

SUSSEX CHAMPIONSHIP MOSTS: 1890-2022

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In men's cricket, the idea of a champion county has been around for perhaps two hundred years, indeed for some time before the Sussex County Cricket Club was formed in 1839. Until the 1880s champion counties were designated by the Press, who did not always agree on the basis for awarding the title, or which counties were entitled to claim it. Sussex were said to be champions on several occasions in the early years, though oddly it seems that few in the county were aware of this.

At a meeting in December 1889, the county clubs agreed between themselves a method for deciding how to award the title. Most authorities now regard the following 1890 season as the start of the 'official' Championship, although in practice there was little difference between 1889 and 1890 in the conduct of the matches concerned. Sussex were one of the eight counties taking part in 1890 and have participated in all 123 seasons of its operation since then.

Those 122 seasons of endeavour have brought three Championship titles to Sussex - in 2003, 2006 and 2007 - and ten wooden spoons. As at end of the 2022 season, the county had played 2,798 matches, and had won 794 (28.4 per cent), lost 900 (32.2 per cent), drawn 1,098 (39.2 per cent) and tied six (0.2 per cent).

The tables below set out records for the main categories of individual achievement by the 520 players who have played for Sussex in the competition from 1890 until 2022. In the tables, names of Sussex-born players are set in italics: we are but a small county - in population terms about eleventh of the 18 first-class counties - and like to appreciate our own.

APPEARANCES

Most matches

Pos	Matches	Player	Seasons	Runs	Wickets	Ct/st
1	561	<i>Jas.Langridge</i>	1924-1953	25,893	1,257	309
2	555	<i>G.R.Cox</i>	1898-1928	12,507	1,645	485
3	546	K.G.Suttle	1949-1971	26,588	242	343/2
4	518	<i>J.M.Parks</i>	1949-1972	27,233	27	813/61
5	505	<i>J.G.Langridge</i>	1929-1955	30,338	33	707
6	479	<i>M.W.Tate</i>	1912-1937	15,240	2,014	200
7	461	H.R.Butt	1890-1912	6,179	0	809/233
8	452	<i>W.L.Cornford</i>	1921-1939, 1947	5,837	0	608/299
9	451	<i>J.Vine</i>	1896-1922	21,399	519	185
10	448	<i>A.S.M.Oakman</i>	1947, 1948, 1950-1968			

				17,952	601	507
11	432	<i>H.W.Parks</i>	1926-1948	19,471	9	170
12	418	<i>T.E.R.Cook</i>	1922-1937	18,247	66	157/1
13	415	<i>E.H.Bowley</i>	1912-1914, 1920-1934	22,861	594	296
14	401	<i>A.E.Relf</i>	1900-1921	16,557	1,428	349
15	400	<i>G.Cox</i>	1931-1955, 1957, 1960	19,351	161	128

Notes: The table lists all players making 400 or more appearances. Matches abandoned without a ball bowler are excluded.

Suttle's appearances include 423 successive matches from 1954 to 1969, the most for any county. A.H.H.Gilligan made 264 appearances between 1919 and 1932, the most by an amateur. G.R.Cox is the oldest player for the side: he was 54 yr 6 mth in the match v Hampshire, Horsham, 1928. J.R.T.,Barclay is the youngest: he was 16 yr, 6 mth in the match v Glamorgan, Swansea, 1970.

Most matches as captain

<i>Pos</i>	<i>Player</i>	<i>Matches</i>	<i>Seasons</i>	<i>Highest finish</i>
1	A.E.R.Gilligan	166	1920-1929	4th in 1929
2	C.J.Adams	165	1998-2008	1st in 2003, 2006, 2007
3	<i>R.G.Marlar</i>	137	1955-1960	4th in 1955
4	J.R.T.Barclay	117	1979-1986	2nd in 1981
	H.P.Chaplin	117	1910-1914	6th in 1914
6	A.J.Holmes	115	1925, 1935-1939	5th in 1937
7	W.L.Murdoch	113	1893-1899	5th in 1899
8	M.G.Griffith	101	1968-1972	7th in 1969
9	K.S.Ranjitsinhji	100	1896, 1899-1903, 1908, 1912, 1920	2nd in 1902, 1903
10	E.R.Dexter	98	1960-1965	4th in 1960, 1963
11	<i>A.P.Wells</i>	95	1990-1996	7th in 1996
12	A.H.H.Gilligan	86	1920, 1922-1930	7th in 1930
	H.T.Bartlett	86	1939-1949	9th in 1947
14	<i>Jas.Langridge</i>	83	1950-1953	10th in 1951
15	<i>C.L.A.Smith</i>	77	1905-1909, 1911	4th in 1909

