

YORKSHIRE SECOND ELEVEN IN THE MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP

SEASON 1939

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	L	DWF	DLF	NC/Ab	Pts	PtsPC	Net Run Rate	
Pts awarded	-	6	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	
1	Surrey 2nd XI	10	7	0	2	1	0	49	4.900	21.070
2	Lancashire 2nd XI	10	5	1	2	0	2	36	4.500	5.965
3	Suffolk	8	4	0	2	1	1	31	4.429	9.299
4	Buckinghamshire	8	4	1	2	0	1	30	4.286	2.740
5	Dorset	10	4	1	3	1	1	34	3.778	6.711
6	Cheshire	8	2	1	1	0	4	15	3.750	1.598
7	Norfolk	12	4	1	3	3	1	36	3.273	7.215
8	<i>Yorkshire 2nd XI</i>	10	3	2	1	1	3	22	3.143	4.128
9	Cornwall	8	2	1	1	2	2	17	2.833	-2.597
10	Hertfordshire	10	2	2	3	2	1	23	2.556	-0.097
11	Staffordshire	10	2	2	2	2	2	20	2.500	1.392
12	Kent 2nd XI	8	2	2	1	2	1	17	2.429	-2.088
13	Cambridgeshire	8	2	3	1	1	1	16	2.286	-4.964
14	Bedfordshire	10	2	3	1	3	1	18	2.000	0.870
15	Wiltshire	8	1	3	2	1	1	13	1.857	-7.143
16	Devon	8	0	1	3	3	1	12	1.714	-2.079
17	Northumberland	10	1	4	2	2	1	14	1.556	-6.239
18	Durham	10	1	4	2	2	1	14	1.556	-8.021
19	Lincolnshire	8	1	3	1	3	0	12	1.500	-4.845
20	Oxfordshire	10	1	5	1	2	1	11	1.222	-7.139
21	Berkshire	10	1	6	0	2	1	8	0.889	-8.686
22	Gloucestershire 2nd XI	10	0	5	1	3	1	6	0.667	-9.118

Position of teams in the final table is determined firstly by the better percentage of possible points (PtsPC) and then by the better net runs per wkt (Net Run Rate)

DWF – Drawn match but ahead on first inns DLF – Drawn match but behind on first inns

NC/Ab – matches not counted in the final calculation of the table or matches abandoned

FINAL AVERAGES – BATTING AND FIELDING

Player	M	I	NO	TR	HS	Ave	100	50	Ct/St
W Watson	8	12	3	364	80*	40.44	-	2	5
J R S Raper	9	11	3	258	117*	32.25	1	-	5
G A Wilson	10	17	1	485	93	30.31	-	5	10
G Coope	3	5	1	113	81	28.25	-	1	-
T Thornton	7	12	2	279	56	27.90	-	3	2
G Cawthray	10	14	3	253	72	23.00	-	1	7
H Bolton	4	5	3	41	22*	20.50	-	-	3
F Wilkinson	9	8	3	99	30*	19.80	-	-	3
A Mason	4	3	2	16	14	16.00	-	-	-
M A C P Kaye	5	5	1	59	31*	14.75	-	-	1
H Halliday	10	16	1	209	42	13.93	-	-	3
J Webster	4	3	0	24	14	8.00	-	-	5
K Fiddling	10	7	1	29	14	4.83	-	-	10/2
H Beaumont	2	4	1	13	7	4.33	-	-	3
J Smurthwaite	9	8	1	3	2*	0.42	-	-	7

ALSO BATTED

Player	M	I	NO	TR	HS	Ave	100	50	Ct/St
T F Smailes	1	2	1	82	60	82.00	-	1	-
E W Cadman	2	2	1	18	16	18.00	-	-	1
E D Denison	2	2	0	8	5	4.00	-	-	-
J Pollard	1	2	0	5	5	2.50	-	-	-

