

Smith (Wakefield, 21, 6-11), S. M. Megginson (Malton, 25, 5-11).

All-rounder

L. J. Browning (Doncaster, 20, 6-11), C. H. Carter (Shepley, 20, 6-11), Allan Clarke (Bradford, 23, 5-8), A. D. Dunn (Normanby, 19, 5-11), Eric Fisk (E. Ardsley, 17, 5-10), S. Graham (Leeds, 19, 6-0), K. Haley (Batley, 17, 5-8), R. Hirst (Cleckheaton, 18, 5-10), R. Illingworth (Pudsey, 16, 5-8), R. A. Richardson (Sheby, 21, 5-10), F. Pickering (Barnsley, 22, 6-0), J. Reynolds (Ossett, 18, 5-8), Duncan Smith (Shipley, 21, 5-11), B. Welch (Sowerby Br., 19, 5-5), B. O'ough (Cleckheaton, 18, 5-6).

Wicket-keeping

Roy Booth (Marsden, 22, 5-11), G. P. Crowther (Linthwaite, 17, 5-8), E. H. Dracup (Shipley, 18, 6-0), G. Ingram (Mexborough, 21, 5-5), R. S. Longbottom (Calverley, 22, 5-11), D. Parker (Huddersfield, 17, 5-9), D. Pollard (Ripponden, 20, 5-9), P. Rochford (Halifax, 19, 5-8), E. Sandford (Huddersfield, 18, 5-6), J. C. Scholey (Leeds, 18, 5-8), W. B. Smith (Batley, 20, 5-11). Several of these players are to be tried for their batting ability.

Batting

B. Batley (Swinton, 19, 5-11), J. D. H. Blackburn (Leeds, 24, 5-11), J. A. Claughton (Guiseley, 17, 5-9), P. Colbeck (Huddersfield, 23, 5-10), B. Collins (Castleford, 18, 5-7), E. B. Crofts (Pontefract, 18, 5-9), A. M. Dover (Leeds, 19, 5-6), G. B. Edwards (Leeds, 17, 5-11), G. W. Fox (Brierley, 16, 5-10), K. C. Gaunt (Leeds, 22, 5-9), E. Hargate (Barnsley, 17, 5-8), D. Hirst (Heckmondwike, 23, 6-1), N. F. Hornar (Queensbury, 22, 5-7), R. Hynds (Bradford, 22, 5-8), Donald Jones (Farsley, 17, 5-8), B. A. Jordan (Batley, 16, 5-10), C. Lee (Rotherham, 24, 6-1), R. N. Lewis (Leeds, 18, 5-8), D. B. Longbottom (Calverley, 22, 5-11), F. A. Lowson (Bradford, 23,

A. Mills (Old Denaby), W. Green (Hull), E. Hargate (Barnsley) and C. Lee (Rotherham), batsmen; J. Firth (Cottingham), wicket-keeper-batsman; K. Haley (Batley) and K. Smiles (Horsforth), all-rounders; R. Harrod (Redcar) and G. Walter (Leeds), bowlers.

Yorks look ahead—99 colts

PLAYING resources of Yorkshire County Cricket Club for the coming season include 24 amateurs, seven players with county caps, and eight senior colts.

In addition, Arthur Mitchell will supervise the coaching of the following 99 colts:

Batsmen.—W. H. Bolt (Huddersfield), R. Brooke (Huddersfield), E. B. Crofts (Pontefract), W. J. Cummins (Treston), G. Dean (Balidon), A. M. Dover (Leeds), J. Ellis (Old Denaby), G. Ellis (Sheffield), W. Green (Hull), E. Hargate (Barnsley), D. Hirst (Heckmondwike), E. Hirst (Cleckheaton), N. F. Hornar (Queensbury), L. Horsman (Burley), D. Jones (Farsley), C. Lee (Rotherham), K. Lee (Sheffield), R. N. Lewis (Leeds), D. J. Merryweather (Thornaby), J. Moorhouse (Lepton), J. W. Murphy (Batley), S. Naylor (Batley), P. F. Pickering (York), O. T. Refau (Leeds), J. C. Rigg (Otley), S. Rose (Leeds), W. B. Smith (Batley), H. M. Smithson (Dewsbury), J. Stead (Nostell), J. Sunley (Pudmoor), B. H. J. Thompson (Pudsey), G. G. Tordoff (Whitwood), E. Waddington (D. Walsh (Penistone), J. Weatherill (Leeds).

