



OUR FIRST CLASS PRODUCTS

No commemorative booklet of the kind produced by any cricket club would be complete without a summary of the careers of those members who started their cricket with the club, and achieved county or international level. Almondbury has produced two such players in its first century, Ronnie Aspinall and Eddie Leadbeater.



Ronnie Aspinall joined the club as a junior, and soon made his mark as a pace bowler, and useful batsman, and before being called upon to serve with H.M. forces during the second world war, had achieved first eleven standard. While serving with the Middle East Forces, he played a good deal of cricket in the company of players of county standard.

On return to civilian life, Ronnie played some matches with the Yorkshire Colts, and in the Bradford league, and in due course became the opening bowler for the first eleven. It was very unfortunate, when at the height of his career, he suffered an ankle injury which gave persistent trouble, and which eventually forced him to step down from the Yorkshire team.

He subsequently recovered sufficiently to play for Durham and throughout his playing days was always ready to assist Almondbury whenever he was available, and permitted by league rules - he was in fact a regular member of the champion team of 1950.

Since retiring as a player, Ronnie has been elected to the first class panel of umpires, and can be seen regularly officiating at county matches.

Eddie Leadbeater - another of our home produced first class players - started in the junior eleven at an early age, and during the early years of the war, quickly gained a regular place in the first eleven.



After serving in the forces, he returned to Almondbury as professional and has spent many years with the club in that capacity. He has been a very consistent slow leg spin bowler over a period of thirty years or more, and has taken over 1300 wickets in the Huddersfield League alone.

From 1949 to 1952, Eddie played for Yorkshire, taking 192 wickets and scoring 900 runs. In 1951, he was called upon as a replacement by M.C.C. in India, and played in two tests out there.

He later joined Warwickshire, and followed with professional appointments in the Central Lancashire and Bradford Leagues before returning to Huddersfield League, and we are very pleased to have his services once again in this centenary season.

The resume of his career would not be complete without reference to his ability with the bat, and agility in the field which have been of a high standard throughout the whole period. His greatest and most entertaining innings for our Club was his 105 in 1962 cup final against Paddock.

We look forward to seeing him demonstrate the art of legspin bowling for many years to come.

List of Professionals who have played for Almondbury.

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| E. Achong | E. Leadbeater |
| F. Barlow | S. Messenger |
| Bartells | O. Morris |
| W. Cockburn | M. Nicholls |
| A. Eato | S. Norton |
| H. Fisher | S. Oliver |
| F. Furr | B. Rodkin |
| L. Harrop | R. Scarley |
| T. Hirst | W. Utley |
| P. Hodson | P. S. Whitley |

THE HIGHEST SCORE FOR 100 YEARS

(Fenton Brook)

On June 27th 1942 Fenton Brook scored 200 for Almondbury in a home match against Lockwood. This is a record for time limit cricket in Huddersfield. Under different rules there has been a score of 211 which is the league record.

Fenton Brook, who played before, during and after the second war, was a fine all-rounder. He completed the league double of 500 runs and 50 wickets several times.

As can be imagined, he was a very hard hitting batsman, and regularly completed his fifty in very short time. He combined strength with flexibility, and immaculate timing, and was devastating on occasions. He was also a useful seam bowler who maintained an accurate length.

We have reproduced the score sheet of the match in which he scored 200.

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SECTION "B."
ALMONDBURY.

Date.	Club.	Gr.	Result
Apr. 15	Thongsbridge	...	Away
" 22	Armitage Bridge	...	Home
" 29	Kirkheaton	...	Away
May 6	Slaithwaite	...	Home
" 13	Marsden	...	Away
" 20	Lockwood	...	Home
" 27	Dalton	...	Away
" 29	(W.M.) Kirkburton	...	Away
" 30	(W.T.) Kirkburton	...	Home
June 3	Sykes' Cup 1st Round Shepley	...	Home
" 10	Shepley	...	Home
" 17	S.C. 2nd Rnd.
" 24	Thongsbridge	...	Home
July 1	S.C. 3rd Rnd.
" 8	Armitage Bridge	...	Away
" 15	Sykes' Cup Semi-Final
" 22	Kirkheaton	...	Home
" 29	Slaithwaite	...	Away
Aug. 5	Sykes' Cup Final Tie	...	Fartown
" 12	Marsden	...	Home
" 19	Lockwood	...	Away
" 26	Dalton	...	Home
Sept. 2	Shepley	...	Away

