

WOODFIELD PARK POLICE CC

The Later Years

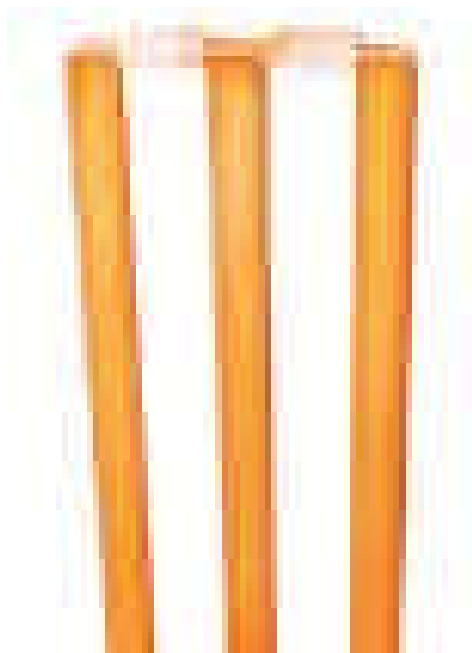
MEN IN WHITE

27 JULY 1950 – TEAM PHOTO



RENAISSANCE MEN

1952 – CLUB REBORN

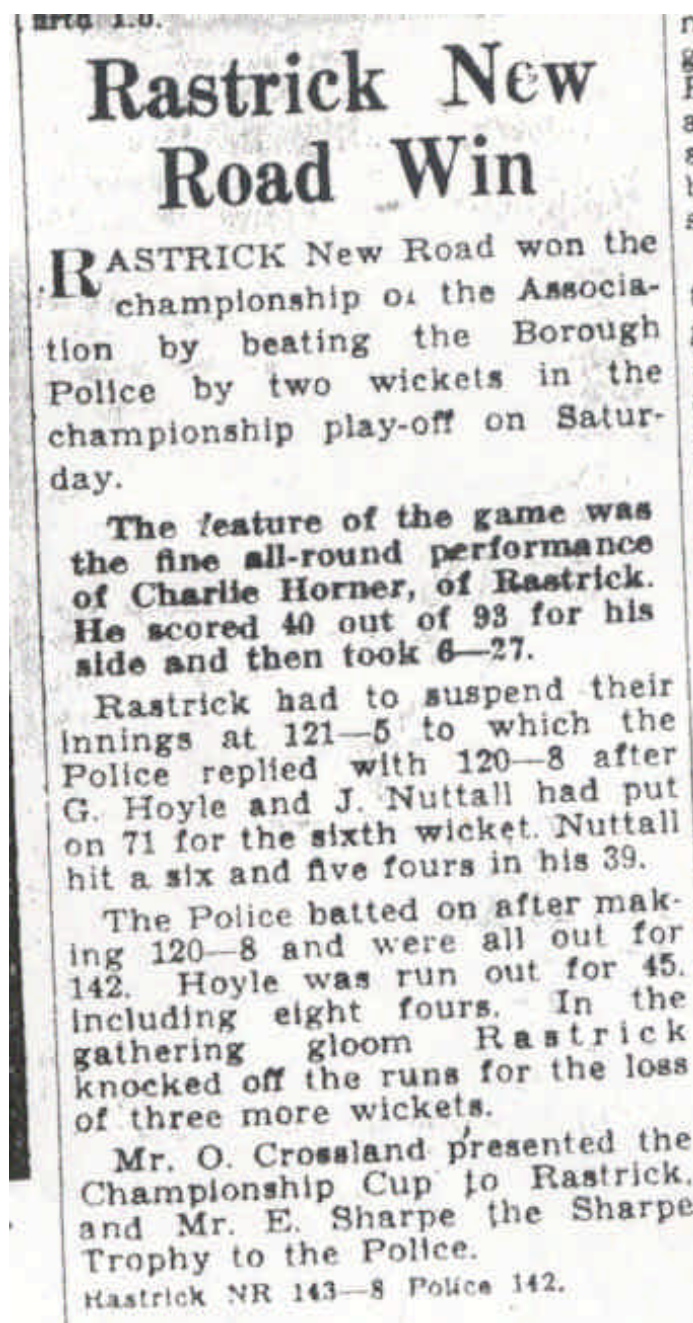


The Club was re-formed in 1952, and came to be known simply as Police C.C.. They joined the Evening League and then the Huddersfield Cricket Association League. At the same time they were also members of the West Yorkshire Police League.

