

**HOLMBRIDGE WIN CENTRAL LEAGUE
SECTION "A" CHAMPIONSHIP**

**FOUR TROPHIES WON IN FOUR SUCCESSIVE
SEASONS BY LOCAL CLUB**



Back Row: E. Parkyn, C Turner, H. Schofield, J. Kaye, J. Bowles, E. Fearn and H. Marshall.
Front Row: K. Heppenstall, B. Clough, R. Howarth (captain), N. E. Barber and D. Thorpe.

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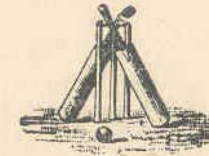
On each of the past four seasons Holmbridge Cricket Club have won successes in the Huddersfield Central Cricket League, and last Saturday were presented with the "Holden" as champions of "Section A." They thus justified their return this season to Section "A" after winning the championship of Section "B" last season. Holmbridge won the championship Section "A" in 1953; in 1954 they were the winners of the "Friend Isop" Cup; and in 1955 they won the Section "B" championship. The presentation of the trophy took place during the interval of last Satur-

day's match, and for the ceremony the chair was taken by Mr. Harold Marsden, a vice-president of the club. He extended a hearty welcome to the president of the League, Mr. L. Broadbent, and the League secretary, Mr. B. B. Shaw, and congratulated the Holmbridge captain and the team on their prowess in winning the championship and on having won a trophy in each of the past four years. After winning the championship of Section "B" last year, it was a fine achievement to have reached the top of Section "A" and won the championship of that Section. Presenting the Cup to the Holm-

bridge captain (Mr. R. Howarth), Mr. Broadbent said he was very pleased Holmbridge had won the Cup. He was delighted to come to Holmbridge, where there was always a very friendly atmosphere. Responding, Mr. Howarth said the championship had not been won by any individual effort but by a team effort, and he was very proud to be captain of such an enthusiastic and sporting team. After the match the players adjourned to the local hostelry, where the team's success was duly celebrated in proper style.

**HOLMBRIDGE CRICKET CLUB
(SECTION "A" WINNERS, 1956)**

(President ... E. BUTTERWORTH, Esq.)



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Dinner,
Presentation of Prizes
(by Sir LEONARD HUTTON)
and Social Evening

held at
THE PARISH HALL, HOLMBRIDGE
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24th, 1956
at 6-30 p.m.

Entertainers:
MOORLAND SINGERS
Caterers ... Messrs. H. CALAM, LTD.
M.C. Mr. R. MOORHOUSE

Refreshments

Name *Mrs F. Pollard*

Membership No. *381*

SIR LEONARD HUTTON AT HOLMBRIDGE

FAMOUS CRICKETER PRESENTS LEAGUE PRIZES TO PLAYERS

HOLMBRIDGE Cricket Club's success in winning the championship of Section "A" of the Huddersfield Central League last season was celebrated by a dinner in the Parish Hall, Holmbridge, last Saturday evening, when the Cup and prizes—silver statuettes—were presented by Sir Leonard Hutton, the renowned Yorkshire and England cricketer.

After an excellent dinner, served by Messrs. H. Casam, Ltd., the toast to Her Majesty the Queen was proposed by Mr. A. Armitage, a former secretary of the club.

Proposing a toast to the Holmbridge Cricket Club, Mr. H. Armitage, of Scholes, said he had been visiting Holmbridge for about twenty years as a player, but he had never before been invited to their functions. He had been in the company of Sir Len on many occasions, and he wished that there were more batsmen like him coming along in this country and particularly in Yorkshire. He felt they would all wish the County team was in better standing than it was at present.

Holmbridge was one of the oldest teams in the Central League, founded in 1919, went on Mr. Armitage, and he had had many happy associations with the club, and pleasureable games on their ground. The Holme Valley was a lovely valley and they were very proud of it. There were six or seven clubs, and to be in keeping with other organisations they wanted to have good cricket.

Good Record for a Village Club

There seemed to be a tendency to-day to think that cricket was deteriorating, and he hoped that the County team would build up and come to the forefront again. They wanted more attractive cricket by all the players joining in the spirit of the game and going all out to win. Holmbridge had played very attractive cricket, winning the Holden Cup in 1953, the Alsop Cup in 1954, Section "B" championship in 1955, and Section "A" championship in 1956—a good record for a village club.

He congratulated the club on its enthusiastic set of officers who had arranged the function that evening, and on the splendid work put in over a number of years. He was very pleased to see Sir Leonard Hutton present, as he was one of the finest batsmen the world had ever known.

Responding, Mr. E. Butterworth, president of the Holmbridge Club, thanked Mr. Armitage for his very kind words, and said he wished to pay

young players by then. He thanked the club for their hospitality and said he had enjoyed every moment of his visit. He hoped to come again and perhaps have the pleasure of making fifty on their ground.

A vote of thanks to Sir Len was expressed by Mr. R. Howarth, the team captain, who said that at Holmbridge they did not have talent money. It was only when someone got fifty or did the hat trick that a collection was made, and then the ladies did not see any of it! He had had the distinction of being given out for obstructing the field, something which he did not think had happened to Sir Len. He had had a good team and everyone had done his bit.

Suit Length Memento of Visit

Mrs. Butterworth said she had the happiest job of all. She would like Sir Len to know that they did some work in this district as well as play cricket, and she asked him to accept a suit length which she hoped would bring back happy memories to him. She hoped he would come back and see them when he was wearing it.

Accepting the gift, Sir Len said they had nothing like that in Pudsey. They had eight mills making cloth, and he had told one of the manufacturers that he had never been offered a suit length. The manufacturer told him that if they had done so he would never have worn it. He would always remember his visit to Holmbridge.

The "Sportsman of the Year Cup" was presented by Mr. A. Heywood, a former player, to the club secretary, Mr. R. Moorhouse. Pleasant memories had passed through his mind that evening, said Mr. Heywood, not only of playing cricket, but of helping to build the pavilion. But, he said, he was thoroughly disgusted when he saw the ground a few weeks ago, as the wicket had not been re-turfed after last season.

Mr. Moorhouse said it had been his one ambition to bring Sir Len to Holmbridge, and it was a great pleasure to receive the cup from one of their former cricketers.

Proposing a toast to the Huddersfield Central Cricket League, Mr. H. Marsden, chairman of the committee, said the League consisted of seventeen clubs, and Holmbridge had long been a cog in the smooth running of the League, a fact of which he was very proud. They were honoured that night by the presence

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Edward Butterworth, Ken Jackson, ? Walter Dyson, Sir Len Hutton, Les Armitage, Jack Kaye, Eric Fearn, Ronny Moorhouse, Edie Parkin

