

YORKSHIRE SECOND ELEVEN IN THE MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP

SEASON 1946

FINAL TABLE

		P	W	L	DWF	DLF	NC/Ab	Pts	PtsPC	Net Run Rate
	Pts awarded	-	6	-	3	1	-	-	-	-
1	Buckinghamshire	8	2	0	1	0	5	15	5.000	17.258
2	Suffolk	7	4	0	3	0	0	33	4.714	18.615
3	<i>Yorkshire 2nd XI</i>	12	5	1	5	0	1	45	4.091	9.788
4	Staffordshire	8	5	1	0	2	0	32	4.000	6.673
5	Oxfordshire	8	4	1	1	2	0	29	3.625	7.221
6	Hertfordshire	8	3	2	1	1	1	22	3.143	-0.112
7	Lancashire 2nd XI	7	2	1	0	3	1	15	2.500	1.841
8	Cornwall	6	2	3	1	0	0	15	2.500	0.577
9	Dorset	8	2	1	0	3	2	15	2.500	-5.738
10	Cheshire	6	2	3	0	0	1	12	2.490	-5.358
11	Bedfordshire	8	0	0	4	2	2	14	2.333	-0.466
12	Norfolk	6	1	2	1	1	1	10	2.000	-2.994
13	Devon	6	1	3	2	0	0	12	2.000	-6.064
14	Durham	8	1	2	2	2	1	14	2.000	-6.863
15	Lincolnshire	5	1	3	0	1	0	7	1.400	-8.933
16	Cambridgeshire	8	1	3	0	2	2	8	1.333	-8.681
17	Berkshire	10	1	6	0	2	1	8	0.889	-8.456
18	Northumberland	7	0	5	1	1	0	4	0.571	-11.713

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 – BOWLING

Player	O	M	R	W	BB	Ave	5wI	10wM
J R Ashman	69.3	21	159	12	4/35	13.25	-	-
R Aspinall	259.4	64	651	45	8/15	14.46	3	-
E S Barraclough	41	18	50	5	4/25	10.00	-	-
H Beaumont	32.4	10	50	8	7/28	6.25	1	-
P B Brayshay	27.3	9	70	5	4/45	14.00	-	-
S Crabtree	86.3	16	237	15	5/55	15.80	1	-
W Ellis	30.5	4	74	3	3/45	24.67	-	-
H Halliday	146.2	45	338	16	3/29	21.12	-	-
W G Keighley	35	7	98	3	2/20	32.67	-	-
E I Lester	137.4	41	311	18	3/15	17.27	-	-
C Walker	71.5	24	158	11	6/28	14.36	1	-
J H Wardle	326.2	130	677	44	6/76	15.38	5	1

ALSO BOWLED

Player	O	M	R	W	BB	Ave	5wI	10wM
D Rhodes	15	6	26	1	1/19	26.00	-	-
J P Whitehead	15	3	32	1	1/25	32.00	-	-
J RS Raper	17	7	42	1	1/23	42.00	-	-

LINE SCORES OF MATCHES PLAYED

v Staffordshire (Barnsley CC) 22 & 23 May 1946 - *Staffs 177 (T H Stanley 69; R Aspinall 3/40, W Ellis 3/45) & 137 (J H Wardle 3/15, J R Ashman 3/23) drew with Yorks 205/9d (J V Wilson 50; B Shardlow 3/58, S Crump 3/61) & 93/4 (F Taylor 3/45)

v Lancashire (Old Trafford) 10 & 11 June 1946 - *Lancs 97 (H Beaumont 7/28) & 29/1 drew with Yorks 151/9d (F Jakeman 64)

v Staffordshire (Tunstall Rd, Knypersley, Stoke-on-Trent) 12 & 13 June 1946 - *Staffs 159 (R Aspinall 5/50, P B Brayshay 4/45) & 108 (C Walker 6/28, J R Ashman 3/27) lost to Yorks 148 (C Walker 60; A Pickard 4/55, S Crump 3/26) & 124/9 (B Shardlow 6/49) by one wkt

v Lincolnshire (The Circle, Hull) 19 & 20 June 1946 – (Toss unknown) Yorks 199 (J V Wilson 62; V A Hodgkinson 5/51, F Ridley 3/53) beat Lincs 97 (C S Thursby 50; R Aspinall 8/15) by 102 runs (*As there was no play on the first day, this single-inns match was arranged*)