SO CLOSE!

1954 – RASTRICK DEFEAT

In 1954 the Club scooped the Sharpe Rose Bowl as Section 'B' champions. They lost to Rastrick New Road in the championship play-off final.



TOP OF THE TREE

1955/6 – SECTION 'B' CHAMPIONS

Section "A"					
	P	W	D	L	Pts
Brook Motors	18	15	3	6	45
Rastrick New Road...	18	13	1	5	37
Strehoncliffe	18	8	3	7	27
YMCA	18	7	4	7	25
*Outlane	18	6	5	7	24
*Almondbury Wesley	18	6	3	9	22
Acre Mills	18	6	1	11	19
Britannia Works ...	18	5	3	10	18
* Includes two points for a tie					
Section "B"					
	P	W	D	L	Pts
Police	18	14	1	3	43
Martins	18	11	3	4	34
Oakes CYC	18	9	1	8	28
Co-op	18	8	1	9	25
RAFA	18	7	2	9	23
Taxes	18	6	1	11	19
Birkby CYC	18	5	2	11	17
Transport	18	1	2	15	5

1955

In 1955 the Club succumbed to Brook Motors in the Championship play-off match.

Association Play-Off Win For Brook Motors

BROOK MOTORS, the leaders of Section "A," won the Association Cricket League Championship play-off by beating the Borough Police by 17 runs on the Transport ground on Saturday.

The Police seem fated to be runners-up in the Association for this was their fourth final in two years, and each time they have been on the losing side.

Saturday's match was a triumph for F. Booth. He was his side's highest scorer with 12.

Reason For His Handsprings

SATURDAY was a proud day for the Dalton second team captain, Stanley Laycock, and there was extra delight in his hand-

The Police also scooped the Saville Trophy in 1955 and retained it in 1956.

CID VANQUISHED

1959 – UNIFORM VICTORY

Alongside local league competition, inter-departmental cricket matches remained a key part of social life in the police force during the 1950s. In 1959 this CID team played the Uniform division at Woodfield Park. The CID scored 75 but were defeated by 5 wickets.



SIX AND OUT!

1962 – UNDER-STRENGTH TEAM



We are told that in April 1962 the Police were fined for fielding only six players in a match against Birchencliffe.

Given the month of the year in which this punishment was meted out, it is likely that a local soccer match, and the policing of it, would have been the root cause of the problem.

