

## Chapter 50

### Season 1995

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Aug 23 Glamorgan v Gloucestershire County Championship

Abergavenny for the 1995 Season secured the signing of Aashish Kapoor of India as Club professional.



*Aashish Rakesh Kapoor*

Born: 25 March 1971, Madras (now Chennai), Tamil Nadu  
Major Teams: Punjab, Tamil Nadu, India, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh.  
Known As: Aashish Kapoor  
Pronounced: Aashish Kapoor  
Batting Style: Right Hand Bat  
Bowling Style: Right Arm Off Break

Test Debut: India v West Indies at Mohali, 3rd Test, 1994/95

Latest Test: India v South Africa at Kanpur, 3rd Test, 1996/97

ODI Debut: India v Australia at Dunedin, NZ Centenary Tournament, 1994/95

Latest ODI: India v Zimbabwe at Rajkot, 5th ODI, 2000/01

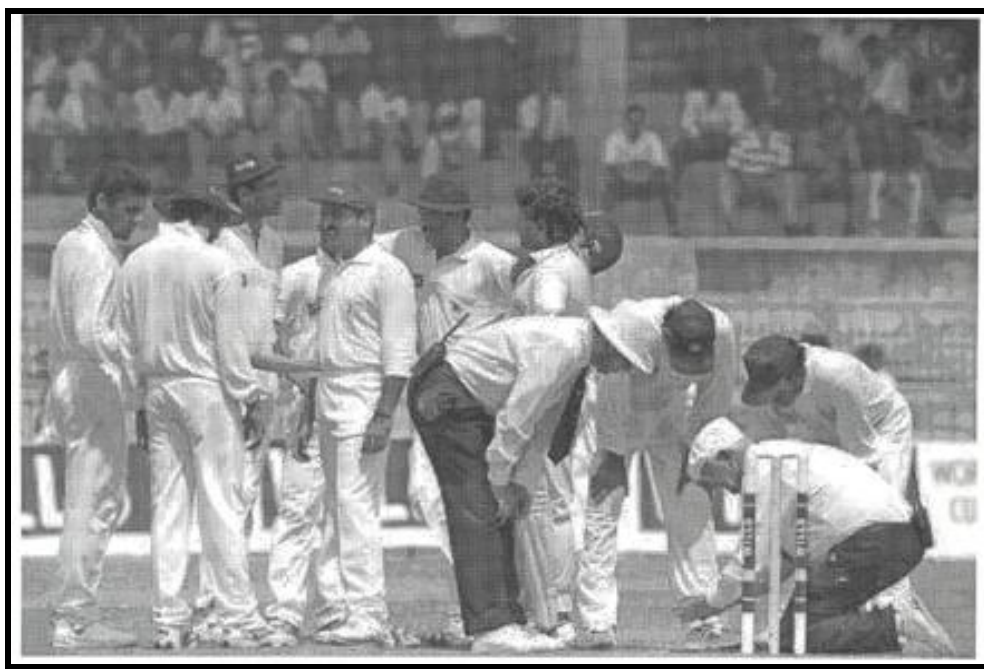
Career Statistics: TESTS 4

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Pictured below with team mates is Aashish Kapoor



**Caption:** Indian, Pakistani and Sri Lankan cricketers chat while the umpires rub the shine off the ball during a friendly match between the three countries in Colombo Tuesday, Feb. 13, 1996. Bitter rivals India and Pakistan fielded a joint team for the match to dispell security fears following a Tamil rebel bomb attack in Colombo on January 31 that killed 83 people. (AP Photo/DEXTER CRUEZ)

Abergavenny won their opening three warm up friendlies, Aberdare 170-7, Abergavenny 171-4. Abergavenny 239-2 Penarth 51 all out, Cross Keys 169-3 P.Sussex 1-34, G.Meredith 1-30, M.Davies 1-40. Abergavenny 171-2 R.Wallace retired hurt (55) M.Morris (60) M.Winstanley (28\*) R.Brown (22\*)

Aashish Kapoor did not arrive in time for the first game with Chepstow due to a technicality in India. Without him Abergavenny lost by 37 runs. Chepstow 207 all out G.Meredith 4-55, P.Sussex 2-19, R.Beaumont 2-70. Abergavenny 163-9 R.Beaumont (41) R.Wallace (23).

They then beat Sudbrook. Abergavenny 193-7, Sudbrook 187-8 with 2 wickets apiece for G.Meredith and O.Dawkins.

Another victory followed against Lydney. Lydney 169-7 P.Sussex 3-17, A.Kapoor 2-70, Abergavenny 170-5 A.Kapoor (44) M.Powell (48\*) G.Meredith (37) O.Dawkins (27)

The same result came against Usk. Usk 222-6 A.Kapoor 2-48, R.Beaumont 2-39. Abergavenny 225-2 R.Wallace (63\*) A.Kapoor (98) M.Powell (47\*) A rare win against Clevedon with Clevedon 151 all out A.Kapoor 5-56 K.Holmes 2-43, R.Beaumont 3-13. Abergavenny 155-5 M.Morris (49\*) O.Dawkins (62).

A disappointing defeat against Panteg. Abergavenny 148 all out A.Kapoor (47) G.Meredith (21) Panteg 149-2

Against Ross, Abergavenny 246-3 including a double century stand for the 3<sup>rd</sup> wicket of 207, between M.Morris (109\*) and R.Wallace (95) Ross 176-5

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Pontir 141 all out , Abergavenny 142-0 Mike Powell had been selected to skipper Wales U 19's so he tried his hand as Captain in this game against Ponthir. The result was a 10 wicket win.

