

Heavy Woollen Cup Final Programme

Applied out 17th Aug
Hansworth 4 runs in 1st seven overs

No play before 3.30. Evening owing to rain
Wednesday 17th Aug no play

Thursday 1. Low play from 7.45 to 7.15 no play
1.15 to 1.45 no play

Bowling
Hansworth 22. 7. 36. 3.
Hansworth 22. 10. 22. 2.
Blakely 20. 9. 42. 5.
Friday Bowled 84 for 4.

Overall Bowling
Whitaker 34. 9. 67. 5 Bowled Blakely
Bates 6. 1. 14. 0 26. 11-0
Hink 21. 20. 19. 26. 2
Sloane 6. 1. 15. 0 1/2 all out
£100.

Hansworth made being hit a 11.

Game ended Monday Aug 16 8.45 AM
Cup presented by 13 bowlers on behalf
of 14 sides

**Heckmondwike
Cricket & Tennis Club**

HEAVY WOOLLEN CUP FINAL

BIRSTALL

VERSUS

OSSETT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7th, 1954

Commence 2.0 p.m.

Price 3d. each

No play following Mon 3.30. Evening Rain

Printed by Messrs. G. Barstow & A. Kent

BIRSTALL

Batsman.	Score
1. K. Haley	1
2. S. Speight	0
3. H. Sugden	32
4. B. Smith	5
5. J. Bedford	54
6. R. Thompson	7
7. H. Hainsworth (Capt.)	10
8. D. Kershaw	12
9. G. Bruce (Wkt.)	0
10. E. Blakeley	1
11. M. Womersley	
Extras	4
12th Man—J. Howden	Total 129

Fall of Wickets:
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
4 77 77 85 108 112 126 126.

Cup to be presented by Alderman J. E. TOLSON

Game off 3.25. owing to the rain to move play
4.00 to 4.15 no play

OSSETT

Batsman.	Score
1. L. Dews (Capt.)	2
2. H. W. H. Glover	53
3. K. Froggett	0
4. R. Walker	10
5. C. Robinson	4
6. V. Grace	14
7. E. Hemingway	11
8. K. Flint	0
9. D. C. Bate (Wkt.)	9
10. G. Whitaker	11
11. S. Bowers	9
Extras	4
12th Man—C. Robinson	Total 129

Fall of Wickets:
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
0 14 18 41 52 52 89 104

Umpires—Messrs. G. Barstow and A. Kent

HECKMONDWIKE CRICKET AND TENNIS CLUB

KNOCK OUT COMPETITION
(20 overs each). SEMI-FINAL. (One night)
Monday, 9th August. Commence 6-30 p.m.
BOOT WORKS v. B. B. A. Ltd.

KNOCK OUT COMPETITION
(30 overs each). FINAL. (Two nights)
Thursday and Friday, 12th and 13th August.
Commence 6-45.
T. F. FIRTH'S v. BOOT WORKS or B. B. A. Ltd.

Tuesday, 10th August, 1954. Commence 6-30 p.m.
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN A.F.C. VERSUS C. KITSON'S XI.
(Captain—Vic. Metcalfe)
Admission 9d. 6d. 3d.

Team Photos



Ken Haley

Birstall cricketer's Dewsbury Moor bride



Presentation Night



To the Committee & players of the Birstall Cricket Club
 And so the 1954 Season has ended, and ended in such
 magnificent fashion for my old Club at Leeds Road.
 To be able to place no less than three Cups on the table
 is a wonderful achievement, and an honour for any club
 to be proud of. My fondest hope is, that the inhabitants
 of the Birstall district has shown their appreciation of
 the teams success by turning up to the matches in much
 larger numbers than in past seasons.

Such a seasons success has been worthy of record gates -
 This, to my mind has been the most glorious performance
 experienced during the whole history of the Club -
 And it is to the credit of Captain and players alike that
 has made this success possible, and I take this
 opportunity to offer hearty congratulations for so magnif-
 icent ^a performance. Week by week throughout the season
 it has been my pleasure to note through the press
 the splendid victories so well obtained, none more
 creditable than that against Staunthorpe which was the
 deciding factor in settling the Championship of the
 Central Yorkshire League. If I remember rightly only
 two matches have been lost, a credit to the boys
 responsible for so fine a feat. It is all the more pleasing
 when these honours have been won without the aid of
 professionals. Keep together boys and let this be the fore-runner
 of similar successes in future years.

