

# East Sussex League Over-40s XI – Playing Records 1989-2017

## Introduction

The East Sussex Cricket League was formed in 1972 as league cricket began to establish itself more widely in southern England. Some seventeen years later the league received a request for an early season fixture from Sussex Over-50s, who were preparing for the annual inter-county championship that had begun in 1984. The league obliged and selected a representative Over-40s side. The team chosen was:

Ken Bulteel (Buxted Park)  
David Dymond (Crawley)  
Dick Packham (St James)  
Jim Crouch (Herstmonceux)  
John Hart (Maresfield)  
Bob Davies (Heathfield Park)  
Tony James (The Boards)  
Phil Hall (Tenterden)  
Michael Jayston (Rottingdean). The well-known actor.  
Chris Thomas (Stone Cross)  
Andy Shanks (Maresfield)

The game was to be played at Brighton College. Sussex had won the inaugural Over-50s championship in 1984 and reached the semi-finals in 1988. They were a strong side with three ex-professionals, including captain Ken Suttle. Batting first Sussex made 150-9 in their 40 overs, a decent score at the time. In response the league's seniors were soon in trouble, losing Dymond without a run on the board. When Packham departed, fourteen overs had gone and the score was only thirty. Jim Crouch of Herstmonceux then joined Bulteel, a measure of control was gained, and they were still together when the winning runs were knocked off with seven overs to spare. Crouch's unbeaten 81 came off only sixty balls.

After such an impressive victory, one might have expected the league's senior team to kick on. But it was another four years before they took the field again, this time at Seaford against the local club. Once again, the league team was victorious, though only four members of the previous eleven remained: Crouch, Hart, Davies and Shanks. Geoff Peddie of Buxted Park scored the team's first century, then Andy Shanks picked up four wickets. The following year, 1994, the Over-40s faced Seaford again, enjoying the better of a draw. They also defeated Sussex Police at Lancing College, with Peter Crees from Ringmer hitting 96 and Shanks claiming another four wickets. The team was up and running.

A few days ago the 2017 season drew to a close with the East Sussex League Over-40s XI enjoying the autumn sunshine across the Kent border at Tenterden. Manager and captain were none other than Andy Shanks. Nobody else who played in that first game has represented the team in the twenty-first century. For 28 years Andy has played and managed by far the most matches, and has taken twice as many wickets as anyone else. He has also looked after all the scorebooks, which has made it possible to compile the records that follow. The books are more or less complete, and the very few missing details have been retrieved from opponents' websites.

One final point. The team has been drawn from East Sussex League players aged forty and over. Most opponents are not restricted by age although they do usually include a good proportion of senior cricketers. Not always however. After one defeat a disgruntled scorer has made the following entry at the head of our hosts' batting list: "Average age 25".

## Results

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Tied
1989-99	25	9	8	8	0
2000-09	42	13	22	7	0
2010-17	19	6	7	5	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1</b>

## Opponents

<b>Balcombe</b>	2005-08
<b>Battle</b>	1997
<b>Brighton Nomads</b>	1997 ( <i>at Henfield</i> )
<b>Buxted Park</b>	2011-13
<b>Herstmonceux</b>	1997
<b>Linden Park</b>	2000, 2002-06, 2008-15, 2017; (2016 <i>at Groombridge</i> ).
<b>Mid-Sussex League 40+</b>	1995-96, 1998-99, 2003-04 <i>at Plumpton</i> ; 2002 <i>at St James</i> .
<b>Ringmer</b>	2003-08
<b>Rye</b>	2008
<b>St James</b>	1998-99
<b>Seaford</b>	1993-2001
<b>Sidley</b>	2006
<b>Sussex Martlets</b>	2017 ( <i>at Fletching</i> )
<b>Sussex Over-50s</b>	1989 <i>at Brighton College</i> ; 1998 <i>at Seaford</i> ; 1999, 2006 <i>at Ditchling</i> ; 2001, 2003 <i>at Fletching</i> ; 2004, 2009 <i>at Newick</i> ; 2007, 2010 <i>at Buxted Park</i> .
<b>Sussex Over-60s</b>	2005 ( <i>at Newick</i> )
<b>Sussex Police</b>	1994-95 ( <i>at Lancing College</i> )
<b>Tenterden</b>	1995-98, 2001-11, 2013-15, 2017

