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All in all 2026 turned out to be a successful year for the club with the first eleven achieving their highest league placing since their championship success of 2012. Finishing third was no mean achievement and it would have been second had they not given away a winning position in the last game against Illingworth. Highlights were probably beating Thornton and Parish Cup winners Triangle twice. The firsts are probably a couple of signings away from challenging for the title and considerable effort is going on in the background to achieve this. Fingers crossed for 2027.

The seconds always seem to make life interesting for themselves and 2026 was no different flirting with relegation for most of the year. However when the chips were down and victories needed they usually managed to come out on top securing the points required retaining their Premier Division status on the penultimate weekend. They have now competed in Premier 2's for 19 consecutive seasons.

The Sunday team never lacks enthusiasm and continues in it's major role of player development blooding several youngsters and new cricketers. They may not be the most successful team in their division but play with a smile and no lack of commitment.

I believe the overall perception of how people view our club is a good one which is helped by our excellent facilities in the pavilion together with first class playing surface and outfield. We must not however be complacent needing to both retain existing and attract new players if we are not going to struggle as some other clubs are already doing. Although blessed by a number of coaches, volunteers and parent helpers there are always roles to fill and help needed and if we are to prosper new blood, ideas and enthusiasm are welcome.

The club's biggest loss of the season was off the field of play with the passing of club stalwart Allen Hampshire. There have been numerous tributes to Allen, indeed too many to replicate here in *Silly Point,* but we all know that we have lost not only a club legend but a thoroughly nice man who is sadly missed but fondly remembered by us all.

Congratulations to Libby Fellows on securing a Yorkshire Academy contract in 2027 and being selected for the England Women U19 squad for their tour of India. A fantastic achievement at such a young age.

Enjoy the winter break, attend our pre-season nets and please support our sponsors wherever possible.

Jonathan Hyland

First XI



Back Row L-R T Wood, A Kirby, M Veitch, C Dalby, W Thickett, G Arjuna
O Scholefield (scorer)
Front Row L-R L Firth, D Keighley, A Scholefield (Captn), J Summerscales, S Wood

A good start to the season with a simple selection. Unfortunately, this lasted less than 24 hours with Brocky now out for the season.

We still went to Triangle with expectations of a strong start after a good winter of training. After convincing the umpires to start on what ended up being pretty tricky wet conditions we got the job done. Tom with a great knock in next to no time so he didn't get told off by Hannah!

Oxenhope away were next up and we headed with confidence. Unfortunately, we fell just short and if we're honest we probably didn't play great cricket. Another good knock from Tom

got us to a competitive score. We had our chances in the second half and were inches away from victory with one that almost carried to Dylan however we couldn't finish the innings and lost with them 9 down.

May saw us play some of our best cricket picking up 58 from a possible 60 points and dispatching Shelf Northowram, Sowerby, Upper Hopton, Ludd Foot and Copley with relative ease. Good performances from Jamie (our first 100 of the year), Lew with a couple of 4 fers, plenty more runs from Tom and Will chipping in with wickets. We were top of the league at the end of the month and full of confidence.

May also brought two rounds of Parish Cup action. First up were Sowerby on a difficult sticky pitch. Another good innings from Jamie set us up with 156 which felt more than enough. We set to the Sowerby line up and bowled them out for less than a hundred, Tom taking 4 wickets.

Thornton were next up in the cup. We bowled first and it was easily our best bowling performance, meaning we were chasing 136. Everyone chipping in with wickets and bowling well. We got off to a poor start, both openers in the hut early. Dollars came in and steadied the ship with a hard fought 21 but we then lost quick wickets again at regular intervals. We managed to knock it off 8 down following a fine 30 not out from Simon and into the hat we went.

We went into June full of confidence but knowing it would be the toughest test. Unfortunately, it was the complete opposite of May.

Starting with Booth, who bowled us out for 78. We almost had them at nine down one of their players coming in to bat one handed and they just got over the line. Will picking up another 4 wickets.

After a June to forget we welcomed Triangle, Oxenhope and Sowerby to the Stute and travelled to Shelf Northowram. We were easy winners against Triangle, with everyone contributing but a great stand between Woody and Gnanam saw us home. Oxenhope again turned us over, this time not as close as the first. Dollars and Will both reaching 50 in vein but the fact there was only one other batter that made double figures was the difference. Shelf took us close following a poor fielding display allowing them to get much closer than they should have, Dollars extending his good form with 70. Sowerby also ran us close, runs were shared around with Gnanam scoring a quick fire 50 and Lew with 4 and Tom with 5 helped see us home.

Next up a day to forget at Upper Hopton who managed to set a total of 213 on a difficult track, Will returning a 5 fer. Unfortunately, that was too much for us even after an excellent late order stand between Liam and Will, both 40 each.

Ludd Foot and Copley followed at home, with 23 points picked up. Gnanam with an excellent 77 against Foot with the wickets shared around. Copley saw us set 179 after some late

innings hitting from Oli Thorpe, wickets again shared around. Three 40s from Tom, Will and Gnanam saw us reach our target fairly comfortably.

Into the last four games of the season with two tough fixtures up next, away at Booth and home to Thornton. After losing the toss at Booth we were asked to bat on a difficult track. Managing to get to 213 Dan K and Will batting nicely with 40 a piece to help get to what we believed was a very good total. And that was right as we managed to bowl them out for 88, inflicting an absolute hammering.

