

DALTON CC

The Later Years

SILVERWARE SUCCESS!

1947 – PADDOCK SHIELD VICTORY



MADRAY HELPS OUT!

1960 – GUYANESE SUBSTITUTE PRO



CARIBBEAN OPPORTUNITY

1978 – BIG CRICKET JOURNEY

Cricket trip of a lifetime

Three Dalton players for West Indies

By ROBERT GLEDHILL



MARK EADY



STUART ALLEN



TIM SYKES

CARIBBEAN cricket has beckoned three Dalton batsmen.

And on November 3 they jet off from Heathrow for a cricket trip of a lifetime to play against former Test greats like Wes Hall, Charlie Griffith, Trevor Bailey, Brian Close and Denis Compton.

"It is a chance of a lifetime and we are all looking forward to it tremendously," said Dalton secretary Stuart Allen, who is going with club captain Mark Eady and White Rose player Tim Sykes on the two-week trip.

"A letter was sent to the club in June informing us about the trip, which is being organised by Fred Ramsey, and so we decided to grab the opportunity as it is one of those things which do not come up very often.

"We are still waiting for the final details but we are assured of at least one game each," said Allen, whose side were relegated from Section "A" of the Huddersfield League this season.

In Barbados they will be playing not only with the stars of the past but also with a sprinkling of present West Indies Test players and young English professionals in the new two-week festival.

Ramsey, a left-arm fast bowler who played for times for England in 1964 and 1965, said: "It is very rare to see professionals and amateurs playing together in England nowadays and usually it's during benefit matches when the professionals aren't really trying. I believe it affords the nearest of the game

because there are only about 150 players to choose the Test side from."

The festival has proved sufficiently attractive to 30 English club cricketers and 40 umpires, scorers and spectators for them to find at least £200 to raise and play.

Ramsey, Close, Compton, Bailey and Colin Milburn, the former Northamptonshire and England batsman, will appear five of eight sides playing in the festival.

West Indians Hall and Griffith are likely to share the captaincy of another side and former West Indies and Essex batsman Keith Ennos may lead another.

The eight sides will be chosen by the Barbados Cricket League and may include a number of young West Indians who will be touring India and Sri Lanka this winter.

Hall and Griffith are no longer so fearlessly fast as they were, though Hall still turns out regularly for his team in the Barbados League. But both are still very quick for short bursts.

Ramsey hopes the festival will become an annual event, and if it does other club sides may come from England.

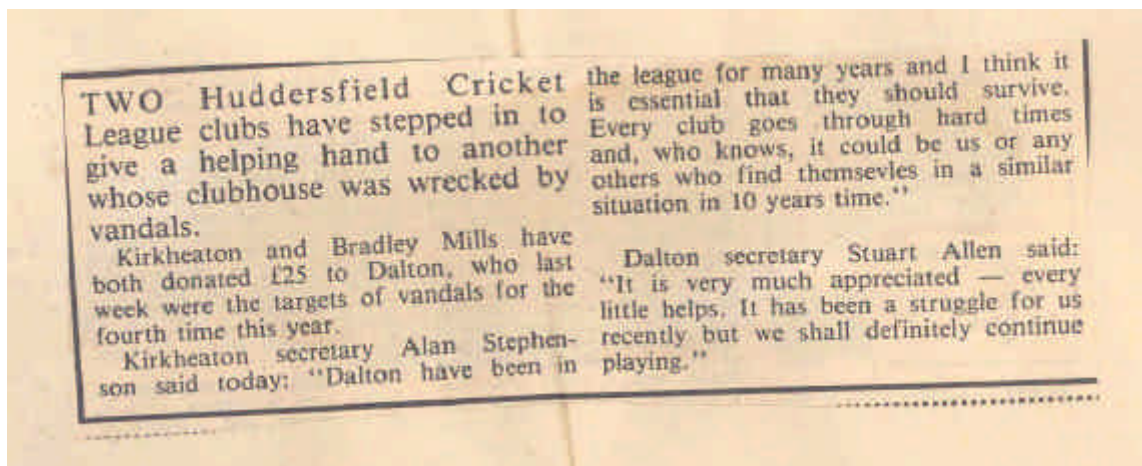
"In fact, we already have clubs applying to come just now rather than go on a tour," Ramsey said.

He added that he had ideas for bringing a young England maybe the captain, in future.

The match-over-said the festival with it seen in Barbados.

VICTIM OF VANDALS

MARCH 1981 – HELPING HAND



CLUB TO FOLD?

