

LATER YEARS

TWICE AS NICE

1945 – POST-WAR PROMOTION

With the Second World War over, it was time for many soldiers to return home. This was a real boost - and both the first and second teams finished top of their respective leagues.



FANTASTIC FEAT

1946 - WINNING WAYS

The Club showed no signs of slowing down the following year, when the 1st XI won the Central Yorkshire League First Division Championship.



BATLEY SAGA

1952 – ON-FIELD CONTROVERSY

A WICKET WITH AN UNDERHAND

Staincliffe (for 5) 208
Batley (for 9) 157

The Staincliffe and Batley match ended in a farcical manner, and a sequel may be a report to the committee of the Central Yorkshire League. The trouble arose over an under hand, bowled by the Staincliffe captain, W.S. Goldsmith, with the last ball in the game. Which ever side is right in the interpretation of the incident does not affect the result of the match, which is the surprising part of the whole business.

Staincliffe batted first on a wicket which seemed full of runs, and the bowlers had a wearisome time. Staincliffe scored 208 for five in about two

Goldsmith took the fifth and last over, and with the last ball of the over he bowled an under hand. The ball seemed to roll on the pitch all the way, struck Hirst's pads and he was given out leg before wicket by the umpire, Mr. A. Blackburn, of Ossett. That started an argument.

It transpired that Goldsmith had told the umpire he intended to bowl an under hand, the rule specifying that the bowler must do so. But Mr. Blackburn admitted to the Press, and others, that he did not inform the batsman that an underhand was to be bowled, which the rule, it was stated, also specifies that he should do.

Staincliffe claimed that the umpire's decision was final and that Hirst was out lbw. Batley contended that because the batsman was not informed of the under hand, the ball was a no ball and could not take a wicket.

In any case the match was drawn, for, if Hirst was legally out, the last ball of the match had been bowled and there was still another Batley wicket to fall.

Goldsmith was very sore about the decision—a catch behind the wickets—which dismissed him, but a fine stand and exhibition, was given by Crossland and Raine, who put on 87 for the fourth wicket, consolidating Staincliffe's position, which, at that time, was 170 for four.

CROWNING GLORY

1953 – FIRST DIVISION CHAMPIONS

Staincliffe : Coronation Year champions

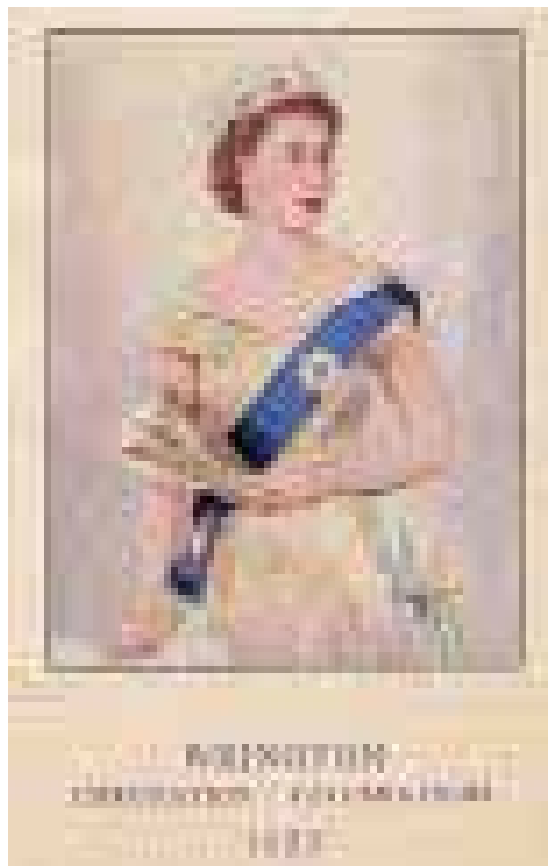
Staincliffe have won the First Division championship and have thus become Coronation Year champions. They have already gained 34 points and no side can reach that total, even if they win all their remaining games.

