

Hall of Fame

Richard SYKES

Acomb 1971- Present

Captain

Club Cricket Committee for over 20 years



Richard is generally regarded as the complete all-round cricketer of the past two decades and has excelled as batsman and wicket-keeper as well as proving a valuable asset with his medium pace bowling. His total of 22 league centuries places him in third place in the 'century Makers' table and his total of 21 three figure scores in the premier and first divisions is an equal record.

Having watched his first match at Acomb at the age of nine he made his debut for Acomb at Sewerby Park in a friendly game in September 1971 and became a regular second team player in 1972.

League handbooks show that Richard has qualified for the batting averages in 30 out of 31 seasons since his first appearance in 1977; the one exception being 1983. He was leading run scorer in the first division in 1986 when he made 800 runs at an average of 44.44 but really became dominant during the 1990s. His 730 runs in 1989 was the start of an incredible run of 11 seasons during which he only once failed to score over 700 runs and made 17 of his 22 centuries. He topped the 900 mark on three occasions starting with 907 runs at 50.39 in 1991 which was followed by 928 in 1996 when he averaged 54.59 and was third in the batting averages. He again reached third place in 1999 when his most prolific season saw him make 961 runs at an average of 64.07. His best premier division tally was his 804 runs in 1998.

He hit four centuries in a season in 1996 including scores of 116* and 100 in the two games against Dunnington which was the first instance of a batsman scoring two centuries against the same opposition in the top division. He repeated the quartet of centuries in 1999. Dunnington were also on the receiving end when Richard recorded his highest league score of 153* in 1993, two years after recording his first of four centuries against the Common Road side. His best league bowling figures are 6-32 against Tadcaster in 1991. However his most important bowling spell was his 6-36 against Woodhouse Grange in 1989 when his 6 for 36 included three wickets in 4 balls, which were all clean bowled, in the 41st over which earned his side a 4 run victory.

He has topped the premier division wicket keeping table on three occasions with his tally of 44 victims in 2004 being a record for all divisions and including a premier record of 16 stumpings. He has won the Brian Shirley Award for the leading premier division keeper on three occasions and the Doug Mackay Award for the most stumpings in 2005

As a regular member of the League's Representative XI over many years he has experienced both success and disappointment against most of the top league in the County in the Yorkshire Senior Leagues K.O. Competition, the Yorkshire Inter-League Competition and the Leeds Area Cricket Council Competition. He has recorded two centuries at this level and has been a Team manager's dream as he has always been keen and eager to play, even attending matches on odd occasions when he was not in the original eleven. Richard has agreed to manage the League's side in the Nixon Yorkshire Inter-League K.O. in 2008 and will be hoping that his players display a similar level of commitment.

Richard has maintained a good record of his career and has provided details of his bowling figures in the league. These are included in the playing record overleaf. He also states that, in addition to his league and representative centuries he has made 31 three figure scores for Acomb in cup ties and friendly games and has reached the magical 100 mark on 55 occasions. He recalls that he scored his first century on Friday 12th August 1977 against Gloucester City, reaching the milestone just ten minutes after Geoff Boycott had scored his 100th hundred at Headingley.

As well as his fine record in the summer game, Richard has an incredible record in the Indoor League where he is the only player to score in excess of 5000 runs as well as taking 100 wickets and topping the fielding records with 39 more victims than his nearest challenger. His indoor talents have earned him nine player of the year awards

York Senior League records held by Richard Sykes

• Most wicket keeper victims in a season	44 in Premier Div.	2004
• Most stumpings in Premier Division	16	2004
• First keeper to take 30 catches in season in Premier Division		2002
• Most centuries in top division	17	
• Only player to score 4 centuries in a season twice in top two divisions		
• First player to score two centuries against same opposition in top division		1996
<u>Indoor League</u>		
• Leading run scorer	5191	@ 42.90
• Most scores of 25 and over	119	
• Most not out innings	94	
• Leading Fielder & most catches	134	(111-c; 23-st)
• Only player to score 5000 runs (5191) and take 100 wickets (100)		
• Most runs in a season	459	@ 65.57 2002-3
• Most individual awards	10	(4 – Batting; 1 – Bowling; 5 – All-Rounder)

RICHARD SYKES – PLAYING RECORD

(Details of years when qualified for League Handbook – additional self recorded performances are highlighted)