Bowlers.—B. Brooke (Newsome), R. Ellis (Sheffield), C. W. Ford (Scarborough), J. F. Fretwell (Mexborough), W. A. Gosson (Queensbury), S. Graham (Leeds), R. Harrod (Redcar), J. W. Hastings (Kippax),

W. Holdsworth (Leeds), G. Holroyd (Huddersfield), P. R. Laycock (Huddersfield), A. Mason (Addingham), N. W. Naylor (Leeds), B. Nettleton (Guiseley), C. S. Northin (Bradford), G. H. Padgett (Silkstone), D. Pawley (Sheffield), F. Pickering (Barnsley), J. Reynolds (Ossett), P. Robinson (Leeds), L. Rodwell (York), J. P. P. Sercombe (Leeds), O. Skelton (Leeds), C. R. Smith (Menston), D. Smith (Shipley), K. Speight (Wibsey), J. D. Stones (Leeds), R. Thompson (Leeds), F. Thornton (Carlinghow), G. Walter (Leeds), D. H. Whitehouse (Leeds).

All-rounders.—A. Audsley (Wakefield), J. Bailey (Wath-on-Dearne), E. S. Barracough (Bradford), D. Bloodworth (Leeds), F. Brierley (Huddersfield), C. H. Carter (Huddersfield), J. M. Gownley (Wales Parish), A. D. Dunn (Normanby), E. Fisk (Ardsley), W. B. Flintoff (Thurs), K. Haley (Batley), G. A. Harrison (Huddersfield), M. Henry (Shipley), N. Hill (South Elmsall), R. Illingworth (Pudsey), G. Ingham (Mexborough), J. T. Lodge (Brighouse), L. Matlocks (Wombwell), G. Palmer (Swinton), D. Rhodes (Kippax), R. A. Richardson (N. Duffield), H. Shaw (Leeds), K. Smiles (Horsforth), J. D. Swift (Rawdon), C. A. Temprell (Carcroft), F. Turner (Castleford), B. Welch (Sowerby Bridge), B. A. Wilson (Harrogate).

Wicket-keepers.—R. Booth (Marsden), J. T. Eurdock (Ilkley), J. Firth (Cottingham), J. W. Higgins (Featherstone), R. S. Longbottom (Bradford).

Others were:

Senior Colt J. T. Lodge; J. R. Ashman (Rotherham), left-arm slow bowler; E. Fisk (East Ardsley), all-rounder; D. Jones (Farsley), batsman; K. Smiles (Horsforth), slow right-arm bowler; F. S. Trueman (Maltby), bowler; E. Waddington (Doncaster), right-arm leg-break bowler; J. R. Knox (Leeds), bowler; K. Haley (Batley), all-rounder; R. Weatherhead (Harrogate), bowler; F. P. McHugh (Leeds), bowler; R. N. Lewis (Leeds), batsman; B. Brooke (Newsome), all-rounder; D. H. Whitehouse (Leeds), all-rounder; L. Hirst (Wakefield), batsman.

Cork Co. In A Good Position

CORK COUNTY hit up a total of 203 runs for six wickets before declaring in their two-day match with the English team, Mr. H. G. B. Wilson's Stragglers, at the Mardyke yesterday. At the close of play the visitors were 57 for seven wickets.

CORK COUNTY

C. A. Gilleran b Martin	35
T. Shortt c Wilson b Martin	6
G. Cantwell c Bodycott b Martin	58
R. H. McQuillan c Kiernan b Kitchen	24
J. B. Jermyn b Martin	43
G. Cronin c Shaw b Haley	5
C. O'Donnell not out	3
C. W. Read not out	13
Extras	6

Total (for 6 wkts.) ... 203

Did not bat—M. Collins, R. Murphy, J. Guy.

