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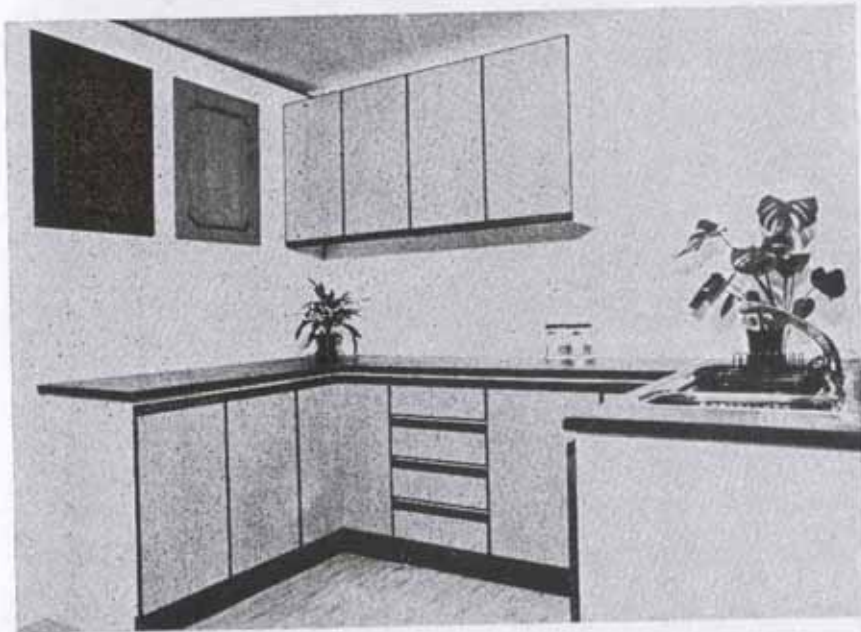
BIRSTALL (**Gavaskar XI**)  
versus  
SELECT LEAGUE XI

**Admission by Programme**  
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## FOREWORD

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There are other refreshments and full teas available in the building housing the scoreboard. You will find this room as well appointed as most restaurants and it is a credit to our hard working Ladies Committee.

1980 is a milestone in the history of Birstall Cricket Club. The older members have been trying to recall the last occasion—if there ever was one—when a current Test player appeared at our ground. I am assured the late Sir Leary Constantine played here in the mid 1940's but this was apparently after his Test career ended. There is no doubt Sunil Gavaskar's Test career is not over and indeed he is becoming as famous and respected as the great Sir Leary. Already he has more test centuries than our own 'Sir Geoffrey'. The only man to score a hundred in each innings in a Test Match on three occasions. Who can forget his memorable innings in the final Test at the Oval on the 1979 tour. How unlucky the Indians were. They left this country with our respect and with many friends and admirers.



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### Birstall XI

From

- 1—A. KARNIK, Captain
- 2—S. GAVASKAR
- 3—P. INGHAM
- 4—R. WRIGHT
- 5—M. WALMSLEY
- 6—D. SADLER
- 7—G. HOBSON
- 8—W. FINCH
- 9—A. BORDMAN
- 10—C. MANBY
- 11—D. JONES
- 12—D. JOHNSON
- 13—M. ELLIS
- 14—D. GILL

### Select League

- 1—P. HODSON, Captain  
(Wakefield)
- 2—J. WOODFORD  
(Liversedge)
- 3—R. JARRETT (Liversedge)
- 4—E. LOXTON (Slazengers)
- 5—A. DENNISON (Morley)
- 6—S. ADAM (Batley Muslims)
- 7—B. MASON (Batley)
- 8—G. PARKES  
(Heckmondwike)
- 9—M. LAIDLER (Wakefield)
- 10—R. HIRST (Drighlington)
- 11—B. BURMAN (Meltham)
- 12—K. GHAVRI (Ramsbottom)

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PETER INGHAM

Peter Ingham joined the club from Harrogate in 1979. At that stage he was a Senior Yorkshire Colt but without a First XI appearance. In his first season with us Peter seemed to have a little trouble adjusting to Central Yorkshire League wickets after many years of playing on the 'covered' wickets at Harrogate and most Yorkshire League Grounds.

Peter was appointed Captain this season and has never looked back; he has already scored over 600 runs in league and cup games this term. He has now played several games for the County First XI and already has an unbeaten 50 to his name. A stylish batsman and brilliant cover fielder it can only be a question of time before he becomes a regular County player.

### NOTES ON THE SELECT LEAGUE XI

A few comments are necessary regarding our opposition today, 'The Select League XI' We thank them all for giving up their time to make this game a success.

At the time of going to press it is not possible to be certain of the final XI due to other fixtures which may arise on the same date as this game. I will therefore say you are likely to see most of the following players mentioned.

Philip Hodson Captains the side. He has played numerous representative games with various Yorkshire sides. A Cambridge 'blue' he is married to the sister of former England Captain Tony Greig.

Alan Dennison—the hard hitting Morley batsman should also be with us. He is rarely out of the first half dozen batsmen in the Central Yorkshire League averages. I understand he has a benefit with his club this season.

Mike Laidler—an Australian over here gaining experience in English conditions. He has already turned in some very useful bowling performances with Wakefield.

Brian Mason—after spending many years in the Bradford League is currently taking the Central Yorkshire League Second Division by storm with his off-spin bowling performances at Batley.

The Liversedge opening pair of Woodford and Jarrett are likely to present any league attack trouble. John a regular with Yorkshire not very long ago, Bob virtually a fixture in the Central Yorkshire League side.

Eric Loxton one of the most respected all-rounders in League cricket.

This side will also have some Test players. Iqbal Qasim and possibly Karson Ghavri are likely to appear.

We hope all the players have an enjoyable day. You can rest assured they will be going all out to beat us.