Notes: The table lists all players captaining the side in 75 or more matches. In a small number of matches, information on captains is missing: this may affect the figures for one or two players listed above. The years given in the 'Seasons' column include matches where a player was a 'stand-in' captain, in addition to those as a full 'appointed' captain for a season. The 'Highest Finish' column refers to seasons in which the player was a full 'appointed' captain.

G.A.K.Collins is the youngest player to captain the side: he was 20 yr, 1 mth in the match v Somerset, Bath, 1929. K.S.Ranjitsinhji, by then the nineteenth Jam Sahib of Nawanagar, is the oldest player to captain the side: he was 47 yr, 10 mth in the match v Yorkshire, Leeds, 1920.

BATTING

Most runs in an innings

Pos	Runs	Player	Match	Ground	Season
1	344*	M.W.Goodwin	Sussex ¹ v Somerset	Taunton	2009
2	335*	M.W.Goodwin	Sussex ¹ v Leicestershire	Hove	2003
3	333	K.S.Duleepsinhji	Sussex ¹ v Northamptonshire	Hove	1930
4	285*	K.S.Ranjitsinhji	Sussex ² v Somerset	Taunton	1901
5	283	E.H.Bowley	Sussex ¹ v Middlesex	Hove	1933
6	280*	E.H.Bowley	Sussex ² v Gloucestershire	Hove	1929
7	278	T.E.R.Cook	Sussex ¹ v Hampshire	Hove	1930
8	275	K.S.Ranjitsinhji	Sussex ¹ v Leicestershire	Leicester (GR)	1900
9	274*	M.W.Goodwin	Sussex ¹ v Yorkshire	Hove	2011
10	272*	R.R.Relf	Sussex ¹ v Worcestershire	Eastbourne	1909
11	258	L.W.P.Wells	Sussex ¹ v Durham	Hove	2017
12	254	K.C.Wessels	Sussex ² v Middlesex	Hove	1980
13	253*	A.P.Wells	Sussex ¹ v Yorkshire	Middlesbrough	1991
14	250*	J.G.Langridge	Sussex ¹ v Glamorgan	Hove	1933
	250	E.C.Joyce	Sussex ¹ v Derbyshire	Derby	2016

Notes: The table lists all scores of 250 or more in an innings; asterisks indicate a not-out innings. Index numbers ¹ and ² denote instances in the first or second innings.

Duleepsinhji's 333 is the most in a day's play and the highest score by an amateur. He scored 361 runs (115 and 246) v Kent, Hastings, 1929, the most in a match.

Most runs in partnerships, by wicket

Wkt	Runs	Players	Match	Ground	Season
1	490	E.H.Bowley & J.G.Langridge	Sussex ¹ v Middlesex	Hove	1933
2	385	E.H.Bowley & M.W.Tate	Sussex ¹ v Northamptonshire	Hove	1921
3	385*	M.H.Yardy & M.W.Goodwin	Sussex ² v Warwickshire	Hove	2006
4	363	M.W.Goodwin & C.D.Hopkinson	Sussex ¹ v Somerset	Taunton	2009
5	297	J.H.Parks & H.W.Parks	Sussex ¹ v Hampshire	Portsmouth	1937
6	335	L.J.Wright & B.C.Brown	Sussex ¹ v Durham	Hove	2014
7	344	K.S.Ranjitsinhji & W.Newham	Sussex ¹ v Essex	Leyton	1902
8	291	R.S.C.Martin-Jenkins & M.J.G.Davis	Sussex ¹ v Somerset	Taunton	2002
9	178	A.F.Wensley & H.W.Parks	Sussex ¹ v Derbyshire	Horsham	1930
10	164	O.E.Robinson & M.E.Hobden	Sussex ¹ v Durham	Chester-le-Street	2015

