

NOTABLE PERFORMERS IN TYNESIDE SENIOR LEAGUE (selected by J G Chapman)

Abbreviations : m = matches; wkts = wickets; Best = most wickets in a season; BB = best figures in a match.
TSL = Tyneside Senior League; DSL = Durham Senior League; NoL = Northumberland League; NWD = North West Durham League; NDSL = North Durham Senior League.

Complete career details unknown for many of the players listed. Figures in square brackets after the words "at least" denote number of scores or bowling figures unknown - many during printing strikes on 20 June-3 August, 1959 and 17 May-22 June, 1975. It is not known, of course, whether an individual played where details are unknown.

J. G. 'Jack' ADAMSON (Gateshead Fell 1921-8, 1938-9, 1951-4; Close House 1931-33; Seghill 1949-50.)
Played 1m for Durham in 1942. Confident, fearsome hitter who scored freely in Northumberland League during 1934-37.
TSL runs : at least 5,647 (av 24.9) [46 unknown] Best : 615 (av 36.2) in 1927 HS : 137 [100s - 5].

Colin ALBONE [So Moor 1968-80, 1990-5; Shotley Br 1982-8]
Scored maiden century at 21 (1975). At Beamish (1979) and Craghead (1981) then flourished with five centuries at Shotley Bridge in 1982-4. Recovered from illness to carry South Moor batting almost single-handedly until 1995.

TSL runs : at least 11,711 (av 30.9) [38] Best : 967 (av 50.9) in 1982. HS : 122* [100s - 8]



J. Leslie ALLAN [Tynedale 1921-33]

Took 273 wkts in 78m for Northumberland (1925-39). Bowled fast, straight and accurate off a short run-up. Moderated pace later but still got lift. Captured 1,070 wkts in all for Tynedale, exceeding 40 wkts in ten of 13 TSL seasons.

TSL wkts : 632 (av 10.4) Best : 74 (av 8.8) in 1930 BB : 8-22 in 1927

Stanley ANDERSON [Wallsend 1904-13]

Scored 924 in 26m for Northumberland (1904-13). Three-quarter back and captain of Rockcliffe. At Wallsend before TSL formed then 'attractive, forcing bat, powerful and enterprising' with Eachwick Hall. At Wallsend for inaugural TSL season where he "played all bowling with delightful ease and confidence."

TSL runs : 5,170 (av 32.9) Best : 829 (av 43.6) in 1909 HS : 147 [100s - 6]

Harry ARKLE [Close House 1908-11; Tynedale 1912-23]

Scored 449 and took 27 wkts in 21m for Northumberland (1905-23). Off-spinner and forcing bat who hit century in 45 minutes in 1913. Major contribution and skipper when Tynedale won first TSL title in 1923. Worked at Lloyds Bank, Corbridge, so felt he should join Corbridge in 1924 - when Tynedale finished bottom.

TSL runs : 4,439 (av 25.5) Best : 630 (39.4) in 1923 HS : 137 [100s - 4].

TSL wkts : 688 (av 11.7) Best : 80 (av 11.7) in 1913 BB : 8-26 in 1920

C. R. Bruce ARMSTRONG [Annfield Plain 1994-99]

Powerful right-hander from South Africa whose dental studies and business commitments prevented regular appearances. This pleased bowlers for he averaged a century every seventh innings. Scored 1,071 in his only full season.

TSL runs : 3,271 (av 57.4) Best : 1,071 (av 53.6) in 1994 HS : 125* [100s - 10] 1000 in season (1)

Walter ARMSTRONG [Consett 1964-91]

Burly, bespectacled all-rounder. Never short of confidence, he thumped the ball if it was there to hit. Surprised batsmen with deceptive speed off a short run. Whippy, slinging action with arm that got disconcertingly lower each succeeding season.

TSL runs : at least 7,532 (av 22.6) [66] Best : 634 (av 27.6) in 1986 HS : 114* [100s - 1]

TSL wkts : at least 414 (av 17.1) [68] Best : 69 (av 12) in 1978 BB : 8-73 in 1978

Harry ATKINSON [Pro at Backworth Percy 1920-1, 1923-5 and Wallsend 1926-7. Amateur at Wallsend 1930-2]

Played 1m for Northumberland in 1927. Match-winning all-rounder who took over 90 wkts in each of first four seasons at Backworth and who exceeded 500 runs in five of ten TSL seasons.

TSL runs : 4,309 (av 32.4) Best : 607 (av 37.9) in 1926 HS 122* [100s - 4]

TSL wkts : 613 (av 10.3) Best : 96 (av 6.8) in 1920 BB : 9-9 in 1920

Stephen R. ATKINSON [Pro at Shotley Bridge 1979-82 and Burnopfield 1986]

Scored 6,959 and held 96 catches in 139m for Durham (1972-89). Established as Durham opener when turning pro, his skill and smiling personality rejuvenated Shotley. Hit 1,860 and 2,255 in all matches in title years (1979-80) with majestic front-and back-foot drives and powerful pulls. Developed into accurate, if negative, in-swing bowler. Scored centuries for Holland and Hong Kong and achieved notable successes in representative matches against some of world's finest bowlers.

TSL runs : 3,334 (av 52.9) Best : 1171 (av 65.1) in 1979 HS : 141 [100s - 7] 1000 runs in season (2).

Robert BAINBRIDGE [Lintz 1970-86; Annfield Plain 1988-92]

RMF with a slinging, some said suspect, action. Formed potent opening attack with Bob Cook. No respite for batsmen at either end for together they exceeded 100 league wkts in twelve of 15 seasons.

TSL wkts : at least 1,066 (av 15) [21] Best : 75 (av 11.7) in 1979 BB : 8-19 in 1981

Gordon T. BAKER [Lintz 1976-99]

Remarkably consistent opener who set himself demanding standards of application and fitness, qualities that helped shape his winning mentality as captain.

TSL runs : at least 8,962 (av 25.9) [48] Best : 888 (av 49.3) in 1999 HS : 152 [100s - 7]

Billy BATEMAN [Ryton 1924-5. Pro at North Durham 1930-4 and Swalwell 1935-9 plus one match as amateur in 1946] Played 2m for Durham in 1933. Boyhood in New Zealand. Joined Blaydon (1914) where he was a rates-collector.

Accurate, wily slow left-arter. West Wylam pro in 1921-3 (239 wickets - av 4.3) before joining Ryton. Captured 396 wkts (av 9.5) in six seasons. Wizardry even more potent in last six seasons (601 wkts - av 8.7) with 10-38 in 1939 and 7 for 0 in eleven balls in 1938. Took 10-50 in TSL War-Time League. Retired as soon as he reached 1,000 TSL wkts during only match in 1946.

TSL wkts : 1001 (av 8.9) Best : 110 (av 8.5) in 1938 BB : 10-38 in 1939 100 wkts in season (3)

Alfie BELL [Ryton 1937-52; Vickers-Armstrong 1953-71]

Well-built all-rounder who bowled massive in-swingers. Successful captain at Vickers-Armstrong. Showed considerable foresight on return to Ryton as chairman and later as hard-working vice-chairman of TSL.

TSL runs : at least 6,693 (av 24.5) [150] Best : 538 (av 41.4) in 1958 HS : 99*

TSL wkts : at least 627 (av 13.8) [150] Best : 44 (av 10.4) in 1937. BB : 9-18 in 1957

Ernie BEWICK [Greenside 1959-69; Swalwell 1969-74; Burnopfield 1975, 1980, 1984 and 1990]

Enthusiastic, energetic all-rounder who had spells as pro at Leadgate and Clara Vale. Aggressive pace bowler and forcing bat. Not afraid to voice decided views on cricket and maintained those standards when he took up umpiring.

TSL wkts : at least 309 (av 15.6) [40] Best 46 (av 10.9) in 1973 BB : 7-26 in 1980



Surendra BHAVE [Pro at Ryton 1990-1]

Brilliant, free-scoring stroke-maker.

TSL runs : 2,228 (av 61.9) Best 1,141 (av 76.1) in 1990 HS : 133* [100s - 6] 1000 runs in a season (2)

Harold BITTING [Consett 1949-61]

Played 1m for Durham in 1956. Sound right-hand bat and penetrative off-spinner whose record would have been even better had his job as steel-worker not limited his appearances and had the side not been packed with quality players.

TSL wkts : at least 463 (av 10.8) [84] Best : 55 (av 10) in 1955 BB : 10-48 in 1952

Fred T. BROADBELT [South Northumberland 1921-30]

Scored 857 in 26m for Northumberland (1921-30). Free-scoring batsman who emigrated to Canada and played against Australian tourists in Toronto.

TSL runs : 4,319 (av 30.6) Best : 806 (av 47.4) in 1929 HS 132* [100s - 6].

Ernie BROOME : [Reyrolle 1947-8; 1952-3; 1959-66; Leslies 1949-51]

Hailed from Doncaster. Successful pro in TSL, at Boldon and later umpire. Devout church-goer and immaculately turned out. Delivered in-swing with a sublime action. Hitter who took the aerial route with smooth pendulum- swing of the bat.

