

Kirkburton Win Championship For First Time

ASSOCIATION

Birchcliffe Achieve Fine Double

By virtue of their brilliant display, Birchcliffe secured themselves at the championship of Section "A" of the Associated Leagues. They had previously won the Gains Cup.

Outings who were Birchcliffe's main challengers needed a win this match to keep their hopes alive.

Birchcliffe were well set up and were given a fine start by Brock and M. and D. Williams against an Opposition which was without their leading bowler, P. Granger, who had to leave the field, however, bowled only steadily in the 5-50.

Outings were left with only one and a quarter hours to get the run and make a brave bid in the face of some good bowling by P. Williams (15-56), C. Thomas and F. Granger, who bowled from the start. The Opposition were all out for 122, having received orders to third the number of overs they received to Birchcliffe.

Improved Chances

Almondbury Wesley improved their chances of staying in Section "A" by beating Marple, who lost 500 to the local side. A. M. Wainwright captained the team.

Marple being bowled with a five stage 50-4, P. Whitman (1) was well receiving good support from the other batsmen and he improved his position to 126. A. M. Wainwright was in the form with his ball taking 4-48.

Almondbury open a good attack when they began their rally but a good stand between P. Wain (51) and F. Leary (41) changed the situation and they gained a few more runs.

Marple N.R. bowled 150 and played in the second for while Marple were being bowled out. The match was being played.

Despite a fine spell of bowling by P. Wain (15-48), Marple received a blow of 112 (1) and were bowled out for 122. A. M. Wainwright was in the form with his ball taking 4-48.

J. Wain (15-48) and P. Drake (15-48) dominated the match and for only 20 runs had quite a struggle 50-100, however, the two wickets in scoring the match early time. P. Wain took 4-48 for 5 runs.

R.A.F.A. Promoted

Roose Motors who have been the outstanding side in Section "B" will be promoted into Section "A" next season by R.A.F.A.

R.A.F.A. were without a game on Saturday since scheduled fixture with Birky C.C. having been played previously, and their current challengers Britannia Works failed with their last chance of catching them, losing by the margin of eight wickets to Roose Motors.

A fine spell of bowling by R. Grange (15-22) was largely responsible for the defeat of Britannia Works, who were all out for a meagre 37.

Meltham Make Sure Of Promotion

No team can have had to fight harder to clinch the championship of Section "A" than Kirkburton did against Slaithwaite on Saturday in the Huddersfield and District Cricket League. And nothing could have been more fitting than that veteran Fred Haigh should make the winning hit with one wicket to fall.

Equally as good as Kirkburton's performance in winning the championship for the first time has been Slaithwaite's feat of making 100 runs of promotion from Section "A". They achieved a last spell of 100 runs in the second, but were well supported by their batsmen and their easy victory was sealed with a final run on Saturday evening.

At present they are three points ahead of their nearest rivals, who are undefeated in their last eight matches, and the issue may finally rest on scoring averages.

Section "A"

BRADLEY MILLS 111

A fifteen-year-old, Richard McNeil, was the architect of the home team's victory in this game. Coming in after the first two wickets had fallen for six runs, he batted steadily and the total had reached 27 before he was caught off his stumps for 29. K. Headman bowled well to take 4-26, but 100 runs were made up by some good batting by the Bradley Mills batsmen, chief of whom was M. Thompson, with 20. Headman failed with the ball however, and four Eiland men were out for 41. Then S. Richardson and B. Brock put some together in a useful stand to take the total to 81.

DALTON 11

This match finally succeeded Dalton in relegation after only one season in Section "A". There was no hint of the former performance of mine when J. Kay and J. Richardson got on to the first wicket, but when Whitman came out the next four wickets went down for only 8 runs. Harland and Kay took the score to 51 before Kay was out for 36 and Harland then dismissed to 21 and 10. Thongbridge were soon in trouble, a fine spell by Brian Evans running out R. Wain for 1-200, but they showed a commendable will in the end, A. Hoyle being undefeated with 47.

HOLMFIRTH 176-8 dec

Holmfirth's hopes have rested rather too heavily on Fred Jackson in recent weeks. Hence their disappointing defeat, but he did not let them down on Saturday. He dominated the proceedings with an unbeaten innings of 152, and only R. Kirk (25) of the other Holmfirth batsmen reached double figures. Gozar struggled gamely on a pitch affected by the recent rain, but were on match for the Holmfirth attack and were all out for 46. This match kept alive Holmfirth's hopes of reaching the championship, while at the other end of the table Gozar are now certain to be relegated.

HUDDERSFIELD 121-8 dec

Huddersfield found some difficulty to get in this match. The Huddersfield batsmen played steadily and made 100 runs in the first 22 overs. They finished with 121. Brock took 4-26, but 100 runs were made up by some good batting by the Huddersfield batsmen, chief of whom was M. Thompson, with 20. Headman failed with the ball however, and four Eiland men were out for 41. Then S. Richardson and B. Brock put some together in a useful stand to take the total to 81.

LOCKWOOD 98

Since their Gains Cup victory Broad Oak have done well in the League. And despite their defeat against Lockwood they have not

LASCELLES HALL 96

Lascelles Hall were the home side's professional abashed by the Huddersfield side. They were all out for 96. P. Wain (15-48) and P. Drake (15-48) dominated the match and for only 20 runs had quite a struggle 50-100, however, the two wickets in scoring the match early time. P. Wain took 4-48 for 5 runs.

LINTHWAITE 11

Only one Lintwaite batsman reached double figures and he needed to say the least. The Almondbury attack was far too good for Lintwaite, who M. Harman taking 4-26, C. Granger 2-17 and D. Wain 1-12. Almondbury received orders to third the number of overs they received to Birchcliffe.

