

YORKSHIRE SECOND ELEVEN IN THE MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP

SEASON 1963

FINAL TABLE

	Team	P	W	L	DWF	DLF	NC/Ab	Pts	PtPC
	Pts awarded	-	10	-	3	1	2	-	-
1	Cambridgeshire	10	6	0	1	2	1	67	6.70
2	Wiltshire	10	5	2*	1	2	0	58	5.80
3	Hertfordshire	10	4	5†	0	1	0	53	5.30
4	Somerset 2nd XI	8	4	2	0	2	0	42	5.25
5	Durham	12	5	3	3	1	0	60	5.00
6	Lancashire 2nd XI	12	5	2	2	2	1	60	5.00
7	Warwickshire 2nd XI	8	3	0	2	2	1	40	5.00
8	Cheshire	10	3	1*	2	1	3	46	4.60
9	Berkshire	10	3	1*	3	3	0	45	4.50
10	Lincolnshire	10	3	2	4	1	0	43	4.30
11	Yorkshire 2nd XI	12	4	2	0	4	2	48	4.00
12	Bedfordshire	10	3	5†	1	1	0	40	4.00
13	Devon	10	2	1	5	1	1	38	3.80
14	Suffolk	8	2	3*	1	1	1	29	3.62
15	Oxfordshire	10	2	0	3	4	1	35	3.50
16	Buckinghamshire	10	2	2	3	2	1	33	3.30
17	Cornwall	8	2	5*	1	0	0	26	3.25
18	Staffordshire	12	2	6†	1	1	2	34	2.83
19	Norfolk	12	1	3*	2	3	3	28	2.33
20	Dorset	10	1	5*	1	2	1	20	2.00
21	Shropshire	8	1	7†	0	0	0	16	2.00
22	Northumberland	10	0	2	3	2	3	17	1.70
23	Cumberland	8	0	4	0	1	3	7	0.87

* First inns pts (3) in one match lost

† First inns pts (3) in two matches lost

‡ First inns pts (3) in four matches lost

Position of teams in the final table is determined by the better percentage of possible points

FINAL AVERAGES – BATTING AND FIELDING

Player	M	I	NO	TR	HS	Ave	100	50	Ct/St
W R Roberts	6	8	1	307	132	38.37	1	1	2
J C Balderstone	3	6	0	213	80	35.50	-	2	2
A Clarkson	9	15	3	416	55	34.67	-	3	4
P J Kippax	3	4	0	133	74	33.25	-	1	-
J P G Chadwick	5	8	0	231	113	28.67	1	1	5
A B Bainbridge	4	5	2	83	40	27.67	-	-	-
G R Bloom	6	10	2	220	85	27.50	-	2	3
B Wood	6	7	1	132	82*	22.00	-	1	1
R E Crossley	10	17	0	278	53	16.17	-	1	6
G Hodgson	11	12	2	153	48	15.30	-	-	19/5
C C Clifford	3	4	0	57	37	14.25	-	-	-
R W Wall	9	15	3	155	37	12.91	-	-	4
J W Crowhurst	4	5	1	38	14	9.50	-	-	2
R K Platt	6	6	2	36	13	9.50	-	-	5
M C Fearnley	5	7	2	33	15	8.60	-	-	3
D A Batty	4	4	0	28	10	6.50	-	-	3
R L Feather	3	4	1	12	6*	4.00	-	-	-
J S Waring	9	9	3	9	5	1.50	-	-	5
D Middlewood	6	4	1	1	1*	0.33	-	-	3

ALSO BATTED

Player	M	I	NO	TR	HS	Ave	100	50	Ct/St
R Illingworth	1	2	0	81	61	40.50	-	1	-
D L Ash	1	1	0	26	26	26.00	-	-	-
J S Harkin	1	2	0	17	13	8.50	-	-	2
A Moore	1	2	0	4	4	2.00	-	-	-
M Richardson	1	1	0	2	2	2.00	-	-	-
K Taylor	1	1	0	2	2	2.00	-	-	1
A G Nicholson	1	1	0	1	1	1.00	-	-	1
P R Illingworth	2	2	0	0	0	-	-	-	-