Abergavenny 243-9 A.Kapoor (131) Malpas 143 all out M.Baillon 5-36 P.Sussex 3-39 as Malpas went from 96-2 to 143 all out.

Abergavenny 389-3 A.Kapoor (172) M.Morris (61) O.Dawkins (85) R.Wallace (34\*)M.Powell (22\*)  
Dumbleton 248-7 K.Holmes 5-107 A.Kapoor 2-68  
Pontypridd 193-9 R.Beaumont 4-39,M.Baillon 2-27,A.Kapoor 2-59. Abergavenny 194-4 A.Kapoor (51) M.Morris (54\*) M.Powell (43\*)

In the Macey against Ebbw Vale Abergavenny 168-4 A.Kapoor (47) R.Wallace (34\*)M.Baillon (35\*)  
Ebbw Vale 136 all out A.Kapoor 5-20, bowling left and right handed.

Hereford were trounced. Hereford 125-8 A.Kapoor 2-59, K.Holmes 3-36 Abergavenny 127-1  
M.Morris (52\*) R.Wallace (58\*) included a partnership of 115 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> wicket.  
Abergavenny 218-8 G.Morgan (82) M.Winstanley (46) Bredon 127 all out P.Sussex 4-18

Colwall 131 all out A.Kapoor 5-50 P.Sussex 2-10,K.Holmes 1-29,R.Beaumont 1-30. Abergavenny 132-5 M.Morris (51) R.Wallace (41)

Bridgend 195 all out P.Sussex 5-35,R.Beaumont 2-35, A.Kapoor 2-78 Abergavenny 198-8 A.Coles (45\*)A.Kapoor (41) G.Morgan (56)

Abergavenny 277-7 A.Kapoor (179)R.Wallace (24) Stinchcombe 104 all out Geraint Bowers 4-25,R.Beaumont 2-5,M.Baillon 2-20.

A set back occurred against Kington. Kington 186 allout A.Kapoor 4-43,P.Sussex 2-44,K.Holmes 2-61 Abergavenny 160 all out A.Kapoor (53) O.Dawkins (30) G.Meredith (22)

Abergavenny 375-6 A.Kapoor (300) M.Coles (31) Swansea 189-8 M.James 2-23,R.Beaumont 3-28



A happy looking Paul Sussex is pictured with Aashish following his magnificent triple century against Swansea at Avenue Road. This innings put Abergavenny both on the Television and in the News of the World

A tied match came next. Winget 162 -9 A.Kapoor 3-59 K.Holmes 4-82 Abergavenny 162-9 M.Morris (35)O.Dawkins (31) M.Coles (29)

Penarth were beaten for the second time. Penarth 145 all out Ben Morgan with 5 wickets.  
Abergavenny 148-1 M.Powell (88\*) S.Brown (40)



Ben Morgan and Mike Powell were selected for Wales Under 19 v Scotland at Avenue Rd ( Mike as skipper)

Sudbrook were beaten in the Macey despite restricting Abergavenny to 106-8, Sudbrook in reply on a turning wicket could only manage 73-7. Pontymister were next opponents and scored 125-4 but Abergavenny got them without losing a wicket. Holroyd proved formidable opposition in a friendly and scored 314-3, Abergavenny in reply scored 230-7. In the Semi-Final of the Macey away to Panteg Abergavenny won comfortably, Panteg 102-9 R.Beaumont 3-29, K.Holmes 2-18, A.Kapoor 1-29 Abergavenny 106-3 A.Kapoor (64) G.Meredith (13\*) M.Powell (13) A friendly with Eye C.C. was the next game. Abergavenny 307-6 Eye C.C. 156 all out.



Pictured above are the victorious Macey Shield Winners after defeating Newport at Llanarth in the Final. Abergavenny batted first and put on 68 for the first wicket in just 9 overs. M.Morris (24) was the first to go but Kapoor went on to a great fifty well supported by Mike Powell who finished on (43\*) as Abergavenny scored 158-5. The strong Newport side made a very useful bid for victory, but excellent bowling and good catching and fielding made it difficult for them to sustain the run rate and they finished on 140-6 Kapoor taking 3 wickets and a catch to go with his fifty to easily win the Man of the Match award.

Back to the TCL and Tewkesbury were the next opponents. Abergavenny 161 all out A.Kapoor (38) M.Winstanley (37) G.Meredith (27) Tewkesbury 122-7 A.Kapoor 6-38. Revenge against Kington who were 150 all out They included Chris Tolley of Notts who used to play for Abergavenny. A.Kapoor 3-40, P.Sussex 3-23 Abergavenny 153-4 Kapoor (84) M.Morris and M.Powell chipped in with decent scores. Brockhampton 161 all out A.Kapoor and P.Sussex taking the wickets, Abergavenny 163-3 Kapoor and Morris put on over a hundred for the first wicket then Powell and Dawkins finished the job.