PLAYING AWAY

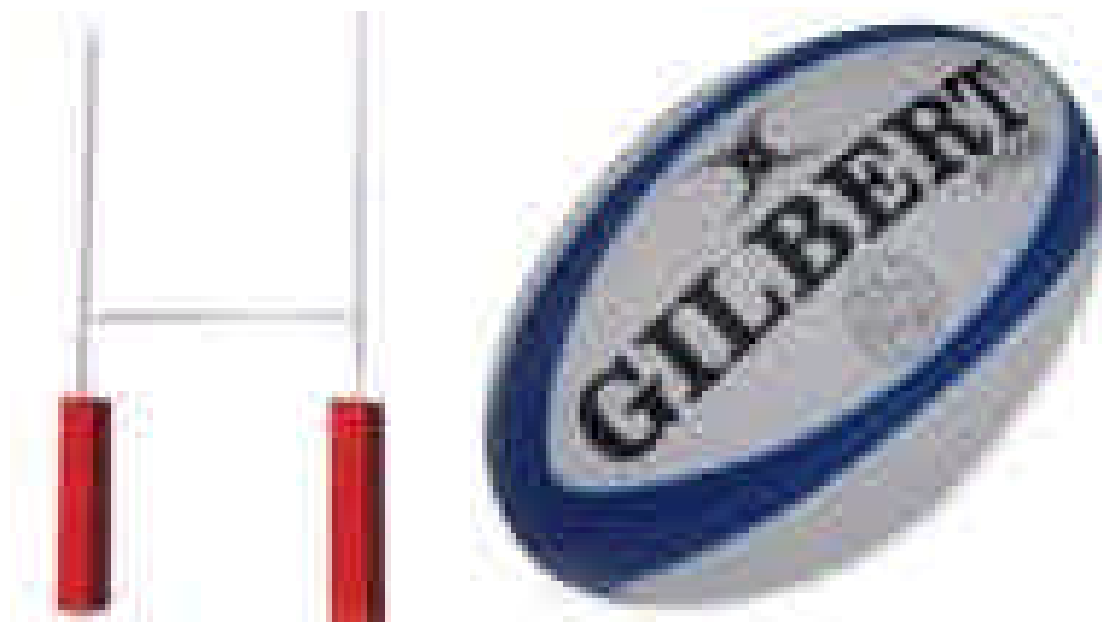
1963 – SOCCER PROBLEMS



Throughout its history, the Police have had to juggle their sporting enthusiasms with their professional commitments. On 18 March 1963, for example, the minutes of the Association stated: ***'Police representative announced doubts of ability to fulfil early season fixtures due to football duties'***.

MATCH POSTPONED

1964 – RUGBY ATTRACTION



In May 1964 it was another sport to blame. The relevant Huddersfield Association minute read: '***Oakes CYC and Police permitted to re-arrange match on 23 May 1964 due to Eastern Division Rugby Cup Final.***'

11 OF THE BEST

1966 – TEAM PHOTO



SILVERWARE JOY

1969 – ASSOCIATION TITLE

In 1969 the 1st XI bagged the Huddersfield Cricket Association League Section 'A' championship.



KNOCKOUT DELIGHT

1976 – SHARPE TROPHY WINNERS



TWICE AS NICE

1978 – PAIR OF SUCCESSES

In 1978 the 1st XI netted the Huddersfield Cricket Association League Section A championship – and also the Lumb Cup.



**Ladies hockey
matches**

TRIPLE cricket trophy winners Police pictured from right to left are: Back row.—R Kays (scorer), M Dixon, D McSweeney, chief superintendent Clarke, S Cooke, B Allison, A Robinson. Front row.—B Steele, W D Kays, P Bottomley (capt), M Dyson (vice-captain), R Taylor, d Shaw. The team have won the Association Section I championship and Lumb Cup and the Chief Constables Cup this season

SPECIAL AND UNIQUE

CLUB NEWS



In this period, the Club established a 2nd XI and made great play of its uniqueness. A spokesman said: ***'Here at last is one club which has never thrown open its doors to friends, relatives or the general public...It is a credit to the players, throughout the club's history, that they have often competed in matches having come straight from, or going straight to, duty, after having had little or no sleep.'***

LEEDS ROAD PROBLEM

1984 – LOCAL DERBY

The Huddersfield Association meeting on 19 March 1984 recorded that: ***'The Police requested a cancellation of the game on the opening day of the season because all Police leave had been cancelled due to Leeds United playing Huddersfield Town at Leeds Road.'***



Such a local-derby occasion would have had many local bobbies on the beat, and some also on the terraces (either working or watching the game).

And so it was natural that the Woodfield Park authorities would ask for a postponement.

2ND XI SUPERSTARS

TEAM PHOTOS



1986



1989

HOLME VALLEY EPIC

LOCAL CRICKET FESTIVAL

Over the years, the Police team have also been invited to take part in evening cricket festivals organised by near-neighbours Armitage Bridge.



Armitage Fold

Other teams from down the Holme Valley would also compete (Hall Bower, Thongsbridge, Holmfirth) and with adjoining cricket grounds to take advantage of (Armitage Fold and Woodfield Park), the sides would fight it out until a winner emerged.

CARIBBEAN KINGS

1994 – WEST INDIAN VISITORS

In the last years of the 20th Century, cricket remained a key part of social life in the Huddersfield police force. A series of touring sides were entertained at Woodfield Park during the 1980s, 1990s and early 2000s.

In 1994 the Royal Barbados Police Cricket team visited.



Other visiting teams have included the Royal St. Christopher cricket team and the Taunton Police side.

'C' FOR CHAMPIONS

1994/5 – FIRST CENTRAL LEAGUE TITLES

In 1994, soon after joining the Huddersfield Central Cricket League, the 1st XI claimed the Huddersfield Central League Section 'C' championship.

