

# DEWSBURY & SAVILE CC 1865-1944

## FIRST MENTION

1826 – EARLY ROOTS

The first reference to a cricket club in Dewsbury came in 1826 – just a year after the founding of Lascelles Hall CC, Huddersfield (the oldest club in Kirklees).



# BIG- MATCH OCCASION

1860 – KEY FIXTURE

Thornhill Lees Church Institute played Britannia Mills at cricket in 1860.

As it turned out, this was a crucial moment in the origins of Dewsbury & Savile CC.

This was still three years before the formation of Yorkshire County Cricket Club in 1863.



**Thornhill Lees Church**

# GIFT DAY

1865 – DEWSBURY & SAVILE CC FORMED

On 15 July 1865 Dewsbury & Savile completed their first fixture against Leeds Springfield.

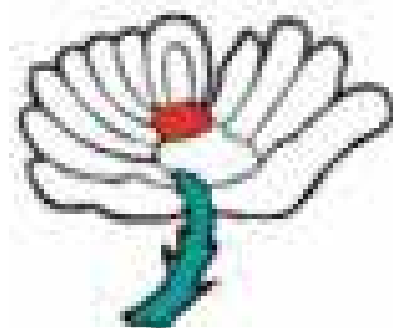
On 25 July of the same year the club played a three-day fixture against an All-England XI.



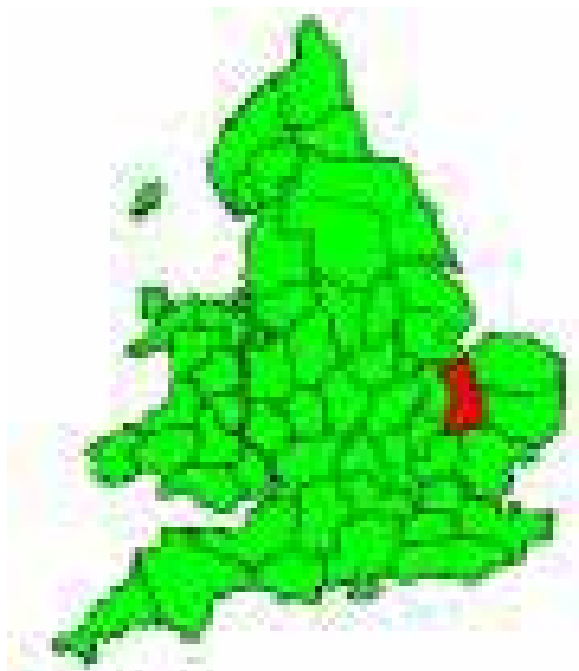
Also in the summer of 1865 the Savile Ground was presented to the club as a gift by Lord Savile with a 35-year lease.

# HOSTING YORKSHIRE

1867 – COUNTY CRICKET



The Savile Ground staged a Yorkshire county fixture in 1867. The opponents were Cambridgeshire.

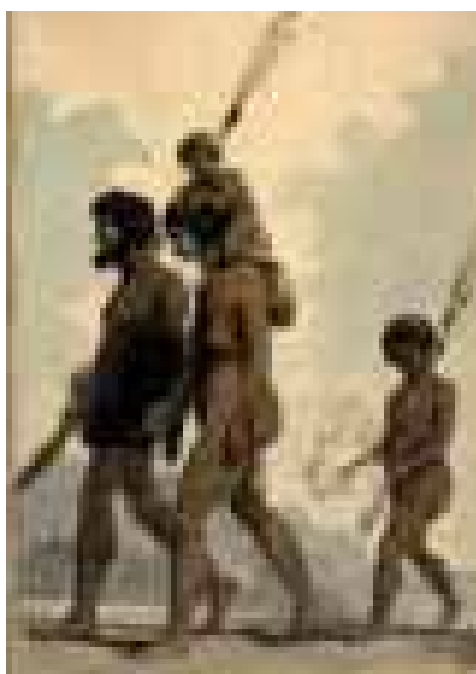


# FROM A LAND DOWN UNDER

1868 – PAIR OF FIXTURES



The Savile Ground hosted matches involving Nottinghamshire and the Australian Aborigines in 1868.



# GROUND FORCE

1874 – MAINTENANCE WORK



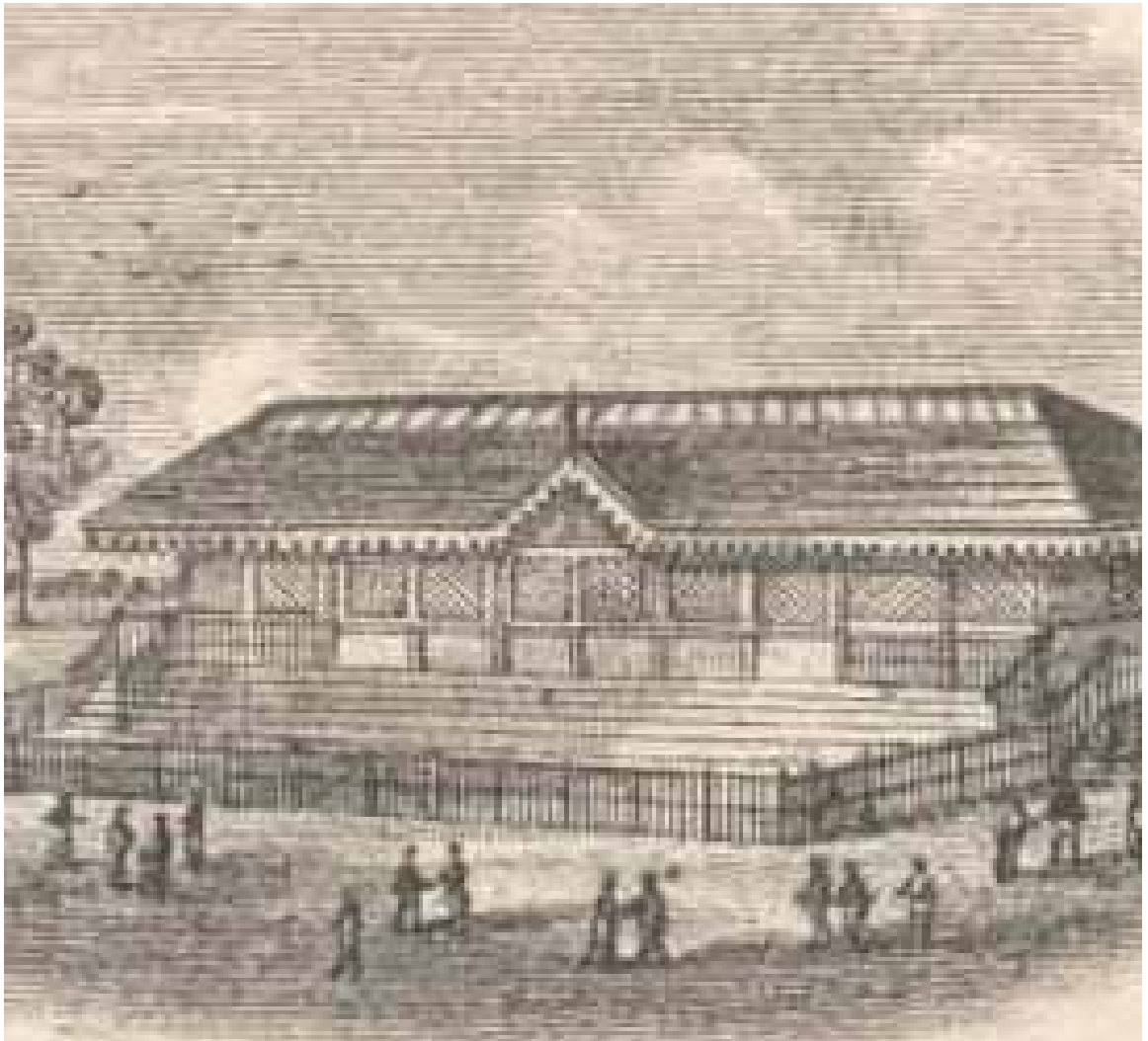
1874 witnessed the erection of boundary walls and palisadings at the Savile Ground at a total cost of £1,000.