v Northumberland (Jesmond) 24 & 25 June 1946 – (Toss unknown) Yorks 190 (J Moorhouse 72; H Robson 6/70, T Atkinson 3/37) & 263/6d (W G Keighley 62, E I Lester 61, G A Smithson 59) beat Northumberland 196 (T Atkinson 50; J H Wardle 5/52, S Crabtree 5/55) & 155 (S Crabtree 4/40, E I Lester 3/24, R Aspinall 3/40) by 102 runs

v Durham (South Shields) 26 & 27 June 1946 - *Yorks 286 (J H Wardle 67; E H Foster 5/78) & 28/1 drew with Durham 157 (W W Coverdale 81; R Aspinall 4/27) & 232 (D C H Townsend 64, J M Watson 52*; J H Wardle 5/48, R Aspinall 3/53)

v Cheshire (Mexborough Athletic Gd) 3 & 4 July 1946 - *Yorks 317 (C Walker 111*, G A Dawson 67, J H Wardle 53; A D Lord 5/78) & 83 (S G Shepherd 9/38 [and match figs of 10/131]) lost to Cheshire 193 (G A McEntyre, 52; J H Wardle 6/76, H Halliday 3/29) & 245 (G Bull 56*; J H Wardle 5/74 [and match figs of 11/150}, S Crabtree 3/26) by 38 runs

v Cheshire (Townfield Lane, Oxton, Birkenhead) 17 & 18 July 1946 – Match abandoned without a ball bowled

v Northumberland (Scarborough) 24 & 25 July 1946 – (Toss unknown) Northumberland 186 (E S Barraclough 4/25, E I Lester 3/35) & 120/6 (L F Townsend 58; J R Ashman 4/35) drew with Yorks 389/7d (J V Wilson 129, E I Lester 121)

v Lancashire (Saltaire CC) 5 & 6 Aug 1946 - *Lancs 267 (B J Howard 75, L B P Adams 64; R Aspinall 7/88) & 172/4 (L B P Adams 94*) drew with Yorks 317 (C Walker 89, F Jakeman 64, H Halliday 60; L Bulcock 3/24, J Briggs 3/48)

v Durham (Redcar CC) 7 & 8 Aug 1946 - *Yorks 424 (J V Wilson 119, C Walker 83*, E I Lester 59, J H Wardle 51; W D Orwin 4/47) beat Durham 155 (J Washington 57; J H Wardle 3/32, R Aspinall 3/56) & 104 (J H Wardle 4/34, E I Lester 3/15) by an inns & 165 runs

v Lincolnshire (Brumby Hall, Scunthorpe) 14 & 15 Aug 1946 – (Toss unknown) Yorks 360 (E I Lester 169, J V Wilson 91; G A Marlow 6/104) beat Lines 113 (E I Lester 3/20) & 130 (J H Wardle 5/49) by an inns & 117 runs

CAREER FIGURES AND BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS (WHERE KNOWN) OF PLAYERS WHO MADE THEIR DEBUTS IN 1946

307) **John Robert ASHMAN** – Born – 20 May 1926, Rotherham, South Yorkshire

First Class debut – v Surrey, Headingley, 1951 (County Championship)

Yorkshire career – 1946 to 1952

Highest score – 29 v Cheshire, Acklam Park, Middlesbrough, 1948 (2nd XI Minor Counties Championship)

Highest score in First Class cricket – 24 v Derbyshire, Tipton Road Ground, Dudley, 1953 (for Worcestershire in the County Championship)

Best bowling in First Class matches – 7/111 v Oxford University, The Parks, 1954 (for Worcestershire; University Match)

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

1st Class Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
34	41	15	149	24	5.73	-	-	26
1st class matches for Worcestershire	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
28	39	20	149	24	7.84	-	-	21
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
22	25	3	124	29	5.63	-	-	7
2nd XI Friendly Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
1	1	0	0	0	-	-	-	2

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1st Class Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	777.4	189	2546	61	41.73	7/111	3	-
1st class matches for Worcestershire	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	727	151	2430	57	42.63	5/40	2	-
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	540	189	1255	60	19.68	5/44	1	-
2nd XI Friendly Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	20	9	31	2	15.50	2/23	-	-

I am very grateful to Mr Richard Evans for the provision of the Worcestershire statistics. Ashman's five-wicket hauls were 5/40 versus Glamorgan at St Helen's, Swansea and 5/77 against Hampshire at New Road in, both in 1953.