# ABERGAVENNY C.C. PROFESSIONAL 1995 SEASON AASHISH KAPOOR



**INDIAN TONIC** - Aashish Kapoor says he is just as happy knocking up huge scores for Abergavenny in front of just a few spectators as he is playing for India against the West Indies with 25,000 looking on

**JUST 25** Welsh cricket fans turned up to watch the sport's latest god smash his way into the record books.

That was the crowd when Indian Test all-rounder Aashish Kapoor whacked an incredible 300 runs in a 50-over Wales League match last weekend.

Yet seven months ago he was playing the might of the West Indies in front of 25,000 Indian fans in Chandigarh.

Kapoor, a devout Hindu, could walk unrecognised through any high street in Wales but can barely step outside his front door in India. Kapoor, 24, reveals: "I'm really enjoying myself in Abergavenny but it is very different from playing in India.

"You are a national hero if you do something for your country and cricketers are worshipped like gods out there.

"People follow the international cricketers over here, but not to the same extent.

"Fans will stand outside hotels for up to two or three hours in temperatures of well over 100° in India just to catch a glimpse of a Test player.

"It is difficult to describe what it is like playing in a Test arena in India. The crowds are fanatical, the noise unbelievable. You have to shout messages to each other in the field via other players just to get field placings sorted out."

## Thrash

Kapoor had no trouble hearing the instructions of skipper Paul Sussex in last Wednesday's Mace Cup semi-final triumph over Panteg.

There were more than the usual number of spectators - around 40 - to watch the 16 eight-ball over thrash, which culminated in another personal triumph for Kapoor. He hit an unbeaten 64 to

steer Abergavenny through to a final showdown with Newport and then asked: "Was that all right skipper?"

There were no complaints from Sussex, who says: "He is just an incredible cricketer.

"We have had overseas cricketers on our books before, including Glamorgan all rounder Hamish Anthony, and we received 20 CVs from players around the world for this summer.

"We narrowed it down to four and when I saw that Ash had played in a Test match in December I picked him. The money he was asking was a snip and he has had a huge effect on the whole club.

"He will bowl all day. He opens the batting, he's great in the field and provides constant encouragement and advice to all the players. He even scores the book if we are short.

"I was hoping he would be useful, but I never dreamt he would be this good."

The Hindu gods Kapoor prays to before every match have been smiling on him this summer.

The off-spinner has already:

## Kapoor wants to keep on scoring runs

INDIAN Test cricketer Aashish Kapoor intends to keep on scoring runs after his amazing 300 in a total of 375-6 for Abergavenny against Swansea in their Crown Buckley League clash at Avenue Road on Sunday.

The innings, confirmed as a league and club record and described by club captain Paul

Sussex as the best he had seen, included 42 fours and four sixes and was scored at a run a ball in exactly three hours.

Sussex said: "It was unbelievable. He just kept going and going. It wasn't a case of slogging. He played beautifully, placing the ball well. In the end he got out simply because of tiredness."

Kapoor, 23, whose predecessors with Abergavenny have included Glamorgan's current overseas player Hamish Anthony, said: "It felt good. My only previous triple century was for my state Tamil Nadu in an under-19 game against Goa. I will remember this one just as much for it's always memorable to score 300.

"We had played on the pitch the day before and scored only 162 and with the surface going a little bit I knew I had to concentrate. Once I reached 100 I just kept getting runs. They had one or two decent bowlers but the rest were not so good.

Aashish, who has played one Test for India against the West Indies, now wants to scores three or four more centuries for his club and around 2,500 runs.

"I've so far scored three hundreds as well as this triple century and scored 1,400 runs at an average



**AASHISH KAPOOR:**  
Feeling good

## By David Julians

● Hammered 179 to break the Three Counties League top score of 174, set by Glamorgan and England A's Adrian Dale.

● Notched that incredible triple century.

● And steered his side into two cup finals.

Abergavenny have lost only two matches since Kapoor arrived in Wales and while he may bat in India's lower order he already has nearly 1,500 runs this summer.

Kapoor is earning just £4,500 for his summer employment but insists: "I came to Britain to learn about the conditions over here.

## Stardom

"And I wanted to make an early impact because I'd been told that if I didn't get runs the players at the club might turn on me. That certainly hasn't been the case and everyone at the club and in the town have been very supportive."

Kapoor's father, Rakesh, has been grooming his son for stardom from the moment he could first pick up a bat.

Kapoor says: "I was selected for the Indian National Camp, for players under the age of 15, when I was 10.

"A number of the youngsters I

was with at that time have graduated into the Test team.

"My father always wanted me to play for India and he watches all my games. Even now, I have to check in with him each week while I'm at Abergavenny to let him know how I'm getting on."

Kapoor is based at a flat at the Neville Hall Hospital, Abergavenny and has settled in quickly.

He says: "I ran into a few problems in my first week because I didn't know many people and I couldn't get on with the food.

"I got sick within a few days and I had to play my first match with a temperature of 102°. Part of the problem was that I wasn't eating properly.

"In that first week I never had breakfast, ate lunch twice and had dinner twice. Now I am being looked after royally by friends."

Just in case he needs any extra help he always has his Hindu idols to pray to for support.

Kapoor explains: "Before every game I say a few prayers and apply some yellow powder to my forehead that I brought with me from the Hindu temple at home."

With that kind of help, it's hard to see how he can fail - even if the crowds are not always there to see him.

