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MATCH ACTION FROM THE 2003-04 SEASON...*

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## Editor's Note...

Welcome to the first Crosshills programme of 2004. Hope you have all recovered from the festive excesses. This edition has been rushed out in time to be (hopefully) sold at the West Riding FA Challenge Trophy quarter-final match.



With the dreadful weather we have been experiencing lately, our collective fingers and toes are being crossed that the playing surface will be good enough for the game to go ahead on the required date. No doubt our enthusiastic band of greenkeepers and groundsmen will do their utmost to make sure that this happens.

Best wishes go out to new manager Garry Greene and the lads from the second team, who meet local rivals Keighley Shamrocks from the Keighley Alliance, in what could be termed a 'local derby'. Let's hope there will be plenty of support and encouragement from the 'Kop' at Sutton Fields to enable them to progress to the semi-finals at Woodlesford (the West Riding FA HQ).

For the first and third teams, the expectations that both teams had before the Christmas and New Year break, seemed to have waned slightly as results and match postponements have allowed their nearest rivals to either catch or overtake them. Hopefully, as the season settles down both teams can get back into the groove again.

Still on a festive note, thanks to all members and players who supported our Christmas Draw this year. The winning numbers and prizes are printed elsewhere in this programme.

So, until the next time, cheers!

Steve Birch

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## Chairman's Note...



In this, the first week in February, everything on the field of play is still on course for a good season and as I said in the November issue, the enthusiasm and optimism is very noticeable.

The conditions on the field are very good and there has only been one match postponed owing to extremely wet weather. Compared to previous seasons this is very good news and proves that the work we had done last year has been successful.

I have noticed that there has been a big increase in the number of spectators this season and some very positive comments on the standard of football provided by all three teams. This is borne out by the amount of money taken at the refreshment counter and in the collection box. It is also good to feel the buzz in the Old White Bear after the matches, when everybody gathers for a well-earned pint. Keep it going lads!

All the best

**Barrie Pearce**

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## QUICK QUIZ

*Up to the 2002 World Cup  
finals, who have  
been the five  
youngest  
players to  
captain  
England?*



*(Answers at the end of the programme)*



(Photo: David S. Brett)

## The story so far...

As the long hot summer drew to a close, Crosshills consolidated their lofty position at the top of the Aegon West Lancashire League Division 2 with a fine 1-1 draw with fellow promotion candidates **Stoneclough**, Mark Robinson the scorer. They followed this up with a 4-1 home victory against newcomers **Lancashire Constabulary**, with a brace of goals each from Robinson and Steve Fenton. Reports that team members' vehicles had been closely checked over by their opponents proved to be unfounded!

A break from League action came at the beginning of October with the team meeting local side **Skipton LMS** in the first round of the West Riding Challenge Cup. Nick Shaw put Hills into an early lead but they allowed The Railwaymen an equaliser before finally settling into their game. A hat-trick from Matthew Lloyd, plus goals from Andy Wooler, Steve Tosney (shown above), Paul McGowan and an unfortunate own goal meant that LMS were swept away 8-1.

Lacking four regulars, Hills were expecting a tough encounter usually associated with games against old adversaries Mill Hill St Peters from Blackburn. But they were quickly into their stride and not allowing the visitors to settle. With Stuart Parkin making the step up from the Craven

League impressively, Hills created several chances that they were unable to convert, until Matthew Lloyd won the game from the penalty spot, allowing them to stay top of the league.

Hills again took time out from their league commitments again to claim a 4-0 away win at Halifax League club **Denholme** in the Keighley & District FA Cup. The South Craven side were full of confidence and were expected to continue their winning ways, even on a blustery day and a poor playing surface, but they were very much on the back foot for the first 20 minutes. However, once they survived the initial spell of pressure, they took a grip of the game and from an Ian Craven cross, Steve Fenton headed home.

This spurred Hills on and after more sustained pressure Steve Tosney made it 2-0 with a powerful header. With the slope and the wind in their favour in the second-half, they were very rarely troubled and after a move that travelled the length of the field, Fenton rifled home a rare left-foot shot before substitute Lloyd wrapped things up with a rasping drive to complete a comfortable passage into the next round.

Crosshills continued their winning sequence in the league at the expense of a very spirited **Furness Cavaliers** side with a 4-2 win at Barrow. With the wind at their backs, the visitors should have been two goals to the good in the early minutes, but wasted their opportunities.

However, they were rewarded for all their pressure when Nick Shaw slid the ball home and this was followed very quickly with a second when Matt Reedy scored with a superb individual effort. Hills had several more chances to increase their lead, but poor finishing let them down and Furness, showing great character, never stopped trying and a defensive lapse enabled them to pull a goal back.

