

CLECKHEATON CC

The Later Years

BIRSTALL BATTERED!

1948 – MASSIVE SCORE

The period between 1939 and 1959 did not witness very much success at Cleckheaton.

However, in 1948 Cleckheaton managed to achieve an astonishing victory against Birstall in the second round of the Heavy Woollen Cup, posting a total of 411 in the process. This was their highest score in the competition.



Post-war Birstall cricketers

SILVERWARE JOY!

1959/60 – HEAVY WOOLLEN ‘DOUBLE’

Cleckheaton not only won the Heavy Woollen Cup in 1959, but also went on to scoop the trophy the year after, in 1960.

To-morrow's Vital Game For Cup-Holders Cleckheaton

CHIEF cricket interest tomorrow is undoubtedly the Heavy Woollen cup semi-finals with cup holders Cleckheaton as almost a certainty for the final again, writes Donald Brooks.

The Members face Dewsbury who after Saturday night occupied fourth last the bottom place in the second division of the Central Yorkshire League. Cleckheaton have again, in within two weeks of their premier final success over Tarncliffe and there are high hopes that last bowler Robert Blakeley will be on top of his form again and Norman Hunt who had another half century in Saturday night's Hertfordshire Match, may not be far off with the ball.

CENTRAL YORKSHIRE LEAGUE TABLES

DIVISION I					
Team	P	W	L	D	Pts
Wetherby	10	8	1	1	28
Horsforth	10	7	2	1	21
Hanging Heaton	10	6	3	1	18
Cleckheaton	10	4	5	1	14
Thornhill	10	4	5	1	14
Harrogate	10	4	5	1	14
Bradford Moor	10	3	6	1	10
Wetherby	10	3	6	1	10
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DIVISION II					
Team	P	W	L	D	Pts
Batley	10	7	2	1	21

"Upper" Take Over Lead

Upper Chapel are leaders of the Batley Sunday School League for the first time this season and owe their position to their defeat of St. Andrew's who lost their first match. Bentley and Aspinall's 134 run effort for the fourth wicket "killed" St. Andrew's aspirations and Upper bowlers and it work with something to really go at after they declared at 200 for four. Wildman had 4-87, Child 3-7 and Bentley 2-12. Cooper and Richardson scored 55 for St. Andrew's seventh wicket, but it failed to save them.

UPPER CHAPEL v ST. ANDREW'S
Upper Chapel: M. Bentley 100 and St. Andrew's: R. Cooper 55 & R. Richardson 55. D. Wildman 4-87, C. Child 3-7, B. Bentley 2-12.

Cleckheaton Reach Cup Final Again

VICTORY OVER DEWSBURY MADE CLUB HISTORY

Cleckheaton (innings away, for 6 wickets) 151
Dewsbury 134

BY reaching the final of the Heavy Woollen Cup again this year, Cleckheaton have made history. Never before has the club been in the final in successive years. It follows therefore that if they are successful in the final against Hanging Heaton greater history still will have been made.

The victory at Gomersal was achieved by Cleckheaton after a long and hard fought match. They were in a very strong position at the end of the first innings, but they were not able to take full advantage of their position. Dewsbury were very strong in their batting and they were able to take full advantage of their position. Cleckheaton were very strong in their bowling and they were able to take full advantage of their position.

VERY MUCH ALIVE
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GOMERSAL LACKED PROMOTION LOOK

There was no promotion look about the match for the second week in succession they were faced with the task of escaping a pool, but this time they were not to be taken in and all thanks to David Jackson (100) and the other batsmen. They were very strong in their batting and they were able to take full advantage of their position.

TWO COLLECTIONS
Within a fortnight it was Jackson's day. He scored the first hundred in the match and he was able to take full advantage of his position. He was very strong in his batting and he was able to take full advantage of his position.



Cleckheaton beat Hanging Heaton in both finals.

A FINE CENTURY!