Thornton came needing a win to secure the league and full of confidence. We batted first and set 176 off 29 overs. Jamie getting us off to a good start with 70 and Gnanam finishing the innings with a quick fire 40. Thornton got off to a good start but Tom and Will dragged it back for us both bowling nicely. Will with 4 wickets and Tim with 2. Another 10 points in the bag.

We finished the season with trips to Bradshaw and Illingworth at home. Bowling Bradshaw out for 139 but making harder work of the chase than we should have. We got there though and 12 more points collected.

The season finale was a bit of a washout but we had the chance to win a trophy. Illingworth setting 132 off their 28 overs. We got strangled by their spinners in the end and fell just short, Jamie finishing the season with a nicely made 55.

That put us in 3rd place which on the face of it is a good season but it does make me feel a little what if. We managed to beat the champions twice convincingly and may have beaten them at their place with some favourable umpiring decisions going to the home team. We beat the Parish Cup winners twice and hammered last years champions on their own patch. It would have been interesting to see where we could have been with Brocky and Arun playing a full season. But a good footing for going into next season wanting to challenge on all fronts.

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone who stepped up from the second and thirds to play for us this year. Some were drafted in more than others but every single one of you was a massive part in us being able to finish 3rd.

Let's see what 2027 brings

Alex Scholefield

Second XI



Back Row L-R A Kirby, S Hampshire, N Gould, R Larkin, R Gould, J Hampshire, J Greenwood
L Hampshire (scorer),
Front Row L-R R Hanson, M Keast, T Illingworth (Cptn), J Fellows, D Brown

The 2026 season for the 2nd team had a very similar outcome to 2025 in the sense that towards the end of the year we were again looking over our shoulders with 3-4 games to go to avoid relegation. As I said in last year's edition of *Silly Point*, consistency is the key in amateur cricket, and this year, we just couldn't seem to get a consistent run of results going. When we were good, we were very good, especially against Copley both home and away, Blackey and Triangle away and Bradshaw, Mount and Warley & Elland at home, but when we were poor, we never looked like being close to a win. Booth at home, and whenever we played against Illingworth, who in fairness, had a very good 2nd team this year or Shelf NHT who just seemed to be our bogey team.

Having reviewed the seasons results in their entirety though, we never managed to achieve more than 2 wins on the bounce, so dare I say that phrase again, consistency is the key!

Onto reviewing the season and April couldn't have started any worse and a slight change to our usual opening games in previous seasons where we've had comfortable 12 point wins, we were on the end of a defeat to Triangle. Having bowled Triangle out for 191, Hampy taking 4 economical wickets with myself, Rob L and new signing Hassan Shahid chipping in also. New signing Liam Kelly, also taking some smart catches behind the stumps. Our reply took too long to get started and wickets fell at regular intervals with Richard and Hassan scoring 40 a piece, the only batters to pass 20 in being 168 all out in the last over. The week after saw Blackey visit the Astleys who posted 235/4 off their 45 overs with Rob L taking 3 of the 4 wickets to fall. We managed to get to 132-2 in reply but once myself and Richard were back in the pavilion with 50 apiece, we could only get to 201/9 with Hassan and Aqeel getting the final runs in the last over to get a consolatory 3 batting points.

May didn't start much better as we visited newly promoted Shelf NHT. Wickets were shared around as Shelf NHT posted 218 all out. Again, our reply never got going with wickets falling at regular intervals. Only Jonathan and DB got past the 20 run mark, with DB coming to the crease at 44-3 and anchoring the innings with a superb 53 not out. Finally ending with a total of 166 all out and a 52 run defeat. The week after, Greetland posted 229/8 in a 41 over match due to rain in the morning. Wickets were shared by Hampy, Matty, Veitchy and DB. Mark (53), Veitchy (59) and Hampy (22*) were the only batters to pass the 20 run mark and the theme continues with wickets falling at regular intervals at key points of the chase.

The day after was the first round of the Crossley Shield and our season was up and running. Warley & Elland posted 201/8 off their 45 overs after being asked to bat first with Matty taking 4 wickets, Hampy, myself and Veitchy also chipping in. Jonathan and Richard got the reply off to a great start, Richard looking as comfortable as he could but was then forced to retire not out on 39 in freak circumstances. Running a "quick" single, the stumps were thrown down by a direct hit after Richard had made his ground and the ball flicked up and hit him on the side of the head! Fortunately his glasses seemed to take the brunt of the hit to save him from any serious injury. TK replaced Richard at the crease and continued where Richard left off hitting 75 at more than a run a ball, Jonathan hitting 25. By the time Rohit joined me at the crease we still needed 25 to win off 23 balls. Some decent hits from us both saw the game finished 12 balls later and into the next round.

