



New Road first team is (from the left) back row: Andrew Williamson, Graham Wilson, Paul Townend, Alan J. Bottomley, Bryn Mordecai and Allan Bottomley. Front: Graham Wilkinson, Tony Askham, Ian Thornley (captain), Ian Mason and Trevor Bottomley.

# New Road bowlers set up maximum points

FINE bowling and fielding set New Road up for a deserved six-wicket victory over Birkby and the maximum four points.

The bowling of Bryn Mordecai, Alan Bottomley and Alan J. Bottomley always had New Road on top, and only Travis of the visiting batsmen looked confident in making 25.

Birkby were bowled out for a meagre 94, with the Bottomleys taking four wickets apiece, and the other two so fall going to Mordecai — who also held on to three superb catches.

Ian Thornley and Alan Bottomley put on 19 runs for the first New Road wicket, then Thornley and Graham Wilson fell at the same score.

But Alan and Trevor Bottomley then added 66 runs for the third wicket, taking quick singles and hitting the occasional boundary. Alan was caught after making a bright 31, and soon after Trevor fell for an impressive 35.

That left Ian Mason and Graham

Wilkinson needing just six runs for victory, which they managed without further mishap.

### New Road v Birkby

New Road won by six wickets.

#### BIRKBY 94

G Dearden c Mordecai b A. J. Bottomley	2
T Sykes c Mason b A. J. Bottomley	10
S Hunt b Mordecai	2
M Travis b A. Bottomley	25
G Lovell c Thornley b A. J. Bottomley	6
B Johnson c Mordecai b A. J. Bottomley	6
B Howarth c Williamson b A. Bottomley	6
J Dearden c Mordecai b A. Bottomley	8
T Throssell b Mordecai	1
S Kinder b A. Bottomley	17
K Ward not out	7
Extras	7

Bowling: B Mordecai 15-3-21-2, A. J. Bottomley 14-4-31-4, A. Bottomley 12-1-0-26-4.

#### NEW ROAD 99 for four

I Thomas b Kinder	17
A Bottomley c J. Dearden b G Dear	31
Mell	0
G Wilson c Eastwood b Kinder	0
T Bottomley c Dearden b Travis	35
I Mason not out	6
G Wilkinson not out	2
Extras	4

Bowling: K Ward 7-3-16-0, S Kinder 6-2-38-2, J Dearden 4-0-12-0, M Throssell 2-0-18-0, M Travis 3-0-6-1, G Dearden 2-1-0-3-1.



NEW Road bowler Bryn Mordecai, who took two wickets and three catches in a superb display against Birkby.



Rastrick New Road's Allan Bottomley—on his way to five for 58 against Dalton, watched by umpire James Cockburn

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Steve Goodall had a fine match for Association side Rastrick New Road, taking three for 69 from 18 overs leading the attack against Dalton and hitting 34 at No 11 to pull them round from 70-9 to 108 all out.

Stuart Allen and Aurung Zeb had shared a 50-run third-wicket stand in eight overs and Shaikh and Rana added 57 in six overs for the seventh wicket. Rana hit six sixes and two fours in his

22-ball 54 and two of his sixes left the ground. Dalton, however, were still contained at 212-9 with Alan Bottomley taking five for 58 from 13 after uncle A J Bottomley had conceded just 16 off 12. Alan's father, Trevor, was not as fortunate, having 61 taken off seven overs.

THE second round draw will be made on Wednesday night and will be published in the Examiner on Thursday.

## Bottomley's revenge

THERE were no shocks in the first round in the Huddersfield League Sykes Cup.

The holders Kirkburton had a comfortable passage at Kexborough and senior clubs sides had no problems disposing of three Huddersfield Association sides International CC, Augustinians and Rastrick N.R. who all acquitted themselves well.

Rastrick N.R.'s Bottomley was hit for three successive sixes by Dalton's Rana who hit six sixes in his 54 but got his revenge in the end by bowling him.

