

WALSDEN CC

SCOTT STREET STARS

JOHN SUTCLIFFE

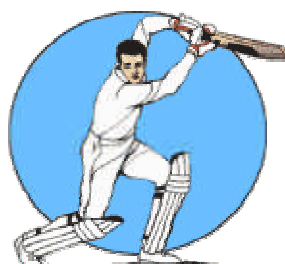


Ex-Club secretary.

DEON KRUIS



Ex-Club pro now starring for Yorkshire.



WILTY REYNOLDS

Helped the Club financially. Instrumental in signing Everton Weekes for the 1954 cup final.

FRANK SCOTT



Frank Scott was the local signalman. In a long career he scored 6,175 runs and took 966 wickets, and his 1921 benefit fund raised £109 – a massive figure for the time and not bad for an amateur! His obituary claimed. ‘He never bowled a wide or a no-ball’.

Frank began a family trail (initially through the Scott and then the Barker families) which continues to the present day. His son, grandson, and great-grandson have all captained the 1st XI while his two great great grandsons have both recently made their first-team debuts.



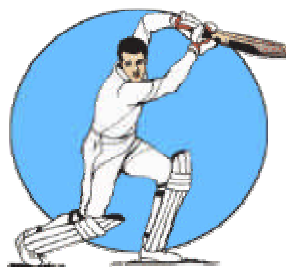
The legendary Scott inspired both the name of the road alongside the ground – Scott Street – and the name of one of the three blocks of flats which overlook the ground – Scott House.



WALTER PARKINSON



Legendary Club groundsman.



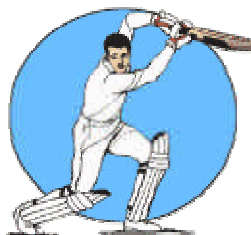
MRS K.E. HOYLE

The Club's first woman and - by 1952 - oldest life member
for services behind the scenes.

HARRY SUTCLIFFE



Long-serving Walsden fan.



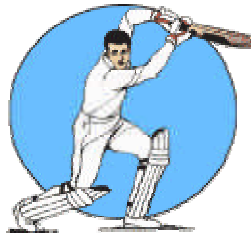
W. GIBSON

Secretary for 25 years, 1889-1914, before resigning due to ill-health.

FRED HOWARTH



Stalwart of the Scott Street scoreboard.



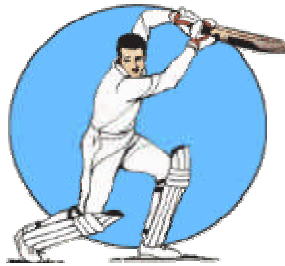
BRAD HODGE

Australian one day international and current Lancashire overseas star. Played as a substitute pro at Scott Street.

G. CODRINGTON



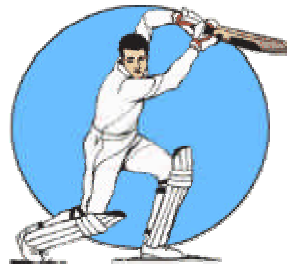
**Walsden professional in 1987 –
seated here in the middle.**



COLIN ANKER

Current treasurer, and another to serve selflessly on and off the field for over half a century.

S. BOAM



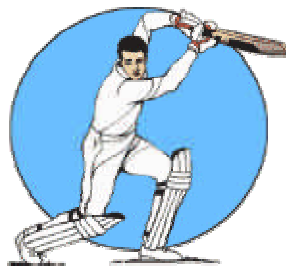
GORDON RIGG

**Member for over 50 years and a dedicated president
who loved the Club and died in
office in 2005.**

JACK COUPE



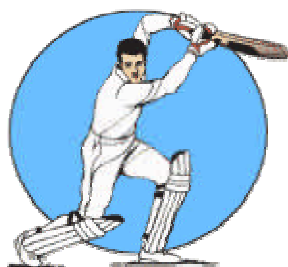
Probably the best bowler produced by the Club, he took 50 wickets in the season six times between 1954 and 1966. His penetrating seam bowling made Walsden's title triumphs of 1962 and 1964 possible.



SALIM MALIK

One of Pakistan's best ever batsmen, tainted by match-fixing allegations. Substitute pro at Walsden.