TSL wkts : at least 474 (av 9.1) [74] Best : 75 (av 8.2) in 1953 BB : 8-9 in 1953

Alan BROWN [Seghill 1953-57. Pro at Vickers-Armstrong 1959-66]

Scored 1,749 and took 330 wkts in 134m for Northumberland (1958-79). One of finest all-rounders of his day despite serious back problem. Destructive fast bowler and elegant stroke-maker. So verbose were his medical bulletins, it was rumoured his Vickers' team-mates bought him a masseur's table! Authority on spinal injuries, did charitable work for spastic children.

TSL runs : at least 4,131 (av 30.2) [[30] Best : 865 (av 61.8) in 1966 HS 102* [100s - 2]

TSL wkts : at least 650 (av 10.9) [26] Best : 92 (av 6.8) in 1963 BB : 10-23 in 1963.

Donald BROWN [Annfield Plain 1973-6, 1983-6, 1995-9; Consett 1977-9, 1982; Shotley Bridge 1987-94]

Fine bat, even better quick bowler with great variation. Twice topped TSL bowling averages and runner-up three times, the last following a damaged shoulder in 1995. Resilient and determined, never contemplated defeat. A motivator whose drive galvanised each of his three TSL clubs to two championships and Leadgate to NWD title in 1981.

TSL runs : at least 8,139 (av 24.8) [50] Best : 705 (av 41.5) in 1996 HS : 130 [100s - 3]

TSL wkts : at least 1,151 (av 14.5) [47] Best : 89 (av 10.5) in 1993 BB : 9-79 in 1993

Malcolm John BROWN [Burnopfield 1971-7, 1981-90]

Played 3m for Durham (1974-5). Prolific opener who made 1st XI debut when only 12. Good eye, quick reflexes and very strong on the leg. Fine cover point. First at Burnopfield (age 19) to score 1,000 in season in all matches. Next year hit a, then, club record 171 not out (9 sixes, 17 fours).

TSL runs : at least 9,210 (av 29.7) [14] Best : 865 (av 43.3) in 1973 HS : 171* [100s - 5]

William Newton BROWN [Burnopfield 1957-71. Pro at Leslies 1972, Burnopfield 1973-5 and Sacriston 1976-7]

Adventurous, cavalier opener with great range of shots. Despatched first ball for six if there to hit. Developed into successful outswing bowler having made his 1st XI debut as bowler. Batted number 11 in those days but was promoted to opener and hit three fifties and 47 in first six innings in the rôle. School sports-master with a laconic line in humour.

TSL runs : 8,326 (av 30.4) Best : 757 (av 42.1) in 1974 HS : 132* [100s - 6]

Joseph B. BRUCE [Elswick Wks 1921-3; Armstrong-Whitworth 1924-29; Vickers Armstrong 1930-3; Swalwell 1934-39]

Two centuries and 3,404 runs in 96m for Northumberland (1919-35). Scored maiden hundred for Swalwell (NDSL, 1914) before joining Elswick Works and scoring 6,099 runs (av 31.11). Excellent hooker; good shot selection. Returned to Swalwell and topped TSL averages for a fourth time.

TSL runs : 9,297 (av 32.4) Best : 904 (av 53.2) in 1929 HS 139* [100s - 9]

Neil BURDON [Shotley Bridge 1978-82, 1988-99; Consett 1983; Swalwell 1984-7]

Highly consistent batsman, seriously under-rated off-spinner, and thoughtful captain.

TSL runs : at least 9,258 (av 27.9) [14] Best : 680 (av 42.5) in 1993 HS : 114 [100s - 4]

TSL wkts : at least 401 (av 17.9) [[25] Best : 33 (av 17.2) in 1981 BB : 6-32 in 1981

Paul BURN [Sacriston 1981-3. Pro at Sacriston in 1988 and 1998-9]

Scored 2826 in 54m for Durham (1985-91). Many think he should have played after Durham went First-class. Flame-haired right-hander who quickly established himself with 895 in second season. Uncertain starter but accumulated quickly once 'in'. Undeclared in quarter of his innings. Limited range of shots but a master of those he elected to play. Accurate seam-bowler.

TSL runs : at least 4,539 (av 47.3) [18] Best : 947 (av 135.3) in 1988 HS : 127* [100s - 6]

Clyde G. BUTTS [Pro at Blaydon 1983-5, 1994-7]

Played 7 Tests for West Indies 1984-7. Off-spinner with mesmerising control of flight and pace; a quarter of league overs were maidens. Aggressive bat with little refinement whose 187* in a 30-over match included 6 sixes and 24 fours. Modesty manifest in his commitment to the team. Manager of West Indies Under-19s.

TSL runs : 4,812 (av 46.7) Best : 1,089 (av 57.3) in 1984 HS : 187* [100s - 3] 1000 runs (1).

TSL wkts : 510 (av 13.6) Best : 84 (av 12.5) in 1994 BB : 8-71 in 1985

David CARRICK [Greenside 1965-68; 1971-79; Ryton 1969-70; 1985-92]

Competitive all-rounder who returned to Greenside towards end of their long reign. Never short of confidence. Believed in putting bat to ball and showed good form throughout the Seventies. More-than-tidy seam bowler.

TSL runs : at least 5,503 (av 20.8) [34] Best : 547 (av 27.4) in 1977 HS : 98* in 1982

Paul CARRICK [Greenside 1982-92; Pro at Burnopfield 1993-4 and Ryton 1997-9]

Impressive young bowler who developed so well as genuine all-rounder he was engaged by Burnopfield and Bill Quay. Fine coach who helped Greenside recover during the latter part of his career.

TSL runs : at least 4,973 (av 24.9) [20] Best : 714 (av 39.7) in 1994 HS : 124* [100s - 2]

TSL wkts : at least 508 (av 22.3) [21] Best 67 (av 14.7) in 1992 BB : 9-62 in 1992

Peter CARROLL [Greenside 1960-8; Blaydon 1972-90]

Promising career stalled at Greenside when they acquired battery of fast bowlers. Blossomed at Blaydon to become their leading wicket-taker. It says much for his skill that he used little variation to the prodigious in-swing that few bettered. Noted for his 'patter' and fund of stories, 'PC' was a great favourite of spectators who congregated round him while fielding at fine-leg.

TSL wkts : at least 820 (av 15.6) [13] Best : 67 (av 12.3) in 1982 BB : 8-41 in 1972



Graeme CLENNELL [Lintz 1975-99]

All-rounder whose excellent form extended over a remarkable 15 seasons. At peak in 1989-94 when scoring 4,009 (av 34), three centuries and capturing 291 wkts.

TSL runs : at least 8,942 (av 26.4) [30] Best : 831 (av 43.7) in 1991 HS : 113 [100s - 4]

TSL wkts : at least 799 (av 19.2) [36] Best : 60 (av 18.6) in 1989 BB : 7-36 in 1987

Stuart CLENNELL [Lintz 1981-99]

Younger brother Stuart was approaching his best when Graeme was at the height of his form. One or another - sometimes both - exceeded 500 runs during seven successive seasons during which time they scored combined total of over 8,000 runs.

TSL runs : at least 6,775 (av 24.2) [17] Best : 627 (av 33) in 1996 HS : 116* [100s - 3]

David COLLINGWOOD [Shotley Bridge 1963-97]

Busy and purposeful player all through his career. Fine opener with excellent shot selection and extremely fast between wickets. Unselfish team ethic clearly illustrated in 1987 when he carried his bat for 18 not out in 45 overs to prevent his side being routed. Typical that he should apologise to the secretary of the opposing side for his slow scoring.

TSL runs : at least 9,050 (av 22.6) [64] Best : 733 (av 34.9) in 1977 HS : 105 [100s - 3]

Paul D. COLLINGWOOD [Shotley Bridge 1992-9]

Scored 6,324 runs and took 98 wkts in 114 First-class appearances for Durham (1996-05 **ADD 2006**) Many felt he had the ability and hunger to play First-class cricket so his Test career (and selection as one of *Wisden's* Five Cricketers of the Year, 2006) thrilled local cricket-lovers. One of finest fielders in the world. Impressed as swing bowler then confirmed all-round ability in 1995 when hitting hundred off weakest TSL attack, another off one of strongest : each important in its own way.

TSL runs : 1,200 (av 38.7) Best : 601 (av 50) in 1995. HS : 127 [100s - 3]

TSL wkts : 109 (av 14.9) Best : 41 (av 11.8) in 1995 BB : 8-23 in 1995

Peter K. COLLINGWOOD [Shotley Bridge 1988-99]

Delightful stroke-maker with well-organised technique. Can destroy any attack on his day as he did throughout 1994 when he hit 148* off 99 balls scored 1,946 in all, and won *The Journal* Colin Milburn Trophy. Brilliant fielder and useful swing bowler. Many believe Peter could have reached First-class level had he shown the same hunger as brother Paul.

TSL runs : at least 5,201 (av 38.8) [9] Best : 1,080 (av 63.5) in 1994 HS : 148* [100s - 6]. 1000 runs (1)

Robert COOK [Lintz 1970-99]

Took 15 wkts in 7m for Durham (1976-8). Most successful bowler in the League's modern history.

Slim, athletic build enabled him bowl long spells and beautiful lithe action generated genuine speed, swing and cut. Emphasised consistency by taking 50-or-more league wkts in 18 of 22 successive seasons. Capable, under-used batsman who made 116 during a record 9th wicket stand in 1978.