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### Maiden Century for Meredith

The next match was at Bredon where G.Meredith (100) scored his maiden TCL century. After a dodgy start by Abergavenny which saw them 27-4 they managed to reach the respectable score of 205-6. Bredon 103 all out in reply A.Kapoor 7-43 M.Baillon 2-37. Usk were then beaten in the TCL Cup Semi Final. Usk 125 all out A.Kapoor 5-19 M.Baillon 3-30 Abergavenny 128-2 A.Kapoor (65) M.Powell (34\*)

Abergavenny then won the Breconshire Midweek Cup, taking it outside Breconshire for the first time. Libanus 155-3. Abergavenny 158-5 A.Kapoor hit a half century, M.Morris, M.Winstanley and R.Wallace all played their part as Abergavenny reached their target with 4 overs to spare.

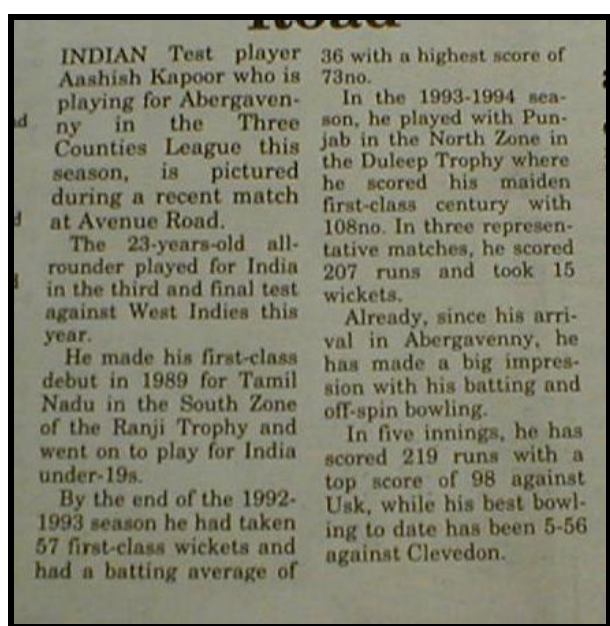
Stinchcombe were hammered by 200 runs. Abergavenny 285-3 declared in 35 overs. A.Kapoor was again in outstanding form scoring his 4<sup>th</sup> TCL century. Owen Dawkins was sportingly called back after a dodgy LBW decision and he took full advantage to get a half century. With the weather threatening K.Holmes bowled well taking 8-31, Stinchcombe were at one time 24-7 and were eventually all out for 85.

Usk then avenged the Cup defeat to go top of the TCL Abergavenny 228-9 Mike Powell and Gareth Meredith, along with Mike Baillon ensured a good score after a typical start from Kapoor. Usk 231-4 with some powerful hitting getting home when the target looked beyond them.

Hatherley suffered a backlash when they were bowled out for 155 with Abergavenny getting the runs for the loss of only 2 wickets with Kapoor completing his fifth TCL century as well as taking 6 wickets for 59 runs

Abergavenny won the TCL Cup at Panteg by 8 wickets Panteg 132 all out K.Holmes 4-73 A.Kapoor 2-31, P.Sussex 2- 18.Abergavenny 133-2 A.Kapoor 41,M.Powell (31\*)O.Dawkins (31\*)

Cirencester 148-8 P.Sussex 6-44. A.Kapoor had left to join his Indian Test colleagues in New Zealand. Abergavenny 149-8 Mike Powell was the star with the bat putting together a magnificent half century well supported by Mark Coles. Abergavenny then beat Malpas. Malpas 220-5 Abergavenny 226-7. but lost to St Fagans. Abergavenny 152-8, St Fagans 155-6



FIRST DIVISION				SECOND DIVISION						
Usk	17	16	1	0	18.00	Hatherley	16	14	1	17.25
Kingston	15	13	2	0	17.00	Tkeshbury	17	14	1	16.85
Avenny	17	13	3	1	16.54	Avenny	15	11	4	0 15.40
Chapelstow	17	13	4	0	16.12	Bampton	16	11	5	0 14.75
Panteg	15	10	5	0	14.93	Panteg	15	11	4	0 14.45
Clevedon	18	12	6	0	14.44	Frome	16	10	6	0 14.06
Frome	15	10	5	0	14.00	Kingston	18	12	6	0 14.06
Malpas	15	9	5	1	13.87	Winget	17	9	8	0 12.59
Lydney	17	10	7	0	13.76	Chapelstow	14	7	7	0 12.43
Bampton	16	8	7	1	12.44	Malpas	17	7	10	0 11.35
Winget	17	8	7	2	11.78	Colwall	17	8	9	0 10.94
Colwall	16	7	9	0	11.25	Clevedon	16	6	10	0 10.38
Tkeshbury	18	5	12	1	9.78	Usk	17	6	11	0 9.71
Bredon	16	6	10	0	9.19	Cirencester	16	5	11	0 9.50
Cirencester	17	5	12	0	8.41	Dumbleton	18	6	12	0 9.28
Hereford	15	5	10	0	8.00	Stinchcombe	18	6	12	0 8.94
Dumbleton	17	3	14	0	7.94	Bredon	17	6	11	0 8.75
Ross	17	3	14	0	7.71	Hereford	18	5	13	0 7.94
Hatherley	15	2	13	0	7.07	Ross	18	5	13	0 7.59
Stinchcombe	16	2	14	0	5.19	Lydney	16	3	13	0 7.25

Final TCL Tables  
Abergavenny top  
Gwent Side





Standing L-R A.Kapoor,M.Powell,M.Morris,B.Morgan,O.Dawkins,M.Baillon,M.Winstanley  
Seated L-R R.Wallace,P.Sussex (Capt) K.Holmes,R.Beaumont.



