

17 May 1880

LAMBTON CASTLE V. BURNMOOR. This match was played Saturday upon the pleasant ground of the former club and resulted in their victory by 10 runs. The scores were 30 and 40 respectively.

4 Jan 1895

Bazaar at Burnmoor—To-day Lord Durham opened a bazaar at Burnmoor in aid of the funds of the Burnmoor Cricket Club, who propose to build a new club pavilion and enlarge their ground.

4 Jan 1895

To-day (Friday), the Hon. the Earl of Durham will open a bazaar in the Burnmoor Schoolrooms, which is promoted by the members of the Burnmoor Cricket Club (Junior Leagists). The proceeds are to assist to defray the cost building a pavilion and the enlargement and relaying the turf the cricket ground which has been done at cost of about £100. The bazaar promises, by its patronage, to be one of the most successful held in the district for many years. The committee of management are; —Messrs Whightman, Gibson, W. Atkinson. Chisholm, Gowland, George Bland, Stewart, Hepburn, and Dixon, with Mr W. Woodhall as hon sec. The arrangements are now completed. The stalls will be nine in number, viz., game stall, given the Earl of Durham; flower stall, by Mrs F. Stobart; useful article stall, by Mrs Chatt whilst the club members are responsible for three others. Entertainments will also be given. The will re-opened on Saturday afternoon by Mr V. W. Corbett, J.P., of Chilton Moor, Unionist candidate for the Houghton-le-Spring division.

2 Apr 1896

DURHAM COUNTY v. MR F, STOBART'S XI. A Played at Burnmoor on Saturday. The County batted first and made 306, when their innings was declared, and Mr Stobart's XI. making 213 for eight wickets the game ended in a draw. Scores :-Durham County (J F Whitwell 119, C Adamson 70, A P. Whitwell 44, L O Micklem not out 12, W F Whitwell not out 26), 306; Mr a F. Stobart's Xi. (J Young 75, F J Trewitt 12, A Gowland 11, Hon. Claud Lambton 30. Dr. Abraham 12, Capt. Walker 13, R C Thompson not out 16), 213.

28 Apr 1896

DURHAM COUNTY FIXTURES; 1896. May 25 and 26. V Northumberland, at Burnmoor

11 July 1899

GYMKHANA AT BURNMOOR. A gala gymkhana is fixed to take place at the Burnmoor Cricket Field Saturday next. The sports are timed to start at two o'clock, and the programme will be continued without intermission until about seven o'clock. There are well on to a score of events of various kinds, and also maypole dance by the school children. A large marquee is to be erected, and in the evening it to be used for a ball. The arrangements are in the hands of a thoroughly competent committee.