1964: CLUB CENTENARY



1964 marked the 100th Anniversary of the formation of the Club. No doubt this occasion led to lots of nostalgia – and also thoughts about the future.

SPORT FOR ALL

1972 - NEW CLECKHEATON CLUB

After the amalgamation with the Crown Green Bowling Club, Cleckheaton merged with the local Rugby Union Club to form Cleckheaton Sports Club.

This was an innovative move and following on from this, in 1973, the Club was chosen to host the Heavy Woollen Cup final again, an honour that had not come their way since 1943.



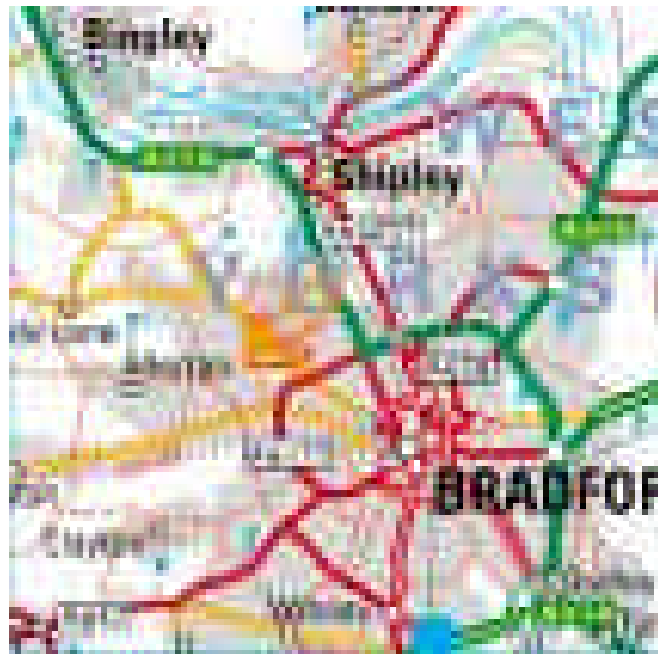


The sign outside the Club today

LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN

1976 - BRADFORD SWITCH

After hosting two major cup finals, and also doing well on the field, Cleckheaton had the confidence they needed to apply to join the Bradford Cricket League. (This meant they withdrew temporarily from the Heavy Woollen Cup).



The Club's first match in the Bradford League came on 24 April 1976, with Windhill the opponents. Cleckheaton got off to an excellent start. Opening bowler Seb Grose recorded figures of 6 for 16 and Windhill were bowled out for just 37!

PRIDE OF THE CLUB

1976/7 - CLUB PHOTOS



1976 – How many faces can you name?



1977 – Do you recognise anyone?

FOREIGN LEGION!

1977 - ARRIVAL OF OVERSEAS PLAYERS

The decision to recruit overseas players was made in 1977, when the 1st XI was in urgent need of strengthening. Since this date, local cricket-watchers have been treated to some of the best in foreign cricketing talent.



CLECKHEATON'S OVERSEAS PLAYERS

YEAR	PLAYER NAME	COUNTRY	TESTS	AVERAGE	WICKETS	OVERS
1977	Ebasi Mankad	India	774	36.70	26	19.15
	Yajurvindra Singh	India	45	16.35	17	11.71
1978	Rahul Mankad	India	1251	45.84	11	22.91
	Paul Robinson	S Africa	156	14.18	58	18.79
1979	Rahul Mankad	India	601	35.85	0	-
	Suru Nayal	India	595	26.20	23	16.95
1980	Rahul Mankad	India	756	47.35	0	-
	Vijay Mohan Baj	India	520	30.58	0	-
1981	P. Venkatamurthy	India	158	22.57	0	-
1985	Mark Brasher	Australia	276	17.05	0	-
1986	V. Jaishankar	India	365	25.93	18	14.17
1989	R. Sharma	India	660	41.25	0	-
1990	Clyris Ellen	Australia	120	60.00	18	7.50
1991	Suresh Shetty	India	566	34.47	81	13.41
1992	Suresh Shetty	India	370	24.40	44	25.11
1993	Ricardo Harrison	W Indies	221	31.57	14	19.21
1994	Abey Kuruvilla	India	524	56.00	37	11.18
1995	Abey Kuruvilla	India	488	24.40	75	18.56
1996	Noel David	India	350	24.00	36	17.92
1999	Kanwaljit Singh	India	17	8.50	49	24.20
2000	Aaron Fuller	N Zealand	88	14.67	32	10.31
2001	Derek Brand	S Africa	402	33.50	4	63.25
2002	Faisal In'fan	Pakistan	125	10.40	42	20.33
2003	Faisal In'fan	Pakistan	341	24.38	39	26.26

