

ALLEN HILL



Allen Hill was born in 1842 and played for Kirkheaton before joining Lascelles Hall. His first professional engagement was with Dewsbury, being paid half a crown for a Saturday match. A former weaver, he also had posts at Mirfield and Stonyhurst College.

He made his debut for Yorkshire in 1871 and returned such impressive bowling figures that he was presented with a silver cup. Hill had a 12-season career for Yorkshire, until he eventually broke his collar bone playing for an England team.

He registered many dazzling bowling feats including a hat-trick at Lord's. There was an added inducement because in Hill's day the players on a side gave the bowler a shilling each when he had taken three wickets in three balls. Hill's international career included a tour of Australia in 1876/7.