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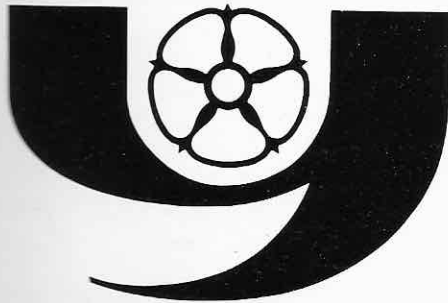
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1984 M. P. Hann



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M. P. HANN

Michael Hann has always been a credit to Yorkshire tennis, and it is difficult to think of a more appropriate choice as President for the Centenary Year of the Yorkshire Lawn Tennis Association.

Anyone glancing at the Yorkshire Championship records in this book will see his name liberally sprinkled among the junior and senior title holders of the 1950s and 1960s - notably a period between 1955 and 1961 when he won the county men's title five times.

As a ranked British player he was on the fringe of the Davis Cup team, unfortunate to be in contention at a time when players such as Sangster, Wilson, Knight, Becker and Pickard were jostling for places.

His finest performance was at Wimbledon in 1962 when he put out Chuck McKinley, the American who won the title the following year, 6-3 6-2 6-2, in the second round. McKinley was seeded fifth; Mike went on court after taking a morning class at a school where he was then teaching mathematics.

Another display which lingers in the memory was in partnership with a fellow Yorkshireman, Roger Taylor, in the doubles at Wimbledon in 1963. Hann and Taylor, whose previous highlight was to go through Group 1 of County Week undefeated for Yorkshire, beat Bob Hewitt and Fred Stolle, holders of the title, 6-2 6-2 7-5: an extraordinary result in view of the relative status of the two pairs.

Those are just a couple of random reminders of Mike Hann's calibre as a player. As an administrator his qualities were recognised at the highest level when he was made a member of the Committee of the All England Club.

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2. A list of County Fixtures.
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4. Free admission to most Open Tournaments in Yorkshire, including the Closed Yorkshire Championships at Hull.
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In 1977 a 'Companies Patrons Scheme' was introduced so that local firms could play a part in supporting Yorkshire Tennis. The annual subscription is a minimum of £10, which provides two full Memberships of the Patrons Society with all attendant benefits.

Patrons are asked to pay a minimum annual subscription of £3.25, thus providing a much needed increase in the annual income of the Association which is so necessary to meet rising costs and to make possible an extension of its activities.

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2. Affiliation to the County Association carries with it the affiliation of a club to the Lawn Tennis Association with the right to vote (personally or by proxy) at its General Meetings and at all meetings through the County Representatives, and so help in the government and control of the game nationally.
3. Affiliated clubs have a standing in the lawn tennis world which they cannot otherwise attain.
4. The L.T.A. operates an interest free Club Loans Scheme.
5. The L.T.A. have a Court, Club and Technical Advisory Service available to all clubs.
6. L.T.A. financial support of County and Regional Centres means specialised coaching and the playing of tennis all year round.
7. Clubs benefit from L.T.A. negotiated sponsorships e.g. Prudential Grass Roots Coaching, The Refuge National Closed Championships, the Silk Cut Inter-Club Competitions, and Flora Short Tennis.
8. The L.T.A. provide, free, the annual Handbook and Club Manual which is full of interesting statistics and general information about the game, together with regular editions of the "Tennis Club" magazine.
9. The County Associations, through the L.T.A., secure an allotment of tickets for The Championships Meeting at Wimbledon and these are distributed to the Affiliated Clubs.
10. The Officials and the Association are only too glad to give help and advice to those who wish it, by talks, exhibition matches, etc.
11. The L.T.A. offers free legal advice, particularly on threatened Loss of Grounds.

County Level

1. By joining the County Association, clubs help to control, develop and encourage the game in their own County.
2. Affiliated clubs can take part in the Yorkshire League Inter-Club Competition.
3. Only members of affiliated clubs have a right to take part in the Yorkshire Closed Championships.
4. Yorkshire has its own training and coaching schemes to enhance County team play.
5. Clubs receive the County L.T.A. Handbook.
6. Clubs receive the periodical County News.

Rules of the Yorkshire Lawn Tennis Association

Name

- 1.—The Association shall be called "The Yorkshire Lawn Tennis Association".

Objects

- 2.—The objects of the Association shall be:—
 - (a) To uphold the Laws of the Game and to regulate, organise and control the Game in the County.
 - (b) To arrange and manage the County Championships, other Competitions and representative matches, and to make all rules and regulations for the conduct and management thereof.
 - (c) To initiate and supervise coaching schemes, with special attention to Juniors, to encourage promising players in all possible ways, and to take all available action to further the development of the Game both within the County and nationally.

Constitution

- 3.—The Association shall consist of affiliated Clubs, Schools, individual Members and other approved Sub-Associations.

Parks Associations may be affiliated, paying an annual subscription at a rate to be determined, from time to time, at the Annual General Meeting of the Association. The L.T.A. Player's Contribution shall be calculated on the basis of three courts, at the current rate per court.

No Club may be considered as, in any way, affiliated to the Association by reason of some of its members, either as individuals or as a team, taking part in any Parks Association activities, either the playing of tennis or social.

The Organising Bodies of District Leagues may be affiliated, but clubs playing in such leagues are not thereby automatically affiliated (Note: Every club which wishes to be affiliated must become so as an individual club, paying the appropriate subscription and other dues according to the rates detailed in Rule 8).

Management

- 4.—The Association shall have a General Council which shall meet not less than once each year, composed of the President, President-Elect, Honorary Life Vice-Presidents, Vice-Presidents,

Secretary or Secretaries, Treasurer, Clubs' Register Secretary or Secretaries, Match Secretaries, Patrons' Secretary or Secretaries, Minute Secretary, Dinner Secretary, Veterans' Secretary, Handbook Editor, the County's Representatives on the L.T.A., and a representative from the Sports Council, along with the Secretaries of the various committees responsible for the Yorkshire Championships, the Inter-Club Competition, the Juniors, and Commercial Development. Additionally, there shall be a maximum of two Councillors from each District within the County, as defined by Rule 14. These may be either male or female. Twelve members of the General Council shall form a quorum. In the event of a vote on any matters being necessary, such a vote shall be by a show of hands, but, should any member present so require, the voting shall be by ballot. In either case, each member present shall have one vote, except that the Chairman of the Meeting shall, in the event of a tie, have a second or casting vote.

5.—There shall be an Executive Council, responsible for the management of the Association, consisting of the President, Chairman of General Council, one Secretary, Treasurer, one Clubs' Register Secretary, Match Secretaries, one Patrons' Secretary, Minute Secretary, Veterans' Secretary, Handbook Editor, L.T.A. Representatives, the Representative from the Sports Council, along with the Yorkshire Championships', Inter-Club Competition, Juniors and Commercial Development Committees' Secretaries, and five District Councillors who shall be selected at a meeting of the District Councillors. The Executive Council shall meet not less than five times a year. The quorum and voting shall be as for a General Council. In any emergency or matter of urgency, the Chief Officers of the Association (i.e. the President, Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer) are empowered to act in such manner as they consider to be in the best interests of the Association and its objects.

Patrons

6.—The Council may at its discretion invite persons to become Patrons of the Association. Patrons, per se, shall not be entitled to take part in the management of the Association or to vote at General Meetings thereof, but subject thereto shall receive such privileges as the Council may from time to time determine. Patrons may be elected to serve as Officers or Council or Committee Members, and Officers or members may become Patrons. The Annual subscription payable by a Patron shall be a minimum of £3.25 due and payable on the first day of March on each year. A donation of £32.50 or more shall entitle the donor to be elected a Life Patron.