MAY 1981 – SURVIVAL THREAT



LEAGUES OF THEIR OWN!

1988 – POLITICAL CONTROVERSY

A rule change in 1988 meant that players couldn't play for one club and another. This penalised clubs like Dalton who 'shared' players with some local Sunday league sides.



INTRODUCING MOHAMMAD TANVIR...

1990 – QUAID-E-AZAM

In 1990 Dalton CC made the national press. *The Guardian* reported on the sale of Dalton Fold to Mohammad Tanvir, a local businessman with a passionate interest in cricket.



He owned two cricket clubs and was also chairman of the Quaid-e-Azam Sunday Cricket League. By buying Dalton he was trying to find a home for his 'Shabab' cricket teams. Quaid-e-Azam also gained an HQ.



league was formed in 1981 to give Asians who worked on Saturdays a chance to play cricket on Sundays. There were only six teams at first, now there are 20. Their matches are largely ignored by the Yorkshire press. Quaid-e-Azam is Yorkshire's invisible league.

The teams play on old established local league grounds with names like Lidget Green, Windhill, and Bowling Old Lane. Forty or fifty supporters, mostly young, drift into the top matches, lean against the old Yorkshire stone walls, and exchange banter with the fielders — in Urdu, Punjabi?

The occasional stolid Anglo-Saxon Yorkshireman, walking his dog, will pause and watch a few overs. But on Sundays, he's the stranger, just as I'm a stranger, always made welcome though, in the Shabab dressing room, where the jokes fly around — in Punjabi, Urdu? The Asians roar with laughter, comfortable, at home. Then they call in English to the batsmen in the middle — "Oh, shot, Arif. Well played, boys." Their accents are Yorkshire.

They hire the grounds from clubs in the Yorkshire leagues. But they have their problems. "If a club has a match on a Sunday, we're snookered," says Tanvir. So he bought Dalton Cricket Club in the Huddersfield League. The ground was run-down, the buildings had

been vandalised, and on Sundays kids were holding motor bike rallies on the oval. Tanvir has had the pavilion re-built, the wicket restored, and has made the ground a home for his Shabab teams and the headquarters for Quaid-e-Azam.

His Shabab A team are, I suppose, the aristocrats of the league. He recruits his players from as far away as Manchester. He bats number 11 for Shabab and leads his team in the field. And if he's not as quick as he once was, he's covered by some of the enthusiastic players he calls his boys. This winter, though, some of the boys rebelled. Annoyed that they'd missed out on the championship last year, they instructed him to lose weight. And he has, too.

He keeps Quaid-e-Azam plugged into the wider world of Asian cricket. The last time the Pakistan touring team was in Yorkshire, he stage-managed a benefit match for Imran Khan, Pakistan v India. "Oh, yes, we had Kapil Dev flown over." The winter before last, he took a Shabab team, strengthened by players from other Quaid-e-Azam sides, on a tour of Sharjah, Pakistan, and India. The boys paid their own air fares but all other expenses were covered by what Tanvir calls sponsorship. At this year's Quaid-e-Azam annual dinner, Tanvir's guests of honour in-

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Mohammad Tanvir, league chairman, club captain, and padded up to bat at No. 11

PHOTOGRAPH BY BARRY COLLINS

MORE FEARS

1992 – DANGER OF CLOSURE

Struggling Dalton in dire straits

By DOUGLAS THOMSON

STRUGGLING Dalton Cricket Club could fold without an injection of fresh blood at both playing and committee level.

The warning comes from secretary Nigel Mear, who has called a special meeting at their hill-top ground on Monday (8.30).

The Drakes Huddersfield League Club — which also incorporates a bowling section — are more than £1,000 in debt, and it's envisaged that Mohammed Tanvir, their principal benefactor since 1985, will no longer be able to supply as many players.

Fourth-bottom Dalton could raise only nine men for Sunday's Section "B" match at Printrose Hill and it seems likely that they will field a makeshift side for Saturday's final fixture at home to Lindsworth.

"The situation is



Mohammed Tanvir — supplying fewer players

really quite dire and I have to say I'm pessimistic about the future," said Mr Mear.

"We've suffered from constant vandalism and break-ins and we've been unable to open the bar, which is our only real source of income, as often as we'd have liked.

"Our only hope is that former players and any other people who care about the club will rally round and get involved."

Dalton, who were founded in 1833 and are believed to be the second oldest club in the Huddersfield area behind Lascelles Hall, came close to going bankrupt in the mid-Eighties.