PREMIER SECTION							
	P	W	L	T	D	D	Pts
O/Almondbns.....	21	7	1	0	11	2	99
Hoylandswaine.....	21	10	3	0	5	3	88
Clayton West.....	21	5	1	0	8	7	77
Dodworth.....	21	9	5	0	3	4	73
Dewsbury Moor.....	21	5	0	0	5	11	66
Thurstonland.....	21	5	6	0	6	4	64
Denby.....	21	6	6	0	4	5	61
Upper Hopton.....	21	5	6	0	4	6	56
Cumberworth.....	21	6	7	0	1	7	48
Denby Dale.....	21	3	11	0	4	3	41
YMCA.....	21	2	7	0	3	9	36
Birchcliffe.....	21	3	13	0	0	5	23

SECTION A							
	P	W	L	T	D	D	Pts
Salendine Nk OB.....	21	6	1	0	10	4	90
Lepton High.....	21	7	2	0	7	5	82
Cawthorne.....	21	4	3	0	11	3	82
Holmbridge.....	21	7	5	0	6	3	75
Emley/C.....	21	6	2	0	6	7	73
Criggstone.....	21	6	3	0	2	10	56
Shalley.....	21	3	6	1	4	7	48
Almondbury/W.....	21	2	7	2	5	5	48
Cartworth Mr.....	21	2	3	0	4	12	44
Higham.....	21	0	3	1	6	11	44
Overthorpe.....	21	5	9	2	0	5	41
Flockton.....	21	2	6	0	4	9	41

SECTION B							
	P	W	L	T	D	D	Pts
Leymoor.....	21	11	0	0	6	4	106
Woolley MW.....	21	9	2	0	4	6	80
Penistone Sports..	21	8	3	0	4	6	74
Dewsbury Moor...	21	3	5	0	9	4	67
Denby.....	21	6	5	0	5	5	66
Clayton West.....	21	6	4	0	3	8	59
Dodworth.....	21	6	8	0	3	4	55
Upper Hopton.....	21	5	8	0	3	5	50
Bretton.....	21	1	5	0	6	9	45
Thurstonland.....	21	5	10	0	2	4	44
Nortonthorpe.....	21	4	8	0	2	7	41
Bradley C.....	21	3	9	0	3	6	39

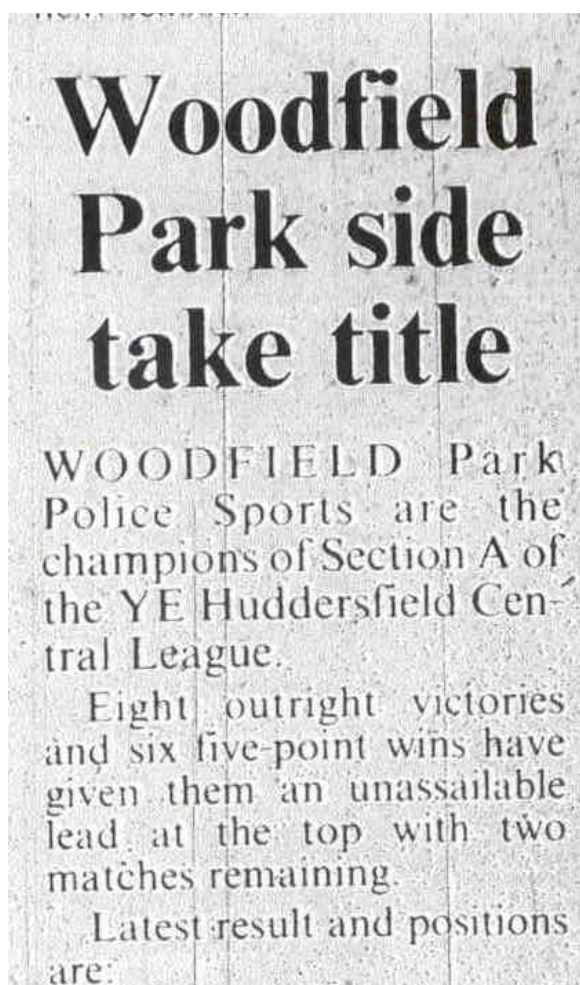
SECTION C							
	P	W	L	T	D	D	Pts
Woodfield/PPS...	21	10	1	0	9	1	106
Cleckheaton SJ..	21	12	3	0	5	1	98
Thornhill/C.....	20	11	6	0	1	2	73
Calder Grove.....	21	10	7	0	1	3	68
Denby Dale.....	21	8	7	0	3	3	66
Ruddlesdens.....	20	8	7	0	3	2	65
Crossbank M.....	21	7	7	0	2	5	57
Cumberworth.....	21	7	3	0	1	10	57
O/Almondbns.....	21	6	10	0	3	2	53
Almond/W.....	21	5	10	0	1	5	40
David Browns.....	21	2	9	0	1	9	26
Overthorpe.....	21	1	17	0	1	2	13