Applications for Affiliation

7.—All applications for affiliation shall be made in writing to the Honorary Clubs' Register Secretary of the Association and in the case of Clubs must be signed by the Club Honorary Secretary. The acceptance or rejection of such applications shall rest entirely with the Council.

Subscriptions

8.—The first annual subscription to the Association shall be payable immediately on receipt of the request for payment and thereafter the annual subscription shall be due and payable on the first day of May in each year. The amount of such subscription shall be in accordance with the following scale:-

(a) Clubs comprising not fewer than 300 full playing members.....	£33.00
(b) Not fewer than 200 full playing members but fewer than 300.....	£27.50
(c) Not fewer than 100 full playing members but fewer than 200.....	£19.50
(d) Not fewer than 50 full playing members but fewer than 100.....	£11.00
(e) Not fewer than 30 full playing members but fewer than 50.....	£6.50
(f) Clubs comprising fewer than 30 full playing members.....	£4.50
(g) Parks Associations.....	£19.50
(h) District Leagues.....	£10.00
(i) Schools and Youth Clubs.....	£3.00
(j) Individual Members.....	£2.00

Any change in the rates of the Annual Subscription shall be proposed by the Council and approved at the Annual General Meeting. All Clubs must calculate the L.T.A. Player's Contribution in accordance with the total number of their playing members, both adult and junior (under 18 years of age) at the appropriate current rate.

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9. The Membership of any Club or individual whose subscription is in arrears and unpaid for three calendar months may be forthwith determined by the Executive Council. Any club or individual, whose Membership was determined on account of non-payment of subscription or other fees, may be re-affiliated only after the sum originally owed has been paid in full, in addition to all dues for the current financial year.

Accounts

10. The financial year of the Association shall close on the 30th September in each year, and an annual Statement of Accounts shall be prepared by the Honorary Treasurer and shall be duly audited as soon as possible thereafter.

The Annual General Meeting

11. A General Meeting of the Association shall be held annually at such place and time as the Executive Council shall determine between the twenty third day of November and the seventh day of December when the audited accounts for the past year shall be presented, the officers and other Members of the Council and Auditor for the ensuing year elected, and all general business transacted. For this and all other General Meetings 25 shall form a quorum.

Other General Meetings

12. An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association may be called at any time at the discretion of the Executive Council, and shall be called by the Honorary Secretary within three weeks after the receipt by him of a requisition in writing to that effect given by ten or more affiliated Clubs. Such requisition shall be signed by the Honorary Secretary or some other responsible official of each requisitioning Club, and shall state clearly and precisely the object for which such Meeting is to be called. All expenses incurred in the convening and holding of such Meeting shall be borne by the requisitioning Clubs, unless the Executive Council shall otherwise determine. Individual Members of the Association shall not be entitled to requisition a General Meeting under the Rules.

Notice of General Meetings

13. Notice in writing of every General Meeting with a brief statement of the business to be transacted shall be sent to (a) every Member of the General Council, (b) the Honorary Secretary of every affiliated Club, and (c) every affiliated Member, seven days at least before the date fixed for the holding of such meeting. In the case of the Annual General Meeting, such notice shall be accompanied by a list of the persons nominated as officers, councillors, and auditors for the ensuing year.



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Retirement of Officers

14. All officers and councillors, other than Honorary Life Vice-Presidents, shall retire annually, but they shall continue to hold office until the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting at which their successors are appointed and they shall be eligible for re-election. The office of President shall nevertheless be transferred during the Annual General Meeting at which the election of the new President elect takes place.

Districts

15. For all administrative, elective and executive purposes, the County shall from time to time be divided into districts or areas by the Executive Council, and the definition of every such area or district with the names of the clubs included therein for the time being shall be published in the Annual Handbook of the Association. Newly-affiliated Clubs shall be allocated to such areas as the Executive Council may determine.

Nominations

16. Any affiliated Club or Member may nominate a candidate or candidates for the following offices in the ensuing year, namely: President-elect, Vice-Presidents, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary and Auditor, and any affiliated Club may nominate a candidate for the office of Councillor for the district or area in which such Club is situate. All such nominations as aforesaid shall be in writing, and shall be sent to the Honorary Secretary of the Association on or before the 10th day of October in each year. If more than one person is nominated for any office and an election is necessary such elections shall be by ballot. In any absence of nominations for any office, the vacancy may be filled up at the Annual General Meeting or may be left to the General Council to fill up. No person shall be eligible for the office of Vice-President unless he or she is a Past President of the Association, or has served on the General Council of the Association as a representative of a District, or as an Officer of the General Council, or has rendered distinguished service to the game of Lawn Tennis, particularly in Yorkshire. In the event of an election for any office, save as provided by Rule 18, all members of the General Council and all persons representing Clubs in accordance with Rule 19 shall have one vote each and no more, except that the President shall, in the event of a tie, have a second or casting vote.

17. In addition to such right of nomination as aforesaid the Executive Council for the time being shall have the right to nominate any person or persons for all or any of the offices to be filled at the Annual General Meeting. The Council may nominate up to the time of the meeting itself.

18. The distinction of Honorary Life Vice-President may be conferred for special services rendered to the Association or in connection with the game. Candidates shall be nominated only by the Executive Council and elected only at a general meeting.

19. If and whenever there shall be a contest and election at any General Meeting for the office of Councillor for any district or area, the representatives of the clubs comprising such district or area shall alone be entitled to vote thereon, unless one of the candidates shall have been nominated under Rule 16, in which case all officers and members of such nominating Council shall also be entitled to vote thereon.

Representation at General Meetings

20. Save as otherwise provided by Rule 18, all affiliated Clubs (whose subscriptions are not in arrears) shall be entitled to send the following representatives, with power of voting, to every General Meeting, namely: Clubs paying an annual subscription of £30.00, four representatives; Clubs paying an annual subscription of £25.00, three representatives; Clubs paying an annual subscription of £17.50, two representatives; Clubs paying an annual subscription of £10.00 or less, one representative; Schools, one representative per School. Clubs playing on public courts who are members of an Association, one Association representative (who must be a member of an Affiliated Club) for each twenty Affiliated Clubs or part of twenty Affiliated Clubs in that Association. There shall be no restriction on the number of persons from any one Club who may attend or speak at General Meetings, but voting must be restricted to the numbers of representatives specified in this Rule.

21. Notice of any proposition, resolution, or special business intended to be brought forward at any Annual General Meeting shall be sent in writing to the Honorary Secretary on or before the 10th day of October preceding such Meeting.

Resignation of Members

22. Any Affiliated Club or Member wishing to resign membership of the Association must give notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary before the 1st day of October in any year, and in default will be held liable for the subscription for the ensuing year.

County Qualifications

23. No player shall be eligible to play for the County in Matches or to enter for the County Closed Championships unless — (a) he or she is a Member of the Association or of an Affiliated Club, and (b) unless he or she has a birth qualification or has been in continuous residence in Yorkshire for at least one year immediately preceding the match or competition (6 months in the case of Juniors) and (c) he or she has not played in a match for any other county or in any other County Closed Championship during the previous 12 months (6 months in the case of Juniors).

Obligation of Members

24. On or before the 1st day of January in each year every Affiliated Club shall send to the Honorary Clubs' Register Secretary of the Association the full name and address of its Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer for the ensuing season, together with such information as the Honorary Clubs' Register Secretary may reasonably require, and shall also signify its intention of competing or not competing in the Inter-Club Competitions for the ensuing season.

Executive Council

25. The Executive Council shall have power:

(a) To make such alteration or addition to these Rules as special or unforeseen circumstances may render necessary, provided that every such alteration or addition is approved by not less than two-thirds of the persons present at the Meeting convened to consider the same.

(b) To utilise and allocate the funds of the Association in such manner and for such purposes consistent with the objects of the Association as it shall think fit.

(c) To discharge all proper executive and administrative functions.

