

**YORKSHIRE SECOND ELEVEN IN THE MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP**

**SEASON 1926 – FINAL TABLE**

		<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>DWF</b>	<b>DLF</b>	<b>NC/AB</b>	<b>Pts</b>	<b>PtsPC</b>	<b>Net Run Rate</b>
	Pts awarded	-	5	-	3	1	-	-	-	-
1	Durham	8	5	0	2	0	1	31	88.571	9.092
2	Oxfordshire	8	5	1	2	0	0	31	77.500	5.747
3	Devon	10	5	1	2	0	2	31	77.500	5.241
4	Buckinghamshire	8	5	1	2	0	0	31	77.500	4.472
5	Surrey 2nd XI	12	7	1	1	2	1	40	72.727	9.798
6	Leicestershire 2nd XI	8	5	1	1	1	0	29	72.500	13.394
7	Staffordshire	10	4	1	3	1	1	30	66.667	2.795
8	Lancashire 2nd XI	12	5	2	3	1	1	35	63.636	5.773
<b>9</b>	<b>Yorkshire 2nd XI</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>54.000</b>	<b>2.761</b>
10	Kent 2nd XI	10	4	1	0	4	1	24	53.333	3.940
11	Dorset	10	2	2	5	1	0	26	52.000	2.667
12	Berkshire	8	2	1	2	3	0	19	47.500	3.063
13	Hertfordshire	12	3	3	1	5	0	23	38.333	-0.332
14	Cheshire	8	2	4	0	1	1	11	31.429	-4.059
15	Wiltshire	8	0	2	3	2	1	11	31.429	-6.511
16	Bedfordshire	10	0	5	4	1	0	13	26.000	-10.099
17	Cornwall	8	1	2	0	4	1	9	25.714	-5.960
18	Cambridgeshire	8	1	4	1	2	0	10	25.000	-6.770
19	Northumberland	8	1	5	1	1	0	9	22.500	-5.471
20	Norfolk	10	0	5	3	2	0	11	22.000	-7.876
21	Nottinghamshire 2nd XI	8	1	4	0	3	0	8	20.000	-5.735
22	Lincolnshire	12	1	9	1	1	0	9	15.200	-10.089
23	Monmouthshire	10	0	6	1	3	0	6	12.000	-7.096

Position of teams in the final table is determined firstly by the better percentage of possible points (PtsPC) and then by the better net runs per wkt (Net Run Rate)

DWF – Drawn match but ahead on first inns

DLF – Drawn match but behind on first inns

NC/Ab – matches not counted in the final calculation of the table or matches abandoned

**FINAL AVERAGES – BATTING AND FIELDING**

<b>Player</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>TR</b>	<b>HS</b>	<b>Ave</b>	<b>100s</b>	<b>50s</b>	<b>Ct/St</b>
A Mitchell	3	4	0	175	66	43.75	-	1	2
W Barber	10	16	2	581	108	41.50	1	4	5
E R Rawlin	3	4	3	32	21*	32.00	-	-	1
K R Davidson	2	4	0	124	42	31.00	-	-	-
C Turner	8	12	1	234	48*	21.27	-	-	5
S Heyhirst	10	13	0	262	49	20.15	-	-	4
H Taylor	5	8	1	124	36	17.71	-	-	5
W R Allen	8	11	0	181	33	16.45	-	-	19/2
H Verity	9	13	5	130	28*	16.25	-	-	3
E H Walker	2	3	0	47	25	15.67	-	-	3
A E Mallalieu	7	10	0	129	32	12.90	-	-	11
J S Douglas	10	12	1	112	39	10.18	-	-	10
G Kennie	8	12	1	112	28	10.18	-	-	2
L Ryder	4	5	3	19	14	9.50	-	-	3
R C J Chichester-Constable	10	12	0	58	18	4.83	-	-	6

