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JACK'S THE LAD

by **ANDREW PEARSON**

AWARDS

Jack Oldham had deserved recognition at league level when he was awarded the Brian Hopton Trophy for 2006. This goes to the player aged twenty or under who has, in the opinion of the donor, had the highest level of achievement in senior cricket over the entire season. Brian was a long standing Huddersfield Central League official and umpire and is still the scorer for Penistone first team.

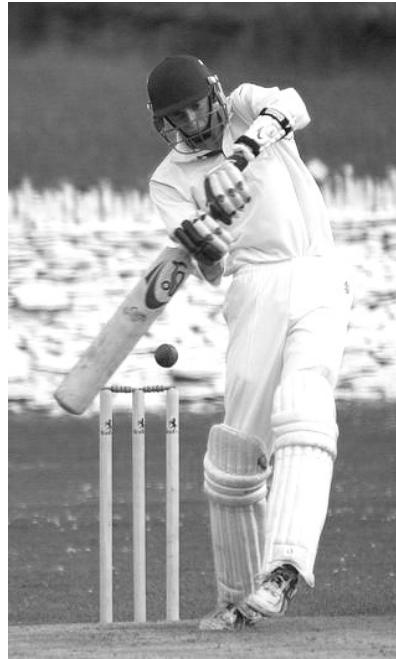
During 2006, Jack scored 516 runs opening the innings at an average of just over 27 with a highest score of 69 not out. In addition he took 15 wickets as a more than useful occasional bowler and was a reliable catcher. At 17 he is on the threshold of his cricketing career and I am sure he can look forward to many more profitable and enjoyable seasons.

Another award winner at league level also went to one of the club's young players. Tom Sykes won the wicket keeping prize for most victims in the Premier Section with 24, seventeen caught and seven stumped. In addition he had three catches in cup games. Both Jack and Tom will have their awards presented formally at the league dinner at the beginning of March 2007.

AGM

This was held at the club on Tuesday October 31st. After many years service in that office, Steve Adler stood down as chairman and due tribute was paid to him for all the work he has done in that role going back to the 1970s. He is continuing as a member of the club's General Committee and will still be in hot pursuit of subscriptions for 2007 when they become due on April 1st 2007.

Lee Booth was voted into office as his successor and will combine this role with that of being first team captain once more and junior coaching co-ordinator to say nothing of the amount of time he puts in with helping to keep the web-



sites of both the club and the Huddersfield Central League up to date. He has also put a great deal of time into the Calderdale and Kirklees Cricket Heritage site over the last two or three years. It is certainly better to wear out than rust out.

John Eastwood continues as treasurer with Neil Booth re-elected as second team captain. He has Ashley Armitage as his deputy for 2007. Ashley will not be 18 until June next year and it is thought that he is the youngest player to hold such a position at the club. He took 30 second team wickets with his off spin last season as well as four in three out-

Xmas Draw

Ticket No. - Prize Winner

2951 - £100
STEVE TURNER (R.G.)

3718 - XMAS HAMPER
S. ADLER

2532 - CHAMPAGNE
P. IRELAND (R.G.)

2378 - QUALITY STREET
WILF HOLLAND

2514 - BOX OF LAGERS
RUTH (R.G.)

3148 - BOTTLE OF WINE
D. R. G. (R.G.)

2840 - BOTTLE OF RUM
D. OLDHAM

1557 - ORGANISER
J. EASTWOOD

441 - MYSTERY PRIZE
C. HOLLOWAY

2281 - BOTTLE OF WINE
SUE TODD

2963 - BISCUITS
J. GLOVER (R.G.)

551 - BOTTLE OF PORT
H. GAUNT

3520 - CAKE
T. TURNER

2045 - MYSTERY PRIZE
MATT & ZOE

866 - BOTTLE OF WINE
B. PHILPOTT

3656 - BACARDI
S. WAYNE

654 - BOTTLE OF WINE
R. MOTTRAM

385 - BOTTLE OF SHERRY
J. THOMPSON

3211 - BOTTLE OF WINE
M. WESCOTT (R.G.)