TSL wkts : 1268 (av 14.3) Best : 76 (av 12.6) in 1978 BB : 9-27 in 1982



Kevin CORBY [Seaton Burn 1975-7, 1992-9]

Scored 294 runs in 54m for Northumberland (1977-89) [117 ct; 4 st]. Four Callers-Pegasus matches [6 ct, 1 st], including one for Rest of World XI. One of best, post-war TSL wicket-keepers. Seaton Burn denied his services at 16 when he moved to Northumberland League to further county career. Returned to play major part in club's fortunes.

TSL runs : at least 5,214 (av 29.6) [17] Best : 786 (av 43.7) in 1998 HS : 116* [100s - 4]

Jack COULSON [Pro at Consett 1928-31 and Craghead 1934-6]

Played 7m for Durham (1925-9). Skillful slow bowler who was a major reason for Consett's first TSL title in 1929 when he took 10-18 in his benefit match and did not concede a run off his first 61 balls when taking 8-10 v Benwell.

TSL wkts : 532 (av 9.3) Best : 115 (av 6.4) in 1929 BB : 10-18 in 1929 100 wkts in season (2).

W. W. 'Bill' COVERDALE [North Durham pro-groundsman 1951-60; Swalwell 1965]

Former Northamptonshire batsman who scored 749 runs in 30m for Durham (1946-51). Always immaculately turned out, he made his runs with graceful ease. That he played below his class was evident the day he scored 84 while seven teammates failed to score. Took wickets nonchalantly with off-breaks. Tended Prince Consort Road with care. Respected employee at currency manufactures, De La Rue.

TSL runs : at least 5,213 (av 39.4) [35] Best : 596 (av 42.6) in 1960 HS : 125* [100s - 4].

TSL wkts : at least 208 (av 11.6) [35] Best : 46 (av 11.1) in 1954 BB : 8-30 in 1954

Chris S. COX [Leslies 1960-9; Reyrolle 1970-86]

Accurate medium-fast seamer who bore brunt of work-load while taking some 300 league wkts at Leslies before trojan service at Reyrolle. Scored useful late-order runs.

TSL wkts : at least 814 (av 16.7) [71] Best : 64 (av 11.2) in 1976 BB : 8-39 in 1976

Stan CROSIER [Ryton 1913-14. Pro at Darlington 1920, Ryton 1921-25, 1931-3 and Morpeth 1926-9]

Played 2m for Northumberland in 1920. Captured 85 wkts on return to Ryton in 1921. Only twice failed to reach 40 in next 12 seasons until engaged by South Northumberland in 1934. Steady batting made him genuine all-rounder.

TSL runs : 4,664 (av 20.4) Best : 597 (av 35.1) in 1924 HS : 100* [100s - 1]

TSL wkts : 824 wkts (av 12.7) Best : 96 wkts (av 10.9) in 1928 BB : 9-47 in 1928

Denis DEMPSEY [Pro at Swalwell 1949-51, 1953-7]

Played 5m for Northumberland (1951). Tall fast-medium bowler with dangerous deviation off the pitch. Signed immediately by Chester-le-Street after he set record TSL aggregate of 116 wkts in 1951.

TSL wkts : at least 528 (av 9.2) [31] Best : 116 (av 6.5) in 1951 BB : 9-26 in 1949 100 wkts in season (1).

Les DENT [Pro at South Moor 1953-4, 1958-61 and Seghill 1957-8]

Chameleon cricketer. Suave, neat and reticent off the field; irascible with a ball in his hand. His histrionics were an umpire's worst nightmare yet he was a fine bat and talented spinner : cunning, crafty, clever - and successful.

TSL wkts : 477 (av 9.8) Best : 94 (av 10.5) in 1960 BB : 9-62 in 1958

C. Clairmonte DEPEIZA [Pro at South Moor 1978-9]

Kept wicket in 5 Tests for West Indies, 1954-5. Bowled seam-up in TSL off a short run, often mischievously turning quickly and bowling off two paces to catch batsman unaware. Failed to honour re-newed contract in 1980.

TSL wkts : 190 (av 11.6) **Best** : 102 (av 9.5) in 1978 **BB** : 8-56 in 1979 100 wickets in season (1)

Mark T. DRAKE [Blaydon 1993-9]

Impressed as a youngster and developed into a stroke-maker of high quality. Selected for Northumberland when Blaydon were elected to Premier League.

TSL runs : 3,046 (av 33.1) **Best** : 552 (av 34.5) in 1999 **HS** : 112 [100s - 3]

Jason M. DUMIGHAN [Swalwell 1986-99]

Powerful opener who formed the back-bone of Swalwell's batting throughout the Nineties when he made all his nine centuries.

TSL runs : at least 7,075 (av 29.4) [14] **Best** : 923 (av 41.9) in 1995 **HS** : 146* [100s - 9]

Paul R DUMIGHAN [Swalwell 1990-9]

Attractive right-hander who formed productive opening partnership with brother Jason. Useful change bowler

TSL runs : at least 4,637 (av 27.3) [6] **Best** 796 (av 33.2) in 1993 **HS** : 99*

R. G. 'Dick' ELLIOTT [Wallsend 1904-33]

Played 6m for Northumberland (1904-14). Dashing bat who drove handsomely off front foot. At Wallsend before TSL formed. Leading batsman in first 16 TSL seasons when scoring over 7,000 runs (av 34). Was first in TSL to score 10 hundreds and first to reach 150 three times.

TSL runs : 8,578 (av 29.6) **Best** : 681 (av 52.4) in 1904. **HS** : 175* in 1905 [Undefeated in ten of 12 TSL hundreds]

Albert ELSDON [Medomsley 1934-9; Consett 1946; Ryton 1961-68]

Took 180 wkts in 72m for Durham (1930-46). Born in 1904, Albert had a boyish desire to play cricket for ever. Began as left-hand opener at Langley Park yet became one of Durham's greatest leg-spinners. Made immediate impact when Medomsley won title on TSL debut. Captured 473 wkts for Medomsley then 110 at Consett : 583 in seven seasons at 9 apiece. Had lost a great deal of zip when he returned to TSL after ten successful years as Tynemouth pro but still turned the googly. Captained Ryton to title when 57 (the fifth club at which he gained a championship medal) and played until aged 71. Captured around 3,500 victims during astonishing career.

TSL wkts : 899 wkts (av 10.6) **Best** : 110 (av 6.43) in 1946 **BB** : 8-20 in 1946 100 wkts in a season (1).



George ELSEY [Pro at So Northumberland 1904, County Club 1909-12 and Benwell 1913]

Took 431 wkts in 115m for Northumberland (1896-1912). One of Northumberland greats who featured in epic battles for supremacy with legendary S. F. Barnes. Impeccable record of consistent medium-fast bowling during a magnificent county career. Played only half-a-dozen seasons in TSL, most at end of career when County Club joined League.

TSL wkts : 248 (av 10.1) **Best** : 61 (av 11) in 1913 **BB** : 8-38 in 1910

Robert FENWICK [Backworth Percy 1923-28. Pro at Backworth Percy 1929-33]

Played 4m for Northumberland (1929-34). Accurate, penetrative bowler who, when appointed pro took a further 365 TSL wkts (av 8.8). Captured over 350 wkts (av 11.5) in NoL in 1934-9 and reached 1,000 in all for Backworth.

TSL wkts : 573 (av 10.6) **Best** : 84 (av 8.6) in 1933 **BB** : 9-24 in 1928

Doug FERGUSON [Pro at Reyrolle 1956-60, Swalwell 1966, 1972-4, 1978 and Wallsend 1979-82]

All-rounder who began at Eppleton before embarking on nomadic career at clubs in every local league but NWD. National Cricket Association coach and later coach to Denmark, Bermuda and Italy, his game was a study in correctness. Right-hand bat and swing bowler who later bowled off-breaks with equal success.

TSL runs : at least 5,083 (av 25.1) [40] **Best** : 735 (av 38.7) in 1972 **HS** : 104 in 1959 [100s - 2]

TSL wkts : at least 655 (av 14.6) [31] **Best** : 76 (av 12.6) in 1974 **BB** : 8-34 in 1956

Michael B. FISHWICK [Pro at Burnopfield 1991-2 and Whickham 1993-4]

Stylish Australian stroke-maker who subsequently gained English passport.

TSL runs : 3,653 (av 46.8) **Best** : 1,072 (av 51.1) in 1994 **HS** : 127* [100s - 5] 1000 in season (2)

Joseph G GALLEY [Pro at County Club 1927-33]

Played 8m for Northumberland 1929-30. On Kent ground-staff at 16 and a qualified coach by 21. Tall, fast-medium bowler previously pro at Durham City and Boldon. Modest and conscientious, appointed Durham CCC coach.

TSL wkts : 374 (av 13.4) **Best** 65 (av 12) in 1929 **BB** : **DETAILS REQUIRED**

W. H. 'Billy' GIBSON [Consett 1968-84; Shotley Bridge 1985-99]

Enthusiastic student of the game. Excellent fielder and attractive batsman with pleasing array of shots.

TSL runs : at least 8,424 (av 22.3) [51] **Best** : 758 (av 36.1) in 1977 **HS** : 104* [100s - 2]

F. W. GILLESPIE [Morpeth 1904-8; County Club 1909-12]

Scored 3,841 in 81m for Northumberland (1899-13), many as reluctant captain. A leading batsman by the time TSL formed, his league career was cut short when appointed Registrar at Leeds County Court. Scored more for county than club because league appearances limited by professional commitments yet always found time to tour with Uppingham Rovers.