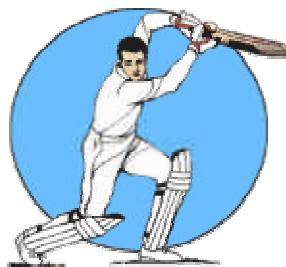
BILL BARKER & SAM CONNOR



HARTLEY ALLEYNE

West Indian fast bowler who played 2 unofficial Tests on a rebel tour to South Africa.

K. & H. WALKER



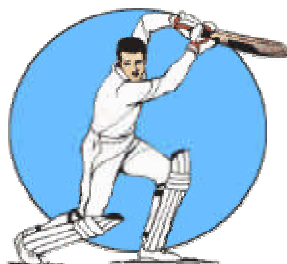
SHOAIB MOHAMMED

Solid Pakistan opening batsman – sub pro'd at Scott Street.

JIM HATCHMAN



Demon leg-spinner of the 1950s.



KENNY WATSON

Played several unofficial tests for South Africa against rebel touring teams.

HENRY SMITH

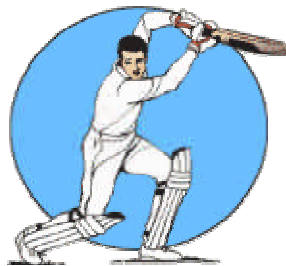


Scored 205 for Walsden against against Moorside in 1915.

NIROSHAN BANDARATHILAKE



Left-arm spinner who played 7 tests and 3 one day internationals for Sri Lanka.



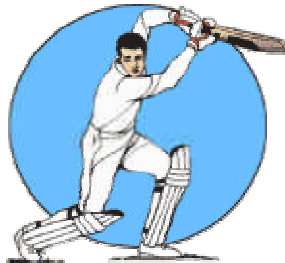
TAHIR NAQQASH

Pace bowler who played 15 tests for Pakistan.

ALLAN STUTTARD



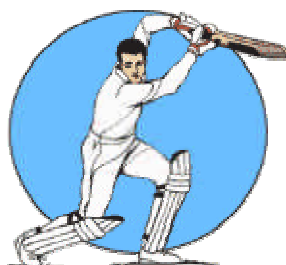
Player/committeeman for over 50 years; tireless worker who flies the Walsden flag around the country as an after-dinner speaker.



ANDY BICHEL

Still on the fringes of the Australian team after playing several Tests and one day internationals. A key performer in the 2003 World Cup win.

ANDREW WALSH

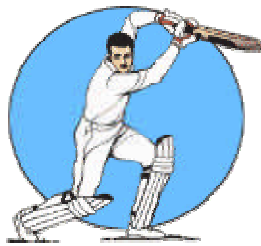


ELLIS ACHONG

Left-arm spinner famed for inventing the 'chinaman', a ball bowled out of the back of the hand which spins into the right-hander. This ball is named after Achong, who played six Tests for the West Indies and was of Chinese extraction.

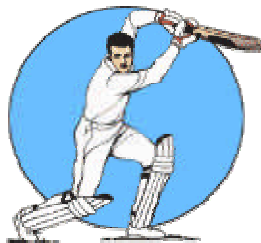
TREVOR CHAPPELL

Played three Tests for Australia on the famous 1981 tour of England



SYDNEY STARKIE

Walsden has produced one cricketer who went on to play in the professional game – Sydney Starkie. Starkie played 95 matches for Nottinghamshire in the 1950s, scoring 857 runs at an average of 10.7 and taking 166 wickets at 34.2 each. His highest score was 66 and his best bowling figures 6-33.

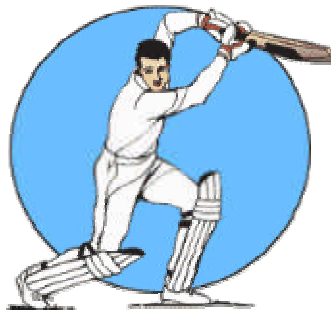


PAUL HITCHCOCK

Played 13 one day internationals for New Zealand.

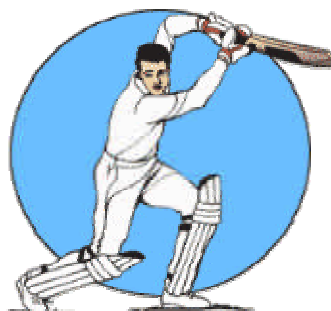
MOHSIN KHAN

Played 48 Tests and 75 one day internationals for Pakistan; famed for hitting 200 against England at Lord's in 1982.



