

Fire Ball?

'Whilst it is acknowledged that Lindwall, Statham and Tyson can deliver cricket balls at tremendous speed, it is doubtful if any of them has ever set fire to a batsman. Yet this spectacle was witnessed at a Parish Cup game between Mytholmroyd Methodists and Triangle on Wednesday night.

'A delivery from one of the Triangle bowlers struck a Methodist batsman on the thigh. Immediately afterwards a puff of smoke was seen to come out of the batsman's pocket.

'Aftermath. Roars of laughter from the spectators and a burnt pocket for the batsman.'

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