

## Chapter 41

### Season 1986

President-E.G.Nash,  
Chairman -A.K.Mead, Hon Sec C.Cotterill, Treasurer- B.Mohammed  
Captain 1<sup>st</sup> X1- R.Wallace  
Captain 2<sup>nd</sup> X1- J.Roberts  
Captain 3<sup>rd</sup> X1 S.Connolly

Pictured below the Abergavenny First X1- 1986



The 1986 Side was similar to the side in 1985 except Dave Griffin had finished, B.Mohammed, Mike James and S.Lennox played significant roles. The new Captain was R.Wallace

Young Sri Lanka played Young Wales in a 2 day match at Avenue Rd. on August 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> , Match Drawn



### **Sri Lankan visitors**

Pictured outside the Angel Hotel in Abergavenny are the young Sri Lankan cricketers who played Young Wales in a two-day drawn match at Avenue Road. With them is world speedball champion Ron Brimble of Govilon.

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### Some of the Tour Party in 1986

CR Soza, UC Hathurusingha \*AP Gurusinha HP Tillakaratne  
BRJurangpathy RCA Paulpillai AADS Perera+MI Balalle  
CDUS Weerasinghe DR Madena JAM Mallawaratchi

Garndiffaith were the first opponents in the John Macey Shield (formerly The Monmouthshire Knock Out) at home, Abergavenny winning comfortably with Phil Watkins scoring 114 not out.

Tredegar Harlequins were played in a friendly , Abergavenny 172-7 P.Watkins (48) M.Winstanley (39), K.Holmes (31).Tredegar 39 all out G.Thomas 4-6, K.Holmes 3-12.

Up to June 1<sup>st</sup> 1986 nine of the scheduled 1<sup>st</sup> X1 fixtures were rained off.

When play was possible Abergavenny lost to Malpas. Malpas 167-4 P.Havard 2-21 Abergavenny 91-7 R.Wallace (43\*)

Winget batted first and made 194-6 B.Mohammed 4-77. Abergavenny in reply 107 all out.R.Wallace (34)

Two regular mid-week fixtures were won, Forest Nomads scored 259-2 with 'Basher' Brain making a 100, in reply to 259-2 (R.Wallace 51,P.Watkins 63,M.Bloor 43, Mark Winstanley 78).

Against Enville, Abergavenny amassed 206-4 with Chris Connolly 61 and Phil Watkins 41. Tony Charrington proved too clever with his left arm spin taking 5-32 as they closed on 131-9.

Glangrwny were heavily defeated in the next round of the Macey, Abergavenny 213-2,P.Watkins (71) K.Holmes (61) Mike Bloor (52\*) Glangrwyney 55 all out M.James 3-8, B.Mohammed 2-0, S.Moorcroft 2-10, P.Jones 2-23.  
Hatherley 138-8 with P.Watkins taking 5-69 were again well beaten by 3 wickets Abergavenny 140-7 (M.Bloor 54)

Abergavenny 211-4 P.Watkins (117\*) Emmer Green 176-7 P.Havard 5-56 Hereford in reply to Abergavenny's 162-9 (R.Wallace 57, B.Mohammed 35) were reduced by Tony Charrington to 116-9. His figures were 6-39.

Stinchcombe were bowled out for 101 S.Lennox 4-33 and K.Holmes 4-34. and Abergavenny secured a 9 wicket victory at 102-1 (M.Winstanley 50\* and Gary Thomas 32)

Lydney were soundly beaten at home the two heroes for Abergavenny were Phil Watkins and Mark Winstanley, Phil Watkins the club vice-captain took 7-30 as Lydney were bowled out for 61. Mark Winstanley took 5 catches for Watkins four of them at short leg. Paul Havard took 3-27. Earlier Winstanley had been the star with the bat scoring 55 in Abergavennys total of 165.

A win over Colwall in June put Aber into 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the league, Colwall 206-6.P.Watkins 3-54 Abergavenny 208-8 Mike Bloor 82 not out R.Wallace 74 Scoring the 57 runs required from the last 6 overs.

The next day Worcester scored 196-7 Aussie Bruce Ward scoring 95 (P.Sussex 2-34) Phil Watkins scored a magnificent 90 in reply as Abergavenny reached 189-7. At this point Abergavenny were 2<sup>nd</sup> in the TCL to Frocester who were top.