MALCOLM HILTON

Substitute pro - Lancashire and England left-arm spinner.



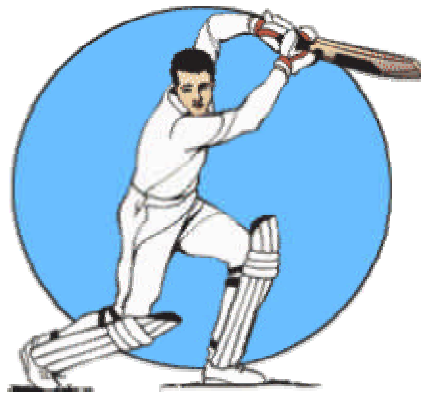
EVERTON WEEKES

One of the greatest batsmen of all time, and one of the West Indies' famous 3Ws, of Weekes, Worrell and Walcott.

Sub pro at Scott Street.

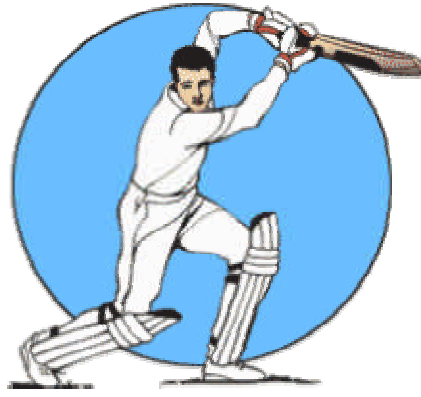
GUY WHITTALL

Substitute pro - Zimbabwe seam bowling all-rounder.



PETER WIGHT

West Indian opening batsman.



RICHARD PETRIE

New Zealand all-rounder who sub pro'd at Walsden.

JOHN SPRINGHALL

Walsden's last English professional was Nottinghamshire all-rounder John Springhall in 1966.



EDWIN ST. HILL

Walsden's first overseas professional was West Indian Edwin St. Hill in 1946.

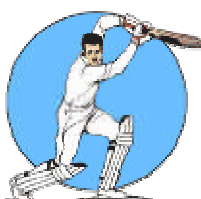
A fast-bowling all-rounder, St Hill pro'd in the northern leagues for many years.

His other clubs included Lowerhouse in the Lancashire League and Slaithwaite in the Huddersfield League.

He played 2 Tests for the West Indies in 1929.

JOHN CRABTREE, WALTER STORAH & EDWIN STANSFIELD

Three of Walsden's early pros were plucked from the amateur ranks at Todmorden. John W. Crabtree was the headmaster at Roomfield Board School. An early-order batsman who bowled medium pace, his career at Todmorden spanned 1885-1908. He was pro at Littleborough in 1893, immediately prior to his two years at Walsden.



Walter Storah was an outstanding slow right-arm bowler who made his debut at Todmorden in 1905. His son, Frank also played for Todmorden and Walsden and he is the great uncle of the four Bailey brothers, Melvyn, Trevor, Peter and Stephen – one of the great family dynasties.

Edwin Stansfield had an impressive record as a slow left-arm spinner. 'When tha' arm gets t't top, give a flick' – was his advice to all young spinners. He first played for Todmorden in 1908 and came out of retirement to captain a war-ravaged team in 1944.

THE REVEREND JOHN RUSSELL NAPIER

John Russell Napier became Vicar of Walsden in 1890. He was immediately the most prominent cricketer living in the town. Educated at Marlborough, he had played first-class cricket for Cambridge University and Lancashire.

His particular talent was as a fast right-hand round-arm bowler. In the late 1880s he was briefly considered to be the fastest in the world, a reputation built largely on his two matches for Lancashire in 1888.

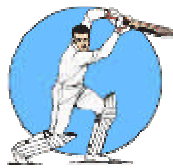


His debut against the touring Australians is known as 'Napier's Match'. He had match figures of 7 wickets for 102, hit a valuable second-innings 37 and, with Australia needing 90 to win, partnered the great England left-arm spinner Johnny Briggs in bowling them out for 66.

In his other match, Napier took 4 for 0 to skittle the Yorkshire tail at Sheffield. According to the *Who's Who of Cricketers*, Napier 'would probably have achieved much in county cricket, had he been able to afford the time'.

A magnificent acquisition for Walsden, he was quickly installed as first-team captain, passing on considerable knowledge of technique and strategy and leading by example.

