

YORKSHIRE SECOND ELEVEN IN THE MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP
SEASON 1948 - FINAL TABLE

		P	W	L	DWF	DTF	DLF	NC/Ab	Pts	PtsPC	Net Run Rate
	Pts awarded	-	10	-	5	4	3	-	-	-	-
1	Lancashire 2nd XI	16	8	0	2	0	1	5	93	8.455	11.627
2	Bedfordshire	7	3	0	3	0	0	1	45	7.500	10.936
3	Worcestershire 2nd XI	10	5	1	3	0	0	1	65	7.222	11.342
4	Yorkshire 2nd XI	14	4	1	6	0	1	2	73	6.083	9.033
5	Dorset	10	3	2	1	0	0	4	35	5.833	1.755
6	Oxfordshire	10	3	1	0	0	3	3	39	5.571	0.444
7	Essex 2nd XI	8	3	1	1	0	3	0	44	5.500	7.307
8	Berkshire	10	4	3	1	0	1	1	48	5.333	1.052
9	Lincolnshire	10	2	0	2	0	4	2	42	5.250	-2.363
10	Surrey 2nd XI	16	2	2	9	0	0	3	65	5.000	9.550
11	Gloucestershire 2nd XI	12	3	1	0	0	6	2	48	4.800	-4.257
12	Kent 2nd XI	12	2	1	4	1	4	0	56	4.667	0.174
13	Hertfordshire	8	2	2	1	0	2	1	31	4.429	-1.495
14	Staffordshire	10	3	3	0	0	3	1	39	4.333	2.026
15	Suffolk	10	0	1	8	0	1	0	43	4.300	5.730
16	Durham	8	1	2	2	0	2	1	26	3.714	-0.977
17	Devon	12	1	2	3	0	5	1	40	3.636	-5.725
18	Sussex 2nd XI	8	1	2	1	0	2	2	21	3.500	-1.897
19	Northumberland	10	1	3	3	0	1	2	28	3.500	-6.251
20	Wiltshire	8	0	1	2	1	1	3	17	3.400	-0.983
21	Cornwall	8	1	3	1	0	2	1	21	3.000	-3.907
22	Derbyshire 2nd XI	8	1	3	1	0	3	0	24	3.000	-12.747
23	Buckinghamshire	10	2	5	0	0	2	1	26	2.889	-3.149
24	Cheshire	8	1	3	0	0	2	2	16	2.667	-5.739
25	Norfolk	10	0	3	3	0	3	1	24	2.667	-6.803
26	Glamorgan 2nd XI	8	0	3	2	0	2	1	16	2.286	-8.858
27	Cambridgeshire	7	0	3	0	0	4	0	12	1.714	-18.697
28	Nottinghamshire	10	0	4	1	0	2	3	11	1.571	-8.512

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)

FINAL AVERAGES – BOWLING

Player	O	M	R	W	BB	Ave	5wI	10wM
E S Barraclough	263.2	90	456	45	7/50	10.13	3	-
J P Whitehead	154.4	40	323	27	6/57	11.96	2	1
C W Foord	198	60	460	33	7/30	13.93	2	-
J T Lodge	96	25	208	13	4/46	16.00	-	-
J R Ashman	53.2	11	142	7	3/30	20.28	-	-
K Smales	276.5	105	584	25	5/64	23.36	1	-
C Walker	132.3	41	317	12	4/46	26.41	-	-
H Shepherd	59	14	119	4	2/61	29.75	-	-
E Fisk	53	12	124	4	2/50	31.00		

ALSO BOWLED

Player	O	M	R	W	BB	Ave	5wI	10wM
B Brooke	26	7	53	2	1/18	26.50	-	-
F Jakeman	5.4	2	8	1	1/7	8.00	-	-
A Mason	7	1	27	1	1/27	27.00	-	-
K Speight	12	7	9	1	1/9	9.00	-	-
G Waites	15	3	55	1	1/26	55.00	-	-
W H H Sutcliffe	9	1	33	0	-	-	-	-
J R S Raper	4	1	7	0	-	-	-	-
W G Keighley	3	0	10	0	-	-	-	-

