

= Norman Yardley =

Norman Walter Dransfield Yardley ( 19 March 1915 ? 3 October 1989 ) was an English cricketer who played for Cambridge University , Yorkshire County Cricket Club and England , as a right @-@ handed batsman and occasional bowler . An amateur , he captained Yorkshire from 1948 to 1955 and England on fourteen occasions between 1947 and 1950 , winning four Tests , losing seven and drawing three . Yardley was named Wisden Cricketer of the Year in 1948 and in his obituary in Wisden Cricketers ' Almanack , he was described as Yorkshire 's finest amateur since Stanley Jackson .

Yardley played schoolboy cricket at St Peter 's , York . A highly talented all @-@ round sportsman , he went to St John 's College , Cambridge , and won Blues at cricket , squash , rugby fives and field hockey . In the university matches , he scored 90 in his second year , 101 in his third and was captain for his final year . He made his Yorkshire debut in 1936 and played for the county until 1955 , when he retired as a player . He made his Test match debut against South Africa in 1939 and after the Second World War was chosen as vice @-@ captain to Wally Hammond on the 1946 ? 47 tour of Australia where he captained England in the fifth Test . He followed Hammond as skipper in 1947 , and captained England intermittently until 1950 when his business commitments allowed . In 1948 he succeeded to the Yorkshire leadership when Brian Sellers resigned . Yardley remained in the position until 1955 , during a time when Yorkshire had several difficult players in their dressing room . Under Yardley , Yorkshire were joint champions in 1949 but too often for the liking of supporters , finished second to Surrey in the County Championship . He served as a Test match selector between 1951 and 1954 , acting as chairman of selectors in 1952 . He was President of Yorkshire C.C.C. from 1981 to 1984 , when he resigned after becoming involved in controversy over the decision to release Geoffrey Boycott in 1983 . He died after a stroke in 1989 .

= = Early life = =

Yardley was born in Royston , near Barnsley , on 19 March 1915 to a family with no real background in cricket . He was sent to St Peter 's , York , where he made a good impression as a cricketer , being in the school team for five years from 1930 and captain in his final two years . In 1933 , his first season in charge , he scored 973 runs at an average of 88 @.@ 45 , scoring three centuries in consecutive innings . He headed the bowling averages , with 40 wickets at 11 @.@ 90 runs per wicket . His form that season saw him selected for the match between Young Amateurs and Young Professionals at Lord 's Cricket Ground , in which Yardley scored 189 in his first representative match , playing against his future England team @-@ mate Denis Compton . In 1934 , Yardley played in two further representative matches at Lord 's , for The Rest against Lord 's Schools , and for Public Schools against The Army , making 117 , the first century in the fixture for Public Schools , and 63 . Wisden Cricketers ' Almanack later cited these successes as a demonstration of his ability to perform well on important occasions . While still at school , he came to the attention of Yorkshire County Cricket Club , playing for the Yorkshire Colts side and receiving coaching from George Hirst . He played for Yorkshire Second XI once in 1932 , twice in 1933 and twice in 1934 .

= = First @-@ class cricketer = =

= = = University Cricketer = = =

Leaving St Peter 's School , Yardley went to St John 's College , Cambridge University , where he immediately began to show all @-@ round ability at sports . He won the North of England Squash Championships every year between 1934 and 1939 , and won his Blue in hockey , squash , and Rugby Fives . However , his main distinction came from cricket , where he was a Blue in each his four years at Cambridge . He played for the University team in his first year , the 1935 season ,

making ten first @-@ class appearances without much success . His Wisden obituary noted that " class rather than performance guaranteed his place . " He made his first @-@ class debut against Sussex , scoring a duck in his first innings and 24 runs in the second . He passed fifty on just one occasion that season , scoring 319 runs at an average of 16 @.@ 78 , and bowled 69 balls without taking a wicket . Nevertheless , he played in the University Match , scoring just 19 and 36 .

