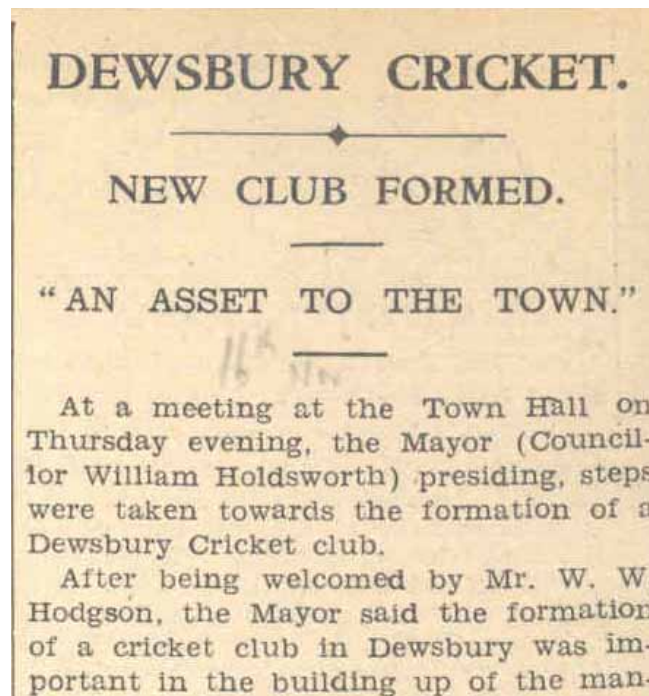


# DEWSBURY CC 1944-89

## NAME GAME

1944 – BIRTH OF DEWSBURY CRICKET CLUB



# YOUNG GUNS!

1944 – YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS



# SO CLOSE!

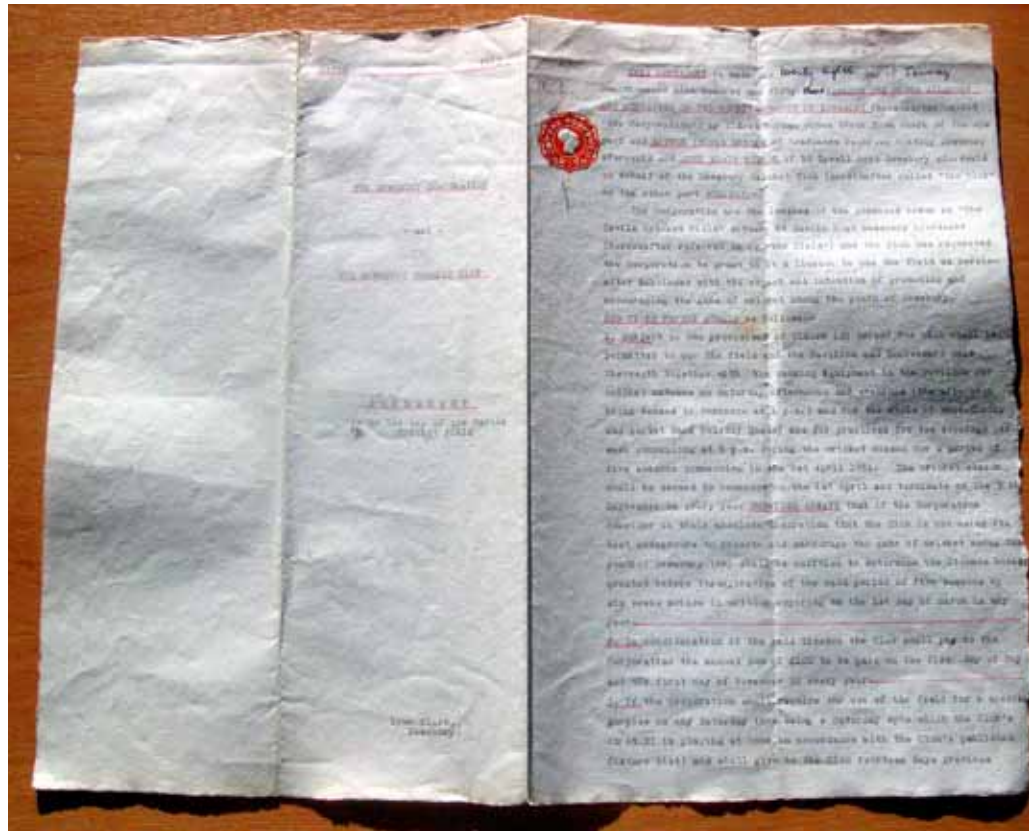
1950 – TEAM PHOTO



In 1950 Dewsbury were runners-up in Central Yorkshire League Division 2.

# GOOD DEEDS

1953 – GROUND LEASE



The club signed a lease agreement in 1953.