Our next league opponents were Mount, and what turned out to be one the most farcical games of cricket I've ever known. First, the opposition didn't have enough players at 12:45, the league umpire arrived at 12:53 and we had to bat in 28 overs of persistent rain chasing a total of 197/7 and had absolutely no chance of hitting any boundaries on the floor due to the spray of the water coming up off the ball!! Rob L had 4 wickets, with me Hampy and Aqeel each taking 1 in a game reduced to 30 overs per side. We could never get up with the run rate and was quite happy to see the back of Mount CC. All we can ask for is that the Crossley Shield draws are kind to us in 2027 so that we don't have to visit there again. Upper Hopton were next up and electing to bat first, we scored a below par 162/7 with Richard scoring 70, Liam 35 and myself 21 the others to pass that 20 run mark. Credit to the Upper Hopton opening and first change bowlers who bowled some great spells to keep the runs down. Despite their number 3 scoring 30 and a 59 from their skipper who were both run out by

Jonathan, with his Shearer-esque finish onto the stumps and traditional 1 arm raised celebration, and Matty with quite possibly the best bit of fielding I saw all season, picking up the ball one handed and hitting the one available stump in view to stop the quick single, we continued to take wickets at regular intervals to restrict Upper Hopton to 152/9 in reply.

The last league game in May saw us play Bradshaw at home. We always seem to have a good natured, close game with Bradshaw, however, this game was a lot different than in recent years. Bradshaw scored a competitive 224/9 with their opener scoring the most fortuitous 100. Being dropped 3 or 4 times, and top edging shots to every gap possible, it seemed like it was just going to be one of those days. Rob L had 4 wickets, with Matty, Jack and Lucas also chipping in. Any fears about it being one of those days, slowly disappeared as our chase progressed. Jonathan and Mark both hitting 79 and 77 respectively in a 153 wicket opening stand, with Liam hitting 43 saw us chase the total down for 2 wickets in 38.4 overs. The 2nd round of the Crossley Shield was our last Sunday game of the season, at tea, we were happy with having restricted Shelf NHT to 160 all out with every bowler chipping in with the wickets with Phil and Rob L taking 3 apiece. The batting offered little resistance. TK and DB scoring 50 runs between them and 4 ducks down the scorecard contributed to a score of 97 all out.

The following week, news broke of Allen Hampshire's untimely passing which just meant that cricket didn't matter. Allen was an absolute gentleman and a big advocate of 2nd team cricket at SBCI CC. Every 2nd team home game, so he could watch Simon and Jonathan play, you would find him up at the club. But no matter who had performed well, he would always congratulate you individually and everyone as a team should we manage to win the game. Allen left us all with fond memories of the man he was and his humour and I will certainly miss him popping his head in the changing room window to ask the occasional "what the bloody hell did you do that for" when someone got themselves out.

The first game in July saw us visiting Triangle, and given the recent news, we knew we had to play with purpose, and the way the game played out, couldn't have been more fitting in tribute to Allen. We bowled Triangle out for 141, with Hampy taking the first 5 wickets to fall. Matty and Rob L taking the other 5 between them. Not to be outdone, Jonathan then anchored the reply with 58 not out. Mark also had 34 and Rob H with 31 to see us chase down Triangle's total with just over 20 overs remaining. The week after we visited Blackley and another 12 points followed. Hampy and mid-season signing Bibin Varghese, took all 10 Blackley wickets between them. Bibin finishing with the team's best bowling return for the season of 7-44 of 13.4 overs bowling straight through with Blackley finishing all out for 126. We chased the total down in just over 26 overs for the loss of 5 wickets. Jonathan (18), Mark (22) and Rob H (38*) scoring the bulk of the runs required between them.

Playing Shelf NHT for the third time of the season, came the third loss of the season to them. Shelf NHT batted first and scored 246-8 in what seemed like a strange innings as only 2 of their batters scored at more than a run a ball (one being 15 off 11). 39 extras probably didn't help! I had 5 wickets and Hampy had 2 and Aqeel taking the other. Their opening bowlers probably bowled the best opening spells we had seen all season and limiting our scoring. By the time they had both bowled their 14 over allocation, we were around 85-2 and were left with too much to do, finishing on 159-6. TK had 35 and Rob H continued his could run of form with 59 not out.

The final game of July saw us visit Greetland who posted 202 -7. Hampy had 4 wickets, Matty had 2 and Bibin the other. We've certainly had better starts in a chase, being 0-3 after 3.1 overs will never help any team, Jack, me, Matty and Hampy all had 20+ scores, before eventually being all out for 148

By the start of August, we were looking at those teams behind us as the bottom of the table was grouping, save for Copley, who were pretty much confirmed to be relegated already. However, knowing we still had Bradshaw and Copley to play, both below us in the table and Warley & Elland who were just above us, we remained confident of avoiding relegation. Our confidence grew even more after Mount had been and gone at home. Asked to bat first, we scored 153-5 due to some very tight bowling. Some more early wickets had us in trouble at 4-2 but Rob H (40) and Jack (39) led a revival before DB helped the score with 23. It was going to be an uphill task in the 2nd innings knowing Mount's captain had posted some fairly quick fire scores against others during the course of the season. Hampy and Matt opened the bowling and took 2 and 4 wickets respectively before Noah (3 wickets) and Rob L (1) finished the job off. Wickets fell at regular intervals as 19-2 became 37-5 and eventually being all out for 119 which meant we got 12 valuable points and also dragged Mount into the relegation mix, which they would eventually succumb to.

