

Chapter 51

Season 1996

President-J.B.Shackleton
Chairman- Ken Williams
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Captain 1st X1- Paul Sussex
Captain 2nd X1- Stuart Eccles
Captain 3rd X1 -Terry Mead

Pictured below Abergavenny CC First X1- 1996
Runners up Three Counties League/Winners TCL Plate Cup
Mike Powell TCL Player of the Year



**Standing L-R G.Merdith,O.Dawkins,L.James,M.Hall,J.Phillips,M.Baillon
Seated L-R B.Murphy,R.Wallace,P.Sussex (Capt),M.Powell,R.Beaumont**

Newbridge were easily defeated in the opening match by 103 runs, Abergavenny 206-6 Michael Powell (86) Newbridge 103-7 Steve Brown 2-16. A tied game with Chepstow saw Abergavenny scoring 158-8 M.Powell (59) M.Baillon (19) and Chepstow bowled out for the same score with Owen Dawkins taking 5-54, P.Sussex 3-28 A century from Brad Murphy (137)M.Powell (18)S.Brown (14) then 3-17 from Gareth Meredith and 2-31 from M.Baillon defeated Sudbrook by 26 runs. Mike Powell continued his fine form scoring (91*)M.Morris (30)R.Wallace (22) in a 6 wicket victory over Lydney Gareth Bowers with 3-32 bowling well. A repeat performance against Chepstow Mike Powell (93*) R.Wallace (36*) O.Dawkins (53) M.Morris (32) saw Abergavenny successfully chase Chepstow's 242-7 Mike Baillon 2-48.

Clevedon 280-4 M.Baillon 1-43 Abergavenny 189-9 M.Hall(63*) B.Murphy (36) O.Dawkins (39)
Ross withdrew from the League

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Abergavenny 183-6 M.Hall (43) Crumlin 143-5 M.Hall 2-44
Frocester 152-6 Paul Sussex 2-25, Abergavenny 154-8 M.Baillon (46)
Abergavenny 205-5 Owen Dawkins (100*) Hereford 140-6 M.Coles 2-20

In the Macey Abergavenny 166-6 Brad Murphy (38) M.Morris (25) O.Dawkins (22) J.Phillips (32)
Llanwern 93-6 Ben Morgan 2-7
P.Sussex 2-17

Dumbleton 250-3 Dumbleton included Mike Cawdron (Glos) K.Emery (Hants) M.Baillon 2-64
Abergavenny 251-4 Mike Powell (146*) M.Coles (62)

Abergavenny 326-5 M.Morris (75)J.Phillips (63)O.Dawkins(69) G.Meredith (41) Pontypridd156 all
out G.Meredith 5-15 O.Dawkins 3-35

Hereford 201-8 Paul Sussex 5-65 Abergavenny 205-6 Owen Dawkins (62) M.Morris (40) M.Powell
(23)

Glamorgan v Worcester 4 day County Championship



Abergavenny's Mike Baillon fielding as a substitute for Glamorgan, celebrates with the rest of the Glamorgan Team at the fall of Worcester's 5th wicket David Leatherdale 97-5 lbw to G.P.Butcher

Abergavenny 257-5 G.Meredith (109) O.Dawkins (64) M.Hall (29*)Cefn Forest 158-3 M.Sneade 1-28
Colwall 164 all out M.Baillon 5-29 P.Sussex 2-46 R.Beaumont 2-35 Abergavenny 166-6 M.Baillon
(78)M.Morris (41) M.Hall (17*)

Abergavenny 186 all out M.Hall (87)A.Coles (24)Bridgend 187-5
Mike James 2-39

Next Abergavenny Lost to village side Llanarth in the Macey, Abergavenny 145-4 B.Murphy (53)
M.Baillon (41)M.Hall (24*) Llanarth 146-3 M.Baillon 2-16 P.Sussex 1-21

Abergavenny 229-6 Mike Powell (111*)O.Dawkins (35) M.Hall (27)G.Meredith (31) Kington 103 all
out R.Beaumont 7-45 M.Baillon 3-35

A couple of defeats followed.In the TCL Cup Abergavenny 200-9 O.Dawkins (50) G.Meredith (50)
B.Murphy (30) Hatherley 202-3 R.Beaumont 1-24