FINAL AVERAGES – BOWLING

Player	O	M	R	W	BB	Ave	5wI	10wM
E W Cadman	34.4	3	91	10	6/21	9.10	1	-
T F Smailes	44.4	9	87	9	6/44	9.67	1	-
J Smurthwaite	167.1	21	466	36	6/38	12.94	2	-
G Cawthray	134.3	15	359	20	5/62	17.95	1	-
G A Wilson	30.4	0	90	5	4/31	18.00	-	-
F Wilkinson	220.4	31	491	25	5/44	19.64	1	-
A Mason	59.3	9	141	7	5/14	20.14	1	-
H Halliday	54.3	7	117	5	3/10	23.40	-	-
M A C P Kaye	69.2	4	207	6	2/68	34.50	-	-

ALSO BOWLED

Player	O	M	R	W	BB	Ave	5wI	10wM
M Coope	4	0	21	1	1/21	21.00	-	-
E D Denison	14.4	1	39	1	1/39	39.00	-	-
J Webster	38.4	2	101	2	1/28	50.50	-	-

LINE SCORES OF MATCHES PLAYED

v Lancashire (The Circle, Hull) 29 & 30 May 1939 – (Toss unknown) Lancs 181 (T F Smailes 6/44) & 133 (W B Roberts 64; F Wilkinson 5/44, T F Smailes 3/43) lost to Yorks 196/8d (T F Smailes 60, T Thornton 56; C A Edge 4/60) & 120/5 by five wkts

v Staffordshire (The Hough, Stafford) 14 & 15 June 1939 – (Toss unknown) Staffs 138 (J Smurthwaite 6/38, G Cawthray 4/53) & 65 (E W Cadman 6/21, J Smurthwaite 3/10) lost to Yorks 177 (G A Wilson 74, T Thornton 52; B Shardlow 7/55) & 27/4 (B Shardlow 3/13 [and match figs of 10/68]) by six wkts

v Durham (Belasis Lane, Billingham) 19 & 20 June 1939 - *Yorks 8/0 drew with Durham DNB

v Northumberland (Jesmond) 21 & 22 June 1939 - *Northumberland 290 (W G Mackay 82, I Murray 63; F Wilkinson 4/74) & 147/7 (J Smurthwaite 3/35) beat Yorks 167 (H Robson 6/62, G C Wilson 3/47) & 267/9d (W Watson 65*, G A Wilson 57; H Robson 6/103 [and match figs of 12/150]) by three wkts

v Staffordshire (Ilkley CC) 28 & 29 June 1939 – (Toss unknown) Staffs 265 (S Crump 96; E W Cadman 4/52, J Smurthwaite 3/47) drew with Yorks 156 (W Watson 80*; S Crump 7/39) & 100/3

v Cheshire (Bentley Colliery Miners Gd, Doncaster) 17 & 18 July 1939 – (Toss unknown) Cheshire 146 (H Halliday 3/10, J Smurthwaite 3/38) drew with Yorks 31/3

v Northumberland (Barnsley CC) 26 & 27 July 1939 – (Toss unknown) Yorks 215 (G A Wilson 93; A Booth 4/94, J Purvis 3/56) & 240/5d (M Coope 81, G A Wilson 51; A Booth 3/71) beat Northumberland 128 (A Mason 5/14) & 177 (N A Newman 58; G A Wilson 4/31, J Smurthwaite 3/65) by 150 runs

v Cheshire (Rake Lane, Wallasey) 2 & 3 Aug 1939 – (Toss unknown) Cheshire 147 (A M Wolstenholme 69; J Smurthwaite 4/37, F Wilkinson 4/38) drew with Yorks 100/6 (T J Bartley 4/50)

v Lancashire (Old Trafford) 7 & 8 Aug 1939 – (Toss unknown) Yorks 168 (William Braithwaite Roberts 5/30, L L Wilkinson 3/68) & 93 (L L Wilkinson 5/46, R H Parkin 3/2) lost to Lancs 168 (L B P Adams 53; J Smurthwaite 6/63, G Cawthray 3/21) & 95/3 by seven wkts

v Durham (Redcar CC) 9 & 10 Aug 1939 - *Yorks 326/5d (J R S Raper 117*, G Cawthray 72, G A Wilson 59) & 78/2 (T Thornton 51*) drew with Durham 283 (W Barron 161; G Cawthray 5/62, F Wilkinson 3/95)

