

Hall of Fame

C . F. (Colin) PRINGLE

Thirsk 1957 – 1993



Colin leaving the old Thirsk pavilion to start another innings at The Racecourse Ground

He topped 500 runs in a season on eight occasions, his best being his 615 (average 30.75) in division one in 1982. He also qualified for the bowling averages four times with his best haul being 31 wickets at 13.79 in 1969.

Brother Don played cricket for a number of clubs within the York Senior League, including Thirsk, Heworth and Sheriff Hutton Bridge whilst another brother, Derrick, played for Sowerby Cricket Club.

Colin Pringle was a long serving batsman who first played for Thirsk Cricket Club in 1954 and continued with his only club until 1994 during which time he served as club captain, committee member and had a lengthy stint as club groundsman

League handbook records show that he qualified for the Batting Averages from 1957 through to 1993 with the exception of six years, mostly in the 1960s. On at least one of these occasions, this omission was due to the fact that no averages were received from the club.

Colin was a regular first team performer throughout his career until dropping into the second eleven for his final five qualifying seasons and his recorded run aggregate is 12,424 from some 525 innings at an average of 26.38. This run tally is likely to be raised to over 13,000 via the missing years.

His highest score, and the first of two centuries, was his unbeaten 115 in the first division against York Railway Institute in 1964 whilst he made a second three figure score against Tadcaster some fifteen years later.

Whilst he never succeeded in claiming top spot in the batting averages he did come second in division two in 1966 when he made 533 runs at an average of 31.35 in an era when bowlers tended to have the better of most encounters. He was to again occupy the runners-up berth in 1980 when his 529 runs at an average of 48.09 saw him fail by seven tenths of a run to better the average of Hovingham's Ken Calvert.