Bowling—Martin 4 for 69; Wilson 0 for 30; Haley 1 for 36; Bodycott 0 for 23; Kitchen 1 for 23; Boidecock 1 for 16.

STRAGGLERS

R. C. Mills lbw O'Donnell	3
K. Haley b McQuillan	33
J. Kitchen b O'Donnell	0
T. Burton b O'Donnell	5
B. Martin b O'Donnell	5
R. Gardner b O'Donnell	0
T. Boidecock not out	1
J. Kiernan b McQuillan	6
Extras	4

Total (for 7 wickets) 57.

Bowling—C. G. O'Donnell, 5 for 20; R. McQuillan, 2 for 9; G. Cantwell, 0 for 9; Cronin, 0 for 11; C. W. Read, 0 for 4.

Touring Eire with "The Straglers" last week were K. Haley (Birstall) and P. Burton (Batley). Haley finished the week with a batting average of 17.4 for five innings. His highest score was 21 and total 87. Burton's average was 11.4 for three completed innings; he was twice not out. Twenty-one was his highest score and 39 his total. Haley's bowling average was 11.71. His figures were: 28 overs, 4 maidens, 82 runs, and 10 wickets. H. G. B. Wilson took 5 wickets at a cost of 9.07 each.

Batley Routed

Batley were well beaten by Heckmondwike on Saturday, losing by 92 runs. Batley had good reason to be satisfied with their work in putting Heckmondwike out for 136, thanks to some steady bowling by Peckover, who sent down 22 overs, 5 maidens, for 56 runs and 5 wickets, but Heckmondwike's bowlers had the last laugh with the result that Batley were routed for 44. Burgin and Haigh did the damage, the former finishing up with these figures—8-2-12-6, while Haigh had 4 for 31. It was not a day for batsmen, although Richardson completed a very valuable half century for Heckmondwike, and young Haley, a product of Batley's second team, was his side's top scorer with 14 not out.

Heckmondwike: F. Scott, b Peckover 5; J. Speak, c Mounsey b Peckover 8; F. Ellison, b Peckover 20; F. Stanley, lbw b Howden 10; V. Brook, run out 1; R. Richardson, lbw b McKellor 51; H. Furness, c Greenwood b Howden 0; F. Moorby, c Peckover b Gledhill 7; G. Hinchcliffe, not out 10; J. Burgin, b Peckover 13; F. Haigh, b Peckover 2; extras 0; total, 136.

Batley: R. Greenwood, b Burgin 0; N. Mounsey, b Burgin 0; H. Jarrett, st Moorby b Haigh 1; L. Peckover, b Haigh 12; W. McKellor, b Haigh 10; J. Hardy, b Burgin 3; J. Gledhill, c Moorby b Haigh 0; B. Fisher, c Furness b Burgin 3; K. Haley, not out 14; F. Howden, lbw b Burgin 0; A. McCarty, lbw b Burgin 0; extras 2; total, 44.

Heckmondwike 136
Batley 44

Batley were humiliated by Heckmondwike at Mount Pleasant, where their batting played "second fiddle" to the accurate bowling of Burgin and Haigh. It was disappointing to see the home side lose by such a large margin after dismissing six of the Heckmondwike men for only 56 runs. While Hinchcliffe stubbornly defied the Batley attack, Richardson (51) punished the bowling. Gledhill appeared to change to a policy of slow spin bowling when speed might have been more fruitful. Howden bowled well, but Peckover, who had five for 56, was not always consistent with his length.

Most of the Batley batsmen seemed incapable of coping with the fast and accurate bowling of Burgin. Haigh, too, had them guessing. Haley, who made his second appearance with the Batley first eleven, played Burgin confidently and hit the loose balls from Haigh.

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Batley.—R. Greenwood, b Burgin, 0; A. Mounsey, b Burgin, 0; H. Jarrett, st Moorby, b Haigh, 1; L. Peckover, b Haigh, 12; W. McKellor, b Haigh, 10; J. Hardy, b Burgin, 3; J. Gledhill, c Moorby, b Haigh, 0; W. Fisher, c Furness, b Burgin, 3; K. Haley, not out, 14; F. Howden, lbw, b Burgin, 0; A. McCarty, lbw, b Burgin, 0; extra, 1. Total, 44.