Ashman began his career with Bowling Old Lane in 1946 in the Bradford League. He then played for Sheffield United in 1949. He moved to Worcestershire in the 1953 season and spent two years with them.

Ashman went straight into the first team at New Road for the tour match against the Australians in late April. In those days, New Road was always the ground to host the tourists' first meaningful game.

Although he took no wickets in a high-scoring draw, he was retained for the County Championship match against Somerset which followed. In this he secured match figures of 36-24-36-5. This return kept him in the first eleven all season. In all matches, he took 41 first-class wickets at an average of 43.85. His best figures were 5-40 against Glamorgan in mid-May at St Helen's, Swansea.

In 1954, Ashman played ten further games for the county, mostly in the middle of the season, but he without the success of the previous season. . He did record a career-best 7 for 111 against Oxford University, and 3 for 80 against Cambridge University, but apart from these two performances, he did manage more than a single wicket in any innings for the rest of the season.

Ashman's final game for Worcestershire was against Surrey at the Oval in late August 1954.

After his time in the first class game was over, he joined Cheltenham CC in Gloucestershire in 1959. Unfortunately, his accuracy had diminished by this time and he was competing against two other players at the Club, J W T Mustoe and P G Considine, both of whom were good enough to represent Gloucestershire second eleven.

His brother was Alan Ashman, who was Player/Manager with Carlisle United FC. He also managed West Bromwich Albion in the 1968 FA Cup Final, a match which saw them secure the trophy for the fifth and final time with a 1-0 win over Everton, the late Jeff Astle scoring the winner.

The football connection also extended to John, who was an amateur goalkeeper with Doncaster Rovers and Notts Forest

308) **Ronald (Ron) ASPINALL** – Born 16 Oct 1918, Almondbury, Huddersfield
Died 16 Aug 1999, Almondbury, Huddersfield, aged 80.

He was a RH batsman and RA fast-medium bowler

First-class debut – v The INDIANS, Bramall Lane, Sheffield, 13-16 July 1946 (Tourist Match)
Yorks career – 1946-1950

His highest first-class score (75*) was made against Notts at Trent Bridge on 17-20 July 1948 (County Championship)

His best first-class bowling figures (8/42) were registered against Northants at Northampton on 23-25 Aug 1947 (County Championship)

His career-best score (100*) came in the Minor Counties Championship match against Northumberland at Jesmond on 21 & 22 June 1950

His career-best bowling figures (8/14) came in the Minor Counties Championship match against Cheshire at Saltaire CC on 28 & 29 May 1947

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

1st Class Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
36	48	8	763	75*	19.07	-	4	18
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
35	36	12	692	100*	28.83	1	3	16

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1st Class Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	992.4	194	2670	131	20.38	8/42	8	2
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	983	244	2611	166	15.72	8/14	9	2

He was awarded his Yorkshire cap in 1948. He left Yorks in 1950 and played Minor Counties cricket for Durham from 1951 to 1957. He also coached at St Peter's School, York and spent 22 year on the First Class Umpires list.

309) **Eric Scott BARRACLOUGH** – Born 30 March 1923 Great Horton, Bradford

Died – 21 May 1999, Bradford, aged 76.

He was a RH batsman and RA fast-medium bowler

First-class debut – v the Minor Counties at Lord's on 11-14 June 1949 (Other First Class amrch)

Yorks career – 1946-1950

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

1st Class Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
2	4	2	43	24*	21.50	-	-	2
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
42	48	6	1192	101*	28.38	1	7	28

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1st Class Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	65.2	21	136	4	34.00	2/39	-	-
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	758.3	235	1521	90	16.90	7/59	3	-

His highest first-class score (24*) was made in his debut match (above)

His best first-class bowling figures (2/39) were registered against Northants at Northampton on 31 May to 2 June 1950, his final first-class game for Yorks (County Championship)

His career-best score (101*) came in the Minor Counties Championship match against Notts at Trent Bridge on 14 & 15 June 1950

His career-best bowling figures (7/59) came in the Minor Counties Championship match against Durham at Redcar CC on 18 & 19 Aug 1948

He played for 15 years with Undercliffe CC in the Bradford CL.

310) **Donald (Don) Vincent BRENNAN** – Born 10 Feb 1920, Eccleshill, Bradford
Died 9 Jan 1985, Ilkley, aged 64.