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I can I think be considered as one if not the oldest supporter of the Birstall Cricket Club - Remember I was there at Saville-Town in 1885 to see Birstall defeat a fine Dewsbury cricket team, in fact, one of the finest teams in Yorkshire - I was at Batley again the following season to see them defeat Saville a second time for the Heavy Woollens Cup - Well Birstall in those far-off days had a fine team too, with batsmen like Jack Milnes - Willie Jubb - Willie Batchliffe - Johnny Lister - Walter Fearnsley Birstall could have felt superior, though let me say here - Batley - Dewsbury - Morley - Chickensley - Swill and Theddermondwike had fine teams too which made every match a Derby day even though there was no League at the time, though a year or two after the West Riding League was formed consisting of Clubs like Thedderfield - Wakefield - Leeds - Bradford - Threlkirk - Barnsley - Skipton and Hull and Sheffield United. A powerful League too. Then came the West-Riding Central League consisting of the Clubs now in the Central Yorkshire League of which Birstall has been such a power during the present seasons.

Finally - though being away from the district for some 55 years I still can claim to be one of Birstall Cricket Club's oldest supporters, and am proud to have lived to witness the most successful season in the history of the Club, again, Congratulations Captain Thainworth - a credit to you and your team.

Yours very sincerely J. W. Holmes

BIRSTALL—THE TEAM OF THE YEAR

Championship gained in Leeds Road thriller

- BIRSTALL NOW HOLD:**
1. H.W. CUP
 2. C.Y.L. CHAMPIONSHIP CUP
 3. "WHEATLEY" CUP

SOME OF THE CHAMPIONS



H. Thompson.



W. B. Smith.



H. Haley.



E. Blakeley.



S. Speight.



M. Womersley.

Birstall ... 194 for 8 dec.

Staincliffe ... 125

(BY DONALD BROOKE)

THIS has been Birstall's season and to put the Central Yorkshire League championship cup on the shelf alongside the Heavy Woolen Cup they emerged victorious from one of their most exciting duels this season. It looked odds on Birstall having to go to Thornhill this week-end to get those needed championship points but Hainsworth, Womersley, Blakeley and Co. had different ideas and with only an over and a half to go at Leeds Road on Saturday, they took the championship title from Staincliffe.

Staincliffe crashed after their opening pair had put on 76. At 11½ Womersley spraddled the stumps of K. Goodall to give Birstall justification in claiming the extra five overs. Two wickets were still standing and Staincliffe had added another six runs when they faced the first of the extra five.

David Duckworth got in the way of a straight one from Hainsworth in the first of the extra five. It was a wicket maiden.

STUMPS SHATTERED

Down went over No. 3 from Blakeley, brought back for the "kill." It was a maiden. Down went the third over from Hainsworth. It was a maiden. Simpson never saw the third delivery of the fourth over from Blakeley. It shattered his stumps and Birstall players danced with glee and slapped at each other heartily. Staincliffe, who had surrendered the title to them, added their congratulations too.

It was a day of unique happenings. Acting as "church," the Birstall captain sent in ninth man, physiotherapist student Jack Howden, to open with Haley. Howden confounded the cynics who predicted he would be back in the pavilion before the game had chance to warm up. He left when Birstall's score stood at 179 for 7, of which the slow bowler had hit 83 and in no fluke style either.

It was a glorious innings with seven fours and a six included for good measure. His cover driving was lovely to see and no field that Goldsmith set disturbed the young student. With all but two fielders men behind the bat Howden hit speed merchant Parkin through the creases and hit him hard too. It was the highest individual score for Birstall this season.

Birstall only lost their wickets quickly when they got the word from Hainsworth to "have a go." Haley hit 26 out of the first 38 and Kershaw contributed an attractive 24.

