

KING ABDUL!

David Peel on joining the club and a famous Pakistani

Before I played for Hanging Heaton I was at Brighouse and Rastrick. At Brighouse I played with people like Brian Bolus.



Hanging Heaton joined the Bradford League in 1980 and I played between 1981 and 1985. I remember there was huge pride in playing for the club. It was quite localised then – now players come to play for the club from as far away as Barnsley.

We had some great overseas players. Abdul Qadir played seven matches for us and then got selected for the Pakistan side. He became a big name but nobody had heard of him when he arrived! He took 30 wickets in seven games but he was also quite forceful. 'This end only,' is what he said to captains weighing up where he was going to bowl from!

He was alright as a guy, but a little bit quiet and he didn't join in very much. A club like Hanging Heaton really needed, and needs, its players to socialise because the funds generated in the bar are crucial and have always kept a club like this going.