# MONEY, MONEY, MONEY

## 1954/55 – BALANCE SHEETS

<u>DEBURY CRICKET CLUB.</u>		<u>Year ended 31st December, 1954.</u>	
<u>Income and Expenditure Account.</u>			
<u>Expenditure.</u>		<u>Income.</u>	
To: <u>Cricket Expenses.</u>		By: <u>Subscriptions and Donations.</u>	141. 11. 6.
1st XI Expenses.	136. 7. 3.	" <u>Gate Money.</u>	
2nd XI Expenses.	15.19. 8.	1st XI Matches.	41.13. 9½.
Cricket Tackle.	19.17.10.	2nd XI Matches.	4. 3. 4.
Subscriptions to Cup competitions and Leagues.	10.10. 0.	Share of Cup Final.	<u>2. 0. 0.</u>
Fines and Levy.	<u>15. 0.</u>	183. 9. 9.	47. 17. 1½.
" <u>General Expenses.</u>		" <u>Profit on Tea Room.</u>	12. 16. 6.
Rent.	100. 0. 0.	" <u>Proceeds of Efforts.</u>	
Printing and Stationery.	16.13.10.	Special Efforts.	132.11. 0.
Postages.	8.13. 0.	Whist Drives.	34. 1. 0.
Advertising.	14. 0.	Dance.	94. 3.10.
Repairs.	11. 7.	Collections after Lectures.	<u>1. 5. 0.</u>
Bank Charges.	3. 8. 0.	262. 0. 10.	
Insurance.	2. 4. 6.	" <u>Miscellaneous Income.</u>	
Secretary's Honorarium.	10. 0. 0.	2nd XI Championship	
Treasurer's -do-	<u>10. 0. 0.</u>	Prize.	4. 2. 6.
" <u>Sundry Expenses.</u>		Sale of Club badge.	2. 6.
Block Membership Fee, Debury & Savile Bowling Club.	5. 0. 0.	Services.	<u>10. 0.</u>
Player's Sapper.	1.10. 0.	4. 15. 0.	
Cleaning Umpires Coats.	10. 0.		
Checkbook.	5. 0.		
Deposit for 1955 Dance.	<u>3. 3. 0.</u>		
10. 8. 0.			
" <u>Requisition.</u>			
Equipment.	11.14. 6.		
Furniture and Crockery.	<u>5.12. 0.</u>		
17. 6. 6.			
" <u>Surplus of Income over Expenditure.</u>	105. 11. 9½.		
	<u>269. 0. 11½</u>		
	666666		
		114 - 17-6	
		53 - 12-2	
		66 - 0-0	
		7-8	
		437-7-4	
		136-7-3	
		573	
		666	
		269. 0. 11½	

DEWSBURY CRICKET CLUB.

BALANCE SHEET.

31st December, 1955.

Liabilities.

Midland Bank Ltd., Overdraft	51. 15. 6
Sundry Loans.	10. 0. 0

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£61. 15. 6.  
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Assets.

Equipment - 1st January, 1955.	38. 19. 3	
LESS Depreciation @ 25% per annum.	9. 17. 10	
	29. 4. 5	
Additions (Cricket Net).	4. 15. 0	33. 19. 5
Furniture and Crockery, 1.1.55.	22. 8. 0.	
LESS Depreciation @ 20% per annum.	4. 9. 7.	
	17. 18. 5	
Additions (Tables)	3. 0. 0	20. 18. 5
Cash in hand.		2. 9. 7
Deficiency 1st January, 1955.	7. 5. 1	
LESS Excess of Income over expenditure.	2. 17. 0	4. 8. 1

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£61. 15. 6  
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I hereby certify that the foregoing income and expenditure account and Balance Sheet for the ended 31st December, 1955 are in accordance with the books, accounts and vouchers presented to me by the Treasurer.

13th January, 1956.

(Signed) A. IDLE.

Hon. Auditor.

# THE GOING RATE

## 1955 – REWARDS FOR PLAYERS

DEWSBURY CRICKET CLUB			
TALENTSCHEDULE FOR SEASON 1955.			
<u>BATTING.</u>	<u>Total runs in season.</u>	£	s d
	300	10	0 0
	Plus 1/- per run to:		
	400	15	0 0
	Plus 1/6d per run to:		
	500	22	10 0
	Plus 2/- per run to:		
	600	32	10 0
	Plus 2/6d per run thereafter.		
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<u>BOWLING.</u>	<u>Total wickets in season.</u>	£	s d
	25	10	0 0
	Plus 5/- per wicket to:		
	35	12	10 0
	Plus 10/- per wicket to:		
	65	27	10 0
	Plus £1 per wicket thereafter.		
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<u>FIELDING.</u>	10 catches in season.	£5	0 0
	Plus 5/- for each additional catch.		
	10 victims for wicket-keeper.	£5	0 0
	Plus 5/- for each additional victim.		

In the same year, 1955, Clifford Sykes became club captain.

# SYKES'S CUP

1956 – HEAVY WOOLLEN WINNERS

Dewsbury beat Liversedge in the final of the 1956 Heavy Woollen Cup final by 53 runs under the captaincy of Clifford Sykes.



**A team photo from 1956**



**Club officials during the 1956 final at Heckmondwike**



**The Dewsbury side leave the field after bowling Liversedge out for 51**

DENSBURY CRICKET CLUB

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT.

YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1956.

<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>		£	s	d			
To:-	<u>Cricket Expenses.</u>						
	1st XI Expenses.	25	18	10			
	2nd XI Expenses.	13	18	2			
	Professionals Wages.	76	-	-			
	Talent Money.	4	16	-			
	Cricket Tackle	46	15	8			
	Subscriptions.	10	8	-			
	Fines	4	6	-	177	11	2
	<u>General Expenses.</u>						
	Rent	100	-	-			
	Print ing. Stationery.	18	12	11			
	Postages.	9	13	9			
	Advertising.	1	12	-			
	Repairs	2	3	4			
	Bank Charges	1	17	6			
	Insurance	2	16	6			
	Secretary's Honorarium	10	-	-			
	Treasurers - do -	10	-	-			
					156	16	-
	<u>Sundry Expenses.</u>						
	Membership Fee Dewsbury & Saville Bowling Club	5	-	-			
	Annual Dinner.	21	-	9			
	Prizes for players.	3	7	-			
	Yorkshire C.C.	2	4	6			
	Dance Deposit 1957	3	3	-			
	Lottery Registration	1	-	-			
	Miscellaneous	2	-	6			
					37	15	9
	<u>Depreciation</u>						
	Equipment.	8	9	10			
	Furniture and Crockery.	4	3	8	12	13	6
	Excess of Income over Expenditure.				<u>150</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>11</u>
					<u>535</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>4</u>

<u>INCOME</u>		£	s	d
<u>Subscriptions and Donations.</u>		131	9	-
<u>Gate Money.</u>				
	1st XI League matches	45	-	11
	Cup Ties	12	17	-
		57	17	11
<u>Profit on Tea Room.</u>		13	16	4
<u>Proceeds of Efforts.</u>				
	Development Scheme	178	2	6
	Dance	75	1	11
	Special Efforts	68	16	10
	Collections.	4	12	6
		326	13	9
<u>Miscellaneous Income</u>				
	Loan of Yorkshire County Card.	1	-	-
	Minerals.	4	1	10
	Adve rts.	10	6	-
		5	12	4
		<u>535</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>4</u>

**This was the club's balance sheet from the same year**

# OVER AND OUT

## 1957 – LAST HEAVY WOOLLEN CUP FINAL VICTORY

1957 was a landmark year in the history of the club – it marked their last ever Heavy Woollen Cup final win. They did it under the leadership of Clifford Sykes, but Sykes retired as captain at the end of the season. Bowler David Haigh bagged 9-46 in one fixture during the summer.