**ALSO BATTED**

<b>Player</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>TR</b>	<b>HS</b>	<b>Ave</b>	<b>100s</b>	<b>50s</b>	<b>Ct/St</b>
H W Barritt	2	2	1	40	26*	40.00	-	-	2
W R Bowman	1	2	1	21	14*	21.00	-	-	1
A Wood	2	2	0	24	19	12.00	-	-	3/1
T A Jacques	2	2	1	8	7*	8.00	-	-	1
M Sykes	1	1	0	7	7	7.00	-	-	1
J W Taylor	1	1	0	4	4	4.00	-	-	-
G H Crawford	1	1	0	1	1	1.00	-	-	-
S Render	1	1	1	4	4*	-	-	-	-

### FINAL AVERAGES - BOWLING

Player	O	M	R	W	BB	Ave	5wI	10wM
R C J Chichester-Constable	16	1	86	3	3/27	28.67	-	-
G H Crawford	31.2	6	67	5	3/44	13.40	-	-
J S Douglas	402.4	114	815	75	8/32	10.86	8	3
S Heyhirst	76.5	13	233	13	3/13	17.92	-	-
T A Jacques	52	10	108	5	4/64	21.60	-	-
E R Rawlin	84.4	15	212	15	6/77	14.13	2	-
L Ryder	84	9	276	7	3/39	39.42	-	-
J W Taylor	23.1	3	65	3	2/42	21.67	-	-
C Turner	259.2	70	536	29	6/85	18.48	1	1
H Verity	55	17	124	4	2/24	31.00	-	-

### ALSO BOWLED

Player	O	M	R	W	BB	Ave	5Wi	10Wm
S Render	18	1	83	1	1/83	83.00	-	-
M Sykes	11	1	29	0	-	-	-	-
A Mitchell	4	0	24	0	-	-	-	-

### LINE SCORES OF MATCHES PLAYED

**v Lancashire (Old Trafford) 24 & 25 May 1926** – (Toss unknown) Lancs 154 (J S Douglas 5/47, C Turner 3/56) & 134/8 (G H Crawford 3/44) drew with Yorks 113 (J Holroyd 7/27, A Woolley 3/57)

**v Lincolnshire (Brumby Hall, Scunthorpe) 10 & 11 June 1926** – (Toss unknown) Lines 143 (B A Bashforth 71; J S Douglas 8/32) & 43 (J S Douglas 7/18 [and match figs of 15/50], C Turner 3/21) lost to Yorks 215/8d (W Barber 51; G E Ure 3/57) by an inns & 29 runs

**v Nottinghamshire (Town Gd, Worksop) 30 June & 1 July 1926** – (Toss unknown) Yorks 247 (A Mitchell 66; W Voce 5/88) & 236/9d (W Voce 6/70 [and match figs of 11/158]) drew with Notts 192 (J S Douglas 5/53, T A Jacques 4/64) & 146/5 (R C J Chichester-Constable 3/27)

**v Northumberland (Castleford CC) 5 & 6 July 1926** – (Toss unknown) Northumberland 83 (C Turner 4/14, J S Douglas 4/36) & 118 (J S Douglas 7/48 [and match figs of 11/62], C Turner 3/63) lost to Yorks 101 (W Hetherton 5/50, G T Milne 4/37) & 103/1 (W Barber 52\*) by nine wkts

**v Nottinghamshire (Barnsley CC) 14 & 15 July 1926** – (Toss unknown) Notts 205 (J S Douglas 4/57) & 287/9d (W W Keeton 74, T N Knight 64, J F Bishop 52; J S Douglas 4/74, S Heyhirst 3/798) drew with Yorks 213 (S H Copley 5/44, W Voce 3/53) & 104/1 (W Barber 53\*)

**v Northumberland (Jesmond) 19 & 20 July 1926** – (Toss unknown) Yorks 228 (W Barber 108; G T Milne 4/102, W Hetherington 3/53) drew with Northumberland 106 (J S Douglas 6/52, S Heyhirst 3/22) & 127/6 (W G Mackay 71; L Ryder 3/39)

