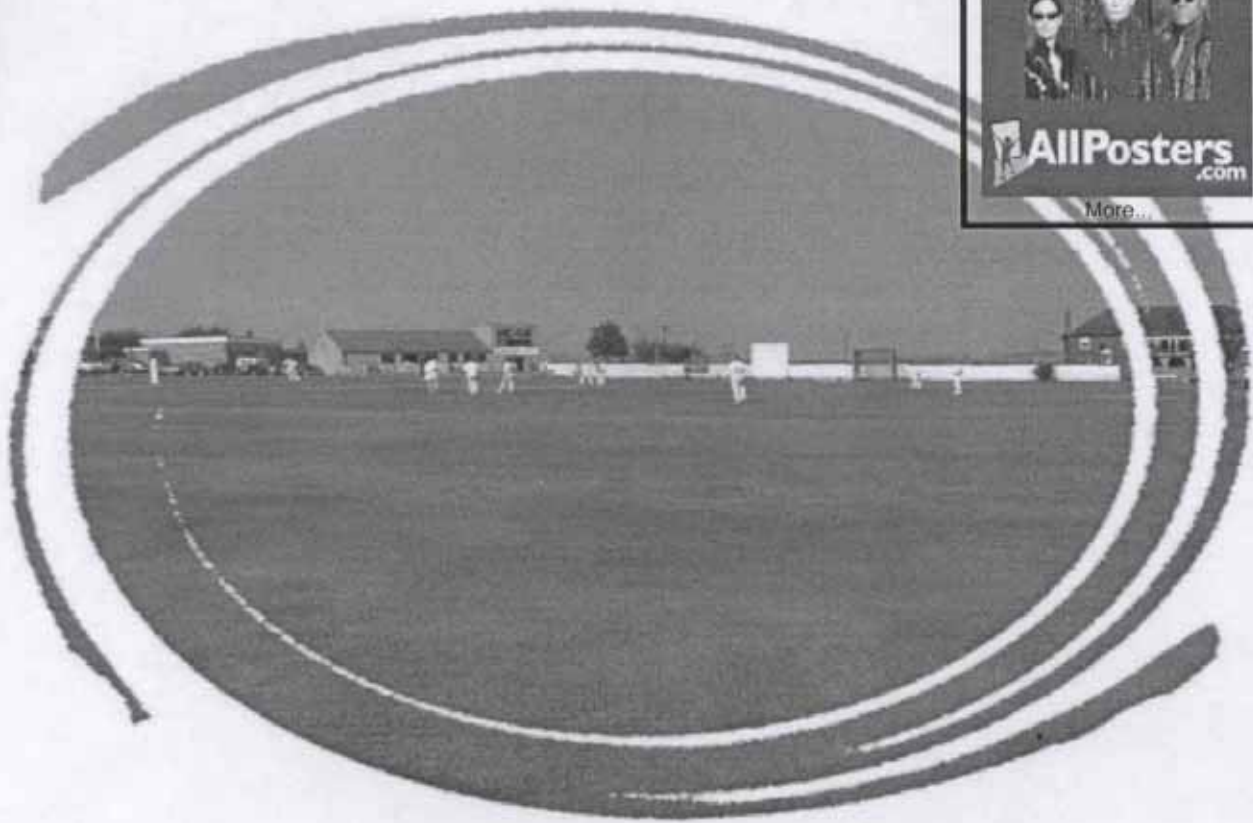


## Playing Cricket in the Local Commu



*Batley CC has played its cricket at Mount Pleasant for well over a hundred years. Situated in the heart of the Heavy Woolen District in West Yorkshire, it is an area steeped in the rich traditions of Yorkshire Cricket with dozens of clubs playing the game in the gritty style that has gained the county world wide renown.*

*The following pages should give you all of the information that you may wish to know about Batley CC's past, present and future. It is planned to update the site at regular intervals and to include details about players, officials, fixtures and performances in the forthcoming year 2000 season.*

*Everyone at Batley CC wants to be part of a competitive and successful club that is also welcoming and inclusive to all. If you would like to play for Batley CC, or feel that you could help in any way in the running of the club then please email [solos@talk21.com](mailto:solos@talk21.com)*

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Founded in 1863 Batley C.C. moved to its present location, at *University of Huddersfield*. Batley's most famous cricketer was undoubtedly *John Hastings* who played an opening batsman's role through a complete innings for Yorkshire more than any other player. He was a driving force behind Batley helping to found the Heavy Woollen Cricket League, also well known as a *Methodist preacher*, and this in a team which was hard



Batley were successful in the early 1940's and again in the 1960's (Batley won the Yorkshire League in 1961 when *John Hastings* achieved the rare feat of taking a century in an innings at Gomersal.) The 1970's were lean years for Batley but the 1980's saw a revival in their fortunes, which culminated in the 1989 season when Batley became the only club ever to achieve a clean sweep in all four of the competitions which they entered :

- CYCL Division 1 Champions
- YCC Play Off Champions
- Heavy Woollen Cup Winners
- Jack Hampshire Cup Winners



(In addition, in the same season, Batley second XI won the Crowther Cup.)

As is the way with these things, this successful side broke up and eventually lean years followed, including relegation to Division 2. The cyclical nature of cricketing fortune was demonstrated again in the mid 1990's with arrival of *Dale Burns* as overseas professional and the gathering of a young and very talented side. Within two years Batley were promoted to Division 1 as Division 2 Champions and in 1996 finished as runners up in the top flight, with the future looking rosy.



The last three years however, have seen a steady decline in the club's fortunes, with relegation from the top flight last season, but there is still a desire from within the club to strive for future glories and though this year's first and second XI's are not the strongest in their respective divisions, the spirit throughout the club is second to none.

In 1919, following the catastrophe of the First World War, Batley won the Heavy Woollen Cup and record gate receipts of £300 were paid by 24,000 spectators who paid 3old pence each, over the course of a Saturday and the following three or four evenings. This was proof that with a small contribution from many local people great things could be achieved. All of the present members of Batley CC should take careful note of this. If you would like to make any kind of contribution to the successful future that Batley CC believes it can achieve, don't hesitate, contact :

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