## Highest Totals For

320-3	v	Tenterden	2009
279-4	v	Balcombe	2008
259-3	v	Seaford	1996

## Highest Totals Against

316-5	by	Tenterden	2009
264-3	by	Sussex Over-50s	1999 ( <i>at Ditchling</i> )
260-2	by	Seaford	1996

### Lowest Totals For

73	v	Linden Park	2012
85	v	Linden Park	2011
101	v	Rye	2008

### Lowest Totals Against

70	by	Buxted Park	2012
106	by	Herstmonceux	1997
119	by	Balcombe	2006

### Most Appearances 1989-2017

Player	Club(s)	Career	Appearances
Andy Shanks	Maresfield / Fletching	1989-2017	<b>63</b>
Terry Penfold	Boards / Heathfield Park	1997-2015	<b>44</b>
Trevor Ramsden	Sidley	1995-2014	<b>36</b>
Robbie Cloute	Iden	1995-2011	<b>35</b>
Peter Crees	Ringmer	1993-2013	<b>31</b>
Phil Patrick	Buxted Park	1994-2008	<b>30</b>
Peter Grey	Seaford / Rottingdean	1995-2017	<b>28</b>
Brian Scollay	Battle	1995-2009	<b>25</b>
Andy Crouch	Crowhurst Park	1997-2007	<b>23</b>
John Paddy Smith	Seaford	2003-17	<b>22</b>
Peter Goodsell	Robertsbridge	1997-2017	<b>19</b>
Derek Barnard	Crowborough / Maresfield	1997-2013	<b>18</b>
Allan Hughes	Robertsbridge	1997-2007	<b>17</b>
Dave Procter	Herstmonceux	2004-08	<b>14</b>
Peter Hartland	Rotherfield / Crowborough	2006-17	<b>13</b>
Lloyd Stickells	Little Common	1995-2007	<b>13</b>
Paul Wheatley	Hellingly	1999-2007	<b>13</b>
Vic Coomber	Herstmonceux	1993-99	<b>12</b>
Ken Lugg	Seaford	1994-98	<b>12</b>
Jim Crouch	Herstmonceux	1989-99	<b>10</b>

## Batting Records

### Leading Run Scorers 1989-2017

Batsman	Club(s)	Career	Runs	Average	HS	100s
Terry Penfold	Boards / Heathfield Park	1997-2015	<b>2255</b>	62.63	151*	8
Peter Grey	Seaford / Rottingdean	1995-2017	<b>842</b>	35.08	111	1
Robbie Cloute	Iden	1995-2011	<b>808</b>	28.85	113*	1
Peter Crees	Ringmer	1993-2013	<b>655</b>	26.20	128	2
Andy Crouch	Crowhurst Park	1997-2007	<b>331</b>	41.37	66*	
Martin Menezes	Crowhurst Park	2006-11	<b>321</b>	53.50	88*	
Peter Goodsell	Robertsbridge	1997-2017	<b>313</b>	24.07	62	
Ian Cox	Heathfield Park	2008-09	<b>297</b>	297.00	201*	1
Paul Wheatley	Hellingly	1999-2007	<b>289</b>	24.08	89	
Dave Procter	Herstmonceux	2004-08	<b>280</b>	28.00	50	
Nick Corbett	Polegate	2008-12	<b>267</b>	38.14	101*	1
Geoff Peddie	Buxted Park	1993-96	<b>253</b>	84.33	109*	1
Michael Turner	Ringmer	2013-15	<b>224</b>	112.00	87*	
Derek Pullen	Glynde	1994-99	<b>214</b>	53.50	92	
Steve Hoadley	Herstmonceux	1996-2000	<b>209</b>	52.25	100*	1

