

THE NORTHERN CLUB



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I N T R O D U C T I O N

"The Club's furniture and effects, together with members' kit which had not been removed from the squash courts, had been stored in depositories at Saint Luke's Road and Victoria Road, Crosby. On 3rd May 1941, the former was completely destroyed by enemy action, and our claim for £533 0s. 0d. was eventually paid in full."

Many of the Club's records and archives were destroyed in that air raid but, thankfully, one dedicated Club member took up the cause and set about re-writing the records and salvaging the remaining archives. The year 1984 has been a further milestone in the history and progress of the Northern Club (as it has been known since 1961) by celebrating 125 years of existence. We are indebted to Past President David Price, now deceased, for compiling this unique historical record and for keeping a "treasure chest" of memorabilia which we are now able to display around the various parts of the Clubhouse. It is hoped that members will take the opportunity of reading and enjoying these memoirs.

David Price was enthusiastic in his research by visiting the Liverpool Echo offices every Friday after work and reading through each year's papers for information and statistics about the Northern Cricket Club. What a task this must have been! After he died, Mrs. Price passed on all the information he had collected to his close friend of many years, Past President L.A. Webster, who in turn handed 'the box' over to Brian Capstick, President in 1980.

David Price also received many literary contributions from other members, and those original letters are still preserved today. It was in anticipation of publishing these records for the Club's centenary year in 1959 (which was also his second year of office) that he pursued the completion of the Northern Club records. Unfortunately, the cost of publishing prohibited the Club from expending such sums at a time when its financial position was not as healthy as it is today. It was this decision which interrupted David's completion of Chapter VI, where it unfortunately comes to an abrupt end during 1954. This left untold the period up to the integration of the playing Sections and the Northern Hockey Club into the Northern Club. It is not the Council's intention to let his efforts end at 1954. We hope this book will act as a catalyst and inspire members to contribute information to enable us to complete the unfinished chapter from 1946-1961 and to start compiling information for a further chapter from 1961 to the current year. I appeal to all members for their contributions, both in the written form and by the loan or donation of Northern souvenirs they have collected over the years. In my conversations with Senior Past President L.A. Webster, I have found that many of his interesting memories deserve recording for later inclusion in our history book, and I thank him for his assistance. Indeed, items for all periods will be gratefully received.

The Northern Club has a fascinating history which will intrigue many who will read these pages . . .

. . . Did you know that Northern teams have played against representative England XI's and international teams?

- . . . Imagine the cricket tours to the Isle of Man and Ireland in 1884, and a hundred years later, in 1984, an anniversary tour to Dublin again - how appropriate.
- . . . The Club professional and players who have gained County and Representative honours, record totals, partnerships and statistics.
- . . . "The massive physique of the Revd. G. Burrough, his weight limited his running ability . . . he refused to run and was content to score from boundary strokes only."
Can you think of similar cricketers today?
- . . . Could our Honorary Treasurer envisage a year of unpaid subscriptions? (See 1906/07).
- . . . The war years, when sheep and hens grazed on the square, and membership was extended to American servicemen - tanks parked on the square!
- . . . Social events, Summer Balls, Cricket Weeks, Gymkhanas.
- . . . The acquisition of the various home grounds for occupation by the Northern Cricket Club.

I apologise to any members of the Bowls and Squash Sections who might read the following pages, regarding the comparative information or records pertaining to their respective Section against that of the Cricket Section. This has been printed exactly as written by David Price, and remains unfinished for the years which saw the progression of the Squash Section and use of the new courts. The Bowls Section, being original founders, are frequently mentioned, but their match statistics are not recorded to the same extent as the Cricket Sections. I would suggest bowls players read some of the older Committee Meeting minutes from 1912 when the matches, players and scores were recorded.

Finally, to the Hockey Section, who did not become an integrated playing Section of the Club until 1961 but who had rented the ground from the Northern Cricket Club since the early years and foundation in 1889, I am able to inform you that certain members have begun recording the Hockey Section's activities, and we hope to incorporate these in our book in due course.

I sincerely hope you enjoy reading this historical record which the Northern Club dedicates to the memory of David C. Price (Past President 1952 and 1959), without whom we may never have re-discovered our past years and the Club's progress and development since 1859.

Neilan M. Symondson
Chairman, 125th Anniversary Committee

31st January 1985

President: B.N. Lewis

CHAPTER. 1

SEAFORTH, 1859-1878

At a time when the Liverpool Mercury was reporting that cricket daily became more fashionable and a desire to excel was keeping pace with its increasing popularity, the Northern Cricket Club was formed. So far as can be ascertained, the ground at Seaforth lay by Rawson Road. The adjoining sea-shore village of Waterloo was going ahead, introducing water from Bootle "at a pressure sufficient for the upper rooms," constructing sewers and erecting gas-lamps on the roads. The year was 1859, five years before Wisden Cricket Almanack was to appear and overhead bowling authorised.

The earliest game traced in the Liverpool Press was against Manchester on 9th May 1863. In the Mercury appeared the following:-

"This interesting match . . . terminated in favour of Northern, notwithstanding the strong eleven they had to contend with. The Northern Club scored 112, including 27 byes, 3 leg byes and 5 wides; Manchester scored 80, including 4 byes and 4 leg byes. This success was attributable in a great measure to the batting of J.L. Birkett, Esq. and the bowling of C. Arnold and E.G. Maxwell, Esq., ably seconded by the good fielding of the eleven. Dinner was provided in the new pavilion presented by W.J. Fernie, Esq. of Seafield Hall. The health of the President, S. Mellor, Esq., was proposed in an able speech by Captain Bleackley and enthusiastically received. We congratulate the Northern Cricket Club upon the successful issue of this match".

The enterprise of those early members was marked one month later when a three-day match was arranged between the United Eleven of All England and Twenty-two Gentlemen of the Northern Cricket Club "with two bowlers given". Elaborate arrangements were made. They included a band, marquees, score-cards (issued at the fall of each wicket) and the stopping at Seaforth during the match of the 11.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. express trains from Liverpool. Admission cost one shilling, with a three-day ticket at half-a-crown.

The United Eleven was the second representative team to be formed in the country. Its advent was due to the growing number of young promising players and to dissatisfaction with the founder and manager of the ALL England side, William Clarke of Nottingham. Only two days' play was possible, and the Mercury reported:- " . . . less propitious weather for cricketing than the last two days would have almost impossible, yet so highly is the game appreciated in Lancashire that the ground yesterday had by far a better attendance than could possibly have been expected under the circumstances. As will be seen by the return, the twenty-two were disposed of by 114 runs. . . . By the time the XI sent their men to the wickets, the ground had become in a very greasy condition, and to this must mainly be attributed the moderate score attached to their names. The bowling and fielding of C. Arnold (a Seaforth man) was much admired, and the fielding of the XXII was the theme of general praise . . . "

NORTHERN

W. Horner	c	Mortlock	b	Atkinson	9
W. Tennent	b	Caffyn			2
I. Hodgson	b	Caffyn			13
J.W. Beaton	c	Carpenter	b	Iddison	9
G.C. Bancroft	lbw	Atkinson			1
J. Baron	c	Sewell	b	Iddison	8
H.E. Cauty	c	Sewell	b	Iddison	9
W. Cuttell	c	Caffyn	b	Atkinson	2
J.L. Birkett	b	Iddison			0
G. Tousey	b	Sewell			4
A. Grant	c	Stevenson	b	Caffyn	12
J. Fairclough	b	Sewell			0
C. Arnold	c	Caffyn	b	Sewell	0
T.S. Pears	c	Hearn	b	Iddison	19
B. Darbyshire	c	Griffiths	b	Sewell	0
A.L. Wroth	b	Iddison			6
A. McCulloch	st	Stevenson	b	Iddison	4
A. Browne	c	Mortlock	b	Atkinson	2
L.H. Macintyre	c & b	Iddison			3
C.H. Bird	c	Carpenter	b	Iddison	0
E. Taylor	not out				3
A.H. Pick	b	Atkinson			1
				Extras	7
					<u>114</u>

UNITED ELEVEN

C. Newman	c & b	Arnold			0
C.H. Prest	b	Hodgson			0
R. Iddison	c	Pears	b	Hodgson	7
E. Stevenson	c	Macintyre	b	Hodgson	0
W. Mortlock	c	Tennent	b	Arnold	0
R. Carpenter	b	Arnold			9
W. Caffyn	b	Arnold			2
G. Griffith	b	Arnold			0
G. Heane	not out				22
T. Sewell, Jun.	not out				16
G. Atkinson	did not bat				
				Wides	1
					<u>57</u> for 8 wickets.

Iddison, Stevenson (or Stephenson), Mortlock, Caffyn and Griffith were in the first English team that toured Australia in 1862, and Carpenter and Caffyn accompanied the second that played there in 1864.

In January 1864 at the Queen's Hotel, Manchester, a meeting was held to inaugurate the Lancashire County Cricket Club. It is recorded in the official history of that Club that amongst the amateur cricketers from all parts of the county who attended was H.M. Tennent of the Northern Club.

The oldest document in the Club's possession is a letter which runs as follows:-

Northern Cricket Club Ball

Lady Patroness:
Mrs. James Smith

Stewards:

J.W. Macrae, Esq.
Saml. M. Mellor, Esq.
James Birkett, Jnr. Esq.
H. Verdon, Esq.

James Bland, Esq.
T. Murray Steele, Esq.
John Baron, Esq.
Gordon Houghton, Esq.

E.B. Bright, Esq.

2 Exchange Buildings
Liverpool.

26th November 1864

Dear Sir,

I am requested to inform you that the Committee of the Northern Cricket Club have resolved to hold a Ball at the Town Hall, Waterloo on Monday the 19th January.

As the number of the Tickets must necessarily be limited, will you kindly let me know, as soon as possible, how many you are likely to require for yourself and friends. This will enable the Committee to ascertain the number of Tickets that will probably be left at their disposal.

The names of those wishing to be present will have to be submitted a fortnight before the Ball, upon which Tickets will be sent to you. Price 10/6 each.

I remain, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
E.B. Bright
Hon. Secy. to Ball Cmttee.

During those early years the newspapers gave scant attention to the game, but the editor of the Mercury in July 1865 had occasion to print an announcement declining to insert the score of the Fairfield v. Northern match as it was not forwarded in time for publication on Monday or Tuesday. The scarcity of cricket news, therefore, was not entirely the fault of the newspapers.

In June 1866 another important three-day game between Twenty-two of Seaforth and District with Slinn and Hodgson, and George Parr's All England XI was advertised to be played on the Club's ground. Slinn and Hodgson were two professional bowlers frequently engaged by Twenty-two's in these contests against the All England XI. In the event Hodgson did not play. The account in the Mercury of 28th June reads:-

"This match, which was resumed yesterday at noon, had an unexpected termination. On Tuesday evening, when the wickets were drawn, the result was regarded as a foregone conclusion. The success of the Eleven seemed to be undoubted, and it was felt that two such batsmen as Oscroft and Rowbotham would soon run up the score which was necessary to defeat the Seaforth gentlemen. But there is a "glorious uncertainty" in cricket. In their 1st innings the Eleven scored with apparent ease 109, the Seaforth players making 85 in their first and 68 in the 2nd innings. It was therefore considered that the XI would achieve an

easy victory and that the play yesterday would be soon terminated. Those who calculated on this were deceived as the 22 won the match by four runs - a result which was altogether unlooked for, none being more surprised . . than the Seaforth players themselves. The defeat of the XI is attributed to various causes. There was a marked improvement in the fielding of the 22, which had been exceedingly loose on the two preceding days; and some very clever catches were made. The bowlers, too, were in good form, and the ground being very hard, made it a difficult match for the batsmen to play the bowling. Three of the XI - Smith, Rowbotham and Oscroft - who usually run up good scores, went for 5 runs between them. When Hayward and Anderson got together it was evident that they were playing strictly on the defensive and determined to win. Notwithstanding, however, their careful batting, such was the condition of the ground that several balls got up and one or two good catches were given and missed. Anderson made some splendid hits to leg, and seemed likely to make a large score, when he unfortunately played a ball to point, which was caught by Bird and he went out for 12. Hayward scored 17, when his wicket succumbed to the bowling of Sharpe. The other players of the XI went out in rapid succession, Shaw being cleverly caught by Mackintosh and Tarrant by Newham. In our paper of Monday, under the head of "Public Amusements," it was incorrectly stated that the match was between the XI and 22 of Seaforth and Bootle. The Bootle Club had nothing to do with the match, nor did any of their members play in it".

SEAFORTH

x P.S. M'Culloch	b Tarrant	0	b Shaw	1
A. Sankey	b Jackson	0	run out	0
M.P. Betts	b Tarrant	0	c Tinley b Shaw	8
x J.L. Birkett	b Tarrant	0	c Tarrant b Shaw	0
C. Turnbull	b Jackson	9	c Oscroft b Shaw	3
Sharpe	run out	1	c Oscroft b Tarrant	3
x A. M'Culloch	run out	0	c Jackson b Shaw	4
E. Prowse	b Jackson	7	c Shaw b Tarrant	5
x W.N. Tennent	b Tarrant	0	b Shaw	1
x W. Horner	b Jackson	0	absent	
Pratt	run out	0	b Tarrant	0
x Newham	b Shaw	25	c Stephenson b Tarrant	4
F. Kinderman	c Tinley b Tarrant	4	c Tinley b Shaw	3
C.H. Hollins	c Stephenson b Tarrant	0	b Shaw	22
Slinn	b Jackson	0	b Shaw	0
x C.H. Bird	run out	19	b Shaw	0
J.M. Mackintosh	b Tarrant	3	c Tarrant b Shaw	0
x H. Simpson	b Tinley	6	b Shaw	0
Harvey	b Shaw	6	b Tarrant	5
x R. Steele	b Shaw	0	not out	0
x B. Grindod	not out	0	absent	
x R. Cookson	absent		b Shaw	1
Extras		5	Extras	7
		<u>85</u>		<u>68</u> (!)

ALL ENGLAND

J Smith	c Sankey b Newham	0	b Newham	2
J. Rowbotham	c & b Newham	32	c Newham b Slinn	2
W. Oscroft	c Tennent b Pratt	24	c Harvey b Newham	1
T. Hayward	c Birkett b Newham	8	b Sharpe	17
H.N. Tennent	b Slinn	5	b Slinn	0
George Anderson	run out	3	c Bird b Sharpe	12
G. Tarrant	c Mackintosh b Slinn	7	c Newham b Slinn	1
J. Jackson	b Slinn	9	b Sharpe	0
E. Stephenson	c Newham b Slinn	9	b Slinn	3
R.C. Tinley	c Tennent b Newham	7	not out	2
J.C. Shaw	not out	1	c Mackintosh b Slinn	0
	Extras	4		
		<u>109</u>		<u>40</u>

Umpires: G. Parr and J. Horsley

Those names marked "x" were members of Northern, but the list is not necessarily complete. Several of the All England XI represented England in Australia: Stephenson in 1862, Hayward, Anderson, Tarrant and Tinsley in 1864, and Oscroft in 1873 and 1874.

As the years passed, the Liverpool newspapers devoted more space to the publication of results, but the Club's name appeared only spasmodically. One meritorious win, however, was at Edgehill in July 1875 when Liverpool was defeated by 70 runs to 52.

No centuries are recorded, but seven or more wickets in an innings were taken by one bowler on several occasions and are listed at the end of this chapter.

In 1873 two brothers, A. M'Culloch and P.S. M'Culloch, were selected to play for XV Gentlemen versus XII Professionals in a two-day match at Rock Ferry. They scored 5 and 7 runs respectively, but the Professionals were soundly beaten.

It is of interest to know the opponents of those early years, and a look at the fixture list of 1875 shows:- Rock Ferry, Liverpool, West Derby, Anfield, Formby, Childwall and Birkenhead Park. On Whit and August Mondays the Club arranged matches, Married v. Single. Professionals were sometimes played in the second elevens.

