

“I ALWAYS GIVE 100%”

Glyn Croft – long-serving second-team opening batsman

By David Brenchley

Describe yourself on the pitch.

Now, very tired because of my age!! I always give 100 per cent, otherwise there would be no point in playing. I have always been very vocal and encouraging, I don't slag people off because that doesn't do anybody any good, especially now I am one of the older guys.



How long have you been playing for Outlane and how did you get into playing for them?

This is my 21st season coming up. I played at Blackley and we had a fall-out. There were four of us who all played in the first team at Blackley. Myself, my brother, Bob Airey who has just come off the committee, and another young lad and we all came up here together one season. When we came up, Outlane were always a second division team and the first year we came up here we won the second division easily and we got them into the first division.

Do you have any memorable matches or innings?

I have had a few hundreds, they are always memorable. I think that first season up here, last match of the season was a very memorable game. We had to win it to win the league. They batted first and got about 220 up at Luddenden Foot and me and my brother opened the batting; he was out very quickly and Jake Smith who was the captain came in. I got 49 and he ended up getting 100 and we won the game. Another game we played at Southowram was one of my best innings. They got 289 and we knocked them off. That was a good game because I got 80-odd batting.

Who would you say is your cricketing icon?

[Ian] Botham. It's his attitude I think; when I was growing up he was the bees-knees. He always had that edge you would have expected.

What other sports do you play (or watch) in your spare time?

I have always played football up to five or six years ago. I do coach junior football, I was manager of a team for 7-11 year olds; I gave that up to help with my other son. I don't actually manage but I help with the coaching. We used to have a table tennis team here at Outlane so I played table tennis for them and then I played for another team. I am a Huddersfield Town season ticket holder as well.