Goldsmith and Goodall (B.) put on 76 before the latter was parted from his captain. Goldsmith went at the same score and with Rinder, Hall and Croeland falling at 101, 105 and 108. Birstall started their home stretch. The clock got more glances than the ball and with three wickets standing a draw looked inevitable. Womersley's timely dismissal of K. Goodall gave Hainsworth the signal to ask for the extra five overs.

TWELVE MAIDENS

The Birstall captain sent down 23 overs (12 maidens) at a personal cost of 24 for a yield of five wickets. Womersley had 3 for 40 and Blakeley 2 for 31. For Staincliffe Duckworth had 3 for 17 with Croeland taking 2 for 30 and Goldsmith 1 for 31. Parkin was heavily punished, his lone success costing him 70 runs.

Birstall gained the "Wheatley" Cup by virtue of holding leading place among all Central Yorkshire clubs in the Yorkshire Council table.

Birstall.—K. Haley, 2; Croeland 3; Parkin, 26; J. Howden, 2; Parkin 2; Duckworth, 83; H. Rinder, 24; D. Goldsmith, 49; W. R. Smith, 2; Croeland, 15; D. Kershaw, 2; Croeland, 24; H. Hainsworth, run out, 18; G. Bruce, 2; Duckworth, 2; D. Thompson, 2; and D. Duckworth, 13; J. Biley, not out, 5; extras, 14; total (for 8 wickets), dec. 194.

Staincliffe.—W. R. Goldsmith, 2; Womersley, 21; E. Goodall, 2; Hainsworth, 49; H. Hall, 2; Staincliffe, 14; L. Rinder, 2; Duckworth, 10; D. Rame, 2; Hainsworth, 2; J. Croeland, 2; Hainsworth, 2; J. Biley, 2; Womersley, 2; K. Goodall, 2; Womersley, 2; Simpson, 2; Blakeley, 2; G. F. Parkin, not out, 4; extras, 7; total, 125.

HAINSWORTH —PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Birstall had lots of confidence in Herbert Hainsworth when they appointed him captain for the first time in his ten years' service with the club. In his first season as "skipper," Hainsworth has led his team to great achievements and there was every reason for him to feel a proud man after last Saturday's snatching of the championship title from Staincliffe with one and a half overs to go.

But Hainsworth—the modest, unassuming Herbert—would be the last to take any credit for Birstall's feats this season. He gave all praise to his side after Saturday's encounter with a quiet "Well done lads."

Hainsworth had ten seasons at Leeds Road. He came from Hanging Heaton where he had been a professional and had played professional with Undercliffe and Idle in the Bradford League.

Hainsworth had the joy of hitting the winning run that won the Heavy Woolen Cup for Birstall when they met Osselt in the final at Heckmondwike last month.

His "six wickets" performances have not been as prevalent as in previous years but his bowling figures for the past season are interesting. Here they are:

	Matches	Wkts	Runs
League	15	42	429
H.W. Cup	4	19	145
Yorks. Council	2	6	82
Totals	21	64	656

Birstall have still one league match to play, that with Thornhill this week-end. Two matches, one with Heckmondwike and one with Osselt, were "wash-outs."

The two Yorkshire Council games were with Frickley and Whitwood Collieries.

Batley's Luck keeps the

Batley 96

TOUGH luck, Batley. You take you back into division have been a splendid perfor

Batley's fate, to stay down in second division after going through the season without league defeat, seemed to be decided at the beginning when McCarty lost the toss. Wakefield put their hosts in to bat in a match that was not too good, although an excuse should be made for Batley did not appeal and the f of Moorhouse at seven was a blow. At 27, Brooke followed him back to the partition but the score seemed more respectable when the half century mark was reached. Then came a crash wickets which was the result of deadly bowling by Hallas. 3 carved through the Batley middle men and three wickets fell for the addition of nine runs.

LONE STAND

Among his victims was sold Raymond Hirst, who was the one Batley man to show any initiative. Hirst went at 59 after batting 70 minutes. Parkinson, with a goal last 25, stemmed the tide for short time but after his departure at 81 there was little else to worry Wakefield. Fifteen runs were a that Batley's last four men could scrape together.