In the following season , Yardley improved considerably , becoming a dominant force in University Cricket according to Wisden . His maiden first @-@ class century came in a narrow Cambridge victory over the Army , and he scored a second against Surrey , remaining not out for 116 in a total of 359 . Bowling much more regularly , his maiden wickets in first @-@ class cricket came in a performance of four wickets for 45 against Yorkshire , including the wicket of Len Hutton . Yardley topped the Cambridge batting averages and played an effective innings of 90 in the University Match . This display impressed Stanley Jackson , an influential former Yorkshire amateur cricketer , and he urged the Yorkshire selectors to include Yardley in the first team . Yardley was still appearing in the county second team at this stage , but at the end of August , he made his debut for the Yorkshire first eleven , appearing in the County Championship match against Derbyshire . He scored 12 in his only innings and took a wicket . He played in a further seven matches for Yorkshire , scoring 309 runs in ten innings with a highest score of 89 against Hampshire , with further fifties against Surrey and Marylebone Cricket Club ( MCC ) . In all first @-@ class cricket that season , Yardley scored 1 @,@ 017 runs at an average of 37 @.@ 66 and took 12 wickets at an average of 26 @.@ 08 .

Yardley continued to make progress in his batting in 1937 . For Cambridge , he scored fifties against the Army and Surrey . Against Hampshire he took four for 47 and five for 41 , and when Cambridge collapsed to 35 for six chasing a victory target of 141 , he scored 64 not out to take the side to a win . Playing Sussex , he scored a century and took four for 36 , while in the University match , he scored 101 in two and a half hours . Yardley 's form saw him selected for the Gentlemen against the Players at Lord 's , although he scored only 7 and 4 , and when he joined Yorkshire after the Cambridge season , he made his first century for the county against Surrey , as well as three other fifties . His overall first @-@ class figures were 1 @,@ 472 runs at an average of 33 @.@ 45 and 31 wickets at an average of 21 @.@ 87 . He was picked for the winter MCC tour of India , under the captaincy of Lord Tennyson , where he scored 519 runs at an average 25 @.@ 95 but only took one wicket . No official Tests were played on the tour , but Yardley played in the representative matches which took place , scoring 96 in the first game , but his highest score in four other innings was 31 .

Honours continued to come Yardley 's way in the 1938 season . He was chosen to captain Cambridge in his final season in the team ; although his side did not win a match , Yardley enjoyed some personal success . Among his fifties were innings of 67 against the touring Australian team and 61 in the University Match . He was included in different representative sides ; he was selected in a Test trial , playing for the Rest , and played a second game against the Australians for the Gentlemen of England , although he did not pass fifty in either match . For the Gentlemen against the Players , Yardley scored 88 . He did not make the full England side but was twelfth man in two Tests against Australia . His highest innings of the season was 97 for Yorkshire against Gloucestershire , and in all first @-@ class matches , Yardley accumulated 1 @,@ 217 runs at an average of 31 @.@ 20 and took 22 wickets at 35 @.@ 45 .

= = = Test debut and war service = = =

By this stage , Yorkshire regarded Yardley as the heir to Brian Sellers as captain , and the England Test selectors also began to prepare him to assume the England captaincy . At the end of the 1938 season , Yardley was chosen to tour South Africa with MCC as vice @-@ captain to Wally Hammond . He made a good start to the tour , scoring centuries in his first two innings , both surpassing his previous highest score . Wisden noted that he made a good impression on spectators in these early matches . In his fourth match , he captained the MCC in Hammond 's absence for the first time . When Len Hutton was injured in a tour match and missed the first Test ,

Yardley made his debut but scored just seven runs in a total of 422 and did not bat in the second innings . Hutton returned for the second match , and the successes of other batsmen meant that Yardley was not required in the other Tests on the tour . However , he scored a third century when he captained the MCC against Border .

Having built up a reputation as one of the best amateur cricketers in England , Yardley played three early season matches for the MCC , but he was selected for neither the Gentlemen nor for England that year . He played his first full season for Yorkshire , scoring centuries against Cambridge , Warwickshire and Sussex ; in total , he scored 1 @, @ 086 runs at an average of 27 @. @ 84 and took 17 wickets .

War brought first @-@ class cricket to an end in 1939 , and Yardley joined the first battalion of the Green Howards , along with his Yorkshire team @-@ mate Hedley Verity . After training in Omagh , Northern Ireland , where he played several cricket matches with Verity , he served in India , Iran , Syria , Egypt , Sicily , Italy and Iraq . In January 1944 , he was wounded in Italy , rejoining the First Battalion in Iraq on his recovery to become an instructor , before being demobilised at the end of the war .

