# YORKSHIRE SECOND ELEVEN IN THE MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON 1921

# FINAL TABLE

	Team	Р	W	L	DWF	DTF	DLF	Pts	PtPC	NetRpW
	Points awarded	-	5	-	3	2	1	-	-	-
1	Berkshire	8	5	1	2	0	0	31	77.500	11.822
2	Staffordshire	8	6	1	0	0	1	31	77.500	5.430
3	Cheshire	10	4	1	3	1	1	32	64.000	8.407
4	Norfolk	10	6	4	0	0	0	30	60.000	4.610
5	Yorkshire 2nd XI	8	4	2	1	0	1	24	60.000	0.591
6	Devon	10	4	3	3	0	0	29	58.000	2.215
7	Kent	10	5	4	1	0	0	28	56.000	1.017
8	Buckinghamshire	8	4	2	0	0	2	22	55.000	-0.187
9	Wiltshire	10	4	3	2	0	1	27	54.000	-0.177
10	Surrey 2nd XI	8	4	3	0	0	1	21	52.500	0.981
11	Hertfordshire	10	3	3	2	0	2	23	46.000	2.320
12	Northumberland	8	3	4	1	0	0	18	45.000	0.084
13	Cornwall	8	3	5	0	0	0	15	37.500	-3.647
14	Dorset	8	1	2	2	0	3	14	35.000	0.849
15	Durham	8	2	3	0	1	2	14	35.000	-2.175
16	Monmouthshire	8	2	5	0	0	1	11	27.500	-3.957
17	Lancashire 2nd XI	8	1	5	1	0	1	9	22.500	-7.744
18	Bedfordshire	8	1	5	0	0	2	7	17.500	-7.818
19	Cambridgeshire	8	1	7	0	0	0	5	12.500	-11.469

Order in the table - Position of teams in the final table is determined, first, by the better percentage of possible points (PtPC) and the by the net runs per wicket (NetRpW)

Player	М	Ι	NO	TR	HS	Ave	100	50	Ct/St
W R Allen	2	4	0	101	147	47.75	1	-	4/4
G Wilson	4	7	0	231	135	33.00	1	1	1
T Didlock	2	4	2	56	28	28.00	-	-	2
M W Garside	6	10	2	183	103*	22.87	1	-	1
N Kilner	3	5	0	110	59	22.00	-	1	-
J T Bell	8	15	0	319	57	21.26	-	2	2
H Taylor	2	4	0	83	39	20.75	-	-	1
E M Smeeth	7	12	0	157	37	13.08	-	-	5
M Leyland	6	11	1	123	32	12.30	-	-	3
E F Holdsworth	8	13	1	134	34*	11.16	-	-	3
G W Bayes	7	10	1	100	63	11.11	-	1	4
F J Pye-Smith	5	10	0	107	37	10.70	-	-	-
R C Sargent	8	13	3	101	25	10.10	-	-	4
W M Wilson	4	7	1	59	20	9.83	-	-	2
J T Taylor	3	6	1	49	25	9.80	-	-	3
J W Brook	5	9	0	86	21	9.55	-	-	6
A H Fawcett	4	7	4	25	12*	8.33	-	-	12
G W Hirst	2	3	1	16	11	8.00	-	-	4

# ALSO BATTED

Player	Μ	Ι	NO	TR	HS	Ave	100	50	Ct/St
C Emsley	1	2	1	10	6	10.00	-	-	-
G Dobson	1	1	0	4	4	4.00	-	_	_

### FINAL AVERAGES – BOWLING

Player	0	Μ	R	W	BB	Ave	5wI	10wM
G W Bayes	273.2	50	793	60	7/49	13.21	8	3
R C Sargent	223.3	49	600	40	6/21	15.00	3	1
E F Holdsworth	113	27	285	19	5/62	15.00	1	-
M Leyland	66	5	251	14	5/24	17.92	1	-
C Emsley	17.3	4	55	3	3/4	18.33	-	-

### ALSO BOWLED

Player	0	М	R	W	BB	Ave	5wI	10wM
E M Smeeth	14	5	39	0	-	-	-	-
T Didlock	5	0	35	0	-	-	-	-