1ST CLASS 1ST TEAMERS!

1980/1 – STAR MEN



1980 1ST XI



1981 1ST XI

YOUNG GUNS GO FOR IT!

1992 - JUNIOR CRICKET CHAMPIONS

Cleckheaton Cricket Club are very proud of its juniors, too.



CLECKHEATON Under 15's. 2nd DIVISION CHAMPIONS. 1992

Back: Matthew Evans, James McDermott, Philip Daisey, James Stansfield, Warren Stephenson,
Adam Astle, John Porritt.

Front: Richard Howard, Matthew Walker, Matthew Daly, Ian Burdin, Andrew Porritt.

RECORD- BREAKERS!

1998 - SENSATIONAL SCORE

The match at Moor End on 18 July was the defining moment of the 1998 season. Against Ben Rhyd- ding, Cleckheaton posted the highest total recorded in the history of the Bradford League. Their total of 427 runs beat the record previously held by Bradford & Bingley who scored 406 for 8 in 1990.

Cricket

wrapped things up by taking 8-47 as Old Lane were all out for just 94.

Victoria are now in seventh and well-placed to mount a challenge for a top three place.

In Division Two Cleckheaton took over the top of the table with a 154 run win over Ben Rhyd- ding.

Skipper Chris Pickles hit 73 when Cleckheaton batted first and made 195 with important contributions from Paul Winrow (44) and Adam Swallow (35). Horner's 437 kept Ben Rhyd- ding's hopes alive.

But the hopes quickly faded as Winrow (1-3) and James Stansfield (3-7) ripped them all out for a pal-

WONDERFUL FINISH!

2000 – BRADFORD LEAGUE DIVISION 1

Cleckheaton's victory over East Bierley meant that the Division 1 title was still in the melting-pot.



Swoblow's Adam Swoblow in action East Bierley lost Saturday, (190817)

Cleckheaton's derby joy thanks to Fuller

CLECKHEATON won a thrilling Spen Valley derby against East Bierley by one wicket at Marsland last Saturday.

Bierley came into the game on a high following their historic Priestley Cup success, and their victory would keep alive their hopes of lifting the Bradford League Division One title.

But they were restricted to 180-9 as Paul Hooth claimed 4-55 in an excellent 15-over spell. Andy Yano supported with 44 from 16.

Although Bierley captain Dermot McGrath battled well for his 42, little else in the way of runs came from the top order and it was only a late 21 from Paul Hamming that helped boost Bierley's total.

In reply, Cleckheaton had Mark Gill (56) to thank in their innings. Opener Andrew Gale made 34 and Chris Pickles 30, but the game went down in the sixth.

At 100-8, Bierley were on course for victory before a vital finishing 13 not out from last man Aaron Fuller

Spent Lambert sets record for centuries in a se

steered the Maccers to a one-wicket win.

Julian Nair's pace proved to be too much at times for Cleckheaton and he claimed 4-55 from 10.1 overs.

Cleckheaton are now 11 points behind joint leaders Bradford and Hingley and Pindley Cungs with five games to play.

Drighlington were finally relegated following a 10-wicket defeat at the hands of Yeadon.

