

INTRODUCTION

I must begin this introduction with a heartfelt thank you to Mr Julian Lawton Smith, who has been enormously helpful in providing final competition tables, where Cricket Archive, which has been so helpful in providing line scores and averages, could not.

The Minor Counties Championship began in 1895 and is still going strong, apart from interruptions at the times of the two world wars (1915 to 1919 & 1940 to 1945)

It has had various formats. From 1895 to 1982, it ran as one division but then for the 1983 season, it was re-organised into Eastern and Western divisions.

A further change will occur in 2020. The Minor Counties Cricket Association will become the National Counties Cricket Association.

Yorkshire 2nd XI played in the competition from 1900 to 1910 inclusive but then pulled out. They resumed membership in 1921. For a time, when the Second Eleven Championship began in 1959, Yorkshire entered teams in both competitions (1959 to 1961 inclusive). Their final season was 1974.

The names of players who played for Yorkshire second eleven in the Minor Counties Championship has caused some problems of identification.

For example, there is B C Moor, who appeared from 1953 until 1955 and B C Moore who played in 1954. The author has had no option but to treat these two players as separate, unless anyone reading this research can supply information to the contrary.

As you look through the list of the hundreds of players who played in this competition for the White Rose, other similar examples will strike you.

The number that occurs before each player's name indicates the order in which they made their debuts in the Minor Counties competition. Where more than one player is involved, alphabetical order of surnames is applied.

Each section has the final championship table, batting & bowling averages line scores for matches played and pen pictures of the debutants for that season. Please note that, where an asterisk (*) stands next to a County Club name in the line scores, it indicates that that team won the toss, where such information is known.

Table headings are as follows (for Final League Tables)

Played (P)	Not counted in final calculation of the table (NC)
Won (W)	Finished matches (Fin)
Tied (T)	Points (Pts)
Lost (L)	Percentage of finished matches (%)
Drawn(D)	The better percentage of possible points (PtsPC)
Abandoned(Ab)	Net run-rate per wkt (Net Runs/ Wkt)
For batting averages	
Matches played (M)	Total Runs (TR)
Innings batted (I)	Highest Score (HS)
Not Outs (NO)	Average (Ave)
	Caught / stumped (Ct/St)

For bowling averages

Overs (O)	Average (Ave)
Maidens (M)	Best figures (BB)
Runs (R)	Five wkts or more in an inns (5wI)
Wickets (W)	Ten wkts or more in a match (10wM)

Several Counties, who have appeared in the competition but no longer do so, are as follows

Carmarthenshire (1908 to 1911)
Denbighshire (1930 to 1931 and 1933 to 1935)
Monmouthshire (1901 to 1914 and 1921 to 1934)

These three sides are now incorporated into the Wales Minor Counties Cricket Club

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