An away trip to Upper Hopton saw both teams scoring 200+. We batted first and scored 205/8 aided by scores of 58 from Mark, Jack (28), Rob L (27) and 32 from Matty. Not to be outdone, Upper Hopton's opening batter scored 104 not out and was assisted by their number 5 batsmen, who earlier in the season had taken 5 wickets against our first team, scored 57 to see them race to victory inside 33 overs. We then visited Bradshaw knowing we had to win, otherwise a 2 horse race for relegation would become a 4 horse race, as Mount's capitulation continued. Bradshaw scored 260-6 off 45 overs, with Matty taking 4 wickets. Michael Featherstone, called upon to field for the day, had a superb run out, and was probably the only fielder on the pitch (because Jack wasn't playing) to have the pace in his legs to get to the ball quick enough. In reply, Jonathan had 52, Greeny had 39, Matty 46 and Hampy 23 as we got to 208/6 ensuring that Bradshaw didn't take the crucial additional bowling point.

Copley were out next opponents and we still weren't safe, we had to win to give us a cushion from Mount, Bradshaw and Greetland. Copley won the toss and we were asked to bat first. Greeny and Richard, opened the batting in the absence of Jonathan and Mark and gave us a solid start putting on 75 for the first wicket before Greeny fell for 24. Richard kicked on to 82 and TK chipped in with 36 that saw us to a total of 205/8. Early wickets from a TK Run out in the first over and Hampy who ended with 4 wickets saw Copley fall to 52-5 and they bizarrely shut up shop and made no attempt at chasing the target. Their innings eventually petered out at 153-7, giving us 11 very valuable points. Our last game in August was a visit to Booth on a cold and wet day with play reduced to 38 overs per side. Being asked to bat first we scored 133/8 with Richard scoring 25, DB 31, and Hampy 19*. Booth managed to knock the runs off in 27.5 overs, but not without a few scares on the way. Hampy and Matty had 3 wickets and Rob claimed the other 2 as Booth fell to 98-6 at one point.

Moving into September and our last home game of the season, and being 14 points clear of Mount we knew that we had to outscore their points for the day -1 to keep a 13 point gap with 1 game to go and be safe from relegation. Unsurprisingly, Jimmy Sarwar stuck us in and we

were in trouble very quickly at 4-2 after 2.1 overs. The batting order was quicky changed and John “The Wall/Sponge” Greenwood was sent in to absorb the pressure with some of his trademark defensive play and contributing 25 runs to take us to 68-3. 68-3 very quickly became 68-5 and myself and Jack were at the crease. We both played the bad balls taking the score to 152-5. I scored 47 and Jack a run a ball 28 and was superb in rotating the strike. 152-5 quickly became 162 all out. At tea, we knew Mount had been bowled out for 115 by Triangle who looked to have a weaker team than usual, so we know we had to start well in the field. And start well we did. I got 3 quick wickets to leave W&E struggling at 11-3, finishing with 6 for the day. Hampy bowled his usual reliable, economical spell taking 2 wickets, including the dangerous Jimmy Sarwar for a duck and Rob L picked up the remaining 2 wickets. When we had W&E 6 wickets down news came through that Triangle had knocked off Mount’s total for the loss of 6 wickets, meaning Mount had scored 2 points for the day and as we had already gained 3 bonus points, safety was confirmed. It was an even better feeling knowing we didn’t need to actually rely on other results, having gained a maximum 12 points ourselves. The last game of the season was very much a dead rubber away to Illingworth, who had already secured the league title weeks before. A miserable afternoon with the weather was compounded by a 9 wickets loss.

Despite one Fellows taking the plaudits at County level, congratulations to Libby in moving up to academy status for the 2027 season, another Fellows should be taking the plaudits for the 2nd team. Jack, in my opinion, has taken a huge step in his development this season and the way he’s dealt with the maturity in his batting in certain situations has been outstanding. Coming into bat away to Greetland at 0-3, at home to Mount at 4-2 and at home to W&E at 68-5 before scoring 23, 39, and 28 respectively to build partnerships with others and soak in some of the pressure was a constant pleasure to see, and his fielding always sets the standard for the rest of the team. Next year, he will kick on even further I’m sure, and I look forward to his maiden 2nd team 50 and more. Well done Jack!!

Congratulations to Alex and the first team on their season. A 3rd place finish is a great achievement based on previous seasons!! And well done to Pedro and the Sunday team for their successful relegation avoidance.

As always thank you to everyone who has helped with teas, Jonathan Hyland for umpiring all the 2nd team home games and replacement umpires when needed, Lucy for scoring and replacement scorers when needed and to everyone else behind the scenes. Most, importantly, thank you Matty and Hampy for being the sounding boards when needed, and stepping up to lead the team on weekends in my absence.

Hope everyone winters well and see you next season.

Tyson Illingworth


Photo By Joe Bagnall

Sunday Section



Back row (L-R) C Charles (Umpire), R Singh, J Fellows, N Gould, M Rose, F Charnock, D Larkin, S Sharma
Front row (L-R) P Earle, M Grundy, P Collins (captain) A Karammal, D Brown

Survived… and thriving?

I will start with a few thank yous… first to the small army of volunteers who keep this club running and looking fantastic week in week out. Thank you to Ces our adopted umpire, who has probably given us all an ear bashing (or coaching) during a match at some point this season. Thank you to all those who have scored for us - Adrian, Libby, Jack, Matthew, Liam and Lauren.

