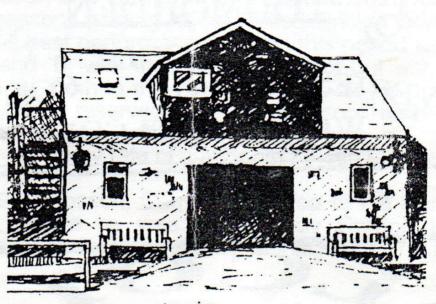
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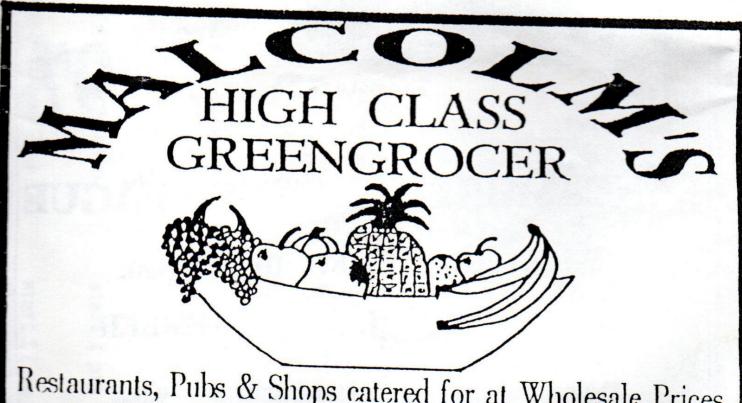
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Corrie Jordaan: Age 34: Lowerhouse Professional

Corrie, a left arm spinner from Johannesburg, is considered one of the best slow bowlers in South Africa. He has certainly taken the Lancashire League by storm.

He took nine wickets on debut at Church and has not looked back since, entering today's game as the League's leading wicket-taker.

Corrie first played First Class Cricket for Transvaal 'B' team in the 1990/91 season and then moved to Eastern Transvaal. Here, he spent five seasons playing in the United Cricket Board Bowl Competition. His best performances during this period were 6 for 59 against Boland 'B' with the ball, and 19 not out with the bat against Border 'B', both in the 1994/5 season. Some of his best bowling has been reserved for the Benson and Hedges Day/Night series in which, with three runs per over, he can boast the best career economy rate of any South African bowler.

For the 1996/7 season, Corrie transferred to the North West Cricket Board, where he was coached by Gordon Parsons, brother—in—law of Todmorden's professional Frans Cronje.

LANCASHIRE	LEAGUE	TAB	LE: 2n	dA	UG 199	7		
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East Lancs	19	13	6	0	0	6	58	2
Colne	19	11	7	0	1	9	55	3
Lowerhouse	19	10	6	0	3	8	54	4
Todmorden	19	10	8	0	1	6	48	=5
Ramsbottom	19	9	7	1	2	6	48	=5
Bacup	19	9	8	0	2	6		=7
Enfield	19	9	8	1	1	6	46	
Nelson	19	8	9	0	2	4	40	9
Rishton	19	7	9	0	3	5	39	=10
Burnley	19	7	10	1	1	7	39	=10
Accrington	19	6	9	1	3	4	36	12
Rawtenstall	. 19	3	14	1	1	3	19	13
Church	19	4	14	0	1	0	18	14

Club News

Double defeats for both our 1st and 2nd XIs at the hand of Bacup has meant a disappointing fortnight. However, we are still equal fifth in the League and with seven matches left there is still time to fulfil much of the promise which this season holds.

Last Sunday at Bacup the match was largely lost in a few crucial overs when we allowed James Peterson to surge to a quick 50, which he then turned to 100 as he anchored the innings despite tight bowling from both Frans Cronje and Ibra Ali. On an unpredictable pitch 180 was a high score and as we lost early wickets it became ever higher. Resistance from David Whitehead (35) and Brian Heywood (28) was not enough and we finished 50 runs short with overs left.

Our 2nd XI bowled Bacup out for 140 at Centre Vale (Dave Hatton 4 for 45 and Bubsy Abbas 2 for 28) but we fell eight runs short of what should have been a reasonable target with Mark Clayton (26) and Bobby Brownbridge (43) the main scorers.

