

THE PRINCE AND THE WOODEN SPOON The second 25 years (1918 to 1943)

1919 – Lister fires Restart *Debut Prince Stobbs*



The First World War had one major effect on Oakworth Cricket Club in that the double Championship winning team was denied the chance of a hat trick of successes. Very sadly though four of the club's players did not return from action; they were Herbert Moore, Fred Beverley, Fred Moore and George Page. However the Oakworth club also lost 27 years-old Herbert Heaton, who prior to enlisting in the forces was its secretary and a member of the committee of the Mechanics Institute. He was Son of Robert and Isabella Heaton, of "Aynholme," Oakworth, Keighley, Yorks and was killed in action on 27th November 1917. He is commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial at Louverval in

Northern France. Herbert, a Corporal was shot in the head whilst attacking enemy positions. Before the war Herbert was a clerk at Prince Smith and Sons. The Keighley News report on his death quotes Private L Scott, who says: "I'm sorry to have to say that Herbert was killed in an action on November 27th, our Company attacked the enemy and he was among the first killed. He was shot through the head by a single bullet and died instantaneously without a single moment's pain. "We are sorry to lose him as he was very popular and respected by us all. I would like to tell you that Herbert died like a hero, well in front of his platoon." Herbert Heaton served with the Duke of Wellington's [West Riding Regiment] and is named on the Oakworth War Memorial and listed in the Keighley Trade and Grammar School 'Keighlian' Magazine roll of honour. His mother Isabella Heaton, would unveil the Oakworth War memorial in 1937. Herbert's 19 years-old brother Joseph enlisted in December 1915, and was wounded in the army two years later, only days after the death of Herbert.

However the re-formation of the club after the armistice did bring the return of William Adams and several of those players who had achieved so much for the village. The club had a new President Mr. E Harrison who succeeded Mr. Arthur Lister Haggas who had held that post since 1907. Willie Anderton was now club secretary and James Woodward carried on as Treasurer. Stephen Nicholls now chaired the general committee. The club re-entered the KDL and as in 1915 both First XI and Second XI were admitted. Wicket-keeper George Lee was to captain the Firsts and Willie Anderton the Seconds. The first team players pool still contained the brilliant Norman Whitaker, A Hartley, Alf Broadbent, Percy Moore, Tom Smith, Stephen Nicholls (in his 31st season) and Ellis Wilkinson from the pre-war days. Newcomers were a new young swing bowler wonderfully named Prince Edward Stobbs, F Metcalfe, R Tuley, E Dickinson, F Rushworth and P Hull.

The first match between the First XI and the Second XI on 10th May resulted in a tie (53 runs each) and by all accounts the First XI was extremely lucky at that! The First XI had lost their first five batsmen for only 12 runs and only the middle order saved their blushes despite Willie Anderton's 4 for 5 for the 2nds. Whitaker's bowling was as good as ever and on 31st May he equalled his own club First XI record by taking a second 9-timer (this time for 9 against Haworth Baptists). Eight of the nine of Norman's victims were remarkably clean bowled! The young Prince also showed his pedigree with 6 for 36 against ultimate Champions Heber Street and an even better 7 for 16 versus Sun Street Mission.

1 st	KDL1	G Lee	22	8	1	2	11	6 th of 12
2 nd	KDL1	W Anderton	22	3	0	1	18	11 th of 12

Farewells

Stephen Nicholls, Alfred Broadbent, Ellis Wilkinson, Percy Moore

1920 – Prince of consistency *Debuts L Brown, Sam Brown, S Redman, J Stobbs, S Humphries*

Only Prince Stobbs produced any consistency in a very new line-up, now bereft of four pre-war veterans. His best performance was 8 for 29 against Oxenhope Parish Church.

1 st	KDL	F Brown	18	9	0	3	6	5 th of 10
2 nd	KDL	J Stobbs	18	7	0	3	8	5 th of 10

1921 – Tom's dominance *Debuts A J Hartley, John Preston, Arthur Pickles*

The following year saw the growing league split into two sections. Sadly the name of Norman Whitaker did not appear in any of the club's games that year. Willie Pickles with 8 for 21 and Lister Brown with 45 against Bingley Baptists saw Oakworth through to the Keighley Charity Cup semi-final for the first time. Unfortunately they lost by 7 runs to Sutton Church at neutral Riddlesden. Another score of 45 by Tom Smith out of 58-2 at Sun Street was 77.6% of the score and still remains the highest % achieved in a League match (for scores of 40 or more).

