YORKSHIRE SECOND ELEVEN IN THE MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON 1956 - FINAL TABLE

	Team	P	W	L	DWF	DLF	NC/Ab	Pts	PtPC
	Pts awarded	-	10	-	3	1	2	-	-
1	Kent 2nd XI	14	8	0	2	3	1	91	6.50
2	Northumberland	12	4	0	7	1	0	62	5.16
3	Nottinghamshire 2nd XI	16	5	0	6	2	3	76	4.75
4	Cambridgeshire	8	3	1	1	3	0	36	4.50
5	Somerset 2nd XI	10	3	1	3	1	2	44	4.40
6	Yorkshire 2nd XI	18	6	5‡	1	3	3	78	4.33
7	Buckinghamshire	10	3	2	3	1	1	42	4.20
8	Lancashire 2nd XI	20	6	3	2	4	5	80	4.00
9	Middlesex 2nd XI	12	3	2	4	1	2	47	3.91
10	Surrey 2nd XI	12	3	2	4	1	2	47	3.91
11	Berkshire	10	3	2	1	2	2	39	3.90
12	Northamptonshire 2nd XI	12	3	2	1	4	2	41	3.41
13	Warwickshire 2nd XI	16	4	4	1	3	4	54	3.37
14	Durham	12	2	2*	3	2	3	40	3.33
15	Hertfordshire	10	2	3*	1	2	2	32	3.20
16	Leicestershire 2nd XI	12	2	3*	2	3	2	36	3.00
17	Lincolnshire	10	2	4	2	0	2	30	3.00
18	Staffordshire	10	1	0	4	2	3	30	3.00
19	Dorset	12	2	2	3	5	0	34	2.83
20	Wiltshire	10	1	2	3	3	1	24	2.40
21	Derbyshire 2nd XI	8	1	3*	0	2	2	19	2.37
22	Cornwall	8	0	0	4	2	2	18	2.25
23	Devon	10	0	2*	3	1	4	21	2.10
24	Bedfordshire	8	0	3*	3	1	1	15	1.87
25	Suffolk	8	0	1	4	3	0	15	1.87
26	Cumberland	8	1	5	0	0	2	14	1.75
27	Oxfordshire	10	0	2*	1	6	1	14	1.40
28	Essex 2nd XI	10	1	6	0	3	0	13	1.30
29	Norfolk	12	0	5	2	3	2	13	1.08
30	Cheshire	8	0	2	0	4	2	8	1.00

* First inns pts (3) in one match lost ‡ First inns pts (3) in two 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 F Oates	7	12	1	495	104	45.00	1	4	4
W B Stott	6	8	1	268	89	38.28	-	2	8
J B Bolus	12	21	2	696	160*	36.63	1	3	8
E Slingsby	10	17	3	433	66	30.92	-	4	5
F W Goddard	3	5	0	146	84	29.00	-	1	-
E I Lester	17	25	1	583	68	24.29	-	6	9
G W Moore	6	9	1	173	117*	21.62	1	-	3
J R Burnet	16	22	2	432	67	21.60	-	3	5
M Ryan	4	6	3	53	18*	17.67	-	-	1
A B Bainbridge	3	3	1	30	23*	15.00	-	-	1
E Leadbeater	7	10	1	133	29	14.77	-	-	8
B Handley	10	18	2	221	45	13.81	-	-	3
P N Broughton	10	7	5	26	14*	13.00	-	-	4
A W Kettleborough	3	6	0	75	25	12.50	-	-	-
M Naylor	9	12	2	103	46	10.30	-	-	2
H D Bird	7	9	2	69	21*	9.85	-	-	4
G Booth	8	11	1	80	20	8.00	-	-	4
S G Metcalfe	2	4	0	32	25	8.00	-	-	1
P Weatherhead	2	3	0	23	12	7.67	-	-	2
E Legard	13	16	4	65	29*	5.41	-	-	18/9
P Hodgson	2	3	0	16	16	5.33	-	-	-
R Wood	13	11	4	36	17	5.14	-	-	6
E J Sutton	4	6	1	6	5	1.20	-	-	4/4