**v Durham (Blackfyne, Blackhill, Consett) 21 & 22 June 1926** - \*Durham 179 (C Turner 4/62, J S Douglas 3/63) & 213 (C R Turner 6/85) beat Yorks 89 (J Carr 94/12) & 64 (A L Howell 5/16, J Cook 3/10) by 239 runs

**v Lancashire (Duke's Park, Bridlington) 2 & 2 Aug 1926** - \*Yorks 251 (F Rushton 6/73) & 208/9 (S Preston 4/25) drew with Lancs 268 (W Farrimond 74, T M Halliday 65; E R Rawlin 6/77, C Turner 3/74)

**v Lincolnshire (North Ormesby, Middlesbrough) 5 & 6 Aug 1926** – (Toss unknown) Yorks 148 (W Barber 65; C F Wilson 6/31) & 18/0 beat Lincs 88 (E R Rawlin 5/31, J S Douglas 5/33) & 76 (J S Douglas 6/27 [and match figs of 11/60], S Heyhirst 3/13) by 10 wkts

**v Durham (Redcar CC) 9 & 10 Aug 1926** - \*Durham 338 (L H Weight 85, H C Ferens 85, H Brooks 66; J S Douglas 3/59, E R Rawlin 3/92) drew with Yorks 167 (A L Howell 5/51, J Carr 3/33) & 98/2

#### **CAREER FIGURES AND BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS (WHERE KNOWN) OF PLAYERS WHO MADE THEIR DEBUTS IN 1926**

182) **Wilfred BARBER** – Born 18 Apr 1901, Cleckheaton, Bradford  
Died 10 Sept 1968, aged 67

He was a RH Batsman and RA fast-medium bowler  
He also kept wicket if necessary

Test debut – v South Africa at Headingley, 13-16 July 1935  
First-class debut – v Worcs, Bradford PA, 14-17 Aug (County Championship)  
Yorks career – 1926-1951

His best test score was made against South Africa at Old Trafford in the fourth test of that series. It turned out to be his final test innings.  
He took his only test wicket in his debut match at Headingley. His victim was the South African wicket keeper H B Cameron.  
His highest first-class score (255) was made at Bramall Lane, Sheffield in the County Championship on 6-9 July 1935  
His best first-class bowling figures (2/1) came against Worcs at Bradford Park Avenue on 15-17 Aug 1934 (County Championship)

### CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

Test Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
2	4	0	83	44	20.75	-	-	1
1st Class Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
373	526	49	16402	255	34.38	29	78	183
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
18	30	3	996	108	36.88	1	6	15

### BOWLING

Test Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	0.2	0	0	1	-	1/0	-	-
1st Class Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	126.3	21	419	16	26.18	2/1	-	-

He received his Yorkshire cap in 1929 and had a benefit season in 1946, which raised £2,958 (the equivalent of £124,700.88 in 2020). He joined Yorkshire in 1926, having been on the Warwicks groundstaff. He played for Scarborough CC in 1929 and rejoined Yorkshire in 1932. He became a county coach upon retirement.

183) **Herbert William BARRITT** – Born 1904, Skipton, N Yorks  
Died 26 May 1967, Lisbon, Portugal, aged 62 or 63.

First-class debut – Playing for Western India in the Ranji Trophy, he made his debut against Maharashtra at the Poona Club Gd on 6-8 Jan 1940. He did not play any first class games for Yorkshire

Yorks career – 1926

His highest first class score (53) was made against The Rest, playing for the Europeans in the Bombay Pentangular tournament in Bombay on 20-22 Dec 1940

### CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

1st Class Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
11	17	0	29	53	17.58	-	1	3
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
2	2	1	40	26	40.00	-	-	2

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1st Class Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	15	0	95	0	-	-	-	-

184) Brigadier **Raleigh Charles Joseph CHICHESTER-CONSTABLE** – Born 21 Dec 1890, Marlow, Bucks  
Died 26 May 1963, Burton Constable, E Yorks, aged 72.

He was a RH batsman and RA fast bowler.

First-class debut – v Essex, at the Circle, Hull on 7 & 8 July 1919. In that season, all County Championship games were of two days duration. The experiment lasted only one season. It was his only first class match for Yorkshire.