Abergavenny 163-8 M.Powell (100) O.Dawkins (26)Winget 164-9 R.Beaumont 5-71 G.Meredith 2-22
Bouncing back against Panteg. Panteg 204-9 R.Beaumont 4-71 Abergavenny 205-6 M.Morris
(80*)R.Wallace (40)M.Hall (31)

Tewkesbury 158—6 R.Beaumont 2-14 M.Hall 2-28 Abergavenny 159-2 M.Powell (65*)
G.Butterworth (22) R.Wallace (49*)

Abergavenny 225-6 Brad Murphy (89)O.Dawkins (37) M.Coles (40) Swansea went from 163-3 to
202-9 R.Beaumont 3-32 M.Hall 2-20

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A superb century by Matthew Hall against Alton. Alton 280-5 C.Hartwright 2-54 Abergavenny 281-2 M.Hall (148*)

Abergavenny 212 all out M.Powell (105) O.Dawkins (33) Tewkesbury 151-8 M.Baillon 3-45 R.Beaumont 3-49 O.Dawkins 2-33

Abergavenny 247-4 B.Murphy (66*)J.Phillips (36) M.Baillon (66) M.Coles (31) Chepstow 129 all out L.C.James 6-44 P.Sussex 2-34 A.Coles 2-38

A really close affair with Brockhampton. Abergavenny 196-8 M.Powell (66) R.Wallace (44)M.Baillon (35) B.Murphy (21) Brockhampton 195 all out P.Sussex 5-75

Abergavenny go top of TCL Bredon 122 all out R.Beaumont 5-35 LC James 2-26 O.Dawkins 2-22 Abergavenny 125-1 M.Powell (80*)J.Phillips (35*)

Semi Final of the TCL Plate Abergavenny 227-5 M.Powell (101) O.Dawkins (74) J.Phillips (21) Chepstow 178 all out G.Meredith 3-23 P.Sussex 2-72 R.Beaumont 2-11

Abergavenny 202-7 R.Parkinson (51) Wollaton 198-7 P.Sussex 2-25 R.Parkinson 2-29 and a wicket each for Rosenberg, Bruton and Meredith

Pentyrch 224-8 G.Williams 4-26 Abergavenny 225-1 Brad Murphy (63) Pershore game was abandoned with Abergavenny on 114-4 O.Dawkins (38)

Usk 260-6 M.Baillon 3-90 R.Beaumont 2-87Abergavenny 257-8 M.Powell (94) R.Wallace (82) B.Murphy (31) Abergavenny 262-9 Brad Murphy (135) R.Wallace (46) E.Molien (16) Ynysygerwen 204 all out E.Molien 3-31G.Meredith 2-29

Cirencester abandoned, Cirencester 144-9 M.James 3-27

Abergavenny 56-2 B.Murphy(29*)

Malpas 201-9 R.Beaumont 5-68 Abergavenny 204-3 B.Murphy (77*)

Abergavenny 218-7 O.Dawkins (109) Cirencester 211-10 G.Meredith 4-36

Losing at home to Cirencester 224-8 R.Beaumont 4-91 Abergavenny 175-9 R.Wallace (48) B.Murphy (20) Cost Abergavenny the league Title

Dafen 231-8 G.Butterworth 2-25 Abergavenny 234-3.Dawkins(78)

Undefeated century partnership between Owen Dawkins and Brad Murphy



Pictured at Dafen

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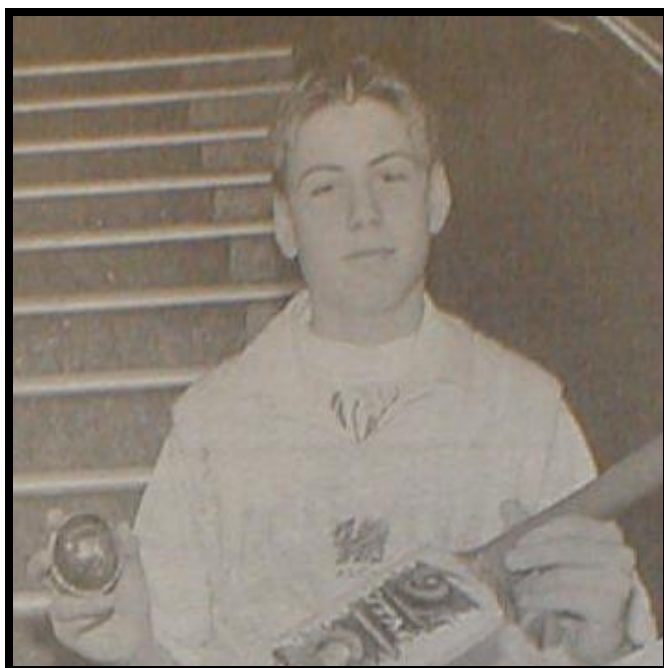
L-R E.Molien, P.Sussex, M.Powell, Kate Murphy