# HANDSOME & DISTINGUISHED

1878 – NEW PAVILION

The Savile Ground gained a new pavilion in 1878 – at a cost of £600.



# G'DAY MATE!

## 1880 – TOUR MATCH



Yorkshire played the touring Australians at the Savile Ground in 1880.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 1880.**

**CRICKET.**

**AUSTRALIANS v. YORKSHIRE.**

This match was commenced on the ground of the Dewsbury Savile Club, at 12.5 on Thursday. The visitors lost the toss, and took the field, looking very smart, and some of them very powerful fellows. Bonner, though not so tall as he has been rumoured to be, towered head and shoulders above several of the team, and was able to look down even upon Spofforth. The last-named opened the bowling to Bates, and two byes were run from the first ball. Palmer bowled to Hall from the other end, and from the first six overs the two byes were the only runs scored. In Palmer's third over, the second ball proved fatal to Hall, who had been compelled to play him very carefully. Riley took the place left by the retiring player, and off Spofforth's fourth over each batsman scored a single. Riley let out at Palmer, and hit him on to the pavilion roof for 4, though many of the spectators were anxious to give the batter 6 for the hit. Bates hit Spofforth hard to Boyle at forward short leg, but though the fielder saved a four hit, the chance was too hot to hold. A single by Riley brought him to face Palmer, and a drive for a single let Spofforth get at him, and very nearly make him place him into Boyle's hands at short leg. A single was run, and then Palmer displaced the gentleman's off stump. 2 for 12, of which the retiring player had scored eight. Bates recognised the arrival of his fellow clubman, Lockwood, by hitting the demon to the on boundary for 4, and then Lockwood went back to the tent, for after being nearly bowled by Palmer, with a "Yorker," he at the next ball only succeeded in lifting it somewhat loftily to Alexander, at point. Grimshaw partnered Bates, who drove Spofforth nearly straight, for a single. The colt played a fast one from Spofforth, and then he went forward at a slower one from the same bowler, the ball cannoned from his pad and laid his off wicket low. 3 and 4 for 16. The local amateur, Mr. Ellis, whose arrival was hailed with applause, caused a renewal of it by driving Spofforth to the off for 3. He hit the first ball he got from Palmer hard and low back to then, bowler, who could not hold it. Bates nicked Spofforth to leg for 2, and drove him hard, but only a single could be run. A good hit was well fielded with one hand by Murdoch for a single, and then Bates got at a full toss from Spofforth and cracked him to leg for 3, and Ellis got him away for a single, which might by good running have been a two. Bates got a single to leg from an attempt to cut, and then Ellis put one rather flukily past an additional fielder at short leg for two, then hit him over the man's head for a couple, and played hard for a while which drove amongst the fielders, but not

teams will be arranged for Saturday, on which day play will continue till six o'clock. Score:—

**YORKSHIRE**

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
L. Hall, b Palmer	8	not out	26
Bates, c Murdoch b Spofforth	22	at Blackham b Palmer	15
Mr. M. Riley, b Palmer	8	not out	5
Lockwood, c Alexander b Palmer	0		
J. Grimshaw, b Spofforth	0		
Mr. S. Ellis, b Spofforth	9		
T. Walker, b Spofforth	0		
T. Emmett, c Jarvis b Palmer	3		
A. Hill, b Palmer	9		
G. Pinder, not out	1		
Peate, at Blackham b Spofforth	0		
Extras	2	Extras	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>Total for 1 wkt.</b>	<b>51</b>

**AUSTRALIA.**

A. C. Bannerman, c Lockwood b Peate	1
Murdoch, c Pinder b Bates	17
Groube, c Pinder b Bates	6
Macdonald, c and b Peate	2
Bonner, st Pinder b Peate	6
Jarvis, c Bates b Peate	0
Blackham, b Bates	14
Spofforth, c Pinder b Bates	2
Boyle, c Ellis b Bates	4
Palmer, not out	2
Alexander, b Bates	2
Extras	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>

**SATURDAY'S MATCHES.**

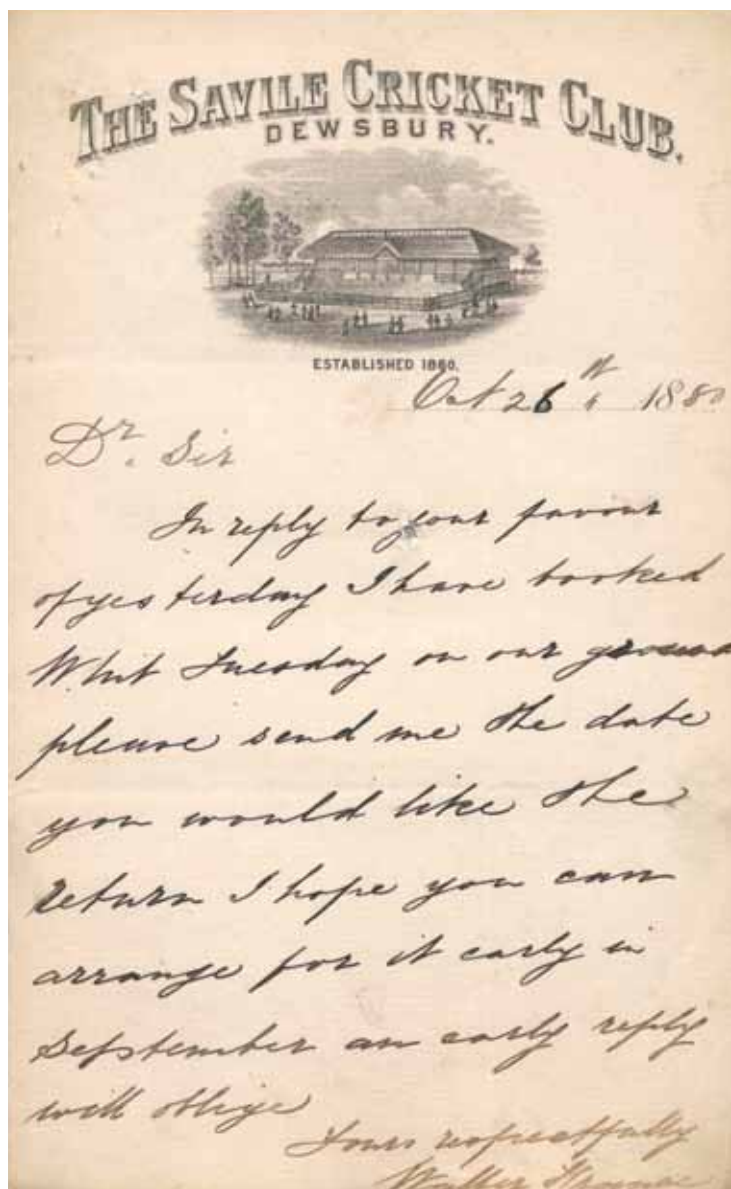
**LONGWOOD v. LOWERHOUSES (1st Eleven).—**Played at Longwood. Score:—  
*Longwood.*—J. Lee 11, J. Wrigley 5, W. Brook 0, J. W. Parkinson 0, H. Haigh 11, P. Illingworth C, A. Illingworth (not out) 15, J. Hinchliffe 5, A. Ainley 2, extras 2,—total for 8 wickets 65.  
*Lowerhouses.*—A. Johnson 13, A. Haigh 3, W. H. Haigh 0, H. Howarth 5, A. Kaye 13, W. Hooley 22, J. Howarth 0, J. Kaye 0, H. Lodge (not out) 4, J. Ramsden 0, J. Sykes 1, extras 6,—total 67.

