

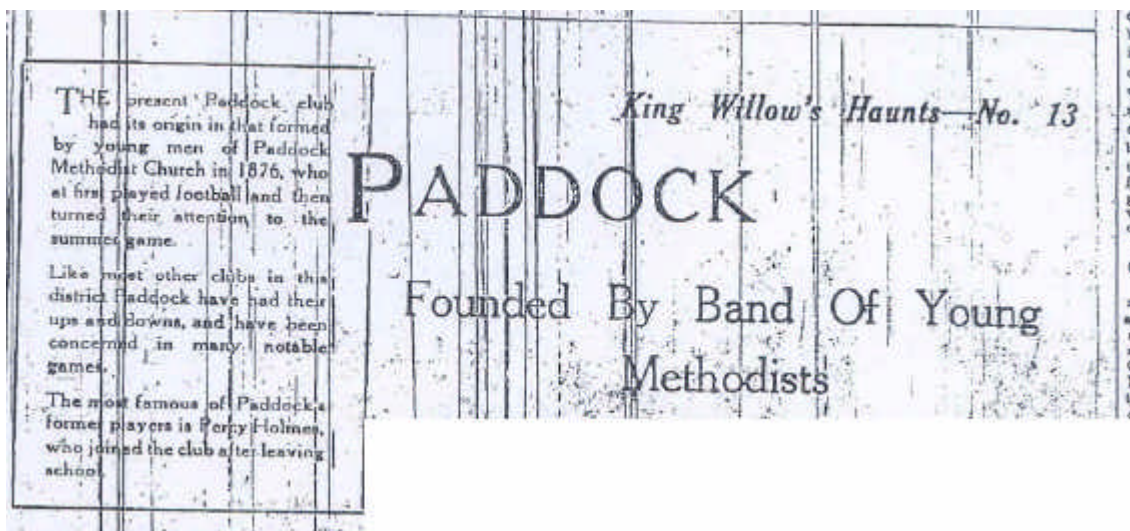
PADDOCK CC

The Early Years

From then...

CHURCH LINK

ORIGINS



As this heading from the *Huddersfield Examiner's* 'King Willow' series indicates, Paddock Cricket Club was formed by a group of young men from Paddock Methodist Church in 1872.

The Club was originally called Paddock Rangers and only played rugby. But, by the middle of the 1870s, cricket had been introduced. This caused the problem of finding a field which was suitable for the new sport and three grounds were used before the Club moved to its current home in 1882.

First success !

1897 – LUMB CUP VICTORY

**THE LUMB CHALLENGE CUP
FINAL.
THONGSBRIDGE v. PADDOCK.**

On Saturday, the final in this competition was played on the ground of the Golcar Cricket Club, in brilliant weather, and in the presence of about 1,500 or 2,000 people. Paddock had defeated Colnebridge, Delph and Dotscross, Hall Bower, and Holmebridge, and Thongsbridge had beaten Sherry, Kirkburton, and Thurstotland. Of course the