LINE SCORES OF MATCHES PLAYED

v Lancashire (Old Trafford) 17 & 18 May 1948 - *Yorks 113 (R Tattersall 6/41, M J Hilton 4/31) & 285 (J T Lodge 64; R Tattersall 4/105 [and match figs of 10/146], R Berry 3/53) lost to Lancs 201 (B J Howard 76, R Alderson 52; K Smales 5/64, C W Foord 3/35) & 198/3 (N D Howard 75, B J Howard 63*) by seven wkts

v Staffordshire (Saltaire CC) 26 & 27 May 1948 - *Staffs B Shardlow 79; E S Barraclough 6/37) drew with Yorks 150/7 (C Walker 62; B Shardlow 5/45)

v Lincolnshire (Keighley CC) 2 & 3 June 1948 – Match abandoned without a ball bowled

v Nottinghamshire (The Circle, Hull) 7 & 8 June 1948 – (Toss unknown) Notts 84 (E S Barraclough 4/12) & 81 (K Smales 4/25, E S Barraclough 3/23) lost to Yorks 265 (J T Lodge 88, F A Lowson 50; W Ellis 5/58, E A Blagg 3/74) by an inns & 100 runs

v Cheshire (The Oval, Wallasey) 16 & 17 June 1948 - *Yorks 299 (F Jakeman 54; K Dean 4/109, J Briggs 3/67) drew with Cheshire 147 (E S Barraclough 6/38) & 247/8 (H N Nuttall 58; K Smales 3/37)

v Lincolnshire (Augusta Street, Grimsby) 23 & 24 June 1948 – (Toss unknown) Lincs 222 (H Betmead 63, G F H Heane 56; C Walker 4/46, K Smales 3/88) & 150/3 (G F H Heane 64) drew with Yorks 342/9d (J Firth 82*, W H H Sutcliffe 60; B Webster 3/74)

v Northumberland (Barnsley CC) 30 June & 1 July 1948 – (Toss unknown) Yorks 246 (W H H Sutcliffe 78; L F Townsend 3/32, H Elsdon 3/56) & 137/6 (W H H Sutcliffe 63; H Elsdon 3/30) drew with Northumberland 224 (L F Townsend 52, L F Shackleton 50; J T Lodge 4/46, E S Barraclough 4/95)

v Northumberland (Jesmond) 7 & 8 July 1948 – (Toss unknown) Yorks 106 (H Elsdon 7/36) & 312/3d (W H H Sutcliffe 115, C Walker 90) beat Northumberland 125 (C W Foord 4/58) & 153 (C L Routledge 61; E S Barraclough 4/20, C Walker 3/11) by 140 runs

v Staffordshire (The Hough, Stafford) 14 & 15 July 1948 - *Staffs 89 (C W Foord 7/30) & 123 (J P Whitehead 3/28, J R Ashman 3/30) lost to Yorks 277 (G A Smithson 133; B Shardlow 3/60) by an inns & 65 runs

v Cheshire (Acklam Park, Middlesbrough) 19 & 20 July 1948 - *Yorks 296 (N F Horner 82, J T Lodge 65, C Walker 65; S G Shepherd 5/104, W Winstanley 3/85) beat Cheshire 101 (J P Whitehead 6/57, C W Foord 4/20) & 129 (A M Wolstenholme 80; J P Whitehead 4/26 [and match figs of 10/83], C W Foord 3/25) by an inns & 66 runs

v Lancashire (Scarborough) 2 & 3 Aug 1948 - *Yorks 368 (W G Keighley 100, J R S Raper 91, K Smales 51; A E Fletcher 3/72) & 34/0 drew with Lancs 138 (C W Foord 5/34, J P Whitehead 4/46)

v Durham (Stockton-on-Tees CC) 4 & 5 Aug 1948 - *Yorks 218 (F A Lowson 93; N W Owen 5/66, W K Laidlaw 4/84) & 160 (T K Jackson 3/42, W K Laidlaw 3/78) drew with Durham 213 (N W Owen 88*, T K Jackson 81; J P Whitehead 5/60, C W Foord 3/69) & 73/5 (E S Barraclough 4/16)