**SPA BOTTOM, LEPTON, WORKING MEN'S CLUBS.—**MARRIED v. SINGLE.—Played on the club grounds. Score:—  
*Single.*—Fred Jeasop 13, 7; Dyson Heaps 5, 0; J. A. Sykes 0, 0; Sam Sykes 0, 4; G. Wade 2, 5; Ben Sykes 0, 3; J. W. Hartley 2, (not out) 0, A. Ellam 2, 4; L. Hoape (not out) 2, 0; Jas. Armitage 2, 3; S. Tunnacliffe 8, 8; extras 3, 3,—totals 39, 37.  
*Married.*—J. Roebuck 0, 3; W. Reintar 3, 0;

# CALLING TOD!

1880 - LETTER

This letter was sent to Todmorden CC in an attempt to arrange a friendly fixture in 1880. This of course was the period before organised competition – leagues and cups.



# RED LETTER DAY

## 1882 – AUSSIES AGAIN

Another game against the Australians was scheduled for the Savile Ground in 1882.

**CRICKET.**

**YORKSHIRE v. AUSTRALIANS.**

Play in this important match, at the Savile Cricket Ground, Dewsbury, should have been resumed at twelve on Saturday, but rain fell heavily from half-past eleven until a quarter-past one, and there was little prospect even at that time of a cessation. The heavy showers of rain had made the ground so sodden that it was thought by those best able to judge that play would have to be abandoned. At a quarter-past one there was a sudden change in the wind from south-east to south-west.

YORKSHIRE.			
First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Hon. M. B. Hawke, b Spofforth	8	not out.....	36
G. Ulyett, b Garrett	4	b M'Donnell .....	34
L. Hall, c Palmer b Garrett	8	not out.....	0
E. Lockwood, b Garrett	61		
T. Emmett, c Boyle b Garrett	8		
Mr. C. W. Laudon, c Massie b Boyle	0		
I. Grimshaw, b Boyle	20		
A. Hill, c Horan b Garrett	7		
E. Peate, b Garrett	0		
R. Peel, b Garrett	1		
J. Hunter, not out	8		
Extras	4	Extras	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>Total for 1 wkt....</b>	<b>64</b>
AUSTRALIANS.			
H. H. Massie, c Ulyett b Peel			0
A. C. Bannerman, b Ulyett			34
W. L. Murdoch, b Hill			30
P. S. M'Donnell, c Hawke b Hill			14
T. Horan, c Lockwood b Hall			24
G. J. Bonner, st Hunter b Peel			0
G. Giffen, b Peel			10
F. R. Spofforth, b Peel			3
T. W. Garrett, b Peel			12
G. E. Palmer, b Peel			0
H. F. Boyle, not out			3
Extras			11
<b>Total</b>			<b>141</b>

# DEBUT DEFEAT

1883 – KNOCKOUT BLOW

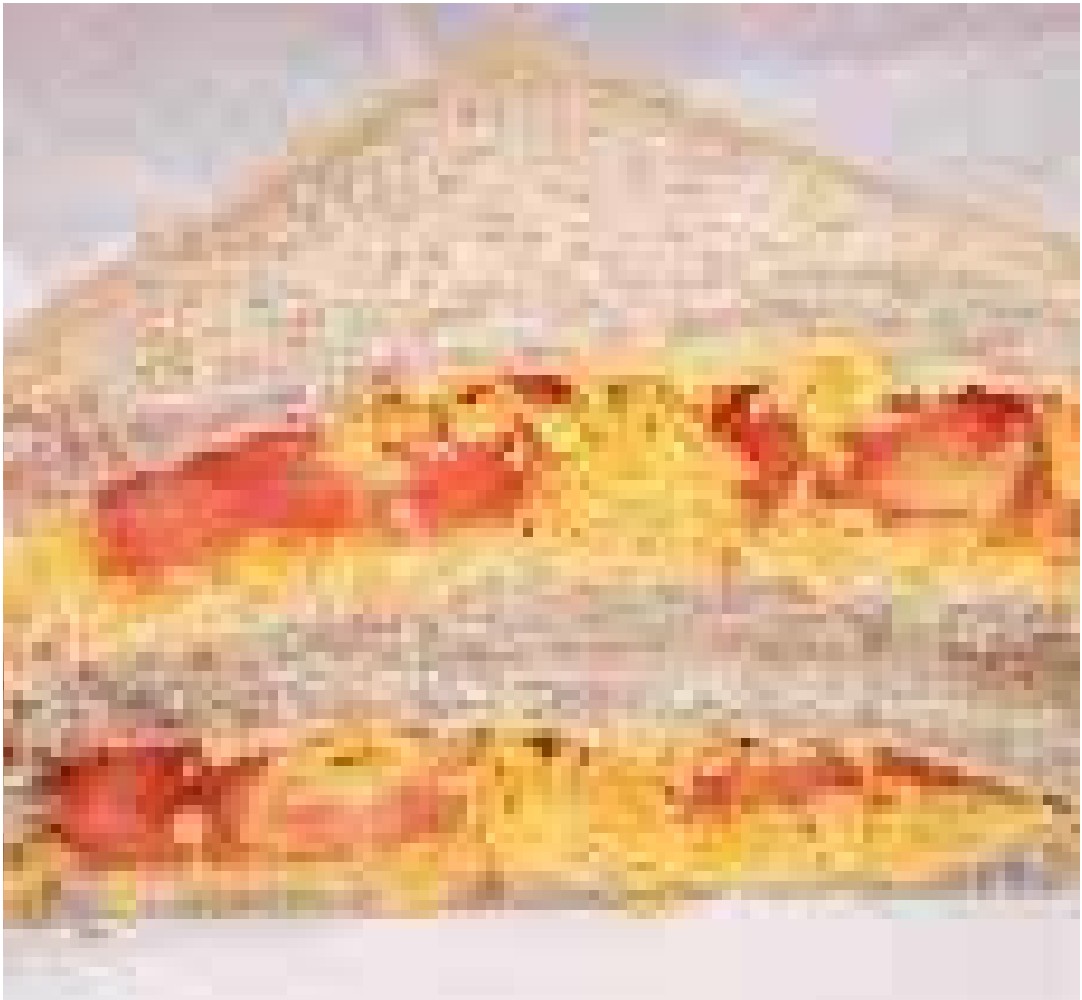
Dewsbury & Savile CC were vanquished in the first Heavy Woollen Cup final in 1883 – a match staged at their home ground.