PARROTT 13

Parrott were the home side's professional abashed by the Huddersfield side. They were all out for 13. P. Wain (15-48) and P. Drake (15-48) dominated the match and for only 20 runs had quite a struggle 50-100, however, the two wickets in scoring the match early time. P. Wain took 4-48 for 5 runs.

KIRKHEATH 11-4

Kirkheath were the home side's professional abashed by the Huddersfield side. They were all out for 11-4. P. Wain (15-48) and P. Drake (15-48) dominated the match and for only 20 runs had quite a struggle 50-100, however, the two wickets in scoring the match early time. P. Wain took 4-48 for 5 runs.

SHIPLEY 115 MARSDEN 38

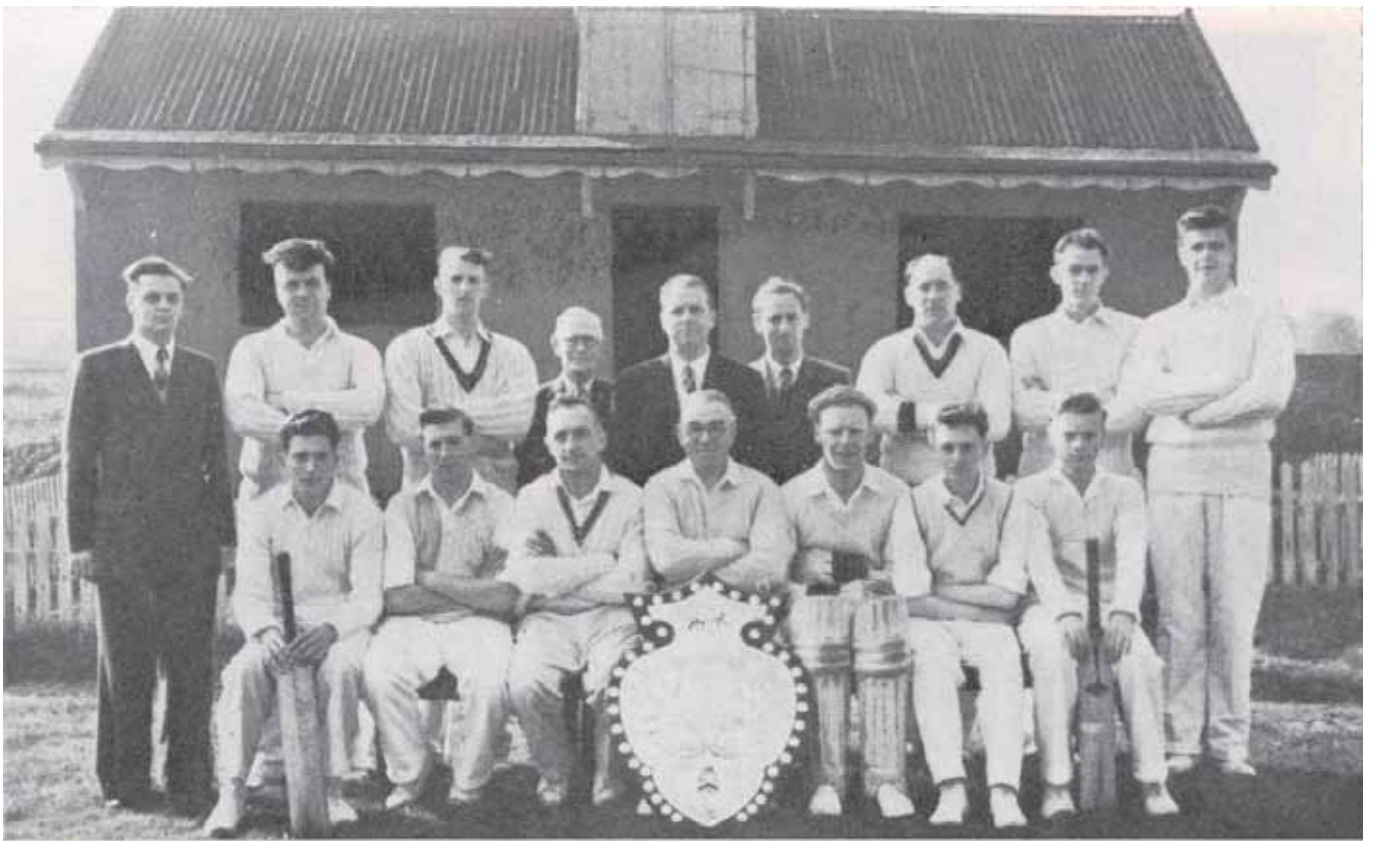
Shipley's professional career was dominated by Wain. When his side batted first he played a grand innings of 96 and then when Marsden went in he was 100. P. Wain (15-48) and P. Drake (15-48) dominated the match and for only 20 runs had quite a struggle 50-100, however, the two wickets in scoring the match early time. P. Wain took 4-48 for 5 runs.

Performances

BATTING	RUNS
J. Wain, Bradford	152
R. Kirk, Bradford	41
BOWLING	
P. Wain, Bradford	15-48
P. Drake, Bradford	15-48
M. Harman, Bradford	4-26
C. Granger, Bradford	2-17
D. Wain, Bradford	1-12
M. Thompson, Bradford	20
M. Harman, Bradford	4-26
C. Granger, Bradford	2-17
D. Wain, Bradford	1-12

League Tables

Section A	Section B
Kirkburton	11
Meltham	10
Bradley Mills	9
Almondbury	8
Marple	7
Whitburn	6
Thongbridge	5
Dalton	4
Holmfirth	3
Gozar	2
Huddersfield	1
Lockwood	0



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