TSL runs : 2,504 (av 32.1) Best : 605 (av 46.5) in 1909 HS : 161 [100s - 4].

James GILMAN [Benwell 1905-7; St. George's 1908; County Club 1909]

Scored 1,256 in 24m for Northumberland (1906-11). Cambridge 'blue' and ex-Middlesex batsman who opened for London County with W. G. Grace. Clean hitter who 'cut decisively and low' and scored very quickly. Regarded the 'most powerful bat in the county' in 1909 when scoring 122 in 'a shade over an hour'. Vice-president of Sussex CCC at his death in 1976.

TSL runs : 1,083 (av 32.8) Best : 368 (av 36.8) in 1905 HS 122 [100s - 3]

W. H. 'Bill' GRAHAM [Seaton Burn 1961-99]

Not all good cricketers win medals and cups yet many deserve recognition. Bill gave a lifetime to Seaton Burn often in uphill circumstances. His fitness after a pro soccer career with Aberdeen, Queen of the South and South Shields enabled him play until 2004. Technically sound left-hander who frequently scored 500 a season and valuable slow left-artermer in later career.

TSL runs : at least 8,878 (av 21.9) [59] Best : 588 (av 30.9) in 1982 HS : 104 [100s - 3]

Billy HAMMOND [Greenside 1946-78]

A prince among post-war wicket-keepers in TSL. Devout man who declined to play on Sundays but removed the bails in a flash every other day of the week. Looked frail but stood up to fearsome battery of fast men to earn them many a wicket, often from balls that strayed down leg-side. Opened batting in younger days but rarely required during Greenside's period of dominance.

Mark A. HARPER [Pro at Blaydon 1986]

Re-wrote TSL record books in a single season. Having topped Shell Shield averages, his Guyanan bloodaxe bat went on a marauding crusade during which he decapitated bowlers' reputations with ruthless efficiency. Although 59 % of his runs were boundaries, Harper was no slogger. Most innings began with up to 20 dot-balls before his first boundary - and the inevitable massacre.

TSL runs : 1,863 (av 109.6) in 1983 Best : 1,863 in 1986 HS : 180* [100s - 8] 1,000 runs in a season (1)



Dick HARRISON (Pro at North Durham 1908-12)

Scored 1,217 and took 43 wkts in 24m for Durham (1910-13). Ex-Lancashire II batsman who qualified for Durham by residency. The press hailed him 'the complete cricketer' in 1909 after he hit 114 in 90 minutes, captured 9 wickets and ran out the other batsman. Final season ended prematurely when injured at Stoke playing for Minor Counties v South Africans.

TSL runs : 2810 (av 36.9) Best : 765 (av 40.3) in 1910 HS : 152 [100s - 7]

TSL wkts : 317 Best : 87 in 1909 BB : 9-41 in 1911

Walter HETHERTON [Pro at Tynedale 1910-22, 1925-9, Benwell 1923-4 and Wallsend 1930-2]

Took 566 wkts in 89m for Northumberland (1919-30). One of Northumberland's greatest bowlers. Equally deadly in league cricket and topped TSL averages on four occasions. Genuinely quick, he moved the ball both ways. Having taken 564 wkts in eight league seasons, his contract was not re-newed because the club wanted a groundsman-pro. On return, passed 1,000 league wkts for Tynedale and the club won two further titles. Had a fish business in Hexham market place. Sadly, died by his own hand.

TSL wkts : 1,347 wkts (av 9.3) Best : 101 (av 6.9) in 1928 BB : 9-15 in 1931 100 wkts in a season (2).

Chris HEWISON [Burnopfield 1994-6]

Precociuos talent soon lost to TSL. Called to Durham Cricket Academy and England Under-18s. Now scores heavily in the Premier League. Concentration, technique and range of strokes astonishing in one so young, evoking memories of the late Colin Milburn when 16. Won *The Journal* Colin Milburn Trophy in 1996.

TSL runs : 1,788 (av 41.6) Best 1,005 (av 52.9) in 1996 HS : 125* [100s - 3] 1000 in season (1)

Neil HEWISON [Burnopfield 1966-70, 1976-98 - some as pro]

Played 1m for Durham in 1975. Well-built, hostile fast bowler and powerful bat who cleared the boundary with ease. In 1976 claimed first 9 wkts then uprooted the last man's stumps with a 'no ball'. Alan Beck claimed the tenth. Father of Chris.

TSL runs : at least 10,505 (av 30.5) [12] Best : 806 (av 47.4) in 1978 HS : 143 [100s - 10]

TSL wkts : at least 584 (av 16.9) [13] Best : 78 (av 11.9) in 1976 BB : 9-33 in 1976

Barry HICK [Shotley Bridge 1961-6, 1969-91]

Swashbuckling right-hander who often murdered bowlers. Heart-beat of Shotley Bridge who made club a major force. Shop steward who got things done and worked assiduously to assemble new committee when Management Committee resigned *en bloc* in 1993. One of the great characters of north-east cricket : rumbustious, candid, fun-loving and never lost for a quip.

TSL runs : at least 7,954 (av 24.4) [48] Best : 631 (av 30.1) in 1970 HS : 176 [100s - 3]

Fred S. HILTON [Sacriston 1968-95]

Skillful exponent of leg-breaks and googlies who gave the ball a real tweak. Cricket fanatic who played the last few matches of 1981 with a broken finger on his right hand. Insufficient recognition because he and his club were deemed unfashionable and 'leggies' were regarded a costly luxury during the height of his career.

TSL wkts : at least 868 (av 14.9) [37] **Best** : 61 (av 12.3) in 1993 **BB** : 8-19 in 1988

Marc HOPKINSON [Sacriston 1994-5, 1998-9]

Nomadic batsman who compiled endlessly during his seasons in TSL. Hit three successive hundreds in 1995.

TSL runs : 2,823 (av 35.7) **Best** : 852 (av 38.7) in 1994 **HS** : 143 [100s - 8].

T. Gordon HUNTER [Consett 1966-72, 1978-99]

Played 2m for Durham in 1972. Tall, dependable left-hander. Strong on back-foot and drove sweetly through the off. Tidy swing bowling would have been used much more had his club not possessed fine bowlers.

TSL runs : at least 14,276 (av 29.9) [11] **Best** : 725 (av 38.2) in 1989 **HS** : 108 [100s - 5].

Gerard L. HUNTING [Close House 1911; County Club 1912-4 and 20-5]

Scored 1,310 in 24m for Northumberland (1911-22) Began at Ponteland, 1908. Prolific batsman who plundered runs at an astonishing rate during career limited by business commitments. His sixes peppered the headstones in the cemetery during exhilarating exhibitions epitomising 'The Golden Age'. Hit 5 league hundreds (three in succession) in 1913.

TSL runs : 2,844 (av 51.7) **Best** : 969 (av 80.8) in 1913 **HS** : 181* [100s - 10]

Russell INGLIS [Consett - occasionally]

Scored 6,626 and took 66 wkts in 140m for Durham (1956-73). Included simply because of extraordinary occasions in 1960 when he turned out for Consett because his club, Durham City, were without a match on the first two Saturdays.

Scored 145 not out and 126 not out. When DSL season over, scored 14 in Consett's last match to end with TSL average of 285.

David Christopher JACKSON [Pro at Annfield Plain 1984-7 and Consett 1993-9]

Scored 1734 in 46m for Durham (1980-8). Colossal career from day he scored 164 as 17-year-old for Langley Park. Prolific at Chester-le Street and Bishop Auckland, his 19 hundreds is second most in TSL. Sandwiched a century for TSL XI between three successive league hundreds in 1985. Made himself into successful bowler with accurate line and length. Record TSL aggregate 120 wkts in 1998, the year he did not get off the mark until the 22nd over while steering side to victory over Annfield Plain. A reputation for 'chuntering' in the middle is rooted in a desire for his side to succeed.

TSL runs : 9,925 (av 49.6) **Best** : 1,212 (av 80.8) in 1995 **HS** : 140* [100s - 19]. 1000 in a season (4)

TSL wkts : at least 700 (av 13.9) [40] **Best** : 120 (av 9.4) in 1998 **BB** : 8-40 in 1997 100 wkts in season (1)

Bill JONES [Ryton 1954-65. Pro at Greenside 1966-80]

Played 3m for Durham in 1964. Legendary local hero whose deeds were the stuff of schoolboy fiction. Tall and broad of shoulder, drove with immense power. Aggressive fast bowler who made ball rear disconcertingly into a batsman's rib-cage. Won eleven championship medals in 12 seasons with Ryton (1965) and Greenside. Testament to his talent and influence.

TSL runs : at least 12,915 (av 35.5) [41] **Best** : 760 (av 69.1) in 1964 **HS** : 140 [100s - 13]

TSL wkts : at least 919 (av 10.9) [69] **Best** : 93 (av 8.1) in 1965 **BB** : 9-35 in 1965



Neil KILLEEN [Annfield Plain 1990-2 and occasional appearances 1995-9]

Took 202 wkts in 70 First class matches for Durham (1995-03). [ADD 2004-6] Came to prominence in 1992 with 46 wkts including 8-13, all bowled, against Reyrolle. Selected for England Under-19s and established a reputation in First-class cricket as accurate, medium-paced seamer and useful bat.

