

THIS PLAQUE  
IS TO COMMEMORATE THE MATCH  
HUDDERSFIELD v HOLMFIRTH (1ST XIS)  
AT FARTOWN.  
ON SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 1943.

SCORE :-

HOLMFIRTH 30.  
HUDDERSFIELD 6.

HOLMFIRTH TEAM

O. SYKES. (CAPTAIN)

C. HALEY.

W. GREENWOOD.

F. BATTYE.

J. SANDFORD.

B. CLOUGH.

C. ATKINSON.

L. ARMITAGE.

D. THORPE.

V. DEARNLEY.

A. H. NOBLE. (PROFESSIONAL)

BOWLING PERFORMANCES :-

A. H. NOBLE. 6. WKTS. FOR 3. RUNS.

F. BATTYE. 3. WKTS. FOR 2. RUNS.

# All out for six!

PADDOCK'S recent dismissal for 12 at Thongsbridge was the lowest score in Huddersfield League limited overs cricket.

But Holmfirth proudly hold the all-time record for dismissing a side for the lowest score in first team cricket.

And, as Dougie Boothroyd was quick to point out on Saturday, they've a plaque in the clubhouse to commemorate the day they dismissed Huddersfield for six at Fartown on Saturday, September 4, 1943.

That came after Holmfirth had collapsed for 30.

Boothroyd recalled:

"Arthur Noble was our professional at the time and after we had been dismissed he demanded his tea, saying to the Huddersfield captain 'Who says you are going to get them.' And afterwards, Arthur said to the opposition 'Never count your chickens until they're in t' pot.'"

Noble took six for three and Fred Battye had three for two and the plaque shows the Holmfirth team for the day was: O Sykes (capt), C Haley, W Greenwood, F Battye, B Clough, C Atkinson, L Armitage, D Thorpe, V Dearnley, A H Noble (pro).

Walter Greenwood, in fact, is just one of four surviving trustees of the club—the others being David Hutson, Dennis Marshall and Jack Whitworth.

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HUDDERSFIELD'S game against Holmfirth at Fartown was an extraordinary one. When Holmfirth, with only ten men, were all out for a meagre 30 runs, Huddersfield seemed to have the points fairly safe. The majority of the crowd arriving for the football match assumed the result a foregone conclusion, but once again the "glorious uncertainty" of the game was demonstrated. Huddersfield were all out for exactly 6 runs and, as the score suggests, the bowlers were almost unplayable!

## ALL OUT FOR 6

HUDDERSFIELD'S total score of six against Holmfirth in a Huddersfield and District Cricket League game at Fartown is believed to be a record low one. Earlier this season Kirkheaton were dismissed by Lockwood for seven and some years ago the old Linthwaite Hall side were also sent back for seven. For Holmfirth A. H. Noble, the professional and fast bowler, took six wickets for three runs and Fred Battye, three wickets for two runs. Hall Bower are almost certain to become champions of the senior section of the League, but they still need one point to make sure. Their nearest challengers are Elland.

# When opposition was skittled for just six!

A RECORD was set by Holmfirth Cricket Club 50 years ago tomorrow. On September 4, 1934, Holmfirth rewrote the records when they took on Huddersfield in their Huddersfield and District League Section A.

Holmfirth were responsible for a new low score as they skittled the opposition for six runs. The total included one extra which came from a no-ball.

This created a new low score record for the league which had been in operation for 52 years.