25 June 1904

MR T. A. BULMER. NEW SECRETARY OF THE BURNMOOR CRICKET CLUB. Mr Thomas Alfred Bulmer, the new secretary of the Burnmoor Cricket Club, is a well known cricket personality in the mining districts. He comes from a stock of cricket enthusiasts, his father being a keen follower of the game. While a scholar at the Royal Keping Grammar School, Houghton-le-Spring, he showed early signs of becoming a successful batsman, and these expectations have been fully realised. His first club was that of the Burnmoor Church choir boys, and while a member he topped the batting average. At the age of 15 he joined the present Burnmoor Club, and played in the second eleven. While a member of the team his highest score was 59, against Chester-le-Street, which was secured in partnership with Fred Blunt. The two scored a total of 137, this being a record for the first wicket on the Burnmoor ground. At the age of 18 he got a trial in the first eleven in a Junior League match against Sherburn, and the singular experience of batting 45 minutes for 4 runs befell him. He has secured the name of being a "stonewaller," but explains that as he is not cut out for hitting, this style of play suits him. In 1888 he formed one of the team that won the Durham Second Team Challenge Cup. The final match was played at Chester-le-Street against Craghead 11., and Mr Bulmer had the honour of putting the finishing touches to the victory, for going in with the score at 11 for four wickets, he remained until the requisite number of runs had been made. The following year he commenced to play regularly with the first eleven, and has topped the batting averages during the past five seasons twice, finishing second, fourth, and fifth in the other years. His average score for the last five years has been over 20. In 1900 Burnmoor won the championship, having Sunderland as opponents for the last match. Burnmoor only needed to make a draw to win the championship, and this they succeeded doing, Mr Bulmer keeping his wicket up for hours, retiring not out for 45. Though he has not played for his county, two years ago was included in the Colts against the County XI. at Durham. On that occasion he only got 8 runs. While playing Sunderland, he and Blunt were together while 146 were added to the score for the third wicket. His averages for the past five years are :—1899, for 15 innings, 22.36 ; 1900, 18 innings, 17 ; 1901, 18 innings, 22; 1902, 23 innings, 25; 1903, 18 innings, 16.33. Last season he made several big scores, including 101 (retired), 85, and 68. He also plays regularly with the Wearside Wanderers, for whom he has made several good scores. In the outfield he is particularly smart, and has done some good things in the catching line. occasionally bowls, but is more at home with the bat. This year he has taken over the secretarial duties of the club, and in this department he has shown ability of mean order. is a most useful and valuable member of the club and his past record is ample proof of the interest he has in its welfare. The team has made rapid strides while he has been a member, and its prospects at the present are of the brightest. Mr Bulmer's future in the cricket world is exceedingly promising. Only on Saturday last got 50 against Eppleton, and on Wednesday 87 (not out) against Durham City, making his total this year 529 for 13 completed innings, an average of over runs per innings. In the match against the City, a partnership lasting 85 minutes with G. Blunt put on for the first wicket 158 runs, which beats the record made on the Burnmoor ground by 21 runs.

Jul 1904

BURNMOOR CRICKET CLUB. FOUR DAYS MATCHES. The Burnmoor Cricket Club has organised for next week, a series of matches to be played on their own ground, extending from Tuesday to Friday. It is a new feature for any club in the county to have such a list of matches in one week, and in order to make it as interesting as possible, they have arranged to meet some of the best players in the county. The Wearside Wanderers are to meet the Burnmoor XI. Tuesday, which team will include E. W. Elliot, T. Partington, H. M. Parrington, Capt. Mander, &c-, whilst the home team comprises R. C. Thompson, W. Chatt, H. M. Stobart, the Hon. A. 1. Villiers, H. L.

Riley, J. W. Hely-Hutchinson, T. A. Bulmer, G. Blunt, R. Brydon, and Butler. Wednesday, Mr Stobart has a strong eleven to meet them, made up of five gentlemen from Oxford University, E. W. Elliot, T. Parrington, H. J. Salmon, W. F. Whitwell, H. M. Stobart, and A. N. Other. The Burnmoor club is as follows:—W. H. Chatt, Capt. Mander, E. Alexander, R. Shaftoe, G. Blunt, J. Rutherford, T. A. Bulmer, R. J. Brydon, F. R. Benson, R. or F. Blunt, and Butler. On Thursday, Mr Kennett Leather, of Newcastle, is bringing the pick of Northumberland teams, and in this instance the two Parringtons and E. W. Elliot will play for the home club, assisted by E. Alexander, R. Shaftoe T. A. Bulmer, the Hon. A. T. Villiers J. w! Hely-Hutchinson, H. J. Riley, Capt. Mander and H. M. Stobart. On Friday a match between the League XI. and Mr H. Stobart s Biddick Hall XI., will be played. The teams will be selected from the foregoing.

Apr 1929

BURNMOOR CRICKET CLUB The Burnmoor Cricket and Lawn Tennis Club is to hold its annual meeting and dinner on Saturday evening in the Burnmoor Schools. notice that the hon. secretary, Mr W. Rutherford, has the following motion on the agenda: "That a contribution of 2d (twopence) per week be deducted from the wages of all members who are working at the collieries, this subscription to cover cricket, tennis, and institute membership."