In June 1878, at Sefton, the home side defeated Northern, but five of Sefton's wickets were taken by a 15-years-old professional, John Briggs. This boy was destined to play for Lancashire in the following year, and, in due course, for England. He is included in a fading photograph which hangs in the Club, taken at Seaforth on 8th August 1878 when the opponents were Southport Alexandra. Northern won by 28 runs in a low-scoring match, and Briggs took seven wickets. Briggs died of epilepsy at the age of thirty-nine years, having taken, in first-class cricket, 2,200 wickets at just over sixteen runs each and scored 14,000 runs.

The amenities of the Club included a bowling green, and archery was practised by the ladies. They were known as "Northern Archers," and competed at meetings held in Liverpool and district.

As the development of the area continued, more land was required for the building of houses, so it was that after nearly twenty years the Club was forced to seek fresh quarters.

In its last year at Seaforth the President was J.L. Pick, the Vice-President R.J. Moss, the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer W.A. Cookson, and the members of the Committee:- Rev. B.S. Darbyshire, C.J. Mulleneux, A. McCulloch, P.S. McCulloch, T. Henderson, Charles Gill, D.L. Wright, W.S. Barrett, John Hand, G.D. Killey and James Nicholson.

HIGHEST INNINGS TOTALS

1st XI	214	v.	Walton	..	..	..	..	..	1877
2nd XI	197	v.	Oxton	..	..	..	..	..	1877

HIGHEST INNINGS TOTALS AGAINST

1st XI	294	by	Warrington	..	..	..	..	1864
2nd XI	107	by	Huyton	..	..	..	..	1878

LOWEST INNINGS TOTALS

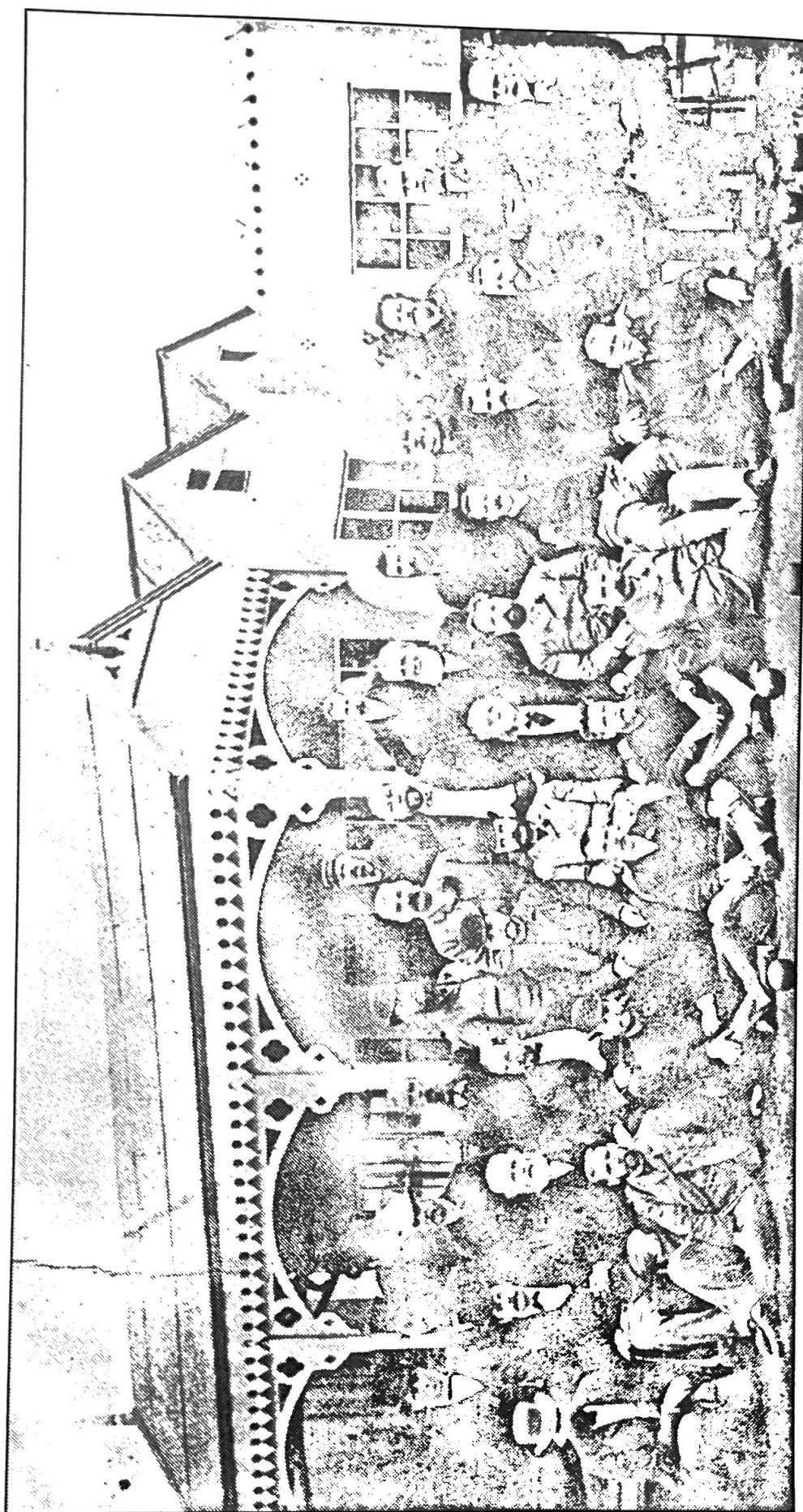
1st XI	14	v.	Sefton	..	..	..	..	..	1869
2nd XI	27	v.	Rock Ferry	..	..	..	..	..	1878

LOWEST INNINGS TOTALS AGAINST

1st XI	33	by	Red Rose	..	..	..	..	1869
2nd XI	30	by	Oxton	..	..	..	..	1877

SEVEN OR MORE WICKETS IN AN INNINGS

1st XI	8 wickets	Newham	v.	Rock Ferry	1876
	7 "	Clarkson	v.	Walton	1877
	7 "	G.H. Lovett	v.	Oxton	1878
	7 "	Briggs	v.	Liverpool (12 a side)	1878
	7 "	Briggs	v.	Alexandra (Southport)	1878
	7 "	T.M. Nicholson	v.	Childwall	1878
	7 "	P.S. McCulloch	v.	Formby	1878
2nd XI	7 "	Nicholson	v.	Rock Ferry	1877



THE NORTHERN BOWLING CLUB ABOUT 1870
The first ground in Rawson Road, Seaforth. This is the earliest photograph of the club and members.

CHAPTER II

WATERLOO PARK, 1879-1906

The Club found another ground to rent, about half a mile to the north at Haigh Road, Waterloo Park. It faced open country, and there was a pronounced slope near the canal-end boundary. Towards the ground the members donated £213 and a further £257 for a new but modest pavilion. This latter sum was loaned, and each year, following a ballot, £25 was repaid until the whole was redeemed.

The 1879 President, Robert J. Moss, presented a bell which continues to be used to this day on the main pavilion. Newham and Briggs, who had served at Seaforth, continued as professionals. They were engaged for the summer months only at wages of 30/- and 35/- per week respectively.

There was a bowling green and a lawn tennis court. Later, more courts, both cinder and grass, were brought into use. An old member stated that practice at the nets was enjoyed almost every evening, after which many of the cricketers adjourned to the bowling green to join the older stalwarts.

Membership in 1888 numbered seventy players who paid 30/- per annum, twenty-three honorary at 21/-, and thirty non-resident at 10/6d. The entrance fee was half a guinea.

In a game against New Brighton in 1879, Northern scored 216 runs, of which A.G. Rae made 79. New Brighton were bundled out for 16 runs, five of which were extras. G. Nicholson bowled 5 overs for 6 runs, and took six wickets. In the same month versus Childwall, Briggs claimed eight victims, all bowled.

A three-day match was arranged between the United North of England and Eighteen Gentlemen of Liverpool and District in 1880 for the benefit of Newham who had served Northern for over 16 years. The United XI was another strong side selected from county teams in the North of England, and most had played for their country against Australia. The weather was not good, but the writer of "Cricket Notes" in the Courier did not believe that this was the only reason for the sparse attendance. He said: "A word of commendation is due to the captain of the local team for the manner in which he handled the amateur material at his command and to the team generally for their proficiency in the field. The attendance of the public was of the meagrest description throughout the match; indeed on the opening day the levee held by the county constabulary at the close of play was the most imposing group to be seen. This regrettable state of affairs may have been due to more than one cause. There appears to have been an absence of spirited publicity, which could not have other than a detrimental effect upon the enterprise. It may be that undue reliance was placed upon the prestige of the United North or local influence, and that consequently it only required to be whispered in the city to attract thousands to Waterloo. If so, a grave error was committed, as the public are averse to scant eleventh-hour announcements. Besides, a prohibitory tariff of charges for admission is at all times objectionable, although in that particular it is probable that no departure was made from the prevailing custom of the district. A minimum charge of 1/- is unpopular, and even the enthusiasts who patronise these matches object to it"

The score card follows with an x marking those identified as members of Northern:-

United North of England

<u>1st Innings</u>		<u>2nd Innings</u>	
R. Barlow b Guinness	10	b Marriott	17
W. Oscroft hit wkt b Guinness	1	c Hickson b Jones	1
E. Lockwood c & b Guinness	13	run out	0
A. Shrewsbury b F. Jones	1	b Galpin	23
W. Bates b Galpin	33	b Marriott	0
J. Selby c & b Guinness	0	not out	36
W. Shrewsbury c D. Wright b Guinness	1	c Ratcliffe b Galpin	6
T. Emmett c Ratcliffe b Guinness	1	b Jones	31
G. Pinder c Wright b Galpin	2	b Jones	3
A. Hill c Guinness b Galpin	5	b Galpin	20
Peate not out	8	c & b Guinness	2
Extras	0		3
	<u>75</u>		<u>142</u>

Liverpool and District

<u>1st Innings</u>		<u>2nd Innings</u>	
Marriott b Peate	1	run out	18
J. Ravencroft st Pinder b Peate	8	b Peate	1
E. Richmond b Bates	7	c Barlow b Bates	4
H. Mallalieu hit wkt b Peate	2	c Oscroft b Peate	25
E. Ratcliffe b Peate	25	c Hill b Peate	3
C.H.C. Guinness c Oscroft b Peate	4	not out	14
G.C. Paton st Pinder b Peate	1	c Selby b Peate	1
xE. Mawdsley c Hill b Bates	11	b Barlow	0
W. Sproule c Selby b Peate	0	not out	4
xC.O. Bremner st Pinder b Peate	1		
xR.W. Hickson lbw b Peate	4		
xD.L. Wright c Emmett b Bates	0		
Galpin st Pinder b Peate	2		
F. Jones b Barlow	3		
xF.P. M'Ginity b Barlow	1		
xA.G. Rae c Selby b Peate	0		
xBetts c Bates b Barlow	13		
xG. Durandu not out	1		
Extras	6		6
	<u>90</u>	(for 7 wkts)	<u>76</u>

In the first innings Peate bowled 19.2 overs, took eleven wickets for 33 runs, and had 13 maidens.

The following press report of 1880 is eloquent of the days before the declaration of an innings was introduced:-

"During the present season the teams representing the the Northern have not infrequently shown considerable skill in the art of heavy scoring, but on Saturday Greek met Greek at Birkenhead Park, and the Waterloo club did not approach the wickets except for the purpose of attack, as the Birkenhead team kept their ground until sunset and when the stumps were drawn they had a couple of wickets in reserve, whilst the 345 total of last week was eclipsed by 64 runs. Of the stupendous total of 409, Mr. F. Aspinall was again an important factor, 136 being the quota of this exceedingly clever young batsman; but this large score was surpassed by that of Mr. G. Stewart, who put together 140 in a manner that astonished even the old habitués of the ground, a six and a seven being prominent features among the miscellaneous items of his handiwork, whilst the accumulation of fours was enough to break the heart of the most patient trundler, to say nothing of the formidable array of triplets and couplets. Mr. Pickworth also gave some trouble to the field, and did not retire until 46 were attached to his name, whilst the weariness of the fielders naturally accounts for nearly a score and a half of extras".

As another example of the journalistic style of the period, this account of a match in 1882 against Liverpool is of interest:-

"Public form underwent a violent revolution on Saturday, but whether this was owing to the pitiful state of the weather or otherwise is a mystery difficult of solution . . . On paper, for instance, it really looked a guinea to a gooseberry on Liverpool against the Northern, yet, with a total of 116 runs the Waterloo Park club, by dint of plucky play, snatched a victory of 6 runs and, but for the admirable stand made by Messrs. F. Aspinall (34) and W.F. Moore (19) towards the close of the Liverpool innings, the defeat would have assumed considerable magnitude. The second display of the victors, however, was grievously disappointing, 6 wickets being lost for a quarter of a century, minus one run. But possibly the Northern gentlemen didn't care a fig for this, as the six-run surplus was worth a Jew's eye to them. Glorious, indeed, are the uncertainties of cricket, for under the influence of the fascinating phrase, the sting of defeat is assuaged, and hopes are raised that the victors of today may in turn be compelled to surrender at discretion on themorrow".

It was in 1882, also, that the second XI did not sustain a defeat. Out of 17 matches, fourteen were won and three drawn. This eleven was also unbeaten in 1904. Then they won twelve games and drew thirteen. In the early eighties tennis came into some prominence, and the Club letter of March 1883 from the Secretary to members stated that special arrangements had been made by the Committee in the interests of tennis players. These included matches against Birkdale, Oxton and Huyton.

The first indication of a tour was to the Isle of Man in 1884 when Douglas and King William's College were each met twice. In their return match against the College, Northern were put into bat, and they stayed at the crease the whole day. The score follows, and it marks the earliest recorded century by a Northern batsman:-

NORTHERN

W.M. Pearce b Barker (pro)	5
W.H. Thompson b Barker (pro)	114
G. Holt b Hughes Games	45
E. Holt b Barker	18
G. Durandu lbw Barker	11
F. Litchfield not out	84
J. Dorning b Barker	71
W.G. Jaeger b Barker	3
Heaton (pro) c Hobbs b Barker	28
G. Cornelius not out	28
H. Watnough did not bat	
Extras	<u>10</u>
	<u>417</u> for 8

The following year the Club arranged two tours, one at the end of June to the Isle of Man, and the other to Ireland during the first week in August. The Irish tour was for the benefit of the third team, and two-day games were played against Lisburn, North of Ireland and North Down.

Arthur Durandu, the Captain of 1887 and a splendid all-rounder, played for the Liverpool and District XI which defeated Yorkshire by 38 runs. He bagged a pair of spectacles, but his fielding was described as magnificent. He also played for Lancashire in one match during the same year, and is the only Northern member known to have done so. Against Birkdale in 1888 he accomplished a remarkable bowling feat (including the hat-trick) by taking nine wickets for 18 runs in 11.3 overs. He was also instrumental in running the tenth man out.

Tours continued to be undertaken. One year, 1894, it was to Northern Ireland (North Down and North of Ireland), the next to Southern Ireland (Phoenix Park, Leinster and Dublin University). Later, Barrow, Kendal and Lancaster were met. There were several to Yorkshire, and one visit to North Wales when Llandudno, Boughton Hall and Bryn-y-Neuadd were the opponents.