1 st	KDL	W Pickles	14	6	0	3	5	5 th of 8
2 nd	KDL	E Dickinson	16	10	0	2	4	3 rd of 9

Farewell Hiram Hey

1922 - Nine for Preston *Debut W Melrose*

Prince Stobbs had left Oakworth for nearby Fell Lane after only one match. That club won both First & Second XI competitions in 1922 with Stobbs finishing high in both average lists. The discovery of yet another new Oaks bowling talent by the name of John Preston however promised better things to come. He hit the local headlines with a third achievement of the 9-wickets haul for Oakworth. He took 9 for 19 to bowl out Morton for 54 but amazingly the batsmen failed to capitalize and were dismissed for 45!

Haworth West End Baptists typified our poor season, successfully defending a score of only 25 thanks to Butler's 6 for 9. John Preston grabbed 7 for 12 and that should have been enough but even he couldn't prevent what is still a record today. Bingley Parish Church gained all 4 points from the Oaks largely due to the efforts of J Stephenson who managed 13 wickets for 28 runs, his best a new opponent record of 8 for 17 at Wide Lane. That record lasted only 3 weeks as Fell Lane's T Ward notched 8 for 10 in a 103 thrashing for our beleaguered boys. A tilt at the Cup only brought a 105 run walloping by the Methodists from Haworth, so no respite there!

1 st	KDL	W Pickles	20	6	0	3	11	9 th of 11
2 nd	KDL	A Pickles	20	13	0	4	3	2 nd of 11

Farewell Willie Pickles

1923 - No skipper, no reports *Debut George Preston*

The real low point came on 28th April when Bingley Parish Church's Stephenson with 3 for 4 and Turnbull with 6 for 1 humiliated the club by dismissing the team for our record low total of only 7 runs in reply to an impressive 132 for 4. Turnbull's magnificent bowling backed up his batting contribution of 57 runs as the first ever '50 and 5' double against Oaks. Strangely the club had no regular captain in 1923 as the responsibility was shared amongst a number of players. A J Hartley achieved second place in the league batting averages thanks to six not-out scores on the way to a total of 113 runs at just under 19, his highest score being only 24!

The 1923 season saw many scores not recorded by the Keighley News. Not surprisingly since the League Secretary complained bitterly of having received only 117 of the 161 required!

1 st	KDL	various	18	7	0	2	9	7 th of 10
2 nd	KDL	various	16	4	0	1	11	7 th of 9

1924 - All out for Two *Debut E Mace*

Stobbs returned in 1924 thinking perhaps that cricket involved more than chasing medals. A skipper was needed and Prince got the vote but he needed to use a record 28 players to try and find the right combination. He almost single-handedly carried the team with five 5-wicket hauls and his first and only half-century in April against the Post Office team. Stobbs chalked up 69 wickets for the season to equal the club record set in 1904 by the late J Hey. He achieved 13th place in the league averages with 5.18. His best bowling was in a defeat by his former club Fell Lane when he took 8 for 53. Even more impressively he made

fourth place in the league batting lists with 170 runs from 15 innings. The Champions were Oxenhope Church who lost only 3 matches, two of them to Oakworth.

The surprising success of the First XI was not however matched by the Second XI. On May 24th the previous season's First XI debacle at Bingley paled into insignificance as the Second XI were shot out for the not-so-princely score of **TWO** by Fell Lane IIs. There were nine ducks recorded and Fell Lane bowler Greenwood had the magical figures of 6 wickets for None ! Not surprisingly the match aggregate of 5 runs was a new record. Despite this disgrace the season was easily the club's best since the War and 1925 could be looked forward to with eagerness. Oxenhope 2nds A Waterhouse pushed the two-year old opponents batting dominance record to 66.0% with 68 from a winning 103.

Season's end brought to a close the wonderful cricketing career of William Adams. His last match, his 155th for Oakworth was in a win over Victoria Park Wesleyans on 13th September.

1 st	KDL	P Stobbs	18	11	0	2	5	2 nd of 10
2 nd	KDL	G Moore	18	2	0	3	13	Last of 10

Farewell William Adams

1925 - Second XI Championship Debut P Laycock

The twin bowling demons Stobbs and Preston continued to cause most of the KDL's clubs problems during 1925 but the club slipped to 6th place in the league. A disappointing conclusion after the previous season's near miss, with a low point on 20th June when the side was bundled out by the Post Office team for 12 runs. Lister Brown made the batting averages with 172 runs at 14.33 but no one produced any scores of note. Stobbs again came up with the goods and John Preston improved noticeably actually outgunning Stobbs by taking 61 wickets.