### LINE SCORES OF MATCHES PLAYED

v Lancashire (Bentley Colliery) 16 & 17 May 1921 – \*Lancs 112 (G W Bayes 7/49, R C Sargent 3/47) & 172 (G W Bayes 4/62 [and match figs of 11/111], M Leyland 3/34, R C Sargent 3/51) lost to Yorks 259 (M W Garside 103\*; W Brown 5/111, F Taylor 3/75) & 27/4 (F Taylor 4/11) by six wkts

v Durham (Savile Park, Castleford) 6 & 7 June 1921 – \*Yorks 169 (C R Milam 4/61, L H Weight 3/53) & 265 (W R Allen 147, J T Bell 57; A Goodrick 5/42, C R Milam 3/105) beat Durham 82 (M Leyland 5/24, R C Sargent 4/34) & 207 (M Leyland 4/54, C Emsley 3/41) by 145 runs

v Northumberland (Osborne Avenue, Jesmond) 20 &21 June 1921 – (Toss unknown) Northumberland 190 (J L Towler 70; G W Bayes 5/63, E F Holdsworth 4/48) & 183 (G L Hunting 102\*; E F Holdsworth 5/62, G W Bayes 5/64 [and match figs of 10/127]) beat Yorks 102 (W Hetherton 4/29, G T Milne 4/46) & 117 (G T Milne 6/29 [and match figs of 10/75], W Hetherton 3/27) by 154 runs

v Durham (South Shields) 22 & 23 June 1921 - \*Durham 46 (R C Sargent 6/21, G W Bayes 4/16) & 146 (R C Sargent 5/51 [and match figs of 11/72], G W Bayes 5/70) lost to Yorks 164 (J T Bell 54; W Spiller 7/61) & 29/3 (L H Weight 3/7) by seven wkts

v Cheshire (Harrogate CC) 11 & 12 July 1921 – (Toss unknown) Yorks 272 (G Wilson 135; J Cook 4/94) & 131/8d (L N Jones 5/49) drew with Cheshire 215 (H W Hodgson 62; G W Bayes 6/80) & 135/2 (W E Jones 50\*)

v Lancashire (Old Trafford) 1 & 2 Aug 1921 – (Toss unknown) Lancs 223 (W Brown 101\*, W Ellis 53; R C Sargent 6/44, E F Holdsworth 3/33) & 45/5 (G W Bayes 3/17) drew with Yorks 213 (W Brown 5/59, W Massey 3/78)

v Cheshire (Boughton Hall Av, Chester) 3 & 4 Aug 1921 – (Toss unknown) Cheshire 257 (J Cook 59, T H Heald 59; G W Bayes 6/90) & 50/3 beat Yorks 147 (V Hope 4/36, J Cook 4/45) & 158 (C C Clifton 4/32) by seven wkts

v Northumberland (Duke's Park, Bridlington) 17 & 18 Aug 1921 – (Toss unknown) Yorks 164 (N Kilner 59, G Wilson 51; B H Surry 6/51) & 71 (G T Milne 5/24, W Hetherton 5/46) beat Northumberland 118 (G W Bayes 5/55) & 109 (G W Bayes 7/54 [and match figs of 12/109])

### CAREER FIGURES AND BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS (WHERE KNOWN) OF PLAYERS WHO MADE THEIR DEBUTS IN 1921

123) William <u>Reginald</u> "Reg" ALLEN – Born 14 Apr 1893, Sharlston, Wakefield Died – 14 Oct 1950, Normanton, Castleford, W Yorks, aged 57.

He was a RH batsman and WK. His averages in all competitions were amongst the highest to date for a Yorks wicket-keeper.

First-class debut – v Leics, Headingley, 11-14 June 1921 (County Championship) Yorks career – 1920-1927

His highest first-class score (95\*) was made against Hants, the Circle, Hull on 24-26 June 1925 (County Championship) His career-best score (147) came in the Minor Counties Championship match against Durham at Savile Park, Castleford on 6 & 7 June 1921.

1st Class	Inns	Not	Total	Highest	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
Matches		Outs	Runs	Score				
30	32	10	475	95*	21.59	-	1	45/21
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
43	72	0	1775	147	24.65	1	10	65/40
2nd XI Friendly Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
10	16	1	396	93	26.40	-	3	6/7

### **CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING**

He was unlucky inasmuch as he was a contemporary of Arthur Dolphin. He replaced Dolphin at the end of 1921 when Dolphin fractured his wrist in a dressing-room accident. Lord Hawke considered him a capable substitute. In a County Championship match against Sussex at Hove on 27-30 Aug 1921, he captured six victims in an

innings (two catches & four stumpings). This record, equalled only by David Hunter and Jimmy Binks, stood until 1982 when David Bairstow had seven victims (all caught) in an innings against Derbys at Scarborough in the County Championship game played on 8-10 Sept 1982. He had four more (all caught) in the second innings.