The highest individual score against Northern was made by C. Holden of Birkenhead Park in 1896, and it still stands as a local record. The match is interesting, both from the manner in which these runs were made and by a remarkable bowling return of S.E. Job of Northern. Holden opened the innings, and the Birkenhead Park score was 83 for nine wickets when the last batsman, S.E. Steen, appeared. The time was 4.15 p.m. At 5.35 p.m. when the partnership ended, 178 runs had been added, of which Steen claimed 17. Holden hit brilliantly although he was missed by Henson just after passing his 100. His score included thirty-three 4's and three 6's. He made 156 runs in an hour. S.E. Job, who had taken seven wickets for fifty-one runs when the last man appeared, finished with an analysis of 26 overs, 5 maidens, 88 runs and 8 wickets.

BIRKENHEAD PARK

C. Holden st Henson b Job	202
Smith c Henson b Job	2
A. Jardine lbw Henson	1
H.J. Fish b Job	8
King c Routledge b Job	6
H.W.P. Bennette b Job	7
E. Herschell b Job	2
R. Fielding Ould b Henson	5
A.J. Chadwick b Job	2
T.H. Fish b Job	0
S.E. Steen not out	17
Extras	9
	<u>261</u>

NORTHERN

J.R. Garnett b Smith	0
W.K. Fernie b Smith	3
F.G. Thompson c H. Fish b King	0
W.E. Stacey b King	9
G. Holt b Smith	13
Henson b Steen	16
E. Routledge b Smith	5
S.E. Job b H.J. Fish	26
R. Tunnicliffe b Smith	17
A. Durandu c Holden b Smith	0
R.K. Fernie not out	11
Extras	13
	<u>113</u>

In 1903 Huyton made 192 runs in 2½ hours. The match was won by Northern in ninety minutes without a wicket falling. The first 100 came in fifty-five minutes, and the second 100 in thirty-five minutes. R.K. Fernie scored 124 and F.G. Thompson was 100 not out. The opening stand of 209 runs between these two constituted at the time a record for the first wicket in Liverpool cricket. The final score was 245 for two wickets.

In this year the eight wins were against Birkdale, New Brighton (twice), Huyton, Boughton Hall, Stonyhurst, Birkenhead Park and Sefton; the four lost were to Rock Ferry, Ormskirk, Formby and Liverpool; the twelve draws versus Sefton, Warrington (twice), Birkenhead Park, Liverpool, Formby, Bootle, Rock Ferry, Huyton, Birkdale, King William's College and Boughton Hall.

There was a high scoring match in 1904 when Northern collected 248 runs and Liverpool 280 for five wickets, reached in one hour and fifty-five minutes.

At Birkenhead Park in a drawn game in the same year, Northern batted first and declared at 232 for nine wickets. G. Merriman came in at the fall of the eighth wicket, and 135 runs were added for the ninth in 1½ hours, of which his share was 78. His partner, J.W.T. Lashmar, made in all, 107 not out.

Grewcock for New Brighton in 1906 took ten Northern wickets (eight bowled) while 196 was being scored. This last year at Waterloo Park was a very satisfactory one, particularly as the Club had no professional assistance. S.E. Job and F.G. Thompson headed the bowling averages and proved capable of overcoming the best batting. On many occasions they had bowled unchanged throughout the innings. Towards the close of the season in seven successive games no team was able to total more than 85 against them.

Many members contributed to the success of the Club during their stay at Waterloo, and some of them are mentioned in the following paragraphs.

J.W.T. Lashmar was a polished batsman who hit the ball hard. He had played for Surrey, and was included in a District side versus Cambridge University in 1898.

F.G. Thompson, tall and lithe, scored with perfect freedom against the best bowling. He was a great hitter and a first-class fast bowler. In 1901 he played for Liverpool and District against the South Africans. The following are his Club averages:-

Batting

<u>Year</u>	<u>Innings</u>	<u>Not out</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Highest</u>	<u>Average</u>
1894	25	2	420	62	18.26
1895	25	2	597	104x	25.95
1896	22	2x	398	60x	19.90
1897	26	3	515	104x	22.39
1898	16	3	447	100x	34.38
1899	23	3	427	103x	21.55
1900	29	5	655	115	27.29
1901	24	3	485	78x	23.09
1902	25	8	413	76	24.29
1903	19	1	483	100x	26.83
1904	26	4	709	81	32.22
1905	22	3	410	59x	21.57
1906	18	5	409	77	31.46

x signifies "not out"

F.G. Thompson (contd.)

Bowling

<u>Year</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Average</u>
1896	76	13	305	8	38.12
1897	97.4	22	288	10	28.80
1898	27.2	8	67	6	11.16
1899	195	45	566	30	18.86
1900	315	76	845	67	12.61
1901	332	74	927	50	18.54
1902	249	59	649	45	14.42
1903	229.3	43	699	36	19.41
1904	331.4	49	1071	65	16.47
1905	353.2		960	66	14.54
1906	290	63	833	82	10.15

S.E. Job was regarded at the time as the most effective left-hand slow-medium bowler in the District. In the 1898 season he took 102 wickets. The following are his averages:-

<u>Year</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Average</u>
1890	320	93	728	70	10.40
1891	61	14	162	8	20.25
1892	155.4	34	351	34	10.32
1893	206.5	73	568	46	12.34
1894	409.4	129	835	78	10.70
1895	391	115	885	68	13.01
1896	380.1	85	978	48	20.37
1897	488.3	128	1103	93	11.86
1898	566.2	201	1127	102	11.04
1899	375.3	93	1000	49	20.40
1900	254	53	674	38	17.73
1901	104.2	27	256	31	8.25
1906	233	44	640	64	10.00

S.E. Job did not bowl for the first team during the period 1902-1905.

The Rev. J. Burrough, a Cambridge Blue of 1895, was of massive physique and a fine all-rounder. His weight limited his running ability, and mid-way through many memorable innings he refused to run and was content to score from boundary strokes only. He played in 1900 against the first visiting team from the West Indies, and in 1901 and 1902 against Cambridge University, on each occasion for a District side.

Henson, a versatile all-rounder, served the Club as a professional for ten years. A great attacking right-handed bat, he bowled slow-medium with the left. In 1894 he appeared in the District XI against Cambridge University. He was also selected for the corresponding game of 1897. He had actually changed into flannels on the morning of the match and was ready for play when he was asked to stand down. He felt constrained to explain his non-appearance on the field in a dignified letter which he addressed to the Editor of the Liverpool "Courier."

W.H. Thompson, who has already been mentioned as the first Club century-maker, was an excellent bat and a useful fast-medium bowler. He played for the District side of 1892 that beat Yorkshire.

F.P. McGinity, who lived at a house called "The Rookery" behind the ground, scored 115 runs for the 2nd XI against Birkenhead Park in 1888, and it is probably the first 100 achieved by a second team player. The silver cup which was presented to him to mark the occasion has come into the possession of the Club.

W.D. Lloyd, better known as "Beardie" Lloyd, was a carefree type of batsman who scored all round the wicket.

Thomas Routledge had nomadic instincts, and for a time lived in South Africa. He appeared in representative matches there, and met C.B. Fry who refers to him in his book "Life Worth Living" as a good bat and a "tough cricketer with a reputation as a wrestler and a notable drive past cover point. He looked like a Rugby forward, but had a large pair of oyster-grey eyes fringed by long dark eye-lashes like a girl's". When he returned to England he was invited to play for the South African touring side. In 1894 he finished

third in the South African batting averages. His figures were:-

Innings 43. Runs 768. Most in innings 152. Average 20.8

He appeared spasmodically for the Club, and in 1901 scored 200 (not out) for the second team against Formby. This still stands as an individual Club record.

George Holt, the image of Pickwick, was another batsman and bowler of distinction. A story is told of a tour in Scarborough where a statue of Venus de Milo was carried by the brothers Fraser from the hall of the hotel with the intention of placing it in Holt's bed. Unfortunately, the statue was dropped and the head broken. Repairs were attempted by using soap, and the statue was replaced. The team left the hotel the following morning, but the bill for the damage followed them and added £1 per head to their expenses.

Unknown to members, their ground had been sold to a speculative builder who re-offered it to the Club at an exorbitant price. Rather than pay this figure, the officials decided to seek fresh quarters. Until the secondary school for girls was built, for a while the Extra XI's continued to play at Waterloo Park, and in the winter the Waterloo Football Club made it their headquarters.

A meeting of those members of the Northern Cricket Club who were interested in the retention of the bowling green was held on June 6th 1906 in the St. Mary's Church Room. Mr. H. Cotterell was voted in the chair, and there were thirty members present. A proposal that a limited company be formed, with a capital of £600 in 60 shares of £10 each, was supported by 13 votes, and none voted against. It was made clear that there was no desire to do anything that would harm the Northern Cricket Club. The company was registered in the name of Waterloo Park Bowling Club Ltd.

<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>HON. SECRETARY</u>	<u>HON. TREASURER</u>
1879 R.J. Moss	C.J. Mulleneux	
1880 D.L. Wright	A.G. Rae	
1881 J.E. Gordon	H. Parker	G.D. Killey
1882 A. McCulloch	T.D. Syers	
1883 C.J. Mulleneux	-do-	
1884 W. Jaeger	L.H. Pleydell-Bouverie	
1885 H. Parker	-do-	
1886 G.D. Killey	A. Durandu	Wm. Litchfield
1887 W.A. Cookson	-do-	W.M. Pearce
1888 -do-	R.K. Fernie	R. Tunnicliffe
1889 W.B. Dorning	-do-	R.K. Fernie and S.E.. Job
-		
1897	F.G. Thompson	Taylor
-		
1901	W. Fraser	
-		
1904 Rev. S.J. Sykes	E.L. Pick	T.R. Schofield
1905 W.K. Fernie	G. Fraser	E.L. Pick
1906 H. Cotterell	A.E. Frankland	J.G. Bush

C A P T A I N S

<u>1st XI's</u>	<u>2nd XI's</u>	<u>Other XI's</u>	<u>Bowls</u>
1887 A. Durandu			
-			
1890 A. Durandu			
-			
1895 A. Durandu			
-			
1897 R.K. Fernie	S. Murphy		
1898 -do-			
-			
1900 R.K. Fernie			
-			
1903 J.W.T. Lashmar			
1904 -do-	S.E. Job		W.E. Johnson
1905 R.K. Fernie	-do-	H.E. Hughes	W.E. Johnson
1906 F.G. Thompson	T.R. Schofield	H.E. Woodward	R. Richardson
		-do-	-do-

R E S U L T S

	<u>Year</u>	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Lost</u>		<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Lost</u>
<u>1st XI</u>	1882	27	7	13	7	<u>2nd XI</u>	17	14	3	-
	1883									
	1884									
	1885	27	14	8	5		24	14	6	4
	1886									
	1887	28	7	11	10					
	1888	23	6	10	7					
	1889	23	6	8	9					
	1890	25	4	10	11					
	1891	26	9	14	3					
	1892									
	1893	31	9	12	10		27	18	4	5
	1894	29	8	11	10					
	1895	30	10	11	9		28	14	9	5
	1896	26	4	16	6		22	10	7	5
	1897	26	9	14	3		25	8	12	5
	1898	30	13	15	2		22	7	14	1
	1899	29	4	16	9		24	8	9	7
	1900	32	17	11	4		25	6	10	9
	1901	32	13	12	5 (Abd. 2)		24	13	5	6
	1902	28	10	13	5		25	14	4	7
	1903	24	8	12	4		23	11	10	2
	1904	31	12	13	6		25	12	13	-
	1905	23	7	10	6		23	6	9	8
	1906	25	14	6	5		23	7	7	9

Other XI's

1904	22	14	2	5 (Tied 1)
1905	20	4	3	13
1906	30	11	2	17

HIGHEST INNINGS TOTALS

1st XI:	417-8	v.	King William's College	1884
2nd XI:	361-9	v.	Formby	1904
Other XI's:	377	v.	Royal Artillery	1897

HIGHEST INNINGS TOTALS AGAINST

1st XI:	409-8	by	Birkenhead Park	1880
2nd XI:	369	by	Southport and Birkdale	1906
Other XI's:	312	by	Upton	1905

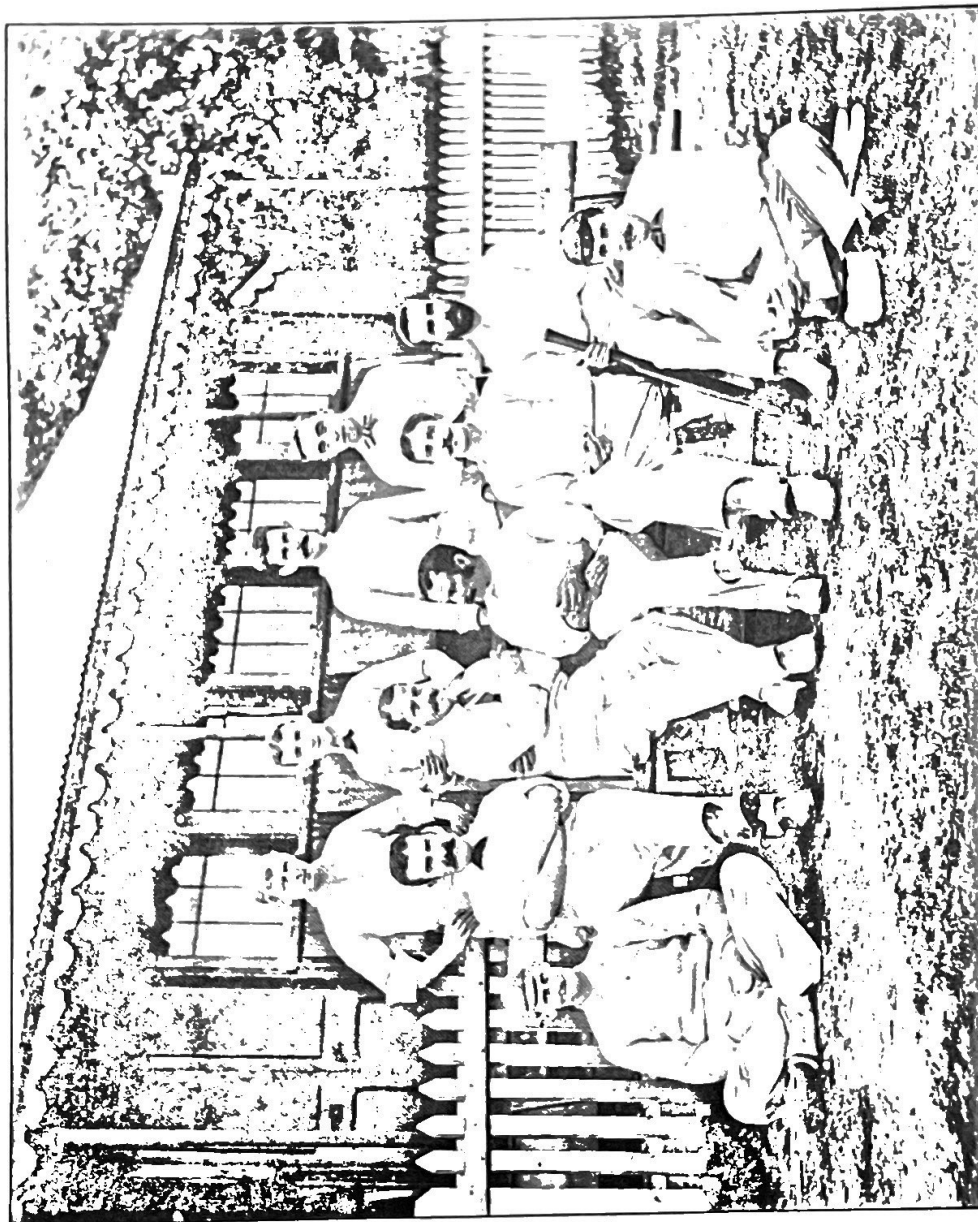
LOWEST INNINGS TOTALS

1st XI:	18	v.	Liverpool Medical Students	1879
2nd XI:	17	v.	Royal Institution School	1879
Other XI's:	13	v.	Neston	1903

LOWEST INNINGS TOTALS AGAINST

1st XI:	16	by	New Brighton	1879
2nd XI:	15	by	Birkdale	1884
Other XI's:	24	by	Hawarden	1903

Note: Pages 18-25 "THE BATTING AND BOWLING AVERAGES"
are available separately as an addendum.