Yorks career – 1919-1938

His best first-class score (47\*) was made against the Europeans, playing for the MCC at the Rawalpindi Gd, on 3 & 4 Nov 1926. This was part of MCC's tour to India & Ceylon in 1926/27.

His best first-class bowling figures (2/42) were recorded against the Royal Navy, playing for the Army, at Lord's, on 24 & 25 June 1921.

His career-best score (65) came in the Minor Counties Championship game against Durham at Redcar CC on 13 & 14 Aug 1930

His career-best bowling figures (3/19) came in friendly encounter against Lancs at Old Trafford on 24 & 25 May 1920.

### CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

1st Class Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
24	19	2	152	47*	8.94	-	-	7
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
119	128	20	839	65	7.76	-	2	51
2nd XI Friendly Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
4	3	0	18	9	6.00	-	-	1

### BOWLING

1st Class Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	68.5	9	243	4	60.5	2/42	-	-
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	24.3	2	120	3	40.00	3/27	-	-
2nd XI Friendly Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	9	3	13	3	4.33	3/13	-	-

He changed his name from Raleigh Charles Joseph Chichester in 1895. He devoted his time at Yorkshire to the second eleven and took over the captaincy of the side after E F Holdsworth stood down at the end of the 1925 season. Chichester-Constable held the post until the end of the 1938 season. During his time in charge, Wilf Barber, Hedley Verity, Horace Fisher, Brian Sellars and Arthur Wood, amongst others, all graduated to first eleven and international cricket.

185) **Kenneth Richard DAVIDSON** – Born 24 Dec 1905 in Calverley, Pudsey, Leeds  
Died 25 Dec 1954 at Prestwick Airport, Ayrshire, Scotland, aged 49.

First-class debut – v Middx, Bradford PA, 15-18 July 1933 (County Championship)

Yorks career – 1926-1938

His highest first class score was made against Kent at the Mote, Maidstone on 21 -24 July 1934 (County Championship)

His only deliveries in first-class cricket were against Yorks, playing for Scotland, at Harrogate on 24-26 Aug 1938

His career best score of 170 was made in the Minor Counties Championship against Staffs at the Hough, Stafford, on 7 & 8 June 1933.

#### CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

<b>1st Class Matches</b>	<b>Inns</b>	<b>Not Outs</b>	<b>Total Runs</b>	<b>Highest Score</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>100s</b>	<b>50s</b>	<b>Ct/St</b>
31	48	5	1355	128	31.51	2	7	18
<b>2nd XI Minor Counties Matches</b>	<b>Inns</b>	<b>Not Outs</b>	<b>Total Runs</b>	<b>Highest Score</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>100s</b>	<b>50s</b>	<b>Ct/St</b>
16	25	3	796	170	36.18	2	1	7

#### BOWLING

<b>1st Class Matches</b>	<b>Overs</b>	<b>Maidens</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>Wickets</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Best Figures</b>	<b>5wI</b>	<b>10wM</b>
	0.5	0	4	0	-	-	-	-

He was awarded his County Cap in 1935. He also played first-class cricket for Scotland in five matches between 1935 and 1938. Davidson was also a fine badminton player and he was killed in an air crash while accompanying the USA Badminton squad on their world tour.

186) **Albert Edward MALLALIEU** – Born 13 Jan 1904 in Delph, Huddersfield

Died March 1991, in Huddersfield, aged 87.

He was a RH batsman

First-class debut – v Scotland, playing for Wales, at St Helen's, Swansea, on 23-26 Aug 1924. He did not play any first-class cricket for Yorks.

Yorks career – 1926-1929



His highest first-class score, and his career-best mark, came against Ireland at the Oval, Llandudno, on 15-17 Aug 1925 (playing for Wales)

#### CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

1st Class Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
6	8	0	137	66	17.12	-	1	2
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
14	24	0	342	56	14.25	-	1	16

He attended the Leys School in Cambridge.