TSL wkts : 120 (av 13.2) **Best** : 46 (av 11.3) in 1992 **BB** : 8-13 in 1992

G. Charlton LAMB [Gateshead Fell 1954-60]

Scored 2,460 in 91m for Durham (1954-71). 'Charlie' had all the shots as a schoolboy and made Durham debut at 17. Next year scored almost 750 in first full season. Left TSL with an average of 44 but no century. Made century in first DSL season and hit four in 1964 while scoring a, then, record DSL aggregate 1,041.

TSL runs : at least 3,476 (av 44) [15] **Best** : 771 (av 48.2) in 1960 **HS** : 94.

Gordon LAMB [Leslies 1960-9; Reyrolle 1970. Pro at Reyrolle 1977, 1982-4]

Diminutive, attractive stroke-maker with excellent timing. Quick between wickets, athletic cover and later wicket-keeper. Over 7,000 in all matches for Reyrolle. Fine footballer who broke leg in 1967 and 1968.

TSL runs : at least 8,387 (av 29.7) [30] **Best** : 885 (av 44.3) in 1976 **HS** : 140* [100s - 9]

Ted LARGUE [Burnopfield 1965-65; Lintz 1970-89]

Bspectacled right-hander. Consistent scorer with very sound defence.

TSL runs : at least 6,832 (av 23.4) [35] **Best** 646 (av 35.9) in 1974 **HS** : 101* in 1974 [100s - 1]

Jack R. LATCHFORD [Pro at Consett 1934-39]

Scored 529 and took 50 wkts in 25m for Durham (1935-9). Former Lancashire right-hander who thrilled with majestic drives and dainty cuts. His off-cutters were spectacularly successful during 1936 when taking 10-54 v South Moor, 10-11 v Seghill and 9-18 v Swalwell. Topped TSL batting four times in six seasons; both batting and bowling in 1937-38. Made nostalgic farewell appearance before he left the area, scoring 30-odd on Consett rugby field!

TSL runs : 4,040 (av 49.3) Best : 842 (av 46.8) in 1935 HS : 165* [100s - 8]

TSL wkts : 398 (av 8.13) Best : 93 (av 5.68), 1936 BB : 10-11 in 1936

Horace C. LEE [Tynemouth 1927-33]

Scored 1,956 and took 90 wkts in 71m for Northumberland (1928-47). "Had Test cricket written all over him had he only the heart to fight". Exceptional talent who graced TSL in his first seven seasons, hitting three centuries and taking 10-10 against Vickers-Armstrong in 1931. Prolific in NoL where he continued after the war, finishing with 10,978 runs and 593 wkts in all matches for Tynemouth.

TSL runs : 3,016 (av 35.1) Best : 634 (av 37.3) in 1929 HS : 116 [100s - 3]

TSL wkts : 328 (av 10.4) Best : 68 (av 8.9) in 1932 BB : 10-10 in 1931.

Nevison G. LORAINE [Gateshead Fell 1952-3; Leslies 1965-9. Pro at Reyrolle 1963-4]

Took 36 wkts in 13m for Northumberland (1952-5). Had trials at Warwickshire. Handsome batsman and lanky pace-man who formed lethal combination at Fell with 'Pat' Robson. Illegal variation included a definite 'chuck' that surprised batsmen.

Nine seasons as pro in NWD.

TSL runs : at least 3,019 (av 30.2) [18] Best : 639 (av 42.6) in 1966 HS : 104* [100s - 1]

TSL wkts : at least 364 (av 10.7) [15] Best : 80 (av 7.5) in 1953 BB : 9-17 in 1952

Clive LUMLEY [Swalwell 1957-61, 1964-9, 1974-80]

Studious opener who combined impregnable defence with strokes all around the wicket, particularly strong cutter.

TSL runs : at least 7,632 (av 28.9) [34] Best : 885 (av 44.3) in 1976 HS : 117* [100s - 6].

William G. MACKAY [Backworth Percy 1912-28; County Club 1929-33]

Scored 5,901 and held 161 catches in 155m for Northumberland (1919-39). Fearless short-leg who compiled relentlessly with elegant cuts and leg-side shots. Scored further 2,580 (av 27.2) in NoL in 1934-9.

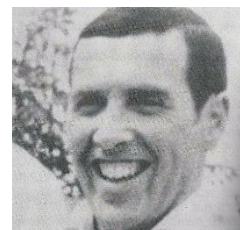
TSL runs : 7,313 (av 28.6) Best : 658 (av 41.1) in 1925 HS : 163* [100s - 7]

Joe McCABE [Consett 1958-64. Pro at Annfield Plain 1972-6 and Blaydon 1977-9]

Played 2m for Durham (1962-74). One of the most successful post-war pros. Accumulated runs clinically with neat strokes. Penetrative and accurate left-arm seamer.

TSL runs : at least 9,098 (av 39.9) [21] Best : 971 (av 51.1) in 1977 HS : 121 [100s - 7]

TSL wkts : at least 710 (av 13.3) [17] Best : 86 (av 7.4) in 1964 BB : 8-26 in 1964



MADAN LAL [Pro at Felling 1987-91]

Played 39 Tests for India (1974-86)

His Test experience powered Felling to four titles and runners-up during his 5-year engagement.

His batting was virtually error-free as an average of 77 suggests while his seam bowling was accurate and penetrative.

TSL runs : 4,235 (av 77) Best : 992 (av 90.2) in 1989 HS : 103* [100s - 2]

TSL wkts : 328 (12.9) Best : 77 (av 11.8) in 1990 BB : 8-38 in 1990

Raymond MARSHALL [Blaydon 1988-99]

Pugnacious right-hander who mixed sound defence with strokes of explosive aggression. Averaged a fifty every fifth innings until latter part of career. Useful in-swing bowler, capable wicket-keeper and fine rugby player. Voluble character given to the odd slip of the tongue : "Give me twenty quid and I'll get you one for nowt."

TSL runs : 5,537 (av 37.7) Best : 949 (av 55.8) in 1995 HS : 153* [100s - 3]

David METCALFE [Sacrison 1979-85; 1988-99]

His astonishing 216* for the Juniors in 1980 was but prologue to many extraordinary assaults on bowlers including a brutal 175 (10 sixes, 17 fours) in 1993 and blistering 174 in 1997. He and Steve Russell hit 11 hundreds and 21 fifties in 44 matches in 1992-3. Such feats were marred by a reputation for being disruptive. Assumed greater responsibility as he matured, notably as determined, willing bowler when attack was rather thin.

TSL runs : at least 8,015 (av 28.1) [26] Best : 950 (av 47.5) in 1992 HS : 175 [100s - 8]

Colin MILBURN [Burnopfield 1956-60]

9 Tests for England (1966-68)

Scored 134 in 3m for Durham (1959-76). Got a 'duck' in his first three TSL innings (at age 12) and youngest at Burnopfield (16) to hit a century. By then he already had sound technique, blistering drives and powerful pulls. First-class for Northants. One of *Wisden's* Five Cricketers of the Year in 1966. First-class career terminated when he lost an eye in a car accident.

TSL runs : at least 1,503 (av 27.8) [13] Best : 622 (av 36.6) in 1958 HS : 102* [100s - 2]

George T. MILNE [Benwell 1904-7. Pro at Benwell Hil 1909-26 and Ashington 1927-34]

Northumberland's greatest all-rounder with 3,022 runs and 744 wkts in 152m (1901-28). Left-hander who drove powerfully. Still effective at 40 and scored last hundred when 51. Slow left-armer with masterly control of flight and spin. Aggregate of 1,896 wkts far exceeds any in TSL.

TSL runs : 8,829 (av 23.9) Best : 812 (av 38.7) in 1913 HS : 119* [100s - 10]

TSL wkts : 1,896 (av 10.3) Best : 112 (av 7.4) in 1921 BB : 9-10 in 1909 100 wkts in a season (3).

Alan MOORE [Consett 1953-60; Shotley Bridge 1961-2]

Genial character whose high-flighted leg-breaks continually baffled over-eager batsmen.

TSL wkts : at least 385 (9.8) [23] Best : 63 (av 8.7) in 1958 BB : 8-23 in 1958

Tommy NICHOL [Consett 1954-82]

Diminutive right-hander with attractive shots all round the wicket.

TSL runs : at least 6,280 (av 19.5) [89] Best : 551 (av 22.9) in 1970 HS : 75

Tommy NICHOLS [Swalwell 1967-74; Burnopfield 1975-98]

Fearless, happy-go-lucky character with an eye like a brick-house rat. Not the prettiest, but few thumped the ball more often.

TSL runs : at least 10,111 (av 20.6) [87] Best : 694 (av 34.7) in 1989 HS : 137* [100s - 2]

Ted NICHOLLS [Morpeth 1904-5; Benwell Hill 1906, 1910-25; Wallsend 1907-8]

Played 8m for Northumberland (1904-12). Fast bowler for Benwell before TSL formed. First in TSL to capture all ten wkts in an innings. West Hartlepool pro in 1909. Took 345 league wkts (av 13.9) for Benwell Hill in partnership with George Milne.