The Halifax Road side have still a game to play and their nearest challengers, Birstall, have three more to play. If they gain maximum points they can reach only 33 points. Osselt's maximum is 30, Hanging Heaton's 32 and Heckmondwike's 29.

In the Second Division Mirfield and Thornhill look to be cruising their way to promotion without much trouble. It now seems that Batley and Morley will be taking their places in the Second Division in 1954.

Only one of the Central Yorkshire League games on Saturday reached a definite decision. Staincliffe's fast bowlers defied the rain by skittling out Dewsbury for a mere 64. Rain, which began shortly after tea time, brought an abrupt end to all the other matches.

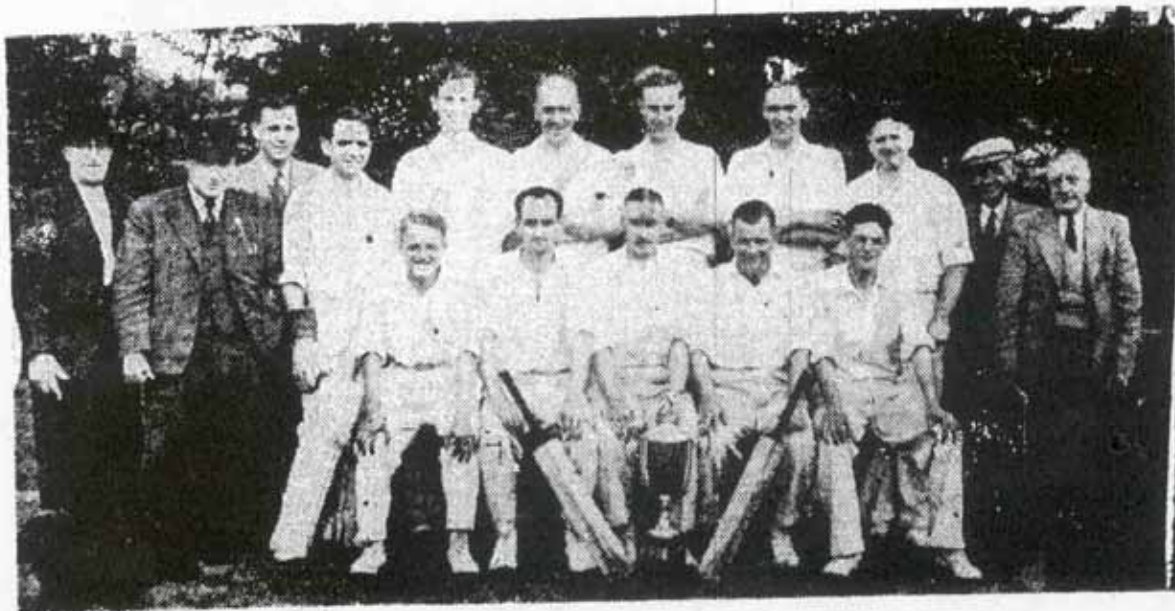
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Goldsmith and his team are League Champions

GAME DURING THE SEASON

OUT of the ten Central Yorkshire League games on Saturday only one failed to reach a definite decision. East Ardsley and Gomersal were still fighting it out when time was called. At their third attempt Mirfield have been successful against Wakefield but Batley lost their last fixture and so have gone through the season without a single success.



Staincliffe, Coronation Year cricket champions. They are: back row, left to right, Mr. J. Ibberson (President), Mr. F. Holmes (secretary), Mr. S. Sill (trustee), R. Hall, B. Goodall, T. Gibson, C. Chatwood, L. Render, D. Ellis, Mr. A. Dixon (financial secretary), Mr. P. Squires (scorer); front row, D. Raine, G. Parkin, W. S. Goldsmith (captain), J. Crossland, D. Duckworth.

PRIDE OF THE CLUB

1960 – TEAM PHOTO



MOVING ON UP!