With church and cricket field at the centre of weekend village life, Napier was a much respected figure at the very heart of the Walsden community, and beyond.



In 1892 he was elected as the first president of the Central Lancashire League, even though Walsden were not admitted until the League's second season in 1893.

Napier's courage was evident in June 1893 when he dived into the Rochdale Canal at Birks Lock to save 7-year-old Walter Shawforth from drowning.

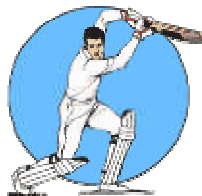
Napier was aware of the immense value of league cricket to local communities.

Speaking in 1895, he said, prophetically: 'The league system infuses interest...and the clubs benefit financially and otherwise...league cricket is on its trial, and if carefully managed it has a great future before it.'

BOB BARTELS



West Indian pro of the 1960s.



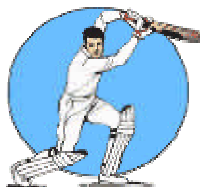
THE CONNORS & THE BAILEYS

It has been a regular sight to see FOUR brothers turning out in the same Walsden side: in the 1960s the Connors and in the 1970s the Baileys.

JASON BAKKER



Aussie pro in 1995.



WALTER CRAVEN

Craven House – one of the blocks of flats lying adjacent to Scott Street - helps us to remember the selfless duties performed by Walter Craven.

Walter was scorer for over 50 years and worked assiduously on the committee in numerous roles, primarily as match secretary, for most of that time.

MARK HOOSON

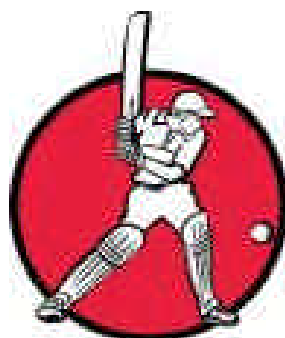


Amateur who scored 1,067 runs in 1995.

THE PROFESSIONALS

Other professionals from the ranks of Lancashire league clubs include Herbert Crabtree, still the all-time leading run scorer at Colne, and Tommy Lowe, the outstanding bowler from Church.

In 1960, professional Alan Preen took 100 wickets, but scored only 182 runs. He made a solid 30 of these as a stop-gap opening batsman in the July holidays. When asked why he didn't bat like that every week, he replied, 'I can't be expected to bat AND bowl for £5 a week!'



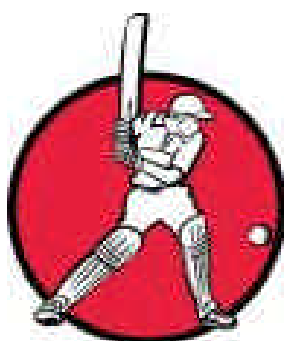
On four occasions, Walsden's professional has taken more wickets than he has scored runs:

1914	W. Storah	54 runs	63 wickets
1953	Wood	58 runs	60 wickets
1955	J. Hatchman	67 runs	85 wickets
1956	J. Hatchman	38 runs	46 wickets

Leg spinner Jim Hatchman still holds the Club bowling record with 123 wickets in 1937.

Other professionals to take 100 wickets in a season are West Indians Ellis Achong (1949), Cec Wright (1969, 70, 71 and 73) and Neil Philips (1981). Now turned 70, Wright still plays in the Manchester Association.

Pakistan opening batsman Mohsin Khan scored 1,000 runs on three occasions, 1983, 85 and 86. Only Gary Sobers and Frank Worrell have done so more often in the history of the Central Lancashire League.