Bowling.—Batley: J. Gledhill, 15-4-36-1; L. Peckover, 22-5-56-5; F. Howden, 14-4-22-2; K. Haley, 1-0-9-0; McKellor, 3-1-4-1; Heckmondwike: J. Burgin, 8-2-12-6; F. Haigh, 7-1-31-4.

"Dare Devil Dick" Nearly Five!

Affectionately known as "Dare Devil Dick" in his family circle, Master Kenneth Haley, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Haley, 123, North Bank Road, Cross Bank, Batley, will be five years old on July 4th.

He has just started attending Carolina Row Central School, but on Wednesday, when a News reporter called, he was having a morning holiday. Full of fun and mischief he pretended to be a Red Indian and "attacked" the visitor, following which he climbed the table, and then fell off, meanwhile smiling cheerfully.

"Ken" has been heped in his collection by several aunts and uncles, and also by his grandfather and grandmother, Mr. and Mrs. Crowsley Hinchcliffe, Union Street, Birstall. His father, who is well-known in local cricket and football circles, has also given material assistance.

The youngster has obtained many promises by personal approach, and the names have been written down for him.

"What are you going to be when you are a man?" asked the News man.

"I'm going to be a work fellow and do all sorts of things," replied Kenneth, as he attempted to jab the reporter in the eye with a stick.

SECOND TEAMS' LEAGUE

BATLEY THE CHAMPIONS.

The Batley second eleven are winners of the Second Teams' League. Prior to Saturday, one point only was required to make their position safe at the head of the table, and that was secured on Saturday, Batley taking a point from the fixture with Morley, in which there was no play because of inclement weather. Heckmondwike, their nearest rivals, were unable to play their game.

Batley second eleven was one of the youngest teams in the League this season, which augurs well for the future. The team's success has been due to the fine team spirit which has prevailed rather than individual effort, and several players have figured in the first team. Ewell and Bruce were assisting the first eleven early in the season, and later Haley, whilst others who have appeared in the premier side are A. Brooke, R. Thwaites, W. Fisher, S. Wormald, P. Shaw, and D. Stokes. The second eleven lost only one League game, at Wakefield, and they were defeated in the Crowthor Cup Competition by Hartshead Moor.

The averages are as follows:

	Times High-		Total	Avge.
	not out	Score		
A. H. ...	8	2	55	24.16
R. Thwaites ...	15	5	37	22.10

Batley Seconds Wins

Batley 2nd XI went one better than the senior side on Saturday and beat Birstall 2nd XI by 4 wickets. C. Austin made a useful and quite stylish 31 for Birstall and K. Haley and Pyrah made good runs for Batley as did Kelly and Thornton, whose unbeaten stand brought their side victory. Hardy took 4 for 26 for 8, and Haley 2 for 26 and Kelly 2 for 8, and Austin 2 for 11, Day 2 for 37, and Bentley 1 for 10 took wickets for Birstall.

Birstall Second: N. Lilley, b Kelly 3; P. Hirst, lbw b Haley 6; C. Austin, c Kelly b Haley 31; Lister, b Thornton 19; Halliwell, b Hardy 17; Widdow, st Dickenson b Hardy 6; W. Day, c and b Hardy 0; H. Day, b Hardy 0; Cooper, b Thornton 6; Rhodes, lbw b Kelly 11; A. Bentley, not out 1; extras 0; total, 95.

Batley: J. Hardy, run out 7; R. Thwaites, c Halliwell b W. Day 0; K. Haley, c W. Day b C. Austin 28; J. Pyrah, c Widdow b Bentley 25; R. Taylor, b W. Day 1; W. Dickenson, c Bentley b C. Austin 0; F. Kelly, not out 14; F. Thornton, not out 20; extras 1; total (for 6 wickets), 96.

SECOND ELEVEN—BATTING.