After he had finished playing first-class cricket, he played for Castleford CC in the Yorkshire Council although he weighed 20 stones in later life.

124) **John Thomson BELL** – 16 June 1895 in Batley, W Yorks Died 8 Aug 1974 in Guiseley, Leeds, aged 79.

# He was a RH batsman

First-class debut – v Hants, Bramall Lane, Sheffield on 28-31 May 1921 in the County Championship. He made a pair on debut. Yorks career – 1920-1923

His best first class score and career-best effort (225) was made for Glamorgan against Worcestershire at Dudley in the County Championship on 10-12 July1926. His best first-class bowling effort (1/2) occurred against Sussex at Hove in the County Championship on 25-27 June 1930.

1st Class Matches (Yorks & Glamorgan)	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
184	307	20	8390	225	29.23	12	41	62
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
22	41	0	815	124	19.87	I	3	8
2nd XI Friendly Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
3	5	0	18	8	3.60	-	-	-

### **CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING**

### BOWLING

1st Class Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	40.5	3	205	2	102.50	1/2	-	-

He played just seven games for Yorkshire between 1921 and 1923 and then moved to south Wales to play for Glamorgan. He played there until 1931 when the club had to release him and several other players as finances were tight. Between 1946 and 1951 he stood as a first-class umpire. He also returned to Yorkshire play League cricket.

125) **James William BROOK** – Born 1 Feb 1897 in Ossett, W Yorks Died 3 March 1989 in Selby, E Yorks, aged 92.

He was a RH batsman and bowled RA medium-pace

First-class debut – v Glam, Bramall lane, Sheffield, on 18-21 Aug 1923 in the County Championship. This was his only first-class game. Yorks career – 1921-1924

His highest score (53) was made against Cheshire at Redcar CC in the Minor Counties Championship match on 23 & 24 July 1923.

1st Class Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
1	1	0	0	0	-	-	-	-
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
25	42	4	621	53	16.34	-	2	22

**CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING** 

He was regarded as the finest batsman produced in the Heavy Woollen area since Edgar Oldroyd but never made the first-class grade.

126) **T DIDLOCK** – No biographical information is available for this player. Yorks career – 1921. His highest score of 28 came in the Minor Counties Championship match against Lancs at the Bentley Colliery Miners Welfare Gd, Doncaster, on 16 & 17 May 1921.

2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
2	4	2	56	28	28.00	-	-	2

2nd XI Minor Counties	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
Matches	5	0	35	0	-	-	-	-

127) G DOBSON – No biographical information is available for this player.

Yorks career – 1920-1921. He played just two games for the club and made his highest score (11) in the first of these. This was a friendly game against the Yorkshire Cricket Council, played at Savile Park, Castleford on 12 & 13 July 1920, the year before Yorkshire rejoined the Minor Counties Championship.

2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
1	1	0	4	4	4.00	-	-	-
2nd XI Friendly	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
Matches		Outs	Kulls	Score				

# **CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING**

128) C EMSLEY – No biographical information is available for this player.

Yorks career – 1921. He played just one game for Yorkshire, a Minor Counties Championship encounter against Durham at Savile Park, Castleford, on 6 & 7 June 1921.

2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
1	2	1	10	6	10.00	I	-	-

2nd XI Minor Counties	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
Matches	17.3	4	55	3	18.33	3/41	-	-

129) Arthur Henry FAWCETT – Born 16 Sept 1880 in Hull

Died 11 Jan 1957 in Stannington, Northumberland, aged 76.

He was a wicket-keeper

First-class debut – Playing for the Europeans against the Parsees at the Gymkhana Gd in Bombay (now Mumbai) on 6-8 Dec 1917. Yorks career – 1921.

His highest score in first-class cricket (9) was made against the Players for the Gentlemen at Scarborough on 7-9 Sept 1922. His career-best performance (12\*) was made in the Minor Counties Championship against Durham at South Shields on 22 & 23 June 1921.

