

## BOWLING ANALYSIS OF FIRST ELEVEN.

NAME.	Balls.	Runs.	Wickets.	Wides.	Average runs per Wicket.
A. Wolstenholme	408	169	17	3	9-16
J. Jackson	406	95	11	0	8-7
G. Hargreaves	468	188	18	2	10-8
D. Haworth	318	121	12	6	10-1
T. Laycock	269	123	12	6	10-3
C. Ingham	144	42	4	2	10-2
S. Wilkinson	108	44	6	0	7-2
T. Sagar	66	21	1	1	21-0
T. Holland	16	12	2	0	6-0
W. Crabtree	12	7	0	0	0-7

## BOWLING ANALYSIS OF SECOND ELEVEN.

NAME.	Balls.	Runs.	Wickets.	Wides.	Average runs per Wicket
G. Hargreaves	462	115	32	5	3-19
J. Sutcliffe	304	107	12	0	8-11
T. Laycock	336	123	12	9	10-3
S. Wilkinson	204	91	9	5	10-1
A. Wolstenholme	144	51	4	2	12-3
W. Crabtree	18	9	0	0	0-9

## EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LOWERHOUSE CRICKET CLUB.

*Shewing the Financial state of the Club for the year 1869.*

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Cash on hand	21	10	2	Expenses of Matches	11	1	10
Pavilion Subscriptions	22	5	6	Repairs of Ground	7	14	8½
Playing Members' Subscriptions	18	12	0	Stationery	5	17	3½
Hon. Members' do.	8	10	6	New Bats and Balls	4	14	3
Mr. Crooke's Prize Money returned	0	5	0	Pavilion Expenses	3	15	10
Proceeds of Concerts	8	8	9½	Incidentals	1	0	5½
Receipts of Matches	7	1	1	Paid on account of Pavilion	50	0	0
Fines	0	0	1	Account owing by Pavilion	14	17	7
To Balance	14	17	7	Balance on hand	1	18	0
	£101	10	8½		£101	10	8½

Audited and found correct,

WILLIAM GREENWOOD, } AUDITORS.  
JOHN ELLIOTT, }

ADAM WOLSTENHOLME, FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

GILBERT HAWORTH, PRINTER, TOWN HALL BUILDINGS, ROCHDALE.

## Lowerhouse Cricket Club.

Established 1862.

## REPORT OF THE SEASON 1869.

### OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR.

PRESIDENT .. . . . .	MR. JOHN VARLEY.
VICE-PRESIDENT .. . . . .	MR. SANDY ASTIN.
TREASURER .. . . . .	MR. WILLIAM SMITH.
FINANCIAL SECRETARY.. . . . .	MR. ADAM WOLSTENHOLME.
REPORTING SECRETARY .. . . . .	MR. JAMES SUTCLIFFE.

### COMMITTEE:

MR. T. MARSDEN,	MR. J. CLAPHAM,
MR. R. HAWORTH,	MR. P. WHITTAKER,
MR. T. WILKINSON,	MR. T. HOLLAND,
MR. C. INGHAM,	MR. W. WILKINSON.

# THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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To the Members of the Lowerhouse Cricket Club.

GENTLEMEN,— I beg to submit to you my seventh annual match report, and to assure you that I have again the distinguished privilege of recording the performances of a successful season.

During the past season, 17 matches have been played—9 of them by the first eleven and 8 by the second eleven. Of these 17 matches, 15 have been decided and 2 drawn; of those decided we won 10, while the remaining 5 resulted adversely to us. In the 9 matches played by the first eleven, we were victorious in 5, defeated in 3, and 1 was drawn; in the 8 matches played by the second eleven, we were victorious in 5, defeated in 2, and 1 was drawn. The aggregate result of all matches played since the formation of the club is as follows: 83 won, 34 lost, 17 drawn—total, 134. Verily, such a performance may defy comparison.

With respect to the batting and bowling of 1869, I am compelled to say that neither of them are up to the standard of past years. The fact that we were opposed to stronger batting and bowling will, of course, very easily explain that; but how are we to account for the preponderance of victories? The answer is evident—what the batting and bowling did not accomplish, the fielding must have done. The fielding of 1869 therefore takes precedence over every other branch of the game.

