

# Hall of Fame

## Pat WOOD



STAMFORD BRIDGE (Pennant Alliance)– youth to 1960

1964 – 1968

FARSLEY (Bradford League) – 1961 – 1963

**DUNNINGTON** – 1968 – 1988

Dunnington C.C. – Committee Member

Dunnington C.C. – President 2001 - 2005

**Pat Wood** takes his deserved place in the Hall of Fame because of his ability to make major scores, a talent which saw him hit 17 centuries in just 21 years in the League so that, at the time of retirement he was second only to Brian Flintoff in the League's list of centurions. Twelve of his three figure scores were made in the old first division whilst a further four were scored in division two and one in division four.

He started his cricket career as a junior player at Stamford Bridge and established himself as a first team player for Stamford in the Pennant Alliance where he hit five centuries. He is pictured above as a teenager in the Stamford Bridge side. He had a three year break from East Yorkshire cricket when he played at Farsley in the Bradford League where he played alongside fellow Stamford Bridge man Norman Pearson. They were in the Farsley side which was 4<sup>th</sup> in 1961 and then won the Bradford League title in 1962 when they had the distinction of being the first all amateur team to win the Bradford League. The team won the Priestley Cup the following year when they had a surprisingly easy victory over pre-match favourites Bradford.

Pat returned to Pennant cricket with Stamford in 1964 and played for his original club for five more years before switching to Dunnington and making his first appearance in the York Senior League in 1968 where, despite having a modest end of season record he did hit the first of his centuries when he made an unbeaten 104 against York Railway Institute. Two centuries followed in 1969 when his 573 runs at an average of 44.06 saw him reach second place in the division two batting averages. His spin bowling also earned him 22 wickets at 10.05 to see him in the 4<sup>th</sup> place slot in the bowling averages.

With his club having moved into division one, Pat hit 602 runs in 1970 and notched yet another ton this time at the expense of the highly rated Easingwold side. Dunnington were soon to return to division two but stayed a mere two years before returning to the top flight and, in 1976, Pat sat proudly at the top of the league batting averages with 802 runs at an average of 40.10. His run total also saw him emerge as leading run-maker whilst he claimed 39 wickets to just fall short of the best ever 43 wickets which he claimed in 1975.

Whilst the 802 run tally was to be his best ever total in the first division, Pat did surpass this total in 1985 when he made 838 runs at an average of 44.11 which saw him again with the double header of top run scorer and best average, albeit in division two. The final three figure score to come from his bat was his unbeaten 102 against Bedale in 1986.

Pat is one of a line of cricketers in his family with his father having played for Stamford Bridge for many years and son Marcus being the present captain of York's ECB County Premier League team

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*Photo – courtesy of Stamford Bridge C.C.*

### YORK SENIOR LEAGUE RECORDS HELD

- Most centuries in old first division – 12
- First player to score a century in five successive seasons
- Scored a century for every 20.76 innings

### PAT WOOD – PLAYING RECORD

(Apart from a missing year, Batting records are complete – Bowling records only available for qualifying years)