Notes: Asterisks indicate unfinished partnerships. Index numbers ¹ and ² denote instances in the first or second innings. There have been four other partnerships of 350 runs or more. These are:

3	376	L.P.T.Wells & S.van Zyl	Sussex ¹ v Durham	Hove	2017
1	372*	M.W.Goodwin & R.R.Montgomerie	Sussex ² v Notts	Nottingham	2001
1	368	E.H.Bowley & J.H.Parks	Sussex ² v Gloucestershire	Hove	1929

Most runs in a season

Pos	Player	Season	Mtch	Inns	Runs	Avge
1	J.H.Parks	1937	30	54	2,578	50.54
2	K.S.Ranjitsinhji	1900	22	34	2,563	85.43
3	J.G.Langridge	1949	22	41	2,441	65.97
4	C.B.Fry	1903	23	36	2,413	80.43
5	C.B.Fry	1901	23	34	2,382	74.43
6	C.B.Fry	1904	23	32	2,376	79.20
7	J.G.Langridge	1937	32	57	2,364	43.77
8	J.G.Langridge	1938	31	52	2,302	47.95
9	K.S.Ranjitsinhji	1899	20	35	2,285	76.16
10	E.H.Bowley	1928	30	50	2,135	43.57
11	J.G.Langridge	1939	31	51	2,106	41.29
12	J.M.Parks	1959	28	49	2,082	53.38
13	T.E.R.Cook	1934	30	43	2,072	56.00
14	K.S.Ranjitsinhji	1901	21	31	2,067	76.55
15	K.G.Suttle	1962	32	59	2,057	38.81
16	K.S.Duleepsinhji	1929	21	36	2,028	56.33
17	J.G.Langridge	1934	30	46	2,007	48.95

Notes: The table lists all batters scoring 2,000 runs or more in a season.

Ranjitsinhji's total of 2,563 in 1900 is the most by an amateur. J.G.Langridge and J.H.Parks scored ten hundreds in 1937, and Langridge another ten in 1949, the most in a season. Fry scored 1,116 runs in August 1901, the most for any county in a calendar month.

Most runs in a career

Pos	Player	Seasons	Mtch	Inns	Runs	Avge
1	J.G.Langridge	1928-1955	505	866	30,338	37.50
2	J.M.Parks	1949-1972	518	877	27,233	36.16
3	K.G.Suttle	1949-1971	546	953	26,588	30.42
4	Jas.Langridge	1924-1953	561	861	25,893	35.18
5	E.H.Bowley	1912-1914, 1920-1934	415	699	22,861	34.42
6	J.Vine	1896-1922	451	762	21,399	30.48
7	H.W.Parks	1926-1948	432	666	19,471	33.78
8	G.Cox	1931-1955, 1957, 1960	400	655	19,351	31.82
9	C.B.Fry	1894-1908	215	349	18,471	56.65
10	T.E.R.Cook	1922-1937	418	663	18,247	30.01

11	<i>A.S.M.Oakman</i>	1947, 1948, 1950-1968	448	769	17,952	25.53
12	<i>J.H.Parks</i>	1924-1939	398	640	17,874	30.50
13	<i>A.E.Relf</i>	1900-1921	401	641	16,557	28.11
14	<i>K.S.Ranjitsinhji</i>	1895-1897, 1899-1904, 1908, 1912, 1920	187	297	16,194	62.04
15	<i>A.P.Wells</i>	1982-1996	281	470	16,251	39.92
15	<i>E.H.Killick</i>	1893-1913	397	659	16,101	26.13
16	<i>M.W.Tate</i>	1912-1937	479	702	15,240	23.84

Notes: The table lists all batters scoring 15,000 runs or more in a career.

Fry's 18,451 total is the most by an amateur. J.G.Langridge scored 67 hundreds, and Fry 62, the most in a career.