v Nottinghamshire (Town Gd, Worksop) 11 & 12 Aug 1948 – (Toss unknown) Yorks 130/2 (C Walker 58*) drew with Notts DNB

v Durham (Redcar CC) 18 & 19 Aug 1948 – Yorks 212 (J T Lodge 78, F Jakeman 58; W K Laidlaw 4/71, T K Jackson 3/28) & 139/9d (W K Laidlaw 4/47, N W Owen 3/42) drew with *Durham 226 (W W Coverdale 64; E S Barraclough 7/59, K Smales 3/6) & 3/0

CAREER FIGURES AND BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS (WHERE KNOWN) OF PLAYERS WHO MADE THEIR DEBUTS IN 1948

336) **Bernard BROOKE** – Born 3 Mar 1930, Newsome, Huddersfield

First-class debut – v The MCC, Lord's, 29 Apr to 2 May 1950 (Other first-class match)

Yorks career – 1948-1953

He was a RH batsman and RA Medium-fast bowler

His best first –class score (14) came in his debut match (above)

His best first-class bowling figures (1/64) came in the same match

His career-best score (30*) came in a Minor Counties Championship game against Cheshire at Thirsk CC on 25 & 26 July 1949

His career-best bowling figures (5/59) came in a Minor Counties Championship game against Notts at the Wath-upon-Dearne Athletic Gd on 15 & 16 June 1949

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

1st Class Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
2	4	0	16	14	4.00	-	-	-
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
21	24	6	185	30*	10.27	-	-	10

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1st Class Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	56	12	191	2	95.50	1/64	-	-
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	418	99	1124	57	19.71	5/59	1	-

He began his cricket with Armitage Bridge (Huddersfield CL) and later played for Lightcliffe, Bingley and Pudsey ST Lawrence (all Bradford CL). He was the leading wicket-taker in the second eleven in 1949 but made little impression on the first eleven when his opportunity came along.

338) **Dennis Brian CLOSE** – Born 24 Feb 1931, Rawdon, Leeds

Died 14 Sept 2015, Baildon, Bradford, aged 84.

He was a LH bat and bowled both OB and RA medium-pacers.

Test debut – v New Zealand, Old Trafford, 23-26 July 1949

First-class debut – v Cambridge Un, Fenner`s, 11-13 May 1949 (University match)

ODI debut – v Australia, Old Trafford, 24 Aug 1972 (1st match of the Prudential Trophy)

List A debut – v Notts at Acklam Park, Middlesbrough, 22 May 1963 (Gillette Cup)

Yorks career – 1949-1970

His highest Test score (70) was made against the West Indies at Lord`s, 20-25 June 1963 (2nd Test)

His best Test bowling figures (4/35) came against India at Headingley on 2-4 July 1959 (3rd Test)

His highest first-class score (198) came in the match against Surrey at the Oval, 18-21 June 1960 (County Championship)

His best first-class bowling figures (8/41) came in the match against Kent at Headingley on 8-11 Aug 1959 (County Championship)

His highest score in ODIs (43) came against Australia at Lord`s on n26 Aug 1972 (2nd match)

His highest score in List A matches (131) came against Yorks (playing for Somerset) at Bath CC on 16 June 1974 (John Player CL)

His best bowling figures (4/9) in List A matches came against Glam at Taunton (playing for Somerset) on 20 May 1973 (John Player CL)

His career-best bowling figures (8/13) came in the Minor Counties Championship game against Cumberland at the Ernest Valentine Gd, Workington on 4 & 5 June 1956

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

Test Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
22	37	2	887	70	25.34	-	4	24
1st Class Matches (For Yorks & Somerset)	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
786	1225	173	34994	198	33.26	52	171	813/1
ODIs	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
3	3	0	49	43	16.33	-	-	1
List A Matches (For Yorks & Somerset)	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
164	156	11	3458	131	23.84	2	11	53
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
11	11	0	307	108	27.90	1	1	8

2nd XI Championship Matches (For Somerset)	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
1	1	0	9	9	9.00	-	-	2