He was a RH batsman and WK

Test debut – v South Africa, Headingley, 26-31 July 1951 (Fourth Test Match)

First-class debut – 1951 v MCC at Lord's, 3-6 May 1947 (Other first-class match)

Yorks career – 1946- 1951

His highest test score (16) came in debut match above

His highest first class score (67*) came in the match against Maharashtra for the MCC at the Club of Maharashtra , Poona Gd, in their tour of Pakistan, India and Ceylon in 1951/52.

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

Test Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
2	2	0	16	16	8.00	-	-	1st
1st Class Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
232	258	74	1987	67*	10.52	-	1	318/122
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
5	4	1	19	11	5.80	-	-	8/6

Don Brennan was an exact contemporary of Godfrey Evans and so only played two tests. He was an amateur and so found it difficult to balance work and cricket. So he only played six seasons at First Class level. His name lives on in the Don Brennan WK Trophy, awarded every year by the Airedale-Wharfedale Senior CL.

311) **S CRABTREE** – No biographical details are available for this player. He played just three games in the Minor Counties Championship in 1946

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
3	4	2	27	26*	13.50	-	-	-

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1st Class Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	28	6	77	1	77.00	1/49	-	-
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	30.5	4	74	3	24.67	3/45	-	-

He played just one game for Yorks. This was a Minor Counties Championship game against Staffs at Barnsley CC on 22 & 23 May 1946. He played for Notts from 1947 to 1948 in the Minor Counties Championship and (first-class) County Championship.

315) **J HIGGINS** – There are no biographical details available for this player. He played just two game for Yorks in the Minor Counties Championship. These were against Northumberland at Jesmond on 24 & 25 June 1946 and against Lancs at Old Trafford on 4 & 5 Aug 1947. He was a WK. He made 0 in his only innings and took one catch against Lancs. From 1900 to 1904, his name sake had played second eleven cricket for Yorks, also as a WK.

316) **Fredely (Fred) JAKEMAN** – Born 10 Jan 1921, Holmfirth, Huddersfield
Died 17 May 1986, Huddersfield, aged 65

He was a LH batsman

First-class debut – v Warwicks, Edgbaston, 12-14 June 1946 (County Championship)
Yorks career – 1946-1948

His highest first-class score (258*) was made against Essex at Northampton, 14-17 July 1951 (County Championship)

His best first-class bowling figures (2/8) came in the above match

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

1st Class Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
134	205	19	5652	258*	32.00	11	28	42

2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
29	38	3	1308	155*	37.37	2	6	17

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1st Class Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	53							
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	5.4	2	8	1	8.00	1/7	-	-

He began his cricket with Holmfirth and later played for Lightcliffe and Salts. He went down to play for Northants and was capped by them in 1951. He was a first-class umpire for two years in 1961 and 1962. His score of 258* (above) was, at the time, the highest score ever made for Northants.

317) **William Geoffrey KEIGHLEY** – Born Nice, Alpes Maritimes, France, 10 Jan 1925
Died 14 June 2005, Golden Vale, Sutton Forest, New South Wales, Australia, aged 80.

He was a RH batsman and RA medium-paced bowler

First-class debut – v Lancs, for Oxford Un, at The Parks, 14-16 May 1947 (University match)
Yorks career – 1947-1951

His highest first-class score (110) came against Surrey at Headingley, on 9-12 June 1951 (County Championship)

His career-best highest score (116) came in the Minor Counties Championship game against Cheshire at the Brooklands Sp Club, Sale, on 24 & 25 May 1950.

His career-best bowling figs (2/20) also came in the Minor Counties Championship, this time against Durham at Redcar CC on 7 & 8 Aug 1946

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

1st Class Matches (For Yorks and Oxford Un)	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
65	102	8	2539	110	27.01	2	14	16

2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
34	48	4	1446	116	32.86	4	6	12

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1st Class Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	18	1	79	0	-	-	-	-
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	48	8	128	4	32.00	2/20	-	-

He was educated at Eton, whom he captained in 1943, and Trinity College, Oxford Un. He was brought up in Australia. He was the only Yorks player to have been born outside the county in the period 1946-1991. He was awarded his Yorks cap in 1951, the year he toured Canada with the MCC in 1951 and then left the game. He entered politics in Australia and reached the Upper House (Senate) in Canberra.