BOWLING

Most wickets in an innings

<i>Analysis</i>	<i>Player</i>	<i>Match</i>	<i>Ground</i>	<i>Season</i>
25.2-9-48- 10	C.H.G.Bland	Sussex v Kent ²	Tonbridge	1899
34.2-19-49- 10	N.I.Thomson	Sussex v Warwickshire ¹	Worthing	1964
33.4-15-34- 9	<i>Jas.Langridge</i>	Sussex v Yorkshire ²	Sheffield	1934
11.2-1-35- 9	J.E.B.B.P.Q.C.Dwyer	Sussex v Derbyshire ²	Hove	1906
23.3-11-44- 9	J.E.B.B.P.Q.C.Dwyer	Sussex v Middlesex ²	Hove	1906
23.2-2-46- 9	<i>R.G.Marlar</i>	Sussex v Lancashire ²	Hove	1955
11.3-2-48- 9	Mushtaq Ahmed	Sussex v Nottinghamshire ²	Nottingham	2006
36.5-17-50- 9	<i>G.R.Cox</i>	Sussex v Warwickshire ²	Horsham	1926
22-5-53- 9	<i>J.H.Cornford</i>	Sussex v Northamptonshire ¹	Rushden	1949
33.5-13-60- 9	A.E.James	Sussex v Yorkshire ¹	Hove	1955
39.1-12-71- 9	<i>M.W.Tate</i>	Sussex v Middlesex ¹	Lord's	1926
41.3-15-73- 9	<i>F.W.Tate</i>	Sussex v Leicestershire ¹	Leicester	1902
30.1-10-78- 9	O.E.Robinson	Sussex v Glamorgan ²	Cardiff	2021
40-9-95- 9	<i>A.E.Relf</i>	Sussex v Warwickshire ¹	Hove	1910
39.4-8-114- 9	E.H.Bowley	Sussex v Derbyshire ¹	Hove	1929

Notes: The table lists, in runs-conceded order, all instances of bowlers taking nine or ten wickets in an innings. The first column, headed Analysis, gives overs bowled, maidens, runs and wickets, in that order. Index numbers ¹ and ² denote instances in the first or second innings. In the Bland instance, overs were of five balls; in all other instances overs were of six balls.

Dwyer's nine for 35 against Derbyshire in 1906 is the best return by a bowler for any county playing in his first Championship match. Marlar's nine-wicket return in 1949 is the best by an amateur. Cox took seventeen wickets in the fixture v Warwickshire, Horsham, 1926, the most in a match; he was 52 yr, 6mth at the time. F.Parris took 15 wickets for 98 (7-70, 8-28) v Gloucestershire, Bristol, 1894, the most for the county in a day's play.

Most wickets in a season

Pos	Player	Season	Mtch	Overs	Wickets	Avge
1	<i>M.W.Tate</i>	1925	28	1,309.1	194	13.44
2	<i>M.W.Tate</i>	1923	28	1,277.1	174	13.19
3	<i>G.R.Cox</i>	1905	28	1,378.3	154	21.40
4	<i>F.W.Tate</i>	1902	20	974.2	153	14.28
5	<i>M.W.Tate</i>	1924	23	930.3	139	12.61
6	<i>G.R.Cox</i>	1907	26	1,061.4	138	18.39
7	<i>M.W.Tate</i>	1934	29	1,403.2	137	19.00
8	<i>Jas.Langridge</i>	1933	27	1,034.3	136	15.50
9	A.E.R.Gilligan	1923	26	771.4	129	15.01
10	<i>A.E.Relf</i>	1910	26	1,109.2	128	19.99
11	<i>M.W.Tate</i>	1928	26	1,189.1	127	18.51
12	<i>F.W.Tate</i>	1901	24	1,009.1	126	20.00
13	<i>M.W.Tate</i>	1932	26	1,071	124	15.58
14	N.I.Thomson	1961	31	1,170.2	124	21.21
15	N.I.Thomson	1958	27	897	123	15.91
16	<i>W.A.Humphreys</i>	1893	16	643.4	122	16.43
17	N.I.Thomson	1954	28	991.2	122	19.04
18	N.I.Thomson	1959	28	1,092	120	21.32

Notes: The table lists all bowlers taking 120 wickets or more in a season. In the Humphreys instance, overs were of five balls: in all other instances overs were of six balls.

Maurice Tate took five wickets in an innings on 22 occasions in 1925, the most in a season. Gilligan took the most wickets in a season by an amateur. Humphreys was an underarm bowler and the only instance of such a bowler taking 100 wickets in a season for any county.