	Inns.	not out	Times		Total	Av'ge.
			Score	Runs		
F. Burton	21	5	611	470	29.38	
W. Fisher	5	0	45	135	27.00	
J. Harrison	11	3	44	212	26.50	
D. Walker	7	0	54	169	24.14	
F. Hirst	8	1	38	116	16.56	
S. Wormald	8	0	42	127	15.87	
D. Kemp	16	0	35	285	17.83	
R. Darrington	11	2	34	129	14.31	
P. Ashworth	1	0	14	14	14.00	
K. Haley	16	0	62	223	13.94	
R. North	11	1	41	128	12.80	
D. Hicks	8	0	33	76	9.50	
P. Shaw	13	1	22	88	7.33	
H. Kemp	11	2	18	54	6.00	
F. Kelly	7	4	10	15	5.00	
W. Stephenson	3	0	12	14	4.67	
G. Strangely	15	4	21	51	4.64	
R. Taylor	14	5	14	35	2.49	

†Denotes not out.

SECOND ELEVEN—BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av'ge.
K. Haley	162.0	55	369	40	7.70
F. Kelly	83.0	21	196	19	10.31
R. North	148.5	26	369	33	10.90
S. Wormald	47.5	5	146	12	12.17
R. Kemp	29.0	5	103	6	17.16
R. Taylor	21.0	3	72	4	18.00
D. Kemp	5.0	0	19	1	19.00
F. Burton	56.0	13	154	6	25.66
W. Fisher	3.0	0	23	1	23.00
Also bowled—					
R. Darrington	11.0	1	38	0	60.00
P. Ashworth	2.0	0	9	0	60.00
J. Harrison	1.0	0	10	0	60.00

WITH THE SECOND TEAM

Batley second eleven disposed of Morley for 55. Four of Morley's batsmen failed to score, and had no Rogers (20), Alford (15) and Thwaites (not out 13) their totals would have been much smaller. Batley obtained the runs for the loss of four wickets, and the most

AT COUNTY NETS

LOCAL CRICKETERS SHOW PROMISE

Two local cricketers have been at the Yorkshire county nets, Kenneth Haley, son of Mr. L. Haley, of North Bank Road, Cross Bank, Batley, and Ernest Blakeley, son of Mr. Joe Blakeley, of Raikes Lane, Birstall.

Kenneth Haley is 17 and was discovered by Mr. Fred Hirst as captain of the Batley second eleven after the war, and has received encouragement from Mr. Jack Berrist. He has had coaching from A. Mitchell and Bill Bowes and undoubtedly promises. He was at the county nets last Monday. At 14 he played with the Batley first eleven scoring two not out against Cleckheaton. He has played regularly with the second team since the last war and in the team's most successful seasons, viz., 1946 and 1947, when they won the league championship, 1945, runners-up in the league, and in 1947 as Crowthor Cup finalists.

His best performances have been as follows: 62 runs and 3 wickets for 5 runs v. Hanging Heaton; 7 for 6 v. Dewsbury; 6 for 24 and 6 for 16 v. Thornhill; and 7 for 28 v. Golekley.

In 1945 when 15 he scored 28 (not out) out of a total of 62 against Huddersfield, and against Heckmondwike first team in 1948 he scored 14 (not out) and 44. To date runs scored to date is 500 with 100 wickets, and he claimed the highest number of catches in 1947.

Officials and players at Lead Road, Birstall, are hoping that a spearhead in their attack this coming season will be 22-year-old Ernest Blakeley, a very fast left-hand bowler. Because of examinations he will be unable to take part in the games against Heckmondwike and Cleckheaton but is hoping to have a crack against Hanging Heaton, at the Bennett Lane ground, in the second match of the season.

LOCAL MEN AT HEADINGLEY

Local cricketers who will be at the nets at Headingley for Yorkshire County practices, which commence on April 1st, are K. Haley (Batley 2nd XI all rounder), J. W. Murray and E. Naylor (Birstall batsmen), W. B. Smith (Staincliffe batsman) and F. Thornton.

Thwaites, W. Fisher, S. Wormald, P. Shaw, and D. Stokes. The second eleven lost only one League game, at Wakefield, and they were defeated in the Crowther Cup Competition by Hartshead Moor.