318) **K LEE** – First-class debut – No biographical details are available for this player. He played four games in the Minor Counties Championship in 1946 and 1947. His highest score (21) came in the match against Notts at Acklam Park, Middlesbrough, on 14 & 15 July 1947. His bowled against Cheshire and Durham without success.

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
4	5	0	34	21	6.80	-	-	2

319) **Edward Ibson (Ted) LESTER** – Born 18 Feb 1923, Scarborough, N Yorks
Died 23 Mar 2015, Scarborough, aged 92.

He was a RH batsman and OB bowler

First-class debut – v the RAF at Scarborough, 29-31 Aug 1945 (Victory match)

Yorks career – 1945-1961

His highest first-class score (186) came in the County Championship game against Warwicks at Scarborough on 17-19 Aug 1949

His best first-class bowling return (1/7) also came in the County Championship, this time against Essex at Southend-on-Sea on 27-29 Aug 1947

His career-best score (205) came in the Minor Counties Championship game against Cheshire at Saltaire CC on 28 & 29 May 1947

His career-best bowling figures (3/15) came in the Minor Counties Championship game against Durham at Redcar CC on 7 & 8 Aug 1946

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

1st Class Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
232	347	28	10912	186	34.20	25	50	108
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
106	136	14	3789	205	31.05	6	15	67

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1st Class Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	55	13	160	3	53.33	1/7	-	-
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	207.4	59	506	25	20.24	3/15	-	-

He began his cricket career with Scarborough, Undercliffe and Keighley before he made his county debut. He also played football as a goalkeeper with Scarborough, Bradford City and Bradford PA.

He received his Yorks cap in 1948 and had a benefit from then Club in 1956. It raised £3,000, or £75, 380.36 in 2020. He later took over the captaincy of the second eleven from 1958 to 1961.

He later became a long-serving first eleven scorer for Yorks (1962-1993) and was the first President of the Association of County Cricket Scorers from 1999 until his death in office in 2015.

320) **J MOORHOUSE** – No biographical information is available for this player. He played three games in the Minor Counties Championship in 1946. His highest score (72) came in the game against Northumberland at Jesmond on 24 & 25 June 1946.

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
3	6	0	127	72	21.16	-	1	1

321) **D RHODES** – No biographical information is available for this player. He played two games in the Minor Counties Championship in 1946. One was for Yorkshire against Northumberland at Scarborough on 24 & 25 July 1946 and in which he did not bat but bowled 15-6-26-1. He did not take a catch. He also played one game for Herefordshire against Bedfordshire at Bedford School on 9 & 10 Aug 1946. He made 18 and bowled 5-2-7-0. Again, he did not take a catch.

322) **Gerald Arthur SMITHSON** – Born 11 Nov 1926, Spofforth, Wetherby, W Yorks
Died 6 Sept 1970, Abingdon, Berks, aged 43.

He was a LH batsman and RA medium-paced bowler

Test debut – v West Indies, Bridgetown, Barbados, 21-26 Jan 1948 (1st Test)

First-class debut – v Essex at Harrogate on 10-12 July 1946

Yorks career – 1946-1950

His highest first-class score (169) came in the County Championship game against Leics at Grace Rd on 6-8 Aug 1947

His only success with ball in his whole career was achieved in the County Championship against Notts at Trent Bridge on 12-15 July 1947. W A Sims was the victim.

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

Test Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
2	3	0	70	35	23.33	-	-	-

1st Class Matches (For Yorks & Leics)	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
200	333	27	6940	169	22.67	8	31	132
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
28	38	3	934	133	26.68	1	4	17

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1st Class Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	15.4	0	117	1	117.00	1/26	-	-

His test career was brief and statistically interesting. After a pair in his first test, he made 35 in each innings of his second and last international match, at Port of Spain, Trinidad. He had been released from his National Service to go on the tour. He was awarded his Yorks cap in 1947 and his Leics cap in 1951.

He ended his career in the Minor Counties Championship with Herts and was a cricket coach at Caterham School, and later became the coach and groundsman at Abingdon School. He died suddenly but his name is maintained in the Gerald Smithson Cricket Day at the school, a tournament instituted in 2009..

323) **William Herbert Hobbs (Billy) SUTCLIFFE** – Born 10 Oct 1926, Pudsey, W York
Died 16 Sept 1998, Collingham, W Yorks, aged 71.