Welsh Cricket Championship Winners 1995, Skipper Paul Sussex receiving the Trophy at Cardiff RFC

# AASHISH KAPOOR

**CRICKET: Aashish Kapoor's amazing innings**

Player	Runs	Wickets	Over	Run Rate	Extras	Dismissals	Notes
A. Kapoor	300	0	117	2.57	0	0	300
A. GILLON	0	1	117	2.57	0	1	0
A. COLES	31	0	117	2.57	0	0	31
R. LAMBLE	1	0	117	2.57	0	0	1
G. J. JONES	6	0	117	2.57	0	0	6
P. SUTTER	5	0	117	2.57	0	0	5

## Triple-ton Kapoor the orchestrator of a club cricket variation on Lara's theme

WHEN Aashish Kapoor stepped out to open the Abergavenny innings against Swansea at Sunday's Crown Stanley League match at Avenue Road, nobody had reckoned on an afternoon of crickering carnage.

But at tea-time and with Abergavenny half-way towards another 50-over success, Kapoor, the Indian Ten all-rounder, was being hailed as a right cricket's answer to Brian Lara.

Having already helped himself to 122 in the Three Counties League against Dordans and one or two other healthy scores of 100 or more, Kapoor was tucking into his tea after making a remarkable 300 out of his side's 325-6.

It broke all existing records, as far as the club and league are concerned, and according to captain Paul Thomas was the best individual innings he had ever seen.

Swansea, instrumental in bringing Kapoor to Abergavenny, watched on with the rest of the Abergavenny side, and Swansea for that matter, as the 23-year-old chalked up his amazing feat in exactly three hours of a rate of exactly a run a ball.

"Unbelievable. We have seen him score heavily this season, but this was exceptional. He just kept going and going and going," said Thomas.

**GRAHAM CLUTTON**

"It wasn't that the other players were slow or anything. It was just that Aashish was given the strike to enable him to build on a good start."

"In the end I think he got out simply because of time-out. Having said that it was a joy to watch."


Kapoor, whose overseas productions at Avenue Road include the likes of *Glenn Close* (playwright) *Harish* Anthony, reached 42 fives and four sixes in all and seeing others shared in a 144 partnership with Mark Coles.

Coles faced just 31 balls for his 34 in their 85-minute stint at the ground as Kapoor used his experience to dominate the bowling and play the leading role.

Thomas added, "It wasn't a case of slogging his way to 300, he batted beautifully, placing the ball and running hard."

"I know Swansea have had professionals like Richie Richardson and Keith Arthurson in the past, but not even they had ever seen an innings like this."


"Hopefully he can carry on throughout the season, I certainly hope so."



## Scorecard- 300 v Swansea

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**Back Row** (l to r): Stuart Phelps, Andrew Roseberry, Andrew Davies, Gareth Edwards, Adrian Shaw, Steffan Jones, Ben Morgan, Dean Cosker, Alistair Dalton.

**Middle Row** (l to r): Gordon Lewis (2nd XI Scorer), Gwyn Stone (Secretary), Alan Jones (Director of Coaching), Roland Lefebvre, Gary Butcher, Neil Kendrick, Darren Thomas, David Hemp, John Derrick (2nd XI Captain/Coach), Dean Conway (Physiotherapist), Byron Denning (1st XI Scorer).

**Front Row** (l to r): Anthony Cotley, Stephen James, Stephen Barwick, Colin Metson, Hugh Morris (Captain), Matthew Maynard (Vice Captain), Steven Watkin, Robert Croft, Adrian Dale.

**Absent:** Owen Parkin, Hamish Anthony, Gareth Rees, James Williams.





**Under 11's Gwent  
Champions**

D.Hatchley,  
D.Thomas, P.Hill,  
D.Nash,R.Pullman  
B.Pike  
R.Williams  
J.Davies  
H.Pritchard  
Capt B.Powell (Not  
in Picture)

## Cricket club presentations



Pictured at the Abergavenny Cricket Club dinner at presentation evening are the award winners with club professional Aashish Kapoor and chairman Brian Meyers. In the picture are Ken Williams (Clubman of the Year), Mark Wallace (Young Player of the Year), Andrew Coles (Most Improved Player), Phil Christie (2nd team Player of the Year), Mike Powell (1st team Player of the Year), and Dick Brown (3rd team Player of the Year).



**Pictured Left the Silver Trophy  
awarded to each of the Players  
in the winning team of The  
Macey Final at Llanarth**

### **World Events**

The Spanish cyclist Miguel Induráin becomes the first person to win the Tour de France race in five successive years. Jonathan Edwards of Britain becomes the first person to jump over 18 m/59 ft in the triple jump. He sets two new world records of 18.16 m/59.58 ft and 18.29 m/60 ft. The governing body of Rugby Union, the International Rugby Football Board, votes to end the game's 'amateur only' status, to 'put an end to hypocrisy'. Harold Wilson, Labour prime minister of Britain 1964-70, 1974-76, dies in London, England (79). Fred (Frederick John) Perry, English lawn-tennis player who dominated men's singles tennis in the mid-1930s dies in Melbourne, Australia (85). Ginger Rogers died age 83 yrs. O.J. Simpson charged and tried for murder. Pete Sampras wins Wimbledon for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year running. Yitzhak Rabin shot dead. Dean Martin died aged 78 years. Burl Ives dies aged 86 years. Harold Wilson former Prime Minister died aged 79 yrs. John Major calls and wins a leadership election. Steffi Graf wins ladies final at Wimbledon. Frank Bruno becomes World heavyweight champion beating Oliver McCall. At Oak Hill Europe win the Ryder Cup for the first time in the Us since 1987.