20 Sept 1929

BURNMOOR CRICKET CLUB'S AVERAGES. The first eleven have concluded the most successful season they have had for many years, finishing fourth in the League, against seventh last year. Their League record is: Played 22, won 10. lost 7, drawn 5, points 35. Considering that they lost five out of the first six matches they have finished up remarkably well. In addition, they won the Sunderland Charity Bowl, were in the final of the Aged Miners' Cup. and in the semi-final of the Horner Cup. They scored 3,166 runs for the loss of 166 wickets, an average of 19.07 per wicket, and their opponents scored exactly 3,000 runs for 178 wickets, an average of 16.8. These figures are for League matches only

10 Oct 1930

At a committee meeting of the above club on Wednesday night it was reported that the efforts to fix up with Lloyd Baxter, who has been professional to the club for the past four :seasons, had not been successful. After deliberation it was decided to do without a professional for next season, thus coming to the same decision as their near neighbours, Chester le-Street. The schools adjoining the ground have now been taken over by the club, and the billiard table has been removed there from the old institute, which has now been given up. It is intended to have the teas in the schools next season, and another of the classrooms will be used for the tennis section. This means that the club will have no further use for the hut, which it has decided to sell. It is an excellent building, 110 feet long by 15 feet wide, and comprises a kitchen, large dining-room, two dressing-rooms with a lavatory and a storeroom. The ceiling is cleated with wood, and the sides are lined with asbestos sheets. It is in splendid decorative order. The annual meeting was fixed for Saturday, december 6th, in the schools. The club is busy putting down two hard courts for tennis and a putting green is also being prepared.

4 Mar 1932

Mr. J. G. Rutherford. The death took place on Saturday, at his residence, at William Henry terrace, Fence Houses, of Mr. J. G. Rutherford, who has been a very prominent cricketer of the Burnmoor club for many years. He was member of the second team when they won the Durham County Challenge Cup in and was also in the first eleven when they carried off the championship

of the Durham County Senior League in 1900. He played regularly until last year, when he only took part in a few matches. Batting was his strong point, and he has made " heaps of runs for the club. In 1910 he played in two matches for the County club, but failed to reproduce his club form. A good billiard player, he was scratch man in the local handicaps, and was quite a good quoit player too. A staunch churchman, he was a member of the Burnmoor Church Choir for over 20 years. Very keen as a gardener he was particularly fond of flowers. Deceased was held in the highest respect in the district, and will be much missed. He leaves a widow and a son to mourn his loss.

6 Apr 1932

BURNMOOR PREPARE LAWN TENNIS SECTION'S ARRANGEMENTS At a committee meeting of the Burnmoor Cricket and Lawn Tennis Club, held in the Club Institute, it was decided to empower the chairman, Mr J. R. Bond, to negotiate for the purchase of a motorroller. Arrangements were made for cricket practice to commence next Wednesday, April 13, when the new professional and coach, Frank Woodhouse, will be in attendance. Woodhouse travels up from Birmingham on Monday and begins his duties with his club on Tuesday. Permission was given for the Houghton Police and Graham's Wednesday cricket clubs, to use the Burnmoor ground for their home matches during the coming season. Preliminary arrangements were made for the forthcoming annual tennis tournament. It was decided that this year the American Tournament will commence on Saturday, July 9, and continue until Saturday, July 16. Further details of the tournament will be decided at a meeting to be held on Friday night at the Bay Horse Hotel, Houghton-le-Spring.