\* Armitage Bridge 83 (N. Wood 5-21), Broad Oak 101-2 (G. Hurlbutt 52 n.o.),  
 \* Blens 203-6 dec (R. Whitecock 82 n.o. S. Bradley 49, J. Webster 27, C. Stanley 26, S. Jessop 4-83),  
 \* Primrose Hill 136 (A. Taylor 50, I. Bradshaw 29; J. Thornton 4-34)

Bradley Mills 186-9 dec (A. Aslam 68, G. Burton 32, S. Hall 4-53, A. Cutts 3-59), \* Kirkboston 199-1 (A. Hudson) 104 n.o., N. Staples 64),  
 \* Lockwood 82 (A. Clarkson 6-25), \* Skeltonthorpe 83-2 (M. Bocarro 56 n.o., C. Johnson 31 n.o.),  
 \* Rastrick 189-8 (G. Parkin 43 n.o., M. Osborne 26, J. Hinchliffe 3-46), \* Hensley 170-1 (D. Hinchliffe 81 n.o., G. Higgins 67 n.o.),

\* Shepley 226-3 (A. Beaver 74, D. Skelley 63, H. Palmer 55), Clayton West 142-8 (M. Firth 44; H. Palmer 5-35)

Almondsbury 207-8 (A. Mahmood 54, S. Brierley 35, R. Leadbeater 33, G. Nugent 4-34), \* Paddock 156 (C. McCalman 40, T. Hamid 3-55, S. Brierley 3-60)

\* Lascelles Hall 241-6 (J. Shaw 87, R. Hazel 46, J. Booth 45), International C.C. 175-9 (K. McCalman 36; S. Nichols 3-8)

\* Meltham 229-5 (G. Collier 116, D. Alford 37, S. Nicholson 26, A. Fearley 3-43), Augustinians 148 (C. Zaffino 31, H. Ainley 26, A. Oldfield 20; F. Chantry 3-18)

\* Kexborough 158 (N. Hinchliffe 37, D. Hinchliffe 26; R. Carter 5-30, R. Keywood 5-51), Kirkburton 159-4 (T. Robery 60, S. Greaves 27)

Helmfrith 189-8 (G. Jakeman 57, S. Brewster 40, M. Thornton 35, B. Jakeman 26, R. Bull 4-80), \* Golcar 138 (C. Parker 48, J. Cooper 59, D. Thorpe 28; I. Heppleston 4-31, G. Booth 3-41)

\* Marsden 172-9 (M. Clee 64, A. Guy 41; S. Kenworthy 5-30), Lintwalle 94 (A. Guy 5-31),  
 \* Skalthwaite 212-7 (L. Furey 80, G. Bellamy 40, P. Deakin 36; N. Howe 3-79), \* Penistone 118-7 (A. Smith-Butler 4-30)

\* Thongsbridge 164 (S. Hunt 30, S. Bagnall 38, T. Cooper 25; I. Ration 5-38, P. Bramwell 3-44),  
 \* Thurstonsland 102 (G. Wood 37, T. Cooper 7-19)

\* Huddersfield 160-9 dec (J. Sanderson 54, T. Woodhouse 3-66, I. Booth 3-27), Hall Bower 152-4 (M. Dyson 81 n.o., S. Lawrence 20)

\* Dalton 221-9 dec (S. Rana 54, S. Allen 37; A. Bottomley 5-58), \* Rastrick N.R. 106 (S. Goodall 34, T. Bottomley 53)

## Breakaway move over ban on Sundays

RASTRICK New Road Cricket Club is to end a century's link with the New Road Sunday School.

The club has negotiated a 20-year lease with the owners of the Dewsbury Road cricket ground, Yorkshire Thornhill Estate, cutting links with the Sunday School stretching back exactly 100 years.

A meeting of club members at the Sunday School on Tuesday evening voted to re-name the club Badger Hill CC from the time they obtain the lease in November.

That is when a 20-year lease currently held by the Sunday School expires. Although the club will no longer be connected with the Sunday School they will be able to use the same facilities next year.

Cricket club secretary Mr Ian Withers explained that the split was a purely amicable one, which would simply enable matches to be played on Sundays — currently outlawed by the Sunday School on religious grounds.

The club is a member of the Huddersfield Association, and in the past all cup games scheduled for Sundays have had to be played on Monday or Tuesday evenings.

"This causes problems for the rest of the teams in the Association, who have been pressuring us for some time to get in line with them and play ties on Sundays," said Mr Withers.

He added: "We too have been trying to get things changed for many years, although we are sorry to be splitting from the Sunday School. We have had a letter from Harold Riley, the secretary of the Sunday School trustees, wishing us luck in the future."

Mr Riley said: "They wanted to split from the umbrellas of the Sunday School and become independent, and there are no hard feelings."

"The majority of the players used to come to the Sunday School or were very closely connected with it. But now there are only a couple who are connected in any way, so unfortunately it is a natural parting of the ways."

He said for several years the trustees had allowed Sunday matches if the club reached the final of their cup competitions, but did not permit any other Sunday games.

Ironically the Huddersfield Association, of which Rastrick New Road is the oldest member, was started as a league for church teams.