1961 – SECOND DIVISION CHAMPIONS

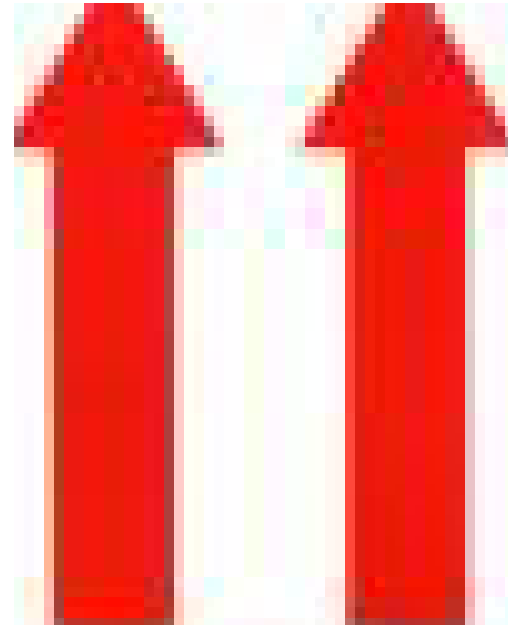
CENTRAL YORKSHIRE CRICKET LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Batley	22	12	1	9	57
Hackmondwike	21	9	6	6	42
Scholes	22	8	5	9	41
Hartshead Moor	22	8	6	8	40
Thornhill	22	7	4	11	39
Chickensley	21	7	4	10	38
Hanging Heaton	22	6	6	10	34
Mirfield	22	4	4	14	30
Cleckheaton	22	5	9	8	28
Birstall	22	4	9	9	25
Gomersal	22	1	13	8	12

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Staincliffe	22	12	1	9	57
Wakefield	22	12	1	9	57
Morley	22	11	5	6	50
Dewsbury	22	8	4	10	42
Ossett	22	8	5	9	41
Huddersfield I.C.I.	22	7	8	7	35
East Ardsley	22	7	10	5	33
King Cross	22	4	10	8	24
Liversedge	22	4	10	8	24
Sowerby Bridge	22	4	14	4	20
Drighlington	22	2	15	5	13



11 MEN + 1 WOMAN

1975 – SUCCESSFUL SIDE

This is the highly successful Staincliffe team of 1975 that won the Central Yorkshire League Second Division Championship. Staincliffe also won the Bradley Trophy in 1975 – the first time it had ever been awarded.



Staincliffe C.C. first eleven, pictured before the start of Saturday's match against Sowerby Bridge. Back row (l. to r.): G. Blanchard, W. Donohoe, F. Ibberson, A. Savage, I. Don-Leo, E. Walker, Mrs. A. Don-Leo (scorer). Front row: G. Pratt, J. Robb, R. Hirst (Capt.), C. Peacock and R. Goldsmith.

1ST CLASS 1ST TEAMERS!

1976 – TEAM PHOTOGRAPH



HEAVY WOOLLEN CENTURY

1983 - CUP CENTENARY



1983 was the year that the Heavy Woollen Cup celebrated its 100th birthday. Despite the competition's longevity, Staincliffe are one of only two teams that entered the competition in its first year and have yet to win it. Can you name the other?*

*The only other team is Scholes C.C.
(Cleckheaton)

YOUNG GUNS!

1983 – JUNIOR SUCCESS



Staincliffe Cricket Club Colts 1983.

National H.W.J.C.L. Finalists Dorset.
Yorkshire Champions.
Reporter Trophy.
Yorkshire Bank Finalists.
H.W.J.C.L. Group Champions. Morley Festival Winners.

I. Mitchell, J. Daji, P. Lister, N. Daji, M. Hydes.
A. Walford, I. Giddings, D. Archer, S. Rowley, J. Wood.
Mr C. Archer, "Scorer."
Mr W. Walford, "Manager."

As you can see from the list of honours, the Colts side did the Club proud in 1983.

