

LOCAL PLAYERS AT HEADINGLEY

Among the 99 "colts" to be coached by Arthur Mitchell at Headingley in the near future are five well-known cricket players from Batley and district. They are J. W. Murphy, S. Naylor and W. B. Smith (batsmen), F. Thornton (bowler), and K. Haley (an all-rounder).

The last-named, who is 16 years old, began playing cricket with the Batley 2nd Eleven when he was 14. He played with the first eleven last season and in several matches the season before. During last season he scored 280 runs and took 20 wickets.

Thornton, who has recently been demobilised from the R.A.F., played with the Batley 2nd Eleven three years ago and whilst serving in the Sudan achieved many notable successes.

Naylor also played with Batley and left to play with Birstall in 1946, whilst Murphy has played with Queensbury in the Bradford League and is a professional footballer with Bradford City A.F.C.

Smith, last season's opening batsman for Staincliffe, has played with the club about two seasons. He attended the Batley Grammar School, where he captained both the football and cricket elevens, and about two years ago he accompanied the Yorkshire (under-18) team on a tour of Sussex.