1 June 1933

BURNMOOR BATS IN FINE FETTER 'ECHO' BOWL TIE TO BE REPLAYED Burnmoor met Sunderland at Burnmoor last night in the Echo Charity Bowl. T. Hardy and Woodhouse. The home professional gave Burnmoor a capital start by scoring 63 for the first wicket, while Woodhouse had eight 4's in his score of 43. E. S. Clark, seventh out at 183, played steady cricket and hit six 4's in his capital Innings of 54. Burnmoor scored 185 for eight wickets in 30 overs, and after Sunderland had scored only 31 runs in 12 overs Gibbon successfully appealed against the light. The match will be replayed at Burnmoor to-night. Details; Burnmoor: T. Hardy run out, 20; Woodhouse lbw Gibbon. 43; E. S. Clark c Orelg b Gibbon 54; R. Yellowley c Oreig b Miller, 22; J. Wrangham c Washington b Walton. 23; C. L. Fairbairn c and b B. Walton, 12; J. L. Gelson b Walton, 4; J. S. Blackbird b Gibbon. 1; T. Combey not out. 0; J. Coulson not out, 0; extras. 6—total for eight wickets. 185. Bowling; Gibbon, 3-83; Walton. 3-65. Sunderland: Gibbon not out, 11; B. Fairgrieve c Coulson b Woodhouse. 17. Rev. W. H. S. Chapman not out, 2; extras. 1—total for one wicket, 31

11 Dec 1934

SMITH TO PLAY AT BLACKHALL BOWLING FEATS FOR BURNMOOR PLAYERS'

MOVEMENTS Albert Smith, the 19-year-old left arm bowler of the Burnmoor Club, will play for Blackhall next season where he has been found regular employment. For Burnmoor in the past season In league and cup matches he took 102 wickets at an average cost of 16.12 runs each. His best league performance was against Philadelphia when he took eight for 67 in 25 overs. In a cup-tie against Sunderland Police he clean bowled nine batsmen and then threw down the wicket of the other. He scored 240 runs, his highest being 28 not out against Eppleton. Another Burnmoor cricketer W. Blackbird has gone to the Synthonia Club. He scored most runs for the second eleven and played in few league matches and cup-ties for the first eleven. T. Lowerson,

the Burnmoor cricketer, who acted as professional to the Castle Eden Club (Coast League) in the past season, has fixed up with the Sacriston Club who are members of the Northwest Durham League to play for them next season as a match professional In league matches for Castle Eden he scored over 500 runs with a batting average of 40 and he also took over 50 wickets. Prior to going to Castle Eden he was professional to the Eppleton Club.

13 May 1937

Burnmoor Cricket Club held their second annual cycling carnival in the cricket field yesterday when, despite inclement weather, there was a good attendance. Mr T. Purvis, president of the National Cyclists' Federation, and Mr T. Herdman were judges. Stewards were Messrs Jeffries and J. Turnbull and the secretaries Messrs R. R. Rodgerson and W. Rutherford.

5 Aug 1939

Burnmoor Bats Shone Game in the Rain! BURNMOOR were visitors to Whitburn to-day and elected to bat, E. Clark and G. Atkinson facing the bowling of G. Stephenson and S. Ray. Clark opened the scoring by square cutting the fifth ball sent down by Stephenson to the boundary, Ray opened with a maiden and Stephenson's second over produced no runs, each batsman playing cautiously. Following a spell of quiet cricket and with only 11 runs on the board. Clark was dismissed In playing forward to delivery from Ray. T. Allison followed in and was content to snatch an occasional single, while Atkinson, who appeared to be well set. scored freely from each bowler. The first change of bowling took place with the score at 21. T. B. Bell relieved Stephenson, who had sent down six overs that produced nine runs. Atkinson by the aid of two boundary hits through the covers brought 30 up, but a run later was well taken in the slips off Bell. G. Linsley was the next batsman at the crease, but runs continued to come slowly, and a further change was made with the bowling when McCoy took over from Ray. SUCCESSFUL CHANGE The change soon proved successful, the new bowler having Allison well taken by J. B. Bell in the slips. Linsley, at this time scoring freely, was partnered by R. F. Foster and 50 was reached after 55 minutes. Ten minutes later rain caused the players to leave the field for ten minutes. A double change of bowling brought W. Calvert and R. H. Percy into the attack, with no immediate success. The partnership added 42 runs before Linsley, playing back to a full pitch from Percy, was well bowled after a contribution of 28, which contained three 4's and a five hit. This dismissal made way for W. Whewell and shortly afterwards, following a boundary hit by the newcomer, the 100 was reached by a single from Forster after 90 minutes. Despite further bowling changes, this pair took complete command and scored rapidly, hitting the ball to the boundary in sparkling fashion. Fifty runs were added in minutes, and with the total 151, Whewell Teached his 50, which included ten 4's. Forster emulating his partner also hit out in fine style, 87 runs being added by this partnership before Whewell, in attempting another huge hit, was bowled by Ray, Included in his 59 were 11 boundaries. With Rutter as partner Forster reached his individual 50. but two runs later he was deceived by a ball from Percy, to be caught by Ray in the slips after scoring eight boundaries in an innings of 52, The remaining four wickets fell for the addition of one run. the innings ending at 5.10 for 183 runs.