(d) To nominate candidates for the Council of the L.T.A.

(e) To arrange and manage all county and other representative matches and the County Championships.

(f) To arrange and manage Competitions and to make all necessary Rules and Regulations for the conduct thereof.

(g) To delegate all or any of its powers to any of its officers or to duly appointed Committees and to co-opt suitable persons to assist them in their work.

(h) To prohibit any act or practice by Clubs or players which in the opinion of the Executive Council is detrimental to the game or the best interests of the Association and to deal with any offending Club or player either by expulsion, the infliction of penalties or otherwise as it may think proper.

(i) To fill casual and other vacancies on the Executive Council.

(j) To create new districts or areas in the County or sub-divide existing districts, and to elect representatives of such districts to the General Council.

(k) To adopt County Colours or Badges, and to award the same if in their discretion they shall think fit to do so, and prohibit the purchasing of such colours without a warrant in writing from the Honorary Secretary of the Association.

(l) To make such regulations and bye-laws and to do all such other things in the interests of the game and the association as it may deem expedient.

(m) To borrow money whether on bank overdraft or otherwise and to mortgage or charge the undertaking and property of the Association or any part thereof and to issue securities, whether outright or as a security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Association or any third party.

(n) To appoint Trustees, (not exceeding four in number at any one time) who, with the consent of the Council, may exercise all the powers of the Council contained in sub-Rule (m) of this Rule and who shall hold, on behalf of the Association, all or any property of the Association, whether real or personal, in their names on behalf of the Association.

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100 Years of Yorkshire Tennis

The current year of 1984 marks the Centenary Year of the Yorkshire Lawn Tennis Association, for it was on the 26th June 1884, that a meeting was called by Sir George Sitwell, Bart., at the Station Hotel, York, to consider "the formation of a County Lawn Tennis Club." The Lawn Tennis Association was not inaugurated until three years later in 1877.

It is probably of interest to record the names of those present, for while many of the Clubs represented have long ceased to exist, they were a power in those days.

In addition to Sir George Sitwell, who was of a literary turn of mind, and father of that notable literary trio, Osbert, Sacheverall and Edith Sitwell, the following attended this inaugural meeting:- R. C. Hope (Scarborough), Mrs. S. Shirley Blackburn (Doncaster), Rev. L. B. Morris (Vale of Derwent), H. Harrison (North Ferriby), H. Beaumont (Wakefield), E. E. Meek; B. Elmhirst and H. J. Scott (all of York), H. F. Dibben and W. Dixon (Wakefield and County), W. T. Brooke (Saltaire), R. Brierley and P. Sheard (Batley), Dr. Wood (Bealsworth Hunt), F. Bothamley (The Hyde, Leeds), J. R. Williams (Wortley and Armley), E. Smith (Hull) and H. Wilford (Dewsbury).

The Skipton, Batley, Thirsk and Chapel Allerton clubs also wrote expressing entire approval of any scheme the meeting might adopt.

Sir George stated why he had summoned the meeting and trusted that a County Club would be formed and a tournament under the auspices of such a club, run at Scarborough, and he invited opinions from those present.

Apparently there was unanimous agreement that such an organisation was necessary, as the minutes record that Mrs. Shirley Blackburn proposed, Mr. R.C. Hope seconded and Dr. Wood supported a motion "That a County Club be formed and that Sir George Sitwell, bart. be the President, the Club to be called 'The Yorkshire County Tennis Club'. This title was altered at the first full committee meeting to 'The Yorkshire Lawn Tennis Association and County Club'".

This then was the start of our Association as we know it today, with Mr. R.C. Hope as its first Honorary Secretary and Mr. Luden as its Honorary Treasurer.

In 1886 due to a dispute with the North of England Club the Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer were each replaced by Mr. A. Copson-Pecke (Ilkley and Chapel Allerton) and Mr. J.C. Sykes (Leeds L.T.C.) respectively. In the whole of its existence there have been fifteen Association Honorary Secretaries, the longest serving being Mr. W.F. Dawson of Oakwood and Chapel Allerton who was in office from November 1923 to November 1946, a span of 23 years.

The Association's Honorary Treasurers have a unique record of long service for only five Treasurers have held office during this period. Mr. H.H. Blackburn (Saltaire) justifies a special mention as

he occupied this position for the extraordinary span of 54 years from 1911 to 1965 and was one of the small group of officers who kept the affairs of the Association ticking over through two wars.

One or two Rules listed in the Constitution may be of interest:-
Rule 2 Clubs mentioned in the Schedule listed below (herein called Local Clubs) shall be eligible for affiliation with the Association and such others as the Committee may invite.

Whether the Local Clubs referred to in the Schedule were all affiliated at the commencement is not stated, but it would appear doubtful. Certainly Wakefield and Driffield are recorded as applying in 1886, Craven in 1889 and Halifax in 1890. Of all the original Clubs listed only Saltaire and Huddersfield appear to have unbroken affiliation.

Of the remained Doncaster resigned in 1886, re-affiliated in 1898 and continued without break to the present day. Vale of Derwent ceased to exist from 11th October, 1949, Headingley is now covered by the Arndale Centre; Chapel Allerton resigned 22nd October, 1936, and re-affiliated on 26th November, 1936, following integration with Oakwood L.T.C.. Early records of the remainder of clubs listed in the Schedule are almost non-existent.

Rule 5 The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Committee, consisting of President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer and Secretary (ex-officio) of the Association, and the representation of the Local Clubs affiliated with the Association, etc..

Rule 6 Each Local Club shall be entitled to one representative.....upon the Committee, and each one hundred Members of the Club, with a minimum of three representatives.....

Rule 12 Every Local Club shall pay an Entrance Fee upon joining those of over seventy members Two Guineas, otherwise One Guinea.

Rule 13 Every Local Club shall pay in advance an Annual Subscription of One Guinea for every fifty members up to a minimum of Four Guineas.

Rule 17 Any person may, upon the invitation of the Committee become an Honorary Member or a Patron of the Association upon payment of an Annual Subscription of not less than One Guinea or Five Guineas respectively.

Rule 13 makes the current subscription and players contribution not too unreasonable after all considering that the average weekly paid rate was only about One Pound or One Guinea, while the subscription for Members and Patrons would nowadays be looked at in horror.

Schedule (LOCAL CLUBS)

YORK	LEEDS	SHEFFIELD ABBEYDALE
SCARBOROUGH	SKIPTON	SHEFFIELD BRINCLIFFE
DONCASTER	WORTLEY & ARMLEY	DONCASTER & BARNSDALE
BADSWORTH HUNT	SALTAIRE	STOCKTON
VALE OF DERWENT	CRAVEN	STOCKTON VAGABONDS
NORTH FERRIBY	HYDE, LEEDS	MIRFIELD
BATLEY	DEWSBURY	DRIFFIELD
WAKEFIELD & COUNTY	ROTH GRASSHOPPERS	LIGHTCLIFFE, HALIFAX
WAKEFIELD	HEADINGLEY	MANNINGHAM, BRADFORD
HORNSEA	CHAPEL ALLERTON	HEBDEN BRIDGE
HALIFAX	THIRSK	HEATON, BRADFORD
HULL	HUDDERSFIELD	

Tournament

Like the Association, the Tournament, later to become the Yorkshire Championships has been in existence since 1884, with the Mens and Ladies Singles only being played on the grounds of the Scarborough Cricket Club. The Mens Doubles commenced in 1885 and these three events were the only Championships until 1911.

In these early days it was the policy to move the Championship around different Clubs, often to Cricket grounds which of course was not uncommon up to relatively recent times. This decision may of course have been brought about by the dispute, previously mentioned, with the North of England Club. It may be of interest to note the venues used for these early Championships.