1st Class Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
(For the Europeans and others)								
6	8	3	29	9	5.80	-	-	6/1
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not	Total	Highest	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
		Outs	Runs	Score	_			
4	7	4	25	12*	8.33	-	-	12

### **CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING**

130) **M W GARSIDE** – There is no biographical information available for this player. Yorks career – 1920-1922. His highest score of 103\* came against Lancs at the Bentley Miners Welfare Gd, Doncaster in the Minor Counties Championship on 16 & 17 May 1921.

2nd XI Minor Counties	Inns	Not	Total	Highest	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
Matches		Outs	Runs	Score				

9 13 2 239 105 19.92 1 - 3
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131) **G W HIRST** – There is no biographical information available for this player.

He was a wicket-keeper

Yorks career – 1921. His highest score of 11 arrived in the Minor Counties Championship game against Cheshire at Boughton Hall Avenue, Chester on 3 7 4 Aug 1921. This innings ended in ignominious fashion when Hirst was given out Handled the Ball.

### **CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING**

2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
2	3	1	16	11	8.00	-	-	4

# 132) Ernest Fitzherbert HOLDSWORTH – Born 8 July 1872 in West Bowling, Bradford Died 6 Dec 1953 aged 81.

Yorks career - 1897-1925

His highest score of 93 was made against the Airedale-Wharfedale Senior CL at Horsforth Hall Park in Leeds on 15 & 16 July 1919 in a friendly encounter His best bowling figs of 5/62 came against Northumberland at Jesmond in the Minor Counties Championship on 20 & 21June 1921.

2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
48	62	4	639	42	11.01	-	-	16
2nd XI	Inns	Not	Total	Highest	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
Friendly Matches		Outs	Runs	Score	Tiverage	1005	503	Cust

2nd XI Minor	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best	5wI	10wM
Counties						Figures		
Matches	382.5	86	916	46	19.91	5/62	1	-
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211U AI	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best	5wI	10wM
Friendly	Overs	Maidens	Kuns	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wl	10wM

He succeeded Robert Frank as second eleven captain in 1919. He was 37 at the time and it was 22 years after his first game for Yorkshire, a friendly for the second eleven against Yorkshire at Bradford PA on 20 & 21 Sept 1897. During his time in charge, Maurice Leyland, Arthur Mitchell and Norman Kilner all graduated to regular first eleven cricket. He was associated with the Bowling Old Lane club in Bradford for 40 years, 33 as a player and 26 as captain. He was also president for 14 years.

133) **Norman KILNER** – Born 21 July 1895 in Low Valley, Wombwell, S Yorks Died 21 April 1979 in Alum Rock, Birmingham, aged 83.

First-class debut – v Notts, Bramall Lane, Sheffield on 27 & 28 June 1919 in the County Championship Yorks career – 1919-1923. He played for Warwickshire from 1924 to 1937.

His highest first-class score of 228 came for Warwicks against Worcs at New Road on 24-26 July 1935 in the County Championship His best bowling figs of 1/19 were obtained against Kent at Tunbridge Wells on 7-9 July 1926 in the County Championship

1st Class Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
(For Yorks & Warwicks) 403	619	42	17522	228	30.36	25	99	186
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
3	5	0	110	59	22.00	-	1	-
2nd XI Friendly Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
6	10	2	282	114*	35.25	2	1	5

1st Class Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	37.2	7	166	2	83.00	1/19	-	-

He was the brother of Roy and nephew of Irving Washington. He was awarded a benefit season by Warwicks in 1937. Once retired, he became an umpire.

134) **Maurice LEYLAND** – Born – 20 July 1900 in Harrogate, North Yorkshire Died – 1 January 1967 in Scotton Banks, Knaresborough, North Yorkshire, aged 66.

First Class debut – v Essex, Hornchurch Park, Southend-on- Sea in 1920 in the County Championship Test debut – v West Indies, Kennington Oval, South London, 1928 Yorkshire career – 1920 to 1951

Highest score in First Class matches – 263 v Essex at the Circle, Hull, in 1936 in the County Championship Best bowling in First Class matches – 8/63 v Hampshire at Fartown, Huddersfield, in 1938 in the County Championship

Test Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
41	65	5	2764	187	46.06	9	10	13
1st Class Matches 686	<b>Inns</b> 932	<b>Not</b> <b>Outs</b> 101	Total Runs 33660	Highest Score 263	Average 40.50	<b>100s</b> 80	<b>50s</b>	Ct/St 246
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
13	22	2	311	76	15.55	-	1	7
2nd XI Friendly Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
9	16	2	259	72*	18.50	-	-	4