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Test Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	202	56	532	18	29.55	4/35	-	-
1st Class Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	11661.5	3602	30947	1171	26.42	8/41	43	3
ODIs	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	3	0	21	0	-	-	-	-
List A matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	4wI	5wM
	378.1	54	1446	65	22.24	4/9	2	-
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	241	81	534	49	10.89	8/13	5	3

Where to begin with a summary of this man ? Surely the greatest captain Yorks ever had and that includes Lord Hawke and A B Sellers. He was as brave as they come at short leg and when facing Michael Holding et al in Test Matches. He was once asked, when the ball hit him when fielding in his usual close-in position, if it hurt. His answer was, apparently, that it was not in contact with him long enough to hurt. He was also the first autograph collected by the author in the car-park at Acklam Park, Middlesbrough in the 1970s.

He was awarded his Yorks cap in 1949, the year he made his Test debut against New Zealand at the age of 18 yrs and 149 days and he remains England's youngest player. He is also the youngest player to have completed the double of 1000 runs and 100 wickets when he achieved the feat in 1949, his first season. He was a talented footballer and played for Leeds Utd, Arsenal and Bradford City. Golf was another sport at which he excelled and he was reputed to be a single-handicap player either right or left-handed.

In later years, he would appear at Headingley in the offices, with the Sporting Life news paper under his arm and a packet of cigarettes showing from a pocket somewhere. The author once heard him speak at a dinner organised by Otley CC. It was not the usual after-dinner speech, full of jokes and stories about his playing days and those he

played with and against. Instead, he regaled the audience with a technical description of how John Gleeson, the Australian spin bowler, delivered the ball, flicked out by his bent middle finger. He had borrowed the idea from Jack Iverson, an Australian Test player of 1950-1951.

He captained England in seven of his 22 tests. The most memorable instance was against the West Indies in 1966. Mike Smith of Warwickshire had led the team to defeat in the first test at Old Trafford and Colin Cowdrey had taken over for the next three games, losing two with one match drawn. Brian Close took over for the fifth and final match and turned the tables with a victory by an innings & 34 runs.

In many respects, Close's greatest achievement in that match was to dismiss Garfield Sobers for "just 81" as John Arlott commented on the radio. Sobers had had scores of 161, 46, 163*, 3, 94 and 174 before the final game.

But after six more games in charge (five won and one drawn), he was sacked because of an incident in a County Championship match against Warwickshire. Close slowed down Yorkshire's bowling in the final innings of the game to ensure his side did not lose and so gain enough points to win the Championship that year (1967) and his tactics were successful. But they cost him the England captaincy.

Yorkshire had awarded him a benefit in 1961 and it garnered £8154 (or £182,701.50 in 2020) and a further testimonial in 1970, raising £6540 (or £101,834.63 in 2020). He captained Yorks from 1963 to 1970 and won four Championships and two Gillette Cups in that time. Only Lord Hawke and Brian Sellers captained Yorkshire for longer. He was a Wisden Cricketer of the Year in 1964, along with four West Indians; Charlie Griffith, Conrad Hunte, Rohan Kanhai and Garfield (later Sir Garfield) Sobers.

His time with Yorkshire was controversially severed, allegedly because of his opinions about the relatively new format of one-day cricket. So he moved to Somerset whom he captained from 1972 to 1977 and where he helped Viv Richards and Ian Botham become the international superstars they eventually became. Indeed, at Close's funeral, Ian Botham, in his oration, stated that he could not have had a better captain than Close in his formative years.

He was awarded the CBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List of 1975.

