

Season 1888

In presenting our Annual Report we have great pleasure in again being able to congratulate the club on another satisfactory progress. Since our last dinner we have been able to enter on our new ground & we glad to report that it has come up to our expectations. The ground was opened on Saturday May 12th (by Mr. Ramesden) when we played a match 15 of our club v Queen's United & during the season we have played 14 matches on it. We have given it a good trial & the result is most satisfactory. It is in capital order & although our achievements on it during the season, have not been as good as we hoped for yet we feel sure that in future the club will be much benefited by having such a ground to play on. We regret we cannot report a more

successful season. Our season as regards winning matches has not been successful but we think our failure may be traced to causes which we hope soon to remedy. Last season we met some very strong clubs & the want of a professional was very keenly felt nearly all our reverses may be traced to want of careful training & weakness in bowling.

We have the material & if we could manage next season to place the players in the hands of a skilful coach we feel sure we shall soon be able to remedy this weakness. Another cause of weakness to us has been the formation of a 2nd XI & ~~the~~ but with an increase of numbers we feel sure this will cease to be felt.

To be able to keep two elevens in the field is we consider a decided step forward for the club although during this last season

it has as said before weakened its playing powers. We have confident hopes that we shall in future always be able to have two elevens & with an increase of members & skilful training they will improve & soon retrieve our fortune. In numbers we are pleased to report an advancement. The club has never been so strong in numbers as it is to day, & we trust next year to be able again to report an increase.

Financially we are ~~now~~ in a most satisfactory state. The debt on the ground is steadily being paid off & we hope shortly to be able to declare ourselves out of debt. Our income during the year that has just closed was £46. 11. 7½ against a expenditure of £24. 7. 4 showing a good balance on the right side. We are able to reduce our debt by £240.0 which we think most satisfactory. During next season we have arranged to meet

Some good clubs viz:- Dean Blough, Halifax 2nd, Bradford Exchange, Mountain United, Triangle, Lord Nelson, if we beat Lord Nelson in the 1st round of the Cup we shall have to meet 20x1st at Halifax in the 2nd round. The Prize ^{Bat.} given by the president Mr Oldacres has been won by Irvine Priestley with an average of 7.71.

Gloves given by Mr Hughes for second best. Bats have been won by J. L. Nicholl with 7.6

The number of members on the books are made up of 18 Honorary + 34 playing members. The averages are as follows:-

Bowling Averages 1st XI:-

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
1) Irvine Priestley	-	25	225	41	5.48
2) Albert Pickles	-	23	193	28	6.82
3) Tom Scott	-	18	144	17	8.47
4) Arthur Howarth	-	7	165	18	9.16
5) John Thos Nicholl	-	1	41	4	10.25
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