NORTHERN C.C. 2nd XI 1895

E. ROUTLEDGE.
F. P. MCGINTY.
C. THOMPSON

G. W. FRASER.
G. DURANDU.

W. E. STACEY.
L. J. BIRLEY.

W. FRASER.
A. EDWARDS.

W. D. LLOYD.
W. A. MORGAN.

CHAPTER III

MOOR PARK, CROSBY, 1907-1918

The Club was determined to own its next ground, and eventually decided on a site in the open country at Crosby, about one mile north of Waterloo Park. Here, by Crosby Mill, Mr. J.B. Colton was developing a residential estate to be known as Moor Park, and from him six acres were purchased.

It was a period of great enthusiasm, and the Treasurer, Mr. J.G. Bush, was able to report that neither in 1906 nor 1907 were there any unpaid subscriptions. The effect of the change was to increase membership by 25 per cent.

A pavilion, planned by a member, G.W. Fraser, was built, costing nearly £1,000, the whole of which was raised by subscription among the members. It was an elegant structure that comprised a large hall, club rooms, dining and dressing rooms with hot and cold showers. By the pavilion was laid a bowling green, and near the score-board a small brick building for the convenience of scorers and the Press was erected. An enclosure and pavilion for the ladies was also provided.

Many tasks, including painting and weeding, were undertaken by the members. The levelling, draining, planting and general lay-out was also carried out by them. They seeded the whole of the cricket ground, and the result justified this policy. Under the supervision of the Captain, F.G. Thompson, they also made large wooden sight-screens.

On 13th April 1907 the pavilion and ground were officially opened before a large assembly of members and their ladies.

Each year up to 1914 included a cricket week. One of these days was devoted to a gymkhana, usually preceded by a cricket match versus the ladies and followed in the evening by a concert or dance. The gymkhana consisted of races or competitions for both sexes and all ages with side-shows such as shooting galleries, coconut shies and football "shooting-in". There were also donkey rides for the children. Music was provided by a military band, and there were special attractions such as a lawn-tennis tournament in 1910, an exhibition of aviation in a Farman bi-plane the following year, and in 1913 a Military Tournament provided by the Western Cavalry Depot. It should be mentioned, however, that the flying did not take place, as the pilot, Mr. R.A. King, had an accident with his machine near the hangar at Freshfield.

Besides handicap running races for boys and girls, there were such competitions as a chariot race, where a blindfold man wheeling a barrow was steered with reins by a person seated in the barrow through two gates (represented by white-painted stones). And there was the cigarette and umbrella race, where each competitor started on a bicycle with a closed umbrella, a cigarette and a box of six matches. He had to pass the winning post with lit cigarette and open umbrella without dismounting. These occasions were a great success both socially and financially, and attendances exceeded the thousand mark.

The first concert was held in Alexandra Hall, but in subsequent years it took place in a large marquee on the Club ground. The following account appeared in the Crosby Herald of 20th April 1907:-

"The concerts given at Alexandra Hall .. on Friday and Saturday evenings .. in aid of the Northern Cricket Club proved most popular with the inhabitants of the district; this was demonstrated by the large numbers who thronged the spacious hall on both occasions. .. The presence of a full orchestra .. conducted by Charles C. Pearson considerably added to the enjoyment .. it was certainly awe-inspiring when Miss Mary Stewart sang "The Scarecrow" .. As the notes of her song fell upon the ears of the audience, a mysterious and terrible-looking "scarecrow" made its appearance at the rear of the platform and, mounting in solemn grandeur to the heights above, was enshrouded in rays of green light which not only showed off the subject of the song to the best advantage but also cast a weird and mournful effect over the whole scene. The final item of the programme provided much merriment when "Gilberto Arte Bondini" gave his performance of "People we know". .. His lightning changes from Scotsman to an Irishman, from an Irishman to a dairymaid and policeman were extraordinary and miraculous. The loudest laughter was occasioned, however, when the fashion in which "Bondini" was able to change himself so quickly became known through the dairymaid and Scotsman meeting together on the stage. The entertainment throughout was of the highest order".

The cricket match of 1914 versus the ladies was billed as the Ladies of 1914 versus the Gentlemen of 1814. All themen wore peg-top trousers (with old-fashioned braces over the shirt), wide-brimmed hats, black cravats and side-whiskers. The umpires were especially splendid. One was in a dark green coat with brass-buttoned tails, a hat to match, and monocle; the other similarly attired in blue. There were special rules for the men. If a hat fell off while batting, it had to be replaced at once and, if outside the crease, the batsman could be stumped. When bowling, a hat off meant "no ball," and fielders in a similar plight had to replace the hat before returning the ball. Needless to say, the ladies won, and they were regaled by strawberries and cream by their gallant opponents.

In the cricket week of 1908, the Club met The Cotton Trade, The Law, The Corn Trade and West Lancashire Golf Club.

During these years, the XI had no professional assistance, but the standard of play so long upheld at Waterloo Park was fully maintained.

The first century on the ground came in July 1907 from the bat of G.W. Fraser. For the 2nd XI he scored 106 not out against Rock Ferry 2nd in a declared total of 251 for seven wickets. The visitors were all out for 87. While beating Southport in August, two 2nd XI players, G. Holt and B. Cook, each scored centuries.

In 1909 there were two occasions when the 1st XI indulged in some rapid scoring. Against Boughton Hall they notched 172 runs for the loss of two wickets to win in 1½ hours. The other was at

Birkenhead Park before a crowd of 4,000. The home team had scored 206 in 2½ hours against which Northern replied with 209 for five wickets in less than two hours. E.L. Pick and S.E. Job were each not out for 57 and 54 runs respectively. S.E. Job, who was Captain, hit with great force and scored eleven boundaries, four of them in one over. It was described as a romping performance. This year marked the only occasion when the Club was hailed as the champions of Liverpool and District by being top of the chart maintained by the Liverpool newspapers. The struggle for supremacy was said to have been the keenest in the history of the tournament. The final figures showed Oxton as runners-up:-

	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Points</u>
Northern	18	8	2	8	24
Oxton	18	10	5	3	23

No batsman in the first eleven scored a century that year, but the following bowling figures are an indication where the secret of success mainly lay:-

	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Average</u>
E.L. Pick	228.2	41	597	62	9.6
A.H. Green	144.5	32	409	35	11.6
F.G. Thompson	347.1	66	927	79	11.7

W. Fraser headed the batting figures with an aggregate of 741 and an average of 37.05. The 2nd XI under the captaincy of G. Holt also had a most successful season with fourteen matches won, two lost and seven drawn. It is true to say, however, that during this period the 2nd XI always formed a strong combination and was hard to defeat.

Before a large gathering of members and friends, the President, G.D. Killey, formally opened in May 1911 four adjoining acres as an additional playing area. This enabled two matches to be played at home at the same time, and for the Waterloo Park ground to be finally abandoned. Three hundred pounds were expended on improvements which included a ladies' pavilion and changing rooms, with showers, for teams using the new ground. In the opening match Liverpool Extra were beaten easily by Northern An XI, and J. Taylor performed the hat-trick for the home side. That summer, also, was marked by a very pleasant tour of Kent which ran for eleven days.

July 24	Mon.	v. St. Lawrence, Canterbury	Scratched
25	Tues.	v. Hythe	Won
26	Wed.	v. Dover Garrison	Won
27	Thurs.	v. St. John's, Dover	Scratched
28/29	Fri./Sat.	v. Fokestone	Drawn
31	Mon.	v. Hythe	Won
Aug. 1	Tues.	v. Shorncliffe Garrison	Won
2/3	Wed./Thurs.	v. Tonbridge	Lost

In a match against New Brighton at Rake Lane, E.L. Pick took nine wickets for 42 runs, the remaining batsman being run out. It was New Brighton, however, who won the local competition that year, and Northern came second:-

	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Points</u>
New Brighton	18	12	5	1	25
Northern	18	9	5	4	22

In 1912 a meeting was called in Liverpool to consider the formation of a cricket league. The feeling of the Northern Committee was against the proposal, and it was this view which eventually prevailed.

The Club's present colours of blue, gold and maroon were formally adopted in 1913 after they had been used as "touring colours". Prior to that they consisted of blue and gold only. The familiar N.C.C. monogram appeared on fixture cards as far back as 1904 but, doubtless, it is older than that. This monogram in gold embroidery was also worn on blue blazers over fifty years ago.

Membership in 1913 had risen to 325, of which 185 were full members paying an annual subscription of 30/-. In July of that year, H.E. Pearce, playing at Crosby for Northern An XI against New Brighton, scored 130 runs in an hour, including six sixes. The following year it was decided to enlarge the dining and dressing rooms in the main pavilion and to provide a billiard table and fittings at an estimated cost of £500. The Club had outstanding mortgages of about £2,300, and was averse to incurring further liability. As a result was formed the Billiard Syndicate which was to play such a large and important part in the welfare of the Club. The Syndicate provided the money and received the gross takings from billiards. Out of this the Syndicate was entitled to pay 6% interest per annum and to apply the balance in repaying the capital sum which was decided by lot. When the capital sum had been repaid, the extensions and billiard table became the property of the Club. The project was duly completed, and the Club reaped the benefit. It was at this time also that electric light was first installed in Club premises.

After the outbreak of war in 1914, cricket continued for a few weeks, but on August 31st it was decided to cancel the remaining fixtures. The local competition came to an abrupt end with the Club occupying third position, having won nine matches, lost three and drawn six.

There were many members who played a prominent part in this period of the Club's history. F.G. Thompson was still a commanding figure with bat and ball, and his energy and inspiration in Club matters generally were of great value. He even found time to cultivate a vegetable garden which supplied the Steward with fresh vegetables for Club meals. He headed the batting in 1907 and 1908 and the bowling in 1911 and 1912. In 1907 he was selected to play for a District XI against Cambridge. His details are as follows:-

Batting

<u>Year</u>	<u>Innings</u>	<u>Not out</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Highest</u>	<u>Average</u>
1907	21	3	493	64	27.3
1908	20	3	465	72	27.3
1909	22	2	418	55	20.9
1910	16	2	332	72	23.7
1911	13	1	333	122x	27.7
1912	18	-	394	108	21.3
1913	19	2	385	71	22.6

Bowling

<u>Year</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Average</u>
1907	340	43	781	53	14.7
1908	294	58	873	52	16.7
1909	347.1	66	927	79	11.7
1910	265	55	731	54	13.5
1911	184	27	576	40	14.4
1912	295	58	777	57	13.6
1913	251	46	805	36	22.3

S.E. Job continued to play and was Captain for three successive years. In 1907 he headed the bowling averages.

W. Fraser, who was also Captain for three successive years, was a sound opening bat who consistently appeared prominently in the batting averages.

E.L. Pick, another more than useful bat, developed into an effective off-break bowler.

E.L. Mate, a strong off-side player and an expert in late cutting, specially delighted in playing fast bowling on a fast wicket.

F.G. Peach came second in the batting averages during the three years 1910 to 1912. He played for Derbyshire in 1907, and did so again in 1924 when he had returned to live in that county.

During the four war years the use of the ground was granted to the soldiers stationed in the neighbourhood, first the South Lancashires and later the Border Regiment. Their matches were played mainly against other Army sides, but occasionally Northern raised a side to play them. The privileges of membership were extended to all Officers of H.M. Forces while serving in the area.

A member supplied a miniature rifle range on the ground, and its use was granted to a voluntary body, the Waterloo Civic League.

In 1916 the ground was loaned to the Crosby Council for a gymkhana in connection with the local Roll of Honour. In that year also, a Northern War Savings Association was formed.

The National Motor Volunteers were loaned the ground in 1917 for Sunday morning drill. There was a danger at one time of the 3rd XI ground being ploughed up at the request of the Lancashire County War Agricultural Committee but, as both grounds were grazed by sheep and hens were kept on the 3rd XI field, the request was withdrawn. In 1918 membership of the Club was extended to all Americans on service and billeted in the District.

With the end of hostilities a special meeting of local cricket club secretaries was called, and Northern's representative promised at least one complete team for 1919, and offered the ground on vacant Saturdays for any cricket game for which a ground was required.

	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>HON. SECRETARY</u>	<u>HON. TREASURER</u>
1907	W.A. Cookson	A.E. Frankland	J.G. Bush
1908	H. Parker	"	Cecil R. Taylor
1909	"	M.A. Warrick	"
1910	R. Richardson	"	"
1911	G.D. Killey	"	E.L. Mate
1912	H.M. Durandu	A.B. Ashcroft	"
1913	S.E. Job	"	"
1914	W.D. Lloyd	"	"
1915	F.G. Thompson	"	Sam Fowler
1916	N. Evans	"	"
1917	J.H. Isherwood	"	" : W.D. Lloyd
1918	E.L. Taylor	E.L. Pick	W.D. Lloyd

	<u>1st XI</u>	<u>2nd XI</u>	<u>OTHER XI's</u>	<u>BOWLS</u>
1907	F.G. Thompson	T.R. Schofield	W. Woodward	James Rowan
1908	S.E. Job	G. Holt	"	"
			W.P. Thompson	"
1909	"	"	W. Woodward	"
			W.P. Thompson	
1910	"	"	(W. Woodward	R. Jones
			(L. Dufton	
			(R. Nickels	
1911	W. Fraser	M.J. Verdon	C. Sturla : W.H. Owen	S. Fowler
1912	W. Fraser	A.W. Young	"	"
1913	"	"	J.R. Woodward :	E.L. Taylor
1914	E.L. Pick	"	"	R.S. Orrell
1915	"	"		"
1916	"	"		W.E. McKee
1917	"	"		"
1918	"	"		E.T. Gee

RESULTS

	<u>Year</u>	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Lost</u>		<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Lost</u>
<u>1st XI</u>	1907	25	8	12	5	<u>2nd XI</u>	25	11	10	4
	1908	29	10	8	11		23	10	8	5
	1909	25	13	8	4		23	14	7	2
	1910	23	8	5	10		19	11	6	2
	1911	30	13	8	9		22	16	5	1
	1912	26	7	11	8		20	10	5	5
	1913	25	3	14	8		20	11	5	4
	1914	25	12	7	6		18	10	2	6

HIGHEST INNINGS TOTALS

1st XI	251-7	v. Rock Ferry	..	..	..	1914
2nd XI	306-7	v. Huyton 2nd.	..	..	..	1911
Other XI's	240	v. Waterloo Park 2nd.	..	..	..	1909

HIGHEST INNINGS TOTALS AGAINST

1st XI	308-9	by The Cotton Trade	..	..	..	1908
2nd XI	304-5	by Birkenhead Park 2nd.	..	..	..	1913
Other XI's	224-8	by Liscard	..	..	..	1913