Scarborough Cricket Club 1884

North of England L.T.C. Scarborough 1885

Harrogate Cricket Club 1886 and 1904

Whitby L.T.C. 1887

Ilkley L.T.C. 1888, 1889, 1890, 1893

Leeds C.F. & A. Club 1891

Hull 1892

Scarborough (no record where) 1895, 96, 97, 98, 99, 1900, 01, 02

Bearmcote Cricket Club (Scarborough ?) 1903

Sheffield 1905

The Mount School, Scarborough 1906, 07, 08

Oriel Crescent L.T.C., Scarborough 1909, 10, 11, 12, 13

In 1911 the Ladies Double Championships were introduced and until the outbreak of the 1914-18 War, this event was played as an extra one in one of the Local Tournaments. In 1911 at Chapel Allerton, 1912 at Sheffield and 1913 at Ilkley.

After the War the four events were brought together and played on the courts of the Yorkshire Lawn Tennis Club at Filey Road, Scarborough. In 1922 the Mixed Doubles Championship was introduced and like the early years of the Ladies Doubles, it was associated with one of the Yorkshire Open Tournaments, the first being held at Hull in 1922, followed by

Chapel Allerton 1923, 28, 33

Sheffield and Hallamshire 1924

Ilkley 1925, 30, 35

Saltaire 1926, 31

Hull Y.P.L. 1927, 32

Doncaster 1929

Y.L.T.C. Scarborough 1934

From 1936 all five Championship Events were played at Filey Road, Scarborough until in 1969 due to various reasons it was not possible to hold them there and Ilkley stepped into the breach and staged them for the next two years, when for one season 1971 they were taken back to Scarborough since when they have been played at the well appointed Hull Y.P.I. Club.

Since junior events were originally added to the Championship in 1923 the events have gradually grown until currently thirty Championship events are staged from ten and under to Veterans. 1983 saw a record entry of 338 competitors entering 999 player-events.

Players

A check of the lists of Champions and Runners Up will easily show up the more prominent name of the years. Amongst the men one should note the Watson brothers, seven successive years winners of the Mens Doubles, ten times in all. E.D. Black County Singles Champion seven times in nine years. E. Fletcher our first Champion in 1884 who died in 1952 aged 88. The two Jacks — J.S. Harrison and J.L. Chamberlain who won the Mens Doubles nine successive times and eleven times in all.

Doctor Colin Gregory eight times Singles Champion, the first time in 1923, the last 1949, a span of 26 years. Michael Hann, five times Singles Champion.

Amongst the Ladies, Mrs. C. Hodgson, won the Singles Title in 1884 and 85. She was later to become Mrs. Gregory the mother of Doctor Colin Gregory. Mrs. B.M. Holder winner of the Singles on six successive occasions. Miss Sue Mappin, the most successful of our modern players. Mrs. R.C. Middleton and Miss Dronfield, seven times Ladies Doubles Champions between 1920 to 1926. Mrs. Evelyn Moeller in partnership with Mrs. Behr and then with Mrs. Val Lewis, later Mrs. Clark, ten consecutive years as Champions between 1947 and 1956. Mrs. Charlotte Lindsay nine times Doubles Champion with various partners. Miss Lynn Robinson, Ladies Singles Champion five years out of seven between 1973 and 1979.

Inter-County Matches.

At a sub-committee meeting dated Thursday 23rd April 1885, it was agreed that the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge together with the "Northern Counties of Northumberland" be approached with a view to arranging matches.

It was also agreed that a series of matches should be arranged between the three Ridings, Dr. Wood (Badsworth Hunt) to look after the West Riding, E.E. Meek (York) to look after the North Riding and E. Smith (Hull) to look after the East Riding. Three pairs from each Riding to play. The first match would be East v. West to be played at Ackworth on Whit Monday. Winners to play North.

At a further sub-committee meeting held at the Queens Hotel, Leeds on Monday 15th June 1885, it was agreed to allow travelling expenses to teams playing in matches for the County Club, to be paid by the Association.

"If a local club certifies its inability to pay expenses arising from matches played on its ground under the auspices of the County Association and Club, then County Association and Club shall pay all reasonable expenses".

At a Committee held at 8 Albion Place, Leeds on 17th February 1888, it was decided that matches should be arranged if possible with Lancashire, Oxford (home), Northumberland and the Ridings.

Unfortunately there does not appear to be any record of results of any of the above matches nor of the players constituting any of the teams.

On October 12th 1885 a sub-committee was however elected to select players for matches. This committee consisted of E. Smith, Dr. Wood, E. Fletcher, Doctor H.A. Hartley and Mr. Hillard.

It is not clear when the Ladies started playing County matches but the earliest reference that matches were played was at the Eighteenth A.G.M. held at 24 Basinghall Street on Tuesday 10th December 1901 when it was "resolved that the sum of £10 should be expended on badges for the members of the Ladies County Team to commemorate their success in the Inter-County Cup Competition." There is however reference to Miss Hodgson (Ladies Singles Champion 1884, 85) at a Committee Meeting held at 8 Albion Place, Leeds on 17th February 1888 "allowing Miss Hodgson to wear County Colours."

It would therefore appear to be obvious that a Ladies County Team was in existence before 1888.

Since then both County Teams have had success in the two Inter County Championships. In the Grass Court Championship the Yorkshire Ladies have won the supreme title twice 1901 and 1963 and Men in 1907 and 1967.

In the Hard Court Championship the Ladies were champions in 1963/64 and 1976/77 and the Men in 1966/67.

Only one other provincial county has achieved a Championship title in all four events and that is Warwickshire. All competitions are dominated by the home counties Surrey, Middlesex and Essex. In addition to this the Girls Junior County side won the Junior Inter County Championship in 1977.

An interesting point too is that in 1963 the Ladies were supreme champions on grass and hard court and in 1967 the Men achieved the same.

One achievement hardly likely to be achieved again relates to the Mens Team. In the late 1920's Yorkshire along with Surrey dropped out of the Inter County Grass Court Championships. Both counties re-applied for inclusion in 1933, and by the Rules of the Competition, they had to start in the lowest Group 7. In successive years, they won promotion until in 1939 they were back in Group 1. During this period 18 players took part and 21 out of 27 matches played were won, Surrey alone lowering their colours in their ascent to the premier Group. A Complimentary Dinner to the Teams was held at the Bradford Club, Bradford on the 18th February, 1939, at which 54 guests were present, including 15 out of the 18 players involved.

Many of our players have represented their County over the years but this aspect must be left for another day. From 1921 there has been much development at Club level and Junior level.

Inter-Club Competitions

At a Committee Meeting held in Leeds in March 24th 1891 Mr. A. Copson-Peche (Hon. Sec.) introduced the subject of the Yorkshire Lawn Tennis Association taking up the L.T.A. Challenge Cup Competition. It was unanimously agreed "that the Y.L.T.A. take the first stage of L.T.A. Challenge Cup Competition as a Challenge Competition for Yorkshire Clubs". A sub-committee was formed with full powers to draw up and settle details of the Competition.

It was also agreed that a medal or badge not exceeding in value One Guinea be given to each member of the winning team.

There is no record what happened following this meeting or of the teams taking part but at a similar meeting a year later discussions took place of a Challenge Cup and the further purchase of medals for 1892.

Until 1921 nothing further is recorded, but on 31st January 1921 at a Committee Meeting held at No 5 Greek Street, Leeds it was resolved that as an experiment to form a West Riding League and the Sheffield and Hallamshire, Chapel Allerton, Leeds Athletic, Bradford and Wakefield be invited to join. Two months later Huddersfield applied to take part but were told that for 1921 the League was to be restricted to five clubs, but that in 1922 it might be extended. These were Mens teams only, by 1922 to prove its popularity, 26 additional Mens teams were added with a three division structure and 30 Ladies teams. So the present inter-club competition now called the Yorkshire League was born. From a study of the champions listed in a separate schedule Chapel Allerton and Hallamshire have dominated the League over the 63 years of its existence.

