

HEBDEN BRIDGE CC

The Early Years

A town, a league and a team

ORIGINS

Hebden Bridge & District Cricket League, formed in 1895, was disbanded on 1 January 1958. The fact that the town could support its own league structure in the first half of the last century shows just how many clubs and teams operated in the area once upon a time.



Hebden Bridge CC - or Hebden Bridge Salem (Methodist) CC as it used to be known on account of its strong local church connections - was founded almost 100 years ago.

Tod Controversy!

1853 – LOCAL DERBY FURORE

Decades before, in 1853, a 'XIV' representing Hebden Bridge took part in two matches against local rivals Todmorden.

of Manchester, and certain improvements. Afterwards addressed the meeting at considerable length, urging the moral and religious necessity for some positive restriction in the hours of labour. He stated in the course of his address that a number of factory hands had come from Hebden Bridge to the meeting, but finding that there were some Hebden Bridge masters present they did not remain. All the resolutions were agreed to without dissent. The late hour at which the meeting commenced, rendered it necessary to protect the proceedings long after dark.

HEBDEN BRIDGE.
BIRCHCLIFFE ANNIVERSARY.—On Sunday last, the anniversary services in aid of the Sunday School connected with the Birchcliffe Chapel, were preached by the Rev. J. Lockwood, formerly of Langbrough. The attendance at both services was numerous, and collections were made, amounting to £22.

THE ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.—Two most excellent and appropriate sermons were preached on Sunday last, at General Baptist Chapel, Birchcliffe, by the Rev. J. H. Lockwood, after which collections were made in aid of the school, amounting to £23 6s 12.

TODMORDEN v. HEBDEN BRIDGE.
To the Editor of the Halifax Courier.
 Sir,—Your Todmorden correspondent will, no doubt, furnish you with an account of the return match at cricket played between Todmorden and Hebden Bridge on Monday, in the grounds of the former. There is an circumstance, however, to which particular attention should be made. I understand it was agreed, prior to the opening of the game, that the wickets should be drawn at six o'clock, and that if both innings had not then been played out, the score of the first innings should decide the contest. Hebden Bridge went in and scored 80; Todmorden followed and chalked 78—a close run. Hebden Bridge made 130 runs in the second innings, and six o'clock arrived, when Todmorden had used up only two men, and had scored about 80. Of course Hebden Bridge expected that the new ball, for which they were playing, would have been handed over to their club, but some of the gentlemen in "authority" insisted upon the match being played out, regardless of the previous agreement, or otherwise the ball should not be given up, and all bets should be declared void—a statement which quite astounded most of the people in the field.

No doubt it is a little annoying that Todmorden should have been beaten by a juvenile club like Hebden Bridge, but I am sure that the Todmorden players have too much manly spirit about them to cherish anything like a spiteful feeling against their present victors; for in no other light can they be considered by the public, however, the power that he may rule—and I do not believe that the spirit which dictated the withdrawal of the prize is participated in to any extent by the Todmorden side. I have no personal interest in the matter, but I trust the "Halifax" will make a fitting application for the ball, which it is not believed, that they will not have the reason why. I am, Sir, yours, &c.
 PALMER QUI MERUIT PERAT.

examined and found to be mad.

CRICKET MATCH.—The return match between the Todmorden and Hebden Bridge club, was played on Wednesday, at Todmorden. Under our Hebden Bridge intelligence will be found a letter alleging that the Hebden Bridge club was entitled to the game. The following is the score:

HEBDEN BRIDGE.

FIRST INNINGS.	SECOND INNINGS.
W. Greaves, b Clegg 3	b Clegg 1
A. Barrett, b do. 1	b Robinson 39
E. Stansfield, b do. 1	b Ingham 31
G. Helliwell, c Robinson 0	
b Crossley 8	b Howarth, b Crossley .. 2
J. Helliwell, b Suthers 0	b Suthers 11
W. Barnes, b Clegg 2	b Crossley 1
J. Crosley, c Howarth, b do. .. 2	b Clegg 1
J. Colburn, at Robinson 0	
b Crossley 0	not out 10
H. Colkroft, b do. 3	b S. b. b. Crossley .. 23
T. Riley, 0	b W. b. do. 2
W. Walker, c and b do. .. 2	b Clegg 8
T. Schellier, b do. 5	b do. 3
J. Crossley, b do. 2	b Crossley, b do. .. 0
J. Colclough, not out 4	b Suthers, b Crossley .. 0
bryes 4, wide 11	bryes 7, wide 8 .. 10
Total 80	Total 130

TODMORDEN.