Not for the first time the Second XI outshone their seniors as they took the Second Division title for the first time in our history. This Championship was achieved with a little luck as for some unreported reason Fell Lane IIs team results were ignored when 6 points clear of Oakworth. The youngsters in the Second XI worked hard to achieve a 10 match unbeaten run at the end of the season. Peacock, Anderton and Barber excelled with the bat whilst Ruddock (53 wickets) and skipper Willie Anderton (52 wickets) kept up the pressure with the ball.

1 st	KDL	A Pickles	22	10	0	3	9	6 th of 12
2 nd	KDL	W Anderton	22	14	0	2	6	Champions

Farewell Norman Whitaker

1926 - Cup shock Debuts E Hargreaves, G Whitaker

The misery of the slump and general strike did not appear to distract the locals from their cricket and some turnaround in the club's fortunes did in fact materialize. Stobbs continued to take great numbers of wickets, 64 this year, and Preston again provided superb support with another 52. Preston in fact finished fourth in the league averages to Stobbs 10th. Batsman A J Hartley startled a lot of pundits with an impressively dominant knock of 71 out of a winning total of 109 against Alice St Prims in the Anderson Cup. Three weeks later Prims gained revenge by 63 runs when bowler W Emmott took 8 for 16!

1 st	KDL	S Brown	14	8	1	1	4	4 th of 8
2 nd	KDL	W Anderton	14	5	0	2	7	

Farewells George Lee, A Hartley, W Melrose, J Stobbs

1927 - 67 for Stobbs 1927 witnessed a return to the form of two years previous as Batters Tommy Smith and A J both performed well, Hartley totalling 178 runs and Smith 120. Stobbs again led the bowlers with 67 wickets at only 4.80 each, which still earned him only eighth place in the average list! For the club it was another runners-up spot behind Champions Newtown.

1 st	KDL	S Brown	20	13	0	4	3	2 nd of 11
2 nd	KDL	A Peacock	18	7	0	2	9	7 th of 10

Farewells *Lister Brown, Willie Anderton*

1928 – Unremarkable *Debut* *Bill Hough*

1928 wasn't remarkable for Oaks performances but Keighley III's Harold Holmes obviously enjoyed our company when he took 12 of our wickets for 25 over the two matches. Prince Stobbs had left to try his hand at Lawkholme Lane. A new promising batsman S Redman came to the fore with 183 runs for the year and John Preston received help with taking wickets from another up and coming all-rounder Arthur Pickles

1 st	KDL	A Pickles	18	7	0	3	8	5 th of 10
2 nd	KDL	F Smith	14	7	0	2	5	4 th of 8

Farewell *Herbert Moore*

1929 – George Medal *Debuts* *J Ritson, C Bailey, F Berry*

Arthur Pickles and John Preston secured their first (only) fifties in a second unremarkable season. The Second XI leading batter George Preston took the Division's batting prize with 176 runs. George's prize could fairly be attributed to one magnificent innings when he pushed the dominance record for the 2nds to 68.3% with his 82 out of 120 v Turkey Mills.

1 st	KDL	A Pickles	18	8	0	1	9	5 th of 10
2 nd	KDL	T Mace	14	5	0	2	7	

1930 - Ritson follows *Debut* *Harold Buffet*

For the first time in some years the club had no-one in either the league batting or bowling averages, although for the second year in a row the Seconds provided the Batting Prize winner, this time J Ritson (169 runs at 18.7 average). One new record was set though, that of a new high match aggregate of 313 runs with St Mary's.

1 st	KDL	S Brown	20	9	0	4	7	4 th of 11
2 nd	KDL	G Preston	20	8	0	2	10	

Farewells *Humphries*

1931 - New pavilion *Debut* *Harold Barber*

1931 continued the run of mediocre seasons to four in a year badly disrupted by the weather. J Ritson did lead a fine 119-run win over Keighley III with a welcome 56. Captain at last John Preston could do very little about the 8 matches, which ended as draws of which 5 were interrupted by the weather.