Thank you to Liz who has supported me to do this role, despite my occasional grumpiness.

And all the other partners/wives/gf who release their men for a few hours a week to take the cricket field.

I'd like to thank Robin Hanson for his duties as Vice-Captain before he abandoned me to play second team cricket!

Now onto the cricket… The Sunday Section remains a place where players develop, families connect, and cricket is played with heart.

The Sunday team started off the season in emphatic fashion winning our first game, against Lightcliffe who we dismissed for just 20 runs. Confidence and optimism were at an all-time high, as we dared to dream big with hopes of promotion… with my preseason words of encouragement ringing in their ears, I asked for a few key things throughout the season, stick together as a team, progress and improve every week and have fun! That's my mantra and one that I want every player to embrace whether they are making their debut as a junior or an older player in the twilight of their careers, we should always strive to be better.

But in true Sunday team fashion our hopes were dashed as we went on an 8 game losing streak (technically 7 as one was rained off), finding ourselves at the wrong end of the table and in a relegation fight as we moved into July.

But we got back to winning ways against the only team we had beaten back in April (chants of can we play you every week?). With three wins in the last seven fixtures wew secured our divisional status, and a second consecutive 7th placed finish. Despite a few last minute nerves as league officials seemingly randomly awarded points to a team around us, we won our last game away to Slaithwaite, meaning we could all breathe a sigh of relief.

I don't want to dwell too much on league positions, as we all know that the Sunday team's focus is about development…and some things truly transcend the results alone, like seeing a number of dads playing with their lads for the first time. Rightly so we aim to win every game we play, otherwise what's the point. And as long as I'm Sunday captain, I'll strive to give people opportunities to shine and develop their potential.

It's fair to say this season has tested us at times, player availability has swung wildly between feast and famine, and there were Sundays where we barely knew what sort of XI we'd end up with. But that's the joy of Sunday cricket, the unpredictability, the last-minute reshuffles, the unexpected heroes, and the shared commitment to turn up, get stuck in, and enjoy the game regardless of the chaos around it. It's messy, it's challenging, and it's brilliant, and it's exactly what makes this team special.

With an identical win/loss/draw ratio to 2025 we won 3, winning draw 5, lost 6! Bizarre. They do say consistency is key to success… and certainly something to build upon, when we can start to dream of what next season might bring.

A few numbers for the statistic lovers amongst us:
* 30 players used.
* 20 different players bowling, 19 taking wickets.* 2 five wicket hauls (both against Lightcliffe) Dr Rose and a first senior five fer for Noah Gould.

* 12, fifties scored, including a first senior 50 for Jack Fellows. Of the 12 fifties scored 5 were achieved by Rohit.
* Indefinite numbers of reminders from the captain to complete the availability spreadsheet.
* Debuts to juniors Dylan, Ashan and Adwaidh,
* Also welcomed Akhil and Bibin to SBCI for the first time.

As we wrap up the 2026 season, what stands out most isn't the wins, losses or league tables, but the spirit that carried us through every Sunday, the commitment, the laughter, the development, and the shared belief that we're building something meaningful together. This team has shown resilience, heart and a willingness to grow, and that's the foundation of everything we want to be. If we keep that spirit alive, keep supporting one another, and keep striving to improve week by week, then the future of SBCI Sundays looks incredibly bright.

Paul Collins
Sunday Section Captain



T20 Review

In June, a T20 side made the short trip down to Booth to contest what turned out to be their one and only fixture of a three-team round-robin with Triangle. Unfortunately the evening ended in a fairly comprehensive defeat that will best be remembered for the entertaining Mankad dismissal of Alex by Paddy Thomas.

With Booth also defeating Triangle and thus qualifying for the semi-finals our game against Triangle was cancelled.

Appearances – 2026

	1XI	2XI	Sunday XI	Total
David Brown	1	17	10	28
Alex Scholefield	25	0	0	25
Simon Wood	23	0	1	24
Dan Keighley	24	0	0	24
Rohit Singh	0	10	13	23
Chris Dalby	23	0	0	23
Lewis Firth	23	0	0	23
Mathew Keast	1	22	0	23
Tom Wood	23	0	0	23
Will Thickett	23	0	0	23
Jamie Summerscales	22	0	0	22
Gnanam Arjuna	21	0	0	21
Jonathan Hampshire	0	21	0	21
Simon Hampshire	0	21	0	21
Tony Kirby	7	14	0	21
Jack Fellows	0	12	7	19
Mike Veitch	12	6	1	19
Tyson Illingworth	1	18	0	19
Mark Fellows	0	17	1	18
Rob Larkin	0	16	2	18
Robin Hanson	0	10	8	18
Noah Gould	0	6	11	17
John Greenwood	0	12	5	17
Fin Charnock	3	3	10	16
Lucas Veitch	0	5	10	15
Paul Collins	0	1	14	15
Aqeel Taj	5	9	0	14
Liam Kelly	11	3	0	14
Alkiraj Karammal	1	3	9	13
Richard Gould	0	12	0	12
Bibin Varghese	3	6	2	11
Hari Sampathkumar	0	2	9	11
Dylan Larkin	0	2	8	10

	1XI	2XI	Sunday XI	Total
Matt Rose	0	1	9	10
Matthew Grundy	5	1	4	10
Sameer Sharma	0	1	9	10
Chris Parker	1	1	7	9
Haris Rasthore	5	2	1	8
Dylan Evans	5	1	1	7
Naman Trakru	0	1	6	7
Arun CK	5	0	1	6
Phil Earle	0	1	5	6
Ashan Yuvarajkumar	0	0	4	4
Dave Grundy	0	1	3	4
Hassan Shahid	0	3	0	3
Bill Keighley	0	0	2	2
Iklaq Ahmed	1	1	0	2
Michael Featherstone	0	2	0	2
Yuvi Kumar	0	0	2	2
Adwaith CK	0	0	1	1
Sam Scholefield	1	0	0	1

Appearances include where selected but game abandoned before play.