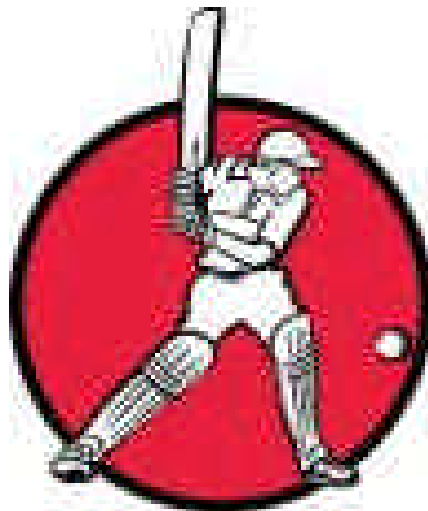


Walsden Cricket Club Professionals

1887	Blacket	1940	<i>no</i>
1888	W. Ackroyd	1941	<i>professional</i>
1889	W. Ackroyd	1942	<i>- World</i>
1890	A. Storer	1943	<i>War II</i>
1891	Horsfield	1944	Broadbent
1892	S. Wilson	1945	Broadbent
	F. Westmorland	1946	E. St. Hill (WI)
1893	S. Wilson	1947	E. St. Hill (WI)
	F. Westmorland	1948	T. Lowe
1894	J.W. Crabtree	1949	E. Achong (WI)
	T. Whittaker	1950	E. Achong (WI)
1895	J.W. Crabtree	1951	E. Achong (WI)
	T. Whittaker	1952	S.W. Hunt

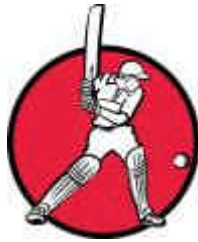
1896	M. Myers T. Whittaker	1953	Wood
1897	Halley T. Whittaker	1954	Wood
1898	Minto	1955	J. Hatchman
1899	Taylor Wardle	1956	J. Hatchman
1900	Taylor Wardle	1957	J. Hatchman
1901	Taylor	1958	Newton
1902	Wimpeney	1959	Nadeem (Pk)
1903	Wimpeney	1960	A. Preen
1904	Lowings	1961	R.W. Bartels (WI)
1905	Lowings	1962	R.W. Bartels (WI)
1906	E. Creighton	1963	Davies
1907	F. Foster E. Creighton	1964	J. Springhall
1908	Spence	1965	J. Springhall
1909	Bee	1966	J. Springhall
1910	T. Thorneycroft	1967	K. Barker (WI)
1911	Mortimore	1968	K. Barker (WI)
1912	W. Storah	1969	C. Wright (WI)
1913	W. Storah	1970	C. Wright (WI)
1914	W. Storah	1971	C. Wright (WI)
1915	<i>no</i>	1972	C. Wright (WI)
1916	<i>professional</i>	1973	C. Wright (WI)
1917	<i>- World</i>	1974	S. Oliver (WI)
1918	<i>War I</i>	1975	T. Chappell (Aus)
1919	W. Storah	1976	A. Burridge (Aus)
1920	H. Crabtree	1977	K. Watson (SA)
1921	E. Stansfield	1978	R. Lawrence (Aus)
1922	E. Stansfield	1979	L. Balcam (Aus)
1923	E. Stansfield	1980	L. Fernando (SL)
1924	Morris	1981	N. Phillips (WI)
		1982	R. Skeete (WI)
		1983	Mohsin Khan (Pk)
		1984	Mohsin Khan (Pk)
		1985	Mohsin Khan (Pk)
		1986	Mohsin Khan (Pk)

1925	Grundy	1987	G. Codrington (WI)
1926	E. Stansfield	1988	A. Daly (WI)
1927	E. Stansfield	1989	A. Daly (WI)
1928	Hacket	1990	A. Daly (WI)
1929	Walker	1991	C. Jesburg (Aus)
1930	Walker	1992	P. Skuse (Aus)
1931	Horbury	1993	B. White (SA)
1932	Rhodes	1994	A. Bichel (Aus)
1933	Rhodes	1995	J. Bakker (Aus)
1934	Rhodes	1996	P. Hutchison (Aus)
1935	Helliwell	1997	A. Dykes (Aus)
1936	Cook	1998	R. Larkin (WI)
1937	J. Hatchman	1999	D. Kruis (SA)
1938	J. Hatchman	2000	D. Kruis (SA)
1939	J. Hatchman	2001	P. Koortzen (SA)
		2002	N. Bandarathilake
	2003		P. Hitchcock (NZ)
		2004	S. Marsh (Aus)
		2005	C. Creevey (Aus)



AN ALL-TIME WALSDEN XI

(By Brian Heywood)



1. Richard Eastwood
2. Harry Smith
3. Trevor Chappell (pro)
4. Mark Hooson
5. Frank Scott
6. Bill Barker (captain)
7. Lenny Moss
8. Rev Russell Napier
9. Albert Connor (wkt)
10. David Lord
11. Jack Coupe
- 12th man. Albert Ross

A purely subjective team with which many will surely disagree!