Playing into a stiff wind and driving rain, Hills needed to be at their determined best come the second-half, and they had a welcome piece of good luck when skipper Jimmy McCormack scored directly from a corner. However, the visitors again gifted Furness a goal when a series of blunders allowed them to score and with 10 minutes remaining and the result still in the balance, manager Chris Reape was forced to enter the fray. His arrival proved timely when he fired home his side's fourth goal to clinch the win.

West Yorkshire Premier League leaders **Carlton Athletic** visited Crosshills, sporting an all-blue replica Leeds United kit, in the second round of the Challenge Cup. But unlike their professional neighbours, they went away with a 4-2 victory given them by their generous hosts.

Crosshills tore into their opponents from the start and for the first 20 minutes gave them a torrid time. But, as in previous games, failed to take their chances. Carlton eventually took advantage of this and went ahead when a speculative shot came back off the crossbar and rebounded off the goalkeeper for their opener. The second followed shortly after when a loose pass went astray and Carlton finished clinically, whilst a third came when the ball was dropped at the feet of the opposing striker, who gleefully slammed the ball home.

Hills came out strongly in the second-half and dominated the game. They pulled two goals back, the first an own goal after sustained pressure and the second from Rob Wilkinson. Between them, however, Carlton scored a superb fourth on the counter attack, leaving the home side to lament too many missed chances in a game they should have won easily.

**BAE Canberra**, the aerospace outfit from Preston, certainly came down to earth with a bump when they were the visitors to Sutton Fields, where a four goal blitz in the second-half brought a 5-0 scoreline. The first half was a very even contest, with Canberra probably the better side with their very neat passing football, but they lacked a cutting edge to their game and with the Crosshills defence – in particular Andy Wooler – in commanding mood, they rarely troubled Adam Greenwood in goal.

Hills went ahead when Mark Robinson, back after injury, cut the ball back from the bye-line and a Canberra player placed a perfect header into his own net. Crosshills dominated the second-half as Canberra wilted, unable to cope with the pace and power of the home side. Robinson scored after twisting and turning before dispatching the ball into the back of the net and Chris Simpson made it 3-0 after a great run and superb finish.

Canberra's neat football then began to disintegrate as Hills poured forward and the fourth goal came when Simpson forced his way past three defenders to tap into an empty net to score his second of the afternoon. Finally, as the aerospace side ran out of fuel completely, Ian Craven made it five by slipping the ball under the advancing keeper.

Back to the Keighley Cup again, Crosshills ended **Sandy Lane's** winning streak with a 3-1 home win. The visitors could not cope with the pace and skill of striker Mark Robinson, who was a thorn in their side all afternoon. He

opened the scoring with a well placed header after a searing run and pinpoint cross from Ian Craven.

Hills' second goal came from the penalty spot, when Robinson was brought down and Craven tucked away the spot-kick. Sandy Lane did play some quality football and contributed to the entertainment, but Hills sealed victory with an outstanding goal. Craven played a 50-yard pass to Robinson, who raced away to lob the ball over the keeper. With the ball looking to go wide, he followed up to bring it back under control, turn and fire it past a despairing keeper and defender. The visitors did manage a late consolation goal towards the end.

Special mention must go to the performance of ex-Hills player and match referee Justin Crowther, who had a fine game.

After a two-week enforced lay-off, Crosshills returned to league action against the leaders **Aspull**. It proved to be the best game of the season so far, showing why both sides are vying for top spot. Hills took the lead in the opening minutes when, from a wicked looking cross, an Aspull defender turned the ball into his own net. Eventually the Bolton side got into their stride and it was surprise when the levelled the scores.

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➔ **Ian Craven has been in fine form on the left hand side of midfield this season.**

(Photo: David S. Brett)

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With both teams striving for supremacy, Hills managed to sneak ahead, when, after good play between Fenton and Simpson, the latter found room to pick his spot and put them ahead at the break.

The home team squandered their lead at the restart after slack marking allowed Aspull an easy chance to equalise. This setback seemed to galvanise Hills into action and on the hour the ball was spectacularly volleyed home by Simpson after a poor clearance from the keeper. Again Aspull showed why they were top by bouncing back for a third time, with the Crosshills rearguard going 'walkabout' and allowing the Aspull striker to collect his hat-trick. But Hills were not to be denied and with minutes remaining, Simpson again took on the Aspull defence to set up Steve Fenton for the winner.

**Pennington** provided Crosshills with a much sterner test than expected in their next match just before the Christmas break, although it could be said that the monsoon-like

weather and heavy pitch contributed to the outcome of the game.

Even though Hills had the wind and rain at their backs in the first half, they dominated proceedings and should have converted several chances. But playing as individuals rather than a team, they squandered the opportunities offered, until Steve Fenton fed Chris Simpson and the latter opened Hills' account. As the half drew to a close, the Wigan team were awarded a very dubious penalty which they duly dispatched to level the scores. Playing into the galeforce wind and rain in the second period, Crosshills began to show the grit and determination that had elevated them to the top of the league. Pressing forward they tried for the winning goal which eventually arrived from the ubiquitous Mark Robinson, who was on hand to score after some great free flowing football and end 2003 on a high for the South Craven outfit.