### DEWSBURY RECOVER TO KEEP THE H.W.D. CUP HANGING HEATON FAIL IN BID FOR "DOUBLE"

So, after all, Hanging Heaton have failed in their bid for the "double," and the H.W.D. Cup remains at Savile Town after one of the best finals of recent years.

It was, perhaps, peculiar that Dewsbury just reached 100, the figure at which the innings of the opening side must be suspended, and in those hectic final stages, the leaders failed by only seven runs to reach the Dewsbury seat.

#### A FINAL OF THRILLS AND SURPRISES

DEWSBURY ..... 152 HANGING HEATON ..... 143

BY R.C.

I shall remember the Heavy Woollen Cup final of 1957 for a long time to come—for this game had everything.

I shall remember Dewsbury fighting their way out of trouble in the early stages to "turn the tables" on the champions... and Hanging Heaton's goal not this but for history as they fell.

#### IN THE LIMELIGHT

A. Hovell, of Thornhill, is in excellent form with the bat just now. Against Rotherham (1.2.1.)

### CRICKET—IN AND OUT OF THE PAVILION

BY HENRY WILSON

#### Hand Shakes and Head Shakes

Several people shook me by the hand this week-end.

The congratulations were because of my success in the final of the R.W. Challenge Cup. The people who shook me by the hand were Dewsbury supporters.

Months of hard work and sweat will be forgotten, he sitting at his office. But it should be sitting at his office. He is obviously wrong to say that a people is never mentioned in his own country. He is in the nation of people who beat it from his last opponent.

But if my success was wrong I was in company with the majority. We were through. Hanging Heaton had the cup through. Hanging Heaton had the cup through. Hanging Heaton had the cup through.

FELICITY—My bush telegraph tells me that the Dewsbury Club feels I am a friend of Hanging Heaton. I am aware of Dewsbury that Hanging Heaton do not share that opinion. And if members of the Dewsbury Club were to look through

#### Ellam's Match

To score 88 take an even, including the last-44 four in five balls, is good.

It was what G. Egan achieved for Whitley Lower against The 10 on Monday. The innings of Wilson and Leggett, the Yorkist Wilson, in taking 4 for 44, was in the Whitley total of 143. It was A. E. Berris (Prestwood) for 46 who was the really great player who were bowled out by

Ellam completely worked a great innings in the new hotel and they did well to score 88 (88) in 44. Leggett is not out. Whitley Lower play Harrogate

#### Know The Rules

In a local partition he was "dovled" down: he quipped an umpire give and yet counting it as

Dewsbury said he was right while the count in the oval. That it always had been so. If these people were right the Home Match was what Puckler would say in

DEWSBURY CRICKET CLUB

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*Annual Dinner  
and Dance*

KINGSWAY CAFE, DEWSBURY

**On Saturday, 7th December, 1957**

Commence 6-30 p.m.

*"Life without Fun, is like Summer without Sun"*



**It was a year to celebrate!**

# DEWSBURY CRICKET CLUB

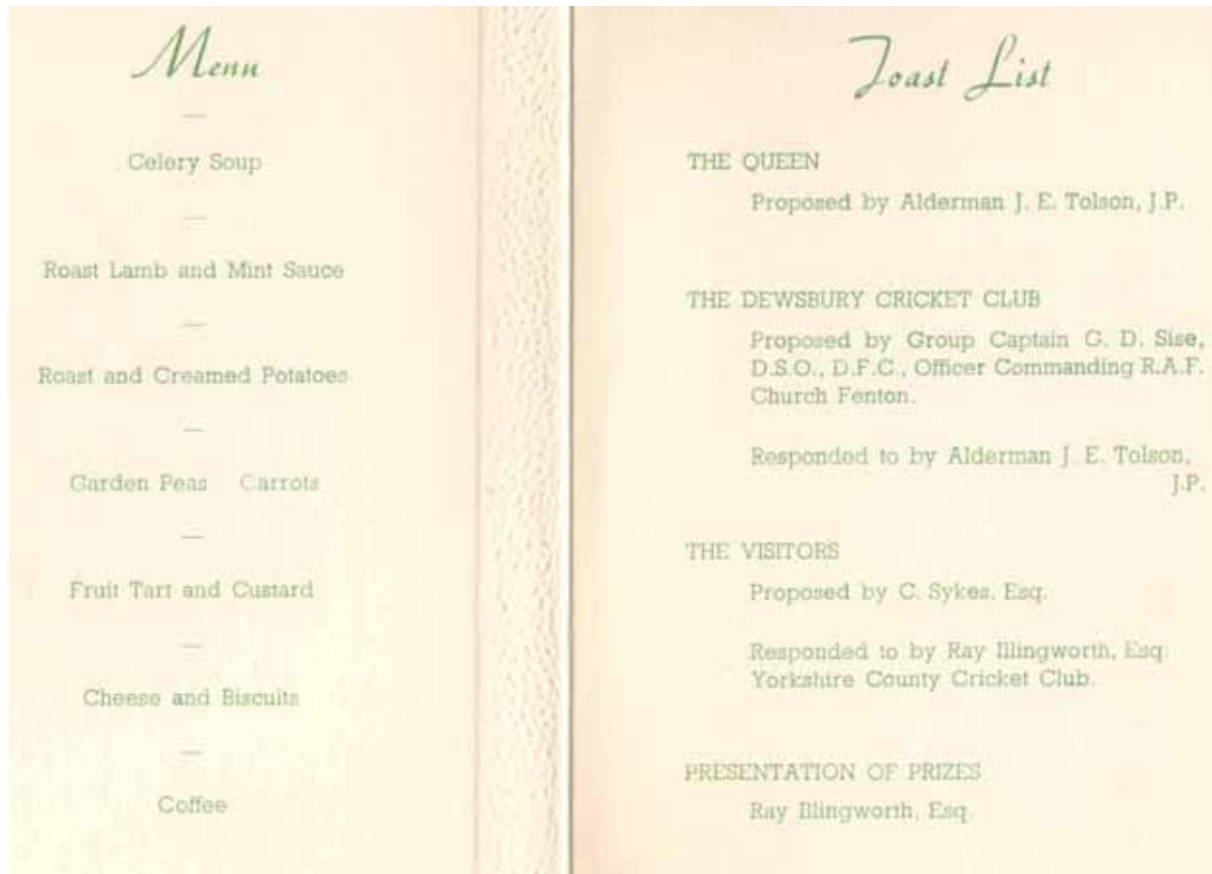
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1958.

EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>To Cricket Expenses:</b>						
1st XI Expenses...	47	11	4			
2nd XI Expenses ...	13	4	5			
Talent Money ...	10	8	6			
Cricket Tackle ...	53	6	11			
Subscriptions to Cup						
Competitions and League	11	14	0			
Fines ...		2	6			
Umpires' Coats ...		6	12			
Coach to Bridlington ...		2	1			
	145	1	0			
<b>General Expenses:</b>						
Rent ...	100	0	0			
Printing and Stationery...	22	6	9			
Postages ...	5	10	0			
Advertising ...	2	7	3			
Insurance ...	2	14	6			
Bank Charges ...		13	6			
Secretary's Honorarium ...	10	0	0			
Treasurer's Honorarium ...	10	0	0			
Repairs ...	15	19	11			
	169	11	11			
<b>Sundry Expenses:</b>						
Block Membership Fee, Dewsbury and Savile Club ...	5	0	0			
Prizes for Players ...	4	9	6			
Presents for Tearoom Staff ...	2	18	11			
Presentation Central Yorkshire League President...	1	0	0			
Yorkshire County Cricket Club Members Card ...	2	2	0			
Deposit Dance 1959 ...	3	3	0			
Lottery Registration ...	1	0	0			
Players' Supper ...	2	0	0			
Loss on Jazz Concert ...	67	12	9			
	89	6	2			
<b>Depreciation:</b>						
Equipment ...	4	15	6			
Furniture and Crockery ...	2	13	7			
	7	9	1			
	£411	8	2			
<b>INCOME</b>						
<b>By Subscriptions and Donations ...</b>				124	1	0
<b>Gate Money:</b>						
1st XI Matches ...	25	0	10			
2nd XI Matches ...		7	9			
Cup Ties ...	2	16	6			
	28	5	1			
<b>Profit on Tearoom ...</b>				11	8	9
<b>Proceeds of Efforts:</b>						
Development Scheme ...	123	13	6			
Dance ...	61	4	6			
Special Effort ...	25	5	0			
	210	3	0			
<b>Miscellaneous Income:</b>						
Advert on Card...		10	6			
Sale of Umpires' Coats...		2	2			
Collection after Lecture ...		13	6			
		3	6			
<b>Excess of Expenditure over Income</b>				34	4	4
	£411	8	2			

That year's balance sheet

# HAVING A BALL

1958/61 – CLUB FUNCTIONS



1958

DEWSBURY CRICKET CLUB

*President* : His Worship the Mayor  
(Coun. W. Weir, J.P.)

*Chairman* : Ald. W. H. Hooper, J.P.

ANNUAL  
DINNER  
AND  
DANCE

KINGSWAY CAFE, DEWSBURY

FRIDAY, 1st DECEMBER, 1961  
at 6-45 p.m.

M. Pollard, *Hon. Sec.*



# QUADRUPLE JOY!

1962 – FOUR TROPHY SUCCESSES



In 1962 the 1st and 2nd XI won, between them, a combined total of four cup trophies. And this was an all-amateur Dewsbury squad.

## DEWSBURY'S FOUR CUPS SEASON



Ald. J. E. Tolson, with the Mayor and Mayoress of Dewsbury (Coun. and Mrs. J. H. Lill), inspecting one of the four cups at the annual dinner of the Dewsbury Cricket Club.

# KINGSWAY NIGHTS

1962/3/4/5 – ANNUAL DINNERS

DEWSBURY CRICKET CLUB

President:  
HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR  
(Councillor J. Lill)  
Chairman: Alderman W. H. HOOPER, J.P.

*Annual*  
**DINNER and**  
**DANCE**

KINGSWAY CAFE, DEWSBURY  
FRIDAY, 7th DECEMBER, 1962  
7.0 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

M. POLLARD, Hon. Secretary



DEWSBURY CRICKET CLUB

President:  
THE MAYOR OF DEWSBURY  
(Councillor Mrs. V. Ferrari, J.P.)  
Chairman: Alderman W. H. HOOPER, J.P.

*Annual*  
**DINNER AND**  
**DANCE**

KINGSWAY CAFE, DEWSBURY  
FRIDAY, 6th DECEMBER, 1963  
7.15 for 7.30 p.m.

M. POLLARD, Hon. Secretary

DEWSBURY CRICKET CLUB

President :

The Mayor of Dewsbury (Councillor A. Wilkinson, J.P.)

Chairman : Alderman W. H. Hooper, J.P.



ANNUAL DINNER  
AND DANCE

held at the

Kingsway Cafe, Dewsbury

on

Friday, 4th December, 1964

7.15 for 7.30 p.m.

M. Pollard, Hon. Secretary

DEWSBURY CRICKET CLUB

President : The Mayor of Dewsbury

(Alderman K. C. Howe, J.P.)

Chairman : Alderman W. H. Hooper, J.P.



ANNUAL DINNER  
AND DANCE

held at the

Kingsway Cafe, Dewsbury

on

Friday, 3rd December, 1965

7-15 for 7-30 p.m.