TSL wkts : 586 (av 12.5) Best : 71 in 1905 BB : 10-31 in 1904

William NISBET [South Northumberland 1904-14]

Stylish batsman who had successful opening partnership with brother Jack. Hit 152* (Jack scored 100*) in total of 273 for 0 declared against Morpeth in 1907. Exceeded 500 league runs in four of eight full seasons.

TSL runs : 3,970 (av 34.5) Best : 599 (av 39.9) in 1908 HS : 152* [100s - 5]

D Victor NORBURY [Pro at Backworth Percy 1908-9 and County Club 1910-11]

Scored 1,181 and took 103 wkts in 25m for Northumberland (1910-13). Ex-Hampshire off-spinner who bowled medium-fast in TSL. Attractive forcing bat. Qualified for Northumberland in 1910. Returned to First-class cricket with Lancashire in 1919-22.

TSL runs : 2,271 (av 41.3) Best : 647 (av 38.1) in 1909 HS : 139 [100s - 7]

TSL wkts : 211 Best : 70 in 1908 BB : 8-16 in 1910

Ken NORTON [Pro at Swalwell 1970-1]

Took 608 wkts in 223m for Northumberland (1954-80). Accurate slow left-armer-subtle control of flight, length and pace.

TSL wkts : 161 (av 10.7) Best : 88 (av 9.9) in 1970 BB : 8-12 in 1970.

R. Tom O'CONNOR [Gateshead Fell 1956-60, Shotley Bridge 1983. Pro at Sacriston 1974-5 and Swalwell 1977-82] Played 2m for Durham in 1976. Bowled fast and straight when young. Cut pace owing to back problem yet nagging in-swing still caused problems. Modest and quiet spoken, twice exceeded 150 wkts in all for Sacriston in NWD. Batting had developed on return to TSL and exceeded 500 in six successive seasons. Scored 1,139 and took 124 in all matches for Shotley in 1980. Effective coach with club and county.

TSL runs : at least 5,453 (av 29) [14] Best : 837 (av 38.1) in 1982 HS : 125 [100s - 5]

TSL wkts : at least 555 (av 14.8) [14] Best : 70 (av 11.3) in 1980 BB : 8-50 in 1977



Jack OLIVER [Pro at Blaydon 1972-7, amateur 1981-3]

Builders' labourer with enormous appetite and limitless capacity for ale. Happy character who 'horsed it' down from massive shoulders gaining disconcerting cut and lift on conducive wickets.

TSL wkts : 378 (av 14.1) Best : 74 (av 10.9) in 1973 BB : 8-27 in 1974

Joe PARKINSON (Greenside 1932-50)

Remarkably consistent wicket-taker who formed a dangerous combination with 'Elly' Richardson.

TSL wkts : at least 508 (av 10.7) [19] Best : 73 (av 10.6) in 1938 BB : 10-42 in 1935

David PARNABY [Pro at Reyrolle 1978-9, Blaydon 1980-2 and Felling 1985-6]

Played 3m for Durham (1970-4). Forceful bat and tall, combative fast-bowler with deceptively-quick bouncer. Ten successful years in DSL preceded best years as pro (1,055 runs and 152 wkts in 1978-9). Took 192 wkts for Blaydon before his feats and will to win laid foundation for success at Felling. Headmaster and magistrate, cricket was interrupted by a serious illness. He overcame it with characteristic determination and returned to cricket but succumbed in 2004.

TSL runs : 2,844 (av 24.3) Best : 545 (av 32.1) in 1985 HS : 105* [100s - 1]

TSL wkts : 462 (av 13.8) Best : 80 (av 12.9) in 1978 BB : 8-40 in 1979

Cecil PEARSON [Pro at Vickers-Armstrong 1967-74]

Beefy all-rounder. Forcing batsman who bowled deceptively quick off a relatively short run-up.

TSL runs : at least 3,697 (av 29.8) [18] Best : 586 (av 45.1) in 1968 HS : 103* [100s - 1]

TSL wkts : at least 401 (av 13.3) [21] Best : 70 (av 11.3) in 1971 BB : 8-18 in 1974

Tommy H. PEEL [Sacrison 1975-88, 1990-1; Shotley Bridge 1989, 1992-8; Swalwell 1999]

Enthusiastic player, technically sound with great concentration and fine array of shots. Highly efficient wicket-keeper.

TSL runs : at least 7,920 (av 27.8) [35] Best : 728 (av 34.7) in 1991 HS : 108* [100s - 2].

George F. PERKS [Consett 1955-66]

Played 1m for Durham (1955) Chunky wicket-keeper who showed remarkable agility standing up to some quality bowlers.

Nehemiah A. 'Johnny' PERRY [Pro at Blaydon 1999]

Played 4 Tests for West Indies 1998-9]

Impact brief but off-spinner showed quality with 5-or-more wkts in ten of 13 matches. Negotiating with Blaydon when selected for West Indies. Was at mother's house but nobody heard the radio announcement. Within minutes fifty clamoured at the door to congratulate him. The 1999 World Cup delayed his debut. Landed Newcastle airport at 1 pm; by 8 pm had 5 wkts and 50 in a cup match. Affable personality made him popular with all age groups.

TSL runs : 314 (av 52.3) in 1999 Best : 314 (av 52.3) in 1999 HS : 134* [100s - 1]

TSL wkts : 68 (av 7.4) in 1999 BB : 8-44 in 1999

Billy PICKERING [Pro at Reyrolle 1946-51]

Played 1m for Durham in 1937. Small, pale Yorkshireman who dominated from the start with elegant cuts and drives. Many scores unknown but probably reached 3,000.

TSL runs : at least 2,308 (av 79.6) [72] Best : 668 (av 74.2) in 1946 HS : 138 [100s - 6]

Ron PLATFORD [Reyrolle 1968; Greenside 1969-75, 1987-8; Blaydon 1976-85]

Played 4m for Northumberland (1970). Fine wicket-keeper and prolific opener who accumulated with nonchant ease. Animated raconteur who frequently nudges the listener to punctuate his stories in which 50s are always made 'in a crack'.

TSL runs : at least 8,149 (av 25.2) [23] Best : 757 (av 37.9) in 1970 HS : 139 [100s - 2].



QASIM OMAR [Pro at Sacrison 1978-9 and Annfield Plain 1981-3]

26 Tests for Pakistan [1983-6].

Born Kenya 1957. Diminutive, wristy stroke-maker who whipped the ball off his legs with authority. Raised TSL batting to new heights when first to score 1,000 runs in a season. Loved to have a good time, as proven by fall from grace at Test level.

TSL runs : 5,461 (av 60.7) Best : 1,281 (av 80.1) in 1978 HS : 142* (100s - 13) 1000 runs (4).

Dickie RACE [Pro at Wallsend 1970; amateur 1972-5]

Took 24 wkts in 13m for Northumberland (1961-4)

Genial, left-arm medium-fast bowler who delivered huge in-swingers from round the wicket.

TSL wkts : at least 342 (av 12.1) [7] Best : 72 (av 11.7) in 1974 BB : 8-14 in 1970

David RICHARDSON [Consett 1963-70; Blaydon 1972-84; Greenside 1985]

Dedicated opener with fine concentration and pleasant off-side strokes. Quick between wickets, often to his partner's chagrin. First at Blaydon to score 1,000 runs in all in a season.

TSL runs : at least 7,799 (av 21.7) [17] Best : 740 (av 43.5) in 1976 HS : 129* [100s - 2]

J. E. 'Elly' RICHARDSON [Greenside 1927-36, 1939-47. Pro at Gateshead Fell 1937-8]

Played 3m for Durham in 1939. Medium-pacer who obtained awkward lift. He and Joe Parkinson routed North Durham for 13 in 1945 then 14 and 5 in 1946 before Richardson captured 10 for 10 to dismiss North Durham for 37 in 1947.

TSL wkts : at least 703 (av 10.6) [9] Best : 73 (av 7.8) in 1939 BB : 10-10 in 1947

Ord RICHARDSON

Scored 1,811 in 63m for Northumberland (1904-19). Soccer for Newcastle United. 'A warm friend of all who knew him,' he played for at least 20 local clubs. 'Cool, clear-headed and unflurried', he scored the first hundred in TSL. A respected coach who 'made things hum' and bowled 'nice and slow' to help youngsters develop confidence. Umpire in 1933.

TSL runs : probably over 7,000 Best : 670 (av 44.7) in 1909 HS 113 [100s - 8]

Ian ROBSON [Greenside 1977-83; Lintz 1984-5; Swalwell 1986-9]

Impressive as 17-year-old with 513 runs and maiden century and captained England Under-19s in 1981. Exceeded 500 in six of ten full seasons before moving to DSL.

TSL runs : at least 4,952 (av 27.7) [18] Best : 671 (av 30.5) in 1982 HS : 129* [100s - 4]

W. M. M. 'Pat' ROBSON [Gateshead Fell 1946-9, 1952-4. Pro at North Durham 1955-60]

Took 59 wkts in 23m for Durham (1945-52). Dentist whose vicious late-in swing veered to three vultures waiting at short-leg. Unorthodox action, both arms cart-wheeling at point of delivery made off 'wrong' foot. Fine batsman.

TSL wkts : at least 724 (av 7.7) [71] Best : 80 (av 8.4) in 1954 BB : 9-16 in 1955

Steve RUSSELL [Pro at Sacriston 1992-4]

Pro at Synthonia in 1989. Six feet, 7 inches Western Australian fast bowler who made ball rear awkwardly. Phenomenally powerful hitter who smashed the ball huge distances. Scored 2,847 and took 198 wickets in all matches in 1994.