*Reporting by:* **Bob Craven & Steve Birch**

• **MATCH REPORTS CONTINUED IN NEXT ISSUE**



## West Lancashire Football League Division 2

### POINTS TABLE (at 24 January 2004)

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	⬆️ Aspull	22	15	3	4	57	36	21	48
2	⬆️ Furness Rovers	21	14	1	6	46	33	13	43
<b>3</b>	<b>⬇️ Crosshills</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>41</b>
4	⬇️ Stoneclough	20	12	4	4	47	28	19	40
5	⬇️ Askham United	18	12	3	3	53	31	22	39
6	⬆️ BAC/EE Preston	22	11	2	9	55	38	17	35
7	⬆️ Mill Hill St Peters	20	9	2	9	50	35	15	29
8	⬇️ Thornton Cleveleys	16	8	3	5	47	24	23	27
9	⬆️ Furness Cavaliers	22	8	3	11	42	55	-13	27
10	⬇️ BAE Canberra*	23	8	4	11	50	71	-21	25
11	⬆️ Lancashire Constabulary	21	7	1	13	47	62	-15	22
12	⬇️ GSK Ulverston Rangers	18	5	4	9	21	42	-21	19
13	⬆️ Todmorden Borough	19	4	4	11	32	53	-21	16
14	⬆️ Rivington	21	3	2	16	34	65	-31	11
15	⬇️ Pennington	21	1	4	16	19	56	-37	7

\*Points adjustment

# Results, goalscorers & tables...

<i>Date</i>	<i>Ven</i>	<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Scorers</i>	<i>Competition</i>
Aug 9	H	<b>GSK Ulverston Rangers</b>	5-1	Shaw 2, Fenton 2, Steve Smith	AWL
Aug 12	A	Rivington	2-1	Shaw, McCormack	AWL
Aug 16	A	BAE Canberra	4-0	Lloyd 3, Simpson	AWL
Aug 19	H	<b>Todmorden Borough</b>	3-5	Lloyd, Simpson, Steve Smith	AWL
Aug 23	H	<b>Furness Cavaliers</b>	5-3	Simpson, Fenton, Robinson, Tosney, Reeday	AWL
Aug 26	A	Mill Hill St Peters	2-4	Robinson, Shaw	AWL
Aug 30	A	Furness Rovers	3-1	Robinson 2, Simpson	AWL
Sep 6	H	<b>BAC/EE Preston</b>	4-2	Wooler, Strickland, Lloyd 2	AWL
Sep 13	H	<b>Pennington</b>	7-0	Simpson (pen), Craven 2, Lloyd 2, McCormack, Dewhirst	AWL
Sep 20	A	Stoneclough	1-1	Robinson	AWL
Sep 27	H	<b>Lancashire Constabulary</b>	4-1	Fenton 2, Robinson 2	AWL
Oct 4	H	<b>Skipton LMS</b>	8-1	Shaw, Wooler, Lloyd 3, Tosney, McGowan, og	WRCC
Oct 11	H	<b>Mill Hill St Peters</b>	1-0	Lloyd	AWL
Oct 18	A	Denholm	4-0	Fenton 2, Tosney, Lloyd	KC
Oct 25	A	Furness Cavaliers	4-2	Shaw, Reeday, McCormack, Reape C.	AWL
Nov 1	H	<b>Carlton Athletic</b>	2-4	og, Wilkinson	WRCC
Nov 8	H	<b>BAE Canberra</b>	5-0	Robinson 2, Simpson 2, Craven	AWL
Nov 15	A	Sandy Lane	3-1	Robinson 2, Craven (pen)	KC
Dec 6	H	<b>Aspull</b>	4-3	og, Simpson 2, Fenton	TC
Dec 20	A	Pennington	2-1	Simpson, Robinson	AWL
Jan 3	H	<b>Furness Rovers</b>	1-3	Lloyd	AWL
Jan 10	H	<b>Mill Hill St Peters</b>	1-2	Robinson	TC
Jan 17	H	<b>Stoneclough</b>	2-1	Simpson 2	AWL
Jan 24	H	Askam United	5-5	Craven, Simpson, Gill 3	AWL

**Goals (82):** Matthew Lloyd 14; Mark Robinson 13; Chris Simpson 13; Steve Fenton 8; Nick Shaw 6; Ian Craven 5; James Gill 3; Jimmy McCormack 3; Steve Tosney 3; Matt Reeday 2; Steve Smith 2; Andy Wooler 2; Ben Dewhirst 1; Paul McGowan 1; Chris Reape 1; Andy Strickland 1; Rob Wilkinson 1; own goals 3.