Club Prize Winners 2026

Senior Prize Winners

First Team

Batting – Thomas Wood 23 innings, 2 not out, 735 runs @ 35.00 (HS94*)
Bowling – Alex Scholefield 251 overs, 65 maidens, 55 wickets, 790 runs @ 14.36 BB 7/29
Fielding – Lewis Firth – 20 catches

Second team

Batting – Richard Gould 12 innings, 1 not out, 370 runs @ 33.64 (HS 82)
Bowling – Simon Hampshire 245 overs, 54 maidens, 44 wikts, 809 runs @ 18.39 BB 5/42
Fielding – Tyson Illingworth & Richard Gould - 9 catches

Sunday Team

Batting – Rohit Singh 11 innings, 1 not out, 384 runs @ 38.4 (HS 82*)
Bowling – Noah Gould 57.1 overs, 7 maidens, 12 wickets, 279 runs @ 23.25 BB 5/36
Fielding – Robin Hanson & Akhilraj Karammal - 4 catches

Alan Sutcliffe Trophy (most senior runs league & cup only) Thomas Wood 735 runs

Campbell Cup (most senior wickets league & cup only) Alex Scholefield 55 wkts

Allen Hampshire Trophies

Batting – (junior scoring most runs in senior cricket) Jack Fellows 259 runs

Bowling – (junior taking most wickets in senior cricket) Noah Gould 18 wkts

Under 15’s



Back row (Left to right) - T Elliott, A Yuvarajkumar, S Uren, P Patil

Front row (Left to right) - A Arun, A Arun, E Lee, P Patil, R Goregay

The 2026 season has been a really important year of growth for our SBCI U15s, with many of the squad making the step up from U13 cricket.
Results didn’t always fall our way, but the season gave our young players exactly what they needed: time in the middle, chances to develop their skills, and plenty of opportunities to build confidence, teamwork and leadership.
At SBCI, giving young cricketers the chance to learn, enjoy the game and progress through the age groups is at the heart of what we do. Creating a strong pathway into senior cricket is essential for the future of our club, and this group has taken big strides along that journey with Dylan, Ashan and Adwaidh all making their senior cricket bows in 2026 with Dylan also making his 2nd team debut.
A huge thank you to all our players for their commitment, to parents and families for your constant support, and to David Grundy for the time, experience and dedication he brings every single week.
We’re proud of how far this young team has come — and excited to see where their cricket takes them next.

Our young players are our future. One Club. One Family. One Future!

Award winners

Batting – Adwaidh Arun

Bowling – Adidev Arun

Fielding – Sol Uren

Player of the year – Dylan Larkin

Arun CK



Under 13’s



Left to Right

Monty, Charlie, Lucas, Rob (coach) Brooke, Millie, Joe, Emelia, Jack, Matthew, Idris.

As another cricket season comes to an end, I wanted to take the opportunity to reflect on what has been a really enjoyable season for our Under-13s at Sowerby Bridge Church Institute Cricket Club.

It has been a real pleasure coaching this group of players and watching them develop, both as cricketers and as teammates. Throughout the season, the emphasis has been on enjoying our cricket, learning new skills, building confidence and giving everyone the opportunity to contribute to the team.

One of the most pleasing aspects has been seeing the players grow in confidence. Whether stepping up to Under-13 cricket, taking on new responsibilities, improving their

bowling or learning to build an innings, there have been plenty of individual successes to celebrate.

We have also benefited from the support of our Under-9 and Under-11 players, with James, Seth, Bobby and Hugo helping us out when needed. It is fantastic to see players from different age groups coming together to support the club, and their contribution has been greatly appreciated.

A few individual highlights from the season:

Idris – In his five appearances, Idris showed some real promise with the ball. His bowling stood out, and he has demonstrated that he has the ability to become an important contributor to the team as he continues to develop.

Joe – Joe slipped into Under-13 cricket very comfortably, particularly with the ball. He has shown plenty of natural ability and real potential, and it will be exciting to see how he builds on this promising start.

Millie – Millie has become a more confident and established member of the team over the season. Her contribution has been about more than just her own performances; she has encouraged others and become an increasingly valuable team player. Her bowling performances have also given her plenty to be proud of.

Brooke – Brooke made a real impression at the top of the batting order. Her performances opening the innings showed that she can make a valuable contribution with the bat, while her growing confidence and willingness to take responsibility have been great to see. Looking at her stats, she needs to speak to the coach about getting more of a bowl!