Patrons

The Patrons scheme was started in 1951 when Association finance was at a low ebb, but from its inception the scheme has provided a substantial boost to our funds and permitted us to help our Juniors far more than otherwise would have been possible. For this we thank our Patrons and trust they will continue giving their support.

It is interesting to note that even as far back as 1884, Rule 17 of the Constitution made reference to Patrons being welcomed "upon payment of an annual subscription of 5 guineas!!!"

Juniors

Junior Training and Coaching has since the early 1920's occupied a high place in County activities but it was not until 1948 that responsibility was concentrated into a special function with a place on the Council. In that year Mr. W.F.C. Kitson of Ilkley and Mr. W. Charters were elected to the Council and although Mr. Charters never attended, Mr. Kitson gave regular progress reports on the Junior Training and Coaching programme. They both worked hard with the Clubs and were the forerunners of our present day officers. In 1953 it was decided to appoint a Training and Coaching Secretary and as Mr. Charters had died in 1953, Mr. Kitson was the obvious choice, with Mr. G.F. France (Heaton) as Assistant Secretary.

When Mr. Kitson died in 1955 Mr. France took over as Secretary and immediately commenced a reorganisation with a view to using money for Coaching to best advantage. He remained in this post for ten years. There is, unfortunately, insufficient space in this brief summary, to list the developments of the Junior section and the extremely satisfying results that have been achieved over the years, but it is hoped that this will be rectified at some future date. Suffice to say that since the death of Mr. Kitson in 1953 only five people have been responsible for this extremely important section:- Mr. France, Mr. R.C. Freegard, Mr. J.R. Coates and Mr. D. Armstrong; to whom the Association and parents owe a great debt of gratitude.

Handbook

In 1921 the first Handbook was published and for the first five years it was one of the duties of the General Secretary to edit it. However, in 1926 Mr. Hampson became a joint Editor with the then Hon. Sec. Mr. J.K. Wilson. until in 1930 when Mr. Wilson moved to London, Mr. Hampson became sole Editor and occupied this position for the next 21 years, during which time he built up a most informative publication, the envy of all County Associations. Since those days Mr. S.C. Hacking was Editor until 1964 followed by Mr. J.R. Whitfield until 1971, Mr. J.A.L. North until 1982 and now Mr. P.A. Richardson have each sought, with success, to maintain the high standard set all those years ago.

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Finally in these days of constantly increasing costs, we must not forget, in this Centenary Year the debt we owe to all those sponsors, past and present who have shown faith in the work of our Association by donating funds into our Championships, County Teams, Junior Coaching and Training and Leagues. We would especially like to thank our current sponsors namely the Yorkshire Bank Limited, The Yorkshire Building Society, Trustee Savings Bank of Lincoln and Yorkshire and the Arco Sports and Leisure Group, for their support over the years and trust that they, in turn, have been satisfied with their association with us.

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REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER 1983

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting this report on the work of the Association during the past year, which is the 99th year of the life of the Association.

1. Affiliated Organisations

The Association now consists of the following organisations:-

	1983	1982
Clubs	102	106
Other Organisations	2	2
Schools	92	92
	196	200

The expected increase in the Clubs for 1983 did not materialise, as the resignations outnumbered the new applicants. The reasons for the decline are varied, although the reluctance of the members to pay the Players' Contributions was still a significant factor. Should the L.T.A. approve a further increase for next year in the Contributions, the County will have to guard against further resignations. It must, however, be remembered that Players' Contributions for tennis is far less than most other similar sporting bodies charge their members; also that the Club should act purely as a collecting agent and the contributions should, in theory, not be taken from Club funds. The resignations and new affiliations in respect to Schools and Other Organisations were equal in number.

2. Patrons and Commercial Committee

Patrons Membership now stands at 328 against 343 last year. During 1983 we have unfortunately lost an unusual number of Patrons through moving away from the County. Mr. Newton asks that his thanks to Tom Whitaker and Peter Wilkes should be recorded for their help in introducing new Members and asks all Councillors to bring the scheme to the attention of tennis enthusiasts in their areas and encourage them to join. The Companies Scheme stands at 15, as last year.

The Commercial Committee is once more very grateful to the Yorkshire Bank for its fourth successive year of Sponsorship of the Junior Teams, which has allowed a most comprehensive plan of coaching and training to be carried out. Suffice it to say that during these four years, Yorkshire Juniors have won seven National titles.

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We have seen little of Tony Mitchell, since he was injured for the early part of the season, and he has spent most of his time since playing abroad. It should be recorded, however, that Tony was selected to play in the junior event at the Wimbledon Championships, and it was only a late injury the day before the tournament that prevented him from joining the distinguished list of Yorkshire players who have been accepted for this event, a list, of course, headed by our President-elect, who was a former winner.

Many other of our juniors have won tournaments all over Britain, and we have played friendly matches against other counties at all age groups. Throughout the winter last year, there were county squad training sessions and also weekend tournaments. In all, over 100 youngsters were involved. In addition, the summer weekend tournament series brought players from Wales, Scotland and all the Midland counties. The Secretary even had a reminder from Surrey that parents would like their children to be considered. This autumn has seen the beginning of a new winter programme, and it is perhaps significant that there are some players whose dates of birth are recorded as 1974 and even 1975.

The search for fresh talent is never-ending. District tournaments for those not yet of county squad standard have been held this summer. More and more are emerging from the Prudential Grass Roots Scheme, and already Short Tennis is beginning to make its mark.

It is no accident that only three counties had more players accepted this year for National Championships. A great deal of work is needed to achieve all this, and it should be emphasised that, apart from the actual coaches, all these workers receive not one single penny for their efforts. The county owes them a considerable debt.

6. School Tennis

School tennis depends a great deal on the presence of a dedicated member of staff, but, more and more, there are national developments to encourage the game in this important area. The former Coca-Cola competition is now sponsored by Midland Bank, and it is encouraging that more than 200 school teams from Yorkshire participated this year. Though none of them reached the final stages, Sheffield Girls' H.S. and High Storrs School, Sheffield, reached the North East finals. More important is the fact that over 200 teams with 15 and Under players were taking part in the league play this summer.

The Glanvill and Aberdare Cups these days are much smaller events, but they offer an opportunity to older players to represent their schools. Hymers College, Hull won the Yorkshire area competition for the boys, and Bradford Girls G.S. won the girls.

Hymers also had success in the team competitions held by the British Schools LTA, reaching the final of the Milbourn Cup for 15 and Under players, and the Plate final of the Public Schools Championships.

Short Tennis, now a form of mini-tennis with plastic bats and sponge balls, is now part of the LTA's drive to put tennis in the junior schools, and John Allen has agreed to become the County Short Tennis Co-Ordinator. A highly successful seminar for North Yorkshire teachers was held in York, and there are plans to hold several more during the coming months. The first County Short Tennis Tournament was held in May, with the winners moving to the Regional Tournament. Four of these were successful enough to reach the National Championships at Coventry. A Short Tennis Tournament was also held with success during the Yorkshire Championships.

7. County Colours

County colours have been awarded this year as follows:-

Ladies — Sarah Longbottom

Men — None

Girls — Veronique Asquith, Jacky Holden, Rowena Bailey

Boys — None

8. The Championships and the National Events

I have no record of any Yorkshire competitors in this year's Championships. Sue Mappin continues as the LTA National Women's Team Organiser. Jo Smedley, Sarah Longbottom and Cathy Berry have all represented England.