On September 15<sup>th</sup> 1995 the Club were dealt another cruel blow with the passing of Dot Bloor. Pictured below Dot had been a stalwart of the Ladies Committee, a tireless worker for many years. She helped raise thousands of pounds for the Cricketers and was a very valued member of the Club. Her son Mike played for many years with distinction and her daughter was also very active with the Cricket teas



**Dorothy 'Dot' Bloor**





David Hemp, at rear, and Matthew Maynard leave the pavilion to resume their third-wicket partnership.

## World records at Avenue Road

ONCE again, the Avenue Road wicket lived up to its reputation for runs with more than 1,500 being scored - with two world records thrown in.

The drawn match between Glamorgan and Gloucestershire saw three individual scores of over 150 - and two world records by Gloucester-

shire batsman, Andrew Symonds.

The first came in his side's first innings when he hit 16 sixes in his unbeaten 254 - the most sixes in an individual innings.

Then in his second innings he hit another four for a match record of 20.

The rain-affected first day saw Glamorgan struggling, but a championship best 78 by Darren Thomas saw them to 334 on the second day.

Gloucestershire were struggling at 79-5 when Symonds came in and by the end of the day they were 373-7.

Symonds continued to slaughter the Glamorgan attack to steer his side to 461 to be followed by a 306-runs partnership for the 3rd wicket by Glamorgan's David Hemp and Matthew Maynard.

Glamorgan 334 (H Morris 78, D Hemp 71, S D Thomas 78no; J Srinath 4-74) and 471 (H Morris 62, D Hemp 157, M Maynard 164; J Srinath 9-76).

Gloucestershire 461 (A Symonds 254no; S Watkins 3-122, H Anthony 2-81) and 263-9 (M W Alleyne 64, A Symonds 76, M Lynch 56no; S Watkins 3-51, D Thomas 5-99).

World record breaker Andrew Symonds pictured in the field at Avenue Road.



### Glamorgan v Gloucestershire at Avenue Road

The Match ended in a draw but not before Andrew Symonds broke the world record for the number of sixes in a first class innings (16) and then in a match (20)

Gloucestershire had the upper hand until rain intervened and in the end they were clinging on for a draw. Glamorgan either way were doomed to be in the bottom third of the teams in the League. David Hemp (157) recorded a career best as did D.Thomas with (78\*) There was a 306 3<sup>rd</sup> wkt partnership between Maynard and Hemp and a 73 9<sup>th</sup> wkt partnership between D.Thomas & N.Kendrick. For Gloucester a 6<sup>th</sup> wkt partnership of 213 between A.Symonds & R.Williams

## Abergavenny Cricket Club History



Abergavenny have been the most successful knock out side in the history of the Macey Shield Competition. This was their fourth Final appearance in the nineties. 1991 Runners-up to Chepstow at Panteg, 1992 Beat St Fagans at Malpas, 1993 beat Panteg at Usk. They missed out in 1994 but by beating Ebbw Vales, Pontymister and last years losing finalists Panteg

Abergavenny										
Batsman	Runs	H/Out	Rtn	T						
1 Ashish Kapoor										
2 Matthew Morris										
3 Mike Powell										
4 Owen Davies										
5 Ryland Watana										
6 Mike Ballon										
7 Gary Subramaniam										
8 Kyle Holmes										
9 Richard Beaman										
10 Ben Morgan										
11 Paul Sussex (Capt)										
12 Mark Wintour										
13 Gareth Meredith										
Extras					B	LB	W	NB		
Scorer: Mrs Sely Dawkins					TOTAL					
BOWLER	1	2	3	4	Ov	M	R	W		
1 Peter Citherne										
2 Damon Wood										
3 James Brown										
4 Kiri Carlson										
5 Tim Hancock										

Newport										
Batsman	Runs	H/Out	Rtn	T						
1 Mike Knight										
2 Tim Hancock										
3 Gary Wood										
4 David Knight										
5 Andrew Knight (Capt)										
6 Paul Morris										
7 Kiri Carlson										
8 Peter Citherne										
9 Roger Citherne										
10 James Brown										
11 Damon Wood										
12 Andrew Morris										
Extras					B	LB	W	NB		
Scorer: Mr Michael Lewis					TOTAL					
BOWLER	1	2	3	4	Ov	M	R	W		
1 Ben Morgan										
2 Ashish Kapoor										
3 Kyle Holmes										
4 Richard Beaman										
5 Paul Sussex										



## Abergavenny Cricket Club History



### **"When's Abergavenny?"**

by Nico Craven

The late and great John Arlott was referring to Basingstoke, where he spent his childhood, when writing thus about county cricket at Stroud in his Journal of the 1959 season . . . "Cricket at Stroud is a country occasion of rare nostalgia and importance. The folk there speak of 'the cricket' as we did when I was a boy, and the cricket sometimes came to us, seeming – like the circus elephants when they paraded through the main street – a very large matter indeed in our small country town . . ."