Abergavenny 173 all out B.Morgan (49) Panteg 110 all out M.Baillon 5-56
Gowerton 216-4 B.Morgan 3-56 Abergavenny 184-6 R.Wallace (58*)



Glamorgan's Robert Croft hits out on his way to an unbeaten 73 against Worcestershire at Abergavenny. Watching in the slips is Worcester captain Tom Moody.

Action from the County Championship game Glamorgan v Worcester



Pictured Left

Mark Wallace Under 14 capped player plays in the Under 16 Welsh Team.

Mark is a young man with a bright future he has played regularly in the 2nd X1, and will greatly benefit from the coaching of Brad Murphy, himself a top wicketkeeper who has had to compete with Ian Healy. Mark is a very dedicated lad and works very hard at his game

TCL Annual Dinner, Guest Speaker Micky Stewart
Matthew Maynard benefit Dinner April 12th at the Clubhouse with Bob Webb

To round off the season Brad Murphy invited a group of Australians playing in different parts of the UK to come to Abergavenny for a one off fixture. Included in the match were- Matthew Mott, P.Hutchison, W.Hall, M.Warden,A.Lepair, M.Palmer, T.Grosser, S.Flegler, B.Crichton, A.Noffke, R.Parkinson and M.Mulllen Abergavenny 2nd X1 defeated Clevedon 2nds at Clevedon in the TCL Plate Cup Final Abergavenny 155 all out. A.Wright (33) A.Coles (40) M.Wallace (15) Clevedon 143 all out. P.Christie 2-28,G.Corfield 3-31, A.Coles 3-17, M.Davies 2-26. 2nd X1 also Included- M.Coles, S.Brown, B.Powell, S.Eccles, A.Timpson

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Pictured above in the bunker known as the sands of Nakajima at St Andrews Golf Club
L-R M.James, M.Morris, R.Hamer, P.Christie, P.Sussex,B.Murphy and Ashley Nofke

All members of the undefeated tour of Scotland and the North of England



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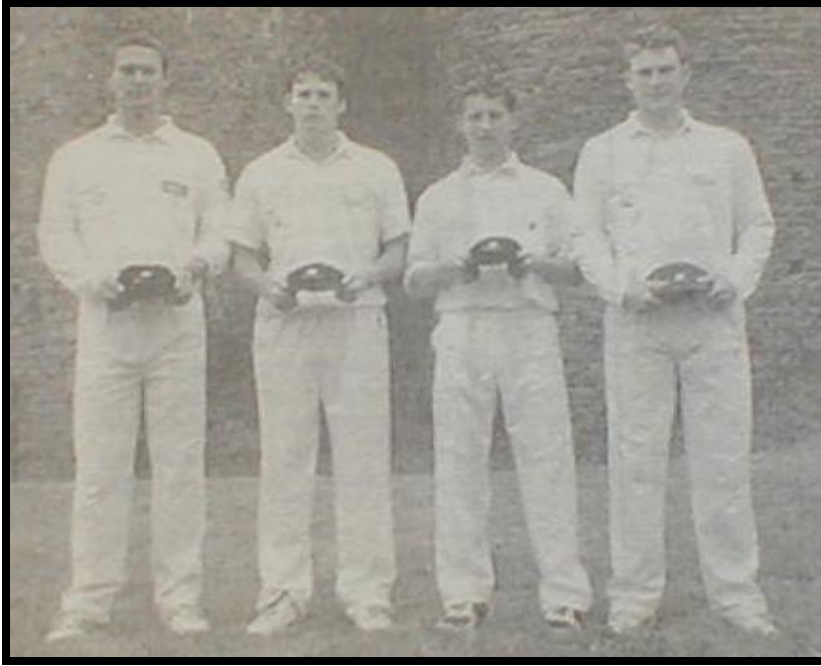
The Clubhouse in 1996
before the new Changing
room extension was built



