

Nicholas Felix, 1804-1876 (real name Wanostracht). “One of the greatest players of his day.”¹⁶

George Anderson, 1826-1902. “One of the most prominent professionals of his day.”

William Clarke (or Clark), 1798-1856. “He did not become prominent outside his native County [Nottinghamshire] until he was about 45 years old, and then for some ten seasons his bowling was most successful – he practised the art of under-arm deliveries.”¹⁷

William Ridding 1830-1900. [Not yet ordained].

William Richard Hillyer 1813-1861 “Described by some as ‘the best of all bowlers’, he was at his most brilliant about 1845.”

Daniel Day 1807-1887. His first-class debut was for England in 1842.

When considering the bowling analysis, it is interesting to note that, as was normal practice, only the “given men” bowled.¹⁸ It should also be recalled that these were four-ball overs. The number was raised to five in 1889, and to six in May 1900. It has remained at six except for the 1939 season.

The England eleven’s 22 opponents comprised twenty men of Banbury, and Bickley and Burrin, the “given men”. It was a normal practice to include “given men” to help balance otherwise disparate sides. Stretching a point, perhaps one might see an analogy to this in the introduction of the “overseas player” from the late 1960s.¹⁹

D. Burrin. No entry in the *Cricketers’ Who’s Who*, but the Association of Cricket Statisticians and Historians indicate that he lived from 1823 to 1875, was born in Oxford and died at Temple Cowley. His only first-class appearances were for Oxford University.

John Bickley, 1819-1866. “For England against Kent & Sussex at Lord’s in 1856 he took 8 wickets for 7 runs.”

The result of the game was that Banbury won by 9 wickets (as they had 22 players, 12 wickets fell in their second innings).

¹⁶ A lithograph of “Felix” [Nicholas Wanostracht] appears at p.15 of *A History of Cricket*, Trevor Bailey, Book Club Associates, 1978.

¹⁷ A lithograph of William Clarke, by Nicholas Wanostracht, appears at p.18 of *Cricket – A Way of Life*, Christopher Martin-Jenkins, Marks & Spencer, 1985.

¹⁸ Years ago, one of the privileges of membership of a County Cricket Club was the right to be bowled at by the club’s professionals. Before his own elevation, one of Alec Bedser’s favourite jokes was that no bowler had been knighted since Sir Francis Drake. John Major is credited with causing that to be remedied.

¹⁹ Cf *The Enemy Within*, Alastair McLellan, Blandford Books 1994.