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J. Howarth, b Barnes 5	not out 2
W. Barnes, c Barnes, 4	
b Helliwell 4	
J. Crossley, c J. Schellier, .. 0	b Barnes 0
b Barnes 0	b Stansfield, b Barnes 11
W. Suthers, b do. 0	
C. Harrison, run out, b do. .. 0	
J. Clegg, b Helliwell 24	
J. Fielden, Esq. 14	
J. Robinson, not out 2	
W. Tagham, c Howarth, b Barnes .. 3	not out 18
T. Chambers, c Helliwell, b do. .. 9	c Crakham, b Helliwell .. 0
J. Davies, c Stansfield, b do. .. 2	
bryes 3	No ball 1, bryes 2 .. 4
Total 78	Total 33

HUDDESFIELD.
COUNTY COURT.—At the County Court on Monday last, the following cases were heard:—*Bainbridge v. Hall.* This was a claim for £12 5s, which the plaintiff, Joseph Bainbridge, sought to recover of William Hall, son, and William Hall, junr., of Garsdale, the defendants, for a cow which he had bought of them at the Huddersfield market, for the 24th of March. The plaintiff, after looking at the cow, liked her very well, with the exception that he observed she was rather lame, and upon examination he thought he would not purchase her. The elder defendant came up at the time and asked what was amiss? Plaintiff replied he was going to

tearing to the above church; b Crow, indubitably b. Woodson Rev. D. Bellamy, &c., &c. The collections amounted to £2

SHOOTING A PROXIMITY.— was brought up at the Guild Hall, and the 51. costs, for a property of Joshua Roberts, of plaintiff, in consequence of his not a companion, named Ben the first of May, in a field of wireworking defendant fire his which he pocketed, and was plaintiff feeling certain that he asked for it, & defendant, will mediate released his gun, complaint and his complaint

THE PROXIMITY OF A Flavel, solicitor, appeared at day last, to make an application to the overseers of Land tax back to the township of 400 for the support of A. Whately, since January, 1853, per was sent in the asylum, in been left him by an uncle, in der the Poor Law Amendment Act, the overseers have power seize a lunatic's property, & it is required for the support of his maintenance. Mr. Willis application, and argued that then in the matter, as the wife of the wife of the wife of the support of herself and four opinion that they had justly amount claimed.

KEEPING SHOPS OPEN has of late become so very a neighbourhood, of sheepcote Sundays, that the authorities it. On Saturday last, James was charged by Sergeant Fox Sunday, the 29th of May. 3 Sunday previous, and caused defendant was one, and he right to sell his goods on On the day in question, so defendant with his shop of coming out with some lard the defendant off on his in the next case that came penalty.

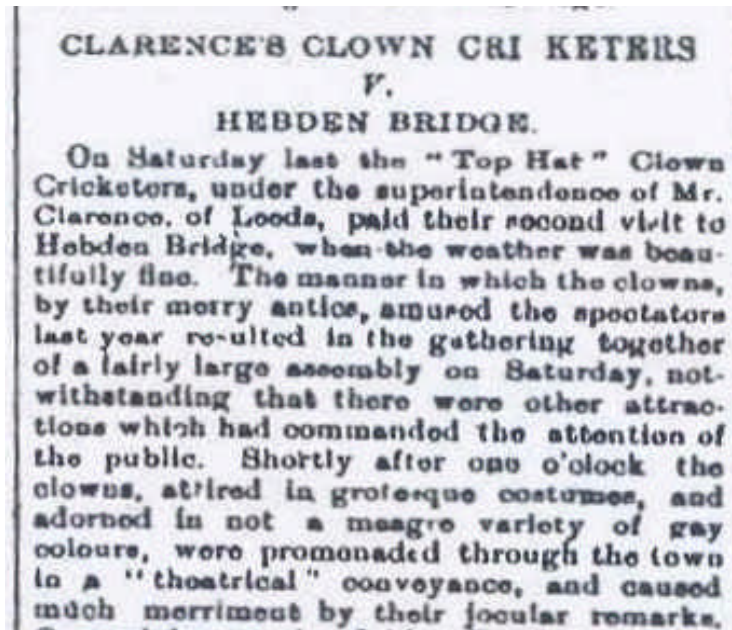
ATTEMPT TO COMMIT last, Samuel Swallow, charged with attempting to before a railway train sent Thursday evening previous, ter, and a porter named H