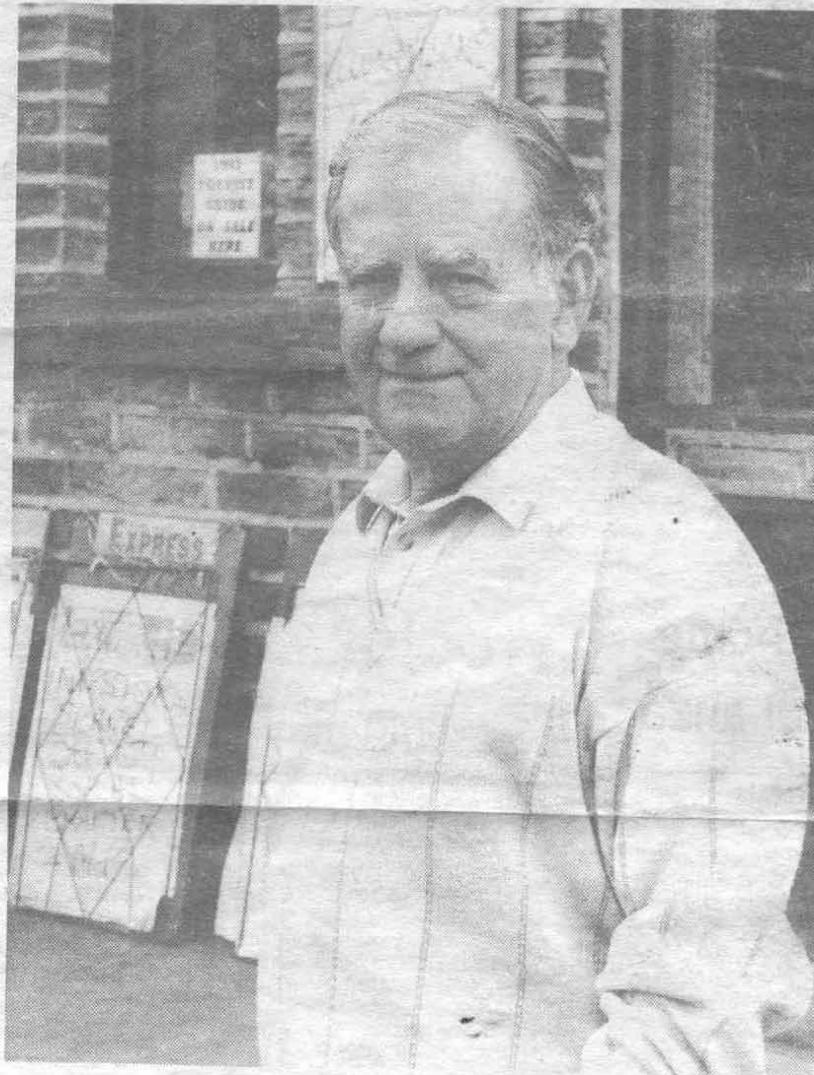
A member of that history-making side brought the anniversary to the attention of the Express.

Les Armitage, who now lives at Salendine Nook, said: "The low score was created after Holmfirth had batted first and been dismissed for only 30 runs.

"The match was played at Fartown on the same day as the annual rugby league season charity opener against Halifax RLFC when spectators were able to watch our game and almost all of the rugby game — our's being all over in about one and a half hours.

"Although the game was played during the war years when many cricketers were serving in HM Forces, the Huddersfield team included many well known players of that era including W H Bolt, M Grindrod, J F Falck and F Barlow (pro). A press report on the match stated: "Bowlers on both sides were well on top. Holmfirth took first knock on a dead wicket but they could do little with the bowling of Frank Holroyde, the Oxford cricket Blue and Barlow, the professional, who bowled unchanged.

"The Holmfirth opening batsman O Sykes, the captain, was soon back in the pavilion but Atkinson kept up his end and with Cyril



Les Armitage — vivid memories. Photo: Valley News Pictures

Haley shared the honour of being highest scorer with 11.

"Holmfirth, by the way, played only 10 men. Holroyde had seven of the wickets at low cost and Barlow the other two.

"The Huddersfield batting collapsed even more thoroughly than in the game at Broad Oak when the side was dismissed for 21. Noble, the professional, and Battye, bowled remarkably well on a wicket which, on the whole, gave them little help and they were helped by some remarkable fielding.

"The highest scorer was Harry Dunnill with two and Grindrod, Holroyde and Barlow succeeded in scoring a single.

"There was one extra, a no ball from Noble.

Noble had six wickets for three runs and Battye three wickets for two runs."

Mr Armitage, who failed to get off the mark with the bat but took one catch, added: "To commemorate the event a plaque was installed in the Holmfirth pavilion. I wonder if it still exists? "I believe that record still stands 50 years later. If so it is something for Holmfirth Cricket Club to be pleased about in a season which has not been very successful I understand."

After serving in HM forces Mr Armitage played with the first and second teams at Holmfirth before playing with Holmfirth in the Central League.

He took up crown green bowling and now bowls occasionally in the Huddersfield Veterans' League.

He still watches some local cricket in Huddersfield's District and Central leagues. Mr Armitage added:

"Regrettably, I understand in addition to myself there are only three other members of the team surviving - Clifford Atkinson, Dougie Thorpe and Benny Clough." Mr Armitage said Clifford Atkinson went on to play with Broad Oak in the Huddersfield League and Benny Clough finished his cricket career at Holmbridge. Dougie Thorpe still plays with Cartworth Moor's 2nd XI.