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All four either play for Abergavenny or have played for the Town. In 1996 they all played for Wales Under 19's. Quite a feat as they all attended school in Crickhowell. Mike Powell has had a terrific season for Abergavenny, topping the averages in the TCL. 22 Innings Not out 6 times total runs 1,269 best score 146* Averaging 79.94. He was selected as TCL player of the year and intends to play in Brisbane in the winter with Brad Murphy



Brad 'Spud' Murphy

A Queenslander, Brad has played and coached cricket in Brisbane where he lives. He is also a very well respected tennis coach. He runs a coaching schools back in Australia and it is his intention to do the same in and around Abergavenny. His professionalism and pride in his performance has made him a 'workaholic' He really loves the game and would play/coach every hour of every day if he could. The players have really responded well to his leadership style. He manages to control in the nicest sense of the word between 80 and 100 youngsters at junior coaching sessions on Friday evenings. Started his career with South Brisbane Clubs and went on to play first grade with, Sandgate- Redcliffe, University and Western Suburbs, played 4 years with Queensland Country in National Championships and against Sri Lanka in 1990



Pictured left

Ben Morgan at Lilleshall receiving coaching from Micky Stewart. Ben has progressed well and has represented Wales at a number of levels, he now has a chance of breaking into the England Under 19 set up

World Events-

Gene Kelly Died aged 83 yrs. Massacre at Dunblane 16 children and a teacher shot dead. The Duke and Duchess of York divorce. Ella Fitzgerald dies aged 79 yrs. The US women's Golf team Defeat Europe at Chepstow in the Solheim Cup. Pakistan beat England in the Oval Test to win the series

WILLOWICKER THREE COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION 1										
	W	L	T	NONE	LOSSE	T	BAT	BOWLS	PTS	AVERAGE
1 ABERGAVENNY	27	10	1	0	100	0	0	64	520	13.02
2 BREDON	27	10	1	0	100	0	0	62	511	12.98
3 CIRENCESTER	27	10	1	0	100	0	0	57	481	12.46
4 CLIFFORD	27	10	1	0	100	0	0	52	438	11.82
5 GLEN	27	10	1	0	100	0	0	51	430	11.62
6 PENYDARE	27	10	1	0	100	0	0	47	388	11.23
7 CULMAGE	27	10	1	0	100	0	0	41	371	10.27
8 CIRENCESTER	27	11	0	0	99	0	0	38	327	10.17
9 BUCKINGHAM	27	11	0	0	99	0	0	37	317	10.00
10 BREDON	27	11	0	0	99	0	0	35	292	10.00
11 CLIFFORD	27	11	0	0	99	0	0	31	259	10.00
12 GLEN	27	11	0	0	99	0	0	29	244	10.00
13 CLIFFORD	27	11	0	0	99	0	0	28	238	10.00
14 CIRENCESTER	27	11	0	0	99	0	0	27	228	10.00
15 BREDON	27	11	0	0	99	0	0	26	218	10.00
16 GLEN	27	11	0	0	99	0	0	25	210	10.00
17 CLIFFORD	27	11	0	0	99	0	0	24	200	10.00
18 CIRENCESTER	27	11	0	0	99	0	0	23	190	10.00
19 BREDON	27	11	0	0	99	0	0	22	180	10.00
20 GLEN	27	11	0	0	99	0	0	21	170	10.00
21 CLIFFORD	27	11	0	0	99	0	0	20	160	10.00
22 CIRENCESTER	27	11	0	0	99	0	0	19	150	10.00
23 BREDON	27	11	0	0	99	0	0	18	140	10.00
24 GLEN	27	11	0	0	99	0	0	17	130	10.00
25 CLIFFORD	27	11	0	0	99	0	0	16	120	10.00
26 CIRENCESTER	27	11	0	0	99	0	0	15	110	10.00
27 BREDON	27	11	0	0	99	0	0	14	100	10.00