**Key to Competitions:** (AWL) Aegon West Lancashire League Division 2; (KC) Keighley & District FA Cup; (TC) Tavern Cup; (WRCC) West Riding County FA Challenge Cup

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# CROSSHILLS FC PLAYER PROFILE

## Sam Smith

*Crosshills career span: 1999–*



<b>Full name</b>	Samuel Peter Nelson Smith
<b>Nickname</b>	Anything with four letters that's abusive / Smithy
<b>Date of birth</b>	28 December 1985
<b>Age</b>	18
<b>Birthplace</b>	Steeton
<b>Height</b>	6' 2"
<b>Weight</b>	14 st
<b>Marital status</b>	Single
<b>Children</b>	No comment
<b>Car</b>	Dad's Renault Laguna
<b>Previous clubs</b>	Silsden Juniors, Bradford Boys
<b>Best position</b>	Missionary / spoons / goalkeeper / centre-forward
<b>Honours</b>	Numerous
<b>Biggest influence</b>	My dad / alcohol
<b>Job description</b>	Student / dosser
<b>Favourite club</b>	Liverpool
<b>Favourite food</b>	Lamb donner kebab and chips
<b>Favourite drink</b>	Lager / diesel
<b>Ambitions</b>	To captain the first team to win the Premier League
<b>Memorable game or moment</b>	Winning the League Cup last year with the 3rd team

## Second team report...

Crosshills are enjoying life on all fronts at the moment, with the first team vying for a place at the top of the West Lancashire League and the third team doing likewise in the Craven League. For the second team, though, it's been more the case of being on the Cup 'trail'.

The team have also found themselves with a new manager after Mick Tillotson moved 'upstairs' to aid first team coach Chris Reape. Garry Greene, who looked after the team for much of last season, finds himself at the helm again.

To date they have only played five Craven League matches and with two wins and a draw from these games, they find themselves languishing at the foot of the table. Hopefully as Spring approaches, the team can make use of the lighter evenings to fulfil their fixtures and be back at the head of the field.

But it is in the Cup matches that the team seem to be excelling, finding themselves in the quarter-finals of the West Riding FA Challenge Trophy and in the various stages of the League Cup, the Keighley Supplementary Cup (the Final of which they reached last season) and the

Northern Plant Hire Trophy.

In the County Cup, victories against **West Bank WMC** and **Aberford Albion** (after extra time and a replay) saw them meet Harrogate League side **Kirk Deighton Rangers** in the Third Round.

A close match ensued with Rangers playing some good quality football, but Hills' mixture of youth and experience told in the end and a penalty from skipper Steve Reape plus a good individual effort from 'Big Al' McEwen saw the Craven League side through to the next phase.

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome the players and supporters from our opponents for today's quarter-final clash, Keighley Shamrocks. Hopefully it will be a great match for what is ostensibly a 'local derby'. A semi-final match at the West Riding FA's headquarters at Woodlesford awaits the winners.

Best of luck to both sets of players and may the best team win!

**Steve Birch**



(Photo: David S. Brett)

# Results, goalscorers & tables...

Date	Ven	Opponents	Score	Scorers	Competition
Sep 6	A	Oxenhope Recreation	1-2	French	CLP
Sep 13	H	Intake	4-1	McEwen 2, Guest C. (pen), Parkin	CLP
Sep 27	H	Bradley*	2-1		NPH
Oct 4	H	West Bank WMC* (aet)	3-1		WRCT
Oct 11	A	Cononley Sports	1-1	McDonald	CLP
Oct 25	H	Grindleton	2-1	Reape S. (pen), Complin	DCP
Nov 1	A	Aberford Albion (aet)	3-3	French 3	WRCT
Nov 8	H	Aberford Albion (replay)	4-3	Complin 2, Holden 2	WRCT
Nov 15	A	Intake	1-3	Thompson D.	CLP
Nov 22	A	Chatburn	3-0	McEwen, Sharpe G., Complin	CLP
Dec 20	H	Bradley*	3-1		CLP
Jan 4	H	Kirk Deighton Rangers*	2-1	Reape S. (pen), McEwen	WRCT
Jan 17	H	Keighley Lifts Res*	4-0	Complin 2, Holden, Reape S.	KSC
Jan 24	H	Embsay*	2-0	Parkin, Complin	DCP

\* Played at South Craven Fields



## THE DEVONSHIRE CARPETS CRAVEN & DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE

**Goals (35):** Lee Complin 7; James French 4; Alistair McEwen 4; Steve Holden 3; Steve Reape 3; Stuart Parkin 2; Colin Guest 1; Darrell McDonald 1; Gareth Sharpe 1; Danny Thompson 1. (8 goals were unrecorded).

