

Ovenden & District League (1895-97)

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Eight teams featured over the three seasons, of which Illingworth St Mary's are the only one still in existence. The others were:

Ovenden Albion (1895-96). Ground at Forest House, Cousin Lane, which measured 200 yards by 100. It had a pavilion and seating for around 50.

St George's (1895-97). Also appeared in the Halifax Amateur League and the Church League, playing at the Denfield Arms.

Bradshaw Mills (1895-97). Used the present Bradshaw ground, or part of it, with Bradshaw Tavern as a pavilion. It measured 140 yards by 87, with seating for 40.

Mountain United (1895-96). Ground was on the hillside just off the turnpike road from Queensbury to Denholme. It had a good pavilion, but the outfield was said to be uneven in both shape and contour.

Lee Mount Baptists (1895-96). Also played in the Halifax Amateur League, the Nonconformist League and the Halifax Association.

J. & J. Baldwins (1897). Moved on the Halifax and District League.

Ovenden Wesleyans (1897). Ground at the top of Nursery Lane.