# SNACK ATTACK

**1884 – ON-FIELD & OFF-FIELD**

Savile were also defeated in the Heavy Woollen Cup final of 1884, but off the field there was good news: extensive terraces and new refreshment rooms were erected.



# GIANT TOTAL

1885 – KNOCKOUT BLOW

Again, Savile were defeated in the final of the Heavy Woollen Cup.

Sad, because on 25 July they had scored a massive 448 against Mirfield St. Johns in the same competition, with 163 for J.E. Wright.



**Mirfield St. Johns Church**

# PENNINE SHOWDOWN

1886 – ROSES FIXTURE



In 1886 the Savile Ground hosted the Roses Match. In the same year Savile lost in the Heavy Woollen Cup final to Ossett.

## CRICKET NOTES.

No better or stronger proof could have been given of the great popularity of the Challenge Cup competition than was shown at Mount Pleasant on Saturday, when Dewsbury Savile and Ossett met in the final tie. Long before the time at which play was to commence enthusiasts poured through the turnstiles in order to take up positions of advantage from which to view the game, despite the fact that the weather during the afternoon was showery cold and disagreeable. Unfortunately there was great delay in opening the match, owing to the showery weather. The advertised hour at which the men were to appear in the field was one o'clock, but it

# SPEN SUCCESS

1887 – HEAVY WOOLLEN CUP VICTORY

Dewsbury & Savile scooped the Heavy Woollen Cup in 1887, defeating Spen Victoria by 281 runs.



Henry Hill scored 139 in the final – the first man to reach three figures on such an occasion.

Josh Penny bagged 100 wickets in the season – and then repeated the feat twice in future years.

# VINTAGE SUMMER

## 1888 – DOUBLE DELIGHT

In 1888 – the year that future Savile hero Edgar Oldroyd was born – the club netted the Heavy Woollen Cup after vanquishing Ossett.

OSSETT.		SAVILE.	
A. P. Glover, run out ...	41	S. Shaw, lbw b Green-	25
I. Ibbotson, lbw b Jackson	18	wood .....	
J. Helliwell, b France.....	13	A. G. Day, c A. F. Glover	20
G. Wright, b Stringer ....	7	b W. Craven .....	
W. Craven, run out .....	3	G. Beaumont, c Ibbotson	29
J. H. Glover, lbw b Bot-		b W. Craven .....	
tonley.....	36	H. Hill, not out .....	29
J. H. Greenwood, b France	3	W. France, c Hope b	
G. E. Craven, b Jackson	5	Greenwood .....	22
J. H. Giggall, c and b		G. Ellis, not out .....	19
Jackson .....	20		
P. Hope, b-Stringer.....	0		
P. Hainsworth, not out.,	0		
Extras .....	9	Extras .....	12
Total .....	155	Total (for 4 wickets.)	158

### PRESENTATION OF THE CUP.

After the match, most of the spectators made their way to the top end of the field, to witness the presentation of the cup to the successful team.

Mr. J. R. GLOVER said his first duty was to congratulate the Dewsbury and Savile team on having won the Heavy Woollen District Challenge Cup again. (Hear, hear.) That was the second time they had won it, and if they were fortunate enough to win it again next year, the cup would become their own property absolutely—(Cheers—and a voice, "I hope they will, old boy.") Lovers of cricket had not been favoured with fine weather this year; the weather had been very bad all through the season, and as a result the clubs in the cup competition had not benefited to the extent they would have done if fine weather had prevailed. The cup competition would have been completed a fortnight ago if the matches

# CHAINS OF OFFICE

1889 – MAJOR APPOINTMENT

Club member – and player - George Clay was elected Mayor of Dewsbury in 1889.

Meanwhile, Savile claimed the Heavy Woollen Cup again, for the third time in succession, beating Spen in the final.



**HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT CHALLENGE CUP.**  
FINAL FIG.

Dewsbury and Savile v. Spen Victoria. — Played at Birstall. Savile won the toss, and began play at 1.30, and were not dismissed till five o'clock, with the score at 230. H. Hill played well for his score. After an interval, Spen began their innings at 5.15, and just before drawing time they were disposed of for 68. For the last three-quarters of an hour the light was bad. Six wickets had fallen for 19, but Beckett and Smith raised the score up to 65 before the seventh wicket fell. The former played with great freedom, and gave no chance till he had made 24.

SAVILE.		SPEN.	
H. Hill, c Peel b Bennett	78	H. Spencer, st Stapleton b Jackson	6
H. Stapleton, b Beckett	6	H. Stead, c Day b Jackson	0
D. Beaumont, b Beckett	11	W. H. Peel, lbw b Beaumont	0
A. G. Day, c Barker b Beckett	7	B. Stead, c Day b Jackson	2
S. Shaw, c Brookham b Beckett	50	L. Beckett, st Stapleton	26
F. Bottomley, c and b Beckett	57	F. Rouse, run out	1
T. Stringer, b H. Stead	17	J. Bennett, c Bottomley b Jackson	0
W. France, st Barker b Bennett	5	B. Smith, c Shaw b Jackson	18
J. M. Jackson, c Peel b Brookham	17	C. Brookham, c Beaumont b Jackson	0
S. Ellis, b Brookham	1	J. H. Ogden, st Stapleton b Jackson	0
H. Hill, not out	14	S. Barker, not out	1
Extras	2	Extras	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>68</b>

After the match the cup was presented to the winning team by Mr. Glover, president of the Heavy Woollen District Challenge Cup Committee, in front of the pavilion. He said it was once more his privilege to congratulate the Savile Club on their success during the series of contests which had now closed. They were proud they had such a club in their midst as the Dewsbury Savile. (Applause.) All who had the true interests of cricket congratulated them in the heartiest possible manner. He also thought Spen should be proud of the position they had attained. (Hear, hear.) This was the second time in three years Spen had been in the final. That was the last time the cup now before them would be put up for competition, for it had now become the property of the Savile Club, they having won it three times in succession. He thought he might tell them that the committee, considering the success which had attended these competitions, did not intend to let them drop. They were prepared to offer another cup, and he hoped the Savile Club would keep their present standard of perfection, and that many clubs in the district would equal if not surpass them. (Applause.) There were in that district many promising cricketers, and he thought the Yorkshire Committee might pay more attention to

# PLAYING FOR KEEPS

## 1890 – FOURTH CONSECUTIVE VICTORY

For the fourth year in a row, Savile netted the Heavy Woollen Cup – and thus took the trophy outright.



## A century later, the trophy was up for auction

The club had now taken part in eight successive finals, including four successive victories under Sam Shaw. Star bowler J.H. Jackson took 100 wickets in the season.

# THE HUMILIATION GAME

1891 – RECORD LOW SCORE



On 2 May 1891, Savile were bowled out for 2 – yes, TWO - against Bradford!