In 1995 the 1st XI bagged the Huddersfield Central League Section 'B' championship.

DOUBLE TRIUMPH

1997 – CHAMPION TEAMS

In 1997 the 1st XI scooped the Huddersfield Central League Section 'A' championship and the 2nd XI carried off the Huddersfield Central League Section 'E' championship.



PREMIER						
	P	W	LS	DT	Pts	
Clayton West	20	6	2	9	3	84
Hoylandswaine	20	8	1	4	6	80
Thurstonland	20	1	1	11	6	70
Dewsbury M	20	8	1	5	8	69
Dodworth	20	4	3	6	7	55
Shelley	20	5	4	4	7	51
Cumberworth	20	5	2	7	11	51
Holmbridge	20	3	4	5	8	51
Crigglistone	20	4	1	2	7	40
O A Mburians	20	0	6	5	8	36
Lapton	20	3	5	0	12	30
Higham	20	0	6	2	12	22

SECTION A						
	P	W	LS	DT	Pts	
Wood Park	20	8	0	6	6	84
Cawthorne	20	7	4	4	5	67
YMCA	20	6	3	5	6	67
Almondbury W	20	4	1	6	9	60
Emley	20	4	2	9	8	60
Derby	20	5	3	3	9	54
Leymoor	20	4	2	2	11	45
Thurstonland	20	3	6	2	9	37
Stoke St John	20	4	9	0	6	33
Derby Dale	20	3	9	1	7	30
Briarcliffe	20	3	9	1	7	30
Upper Hopton	20	0	4	1	13	30

SECTION B						
	P	W	LS	DT	Pts	
Penstone Spts	19	9	1	3	6	75
Bretton	18	8	1	3	6	69
Salix Old	18	5	4	5	4	59
Floeton	19	7	4	2	6	58
Crossbank M	18	7	3	2	6	58
Gartworth M	18	4	1	1	12	41
Dewsbury M	18	3	3	7	10	38
Calder Grove	18	3	9	2	4	32
Ruddlesden	18	3	10	1	4	27
Woolley MW	18	1	8	3	6	27
Upper Hopton	18	2	8	0	8	20

SECTION C						
	P	W	LS	DT	Pts	
Cumberworth	20	8	1	7	9	67
Brad & Colne	20	6	4	5	5	66
Nortonthorpe	20	6	4	5	5	66
Edgerton	20	8	3	2	7	65
Holmbridge	20	6	3	3	8	59
Crigglistone	20	5	5	1	9	44
Hoylandswaine	20	3	7	4	6	44
Derby Dale	20	4	5	2	9	43
Cleck SJ	20	4	9	1	4	43
Clayton West	20	4	6	2	8	42
Dodworth	20	4	5	1	10	39
Cawthorne	20	3	9	1	7	30

TOP GUYS!

1998 – IN THE PREMIERSHIP



BRIGHT & BEAUTIFUL

CLUB TODAY

Woodfield Park is such a well-appointed ground that, over the years, it has been used for a variety of Association and Central League finals. Today, it is looking as good as ever.



A recent painting of the Woodfield Park venue

A Club official explains: ***'There are usually five or six serving bobbies in every side we put out, but it doesn't necessarily follow that they're all fit and agile - as policemen are supposed to be. There's a lot of waiting around in vehicles these days, so some of us are not as mobile as we'd like to be!'***