

# It's Haley's best yet <sup>17.7.76</sup>

EVERGREEN bowler Ken Haley—26 years a league cricketer — is spearheading Birstall's promotion bid in one Central Yorkshire League section of the Yorkshire Council.

When Birstall kept on the winning trail with a nine-wicket victory over East Ardsley, Haley grabbed a career-best 4 for

7, supported by Denis Johnson (5 for 15). As they combined to send East Ardsley packing for a modest 55, Haley completed his first-ever half-century of wickets.

Ace run-getter Robert Horner scored a brilliant 61 for Colton in the Leeds League. His effort enabled Colton to win by seven wickets at Kirkstall.

# VETERAN HALEY MAKES HIS MARK

OLD HAND Ken Haley is celebrating his 26th year in League cricket in Yorkshire with his best ever bowling. The Birstall star brought his total wickets so far this season to the 50 mark when East Ardsley crashed to a nine-wicket defeat in their Yorkshire Council match. Haley reached the mark with a 4-7 return and in partnership with Denis Johnson (5-15) kept Birstall firmly on the promotion path.

Tough luck for Rotherham run-getter Alf Simmonite. He scored a sparkling 104 out of his side's 157 for eight in a lone battle in the Yorkshire League game at York. But Simmonite's effort was in vain as York won by five wickets, thanks to Alec Backhouse's 68 not out.

Former England pace bowler Harold Rhodes is the driving force behind Bowling Old Lane's championship challenge in the Bradford

League. He has collected more than 50 wickets so far and added another five yesterday when Laisterdyke were dismissed cheaply.

Rhodes took five for 30 and clubmate Mike Kendall took the other five for 43 as Old Lane, third in the table, moved closer to the top two. Idle and Pudsey St Lawrence, who figured in a draw despite a 5 for 15 spell by Idle's Peter Kippax.

A hundred in 76 minutes by opener Barry Gott—his first century of the season—helped Lascelles Hall to strengthen their hold on the Huddersfield League Section B Championship and make them almost certain for promotion.

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## Three defeats cost promotion



Birstall Cricket Club prizewinners, back, from left: D. Sadler, D. Gill, D. Johnson, G. Hobson, G. Johnson. Front: M. Wadsworth, K. Haley, A. Hobson, P. Haley.

**A SPELL** of three successive defeats had cost Birstall their chance of Central Yorkshire Cricket League promotion, reported Cricket secretary, Mr. K. Haley, at the club's annual meeting.

Looking to next year, he said David Jones had accepted the captaincy again and that several players had intimated that they would join Birstall.

Prizewinners were: First team batting — D. Gill; bowling — K. Haley;

fielding — G. Hobson. Second team batting: D. Sadler; bowling — G. Johnson; fielding — P. Haley. Third team batting — D. Sadler; bowling — A. Hobson.

Club secretary Mr. A. Wright reported that the first loan had been repaid and that £1,000 had been spent on improving the ground's surround. Long term plans were in hand for the provision of new toilets. Membership had increased to 600.

He pointed out that the club was still a cricket club with social facilities and not a social club which played cricket.

Treasurer Mr. C. Fox reported a surplus on the year of £2,628. Officers elected: president, Mr. Haley; secretary, Mr. Wright; treasurer, Mr. Fox.

Awards for the most promising juniors were made to A. Hobson and M. Wadsworth.