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Most wickets in a career

Pos	Player	Seasons	Mtch	Overs	Wickets	Avge
1	<i>M.W.Tate</i>	1912-1937	479	17,826.2	2,014	17.55
2	<i>G.R.Cox</i>	1898-1928	555	15,738.3†	1,645	22.53
3	N.I.Thomson	1952-1965, 1972	375	13,110.4	1,431	20.33
4	<i>A.E.Relf</i>	1900-1921	401	13,674.3	1,428	21.01
5	<i>Jas.Langridge</i>	1924-1953	561	12,206.4	1,257	22.07
6	<i>F.W.Tate</i>	1891-1905	244	8,993.5†	1,062	21.37
7	<i>J.H.Cornford</i>	1931-1952	310	9,896.5†	961	26.20
8	<i>A.F.Wensley</i>	1922-1936	334	10,120.3	918	26.51
9	<i>A.Buss</i>	1958-1974	282	8,043.5	886	24.99
10	J.A.Snow	1961-1977	248	6,794	821	21.68

11	A.E.James	1948-1960	263	8,784.1	755	26.59
12	D.L.Bates	1950, 1951, 1953, 1955-1971	283	7,388.5	773	26.27
13	J.H.Parks	1924-1939	398	8,520.2†	723	26.13
14	R.G.Marlar	1951-1961, 1968	205	6,091.1	677	23.92
15	E.H.Killick	1893-1913	397	5,974†	630	27.66
16	A.S.M.Oakman	1947, 1948, 1950-1968	448	6,605.5	601	27.39

Notes: The table lists all bowlers taking 600 or more wickets in a career. A dagger indicates bowlers who have bowled in seasons when five- or eight-ball overs were in use: these have been converted to their six-ball equivalent for this table.

Maurice Tate took five wickets in an innings on 149 occasions in his career, the most for the county. Marlar took 676 wickets in his career when playing as an amateur, the most for the county.

FIELDING

Most catches in an innings

Catches	Player	Match	Ground	Season
5	G.A.Stannard	Sussex v Gloucestershire ²	Gloucester	1919
5	A.F.Wensley	Sussex v Warwickshire ²	Edgbaston	1932
5	A.F.Wensley	Sussex v Surrey ¹	Horsham	1934
5	J.G.Langridge	Sussex v Somerset ²	Taunton	1950
5	A,S,M.Oakman	Sussex v Glamorgan ¹	Worthing	1958
5	A.S.M.Oakman	Sussex v Lancashire ²	Hastings	1961
5	G.A.Greenidge	Sussex v Glamorgan ¹	Hove	1975
5	H.Z.Finch	Sussex v Worcestershire ¹	Worcester	2017

Notes: The table lists all fielders taking five catches in an innings: the figures exclude catches taken when players were wicketkeeping. Index numbers ¹ and ² denote instances in the first or second innings.

There have been four instances of fielders taking seven catches in a match. These are A.F.Wensley (5,2) v Surrey, Horsham, 1934; J.G.Langridge (2,5) v Somerset, Taunton, 1950; A.S.M.Oakman (5,2) v Glamorgan, Worthing, 1958 and G.C.Cooper (3,4) v Nottinghamshire, Hove, 1961.

Most catches in a season

Pos	Player	Season	Mtch	Ct	Avge
1	J.G.Langridge	1955	28	66	2.35
2	J.G.Langridge	1933	31	59	1.90
3	J.G.Langridge	1950	28	52	1.85
4	A.S.M.Oakman	1958	27	49	1.81

5	<i>A.S.M.Oakman</i>	1959	26	46	1.76
6	<i>J.G.Langridge</i>	1934	30	44	1.46
7	<i>J.G.Langridge</i>	1947	26	44	1.69
8	<i>J.G.Langridge</i>	1939	31	43	1.38
9	<i>J.G.Langridge</i>	1935	30	41	1.36
10	<i>J.G.Langridge</i>	1937	32	41	1.31
11	<i>A.S.M.Oakman</i>	1963	28	41	1.46
12	<i>G.R.Cox</i>	1910	26	40	1.53
13	<i>R.J.Langridge</i>	1961	31	40	1.24

Notes: The table lists all fielders taking forty or more catches in a season: the figures exclude catches taken when players were wicketkeeping.