16 Aug 1940

DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE Burnmoor were at home to Philadelphia on Saturday. Philadelphia, who have already beaten Burnmoor five times this season, sent the home team in to bat on a good run-getting wicket. Burnmoor made good use of their opportunity and ended up with 251 runs to their credit, the highest score of the day in the Durham Senior League. The home team were chiefly indebted to the third wicket partnership, which realised 120 runs. Individual scores

were Burnmoor T. W. Clark c Hamilton b Grammell 18 R. F. Forster lbw b Ellison .. 5 G. Linsley b Lowerson ... 66 T. Allison run out ... 74 G. Tindale c Ord b Forster ... 10 W. Greensword c Davison b Forster 11 G. R. Atkinson lbw b Hamilton 3 E. Kirtley b Forster II H. Jackson not out 17 P. Clark c Davison b Hamilton 4 J. L. Gelson st Ord b Hamilton 16 Total 231 Bowling. T Greenwell 1-34, S. Ellison .44, Bircham 0-35, Lowersoo 1-52, W. Forster 3-30, Hamilton 3-40. Philadelphia Extras 16 _ J. Ord not out 63 J. Oliver c Atkinson b Kirtley 8 W. Davison c Allison b Kirtley 0 T. Greenwell c Jackson b Kirtley 10 R. Harrison c Greensword b Kirtley 3 W. Forster St Atkinson b Greensword 3 %V. Weiglitman c Greensword b Clark 13 S. Ellison not out 23 Extras 11 Total for 6 wkts. 134 Bowling. Kirtley 4-23, Jackson 0.23. Greensword 1-17, P. Clark 1-36, Gelson C-19, T. Clark 0-5. Match Drawn.

18 Apr 1942

The annual meeting of Burnmoor Cricket and Lawn Tennis Club was held in the Club Institute last night, Mr J. M. Willis presiding. The statement of accounts to December 31 showed income of £517 9s 11d and expenditure of £386 8s 10d, which included paying off an overdraft of £92 15s 2d, leaving a balance in hand of £131 0s 3d, which to the end of March had been increased to • £159 15s 2d. It was decided to invest £100 this in 3 per cent Defence Bonds. Officers re-elected: Chairman, Mr Willis; vice-chairman. Mr A. Weightman; treasurer. Mr W. Atkinson: assistant, Mr P. Richardson; general secretary, Mr W. Rutherford: cricket secretary, Mr J. L. Gelson (also captain): vice-captain. Mr R. P. Forster; tennis secretaries. Mrs P. Trevett and M R. G. Armstrong; Institute secretaries. Messrs J. H. Swinney and R. Allison. The committee were reelected. with Mr P. Herdman added and four members from the tennis section. It was decided to grant the use of the ground to the military.

24 Apr 1942

LAMBTON FATALITY William Renshaw (23), son of Mrs and the late Mr A. H. Renshaw, of 5 Panfield Terrace, New Lambton. was caught in belt shafting at Lambton D Pit yesterday afternoon and died shortly after removal to Sunderland Royal Infirmary. He was acting as belt engineman at the time of the fatality. Renshaw was a member of Burnmoor Cricket Club and was one of its most successful bowlers last year.

