

Hall of Fame



D.C. (Des) WYRILL

Sheriff Hutton Bridge -1963; 1965-1966

1968-1974; 1986; 1988-1992

Easingwold – 1967

Heworth – 1993 – 1994

Thirsk – 1994 – 2005

Also played for :-

York in Yorkshire League

Yeadon, Farsley, Eccleshill & Idle in Bradford League

Heckmondwyke in Yorkshire Council

Yorkshire Cricket Board Over 50s in ECB County Comp.

League XI Team Manager 2004 – 2006

Des Wyrill has had an extremely lengthy and, at times controversial career which has seen him play in the top bracket of league cricket for 43 seasons during which he has created records in the York Senior League, Yorkshire League and the Bradford League. Despite celebrating his sixtieth birthday, which he marked with his twelfth York League century, he still commands a regular first team place with Thirsk in division one.

He made his league debut for Sheriff Hutton Bridge in the opening game of the 1962 season at York Ramblers and made 97 the following week at Sessay being denied an early century when he was bowled by Len Arksey. His first appearances in the league averages came in 1963 as an 18 years old when he scored 256 runs for Sheriff Hutton Bridge. 1964 saw him take his first steps in the Bradford League with Yeadon but this proved to be a one year venture.

Back at the Bridge, he became the first to complete the double of 500 runs and 50 wickets in a season when he hit 656 runs at 38.59 and claimed 57 wickets at 10.84 with his accurate right arm seamers in the first division. In the same season he notched his first York League ton when he took 7 runs off the final over from Alan Barker to make 102 not out against Civil Service. Des was a first choice player for the League's representative side and had a top score of 97 not out. He made an unbeaten 84 when he captained the side which lifted the Yorkshire Inter-League Trophy for the first time to a last ball win over East Yorkshire Alliance at Hull's Circle ground.

His aggregate of 843 runs in 1973 was a new York Senior League record for any division and saw him head the first division run-scorers list for the fourth time and record the leading average (52.69) for the third time. His prolonged career has seen him head the list of run-scorers a total of on six occasions and record the leading average on five occasions including the best evertop flight average of 112.80 in the premier division on 1999. In addition he topped both lists in division two in 1994.

Des's batting, bowling and safe catching hands played a significant role in Sheriff Hutton Bridge's success in local cups during the 1970s and 1980s when they lifted virtually all the major cups in the area on more than one occasion. He continued to play night cricket with the Bridge after moving to York in the Yorkshire League in 1975 where he soon established himself as one of the top batsman and became the first player to score 1000 runs in the Yorkshire League when he hit 1061 runs at an average of 70.73 in 1978.

Having moved into the Bradford League he won the W H Foster Jubilee Trophy for the best batting average in the first division in 1981 for Eccleshill and also had a successful spells with Farsley and Idle before returning to Sheriff Hutton Bridge in 1986. where his 850 runs in 1988 and 741 runs in 1989 helped the Bridge to become League Champions in both years. In 1991 he became the first player to hit four centuries in a season during which he hit 761 first division runs at an average of 50.73.

His move to Heworth in 1993 saw him hit 1016 runs but his stay at Elm Park way was terminated after just four games in the following season which saw him move to Thirsk where he scored 50 or more in 11 of his 15 innings. Des has now completed 12 successful seasons at Thirsk where he has continued to score important runs and has also embarked on a late career as wicket keeper.

He has been a regular member of the Yorkshire Cricket Board Over 50's side for ten years and has scored some 3850 runs at an average of 75 in the ECB Over 50s County Championship including seven centuries. At the start of the current winter his aggregate of 3519 runs saw him occupy third place in the League's Indoor leading run-maker list with his average 62.84 being the second best average. He is also third in the fielding list with 67 victims.

Upon moving to Thirsk, Des helped to establish a junior section which has produced a number of fine young players who have begun to make their mark in the first team. His success prompted Easingwold to invite him to run their newly established junior academy in 2005. Des has been co-manager of the League's Senior Representative XI in the Costcutter Yorkshire Senior Leagues' Competition and the Nixon Yorkshire Inter-League Knock-Out Competition

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YORK SENIOR LEAGUE RECORDS HELD

- Has topped first division / premier division batting averages more times (5) than any other player
- Holds record for best average in first division / premier division (112.80)
- Created new all division league aggregate runs record in 1973 (843)
- First player to score four centuries in a season (1991)
- First player to complete double of 500 runs and 50 wickets in a season (1968)