CAREER FIGURES AND BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS (WHERE KNOWN) OF PLAYERS WHO MADE THEIR DEBUTS IN 1939

302) **H BOLTON** – No biographical details are available for this player. His four games for Yorks in the Minor Counties Championship were all played in 1939

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
4	5	3	41	22*	20.50	-	-	3

His highest score (22*) came in the Minor Counties Championship game against Northumberland at Barnsley CC on 26 & 27 July 1939

303) **Allan MASON** - Born – 2 May 1921 in Addingham, West Yorkshire
Died – 22 March 2006, Keighley, West Yorkshire, aged 84.

He was a RH batsman and SLA bowler

First Class debut – v Cambridge University, Fenner`s, 1947
Yorkshire career – 1939 to 1950

Career-best score – 42 v Lancashire, Old Trafford, 1949 (2nd XI Minor Counties Championship)

Highest score in First Class matches – 22 v Sussex, Hove, 1949 (County Championship)

Career-best bowling – 6/39 v Surrey, Kennington Oval, 1947 (Minor Counties Challenge match)

Best Bowling in First Class matches – 5/56 v Northamptonshire, Bradford Park Avenue Ground, 1949 (County Championship)

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

1st Class Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
18	19	3	105	22	6.56	-	-	6
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
21	19	6	170	42	13.07	-	-	11

BOWLING

1st Class Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	688.1	253	1473	51	28.88	5/56	1	-
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	414	159	826	41	20.14	6/39	3	-

At the time of his call-up to the Yorkshire side in 1947, Mason was playing for Saltaire CC in the Bradford CL. He managed to displace Johnnie Wardle for a time when Wardle's form dipped. He also played for Keighley and Pudsey St Lawrence (1949) and then, in 1950, was with Morecambe over the Pennines.

He returned to Silsden CC in the Airedale-Wharfedale Senior Cricket League in 1954 and thence to Steeton ten years later. Both clubs are very close to his birthplace in Addingham.

His son, A B Mason, attracted Yorkshire's attention in 1970 and he played one game for the second eleven in the Minor Counties Championship.

304) **J POLLARD** – No biographical details are available for this player. He played just one game in the Minor Counties Championship against Lancs at The Circle, Hull on 29 & 30 May 1939. He made 5 and 0. He did not bowl and did not take a catch.

305) **Thomas THORNTON** – Born 29 May 1922, Elland, W Yorks

He was a RH batsman

First-class debut – v Worcs at New Road on 19-21 June 1946 (playing for the RAF). He did not play any first-class games for Yorks.
Yorks career – 1939-1946

His highest score (56) came in the Minor Counties Championship game against Lancs at The Circle, Hull, on 29 & 30 May 1939

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

1st Class Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
1	2	0	29	23	14.50	-	-	-
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
10	17	2	351	56	23.40	-	3	3

306) **Jack WEBSTER** – Born 28 Oct 1917, Bradford

Died 25 Oct 1997, Guiting Power, Glos, aged 79

First-class debut – v Essex, Fenner's, 25-27 May 1938 (University match). He played for the University in this match. He did not make any first-class appearances for Yorks.
Yorks career – 1939

He was a RH batsman and RA medium-fast bowler

His highest first-class score (65) was made against Surrey at the Oval on 25-27 Aug 1948 (County Championship)

His best first-class bowling figures (7/78) came in the match against Essex at Brentwood on 24-26 June 1939 (University match)

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

1st Class Matches (For Northants and Cambridge Un)	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
71	95	15	617	65	7.71	-	2	52
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
4	3	0	24	14	8.00	-	-	5

BOWLING

1st Class Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	1695.5	350	4649	145	32.06	7/78	6	-
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	38.4	2	101	2	50.50	1/28	-	-

He gained his cap for Northants in 1947 and played with them until 1955. In later years, he also played for the Forty Club.