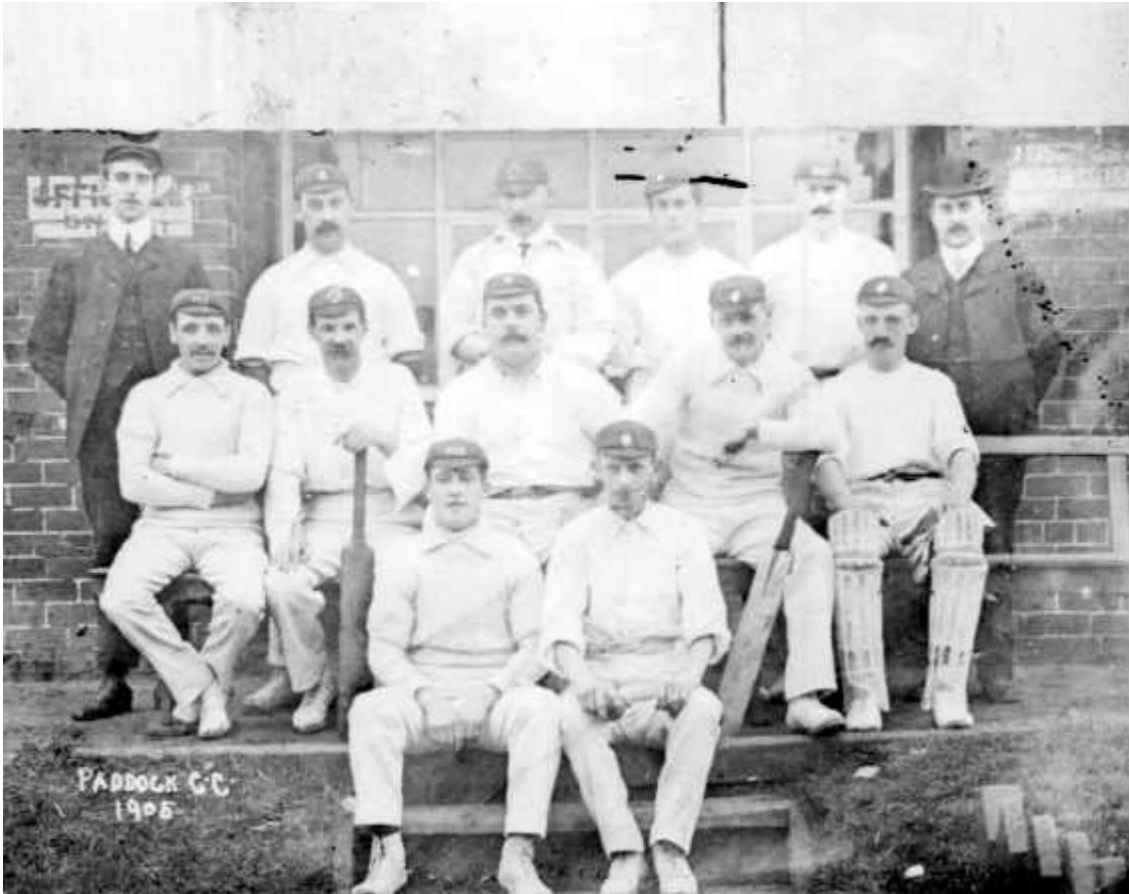
THONGSBRIDGE		PADDOCK	
J. H. Kaye, b F. G. Crossland	1	R. W. Crossland, b Haley	20
H. B. Marsden, run out	0	T. Edwards, b Haley	7
W. Beaumont, c Thornton b Thornton	0	J. W. Emerson, not out	13
J. H. Haley, b F. G. Crossland	1	T. Thornton, c Bottomley b Haley	0
A. Bottomley, b Thornton	5	F. G. Crossland, not out	12
B. A. Kaye, b F. G. Crossland	6		
C. Hough, b F. G. Crossland	0		
A. Beaumont, b F. G. Crossland	3		
J. H. Haley, not out	13		
W. Marsden, b F. G. Crossland	0		
W. Hough, c Thornton b R. W. Crossland	24		
R. W. Crossland	0	Extra	1
Extra	0		
Total	69	Total for 3 wickets	64

BOWLING ANALYSIS				
Thongsbridge				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
T. Thornton	12	0	13	3
F. G. Crossland	13	6	25	6
R. W. Crossland	4	2	4	1
A. Atkinson	3	1	5	0
R. W. Crossland bowled a no ball.				
Paddock				
W. Hough	4	0	17	0
J. H. Haley	8	0	29	3
C. Hough	2	0	17	0

A crowd of around 2,000 saw Paddock beat Thongsbridge by 7 wickets, at Golcar, in 1897. The hero of the day was F.G. Crossland, who took 6 for 25 as Thongsbridge were dismissed for just 59.

Lucky 13

1905 – TEAM PHOTO



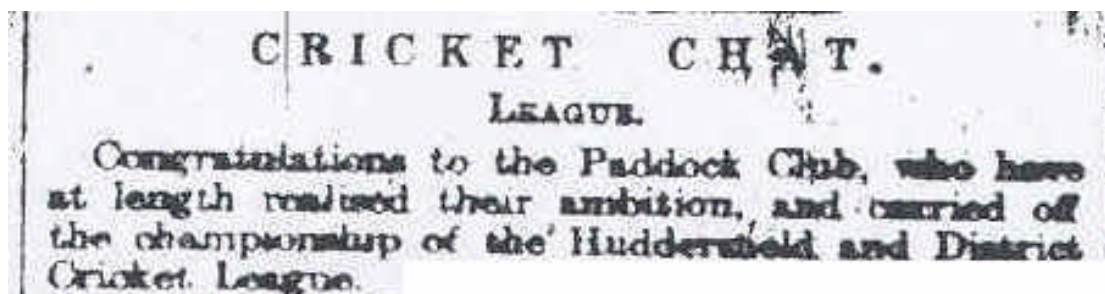
Can you identify any members of this team line-up?