= = Career after the war = =

= = = Tour to Australia in 1946 ? 47 = = =

When County cricket resumed in England in 1946 , Yorkshire won the County Championship . Yardley scored 788 runs at an average of 23 @. @ 17 , with just one century , for Yorkshire against Nottinghamshire . With the ball , he was used less frequently than before the war and took only nine wickets . He was not selected for any Test matches , but appeared for England in a Test trial and scored 39 and 11 . He also played twice for the MCC and represented the Gentlemen against the Players , making 29 and a duck in a heavy defeat for the amateurs . Critics regarded his season as unsuccessful , but he was chosen as vice @-@ captain to Hammond on the tour to Australia that winter , continuing his pre @-@ war role .

It was intended that Yardley would appear lower down in the batting order , batting with a substantial total accumulated by the previous batsmen . However , the frailties of the England batting meant he often appeared in a crisis and had to rebuild several innings . Bill Bowes , the Yorkshire and England bowler who covered the tour as a journalist , was impressed by Yardley 's approach , noting that he did not back away from the fast bowlers , who frequently bowled bouncers at him : " In fact , Yardley played cricket with a determination we had never seen in Yorkshire or in his days at the university . " He made the greatest impression as a bowler , surprising commentators with his effectiveness . He did not bowl in the first six matches , but in his first over of the tour dismissed Arthur Morris who had already scored a century . From that point , he was used effectively to break up partnerships . In the Tests , he removed Donald Bradman in three successive innings , while in the third Test , he took two wickets , including Bradman , in two deliveries . Bowes believed the natural length of Yardley 's bowling was perfect for Australian pitches ? he was not skilful enough to alter the length at which he bowled so his bowling in other conditions was less effective . The Australian reporter Clif Cary wrote " It was always amusing to watch the Englishmen when Yardley took a wicket . The first time they seemed fairly amused , but when he was regularly breaking partnerships , their enthusiasm knew no bounds , and it is said that in Melbourne after he had obtained Bradman 's wicket for the third time , Yardley blushed profusely when one excited team @-@ mate slapped him on the back and shouted " Well , bowled , Spofforth " .

In the Tests , Yardley 's only scores over fifty , his first in Test cricket , came in the third Test , where he scored 61 and 53 not out . In England 's first innings , he helped his side to recover from a batting collapse , surviving for two hours . His second innings lasted 89 minutes and helped England to avoid defeat for the first time in the series . In the same match , Yardley bowled more overs than he had done previously on the whole tour , following injuries to Bill Voce and Bill Edrich , two of England 's main bowlers . Bowling leg theory with a fielders concentrated on the leg side , Yardley

managed to move the ball off the seam . He dismissed Bradman twice in the match , having figures of three for 67 in the second innings and taking five wickets in the match . This was the first time that an England player had scored fifty runs in both innings and taken five wickets in a Test . Yardley also had substantial bowling workload in the fourth Test , delivering 31 overs in Australia 's first innings to take three for 101 . When Hammond did not play in the final Test , Yardley became captain , doing so courageously according to Wisden , which also pointed out that Yardley used field placing more effectively than Hammond . In the series , Yardley scored 252 runs at an average of 32 @. @ 50 , His ten wickets at an average of 37 @. @ 20 placed him first in the series bowling averages . He played in the drawn Test on the short tour to New Zealand which followed , opening the batting scoring 22 and taking a wicket .

= = = England captain = = =

Yardley enjoyed his most successful season with the bat in the 1947 season , scoring 1 @, @ 906 runs at an average of 44 @. @ 32 with five centuries ; his bowling took eleven wickets . Following Hammond 's retirement immediately after the 1946 ? 47 tour , Yardley captained England against South Africa throughout the season . In the first Test , he made his highest Test score . England were unexpectedly made to follow on in the face of a large South African total ; when Yardley came to the crease in the second innings , England looked likely to be defeated at 170 for four , still 155 runs behind the tourists . Yardley scored 99 , being caught in the slips just before reaching his century , but his batting had helped to save the game and earned praise from Wisden for " batting soundly " . Yardley and Denis Compton added 237 , which was a record partnership for the fifth wicket in England and remains , in August 2010 , England 's best fifth wicket stand against South Africa . Yardley 's only other score over fifty in the series came in the drawn fifth Test when he scored 59 . However , he scored 41 in just over an hour in helpful conditions for fast bowlers in the third Test and 36 on a difficult pitch in the fourth Test . Yardley scored 273 runs at an average of 39 @. @ 00 in the series . In contrast to his efforts in Australia , he bowled just six overs in the series without taking a wicket . England won the second , third and fourth Tests to win the series , helped by a negative approach from the tourists . Yardley captained the Gentlemen against the Players for the first time , at Lord 's and Scarborough , and captained The Rest against Middlesex , the County Champions . His batting and captaincy in the season earned him selection as one of Wisden 's Cricketers of the Year .