FINAL AVERAGES – BOWLING

Player	O	M	R	W	BB	Ave	5wI	10wM
A G Nicholson	31.2	13	58	10	7/18	5.80	1	1
P R Illingworth	20.5	6	50	4	4/26	12.50	-	-
M C Fearnley	109.2	37	420	33	6/29	12.72	3	1
A B Bainbridge	57	10	131	10	4/44	13.10	-	-
D A Batty	15.3	6	43	3	3/17	14.33	-	-
C C Clifford	34	7	144	6	4/57	19.00	-	-
R K Platt	106	33	275	13	4/25	21.15	-	-
D Middlewood	124	17	359	16	4/68	22.43	-	-
J C Balderstone	28	6	92	4	2/29	23.00	-	-
J S Waring	143.3	24	475	19	6/33	25.00	1	-

ALSO BOWLED

Player	O	M	R	W	BB	Ave	5wI	10wM
J P G Chadwick	16	4	41	2	1/14	20.50	-	-
J S Harkin	8	2	41	2	2/41	20.50	-	-
R Illingworth	16.2	6	54	2	1/16	27.00	-	-
P J Kippax	22	6	54	1	1/17	54.00	-	-
D L Ash	15	2	53	0	-	-	-	-
K Taylor	14.1	2	42	0	-	-	-	-
J W Crowhurst	9	1	36	0	-	-	-	-
A Clarkson	6	1	16	0	-	-	-	-
M Richardson	6	3	6	0	-	-	-	-
B Wood	5	2	11	0	-	-	-	-

LINE SCORES OF MATCHES PLAYED

v Lincolnshire (Bradford PA) 29 & 30 May 1963 – (Toss unknown) Lincs 292/9d (J Lawrence 86, M Maslin 51; D Middlewood 3/76, M C Fearnley 3/80) & 72/7 (M C Fearnley 4/40) drew with Yorks 151 (J C Balderstone 80; J Lawrence 7/57) & 218 (B Wood 62*, J P G Chadwick 51; J Lawrence 8/82 [and match figs of 15/139])

v Lancashire (Lune Rd, Lancaster) 3 & 4 June 1963 – *Lancs 145 (M C Fearnley 4/35, A G Nicholson 3/40, J S Waring 3/48) & 90 (R Bennett 50; A G Nicholson 7/18 [and match figs of 10/ 58]) lost to Yorks 310/7d (W B Roberts 132, J P G Chadwick 113; J Cumbes 5/98) by an inns & 75 runs

v Durham (Headingley) 17 & 18 June 1963 - *Yorks 205/8d (P J Kippax 74, A Clarkson 53*; K D Biddulph 4/75) & 64/2 beat Durham 79 (J S Waring 6/33, R K Platt 4/25) & 189 (R Inglis 52; P R Illingworth 4/26, D Middlewood 4/68) by eight wkts

v Northumberland (Jesmond) 26 & 27 June 1963 – (Toss unknown) Yorks 123 (A Clarkson 54; P D Brodrick 5/24, K Norton 5/53) & 170 (K Norton 5/79 [and amrch figs of 10/132], P D Brodrick 4/47) drew with Northumberland 124/2d (M Youll 59*) & 23/1

v Cumberland (Bradford PA) 1 & 2 July 1963 – (Toss unknown) Cumberland 125/7d (D Middlewood 3/32) drew with Yorks 7/1

v Cheshire (The Oval, Wallasey) 10 & 11 July 1963 – (Toss unknown) Yorks 163/9d (G R Bloom 55; D J Smith 4/63) & 202/5d (J C Balderstone 59, W B Roberts 51*) drew with Cheshire 164/5d (R A Richardson 59; D Middlewood 3/50) & 153/6

v Northumberland (The Circle, Hull) 15 & 16 July 1963 – (Toss unknown) Yorks 152/5d (R Illingworth 61, R E Crossley 53) & 159/4d (A Clarkson 55; P E Forster 3/59) beat Northumberland 67/1d (G K Knox 50*) & 171 (G K Knox 71; A B Bainbridge 4/43, D A Batty 3/17) by 73 runs

v Durham (Eastwood Gardens, Gateshead) 17 & 18 July 1963 – Yorks 124 (K D Biddulph 5/49, J G Williamson 5/70) & 89 (C W Leach 5/12) beat *Durham 117 (M C Fearnley 6/29, R K Platt 3/36) & 51 (M C Fearnley 5/10 [and match figs of 11/39], A B Bainbridge 4/4) by 45 runs

v Lincolnshire (Lindum Sp Gd, Lincoln) 31 July & 1 Aug 1963 – (Toss unknown) Yorks 235 (G R Bloom 50; J Lawrence 4/72, N M MacVicar 3/60) & 153 (J Lawrence 4/62, G B Camplin 3/20) drew with Lincs 236/8d (R N Hakin 55; C C Clifford 4/57, M C Fearnley 3/96) & 146/9 (M C Fearnley 5/63)

v Lancashire (Scarborough) 5 & 6 Aug 1963 - *Yorks 56 (J Cumbes 6/26) drew with Lancs 57/0

v Cumberland (Fitz Park, Keswick) 7 & 8 Aug 1963 – Match abandoned without a ball bowled.