Cricket Club Averages

ALMONDBURY FIRST ELEVEN BATTING

	ins.	n.o.	runs.	h.s.	av.
W Bedford ...	18	4	382	71*	27.28
R Harris ...	19	1	487	81*	27.05
I Lindley ...	21	3	451	70	25.05
P McNab ...	16	3	244	59*	18.76
G Harrison...	10	4	281	48	18.73
F Laycock...	17	3	221	32	15.78
F Pickering...	21	3	277	53	15.38
E Leadbeater...	15	2	136	39	10.40
D Gledhill ...	10	4	60	23	10.00

BOWLING

	o.	m.	r.	w.	av.
G Harrison ...	162	25	547	44	12.43
E Leadbeater...	190	14	882	65	13.26
F Pickering ...	141	14	504	35	14.40
F Laycock ...	82	7	327	19	17.21

Also bowled: J Ward.

SECOND ELEVEN

Batting.—H Rice 22.56, J Hallsworth 19.33, H Meachen 17.18, B Firth 15.53, A Armstrong 15.20, J Denbigh 15.03, F Swallow 12.53, J Robshaw 7.10, R Hallsworth 5.00, K Driver 4.5, T Willcox 2.5.

Bowling.—H Meachen 8.21, R Hallsworth 9.00, H Rice 11.30, J Robshaw 15.11.

Catching.—H Meachen 8, H Rice 7, J Denbigh 7, R Hallsworth 7. A Armstrong caught 2 stumped 4.

ELLAND

FIRST ELEVEN BATTING

	ins.	n.o.	runs.	h.s.	av.
H Walker ...	22	6	939	110	58.75
A Chapman...	21	2	603	104	31.73
F H Sykes ...	18	4	344	82	24.37
W S Hammond...	12	2	223	62	22.30
L Hellwell...	13	5	107	54	20.87
A Walker ...	17	3	275	53	19.64
G Askew ...	14	4	195	74	19.50
S Richardson ...	10	4	107	34	17.83

Also batted: H Holroyd, P Silversides, E Farrar, C Whiteley, W Dennis, W H Holmes, J Orton, T Wilkinson, W Bone, D Bell, W Mitchell.

BOWLING

	o.	m.	r.	w.	av.
W Dennis...	329	56	1028	81	12.69
E Farrar ...	149.4	23	582	34	16.32
W S Hammond	127.1	15	469	20	23.45

Also bowled: A Walker, H Holroyd, G Askew, W Mitchell, R Crossley, D Bell.

Huddersfield FIRST ELEVEN BATTING

	ins.	n.o.	runs.	h.s.	av.
H Fisher ...	22	7	591	77	39.40
K Schofield ...	18	3	489	187	32.69
E Walker ...	21	3	571	90*	31.72
H Dunnill ...	17	1	333	55	20.81
A R Lockwood	8	1	100	43*	20.00
G V England	9	4	87	27*	17.40
R E Haigh ...	11	3	126	23	15.75
C H Crowther	17	2	226	31	15.06
J F Mollitt ...	8	2	60	22*	10.00

Also batted: F Smith, F S Brigg, J T Sykes, S B Fielding, M A Taylor, H Pember, M Grindrod and W J Poppleton.

BOWLING

	o.	m.	r.	w.	av.
H Fisher ...	337.2	80	896	93	9.63
S B Fielding...	153.6	21	597	38	15.71
M A Taylor...	141.1	11	557	31	17.95

Also bowled: E Walker, J T Sykes and G V England.

Catches: K Schofield 14, F S Briggs 12, E Walker 8, H Fisher 6, J F Mollitt 5.

RASTRICK

FIRST ELEVEN BATTING

	ins.	n.o.	runs.	h.s.	av.
A Carter ...	19	1	476	108*	26.44
T Oldham...	21	1	501	88	25.05
J Horner ...	16	4	280	46*	23.33
C Sykes ...	21	—	458	75	21.68
C Horner...	9	1	157	74	19.35
M Taylor ...	7	1	110	44	18.33
F Norman ...	15	4	180	42	16.36
K Holmes...	16	3	164	40	12.81
H Horner ...	6	4	24	9*	12.00
E H Hill ...	12	5	49	18	7.00
J R Newsome...	11	1	88	23*	6.80

Also batted: H Broadbent, S Mellor, L Mossley.

BOWLING

	o.	m.	r.	w.	av.
M H Hill...	230	34	681	52	13.09
H L Br'dbent	67.1	6	249	17	14.64
K Holmes ...	104	12	471	24	19.62
H Horner ...	83.5	7	403	20	20.15

Also bowled: F Norman.

Catching: C Sykes 17, E H Hill 8.