LOOKING GOOD

1985 – CLUB 1ST XI



TURNING ON THE STYLE

1991 – RUN FEAST

MOVING UP

Meanwhile STAINCLIFFE who defeated Heckmondwike last week in a shock result, again turned on the style to claim their second consecutive win and move well clear of the foot of the table, thanks to a superb century strike from new boy Paddy McVeigh, against Hopton Mills.

In a high scoring game that produced 495 runs between the two lowly teams, Staincliffe saw Hopton Mills race off to a commanding start after they had been put into bat.

Opener Jackson smashed 90, Hudson made 41 and captain Crabtree added 42, as Mills rocketed to a strong 247 for 8, despite Oldroyd taking an admirable 5 for 84.

The Staincliffe reply was

then led superbly by ex-Batley man McVeigh who smashed an inspired unbeaten 104, that included 5 sixes, and 11 fours, to set up a dramatic Staincliffe win, as Goldsmith and Coult both hit 38 to move their side to 248 for 5 and a surprise victory, that moves them 8 points clear of the bottom.



TROPHY DELIGHT

1995 – JACK HAMPSHIRE CUP WINNERS

Staincliffe reached the Jack Hampshire Cup final by way of this victory against King Cross.

Archer and Tanvir inspire Staincliffe

By DAVID BEAUMONT

STAINCLIFFE reached their first major cup final by virtue of a superb Jack Hampshire Trophy victory at second division King Cross.

They now meet Altofts in the decider at Birstall on August 20.

It was an excellent team display from the first division strugglers but nobody did more for their cause than captain Darren Archer who hit a price-less 47, took 1-14 from 7.1 overs and ran out Wajid with a quite breathtaking piece of fielding.

Staincliffe did not have it all their own way though and when Jason Smith took a good catch at square leg to remove Matthew Coult for a duck they were in quite a bit of trouble at 25-2.

But then came Tanvir the tiger and a knock that turned the game completely.

He hit four massive sixes, three of them out of the ground, and plenty of fours shifting all the fielders onto the boundary edge.

At the other end Ian Dyson was playing an excellent supporting innings before he fell low to home captain Mark Barron.

This far from finished the Staincliffe onslaught though as

Tanvir continued to smash anyone and everyone all over the place Archer came in and did the same.

Tanvir finally succumbed appropriately going for another big hit but this time he could not clear Rob Pinder on the boundary.

This sparked something of a Staincliffe collapse with Andy Hardy run out without scoring and Nasim Butt stumped also for a duck.

Soon after Paul Wilman became the third victim of a run out when he was dismissed for three and then David Whitaker was bowled by Duncan Ritchie for the same score.

In the final over Archer became the expensive Barron's third victim when he was caught by Ritchie just three short of a half-century, even so the captain should have been very satisfied with his contribution to his side's 191-9.

This was soon forgotten when Coult took an outstanding diving catch at gully with the ball no more than two inches off the ground.

Coult was not the only Staincliffe fielder on his toes as Archer proved by running out the dangerous Wajid brilliantly.

He stopped a fast moving bouncing ball one-handed on the run deep in the outfield and threw it straight at the middle stump in the same movement.

This delighted Staincliffe's support and their team never looked like letting them down from this point and when Wilman stumped Julian Dawson to seal the victory the celebrations could finally begin.

STAINCLIFFE

1 Jason Smith	36
2 McVough run out	0
M Coult 1, J Smith & Dawson	0
3 Tanvir 47, Pinder 14, Alford	26
4 Archer 47, Ritchie 14, Barron	47
5 Hardy run out	0
6 Butt 4, Coult 1, Barron	0
7 Wilman run out	3
8 Whitaker 3, Ritchie	1
9 Parkinson run out	1
10 Burge run out	1
Extras	14
Total 191, all events	191

Bowling: Ritchie 9-0-0-1, Dawson 9-4-12-1, C Smith 8-0-6-0, Alford 8-2-4-1, Barron 8-0-0-3.