The averages are as follows:

BATTING.

	Times out	High not out	Score	Runs	Avg.
A. B. ...	8	2	55	145	24.16
R. Thwaites	15	5	37	225	22.10
W. Fisher	8	2	37*	130	21.66
R. North	10	3	50*	128	18.2
K. Haley	7	1	27	85	14.1
S. Wormald	15	—	63	204	13.6
A. Dawson	5	3	9*	18	9
D. Kemp	17	2	27*	125	8.33
R. Taylor	10	2	22	64	8
P. Shaw	8	2	11*	43	7.16
G. Slingsby	4	1	20*	26	8.20

Also batted: G. Bruce, 5-0-108-193; J. Bould, 3-0-39-41; S. Firth, 4-1-8-20; D. Stokes, 2-0-28-57; J. Taylor, 2-0-16-16; J. Harrison, 1-4-49-49; J. Duckworth, 4-0-29-30.

BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
D. Brown	64	7	114	31	3.87
P. Shaw	118	66	196	27	7.25
K. Haley	76	29	136	18	7.30
S. Wormald	94	13	293	29	10.11
R. North	32	6	91	9	10.11
H. Thwaites	86	16	210	18	11.66
R. Taylor	25	7	52	3	17.33

LOCAL PLAYERS AT HEADINGLEY

Among the 99 "colts" to be coached by Arthur Mitchell at Headingley in the near future are five well-known cricket players from Batley and district. They are J. W. Murphy, S. Naylor and W. B. Smith (batsmen), F. Thornton (bowler), and K. Haley (an all-rounder).

The last-named, who is 16 years old, began playing cricket with the Batley 2nd Eleven when he was 14. He played with the first eleven last season and in several matches the season before. During last season he scored 280 runs and took 20 wickets.

Thornton, who has recently been demobilised from the R.A.F., played with the Batley 2nd Eleven three years ago and whilst serving in the Sudan achieved many notable successes.

Naylor also played with Batley and left to play with Birstall in 1946, whilst Murphy has played with Queensbury in the Bradford League and is a professional footballer with Bradford City A.F.C.

Smith, last season's opening batsman for Staincliffe, has played with the club about two seasons. He attended the Batley Grammar School, where he captained both the football and cricket elevens, and about two years ago he accompanied the Yorkshire (Under-18) team on a tour of Sussex.

WITH THE SECOND TEAM

Batley second eleven disposed of Morley 1st XI. Four of Morley's batsmen failed to score, and but for Rogerap (21), Alford (13) and Tinsdale (not out 13) their total would have been much smaller. Batley obtained the runs for the loss of four wickets, and the most pleasing part of the innings was the success of K. Haley, a 16-year-old youth. When Haley joined S. Wormald, Haley required to 50 to win and these were obtained with the batsmen still undefeated.

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YORKSHIRE CRICKETERS

PREPARE AT NETS

By BILL BOWES

OFFICIAL practices of the Yorkshire County Cricket Club began at Headingley this afternoon.

In addition to Lester, Wilson, Robinson, Smithson, Coxon, Waddle, Aspinall, Watson and De Broom of the first team, Len Browning, of the senior colts, attended.

At the specially selected colts net, where a strong emphasis on all-round play was stressed, Len Browning, the Leeds United centre-forward, made his first appearance. Colts present were:

All Rounders: L. J. Browning, E. Pisk, D. E. Clegg, B. Brooke, G. Haley, L. J. Hirst, E. Waddington, R. Weatherhead, D. H. Whitehouse.

Batsmen: F. A. Lawson, R. N. Lewis, P. H. Wreghitt.

Bowlers: J. E. Ashman, F. P. McHugh, F. S. Trueman.

Arthur Mitchell and Bill Bowes were in charge of the coaching.

Len Hutton, just returned from South Africa, will attend when the weather gets warmer.

Harry Mallard, who has also just returned from South Africa, was also taking a rest to-day.



Among the Colts who turned out with Yorkshire for their first practice of the season was Len Browning, Leeds United centre-forward, who is seen here with Coxon left and Aspinall.—Y.E. News picture.