TSL runs : 3,795 (av 74.4) Best : 1,381 (av 92.1) in 1994 HS : 201 [100s - 13, including two 200s] 1000 runs in season (3)

TSL wkts : 263 (av 12.4) Best : 98 (av 12.2) in 1993 8-52 in 1994

Tommy RUTHERFORD [Seghill 1931-8, 1946-67]

Notoriously fussy left-hand opener who accumulated runs meticulously, not to say monotonously, with nudges and nurdles.

TSL runs : at least 7,403 (av 21.3) [92] Best : 505 (av 36.1) in 1962 HS : 99*

Phil SHIELD [South Moor 1986-92; Sacriston 1993-99]

Wicket-keeper and extremely consistent opener who exceeded 300 league runs in nine of ten full seasons.

TSL runs : at least 4,909 (av 24.8) [10] Best 720 (av 34.3) in 1994 HS 115* [100s - 5]

George SIMPSON [South Northumberland 1904-11]

Scored 1,129 and took 84 wkts in 25m for Northumberland (1896-1906) despite prolonged illness and injury. Crisp, forceful hitter and extremely skillful slow bowler who was at South North long before TSL formed..

TSL runs : 1,451 (av 24.2) Best : 368 (av 33.5) in 1907 HS : 82 in 1909

TSL wkts : 405 (av 10.3) Best : 68 (av 9.7) in 1905 BB : 8-21 in 1909

Clifton M. SKINNER [St. George's 1907-14]

Scored 1,590 and took 298 wkts in 82m for Northumberland (1903-14), including 13-172 in the defeat of All India in 1911. Attacking batsman at County Club before they joined TSL. One of fastest in Minor Counties cricket, was even more lethal when improving control without loss of pace.

TSL runs : 2,028 (av 19.9) Best : 341 (av 26.2) in 1911 HS : 104 [100s - 1]

TSL wkts : 501 (av 12.4) Best : 79 (av 14.9) in 1909 BB : 8-27 in 1907

Michael A SMALL [Ryton 1966-8; Burnopfield 1969-77, 1980-99]

Confident, aggressive all-rounder. Hard-working member for the club and became chairman of N & TSL.

TSL runs : at least 8,651 (av 20.1) [28] Best : 636 (av 27.7) in 1982 HS : 118* [100s - 3].

TSL wkts : at least 608 (av 18.2) [14] Best : 53 (av 15.9) in 1974 BB : 6-15 in 1968



David SMART [Seaton Burn 1967-81, 1983-99]

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Scored 233 in 9m for Northumberland (1985-8). Tall, outspoken, uncompromising right-hander who re-wrote TSL's record-books with aggressive batting : most runs, most hundreds and first double-century for 58 years.

TSL runs : 16,652 (av 31.4) Best : 1,474 (av 70.2) in 1984 HS : 201* [100s - 23] 1000 runs (5)

Alan SMITH [Seaton Burn 1961-7; Greenside 1968-81]

Policeman and tall batsman who smashed the ball high and far. Aggressive fast bowler who obtained violent movement off the pitch. Determination epitomised in Shotley Bridge centenary match 7 years after retiring : threw himself into first delivery, pitched forward, and ploughed a furrow up the wicket with his nose.

TSL wkts : at least 3,498 (av 18.7) [85] HS : 70

TSL wkts : at least 866 (av 13.4) [46] Best : 68 (av 8.7) in 1971 BB : 8-68

Jim S SMITH (snr) [Shotley Bridge 1961- ; Burnopfield -71; Blaydon 1972-9; Seaton Burn 1981]

Medium pace seamer who often produced explosive, match-winning innings.

TSL wkts : at least 593 (av 15.3) [11] Best 69 (av 14.3) in 1970 BB : 7-33 in 1970

S. J. 'Jim' SMITH (jnr) [Blaydon 1978-9; Greenside 1980-4, pro 1995-8; Ryton 1985-6; Shotley Bridge 1988; Swalwell 1999]

Impressive start and called into Durham Under-16s. Resilient all-rounder like father. Gave total commitment for almost 30 seasons in TSL and Durham Coast League. Younger brother Ian played for Glamorgam and Durham.

TSL runs : at least 4,462 (av 22.7) [16] Best : 856 (av) in 1995. HS : 140 [100s - 5]

TSL wkts : at least 413 (av 21.1) [14] Best : 59 (av 21.1) in 1986 BB : 8-43 in 1982

Ian SOMERVILLE [Blaydon 1981-99]

Only Blaydon player to score 150 three times while making 23,406 in all. He and Paul Veitch formed one of most productive, and destructive, opening partnerships on local scene. Remarkably consistent against new ball with watchful defence, powerful pulls and delightful off-side drives. Won *The Journal* Colin Milburn Trophy for most boundary hits in 1993.

TSL runs : 10,836 (av 30.9) Best : 1,203 (av 52.3) in 1993 HS : 160* [100s - 11] 1000 runs in season (1)

C. F. STANGER-LEATHES [St. Georges 1905-25; County Club 1926-32]

Scored 4,514 in 107m for Northumberland (1903-29). Athletically-built opener at St. George's before TSL formed. Thrilled with powerful drives and clean cuts. Scored 158 in 90 minutes (29 fours); 185 in 145 mins (6 sixes, 34 fours); and the first double-hundred in TSL : 208 in 123 mins (8 sixes, 27 fours in 1926). Toured South Africa with England rugby team.

TSL runs : 8,140 (av 29.5) Best : 702 (av 43.9) in 1921 HS : 208 [100s - 12]

C. G. 'Charlie' STEPHENSON [Consett 1971-3, 1975; Shotley Bridge 1979-99]

Young left-hander with vulnerably wide range of shots, he quickly eradicated the deficiencies to become a punishing opener capable of destroying any attack. Safe catcher whose career was terminated early owing to a back problem.

TSL runs : at least 10,530 (av 28) [29] Best : 893 (av 44.7) in 1994 HS : 137 [100s - 7].

John STEVENSON [Ryton 1952-58; 1977-81; Greenside 1959-76]

Brutally un-pretty opening batsman who scored rapidly with violent cuts and pulls.

TSL runs : at least 6,377 (av 22.5) [52] Best : 650 (av 36.1) in 1973 HS : 114* [100s - 2]

Ted STEVENSON [Pro at South Northumberland 1905-13]

'Nearing veteran stage' when engaged by South North - had an 'easy action' and took 10-21 v North Durham in 1911. So destructive was his partnership with George Simpson 'they were rarely called upon to relinquish the ball'. League career ended in 1913 when engaged at Longhirst Hall by Hon Arthur Joicey.

TSL wkts : 515 (av 11.0) Best : 91 (av 9.4) in 1905 BB : 10-21 in 1911

A. R. J. 'Bert' STEWARD [Consett 1951-68, 1971-2, 1976-8, 1982; South Moor 1973-6; Ryton 1968-71]

Scored 235 in 10m for Durham (1953-65). Science master who formerly worked as chemist at Consett Ironworks. Hard-hitting batsman and brilliant close catcher. FA Amateur Cup medals with Crook in 1954 and 1958. Fractured jaw in 1976.

TSL runs : at least 8,828 (av 25.7) [90] Best : 558 (av 31) in 1971 HS : 120 [100s - 4]

Ian STOKOE [Greenside 1975-82; Swalwell 1984-8]

Talented athlete who made debut at 15 and selected for England Under-19s. Soccer for Middlesbrough. Technically correct stroke-maker who captained Swalwell to brink of 1988 title triumph before "walking out after an internal row".

TSL runs : at least 3,848 (av 26.2) [38] Best 707 (av 64.3) in 1986 HS : 72



R. W. 'Bill' STOKOE [Consett 1854-7; Shotley Bridge 1958-76; South Moor 1977; Greenside 1982-87]

Educated at Barnard Castle when the school produced quality cricketers. Handsome, powerful batsman engaged at Beamish in 1967-68, 1970. Returned to Spa Ground in 1971 when first at Shotley to score 1,000 in all matches. Bowled off-cutters with considerable success.

TSL runs : at least 5,801 (av 21.8) [49] Best 636 (av 33.5) in 1971 HS 101* [100s - 1]

Robert D. STOKOE [Shotley Bridge 1972-6, pro 1987; Consett 1977-83, pro 1989-90. Pro at Swalwell 1984-6; Burnopfield 1988 and Greenside 1991-4]

Gifted all-rounder from a talented cricketing family whose 155* in 1981 was highest for Consett since Latchford's 165* in 1937. Tall, aggressive fast bowler who topped TSL bowling in 1986.

TSL runs : at least 7,574 (av 28.8) [39] Best : 783 (av 46.1) in 1986 HS : 155* [100s - 5]

TSL wkts : at least 641 (av 13.2) [40] Best : 89 (av 10.1) in 1986 BB : 9-37 in 1986

Shaun M. STOKOE [Shotley Bridge 1973-6. Pro at Greenside 1981-94]

Played 1m for Durham in 1980. Punishing, diminutive left-hander whose 15 centuries is third most in TSL. Penetrative seam bowler and outstanding outfielder.