He could just as easily have been talking about Abergavenny – a very large matter indeed in my cricket-watching life. "When's Abergavenny?" is the first question that springs to mind (I already know about Cheltenham) and rolls off my tongue when the time comes for me to go fixture hunting in Wales and start outline out-ground planning for my travels with a notebook during the summer season to come that still lies a long winter of discontent away.

It's been like that with me ever since I read about it – 'Cricket at Abergavenny' – in David Foot's evocative, deckchair report from the Pen-y-Pound ground in some Sunday paper during the batting extravaganza of 1990, when county boundaries were crossed – 16 sixes and 249 fours – and the scorebook set free:

"Wales in wonderland – if you come from Worcester. It was a day when records outnumbered the bumble bees in the local hollyhock, a day for a canvas and easel almost as much as a cricket bat . . . The canvas was needed to capture arguably Britain's most informal and prettiest county ground, with its zigzag boundary ropes and refreshing lack of officiousness . . ."

The first time I saw Abergavenny ("Never mind about Paris"), the Gloucestershire team that took the field on a scorcher of a day bore little resemblance to the stardust names acclaimed by Stuart 'Buster' Hoskins in that old Cotswold codger's poetic tribute to the one and only Wally Hammond:

'Applause! "Glo'ter be fielding",  
Jessop, Townsend, Charlie Parker,  
Long Tom Goddard, my Hammond,  
Follow their bearded leader . . .

That 1991 side couldn't be faulted, however, when it came to sweating it out. Neil Hallam said as much in the Daily Telegraph ("Gloucestershire, living proof that perspiration can sometimes claim the same reward as inspiration...."), but not enough players had stars in their eyes when they took the

field. What Gloucestershire needed was a talisman – a colossus like Hammond or Procter – and the sooner he emerged from the shadows the better. I'd begin the day right by partaking of a full English breakfast in Wales at my base near Crickhowell. A king-sized Gliffaes kipper was followed by home-made marmalade every bit as good as the pitch at Abergavenny. Bowlers weren't expected to take wickets there, and my morning would have turned to joy if Gloucestershire had won the toss.

The scenic route to the ground took me through narrow lanes and over the River Usk at Llangynidr, where I found the natives friendly when I stopped and topped up with petrol and dispatched my first batch of wish-you-were-here cards to friends and relatives. One of them was mistaken for a prescription and taken to the nearest chemist.

The local garage was giving information away ("I'll tell you the best way to go") and the postmistress chasing after new business ("You've forgotten your change"). I noticed that the poster advertising a local cricket match took pride of place above the counter over the more mundane four-day statutory notices. Calling at Llangynidr for a stamp and a chat became an almost daily occurrence.

I knew that I'd come to the right place – a nice place – by the time I'd paid my dues at the gate. They actually seemed pleased to see me and nobody questioned my age. The Whitecoats could teach a lesson or two to those unsmiling gatemen at some other grounds I could mention ("We're not paid to smile") who never seem to learn – and yet to learn the meaning of good manners. To travel is better than to arrive at such places. The same could never be said of Abergavenny.

It was time to join the ladies. Mrs Beaumont and her augmented army of helpers were already hard at work at the start of a catering marathon, but she still found the time to smile in my direction ("Everybody calls me Dinky") when I entered her domain in the pavilion. She produced a steaming Indian-summer cuppa ("The first one's free") and put up with my nosey-parker questions while I drank it.

Abergavenny Cricket Club had been hosting county championship matches since 1983 – runs totted up in a day sometimes threatened to exceed the bar takings – but this was the first four-day to be played on the ground. There'd be some sore feet by the time the match ended – and they wouldn't all belong to the fielders.

I went and joined the two friendly officials who

(continued opposite)

were manning the barricades at the entrance to the members' enclosure. They let me occupy the only armchair and I sat and watched the world (of cricket) go by on a day when the sun had taken a shine to the game and the breeze was blowing a cool trumpet.

Abergavenny seemed like heaven on earth that August occasion in 1991, as it did two years later when I was watching the cricket from another favourite vantage point of mine, beside the flag pole of the adjacent bowling green, where they made me most welcome again ("You'll stay and have a cup of tea") and enquired about the state of play in the world of overarm bowling.

I looked over the manicured hedge that separated the bowls from the cricket, and there was one of the aforementioned officials, jovial Jim Mayers, all lit up and leaning on the revolutionary barrier. His smoking pipe of peace suggested utter contentment and seemed symbolic of the general feeling of well-being on county cricket days at Abergavenny, where 'Buster' goes on his chauffered way, leaving his poetry behind him:

'As sun's last amber lulls us,  
Old codgers like myself renew  
Some old battling Blenheim or Waterloo.  
As our steaming ox-made bowler  
Hurled hatred into the last over  
Stumps uproot, car doors curfew clang.'

The last time I saw Abergavenny ("Paris can wait"), it was competing with the final Test for media attention. Gloucestershire's long-awaited talisman had finally emerged from the shadows and Andrew Symonds had me counting up to six every time the ball flew through the air and thrilled the crowd. His world-record batting – 16 sixes in an innings and 20 in the match – couldn't have happened at a nicer ground.