**SATURDAY, MAY 9, 1891**

**LOCAL CRICKET.**

**NOTES.**

The match at Park Avenue between Dewsbury Savile and Bradford was of a most extraordinary description, the visitors making a name for themselves in no unmistakable fashion. Marshall and Middlebrook, the two Bradford bowlers, got rid of the whole of the visiting eleven for two runs. Foster was the individual who obtained the two runs, but he might have been stumped before he had scored. The performance of the Savile champions has been the talk of the town during the week, and no wonder, for a more curious state of affairs has seldom been witnessed. Doubtless, H. Hill and F. Bottomley are not sorry that their names do not figure in the list. Day and Straw went to the wickets first for Savile, two sterling batsmen, and quickly returned with the undesirable "blob" attached to their names, Jeeves, Hill, France, Atkinson, and Stringer followed on, and did likewise, seven wickets being down for no runs. Tommy Foster then went in and scored the only two runs obtained by Savile. I am entirely unable how to account for the complete rot which set in and continued

BRADFORD.		SAVILE.	
Dayson c Smith b	0	Birkett run out.....	4
Fisher.....	2	Brayshaw c J. H. Wilson	0
Green c R. O. Jackson b	0	b Fisher.....	0
Preston.....	4	Firth b Fisher.....	0
Hartley c D. Wilson b	2	Mercer at Newsome b	0
Preston.....	2	Fisher.....	4
Wilson not out.....	23	Maasfield b Preston.....	0
Harker c Preston b	0	Extras.....	1
Fisher.....	4	Total.....	48
Harrison c Smith b	0		
Fisher.....	0		
<b>DEWSBURY AND SAVILE v. BRADFORD.—At Bradford. Score:—</b>			
BRADFORD.		SAVILE.	
Day b Marshall.....	0	Foster not out.....	2
Shaw b Middlebrook.....	0	Daltry c and b Marshall	0
Jeeves (pro.) at Driver b	0	Hosley c Jowett b Mar-	0
Middlebrook.....	0	shall.....	0
Hill run out.....	0	Fisher b Middlebrook...	0
France b Marshall.....	0	Extras.....	0
Atkinson b Middlebrook	0	Total.....	2
Stringer c Riley b Mar-	0		
shall.....	0		
BRADFORD.		SAVILE.	
Jowett c and b France..	18	Driver (pro.) b Hosley...	6
Emmott b Hosler.....	11	Salmond not out.....	1
Moore b France.....	2	Extras.....	4
Riles (pro.) c Shaw b	4	Total for 5 wkts. 53	8
France.....	4		
Crowther not out.....	5		

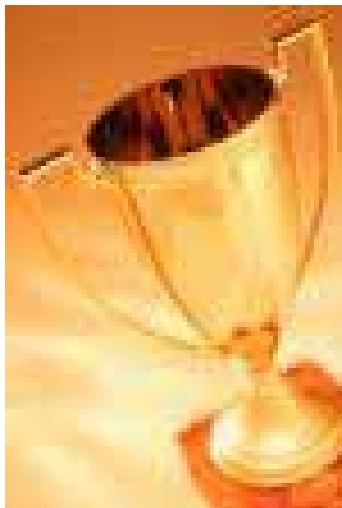
# KNOCKOUT JOY

1898 – HEAVY WOOLLEN CUP WINNERS



# TOP OF THE TREE

1899 – HEAVY WOOLLEN CUP MEDAL



Six years after joining the Heavy Woollen League, in 1893, Savile were crowned champions, with each player receiving a medal like the one below.



# HOME SOIL

## 1900/2 – GROUND NEWS

In 1900 the lease on the Savile Ground was renewed for 40 years.



### The Savile Ground in 1910

In 1902 it was decided that 25%, rather than 10%, of the gate would now go to the club.



# SIX AND OUT!

1904 – HEATON DISASTER

In 1904 Dewsbury & Savile bowled Hanging Heaton St. Paul's out for 6 – the lowest all-out total in Heavy Woollen Cup history.



**St. Paul's Church, Hanging Heaton**

In the same year, Thomas Wormald became club president...and Walter Lipscomb's tenure as club president came to an end.

# TWICE AS NICE!

1910 – HEAVY WOOLLEN CUP  
& LEAGUE ‘DOUBLE’



Savile scooped the Heavy Woollen League and Cup ‘Double’ in 1910. Professional H. Harrison (seated, far right) bagged 100 wickets in the season.



J. Wood, Captain; J. Alderson, Wicket-keeper; T. M. Dwyer; J. Shaw; A. Davenport; T. R. Wilson; F. Green, Captain; J. C. Dooly, Wicket-keeper; F. Buryleigh; J. W. Wood; Percy Hill; Thomas H.S. Graham; M. F. Cook; H. Harrison, Professional; E. Olliver; F. Dale; G. Young.

# HEAVY WOOLLEN LEAGUE.

## FINAL TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
Dewsbury and Savile ... ..	14	9	1	4	22
Birstall ... ..	14	7	2	5	18
Morley ... ..	14	6	2	5	19
Cleckhaston ... ..	14	5	6	4	14
Ch'ckenley ... ..	14	4	6	4	12
Hopton ... ..	14	3	6	5	17
Spenn Victoria ... ..	14	1	7	6	8
Dalley ... ..	14	1	8	5	1

The points counted for a win, and one for a draw.

H. KNOWLES, Secy.



### SPORTS AND PASTIMES

## NOTES & COMMENTS ON LOCAL GAMES.

### CRICKET CUP FINAL.

#### DEWSBURY SCORE A FINE VICTORY.

OSSETT DISMISSED FOR 49.

CLEVER BOWLING BY HARRISON AND  
OLDROYD.

On Saturday, Dewsbury and Savile won the Heavy Woollen Cup for the eighth time since its inauguration in 1883. Ossett, who have been "so near and yet so far" on several occasions, were again doomed to failure. They scored 49, and Dewsbury reached the half-century with seven wickets still in hand. The match was over so quickly that there seemed hardly enough of it to be taken seriously. Ninety-nine runs all told is a mere bagatelle on a ground such as Chickenley, and seemed altogether too insignificant to justify one team carrying off a silver cup. The weather conditions, however, were entirely to blame, causing the pitch to wear badly, and consequently to add to the difficulties of the batsmen. It was a kind of day which unmistakably suggested the approach of the football season. The fielders looked cold and anything but happy, and one felt as though they ought to be forning a scrimmage in order to get warm. Their task, though, was short if

### PRESENTATION OF THE CUP.

MR. J. E. GLOVER

CONGRATULATES THE WINNERS.

#### DECADENCE OF COUNTY CRICKET DEPICTED.

At the close of the match, Mr. J. E. Glover, chairman of the committee which controls the cup competition, and a prominent member of the Ossett Club, presented the trophy to the winning team. He remarked that the last time Ossett were in the final, the match was over almost as early as it was that day, Ossett on this occasion referred to made 30 odd, and their opponents (Lancashire Hall) won by six wickets.

Mr. Glover was reminded that Ossett had contested a final since then, "Mr. Glover! I beg pardon, Ossett have been in the final since, when Heckmondwike beat them; but I thought that would be better left out. (Laughter.)"