= = = Playing the Invincibles = = =

Following Brian Sellers resignation , Yardley was appointed Yorkshire captain at the start of the 1948 season . With his England commitments and other absences , he only played in 12 County Championship matches . He had not toured the West Indies with MCC in 1947 ? 48 , when Gubby Allen captained the side . However , Yardley resumed his leadership of England when Australia , captained by Bradman , toured the country without losing a match . Yardley led the MCC in an early match against the tourists , and captained England in a Test trial , but only played three other games , all for Yorkshire , before the first Test , with a top score of 46 .

In the first Test , England were bowled out for 165 after Yardley won the toss and batted in difficult conditions . Wisden did not blame Yardley for the collapse as England did not bat well . He then set defensive fields to keep down Australia 's scoring rate , taking a wicket himself with his fourth ball as part of figures of two for 32 . The Australian batsmen found it difficult to score quickly against the negative tactics but still established a lead of 344 . Yardley batted an hour in the second innings to score 22 but Australia recorded an eight wicket win . Before the second Test , Yardley played for Yorkshire against the Australians , and although unsuccessful with the bat , took two for nine with the ball , his first wickets of the season for his county .

England adopted an aggressive strategy in the second Test , but could not avoid a second defeat . Yardley frequently changed his bowlers to unsettle the Australians in their first innings , and took two for 35 himself as England briefly held the advantage . However , the lower order batsmen mounted

a recovery , Yardley being criticised for his reluctance to bowl Doug Wright . The England captain then arrested a batting collapse by adding 87 with Denis Compton , scoring 44 himself , but Australia led by 135 on first innings . Yardley took two wickets in two balls in Australia 's second innings , narrowly missing a hat @-@ trick when Keith Miller only just got his bat down on the ball to avoid being bowled , and had figures of two for 36 , but Australia scored 460 for seven and bowled England out for 186 . In between Tests , Yardley scored his only century of the season , but his contributions to the third Test were minimal . He scored 22 and bowled four wicketless overs . However , the home side fought back in the match , for which Len Hutton was dropped . England scored 363 and bowled out Australia for 221 . They scored 174 for three before declaring , but rain intervened to prevent Yardley pushing for a win .

England maintained their newly confident approach , being on top for most of the fourth Test . Yardley 's men scored 496 and achieved a first innings lead of 38 , Yardley contributing two wickets . England increased their lead by 365 before Yardley declared . He kept the team batting for five minutes on the last day , allowing him to use the heavy roller to quicken the break @-@ up of the pitch . Australia had to score 404 in 345 minutes , a target considered unlikely as such a large total had never been made to win a Test match . In addition , the pitch was difficult to bat on by now and the spinners could turn the ball sharply . However , England made several errors : Godfrey Evans , the England wicket @-@ keeper had a bad day and missed some stumping chances ; three catches were dropped by fielders , and England 's only specialist spinner , Jim Laker , bowled poorly . Consequently , Yardley was forced to use Denis Compton 's bowling . Compton was not a specialist bowler and although he caused problems for the batsmen , Bill Bowes believed the selectors were mistaken in expecting him to be as effective as a front line spinner . Yardley seemed unsure of the best course of action as Bradman and Arthur Morris added 301 runs for the second wicket ; he resorted to using the very occasional leg spin of Hutton , who was hit for 30 runs in four overs , although Yardley himself dropped a catch from Hutton 's bowling . The pitch conditions were unfavourable for the faster bowlers , but the ineffectiveness of the spinners forced Yardley to take the new ball . Australia won by seven wickets ; the spectators were unhappy with the inadequate English bowling and the absence of a suitable bowler to exploit the pitch on the last day . Bowes later criticised Yardley for allowing Australia to score quickly enough to win ; he believed that Yardley used Hutton 's bowling to encourage the tourists to take risks against lesser bowling to keep up with required rate of scoring , but he miscalculated in using such bowling for too long . Wisden also stated that England should have won the match .

