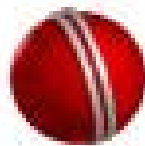


BRIGHOUSE CC

STAR MEN

John Tye

Born at Bulwell, Notts, 10 July 1848.
Died at Rastrick, Yorks, 19 Nov 1905.



Between 1876 and 1881 he played for Nottinghamshire 17 times and played in a total of 24 first-class matches. In 1879 he was engaged at Rochdale and from 1880 at Brighouse. He was originally a blacksmith but by the time of the 1881 Census he was a publican, living at the Round House Inn, 1 Clifton Road, Hipperholme cum Brighouse, Yorkshire.

In 1880 Tye became the first player to take 100 wickets in a season for Brighouse, a feat he repeated on two other occasions. He also scored two centuries for the Club: 132 v Leeds Leamington in 1883 and 111 not out v Huddersfield United in 1881.

But his finest moment came at Lockwood on 25 June 1881 when he took 10 wickets in an innings.

Brighouse v Lockwood at Lockwood		Brighouse Saturday June 25 th 1881	
LOCKWOOD		Brighouse	
F Dawson c Greenwood & Tye	3	J Holdroyd c & b Osborne	2
H Lee & Tye	8	J Brooke & Blake	0
J Richetts & Tye	1	J Hughes not out	37
W Blake c Kettleton & Tye	31	W Shotton c F Dawson & Osborne	6
G H Lee & Tye	13	J Tye c Whitley & Osborne	18
J Dawson & Tye	0	A Simms c Osborne & Blake	6
J W Shaw not out	11	H Greenwood c & b Osborne	2
S Osborne & Tye	0	J Broadley c & b Blake	0
F Gledhill & Tye	3	H Kettleton c G H Lee & Shaw	4
G Beaumont & Tye	0	F Moore c G H Lee & Blake	3
A Whitley c Kettleton & Tye	0	W L Dyson & F Dawson	3
Extras	1	Extras	6
Total	<u>71</u>	WON	<u>87</u>

Tye remained with Brighouse, playing as both a professional and an amateur, until his retirement in 1897. The Brighouse authorities marked this occasion with the following tribute:

‘This year John Tye retired from the cricket field he had adorned with his presence since 1880. During the 18 seasons he performed feats both with bat and ball....In all he scored over 5,000 runs and secured 823 wickets, 627 of which were clean bowled, which shows very plainly how accurately he bowled for a square arm delivery fast bowler.’

W.L. Dyson

On his retirement in 1892, at the age of 35, Dyson was described in the Brighthouse 'Record Book' as '**a great loss to the Club for he was a brilliant batsman**' whose '**cutting**' was the '**most prominent feature**' of his play. He scored five centuries for the Club

He played 17 seasons for the Club, including a return for the 1917 and 1918 seasons, scoring over 7,000 runs and taking 33 wickets with his '**peculiar slow bowling**'.



Robert Gutram

Signed from Spen Victoria in 1896, after being recommended by John Tye. Gutram stayed with the Club for 21 seasons before moving on to Saltaire in 1916. He scored 11,549 runs in 424 innings at an average of 31.90, which was a remarkably high for the period. His highest score was 136 and he secured talent money on 89 different occasions.

Wartime Stars

As happened during the First World War, many first-class and Test cricketers played in the Bradford League between 1939 and 1945. No county or international matches took place, so leading players looked to progress their careers with a spell in the leagues.



As Club stalwart Geoff Hirst recalls, this was a remarkable time for many young players. They not only got their initial taste of 1st XI cricket because of the War, but also played alongside many of the world's best players. In 1943 the Brighouse team included (l-r) Alec Coxon (Yorkshire & England), Wilf Barber (Yorkshire), George Cox (Sussex) & Sid Martin (Worcestershire & South Africa).

Alec Coxon & Jim Payne



England cap Alec Coxon walks out to bat with Jim Payne in the early 1940s

Frank Lawson



Lowson came for a "tithe of
his market value"

—Cricketer Club president

"ASTRONOMICAL" FIGURE
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There was a great deal of speculation in 1958 as to how much the signing of Frank Lawson had cost Brighouse CC.

But whatever the figure, it proved to be money well spent. Within two seasons the Club had secured the Bradford League Second Division title, the Waddilove Cup and the Bradford League Championship.

Geoff Hirst



Geoff Hirst (batting) pictured alongside 'Little Mo' Connolly in one of the sporting newspapers of the 1950s

Geoff Hirst's initial taste of 1st XI cricket at Brighouse came during the Second the World War. He went on to become a key figure at the Club in the years which followed and captained the 1960 Bradford League Championship side.

We are indebted to Geoff for allowing us to borrow and copy his personal scrapbook, which has provided much of the material for this exhibition.

'50s Heroes



On the front row in the picture, left to right, are: The Mayor and Mayoress, Mr. Hirst, Mrs. Whiteley and Mr. Whiteley. In the middle row are Messrs. W. Bottomley, W. F. Gooder, G. Healey, R. Dickinson and J. T. Newsholme. Back row: Messrs. S. Norton, Higson, Webster, Barker and R. Taylor.

An array of Club officials and prize winners are pictured at an annual dinner in the 1950s.

Imran Ali



Fast bowler Imran Ali joined Brighouse CC from Lahore, Pakistan.