Langridge's 66 in 1955 is the highest for any county in a season. K.S.Duleepsinhji made 37 catches in 21 matches in 1929, the most by an amateur.

Most catches in a career

<i>Pos</i>	<i>Player</i>	<i>Seasons</i>	<i>Mtch</i>	<i>Ct</i>	<i>Avge</i>
1	<i>J.G.Langridge</i>	1928-1955	505	707	1.40
2	<i>A.S.M.Oakman</i>	1947, 1948, 1950-1968	448	507	1.13
3	<i>G.R.Cox</i>	1898-1928	555	485	0.87
4	<i>K.G.Suttle</i>	1949-1971	546	343	0.62
5	<i>Jas.Langridge</i>	1924-1953	561	309	0.55
6	<i>E.H.Bowley</i>	1912-1914, 1920-1934	415	296	0.71
7	<i>J.H.Parks</i>	1924-1939	398	277	0.69
8	<i>R.R.Relf</i>	1906-1921, 1924	253	245	0.96
9	<i>A.F.Wensley</i>	1922-1936	334	226	0.67
10	<i>C.J.Adams</i>	1998-2008	166	217	1.28
11	<i>M.W.Tate</i>	1912-1937	479	200	0.42
12	<i>M.A.Buss</i>	1961-1978	271	200	0.73

Notes: The table lists all fielders taking 200 or more catches in a career: the figures exclude catches taken when players were wicketkeeping. John Langridge's 707 is the second highest career total for any county.

WICKETKEEPING

Most dismissals in an innings

<i>Dismissals</i>	<i>Player</i>	<i>Match</i>	<i>Ground</i>	<i>Season</i>
6 (6ct, 0st)	<i>H.R.Butt</i>	Sussex v Gloucestershire ¹	Bristol	1899
6 (6ct, 0st)	<i>H.R.Butt</i>	Sussex v Hampshire ¹	Hove	1901
6 (6ct, 0st)	<i>H.R.Butt</i>	Sussex v Leicestershire ¹	Hove	1909
6 (3ct, 3st)	<i>R.T.Webb</i>	Sussex v Nottinghamshire ²	Hove	1955
6 (6ct, 0st)	<i>J.M.Parks</i>	Sussex v Worcestershire ¹	Dudley	1959

6 (6ct, 0st)	R.T.Webb	Sussex v Somerset ¹	Hove	1960
6 (6ct, 0st)	M.G.Griffith	Sussex v Essex ¹	Clacton-on-Sea	1964
6 (6ct, 0st)	A.J.Hodd	Sussex v Hampshire ¹	West End	2011
6 (6ct, 0st)	B.C.Brown	Sussex v Middlesex ²	Hove	2012
6 (6ct, 0st)	M.J.Prior	Sussex v Warwickshire ¹	Hove	2013
6 (6ct, 0st).	B.C.Brown	Sussex v Warwickshire ¹	Horsham	2014
6 (6ct, 0st)	B.C.Brown	Sussex v Gloucestershire ²	Cheltenham	2018

Notes: The table lists all wicketkeepers making more than five dismissals in an innings: the figures exclude catches taken when players were fielding. Index numbers ¹ and ² denote instances in the first or second innings.

Brown made nine dismissals, all caught, v Somerset, Taunton, 2013 and v Warwickshire, Horsham, 2014, the most in a match. There have been 21 instances of wicketkeepers making three stumpings in an innings, the most for the county: seven have been by H.R.Butt and seven by W.L.Cornford.

Most dismissals in a season

Pos	Player	Season	Mtch	Ct	St	Total	Avge
1	J.M.Parks	1959	28	79	6	85	3.03
2	H.R.Butt	1905	28	65	16	81	2.89
3	G.B.Street	1923	26	60	20	80	3.07
4	W.L.Cornford	1925	31	57	21	78	2.57
5	J.M.Parks	1961	30	73	4	77	2.56
6	W.L.Cornford	1933	29	41	31	72	2.48
7	W.L.Cornford	1932	26	40	30	70	2.64
8	G.B.Street	1914	27	55	14	69	2.55
9	H.R.Butt	1903	23	56	10	66	2.86
10	I.J.Gould	1984	22	60	6	66	3.00
11	W.L.Cornford	1925	28	47	18	65	2.32
12	W.L.Cornford	1935	29	46	19	65	2.24
13	R.T.Webb	1955	28	41	24	65	2.32

Notes: The table lists all wicketkeepers making 65 or more dismissals in a season: the figures exclude catches taken when players were fielding. Column eight, headed 'Avge', gives the average number of dismissals per match for each player.