Around this time , and particularly after the fourth Test defeat , critics suggested that Walter Robins , one of the selectors , should captain England to bring a more attacking approach to the job . However , Robins ' age counted against him ; the selectors were satisfied with Yardley 's captaincy in what were difficult circumstances , and retained him for the final Test . In that match , he failed twice with the bat , scoring 7 and 9 as England were humiliated , bowled out for 52 and 188 to lose by an innings . England lost the series 4 ? 0 . Yardley managed 150 runs at an average of 16 @.@ 66 , not passing fifty in a single innings . However , he once again topped the England bowling averages , taking nine wickets at an average of 22 @.@ 66 . Bowes believed that the pressure of captaincy had affected Yardley 's batting . Bowes also cast doubt on Yardley 's future , stating that other commitments may have prevented his continuing to play cricket much longer .

Yardley 's only other representative appearance in 1948 was as captain of the Gentlemen against the Players at Lords , where he scored 61 . In the whole season , he scored 1 @,@ 061 runs at an average of 29 @.@ 47 and 14 wickets at an average of 35 @.@ 14 ? he took just five wickets outside of the Tests .

= = = Captain of Yorkshire = = =

Yardley was unavailable to captain the MCC tour of South Africa in the winter of 1948 ? 49 , which was led by George Mann . Mann did well enough to retain the position for two Tests in the 1949 season ; Freddie Brown captained the other two and Yardley did not play for England that year . In all first @-@ class matches that season , he scored 1 @,@ 612 runs at an average of 37 @.@ 48

and took 22 wickets at an average of 33 @. @ 86 . He did not score a century in the County Championship , but passed three figures for Yorkshire against the New Zealand touring team and for the North against the South in a festival match . His only representative game outside of festival matches was for the Gentlemen against the Players at Lord 's ; Mann was appointed captain for the game . That season , Yorkshire shared the County Championship with Middlesex , the only time Yorkshire won the competition during Yardley 's leadership .

Yardley 's batting form dipped in the 1950 season . He scored 1 @, @ 082 runs at an average of 24 @. @ 59 , the final time he reached four figures in a season . With the ball he took 19 wickets at an average of 32 @. @ 10 . Yorkshire finished third in the County Championship behind joint winners Lancashire and Surrey . It took seven matches for Yardley to reach fifty runs in an innings , but he hit centuries against Surrey , Somerset and Scotland in the second half of the season . The West Indies toured England and Yardley resumed the England captaincy ; he also captained MCC against the tourists and England against The Rest in a Test trial . However , neither Yardley nor Mann , the two likeliest candidates , were able to accept the captaincy of the MCC side in Australia that winter . The selectors spent much of the season assessing other players . Although Yardley represented the Gentlemen against the Players , the side was led by Brown , who scored a century and was appointed captain of the touring side . Brown also assumed the captaincy of England for the final Test against West Indies and Yardley was left out of the team . In the three Tests he played , Yardley scored 108 runs at an average of 18 @. @ 00 with a top score of 41 . He won the first Test but lost the next two , West Indies ' first Test wins in England ; the final Test was also lost by Brown . Following this series , Yardley did not play any more Tests , although his name was mentioned as a potential captain in 1953 before Hutton was appointed as England 's first professional captain of the twentieth century . At the time , Yardley was still considered the best amateur candidate . In 20 Tests , Yardley scored 812 runs at an average of 25 @. @ 37 and four fifties . With the ball , he took 21 wickets at an average of 33 @. @ 66 . On the fourteen occasions he was captain , he won four times , lost seven and drew three .

Yorkshire finished second in the County Championship to Warwickshire in the 1951 season and second to Surrey in the 1952 season . However , in following season , Yorkshire dropped to equal twelfth , their worst ever finish at that time . In the following two seasons , the team were again runners up , Surrey winning on both occasions . Yardley scored more than 850 runs in each season , but only managed two more centuries . These were 183 not out against Hampshire in 1951 , the highest innings of his career , and an unbeaten score of exactly 100 against Gloucestershire in his final season . His batting average was generally between 24 and 31 , except in 1953 when in matches in England he averaged 36 @. @ 53 . Yardley used himself as a bowler more often in 1951 and 1952 , delivering more overs than any other time in his career in the latter year . He took 32 and 43 wickets respectively in each season , his highest two season totals , and taking five wickets in an innings on three occasions , having only done so twice before . However , he bowled less often during his final three seasons , with a subsequent drop in his tally of wickets . His only representative cricket , apart from annual matches at the Scarborough Festival for the Gentlemen against the Players and occasionally for T. N. Pearce 's XI , was the Gentlemen v Players match at Lord 's in 1954 .