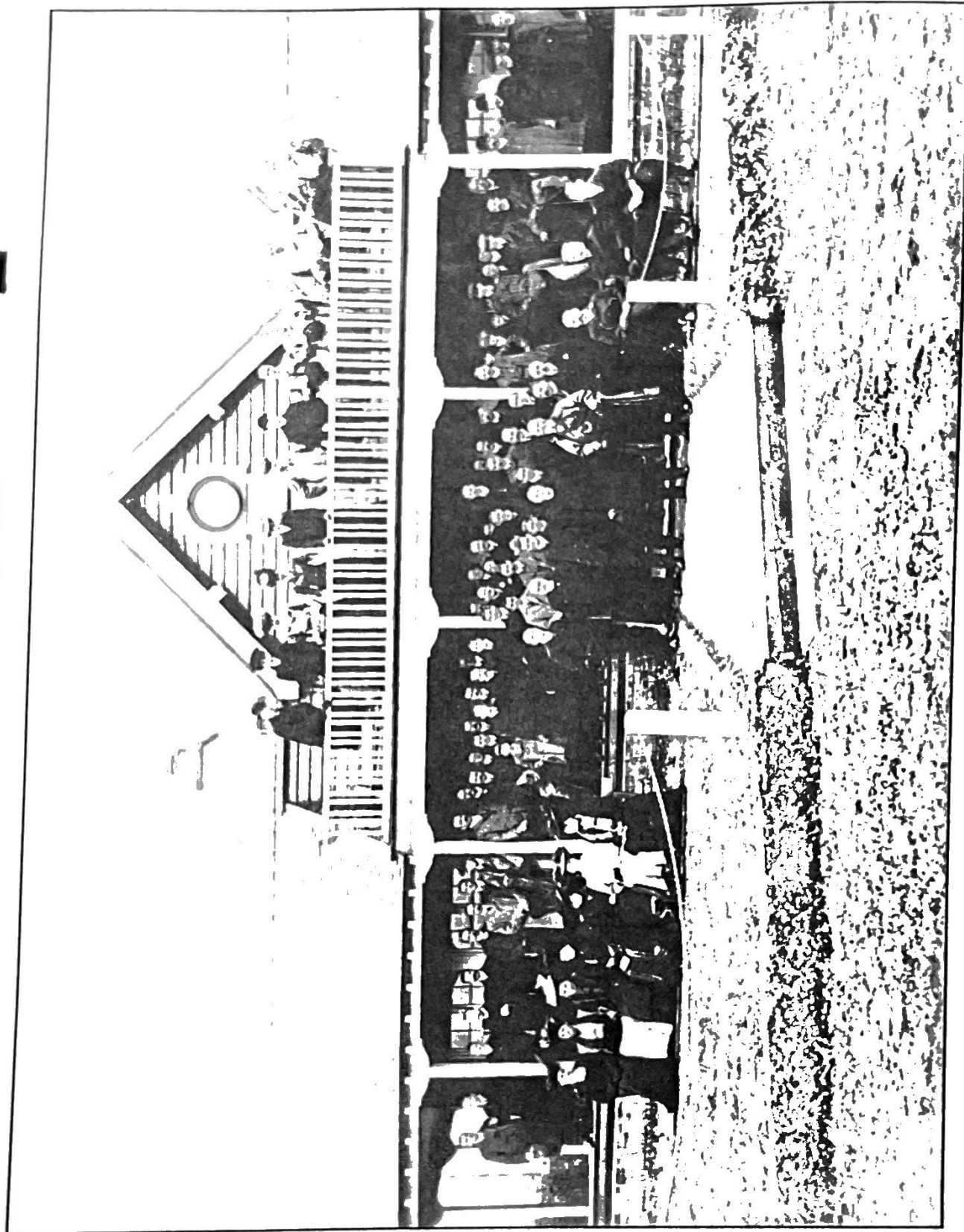
LOWEST INNINGS TOTALS

1st XI	41	v. Preston	..	..	..	1910
2nd XI	48	v. Birkenhead Park 2nd.	..	..	..	1911
Other XI's	15	v. Hightown 2nd.	..	..	..	1913

LOWEST INNINGS TOTALS AGAINST

1st XI	33	by Stonyhurst College	..	..	..	1913
2nd XI	26	by Huyton 2nd	..	..	..	1909
Other XI's	17	by Liverpool College	..	..	..	1911

Note: Pages 33-36 "THE BATTING AND BOWLING AVERAGES"
are available separately as an addendum.



OPENING OF GROUND — 13th APRIL 1907

CHAPTER IV

MOOR PARK, CROSBY, 1919-1939

With the demobilization of the Forces, the Club's activities in 1919 were resumed in full. The number of members was 311. G.D. Killey was elected President for the third time, and it marked his fiftieth year of membership. In the first match at Crosby against Oxton, Northern were able to command the services of eleven pre-war players. It proved a very successful season, and the Club ran second to Liverpool in the local competition. It will be noticed in the figures that follow that points were then awarded only for matches won:-

	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Points</u>
Liverpool	24	16	3	5	16
Northern	20	13	6	1	13

The following year the memorial in the pavilion was unveiled by the President, E. Maybrick. Designed by a member, G.W. Fraser, it consists of a finely-carved oak tablet on which the names are inscribed in gold letters. Above the names there is a Union Jack medallion encircled with a wreath of laurels and surmounted by a crown. On each side are draped standards and sprays of oak leaves. Underneath are the words: "To the memory of those members who gave their lives in the Great War 1914-1919". Those remembered are:-

Beckett, F.P.	C.S.M., 17th Battn., "The King's" Liverpool Regiment
Elease, H.	Capt., 15th " " " " "
Briggs, E.	Lieut., 7th Lancashire Fusiliers
Brockbank, C.N.	Capt., 18th Battn., "The King's" Liverpool Regiment
Burkinshaw, H.T.	Lieut., 1/5 Yorks. & Lancs.
Bush, A.G.	Gnr., 1st Bde., Canadian Field Artillery
Cook, B.	Lieut., 7th Battn., "The King's" Liverpool Regiment
Fraser, W.	Capt., 19th " " " " "
Poggi, A.R.	Cpl., 26th Royal Fusiliers
Radford, A.L.	Capt., 5th Battn., "The King's" Liverpool Regiment
Roberts, R.V.	Lieut., 19th " " " " "
Rowatt, D.	Lieut., 12th " " " " "
Teague, B.E.	Pte., 10th " " " " "
Teague, T.E.	Cpl., 6th " " " " "
Thompson, G.E.	Lieut., 12th " " " " "
Whinyates, H.B.	Lieut., 5th " Lancs. Regiment
White, J.P.	Lieut., 10th " "The King's" Liverpool Regiment

Mr. F.P. McGinity, a member since 1875, was elected a Life Member in 1920 for good services to the Club.

In 1921 the gymkhana, which had been so popular before the war, was revived, but this time it was run jointly with the Waterloo Football Club. It was held on the latter's ground on a perfect day and, by attracting 3,000 spectators, beat the previous record by over a thousand. The President's frame in the dining room, showing the names of those who had served since 1907, was introduced at this time. The year was memorable also for F.G. Thompson who secured his 1,000th wicket in local cricket, and for H.G. Howell-Jones who recorded an aggregate of 1,011 runs for the season.

James Wright, born in 1862, was first connected with the Club on the Seaforth ground at the age of ten. He continued to serve the Club throughout its days at Waterloo Park and on to the ground at Crosby. To celebrate his fifty years of loyal service the Club, on 11th September 1922, when he was Head Groundsman, arranged a benefit match at Moor Park. The teams were Mr. Myles-Kenyon's Lancashire XI versus Liverpool District. It resulted in a substantial win for the District side.

Mr. Myles-Kenyon's Lancs. XI

Makepeace, H.	c	Howell-Jones	b	Barrell	13
Watson, F.			b	Nutter	1
Tyldesley, E.	c	Sharp	b	Smoker	15
Green, Capt. L.	c	Baucher	b	"	27
Hollins, J.C.H.	c	Johnson	b	Barrell	2
Scott, D.			b	"	0
Tyldesley, R.			lbw	"	0
Kenyon, M.			b	"	4
Tyldesley, H.	c	Johnson	b	"	0
Cook, L.			lbw	Smoker	0
Blomley, R.		not out			5
				Extras	2
					<u>72</u>

Liverpool & District

H.G. Howell-Jones	c	H. Tyldesley	b	Cook	7
D. Bounphrey			b	H. Tyldesley	18
E.H. Johnson	c	R. Tyldesley	b	Cook	3
J.R. Barnes	st.	Blomley	b	H. Tyldesley	33
H.W. Hodgson	c	"	b	Watson	4
R.A. Lloyd	c	"	b	Cook	1
J. Sharp	not out				102
H.G. Smoker	lbw		b	H. Tyldesley	11
B. Barrell			b	H. Tyldesley	0
R. Nutter	c	Hollins	b	H. Tyldesley	5
F.W. Boucher	not out				4
				Extras	7
					<u>195</u>

Ben Barrell took six wickets for thirty-two runs, and H. Tyldesley five for forty-six. From the proceeds of this match and a members' subscription list, the total sum handed to Jimmy Wright was approximately £1,000.

The Ormskirk game at Crosby on Whit Monday 1922 was remarkable for the number of runs scored and for the highest total ever reached by a Northern 1st XI batsman in a competition match. Ormskirk declared at 312 with five wickets down, of which 221 was reached by M. Ainscough and J. Sharrock before the fall of the first wicket. Northern tried altogether nine bowlers and were left 2½ hours to bat. They scored 242 for the loss of two wickets, of which H.G. Howell-Jones' share was 153 (not out).

At Formby, in 1923, Northern (219 runs) beat Formby (180 runs), but Nutter of Formby took ten Northern wickets for 73 runs in 20 overs, four of which were maidens. Eight of his victims were bowled.

The Revd. G. Woodcock, in a match at Crosby versus Dr. J.R. Homes' Manchester XI in 1925, scored 103 in eighty minutes. His strokes included five 6's and ten 4's. He hit 44 runs in two consecutive overs, two of his drives clearing the pavilion.

H.G. Howell-Jones had a remarkable bowling performance in 1925 against Huyton at Crosby, when he took the last four wickets in five deliveries. Huyton's total of 166 proved too much for Northern who could only muster 109 runs.

During the 1926 tour, against Coventry & North Warwick, W.D.F. Scott scored 160 runs, which remains the highest score ever made by an individual in an innings for the 1st XI. Northern declared at 300 for 5, and their opponents made 268.

Against the South Wales Borderers in the following year, two centuries in a match by Northern players were recorded - 105 by S. Heys and 107 by the Revd. G. Woodcock.

An exciting match was played at Moor Park against Liverpool in 1928. Liverpool had declared at 245 for six reached in 2 hours 35 minutes. The weather was bitterly cold, and Northern fielded in an intermittent drizzle. The rain ceased when Northern started their innings with twenty minutes less time than Liverpool had spent. T.B. Swift left at 37, and F.C. Harrington at 69. The latter's 44 runs had occupied 50 minutes, and included one 6 and four 4's. Four runs later another wicket fell, and 60 of the 135 minutes had gone. Then H. Cook and the Revd. G. Woodcock came together. In one hour the pair took the score from 76 to 96. At 127 the ball suffered, and a new one was called for. Two runs later (the pair had added 56 runs in 20 minutes) Cook left to a fine catch on the boundary. Woodcock went at 175 after reaching his 61 in 50 minutes. C. Batcheldor and E.H. Weld continued the good work by adding 62 in 23 minutes and, when Batcheldor was stumped, time was up.

Northern

F.C.. Harrison		b	Coope	44	
T.B. Swift	c	Boult	b	Ritchie	15
H. Cook	c	Tod	b	Kinnear	45
J.W. Salter		lbw	Coope	2	
Revd. G. Woodcock	c	Turner	b	Kinnear	61
C. Sturla			b	"	2
G. Batcheldor	st.	Boult	b	Wass	26
E.H. Weld	c	Tod	b	Ritchie	41
W. Lashmar	not out				0
			Extras	<u>1</u>	
					237 for 8

A month later, a further high scoring match was seen at Formby when it was Northern's turn to declare at 245 for 5. Formby made a great effort, for when stumps were drawn, with seven wickets down, they needed only three runs for victory.

The encounter with Liverpool in 1929 (when Liverpool declared at 266 for 6) provided H.R. Stacey and C. Manning the opportunity to put on 154 runs for the first wicket. Northern finished with 221-4, of which Stacey contributed 86 and Manning 92. In June of that year when Northern were without a victory, the Post & Mercury reported that the side was deficient in bowling, mediocre in batting, but high class in the field! Playing at Preston, two 2nd XI batsmen distinguished themselves by scoring hundreds in a declared total of 263 for 4 wickets. J. Foulds made 106 not out, and G.W. Pritchard 109 not out. Preston's total was 189 runs.

The match at Crosby against Oxton in July 1931 again provided an opportunity for two of the 2nd XI to collect centuries. This time it was P.S. Williams (105) and G.B. Hodson (107x). For reasons unknown, these scores do not appear on the Century Lists which hang in the pavilion. In September Northern A, in a game versus Ainsdale A, were bundled out for a total of 78. T. Stafford of Ainsdale claimed ten wickets for 33 runs, and all his victims were bowled.

An exciting and spirited rally was provided at Formby in 1933. The home side declared at 279 for six wickets and, with one hour left for play, Northern had lost nine wickets for a mere 73 runs. At this stage J.G. Kerr joined J.W.G. Taylor. While seven bowlers were tried they added 131 runs and were unbeaten when stumps were drawn. Northern's score book read:-

L.P. Pearson		b Duckham	0
H.C. Lindley	lbw Duke		1
J.W.G. Taylor	not out		98
F.R. Heath			7
J.W.C. Salter	c Laughton	b Duckham	10
H.W. Leigh			0
K.A. Howieson			0
B.A. Snodgrass	c Maddick	b Duckham	1
A. Barrie	c Duckham	b Duke	4
E.H. Weld			7
J.G. Kerr	not out		42
		Extras	34
			<u>204</u> for 9

F.R. Heath, who had joined the Club as a professional in 1932, secured 101 wickets during 1933 for an average of 14.05 runs per wicket.

During the 1934 tour in the Midlands, one of the matches was against Coventry and North Warwick. Coventry declared at 187 for seven wickets, to which Northern replied with 114 for four, but the main interest in the match was the form displayed by R.E.S. Wyatt who scored 114 not out for the home team. He was recovering from a damaged thumb, but this display proved his capacity, and he resumed his place in the Test Matches that year against the touring Australians.

There were two games versus Liverpool in 1935 very much worth recalling. In the first, at Aigburth, Liverpool were all out for 160 runs. Northern were left the same time as Liverpool had taken, but, with one hour left for play, nine of their wickets were down for 70. W.L. Nelson (Northern's captain) was then joined by L.E. Bolwell, and together they added 89 runs. In his eagerness

to make the winning hit, Nelson, who had spent 80 minutes at the crease, was run out two minutes from time, Liverpool winning by one run. Nelson not only scored 69 runs, but took 6 wickets for 81 in 22.3 overs, two of which were maidens. Bolwell's share in the partnership was 25 runs, not out. In the second match, Liverpool declared after batting 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours for a total of 251 for three wickets. For Northern's first wicket, C.A. Manning reached 56 out of 81 runs, and from 90 the score raced to 215 in exactly fifty minutes. A.J. Williams made 66 and J. Barrell 84 runs. Eventually Northern won, with 254 runs attained in 2 hours 25 minutes for the loss of six wickets. In contrast, in the game against Birkenhead Park later that year, it took Northern 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours to compile 76 runs, and they dismissed Park for 58 in five minutes over two hours.

The match against Liverpool in 1936 at Aigburth once again provided excitement. Northern had scored 180 runs and, in the last over with nine wickets down, five runs were still needed by Liverpool to win. On the last ball a quick bye was run, a batsman was nearly run out, and the scores were level! Though they had suffered only one defeat, Northern finished at the foot of the local competition. Points were then given only for matches won, and the Club's record was:-

Played 19 Won 2 Lost 1 Drawn 16 Points 2

In February 1937, E.L. Taylor was made a Life Member on attaining 50 years of membership, and his photograph with a suitably-inscribed plate was hung in the pavilion.