Parks' 79 in 1959, and Cornford's 31 in 1933 are respectively the most catches and most stumpings in a season. S.C.Griffith made 44 dismissals (39ct, 5 st) in 23 matches in 1947, the most by an amateur. Parks was playing his first full season as wicketkeeper in 1959.

Most dismissals in a career

Pos	Player	Seasons	Mtch	Ct	St	Total	Avge
1	H.R.Butt	1890-1912	461	809	233	1,042	2.26
2	W.L.Cornford	1921-1939, 1947	443	608	299	907	2.04

3	<i>J.M.Parks</i>	1958-1972	318	688	61	749	2.35
4	P.Moores	1985, 1987-1998	206	430	33	463	2.24
5	R.T.Webb	1948-1960	225	285	110	395	1.75
6	<i>B.C.Brown</i>	2010-2019	129	377	15	392	3.03
7	<i>G.B.Street</i>	1912-1914, 1920-1923	174	272	97	369	2.12
8	I.J.Gould	1981-1988	156	308	32	340	2.17
9	M.J.Prior	2001-2014	104	274	22	296	2.84
10	A.Long	1976-1980	94	207	21	228	2.42
11	S.C.Griffith	1938-1950, 1952-1954	105	165	35	200	1.90

Notes: The table lists all wicketkeepers making 200 or more dismissals in a career: the figures exclude catches taken when players were fielding. Column eight, headed 'Avge', gives the average number of dismissals per match for each player.

Butt's 809 and Cornford's 299 are respectively the most catches and most stumpings in a career. Griffith's total of 200 dismissals is the most by an amateur.

ALL-ROUND PLAY

Most runs and wickets in an innings

<i>Pos</i>	<i>Player</i>	<i>Performance</i>	<i>Match</i>	<i>Ground</i>	<i>Season</i>
1	G.Bean	186	Sussex ¹ v Lancashire	Manchester	1893
		8-31	Sussex v Yorkshire ²	Dewsbury	1891
2	<i>A.E.Relf</i>	189*	Sussex ¹ v Hampshire	Portsmouth	1906
		9-95	Sussex v Warwickshire ¹	Hove	1910
3	<i>R.R.Relf</i>	272*	Sussex ¹ v Worcestershire	Eastbourne	1909
		8-79	Sussex v Essex ¹	Hove	1910
4	<i>J.Vine</i>	202	Sussex ¹ v Northamptonshire ¹	Hastings	1920
		8-76	Sussex v Nottinghamshire	Nottingham	1901
5	<i>M.W.Tate</i>	203	Sussex ¹ v Northamptonshire	Hove	1921
		9-71	Sussex v Middlesex ¹	Lord's	1926
6	<i>G.R.Cox</i>	167*	Sussex ¹ v Hampshire	Chichester	1906
		9-50	Sussex v Warwickshire ²	Horsham	1926
7	E.H.Bowley	280*	Sussex ¹ v Gloucestershire	Hove	1929
		9-114	Sussex v Derbyshire ¹	Hove	1929
8	<i>Jas. Langridge</i>	167	Sussex ¹ v Nottinghamshire	Nottingham	1936
		9-34	Sussex v Yorkshire ²	Sheffield	1934
9	<i>C.Oakes</i>	160	Sussex ¹ v Glamorgan	Chichester	1950
		8-147	Sussex v Kent ¹	Tonbridge	1939
10	A.W.Greig	226	Sussex ¹ v Warwickshire	Hastings	1975
		8-25	Sussex v Gloucestershire ²	Hove	1967
11	Imran Khan	167	Sussex ¹ v Gloucestershire	Hove	1978
		8-34	Sussex v Middlesex ¹	Lord's	1986

Notes: The table lists all players scoring 150 or more runs and taking eight or more wickets in an innings. Some players listed above have reached these run and wicket totals more than once. Where this applies, the highest score or best bowling return is reported. Index numbers ¹ and ² denote instances in the first or second innings.