July 5<sup>th</sup>, a top of the table battle with Frocester was lost. Frocester 211-5 and Abergavenny 192 all out The top 4 batsmen all made a start. B.Mohammed (29), G.Thomas (31) P.Watkins (30) and R.Wallace (39).

The next day the disappointment was forgotten as Ross who were in 3<sup>rd</sup> place were thrashed. Ross 153 all out the product of Kyle Holmes 5-37 bowling, and brilliant fielding

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with the example coming from Paul Sussex. Bashir Mohammed (68) and Phil Watkins (40) and two consecutive sixes by Mike Bloor ensured a 7 wkt victory.

Cefn Forest away in the Macey brought another victory. Cefn Forest 96-8, Darren Hamer 4-19, Mike James 3-22. Abergavenny 98-6, Mark Winstanley (25).

Usk knocked Abergavenny out of the Macey in the quarter final, Usk 93-5, M.James 2-26, K.Holmes 2-14 and Abergavenny just failing at 90-9 K.Holmes (35).

A narrow victory at Panteg kept up the momentum, Abergavenny won by 2 wkts, Panteg 185-5, Paul Sussex 2-35. At 139-7 all looked lost but Gary Thomas (63) and young Roger Hulston (17\*) saw Abergavenny home to victory. Abergavenny 173-8 M.Bloor (48) Kington 163 all out P.Sussex 3-43.

Bessborough 191-5 S.Moorcroft 2-41 Abergavenny 195-7 B.Mohammed (56) Hatherley were also beaten at home having scored 154-9 (Paul Havard 3-40, Tony Charrington 2-25 and P.Watkins 2-50) Abergavenny won by 5 wkts with P.Watkins 57\*, B.Mohammed (34) and Mike Bloor (25) Hereford were defeated with some fine batting from Kyle Holmes (62) Bashir Mohammed (66). Big hitting Mike Bloor going in with only 9 overs left scored a magnificent 72 not out off 39 balls, total 234-5. In reply Hereford reached 185-9 Paul Sussex taking 3-35 and Alan Cook 3-60. The next day Phil Watkins scored his maiden century in the League against Stinchcombe, 103 runs from 100 balls faced. Captain R.Wallace scored 40 as they totalled 227-5. Stinchcombe only managed 104 with Paul Havard taking 4-20.

Tewkesbury were bowled out for 70 K.Holmes 5-28 & Paul Havard 5-30 Aber won by 7 wickets.

A sweet victory was enjoyed over Usk 175 all out Kyle Holmes 5-60. Abergavenny 176-6, Gary Thomas 75\*.

Title aspirations disappeared following defeats by Lydney, Frocester who won the TCL in their first season and Colwall. Against Frocester Abergavenny slumped from 82-2 to 116 all out R.Wallace (25) Geoff Hudd taking 7-14. After bowling Lydney out for 149 A.Charrington 4-38 Abergavenny slumped to 112 all out. P.Watkins (32) Colwall scored 199-6 Paul Havard 2-45 and Abergavenny 130-9 M.Powell 49 and P.Watkins 39. Mendip Acorns 152 all out B.Mohammed 3-24 Abergavenny 156-1 Phil Watkins (111) This was Phil Watkins's third century of the season

A team of six went to Colwall for the TCL 6 a side competition and they lost to Chepstow in the Final.

Team: R.Wallace, P.Watkins, M.Bloor, K.Holmes, M.Winstanley, S.Moorcroft

The image shows a document titled "Beach Villas Three Counties League Final Tables 1986". It contains two tables, one for Division 1 and one for Division 2. Each table lists teams, their matches played, runs scored, wickets taken, and other statistics. The Division 1 table shows Frocester as the top team, and the Division 2 table shows Abergavenny as the top team.