## Centuries

		Opponents	Year
<b>109*</b>	Geoff Peddie	Seaford	1993
<b>100</b>	Peter Crees	Sussex Police	1995 ( <i>at Lancing College</i> )
<b>100*</b>	Steve Hoadley	Seaford	1996
<b>111</b>	Peter Grey	Tenterden	1996
<b>102*</b>	Terry Penfold	Tenterden	1997
<b>111</b>	Terry Penfold	Mid-Sussex League 40+	1998 ( <i>at Plumpton</i> )
<b>128</b>	Peter Crees	Seaford	1999
<b>109*</b>	Terry Penfold	Linden Park	2002
<b>113*</b>	Robbie Cloute	Tenterden	2003
<b>110*</b>	Terry Penfold	Sussex Over-60s	2005 ( <i>at Newick</i> )
<b>124</b>	Terry Penfold	Ringmer	2005
<b>151*</b>	Terry Penfold	Tenterden	2005
<b>106</b>	Terry Penfold	Sidley	2006
<b>117*</b>	Christian Hart	Balcombe	2008 ( <i>his only appearance</i> )
<b>201*</b>	Ian Cox	Tenterden	2009
<b>100*</b>	Terry Penfold	Tenterden	2010
<b>101*</b>	Nick Corbett	Buxted Park	2012

Note: Terry Penfold also scored 99\* against Linden Park in 2009

## Carrying Bat Through Completed Innings

		Opponents	Year
<b>40* out of 110</b>	Peter Goodsell	Mid-Sussex League 40+	2004 ( <i>at Plumpton</i> )

## Bowling Records

### Leading Wicket-Takers 1989-2017

Bowler	Club(s)	Career	Wickets	Average	B/B	5wI
Andy Shanks	Maresfield / Fletching	1989-2017	<b>71</b>	24.87	4 for 25	
Trevor Ramsden	Sidley	1995-2014	<b>35</b>	29.51	4 for 23	
Brian Scollay	Battle	1995-2009	<b>26</b>	24.96	3 for 19	
Derek Barnard	Crowborough / Maresfield	1997-2013	<b>24</b>	14.20	5 for 33	1
John Paddy Smith	Seaford	2003-17	<b>22</b>	25.81	3 for 27	
Andy Crouch	Crowhurst Park	1997-2007	<b>18</b>	37.11	2 for 10	
Graeme Mounsey	Hastings	1995-2001	<b>16</b>	17.93	4 for 40	
Grahame Corke	Crowhurst Park / Westfield	2000-17	<b>16</b>	19.18	3 for 31	
Allan Hughes	Robertsbridge	1997-2007	<b>16</b>	27.31	3 for 33	
Peter Hartland	Rotherfield / Crowborough	2006-17	<b>14</b>	27.28	3 for 31	
Peter Crees	Ringmer	1993-2013	<b>11</b>	18.00	3 for 26	
Ken Fisher	Tunbridge Wells Borderers	2008-09	<b>10</b>	17.50	4 for 43	
David Green	Tunbridge Wells Borderers	1999-2004	<b>10</b>	18.90	3 for 24	
Ken Lugg	Seaford	1994-98	<b>10</b>	41.50	4 for 51	

### Five Wickets in an Innings

		Opponents	Year
<b>6-60</b>	Stan Spiegel	St James	1998 ( <i>his only appearance</i> )
<b>5-33</b>	Derek Barnard	Sussex Over-50s	2009 ( <i>at Newick</i> )

## Fielding Records

### Most Wicket-keeping/Fielding dismissals (catches unless otherwise stated)

<b>32</b>	Phil Patrick (16 ct, 16 st)
<b>20</b>	Terry Penfold
<b>14</b>	Robbie Cloute (12 ct, 2 st)
<b>13</b>	Peter Crees (11 ct, 2 st)
<b>11</b>	Peter Goodsell (10 ct, 1 st)
<b>10</b>	Peter Grey
<b>7</b>	Vic Coomber (3 ct, 4 st)
<b>6</b>	Andy Crouch, Pete Langman (Maresfield) (3 ct, 3 st), Dave Procter (5 ct, 1 st), John Paddy Smith
<b>5</b>	Nick Corbett, Jim Crouch, Brian Scollay

### Most Outfield Catches in Innings

		Opponents	Year
<b>4</b>	Robbie Cloute	St James	1998