Monty – Monty has worked hard on developing his leg-spin bowling. When he gets it right, he can be a real handful for the opposition, and there have been encouraging signs of improvement. He has also shown promise with the bat, and it will be exciting to see how he continues to develop as an all-round cricketer.

Charlie – Charlie deserves enormous credit for the way he has taken to wicketkeeping. Despite being completely new to the role, he has shown a natural aptitude and a willingness to give it a go. His enthusiasm for learning and taking on new challenges has been fantastic to see.

Jack – Jack has been a great bowler who is always willing to put the effort in. He has also shown that he can contribute with the bat. That desire to learn, combined with his polite and positive attitude, will take him a long way.

Emelia – Emelia stepping up into the u13s, but never looks out of place. It has been particularly pleasing to see her confidence grow, especially with the ball.

Lucas – Lucas has taken on responsibility as an opening batter and has shown that he is prepared to set the standard at the top of the order. He has demonstrated a willingness to lead by example, and his approach to the game has been a positive influence on the

team. His stand out performances in the field have been rewarded this season earning the fielding award! Well done Lucas.

Yusuf – Yusuf has produced some excellent bowling spells this season, showing that he can make things happen with the ball. He has also demonstrated his ability with the bat, including a valuable score of 23. His potential as an all-round cricketer is clear, and it has been great to see him contribute in different ways. His average earns him the bowling award, but the numbers don't tell you that Yusuf often removes the best batters we played against this year. Great work Yusuf.

Jayan – Jayan has shown that he can change the course of a game with the bat. His attacking approach and ability to produce an important innings have been real highlights. He has demonstrated plenty of promise, and continuing to develop that ability to influence a match will be something to look forward to. His often destructive batting displays paved the way for some of our wins, particularly at the early part of the seasons. Congratulations on the batting prize!

Looking ahead, the biggest success of the season has been seeing the players grow in confidence and develop their individual games. There have been encouraging performances with both bat and ball, new skills learned and players becoming more comfortable taking on responsibility.

I would like to thank all the players for their effort, commitment and good humour throughout the season. Thank you, too, to the parents and families for their continued support, lifts to matches and encouragement from the sidelines. Grassroots cricket simply would not happen without you.

It has been a privilege to work with this group. I hope everyone finishes the season proud of what they have achieved, excited about what they have learned and looking forward to coming back even stronger.

Well done to all our Under-13s — here's to more cricket, more learning and plenty more enjoyment next season!

Rob Larkin

Under 11's



L-R Sukreth, Amogh, Noah, Bobby, Joe, Dougie, Hugo, Sam, Teddy, Seth, James, Daniel, Reggie.

This season brought together both experienced U11s and players new to incrediball cricket. Every player has shown clear development, driven by enthusiasm at training and perseverance in matches.

The team's togetherness has been outstanding celebrating successes, supporting each other, and playing with both enjoyment and competitive spirit. With a squad of 16, rotation has been essential, and the willingness of players to support the team even when not selected has been a real highlight.

League & Cup Performance
SBCI finished 5th out of 9 in the league, winning three of six completed fixtures and visiting new grounds including Jer Lane and Lightcliffe. Despite weather disruptions and opposition cancellations, the team made the best of every situation even enjoying an intra-club friendly when fixtures fell through.

The cup competition showcased some of our strongest cricket. In a group featuring league winners Lightcliffe, SBCI were the only team to win all three group matches, progressing impressively to the semi-finals. Although defeated by eventual champions Jer Lane, the team can be proud of an excellent cup run.

Season Statistics

- **Matches played:** 11
- **Wins:** 6

- **Total runs scored:** 629
- **Total wickets taken:** 49
- **Maidens bowled:** 14

Awards

Batting Award – Hugo Hanson
A consistent run-scorer who has developed a strong personal batting style and shown real courage against quicker bowling. *97 runs, average 19.25, high score 19.*

Bowling Award – Joe Collins
Bowling with pace, accuracy and intent, Joe has been a constant threat throughout the season. *12 wickets, average 3.75, 5 maidens.*

Most Improved Player – Bobby Semple
A standout newcomer who has made an immediate impact with bat, ball and leadership, even captaining the side. *89 runs, 6 wickets.*

Player of the Season – Noah Fellows
Calm, consistent and increasingly confident, Noah has contributed strongly in all disciplines and shown genuine all-rounder potential. *64 runs, 5 wickets.*

The Bill Jordan Shield – Dougie Semple
Awarded by SBCI's coaching staff to the club's most promising junior, this prestigious shield goes to Dougie Semple. Dougie has demonstrated exceptional all-round ability and maturity, representing SBCI at U9s, U11s and in the Halifax League U10 hard-ball side. A thoroughly deserved honour.

Thanks & Acknowledgements
And last, but by no means least, our sincere thanks go to all parents, guardians, grandparents, siblings and supporters for your encouragement throughout the season. Your positivity on the boundary and commitment to getting players to training and matches has been invaluable.
We also extend special thanks to Liz and Richmal for their continued support behind the scenes, and to the dedicated volunteers who keep SBCI running from the well-kept ground to the welcoming clubhouse. Your efforts make a huge difference.
A further thank you to Gordon, our official scorer, for his professionalism and patience in navigating Play-Cricket and IT challenges. Having a dedicated scorer is a real asset to the team.
See you all in 2027.