There's a suggestion that Abergavenny may have to give ground and perhaps become a bi-annual fixture within the next few years. This may make sense to the centraliser – the two-and-two-make-four brigade – who like to run a tidy ship, but real life isn't like that ("It's often an untidy mess") and Abergavenny is at the heart of matters under discussion in county cricket's corridors of power. Wise heads and hearts as big as cricket balls are what's needed by the decision makers.

What I believe Abergavenny needs is an annual fixture on a fixed date ("No, you can't get married then. You know it's Abergavenny Cricket Week"). Home made is best and that's what you get when 'the cricket' comes to Abergavenny.

## Colts XI Averages 1995

(Excludes the two-day match against Welsh Schools' and matches played at the Oxford Festival)

BATTING	M	I	NO	RUNS	HS	AVE	100	50
W L Law	10	10	2	506	111	63.25	1	3
A D Shaw	5	5	0	216	106	43.20	1	-
J Derrick	12	8	6	82	32*	41.00	-	-
M Leaf	7	7	1	179	48	29.83	-	-
G D Bowers	13	12	2	281	70	28.10	-	2
O A Dawkins	10	10	0	270	103	27.00	1	1
L Jones	11	11	0	286	70	26.00	-	1
R E Evans	3	3	0	78	57	26.00	-	1
D J Teague	12	11	2	205	76*	22.77	-	2
I Thomas	9	9	0	203	74	22.55	-	1
I J Capon	7	6	1	99	24	19.80	-	-
C Griffiths	3	3	0	59	29	19.66	-	-
A J Dalton	3	3	0	52	32	17.33	-	-
G Jones	6	5	1	61	34	15.25	-	-
S Chapman	8	5	3	30	9*	15.00	-	-
S Jones	3	3	1	30	18	15.00	-	-
A Roseberry	5	5	0	63	51	12.60	-	1
G Arrowsmith	6	4	0	48	35	12.00	-	-
B S Phelps	6	6	1	58	33	11.60	-	-
A Weekes	4	3	0	27	14	9.00	-	-
M D O'Leary	10	9	1	52	10	6.50	-	-

Also Played: (6 Matches) G J M Edwards 1; (5 Matches) J Didcot 2\*, 4; (5 Matches) L James 3; (4 Matches) G Berry 14\*; (2 Matches) G P Butcher 1, 5; (2 Matches) G Hughes 7\*, 6\*; (2 Matches) B M Morgan 0; (2 Matches) O T Parkin 25\*; (2 Matches) M Powell 8, 15; (2 Matches) G H J Rees 33, 0; (2 Matches) J R A Williams 28, 20; (2 Matches) A P Davies 0, 2; (1 Match) A W Evans 40; (1 Match) I Gompertz 84\*; (1 Match) T Hemp 33; (1 Match) P S Jones 20; (1 Match) R Jones 0; (1 Match) C Morgan 5; (1 Match) J Windows 2; (1 Match) H Williams 10; R Bowen (1 Match), A Cole (1 Match), D A Cosker (1 Match), A Majeed (1 Match) did not bat.

BOWLING	OVERS	MDN	RUNS	WK	AVE	BB	4w	ECON
W L Law	12.0	4	41	4	10.25	3-26	-	3.41
S Jones	28.0	7	82	7	11.71	3-17	-	2.92
G J M Edwards	79.1	25	188	16	11.75	4-17	3	2.37
A Majeed	10.4	1	53	4	13.25	4-53	1	4.96
A P Davies	18.0	2	58	4	14.50	3-34	-	3.22
A Weekes	28.0	10	67	4	16.75	2-24	-	2.39
G Arrowsmith	42.0	9	131	7	18.71	3-20	-	3.11
J Derrick	21.0	3	62	3	20.66	2-27	-	2.95
S Chapman	61.3	8	210	10	21.00	3-19	-	3.41
G Hughes	18.0	3	68	3	22.66	2-35	-	3.77
L Jones	77.0	12	280	10	28.00	2-37	-	3.63
M D O'Leary	83.0	13	284	10	28.40	3-33	-	3.42
G D Bowers	86.0	14	315	10	31.50	3-17	-	3.66
B S Phelps	58.0	19	138	4	34.50	1-4	-	2.37
I Thomas	44.0	6	146	4	36.50	2-25	-	3.31
J Didcot	37.0	9	112	3	37.33	3-22	-	3.02
G Berry	42.0	8	126	3	42.00	2-25	-	3.00
L James	39.0	2	162	3	54.00	2-15	-	4.15

Also Bowled: G P Butcher 17-2-66-2; I J Capon 31.4-4-136-2; A W Evans 10-4-34-2; B M Morgan 10-1-48-2; C Morgan 8-2-32-2; R Bowen 11-1-38-1; P S Jones 8-2-20-1; R Jones 20-6-53-1; A Cole 10-1-35-0; A J Dalton 5-0-25-0; I Gompertz 3-0-14-0; M Leaf 12-1-52-0; O T Parkin 13-2-30-0.

### FIELDING

12 - G Jones (10ct/2st); 6 - W L Law, D J Teague; 5 - S Chapman, R Price, A D Shaw, I Thomas; 4 - M D O'Leary; 3 - M Leaf; 2 - G D Bowers, I J Capon, O A Dawkins, I Gompertz, G Hughes, L Jones, B S Phelps; 1 - G Berry, G J M Edwards, A W Evans, R E Evans (1st), T Hemp, P S Jones, B M Morgan, M Powell, A Roseberry, A Weekes.