v Cheshire (Duke`s Park, Bridlington) 19 & 20 Aug 1963 – (Toss unknown) Yorks 169/8d (D J Smith 5/60) lost to Cheshire 172/4 (D F Cox 65*, F W Millett 64) by six wkts (*As no play was possible on the first day, a single-inns match was arranged*)

CAREER FIGURES AND BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS (WHERE KNOWN) OF PLAYERS WHO MADE THEIR DEBUTS IN 1963

494) **David Leslie ASH** – Born – 18 February 1944, Bingley, West Yorkshire

First Class debut – v Middlesex, Scarborough, 1965

Yorkshire career – 1963 to 1966

Highest score – 106 v Northumberland, Harrogate, 16-17 June 1965 (2nd XI Minor Counties Championship matches)

Highest score in First Class matches – 12 v Middlesex in his debut match above.

Best bowling – 6/46 v Cumberland, Harrogate, 28 & 29 June 1965 (2nd XI Minor Counties Championship matches)

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

First Class Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
3	3	0	22	12	7.33	-	-	-
Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
30	44	5	889	106	22.79	1	3	11
2nd XI Championship matches (For Middx & Northants)	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
4	7	1	167	55	27.83	-	1	7

BOWLING

First Class Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5Wi	10Wm
	11	7	22	0	-	-	-	-
Minor Counties Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5Wi	10Wm
	301.4	97	847	50	16.94	6/46	2	-
2nd XI Championship matches (For Middx & Northants)	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5Wi	10Wm
	111.1	30	368	14	26.28	4/73	-	-

After a brief career with Yorkshire, which saw him make his first-call debut at the age of 21 and after trials with Middlesex and Northamptonshire in 1966 & 1967, he moved to the North-West to play Minor Counties cricket with Cumberland from 1968 to 1983.

David then began a roaming life in the Leagues of Yorkshire, Lancashire and Cumbria. First stop was the now defunct Bradford club from 1964 to 1966. In 1965, he had had a season with the Leeds club, now also defunct.

From 1966 to 1967, he was a professional at Lancaster CC and then moved to Penrith CC, where he played until 1975. During his time there, he took 512 wickets at an average of 10.14. An article of appreciation, dating from 1975, appears below.

After Penrith CC, it was on to Rochdale CC in the Central Lancashire CL, from 1976 to 1978.

After his sojourn in Lancashire, it was back over the Pennines to Keighley CC, where he stayed for 13 seasons (1979 to 1992). During his time there, he won the Bradford CL first division bowling averages at the age of 45, ahead of Barry Wood and Chris Balderstone, both of whom went on to play for England.

A year on the Bradford CL's Umpires list in 1993 was followed by two seasons with Silsden CC, then in the Airedale-Wharfedale Senior Cricket League but now members of the Craven CL.

PENRITH "MR. CONSISTENCY" BOWS OUT

Send-off for David Ash today. It is significant that three former captains of Penrith Cricket Club's first team, as well as the current skipper, are to turn out at Tynefield Park today in a farewell match to honour David Ash.

“Ashie”, in a record eight years as match professional, has done more than help to win championships and cups; he has, by his influence and scrupulous personal standards, assisted in keeping the club’s prestige at a high level. Mention the names of David Ash on any North Lancashire League ground and the reaction is, unfailingly, one of admiration for his skills as a cricketer, qualities as a sportsman and the consistency of his performances.

The various arts of cricket are too often different to compare, but the art of the slow left-arm bowler is rare and difficult, as well as absorbing. Devotees will preserve for many years the memory of Ash’s frightening accuracy and his smooth perfection of style.

Penrith players first had cause to take note of him when, in his early twenties, he appeared for Yorkshire seconds in the Minor Counties competition against Cumberland. Indeed, his first victim was Peter Sarjeant – later to skipper the side which, with Ash as professional, brought North Lancashire League honours to Tynefield Park for the first time.