187) **Eric Raymond RAWLIN** – Born 4 Oct 1897 in Rotherham, S Yorks  
Died 11 Jan 1943, also in Rotherham, aged 45,

He was a LH batsman and RA fast-medium bowler.

First-class debut – v Sussex, Bramall Lane, Sheffield in the County Championship on 11-14 June 1927.

Yorks career – 1926-1936

His highest first-class score (35) came against Sussex in his debut match above

His best first-class bowling figures (3/28) were recorded against Lancs at Bradford PA on 3-6 Aug 1935 (County Championship)

His career-best bowling figures (6/77) came in the Minor Counties Championship game against Lancs at Duke's Park, Bridlington, 2 & 3 Aug 1926

#### CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

1st Class Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
8	10	1	72	35	8.00	-	-	2
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
4	6	4	47	21*	23.50	-	-	2

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1st Class Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	195	40	498	21	23.71	3/28	-	-
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	116.3	19	328	21	15.61	6/77	2	-

His father, John Thomas Rawlin, had played five games in five years for Yorks before moving south to play for the MCC groundstaff and then qualify for and represent Middx for 10 years (1890-1909). In all, he played 315 first-class matches, scoring 7651 runs and taking 811 wickets. His son was not able to replicate his father's success.

188) **M SYKES** – There are no biographical details for this player. He played one match in the Minor Counties Championship game against Lincs at Brumby Hall, Scunthorpe on 10 & 11 June 1926. He scored 7 in his only innings and his bowling figures 11-1-29-0. He took one catch.

189) **J W TAYLOR** – There are no biographical details for this player. He played one match in the Minor Counties Championship game against Notts at Barnsley CC on 14 & 15 July 1926. He scored 4 in his only innings. His match bowling figures were 23.1-3-65-3 with best figures of 2/42. He did not take a catch.

190) **Hedley VERITY** – Born – 18 May 1905 in Headingley, Leeds  
Died – 31 July 1943 in Caserta, Italy of war wounds

First Class debut – v Sussex, Fartown, Huddersfield, 1930

Test debut – v West Indies, Kennington Oval, South London, 1931

Yorkshire career – 1926 to 1941

Highest score in First Class matches – 101 v Jamaica, Sabina Park, Kingston, Jamaica in 1935/36.

Best bowling in First Class matches – 10/10 v Nottinghamshire, Headingley, 1932.

This remains, after 87 years, the best analysis in first-class cricket. He also recorded 10/36 against Warwickshire at Headingley in 1931 and remains the only Yorkshire bowler to achieve the feat twice.

### CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

<b>Test Cricket</b>	<b>Inns</b>	<b>Not Outs</b>	<b>Total Runs</b>	<b>Highest Score</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>100s</b>	<b>50s</b>	<b>Ct/St</b>
40	44	12	669	66*	20.90	-	3	30
<b>1st Class Matches</b>	<b>Inns</b>	<b>Not Outs</b>	<b>Total Runs</b>	<b>Highest Score</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>100s</b>	<b>50s</b>	<b>Ct/St</b>
378	416	106	5603	101	18.07	1	13	269
<b>2nd XI Minor Counties Matches</b>	<b>Inns</b>	<b>Not Outs</b>	<b>Total Runs</b>	<b>Highest Score</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>100s</b>	<b>50s</b>	<b>Ct/St</b>
12	18	6	255	72	21.25	-	1	21

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<b>Test Cricket</b>	<b>Overs</b>	<b>Maidens</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>Wickets</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Best Figures</b>	<b>5wI</b>	<b>10wM</b>
	1862.1	604	3510	144	24.37	8/43	5	2
<b>1st Class Matches</b>	<b>Overs</b>	<b>Maidens</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>Wickets</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Best Figures</b>	<b>5wI</b>	<b>10wM</b>
	13832.5	4596	29145	1956	14.90	10/10	164	54
<b>2nd XI Minor Counties Matches</b>	<b>Overs</b>	<b>Maidens</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>Wickets</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Best Figures</b>	<b>5wI</b>	<b>10wM</b>
	152.4	40	332	20	16.60	6/78	1	-

Yorkshire CCC must have thought all their Christmases had come at once when, in 1930, knowing that Wilfred Rhodes was retiring, they should then discover another gem in Hedley Verity.

