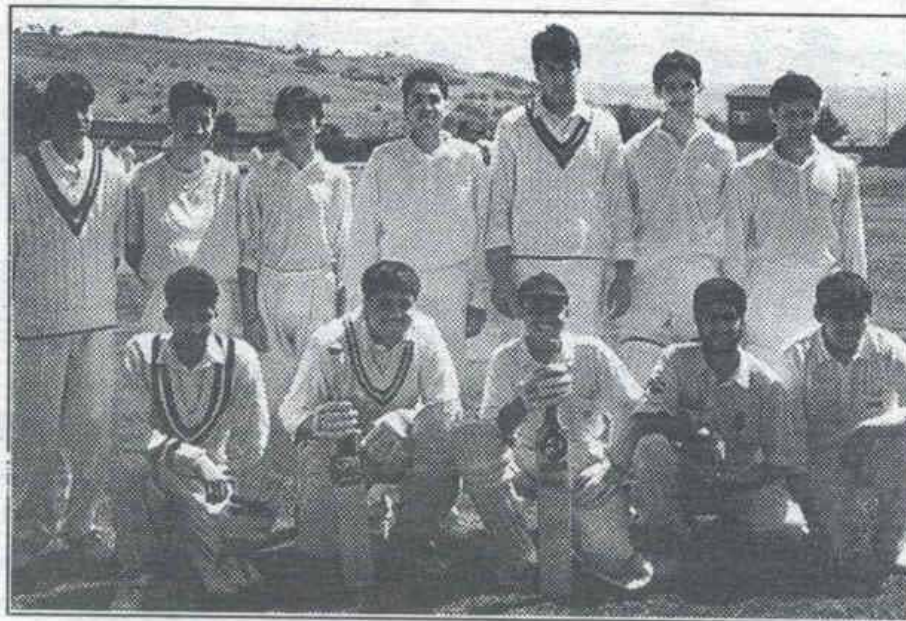


Young Cricket Prospects Impress Scouts



Batley Cricket Club last month played host to the fifth annual match between Yorkshire Cricket Association U16s and a Yorkshire Ethnic Minorities U17 XI (pictured above).

This year the standard of cricket surprised many onlookers. The Ethnic Minorities team acquitted themselves well and can look back proudly on their gritty performance.

"I thought it was a cracking match, the best game between the two sides over the five years of the fixture." said Ralph Middlebrook of the Yorkshire

Cricket Association. The clash has been organised as a joint initiative spearheaded by Yorkshire C. C. and Tony Bowry of Batley C. C.

It serves to give members of the ethnic minorities a platform to showcase their talent, to overcome cultural barriers, improve links between these communities and local cricket power bases and to pave the way for members of the ethnic minorities to come forward and represent their county.

Yunus Patel of the Ethnic Minorities side said, "The match was a great opportunity

for us to display our talents against Yorkshire's finest youngsters. All the players enjoyed the match and were very appreciative of the opportunity to enhance their abilities and reputations as cricketers of the future".

"As a project it opens up the lines of communication with the ethnic minorities, both the young people and the older ones. Good relationships are building up", said Mr. Middlebrook.

Yorkshire won the match by seven wickets.