339) **Eric FISK** – Born – 27 March 1931, East Ardsley, West Yorkshire

First Class debut – v Essex, Chelmsford, 1950 (for the Combined Services during his National Service)

Yorkshire career – 1948 to 1954

Highest score – 96 v Staffordshire, Scarborough, 21 & 22 July, 1952 (2nd XI Minor Counties Championship)

Highest score in First Class cricket – 16 v Warwickshire, Edgbaston, 18-21 Aug, 1951 (for the Combined Services)

Best bowling – 5/90 v Northumberland, Osborne Avenue, Jesmond, 23 & 24 June, 1952 (2nd XI Minor Counties Championship)

Best Bowling in First Class cricket – 1/19 v Warwickshire, Edgbaston in the above match

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

1st Class Matches (For Combined Services)	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
3	5	0	37	16	7.40	-	-	1
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
29	42	4	864	96	22.73	-	7	17

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1st Class Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	48.1	15	123	2	61.50	1/19	-	-
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	309.5	69	893	32	29.90	5/90	1	-

Eric Fisk started dabbling in cricket at the early age of seven.. His first game was as a 10 year-old for East Ardsley second eleven, for whom his father played. The team was a man short and Eric was invited to play. He made 1*. He then played again later in the same season and made an unbeaten four. He also took his first wicket.

His junior representative days included appearances for the Yorkshire Cricket Federation eleven and the West Riding schoolboys' side. He captained both sides.

Eric had a vast amount of league experience; Castleford and King Cross in the Yorkshire League, Undercliffe, Spen Victoria, Bowling Old Lane and Brighouse (all Bradford League). He also had a spell with Holmfirth in the Huddersfield League, captaining the team to a League and Cup double in 1975 and 1976. Don Wilson, such a stalwart for Yorkshire, was also a member of the team.

The recommendation to Yorkshire came from Wilf Barber (Yorkshire 1926 to 1947). Wilf was a coach at the Winter Cricket School Eric attended. He first played for Yorkshire CCC second eleven as a 17 year old, while still a pupil at Morley Grammar School. After his National Service, Eric returned to the second eleven as a batsman who could bowl if required. This time clashed with the appearance of Ronnie Wood, who became established as the premier slow left-arm bowler.

In spite of this, Eric received his second eleven cap but his job prevented many more matches and Eric had to abandon any thoughts of a first-class career.

As with so many cricketers who were trialled by Yorkshire and later released, Fisk ended up back in the Leagues, whence he had come. Amongst other Clubs, he had a brief spell with Guiseley CC in the Airedale-Wharfedale Senior Cricket League. He had previously played both rugby and cricket with Morley CC.

340) **Norman Frederick HORNER** – 10 May 1926, Queensbury, Bradford
Died 24 Dec 2003, Drifffield, E Yorks, aged 77

He was a RH opening batsman

First-class debut – v Scotland, Raeburn Place, Scotland, 12-14 July 1950 (Other first-class amtch)
Yorks career – 1948-1950

His highest first-class and his career best score (203*) came in the County Championship game against Surrey at the Oval on 6-8 July 1960 (playing for Warwicks)
In this match, Horner and Khalid (Billy) Ibadullah added an unbroken first-wicket stand of 377 in the Warwicks first innings

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

1st Class Matches (For Yorks & Warwicks)	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
362	656	34	18533	203*	29.79	25	92	131
List A matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
5	5	1	125	55	31.25	-	1	-
2nd XI Championship (For Warwicks)	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
4	8	0	363	98	45.37	-	3	1
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
23	37	3	824	147	24.23	1	2	11

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1st Class Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	11.1	1	78	0	-	-	-	-

List A Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	1	0	2	0	-	-	-	-

He began his cricket with the local Queensbury club (Bradford CL) In 1951, he left to Play fort Warwicks and he received his cap from them in 1953.He was awarded a benefit at Edgbaston in 1962 and it raised £6454 (or £138, 844.21 in 2020). He was later the groundsman at Warwick School.

341) **Charles LEE** – Born 17 March 1924, Eastwood, Rotherham, S Yorks
Died 4 Sept 1999, Leicester, aged 75.

