

Hall of Fame

I. A. (Ian) REED



Huntington W.M.C – 1959 - 1966

Heworth – 1968 - 1986

Woodhouse Grange – 1987 - 1989

Captain of League XI

Ian Reed was truly a cricket giant in every sense of the word who played the game in a highly competitive and successful manner which brought both personal and team success as he cast his spell over opposition batsmen. However, having given his all on the field of play, Ian was always a much sought after companion at the 'après-match soirées' which were always lengthy and most enjoyable. Despite his dominant presence on the field, Ian was a much-loved man by team-mates and opponents alike and his tragic death whilst bowling for Woodhouse Grange in the opening league game of the 1989 season left the whole local cricket world in a state of shock.

The judging panel rightly felt that Ian's impact on the League should be rewarded and unanimously agreed that he be inducted into the Hall of Fame posthumously.

Having started playing for Huntington WMC in 1959, Ian made an immense impact when his club played their first season in the League in 1963 when, as a 16 year old bowler, he claimed 37 wickets at an average of just 7.72 to help his side reach second place in Division Two and clinch promotion at the first attempt. Having topped the bowling in this debut season, Ian went on the top the first division bowling averages in the following year when he claimed 65 wickets at 8.96 and took 8 for 15 against Dringhouses which was to prove to be his best ever league bowling figures. Ian took over 50 wickets at three more times in Huntington colours, a figure which may well have been doubled but is not recorded as the club averages were not submitted in 1965, 1968 and 1970. Had these figures been available it is likely that Ian's total wicket tally would have been nudging 1500 and his fifty wickets in a season figure lifted to 18.

Ian, who was Manager of the Pocklington branch of Ainsty Builders made the short move across town to play for Heworth in 1971 with tremendous success. Not only did he take 56 wickets to help his new club clinch the second division title but in all games for the club during the season amounted to 176 wickets, 853 runs and 20 catches. He was to play for Heworth for 16 seasons during which he captured 1803 wickets in all matches including 100 before the end of June in one prolific season. He was the winner of the Heworth club's K.C. Matthews Bowling Award in 1975 and 1976.

He took over the captaincy of Heworth in 1979 and skippered his side to Myers & Burnell Cup success in 1984. During his reign Heworth carried off many local trophies including the Acomb Invitation Cup, The York Senior Charity Cup, The Dr. Sawkill Cup and the Pocklington Cup on three occasions.

Ian was a big supporter of the league's representative sides and captained the York Senior League XI on a number of occasions. He also was heavily involved in the York League's Joe Lumb XI and coached many a number of players who are still figuring prominently in the League. Ian's son Martin, played cricket at Bootham School and is now at Newcastle University but is no longer an active participant in the game.

The final phase of Ian's cricketing career saw him switch to Woodhouse Grange for the 1987 season where he took 52 wickets in his first year and followed with 40 wickets in 1988. The Grange opened the 1989 season with a home game against Pocklington on April 29th. Ian had bowled ten overs when he collapsed on the pitch and sadly passed away whilst performing his favourite pastime – bowling. His passing left a huge void which cast a shadow over local cricket for many years. Ian remains one of the League's 'Cricketing Legends'

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YORK SENIOR LEAGUE RECORDS HELD

- Claimed 50 wickets in the (old) first division in 16 seasons - (*probably 3 others with Huntington*)
- Double of 515 runs and 64 wickets for Huntington in division two in 1969
- First bowler to bowl 100 maidens in a season – (118 in 1971)
- Bowled in excess of 100 maiden overs in five consecutive seasons, 1981 - 1984