The letter printed on the left implies there was some kind of dispute about the 'match rules', with the Todmorden-supporting letter-writer stating: ***'It is a little annoying that Todmorden should have been beaten by a juvenile club like Hebden Bridge.'***

In 1888 Hebden Bridge played another local team, Walsden, and a riot broke out!

Clowning Around

1885 – SPECIAL FIXTURE



This extraordinary event was featured in the Halifax Courier in 1885. The first paragraph of the report gave the following fascinating description of events.

On Saturday last the "Top Hat" Clown Cricketers under the superintendence of Mr. Clarence of Leeds, paid their second visit to Hebden Bridge.... The manner in which the clowns, by their merry antics, amused the spectators last year resulted in the gathering together of a fairly large crowd on Saturday.... Shortly after one 'o' clock the Clowns, attired in grotesque costumes, and adorned in not a meager variety of gay colours, were promenaded through the town in a "theatrical" conveyance and caused much merriment with their jocular remarks.

Halifax in the Cup!

1888 - KNOCKOUT ENCOUNTER

Cricket.

ROYAL HOBBS' BOULDERING.

At 10 o'clock the match between the Halifax and the Halifax Cricket Club was commenced at the Cricket Ground, Halifax. The match was a knockout encounter, and the Halifax team were victorious by a large margin.

The Halifax team consisted of the following players: A. Hind, b. Cotton, J. Dodd, c. Helliwell, b. Cotton, H.P. Oates, b. Cheetham, T. Bowers, c. Cotton, b. Cheetham, J. Hamilton, c. Lord, b. Cotton, C. Mouldsworth, c. Armstrong, b. Horner, H. Wood, c. Horner, b. Armstrong, W. Fearnley, b. Armstrong, J. Crossland, lbw b. Armstrong, J. E. Spencer, not out, G. Murray, b. Ellis, Extras.

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HALIFAX.		
A Hind, b Cotton	13	
J Dodd, c Helliwell b Cotton	30	
H.P. Oates, b Cheetham	17	
T Bowers, c Cotton b Cheetham	24	
J Hamilton, c Lord b Cotton	4	
C Mouldsworth, c Armstrong b Horner	8	
H Wood, c Horner b Armstrong	5	
W Fearnley, b Armstrong	3	
J Crossland, lbw b Armstrong	10	
J E Spencer, not out	3	
G Murray, b Ellis	4	
Extras	7	
Total	107	

HEBDEN BRIDGE.		
G Cotton, c Oates b Murray	5	
H Helliwell, b Murray	4	
Armstrong, run out	5	
T Ellis, b Murray	9	
E Wrigley, run out	2	
F Horner, b Murray	4	
T Groves, b Spencer	9	
J A Cheetham, b Murray	4	
J Lord, c Dodd b Spencer	0	
J Jackson, not out	0	
T Cheetham, b Spencer	2	
Extras	10	
Total	51	

HEBDEN BRIDGE BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts
Cotton	17	5	32	3
Ellis	10	0	37	1
Horner	8	2	27	1
Cheetham	10	0	28	2
Armstrong	6	2	6	3

HALIFAX BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts
Hamilton	5	2	0	0
Murray	17	7	21	5
Hind	10	4	16	0
Spencer	2.1	1	1	2

SOWERBY BRIDGE v. QUEENSBURY.