





MIRFIELD CRICKET CLUB, THE FIRST MATCH, APRIL 1952

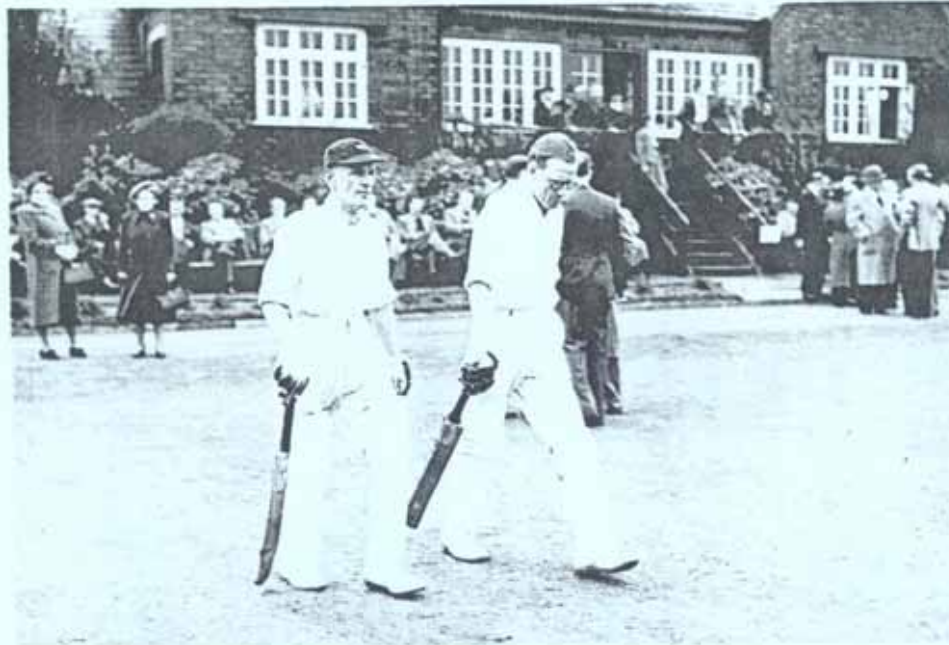


Harold Dransfield, Philip Jackson, Albert Dunderdale, Stanley Milton, Eric Senior, Hurst Barber, Len Peckover, Tommy Hyland, Charles Buckley, Wilfred Barber, Jimmy Oates

**FRESH START**  
League cricket in Mirfield went through a bad patch in the late 1940s, but in 1952 a Saturday afternoon team was formed and joined the Yorkshire Council, playing its first game against Gomersal in April 1952. The team had a new home at Mirfield Memorial Recreation Ground. Wilf Barber and Tommy Hyland were the opening pair. Barber was a former Yorkshire player and squitted himself well, though not as well as his namesake, Hurst who made 79 not out. Hyland went on to take 6 wickets for 19 runs, but the match was drawn.

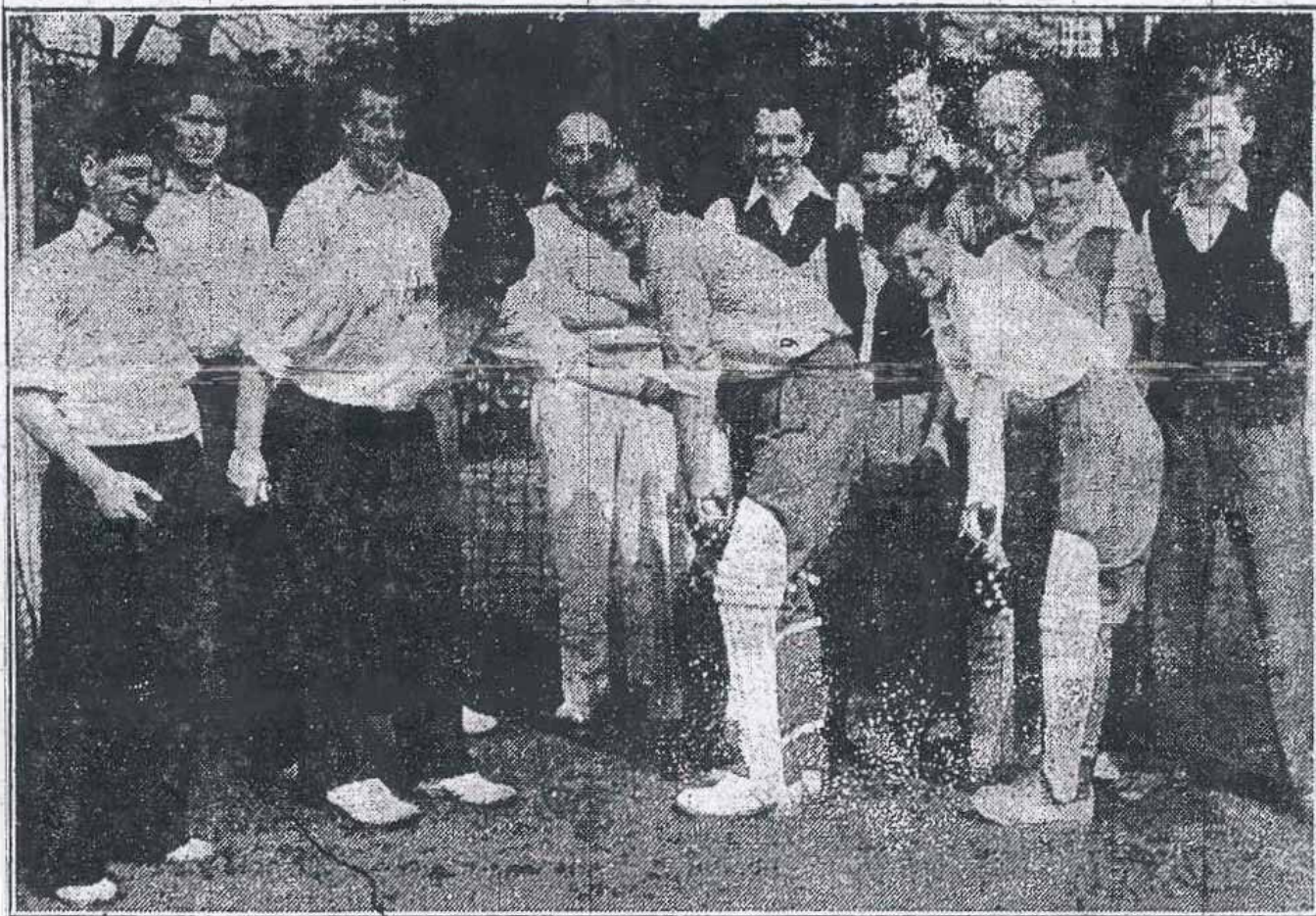
# *Mirfield CC 50 Not Out*

a review of the 1952 season



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## FIRST DAYS AT NETS FOR NEW CLUB



While many people were either on their way to the seaside or country or having an extra hour or two in bed on Easter Monday about 70 men and boys of the Mirfield Cricket Club were practising at the nets at the Mirfield Memorial Ground. Officials were at the field by about 8.30 a.m. and practising went on all morning. Our picture shows Mr. Tommy Hyland, the club's player-coach, advising two of the players. Officials of the club were exceedingly pleased at the number of prospective players present. Numerous spectators turned out to see this first practice. The Cricket Club will be officially opened by the president, Col. James Walker, next Saturday. The first game has been switched in order that the first team will be at home for the opening. The team should have played Gomersal away but it has been arranged for this match to be held at Mirfield. Officials of the Yorkshire Council have been invited to be present.