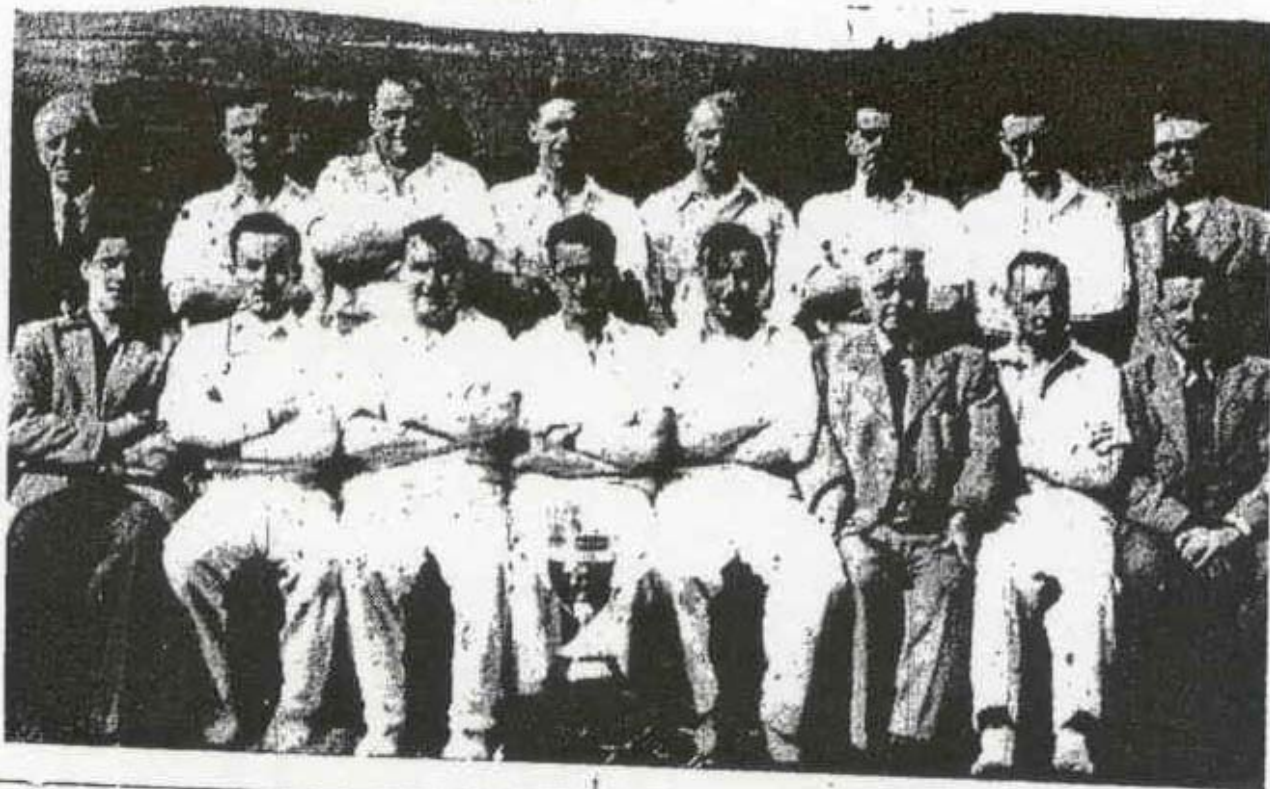


HALIFAX LEAGUE CHAMPIONS



"NO PLACE LIKE ENGLAND"

Visitors from Kenya

The Wadsworth countryside will contain an atmosphere of quiet peacefulness, in sharp contrast to trouble-ridden Kenya, for Mr. and Mrs. G. Wallace, who, along with their two young daughters, are on six months holiday in the

been closed following threats from Mau Mau gangs. A Home Guard has been formed, composed of natives, with European officers. Mr. Wallace himself is in the police reserve with the rank of Deputy District Commandant. Whilst on patrol in the native part of the city he has seen the results of quite a number of Mau Mau atrocities. In Nairobi itself few Europeans have been killed, most of the raiding and pillaging has been confined to farms up-country, although a "hot spot" in the Mau Mau territory

Mytholmroyd first eleven, photographed prior to their game with a representative side from the Halifax Cricket League last Saturday. Back row: W. H. Walton (groundsman), J. Martin, C. Pugh, D. Nutter, H. Ellis, J. Mitchell, J. Gledhill, N. Meadowcroft (committee man). Front row: R. Scott (scorer), R. Holdsworth, K. Butterworth (club secretary), F. K. Smith (captain), M. Clark, H. Clark, J.P. (vice-president), J. Crawshaw and F. Walton (treasurer).