M. Pollard, Hon. Secretary

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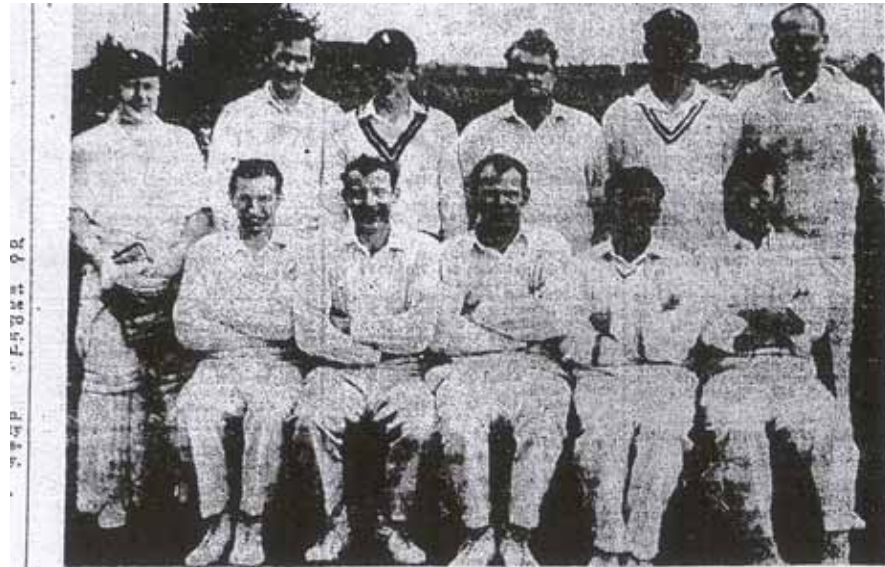
CRICKET FOR LOVE OF THE GAME



"Dewsbury Cricket Club plays cricket for the love of the game, for cricket alone, for sportsman-ship alone, and with no

Prizewinners and officials pictured at the Dewsbury Cricket Club dinner are, left to right (back) Messrs. J. Adamson, P. B. Senior, D. M. Atkinson, M. Pollard; (front), A. Idle, Ald. W. H. Hooper and Messrs. R. Sheard and H. Squires.

**The 1964 event was reported in the local press**



Left to right: Back, C. Parkinson, J. Adamson, G. Cooper, D. Quayle, D. Morris, W. A. J. Bowes. Front, D. Harrison, P. B. Senior, W. G. Squires (captain), P. Bowers and D. Atkinson.

## WAKEFIELD GRASPS THE CUP FIRMLY

WAKEFIELD .... (for three wkts) 130, DEWSBURY .... 65

BY HENRY WILSON.

AS WAS EXPECTED BY SOME 90 PER CENT. OF LOCAL CRICKET FOLLOWERS, THE HEAVY WOOLLEN CRICKET CHALLENGE CUP PASSED INTO THE KEEPING OF WAKEFIELD FOR AT LEAST A YEAR.

## HANGING HEATON'S EASY WIN

HANGING HEATON (6or-0) 11  
LIVERSEDGE .....

Liversedge provided no problem for a Hanging Heaton side which continued its winning ways

In 1964 Dewsbury also lost in their last Heavy Woollen Cup final appearance.

# 11 COMMANDMENTS

## UNDATED CLUB RULES

DEWSBURY CRICKET CLUB  
RULES

1. The Club shall be known as "The Dewsbury Cricket Club".
2. The objects of the Club shall be the fostering and enjoyment of cricket as an amateur game, and the encouragement of young players in developing their appreciation and skill in this sport.
3. Membership shall be open to all who pay a subscription in accordance with the following terms:-

Vice-Presidents	£1. 7s. 0d	Playing Members (over 18 yrs)	15s. 0d
Members	10s. 6d	Playing Members (under 18 yrs)	free
Lady Members	4s. 6d	Old Age Pensioners	2s. 6d
4. The Subscriptions shall be payable on or before the 31st May in each year, and any member who has not paid his subscription for the previous year shall not be permitted to practise on the Ground or play for the Club.
5. The Club's financial year shall end on the 31st December.
6. The Officers of the Club shall be:-

(a) President	(d) Hon-Secretary
(b) Chairman	(e) Hon-Treasurer
(c) Vice-Chairman	(f) Life Members

who, with members to be elected at the Club's Annual General Meeting shall form a Committee.
7. The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in March.
8. The management of the Club shall be in the hands of the Committee as set out in para. 6. who shall meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month during the playing season, and on the third Tuesday during the non-playing months.
9. Seven members, at least two of whom shall be Officers of the Club shall make a quorum.
- 9a. The Club's representatives to the Central Yorkshire League, the Yorkshire Council and the Heavy Woollen Cup Committee shall be elected from those members comprising the Committee.
10. Life Membership of the Club may be granted only on the recommendation of the Committee, at the Annual General Meeting.
11. General Meetings of the Club shall be called by the Hon. Secretary at times and dates fixed by the Committee, or, in case of urgency by the

# PRIDE OF THE CLUB

1965 – TEAM PHOTO



Dewsbury's cricket team which on Saturday lost to Thornhill. In the picture are, back (left to right), C. Parkinson, J. Adamson, D. Quayle, D. Morris, D. Harrison, P. J. McKenzie. Front (left to right) R. Wrathmell, P. B. Senior, W. G. Squires D. Atkinson, and J. Mackavoy.

1965 also witnessed the 35th and final staging of the Heavy Woollen Cup final at Savile Town.

## CUP-FINAL AT SAVILE TOWN

# A TRUE-TO-FORM WIN— BUT NOT IN A CANTER

BY HENRY WILSON

HANGING HEATON .. 78, HECKMONDWIKE (for 5) .. 79

*The form book for the final of the Heavy Woollen District Cricket Challenge Cup came true and Heckmondwike duly won the trophy—but not in a canter.*

BEFORE WE GO INTO ANY REALMS OF FICTION LET US HAVE SOME FACTS AND FIGURES.

In over four hours of cricket, only 158 runs were scored.

During this period, 75 overs were bowled. The top individual score was 25 and this took 120 minutes.

During this four hours, seven fours were struck—and never the shadow of a six.