Deciding on the criteria for such a team is difficult. How do you balance contributions for Walsden with proven ability elsewhere?

Such considerations led to the non-inclusion of **Peter Wight**, the West Indian opening bat who played briefly for Walsden as an amateur in the early 1950s, and **Jack Threlfall**, the former Church professional and an outstanding left-handed batsman who played as an amateur for a couple of seasons in the late-1940s, hitting 796 runs in 1947. Lancashire and England bowler **Dick Pollard** registered as an amateur for Walsden in 1957, but played just once.



Billy Scott, son of Walsden legend Frank, is another with strong claims, but over 7,000 of the 10,000 plus runs he scored in local league cricket were made for Todmorden. Similarly, the talented **Stephen Bailey** split his career between the two clubs.

Do you include overseas amateurs? **Gary Toshack** and **Melbourne Austin** who both scored over 1,000 runs in a season spring to mind, but as this HLF Project is about promoting local cricket a decision was made to go with local cricketers – apart from the pro.

And who should that be? There are strong claims for **Jim Hatchman**, **Bob Bartels**, **Cec Wright**, **Mohsin Khan** and **Jason Bakker** among others. Do you include **Everton**

Weekes, who almost single-handedly won Walsden their first trophy in 1954 – but was only the sub-pro?

Another dilemma is having only one spot for over a century of wicketkeepers – and even worse narrowing the choice down to two brothers, **Albert** and **Sammy Connor**, with barely a hair's breadth between them.

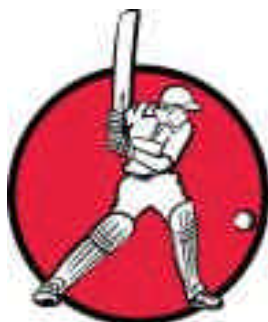


After much consideration, here is the final choice, and brief reasons why they were chosen.

Richard Eastwood – solid and consistent opening batsman with excellent concentration, forming, with Mike Atherton, the most successful opening partnership in the history of the Lancashire Cricket Federation. For Walsden he scored 500 runs in a season six times between 1984 and 1990. Astute field placing and strategy brought success for his steady and under-rated medium pacers. Played briefly as a professional in the Saddleworth League.

Harry Smith – simply devastating on his day. Still holds the Walsden record amateur score of 205 not out against Moorside in 1915. ‘Clubs feared this tiny but fierce hitting batsman.’

Trevor Chappell – epitomised why so many clubs want ‘a good young Aussie’. Chappell was a talented early-order batsman, an aggressive medium-fast bowler and a brilliant fielder. Extremely competitive, he inspired those around him to make Walsden feared throughout the league. A century in the final clinched the 1975 Wood Cup for the Club.



Mark Hooson – the current Walsden captain and another to pro in the Saddleworth League. An aggressive and consistent right-hand batsman and accurate slow-medium seam bowler, particularly effective on wet wickets. He can hold the team together with both bat and ball.

Frank Scott – the legend; the only amateur in the history of the Central Lancashire League to score 5,000 runs and take 500 wickets.

Bill Barker – another Walsden legend whose career spanned four decades, he was an outstanding and shrewd captain who commanded respect from his team.

Particularly strong on the leg side, he was one of the league’s leading batsmen for many years. He also bowled

occasional leg spinners and earned a reputation as a partnership breaker.

Lenny Moss – an aggressive middle-order batsman and highly effective bowler, Lenny Moss was Walsden's outstanding cricketer of the 1950s, passing 500 runs in a season 5 times. Another to play as a professional in other leagues.

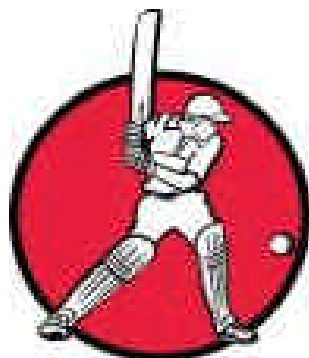


Rev R. Napier – came to Walsden as the vicar of the village in 1890 and, the Club's outstanding player of that decade, led by example to improve the standard of play at the Club. Reputedly the fastest bowler in England, he bowled Lancashire to victory against the Australians in 1888, but his calling curtailed his first-class career. He was the first president of the Central Lancashire League in 1892.