He was a RH batsman and LB bowler

First-class debut – v Oxford Un, The Parks, 8-11 May 1948 (University Match)

Yorks career – 1948-1957

His highest first class score (181) came against Kent at Canterbury on 30 Aug to 2 Sept 1952 (County Championship)

His best first-class bowling figures (2/12) came against the Madras Governor's XI at Madras CC in what is now Chennai (Tour match)

His career-best bowling figures (3/31) were secured in the Minor Counties Championship game against Lancs at Scarborough on 6 & 7 June 1949

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

1st Class Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
210	326	41	7530	181	26.42	6	38	90
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
27	36	2	1083	146	31.85	2	8	16

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1st Class Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	112	25	334	15	22.26	2/12	-	-
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	46	10	153	3	51.00	3/31	-	-

He received his Yorks cap in 1952, 33 years after his father Herbert had received his. In 1951, he accompanied a Commonwealth side to India and Ceylon and in 1955, he toured Pakistan with MCC but the matches did not count as Tests.

Billy Sutcliffe captained Yorks in 1956 and 1957 but did not win a championship. The experience of leading a disunited side led him to leave the first class game. He had been educated at Rydal School in Colwyn Bay, N Wales. After school, he joined Leeds CC, where he returned after leaving the county. In 1959, he became the first batsman to score 1000 runs in the Yorkshire League and later played for Harrogate.

324) **Clifford WALKER** – Born 27 June 1919, Golcar, Huddersfield
Died 3 Dec 1992, Lindley, Huddersfield, aged 73.

He was a RH batsman and RA medium-paced bowler

First-class debut –v Hants, Bradford PA, 11-13 June 1947 (County Championship)
Yorks career – 1946-1948

His highest first-class score (150*) was made in the County Championship game against Glos at the Ashley Down Gd in Bristol on 30 May to 2 June 1953 (For Hants)
 His best first-class bowling figures (5/40) were made against the Combined Services at the United Services Gd, Portsmouth on 13-15 July 1949 (Other First-Class match)
 His career-best bowling figures (6/28) occurred in the Minor Counties Championship match against Staffs at Tunstall Rd, Knypersley, on 12 & 13 June 1946

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

1st Class Matches (For Yorks & Hants)	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
131	224	34	5258	150*	27.67	8	26	89
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
32	39	6	1290	115	39.09	2	10	20

BOWLING

1st Class Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	1019.4	289	2615	53	49.33	5/40	2	-
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	452.3	150	912	46	19.82	6/28	2	-

He began his cricket with Slaithwaite (pronounced Sla'waite) and then Golcar (both Huddersfield CL) and Littleborough (Central Lancs CL), being the professional at both these clubs. He later went into the Bradford CL to play for Brighouse and Windhill.

After three seasons with the White Rose, he left the stylised eleven-pettalled version to join Hants and their correctly-shaped white rose and was capped by the in 1949.

325) **John Henry (Johnnie) WARDLE** - Born – 8 January 1923, Ardsley, South Yorkshire
 Died – 23 July 1985, Hatfield, Doncaster, South Yorkshire, aged 62

Test debut – v West Indies, Port of Spain, Trinidad, 11-16 Feb 1948 (2nd Test)

First Class debut – v Wores, Headingley, 20-22 July 1946

Yorkshire career – 1945 to 1958

Highest score in Test matches – 66 v West Indies, Sabina Park, Kingston, Jamaica, 30 Mar to 3 Apr 1954 (5th Test)

Best bowling in Test Matches (7/36) v South Africa, Cape Town, 1-5 Jan 1957 (2nd Test)

Highest score in First Class matches– 79 v Lancashire, Old Trafford, 12-15 May, 1951

Best bowling in First Class matches – 9/25 v Lancashire, Old Trafford, 31 July to 3 Aug, 1954

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

Test Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
28	41	8	653	66	19.78	-	2	12
1st Class Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
412	527	71	7333	79	16.08	-	18	257
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
18	23	3	554	67	27.70	-	6	12
List A Matches (Cambridgeshire)	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
4	4	0	29	19	7.25	-	-	-

BOWLING

Test Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	1099.3	403	2080	102	20.39	7/36	5	1
1st Class Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	17104.2	6609	35027	1846	18.97	9/25	134	29
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	586.3	241	1103	80	13.78	7/60	8	1

List A Matches (Cambridgeshire)	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	4wI	5wI
	37.5	7	107	5	21.40	2/21	-	-

After Hedley Verity had been lost to Yorks in the Second World War, along came J H Wardle to continue the White Rose tradition of match-winning left-arm bowlers. Although Wardle was different to anyone who had gone before, bowling not only orthodox slow left-arm, but also left arm googlies (chinamen).