ALSO BATTED

Player	M	I	NO	TR	HS	Ave	100	50	Ct/St
F A Lowson	1	1	0	118	118	118.00	1	-	1
K Taylor	1	1	0	33	33	33.00	ı	ı	2
R Appleyard	1	2	0	31	29	15.50	ı	ı	-
R K Platt	1	1	0	12	12	12.00	ı	ı	-
D Dent	2	2	0	12	12	6.00	ı	ı	1
B Hall	1	1	0	6	6	6.00	-	-	-
R A Fisher	1	2	0	7	5	3.50	ı	ı	-
W P Tiler	2	2	0	0	0	-	-	-	-
D B Close	1	1	0	0	0	-	-	-	-
G A Hare	1	1	1	0	0*	-	-	-	-
T McCabe	1	1	0	0	0	-	=	=	-

FINAL AVERAGES – BOWLING

Player	О	M	R	W	BB	Ave	5wI	10wM
D B Close	21.4	9	31	15	8/13	2.06	2	1
W B Stott	9	4	21	4	4/13	5.25	ı	Ī
P K Platt	34.3	15	44	8	6/27	5.50	1	Ī
B Hall	37	18	57	6	4/46	9.50	ı	Ī
A B Bainbridge	14	3	35	3	2/15	11.67	1	Ī
R Appleyard	43.4	10	101	8	5/38	12.62	1	Ī
W P Tiler	30	6	80	6	3/24	13.33	1	Ī
R Wood	250.3	79	548	40	6/57	13.70	2	Ī
M Naylor	139.4	28	512	25	6/60	20.48	2	Ī
J B Bolus	62.1	18	185	9	3/35	20.55	1	Ī
M Ryan	137	40	330	14	5/15	23.57	1	ı
P N Broughton	229	47	680	27	6/35	25.18	2	ı
B Handley	201.4	61	534	20	3/33	26.70	1	ı
E Leadbeater	163.4	32	502	18	6/59	27.88	1	1
G Booth	163	28	521	14	5/87	37.21	1	ı
P Hodgson	44	9	125	3	2/29	41.67	-	-

ALSO BOWLED

Player	0	M	R	W	BB	Ave	5wI	10wM
F W Goddard	4	1	7	1	1/5	7.00	-	-
T McCabe	8	3	9	1	1/7	9.00	-	-
G A Hare	15	4	25	1	1/12	25.00	-	-
P Weatherhead	11	0	38	1	1/20	38.00	-	-
E I Lester	5	0	30	0	-	-	-	-
K Taylor	4	1	9	0	-	-	-	-
D Dent	3	0	15	0	-	-	-	-
H D Bird	1	0	4	0	-	-	-	-
J R Burnet	0.3	0	2	0	-	-	-	-