7 July 1947

FORMER CRICKETER.—The death has occurred following an operation in Sunderland Royal Infirmary, Mr George Blunt, of John Street, Pence Houses, who was 76. Mr Blunt was the eldest of four brothers who played cricket for Burnmoor more than 30 years ago. As wicket-keeper he played several times for Durham County. After retiring from active cricket. Mr Blunt was for many years a Durham Senior League umpire.)

13 Aug 1947

HORNER CUP Final Burnmoor H Jackson 27 T Allison 16. S Ellison 4-21. W Laidlaw 4-27 total-87, Philadelphia tJ Welsh 20 R Fisher 19. T Allison 3-19. R P Walton 2-18 total- 88 for eight.

19 Aug 1947

Burnmoor gained an easy six wicket victory over Langley Park in the Matthew Oswald Cup final last night. Gate receipts of £54 19s were a record for the competition, which has now raised over £500 for the Aged Miners' Homes. The ball for the game was presented by New Seaham Park and the cup was presented by Aid. J. Gilliland vice-president of Durham Aged Mineworkers' Homes' Association. Langley Park; O Lee c Lowerson b Walton. 15; J Ritchie c Allison Walton, 6; J W Jackson b Waium. 1; W Agar b Jackson. 5; H Barker c Walton b Jackson. 2. W Minchell c Rame b Walton, 13; E Newell c Walton b Jackson. 0; M Fletcher b Jackson. 13; T Renwick lbw b Gelson. 13; J Stephenson Jackson. 1; Maughon not out. 1; extras. 3: total. 79. Bowling; Jackson. 5-35; P Walton, 4-37; Gelson. 1-4 Burnmoor; T Lowerson c Agar b Maughon. 8. G R Atkinson lbw Maughon. 32; C Browell c Fletcher Minchell. 0: T Allison not out. 26. P Clarke lbw b Maughon. 12: G Linsley not out. 1; extras. 1; total for four wickets 80. Bowling; Maughon. 3-31; Minchell, 1-42.

8 Aug 1949

CRICKET Roxby Takes His 100th Wicket. W Roxby, the Burnmoor match professional, on Saturday, secured his 100th wicket for the season. Up-to-date he has 101 wickets. 71 in cup-ties and 30 the Durham Senior League games. Burnmoor this season have reached the final of three cup competitions The Richard Murray (Consett). Horner and Mathew Oswald this the third year in succession that the club are in the final of the latter competition. They won against Langley Park two years ago and last year they were beaten by Hetton Lyons. Next Monday Roxby takes his benefit when a team of his selection including many Durham County players will oppose Burnmoor. who are known to have the services of several well known Senior League players.

Oct 1949

CRICKET Burnmoor Appoint Professional Burnmoor Cricket Club have signed as professional Bobby Mole, the Philadelphia fast right arm bowler. Last season Mole took 29 wickets in league cricket for an average of 12.93 and 33 in cup-ties for an average of 10. He is 22 and is on the staff of Washington Chemical Works.

26 Sept 1949

CRICKET BURNMOOR CELEBRATED Burnmoor Cricket Club Institute held a social to celebrate the winning of the Walton Bowl. Mr J M. Willis (Chairman), presiding, presented a cricketer outfit to George Linsley. who scored 1068 runs for an average of 28.1. and to William Roxby, the club's professional. The ball, suitably mounted, with which he secured his 100 th wicket Not since 1904. when the late Mr T. A Bulmer accomplished the feat, has Burnmoor player, scored more than 1,000 runs In one season and the records show that the taking of 100 wickets in season club record

19 Aug 1950

CRICKET BURNMOOR WIN WALTON BOWL Playing at home last night. Burnmoor defeated Swalwell In the final of the Walton Bowl competition. By taking four wickets. Bobby Mole, the Burnmoor professional, secured his 100th wicket for the season. Mr N. Westgarth, Secretary of the competition, presented the trophy to G. R. Atkinson, captain of the Burnmoor XI. This is the second year in succession Burnmoor have beaten Swalwell In the final. Scores: Burnmoor. 96 for 9 (T. Allison. 49; D. Demsey. 7-25). Swalwell, (R. Mole, 4-24; T. Allison. 3-10; R. Stoneley 2-7