He was a RH batsman and bowled RA medium-pacers

First-class debut – v Scotland, Hamilton Crescent, Glasgow on 25-27 June 1952 (Yorks in Scotland)
Yorks career – 1948-1952

His highest first-class and his career best score (150) came in the County Championship game against Glos at Queen`s Park, Chesterfield on 28-30 May 1958 (playing for Derbys)

His career-best highest score (188) came in the Minor Counties Championship game against Notts at Saltaire CC on 13 14 June 1951

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

1st Class Matches (For Yorks & Derbys)	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
271	472	16	12129	150	26.59	8	69	202
List A Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
2	2	0	42	42	21.00	-	-	1
2nd XI Championship	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
3	6	0	150	61	25.00	-	1	3
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
36	58	3	1955	188	35.54	5	5	20

2nd XI Friendly Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
1	2	0	104	104	52.00	1	-	-

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1st Class Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	269.1	67	721	21	34.33	2/9	-	-
2nd XI Championship	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	24	3	58	3	19.33	3/42	-	-
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
	6	1	13	0	-	-	-	-

E began his cricket career with Rotherham Town CC and later played for Sheffield Utd CC (both Yorkshire CL). He later played for Swinton CC. He was the leading run scorer in the Yorks second eleven 1951 and 1952. But competition was stiff and so he moved to Derbys in 1954. He was capped in 1956 and became the club's first professional captain in 1963. His benefit in 1964 raised £2,992 (or £61,032.69 in 2020)

342) **Frank Anderson LOWSON** – Born 1 July 1925, Bradford
Died 8 Sept 1984, Pool-in-Wharfedale, W Yorks, aged 59

He was a RH batsman and OB bowler

Test debut – v S Africa, Headingley, 26-31 July 1951 (4th Test)
First-class debut – Cambridge Un, Fenner's, 11-13 May 1949 (University Match)
Yorks career – 1948-1958

His highest test score was 68 against India at the Feroz Shah Kotla, Delhi on 2-7 Nov 1951 (1st Test)
His highest first class score (and career-best) of 259* was made against Worcs at New Rd on 26-28 Aug 1953 (County Championship)

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

Test Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
7	13	0	245	68	18.84	-	2	5
1st Class Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
277	449	37	15321	259*	37.18	31	72	190
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
10	12	2	547	118	54.70	1	3	10

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1st Class Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Figures	5wI	10wM
5	0	0	31	0	-	-	-	-

He was educated at Bradford GS and played first with Bowling Old Lane CC (Bradford CL). In 1950, he scored 2152 runs and his first 1000 runs took him only 65 to complete. No other player from any other county has ever completed that target so quickly and with the sad treatment meted out to the County Championship nowadays, no-one is ever likely to beat it. Hutton and Lowson were a regular opening pair for Yorkshire but also for England in Lowson's first two tests.

After his first-class career had finished, he was the professional with Brighouse for five years and also played for Bradford and Bingley (all Bradford CL)

343) **Roland John PARKER** – Born 19 July 1925, Pudsey, W Yorks

First-class debut – v Northants (for the Combined Services), at Wantage Rd, 21-24 June 1947. He did not appear in any first-class matches for Yorks
Yorks career – 1948-1953

His highest first-class score (18) was made for the Combined Services in his debut match above

His career-best score (118*) was made in the Minor Counties Championship game against Lincs at Bingley CC on 24 & 25 July 1950

CAREER STATISTICS - BATTING & FIELDING

1st Class Matches (For the Combined Services)	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
2	3	0	36	18	12.00	-	-	-
2nd XI Minor Counties Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
18	29	2	368	118*	13.62	1	1	13
2nd XI Friendly Matches	Inns	Not Outs	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s	Ct/St
1	2	0	89	71	44.50	-	1	-

344) **H SHEPHERD** – No biographical details are available for this player. He was an opening bowler. He played two games in the Minor Counties Championship, firstly against Cheshire at the Oval, Wallasey, on 16 & 17 June 1948. He scored 1 in his only innings. His bowling figures were 39-9-82-3, including his best figures of 2/61. His final game was against Northumberland at Barnsley CC on 30 June & 1 July 1948. He failed to score in his only inning and bowled 20-5-37-1. He did not take a catch in either game.

345) **G WAITES** – No biographical details are available for this player. He played just one Minor Counties Championship game against Lancs at Old Trafford on 17 & 18 May 1948. He scored 16 and 4 at no. 10 in the batting order. His bowling figures were 15-3-55-1, including his best return of 1/26. He took two catches in Lancs first innings.