TSL runs : at least 10,269 (av 37.9) [34] Best : 1,056 (av 62.1) in 1989 HS : 150 [100s - 15]. 1000 runs in a season (1)

David SWEENEY [Burnopfield 1980-84, 1989-93]

Genial character and tall medium-fast bowler who consistently picked up wickets long after his earlier 'zip' had gone.

TSL wkts : at least 608 (av 23.6) [7] Best 67 in 1991 BB : 8-26 in 1992

Bob SYMINGTON [Seghill 1946-52, 1955-64]

Played 5m for Northumberland (1949-50). Many early statistics unknown. Well-organised bat who scored 520 (av 43.3) and two centuries in 1955 and a third next season. Accurate, slow left-artermer who took wickets consistently.

TSL runs : at least 3,801 (av 25.2) [90] Best : 520 (av 43.3) in 1955 HS : 131 [100s - 3]

TSL wkts : at least 427 (av 12.8) [88] Best : 48 (av 17.9) in 1960 BB : 7-37 in 1951

George M. TAIT [Pro at Greenside 1924-7, North Durham 1928-30, Gateshead Fell 1931, Birtley 1937 and Vickers-Armstrong 1938-9]

Played 2m for Durham (1925-33). Excellent pro who began at Burnmoor where he was coached by Harry Clode under Durham CCC coaching scheme. Resumed after the war at Backworth.

TSL wkts : 773 (av 10.6) Best : 92 (av 8.9) in 1928 BB : 8-14 in 1927

W. A. 'Bill' TAYLOR [So Northumberland 1912-33]

Played 2m for Northumberland (1914-19). Skilful spinner who turned the ball appreciable distance and claimed over 1,600 wkts in all matches for South Northumberland.

TSL wkts : 1,018 (av 12.2) Best : 85 (av 7.7) in 1933 BB : 9-69 in 1923

Dennison THOMAS [Pro at South Moor 1991-3]

Only player in TSL to do 'the double' : 1,099 and 108 wkts in 1993. Less successful than brother Wes but was the more technically-correct bat and bowled more of an 'English' line and length.

TSL runs : 2,587 (av 45.6) Best : 1,009 (av 45.9) in 1993 HS : 184 [100s - 6] 1000 runs in a season (1)

TSL wkts : 261 (12.8) Best : 108 (av 12.1) in 1993 BB : 9-18 in 1923 100 wkts in season (1)

Wesley L. THOMAS [Pro at Blaydon 1987-93]

Dynamic all-rounder from Grenada. Hit 536 sixes (a boundary every 7th ball) while scoring 11,621 from 11,755 balls in all matches. TSL record 215* off 100 balls on opening day of club's 1991 centenary. Scored 110 and took 10 for 27 in match at Lintz in 1988, a unique feat in club cricket in Durham. Generated disconcerting speed and lift from short, muscular frame. Diagnosed terminally ill in July, 1993, the club had harrowing time to get him home. Died the following February aged 30.

TSL runs : 6,224 (av 56.1) Best : 1,165 (av 83.2) in 1991 HS : 215* off 100 balls {100s - 9}.

1000 runs in season (3).

TSL wkts : 455 (av 15.2) Best : 91 (av 13.1) in 1988 BB : 10-27 in 1988



Wesley Thomas (Blaydon).

Tommy P. THOMPSON [Ryton 1953-93]

One of finest wicket-keeper-batsmen in the League's history. Armed with impregnable defence, he fired off the left-hander's armoury of cuts, pulls and elegant cover-drives.

TSL runs : at least 11,745 (av 22.4) [84] Best : 866 (av 39.4) in 1972 HS : 121* [100s - 6].

James L. TOWLER [Wallsend 1910-4; So Northumberland 1920-1. Pro at Backworth Percy 1922; Gateshead Fell 1923-29 and County Club 1930-33]

Scored 1,024 runs and took 113 wkts in 54m for Northumberland (1913-28). War service with 10th Durham Light Infantry. Consistent all rounder who took 10-69 v Blyth in 1925.

TSL runs : 5,805 (av 21.9) Best : 592 (av 34.8) in 1923 HS : 134* [100s - 4]

TSL wkts : 917 (av 12.2) Best : 84 (av 9.5) in 1923 BB : 10-69 in 1925

Norman C. TURNER [Leslies 1968-83; Reyrolle 1984-8]

Diminutive, neat right-hander who hit powerfully through the off and despatched anything short. Seriously under-rated medium-pacer who obtained away swing at will. Athletic fielder who spent some years at Sunderland FC.

TSL runs : at least 7,437 (av 22.1) [35] Best : 688 (av 38.2) in 1976 HS : 126 [100s - 3]

TSL wkts : at least 513 (av 15.6) [50] Best : 59 (av 12.8) in 1981 BB : 6-41 in 1971

A. E. 'Patsy' VEITCH [Benwell 1920-30; Tynemouth 1931-3]

Played 3m for Northumberland (1921). Tall, bespectacled, studious-looking bowler who developed into genuine all-rounder. Took 10-41 v Wallsend in 1921 and 10-45 v Blyth in 1926.

TSL wkts : 486 (av 13.3) Best : 81 (av 9.9) in 1921 BB : 10-41 in 1921

Paul J. VEITCH [Blaydon 1981-95]

Aggressive right-handed opener who belted the first ball for six if the chance was there. Such approach meant he did not score a century in his first 11 seasons but, once achieved, hit 5 in his last two years in TSL. Cricket-lover with a remarkable memory for facts and events.

TSL runs : 8,571 (av 28.7) Best : 951 (av 45.3) in 1992 HS : 120 [100s - 7]

WASIM RAJA [Pro at Shotley Bridge 1984-6 and Sacriston 1990]

57 Tests for Pakistan 1972-84]

Scored 2428 and took 67 wkts in 48m for Durham (1978-87). Swashbuckling, cavalier left-hander who "excited, entertained, bewitched and, yes, exasperated" north-east spectators during 1977-90. Leg-spin in Tests but deceptively-quick seam in TSL.

TSL runs : 3,660 (av 44.1) Best : 912 (av 70.2) in 1984 HS : 202 [100s - 7]

TSL wkts : 412 (av 13.1) Best : 108 (av 12.2) in 1986 BB : 9-26 in 1986 100 wkts in season (1).

J. N. 'Jim' WATSON [Greenside 1953-79]

Played 4m for Durham (1957-8). Burst onto scene at 16 in 1951 as lightning quick bowler who took 9-51, caught the tenth and broke wicket-keeper Hammond's finger. Unusual action, delivering off the 'wrong' foot with windmill whirl of arms.

Tall, elegant bat with strokes of regal grace, particularly through the covers. Captain during Greenside's magnificent sequence of ten titles in 11 years.

TSL runs : at least 6,826 (av 26.9) [98] Best : 487 (av 25.6) in 1965 HS : 112* [100s - 7].

TSL wkts : at least 398 (av 9.8 [89] Best : 50 (av 7.9) in 1954 BB : 9-30 in 1951

J. Stuart WILKINSON [Shotley Bridge 1961-9, 1979-86, 1989-97]

Took 237 wkts in 90m for Durham (1968-85). Played little as youngster but made up for lost time by taking 4-11 when Leslies were shot out for 22 on Shotley's TSL debut in 1961. One of fastest in north-east history, he was respected by Test batsmen and had ability to play First-class cricket. Developed late swing to perfection and return to Shotley in 1979 coincided with two successive titles. Fractured skull in freak accident in 1992 but returned to astonish youngsters with his speed until 55.

TSL wkts : at least 906 (av 11.1) [28] Best : 74 (av 7.7) in 1967 BB : 9-21 in 1980

George E. WINGHAM [Pro at St. George's 1910-14]

Scored 1,289 and took 52 wkts in 34m for Northumberland (1912-20). Slim, wiry all-rounder from Kent. Attacking batsman and wily slow left-armer. On his death, the George Wingham Shilling Fund raised almost £2,000 for his widow.

TSL runs : 2,768 (av 37.4) Best : 624 (av 44.6) in 1913 HS : 153* [100s - 3]

TSL wkts : 347 (av 11.7) Best : 89 (av 9.8) BB : 9-61 in 1912

Ian A. WISHART [Greenside 1967-81, 1990-1. Pro at Ryton 1982-5]

Took 32 wkts in 20m for Durham (1971-80)

Butcher who heaved the ball from oxen shoulders with destructive velocity. Nostrils didn't actually snort but there was wildness in his wide eyes at delivery. Placid enough off the field, possessed fast bowler's scent for the kill. Had to be satisfied with bit-part in early Greenside years but played major role for 14 seasons. Capable bat with sound defence; opener when at Ryton.

TSL wkts : at least 840 (av 13.9) [30] Best : 68 (av 14.4) in 1984 BB : 9-19 in 1972



Allan WORTHY [Pro at South Moor 1996 and Sacriston 1997-8]

Scored 829 runs in some 20m for Northumberland [30-1-829 One-day : 11-0-442]

Attacking batsman and pace bowler who began at South Hetton in 1989. Leading scorer in North East Premier League at end season 2006.

TSL runs : 2,676 (av 50.5) Best : 1,114 (av 53.1) in 1996 HS : 129 (Hundreds - 3) 1000 runs in a season (1)

TSL wkts : 137 (av 22.3) Best : 48 (av 21.6) in 1998