

OPPOSITION MARK

Malcolm Heywood on professionals

Even back in 1839 it appears there were professional cricketers around.



We found a minute book from a match v Halifax and in those days the opposition had to mark down any players they objected to playing against on the team and they put a mark against James Deernan.

He had played for the North in the North v South match of 1836 and had subsequently become Todmorden coach, having been brought here by Sam Fielden (above).