Speck (21) and More (24) were the only Drighlington batsmen to produce as Yeadon bowled them out for 101 - Fuller claiming 4-38.

In reply, Phillalark (100) and Gurney (29) took just 33 overs to reach their target.

Division Two sides had a double weekend, but it was one Gomersal would rather forget.

On Saturday, fourth-placed Esholt inflicted Gomersal's first defeat of the season.

At five though Gomersal

must have fancied their chances after Simon Horton (68), Steve Harrison (42) and Craig Elrod (21) had guided them to 300 all out.

Luxton was the pick of the bowling with 9-46 from 11 overs.

With Esholt struggling at 131-7 Gomersal were still favourites before 48 not out from Wilkinson swung the game back in Esholt's favour and saw them win by two wickets with 2.3 overs to spare.

Adrian Knight was best on the day for Gomersal claiming 3-36.

Things didn't improve on Sunday when Gomersal were forced to bat out for a point against lowly Great Harton.

The home side made 185-8 from their 50 overs with Maloney (40), Hammy (36), Smith (25) and Hussain (28) among the runs. Alan Abbey claimed 5-64.

Dave Bradbrect had a fine knock of 80 not out, but it

wasn't enough as Gomersal closed on 103-9.

Spen Victoria's two four-point successes kept them on course for a top two finish and a quick return to the First Division.

On Saturday, local rivals Harthead Moor made life difficult for Spen.

Steve Bellis smashed 113, Andy Walker (67) and Richard Yates (36) as the home side reached 255-7. Robin Hill took 3-55 in 15 overs.

Harthead's reply started well enough with Andy Baker (50) and Glen Wilkinson (33) among the runs, but once those two fell it was a case of hitting out for a point. Walker finished with 1-15 for Spen.

On Sunday it was once again the Great Lambert show as he broke yet another record, this time for the most centuries in a season.

Lambert's 130 at home in Manningham Mills was his

sixth century this season, a

the previous held by Assad Anool Mussa.

It was also individual a batsman this

195 from the Gillies.

Lambert's size and 17.6 marvellous saw him just all competition.

Although (17) and 87c also credited total of 971 enough for the claim all six ningham bats at the close.

Harthead only manage lowly bats, w added six runs

Glen Wilkie for Harthead while Andy T claimed 4-31.

The following table shows how close the top three teams were, and how important the last round of matches was.

No play – rain – 1pt each
 Bradford and Bingley v Hanging
 Heaton.
 Drighlington v Baildon.
 Yeadon v East Bierley.

	Pl	W	L	4	1..Pts
Pudsey C	25	12	2	3	8 ..92
Brad&Bing	25	11	2	4	9 ..90
C'kheaton	25	10	5	3	7 ..79
Pudsey SL	25	9	3	4	9 ..79
Baildon	25	11	5	1	8 ..78
H Heaton	25	9	6	2	8 ..70
E Bierley	25	6	6	7	6 ..70
Yorks Bank	25	5	9	5	6 ..56
Brighouse	25	6	5	1	13 ..53
Yeadon	25	6	8	2	9 ..53
Farsley	25	6	7	1	11 ..51
Lidget Gr	25	4	10	3	8 ..44
Windhill	25	1	14	2	8 ..22
Drigh'gton	25	0	14	0	11 ..10

The 2000 season ended on a high for Cleckheaton. They were rewarded for their efforts with a 3rd place finish – with Pudsey Congs and Bradford & Bingley just pipping them at the top of the table. The future was looking bright for the Club.

	Pl	W	L	4	1	Pts
Pudsey C	26	12	2	3	9	93
Brad&Bing	26	11	2	4	9	91
C'kheaton	26	11	5	3	7	85
Baildon	26	12	5	1	8	84
Pudsey SL	26	9	4	4	9	79
H Heaton	26	10	6	2	8	76
E Bierley	26	7	6	7	6	76
Farsley	26	7	7	1	11	57
Brighouse	26	6	5	2	13	57
Yorks Bank	26	5	10	5	6	56
Yeadon	26	6	8	2	10	54
Lidget Gr	26	4	11	3	8	45
Windhill	26	1	15	2	8	22
Drigh'ton	26	0	15	0	11	11

Success for Spen

CLECKHEATON completed their best ever finish in a Bradford League season when they consolidated their third place with a victory over Yorkshire Bank.