During the cricket week of 1937, there was a heavy scoring match at Northern against Sir A.D. McAlpine's team. The latter won in the last over of the game during which 571 runs were made in 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ hours. Northern, batting first, declared at 284 for three wickets. The first wicket stand between Glynn M. Jones and H.S. Brown recorded 247 runs, which still stands as a Club record:-

Northern

Glynn M. Jones	c Walmsley	b Lucking	138
H.S. Brown	c McAlpine	b Lucking	104
J.M. Barrell		lbw Mitchell	11
J. Winter	not out		12
H.L. Nuttall	not out		4
D.D. Wollerton)			
K. Gardner)			
G.W. Brook)	did not bat		
C. Sturla)			
E.S. Braddock)			
W. Winstanley)			
		Extras	<u>15</u>
			284-3

Sir A.D. McAlpine's XI

R. David	c Wollerton	b Brook	21
F. Murray-Willis	c Sturla	b Glynn Jones	34
D. Crimp	c Gardner	b " "	11
D.M. Matthews	not out		130
F.E. Mitchell	c Gardner	b Winstanley	46
A.J. McAlpine	c Brown	b Barrell	12
K.S. Lucking	run out		21
A. Greenwood	not out		5
F.O.G. Lloyd)			
S. Walmsley)	did not bat		
L.N. Frost)			
Extras			<u>7</u>
			287-6

In 1937 also, against Ormskirk at Crosby, G.W. Brook secured 10 wickets for 45 runs in 21 overs including 5 maidens, but despite this performance, Northern lost the match by 80 runs to 120 runs. This is the only recorded instance in the 1st XI of all wickets falling to one bowler.

Between the wars, professionals were first employed to coach and assist on the ground. J.C. Lohmann was engaged in 1923, and F. Pestell in 1926. When F.R. Heath, a fast right-hand bowler and more than useful bat, arrived in 1932 he was also played in the 1st XI. He headed the bowling averages from 1933 to 1936 and the batting in 1934 and 1935. W. Breeks, ex-Worcester County slow-spinner, followed Heath in 1937, to be succeeded the following year by J. Lawrence, a slow left-hander, who had played for Yorkshire II and after leaving Northern qualified for Somerset. The demand in the local competition was, however, for fast bowling, and in 1939 R.B. Rae, who had turned out for Lancashire II's, joined the Club.

Tours were undertaken at intervals:-

- In 1926 versus Market Harborough, Loughborough, Coventry and North Warwick, and Stratford;
- 1927 " Coventry and North Warwick, Tewkesbury, Winchcombe, and Stroud;
- 1928 " Worcester Gentlemen, Stratford, Leamington, and Coventry and North Warwick;
- 1929 " Tewkesbury, Stratford, Warwickshire Imps, and Leamington;
- 1931 " Tewkesbury, Cheltenham College, Evesham, Stroud, and Stratford. (This series was never completed, as the sudden death of Major W.S. Scott at Evesham caused the remaining games to be cancelled).
- 1933 " Evesham, Stroud, and Stratford;
- 1934 " Hinckley, Kettering, Coventry and North Warwick, and Loughborough.

In 1935 it was planned to visit Watchet, Optimists, Lansdown, Frome, Bristol University and Frenchay in the West Country but, regrettably, it had to be cancelled for lack of support.

The Cricket Week at home in August was a regular feature, and provided many excellent matches against opponents who were not met in the local competition. Gymkhanas appeared in the programme of events in the '20's and '30's. The last was in 1932.

Over the years, bowling matches were played against various clubs including Waterloo Park, Huyton, Oxtun, Liverpool, New Brighton, and the Police. Mains for President's and Captain's prizes were also held annually.

During the winter months billiards and snooker were an attraction, and the Autumn Dance in the decorated pavilion with the dressing rooms transformed by bunting, soft cushions and shaded lights proved most popular. The annual Christmas Dinner, followed by the billiards knock-out of eleven points up and its comic rules, was also always well attended. There were occasionally lectures at the Club, such as those given by H. Sutcliffe (Yorkshire) and K. Farnes (Surrey) on cricket subjects and by H.C. Tilman, the mountaineer, on his experiences in the Himalayas.

In 1935, the question of providing facilities for tennis, badminton, fives and squash on land to be purchased adjacent to the Club was investigated. The cost was estimated to exceed £7,000. After much consideration, it was decided to proceed with a less ambitious scheme and erect two squash courts on a corner of the ground. These were officially opened in September 1938, and the members of the Squash Committee held a sherry party to celebrate the occasion. Squash professionals were employed for short periods in order to coach members. McLaggan was engaged in 1938, and Millett the following year. In 1938 and 1939 J.M. Barrell won the Club's Individual Handicap Competition. In 1939 he secured the Lancashire Squash Racquets Championship.

The Club possessed in 1939 the youngest 1st XI for twenty years, and was strong in all departments. Amongst the highlights of that year was the match in July when Boughton Hall were dismissed for 59 runs, W.G. Dowler taking 5 wickets for 15 runs and R.B. Rae 5 for 27. There were several century stands:-

J.M. Barrell and S.R. Pennington, 111 for 4th wicket v Hightown,
 J.M. Barrell and R.B. Rae, 104 for 6th wicket (in one hour) v. Neston,
 J.M. Barrell and D.D.L. Little, 102 for 5th wicket v. Rossall School,
 J. Abell and J. Winter, an unbroken partnership of 130 for the 2nd wicket v. Wallasey,
 S.R. Pennington and R.B. Rae, 124 for 1st wicket v. Southport & Birkdale.

Under the inspiring captaincy of J.M. Barrell the XI was enjoying a most successful season when it was stopped abruptly by the requisition of the whole of the Club's premises and grounds on Friday, September 1st. The match against Birkenhead Park on the following day had to be cancelled. The official declaration of war against Germany was announced on the Sunday. The final Liverpool Competition table showed Northern running second to Ormskirk:-

	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Points</u>
Ormskirk	22	14	3	5	47
Northern	24	13	4	7	46

The premises were occupied by the local unit, D Company, the 40th (The Kings) Battalion Royal Tank Regiment.

The President, W.E. McKee, was in the United States of America on business and the Honorary Secretary, C.A. Manning, in camp with a Territorial unit. A small emergency committee was immediately formed. K.H. Wilson took charge of the Minute Book, and the Honorary Treasurer, G. Allan, all other books. Players' kits were stacked in the squash courts, and the liquor stock was removed to J. Bell's cellar at Thornton. An early visit was paid to the Western Command Land Agent at Chester, who decided to see the Club for himself. He expressed surprise at its size and beauty, and arranged that King Wright, Head Groundsman, should be employed at Government expense, to maintain the ground in a suitable condition, so as to lessen any claim on de-requisitioning. A petrol ration was granted for the use of a mower.

The period between the two wars witnessed the close of the career of F.G. Thompson, prominent in its history since 1894, and who, in 1928, secured his 1200th wicket for the Club.

H.G. Howell-Jones was a magnificent forcing bat with a glorious square-cut. As a master at Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby, his skill and love of the game was communicated to many boys who, in their turn, made their mark later in local clubs.

The Revd. G. Woodcock, another great attacking batsman, hit like a "kicking mule".

F.C. Harrison was a left-hander with wristy shots and always a delight to watch.

W.L. Nelson, Captain for three successive years, was an all-rounder who sacrificed his batting very much to his bowling.

J.W.C. Salter, a joyful cricketer, was a guileful slow bowler who also could bat. His death at an early age, following a motor accident, was a sad loss to the Club.

C. Sturla, slow bowler, was also a batsman who sought the long handle whenever possible.

A. Barrie was another big hitter who opened his shoulders to almost any bowling.

J.M. Barrell was a back-foot player who welcomed fast wickets and made his runs by orthodox stroke play. He was a great cover-point who picked up and threw to the wicket with speed and precision. During 1939 he captained Lancashire Seconds several times. In 1938 and 1939 he topped the District averages:-

	<u>Innings</u>	<u>Not out</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Highest</u>	<u>Average</u>
1938	20	5	722	134x	48.13
1939	16	7	425	100	47.22

John Abell, who had played for Cheshire, was a neat and complete batsman, and in 1939 scored 446 runs for an average of 31.85. Mention should also be made amongst the batsmen of J.W.G. Taylor, R.A. Foulds, H. Cook and G. Batcheldor; of the bowlers, W.D.F. Scott, J. Grigor (who had played for Durham), L.E. Bolwell and W.G. Dowler; and of the all-rounders, H.R. Stacey and K. Howieson.

	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>HON. SECRETARY</u>	<u>HON. TREASURER</u>
1919	G.D. Killey	J.H. Gaitskill	H.E. Rennie
1920	E. Maybrick	J.W.T. Lashmar	Norman Smith
1921	C.R. Taylor	" "	T.R. Schofield
1922	W.A. Lindsay	" "	" "
1923	W.E. McKee		
1924	Arthur Bett		
1925	E.L. Mate		
1926	W. Woodward		
1927	A.H. Cleaver		
1928	J.W.T. Lashmar	F.W. Roberts	A.E. Turk
1929	S.E. Job	K.H. Wilson	" "
1930	Cyril Sturla	" "	" "
1931	E.L. Pick	" "	" "
1932	F.G. Polley	" "	" "
1933	John Hayhurst	" "	" "
1934	C.R. Taylor	" "	" "
1935	H.R. Stacey	" "	" "
1936	Arthur E. Turk	" "	J.A. Foulds
1937	W.L. Nelson	" "	G.E. Allan
1938	Alex. Barrie	G. Courtney	" "
1939	W.E. McKee	C.A. Manning	" "

C A P T A I N S

	<u>1st XI's</u>	<u>2nd XI</u>	<u>OTHER XI's</u>	<u>BOWLS</u>
1919	E.L. Pick	C.O. Vicary		Innes Crickton
1920	F.G. Thompson	C. Sturla	R. Rowat	W. Nash
1921	" "	W. Hoosen-Owen	A. Cleaver	J.H.Gaitskill
1922	E.L. Mate	C. Sturla	W. Woodward	E. Lyon Taylor
			Innes Crickton	
			K.H. Wilson	
			J. Hayhurst	
1923	H.G.Howell-Jones			
1924	" " "			
1925	F.C. Harrison			
1926	C. Sturla			
1927	H. Cook			
1928	C. Sturla	F.G. Polley	E.L. Mate	J.G.Parkison
			I. McCallum	
1929	J.W.T. Lashmar	F.G. Polley	E.L. Mate	J.P. Taylor
			I. Hayhurst	
1930	H.R. Stacey	C. Sturla	H.C.Woolliscroft	W.Hoosen-Owen
			J.B. Pinnington	
1931	H.R. Stacey	A. Barrie	H.A. Reeves	C.E. Haslam
			J.B. Pinnington	
1932	G. Batcheldor	A. Barrie	H.A. Reeves	W.M. Crompton
			H.W.M.Roberts	
1933	Alex. Barrie	C. Sturla	H.A. Reeves	W. E. Bell
			A.J. Williams	
			N.E.J. Wylie	
1934	W.L. Nelson	C. Sturla	H.A. Reeves	M.A. Warwick
			T.L. Rea	
1935	W.L. Nelson	C. Sturla	H.A. Reeves	M.A. Warwick
			T.L. Rea	
1936	W.L. Nelson	D.C. Price	H.A. Reeves	J.H. Jackson
			T.L. Rea	
			J.R. Seager	
1937	L.J. Pearson	D.C. Price	S.W. Jones	J.H. Jackson
			E.W.H.Gillespie	
1938	L.J. Pearson	G. Courtney	S.W. Jones	G. Ward
			E.W.H.Gillespie	
1939	J.M. Barrell	L.A.Webster	C. Sturla	G. Ward
			J. Pilkington	

SQUASH CAPTAIN

1938	J.M. Barrell
1939	" "

R E S U L T S

1st XI

<u>Year</u>	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Lost</u>
1919	25	16	2	7
1920	27	14	4	9
1921	28	5	12	11
1922				
1923	21	7	9	5
1924	30	4	13	13
1925	22	7	4	11
1926	42	17	9	16
1927	38	10	11	17
1928	25	5	7	13
1929	36	9	9	18
1930	28	10	6	12
1931	25	4	6	15
1932	19	3	5	11
1933	23	3	12	8
1934	23	10	6	7
1935	24	8	8	8
1936	24	8	8	8
1937	26	6	6	13 (tied 1)
1938	22	7	8	7
1939	24	13	7	4

2nd XI

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Lost</u>
20	5	4	11
20	9	3	8
32	13	7	12
24	6	12	6
25	14	7	4
25	13	7	5
24	11	8	4 (abnd. 1)
26	13	6	5 (" 2)
20	11	1	5 (" 3)
17	7	3	6 (no result 1)
25	16	5	4
24	6	8	10
20	11	4	3 (abnd. 2)
23	10	7	6

Other XI's

1930	38	10	9	19
1931	18	5	5	8
1932				
1933				
1934	21	11	3	7
1935	22	10	-	12
1936	18	6	1	9 (abnd. 2)
1937	18	11	-	7
1938				
1939				

HIGHEST INNINGS TOTALS

1st XI:	316	v. Worcester Gentlemen	..	1928
2nd XI:	294-7	v. Oxton	.. ..	1931
Other XI's:	236-7	v. Liverpool	.. ..	1929

HIGHEST INNINGS TOTALS AGAINST

1st XI:	320-4	by Warwickshire Imps	..	1929
2nd XI:	273	by Ormskirk	.. ..	1939
Other XI's:	330	by Ince Blundell	.. ..	1930

LOWEST INNINGS TOTALS

1st XI:	23	v. Birkenhead Park	..	1932
2nd XI:	45	v. Hightown	.. ..	1935
Other XI's:	13	v. Penyffordd	.. ..	1927

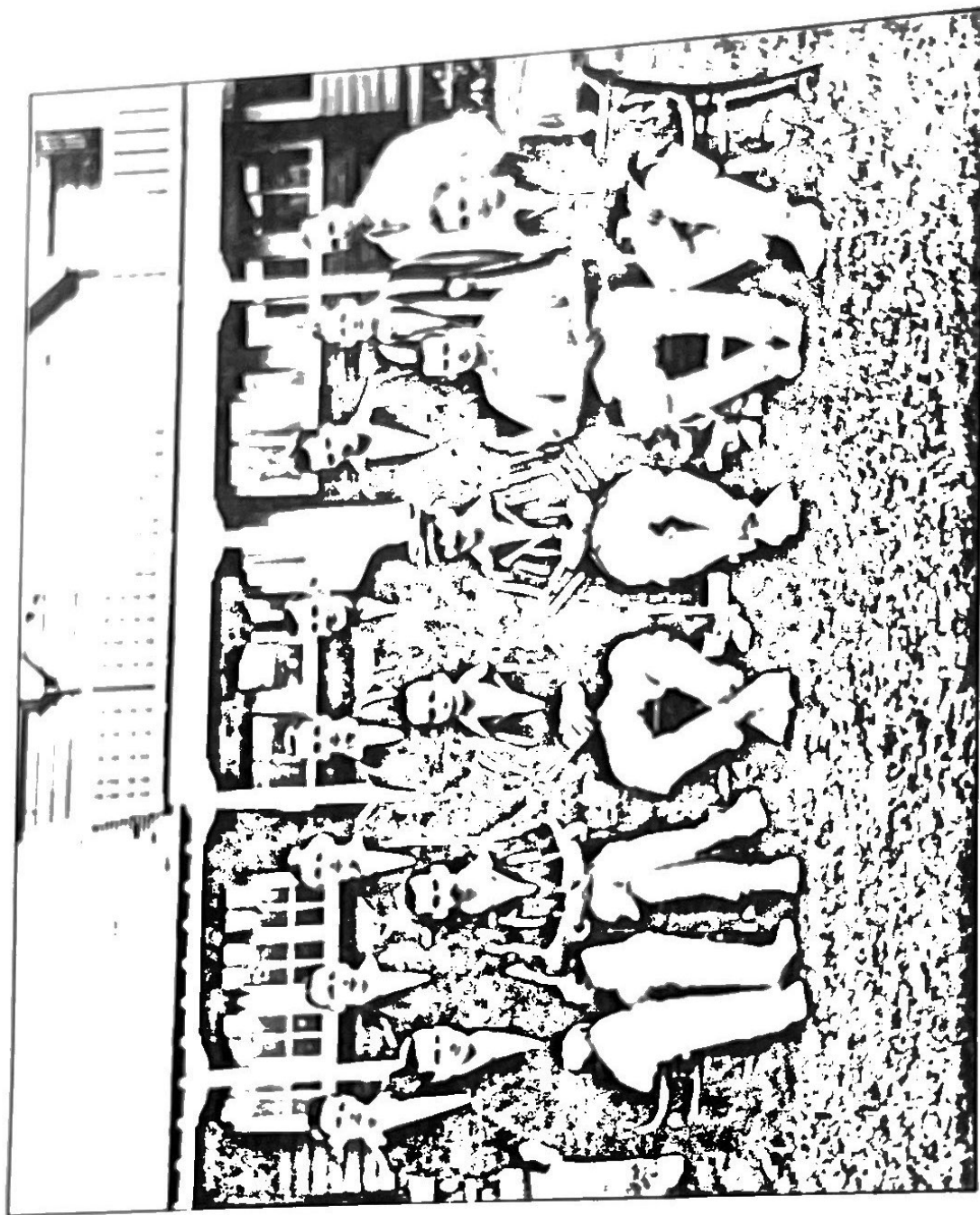
LOWEST INNINGS TOTALS AGAINST

1st XI:	44	by Preston	.. ..	1937
2nd XI:	28	by Huyton	.. ..	1937
Other XI's:	22	by Dingle II	.. ..	1922

ONE THOUSAND RUNS IN A SEASON

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Innings</u>	<u>Not out</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Highest</u>	<u>Average</u>
<u>1st XI</u>						
1921	H.G.Howell-Jones	27	6	1011	108x	48.14

Note: Pages 49-59 "THE BATTING AND BOWLING AVERAGES"
are available separately as an addendum.