9. Yorkshire Championships

Exceptionally fine weather throughout the whole of the Yorkshire Championships week was instrumental in making for an outstanding County Championships with Simon Ickringill retaining his Men's title for the third successive year with a 6-3 6-1 win over surprise finalist Chris Warren, who defeated second seed Paul Butcher and seeds Andrew Hutchinson and John Hoywarth on his way to the Final. 1983 saw a record entry for the Championships, which provided tennis of a high quality untroubled by inclement weather. Once again we must pay tribute to the magnificent support of our two Sponsors, Trustee Savings Bank and the Arco Group. Without their support and the continued support of the Hull YPI in offering its magnificent facilities for the Championships it would be difficult for them to be staged in the traditional way.

Following the Championships, the usual very successful Dinner and Disco was held at the Willerby Manor, and Mrs. Barker is to be congratulated on her organisation of this event.

10. Tournaments in Yorkshire

Tournaments organised by the LTA in 1983 (senior and junior events) were held at the following Clubs.

Chapel Allerton, Huddersfield, Ilkley, Harrogate (junior only), Heaton senior, Heaton junior, Hull YPI (junior only), Halifax, Doncaster (junior only), Sheffield senior, Sheffield junior and the Yorkshire Championships at Hull.

A successful tournament was also held at Horsforth.

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11. Handbook

We are grateful to Mr. Paul Richardson and his wife, Mary, for compiling and distributing the Handbook in their first editorial year. The Association have also engaged new printers, and the whole 'team' are eagerly awaiting the 1984 Centenary Edition, for which any recommendations and new ideas will be well received by Mr. Richardson.

12. League Report for 1983 Season

Our congratulations go to Doncaster Men and Yorks Ladies who are the new Premier Champions, and I believe in each case for the first time in their Clubs history. Both Divisions were closely contested and at no time was it a formality. Dare I say the Hallamshire strangle hold appears to be broken, maybe not so, Hallamshire Ladies were runners up, and it was pleasing to see Heaton Men so near but having to make do with second place, possibly 1984 will be their year.

The Men's/Ladies' League Championships were won by:-

Division — Men's

1. Doncaster
2. Linthorpe
3. Beverley
4. Hangingwater
5. York B
6. York R.I.
7. Holmes Ladder
8. Halifax Queens A
9. Chapel Allerton B
10. Harrogate C.S.
11. Shipley St. Peters

Division — Ladies'

1. York
2. Harrogate Sports
3. Halifax Queens
4. Mexborough
5. Heaton A
6. Horsforth A
7. Sandal A

This year Hangingwater, York R.I. and Holmes Ladder have continued to win their Championships in higher divisions. It is pleasing to note that 10 Men's and 2 Ladies' Clubs have achieved promotion to higher divisions for the second year running. Clubs promoted in 1983 who were not so fortunate and were relegated, were Chapel Allerton Men and Harrogate ICI, Castlegarth and Ripon Ladies. Perhaps they may be as successful in 1984 as the 5 Mens' and 3 Ladies' Clubs who were relegated in 1983, but have achieved promotion at the first attempt.

During this season some clubs have left themselves open to criticism over team selection. This has led the league secretaries to believe that the rules for 1984 will have to be reviewed with the possibility of clubs naming first team players.

13. Representatives of the Council on the Council of the LTA and LTA Matters

Mrs. T. Heaton-Collins and Mr. P. A. Richardson once again represented their County on the Council of the LTA. During the year, Mr. Richardson was appointed a member of the County and Club Liaison Committee.

The Council are grateful for their endeavours in presenting Yorkshire's view, and have nominated them for re-election at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Jim Coates has continued to be associated with National Junior tennis at all levels. He is the National Co-Ordinator of both the LTA/Prudential Grass Roots Scheme and of the Midland Bank/LTA Schools Championships. In addition to involvement with various aspects of the nine Junior National Championships, he is also Chairman of the British Junior Ranking Committee.

The LTA has appointed a full-time National Coach/Regional Development Officer for the North-East to be responsible for the development of the game throughout Yorkshire, Durham, Cleveland and Northumberland, and Ian Smith, a former County player is the successful applicant. It is expected that there will be much more regional activity. At present, the regional squads are dominated by Yorkshire players, who thus have the opportunity to compete at higher levels.

14. YLTA Council

You will see from your list of nominations that there are fewer changes this year than last. Mr. Michael Hann has been nominated for election, at this meeting as President of the Association for the ensuing year. Michael's service to the County, over many years, needs little reference from me. I am sure that many of us remember him around the Tournaments originally as a very young Junior, and then as a Senior, winning the Men's Singles five times between 1955 and 1961, having won previously the Under 18 Singles three consecutive times between 1952 and 1954. Nominated as President Elect is Jim Coates, and again the work he has carried out for the County over the last twelve years, or so, is enormous and I know everyone will consider him well worthy of this nomination. There have been deaths of two Vice-Presidents since last AGM. Mr. Frank Craggs and Mr. Derek Horsley, both of the Hull area, both Past Presidents, and both extremely hard workers on behalf of the Association. From Mr. Craggs' estate, the Association has received a sum of £500. We have included this year the Veteran's Secretary on the Council, and Mike Rogers thoroughly deserves to be nominated for this position. You will notice no name against the Honorary Auditor. Mr. David Hart, who has carried out this duty for many years and for which we are extremely grateful, has indicated that he would like to retire. We have, at present, no other suggestions so if you know of anyone who might be willing, or would like to volunteer yourself, please let us know.

The restructuring of the Council and its Committees has unfortunately not worked quite as well as we had hoped, and much thought has been given to it during the year. The result is the proposals that will be put before you later in the Agenda.

We are rather more confident that the Council will work more efficiently as a result of these changes.

Next year will see the Centenary year of Yorkshire Tennis. Already plans are being made to celebrate this, not only by an extra section in the Handbook giving a History of the Association's first hundred years, but also, we hope, by some suitable event in the season. All I will say at present, is please keep Saturday, 4th August free.

15. Annual General Meeting of the LTA

The AGM will take place in London on 9th December. All Clubs are invited to send their representatives to the meeting. If they cannot attend, they should complete their proxy forms in favour of one or more, of the Yorkshire representatives on the Council. I believe that one proposal to be debated is that the Players' Contribution should be raised by 50%. If you have any feelings on this matter, the time to express them is at their AGM. The Council have expressed their view to the LTA, but they have only one vote at the AGM, as do all Clubs in the County.

16. Best Performance and Most Improved Junior Cups

The Senior Cups have been awarded as follows:-

Ladies — Sarah Longbottom

Men — Simon Ickringill

The Junior Cups for most improvement go as follows:-

Betty Nichols Trophy for Girls — Karen McLoughlin

Joyce Austin Trophy for Boys — Stephen Heron

17. Veterans Section

I am pleased to include in this Report, for the first time, a summary of the activities of the Veterans within the County. For this, I am obliged to Mike Rogers. The Veterans Section was first formed in January 1982. In that season and in 1983 they played in the Prudential County Cup, each year winning one match and losing one. In September 1983 the Veterans held their first Open Veterans Tournament at Doncaster, 55 entered including 15 from outside the County. There were six events, including two for Ladies. It is felt that most interested Veterans have been contacted, a good relationship established with the Press and constant contact with the Veterans Lawn Tennis Association of Great Britain. For the future, there have been suggested changes in the format of Veterans events at the Yorkshire Championships, the possibility of some recognition for representing the County and a Veterans League cannot be discounted, but this will require much thought and discussion.

18. Other Notes

Last January a Kings Cup match was held at Huddersfield against USSR. LTA loans have been arranged during the year for two Clubs, Fulwood LTC and Hessle LTC. I have heard that it is possible that the LTA loans may well become interest free but so far I have not heard about this officially. In the same period the Sports Council offered Loans to seven Clubs, Cawood, Bishophorpe, Hessle, Rawdon, West Tanfield, Huddersfield and Upper Armley, and grants to five Clubs, North East Regional Tennis Centre, Chapel Alerton, West Tanfield, Thongsbridge and Cottingham.