Our 3rd XI had a successful week—end when they beat Triangle to reach the final of the Courier Cup. A depleted team did well to restrict Triangle to 160 for 9 on their small riverside ground. Philip Walters, 4 for 27, and Bobby Ashworth, 3 for 24, were well supported by James Montague, Chris Levick and Duncan Sutcliffe. Our excellent reply of 161 for 2 was anchored by Martin Hicks (61 not out) well aided by Duncan Sutcliffe's 46 (Duncan's return from retirement to help out was very successful). The final will be played at King Cross on 14th September when our opponents will be Halifax and maximum support for this match will boost the team.

Our youth teams are having a mixed season, being very young in their respective age groups, but our U11s are doing very well. At present, with two matches still to play, we have only lost to the strong Burnley side (by 10 runs) and have beaten Accrington, Rawtenstall, Ramsbottom and East Lancs. The next home fixture is against Darwen on Friday 15th August. Come and see the enthusiasm of these youngsters!

The go-ahead has been given for the partial refurbishment of the Members' Bar which will provide new fixed seating in the main area. Impetus has been provided by members pledging gifts of £25 so that currently around £600 is promised. The work should be carried out shortly after the season finishes and any further gifts towards the cost will be gratefully received.

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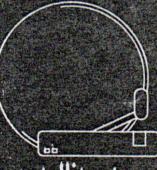
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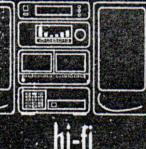
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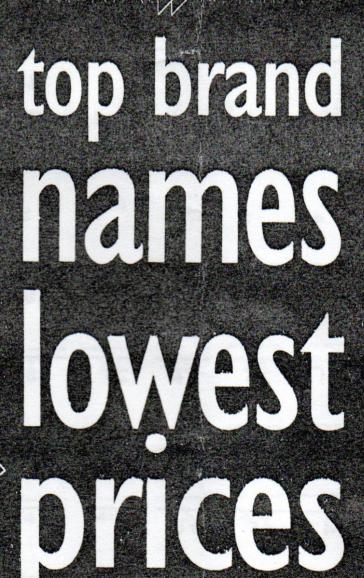
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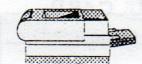
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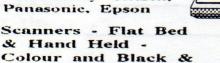


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Lowerhouse

40 years ago

Champions Todmorden held the upper hand against fourth placed Lowerhouse in 1957. Todmorden professional, Jim Minhas, took 8 for 60 against his former club as Lowerhouse were bowled out for 118 at West End, only J L Devon (25) and M Mahmood (20) made any impression. Albert Connor (34) set Todmorden on the way before Harold Dawson (36 not out) and Minhas (35 not out) sealed a 7 wicket victory with an unbroken stand of 56. Dawson was again on form at Centre Vale, his 79 not out the cornerstone of Todmorden's 153 for 6 declared. Frank Saul (31) and Lowerhouse pro' W B Holt (4 for 60) also enjoyed success. Lowerhouse had reached 8 without loss when rain ended play.

25 years ago

Todmorden (sixth) did a comfortable double over Lowerhouse (thirteenth) in 1972. Sub-pro' John Sullivan starred with 7 for 18 as Lowerhouse were bowled out for 97 at Centre Vale, Todmorden passed the target for the loss of 4 wickets with Paul Thackray 39 not out. Lowerhouse's batting problems were exacerbated by a difficult pitch at Liverpool Road, John Townend (7 for 10) taking full advantage as the home side collapsed to 27 all out. Todmorden had won at 30 for 3, but they too were all out for 78 long before the 5.30 pm closure. Garth Stansfield (28) scored 20 more than anyone else by throwing the bat, in conditions which made orthodox methods totally ineffective.

10 years ago

Honours were even in the head-to-head between seventh placed Todmorden and twelth placed Lowerhouse in 1987. The League match at Centre Vale was one of many abandonments that season and Lowerhouse took four points in a low scoring game at Liverpool Road. Australian Tom Hogan (4 for 38) helped to restrict Todmorden to 97 for 8, and Chris Bleazard's 36 steered Lowerhouse home, Ibra Ali taking 3 of the 5 wickets to fall. By contrast, the second round cup tie at Lowerhouse was a high scoring affair, Richard Eastwood (86) and Albert Ross (63) set up Todmorden's 190 for 5. Lowerhouse replied with 172 all out, Stan Heaton hit 72 not out, Hogan 60 and Tommy Farry took 4 for 40.



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