Albert Connor – holds the Club wicketkeeping record of 45 victims – 22 caught and 23 stumped – in 1955. Also an effective batsman, he was a genuine all-rounder. Played a key role in the Todmorden team which won the Lancashire League title in 1957, before performing similar feats at

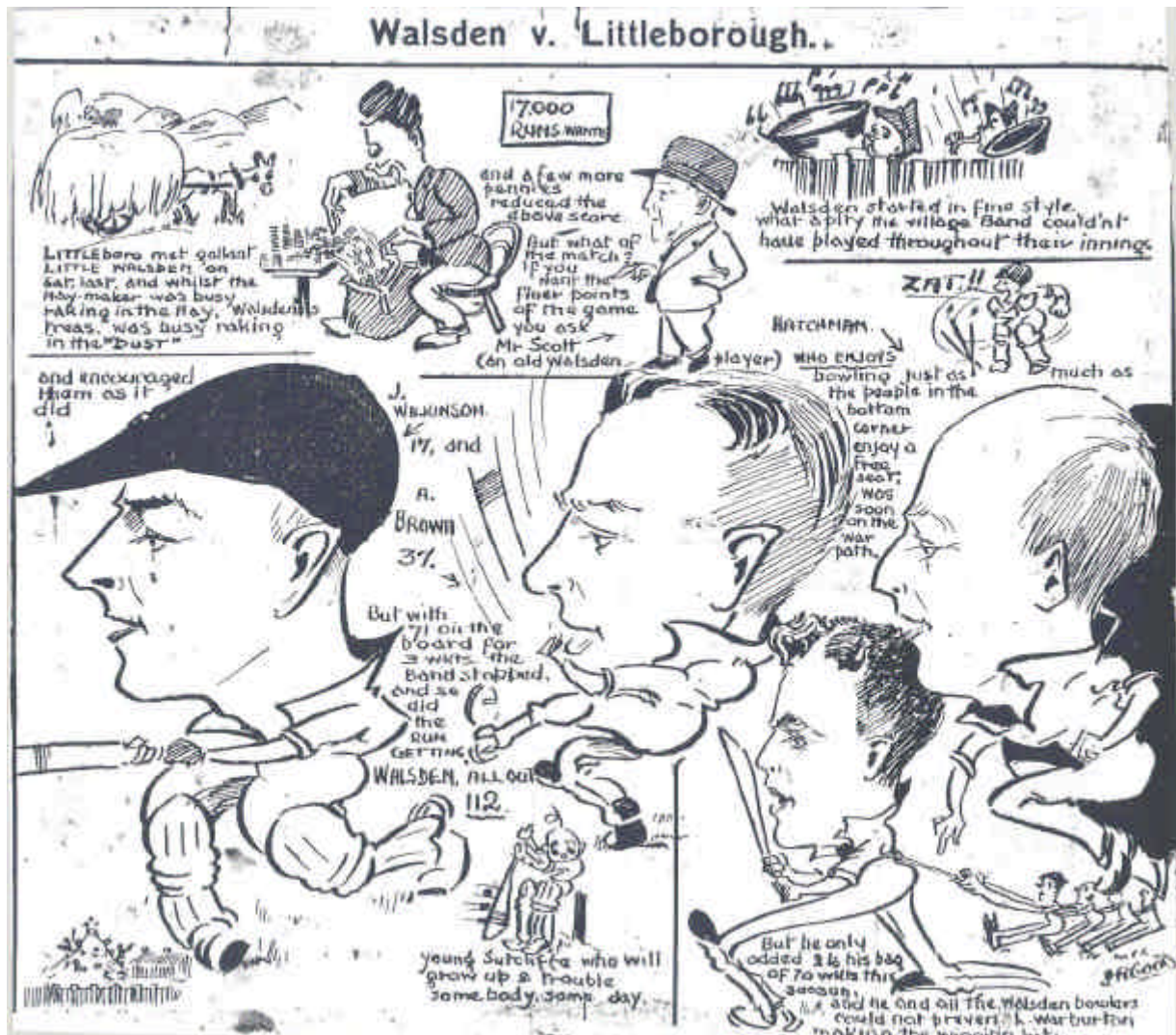
Walsden. Possibly unique in holding championship medals in both the Lancashire and Central Lancashire Leagues.