Northern Cricket Club,

SECOND TEAM.

SEASON 1927.

S. Jones (Scorer).	B. A. Snodgrass.	T. B. Swift.	D. Pinnington.	C. R. Nickels.	A. Sinnott.	P. W. Roberts.	P. E. Prestall (Umpire).
W. S. Scott	H. N. Stacey.	F. G. Polley (Captain).	J. W. T. Lashmar.	S. Heyn.	G. Key.		

CHAPTER V

AT HIGHTOWN, 1940-1945

After Moor Park had been taken over by the Army, only a short period elapsed before it was decided that somehow or other the Club should continue to field a side, and when Mr. D. Townshend, President of the Hightown Club, proposed honorary membership to all Northern members with the privileges attaching to their Cricket Section, his generous offer was gratefully accepted. An annual rent of £50 was paid until in 1943, it was reduced to £30. A token subscription of one guinea per annum was fixed, and a large proportion of Northern members continued to subscribe. The Waterloo Football Club at Saint Anthony's Road, Blundellsands also came to our assistance and extended use of their premises to the Club for its Committee and Annual General Meetings.

One team only was fielded, and it was a rule that anyone in the Forces who asked for a game, even at the shortest notice, was always found a place. This arrangement was also extended to members of other clubs which became defunct owing to the exigencies of the time. In the latter years the total playing strength averaged about fifteen, and frantic last-minute efforts were sometimes necessary to find school-boys to complete the side. The primary purpose of keeping the Club's name and machinery in being was, however, achieved.

In 1940 and 1941 the fixture lists included the usual Liverpool Competition clubs. As the years passed, some of them lost their grounds or found it impossible to raise a team. In addition, as petrol rationing restricted movement to public vehicles, travelling became more difficult. By 1943, Oxtun was the only opponent which called for a crossing of the River Mersey.

On two occasions all ten Northern wickets were taken by one bowler. S.G. Shepherd (Bootle) achieved this in 1941, and his figures of 11.4 overs, 4 maidens, 20 runs, included a hat trick. Joe Abell, the Northern wicket-keeper, also claimed six victims in this match - four caught and two stumped. J.J. Formby (Formby) gained his ten wickets in the following year, and his analysis read:- 19 overs, 3 maidens, 36 runs.

Cricket teas were in the hands of the wives of the players, and they triumphantly overcame the difficulties of tea, sugar, milk and butter rationing. At the request of the Committee, their profits were handed over to local charities.

With the permission of the authorities, the bowling-green and bowling pavilion at Moor Park were made available to Club members throughout the period of the war, and proved most popular. In 1943 the bowls subscription was raised from one guinea to £1.11.6d.

At the Annual General Meeting of March 1945, it was reported that over 200 members were serving in the Armed Forces. The opportunity was also taken of electing as Honorary Life Members those who had attained at least fifty years of membership. They were:-

G.W. Fraser	joined	1889
C. Nickels	"	1895
W.E. Stacey	"	1895
R.M. Williams	"	1895
Rev'd. H.E. Elwell	"	1895

The Club's furniture and effects, together with members' kit which had not been removed from the squash-courts, had been stored in depositories at Saint Luke's Road and Victoria Road, Crosby. On 3rd May 1941 the former was completely destroyed by enemy action, and our claim for £533 was eventually paid in full.

The ground and premises were returned to our use on 5th September 1945. The rent for them had been paid quarterly, and an account for damages, repairs, etc. was settled promptly. In the result, the Club had a substantial balance in the Bank, and was able to pay off all outstanding loans and mortgages. This was a happy conclusion to the loss of the use of the Club during those long six years of war. It was, undoubtedly, made possible by the energetic action of the Emergency Committee at the outset and, particularly, by their call on the Western Command Land Agent and his return visit of inspection to Moor Park.

	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>HON. SECRETARY</u>	<u>HON. TREASURER</u>
1940	W.E. McKee	K.H. Wilson	G.E. Allen
1941	"	"	"
1942	"	"	H.E.A. Reeves
1943	"	"	K.H. Wilson
1944	"	"	"
1945	H.E.A. Reeves	"	"

	<u>CAPTAIN</u>	<u>BOWLS</u>
1940	C. Sturla	G. Ward
1941	-	"
1942	L.T. Wood	"
1943	J. Pilkington	"
1944	"	"
1945	"	J.C. Carmichael

	<u>RESULTS</u>			
	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Lost</u>
1940	18	11	3	4
1941				
1942				
1943	19	2	6	11
1944	19	4	2	13
1945	21	4	2	12 (abandoned 3)

HIGHEST INNINGS TOTAL

249-4 v. Liverpool 1941

HIGHEST INNINGS TOTAL AGAINST

249-3 by Bootle 1945

LOWEST INNINGS TOTAL

18 v. Huyton 1943
18 v. Sefton 1944

LOWEST INNINGS TOTAL AGAINST

44 by Ormskirk 1944

CENTURIES

J.M. Barrell 139 v. Liverpool 1941
A. Husband 102x v. Merchant Taylors' School 1942

SEVEN OR MORE WICKETS IN AN INNINGS

D.C. Price 7 wickets v. Ormskirk 1944
R.B. Rae 7 " v. Formby 1943
L.T. Wood 8 " v. Liverpool University 1941
 8 " v. Formby 1941
 7 " v. Huyton 1942

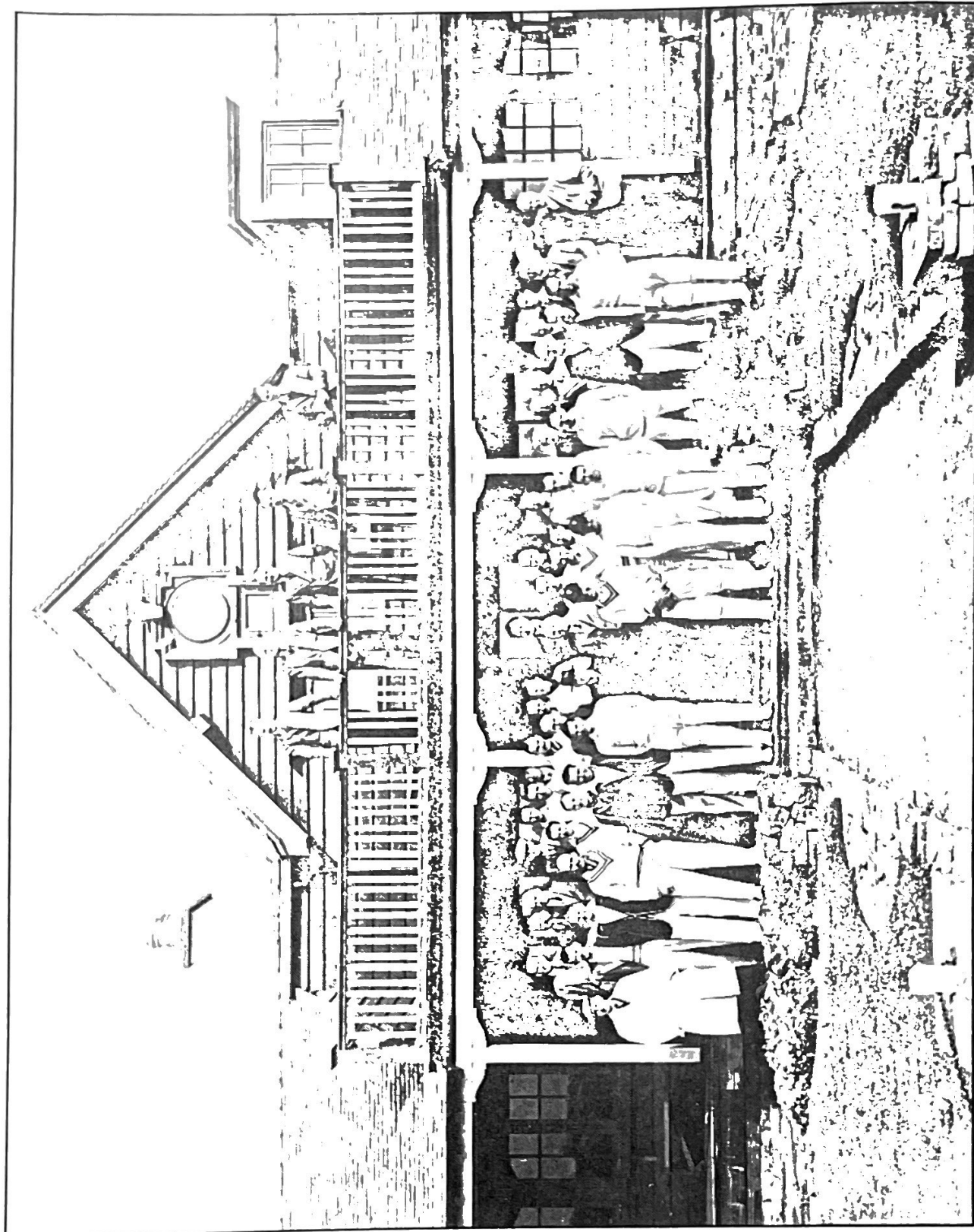
THE FIRST TWO IN THE BATTING AVERAGES WITH NOT LESS THAN TWELVE INNINGS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Innings</u>	<u>Not out</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Highest</u>	<u>Average</u>
1940	J.M. Barrell	18	3	523	91	34.86
	John Abell	19	1	521	85	28.94

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THE FIRST TWO IN THE BOWLING AVERAGES WITH NOT LESS THAN NINETEEN WICKETS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Average</u>
1940	J.M. Barrell	107	25	231	19	12.15
	J. Gregor	151	18	434	34	12.76



EASTER MONDAY 22nd APRIL 1946.
REOPENING OF NORTHERN C.C. GROUND AFTER 2nd WORLD WAR.
V. OXTON

CHAPTER VI

MOOR PARK, 1946-1961

Northern members were very grateful to the Hightown Club for its hospitality during the war years and for the opportunity it gave to keep the machinery of the club running. At the conclusion of hostilities they quickly arranged to return to their home at Moor Park to tackle the necessary work on the ground and premises. Petrol was the great shortage, but the Ground Committee, led by A.J. Williams and lots of volunteers, tackled the work of cutting and weeding for the summer of 1946. Licences were received for purchasing cricket gear, and for repairs in the premises, which were estimated at over £1,200 0s. 0d. Attention was also paid to the squash courts, which had suffered from misuse. There were many gifts from members, including carpets, cutlery, furniture, tiling for fireplaces, and benches for seats.

On 23rd April 1946, the Club welcomed Oxton in the re-opening match, and Northern won by seven wickets. Against Formby, J. Winter scored 100 in a total of 231 for 9 wickets. This was his first century in the Liverpool Competition match, and heralded the start of a century record unequalled by any member of the Club, past or present.

In 1946 there were 166 new members. For squash, the pre-war charges of 1/- per member for 45 minutes was raised to 1s. 3d., and 3d. was charged for the hire of a ball.

Mainly on the score of economy, no cricket professional was engaged.

1947 was marked by the bowling of J.G. Kerr, who took 100 wickets in the season.

The memorial to those who died in the 1939-45 War was unveiled in the pavilion by the President, W.L. Nelson, in September 1948, in the presence of members and relatives of those who died. It is of carved oak, and similar in design to that of the 1914-1918 War. A formal garden in front of the pavilion was also dedicated to their memory. The service was conducted by the Revd. G. Woodcock, T.D., who was a playing member of the Club and Senior Chaplain to the 55th Division. He spoke of the service as one of profound thanksgiving and affectionate memory, and a challenge to those who were left. The playing of the Last Post was followed by a minute's silence and the sounding of Reveille. The roll of honour shows the following names:-

John Abell
J.M. Barrell
C.M. Clayton
C.J. . Davies
J. Evans
E. Mason Fisher
K. Gee
C.G. Haley
G.T. Jones

J.L. Lumby
R.L. McCann
C.L. McKee
M. Munford
K.C. Pinnington
Noel Pinnington
A.B. Randall
N.M. Raven
T.P. Scanlan

J.W. Steed
G.E. Russell
P.C.W. Sage
R.S. Sykes
M.A. Taylor
J.F. Wells
E.A.M. White

The post-war years have been dominated by the batting of John Winter and the 27 centuries he has collected. Birkenhead Park is the only Liverpool Competition side against which he has not achieved 100. In 1949 and 1955 he was top of the District averages with the following:-

	<u>Innings</u>	<u>Not out</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Highest Score</u>	<u>Average</u>
1949	27	3	1192	141	49.66
1955	22	6	1423	143	88.93

That of 1955 still stands as the local record. His total in competition cricket up to 1961 exceeded 9,000 runs.

In 1948, F. Delderfield of Hightown took 10 wickets against Northern 3rd XI.

In 1951, Northern were beaten by Boughton Hall in the last match of the season, and finished a close second to Boughton Hall in the local competition. G.E.S. Lewis did not concede a bye in the match versus Hightown, stumped four and caught two. Northern, however, won the Liverpool Memorial Knock-out Competition. This was started in 1948, and the trophy was presented by an anonymous donor in memory of all Merseyside cricketers who gave their lives in the 1939-1945 War.

In 1952, again the Club came second in the competition jointly with New Brighton. Only against Liverpool, the eventual leaders, was a match lost. In a 2nd XI game against Wallasey, Northern were 57 for 9 when D. Jones joined M. Rowe. The last wicket added 124 runs in 56 minutes.

On the occasion of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II on 2nd June 1953, the Club was decorated with flags and bunting, and the exterior was floodlit. At 5 p.m. a cricket "quartet" knock-out competition was held. The eight teams of four players were selected from the various elevens. Each innings consisted of six 6-ball overs, unless these wickets fell before the overs were completed. One member of the side kept wicket, and only two were allowed to bowl. The fielding side was increased to six by the addition of two subs drawn from the other team. Four runs were added to the score for each wide bowled. The side scoring the greater number of runs, irrespective of wickets lost, were the winners. The Queen's speech to the nation was heard over the radio, and after the loyal toast the tables were closed for an impromptu dance to gramophone records. This continued to the early hours, and several raffles were run; as a result £25 0s. 0d. was forwarded to the Liverpool Sportsmen's Association.