As was decided two years ago, prizes have been awarded to the best average batsmen and bowlers in the first and second elevens. In the first eleven, Mr. A. Wolstenholme carried off both honours. He stands first in the batting with the magnificent average of 30 runs per innings, obtained by thoroughly scientific cricket. In the bowling he is not so fortunate, being barely a shadow in front of Messrs. D. Haworth, G. Hargreaves and T. Laycock. Mr. B. Croke won the batting prize in the second eleven with an average of 16. His runs throughout were obtained with a precision and steadiness worthy of imitation amongst a considerable number of our players. The bowling prize in the second eleven was won by Mr. G. Hargreaves, with an average yet unequalled in the annals of our club. Considering his youth and his last season's performances, he is one upon whom the club must reckon in the future.

For the last few years, nothing perhaps has pressed so heavily upon the club as the want of adequate accommodation in the shape of a pavilion. It was at once a difficulty and a necessity, and our anxiety to meet it was so thoroughly and persistently sustained that it seemed the one crowning point of our aspirations. With the generous assistance of the public of Lowerhouse and the immediate district, we have been enabled to erect a neat and commodious structure. Since then, and in order to make it of the greatest possible service to the club, laws have been established, which impose upon members the strictest decorum when met within it, for either club or merely social purposes. I may here observe, in reference to one law which permits us to meet during the long winter evenings, that we might, and ought, by the introduction of books and newspapers, to make it a medium of valuable mutual instruction. Thus conducted, we might supply each other during the winter months with what, I fear, too many of us ignore during the summer months, viz:—a good fund of useful knowledge.

In conclusion, permit me to say that it is almost with a pang of regret that I announce this my last official appearance before you. For a period of seven years, I have been the recipient of your kindness and forbearance, in my humble endeavours to discharge the respective duties of vice-president and secretary. In my own poor way, I have sought, however vainly, to identify myself with whatever of change or novelty that might tend to raise and give permanence to the club. I need scarcely add that I shall continue to take the liveliest interest in your welfare.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Very respectfully yours,

JAMES SUTCLIFFE, HON. SECRETARY.

## BATTING AVERAGES OF FIRST ELEVEN.

NAME.	Matches.	Innings.	Times not out.	Greatest Score in an Innings.	Greatest Score in a Match.	Total Runs.	Average per Innings.
A. Wolstenholme	6	4	4	39*	39*	120	30.0
J. Jackson	2	2	0	51	51	56	28.0
C. Ingham	9	10	1	48	57	100	10.0
S. Wilkinson	4	3	0	20	20	27	9.0
W. Crabtree	3	9	1	21	21	73	8.6
T. Holland	9	10	1	12	20	84	8.4
W. Wilkinson	7	6	0	13*	17	45	7.3
H. Baldwin	9	11	0	19	19	63	5.8
R. Tagg	7	8	0	21	21	52	6.4
J. Elliott	3	3	1	15	15	41	5.1
T. Sagar	9	9	3	19*	19*	40	4.4
G. Hargreaves	6	7	0	13	13	26	3.5
G. Elliott	5	6	0	13	13	22	3.4
D. Haworth	3	2	0	1	1	1	0.1
T. Laycock	4	3	3	4	7	8	2.2

The following played in one match and scored as follows:—J. Holt, 0; C. Parker, 4; J. Sutcliffe, not out, 0.

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B. Croke	4	4	0	40	40	66	16.2
A. Wolstenholme	2	1	1	16*	16*	24	24.0
J. Haworth	7	5	2	21	27	50	10.0
S. Wilkinson	3	9	0	23	23	83	9.7
J. Clapham	3	9	0	14	14	67	7.4
J. Smith	6	3	2	9	9	23	7.2
J. Ingham	5	3	1	18	18	32	6.2
G. Hargreaves	6	6	1	13	13	27	6.1
J. Sutcliffe	3	8	0	17	17	42	5.2
G. Elliott	4	4	0	9	9	21	5.1
J. Hartley	3	2	1	8*	8*	10	5.0
T. Laycock	3	6	1	3	3	13	2.1
R. Haworth	5	5	1	8	8	11	2.1
J. Holt	5	6	0	4	4	9	1.3

The following played in one match only, and scored as follows:—W. Crabtree, 36; J. Mitchell, 0; C. Pate, 0; J. Thornber, 0; R. Tagg, 1 and 2; J. Hargreaves, 0; M. Starkie, 0.

\* The asterisk signifies not out.