Our Team Sponsors

JUNIORS

Yorkshire Bank has once again sponsored the County Junior teams in 1983. This was the fourth year of their sponsorship and in those four years the players have won no fewer than seven National titles. The fourteen members of the two elite Squads have won sixty-four titles in the various tournaments in which they played during the 1983 season. Two squad members were chosen for Junior International matches and one girl was selected for the senior England team. The Girls' Squad achieved the highest honour possible when they won the British Junior Inter-County Tennis Championship at Queens Club in August. Since the Yorkshire Bank sponsorship began, we have been able to set up a very comprehensive coaching and training scheme for the Juniors throughout each winter and the benefits are clearly shown by the facts and figures now revealed. We are most grateful to Yorkshire Bank for their help and encouragement.

SENIORS

The Yorkshire Building Society has completed its second year as Sponsors of the Men's and Ladies' Senior Teams. By now, their support of the County tennis is becoming widely known and comments are frequently made when the teams visit various parts of the country. The Ladies' team, at Bournemouth, won the Group 2 Championship at County Week and they deserve and have our congratulations. The Men's team, playing at Eastbourne and seriously weakened by injuries, was unable to hold its position in Group 1, but it will be back again next year. The Yorkshire Building Society Invitation Tournament was again held on the covered courts at Ilkley in October and once more proved to be a very popular tournament, in which the up and coming players can test those already established in the County teams. The Singles Cups were won by Simon Ickringill and Sarah Longbottom. We are indeed grateful to the Yorkshire Building Society for financing this special tournament and for their support of the County teams throughout the year.

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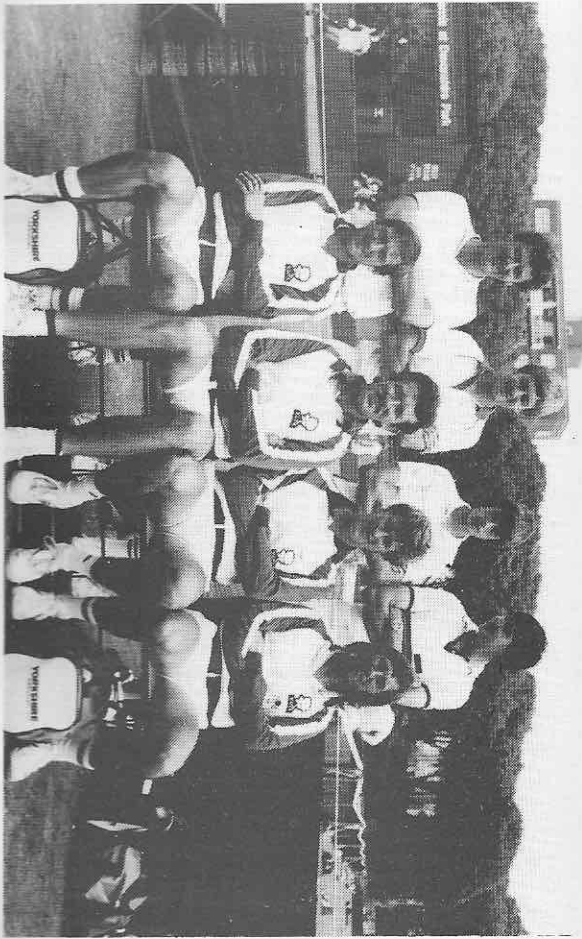
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| 2. | P. S. Butcher | (2) |
| 3. | P. A. Heath | (3) |
| 4. | J. B. Howarth | (4) |
| 5. | T. Mitchell | (5) |
| 6. | M. D. Harpin | (10) |
| 7. | P. G. H. Brook | (6) |
| 8. | P. A. Layfield | (11) |
| 9. | J. M. Goodall | (13) |
| 10. | R. E. Armytage | (9) |



YORKSHIRE MEN'S SENIOR COUNTY TEAM

Back Row: Phil Brook, Mike Harpin, Stephen Herron, Paul Layfield,
Front Row: Paul Butcher, Rob Armytage, Simon Ickringill, John Howarth.

Men's Team Report

Hard Court Singles & Friendlies 1983

HARD COURT SINGLES

Due to reaching the Semi-Finals of last year's event, Yorkshire were awarded a bye to the Quarter-Final stage of this year's event. Our opponents were a very strong Lancashire team, the venue being at St. Annes Tennis Club, Lytham St. Annes, Lancashire. Lancashire ran out 10-2 winners, the two Yorkshire rubbers coming from Andrew Hutchinson, making his first team debut for Yorkshire, and myself. The team was - Simon Ickringill, Paul Butcher, Mike Harpin, Paul Layfield, Stephen Heron, Andrew Hutchinson. The Lancashire team was - Willie Davies, Mike Appleton, David Shaw, Martin Robinson, Peter Farrell, Chris Peet.

FRIENDLY MATCHES

14 Players represented Yorkshire in Friendly Matches in 1983:
R. E. Armytage, P. G. H. Brook, P. S. Butcher, J. Gleddon, J. Goodall, S. M. Heron, D. Hurst, A. Hutchinson, J. B. Howarth, S. Ickringill, N. Garton, P. A. Layfield, S. McLoughlin, M. D. Harpin.

This year 13 Friendly Matches were played in which Yorkshire won 8 of them and 1 was drawn. 3 matches were cancelled due to weather or the opposition not being able to raise a team.

RESULTS

- v. Nottinghamshire WON 8-1
- v. Derbyshire DRAWN 4½-4½
- v. Cambridge LOST 2-7
- v. Cumberland Club LOST 1-8
- v. Leicestershire WON 6½-2½
- v. Lancashire (H) WON 8-1
- v. Surrey WON 5-4
- v. Ealing WON 5½-3½
- v. Lancashire (A) LOST 4-5
- v. Northumberland WON 7-2
- v. Cheshire WON 6-3
- v. International Club WON 7-2
- v. Hereford/Worcester LOST 3-6

S. ICKRINGILL
Match Secretary 1983

MEN'S TEAM FIXTURES 1984

28 April	v. Derbyshire	Home
29 April	v. Lancashire	Away
5 May	v. Durham	Away
6 May	v. Northumberland	Home
12 May	v. Cambridge	Away
13 May	v. David Lloyd	Away
19 May	County Practice	
20 May	County Practice	
2 June	v. Leicestershire	Away
3 June	v. Warwickshire	Home
10 June	v. Lancashire	Home
17 June	v. Cheshire	Home
23 June	County Practice	
24 June	County Practice	
30 June	v. Cumberland	Away
1 July	v. International Club	Away
8 July	v. Hereford/Worcester	Home
23/27 July	County Week Group 2 at Felixstowe	

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Yorkshire Ladies' Prudential County Cup

INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS 1983 GROUP 2 PLAYED AT BOURNEMOUTH

It is very encouraging to see our juniors pressing for places in the first team and yet another under 18 player was introduced to County Week and although Joanne Smith did not get a chance to play, I think she would say how much she learnt.

Special mention must be made of Sarah Longbottom, who made her debut last year playing in one match. This year she played in all the matches and must be congratulated on a very strong display.

TEAM

Lynn Robinson, Jo Smedley, Sue Smedley, Joan Sculthorpe, Gill Cooper, Sarah Longbottom, Cath Berry, Joanne Smith.

For our first match against Devon we selected Lynn and Jo, Sue and Joan, Sarah and Gill. It was unfortunate that Lynn and Jo found 6'2" Sarah Gomer, partnered by the very experienced Corrine Molesworth, in devastating form in the first rubber and really could not cope with her weight of shot and service. It is only fair to say that Monday was to be Sarah Gomer's best day of the week.