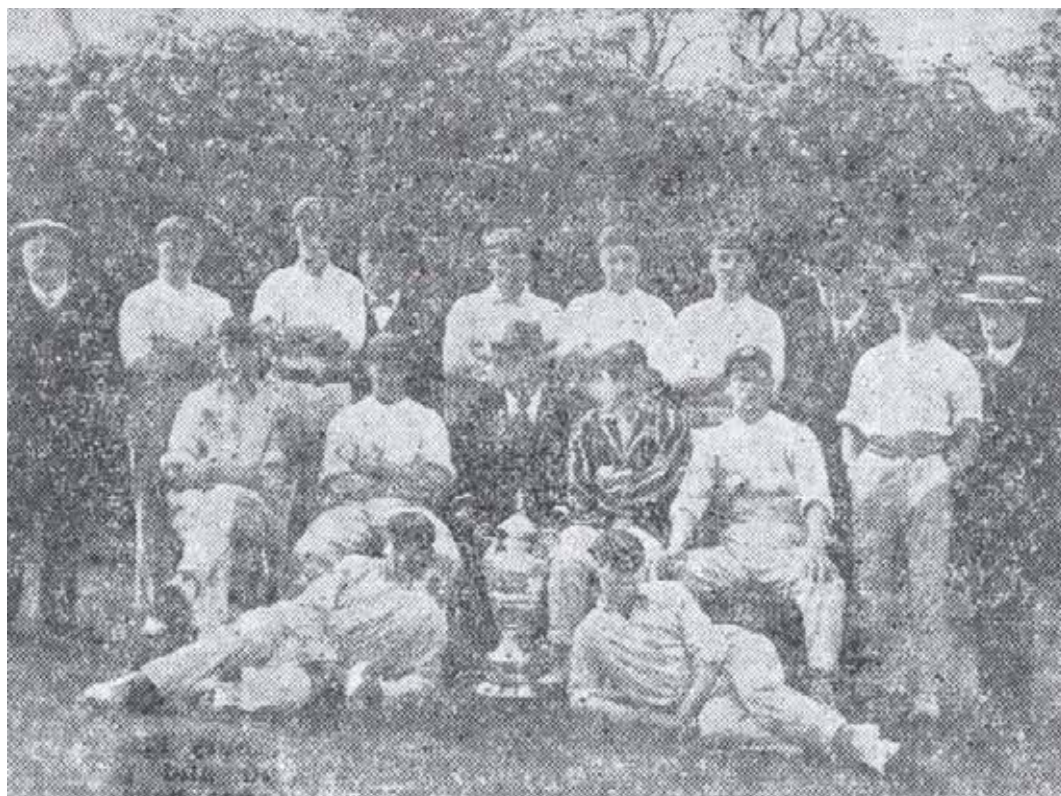
He proceeded to observe that there was no question in his mind that the best team had won that afternoon. (Hear, hear.) Ossett could score any number of runs on a dry wicket. It was not long since they made 400 for nine wickets. (Voice: Not against Savile.) They got all their runs then, instead of saving some for that afternoon. He had pleasure in congratulating Mr. Edward Hill, captain of the Savile team, on their success. He had had the pleasure of congratulating his brother several times on similar occasions. (Applause.) It was no use saying anything to them about the sportsmanship of the two Hills from Dewsbury. (Applause.) He did not suppose there were many men in the district who were better known than the Brothers Hill, especially in the cricket field. In regard to Ossett, he could not say much for them that day, only this, that as far as he knew they would lose with a good grace—[hear, hear]—and acknowledge they were beaten by a better team on the day's play. He

# CHICKENLEY DISASTER

1913 – CUP FINAL DEFEAT

In 1913 Dewsbury & Savile totalled a paltry 89 in their Heavy Woollen Cup final encounter.

Sadly, opponents Chickenley knocked off the runs with little fuss – running out victors by 10 wickets.



**The victorious Chickenley side**

# RUNS AND RUNS

1919 – CLUB NEWS



In 1919 star Savile batsman Edgar Oldroyd scored 156 not out at Leeds. E. Nixon also bagged 100 wickets (and went on to achieve the same feat four times in five years, 1919-23).

This was also the last year in which a member of the Yorkshire CCC groundstaff doubled as club professional.

# BATLEY REVERSE

1922 – MOUNT PLEASANT DEFEAT

HEAVY WOOLLEN CRICKET CUP.  
A GREAT FINAL;  
GRIM STRUGGLE FOR COVETED TROPHY  
BATLEY TRIUMPH BY FOUR RUNS.  
DEWSBURY'S BIG FIGHT.

[By "SPORTSMAN."]

After one of the most thrilling and exciting finals in the long history of the Heavy Woollen Cup Competition, Batley defeated Dewsbury and Savile at Mount Pleasant on Tuesday by the narrow margin of four runs. It was a game that will be talked about wherever local cricketers meet for years to come. Only once before has a final been won by such a narrow margin. That was in 1907, when Heckmondwike defeated Ossett by two runs, though Morley have twice won the cup by a margin of six runs—against Chickenley in 1893 and against Spennings in 1914. Other records that may be of interest to keen followers of the game are that Tuesday's match was the fourth meeting between Dewsbury and Batley in the final of the Heavy Woollen Cup Competition, the previous occasions being in 1890, 1903, and 1912. Dewsbury won the first two meetings, and Batley the one in 1919. Dewsbury won outright the first trophy offered by successive victories in 1887-8-9, and they have won the competition eight times in all. Batley have now won the competition seven times, and they also reached the final in 1898, when, according to the official handbook, "Batley and Morley

# BY HECK!

1923 – CUP FINAL SUCCESS

CRIQUET.

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HEAVY WOOLLEN CUP.

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WON  
BY DEWSBURY AND SAVILE.  
HECKMONDWIKE EASILY BEATEN.  
UNFAVOURABLE WEATHER AND POOR  
GATE.

For the tenth time since the institution of the Heavy Woollen District Challenge Cup Competition Dewsbury and Savile have carried off the trophy. For four years in succession, viz., in 1887-8-9 and 90 during Mr. Sam Shaw's captaincy, then for three during Mr. Henry Hill's leadership of the teams, viz., in 1899, 1903-4, once under Mr. Edward Hill in 1910 and now in 1924 captained by Mr. Percy Barraclough, Savile have been the cup victors. Their opponents on Saturday and Tuesday, Heckmondwike, were the first winners, viz., in 1881, and again in 1907 under Mr. M. Riley and Mr. J. Kitchingman, respectively. This year's final has been a very remarkable and memorable one. Heckmondwike, after their performance in the semi-final against Wakefield whom they knocked out with the greatest ease, naturally fancied their chances in the final.

# PACKED HOUSE

1924 – CLUB NEWS

Savile won the Heavy Woollen Cup in 1924.



In the same year a 25,000 crowd turned up to watch Yorkshire play Warwickshire ('The Bears') at the Savile Ground, with £1,297 gate.

# UP FOR THE CUP!

## 1925/6 - CLUB NEWS

Savile bagged the Heavy Woollen Cup in 1925 (below) and 1926.

