

# DALTON CC: THE EARLY YEARS

## YORKSHIRE HEROES

### 1831 – FORMATION OF CLUB

After its formation in 1831, Dalton Cricket Club progressed rapidly to become Huddersfield's most prominent team by the start of the 1840s.

This was the period in which a number of clubs, representing the region's major towns, played each other in regular challenge matches for stake money.



Dalton became a major force in these contests. As early as 1842 they beat Bradford by 2 wickets in a match for £20, reputed to be for the 'Championship of Yorkshire'.

GRAND CRICKET MATCH FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF YORKSHIRE, BETWEEN THE DALTON AND BRADFORD CLUBS.

# FAMILY AFFAIR

## THREE GREAT CRICKETING DYNASTIES

The Dalton team was built largely around three strong cricketing families, the Berrys, the Crosslands and the Wilsons and, although Yorkshire County Cricket Club was yet to be formed, the first two families featured strongly in teams which were assembled to represent the county.



George Berry and his nephew John both played for Yorkshire in the 1840s, as did another Berry, Joseph, who was no relation. Andrew Crossland was a regular in the county team during this period and his brother Joseph made one appearance for Yorkshire in 1850. Other Dalton men to play for Yorkshire include George Armitage, William Kaye, and H. Boothroyd.



Although none of the Wilson family represented the county, they were synonymous with the great Dalton side of this period. A founder member of the club, Old John Wilson, led the dynasty which included his brother Samuel, his son, also called Samuel and another family member, F. Wilson, whose career reached into the 1900s.

# BEST OF ENEMIES!

## SHEFFIELD RIVALRY

The most memorable feature of Dalton's greatest years was its rivalry with Sheffield.



As early as 1842 Dalton had played Sheffield for £30 in a match which ended in controversy.



More disputes followed between the two clubs until a final showdown took place after Dalton placed a 'Challenge' in *Bells Life* to play Sheffield for £50 a side in 1851.

The match took place at Old Trafford, Manchester.



*Bell's Life* reported that **'a more important match was never played either in Lancashire or Yorkshire; each eleven had numerous friends, and the betting was brisk at even, but the game fluctuated so much several times that that repeated changes in the betting took place in the way of speculation.'**



Dalton won by 8 runs

DALTON.		1st inn			2d inn
A. Crosland, c Wright, b Wake	7	b Hunt	17		
J. Wilson, b Wake	1	not out	3		
John Berry, c Wright, b Ellice	16	run out	9		
G. Armitage, c Wright, b Ellice	7	b Wright	1		
G. Berry, hit w. b Ellice	42	c Hunt, b Ellice	50		
J. Crosland, run out	18	leg b w, b Hunt	19		
J. Thomas, run out	6	st Chatterton, b Ellice	4		
H. Boothroyd, run out	2	run out	3		
W. Kaye, not out	4	c Ellison, b Wake	30		
J. Noble, c Wright, b Hunt	2	leg b wicket, b Hunt	2		
Joe Berry, b Stevenson	3	run out	6		
Leg byes 7, wide balls 8	15	byes 2, leg byes 4, wide 14	20		
<b>Total</b>	<b>-101</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>-134</b>		
SHEFFIELD.		1st inn			1st inn
J. M. Ellison, Esq, c G. Berry, b Armitage	15	b John Berry	10		
T. Hunt, b A. Crosland	9	b A. Crosland	39		
Coates, b Armitage	4	c G. Berry, b A. Crosland	1		
H. Simpson, b Armitage	5	c John Berry, b A. Crosland	68		
H. Wright, b John Berry	18	c Boothroyd, b Armitage	3		
G. Chatterton, b John Berry	21	c Armitage, b A. Crosland	19		
B. Wake, Esq, b G. Berry	6	c Wilson, b John Berry	3		
Dakin, c A. Crosland, b G. Berry	1	c G. Berry, b A. Crosland	0		
Stevenson, b John Berry	3	c Armitage, b A. Crosland	5		
Ellice, not out	7	b Armitage	0		
Shaw, b John Berry	0	not out	1		
Byes 2, wide ball 1	3	leg byes 2, wide balls 3	4		
<b>Total</b>	<b>-102</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>-127</b>		

