

# Ten wicket victory ends champion's bid in style

**EAST BIERLEY finished the season in true championship style with a ten wicket victory over Baildon at the weekend to claim the Bradford League crown for the second successive year.**

The side has always been one step ahead of the challengers, with fine balance and outstanding ability with both bat and ball.

Baildon needed to be on the right side of a draw to reclaim their place in the top flight but could not have faced a tougher challenge on the final day of cricket in 1994.

The visiting batsmen were up against a three pronged attack from pace-bowlers, Andy Cutts, Mark Beardshall and Murphy Walsyn and were unable to keep them at bay. Beardshall returned superb match winning figures of 15-7-24-6, helped along by Cutts(3-55) and Walsyn(1-0) as Baildon crumbled for 84 in 30.3 overs.

Anthony McGrath enjoyed an emphatic end to the season with an unbeaten half century and older brother, Dermott McGrath also carried his bat, scoring 32 to cruise East Bierley to victory and the Bradford crown in 18.1 overs.

The leadership of Steve Rimington has proved very valuable to the side, but the skipper has decided to withdraw from Bradford league cricket, but Bierley fans will be pleased to know that the helm will be taken by left arm spinner, David Jay who steered the South View Roaders to victory in 1992.

"Obviously we have had an excellent season and retaining the championship is a dream" said secretary, Alan Walker, "it has been a real team effort and although none of the players have reached the 1,000 mark most of them have good averages. It helps to have a settled side as they all know each other and play for one another" he added.



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WARBURTON'S  
end of season  
Bradford League  
round-up**



**BEARDSHALL — match  
winning 6-21.**