

49/58BRIAN CLOSE ROCKETS TO FAME

Meet Brian Close - 18 year-old Yorkshire cricket star. From his school eleven to the England team within 12 months - that is the amazing record of this tall left-handed batsman from Yeadon. A clubmate of Len Hutton, six-footer Close today stands on the threshold of a career likely to be as brilliant as that of his famous test colleague. Brian is the complete all-rounder - a deadly right-hand bowler and a fine left-hand bat. In the words of the great Hutton: "He's a real good 'un." In this, his first season, he has already become known as a batsman's nightmare. In 16 games, his off-spinners have taken 75 wickets. Yet despite his rocket to success, Brian is still the modest youngster, who only last year was his school's popular cricket captain.

Memo to Yorkshire's captain - How about giving the lad his county cap?