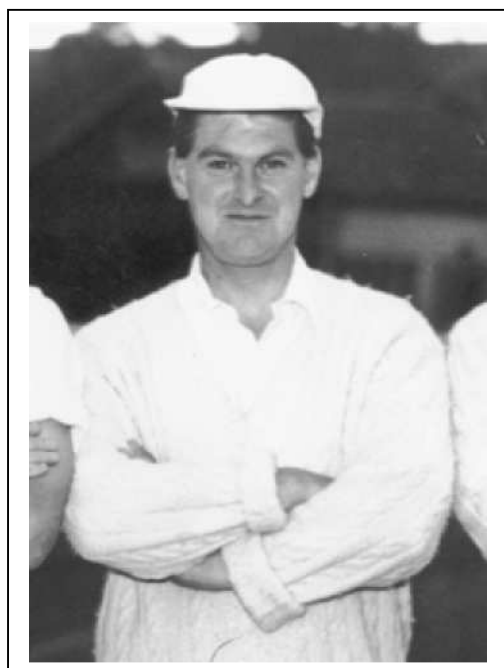


Hall of Fame



Alan BARKER

Civil Service 1955 - 1968

Osbalwick 1972 – 1989

POSITIONS HELD

Chairman of Osbalwick

Alan Barker will no doubt be familiar to avid readers of the League handbook from his impressive entries in the 'Eight or more Wickets in an Innings' section where his name is listed in two separate tables and is indicative of the potent threat posed by Alan's pace bowling.

He is one of four bowlers who have taken eight or more wickets in an innings on seven occasions which is a feat bettered only by two of the other Hall of Fame recipients, Duncan Steel, who was a team mate at Civil Service and Steve Whitaker, each of whom have recorded the eight plus feat on ten occasions.

Alan was the first player to take eight or more wickets three times in the same season when he had returns of 9 – 40 against Marton-cum-Grafton, 8 – 11 against Magnets and 8-39 against Rowntrees in 1961 in Division Two. The feat was matched by Mick Oldfield in 1977 in Division One and Terry Parker in 1978 in Division Four and the trio have remained as joint record holders until their performances were eclipsed by Hemingbrough's overseas player Asim Butt who had no fewer than five hauls of eight or more wickets.

Alan first played for Civil Service in 1955 which is two years prior to the advent of a league handbook and published averages so his recorded tally of 845 is likely to be understated. He played with Service until 1968 after which he had three years absence from the record books. He re-emerged in 1972 in Osbalwick colours where his 31 wickets at an average of a mere 8.93 helped the club gain promotion from Division Four at the first attempt. Alan qualified for the averages on a further eight occasions, his last entry being in 1983 when he took 31 wickets. He continued as a playing member for Osbalwick until 1989 and subsequently held the post of Club Chairman for a number of years. Having moved to live in Stamford Bridge, Alan is now a regular supporter at the Low Catton Road ground.

Whilst Alan was a feared bowler his batting ability was not perceived as a serious threat by the opposition although he did meet the qualifying criteria of 150 runs at an average of 15 on two occasions, the first being in 1959 and the second momentous occasion being in 1977. He does recall making his highest score of 49 not out against Stillington on a Bank Holiday Monday when, having bowled a marathon spell of 23 overs he was surprised to find himself promoted from the familiar lower echelons of the batting order to number 4 from whence he batted 32 overs to earn a draw.

He twice took nine wickets in an innings and recalls that he had taken the first nine wickets and was prevented from nabbing a full bag when he caught the last man in the gully. He says "I just dare not drop it"

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YORK SENIOR LEAGUE RECORDS HELD

- First player to take eight or more wickets in an innings six times (*achieved 1965*)
- First player to record three hauls of eight or more wickets in a season in 1961

ALAN BARKER – PLAYING RECORD

(Records not included where player not qualified for inclusion in handbook)

YEAR	DIV	INN	NO	HS	RUNS	AVE	Pos	OVERS	MDNS	RUNS	WKTS	AVE	Pos
Civil Service													
1957	2							133.3	25	294	30	9.80	5 th
1958	1							237.0	43	582	57	10.21	
1959	1	15	4	49*	196	17.82		209.5	52	560	41	13.66	
1960	1							257.5	71	611	50	12.22	
1961	2							172.1	56	394	62	6.35	2 nd
1962	2							167.1	58	323	48	6.72	1 st
1963	1							267.5	55	670	52	12.88	
1964	2							205.2	54	472	45	10.49	
1965	2							261.0	56	706	60	11.76	
1966	2							225.0	68	439	46	9.32	
1967	2							114.0	26	236	28	8.43	3 rd
1968	1							206.0	59	503	37	13.59	
1969 – 71 <i>not qualified for handbook</i>													
Osbaldwick													
1972	4							113.0	36	277	31	8.93	
1973 <i>not qualified for handbook</i>													
1974	3							152.0	31	381	26	14.65	
1975 <i>no averages submitted by Osbaldwick</i>													
1976	2							242.0	48	587	30	19.56	
1977	2	17	5	36	180	15.00		259.0	64	577	44	13.11	
1978	2							318.0	103	733	51	14.37	
1979	2							185	52	506	27	18.74	
1980	3							165.0	52	415	24	17.29	
1981 <i>not qualified for handbook</i>													
1982	3							112.2	27	299	25	11.96	
1983	3							195.0	56	455	31	14.68	
1984 – 89 <i>not qualified for handbook</i>													
Totals		32	9	49*	376	16.35		4193.0	1092	10020	845	11.86	

Average Runs per Over during career = 2.39

Eight or more Wickets in a Match (7)

1958	8-34	D.1	v Sessay
1960	8-40	D.1	v Stillington
1961	9-40	D.2	v Marton-cum-Grafton
	8-11	D.2	v Magnets
	8-39	D.2	v Rowntrees
1965	9-38	D.2	v Tadcaster
1983	8-40	D.3	v Huby

Eight Wickets or more in a Season three times

1961 as above

Top of Bowling Averages (1)

1962 – D.2

Leading Wicket Taker in Division nil

Most Wickets in a Season 62 in 1961

Most Runs in a Season 196 in 1959

Highest Score 49* v Stillington

Number of times qualified for League Handbook (23)

Batting = 2 Bowling = 21