They were revived by Tanvir, a former Huddersfield restaurateur who is also president of the mainly Asian Quaid-e-Azam Cricket League.

Tanvir agreed a ground-sharing scheme for his Quaid-e-Azam club Shabab, and then became captain of the Dalton team, which he strengthened by bringing in a succession of talented Pakistan players.

Under his guidance, the club have twice won promotion, and also reached the semi-finals of the Hills Supplies Sykes Cup in 1987.

Developments at Dalton come in the wake of fellow Section "B" club Padi-Stock's announcement that they may have to withdraw from the Drakes League in the face of a massive rent increase from Kirklees Council.

STIPE BONANZA!

1995 – CONCERT WINDFALL



Cricket club cashes in

DALTON CRICKET CLUB is taking advantage of the money-spinning opportunity provided by next week's REM concerts. The oldest club in the Huddersfield League plans to open up its site on Dalton Fold Road to 200 cars at £1-a-parking space. Committee members will also be laying on refreshments and providing security in the form of patrols around the ground. Member Mr Andrew Rogers said the cars would be parked around the edge of the ground and that the cricket square would be preserved.

EMERGENCY SOS

1996 – SQUAD CONCERN

Dalton seek players to bolster sides

By DAVID LOCKWOOD

DALTON Cricket Club are suffering from an acute player shortage and are holding an emergency meeting at the club tomorrow.

The club's second team had to pull out of their home League fixture with Primrose Hill last Saturday, as they were unable to raise a side.

Secretary Nigel Mear explained: "We have lost five of last season's regular first team, and several more from the seconds, which have left us struggling to find players.

"Last season we finished third in Section B and our second team won promotion in the second XI championship, so it's not as though we were struggling. We have gone from a position of strength to being suddenly in trouble.

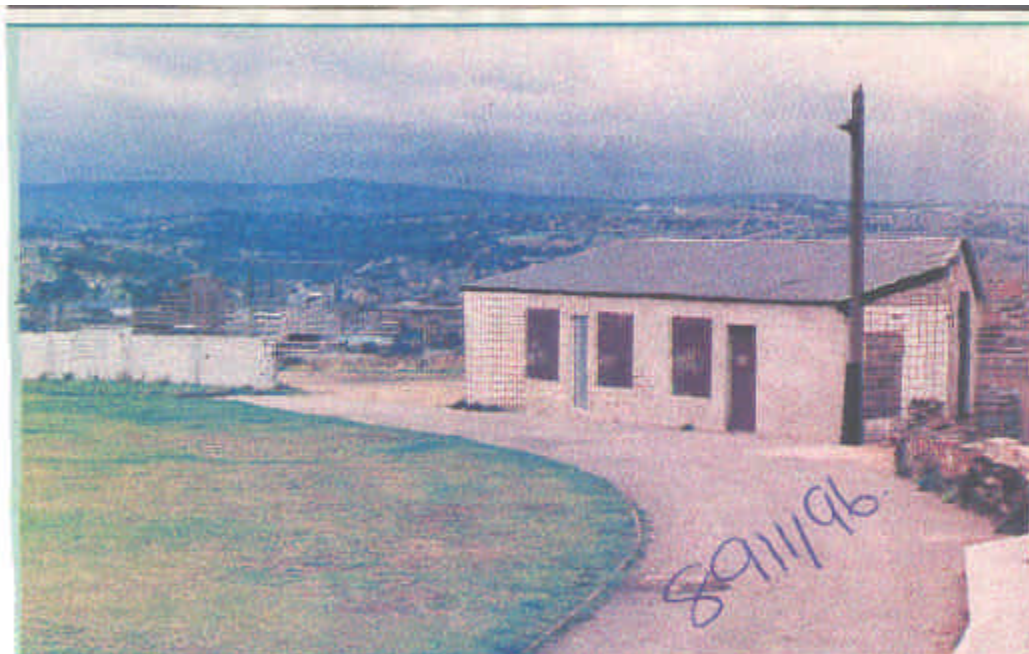
"There seems to be a general lack of players around, and it's not easy finding lads who want to play 26 games a season.

"We lost Colin Farnsworth, David Scott, Steve Hennigan and Mohammed Ejaz and now Andy Hallas has moved we are five light in the first team, which has obviously meant a bigger strain on personnel in the seconds."

The meeting is scheduled for 8.30 tomorrow, but before that they are to hold a practice session when anyone interested in playing is invited to join them.

PHONE FILIP!