Local cricket historians tell me that, among others, Grace and Jessop played at Savile Town. It seems improbable that the ghosts of either of these cricketers were sitting there enjoying those four hours—although they may well

championship final last year will know what is meant.

Then came Naylor. It was he who saved his side against Mirfield in the semi-final. He played Burton with a straight bat—but never threatening to spin the wheels of the scoreboard. He stayed for all but two hours—and saw Burton back into his sweater. But Burton had broken the back of the Hanging Heaton batting—and then Kershaw's spin mopped up the remains.

NAYLOR OUT

Bennett Lane side their fielding was not (may one say the "Hall" mark) of Heckmondwike's. Hall might have been caught by Naylor and Cheshire was dropped by McNair.

Hall's painstaking innings came to an end when he was taken low down behind the wicket and it was left to Cheshire to take some sort of command of a by no

means unassailable position. He had his good luck and Hanging Heaton their bad luck—but for the sixth time within nine years we heard a Hanging Heaton captain congratulating opponents on having defeated Hanging

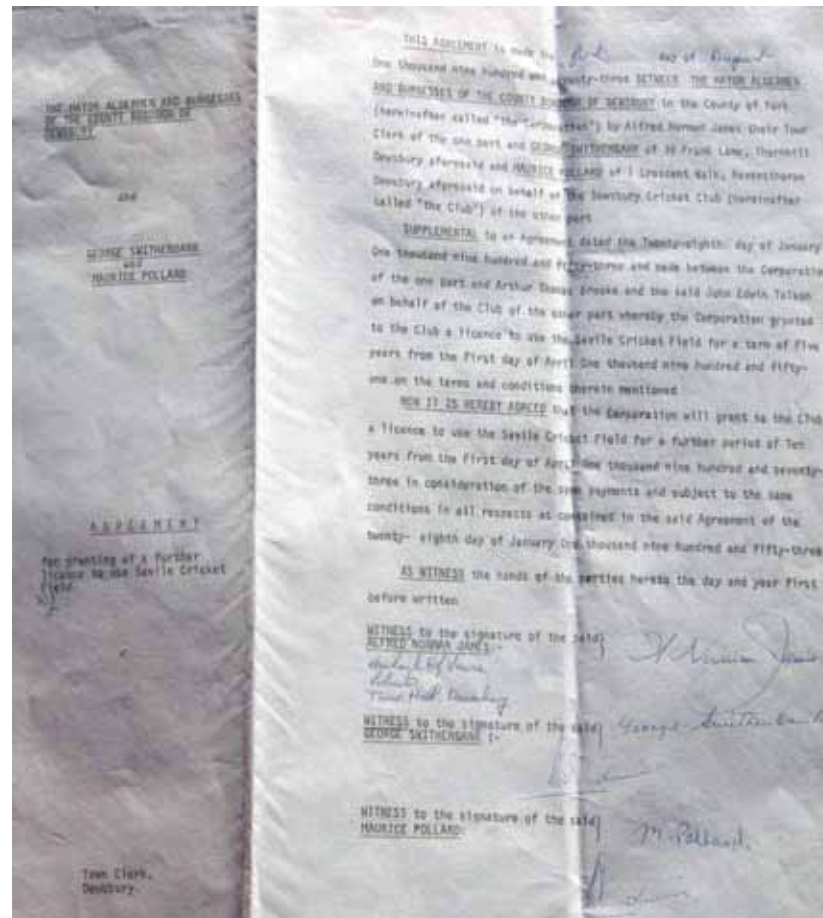
# LOOKING GOOD!

1970 – SIX-TROPHY SEASON



# IN BLACK AND WHITE

## 1973 – LEASE AGREEMENT



# PRICE IS RIGHT

1974 – MONEY FOR TALENT



## TALENT SCHEME - DEWSBURY C. C. - SEASON 1974.

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The scheme will operate on a match to match basis and not on the season's results as a whole. ONLY 1ST ELEVEN PLAYERS TO QUALIFY. The existing arrangements for 2nd Eleven players to continue as before i.e. payment for 50 runs and 6 wickets plus awards for three catches. MATCHES TO COUNT - ALL Central Yorkshire League fixtures and H.W. Cup ties plus any play-offs for the League or Championship of the Yorkshire Council - NO FRIENDLY FIXTURES TO QUALIFY.

After the 1ST OF JUNE 1974 ONLY FULLY PAID UP PLAYING MEMBERS OF THE 1ST ELEVEN shall qualify for the payment of talent monies.

This money will be paid out weekly on Tuesday evenings throughout the season after the score book has been certified by the Treasurer and a small sub-committee (2 members of the General Committee - not members of the 1st Eleven). This will serve a dual purpose of attracting players down to net practices and help to keep the 200 CLUB up to date; without which the Club could not meet it's financial obligations.

# CAN YOU HELP?

## UNDATED TEAM PHOTO



# THE MEN IN WHITE

1978 – TEAM PHOTO



# READY TO GO!

1979 – TEAM PHOTO



# 80 NOT OUT!

BIRTHDAY MILESTONE



Dewsbury CC folk were out in force when club legend Clifford Sykes celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday

# GOING, GOING, GONE

1988 – AUCTION EVENT



In 1988 Christies auctioned off the original Heavy Woollen Cup – the trophy that Dewsbury & Savile CC carried off for winning the competition on a hat-trick of occasions in 1890.

# END OF AN ERA

1989 – CLUB DISBANDS

In 1989 Dewsbury CC were forced to leave the Savile Ground, and then disband, due to increased vandalism at the venue.



## Crucial date for historic Dewsbury

### LEAGUE CRICKET PREVIEW

MOST Central Yorkshire League eyes tomorrow will be on the fortunes of joint Division Two leaders Dewsbury at Gildersome.

For the Savile Town club have called an extraordinary meeting on July 11 to discuss their future after the increasing problems caused by vandalism at their historic ground, used by Yorkshire each year from the late 19th century to 1933.

The outcome will decide whether they can carry on, but whatever is resolved that evening they will carry out their CYL commitments this summer.

