

YORKSHIRE SECOND ELEVEN IN THE MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP
SEASON 1949 - FINAL TABLE

		P	W	L	DWF	DLF	NC/Ab	Pts	PtsPC	Net Run Rate
	Pts awarded	-	10	-	5	3	-	-	-	-
1	Lancashire 2nd XI	20	13	2	1	2	2	141	7.833	9.612
2	Oxfordshire	10	7	2	1	0	0	75	7.500	12.239
3	Hampshire 2nd XI	10	6	1	2	1	0	73	7.300	11.435
4	Staffordshire	10	6	1	2	1	0	73	7.300	8.751
5	Gloucestershire 2nd XI	14	6	1	4	2	1	86	6.615	5.937
6	Buckinghamshire	10	6	2	0	2	0	66	6.600	2.523
7	Hertfordshire	10	5	2	1	2	0	61	6.100	3.953
8	Surrey 2nd XI	16	5	1	7	2	1	91	6.067	13.829
9	Yorkshire 2nd XI	14	5	2	3	3	1	74	5.692	3.943
10	Bedfordshire	8	3	2	3	0	0	45	5.625	9.896
11	Warwickshire 2nd XI	10	3	2	4	1	0	53	5.300	5.590
12	Middlesex 2nd XI	8	1	0	5	2	0	41	5.125	6.718
13	Berkshire	10	2	2	5	1	0	48	4.800	-2.042
14	Dorset	10	3	3	1	3	0	44	4.400	-4.204
15	Essex 2nd XI	10	2	2	2	4	0	42	4.200	-1.339
16	Durham	8	2	3	2	1	0	33	4.125	-0.342
17	Worcestershire 2nd XI	14	3	4	2	4	1	52	4.000	-3.507
18	Sussex 2nd XI	12	2	2	1	6	1	43	3.909	-3.704
19	Suffolk	8	2	3	1	2	0	31	3.875	-5.111
20	Northumberland	10	1	3	4	1	1	33	3.667	-4.731
21	Nottinghamshire 2nd XI	10	1	3	3	3	0	34	3.400	-0.914
22	Kent 2nd XI	12	1	4	4	2	1	36	3.273	-4.774
23	Devon	12	0	3	3	6	0	33	2.750	-4.374
24	Cambridgeshire	8	0	2	2	4	0	22	2.750	-9.124
25	Derbyshire 2nd XI	10	0	3	2	5	0	25	2.500	-12.603
26	Lincolnshire	10	0	4	3	3	0	24	2.400	-14.499
27	Norfolk	10	1	6	2	1	0	23	2.300	-7.587
28	Glamorgan 2nd XI	10	0	5	3	1	1	18	2.000	-7.402
29	Cornwall	8	0	4	1	3	0	14	1.750	-9.918
30	Wiltshire	10	0	5	1	4	0	17	1.700	-23.467
31	Cheshire	10	0	7	0	3	0	9	0.900	-11.978

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 innings

DLF – Drawn match but behind on first innings

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	3	3	0	192	91	64.00	-	2	2
J H Wardle	5	7	2	225	67	45.00	-	3	2
H Halliday	4	6	0	244	159	40.67	1	-	6
E S Barraclough	13	16	3	466	82*	35.84	-	3	8
K Smales	14	20	0	583	99	29.15	-	5	9
W G Keighley	12	19	2	481	78	28.29	-	3	4
E Fisk	5	8	2	168	68	28.00	-	2	4
W H H Sutcliffe	10	13	0	293	60	22.53	-	3	7
G A Smithson	7	12	1	232	50	21.09	-	1	9
R J Parker	2	3	1	40	30*	20.00	-	-	1
J Firth	11	14	2	217	31	18.08	-	-	22/7
B Brooke	10	12	4	140	30*	17.50	-	-	3
C Turner	7	8	4	69	23*	17.25	-	-	2
N F Horner	7	12	1	161	34	14.63	-	-	4
E Leadbeater	8	10	0	138	53	13.80	-	1	3
R Illingworth	3	3	0	39	19	13.00	-	-	-
C W Foord	4	4	2	23	13*	11.50	-	-	2
A Mason	7	7	1	61	42	10.16	-	-	4
R Booth	3	4	0	30	13	7.50	-	-	5/2
G H Padgett	2	3	0	6	5	2.00	-	-	-
F S Trueman	5	4	0	8	8	2.00	-	-	.
F P McHugh	4	4	1	3	1*	1.00	-	-	-