**Key to Competitions:** (CLP) Devonshire Carpets Craven League Premier Division; (DCP) Devonshire Carpets Premier Cup; (KSC) Keighley & District Supplementary League Cup; (NPH) Northern Plant Hire Trophy; (WRCT) West Riding FA Challenge Trophy;

## PREMIER LEAGUE TABLE

(as at 17 January 2004)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Skipton LMS	11	8	3	0	40	15	27
2 Grindleton	11	7	3	1	34	16	24
3 Oxenhope Recreation	11	7	0	4	29	23	21
4 Brontë Wanderers	9	6	2	1	31	17	20
5 Cononley Sports	12	5	1	6	31	33	16
6 Embsay	7	4	1	2	27	15	13
7 Bradley	10	3	2	5	21	26	11
8 Grassington Utd	9	3	1	5	17	30	10
9 Intake	14	2	2	10	22	52	8
10 Keighley Lifts	9	1	4	4	17	21	7
<b>11 Crosshills</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>
12 Lothersdale Athletic	10	1	0	9	21	44	3

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Stuart PARKIN		Mark ATKINS
James FRENCH		Mick DOWSE
Alistair McEWEN		Paul DOWSE
Lee COMPLIN		Jack KERSHAW
Steven HOLDEN		Michael PARR
Stephen SMITH		Kyle FOX
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**Referee:** Mr J.B. Craig **Assistants:** Mr P.B. Evans and Mr N. Cox

## Third team report...

As the nights have grown longer, maybe so have the chances of the third team claiming the Craven League Division 2 title. Having nailed their colours to the mast in the opening six or seven games and scoring a hatfull of goals, the acid test came at the beginning of November when they were due to meet the other top sides in the league in consecutive weeks.

The home match with Skipton LMS was not a happy afternoon's work – losing by the odd goal in three, having a player sent off (apparently for striking one of his own team-mates!) and losing skipper Gavin Wild with a dislocated shoulder. His loss in midfield showed in the following game at Hellifield, the team losing 0-4 with the opposing strikers running amok on a bitterly cold afternoon.

A 3-1 victory over Keighley Lifts Reserves redressed the balance slightly with the 'Hills strike force on fine form on their first game on Sutton Fields' newly re-laid pitch. Kevin Nicholls, Ben Dewhirst and Ian Jolly were on the scoresheet.

Injuries and suspensions plagued the team as Silsden Athletic were the next opponents. After a shambolic start – the game was in doubt after Silsden could barely muster a team, the majority of whom seemed to be in their local watching a Premier League game – the league leaders missed a vital spot-kick and had to watch as the Cobbydalers went ahead after a long-range free-kick flew into the net with the 'Hills keeper stranded. Even though Sam Smith scored his first goal of the season as an outfield player, Silsden netted twice more to provide the shock result of the day.

The return match with Lifts saw another defeat on a windy afternoon at Marley, when bad defensive errors saw a 3-4 defeat and Hills' opponents breathing down their necks in the table.

A trek to Swindon Playing Fields against McBrides saw the team back on track with the Nicholls / Jolly strike force back in tandem and the team winning 5-3.

The team's first involvement in the Keighley Supplementary FA Cup unfortunately ended with a brave attempt against First Division side Oxenhope, Nicholls and

Jolly netting three goals between them in a 3-4 defeat.

It was pay-back time when Hills went to Hellifield for their second meeting of the season. With former player Mark Adams shoring up the defence, the Pendle side didn't have things their own way, unlike the earlier meeting in November. Showing good team spirit in the Devonshire Carpets Division 2 Cup match, Hills ran out worthy winners with goals from Danny Thompson and Ian Jolly. The Hellifield centre-forward who had terrorised the defence in the first match, sadly never saw the final result, being shown the red card in the second half.

### Steve Birch



(Photo: David S. Brett)

# Results, goalscorers & tables...

Date	Ven	Opponents	Score	Scorers	Competition
Sep 6	H	Ingleton*	9-4	Reape J., Nicholls 4, Jolly, Doubtfire 2, Eaton	CL2
Sep 13	A	Intake Res	2-1	Nicholls, Jolly	CL2
Sep 20	H	Bradley Res*	6-1	Nicholls 2, Wild, Jolly, McDonald, Hall	CL2
Sep 27	H	Grindleton Res*	7-3	Wild, Sharpe G. 2, Thompson D. 2, Nicholls, Jolly	CL2
Oct 11	H	Cononley Sports Res*	3-1	Nicholls, Wild, Coleman	CL2
Oct 18	H	McBrides	4-3	Jolly, Dewhirst, Nicholls, Coleman	CL2
Oct 24	A	Ingleton	11-2	Jolly 4, Nicholls, Dewhirst 3, Eaton, Wild, Birch	CL2
Nov 1	A	Skipton LMS Res	1-2	Nicholls	CL2
Nov 8	A	Hellifield	0-4		CL2
Nov 15	H	Skipton LMS Res*	7-4	Nicholls 4, Jolly, Dewhirst, Jenkins	CL2
Nov 22	H	Keighley Lifts	3-1	Dewhirst, Jolly, Nicholls	CL2
Dec 6	A	Silsden Athletic	1-3	Sam Smith	CL2
Dec 13	A	Keighley Lifts Res	3-4	Sam Smith, Dewhirst, Jenkins	CL2
Jan 4	A	McBrides	5-3	Jolly 2, Eaton, Dewhirst, Wild	CL2
Jan 17	H	Oxenhope Res*	3-4	Nicholls 2, Jolly	KSC
Jan 24	A	Hellifield	2-1	Jolly, Thompson D.	DC2