Frocester won the TCL. John Chadd was replaced as Chairman of the League by Gordon Richards. Abergavenny finished a very creditable 3<sup>rd</sup>. The TCL side entered the Famous Grouse Trophy for the first time and lost to the Western League side which included Mark Roberts and Ian Smith of Glamorgan, Phil Makinson and Gloucester pace man Henry Twizzel. Abergavennys Captain Ryland Wallace played well for the TCL. The match was played at Panteg

Jul 26 Glamorgan v Derbyshire County Championship Britannic Assurance  
County Championship, 1986  
Glamorgan v Derbyshire Pen-y-Pound, Abergavenny 26,28,29 July 1986 (3-day  
match)

**Result:** Derbyshire won by 3 wicket Glamorgan were captained by Hugh Morris, at 22 yrs old, following the shock resignation of Rodney Ontong. Derbyshire included Michael Holding, Geoff Miller and Kim Barnett. The game was played over 3 days Sat, Mon Tues. Glamorgan were bowled out for 168 and Derby finished the day 1 on 143-7.

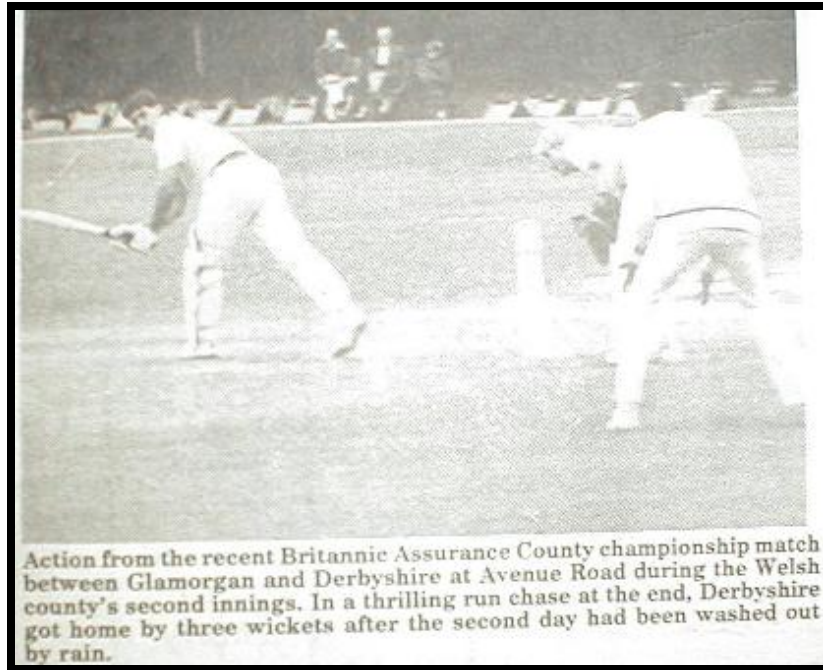


Sunday the teams went to Ebbw Vale for a Sunday League game. Monday was washed out. Derby declared at Saturday's score of 143. Glam scored quickly and declared at 235-4 setting Derby 261 to win, they won with 3 overs to spare.

Hugh Morris (pictured on page 122) passed 1,000 runs for the season and John Derrick (Pictured below and on page 122) hit a career best 78\*

It came as a great surprise when Rodney Ontong announced his decision to step down from the captaincy. This made Hugh Morris the eighth captain in the past 10 years, in only his first full season as a professional. John Derrick pictured above and below went on to complete 1000 runs for Glamorgan.

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Edward Bevan wrote: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> and it's Abergavenny, a ground where there is always a homely welcome for everyone. An eventful day's cricket- plenty of wickets. Younis gets top score but pulls a hamstring, and this turns out to be his final innings for Glamorgan as he is shortly to announce his retirement. Monday is washed out at Abergavenny, and Tuesday's prospects are not much better. I ring the club and I am informed that there is no likelihood of play before lunch. Consequently, I take my time and also get caught in the dreaded market day traffic of Abergavenny. After 45 minutes to travel one mile. I am horrified to arrive at the ground to see play in progress, and Glamorgan 85-3. It turns out to be a good finish- Derby are set 260 plus, and reach their target after we have at times looked like winning.

