

## He wants to start all over again!

**HARRY HINCHLIFFE** took 1,151 wickets in a 15-year spell with Broad Oak between 1934 and 1948.

And, though he's now 83, he said while performing the official opening ceremony of the club's new dressing room and scoreboard:

"I just wish I was starting again."

Amazingly, however, Harry hadn't been to a match since he retired in 1954 after rejoining his first club, Holmbridge.

"I always said I would finish where I started. I played three seasons there and we won the Friend All-sop Cup and then I finished," he recalled.

"I had some happy hours at Broad Oak, I had that. But I can't watch. Apart from games on television, I haven't watched a match since I finished."

How timely, therefore, was his arrival at the ground last Saturday afternoon. For he witnessed young wicket-

keeper Simon Hoyle pulling off a smart diving leg-side catch as century-maker Stewart Bradley got an inside edge to give Dennis Schofield, who also started with Holmbridge, his 900th Huddersfield League victim for Broad Oak.

Harry's appearance and the sunshine also brought out a number of league and Broad Oak stalwarts to renew acquaintances, including Freddie Riding, who played alongside him in their 1934 Sykes Cup triumph over Kirkburton.

Other names from the past included league vice-

president Harry France, Seth Hampshire, Tom Hirst, Donald Baxter and Ben Taylor.

Harry once bowled Thongsbridge's Thewlis at Broad Oak in July, 1937, and one of the balls flew through the air and hit the Church Lane wall 40yds away without touching the ground.

Eighty-two-year-old Ben Taylor recalled that he, too, did a similar thing while playing for the Seconds at Fartown in 1927. One ball shot through the air and landed just two yards inside

the rugby stand boundary!

Cricket has changed a lot since their day, says Harry. "It's not like it used to be. You used to know all them you played against but you don't now. You can't even pronounce some of their names."

Before Harry performed the official opening—the changing rooms were in operation last season but not the scoreboard—Broad Oak secretary Malcolm Hoyle said:

"We are indebted to a lot of people for helping provide these excellent facilities and to our president, Mal-

colm Hoyle, and treasurer David Hepworth, in particular."

Albert Garside, who was born overlooking the ground in 1915 and who went on to become president at both the cricket and bowling clubs, says the official opening stirred many memories for him and feels that the Oak officials over the last few years have "done a wonderful job."

And he points out that Harry Hinchliffe only became professional in 1934 when Cyril Huntington was killed in an accident at Whitsuntide that year.



**I've got the key of the door—former Broad Oak professional Harry Hinchliffe and the two Malcolm Hoyles—secretary (centre) and president—prepare to make the official opening of the new changing rooms watched by the Oak players and former cricketer Ben Taylor**

# BROAD OAK CRICKET CLUB

1985

WALKER CUP

SYKES CUP

PADDOCK SHIELD



D. I. GUARMBY, E. NORMANTON, D. M. BAXTER, S. M. CALVERLEY, P. BROOKE, M. FIELD,  
(Bat. Capt) (Bat. Capt)

H. BULLESS, R. J. HORNER, D. SCHOFIELD, A. GREAVES, C. R. McCREADIE, J. A. LOCKWOOD  
(Bat. Capt)

R. M. HORNER, D. S. BAXTER, A. DOLIVE, J. R. GREAVES, H. MURPHY, A. J. ROBERTS,  
(Team)



E. BROWNSON, J. S. DYSON, M. FIELDING, R. M. JACKSON, G. S. WRIGLEY, R. DYSON  
(Wicket Keeper) (Wicket Keeper)

S. B. RUSHWORTH, S. R. HOYLE, G. M. DYSON, R. M. LUTY, MRS J. E. FRANCE, M. HOYLE  
(Team) (Team)

J. M. HOYLE, A. J. HARPER, M. FREELAND, D. I. THOMPSON, J. P. HODGE, W. V. KNAPTON  
(PROBATION) (Manager)