ALSO BATTED

Player	M	I	NO	TR	HS	Ave	100	50	Ct/St
D Jones	1	1	0	44	44	44.00	-	-	2
J D H Blackburn	1	1	0	29	29	29.00	-	-	-
J P Whitehead	1	1	0	25	25	25.00	-	-	-
J V Wilson	1	2	0	33	17	16.50	-	-	-
R W Lewis	1	1	0	14	14	14.00	-	-	-
J R Ashman	3	2	1	1	1	1.00	-	-	-

FINAL AVERAGES – BOWLING

Player	O	M	R	W	BB	Ave	5wI	10wM
J P Whitehead	36	10	87	8	4/42	10.87	-	-
J H Wardle	168.1	72	313	24	7/60	13.04	2	-
C W Foord	135	32	355	23	7/68	15.43	2	1
E Leadbeater	131.2	36	361	23	6/41	15.69	2	-
G H Padgett	30	4	71	4	3/40	17.75	-	-
B Brooke	174.4	32	542	27	5/59	20.07	1	-
F S Trueman	128.1	21	392	18	3/33	21.77	2	-
E Fisk	51	12	154	7	3/20	22.00	-	-
K Smales	201.4	50	586	26	4/40	22.53	-	-
A Mason	129	53	258	11	5/51	23.45	1	-
J R Ashman	69	27	151	6	2/9	25.16	-	-
E S Barraclough	189.4	50	459	18	4/10	25.50	-	-
W H H Sutcliffe	34	8	115	3	3/31	38.33	-	-
F P McHugh	88	19	313	8	3/93	39.12	-	-

ALSO BOWLED

Player	O	M	R	W	BB	Ave	5wI	10wM
W Watson	1.5	0	7	1	1/2	7.00	-	-
H Halliday	12	5	16	1	1/5	16.00	-	-
W G Keighley	7	0	18	1	1/15	18.00	-	-
R Illingworth	3	1	7	0	-	-	-	-

LINE SCORES OF MATCHES PLAYED

v Staffordshire (Bingley CC) 1 & 2 June 1949 - *Staffs 249/9d (R Smith 89, D M Haynes 52*, R L Halton 51; E Leadbeater 3/63) drew with Yorks 110 (B Shardlow 5/43, R L Halton 3/14) & 14/0

v Lancashire (Scarborough) 6 & 7 June 1949 - *Lancs 170 (G A Edrich 80; W H H Sutcliffe 3/31) & 139 (J H Wardle 7/60, C W Foord 3/47) lost to Yorks 252 (J H Wardle 67, W H H Sutcliffe 56; M J Hilton 5/73, F Moore 3/40) & 58/5 by five wkts

v Nottinghamshire (Wath-u-Dearne CC) 15 & 16 June 1949 - (Toss unknown) Notts 155 (D R Hammond 58; B Brooke 5/59, F S Trueman 5/65) & 173 (E J Martin 99; B Brooke 4/30, J H Wardle 3/37) lost to Yorks 259 (E Fisk 68, J H Wardle 56; W Voce 3/37, E A Marshall 3/52) & 76/6 (N W Hill 5/22) by four wkts

v Northumberland (Jesmond) 20 & 21 June 1949 – (Toss unknown) Yorks 241/8d (E S Barraclough 82*; K J Earl 5/53) & 172/2 (K Smales 82, W G Keighley 72*) drew with Northumberland 353 (C L Routledge 71, J N Grover 66, T S Worthington 65; F P McHugh 3/93)

v Durham (South Shields) 22 & 23 June 1949 - *Yorks 152 (J H Wardle 55*; W K Laidlaw 4/50, N W Owen 3/24) & 189 (W K Laidlaw 5/72, T K Jackson 3/52) beat Durham 147 (J H Wardle 6/34, K Smales 4/76) & 142 (K Smales 4/40) by 52 runs

v Nottinghamshire (Crown Farm Colliery Gd, Forest Town, Mansfield) 29 & 30 June 1949 – (Toss unknown) Notts 370 (F W Stocks 160, C J Poole 65; J H Wardle 3/53, B Brooke 3/86) & 200/3 (F W Stocks 62) drew with Yorks 342 (W Watson 91, K Smales 58, E S Barraclough 53; W Voce 4/56, H J Butler 4/87)