**CRICKET.**

**HEAVY WOOLLEN CUP.**

**GREAT FINAL AT DEWSBURY.**

**BATLEY OUTPLAYED.**

**SAVILE'S EASY VICTORY.**

The Heavy Woollen District Cricket Challenge Cup final last Saturday at Savile Town was a memorable one. The protagonists were the representatives of the twin boroughs, Dewsbury and Batley. It was a real "Derby" day. An ideal summer's day, the sun shone brilliantly from start to finish. The wicket was dry and in perfect condition. In patches, especially in the outfield, the running was a little slow owing to the recent rain. It was not a record final as regards "gate," but it was, however, within measurable distance of the top. The "great" final was that between Batley and Dewsbury at Batley in 1919. On the first day £175 was taken at the gate and on the second day £125, a total of £300. That was a "sixpenny gate," like that of Saturday. Then in 1920 and 1921, for the Wakefield v. Spen and Gomersal v. Wakefield finals respectively, one shilling was charged for admission, and those "gates" topped Saturday's. The first-named amounted to £208 17s., and the last-named to £190 9s. 6d. Then, in 1922, the committee reverted to the old charge of sixpence for admission, and the "gate" dropped to £118 8s. 9d. In 1923 and 1924 it was nothing like the last-named amount, viz., £75 10s. 10d. and £40 7s. 2d. respectively. On Saturday the receipts totalled £113 8s. In addition to the three occasions already named, when Saturday's "gate" was exceeded, there were those of 1911, Batley v. Hopton Mills, when 728 runs were scored, and the match, of course, was not concluded in one day; and 1892, when the Birstall and Batley final netted £121 6s. 2d. It will thus be seen at once that the interest in the latest final showed a great increase compared with that displayed in the great majority of finals since the competition started in 1883.

There were between 5,000 and 6,000 onlookers at Savile Town on Saturday. The "gate" amounted to

Thompson. That meant another addition of 29 to Savile's score which Batley had to make over. No wonder that the third and last blunder caused many Batley spectators to give up the ghost. They began to realise that it was "all over" so far as their being able to regain over the cup at Batley again was concerned. There was a general mood toward the exits. The ground-keeping of Batley also left much to be desired, and threw not a few run-aways. It continued to make Batley very sad. Savile, on the other hand, took extreme advantage of these "kindnesses" shown to their "weaknesses" by their opponents. When Lan foot had gone, caught behind the stumps, off Glover, Watson came in. He faced Glover and G. Hodgson with his usual confidence. Hodgson captured his first wicket at the expense of Wood. H. Smith partnered Watson. Bowled by Glover for two, Smith made way for Mr. Thompson. Watson stuck from 42 for one to 97 for four. Of the 15 registered during his stay, he claimed 23. This was Hodgson's wicket. Percy Barracough and Thompson played time out with comparative ease. It was a great achievement, and everybody acknowledged that the best side had won. But a different tale might very well have been told but for those missed catches. Many think, said Wood, Linford, and Thompson, in effect, and they marched on to victory. Batley's bowling analysis is read as follows:-

	O	M.	R.	W.
G. Hodgson	17	3	0	59
Glover	19	2	48	2
Radclyffe	6	0	15	0
J. Hodgson	2	0	6	0
Settle	0	0	8	0

The match was over at 7-45, and the crowd made for the front of the pavilion to witness the presentation of the cup ceremony. Scores:-

**BATLEY**

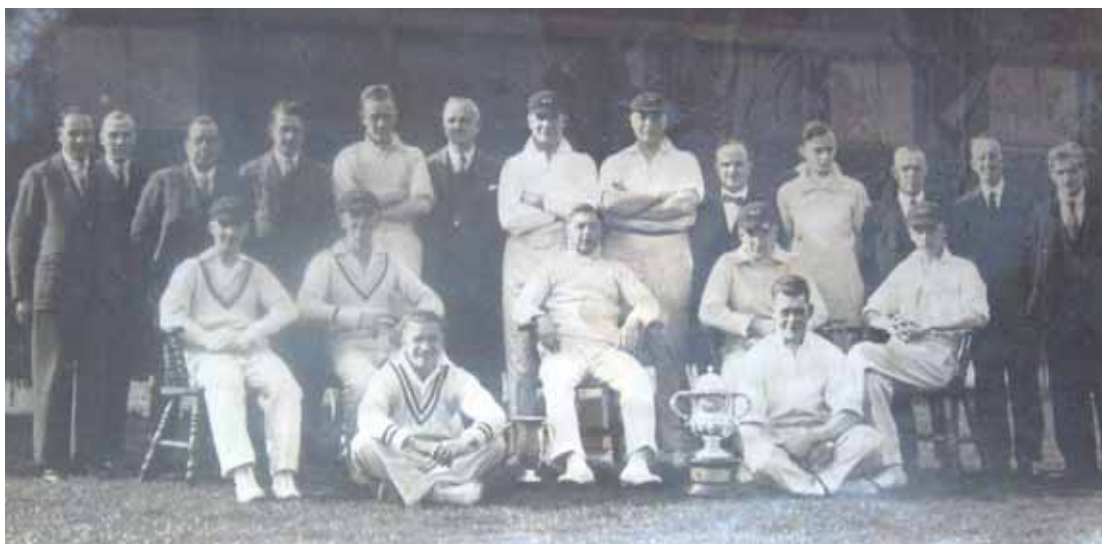
R. Radcliffe, b. Lambert, b. Nixon	78
J. Thompson, b. Nixon	3
J. Smith, b. Brockle	8
J. Hodgson, b. Brockle	0
G. Glover, b. Lambert	51
H. Kitchen, b. Brockle	0
R. J. Scott, bow. b. Brockle	3
G. Hodgson, Watson, b. Thompson	17
J. Tait & field, b. Thompson	0
C. Arthur, run out	0
A. Settle, not out	0
Extras	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>142</b>

**DEWSBURY AND SAVILE**

P. Lambert, v. Arthur, b. Glover	17
F. Wood, v. Kitchen, b. G. Hodgson	25
H. Watson, b. G. Hodgson	23
H. Smith, b. Glover	2
H. Thompson, not out	47
P. Barracough, not out	21
Extras	7
<b>Total (for 4 wkts.)</b>	<b>143</b>

# KNOCKOUT KINGS!

1931 – HEAVY WOOLLEN CUP WINNERS



In 1931 Savile again claimed the Heavy Woollen Cup.

