

# CRICKETER IN FATAL SHOOTING

Lancashire police were today still desperately searching for leads to help them in their search for a ruthless gunmen responsible for the brutal killing of a 49 year old man whilst he was playing cricket for his local pub team.

Billy McNeillie from Penwortham, Lancs, was chasing the ball towards the boundary edge when the gunmen opened fired hitting him in his right thigh causing him to pull up suddenly and perform what witnesses describe as a red Indian war dance. Seconds later, the gunmen fired a second round which provided the fatal blow, finishing the victim off with a head shot.

A shocked spokesman for the Black Bull said "Although the shooting was a tragedy, Billy met his end doing what he did best, making a complete prat of himself."

Police , at this stage, have no obvious motive for the crime, but speculation was mounting that the man may well have been the victim of a mercy killing, a theory that was gaining credibility given Mr McNeillie's batting performance earlier in the day.

Mr McNeillie is survived by two donkeys and a chammy leather.

A recent photograph of Mr McNeillie