\* Played at South Craven Fields



## THE DEVONSHIRE CARPETS CRAVEN & DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE

**Goals (67):** Kevin Nicholls 19; Ian Jolly 15; Ben Dewhirst 8; Gavin Wild 5; James Eaton 3; Danny Thompson 3; Martin Coleman 2; Wayne Doubtfire 2; Eddie Jenkins 2; Gavin Sharpe 2; Sam Smith 2; Mark Birch 1; Chris Hall 1; Darrell McDonald 1; Johnny Reape 1.

**Key to Competitions:** (CL2) Devonshire Carpets Craven League Division 2; (DC2) Devonshire Carpets Division 2 Cup; (KSC) Keighley & District Supplementary FA Cup.

## DIVISION 2 LEAGUE TABLE

(as at 17 January 2004)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Skipton LMS Res	13	10	1	2	48	26	31
<b>2 Crosshills Res</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>30</b>
3 Hellifield Sports	11	8	3	0	58	14	27
4 Intake Res	15	7	1	7	43	32	22
5 Cononley Sports Res	12	6	3	3	46	30	21
6 Silsden Athletic	14	4	3	7	30	42	15
7 McBrides	13	5	3	5	29	38	15*
8 Grindleton Res	11	4	2	5	32	35	14
9 Bradley Res	13	3	4	6	30	46	13
10 Keighley Lifts Res	12	3	4	5	29	32	13
11 Grassington Utd Res	10	2	2	6	20	32	8
12 Ingleton	12	0	0	12	17	81	0

\* Points deducted

# Ten to Tackle

*Test your sporting knowledge with this quiz compiled by Sam Smith*



Name the Australian centre who kicked 12 out of the 17 points against England in the Rugby World Cup Final



Which former Premiership star won the Footballer of the Year award in 1997?



Name the Northampton Town goalkeeper who saved Diego Forlan's penalty in the FA Cup clash last month



Name the South African opening batsmen who recently became the first pair to share three triple-century test partnerships



Which Spanish golfer was an amateur champion in 1998 and then a Ryder Cup player the following year?



Which England Rugby World Cup winner used to play his games for Skipton?



What is the maximum number of golf clubs allowed to be carried in the bag at one time?



From which team did Liverpool sign goalkeeper Jerzy Dudek?

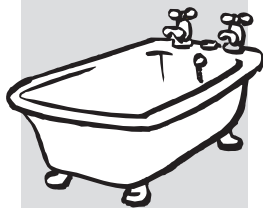


Who did Australia beat to reach the recent Rugby World Cup Final?



Which country in 1982 became the first to be eliminated from the World Cup via a penalty shoot-out?

***Answers printed at the end of the programme***



**Just  
for a  
laugh...**

## ***The Aussie housewife...***

**S**heila, the Aussie housewife, is having a relaxing bath. As she gets out to dry herself, she slips, does the splits and suctions herself to the bathroom floor. She yells out for her husband Bruce, who comes rushing in.

"Bruce! I've bloody suctioned myself to the floor," she wails.

"Strewth!" replies her husband as he tries to pull her up. "You're stuck fast, girl. I'll go across the road and get me mate Cobba!"

Eventually, they return and both try to pull her up.

"No way," says Cobba. "We can't do it, lets try Plan B."

"Plan B," exclaims Bruce. 'What the hell's Plan B?'"

"I'll go home, get me hammer and chisel and we can break the tiles under her and release the vacuum."

"Ripper!" says Bruce. "While you're doing that, I'll stay here and play with her tits."

"Play with her tits?" says Cobba. "Not exactly a good time for that, mate!"

"I know," replies Bruce. "But I reckon if I can get her wet enough, we can slide her into the kitchen where the tiles aren't so bloody expensive!"

## ***The moral of the story...***

**A** teacher gives her fifth grade class an assignment to get their parents to tell them a story with a moral at the end of it. The next day the kids come back and one by one begin telling their stories.

Ashley says, "My father is a farmer and we have a lot of egg-laying hens. One day we were taking our eggs to market in a basket on the front seat of the car, when we hit a big bump in the road and all the eggs went flying, broke and made a terrible mess."

