

Leaders Westborough edge tense Derby with Upper Hopton

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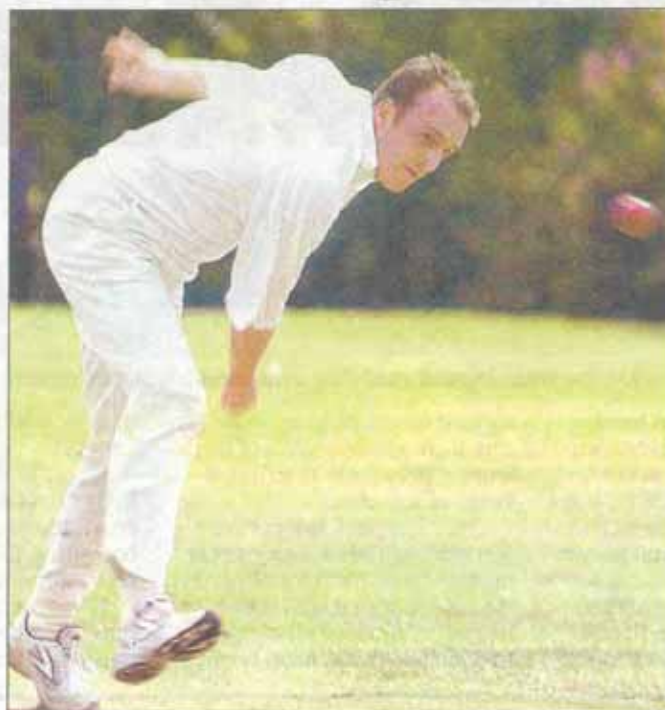
WESTBOROUGH maintained their lead at the top of the Huddersfield Central League Section B but not before Upper Hopton had given them a real run for their money in a high scoring game last Saturday.

Having won the toss and put Hopton into bat, Westborough must have been considering if they had made the right decision as the visitors rattled up 210-9 from their 45 overs.

Having posted such a big score, Hopton thought it would be enough to earn them winning points but Westborough showed why they have opened up an eight-point lead at the top of the table as they plugged away, led by a superb 98 from opener Gary Marshall.

As the game entered the 42nd over, Westborough still required 13 runs from the final four overs for victory and the result was hanging in the balance.

That was when No7 Danny Dickinson decided to let loose, launching Mark



Westborough's Nick Finnigan in action at Healds Road last Saturday. (150775) Pictures: Matthew Roberts.

That Hopton even managed to reach a score in excess of 200 was thanks to their middle order.

The first six overs of their innings were all maidens as Jonny Mitchell and

balls for the first run off the bat - Matthew Wood took a single.

In fact after 10 overs Hopton were only 6-0 as Mitchell bowled four out of five maidens and Finnigan

Westborough v Upper Hopton

UPPER HOPTON	
M Wood b Finnigan	21
M Pidsley c Booth b Mitchell	0
A Gallagher b Finnigan	10
C Gardner c Finnigan b Day	5
A Swithenbank b Mitchell	91
L Wood b Mitchell	19
R Laycock b Day	6
I Nowacki c Marshall b Mitchell	0
D Furness b Mitchell	21
I Foster not out	20
Extras	19
Total (9wks, 45)	210

FOW: 6, 22, 37, 77, 137, 162, 162, 162, 210.

Bowling: Mitchell 19-9-72-5, Finnigan 12-2-33-2, Dickinson 4-0-46-0, Day 10-4-6-2.

WESTBOROUGH

G Marshall c Foster b Pidsley	98
M Pilling b Laycock	41
M Booth lbw Laycock	8
N Finnigan c Furness b Wood	5
C Day c&b Pidsley	12
L Illingworth c Furness b Pidsley	2
D Dickinson not out	27
J Mitchell not out	7
Extras	15
Total (6wks, 41.5)	207

FOW: 98, 129, 145, 169, 171, 188.

Bowling: Askham 5-1-19-0, Furness 4-0-24-0, Laycock 16-2-47-2, Nowacki 4-0-28-0, Wood 7-0-50-1, Pidsley 5-5-0-42-3.