The performances by an amateur closest to qualification for this table are by A.E.R.Gilligan, 144 v Worcestershire, Worcester, 1928 and 8-25 v Middlesex, Lord's, 1924.

Most runs and wickets in a season

Pos	Player	Season	Mtch	Runs	Avge	Wkt	Avge	Ratio
1	Jas.Langridge	1933	27	1,340	41.87	136	15.50	2.70
2	M.W.Tate	1924	23	1,095	30.41	139	12.61	2.41
3	M.W.Tate	1926	17	1,054	34.00	106	15.83	2.14
4	A.E.Relf	1913	26	1,560	34.66	116	17.57	1.97
5	M.W.Tate	1925	28	1,162	24.72	194	13.44	1.83
6	M.W.Tate	1923	28	1,000	23.25	174	13.19	1.76
7	M.W.Tate	1927	26	1,346	34.51	119	20.09	1.71
8	M.W.Tate	1928	26	1,174	30.10	127	18.51	1.62
9	A.E.Relf	1911	24	1,375	31.97	116	20.95	1.52
10	A.E.Relf	1908	28	1,130	27.56	109	19.11	1.44
11	E.H.Killick	1905	28	1,241	27.57	101	20.28	1.35
12	A.E.Relf	1910	26	1,098	24.95	128	19.99	1.24

Notes: The table lists all players scoring 1,000 runs and taking 100 wickets in a season. Column ten, headed 'Ratio', gives a figure calculated by dividing the batting average of each player by his bowling average.

The performances by an amateur closest to qualification for this table are by A.E.R.Gilligan, playing in 26 matches in 1923, scoring 911 runs, av 21.69 and taking 129 wickets, av 15.01.

Most runs and wickets in a career

Pos	Player	Seasons	Mtch	Runs	Avge	Wkt	Avge	Ratio
(a) Over 10,000 runs and 1,000 wickets								
1	Jas Langridge	1924-1953	561	25,893	35.18	1,257	22.07	1.59
2	M.W.Tate	1912-1937	479	15,240	23.82	2,014	17.55	1.35
3	A.E.Relf	1900-1921	401	16,557	28.11	1,428	21.01	1.33
4	G.R.Cox	1898-1928	555	12,507	18.34	1,645	22.53	0.81
(b) Over 5,000 runs and 500 wickets, excluding players above:								
5	E.H.Bowley	1912-1914, 1920-1934	415	22,861	34.42	594	25.35	1.35
6	J.H.Parks	1924-1939	398	17,874	30.50	723	26.25	1.16
7	J.Vine	1896-1922	451	21,399	30.48	519	29.87	1.02
8	A.E.R.Gilligan	1920-1929, 1931, 1932						

			208	6,227	20.34	594	20.86	0.97
9	E.H.Killick	1893-1913	275	16,101	26.13	630	27.65	0.94
10	A.S.M.Oakman	1947, 1948, 1950-1968						
			448	17,952	25.53	601	27.39	0.93
11	A.F.Wensley	1922-1936	334	8,744	19.87	918	26.51	0.74
12	N.I.Thomson	1952-1965, 1972						
			375	6,379	14.39	1,431	20.33	0.70

Notes: The table lists all players scoring 5,000 runs and taking 500 wickets. Column ten, headed 'Ratio', gives a figure calculated by dividing the batting average of each player by his bowling average.

Gilligan is the only amateur reaching the 5,000 runs and 500 wickets qualification.

The figures given above largely derive from three sources. These are (a) the CricketArchive database and the many listings associated with it; (b) the records for the Championship given on the Wisden Records website; and (c) the records reported over many years in the Sussex County Cricket Club's annual handbooks. The compiler wishes to thank various colleagues at the Sussex Cricket Museum, particularly Norman Epps, for their expertise in this last connection; and Kevin Jones for his help and skill with material not readily available in published sources. There is, of course, always a likelihood of errors and omissions given the nature of the material: readers are asked to bring these to the attention of the Sussex Cricket Museum.

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