Judgements were mixed on Yardley 's performance as Yorkshire 's captain . His record would have been considered good at any other county , but not by the standards set by previous Yorkshire sides . Critics felt that Yorkshire should have won the Championship with the players available . Contemporaries believed him to be the best captain in the country tactically , taking reasonable chances without too many risks and judging players strengths and weakness . Trevor Bailey , who played against him for Essex and under him for England , wrote that he thought him " an outstanding tactician and an expert on wicket behaviour . He was unquestionably one of the best captains I have ever played with or against . It has been said that he was too nice to lead Yorkshire , but I cannot think of anybody I have preferred playing under . " Alan Gibson believed that unlike some county captains , Yardley was worth his place in the side on cricketing ability . However , he seemed unable to extract the best from his players . Jim Kilburn noted that he used orthodox tactics , even when a different approach was called for , while other critics believed that he was shocked by

the attitude of some difficult players in the side . Neither Yardley nor Hutton , his senior professional , were disciplinarians in the dressing room and kept apart from others . Both were frequently absent , playing in representative matches . This may have inflamed the situation , leading to accusations that some players were out of control . Yardley disliked confrontation , and Ray Illingworth , who played under him , described him as too nice to stand up to his players . But Bob Appleyard , another of his former players , gives Yardley credit for recognising his potential and encouraging him to become a spinner , and believes that he and Hutton made a formidable pair of tacticians . Generally , he was popular with his players .

Between 1951 and 1954 , Yardley served as a Test selector , serving as chairman in 1952 at the time when Hutton was chosen as England captain . Following the 1955 season , aged 40 and increasingly bothered by lumbago , Yardley retired from the team . He ended his first @-@ class career with 18 @,@ 173 runs at an average of 31 @.@ 17 , and 279 wickets at an average of 30 @.@ 48 . Wisden later described him as " the finest Yorkshire amateur since F. S. Jackson " .

= = Style and technique = =

Yardley had a good technique for batting . He possessed a fluent , attractive style , and his height allowed him to reach the ball and drive more comfortably than most . His best shots were on the leg side , using his strong wrists to turn the ball away when it was aimed towards his legs . Yardley performed best when his side was in difficulty , and he could play attacking or defensive innings depending on the situation . He bowled intelligently , leading to greater rewards than his gentle style led opponents to expect , but remained a reluctant bowler who was surprised by his own success . He was a good fielder in positions close to the batsmen .

= = Career after cricket = =

Yardley worked as a wine merchant outside cricket . After his retirement from playing he worked as a cricket journalist and served as an expert summariser on Test Match Special from 1956 until 1969 , as well as in 1973 . According to David Frith , the only time he was moved to express severe disapproval was when Brian Close was dismissed after a poor shot in the Fourth Test in 1961 at Old Trafford ; this was part of a final @-@ day England collapse that handed Australia the match and a 2 ? 1 series win after the hosts had been on course for victory and the series lead . Trevor Bailey , who was a colleague in the commentary box for the later part of Yardley 's time with Test Match Special , wrote : " I always considered Norman Yardley to be an ideal summariser : accurate , informative and very sensible , and able to explain not only what happened but also the reasons why . His knowledge about pitches , tactics and the technicalities of the game was exceptional ... Articulate , expert , and possessing considerable charge [ sic ] , I thought his interpretation of events on the field and his post @-@ session summaries were sound , balanced and never less than fair . "

He served on the Yorkshire Cricket Committee , and from 1981 , he was Yorkshire President . However , he became involved in the controversy surrounding Geoffrey Boycott , to whom the committee had decided not to give a new contract . Yardley resigned early in 1984 after a vote of no confidence , dismayed by the attitude of Boycott 's supporters . Anthony Woodhouse wrote in his history of Yorkshire : " he conducted affairs in a fair and unbiased manner . Alas , he should never have been burdened with the politics of Yorkshire cricket in the 1980s . " He died at Lodge Moor , Sheffield on 3 October 1989 following a stroke .