

PERCY HOLMES



Although he was born in Oakes, and first played cricket at Oakes Council School, it was as a Paddock player that Percy Holmes first emerged as a cricketer of note. In 1911, just two years before his Yorkshire debut, he won the Huddersfield League batting prize while plying for the club, with a batting average of 32.26.

Over the next 20 years he scored 30,573 first-class runs at an average of 42.11. For much of this time, of course, he formed a legendary opening partnership with Herbert Sutcliffe. He was Wisden Cricketer of the Year in 1920, but, remarkably, played in only 7 Test matches for England.