LINE SCORES OF MATCHES PLAYED

- v Lancashire (Old Trafford) 21 & 22 May 1956 *Lancs 160 (P Barcroft 50; M Naylor 5/70, P N Broughton 3/40) & 207 (J B Bolus 3/35) lost to Yorks 340/7d (E I Lester 65, J B Bolus 63.J R Burnet 61*, E Slingsby53) & 28/2 by eight wkts
- v Cumberland (Marshfield, Settle) 23 & 24 May 1956 (Toss unknown) Cumberland 173 (R Wood 5/40) & 93 (R K Platt 6/27, E Leadbeater 3/35) lost to Yorks 227/9d (E I Lester 56, E Slingsby 53; W Lawton 4/65) & 38/0 by 10 wkts
- v Cheshire (Acklam Park, Middlesbrough) 30 & 31 May 1956 (Toss unknown) Cheshire 201 (B M Lowe 91; M Ryan 4/53, R Wood 3/18) & 162/5d (F W Millett 61*; P N Broughton 3/46) lost to Yorks 202/7d (J B Bolus 90; R J Digman 3/51) & 162/6 (E I Lester 64; R J Digman 4/48) by four wkts
- v Cumberland (Ernest Valentine Gd, Workington) 4 & 5 June 1956 (Toss unknown) Cumberland 52 (D B Close 7/18) & 36 (D B Close 8/13 [and match figs of 15/31]) lost to Yorks 105/5d (W D F Dow 3/48) by an inns & 17 runs
- v Staffordshire (Fartown, Huddersfield) 11 & 12 June 1956 (Toss unknown) Staffs 274/4d (H Boon 89*, D M Haynes 58) drew with Yorks 169 (W F Oates 67; B Shardlow 4/56, J C Norcup 3/19) & 57/9 (B S Crump 3/10)
- v Nottinghamshire (The Circle, Hull) 18 & 19 June 1956 (Toss unknown) Notts 158 (W B Stott 4/13, B Hall 4/46) & 119/5 drew with Yorks 267 (W F Oates 104, J R Burnet 50; A B Cleveley 5/53)
- v Lincolnshire (Harrogate CC) 20 & 21 June 1956 (Toss unknown) Lincs 123 (R Wood 4/41) & 125 (R Wood 4/40, M Naylor 3/9, B Handley 3/60) lost to Yorks 137 (F W Goddard 84; A W Lea 4/24, H M A Cherry-Downes 4/36) & 115/4 (W F Oates 50) by six wkts

- v Northumberland (Jesmond) 25 & 26 June 1956 *Yorks 281 (W F Oates 86, E Slingsby 66; L McGibbon 4/89, J Y Oakes 3/28) & 206 (L McGibbon 4/54, F Clayforth 3/42) lost to Northumberland 275 (J Y Oakes 118, R W Smithson 54; P N Broughton 5/90) & 217/9 (J Y Oakes 73; E Leadbeater 6/59) by one wkt
- v Cheshire (Haddon Field, Middlewich) 4 & 5 July 1956 (Toss unknown) Yorks 287/1d (J B Bolus 160*, F A Lowson 118) drew with Cheshire 221/9 (F W Millett 80; M Naylor 6/60)
- v Nottinghamshire (Town Gd, Worksop) 11 & 12 July 1956 (Toss unknown) Notts 294/8d (K L Poole 61, J D Springall 53*, E J Martin 52, N W Hill 51; G Booth 5/87) & 54/1 beat Yorks 114 (P F Harvey 5/21, K J Poole 5/41) & 233 (G W Moore 117*; A P Potter 5/62, P F Harvey 3/76) by nine wkts
- v Northamptonshire (Northampton) 16 & 17 July 1956 (Toss unknown) Northants 174 (A Lightfoot 54; R Wood 5/48, M Naylor 3/49) beat Yorks 126 (E I Lester 51; J R Dale 7/24) by 48 runs (As there was no play on the first day, the game reverted to a single-inns encounter)
- v Durham (Redcar CC) 18 & 19 July 1956 *Yorks 182 (J M Watson 5/78, R Aspinall 3/50) & 103 (R Aspinall 5/18, K Williamson 3/22) lost to Durham 205 (R Wood 6/57) & 84/3by seven wkts
- v Staffordshire (Goodyear Gd, Wolverhampton) 25 & 26 July 1956 (Toss unknown) Yorks 184 (E Slingsby 55; S Crump 5/57, S B Boon 3/39) & 237 (E I Lester 68, J R Burnet 67; R Moore 3/49, S Crump 3/69) drew with Staffs 348/6d (D M Haynes 128, S Crump 68, H Boon 66) & 65/5
- v Lincolnshire (Lindum Sp Gd, Lincoln) 1 & 2 Aug 1956 Match abandoned without a ball bowled
- v Lancashire (Scarborough) 6 & & Aug 1956 *Yorks 118 (R Tattersall 8/41) & 162 (R Tattersall 5/52 [and match figs of 13/93]) lost to Lancs 102 (R Appleyard 5/38, B Handley 3/33) & 179/7 (B J Booth 61; R Appleyard 3/63) by three wkts
- v Northumberland (Duke's Park, Bridlington) 8 & 9 Aug 1956 (Toss unknown) Yorks 227 (W B Stott 89, E I Lester 52; F Clayforth 4/55, L McGibbon 4/59) & 173/7d (W B Stott 72, J B Bolus 58; F Clayforth 4/54) drew with Northumberland 235/3d(R W Smithson 82*, J Y Oakes 73; M Naylor 3/49) & 165/6 (J Y Oakes 85; P N Broughton 3/56) (Match drawn with scores level)
- v Durham (Stockton-on-Tees CC) 15 & 16 Aug 1956 *Durham 53/4 (W P Tiler 3/24) drew with Yorks DNB
- v Northamptonshire (Wiggington Rd, York) 22 & 23 Aug 1956 (Toss unknown) Northants 108 (M Ryan 5/15) & 84 (V Broderick 51*; P N Broughton 6/35) lost to Yorks 153 (W F Oates 75; P D Watts 3/27, M J Tate 3/45) & 43/4 (M R Dilley 3/26) by six wkts