v Cheshire (Townfield Lane, Oxtan) 6 & 7 July 1949 – (Toss unknown) Cheshire 246 (J R G Seward 62, J R L Davies 59, B M Lowe 58; E Leadbeater 5/63) & 112/2 drew with Yorks 381 (W G Keighley 78, W Watson 56, E Fisk 54*, E Leadbeater 53; A Vickery 4/76)

v Northumberland (Wiggington Rd, York) 13 & 14 July 1949 – (Toss unknown) Northumberland 121 (F S Trueman 5/33, J P Whitehead 4/42) & 162 (J M Watson 57*; J P Whitehead 4/45) drew with Yorks 131 (K J Earl 4/64, H Robson 3/13, J M Watson 3/39)

v Cheshire (Thirsk CC) 25 & 26 July 1949 – (Toss unknown) Yorks 286 (W H H Sutcliffe 60, K Smales 55; C S Smith 5/40, A D Lord 3/54) beat Cheshire 81 (E S Barraclough 4/10, B Brooke 3/24) & 124 (E Leadbeater 6/41, A Mason 3/23) by an inns & 81 runs

v Lancashire (Old Trafford) 1 & 2 Aug 1949 - *Yorks 245 (G A Smithson 50; M J Hilton 4/35, W B Roberts 4/56) drew with Lancs 19/4

v Durham (Redcar CC) 3 & 4 Aug 1949 – Durham 185 (T K Jackson 68; C W Foord 4/107) & 151 (C W Foord 7/68 [and match figs of 11/175]) beat *Yorks 119 (N W Owen 4/58, W K Laidlaw 3/27) & 185 (W K Laidlaw 4/72, T K Jackson 3/33, N W Owen 3/58) by 32 runs

v Lincolnshire (Ilkley CC) 8 & 9 Aug 1949 – (Toss unknown) Yorks 351/6d (H Halliday 159, K Smales 99; G A Marlow 4/100) beat Lincs 95 (C W Foord 5/29) & 218 (E M Shaw 55; K Smales 4/58) by an inns & 38 runs

v Staffordshire (Tunstall Rd, Knypersley) 10 & 11 Aug 1949 – Yorks 155 (F Taylor 5/70, B Shardlow 3/33) & 156 (S Crump 4/47, B Shardlow 4/47) lost to *Staffs 287 (H Boon 57; A Mason 5/51, G H Padgett 3/40) & 26/0 by 10 wkts

v Lincolnshire (Brumby Hall, Scunthorpe) 18 & 19 Aug 1949 – (Toss unknown) Lincs 230 (A R Turner 65; K Smales 3/36) & 248/7 (G Robinson 112; K Smales 3/79) drew with Yorks 354/6d (E S Barraclough 81*, W G Keighley 60, W H H Sutcliffe 58, K Smales 51; G A Marlow 3/73)

CAREER FIGURES AND BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS (WHERE KNOWN) OF PLAYERS WHO MADE THEIR DEBUTS IN 1949

346) **John Derek Hepburn BLACKBURN** – Born 27 Oct 1924, Headingley, Leeds
Died 19 Feb 1987, Steeton, W Yorks, aged 62.

He was a RH batsman

First-class debut – v Cambridge Un, Fenner's, 2-4 May 1956 (University match). This was his only first class appearance.
Yorks career – 1949-1967

His career-best highest score (53) came in the Minor Counties Championship game against Lincs at Bradford PA on 20 & 21 July 1966

His best bowling figures (2/42) came in the Minor Counties Championship game against Lancs at Scarborough on 1 & 2 Aug 1966

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

1st Class Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
1	2	0	18	15	9.00	-	-	-
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
24	23	4	288	53	15.15	-	1	11

2nd XI Friendly Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
1	2	0	22	13	11.00	-	-	-

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2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	25	1	94	3	31.33	2/42	-	-

He played for and captained Bradford CC (Bradford CL) to three successes in the Priestley Cup final. He also captained the YCCC second eleven in 1966 and 1967. He later served on the Yorkshire Committee. His second eleven career was punctuated. He played one game in 1949 and another one in 1950 and then did not represent the team again until 1966.

347) **Roy BOOTH** – Born 1 Oct 1926, Marsden, Huddersfield
Died 23 Sept 2018, aged 91.

He was a RH batsman and bowled RA medium pace. His main skill was as a WK.

