

# COUNTY SET

## From Armitage Bridge to Yorkshire and England - By Paul Rai

Armitage Bridge Cricket Club has played a crucial part in developing county cricketers. For a club of its size to produce six county cricketers is an outstanding achievement. One of the six, Schofield Haigh, went on to play 11 Test matches for England.

Four of the individuals who made the step up played in county championship-winning sides. And all six players are recognised below:

### John Beaumont

Known affectionately as 'Jack', he played against the Australian tourists twice in 1886 and then toured the Antipodes with Mr G.F.Vernon's team in 1887/88.

**Full name** John Beaumont

**Born** September 16, 1854, Armitage Bridge, Yorkshire

**Died** May 1, 1920, Lambeth, London (aged 65 years 228 days)

**Major teams** Surrey, Yorkshire

**Batting style** Right-hand bat

**Bowling style** Right-arm fast

#### **Batting and Fielding Statistics:**

	Matches	Innings	NO	Runs	HS	Average	100	Catches
<b>First Class</b>	112	158	52	881	60	8.31	0	37

#### **Bowling Statistics:**

	Matches	Runs	Wickets	BBI	Average	5w	10w
<b>First Class</b>	112	7808	467	8\40	16.71	31	7

### Crowther Charlesworth

Although a Lancastrian, he learnt his trade at the Bridge. Charlesworth scored his maiden first-class century in 1902 with 106 against Hampshire. In 1904 he shone with the ball, taking three wickets in as many minutes against Somerset to deny them victory when they had almost scored the 454 needed for victory. Charlesworth also has the highest first-class batting average - 23.61 - of all the county pros from the Bridge.



**Full name** Crowther Charlesworth  
**Born** February 12, 1875, Swinton, Lancashire  
**Died** June 15, 1953, Halifax, Yorkshire (aged 78 years 123 days)  
**Major teams** Warwickshire  
**Batting style** Right-hand bat  
**Bowling style** Right-arm fast-medium

#### Batting and Fielding Statistics

	Matches	Innings	NO	Runs	HS	Average	100	50	Catches
<b>First Class</b>	372	632	27	14289	216	23.61	15	69	194

#### Bowling Statistics

	Matches	Balls	Runs	Wickets	BBI	Average	Economy	5w	10w
<b>First Class</b>	372	17082	8878	295	6\45	30.09	3.11	7	1

#### Keith Gillhouley

He played for Armitage Bridge in 1950. In 1961 he had one season at Yorkshire, scoring 323 runs from 24 innings at an average of 13.45. He also took 77 wickets at an average of 22.1.

**Full name** Keith Gillhouley  
**Born** August 8, 1934, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield, Yorkshire  
**Major teams** Nottinghamshire, Yorkshire  
**Batting style** Right-hand bat  
**Bowling style** Slow left-arm orthodox

#### Batting and Fielding Statistics

	Matches	Innings	NO	Runs	HS	Average	100	50	Catches
<b>First Class</b>	108	166	28	2051	75*	14.86	0	7	60

#### Bowling Statistics

	Matches	Balls	Runs	Wickets	BBI	Average	Economy	5w	10w
<b>First Class</b>	108	17070	6922	255	7\82	27.14	2.43	8	0

#### Fred Moorhouse

He stood 6 foot 1" and was burly and tough. In his benefit match he took five wickets in eight balls for one run! After leaving Warwickshire he joined Cheshire and was groundsman at the Brierley Hill Club in Staffordshire for 18 years.

**Full name** Fred Moorhouse  
**Born** March 25, 1880, Berry Brow, Huddersfield, Yorkshire  
**Died** April 7, 1933, Dudley, Worcestershire (aged 53 years 13 days)  
**Major teams** Warwickshire  
**Batting style** Right-hand bat  
**Bowling style** Right-arm medium

### Batting and Fielding Statistics

	Matches	Innings	NO	Runs	HS	Average	100	50	Catches
<b>First Class</b>	117	154	37	1549	75	13.23	0	2	54

### Bowling Statistics

	Matches	Balls	Runs	Wickets	BBI	Average	Economy	5w	10w
<b>First Class</b>	117	14234	6232	260	7/53	23.96	2.62	8	2

## Robert Moorhouse

Cricket historians refer to Bob Moorhouse's batting as rather lacking in technique but he became famous for showing courage in the face of hostile fiery bowling, so much so that he was regarded as an 'iron man'.

**Full name** Robert Moorhouse

**Born** September 7, 1866, Berry Brow, Huddersfield, Yorkshire

**Died** January 7, 1921, Taylor Hill, Huddersfield, Yorkshire (aged 54 years 122 days)

**Major teams** Yorkshire

**Batting style** Right-hand bat

**Bowling style** Right-arm medium

### Batting and Fielding Statistics

	Matches	Innings	NO	Runs	HS	Average	100	Catches
<b>First Class</b>	217	331	46	5337	133	18.72	3	93

### Bowling Statistics

	Matches	Balls	Runs	Wickets	BBI	Average	Economy	5w	10w
<b>First Class</b>	217	3321	1376	49	4/40	28.08	2.48	0	0

## Schofield Haigh

Haigh is the only ever player to represent both Armitage Bridge and England. He is arguably the greatest ever player to play for the Bridge.



**Full name** Schofield Haigh

**Born** March 19, 1871, Berry Brow, Huddersfield, Yorkshire

**Died** February 27, 1921, Taylor Hill, Huddersfield, Yorkshire (aged 49 years 345 days)

**Major teams** England, Yorkshire

**Batting style** Right-hand bat

**Bowling style** Right-arm fast-medium

**Other** Umpire, Coach

### Batting and Fielding Statistics

	Matches	Innings	NO	Runs	HS	Average	100	50	Catches
<b>Tests</b>	11	18	3	113	25	7.53	0	0	8
<b>First Class</b>	561	747	119	11713	159	18.65	4	47	299

### Bowling Statistics

	Matches	Balls	Runs	Wickets	BBI	BBM	Average	Economy	5w	10w
<b>Tests</b>	11	1294	622	24	6\11	9\99	25.91	2.88	1	0
<b>First Class</b>	561	78817	32091	2012	9\25		15.94	2.44	135	30