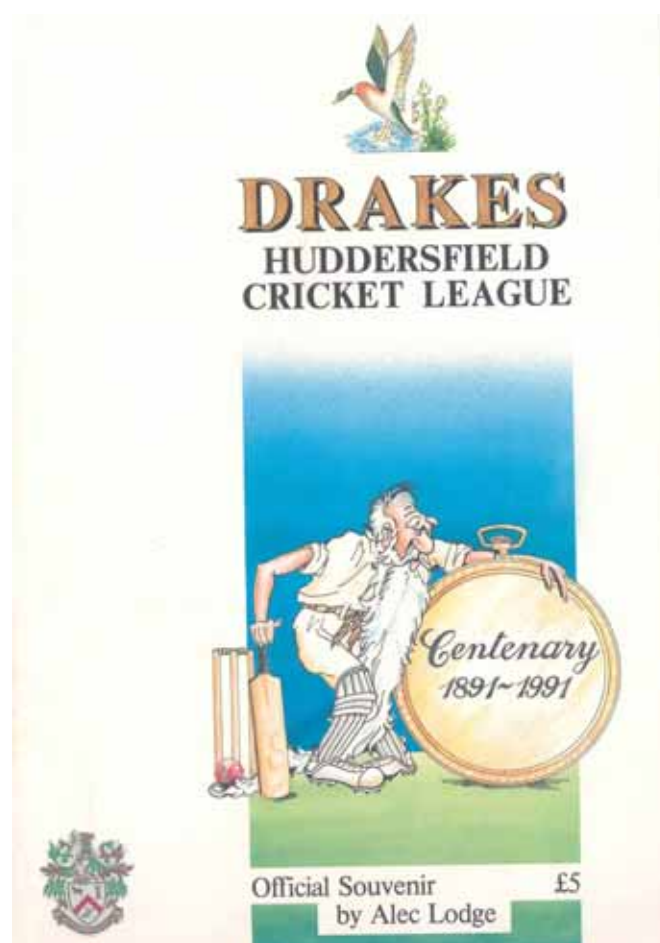
ANALYSIS OF THE BOWLING.							
SHEFFIELD BOWLERS.—DALTON FIRST INNINGS.							
	Overs.	Maiden.	Runs.	Wides.	Byes.	Leg byes.	Total.
Wright	31	14	29	2	0	3	34
Wake, Esq	12	3	15	2	0	0	17
Ellice	15	2	27	2	0	0	29
Hunt	6	0	9	1	0	2	12
Stevenson	3	0	6	1	0	2	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>101</b>
DALTON SECOND INNINGS.							
Wright	22	7	29	3	1	1	34
Stevenson	10	2	25	3	1	2	23
Hunt	21	10	18	5	0	1	24
Ellice	17	9	12	0	0	0	12
Chatterton	1	0	3	0	0	0	3
Wake, Esq	12	1	27	1	0	0	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>134</b>
DALTON BOWLERS.—SHEFFIELD FIRST INNINGS.							
Armitage	21	8	30	0	0	0	30
A. Crosland	22	9	25	0	0	0	30
Kaye	5	0	18	0	0	0	13
John Berry	21	3	11	0	0	0	11
G. Berry	10	3	15	1	2	0	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>102</b>
SHEFFIELD SECOND INNINGS.							
Armitage	54	30	45	0	0	0	45
John Berry	15	3	39	1	0	1	41
Kaye	5	2	6	0	0	0	6
G. Berry	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
A. Crosland	32	17	52	1	0	1	54
<b>Total</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>127</b>

Dalton remained a major force in Huddersfield cricket for most of the nineteenth century, although the rise of the great Lascelles Hall nursery saw the Club displaced as the district's leading team.

# LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN

1897 – RED LETTER DAY

Dalton Cricket Club joined the Huddersfield & District League in 1897.

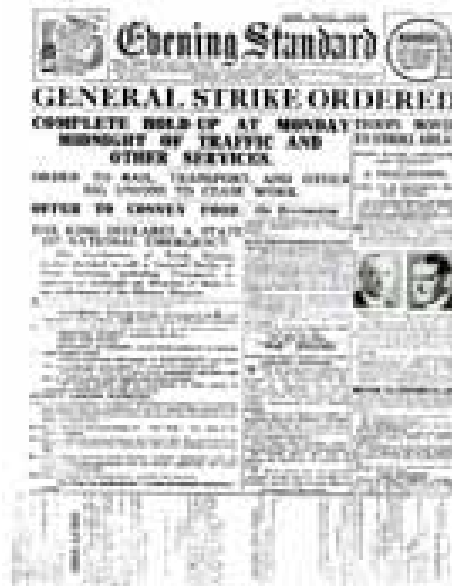


**The League celebrated its Centenary in 1991**

Three years later they won the Byrom Shield, and 12 years on they netted the 2nd XI Championship.

# TITLE HAT-TRICK!

1920s – 2<sup>nd</sup> XI TREBLE



Dalton CC completed an amazing hat-trick in the 1920s.

They claimed the Paddock Shield in 1925, and then bagged three 2<sup>nd</sup> XI championships in a row, in 1924, 1925 and 1925 – the year of the General Strike.



# HAPPY MR FLINT!

1929 – CLUB CENTENARY ON HORIZON

It seems that Dalton's Centenary as a Club was celebrated in 1930 rather than 1931. Whatever the technicalities, it was of particular importance to Club stalwart Ernest Flint, as this newspaper article makes plain.

ONE of the most conscientious workers in the interests of Huddersfield League cricket will realise an ambition of long standing next season. Mr. Ernest Flint, the secretary of the Dalton club, when he accepted office 36 years ago, expressed the wish that he might carry on until the club celebrated its centenary. This notable event will be celebrated next year.

Dalton is one of the oldest cricket clubs in the country, and since the club was first inaugurated 99 years ago there has not been a break in the sequence of seasons. The Lascelles Hall club was started a few years previous to Dalton, but in their case there has been a short break in the continuity.

Mr. Flint's long career as secretary—one wonders if it is a record for league cricket—is particularly interesting. He has been a member of the Dalton club for 42 years, and for 38 years of this period played regularly in the first team.

Previous to the inauguration of the present Huddersfield and District League, Mr. Flint was secretary of the Huddersfield Alliance, and he is the only representative Dalton have ever had on the Huddersfield and District League Committee.

a hundred years old, and is, therefore, not only one of the oldest clubs in the district, but one of the oldest in the country.

It is true that the Lascelles Hall club was founded a year or two earlier than that at Dalton, but in their case there has been a break of continuity, whereas Dalton has an unbroken record.

The centenary celebrations will particularly interest two members of the club, Mr. Ernest Flint, the secretary for 36 years, a member for 42 years, and the only representative to the Huddersfield League that the club have had, and Mr. Joe Lumb, a vice-president and a member of fifty years' standing.

# WARTIME SUCCESS

1940/2 – 2<sup>nd</sup> XI CHAMPIONSHIPS



In 1940 and 1942 the Dalton 2<sup>nd</sup> XI came up trumps. In both years they stormed to the Section 'B' title.

In both years too, Elland scooped the Section 'A' title.