Another severe blow struck Dewsbury on Saturday when they faced a crucial top of the table clash with Thornhill. Windows of both dressing rooms were

already has 39 victims to his credit and in paceman Andy Day they have a genuine prospect.

The ground, for many years the traditional venue for the Heavy Woollen Cup final, has become delapidated since the great days of county cricket when it boasted its own covered stand, though its unique pavilion remains. It would be a great pity if the club felt there was no alternative but to pack up and in effect be driven out by the vandals.

Joint leaders Heckmondwike also lost surprisingly at Slazengers last week and they will not have it all their own way when improving WYCO visit Cemetery Road tomorrow.

Thornhill meanwhile anticipate...



## Shame of Savile

THE DEBRIS of glass and bricks (above) that had to be removed from the Savile Town RL pitch before last Thursday night's match between Dewsbury Celtic and the Irish Students World Cup team. This came just three weeks after Dewsbury CC had opted to leave the adjoining cricket ground at the end of the season because of repeated vandalism.

"The Irish lads were guests to the town and country preparing for an international competition. What must they have thought", said Philip Andruchow, Celtic's second team coach. "Before the game the two teams had to line up from one touchline to the other and slowly walk down the pitch picking up the rubbish. It does not need much imagination to realise what could happen if a player going at full speed was tackled onto a jagged piece of glass". Celtic won 18-4.

A statement by the HW Amateur RL management committee spoke of their "anger and dis-

"We who play rugby on the adjacent field will not allow disruption or vandalism to move us away from Savile Town. So to the powers-that-be take note: we pay for the field and we shall use it. The ball is in your court now. What are you going to do about it?"

● Earlsheaton Rangers gave Eastmoor a real scare in the opening Mermaid Trophy game on Tuesday before the holders ran out 22-14 winners.

Tries by Dean Holland and Richard Fox, both goaled by Andy Bell, gave Rangers a 12-0 lead abd although Andy Bowes hit back with a try a goal by Fox made it 14-4 at the break.

Two tries by Bowes and goals by him and Mick Trei gave the Wakefield side a slender margin before Bowes clinched victory three minutes from the end with a try

Dewsbury Moor fought back from an 8-0 interval deficit to beat Fox & Hounds 26-8 on Wednesday. A try from Mick Turner and two goals by Senior put the Hanging Heaton team in front before Paul Corcoran

## Field of contention

I FEEL I should reply to the comments made by Alex Fellowes (Letters, August 28), with reference to the use of the Savile Cricket Field by our Asian friends.

This gentleman has no idea what he is talking about when he says the allegations by Mr. Hey, Secretary of the Sports Council, are unsubstantiated. I would suggest he visit the Savile Cricket Field and see for himself the problems the Cricket Club have to face up to on practice evenings and match days.

Along with myself and the Dewsbury Sports Council, we have had a number of meetings with the Asian community leaders in an effort to try and improve relations between us, but this seems to have been of no avail.

Before we can play a match it takes me up to 30 minutes to remove bricks, milk crates and litter from the playing field. We have also had four windows broken in the pavilion and crisps and biscuits taken from our cupboards which were smashed open, resulting in a loss to the club of £20.

Bikes and sometimes cars are ridden over the field.

We have played 22 league games this season and on only two of these games have we not had to stop the match due to Asians walking across the field during play.

On the two occasions this did not occur, it was due to the attendance of the Community Policeman, PC Grantham, who I may say has done his best to solve the problem.

I would point out that we have no objections to the Asians using the Savile Cricket field, providing they respect it and use it properly. It is up to their leaders to educate their youth in the proper use of the field.

I think Mr. Fellowes will agree it is coming to something when we have to have a policeman at a cricket match, when he could be better employed elsewhere in Dewsbury.

**M. POLLARD**  
Secretary.

Dewsbury Cricket Club.

# Over! Savile Town bowled out by vandals

RICKET will end in September after 126 summers at Dewsbury's historic Savile Town ground — bowled out by the vandals.

removed from the field before each match.

A second team game last month had had to be abandoned for safety fears because of riots nearby.

Home players and visiting teams no

## *Cricket club to leave Savile ground*

DEWSBURY Cricket Club was given a lifeline on Tuesday when Kirklees Council officials pledged to do their utmost to find a ground for the club so it could carry on in 1990.

But Tuesday's extraordinary general meeting decided the club should leave the 126-year-old Savile Town ground, used by Yorkshire from 1867-1933, at the end of this season because of the increasing problems of vandalism.

Kirklees Leisure Services assistant director Richard Brooker revealed that he had somewhere

disband was deferred.

Mr Brooker stressed that once Dewsbury had gone the pavilion would have to be demolished as it would be too expensive to repair.

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**By Peter Snape**

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in addition to increased damage to ground and pavilion, there had been increasing militancy and provocation by young Asians, and officials had suffered a lot of abuse during last Sunday's second team game.

"For many years the Asians have told us that one day this ground would belong to them; there has

# Club faces chop

**A YORKSHIRE** cricket institution could disappear tonight — if a decision is taken to close down vandal-hit Dewsbury CC.