The 2nd XI, in 1953, finished second in their table, and their Captain, F.C. Cockle, recorded the best batting averages. In their match against Formby, F.C. Cockle and E. Mills put on 181 runs in 110 minutes for the second wicket.

In 1954 the new score box was used for the first time. It was provided from the balance of the War Memorial Fund. After a lapse of 29 years, the Lancashire 2nd XI, in 1954, staged a match against Lincolnshire at Crosby. The Club again won the Liverpool Memorial Knock-out Competition.

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David Price did not complete his history for this period 1946-1961 leading up to the formation of the Northern Club (as it is now known). It is hoped to complete the archives for this period with contributions from other members, so that David's efforts do not go unrewarded.

PRESIDENTHON. SECRETARYHON. TREASURER

1946	C. Sturla	K.H. Wilson	J. Pilkington & J. Abell
1947	"	"	"
1948	W.L. Nelson	J.D. Dickinson	J. Pilkington
1949	J.E. Bell	"	"
1950	H.C. Woolliscroft	"	"
1951	K.H. Wilson	T.R. Robinson	W.F. Reynolds
1952	D.C. Price	"	"
1953	J. Pilkington	"	J.B. Whitlow
1954	F.C. Cockle	R.E. Formby	"
1955	J.D. Dickinson	"	F.C. Cockle
1956	L.A. Webster	"	"
1957	M.A. Warrick	"	G. Gregson
1958	T.R. Robinson	Capt. J. Whitehouse, OBE	"
1959	D.C. Price	"	D. Murchie
1960	F.C. Cockle	A.M. Cheetham	G. Gregson
1961	"	J.K. Whalley	J.D. Mellor

CAPTAINS1st XI's2nd XI'sOther XI's

1946	S.R. Pennington	S.W. Jones	F.R. Clark
1947	"	F.C. Cockle	S.W. Jones & H.H. Robinson
1948	F.C. Cockle	R. Formby	C.A. Manning & T.H. Curley
1949	J. Winter	D.C. Price	F.R. Clark & P.H. Coker
1950	"	J. Wills	D.C. Price & P.H. Coker
1951	E.L. Ashton	"	J.M. Sturla & J.B. Whitlow
1952	J. Heaton	F.C. Cockle	G. Stead & J.B. Whitlow
1953	A.M. Cheetham	"	J. Fay & P. Gallant
1954	"	S.R. Pennington	"
1955	J. Heaton	T.H. Pigot	D. Ryan & J.C. Martin
1956	J. Winter	T.R. Robinson	"
1957	"	E. Mills	J.B. Whitlow & G.R. Brown
1958	M.G. Corkill	J.C. Bateman	W. Costigan & D. Browne
1959	A.M. Cheetham	E.T. Frith	W. Costigan & J. Chellingworth
1960	W.J. Costigan	"	J.B. Cox & J.A. Rose
1961	"	K. Munford	J.B. Cox & D. Cassidy

BOWLS CAPTAINSQUASH CAPTAIN

1946	J.C. Carmichael	J.M. Sturla
1947	R.J. Peters	"
1948	G. Wilkinson	T.A. Cowdy
1949	A.E. Ball	"
1950	A.T. Gains	J.B. Pugh
1951	G.S. Dewhirst	D. Ryan
1952	M.A. Warrick	"
1953	N.W. Bell	D.R. Telfer
1954	W.F. Reynolds	E.L. Ashton
1955	"	"
1956	T. Swift	P.D. Tomkinson
1957	L.A. Webster	"
1958	"	T.R. Allen
1959	R.C. Floyd	K. Munford
1960	"	E.D. Scatchard
1961	J.G. Foggett	J.L. Callaghan

R E S U L T S

	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tie</u>	<u>Liverpool Competition</u>	
						<u>Position</u>	<u>Points</u>
<u>1st XI:</u> 1946	18	4	6	8	-		
1947	27	9	8	10	-	7	35
1948	28	12	9	7	-	6	45
1949	24	6	12	6	-	11	30
1950	24	5	16	3	-	8	31
1951	24	10	11	3	-	2*	41
1952	24	11	12	1	-	2+	45
1953	24	8	12	4	-	5	36
1954	24	6	15	3	-	7	33
1955	24	8	11	5	-	6	35
1956	24	4	16	4	-	9	28
1957	24	3	14	7	-	13	23
1958	24	5	10	9	-	12	25
1959	24	6	9	9	-	10	27
1960	24	6	10	8	-	10	28
1961	24	3	13	8	-	14	22

*Jointly with Preston

+Jointly with New Brighton

<u>2nd XI:</u> 1946	17	10	4	3			
1947							
1948	21	9	3	8	1		
1949	23	14	5	4	-		
1950	24	8	14	2	-	4	38
1951	24	10	11	3	-	2	41
1952	24	6	12	6	-	9	30
1953	24	10	11	3	-	2	41
1954	24	5	12	7	-	10	27
1955	24	12	6	6	-	4	42
1956	24	8	8	8	-	7	32
1957	24	3	11	10	-	16	20
1958	24	6	13	5	-	9	31
1959	24	10	10	4	-	2	40
1960	24	5	8	11	-	14	23
1961	24	9	9	6	-	4	36

<u>Other</u>	1946						
<u>XI's:</u>	1947	12	1	3	8	-	
	1948	22	12	4	6	-	
	1949						
	1950	17	6	5	6	-	
	1951	18	12	2	4	-	
	1952	43	17	9	17	-	
	1953	18	11	1	6	-	
	1954	19	4	4	11	-	
	1955	23	11	4	8	-	
	1956	17	8	2	7	-	
	1957	40	16	5	19	-	
	1958	20	11	1	8	-	
	1959	23	10	5	8	-	
	1960						
	1961						

HIGHEST INNINGS TOTALS

1st XI:	320-4	v. Ormskirk	..	..	..	..	1951
2nd XI:	285-8	v. Ormskirk	..	..	..	..	1950
Other XI's:	258-9	v. Oxton	..	..	..	..	1955

HIGHEST INNINGS TOTALS AGAINST

1st XI:	267-6	by Ormskirk	..	..	..	..	1955
2nd XI:	273-6	by Ormskirk	..	..	..	..	1957
Other XI's:	249-2	by U.G.B. (St. Helens)	..	..	..	..	1955

LOWEST INNINGS TOTALS

1st XI:	55	v. Boughton Hall	..	..	..	..	1950
2nd XI:	49	v. Formby	..	..	..	..	1956
Other XI's:	24	v. Meols	..	..	..	..	1948
	24	v. Liverpool	..	..	..	..	1956

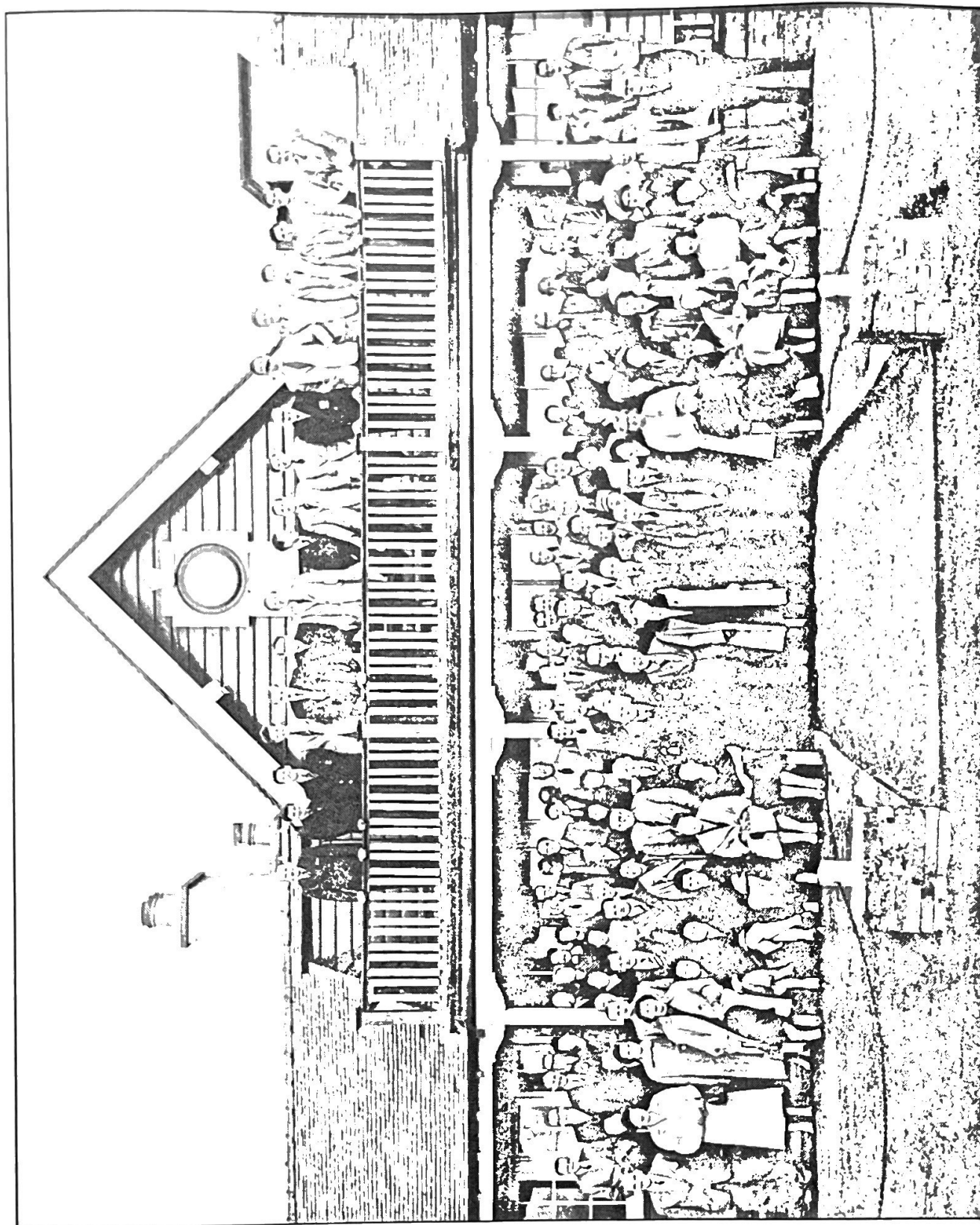
LOWEST INNINGS TOTAL AGAINST

1st XI:	26	by New Brighton	..	..	..	..	1954
2nd XI:	13	by Sefton	..	..	..	..	1959
Other XI's:	13	by Mersey Dock and Harbour Board	..	..	..	..	1958

ONE THOUSAND RUNS IN A SEASON

	<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Innings</u>	<u>Not out</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Highest</u>	<u>Average</u>
1st XI:	1949	J. Winter	27	3	1192	141	49.66
<u>XI:</u>	1955	J. Winter	22	6	1423	143x	88.93

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FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF OPENING OF MOOR PARK GROUND.
13th APRIL 1957.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

David C. Price was President of the Northern Cricket Club in 1952 and again in its centenary year 1959. Those who were fortunate enough to know him remember his genuine affection for the Club. It was, therefore, not entirely surprising to learn that it was his wish to create a history of the Club. The initiation of this history, the compilation of records and statistics and the painstaking detail duly recorded for everyone's pleasure until he died in 1979 is entirely due to David Price, and the Club is greatly indebted that he undertook this task.

K. Munford
(Past President (1972))

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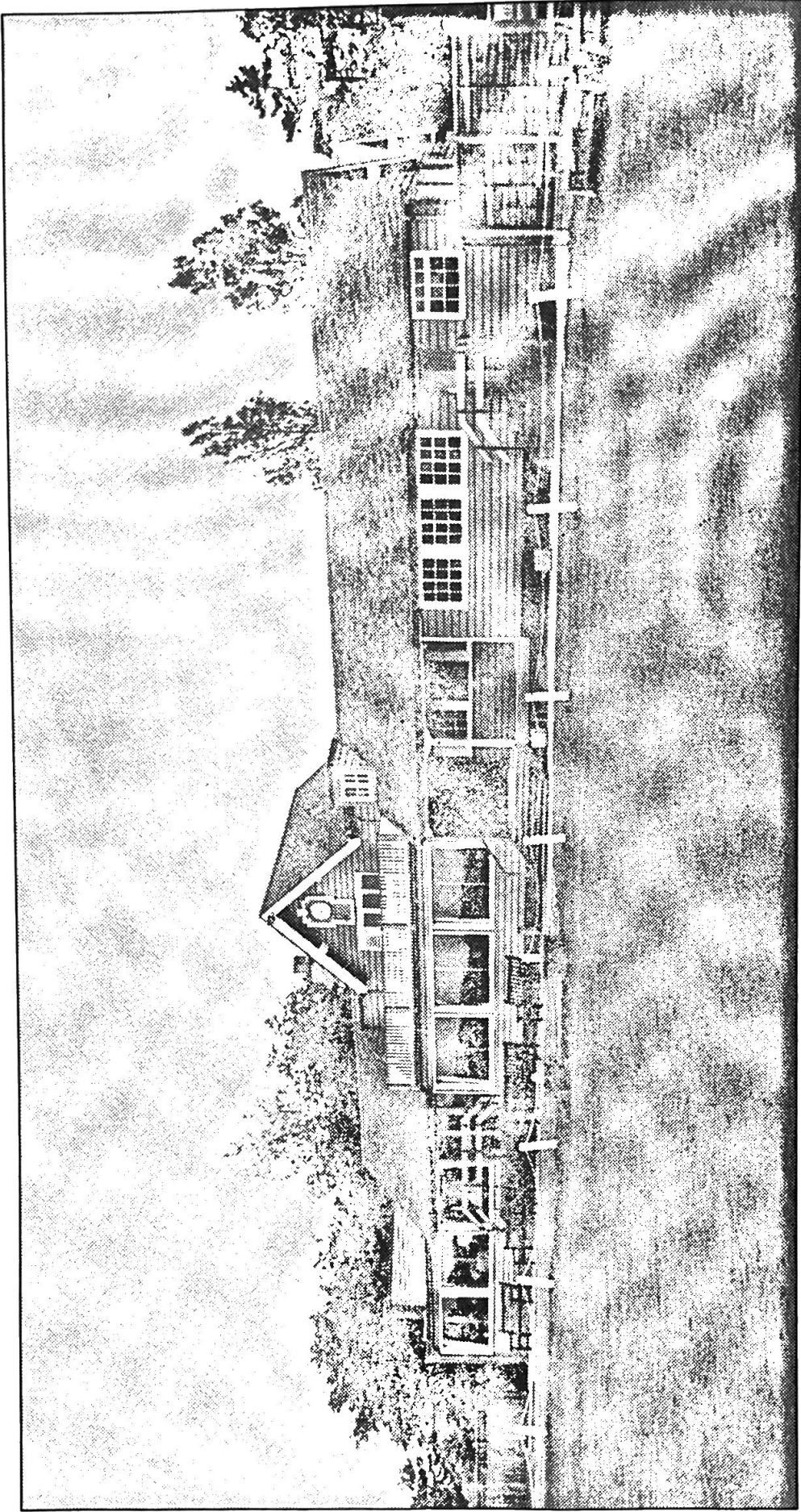
the Club Treasurer. David Chestnutt, for allowing me to tackle what has been a labour of love, with funds made available for the restoration and presentation of numerous pictures and records which might otherwise have been left in a box locked away in the Committee Room;

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Neilan M. Symondson

31st January 1985



THE NORTHERN CLUB 1984

Moor Park is the third ground which has been occupied by the club. The current ground and clubhouse, occupied since 1907, despite recent extensions and alterations still retains the character and presence of the original building.