5 for 6).

LEAGUE TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Y.M.C.A.	13	8	3	2	28
Halifax	14	8	4	2	26
Sow. Bridge ..	13	8	4	1	25
King Cross....	*11	6	3	1	19
Stones	*14	5	6	2	17
Elland	10	5	4	1	16
Northowram ..	*13	5	6	1	16
Illingworth ..	11	4	6	1	13
R.E.S. Gym. ..	12	2	9	1	7
Siddal	*11	2	8	0	6

* Results in abeyance: Stones v.
 King Cross, Northowram v. Siddal.
 Next week's matches: Illingworth
 St. Mary's v. Northowram Meth.
 Wednesday, August 1: Stones v.
 R.E.S. Gym.; Sowerby Bridge v.
 Y.M.C.A.; Elland v. Siddal; King
 Cross v. Halifax.

STAR PAIR!

1945 – REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

The Club also supplied two players for a special representative match that was staged in 1945 – Messrs Birch and Dalton.

The teams for the Halifax Amateur Cricket League match, at Spring Hall, this week-end, are:

Section "A": W. Maude, capt. (Warley), J. Croxley, Junr. (Mytholmrovd), H. Newsome (Churchill R.), J. Blackburn (Patons and Baldwin), R. Garforth (Patons and Baldwin), G. Beck (Wesley), E. Branmer (Warley), H. Smith (Heptonstall), A. Booth (Halifax N.F.S.), A. Hopkinson (Bradshaw), G. Fawthron (Patons and Baldwin), Reserve, R. Atkinson (Churchill R.).

Section "B": W. Moses, capt. (Battinson Road), J. Tattersall (Warley), C. Lister (Warley), C. Pugh (Hebden Bridge N.F.S.), H. Birch (Northowram), E. Dalton (Northowram), A. Cotton (Sagars), E. Lalle (Demsters), B. Simms (Swifts), Webster (Battinson Road), D. Francis (Warley), Reserve, R. Scott (Sagars).