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Bolton CC v Castleton CC

18<sup>th</sup> May, 1878

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The Lancashire County fast bowler Will McIntyre signed as professional for Castleton CC in Rochdale for the 1878 season after eight years' loyal service to Bolton CC. This being the first occasion on which the popular professional had opposed Bolton since his departure to pastures new, a crowd of around 4,000, an attendance far greater than had ever previously been seen on the ground, greeted him at George Green-lane. Amongst the thousands of spectators who were present, forming a ring all round the ground, "Mac" had many supporters. The match presented the curious feature of each club playing against their former professional, the new Bolton "professor" Tom Shooter having been engaged as professional at Castleton four years earlier in 1874. Bolton were by no means represented by their strongest team; on the other hand, although Castleton were not up to their full strength, six of their team had appeared for Lancashire County, namely Messrs W S Butterworth, E L Chadwick, J Leach, and F Taylor, plus their two professionals, McIntyre and Fred Stephenson. The home eleven *'figured most*

*ludicrously as batsmen'*, their two completed innings only amounting to 63 runs and McIntyre's bowling on the day was excellent and no effort was spared by him in securing for his new club as complete a "win" as they could possibly attain. The three professionals, Stephenson, McIntyre, Shooter (the last two Nottinghamshire men both), as well as the Bolton amateur Will Scott, wrought havoc with the leather, especially "Mac", who, with match figures of 15-28, was much to the fore. (*Out now*)



Will McIntyre

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Club, their professional Tom Shooter, the Sefton professional Enoch Tranter, as well as two Nottinghamshire men, Harry Bembridge and Edwin Mills. The match was not without incident; two disputed catches, both involving the brothers Grace, causing a little controversy. Notwithstanding, the renowned "W.G." delighted the locals with his all-round play, scoring over a hundred runs and taking 20 wickets during the course of the three days' play. The early finish of the "odds" match saw an eleven-a-side game take place featuring a mixture of the 29 players. However, this, too, was not without controversy. Midwinter declined to play, while neither of the Graces, nor Gilbert, nor James Southerton, would take to the field again once they had batted. Nonetheless, the event was a great success, the attendance on the final day of the encounter being greater than had ever been seen upon the cricket field at George Green-lane.

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