The Committee, now chaired by Willie Hodgson, had recognized the heady days of 1926 with 32 clubs in the League had gone and they concluded that their future must finally lie in the much stronger West Bradford League despite the mediocre season. The application was again accepted and the club smartened up facilities with the acquisition of a new pavilion and score-box during the winter months of 1931-32. Little did they know that their momentous decision to move up in class might very nearly destroy the club!

1 st	KDL	J Preston	18	5	0	5	8	6 th of 10
2 nd	KDL	W Brown	18	4	1	5	8	

Farewell *E Hargreaves*

1932 - Gone West Debut L Walker

After 16 consecutive seasons and a total of 492 matches in the Keighley & District League the Oakworth club's new venture was greeted with a welcoming dose of foul weather and the first fixture against Riddlesden was washed out completely. The following week's game met the same fate although opponents Morton Banks (also newly elected to the WBL) did manage an innings of 95 before the heavens opened. At the third time of asking it soon became clear that Oakworth were in for a rough ride in their chosen new home. Long time rivals Haworth Wesleyans skittled the club for only 24 (W Gould 5 for 7) and then knocked them off with only one wicket down. If the point needed any further underlining the other Haworth rivals from the Parish Church welcomed the newcomers with a massive score of 237 (Pickles 80) to which our lads could only reply with a humble 57 (J Ratcliffe 7 for 36). Not only was this the first time Oakworth had conceded over 200 runs but the 180 run defeat remains to this day as the club's worst when batting second. The third Haworth club, the Baptists, didn't spare the rod either when they inflicted a 104 run defeat on our shell-shocked team. Oakworth made three figures on only one occasion, 109 in a draw with Haworth Wesleyans.

In the wettest season for years, John Preston received all round help from K Holmes, who topped his season with 42 runs and 5 for 41 in ensuring a late season victory by 6 wickets over Oxenhope Methodists.

1 st	WBL	J Preston	18	3	0	8	7	13 th of 18
2 nd	WBL		18	5	0	5	8	10 th of 18

1933 - Wooden spoon Debuts Alvin Laycock

Promising K Holmes stayed to see a first match bashing by Morton Banks and then departed forever. Prince Stobbs had returned to the fold from Keighley for his 14th season and he helped the club achieve another tied match, against re-named Oxenhope Methodists with 6 wickets for 32. Sutton' G Shuttleworth was not the only opposition bowler to roll-over our lads but his return was by far the best with 9 for 17 at Wide Lane in June. July saw a 124 run hammering from Ingrow and in September Sutton did the double with a 131 run victory.

The realization that the club had won only one game (against Crossflatts by 21 runs in July) and drawn three (two rain ruined) must have been extremely hard to swallow for President E J Rouse and the whole club membership. It was Oakworth's worst season to date with only 5 points gained from a possible 36 in a year dominated by bowlers. Even the new high match aggregate of 372 in a 60 run defeat by Haworth Methodists in September could not lift the gloom. Newcomer J W Metcalfe added 132 runs to P Laycock's 144 but like Holmes he opted to move on after just the one season. New blood was undoubtedly wanted.

1 st	WBL	A J Hartley	18	1	1	2	14	Last of 18
2 nd	WBL	H Laycock	18	6	0	2	10	11 th of 18

Farewell F Berry

1934 - The spoon again Debuts Harry Adams

A narrow ten runs win against Morton Banks augured well as the Prince returned 7 for 40 on 21st April. W Paul of Devonshire Street Congs rattled our lads with 39 runs and 6 for 28 but we did manage a 1-wicket win. Harry Adams a young batsman with an impeccable Oakworth pedigree made his debut on 5th May in the white heat of the Meths derby. He started with a duck. On 7th July Ingrow again gave us a drubbing this time by 153 runs but two weeks later Oakworth rattled up their first ever 200 score with 207 against Cross Roads.



Harry Adams

This match produced terrific bowling from Harold Barber (8 for 11) as the opposition crashed to a 154 run defeat by our lads. Former Captain William Adams son Harry chipped in a first WBL fifty runs (58) to our total from the number 10 berth. He was shepherded by the experienced Prince Stobbs (47) in a cracking 9th wicket stand (not recorded), which allowed Harry to show all his attacking stroke-play. The return match defeat against Devonshire Street couldn't be laid at John Preston's door as he took 4 for 32 and added 47 not out with the bat.