Who are the two gents in the suits and the hats? Why is it significant that ALL team members are wearing a cap?

Is there any socio-economic significance in the type of headgear being worn by the two non-players in the photograph?

The Big Prize

1908 – FIRST CHAMPIONSHIP SUCCESS



The Huddersfield Examiner congratulates *'the Paddock Club who have at length realized their ambition and carried off the championship of the Huddersfield and District Cricket League.'*

How they finished:

FINAL OFFICIAL RESULTS.

First Division.

	P.	W.	L.	T.	PTS.
Paddock.....	24	15	3	10	47
Galcar.....	24	14	3	11	39
Launcelles Hall.....	24	15	4	9	29
Marsden.....	24	12	7	9	33
Lithwalke.....	24	10	7	11	31
Honley.....	24	8	6	14	30
Lithwalke Hall.....	24	8	9	11	27
Huddersfield.....	24	8	10	10	26
Slithwalke.....	24	8	10	10	26
Lockwood.....	24	8	10	12	24
*Dalton.....	24	6	10	12	22
Helmfrith.....	24	6	12	10	22
Kirkheaton.....	24	8	12	10	22
St. Andrew's.....	24	5	14	5	19
Primrose Hill.....	24	4	14	10	18

* Two points deducted for playing an ineligible man.

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HUDDERSFIELD VANQUISHED!

1923 - FIRST SYKES CUP WIN

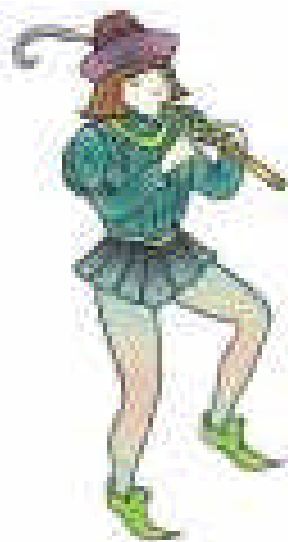


The *Huddersfield Examiner* described the remarkable scenes which followed, as the team made its return to Paddock:

A huge crowd awaited the arrival of the Charabanc at Longroyd Bridge, and to the martial strains of 'See the Conquering Hero Comes', played 'con brio' by the Milnsbridge Socialists Band, the party proceeded up the village. The crowd increased as the procession went along and no road vehicle could stay its progress. The tramcar was compelled to creep sedately behind, and even the Golcar bus had to run out of its orthodox track at a later stage.

The newspaper went on:

The effects of all this upon the smaller inhabitants of Paddock was similar to the music of the Pied Piper of Hamelin and it is doubtful that he had more children following him than the Paddock team...



After all, winning a cup is a thirsty job, and it was not surprising that a further halt was called at Paddock Head, to the great confusion of the Golcar bus service. By this time the crowd was tremendous and the general enthusiasm to which was added the merriment of the team's mascot donkey, which can both eat ice cream and ride a bicycle, will cause Paddockers to remember for a long time the occasion when their cricket team won 't' cup.

Double Winners !

1937 – HUDDERSFIELD LEAGUE
& SYKES CUP TRIUMPH



Can you identify any faces here? Where do you think this photo may have been taken?

Who is the suited man on the front row? What position do you think he held?

What strikes you about the state of cricket clothing and equipment in 1937?

CRICKET CLUB IN DEBT!

SECOND WORLD WAR

One account has it that the Club was in debt to the tune of £350 during the 1930s.



But a framed document in the clubhouse today reveals that four trustees (H. Robinson, A. Teal, A. Clay and W. Noble) helped to clear the Club mortgage during the period 1937-47.



In time, the Club was given the option of further leases on the ground.