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REPRESENTATIVE LEAGUE SIDE THRASHED

C. Pugh takes six for 16

MYTHOLMROYD, champions of the Halifax Cricket League, closed their season last Saturday on a happy note by inflicting a heavy defeat on a team selected from the rest of the league. In reply to Mytholmroyd's 163 for 9 declared, the representative side could only collect 56 runs, due mainly to the bowling of Charlie Pugh, who took six wickets for 16 runs.

Butterworth and Martin found runs hard to get against the accurate fast-medium bowling of Mackie and Childs. Butterworth took a couple off Mackie's first over but Martin was fortunate to remain after a ball from Childs completely beat him but just missed the stumps. The Wakeborough players first three overs were well pitched, and he was difficult to get away. He did send down a loose one, however, in his third over and Martin promptly despatched it through the covers for four. Seven overs were sent down for less than a shot past cover point to the boundary, and took two from the next delivery from Childs. He then square-cut the last ball of the over to the boundary, and Mytholmroyd had made 23. Going forward to Childs, Butterworth was allowed to remain following a confident appeal for lbw. In his sixth over Childs received his reward when he bowled Butterworth with a ball that came back sharply. Joined by Holdsworth, Martin continued to punish any loose stuff and brought 30 up with a single behind the wicket for four runs. Another good over from Childs again put Martin on the defensive. At 41 Childs was rested for Hellwell.

A hard drive past mid-off gave Holdsworth a couple, and at 45 Mackie gave way to Parker, an 18 year old bowler from the Greatland club. Parker was erratic but his action and delivery were good to watch, and in addition, he sent down the "odd one" that baffled the batsmen. His loose stuff received harsh treatment from Martin, who, however, was groping for a beautifully pitched ball from Hellwell that just missed his off stump. He failed to profit from his mis-throw, however, and was bowled in Parker's next over after making a useful 21.

RUN-GETTING QUICKENS

Smith didn't stay long, but during his sojourn quickened up the scoring by knocking up 17 in 11 minutes before he top was bowled by Parker. With Holdsworth and Ellis together runs continued to come at a smart pace, and the century was on the look after 45 minutes. Holdsworth was just a little unfortunate in being out 50 to the catch of the afternoon. Fourie Hellwell made a terrific straight drive well above the bowler's head. Hellwell leapt in the air to hold the ball and bring off a really fine catch. A delightful hook shot by Ellis sent the ball speeding over the rails in the direction of the leg. He nicked the next through the slips for four, and then scattered the spectators in the pavilion enclosure when he thumped a ball from Mackie over the boundary. His next scoring stroke was also a four, which put 100 on the board. He lost his wicket after making 40. Going out to Hellwell, he missed the ball and in doing so gave Charles half a chance to stomp him. The visiting wicket-keeper accepted the opportunity. Ellis had been at the wicket 32 minutes. On the departure of Ellis wickets began to fall at an ever increasing tempo, and with the score at 100 for nine Smith declared the innings closed.

EARLY SHOCKS

Immediately the Rest of the League side commenced their reply it was evident that the wicket was taking spin. Opening the Mytholmroyd attack, Pugh drew first blood by causing Poppington to chop the fourth ball on to his wicket. Facing Clethill, Lowery edged a ball through the slips for four, but a further setback to the visitors came when Pugh, in his second over, beat Milnes, and two wickets were down for seven runs. Against Clethill, Askroyd survived a confident appeal for caught behind the wicket, but fell next over bowled by "Charlie". At this stage Pugh had taken three wickets for four runs.

A TEMPORARY RECOVERY

as if this was going to pay dividends by the introduction of some of their younger members into the senior side. It was very pleasing, considering Mr. Whitehead, to win a knock-out cup, but there was far more satisfaction in winning a league championship, for this showed consistency throughout the season.

Replying, Mr. P. K. Smith said he was proud to have been captain of the Mytholmroyd first team during the past season. Their success had been achieved through playing as a team and not as individuals, and he paid tribute to the sporting spirit which had prevailed. He only hoped that next season's captain would also have the pleasure of receiving the cup on behalf of the Mytholmroyd team.

Following the match the visitors were entertained to dinner by the Mytholmroyd club.