CAREER FIGURES AND BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS (WHERE KNOWN) OF PLAYERS WHO MADE THEIR DEBUTS IN 1956

431) John Brian BOLUS – Born 31 Jan 1934, Whitkirk, Leeds

He was a RH batsman and LA medium pace bowler. He could also keep wicket if necessary

Test debut – v The West Indies, Headingley, 25-29 July 1963 (4th Test) First-class debut – v MCC, Lord's, 28 Apr to 1 May 1956 (Other first-class amtch) Yorks career – 1956-1962

His highest score in Test matches (88) came against India at the Nehru Stadium, Madras (now Chennai), 10-15 Jan 1964 (1st Test)

His highest first-class score & career-best score (202*) came for Notts against Glam at Trent Bridge, Nottingham, 22-25 June 1963 (County Championship)

His best first-class bowling figures and career-best figures (4/40) came against the Pakistanis tourists at Bradford PA on 16-19 June 1962 (Tourist match)

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

Test Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
7	12	0	496	88	41.33	-	4	2
1st Class Matches (For Yorks, Notts & Derbys)	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
469	833	81	25598	202*	34.03	39	142	201
List A Matches (For Yorks, Notts & Derby)	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
143	141	13	3110	100*	24.29	1	18	14
2nd XI Championship (For Yorks, Notts, Derbys, Worcs & Glam)	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
15	27	3	1131	139	47.13	2	3	9
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
46	72	6	2540	160*	38.48	5	11	54
2nd XI Friendly Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
3	5	0	175	108	35.00	1	1	7

BOWLING

Test Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	3	0	16	0	-	-	-	-
1st Class Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	289.2	78	886	24	36.91	4/40	-	-
List A Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	1	0	7	0	-	-	-	-
2nd XI Championship	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	4wI	5wM
	33	9	87	2	43.50	1/1	-	-
2nd XI Minor Counties	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
Matches	142.4	40	399	15	26.60	3/35	-	-
2nd XI	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best	5wI	10wM
Friendly						Figures		

In 1959 he became the first player to score 1000 for Yorks in the second eleven. He was awarded his Yorks cap in 1960 but left in 1962 to join Notts. They capped him in 1963 and awarded him a benefit in 1971, which raised £7820 (or £111,263.29 in 2020). He captained the team in 1972. His final move saw him join Derbys for the 1973 season, when he also received his cap. He captained Derbys in 1973-1975, when he retired.

However, he returned in 1975 to play for Worcs in one game in the Minor Counties Championship and one other for Glam in the same competition.

Other players before Bolus to be capped by three counties were Bob Berry (Lancs, Worcs & Derbys) and Philip de Freitas (Leics, Lancs & Derbys).