Another memory of his Yorkshire days is of J. M. S. Burrow, still playing for Penrith, who in his 50th year took 53 off an attack which included the young left-arter. He always showed consistency of performance – he topped the second team’s batting averages, scoring 500 runs – earning him his chances in the Yorkshire first eleven alongside men like Boycott, Close, Illingworth, Hampshire, Sharpe, Truman and Richard Hutton.

Not many Penrith followers are aware that he could have joined Middlesex, where he went for trials as a 22-year-old. Instead, however, he opted for a job as a match-professional, going first to Lancaster, in the Northern League, and then being preferred to another former county player by the committee at Penrith in 1968.

For the record, the new professional’s first wicket in the North Lancashire League was that of Vickerstown’s Ernie Ottley. In eight seasons his total of League and Higson Cup victims has soared to over 500 – and at an average of just over ten runs per wicket! He will be remembered best as a bowler, though he has batted consistently, generally scoring over 400 runs per season and his many catches at leg slip have provided memorable moments as he flung himself across the turf, invariably pocketing the ball with such rapidity that the batsmen could be forgiven for wondering just where it had gone.

Just one of many stories of Ash’s bowling is as follows. Against Carlisle CC, he had toiled fruitlessly for 23 overs with his spinners. Then, with the city side apparently poised for a narrow win, he turned the tables in two remarkable overs which produced five wickets and transformed bowling figures of 0 for 49 into a match-winning 5 for 53.

The fact that no fewer than 649 of his 2,176 overs have been maidens pays ample tribute to his accuracy – one maiden per 3½ overs has been instrumental in securing countless wickets at the other end as frustrated batsmen attempt to push the score along.

However, Ash’s contribution to Penrith and to cricket in Cumbria generally transcends mere facts and figures. He has proved himself a professional to the finger-tips, pressurising the opposition, “lifting” his own side by enthusiastic example, prompting alertness and concentration in the field and encouraging younger, less experienced players in the team.

Major achievements during his era at Tynefield started in his initial season with Penrith when they shared North Lancashire League championship honours with Haverigg, with Sarjeant, then skipper, taking eight wickets in a vital last match at Whitehaven. A year later, with Mike Cross now captain, Penrith seemed poised to win the championship outright. But this time they lost the final game, against the spin of Workington’s Ken McCourt, and the title was shared by the two teams.

That was Penrith's last League success but interest has been sustained among supporters by the fact that they have always been among the challengers, twice ending as runners-up and never finishing lower than fourth in the League chart. And twice in the 1970's the Tynefielders have won the Cumberland County Club's Meageen Cup. In one notable final, at Millom, Ash grabbed five wickets in the space of eighteen balls on a drying wicket to shatter the hopes of a home side who, at that stage, had seemingly been heading for a convincing victory.

"Everygreen" Ash"Furness crumble to Ash"...."Penrith's Mr. Consistency"....

He has kept his club and himself in the local sporting headlines, though many will remember him for his likeable and social qualities off the field. Today, as he makes a last bow at Tynefield in a special benefit-cum-farewell match, David Ash has joined the club's most venerated cricketers. His team-mates and opponents will hope that the sun shines brightly on this occasion – and on his future career with Rochdale in the Central Lancashire League.

495) **David A BATTY** – No biographical details are available for this player. He played all his games in the Minor Counties Championship between 1963 and 1967

His highest score (50) came in the Minor Counties Championship game against Northumberland at Jesmond on 19 & 20 July 1967

His best bowling figures (5/67) came in the Minor Counties Championship game against Durham at Driffield Town CC on 14 & 15 June 1967

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
7	9	1	109	50	13.62	-	1	9

BOWLING

2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	140	36	387	21	18.42	5/67	1	-

David Batty, always known as George, took 1823 wkts in the Bradford CL for Lidget Green, Bingley, Bradford & Bingley and Esholt.

He and Rosemary have two sons, Jeremy who played for Somerset after leaving Yorks and then Minor Counties Championship cricket for Cumberland and Gareth Batty, who played for Yorks, Surrey and Worcs and then returned to Surrey. He played nine Test Matches and 10 ODIs for England.

David also managed the Yorks U16 side in what was the Blue Riband competition for junior cricketers at that time (now U17). The finals were always played at Uppingham School and David celebrated victory there one year with a splendid poem in the local pub

“We`ll be suppin `em in Uppingham when t`Yorkies win t` cup
Yorkies, yorkies didn`t half belt them corkies
Yorkies, yorkies, yorkies won the cup”

It was perhaps not so well received by the locals as by the victorious bearers of the White Rose

David and Rosemary ran a sports shop in Bradford but have now relocated to Worcestershire.

