

# EARLY YEARS

## OPENING UP

1843 - ORIGINS

Cricket was first played on the old Colnebridge ground in 1843.

Ground with all the extras for club 150 not out

### Big move for celebrating cricket team

By **DARREN THWAITES**

A CRICKET CLUB celebrating their 150th anniversary are moving to the first new ground to be built in Huddersfield for decades.

Bradley and Colnebridge, who play in the Yorkshire Electricity Central League, may be playing their last season at Colnebridge Road.

The tiny, sloped pitch was

wasteland next to Bradley Rangers Football Club's Warrens complex.

Plans, which include a pavilion, car park, changing rooms and scoreboard, have been submitted to Kirklees Council. The ground will be reached from Leeds Road.

Holliday's finance director Mr John Harnett said the company was not legally bound to provide a new pitch but felt it was the right thing to do.

The new ground will have

view we will be taking cricket away from Bradley and Colnebridge.

"But in the end we felt we should take advantage of this offer while we could. Everyone is excited but there is a tinge of sadness too."

Work is expected to start in the next few months and the ground could be in use as early as next season.

The club were set up in 1843 and moved to their present pitch late last century.

# BIG MATCH!

1868 – KEY FIXTURE



Colnebridge C.C. played against Staincliffe Young Britannia in 1868.

G. H. Garnde, b Dawson 3, b S. Taylor 2; N. Bower, not out 2, c Lydall b Taylor 4; J. Jaggard, run out 1, b Taylor 3; extras, 3, 5;—totals, 20, 34.

**COLNE BRIDGE v. STANCLIFFE YOUNG BRITANNIA.**— This match was played on Saturday last, on the Colne Bridge grounds. The former went in first, to the bowling of Messrs. Hargreaves and Norton. Messrs. Senior and Kidner were first to go to the wickets, and Senior's batting throughout was extremely good, he having reached the score of 26 when he was nicely caught by Norton. The rest of the batsmen did as well as was expected, and the innings closed for 66 runs. The Young Britannia next made their appearance at the wickets, which were bowled at by Messrs. Jackson and Senior. Jackson's bowling throughout was of a very high class, and also Senior's. Below are particulars of the scoring:—

*Colne Bridge.*—G. Senior, c and b Norton 26; G. Kilner, run out 5; J. Brewer, c Gledhill b Norton 5; S. Jackson, c Newsome b Norton 0; J. Howgate, l b w 4; H. Ingham, b Norton 0; G. Jackson, b Norton 0; J. Fisher, b Norton 3; T. Fisher, b Hargreaves 2; W. Holroyd, not out 15; C. Whitfield, c and b Hargreaves 0; runs 60; extras 6; total 66.

*Staincliffe Young Britannia.*—A. Smith, c Whitfield b Senior 1; P. Holt, b Senior 1; C. Gledhill, b Jackson 0; J. Newsome, b Jackson 1; H. Crawshaw, b Senior 2; N. Pollet, b Jackson 1; W. Walker, c Senior b Jackson 1; W. Hargreaves, b Jackson 0; J. Norton, b Jackson 1; H. Webster, not out 0; J. Exley, b Jackson 0; runs 8; extras 12; total 20.

This match was played on Saturday, June 20th, at Fixby, between Cowcliffe Lads at Home and Staincliffe Young Britannia.

# FOUNDING FATHERS

1893 – NEW LEAGUE



In 1893 Colnebridge C.C. became founder members of the Huddersfield and District Alliance League.

Walker, not out 12; H. ...  
total for 6 wkts. 44.

FINAL RESULTS.							
	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Pts.		
Hall Boxer .....	20	17	1	2	58		
Netherthong .....	20	12	7	1	25		
Denby Dale.....	20	11	7	2	24		
Helme .....	20	11	7	2	24		
Linthwaite Hall.....	20	10	7	3	23		
Paddock .....	20	9	7	4	22		
Lepton Highlanders...	20	9	10	1	19		
Bradley Mills .....	20	8	9	3	19		
Scholes .....	20	7	10	3	17		
Colnebridge .....	20	3	14	3	9		
Crosland Moor .....	20	0	18	2	2		

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HUDDERSFIELD AND DISTRICT JUNIOR CRICKET LEAGUE.  
—A meeting of this association was held on Monday  
Schoolroom, Mr. J. R. Wood

# SIGNING UP

1923 – JOIN ASSOCIATION

Bradley and Colnebridge C.C. joined the Huddersfield and District Association League in 1923.

Almondbury Wesleyan 2nd 60 for 8 wks. (declared), Y.M.C.A. 2nd 22.  
Milton Church 2nd 72, Bradley and Colnebridge 2d 58.

## Results to date.

### First Elevens.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts
Honley Wesleyans	15	13	1	1	27
Lepton Highlanders	15	11	2	2	24
Milton Church	15	8	5	2	18
Cowliffe Church	15	8	6	1	17
Rastrick New Road	15	7	6	2	16
Oakes Baptist	15	6	6	3	15
Almondbury Wesleyans	15	6	9	1	13
Bradley and Colnebridge	15	6	8	1	13
Outlane	15	6	9	1	13
Blackley	15	5	9	1	11
Leymoor	15	3	10	3	9
Y.M.C.A.	15	3	11	2	8

### Second Elevens.

Cowliffe Church	16	13	2	1	27
Lepton Highlanders	16	13	2	1	27
Outlane	16	10	3	3	23
Honley Wesleyans	16	8	7	1	17
Oakes Baptist	16	8	7	1	17
Rastrick New Road	16	7	7	2	16
Almondbury Wesleyans	16	7	8	1	15
Blackley	16	6	9	1	13
Leymoor	16	6	9	1	13
Milton Church	16	4	10	2	10
Bradley and Colnebridge	16	4	11	1	9
Y.M.C.A.	16	2	13	1	5

# TOP VENUE

1925 – FINAL EVENT

In 1925 Bradley and Colnebridge C.C. hosted the Lumb Cup final for the first time. They went on to stage it in 1927 and 1928 as well.



# END OF AN ERA

1930 – CLUB FOLDS

Around 1930 the Club left the Huddersfield and District Association League and disbanded.



Can anyone tell us more about this development? Or the Club in the inter-war years more generally?