Test Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	183.5	35	585	6	97.50	3/91	-	-
1st Class Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	4828.3	1193	13659	466	29.31	8/63	11	1
2nd XI Minor Counties	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	<b>Overs</b> 203.2	Maidens 35	<b>Runs</b> 675	Wickets 32	<b>Average</b> 21.09		<b>5wI</b>	10wM -
Counties					8	Figures	5wI 1 5wI	10wM - 10wM

Maurice Leyland came from a cricketing family. His father was a professional with Moorside CC, near Oldham. He also worked as the club's groundsman and, in later years, continued this job at Headingley. Maurice was particularly noted as a batsman who reacted well under pressure and against the best teams and bowlers. His test average is better than his first-class average and against Australia, his average is even higher. He scored nine test centuries and seven of these were against Australia. He made his highest test score of 187 in his forty-first and final appearance

Leyland's cricket career began at the age of 12, when he joined his father in the Moorside XI. By the age of 14, he was playing in the Lancashire League. He then played for his local club, Harrogate CC, from 1918 to 1920. By this time, he had come to the attention of the county and was playing second eleven cricket, batting and bowling left-arm wrist spin. He also played football for Harrogate FC.

He made 1000 runs in a season for the first time in 1923, the year he receive his county cap. He repeated the feat in every season from 1924 to 1939.

He followed several other Yorkshire players and, in the winter of 1926/27 and 1927/28, went to India to coach for the Maharajah of Patiala. Wilfred Rhodes, Arthur Dolphin and , tragically, Roy Kilner also made the journey. In returning from India in 1928, Leyland married Constance Russell in Harrogate on 29 March 1928. In later years, she looked after Herbert Sutcliffe's children when Yorkshire played at Harrogate.

Test selection came his way in 1928 against then West Indies at Kennington Oval. The West Indies were playing their first-ever test matches and were not too strong. In his first test against Australia, at Melbourne in 1929, he scored a century; in his final test, he scored 187, also against Australia at Kennington Oval in 1938. In the winter of 1932/33, he toured Australia on what became known as the Bodyline tour. He received a benefit in 1934, which raised £3,648 (£252,742.93 in today's money). The amount raised was the third highest ever received by any Yorkshire player.

On 20 August 1938, at the Oval, Len Hutton and Leyland added 382 for the second wicket, still England's record for that wicket.

Upon retirement in 1946, he went back to Harrogate CC to play for them. He maintained his connection to Yorkshire as Club Coach from 1950 to 1963. Amongst the first group of former players to be so honoured, he was awarded honorary membership of the MCC in 1949. He died on New Year's Day 1967, aged just 66, having suffered from Parkinson's Disease.

135) Edward John PYE-SMITH – Born 24 Feb 1901 in Sheffield Died 6 March 1983 in Bishop Monkton, Harrogate, aged 82.

He was a RH batsman and bowled RA medium pace

First-class debut – v the Army at Fenner's for Cambridge University on 31 May to 2 June 1922 Yorks career – 1920-1923

His highest score of 37 came in the Minor Counties Championship against Cheshire at Boughton Hall Avenue, Chester on 3 & 4 Aug 1921.

1st Class Matches (For Cambridge Un)	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
1	1	0	32	32	32.00	-	-	1
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
6	12	0	107	37	8.91	-	-	-
2nd XI Friendly Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
2	3	0	42	29	14.00	-	-	1

### **CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING**

136) Richard Cecil SARGENT - Born 26 Oct 1889 in Shipley, W Yorks.

Yorks career - 1911-1921

His highest score of 25 was made in the Minor Counties Championship against Cheshire at Boughton Hall Avenue, Chester, on 3 & 4 Aug 1921. His best bowling figures of 8/35 came in a friendly game against the Doncaster & District CL at Doncaster CC on 18 & 19 Aug 1920.

### **CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING**

2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
8	13	3	101	25	10.10	-	-	4
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2nd XI Friendly Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St

### BOWLING

2nd XI Minor Counties	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
Matches	223.3	19	600	40	15.00	6/21	3	1
2nd XI	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best	5wI	10wM
Friendly						Figures		

A splendid career in friendly cricket, mostly before the First World War only saw a debut for the second eleven in the Minor Counties competition in 1921, which turned out to be his only season at that level. He is only one of three players to take 100 wickets for the second eleven in friendly cricket. G W Bayes (112) and T W Gill (013) are the others.