11 March 1953

CRICKET BURNMOOR SIGN JACK KEELER THE services of Jack Keeler, outstanding Durham County batsman last season, are not to be lost to the County after all. Following negotiations begun a week ago by Mr Douglas Leary (Chairman) and Mr Wm. Rutherford (Secretary), of Burnmoor Cricket Club, Mr Keeler signed an agreement to play as professional for the club for three years. This will be Keeler's first Durham Senior League club, for although playing for Durham County, he has been professional to Benwell, in the Northumberland Senior League. Burnmoor has several promising young bowlers. Derek Gill, a 15-year-old, who took five Horden wickets for nine 1 runs in seven overs in his senior debut last season, has attended the County Coaching School, along with Dan Edwards and Ken Wilson. There are distinct signs that Burnmoor will in the coming season be a force to be reckoned with.

3 May 1954

KEELER, NAYUDU HAD BURNMOOR CROWD IN A BRIGHT MOOD THE drawn game between Burnmoor and South Shields should have been billed; "Great professionals contest Keeler v. Nayudu." Because it turned out to be a battle of wits between these two great cricketers. As It happened, neither was successful as regards a decision, but their performances were the highlights of an anything-but cricket Saturday Keeler answered the " Jack be nimble. Jack be quick call and got an effortless 75 on a wicket which was playing all sorts of tricks with the batsmen. His bright and breezy innings came to an end when he fell victim to Nayudu. Burnmoor were all out for 119 runs. The Indian Test player claimed seven wickets for 30 runs. He opened out for Shields and got a smart 31. When stumps were drawn 8 o'clock—this was the only Durham Senior League game to go the distance Shields had " booked " 79 runs for the loss of four - wickets. Rain, which delayed the start of this game until 4.15 and later interrupted play, robbed Shields of what looked like being their first victory of the season.

22 May 1954

... IT'S HARD ENOUGH FOR BURNMOOR! 'THE hardest lesson for any cricket team to learn is to take defeat in the same spirit as victory. The same applies to individual players in the game. The lesson, however hard, must be learned if either team or players are to make good progress. At Burnmoor, victories are infrequent that team and players are inured to the fact, but where officials in charge of the game contribute in no small measure to these defeats it becomes very hard to bear Following some controversial decisions given against Burnmoor players on Saturday, an umpire further aggravated the situation by allowing a seven-ball over to bowled and subsequently a five-ball over. The doubtful decisions robbed Burnmoor of victory and so embittered one player that he is seriously considering whether to throw in his hand altogether. One of the best games seen on the ground for many months was marred by mistaken decisions. Brighter news was recorded by the second eleven, who had a resounding win. thanks to a skilful display by Ernie Clark. Frank Hood, with a return of 4-4, also helped to make victory possible.

12 June 1954

OUT OF LUCK, SAY BURNMOOR CLUB 6 league games without win is enough to dishearten most teams—but not Bummoor. Everyone connected with the club is confident the team can do better, they've just been out of luck. Hopes are high that Ken Wilson, whose inclusion would undoubtedly strengthen the bowling and the batting, will be able play his first game of the season next week. Encouraging, too. Is the news that the club may have found an opening partner for Jack Keeler. The name is Ernie Clark. Ernie, in his only outing with the senior eleven, against Horden on Whit-Monday, took part in an opening stand of 30. His share was 17. Looking back for a moment one can't help thinking that had Burnmoor had the assistance of George Linsley, now professional with Beamish and East Tanfield, and Tom Allison, present with South Helton, they

would probably have been nearer the top of the table instead of at the bottom. Another player who made his first team debut on Monday was Stanley Walker, grandson of Jack Marshall (sen.), former Eppleton stalwart. He should have cricket in his blood for his uncle, Jack Marshall (Jun.i, was a well-known player, and his father, Mr F. Walker, was a useful performer for the Hazard. Stanley scored 19 in his first big game and is to be kept on the team. The team has lost only one of its five cup matches, and one pleasing feature has been the good form of George Tindale. who has 22 wickets at an average cost of 9.9. He is closely followed by Harry Jackson who has 18 wickets for 10.05 each.