Upper Hopton's Mark Pidsley plays a delivery from Jonny Mitchell of Westborough. (150774)

Andy Gallagher hit a couple of nice fours, the first of the day, before he was bowled by Finnigan and when Wood (21) was also bowled by Finnigan, Hopton were in trouble at

PREMIER SECTION

	P	W	T	L	5	1	Pt
Cumberworth	13	8	0	0	4	1	69
Emley	13	3	0	1	6	3	51
Cawthorne	13	5	0	3	2	3	43
Green Moor	13	4	0	2	3	4	43
Thurstonland	13	1	0	2	6	4	40
O Almondburians	13	4	0	3	2	4	38
Hoylandswaine	13	4	0	3	1	5	34
Birkby Nuffield	13	3	0	3	1	6	29
Edgerton	13	1	0	5	4	3	29
Woolley	13	1	0	2	2	8	24
Higham	13	0	0	2	1	10	15
Denby Dale	13	0	0	8	2	3	13

SECTION A

Crossbank Meth	13	6	0	1	4	2	58
Woodfield Park	13	6	0	1	3	3	54
Westborough	13	7	1	2	1	2	62
Heckmondwike	13	6	0	4	0	3	59
Bradley & Colne	13	4	1	4	2	2	39
Ruddesdens	13	6	0	5	0	2	38
Almondbury W	13	3	0	3	2	5	33
Holmbridge	13	3	0	5	2	3	31
Birkby FMA	13	4	0	4	0	5	29
Denby	13	1	0	5	2	5	21
Bretton	13	0	0	5	3	5	20
Inter-Carb	13	1	0	8	1	3	14

SECTION B

Birchcliffe	13	7	0	2	3	1	58
Leymoor	13	8	0	2	0	3	51
Azaad	13	4	0	3	4	2	46
Birkby Nuffield	13	5	0	4	2	2	42
Penistone CSC	13	3	0	3	4	3	41
Upperthong	13	5	0	3	1	4	39
Upper Hopton	13	3	0	2	3	5	38
Cartworth Moor	13	3	0	8	3	1	34
Badger Hill	13	4	0	5	1	3	32
Durkar	13	3	0	8	1	1	24
Crossbank Meth	13	2	0	7	1	3	20
Hoylandswaine	13	2	0	4	0	7	19

SECTION C

Calder Grove	13	8	0	0	1	4	57
Flockton	12	7	0	1	1	3	50
Penistone	13	2	0	3	7	1	48
Nortonthorpe	13	6	0	4	1	2	43
Almondbury W	12	5	0	4	1	2	37
Emley	13	3	0	3	3	4	37
Cumberworth	13	5	0	6	1	1	36
Holmbridge	13	5	0	3	0	5	35
Thurstonland	13	2	0	4	3	4	31
Leymoor	13	3	0	7	1	2	25
Bradley & Colne	13	3	0	7	0	3	21
Heckmondwike	13	1	0	8	0	4	10

SECTION D

Azaad	13	11	0	2	0	0	66
Cawthorne	13	7	0	2	3	1	58
Denby Dale	13	5	0	3	4	1	51
Woolley	13	5	0	3	2	3	43
Bretton	13	5	0	1	1	6	41
Edgerton	13	5	0	4	1	3	38
Birchcliffe	13	4	0	5	2	2	36
Harry Lime	13	4	0	6	0	3	27
Silkstone	13	3	0	7	1	2	25
Higham	13	1	1	5	2	4	23
Inter-Carb	13	3	0	10	0	0	18
Westborough	13	2	1	7	0	3	18

SECTION E

Upper Hopton	12	9	0	1	2	0	64
O Almondburians	12	8	0	1	2	1	59
Cartworth Moor	11	4	0	1	4	2	46
Upperthong	12	5	0	4	1	2	37
Woodfield Park	11	5	0	3	0	3	33
Green Moor	12	3	0	2	2	5	33
Flockton	12	3	0	5	1	3	26
Denby	12	4	0	8	0	0	24
Calder Grove	12	3	0	8	1	0	23
Ruddesdens	11	1	0	6	0	4	10
Nortonthorpe	11	1	0	7	0	3	9