DIVISION 2										
	W	L	T	NONE	LOSSE	T	BAT	BOWLS	PTS	AVERAGE
1 CIRENCESTER	27	10	1	0	100	0	0	60	480	12.00
2 BREDON	27	10	1	0	100	0	0	58	464	11.95
3 CIRENCESTER	27	10	1	0	100	0	0	56	448	11.90
4 BREDON	27	10	1	0	100	0	0	54	432	11.85
5 CIRENCESTER	27	10	1	0	100	0	0	52	416	11.80
6 BREDON	27	10	1	0	100	0	0	50	400	11.75
7 CIRENCESTER	27	10	1	0	100	0	0	48	384	11.70
8 BREDON	27	10	1	0	100	0	0	46	368	11.65
9 CIRENCESTER	27	10	1	0	100	0	0	44	352	11.60
10 BREDON	27	10	1	0	100	0	0	42	336	11.55
11 CIRENCESTER	27	10	1	0	100	0	0	40	320	11.50
12 BREDON	27	10	1	0	100	0	0	38	304	11.45
13 CIRENCESTER	27	10	1	0	100	0	0	36	288	11.40
14 BREDON	27	10	1	0	100	0	0	34	272	11.35
15 CIRENCESTER	27	10	1	0	100	0	0	32	256	11.30
16 BREDON	27	10	1	0	100	0	0	30	240	11.25
17 CIRENCESTER	27	10	1	0	100	0	0	28	224	11.20
18 BREDON	27	10	1	0	100	0	0	26	208	11.15
19 CIRENCESTER	27	10	1	0	100	0	0	24	192	11.10
20 BREDON	27	10	1	0	100	0	0	22	176	11.05
21 CIRENCESTER	27	10	1	0	100	0	0	20	160	11.00
22 BREDON	27	10	1	0	100	0	0	18	144	10.95
23 CIRENCESTER	27	10	1	0	100	0	0	16	128	10.90
24 BREDON	27	10	1	0	100	0	0	14	112	10.85
25 CIRENCESTER	27	10	1	0	100	0	0	12	96	10.80
26 BREDON	27	10	1	0	100	0	0	10	80	10.75
27 CIRENCESTER	27	10	1	0	100	0	0	8	64	10.70
28 BREDON	27	10	1	0	100	0	0	6	48	10.65
29 CIRENCESTER	27	10	1	0	100	0	0	4	32	10.60
30 BREDON	27	10	1	0	100	0	0	2	16	10.55

After reaching the dizzy heights of top of the TCL following victory over Bredon on Aug 3rd, Abergavenny lost their last game to Cirencester to miss out narrowly on the title, finishing a close 2nd



The Marvellous Willow Club Ladies. Sue, Chris, Gerry, Babs Ruth & Mo

Just finishing another long stint in the kitchen



Kate and Brad Murphy with Kate's Mother who along with her Dad visited during the season. Pictured at a party at the captains house



Our First Aussie Night to say farewell to Brad and Katie. They made a tremendous impact on the Club and became close friends with everyone. The turn out at the Theme night reflected the regard in which they were held by the Club



Pictured left
Human Beer Cans 'tinnies' Who gives a Four X
A great effort from Steve Brown, Helen Brown, Louise Thomas and Gary Butterworth

Pictured below
The Dawkins clan Alan, Sally and Owen demonstrate the traditional stereotype sartorial elegance



1996 Awards

Most Improved cricketer
A.Fury.
Clubman- Jim Mayers
2nd X1 Player- Gary Butterworth.
Young Cricketer - Chris Hartwright
IstX1 Player Mike Powell



Mike Powell and Owen Dawkins both emerged as cricketers of high standing. Owen finished 3rd in the Under 17 Glamorgan Averages. With Mike (40) 3rd in the Colts/Under19 Averages



It was with great sadness that the Club lost Don Griffin who passed away in July. Don joined the Club in 1957 and served in a great deal of capacities as an administrator, his work was recognised when he was awarded an Honorary Vice Presidency, quickly followed by Life Membership. His contribution was all the more appreciated because he never played cricket for the Club, but hardly ever missed a game home or away and acted like a kind of 12th man always urging the team on. Another great gift he bestowed on the Club was his son David who ranks with the all time greats.