The 200 milestone in the club's history was overshadowed as the last 4 matches were lost and the club agonizingly finished rock bottom of the league for the second season in succession. Double the previous season's points were harvested but to no avail, the rot continued to set in, with the exciting exception of Harry Adams, whose amazing debut year brought him 122 runs from 8 innings at an average over 15. In contrast the Haworth Methodists received their first West Bradford Championship, having been members of the League since 1916.

1 st	WBL		18	4	0	2	12	Last of 18
2 nd	WBL		18	5	0	2	11	14th of 18

1935 - No wins *Debuts Jack Lancaster, R Haddon, G Lund*

By 1935, brittle batting was clearly the root cause of the club now becoming regarded as the perennial whipping boys of the league. But even two reasonable batting displays (196 against Haworth Church and 106 against the Baptists) could not prevent the disasters of the previous two seasons being compounded by an unwelcome third consecutive wooden spoon. The aforementioned games didn't produce a win and neither did any of Oakworth's others in the truly barren 1935 season. In each and every innings the opposing team bowled out Oakworth. The season was perhaps summed up by a ten-wicket defeat at the hands of unfancied Devonshire Street Congs, who scored the 13 runs necessary without loss to surpass Oakworth's miserly 12 run total in June. Another 10-wicket loss to Haworth Methodists after being dismissed for 35 further underlined the weakness in the batting line-up.

The only cause for Oakworth celebration was P Laycock's 63 in the drawn Haworth PC match; it was the highest innings by a First XI player since the peerless Norman Whitaker's 70, 22 years earlier in 1913. One other to celebrate was J Pighills of Haworth Parish Church whose 61 out of 98 for 4 was our first opponent to dominate with over 60% of their total. Harry Adams continued to progress and finished leading scorer with 148 runs, but another young player of whom much was expected, Jack Lancaster, struggled to adapt to First XI standards, although it was evident it was only a matter of time before he would make the grade.

1 st	WBL		18	0	0	3	15	Last of 18
2 nd	WBL		18	10	0	2	6	7th of 18

Farewell Tom Smith

1936 - Barber' haul *Debuts Arthur Lockwood, Arthur Boardman*

Whilst General Franco was slugging it out with the Republicans in Spain, the Oakworth lads doggedly fought on to get out of the basement they had occupied for the last three years. A poor start in this respect obviously did not dampen their already soaked spirits and a five match-winning streak in July and August signalled the end of Oakworth's reign at the bottom. This renaissance could fairly be attributed to one new batsman: 28 year-old Arthur Lockwood. A string of medium high scores from Arthur seemed to be making all the difference to the beleaguered batting line-up. His debut season was topped by a super 2nd highest ever innings of 67 in a 45 run walloping of Denholme, but one performance of supreme excellence outshone all of Arthur's individual efforts. Harold Barber continued to prove a real handful for a lot of the league's batsmen. None more so than those of the Methodists from Oxenhope who were limited to a total of only 40 by Barber whose figures of 9 wickets for 5 runs still remain the best ever by an Oakworth bowler. He went one better than his illustrious predecessor, Norman Whitaker, whose record he overtook, Barber clean bowled all his victims!

1 st	WBL		18	7	0	3	8	8 th of 18
2 nd	WBL		18	9	0	3	6	

Farewell Arthur Pickles

1937 - Back to bottom *Debuts Cyril Pegg, Joe Taylor, Leslie Judson*

The club's hopes for 1937 must have been higher than for many of the preceding ones but they were soon to be cruelly dashed as they learned that Barber was to join the old enemy across the valley; Haworth

Methodists. The bowling attack clearly was severely reduced in potency, as only Harry Adams was able to give much backing to veterans Stobbs and Preston. Indeed Adams it was in the first match of the year who took his second hat trick on the way to a magnificent return of 8 wickets for 9 runs when dismissing Haworth Baptists for 29. His joy was short-lived as F Ward responded for the Baptists with another hat trick to leave our lads despondent on a score of 24 all out.

Arthur Lockwood who accepted the captaincy found the going significantly tougher than last year and his highest knock proved to be a modest 31 against Sutton. Sutton had earlier inflicted a ten-wickets defeat on us after we were shot out for 18 by League-leading bowler Harold Gill who had amazingly dominant figures of 8 for 1. Even Oxenhope Meths gained revenge for '36 thanks to Mudd's crushing 8 for 9. A tied game against Knowle Park was the club's only real success (74 each) as they dropped inexorably back to the cellar position. A grand total of 4 points, but no wins were marginally, thanks to the rain, better than the disaster of 1935, but for the fourth time in five years the club collected the booby prize. The loss of Barber had indeed proved impossible to recover from, but one small chink of light shone through with the First XI debut of a lad who would eventually become one of the club's leading players. He was Cyril Pegg and he signalled the shape of things to come by taking 4 Long Lee wickets for 10 runs in the away match in July.