"And what's the moral of the story?" asks the teacher.

"Don't put all your eggs in one basket." replies Ashley.

Next, little Sarah raises her hand. "Our family are farmers too. But we raise chickens for the meat market. We had a dozen eggs one time, but when they hatched we only got ten live chicks. The moral of the story is: 'Don't count your chickens until they are hatched.'"

"That was a fine story, Sarah." says the teacher. "Michael, do you have a story to share?"

"Yes." says Michael. "My daddy told me this story about my Aunt Karen. She was a flight engineer for the RAF in the recent Gulf War and her plane got hit. She had to bail out over enemy territory with only a bottle of whisky, a machine gun and a machete. She drank all the whisky on the way down so that the bottle wouldn't break and then she landed right in the middle of 100 Iraqi troops. She killed 70 of them with the machine gun until she ran out of ammo. Then she killed 20 more with the machete until the blade broke. Then she killed the last 10 with her bare hands."

"Good heavens," replied the teacher, horrified. "What possible kind of moral did your daddy tell you from that dreadful story?"

"Stay the f\*\*k away from Aunt Karen when she's been drinking!"

## ***Crosshills FC Christmas Draw Results***

<b>No.</b>	<b>Prize</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Prize</b>	<b>Winner</b>
4947	DVD Player	Karen Emmott	2067	Brandy	Jackie Eaton
4393	Whisky	Unnamed	1522	Wine	P Preston
3754	Wine	Andy Wooler	2088	Whisky	B Stride
1552	Work-out	Steve Mulloy	2478	Wine	Andy (NSF)
1651	Hooded Top	M Benson	2165	Vodka	Ron Holmes
4960	Wine	Richard ?	2162	Wine	Ron Holmes
3360	Whisky	Emma Dewhirst	2544	Brandy	Unnamed
2270	Wine	Mick B (NSF)	1225	Wine	James Eaton
0179	Meal (White Bear)	Eric Herbert	1655	Gin	M Benson
2141	Wine	James Eaton	3917	Wine	Jimmy McCormack
2594	Vodka	Gail Lloyd			
2155	Polo Shirt	Borab (L Lund)			
1297	Wine	Jim (Starrett)			

► *The Committee would like to thank all members and players who strived to sell their quota of tickets this year.*



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# Results, goalscorers & tables...

## UNDER 12 DIVISION C RESULTS

Sep 21	A	Burley Juniors	2-5
Sep 28	A	Undercliffe Celtic	2-12
Oct 4	H	<b>Undercliffe Celtic</b>	2-7
Oct 12	H	<b>Eccleshill United 'C'</b>	2-5
Oct 19	A	Eldwick Juniors	2-5
Nov 16	A	Cowling Youth	2-6
Nov 23	A	Long Lee Juniors 'B'	6-3
Jan 11	A	Eccleshill United 'A'	1-14
Jan 25	H	<b>Eldwick Juniors</b>	4-0

## LEAGUE TABLE

(as at 26 January 2004)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Undercliffe Celtic	12	12	0	1	84	19	36
2 Eccleshill United 'A'	11	10	0	1	87	12	30
3 Burley Juniors	11	6	1	4	57	33	19
4 Cowling Youth	12	6	1	5	27	43	19
5 Eccleshill United 'C'	12	5	0	7	27	38	15
6 Long Lee Juniors 'B'	12	3	0	9	28	65	9
<b>7 Crosshills Juniors 9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>6</b>	
8 Eldwick Juniors	14	2	0	12	19	85	6

# ?

## DID YOU KNOW..?

*...that it was an English referee who first thought of using red and yellow cards?*

# ?

► Ken Aston was in charge of the referees at the 1966 World Cup Finals. During England's stormy quarter-final against Argentina at Wembley, the visiting captain, Antonio Rattin, refused to leave the field after being sent-off by the German referee, Rudolf Kreitlein.

Aston ran onto the pitch and, in his schoolboy Spanish, tried to persuade Rattin to depart so the game could continue. Driving away from the stadium later that day Aston began to ponder the problem of how referees could make their intentions clear to players without having to speak the same language. At that same moment he stopped at some traffic lights and saw the red, amber and green. And that's how the idea of using coloured cards was born.

Red and yellow cards were first used by FIFA referees during the 1970 World Cup in Mexico. Ironically, not one player was sent off during the entire tournament!

Although the idea was born in England, red and yellow cards were not used in the English leagues until 1976.