First-class debut – v Kent at the Mote, Maidstone, 18-20 July 1951

Yorks career – 1949-1955

His highest first-class score of 113* (and his career-best performance) came in the County Championship game against Sussex (for Worcs) at Hove on 17-19 June 1959

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

1st Class Matches (For Yorks & Worcs)	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
468	671	135	10134	113*	18.90	2	24	948/178
List A Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
14	12	2	160	55	16.00	-	1	28/2

2nd XI Championship Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
3	5	0	122	59	24.40	-	1	1
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
49	63	18	1413	103*	31.40	1	7	80/38
2nd XI Friendly Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
3	4	2	100	50*	50.00	-	1	5/2

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1st Class Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	2	0	3	0	-	-	-	

He moved to New Rd in 1956 and received his cap in that season. His benefit in 1966 raised £6,240 (or £117,012.17 in 2020). He had played club cricket for Golcar CC (Huddersfield CL) and Lightcliffe (Bradford CL). He was a member of the Worcs side who won their first County Championship titles in 1964 and 1965. After retirement, he served on the Worcs Committee. In all cricket, he registered 1,282 victims (1062 ct & 220 st)

348) **Raymond ILLINGWORTH** – Born 8 June 1932, Pudsey, W Yorks

Test debut – v New Zealand, Old Trafford, 24-29 July 1958 (4th Test)

First-class debut – V Hants, Headingley, 18-21 Aug 1951 (County Championship)

Yorks career – 1949-1968 and the returned from 1978 to 1984

He was a RH batsman and OB bowler

His highest test match score (113) came against the West Indies at Lord`s on 26 June to 1 July 1969 (2nd Test)

His best test match bowling performance (6/29) came against India at Lord`s on 22-27 June 1967 (2nd Test)

His highest first class score (162) came in the tourist game against the Indians at Bramall Lane, Sheffield on 11-14 July 1959 (Tourist match)

His best first class bowling performance (9/42) came in the County Championship game against Worcs at New Rd on 27-30 July 1957

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

Test Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
61	90	11	1836	113	23.24	2	5	45
ODIs	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
3	2	0	5	4	2.50	-	-	1
1st Class Matches (For Yorks& Leics)	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
787	1073	213	24134	162	28.06	22	106	446
List A Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
218	144	55	2380	79	26.74	-	4	58
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
23	23	4	821	133	28.31	1	4	12

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Test Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	1989	715	3807	122	31.20	6/29	3	-
ODIs	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	4wI	5wI
	19	2	84	4	21.00	3/50	-	-
1st Class Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	19643.2	6879	42020	2072	20.27	9/42	104	11
List A Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	4wI	5wM
	1349.3	170	4686	186	25.19	5/20	3	3

2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	269.2	73	701	30	23.36	5/69	1	-

Raymond Illingworth began his cricket as a 15 year old in Farsley's first team in the Bradford CL. He returned to Farsley once he had retired from all involvement in the first class and international strata. He acted as groundsman for the club and openly admitted that he wanted to give something back to the club where it had all begun.

He was a Wisden Cricketer of the Year in 1960 along with Ken Barrington, Donald Carr, Geoff Pullar and Mike Smith.

Among his career highlights were 135 and 14 for 101 for Yorkshire against Kent at Dover on 19-21 Aug 1964. But it was for England as captain where he really made his indelible mark on the game. He took over the position in 1969 when Colin Cowdrey was injured. He took the team to Australia in 1970/71 and regained the Ashes. He took the players off the field in Sydney in the 1970/71 series as crows trouble erupted. He retained the urn in 1972 at home. His batting particularly blossomed as England captained making two centuries from the middle order and always showing an "over my dead body" attitude to the opponents.

He had left Yorkshire in 1969 to accept an offer of captaincy with Leicestershire and he transformed their fortunes.

Once he had finished playing, he returned to Yorkshire in 1979 and had five years at Headingley as cricket manager. He took over the first eleven captaincy in 1982 and the team won the one-day John Player League. But he left the county again in 1984 at the height of the internal squabbles of the time.

He later had a period from 1994 to 1996 as England manager but it did not work out. His son-in-law is Ashley Metcalfe who was a regular opening partner for Martyn Moxon from the early 1980s to the mid 1990s.

Illingworth received his county cap in 1955 and a benefit in 1965 raised £6,604 (or £128,734.54 in 2020). He was awarded the CBE and made an honorary member of MCC. He was President of the County Club in 2010 and 2011.

