

# Past Fartown Matches

**Friday July 16<sup>th</sup> 1875**

- Arranged by St Johns club
- Match began on Thursday at Fartown
- Mr Gilbert and Mr Kennedy replaced Philips and Heaty for the south team, and Mr Hornby was added to the north team
- Play started at 1.30pm
- 1,000 spectators
- toss favoured south
- W.G Grace started play
- Second over =1 for 6
- Seventh over=2 for 7
- 2,000 spectators arrived by lunch

## **WEATHER**

‘cold wind’

‘threatening aspect of the weather’

For a man who played his cricket in an era of poor pitches and limited preparation, Grace was a phenomenon.

Over the course of 43 years, William Gilbert scored 54,896 first-class runs, 126 centuries and took 2,876 wickets.

It is just a shame his myriad of skills were on the wane by the time he made his Test debut at the age of 32.

It was the allure of the Australians that saw him take the step up in class and he scored 152 on his debut.



Two years later, the father of the game was part of England's first home defeat.

Despite top-scoring he could not stop a loss that marked the "death" of English cricket and the birth of the Ashes.

He was also the first English captain to surrender the urn when England lost in 1891/92 - his only overseas series. But those lows were far outweighed by the magnitude of his achievements. The doctor was powerfully efficient, aggressive and orthodox even in later years when he remained revered throughout cricketing circles.



## Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 1875

- decided play would not close until 6.30pm on Saturday

### SCORES at the end of Thursday

W.G.GRACE.....	<b>92</b>
W.R GILBERT.....	<b>1</b>
J.M COTTERHILL.....	<b>2</b>
C.CHARLWOOD.....	<b>3</b>
G.F GRACE.....	<b>36</b>
R.FILLERY.....	<b>8</b>
F.SILCOCK.....	<b>1</b>
H.PHILIPS (not out).....	<b>1</b>
T.HUMPHREY.....	<b>1</b>
EXTRAS.....	<b>8</b>
TOTAL.....	<b>158</b>

Scholes v Farnley Tyas 10<sup>th</sup> July  
Farnley Tyas won  
Game played at Fartown  
'Great cricket match'

- Nottinghamshire v Yorkshire
  - At St Johns ground
  - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August
  - 2,000-3,000 spectators
  - Yorkshire captain was R Iddason
  - Yorkshire won the toss and decided to bat
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- First ball by J.C Shaw
  - Second over = 1 for 4
  - Play was 'exceedingly good throughout'
  - Play recommenced at three o'clock after dinner
  - Rain interrupted proceedings at five o'clock but play was resumed shortly after
  - When stumps were drawn the score was:

CLAYTON.....	4
SMITH.....	78
A GREENWOOD.....	23
LOCKWOOD.....	10
MORLEY.....	24
ULYETT.....	6
ARMATIGE.....	4
PINDER.....	3