Forthcoming Events

Sunday 07th January - First Indoor Net (11am Almondbury High School)

Thursday 12th April - Junior Sign-on Day

Saturday 20th January - Ladies Dinner

Sunday 22nd April - First League Match

If you have any articles or ideas you would like to see in this newsletter, please let me know using one of the following methods. These can be related to the cricket club or the village in general.

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ings in the firsts and he is part of the group of young players who have contributed so much to the senior teams in the last three seasons. We hope that many of them will be the backbone of the club for a good number of years to come.

Dinner & Presentation Night

Once again this was a very pleasant occasion at The Old Bridge Hotel, Holmfirth, on Saturday November 18th. Just over sixty people were in attendance and it was good to see all sections of the club so well represented. Individual prize winners received their trophies from club president Peter Holloway with Andrew Pearson acting as MC.

Christmas Draw

Thanks to everyone who supported the draw this year whether the role was ticket seller, buyer or prize donator. It is an important source of revenue at a quieter time of year and a list of the winning ticket numbers and the names of the lucky individuals appears in the column at the side of this newsletter. If you are a winner and have not yet received your prize, please get in touch and we will make mutually convenient arrangements for you to collect it

Indoor Nets

These begin on Sunday January 7th at Almondbury High School Sports Centre. The sessions are from 11.00 to 12.00 and will continue until near to Easter. Any player qualified for the Under 15s upwards is warmly invited to attend. Do not feel that you have to be there every week. A contribution of £1 per session is requested to help to offset the cost of hiring the facilities.

Subscription Rates for 2007

These have been held at the same rate as last year although they will be reviewed for 2008. All players, regardless of age, pay £15 to become a member. Those playing in either the first or second team pay a match fee of £3 unless they are qualified to play in junior cricket or are in full time education when £1 is paid. There are no match fees when playing in any of the specific age group teams (ie from Under 17s down to Under 11s).

Single Social Membership is £7.

We also have two family membership offers: Category 1 is for a senior player, spouse and one junior member and costs £30 whilst Category 2 costs £20 and is for two non playing parents/carers and one junior member.

Adult members of the club are able to hire the clubroom with bar and kitchen facilities free of charge. We staged several private functions during 2006 for members as well as hiring our clubroom for two wedding receptions so please get in touch if you feel we could help out for a special occasion.

Junior Teams in 2007

Four senior players are attending coaching courses during the close season in readiness for 2006. This will add to the numbers of helpers essential for practice nights. Contacts with local Junior and First Schools are being made to give the club publicity in general but with the specific purpose of encouraging new young players to join us. Any recruiting which can be done by readers of this newsletter will be most welcome. We intend to field an Under 11 side in 2007 which will play under the eight a side rules which have applied for so long at Under 13 level in the Huddersfield area.

From the start of next season all Under 13s will play eleven a side games with batsmen losing their wickets if they are out (no more carrying on for the allotted time after a 'dismissal' with an eight run penalty which now only applies at Under 11) and retiring when they reach 25 runs. There are also restrictions in the number of overs which bowlers may bowl.

We are also considering the implications for practice sessions. In living memory the traditional night has been Thursday for everyone with various time slots and space allocations. This will still carry on but we are looking at the possibility of moving the youngest age groups to another night to avoid congestion and to maximise the amount time available for meaningful coaching.

Decisions will be taken early in the New Year and details given in a newsletter sent to junior members in late February/early March. In any case outdoor practices will begin on the second or third week in April. If you have any thoughts about the timing of junior practices please do not hesitate to get in touch. Any volunteer help with coaching from parents and/or other family members is always welcome.

**BEST WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR
FROM EVERYONE AT THURSTONLAND CC**

Xmas Draw

Ticket No. - Prize Winner

**3321 - VODKA SELECTION
W. MEACH (R.G.)**

**3568 - QUALITY STREET
A. BOOTH**

**1191 - BOTTLE OF WHISKY
G. MORLEY**

**2200 - BOTTLE OF WHISKY
E. HAIGH**

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