

HANGING HEATON CC

HEATON HEROES

RONNIE HUDSON



Ronnie Hudson was a fearsome batting force for Hanging Heaton in the 1970s and 1980s, when his feats became legendary in local cricket circles.

Perhaps the greatest of these came in the 1986 Priestley Cup final when he scored a brilliant 152 not out against Eccleshill, which included 8 sixes and 20 fours, and earned him the Man of the Match trophy.

In 1980 his return of 1210 runs, which included an innings of 201 not out against Keighley, was the the highest 1st XI run aggregate in the Bradford League, and in 1982 he won the Bradford League batting trophy.

RONNIE ROBINSON



All-rounder Ronnie Robinson came from East Leeds to play for Hanging Heaton in 1941. His arrival at the Club signalled the beginning of a glorious 10-year period which saw a stream of trophies arrive at Bennett Lane.

This triumphant decade reached its climax in 1951 when, after two Yorkshire Council Championship victories, two Heavy Woollen Cup successes and a Central Yorkshire League title had been won, the Club was successful in four competitions.

Ronnie Robinson skippered the side as it won the Yorkshire Council Championship, Heavy Woollen Cup, Central Yorkshire League title and the Wheatley Cup. After his retirement from playing, Ronnie became a member of the Club committee, Club Chairman and, from 1981 to 1983, Club President.

IQBAL QASIM

Pakistan Test bowler Iqbal Qasim played for the Club in the early 1980s. He took 171 wickets in 50 Test Matches for Pakistan between 1976 and 1989.



NAT LAWRENCE

Club stalwart Nat Lawrence began his association with Hanging Heaton as a player. He went on to captain the 2nd XI and become Club secretary, a position he has held for more than 30 years.



HARRY ATKINSON



Fast bowler Harry Atkinson was a key figure in a succession of Hanging Heaton successes during the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s. After playing in the 1967 Heavy Woollen Cup-winning side, he became a major force in the 1970s when, among other successes, he took 10 for 60 against Wakefield in a Central Yorkshire League match.

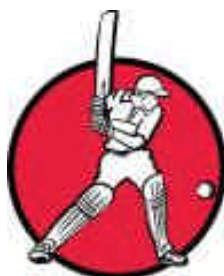
Atkinson was still a star performer in the 1980s when the Club joined the Bradford League, winning the League bowling trophy in 1982. Perhaps his greatest performance came in the 1985 Priestley Cup final, when figures of 5 for 77 in 25 overs won him the Man of the Match trophy, as Hanging Heaton claimed the trophy at only their sixth attempt.

JOHN CARRUTHERS

In 2004 John Carruthers took his 1,000 wicket for Hanging Heaton. He joined Hanging Heaton in 1993 after beginning his career at Birstall, and spending one year at Spen Victoria.

Over the following decade he won two Bradford League First Division titles and a Heavy Woollen Cup.

His representative career has included appearances for the England Amateur side, the Yorkshire Cricket Board and the Bradford League. He has taken most Bradford League 1st XI wickets in a season on three occasions, with 86 victims in 1996, 82 victims in 1998 and 95 victims in 1999.



BARRY WOOD

Lancashire, Derbyshire and England star Barry Wood played junior cricket at Bennett Lane.

WILLIE ARMITAGE & ARTHUR WORMALD

The contribution of Willie Armitage and Arthur Wormold to Hanging Heaton C.C. was such that in 1946 a testimonial match was held in their honour. It was played between a Ronnie Robinson XI and a H. Bailes XI - and at the finish their service to the Club was commended by Club President, Councilor R.S. Roberts, who said he hoped there would be more cricketers who would give such good service in future years.



JOHN VIRR



Legendary Club statistician.

CHARLIE MCNAIR



Charlie McNair is one of Hanging Heaton's longest-serving members. He played alongside Ronnie Robinson in the successful team of the 1940s and 1950s.



ISMAIL DAWOOD



Current Yorkshire C.C.C. wicketkeeper Ismail Dawood started his career as a junior at Hanging Heaton.

ROGER BRAITHWAITE



Slow left-armed Roger Braithwaite won the Bradford League bowling trophy in 1981, 1984 and 1987 while playing for Hanging Heaton. In two of those seasons he formed a formidable bowling partnership with Pakistani spinner Iqbal Qasim.



DILIP VENGSARKAR



Classy Indian batter Dilip Vengsarkar was top of the Test rankings when he joined Hanging Heaton.

BRIAN WILKINSON

Brian Wilkinson was cricket chairman for around 25 years. He was instrumental in the move into the Bradford League, which took place in 1980. As a result, a section of the clubhouse was named the Brian Wilkinson Suite.



PETER BYRNE

Peter Byrne is a member of the '1,000 Wicket Club'. Playing mostly for the 2nd XI, he has achieved this remarkable feat during a career spanning well over 20 years. Peter turns out still for the 2nd XI, which now includes his son.



V.V.S. LAXMAN



The Indian strokemaker played for the Club as a 19-year-old.