

# GEORGE AND THE BOOTH SPINNER

Ronnie Wolfenden on his best innings for Triangle

My best innings came in 1939, just before the outbreak of war. We were playing Booth away in a cup semi-final.

I was only 19 and it was around the time I was sitting my police entrance exam. The game was played over two or three weekday nights.



**Booth today**

We won the toss and batted. We reached 150 – innings suspended – and I got 68 not out. My cousin also got 40 not out. We'd been told by our teammate, George Whiteley, that Booth had a demon spinner and he kept advising us about how to play him.

In the end George was out to the spinner and we dealt with him OK. How's that for irony? We only lost two wickets in all – George and Major Greenwood, one of our players who hailed from Ripponden.