It was a historic day at Atherton Grove for not only did Cleckheaton secure a magnificent third place, it was on the day that Bank left the league.

Yorkshire Bank have played in the Bradford League for 26 years, two years less than Cleckheaton, but with no junior set up and the threat of the sale of their ground has ultimately seen the club abandon.

Any sentiment Cleckheaton may have had for the Leeds side, had to be put to the back of their minds, as they knew defeat could see them slip as low as fifth in the table.

Bank looked first and made 164 with Glyn Howarth hitting 66 and Bradley



The Bradford League's top run-scorer - Spen Victoria's Grant Lambert.

Cleckheaton earn highest league finish while Gomersal and Spen Vic are promoted

Parber 38, with Guy Blackshaw finishing with 246 for Cleckheaton.

Paul Wrayne (96) and Mark Gill (80) gave Cleckheaton an excellent start, putting out 38 for the second-wicket Chris Pickles, in his new format role of number five, made 81 not out. Cleck heaton were by three wickets with six balls to spare.

East Bierley ended their season with a win in a high-scoring game with rebound Winderill.

The Haze Lane side, signed off from the first division by losing 90 all out at South View Road.

Danny Baynter (81), T James (44), Greg Walker (41) and G Smith (22) were all on the score.

In their Bierley counterpart just two wickets as they reached the massive target in a game that was well over 500 runs long.

Gerard McGrath got the ball rolling with 58, with Richard Gould (30) and Murphy Welwyn, promoted to no 5, (88), guiding Bierley home in 36.2 overs.

Bierley finish this season in seventh place.

For the record the first division title was won by Parky Crags, whose game with second placed Bradford and Blunley was declared a one-point each draw after had both stopped play.

In Division Two Spen Victoria lost the match of the day between the top

two, but still go up as runners-up.

Even if Spen had have beaten Undercliffe, they wouldn't have finished top, but it didn't matter as they went down by 46 runs.

Undercliffe hosted Bradford made 202 from their 50 overs in which it took 70, Mark Gillman (75) and it Elphes (55) got among the runs.

Tim Wood was Spen's first batsman with 142.

Spen's reply came again centred around Grant Lambert. His 82 extended his league hitting record to 1,883 runs.

He ended the season with an average like a 127 runs in 101 innings (10 runs).

However this wasn't enough to guide Spen to victory and although Andy Walker made 43, Spen were bowled out for 20.

Gomersal moved the chairs to jump above Spen into second place when they lost only their second game of the season, 30 all.

B Adams was the man in Gomersal's side as his 107 guided the home side to 220 at the close.

Gomersal had been able to relax, knowing they were already promoted, and gave everybody the chance to bowl.

In reply Matt Garside made 43 and Alan Abbey 37, but it wasn't enough as Gomersal were bowled out for 161.

Hartshead Moor finished their season the previous week. They ended up in 6th place with 46 points.

DREAM DOZEN!

2002 – TEAM PHOTOGRAPH



BRADFORD LEAGUE. DIVISION ONE. SEASON 2002.

Back: Mark Gill, Martyn Evans, Faisal Irfan, Matthew Waudby, Dave Worrall, Steve Titchard, Richard Pyrah
Front: Rhys Jowett, Chris Brice, Warren Stephenson, Chris Blackburn, Garrett Stead.

PROUD HERITAGE

2004 – MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

Almost 150 years on from its birth as Hunsworth Mills Cricket Club, there are still significant clues about the Club's heritage – in this case, a sponsorship deal with the local pub, The Hunsworth.

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