Born in Ardsley, near Barnsley, he attended Wath Grammar School. He played his early cricket with Brampton CC in the Yorkshire Council. In 1943, he was with Denaby CC and took 113 wickets in the season. He then moved to Eccleshill in the Bradford League and helped them win the League's Priestley Cup in 1946. He also had trials with Wolverhampton Wanderers FC as a winger around this time.

Wardle was an orthodox left-arm finger-spinner, but he could and did bowl left-arm wrist-spin as well. His action involved an arm behind the back as a starting point. Wrist-spin inevitably turns and bounces more than conventional spin and so can be a more potent weapon. It was this extra dimension that saw Wardle gain his test debut just 18 months after his first-class debut. So began his battle with Tony Lock in the test side. Wardle played just 28 times, whereas Lock was selected on 49 occasions. Wardle's style of bowling was particularly successful in South Africa in 1956/57, when he secured 100 wickets in a season outside England.

His Test bowling average of 20.39 is the lowest in Test cricket by any recognized spin bowler since the First World War.

Wardle was also a good lower-order hitter and his stocky frame gave him the power to do so. In many ways, his style of offensive batting was before its time and contrasted sharply with the much more common defensive style so prevalent during his career.

Wardle began his cricket during the Second World War and eventually became the player who succeeded Hedley Verity. He was not the only player whom Yorkshire trialled. Wardle only played one match in 1946, when the 43-year-old Arthur Booth had his wonder year but when Booth fell ill with arthritis, Wardle took his place.

Wardle was chosen for the MCC tour of the West Indies in 1947/48. He did not have a successful tour, but his game developed in the wet summer of the following year. Injury curtailed his 1949 season, but his bowling helped Yorkshire to challenge, albeit unsuccessfully, for the title.

In 1950 he played in a home Test for the first time, and again the opponents were the West Indies who included in their ranks "Those two little friends of mine, Ramadhin and Valentine". He did not have a particularly successful time. Nonetheless, with Yorkshire's bowling not nearly as strong as in the days of Bowes and Verity, Wardle's capacity for hard work revealed itself fully for the first time. He bowled more deliveries (102,626) in first-class cricket than any bowler since Alfred Percy "Tich" Freeman in 1934, who delivered 154,658 during his career. Wardle's 741 maidens showed his accuracy. His 172 wickets in 1950 was his best to date.

He toured the West Indies again in 1953/54 but the competition from Jim Laker and Tony Lock gave him little chance to distinguish himself, although in two innings of 38 and 66, he showed that Ramadhin and Valentine could be attacked. His seventh-wicket partnership of 105 with Len Hutton in the fifth test set up a victory which saved the series. In 1954, Wardle was named one of Wisden's five Cricketers of the Year.

In 1954, he played against Pakistan and his bowling so impressed that he was selected for the tour to Australia in 1954/55. However, on that tour, apart from 5 for 79 and 3 for 51 on a wet pitch at Sydney, he had little to do.

In 1955, he took 195 first-class wickets, his best annual return. In the wet summer of 1956, Lock was again preferred in the Test side. But Wardle, chiefly bowling wrist-spin, baffled all South African batsmen that winter of 1956/57 on pitches giving him little help. In the second Test at Newlands Cricket Ground, Cape Town, he took 7/36 to dismiss South Africa for 72.

Season 1957 saw Wardle again pass 100 wickets for the season and for the tenth and final time in his career. But it still did not get him a regular place in the test side. In the favourable conditions of 1958 Wardle was successful, but friction between him and the Yorkshire committee became intolerable when Wardle announced he would write an article in the *Daily Mail*, that was openly critical of the running of Yorkshire County Cricket Club.

Although MCC had chosen Wardle for the coming Ashes tour, they withdrew the invitation immediately. After Wardle made his announcement, Yorkshire responded by dropping him for the Roses Match with Lancashire. They never recalled him, and when Wardle announced he would play for Nottinghamshire, Yorkshire steadfastly refused to allow special registration.

Wardle was big enough to admit later his troubles were largely of his own making, and any ill feelings on his part were forgotten when he helped Yorkshire and England off-spinner Geoff Cope to iron out the problems in his action, which had occasionally had him 'called' for throwing.