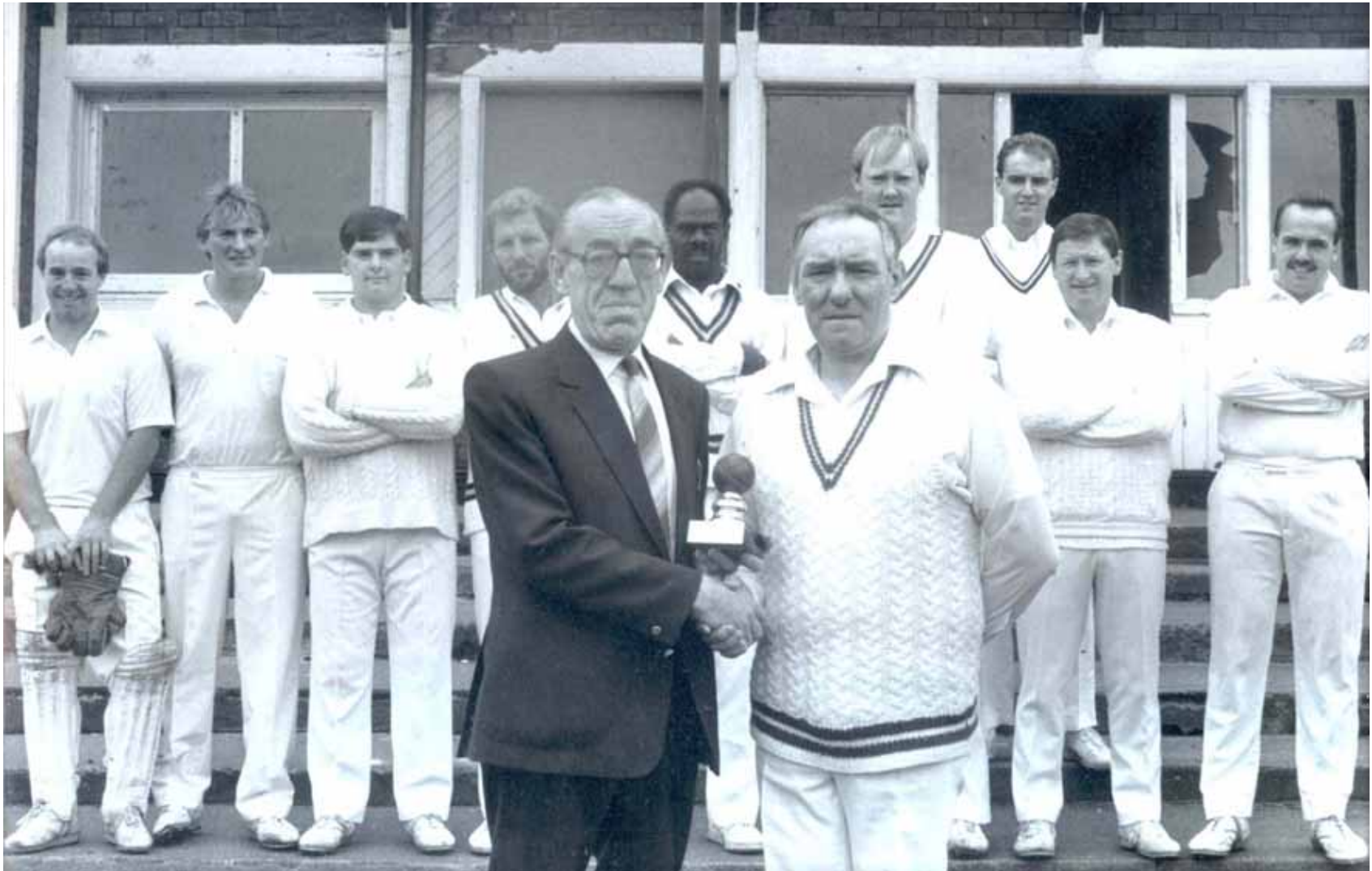
Escalating bills for damage have forced the club to



**Team Photo from 1989**



**This ball was used in Dewsbury's last-ever match  
against Soothill in 1989**



**And there was a special presentation made**

# NEW BEGINNING

1990 – MERGER WITH WHITLEY LOWER CC



Many Dewsbury players chose to continue their careers at Woodbottom, Mirfield, when Dewsbury CC and Whitley Lower CC merged to form Hopton Mills CC in 1990.

# HALF-CENTURY HERO

2000 – SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

In 2000 Dewsbury and Hopton Mills stalwart Maurice Pollard celebrated 50 years of service to local cricket.



## All together to mark Maurice's 50 years of service to cricket

PLAYERS from as far back as the 1950s attended a reunion of the Dewsbury and Savile Cricket Club recently.

A former Dewsbury XI took on a Hopton Mills XI at Woodbottom to commemorate Maurice Pollard's 50 years service to the local game.

proved to be a very good game.

Dewsbury batted first and made a more than respectable 215-9 in their 35 overs.

Harrison top scored with 61 and was well supported by Whittaker (24), Lucky Hans (21) and Carroll (21no).

In reply, the Dewsbury side proved to have too much experience and after having Hopton struggling with five wickets down for one run, eventually restricted them to 144-9 in their 35 overs.

Scott top scored for Hopton with 58 and other

(21) and Payne (20).

Day was Dewsbury's best bowler with 5-6 in five overs.

Watching eagerly were players from the 1957 Heavy Woollen Cup-winning Dewsbury side including Clifford Hepinstall, Roy and Peter Bowers, Jack Smith and

Jack Robb, Raymond Scott, Gordon Cooper, Mike Townend, Philip Scott and Derek Harrison.

A raffle and collection in aid of Cancer Relief raised £181.

### DEWSBURY XI

R Bowers b Wilcock 18  
M Townend c D Towenrd b M Houle 10  
L Hans c Stanley b Scott 21

C Day st Bland b Auty 18  
D Whittaker c Hamshaw b Bashir 24  
R Switbank c Bashir b Auty 3  
M Day c Scott b Bashir 10  
R Carroll not out 21  
A Roberts not out 10  
Extras 8  
Total (9wks, 35 overs) 215  
FOW: 38, 46, 86, 94, 150, 159, 170, 180, 195.

Bowling: Wilcock 9-1-37-1, Bashir 7-0-36-2, Scott 5-1-30-1, Hamshaw 3-0-19-1, Cadzow 3-0-37-1, Townend 2-0-21-0, Auty 3-0-15-3, Payne 3-0-18-0.

### HOPTON MILLS

S Bland c Hans b Roberts 1  
P Scott c Hamshaw b Haigh 58  
D Hamshaw b C Day 10  
S Stanley b C Day 10  
D Towenrd c Bowers b Hans 21  
R Payne b C Day 20  
S Auty run out 23  
D Hope not out 10  
S Wilcock not out 1  
Extras 10  
Total (9wks, 35 overs) 144

FOW: 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 72, 90, 119, 142.  
Bowling: C Day 5-2-6-5, Roberts 9-3-12-1, Bowers 4-0-16-0, Hans 7-0-25-1, Harrison 7-0-20-1, Switbank 6-