1996 – 20-YEAR DEAL



Depressing scene at Dalton could soon be brightened up after club's promised cash windfall

Picture by John Watson

Cricket club's cash lifeline

By MELVYN BOOTH

DALTON Cricket Club are close to clinching a 20-year cash rental deal which will secure their future.

Telephone company Ionica are to site a 15m high receiver at the club and pay annual rent for the next two decades.

It will mean an immediate five-figure cash windfall for the off-troubled Section B outfit in an initial five-year tailored agreement.

"We are just about there and it's great news for the club, something which will secure our financial future," said treasurer Nigel Mear.

"The lease and details have still to be finalised, but it will mean a significant cash injection, allowing us to continue with refurbishments and to get the ground back in decent order."

The telephone tower will be built near the

bowling green at the Dalton Fold Road ground.

Planning permission has already been granted and Mr Mear added: "Ionica are setting up a network for private houses based on a mobile phone system, and the best place for this relay station is at Dalton.

"It's a nationally-backed scheme and while the paperwork is still in the hands of solicitors, we are very close to signing our agreement." Meanwhile, all clubs in Huddersfield and district have been asked to support a course for cricket coaches, being run from January to March.

The National Cricket Association have four awards — teaching, coaching, senior and advanced — and the 10 two-hour sessions in Huddersfield will be tutored by Richard Horner and John Cowan.

Places are limited and Mr Horner can be contacted on Hudds 842045.

£250 CO-OP JUNIOR BOOST!

2000 – CASH FOR YOUNGSTERS



Cash for cricket

HUDDERSFIELD: The Co-operative Funeral Service, of St Thomas's Road, has given £250 to Dalton Cricket and Bowling Club to help start a junior cricket team.

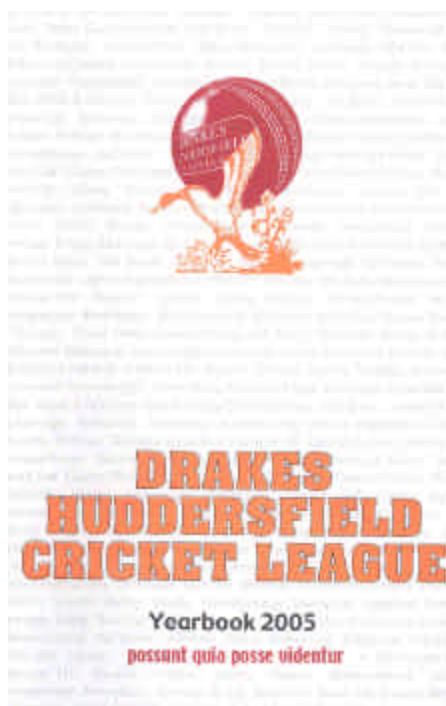
THE SADDEST DAY

2003 – CLUB FOLDS

After a long and distinguished history – spanning a mammoth 172 years - Dalton C.C. eventually folded in 2003.

It was a sad moment, but, after the struggles and troubles of the 1980s and 1990s, no real surprise.

The death of Dalton C.C. is recorded simply and starkly at the front of the Huddersfield League handbook.



THE LEAGUE CLUBS 1892-2005 & CURRENT A-Z

Almondbury 1926-	Kirkheaton 1893-
Armitage Bridge 1892-98,1906,1920-	Lascelles Hall 1892-
Barkisland 2001-	Lepton Highlanders 2000-
Bradley Mills 1920-95	Linthwaite 1892-93,1899-
Broad Oak 1920-	Linthwaite Hall 1907-16
Clayton West 2000-	Lockwood 1892-1991
Cliffe End 1892-93	Marsden 1896-1910,1922-
Dalton 1897-2003	Meltham 1894-98,1909,1920-
Delph & Dobcross 1999-	Meltham Mills 1892-1905,1914-39
Elland 1926-	Micklehurst 2005-
Emley Clarence 2004-	Paddock 1899-
Friarmere 1895-98,1920-32	Penistone 1988-96
Golcar 1892-	Primrose Hill 1893-1908,1920-21,1923-
Halifax 1995-98	Rastrick 1923-
Hall Bower 1940-	St Andrews 1908
Holmfirth 1892-	Scholes 1988-
Honley 1894-1915,1920-	Shelley 2001-
Huddersfield 1901-91	Shepley 1932-
Huddersfield & Lockwood 1992-2002	Skelmanthorpe 1987-
Huddersfield United 1892-94	Slaithwaite 1892-
Kexborough 1987-	Thongsbridge 1926-
Kirkburton 1911-	Thurstonland 1910-13