Wardle played the rest of his cricket as a professional in the Lancashire League for Nelson and Rishton, and until 1969 with Cambridgeshire in the Minor Counties Championship. In 1969 and 1970, he turned out for Barnby Dun CC in the Doncaster Cricket League. Yorkshire and the MCC both tried to atone by making Wardle an honorary life member, and he took up managing a country club near Doncaster. It was called The Hacienda and had a reputation for quick service and good food. One of waiters was a Mr J H Wardle.

During his first-class career, all who knew him spoke of his utter professionalism in all he did on the cricket field.

Johnny Wardle died, after never recovering from an operation on a brain tumour, in Hatfield, Doncaster, Yorkshire, in July 1985, at the age of 62.

326) **John Parkin WHITEHEAD** – Born 3 Sept 1925, Upper Mill, Saddleworth, W Yorks
Died 15 Aug 2000, Southampton, aged 74.

He was a RH batsman and RA fast-medium bowler

First-class debut – v Warwicks, Edgbaston, 12-14 June 1946 (County Championship)

Yorks career – 1946-1951

His highest first-class score (71) came in the County Championship game against Derbys at New Rd (playing for Worcs) on 17-20 July 1954

His best first-class bowling figures (5/10) came in game against Worcs (playing for the Combined Services) at the Racecourse Gd, Hereford, on 14-127 June 1947
 His career-best bowling return (6/57) came in the Minor Counties Championship game against Cheshire at Acklam Park, Middlesbrough, on 19-20 July 1948

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

1st Class Matches (For Yorks & Worcs)	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
74	91	26	1246	71	19.16	-	5	25
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
12	13	4	165	29*	18.33	-	-	3

BOWLING

1st Class Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	1506	293	4297	147	29.23	5/10	4	-
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	250.4	65	538	38	14.15	6/57	2	1

He began his cricket life with Oldham CC and palyed briefly for Lancs in 1945. He also played for Lascelles Hall (Huddersfield CL) and Littleborough (Central Lancs CL). Later, he was with Pudsey St Lawrence CC (Bradford CL). He spent three years with Worcs from 1953-1955.

He later took up a lectureship at Southampton University.

327) **John Victor (Vic) WILSON** – Born 17 Jan 1921, Scampston, Malton N Yorks
 Died 5 June 2008, Yedingham, N Yorks, aged 87.

First-class debut - v Warwicks, Edgbaston, 12-14 June 1946 (County Championship)
 Yorks career – 1938-1966

He was a LH batsman and RA medium pace. He could keep wicket, if necessary.

His highest first-class score (230) came against Derbys at Bramall lane, Sheffield (out of a team total of 385/9d) on 24-27 May 1952 (County Championship)

His best first-class bowling return (2/1) came in the tour game against New South Wales at the SGC on 18-22 Feb 1955 (MCC Tour of Australia & New Zealand, 1954/55)

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

1st Class Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
502	770	79	21650	230	31.33	30	119	549
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
28	36	5	2047	193*	66.03	6	10	19
2nd XI Championship matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
1	2	1	135	85*	135.00	-	2	3
2nd XI Friendly Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
1	1	1	4	4*	-	-	-	

BOWLING

1st Class Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	115.2	9	435	9	48.33	2/1	-	-
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	8.5	0	31	1	31.00	1/13	-	-

Vic Wilson was just taking charge of the YCCC First Eleven when the author first began to follow the game in the late 1950s as an eight-year old in Middlesbrough.

Wilson began his cricket with the Malton club (East Yorks Cup). He later moved into the Bradford CL, where he played for Undercliffe, Bingley and Bowling Old Lane.

He received his Yorks cap in 1948 and was awarded a benefit in 1958, which raised £5,758 (or £135, 413.33 in 2020). He captained Yorks in 1960 to 1962, winning the title in 1960 and 1962. In 1961, they were runners-up behind Hants, who were winning their first County Championship.

His appointment as captain saw a sea-change in the Yorks policy of appointing amateur captains. Wilson was a professional and, given his record in his three years as captain, the county could not regret the decision.

He had been selected to tour Ceylon, Australia and New Zealand in 1954/55 but did not play in any of the Test Matches.

He was a Wisden Cricketer of the Year in 1961, along with Neil Adcock and Roy McLean (both S Africa), Ted Dexter and Raman Subba Row.