KING CROSS

1 Coult 27, Wilman 1, Tanvir	27
2 Smith 1, Coult 1, Barron	26
3 Smith run out	0
4 Alford 1, Burge 1	2
5 Archer 1, Coult 1, Parkinson	13
6 Pinder 1, McVough 1, Tanvir	13
7 Hetherall 1, Tanvir 1, Butt	23
8 Taylor run out	1
9 Barron 1, Whitaker 1, Butt	14
10 Smith run out	1
11 Dawson 1, Wilman 1, Archer	12
Extras	12
Total 191, all events	191

Bowling: Butt 10-20-3, Parkinson 8-24-1, Archer 7-1-1-14-1, Burge 6-1-4-1, Tanvir 7-0-0-3.

FORGING THE FUTURE

2002 – MOUNT C.C. RELATIONSHIP



Hyrstlands Park – home of Mount C.C.

In 2002 the Club formed a partnership with Batley-based Mount C.C.

TOP OF THE TREE

2003 – DIVISION 2 CHAMPIONS

The following season, the first full season of the link with Mount - and with Mount players strengthening the Staincliffe 1st XI - the Club won the Central Yorkshire Division 2 title.

Staincliffe clinch title

STAINCLIFFE secured the Central Yorkshire League Division Two title after a one-wicket win over Thornhill.

Batting first, Thornhill looked comfortable with four players contributing nearly 40 runs each, Jason Thackrah (38), Scott Cursley (39), Amir Ishaq (39) and Richard Empsall (38), as Thornhill were dismissed for 185. Yahir Akudi and A Aswat took four wickets each.

Staincliffe battled hard and were grateful to Mohammed Seedat for his unbeaten 76 as they clung on to reach 190-9.

Relegation threatened Woodkirk have secured their place in Division Two with a six-point win over Batley A.

They can't now be caught by nearest rivals Batley A who have fewer six point wins.

Liversedge A lost by eight wickets to Townville A. Mark Palmer was the backbone of the

innings with 77 as they were bowled out for 171. D Bradbrook took 8-58.

In Division Three the chase is on for the top two promotion places.

Wrenthorpe are six points clear of Hunslet Nelson, the team they defeated last Saturday. But waiting to pounce two points behind are Gildersome who recorded a six-wicket win over Heckmondwike A.

Brian Calverley made 82 and Neil Broadbent 32 as Nelsson set a target of 224-9.

Wrenthorpe reached 225-8 in 49.4 overs.

Gildersome's G Hampshire 4-33 and G Patel 3-1 from 2.3 overs dispatched Heckmondwike for 60.

They took just 11 overs to reach 62-4.

Birstall had a 10 wicket win over King Cross. Richard Hopson's 5-23 helped reduced King



Staincliffe's Yahir Akudi took 4-40 last Saturday. (140766)

Cross to 70, a total the Birstall openers polished off in 8.3 overs.

East Ardsley stay out of the

relegation zone thanks to a six point win over Stanley in an inter divisional match.

In Division Four, Staincliffe A suffered a seven wicket defeat against third-placed Thornhill.

Mick Wood (66) and Andy Callaghan (65) helped Thornhill to 227-3 chasing Staincliffe's 226. Earlier Ross Ingham 4-89 and Richard Fenwick 4-54 had done most of the damage.

Hopton Mills' Umar Salim was the star of the show as they recorded a 146-run win over Northwram Fields.

Salim, who is just 15 years old, hit 19 fours and two sixes on his way to 119 as Hopton made 265-7. He is the son of Mills' former captain Mohammed Salim.

Andrew Moorhouse was on fine form for Mills taking 7-44 as Fields were bowled out for 119.

20/20 VISION!

2004 – SPECIAL COMPETITION



WORKERS UNITE

CLUB TODAY

Staincliffe's cricketers are now an integral part of Staincliffe Cricket and Working Men's Club. The Club also puts out football, rugby and snooker teams.

They are based at the Working Men's Club – and raise their own money through matchday teas, draws and race nights.







The Staincliffe trophy cabinet

BRIGHT FUTURE

CLUB TODAY