Pictured below Glamorgan C.C.C. for the 1986 Season



## GLAMORGAN v DERBYSHIRE

Date: 26/28/29 July 1986  
 At: Abergavenny  
 Umpires: K.E. Palmer, N.T. Plews

Toss won by: Glamorgan  
 Result: Derbyshire won by 3 wickets  
 Scorers: P.B. Clift, S. Tacey

GLAMORGAN					
1st INNINGS				2nd INNINGS	
1. *H. Morris	c Miller b Malcolm	13		not out	81
2. D.B. Pauline	lbw b Malcolm	5		c Warner b Barnett	22
3. G.C. Holmes	c Marples b Malcolm	21		b Morris	17
4. Younis Ahmed	lbw b Mortensen	46			
5. M.P. Maynard	b Sharma	31		c Marples b Maher	0
6. R.C. Ontong	c Morris b Sharma	4		c Malcolm b Maher	25
7. J. Derrick	b Mortensen	10		not out	78
8. J.G. Thomas	c Marples b Warner	17			
9. †T. Davies	not out	9			
10. S.R. Barwick	b Warner	3			
11. D.J. Hickey	lbw b Mortensen	0			
	Extras	9		Extras	12
	TOTAL	168		TOTAL	dec. 235-4

Fall of wickets: 1st innings—1-10, 2-33, 3-48, 4-95, 5-123, 6-129, 7-149, 8-155, 9-159.  
 2nd innings—1-49, 2-70, 3-73, 4-128, 5-, 6-, 7-, 8-, 9-.

Bowling:	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
Malcolm	10	3	31	3	—	—	—	—
Mortensen	22	7	45	3	—	—	—	—
Miller	10	2	17	0	—	—	—	—
Warner	9.3	0	23	2	—	—	—	—
Sharma	12	1	45	2	8	0	16	0
Barnett	—	—	—	—	12	3	36	1
Morris	—	—	—	—	25.4	5	103	1
Maher	—	—	—	—	22	2	69	2

DERBYSHIRE					
1st INNINGS				2nd INNINGS	
1. *K.J. Barnett	not out	84		lbw b Ontong	93
2. B.J.M. Maher	c Davies b Hickey	8		c Maynard b Ontong	29
3. A. Hill	lbw b Hickey	1		run out	0
4. J.E. Morris	b Thomas	23		c Ontong b Barwick	4
5. B. Roberts	st Davies b Barwick	0		c Morris b Thomas	31
6. G. Miller	lbw b Barwick	0		st Davies b Ontong	26
7. R. Sharma	c Davies b Ontong	0		not out	3
8. †C. Marples	c Maynard b Ontong	12		not out	32
9. A.E. Warner	not out	8		c & b Thomas	27
10. D.E. Malcolm					
11. O.H. Mortensen					
	Extras	7		Extras	17
	TOTAL	dec. 143-7		TOTAL	262-7

Fall of wickets: 1st innings—1-44, 2-50, 3-93, 4-100, 5-100, 6-131, 7-135, 8-, 9-.  
 2nd innings—1-67, 2-74, 3-160, 4-197, 5-208, 6-241, 7-243, 8-, 9-.

Bowling:	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
Thomas	10	2	38	1	16.1	0	103	2
Hickey	9	1	51	2	4	0	27	0
Barwick	19	8	36	2	16	0	62	1
Ontong	7	4	13	2	23	3	55	3

\* Captain † Wicket-keeper

Pictured below the Glamorgan Colts X1 which included Abergavenny's Simon Moorcroft



J.A.Hopkins (Ponty) Benefit Season- Dinner held at the Club



Pictured Left Phil Watkins who had a great season in 1986 completing three (3) Centuries during the year. He also made his maiden TCL century against Stinchcombe. His all round play including fielding and bowling augurs well for the future

#### World Events

A Nation mourns Challenger Disaster with loss of seven astronauts. Swedish Prime Minister Olaf Palme killed. Chernobyl Disaster nuclear generating plant suffers accident. 19 year old Mike Tyson bursts on the heavyweight scene. Prince Andrew and Sarah Ferguson get married. Benazir Bhutto jailed. British sculptor Henry Moore died aged 88 yrs. Ivan Lendl wins the US Open. Cary Grant dies aged 80 yrs. Harold Macmillan, British politician, Conservative prime minister 1957-63, dies in Birch Grove, Sussex, England (92). The first Goodwill Games are held in Moscow, USSR. Neighbours, an Australian soap opera about the lives of families living on Ramsay Street, starts on British television. President Jean-Claude ('Baby Doc') Duvalier of Haiti flees to France.