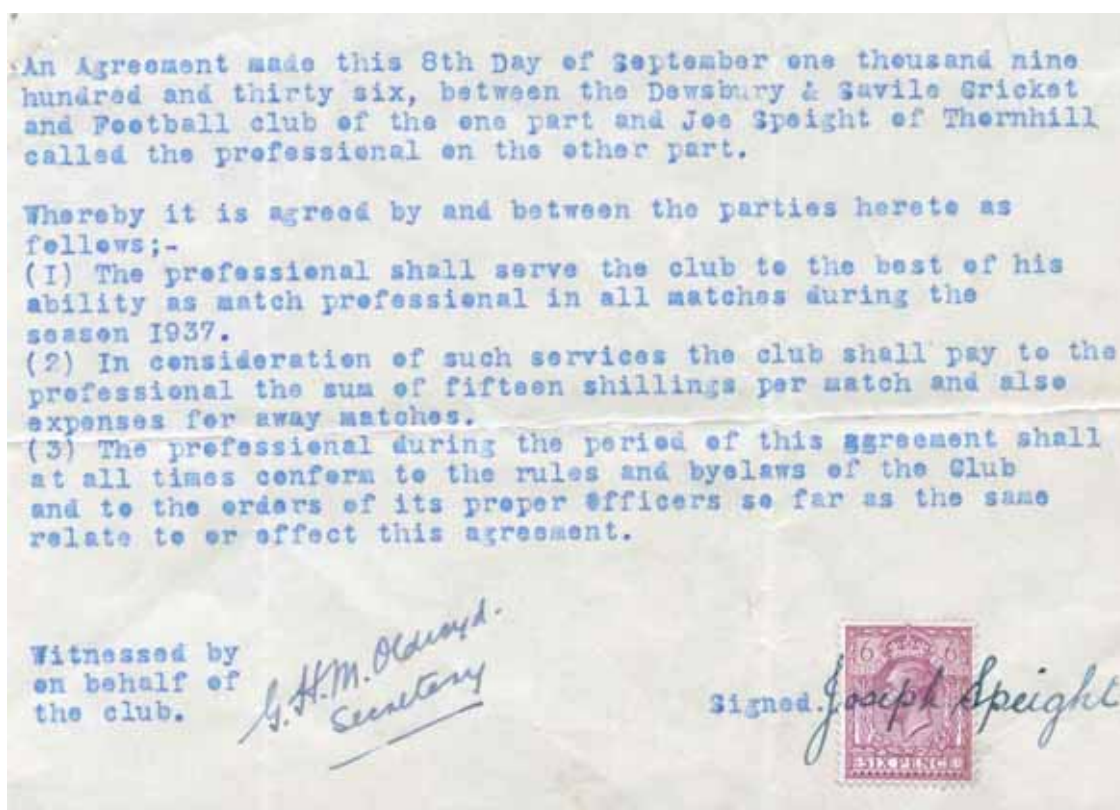


In his first season at the club, J.L. Heaton took 124 wickets at an average of 8.07.

Edgar Oldroyd also played his last game for Yorkshire CCC.

# THANK YOU, THORNHILL!

## 1936 – PROFESSIONAL'S CONTRACT

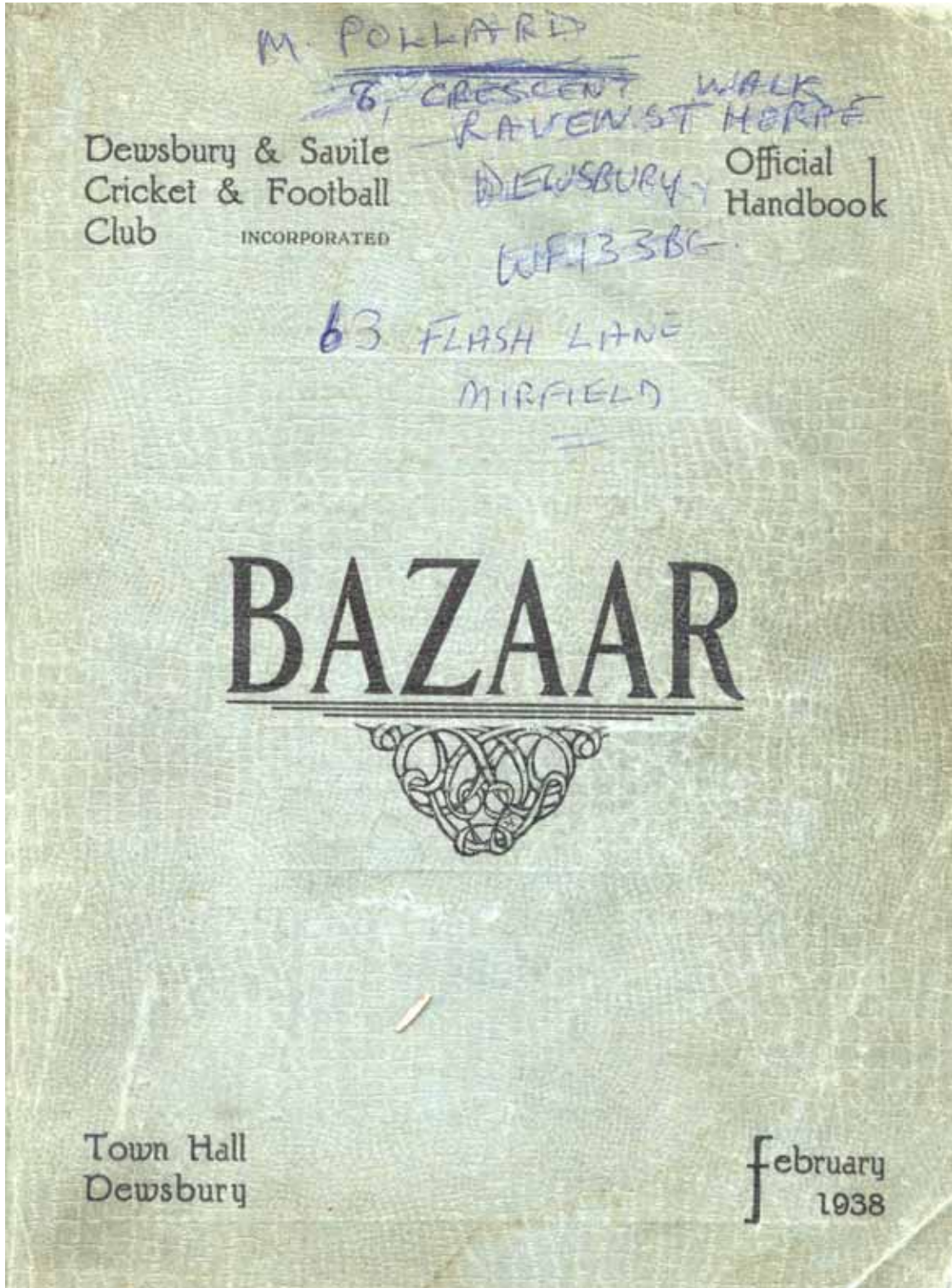


In 1936 Savile signed up Joe Speight from Thornhill as club professional.

In the same year the club's 2nd XI scooped the Crowther Cup.

# COME ON IN!

1938 – FUNDRAISING EVENT



# DEWSBURY AND SAVILE C. & F. CLUB.

BRILLIANT BAZAAR EFFORT.

MAGNIFICENT FIRST DAY RESULT.

RECEIPTS OF OVER £900.

INTERESTING SPEECHES AND RECOLLECTIONS.

A picturesque three days' bazaar promoted by the Dewsbury and Savile Cricket and Football Club, was opened on Thursday in the Town Hall by Mr. T. M. Wormald, J.P., the president of the club. The object of the function is set

handsome cheques from Major Walker and Mr. Wormald, but that day he would not give them a cheque. He would, however, hand over with very great pleasure five ten-pound notes (loud applause.)

Mr. Wigglesworth said as a matter of course

## ENTERTAINMENTS

(Continued)

Thursday, February 3rd

at 6-45 p.m.

### "The Bluebirds"

(Under the direction of the Hon. Dorothy Moynihan)

★ VARIETY SHOW ★

Singing - Dancing - Sketches

THE CASTE includes—

Dorothy Moynihan	Gladys Jessop
Freda Richardson	Mollie Richmond
Diana York	Margaret Roper
Phyllis Lee	Eva Johnson
Beatrice White	Dorothy Ellison

Joan Denton

At the Piano - Jessie Cookson  
Winifred Denton  
Sally Chalton

Violinist - Christine Tempest

# GLOBAL CONFLICT STOP PLAY

## SECOND WORLD WAR

Major P.B. Walker took on the role of club president between 1939 and 1941.



The club did not take part in competitive cricket in 1943 and 1944. This coincided with the Savile Ground being taken over by Dewsbury Corporation.