Paul Collins

Under 9’s



L-R Rory, Theo, Rupert, Azain, Jonah, Joe, Hugo, Emilia, Tess, Reya

The 2026 season has been another fantastic year for our U 9s, with plenty of cricket played, lots of individual improvement and, most importantly, tons of enjoyment along the way.

This was my first season back coaching junior cricket, and it has been an absolute pleasure working with such an enthusiastic and talented group of young players. Everyone has approached training sessions and matches with a brilliant attitude, showing a willingness to learn, develop their skills and support their teammates.

At this age cricket is about much more than simply winning and losing. The focus is on developing the fundamental skills of the game, building confidence and creating an environment where everyone enjoys playing cricket.

Throughout the season, it has been particularly rewarding to see the progress made by every player. We have witnessed some fantastic catches, excellent fielding, wickets taken and plenty of boundaries hit. However, just as importantly, we have seen improvements in bowling accuracy, batting technique, defending the wicket and general game awareness.

These small improvements are often the most significant at this stage of a young cricketer's development, and every player should be proud of the progress they have made.

Season Highlights
One of the highlights of the season was undoubtedly the junior cricket festival. With excellent weather, a fantastic setup and plenty of competitive cricket, it was a brilliant experience for everyone involved.

The enthusiasm, teamwork and smiles on the players' faces throughout the day summed up exactly what junior cricket should be about. It was particularly pleasing to see everyone embrace the challenge of playing different teams and putting the skills they had developed during training into practice.

Hopefully, experiences like these will help develop a lifelong enjoyment of cricket, and we will see many of this group continuing to represent the club for years to come.

End of Season Awards
Choosing individual award winners was particularly difficult given the progress made by every player. However, two players were recognised for their contributions and development throughout the season.

Player of the Season – Jonah
Jonah has been our most consistent all-round performer throughout the season. His strength across all areas of the game, including batting, bowling, catching and fielding, has made him a valuable member of the team. His performances and consistency make him a thoroughly deserving winner of the Player of the Season award.

Most Improved Player – Rory
Rory has demonstrated excellent progress throughout the season, improving his performances with every game. His development with both bat and ball, combined with his growing confidence and enthusiasm, has been particularly impressive. Although every player has improved in their own way, Rory's progress makes him a deserving recipient of the Most Improved Player award.

A successful junior cricket season would not be possible without the support of the many people who give up their time to help.

A huge thank you goes to all the parents and supporters for their continued commitment throughout the summer, whether attending matches, providing transport or bringing the children to weekly training sessions. Your support is invaluable and plays an important role in the continued development of junior cricket at the club.

Tom Wood

LEAGUE TABLES 2026

Premier First XI

Team	P	W12	W6	T3	LO	Aband	Batting	Bowling	Total
Thornton	22	13	3	1	4	1	20	16	216
Oxenhope	22	13	0	0	6	3	11	12	188
SBCI CC	22	9	5	0	8	0	26	20	184
Booth	22	10	2	0	6	4	14	13	171
Triangle	22	11	1	0	10	0	21	8	167
Illingworth	22	9	3	0	8	2	20	14	166
Shelf Northowram HT	22	9	1	0	11	1	29	17	163
Copley	22	7	1	1	11	2	34	25	158
Upper Hopton	22	9	0	0	10	3	17	19	153
Bradshaw	22	5	1	0	13	3	24	23	122
Luddendenfoot	22	4	1	0	17	0	23	26	103
Sowerby St P	22	3	0	0	16	3	20	26	92

Premier Second XI

Team	P	W12	W6	T3	LO	Aband	Batting	Bowling	Total
Illingworth	22	16	5	0	1	0	17	13	252
Booth	22	12	2	0	6	2	18	14	194
Blackley	22	11	3	0	7	1	19	16	188
Warley & Elland	22	10	2	0	10	0	20	23	175
Upper Hopton	22	6	5	0	9	2	29	32	169
Triangle	22	8	2	0	11	1	23	21	155
Shelf Northowram HT	22	7	2	0	13	0	23	25	144
Greetland	22	9	0	0	12	1	12	17	140
SBCI	22	5	3	0	14	0	29	28	135
Bradshaw	22	5	3	0	12	2	32	17	133
Mount	22	4	4	0	13	1	26	22	123
Copley	22	3	0	0	19	0	21	24	72

Sunday League Division 3

Team	P	W20	WD7	LD1	L	Aban	WCN	LCN	Bt B	Bl B	Total
Raistrick	16	9	1	2	1	2	1	0	12	15	252
Crossflatts	16	5	6	1	2	2	0	0	36	37	232
Armitage Bridge	16	7	3	0	3	3	0	0	17	20	222
Slaithwaite	16	6	1	2	4	3	0	0	18	23	194
Stones	16	6	1	4	3	1	0	0	24	23	190
Oakworth	16	1	5	2	5	3	0	0	36	32	149
SBCI	16	3	1	4	6	2	0	0	35	28	146
Lightcliffe 4th	16	2	0	4	7	1	1	0	34	41	123
Outlane	16	1	2	1	9	3	0	1	20	31	106

WD7 – Incomplete win WCN – Opposition conceded (20)
LD1 – Not all out LCN – Team conceded
Lightcliffe 4th & Stones tied

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