Mytholmroyd	
K Butterworth b Childs	7
J Martin b Parker	21
R Holdsworth c and b Hellwell	19
P K Smith b Parker	17
H Ellis at Carande b Hellwell	5
M Clark c Childs b Mackie	5
J Mitchell b Hellwell	5
D Miller b Milnes	13
J Clethill b Poppington	9
C Pugh not out	0
Extras	23
Total (for 9 wks. dec.)	163
25 49 73 104 145 145 150 159 163	

Rest of League	
C Lowery b Clethill	22
P Poppington b Pugh	10
P Milnes b Pugh	10
W Askroyd b Pugh	0
L Hellwell lbw b Pugh	0
E Wildop b Crawshaw	2
D Carande lbw b Pugh	2
L Childs b Crawshaw	1
H Whitehead run out	0
M Mackie b Pugh	0
J Parker not out	0
Extras	21
Total	56
1 7 8 27 29 29 49 51 51 56	

Bowling—Rest of League: 7 Mackie 1 for 37, L Childs 1 for 11, L Hellwell 2 for 32, J Parker 2 for 32, H Whitehead 0 for 5, P Poppington 1 for 8, P Milnes 1 for 1, Mytholmroyd: C Pugh 6 for 16, J Clethill 1 for 25, J Crawshaw 2 for 11.

Todmorden Gain Smart Win in Last Game

Visiting Riston for their final game of the season last Saturday Todmorden secured an easy victory. An opening partnership between the Denison and Crowther put on 127 runs, and the Centre Vale side declared at 174 for 5. Denison followed up his previous week's success with 66 not out. Riston could only manage 63 in reply. C Sunderland, the Todmorden opener, taking five for 18, and Denison finishing with 4 for 42. These two bowlers bowled unchanged for the second week in succession.

Todmorden	
Denison not out	65
J Crowther b J Smith	62
K Wilkinson hit wicket b J Smith	1
H Dawson c Benfield b Keynan	1
B Paul b J Smith	10
R Cradock at Payne b J Smith	4
A Cunliffe not out	0
Extras	3
Total (for 8 wks. dec.)	174
127 129 142 159 161	

Riston	
Nivarskar c and b Denison	1
C Haworth c Haseltine b Sunderland	1
J J Smith b Sunderland	5
P Benfield b Sunderland	17
T Topham c Wilkin b Denison	5
J D Smith b Sunderland	5
A Hamshelton lbw b Sunderland	2
K Walsh c Wilkinson b Denison	24
K Wilkinson run out	0
J Keynan c Paul b Denison	0
J Payne not out	0
Extras	3
Total	63
2 4 7 26 32 24 27 32 32 32	

Best Bowler of

Rowerdy Bridge C Pugh, 17-year-old fast bowler, has been selected for the league. He is a former Australian Test cricketer, and has played in the last year at a first-class level. Pugh is described as a mature cricketer, and has been called "great find" with 66 wickets. Pugh received his first call from R. W. Robinson, the Young Cricketers Council. He has been Rowerdy Bridge's main bowler and has taken over 40 wickets in the league. At Thackley on May 11 he took eight for 18 and four batsmen with deliveries. Pugh, whose home is Queen's Road, Halifax, is for King Cross in the League.

Todmorden Court well placed in final averages

Derek Shackleton, a Hornall, the two cricketers, who for 14 seasons have been ends Hampshire and Essex C respectively, have had a very good season. In averages, published in the League, Shackleton is 28th in averages, having taken at a cost of 20.48. He has covered for 1,070 runs, an 322 maidens. Only Stu North, (172 wickets), and B. Murray (102), and J. L. Jones (164) have taken more wickets than Shackleton in the season. Hornall is 28th in averages. He has scored 49 runs in 49 innings, which is not out. His average is 1.02. His highest score 131 was in the first match.

RIFLE SHOOTING

Wood Top C NATIONAL LEAGUE

Another success by means that they cannot win outright the division 2 of this honour is well merited member of the team has a full weight, and with match to shoot there is a good chance of the winning every match. Their more experienced have not been able to establish, but they have worthwhile result in being "2" in the latest significant that the "B" score is again two points above the "A" team's 100 consecutive match. Best Wood Top B 1,560, and King, 1,991.

C Clarke	99 99
P Sutcliffe	100 99
A Claxton	99 97
N W Wrightley	98 98
P W Utley	98 100
Division 1B	
Wood Top A 1,560	1,544
J Ackworth	97 100
J Fox	99 100
H Kerling	100 100
K Sutcliffe	98 98
H Roberts	98 99 1

In "B" team the apt student shooting is a well-rounded excellence in the seniors. These three bowlers bowled three possible deserve more than to be coupled. It is of general interest the remarks of one of the Wood Top team members completed his summer's for the season. He had had never been higher fourteen years, and yet, about fourth, or fifth average. This demonstrates tremendous improvement in past two years, and red credit both on the rifle stand and certainly to those who have formed club's policy of "hand shot" through the year. New ideas are refreshing and, in small but circles, as in most other variety adds spice to life while life which will be true that the winter is a long-range competitive at the introduction of an league on a well-chosen There will be one match for a special prize, and national prize for the best and league champion.