3 may 1969

ill-health forces Watson to quit a Special JACK WATSON, the Burnmoor professional who led the club into respectability in the Durham Senior League last season, has resigned his post. Watson, the happy wanderer of North-East cricket, has told Burnmoor that his resignation is on health grounds. It is by no means certain, however, whether Watson will continue to play cricket elsewhere as an amateur. The news is a dent to Burnmoor's hopes of consolidating their position. Since Watson's resignation they have made an unsuccessful approach to Durham county player Freddie Allen, who was professional with Blackhall last year. Allen, at present on holiday. has. in fact, applied to the league• to have his amateur status reinstated. It seems probable that Allen will return to his original club, Seaham Harbour. If he does go to Harbour. It will be a boost for them.

14 July 1980

BIG Bertha—possibly the world's oldest motor roller—is soon to leave her home at Burnmoor Cricket Club in Co. Durham. The five ton roller is up for sale and attracting attention from preservation groups. The nickname Big Bertha came from groundsman Mr. 'John 'Bull. who has looked after the roller since It was presented to the club by the Earl of Durham. Built in 1911, the roller was used to mark out the roads in the grounds of Lambton Castle and cost £330 when new. Ian Linsley the clubs Ass Gen Secretary said we have been told by the makers that ours.is the oldest—the next oldest was built in 1913 and the next in 1925. It Is unique in that it is the only type to run on petrol and paraffin He.said Mr Bull was the only person who is able to start the huge machine. which has now been replaced by a more modern lightweight version. The club is hoping for a four figure offer for it. Already one preservation group in Manchester and a steam enthusiast group in Oxford have. expressed great Interest. Mr. Linsley , said the Beamish Open Air Museum was also interested but could not pay anything for It. "We want to try and make some money from it to buy some cricket equipment,"

7 June 1993

BURNMOOR were pipped last year for the Vaux Durham Senior League by South Shields. On Saturday, they exacted revenge when they toppled the reigning champions in a high scoring game at Wood Terrace. And in Robbie Bartlett Burnmoor had the top individual batting performer

of the season. The Aussie cracked six sixes and 13 boundaries in a magnificent unbeaten 145, the best score to date. Burnmoor's hit 222 for six then Shields found Chris Burton in top form with the ball. It was his 6-62 from 15.5 overs which sent the Shieldsmen back to the pavilion for 181, with 79 of the runs coming from David Bell.

Liverpool Weekly Courier - 21 Dec 1901

ALARMING COLLIERY ACCIDENT. An accident occurred at Lumley Sixth Pit, near Fencehouses, on Monday night at about eleven o'clock, causing great excitement. It is stated that the hooks attaching the hauling rope to a cage filled with laden tubs snapped. The cage thereupon rushed back with tremendous speed to the bottom of the shaft, smashing through the sump timbers. Considerable damage was done. The workmen, numbering about 115 hastened to the bottom of the shaft, but the wreckage prevented their ascent. A new cage was put into the shaft, and the men were liberated in safety after an imprisonment of twelve hours. The pit resumed working on Wednesday.

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The new bridge over the Wear at Chester-le-Street is nearing completion and should be open for traffic by about the middle of next month. It will displace the existing footbridge, to cross which a halfpenny toll is charged, and will connect a new highway from Chester-Le-Street to the new Lumley Pit on the other side of river, a road which was very much needed, it is a long way round by the only other road via the bridge at the Lambton Park gates. What seems to be needed now to complete the improvement is a good road from Lumley Pit to Fencehouses. There is a highway at present, but it almost loses itself in colliery railway crossings at the Sixth Pit, near Fencehouses. A piece of new road there would be an advantage, and then might possibly have the tramcars being continued from Fencehouses to Chester-le-Street, thus linking up the east with the western part of the county.