1 st	WBL	A Lockwood	16	0	1	3	12	Last of 17
2 nd	WBL	A Boardman	16	9	0	3	4	4 th of 17

Farewells

P Laycock, G Whitaker

1938 - Arthur's year

Arthur Lockwood started 1938 as if he was going to single-handedly drag Oakworth off the bottom. In the second match at Haworth PC he contributed a first ever First XI Century (104 not out) to a terrific 3-wicket win after chasing a good Haworth score of 178. Arthur's new high had after 25 years overtaken Norman Whitaker's 70 from 1913. The Keighley News carried Arthur's picture and the Oakworth C.C. followers revelled in his glory and they might have dared to think the impossible. Arthur continued his one-man crusade with a knock of 64 in the next match and 84 in the one after that. A total of 252 runs in three consecutive innings and it was the first time anyone had scored three consecutive half-centuries. Unfortunately both these games were lost but it was clear that the club was emerging from the hell of the last five years. The young and very promising Jack Lancaster was now able to give Arthur support with the batting. Bill Hough achieved with both bat and ball. Stobbs in his 19th season could still knock 'em over as he showed with 8 for 34 against St Johns and John Preston went one better with his second tally of 9 wickets with 9 for 28 versus Cross Roads.

Once again not to be outdone the Second XI had a taste of the sweet things as Jack Walbank took 9 Ingrow IIs wickets for 49, only the second occasion for a Second XI player. Arthur Lockwood's Herculean efforts deservedly brought him the League batting prize, the Oakworth club's first since 1905, with an average of 34.40 from his record 344 runs.

1 st	WBL		17	7	0	5	5	8 th of 18
2 nd	WBL		17	6	0	2	9	9 th of 18

Farewell Leslie Judson

1939 - Wartime cricket

20 years of loyal service to firstly Oakworth and secondly to the League as delegate was appropriately rewarded with elevation to League Vice-President for Prince Stobbs in 1939.

Arthur Lockwood showed Denholme his mettle with 61 runs but even he didn't dominate, as did E Rushworth of Crossflatts who managed 62.8% (76 runs) of their 121 total.

The matches on 2nd September were all postponed with the announcement that Adolf Hitler had invaded Poland and that a general mobilization would follow. However after receiving advice from the Ministry of Defence the league duly ordered the completion of the programme one week later. It would take more than a War to stop the West Bradford League!

1 st	WBL	L Judson	16	6	0	3	7	12 th of 17
2 nd	KDL	G Lund	16	2	0	5	9	16 th of 17

1940 - Record margin Debuts *Edwin Greenwood, Frank Woodward*

Whilst the western world was doing its best to blow each other to pieces local clubs faced the dilemma of whether to continue. Many opted not to, but with 15 others Oakworth took to the field for 1940. As the year wore on the club as all others was hit by call up of players but managed to complete the fixtures.



Edwin Greenwood

The highlights were obviously the setting of the club's first 400 run aggregate and a new highest to date team score. In a match against Haworth Methodists and despite Shackleton's fine bowling (he took 9 Oakworth wickets for 54) Oakworth rattled up a formidable score of 202 which included a second consecutive half-century for newcomer Edwin Greenwood. The cross-valley rivals and R Place (80) in particular not for the first time rubbed our noses in it passing their target with only 3 wickets down for a new aggregate record of 405 runs. The new high team score came in the previous match when Arthur Boardman and Edwin Greenwood both with eighties combined to take the Oakworth record to 244. Opponents Prince Smith & Stells reply of only 65 resulted in Oakworth's highest ever winning margin of 179 runs.

On 13th July A Greenwood of Bingley Parish Church struck the first recorded century against Oakworth, his 111 no leading his team to an emphatic 154 run win.

1 st	WBL	W Hough	15	5	0	1	9	12 th of 16
2 nd	WBL	G Lund	3	1	0	1	1	

The call up of troops for the Second World War took its toll on all the club's playing strengths and the League duly suspended activities until the cessation of hostilities. Unfortunately the club's 50th anniversary in 1942 would not take place during a playing season.