137) Eric Martin SMEETH - Born 1897 in Ben Rhydding, W Yorks and died in 1946.

Yorks career - 1919 to 1925

His highest score of 37 came against Cheshire at Harrogate CC on 11 & 12 July 1921 in the Minor Counties competition. His bowling return of 1/11 came in a Minor Counties Championship match against Durham at Duke's Park, Bridlington, on 10 & 11 Aug 1922.

2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
13	22	0	225	37	10.22	-	-	7

2nd XI Friendly Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
1	2	0	13	11	6.50	-	-	1

2nd XI Minor Counties	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
Matches	42.2	11	105	2	52.50	1/11	-	I

138) **Harry TAYLOR** – Born 10 Dec 1900 at Idle, Bradford Died 28 Oct 1988 at Bradford, aged 87.

He was a RH batsman and bowled RA medium pace.

First-class debut – v Middx at Lord's on 28-30 May 1924 in the County Championship Yorks career – 1921-1928

His highest first-class score was made against Essex at the Circle, Hull on 28 June to 1 July 1924 in the County Championship His career-best score (79) came in the Minor Counties Championship against Notts at the Crown Farm Colliery Gd, Mansfield, on 22 & 23 July 1925

# **CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING**

1st Class	Inns	Not	Total	Highest	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
Matches		Outs	Runs	Score				
9	13	0	153	36	11.76	-	-	1
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
32	54	4	930	79	18.60	-	4	14

139) J T TAYLOR – There is no biographical information available for this player. A brief Yorkshire career saw him play only in the 1921 season

His highest score of 25 arrived against Durham in the Minor Counties Championship at Savile Park, Castleford, on 6 & 7 June 1921.

### **CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING**

2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
3	6	1	49	25	9.80	-	-	3

He was one of many players trialled in the 1921 season who failed to make the grade.

140) **Geoffrey WILSON** – Born 21 Aug 1895 in Potternewton, Leeds Died 29 Nov 1960 in Southsea, Hants, aged 65

He was a RH batsman and bowled RA medium pace

First-class debut – (for Cambridge Un) v the Australian Imperial Forces at Fenner's on 21-23 May 1919 Yorks career – 1913-1924

His highest first-class score (142\*) came against Victoria at the Melbourne CG on 9-12 March 1923. This was part of A C MacLaren's private tour to Australia & New Zealand in the Winter of 1922/23. His side had been dismissed for just 71 in their first innings and Victoria had then run up a little matter of 617/6 dec with four centurions.

However, Wilson and Wilfred Hill-Wood (Cambridge U & Derbys), who made an undefeated 122, batted the whole of the last day to secure a draw. It was in this match that Wilson returned his best first-class figures of 1/44.

1st Class Matches (For Yorks & Cambridge Un)	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
115	129	18	1801	142*	16.22	1	7	44
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
4	7	0	231	135	33.00	1	1	1
2nd XI Friendly Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
2	3	1	32	23*	16.00	-	-	1

1st Class Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	12.2	0	55	1	55.00	1/44	-	-

Geoffrey Wilson was captain of Yorkshire for three seasons, 1922 to 1924, and won the Championship each time. Such a splendid achievement was, however, not without its ups and downs on both a personal and playing level.

Injuries and illnesses in 1922 (appendicitis) and 1923 (a hand injury) forced him to miss important sections of each season and a fractious match against Middlesex at Sheffield in 1924 where the crowd barracked the home side and Abe Waddington's apparent dissent against umpires' decisions caused the two officials to write to MCC about his behaviour, saw Middlesex threaten to refuse to play any more games against the White Rose, a threat that was fortunately eventually withdrawn.

Geoffrey Wilson resigned the captaincy at the end of the 1924 season, to be replaced by Arthur Lupton.

141) W M WILSON - There is no biographical information available for this player.

Yorks career - 1920-1921

His highest score of 20 was made twice, firstly against the Airedale-Wharfedale Senior CL at Horsforth Hall Park in Leeds in a friendly game on 20 & 21 July 1920 and then against Northumberland at Jesmond in the Minor Counties Championship on 20 & 21 June 1921.

2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
4	7	1	59	20	9.83	-	-	2
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2nd XI Friendly Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St

### **CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING**

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