Hedley Verity was born in Headingley and the family, Verity and his two sisters, Grace and Edith, eventually moved first to Armley and then to Rawdon, where he played some junior cricket. Indeed, the Rawdon club proudly displays above its bar a picture of their three most famous left-handers, these being Brian Close, Hedley Verity and Bryan Stott. All played junior cricket at the club. Verity's father was a lay preacher in Rawdon and chairman of the Urban District Council.

Verity had an interest in cricket from an early age. When he was old enough, he would go and watch Yorkshire at Headingley, Bradford Park Avenue and, occasionally, Scarborough. He also played school cricket at Yeadon and Guiseley secondary school. There, he was a purveyor of medium-paced swing.

Verity left school at 14 and joined his father in the family coal business. He was also achieving early success on the cricket field and this encouraged him to try to find a professional contract. He moved down the road to Horsforth Hall Park and was eventually spotted by George Herbert Hirst and Bobby Peel, who were scouting local talent for Yorkshire. This first trial in 1924 was not successful so he went back to club cricket, took wickets and scored runs, and secured a second trial, which resulted in a contract with Accrington CC in the Lancashire League in 1926. He was also playing for Yorkshire second eleven in the Minor Counties Championship, but more as a batsman than a bowler.

His time with Accrington was not successful so he moved to Middleton in the Central Lancashire League, who would release him to play for Yorkshire if necessary. . He was still visiting the Yorkshire nets and, after Wilfred Rhodes had decided that 1930 would be his last first-class season, George Hirst persuaded Verity to change to bowling spin, as this style would give him a better chance of selection.

So Verity made his debut in 1930 and the die was cast and Verity, along with Wilf Barber, Bill Bowes, Percy Holmes, Maurice Leyland, George Macauley, Herbert Sutcliffe and Arthur Wood, Test players all, secured seven championships between 1931 and 1939. His last figures in the County Championship against Sussex at Hove in 1939 were 6-1-9-7. The championship was then suspended and possibly one of the greatest cricket teams of all time faded into the darkness that was about to swallow Europe.

Verity had made his test debut against New Zealand in 1931 at Kennington Oval. He was to play all his 40 tests before the war, including a first visit to Australia for the Bodyline tour in 1932/33. In 1933, he played against West Indies at home and then toured India and Ceylon, as it was then known, in the Winter of 1933/34. It was Australia again in 1934 and South Africa in 1935. India were the visitors in 1936. A further tour to Australia and New Zealand in 1936/37 and South Africa in 1938/39 had been interspersed by Australia's visit to England in 1938. So Verity played against every other test-paying nation in nine hectic years. It is interesting to speculate what his final figures would have been had he not died while serving with the Green Howards in Caserta in Italy in 1943.

On a personal level, Verity had married Kathleen Alice Metcalfe in 1929 and they had two boys, one named Wilfred after Wilfred Rhodes and then other George Douglas, after George Hirst and Douglas Jardine.

In the war, Verity had been commissioned into the Green Howards in 1940 as a second lieutenant and was eventually promoted to the rank of captain. He served in North Yorkshire, Northern Ireland, India, Persia, Egypt and Syria. His final overseas placement saw him end up in Sicily. It was there that he was shot and died of his wounds. He is buried at Caserta in Sicily in the military cemetery.

191) **Ernest Hinchcliffe WALKER** – Born Pudsey, W Yorks

Yorks career – 1926 His highest score of 25 occurred in the Minor Counties Championship game against Lancs at Duke's Park, Bridlington, on 2 & 3 Aug 1926. It was his first innings for the county.

**CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING**

<b>2nd XI Minor Counties Matches</b>	<b>Inns</b>	<b>Not Outs</b>	<b>Total Runs</b>	<b>Highest Score</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>100s</b>	<b>50s</b>	<b>Ct/St</b>
2	3	0	47	25	15.67	-	-	3

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