YEAR	DIV.	XI	INN.	N.O.	H.S.	RUNS	AVE	100/ 50s	Pos.	Overs	M	Runs	Wkts	Ave	RPO	5w/1	Pos.	Ct	St	Notes
Acomb																				
1977	1	1st	20	2	74	348	19.33													
1978	1	1st	15	1	68*	226	16.14													
1979	4	2nd	8	2	120*	336	56.00	1/	3rd											
1980	1	1st	20	3	79*	792	46.59		3rd											Lead run scorer
1981	1	1st	20	-	75	625	31.25													
1982	1	1st	20	1	43	340	17.89			115.0	33	303	27	11.22	2.66					
1983																				
1984	1	1st	21	2	69*	489	25.74			24.0	6	82	9	9.11	3.42					
1985	1	1st	12	2	56	229	22.90			4.0	0	17	1	17.00	4.25					
1986	1	1st	22	4	130*	800	44.44	2/	4th	48.0	17	98	10	8.80	2.04					
1987	1	1st	16	2	89*	441	31.50			21.0	2	71	5	14.20	3.38					
1988	1	1st	20	1	117	694	36.53	1/		49.4	10	127	7	18.14	2.57					
1989	1	1st	19	2	97	730	42.94		4th	64.4	14	246	11	22.36	3.82					
1990	1	1st	18	3	123*	734	48.93	2/	3rd											
1991	1	1st	22	4	113*	907	50.39	2/7		83.5	6	333	18	18.50	3.99					
1992	1	1st	19	2	105*	798	46.94	1/7		9.0	2	47	1	47.00	5.22					
1993	1	1st	22	1	153*	770	36.67	1/6												
1994	1	1st	22	1	88	540	25.71	-/3		26.0	11	56	3	18.67	2.15			14c	7st	
1995	1	1st	21	2	106*	819	43.11	2/5		36.0	6	212	6	35.33	5.89					
1996	1	1st	22	5	116*	928	54.59	4/4	3rd	143.0	30	466	26	17.92	3.26	1		14c		as fielder
1997	1	1st	19	1	113	773	42.94	1/7		40.5	9	117	7	16.70	2.89					
1998	P	1st	22	2	105*	804	40.20	1/5		102.0	10	375	13	28.85	3.68			14c		as fielder
1999	1	1st	22	7	125*	961	64.07	4/4		6.0	1	9	1	9.00	1.50			20c	11st	
2000	P	1st	20	1	93*	548	28.84	-/3										10c		as fielder
2001	P	1st	16	-	91	308	19.25	-/1		86.0	11	331	12	27.58	3.85					
2002	P	1st	20	1	74	468	24.63	-/4										29c	8st	
2003	P	1st	18	1	76	407	23.94	-/1										14c	12st	
2004	P	1st	22	2	81	587	29.35	-/4										28c	16st	Rec WK & st
2005	P	1st	19	6	80*	477	36.69	-/4										17c	15st	
2006	P	1st	16	2	76	345	24.64	-/3										11c	5st	
2007	P	1st	14	5	61*	254	28.22	-/1										16c	7st	
Totals (per HB)			567	68	153*	17478	35.03			258.0	63	769	53	14.51	2.98			187c	81st	
Totals Self recorded										859.0	168	2890	157	18.41	3.36					

Centuries 22 (total centuries in career = 55)

1979	120*	v Thorp Arch & B. S.	D.4																	
1986	130*	v Bedale	D.1	107		v Sheriff Hutton Bridge	D.1													
1988	117*	v Pocklington	D.1																	
1990	123*	v Stamford Bridge	D.1	107*		v Pocklington	D.1													
1991	113*	v Dunnington	D.1	104		v Bolton Percy	D.1													
1992	105*	v Bolton Percy	D.1																	
1993	153*	v Dunnington	D.1																	
1995	106*	v Pocklington	D.1	103		v Osbaldwick	D.1													
1996	116*	v Dunnington	D.1	102*		v Bedale	D.1													
	101*	v Duncombe Park	D.1	100		v Dunnington	D.1													
1997	113	v Clifton Alliance	D.1																	
1998	105*	v Osbaldwick	Prem																	
1999	125*	v Dringhouses	D.1	113*		v Crayke	D.1													
	113*	v Goole Town	D.1	101*		v Civil Service	D.1													

Centuries for League Representative Teams 2

v South Riding League at Wombwell and v Lancashire Under 23's at Heworth (for League U/23 XI)

Leading Run Scorer in Division 1 1980

500 Runs in a Season 17

Most Runs in a Season 928 1996

Highest Score 153* 1993 v Dunnington D.1

Most Wickets in a Season 27 1982

Best Bowling figures in League 6-32 1991 v Tadcaster D.1

Most Wicket Keeper Victims in a Season 44 2004 Premier & All-division record

Most Stumpings in a Season 16 2004 Premier Division record

Number of times qualified for inclusion in averages in League Handbook 43

Batting = 30 Bowling = 2 Fielding = 3 Wicket Keeper = 8 4 individual awards

Premier Division Record

4193 runs @ 28.52 1 century 26 x 50s 181 WK victims (115ct 66st)

Indoor League Record

5191 Runs @ 42.90 inc. 9 x 50s & 110 x 25s 100 wickets @ 29.86 111 catches & 23 stumpings 10 individual awards