# 100 not out!



One hundred not out! . . . local cricket stalwarts (from the left) John Dickinson, Roger Stead, Ian Roebuck and Trevor Bottomley

By Tony Walton

CENTURIES are notoriously hard to come by in cricket, but these four players have managed to top the 100 mark . . . in years playing for the four local clubs.

Heading the list is Trevor Bottomley, with 34 years' service with the Badger Hill side — formerly Rastrick New Road — with Brighouse stalwart John Dickinson next on 27 years.

Ian Roebuck has devoted 21 years to Rastrick, while Lightcliffe have enjoyed the services of Roger Stead for 20 years — making a grand total of 102 years.

And that only includes playing for first teams. Taking into account second team and junior sides they have played for, the total would be even higher.

Trevor Bottomley has been in the former Sunday School side since 1958, and also played for four years before that. Between his two spells with the club he appeared for Huddersfield and Goslar for five years.

Now a middle-order batsman, Trevor used to open both batting and bowling for New Road. He was a member of the side that won the Huddersfield Association Section A championship seven years on the trot from 1959.

Trevor won the Lamb Cup nine

times with New Road, and as a 15-year-old was in the first Crossland Trophy Final in 1949 when New Road Seconds lost to Outlane.

"I still look forward to matches each weekend, and I'm hoping to carry on playing for Badger Hill for a few seasons yet," he commented. "But I'm 54 now, and it gets a little harder every year."

John Dickinson skippered Brighouse to one of their most successful seasons in recent years this summer — leading Division Two of the Bradford League early on before falling away at the end.

He started playing junior cricket for Brighouse at the age of 10, and has had 27 years in the first team with three spells as captain.

Like Trevor he is now a middle-order batsman, but opened for Brighouse for many years and has hit well over 10,000 runs for the club. John helped Brighouse win promotion to Division One of the Bradford League 25 years ago, and was in the team that won the area final of the prestigious John Haigh Trophy in the 70s.

"The same year as the trophy win came my bitterest disappointment in cricket when we just missed out on promotion again," he said. "Our last game of the season was rained off, but our rivals played, won, and were promoted while we stayed down."

Ian Roebuck has been one of Rastrick's leading bowlers since he first played for the side in 1964 — although he had three years away from the club in the 70s.

Last year Ian's sedate pace

made him the first player in the Huddersfield League to take 50 wickets, and he was also the biggest wicket-keeper, while the previous season he was top of the averages.

"Most of this season I've been out through injury, but I'm still just as keen," he said. "I needed a cartilage operation and also had a damaged shoulder, but I hope to be fit for next season."

Ian was with Rastrick when they took the Hopkinson Trophy in 1971 and 1981, and stood down as team captain in 1984 after holding the post for four years. In the early 60s he played briefly for Rastrick New Road.

Completing the century link is Roger Stead, who has been with the Lightcliffe first team since 1968. A useful bowler this year, Roger was made captain in honour of his loyalty to the club.

He has played for Lightcliffe in two Priestley Cup finals, which he rates as the highlights of his career. The worst "moment," though, has been all this season, when the side were relegated after failing to register a league win.

He blames the dismal summer on an unsettled squad — Lightcliffe used around 28 players this year — and the lack of club finances to sign county or international players.

But Roger is optimistic the club will be more successful next year. He added: "I have played for Lightcliffe since leaving school, live just across the road from the club, and have never thought of moving to any other team."

# End of the road

ONE of the most famous names in Huddersfield cricket will soon be disappearing.

Rastrick New Road are to become Badger Hill Cricket Club when a new 20-year lease, negotiated with ground owners Yorkshire Thornhill Estate, begins at the end of next month.

They are amicably severing their links with the local Sunday school in order, says committee member Trevor Bottomley, that "we can play Sunday cricket."

"The trustees of the Sunday school have given us permission in the past to play the Lumb Cup and Crosland Trophy finals on Sundays if we got there but

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we had to play the previous rounds on Monday and Tuesday evenings," explained Mr Bottomley, a stalwart of the Huddersfield Association's oldest club.

"At the end of November, the lease runs out so we thought it a good time to break away from the Sunday school and start up under a new name. The trustees of the Sunday school have allowed us to keep the equipment and the cash—most, of which, has been raised by the players—that we had, although if the club folds in the first five years then all the assets will

revert to the Sunday school."

There seems little danger of that as there is evidence of Rastrick New Road having existed over 125 years ago, although actual records date back to 1896, when they first played at Badger Hill.

During their history, the New Roaders have captured the Section "A" title 22 times and the Lumb Cup on 18 occasions. They were also beaten finalists against Edgerton this year.

Huddersfield Association match and registration secretary Barry Allison has confirmed that the club will keep their Section "A" status under their new name.

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