He is one of only nine players in first class cricket to have scored 20,000 runs and taken 2,000 wickets. The table below shows the others

PLAYER & COUNTY	CAREER	RUNS	WICKETS
Frank Woolley (Kent & England)	1906-1938	58,959	2066
W G Grace (Glos, London County & England)	1865-1908	54,211	2809
Wilfred Rhodes (Yorks & England)	1989-1930	39,96	4204

George Herbert Hirst (Yorks & Eng)	1891-1921	36,356	2742
Trevor Bailey (Essex & England)	1945-1967	28,641	2082
Ewart Astill (Leics & England)	1906-1939	22,735	2432
Fred Titmus (Middx & Eng)	1949-1982	21,588	2830
Maurice Tate (Sussex, MCC & Eng)	1912-1946	21,717	2784

349) **D JONES** – No biographical details are available for this player. He played one match in the Minor Counties Championship against Cheshire at Townfield, Oxton on 6 & 7 July 1949. He scored 44 in his only innings. He did not bowl but took two catches in Cheshire`s first innings.

350) **Edric LEADBEATER** – Born 15 Aug 1927, Lockwood, Huddersfield
Died 17 Apr 2011, Huddersfield, aged 83

He was a RH batsman and LB bowler

Test debut – v India, Brabourne Stadium Bombay (now Mumbai), 14-19 dDec 1951 (2nd Test)

First-class debut – v Essex, Colchester, 13-15 July 1949 (County Championship)

Yorks career – 1949-1956

His highest score in Test matches is 38, made against India at Eden Gardens, .Calcutta (Kolkata) on 30 Dec 1951 to 4 Jan 1952 (3rd Test)

His best bowling in Test matches (1/38) occurred in his debut match (above)

His highest first class score (116) was made for Warwicks against Glam at the Cortaulds Gd, Coventry, on 14-17 June 1958 (County Championship)

His best first-class bowling performance (8/83) came against Worcs at New Rd on 10-13 June 1950 (County Championship)

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

Test Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
2	2	0	40	38	20.00	-	-	3
1st Class Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
118	138	36	1548	116	15.17	1	3	75
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
31	40	7	585	84*	17.27	-	2	14

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Test Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	48.1	8	218	2	109.00	1/38	-	-

1st Class Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	2760.1	664	7947	289	27.49	8/83	11	2
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	720	160	2042	122	16.73	7/51	7	2

He left Yorks to join Warwicks at the end of the 1956 season. He only had two seasons at Edgbaston and was only awarded his second eleven cap by his new county. He was never capped by Yorks. His return of 8/83 remains the best figures by a Yorks leg-spinner. He played for several clubs, notably Liversedge (Central Yorks CL), Pudsey St Lawrence (Bradford CL) and Royton CC (Central Lancs CL). He served Almondbury CC (Huddersfield CL) longer than any of his other clubs.

351) **R W LEWIS** – No biographical details are available for this player. He played one match in the Minor Counties Championship against Cheshire at Townfield, Oxton on 6 & 7 July 1949. He scored 14 in his only innings. He did not bowl and took no catches .

352) **Francis Prest McHUGH** – Born 15 Nov 1925, Burmantofts, Leeds
Died 21 Feb 2018, Worthing, Sussex, aged 92

He was a RH batsman and RA fast-medium bowler

First-class debut – v Essex, Headingley, 25-27 May 1949 (County Championship)
Yorks career – 1949

His highest first class score (18) was made against Essex at Clacton-on-Sea on 26-28 Aug 1953 (County Championship)

His best first-class bowling figures (7/32) were recorded against Yorks at Fartown, Huddersfield on 17-19 Aug 1955 (County Championship)

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

1st Class Matches (For Yorks & Glos)	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
95	111	43	179	18	2.63	-	-	26
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
4	4	1	3	1*	1.00	-	-	-

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1st Class Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	2646.1	572	6857	276	24.84	7/32	15	4
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	88	19	313	8	39.12	3/93	-	-

He moved to Glos for the 1952 season and was capped by them in 1954.

