

Promotion bid boosted by new signings

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D E T E R M I N E D Marsden, pipped for promotion in the last two seasons, have recruited four new players to boost their bid for a return to top-flight Drakes Huddersfield League cricket.

New Zealand batting specialist Michael Lamont, Lancastrian Andrew Harris, an opening bowler, and Sheffield student John Stopford, a wicketkeeper, arrive at Hemplow while all-rounder James Bramhall returns after a year at Penistone.

Marsden skipper Norman Clee hopes the signings will help counter the loss of David Nosworthy and Nigel Doyle, last season's winners of the league's batting and bowling prizes respectively.

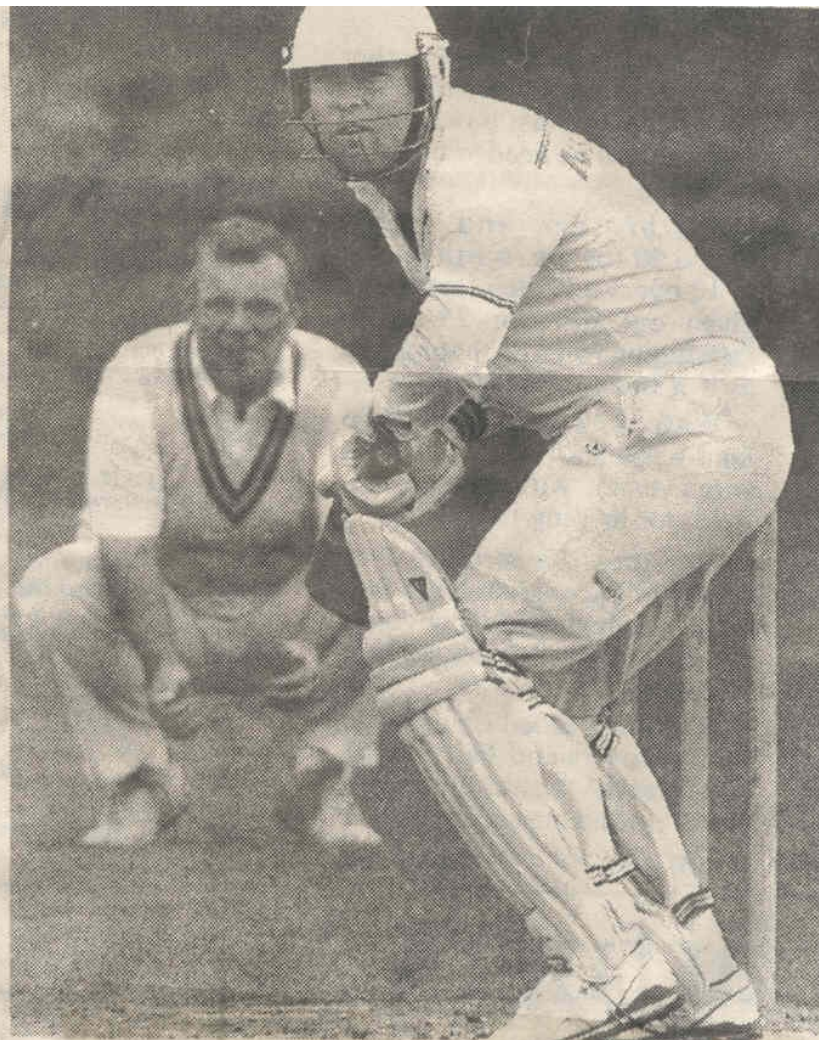
Nosworthy, who made 1,061 runs at 88.42 to take the award for the second season running, is remaining in South Africa, where he works in the pharmaceuticals industry.

Slow left-armer Doyle, who took 44 wickets at 13.86, is returning to Central Lancashire League Milnrow, where he played for three seasons before his move to Marsden last year.

The pair will be a hard act to follow, but both Lamont, 25, and Harris, 19, have the pedigree to fill the gaps.

The Kiwi left-hander, who topped 1,000 runs for Scottish club Kilmarnock last summer, plays first-class cricket for Otago in his home country and figured against England for the UBIX XI during last year's tour.

Meanwhile seamer Harris has landed a contract with Derbyshire after claiming



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more than 50 victims for Central Lancashire League Ashton last season. He is currently playing in Australia.

Stopford takes over the gloves from Graham Senior, who is retiring after 10 years with the Colne Valley club.

The 20-year-old, who rep-

resented Derbyshire Under 19s as a wicketkeeper, has spent the last two seasons with Glossop in the Lancashire and Cheshire League.

Marsden, relegated from Section "A" in 1990, missed out on promotion by two points last year and three the season before.