The new pairing of Sarah Longbottom and Gill Cooper got off to a promising start, although they lost in three sets to the very experienced Jackie Hough (nee Faylor) and Valda Lake. Our well tried 2nd pair had the easiest match against the 3rd pair and they made no mistakes winning convincingly, so we were now 2-1 down after the first round.

The second round went as expected, our 1st and 2nd pairs winning and our 3rd pair losing to the Devon 1st pair, making the score 3 all with the draw for the final round in our favour. Unfortunately Lynn and Jo could not produce any form at all and only won 3 games against the 2nd pair, which was the vital rubber. Our 3rd pair beat the Devon 3rd with Sue and Joan unable to overcome the very strong Devon 1st pair. We were 4 rubbers to 5 down - a very disappointing and worrying loss on the first day.

Such is the team spirit that Jo Smedley suggested she should rest on Tuesday after the uninspired partnership with Lynn on Monday, possibly due to the fact that Lynn was returning to the team after her knee operation and Jo playing after weeks of studying they just did not gell. I knew something had to be done quickly if we were to be promoted to Group 1, so we brought in Cath Berry to partner Lynn. They certainly produced the goods winning 3 rubbers. Joan and Sue again won 2 rubbers whilst Gill and Sarah won 1. The Lancashire side is a much improved young team, and so I regarded this as a very good result.

Keeping the same team to play Hampshire & I.O.W. Lynn and Cath won 2 rubbers whilst Sue and Joan won 3 without the loss of a set and finally Gill and Sarah won 2, which I had been hoping for. We ended up with a convincing win to our credit by 7 rubbers to 2.



YORKSHIRE LADIES' SENIOR COUNTY TEAM

Back Row: Cath Berry, Gill Cooper, Sarah Longbottom, Joan Sculthorpe, Sue Smedley, Joanne Smith.
Front Row: Jo Smedley, Mrs. T. Heaton-Collins (Non-playing Captain), Lynn Robinson.

We kept the same team to play Sussex on the Friday and as the Sussex 1st pair were very strong, I was hoping for 2 rubbers each from the Yorkshire pairs. That is exactly what they gave me and not only were we promoted, but we had won the Championship as well. Well done girls.

I have three more well done to say. The first to Jo Smedley. All through the week Jo never once let the terrible disappointment she was feeling show, after the years of playing every day nearly all in Group 1 and now knowing as long as the team was winning she would be sitting watching. Even so, she was the first to help the players and support the Captain, and I was as proud of Jo as any of the players on court.

Well done to Joanne who was a great reserve - these are the players Yorkshire need - the big hearted ones.

Well done to our supporters, second to none, and who are now getting too numerous to mention individually. We look forward to seeing you all next year at Eastbourne, where we shall be without the services of Sue Smedley, who will be sitting her Law Finals. However, as we may have Sue Mappin for some of the matches, will this be the year I have been waiting for

T.M.C.

Yorkshire Ladies' Prudential Inter-County Grass Court Championships 1983

Group 2 played at Bournemouth

Monday	LOST	Devon	4 rubbers to 5
Tuesday	BEAT	Lancashire	6 rubbers to 3
Wednesday	BEAT	Hamps. & IOW	7 rubbers to 2
Thursday	BEAT	Essex	6 rubbers to 3
Friday	BEAT	Sussex	6 rubbers to 3

FINAL PLACINGS

1. Yorkshire
2. Lancashire
3. Essex
4. Devon
5. Sussex
6. Hampshire & I.O.W.

PAIRINGS RESULTS

	Wins	Losses	Rubbers Played
L. Robinson & J. Smedley	1	2	3
L. Robinson & C. Berry	9	3	12
S. Smedley & J. Sculthorpe	11	4	15
S. Longbottom & G. Cooper	8	7	15

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Ladies' Fixture List 1984

FIRST TEAM

3 June v. Cheshire at Ilkley
10 June v. A Sheffield Men's 6
17 June v. Lesley Charles 6 away at Thames Ditton
24 June v. Warwickshire away at Tally Ho!
8 July v. Lancashire at Ilkley
14 July v. Kent away at Beckenham
15 July v. Sussex away at Eastbourne
23/27 July County Week Group 1 at Eastbourne
9 Sept. Hard Court Singles (Intermediate)
30 Sept. Quarter Finals Hard Court Singles

'A' Team

29 April v. Derby away
6 May v. Lancashire away
13 May v. Cheshire away
20 May v. Northumberland away
1 July v. Durham away

Juniors

11 Feb. v. Nottinghamshire away
11 Mar. v. Lancashire away at Preston
1 April v. Lancashire home
9 June v. North Wales home
3/5 Sept. Prudential Junior County Cup

Prudential Inter-County Hard Court Championships 1983

QUARTER FINAL PLAYED AT BOSTON L.T.C. LINCOLNSHIRE

Yorkshire lost to Lincolnshire by 3 rubbers to 6

Team

S. Mappin, S. Smedley, J. Smedley, J. Sculthorpe, S. Longbottom, J. Holden.

Captains Comments: Another 100% display by Sarah Longbottom ably assisted by Sue Mappin in the doubles!! To beat Cath Drury and Toni Heath 6-0 7-6 is no mean feat.

Jackie Holden impressed in her first Senior Inter-County Match to win her singles. Apart from these comments, it was a disappointing display by the rest of the team.

Junior Prudential Inter-County Hard Court Championships 1983

PLAYED AT QUEEN'S CLUB LONDON ON 29th, 30th, 31st AUGUST

Yorkshire BEAT Surrey by 5 rubbers to 4
Yorkshire BEAT Middlesex by 7 rubbers to 2
Yorkshire BEAT Essex by 7 rubbers to 2

Team

S. Longbottom, J. Smith, J. Holden, K. McLoughlin, S. Swift, R. Bayley, W. Franklin.

Captains Comments: Our juniors were certainly in good form but even more impressive was the tremendous team spirit.

Sarah and Joanne lead the County well and we should not forget that it is tough playing at one and two. Jackie and Karen were outstanding at three and four, only losing two games each in 3 singles matches. Sarah and Rowena also did well at five and six, and Wendi was a super reserve.

T.M.C.

Friendly Matches

FIRST TEAM RESULTS

- v. Cheshire WON 6-3
- v. Lesley Charles 6 LOST 2-7
- v. Warwickshire LOST 4-5
- v. Lancashire DREW 4 ALL
- v. Kent LOST 4-5
- v. Sussex LOST 4-5

'A' TEAM RESULTS

- v. Derbyshire CANCELLED
- v. Lancashire WON 5-4
- v. Cheshire WON 6-0

JUNIORS RESULTS

- v. Cheshire WON 7-0
- v. Northumberland CANCELLED
- v. Derbyshire CANCELLED
- v. Durham WON 6-3

It was unfortunate that we had to cancel so many matches at the start of the season because of rain. Strange that we should lose most of our First Team Matches and then win Group 2.

LADIES' RANKING LIST 1983

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| 1. Miss S. Mappin | (1) |
| 2. Miss C. Berry | (2) |
| 3. Miss S. Longbottom | (8) |
| 4. Miss S. Smedley | (3) |
| 5. Miss L. Robinson | (-) |
| 6. Mrs. P. Brook (Nee Miss G. Copper) | (5) |
| 7. Miss J. Sculthorpe | (6) |
| 8. Miss J. Smedley | (4) |
| 9. Miss B. Lockwood | (7) |
| 10. Miss J. Holden | (-) |
| 11. Miss K. McLoughlin | (10) |
| 12. Miss J. Smith | (9) |



YORKSHIRE LADIES' JUNIOR COUNTY TEAM

Back Row: Joanne Smith, Jackie Holden, Sarah Longbottom, Sarah Swift,
 Karen McLoughlin,
 Front Row: Ashley Morelle, Mrs. T. Heaton-Collins (Non-playing Captain), Rowena Bailey