353) **George Hubert PADGETT** – Born 9 Oct 1931, Silkstone, Barnsley

He was a RH batsman and RA medium-paced bowler

First-class debut – v MCC, Lord's, 30 April to 2 May 1952 (Other first-class match)

Yorks career – 1949-1952

His highest first class score (32*) was made against Scotland at Hamilton Cres, Glasgow on 25-27 June 1952 (Yorks in Scotland)

His best first-class bowling figures (2/37) were recorded against Leics at Bramall lane, Sheffield on 21-24 June 1952 (County Championship)

His career-best bowling figures (5/14) came in the Minor Counties Championship game against Northumberland at the Wiggington Rd Gd, York on 6 & 7 Aug 1952

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

1st Class Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
6	7	4	56	32*	18.67	-	-	5
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
6	4	0	18	10	4.50	-	-	-
2nd XI Friendly Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
1	1	0	2	2	2.00	-	-	1

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1st Class Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	126.5	24	336	4	84.00	2/37	-	-
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	147.5	35	284	17	16.70	5/14	1	-
2nd XI Friendly Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	33	10	60	2	30.00	2/25	-	-

He played for Barnsley CC. His highest first class score was made in his final first-class game and his best bowling figures in his final Minor Counties Championship game.

354) **Frederick Swards TRUEMAN** – Born 6 Feb 1931, Stainton, Yorks

Died 1 July 2006, Keighley, W Yorks, aged 75

He was a RH bat and RA fast bowler

Test debut – v India, Headingley, 5-9 June 1952 (1st Test)

First-class debut – v Cambridge Un, Fenner's, 11-13 May 1949 (University Match)

Yorks career – 1949-1968

His highest Test score (39*) came in the game against New Zealand at the Oval on 21-26 Aug 1958 (5th Test)

His best Test bowling figures (8/31) came in the match against India at Old Trafford on 17-22 July 1952 3rd Test)

His highest first-class score (104) came in the game against Northants at Northampton on 4-7 May 1963 (County Championship)

His best first class bowling figures (8/28) were recorded in the game against Kent at Dover on 21-24 Aug 1954 (County Championship)

His highest List A score (28) came in the game against Warwicks at Edgbaston on 14-16 July 1965 (Gillette Cup)

(No play was possible on 14 & 15 July)

His best List A bowling return (6/15) came in the game against Somerset at Taunton on 23 June 1965 (Gillette Cup)

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

Test Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
67	85	14	981	39*	13.81	-	-	64
1st Class Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
603	713	120	9231	104	15.56	3	26	439
List A Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
18	14	2	156	28	13.00	-	-	5
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
7	6	1	16	8	3.20	-	-	-

BOWLING

Test Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	2529.4	522	6625	307	21.57	8/31	17	3
1st Class Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	16616.5	3791	42154	2304	18.29	8/28	126	25
List A Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	4wI	5wM
	164.2	19	507	28	18.10	6/15	1	1
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	169.1	29	526	20	26.30	5/33	2	-

In his splendid autobiography "Parky", Michael Parkinson recounts how he almost got to write Trueman's biography. Some debate occurred about a possible title for the book. Trueman suggested "Fred; T" definitive volume on T" best fast bowler that ever drew breath" but the book was never written.

Stories abound about F S Trueman. For example, it was said he would go into the opposition dressing room and look around their team. He would then announce he reckoned he had six wickets today and promptly leave.

He is also alleged to have stood at the gate as a new batsman entered the fray and told the steward not to close it as the batsman would not be long.

Other less pleasant stories are said to be the reason why he was not selected so many times for England but many of these later proved to be false. It is estimated he missed some 35 matches because of the whims of the selectors.

His bowling action was a thing of beauty. As he delivered, his head was to the left of his leading arm, meaning that his body was not putting extra strain on itself as so many bowlers do nowadays by having a so-called mixed action, whereby their head is to the right of the leading arm at the moment of delivery. Trueman was also balanced on his toes as he delivered, something the author tried to replicate in school cricket matches with absolutely no success at all.

He began his cricket career at Roche Abbey CC in Maltby, S Yorkshire and then moved to Sheffield Utd at Bramall Lane. Once Yorkshire had noticed him, he made quick progress and was awarded his county cap in 1951. He led the county in 21 matches and was particularly proud to have been the skipper when Yorkshire beat the Australian tourists at Bramall Lane in 1968.

He achieved four hat-tricks during his career, a Yorkshire record.

He was the Cricket Writers' Young Player of the Year in 1952 and a Wisden Cricketer of the Year in 1953 along with Harold Gimblett, Tom Graveney, David Shepherd and Stuart Surridge.

His benefit in 1962 raised £9331 (or £200,395.26 in 2020). He was awarded an OBE in 1989.