Once he had finally retired, he played for Bradford, Cleckheaton, Brighouse and Farsley (all Bradford CL). He is a Life Member of Whitkirk CC (Yorks Senior CL). He later became an England selector.

432) **D DENT** – No biographical details are available for this player. He played two games in the Minor Counties Championship in 1956.

In the first, against Cheshire at Haddon Field, Middlewich (4 & 5 July 1956), he did not but bowled 2-0-6-0 and took one catch. His second and final game was against Notts at the Town Gd, Worksop on 11 & 12 July 1956. He scored 0 and 12 and bowled 1-0-9-0. He did not take any catches.

- 433) **R A FISHER** No biographical details are available for this player. He played just one game in the Minor Counties Championship in 1956. It was against Lincs at Harrogate on 20 & 21 June 1956. He scored 5 and 2. He did not bowl and not take any catches.
- 434) M NAYLOR No biographical details are available for this player. Before his games with Yorks in 1956 & 1957, he had played two friendly matches for Somerset in 1954. These were against Glam on Barry Island on 11 & 12 Aug 1954. In this match, he scored 1 in his only innings and took one wicket.

In the second match against Worcs at Redditch CC on 25 & 26 Aug 1954, he scored 6 in his only innings and took one catch. He did not bowl.

His highest score (55) came in the Minor Counties Championship game against Cumberland at Shap Rd, Kendal on 8 & 9 July 1957. His best bowling figures (6/60) came in the Minor Counties Championship game against Cheshire at Haddon Field, Middlewich on 4 & 5 July 1956

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
19	27	3	286	55	11.91	-	1	8

BOWLING

2nd XI Minor Counties	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
Matches	156.1	49	975	44	22.15	6/60	3	ı

435) E SLINGSBY – No biographical details are available for this player. He played all his games for Yorks in the Minor Counties Championship in 1956 & 1957.

His highest score (66) came in the Minor Counties Championship game against Northumberland at Jesmond CC on 25 & 26 June 1956.

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
11	18	3	447	66	29.80	-	4	7

436) Eric J SUTTON – No biographical details are available for this player. He was a wicket keeper. He played in the Minor Counties Championship and the new Second Eleven Championship from 1956 to 1961.

As with most wicket keepers of the era, batting was not his strong point. His highest score (14) came in the Minor Counties Championship game against Cheshire at Victoria Rd, Macclesfield on 29 & 30 June 1960

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

Minor Counties Championship	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
14	14	4	40	14	4.00	-	-	22/12
2nd XI Championship	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St

He later played for Guiseley CC (Airedale-Wharfedale Senior CL)

437) **W P TILER** – No biographical details are available for this player. He played in the Minor Counties Championship and in the new Second Eleven Championship from 1956 to 1960. He was a opening bowler.

His highest score (4) occurred in the Minor Counties Championship game against Northumberland at Jesmond on 26 & 27 Juen1957 and in the Second Eleven Championship game against Notts at the Town Gd, Worksop on 13 & 14 July 1959.

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

2nd XI Championship	Inns	Not	Total	Highest	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
		Outs	Runs	Score				
5	6	2	7	4	1.75	-	1	1
2nd XI Minor Counties	Inns	Not	Total	Highest	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St

BOWLING

2nd XI Championship	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	91.1	19	254	9	28.22	3/68	-	ı
2nd XI Minor	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best	5wI	10wM
2nd XI Minor Counties	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM

438) **P WEATHERHEAD** – No biographical details are available for this player. He played two games in the Minor Counties Championship in 1956. He was an opening bowler.

The first was against Northants at Northampton on 16 & 17 July 1956. He scored 10 in his only innings and returned figures of 5-0-20-1. He took one catch. The second game was against Durham at Redcar CC on 18 & 19 July 1956. He scored 12 and 1. His bowling figures were 6-0-18-0 over two innings. He did not take any catches.