Batley's effort came to an end at 4-30 and after tea Wakefield was not slow to place around Batley their anchor that keeps them in the second division. Sharpe and Handley piled on runs at the rate of one a minute and had already settled Batley's fate when they were parted after 75 minutes. Ten runs later Batley gained consolation wicket—that of Baker.

BOWLING CHANGES

Constant bowling changes by Batley failed to ruffie Sharpe, who hit five fours and a lovely six in his 54.

Murphy had a wicket at the cost of 21. Hallas delivered 9.3 over which cost him 30 runs for a six wickets yield. He had two "three victims in three overs" performances.

Batley.—J. Moorhouse, 2; Sharpe 2; Gibson, 2; H. Brooks, 2; Wood, 11; R. Senior 2; Hallas, 15; R. Hirst, 2; Hallas, 23; P. Booth, 2; Hallas, 1; A. Taylor, 2; Hallas, 6; J. Parkinson, 1; W. Wood, 15; H. Squires, 1; W. Wood, 2; W. Murray, 2; and H. Hallas, 4; C. Garthwaite, not out, 3; A. McCarty, 2; Gibson 2; Hallas, 1; extras 7; total, 96.

Wakefield.—A. Sharpe, not out, 54; B. Handley, 2; McCarty 2; Brooks, 26; N. Baker, 2; Murphy, 2; J. Gibson, not out, 5; extras, 5; total (for 2 wickets), 97.

ONE POINT WAS ENOUGH FOR "BABES"

Dewsbury 154 for 5 dec.
Mirfield 68 for 4

After a "fright," Mirfield managed to secure the point that keeps them clear of the bottom two places in Division One. For this they had to thank Barber and Senior who held up the Dewsbury bowlers after Pearson had sent the wickets of Clough and Dunderdale flying with only four runs on the board.

Dewsbury found no difficulty in getting the runs on a wicket which gave the bowlers little assistance. Highlight of their innings was a fine contribution by their "veteran" captain, Clifford Syle, whose 83 included nine fours. He and Herpenstall put on 32 before the

Club Dinner

**BIRSTALL CRICKET
CLUB**

PRESIDENT: MR. H. H. WALKER

DINNER

TOWN HALL, BATLEY

**THURSDAY, NOV. 18TH
1954**

TO CELEBRATE WINNING

**The Heavy Woollen District Challenge Cup,
The Avison Cup (C.Y.C.L. 1st Division Championship),
The Wheatley Cup (Leading C.Y.C.L. Team in Yorks. Council).**

M E N U

—
TOMATO SOUP
—
ROAST SIRLOIN OF BEEF
—
CREAMED AND BAKED POTATOES
FROZEN GARDEN PEAS
BRUSSEL SPROUTS
—
PEACH MELBA
SHERRY TRIPLE
APPLE TART AND CUSTARD
—
CHEESE AND BISCUITS
CELERY
—
COFFEE
PETIT FOURS

TOAST LIST

“THE QUEEN”

Proposed by Mr. H. H. WALKER,
President Birstall C.C.

“CRICKET”

Proposed by County Councillor F. MORTON,
President C.Y.C.L. and Yorks. Council
Response by Mr. J. E. THURMAND,
Capt. 1932 Cup Winning Team
Mr. H. HAINSWORTH,
Capt. 1954 Cup Winning Team

“BIRSTALL CRICKET CLUB”

Proposed by THE MAYOR OF BATLEY
(Councillor C. Wilman)
Response by Mr. H. H. WALKER,
President Birstall C.C.

Interval

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

by Mrs. H. H. WALKER,
President Ladies' Section of Birstall C.C.

“THE GUESTS”

Proposed by Ald. J. H. MARGETTS, J.P.
Response by Mr. A. BREARLEY,
President Heavy Woollen Challenge
Cup Committee

Toastmaster: Mr. T. KAYE, Chairman Birstall C.C.

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Mr. H. HAINSWORTH (Capt.) Mr. G. BRUCE (Vice-Capt.)
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Mr. J. Bedford, Mr. W. B. Smith, Mr. R. Thompson,
Mr. H. Sugden, Mr. J. Howden, Mr. D. Kershaw,
Mr. S. Speight, Mr. J. Ward, Mr. D. Thompson