496) **Christopher Craven (“Chris”) CLIFFORD** – Born 5 July 1942, Hovingham, E Yorks

He was a RH batsman and OB bowler

First-class debut – v Oxford Un, The Parks, 21-23 June 1972 (University Match)

Yorks career – 1963-1972

His highest first-class score (26) came in the County Championship game against Surrey at The Oval on 27-29 June 1979

His best first-class bowling figures (6/89) came in the County Championship game against Somerset at Weston-super-Mare on 5-8 Aug 1978

His highest List A score (2*) came in the match against Sussex at Hove on 17 June 1979 (John Player CL)

His best List A bowling figures (2/35) came in the same match

His career –best bowling figures (8/84) came in the Second Eleven Championship game against Essex at Leamington Spa on 21 & 22 June 1978

(In this game , he had match figures of 14/103)

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

1st Class Matches (For Yorks & Warwicks)	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
47	45	16	210	26	7.24	-	-	16
List A Matches (For Warwicks)	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
3	3	4	2	2*	4.00	-	-	-
2nd XI Championship Matches (For Notts & Warwicks)	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
23	21	7	90	15	9.42	-	-	7

2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
29	28	1	416	46*	15.40	-	-	11

BOWLING

1st Class Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	1572	412	4740	126	37.61	6/89	6	-
List A Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	4wI	5wM
	24	1	114	5	22.80	2/35	-	-
2nd XI Championship Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	933.5	336	2568	129	19.90	8/84	10	2
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	408.1	125	1208	63	19.17	6/52	3	-

He played for Yorks while Geoff Cope was suspended. He was with the Scarborough club for over 30 years and was part of the side which won the National Club knock-out in 1976. He coached in South Africa and taught PE in Scarborough.

497) **R E CROSSLEY** – No biographical details are available for this player. He played all his games for Yorks between 1963 and 1967, all in the Minor Counties Championship.

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
28	35	8	959	70*	35.31	-	5	17

498) **J W CROWHURST** – No biographical details are available for this player. He played all his games for Yorks between 1963 and 1966, all in the Minor Counties Championship. In 1967 and 1968, he played in the Second XI Championship for Northants & Warwicks

His highest score (66) came in the Minor Counties Championship game against Cumberland at Headingley on 10 & 11 June 1964

His best bowling figures (1/4) came in the Minor Counties Championship game against Cheshire at Victoria Rd, Macclesfield on 29 & 30 July 1964

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

2nd XI Championship Matches (For Northants & Warwicks)	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
11	21	3	338	62	18.77	-	2	-
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
22	35	4	488	66	15.74	-	3	9

BOWLING

2nd XI Championship Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	4wI	5wM
	2	0	11	0	-	-	-	-
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	24.3	7	77	3	25.67	1/4	-	-

499) **J S HARKIN** – No biographical details are available for this player. He was a LH batsman and OB bowler. He played just one game in the Minor Counties Championship for Yorks against Lincs at Bradford PA on 29 & 30 May 1963. He scored 4 and 13. His bowling figures were 8-2-41-2. He took two catches.

In 1969 and 1970, he played four games for Notts in the Second Eleven Championship and these details are below.

His highest score (27) came in the Second Eleven Championship game against Northants at Retford on 12 & 13 May 1969

His best bowling figures (3/38) came in the Second Eleven Championship game against Derby sat the Steetley Co Gd, on 27 & 28 May 1970

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

2nd XI Championship Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
4	8	0	63	27	7.87	-	-	4

BOWLING

2nd XI Championship	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	4wI	5wM
	44	11	120	7	17.14	3/38	-	-

500) **A MOORE** – No biographical details are available for this player. He played just one game in the Minor Counties Championship for Yorks against Northumberland at Jesmond CC on 26 & 27 June 1963. He scored 0 and 4. He did not bowl and did not take any catches.

501) **R W WALL** – No biographical details are available for this player. He played 21 games in the Minor Counties Championship between 1963 and 1965.

His highest score (37) came in the game against Cheshire at the Oval, Wallasey on 10 & 11 July 1963

His only bowling success (1/12) came against Cumberland at Harrogate CC on 28 & 29 June 1965

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
21	30	5	318	37	12.72	-	-	8

BOWLING

2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	53	3	55	1	55.00	1/12	-	-