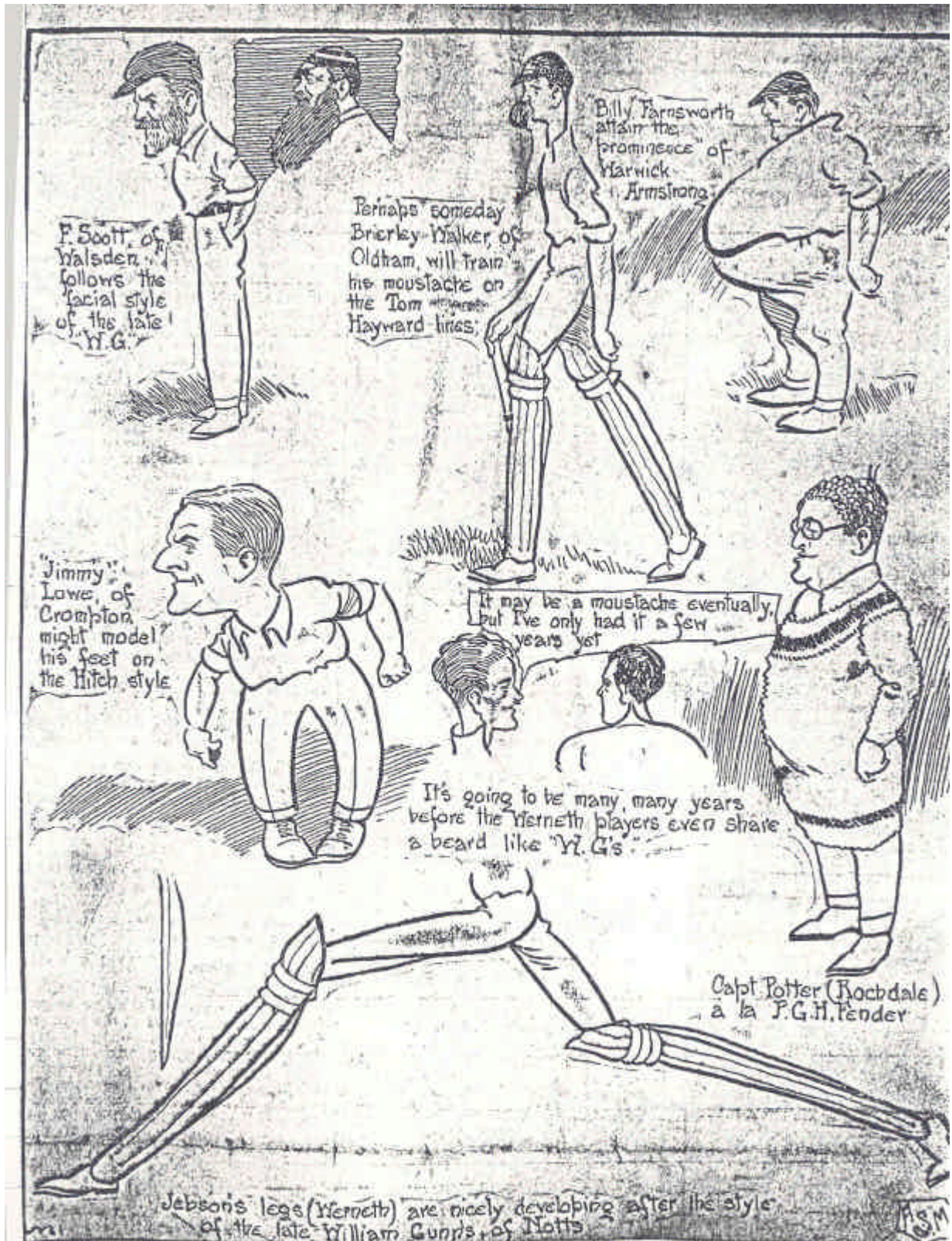
David Lord – another holder of a Club record, he took 93 wickets in 1978, many of them caught in the leg trap by Trevor Bailey and Albert Ross from his extremely accurate in-swing bowling.



Albert Ross – hit 500 runs a Club record 7 times in 8 seasons between 1974 and 1981, and this in the era of Garner, Stephenson and numerous other pacemen who terrorised amateur batsmen. Over 3,000 runs for Todmorden take his tally beyond 10,000 for the local clubs. An excellent fielder, he played with a competitiveness which could inspire those around him.

HOW MANY OF THESE W.C.C. CARTOON FACES DO YOU RECOGNISE?





CAN YOU PUT NAMES TO FACES?