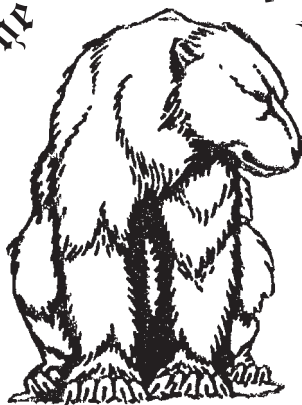




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# CROSSHILLS FC PLAYER PROFILE

## *Barrie Pearce*

*Crosshills career span: 1951-67*



<b>Full name</b>	Barrie Pearce
<b>Date of birth</b>	14 April 1936
<b>Age</b>	67
<b>Birthplace</b>	Farnhill
<b>Height</b>	5' 8"
<b>Weight</b>	12st 5lbs
<b>Marital status</b>	Married to Marian
<b>Children</b>	Two, Nigel and Deborah
<b>Car</b>	Proton
<b>Previous clubs</b>	None. Only Crosshills
<b>Best position</b>	Always left-wing
<b>Honours</b>	Craven League Division 1 Cup 1954; Craven League Division 2 Cup 1962 (winners); Keighley & District Cup 1954 & 1955 (runners-up)
<b>Biggest influence</b>	My father, Bob
<b>Job description</b>	Retired
<b>Favourite club</b>	Crosshills FC
<b>Favourite food</b>	Indian, Chinese, English, etc
<b>Favourite drink</b>	Beer
<b>Ambitions</b>	Just to enjoy life and win the London Marathon
<b>Memorable game or moment</b>	Being a member of the first-ever Crosshills side to reach a Keighley & District Cup Final in 1954 and scoring our goal, although we lost 2-1.



**Just  
for a  
laugh...**

## ***Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded...***

*(A few thoughts from someone of a certain age to remind younger members of the club to make full use of what you have while you've still got it.)*

► God grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, plus the eyesight to tell the difference. Now that I'm older (but refuse to grow up), here's what I've discovered...

- 1 I started out with nothing and I still have most of it.
- 2 My wild oats have turned into prunes and All-Bran.
- 3 Funny, I don't remember being absent minded...
- 4 I finally got my head together – now my body is falling apart.
- 5 Funny, I don't remember being absent minded...
- 6 All reports are in – life is now officially unfair.
- 7 If all is not lost, where is it?
- 8 It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser.
- 9 Funny, I don't remember being absent minded...
- 10 Some days you're the dog – some days you're the lamp post.
- 11 I wish the buck stopped here – I could sure use a few.
- 12 Kids in the back seat cause accidents.
- 13 Accidents in the back seat cause kids.
- 14 Funny, I don't remember being absent minded...
- 15 It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been any where.
- 16 The only time the world beats a path to your door is when you're in the bathroom.
- 17 If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would have put them on my knees.
- 18 When I'm finally holding all the cards, why does everyone decide to play chess?
- 19 Funny, I don't remember being absent minded...

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## ***And finally, Esther...***

*Below is a news item reproduced from a recent daily newspaper:*

☛ Commenting on a complaint from a Mr Arthur Purdey about a large gas bill, a spokesman for North West Gas said: "We agree it was rather high for the time of year. It's possible Mr Purdey has been charged for the gas used up during the explosion that destroyed his house." ☛

*(The Daily Telegraph)*

# Down Memory Lane...

## KEIGHLEY CUP 3RD ROUND REPLAY

28 December 1963

**DENHOLME UNITED 1**

**CROSSHILLS YOUTH CLUB 3**

*og, Barsby, Dewhurst*

A splendid performance by Crosshills against the robust Halifax League side took them into the Semi-finals of the Keighley Cup. On a smallish ground, which cut up heavily in parts, Hills played with great gusto and an own goal and a fine effort from Barsby gave them a 2-0 half-time lead.

In the second period, great goalkeeping from Eric Whiteley kept Denholme out whenever they threatened. A thundering drive by Dewhurst, from a free-kick just outside the penalty area, put Crosshills into an unassailable 3-0 lead. Hills also had two seemingly perfect goals disallowed, but it wasn't until the closing stages that Denholme managed to get a consolation goal from the penalty spot.

Overall, a fine performance from the Crosshills side

### TEAM:

*Eric Whiteley; David Hardaker David Longbottom, David Leigh, Bruce Hargreaves, Ron Elrick, Terry Gallagher, Colin Ward, Peter Barsby, Len Dewhurst, John Hardaker.*

## Quiz Answers

### TEN TO TACKLE QUIZ

- 1 Elton Flatley
- 2 Gianfranco Zola
- 3 Lee Harper
- 4 Herschelle Gibbs and  
Graham Smith

- 5 Sergio García
- 6 Martin Corry
- 7 14
- 8 Feyenoord
- 9 New Zealand
- 10 France

### QUICK QUIZ

- 1 Bobby Moore – 22yrs 48 days (1963)
- 2 Michael Owen – 22yrs 124 days (2002)
- 3 Sol Campbell – 23yrs 248 days (1998)
- 4 Gerry Francis – 23yrs 271 days (1975)
- 5 Billy Wright – 24yrs 245 days (1948)



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