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BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP			
Glamorgan v Worcestershire			
at Abergavenny on 23/24(No play)/25/27 May			
Umpires: V A Holder & N T Plews		Scores: B T Denning & J W Sewter	
<p>This rain affected match ended tamely in a draw shortly before the scheduled close, the visitors recovering from the loss of three early wickets to hold out for the draw without undue alarm. Glamorgan, put in, had the middle order to thank for their first innings total, Butcher in good form again, with both Gibson and Croft making half centuries. The loss of fifty overs on the first day, together with rain all day on the second, meant that a contrived finish was inevitable. Once Glamorgan were all out, Moody declared the Worcestershire innings closed 128 runs behind and Tony Cottey, captaining Glamorgan in the absence of Maynard on England duty, reciprocated shortly after lunch on the final day, setting Worcestershire 323 to win in a minimum of 60 overs. Despite three early wickets, however, the pitch held no perils as the middle order batsmen saw them safely through to a draw.</p>			
GLAMORGAN	1st INNINGS	2nd INNINGS	
S P James	b Newport..... 20	st Rhodes b Illingworth.....	89
H Morris	c Illingworth b Sheryar..... 4	lbw b Sheryar.....	4
A Dale	c Moody b Newport..... 29		
G P Butcher	b Newport..... 73	c Sheryar b Lampitt.....	42
P A Cottey*	c Rawnsley b Newport..... 2	c Rhodes b Lampitt.....	3
A D Shaw+	b Newport..... 8		
R D B Croft	not out..... 73	not out.....	9
O D Gibson	c Rhodes b Illingworth..... 51 (6)	not out.....	34
S D Thomas	c Illingworth b Rawnsley..... 23		
S L Watkin	c Rhodes b Newport..... 17 (3)	b Sheryar.....	0
S R Barwick	run out..... 1		
Extras	(b2 lb7 nb18)..... 27	(lb9 nb4).....	13
TOTAL328	(for 5 declared).....	194
Fall of Wickets	24,26,127,137,148,157,227,264,317	8,33,106,117,161	
BOWLING			
1st INNINGS:	Newport 28-7-100-6 (6Nb), Sheryar 14-1-56-1, Lampitt 15.1-4-62-0 (3Nb), Illingworth 30-11-46-1, Rawnsley 14-3-55-1		
2nd INNINGS:	Newport 9-4-41-0 (1Nb), Sheryar 12-2-57-2, Illingworth 8-0-34-1, Lampitt 9-1-43-2 (1Nb), Rawnsley 2-0-10-0		
WORCESTERSHIRE	1st INNINGS	2nd INNINGS	
T S Curtis	not out..... 62	c Shaw b Thomas.....	42
W P C Weston	not out..... 121	b Watkin.....	1
K R Spiring		lbw b Watkin.....	0
T M Moody*		c James b Watkin.....	1
D A Leatherdale		lbw b Butcher.....	30
S J Rhodes+		not out.....	53
S R Lampitt		not out.....	31
P J Newport			
R K Illingworth			
A G Sheryar			
M J Rawnsley			
Extras	(b5 lb4 nb8)..... 17	(b2 lb6 nb6).....	14
TOTAL	(for 0 declared).....200	(for 5).....	172
Fall of Wickets		7,7,11,54,97	
BOWLING			
1st INNINGS:	Watkin 7-3-24-0, Thomas 11.4-2-62-0 (2Nb), Gibson 2-0-13-0, Croft 11-4-25-0, Butcher 5-0-30-0 (1Nb), Barwick 7-3-13-0, Dale 5-1-24-0 (1Nb)		
2nd INNINGS:	Watkin 14-3-41-3, Thomas 11-0-43-1 (3Nb), Croft 19-1-57-0, Barwick 11-8-4-0, Butcher 5-1-19-1		
CLOSE OF PLAY SCORES:	Day 1 - Glamorgan (1st Inns) 148-5 (Shaw 3, Croft 0)		
	Day 2 - Glamorgan (1st Inns) 148-5 (Shaw 3, Croft 0)		
	Day 3 - Glamorgan (2nd Inns) 8-1 (James 2, Watkin 0)		
POINTS:	Glamorgan 6 (3 Draw, 3 Batting, 0 Bowling), Worcestershire 8 (3 Draw, 1 Batting, 4 Bowling)		
WORCESTERSHIRE won the toss and fielded		MATCH DRAWN	



Back Row (L to R): Alun Evans, Dean Cosker, Gary Butcher, Andrew Davies, Owen Parkin, Neil Kendrick, James Williams, Alistair Dalton
Middle Row (L to R): Byron Denning (First XI Scorer), Dean Conway (Physiotherapist), Adrian Shaw, Adrian Dale, Ottis Gibson, David Hemp, Roland Lefebvre, Darren Thomas, Gwyn Stone (Secretary), Gordon Lewis (Second XI Scorer)
Front Row (L to R): John Derrick (Coach), Robert Croft, Steven Watkin, Stephen Barwick, Hugh Morris, Matthew Maynard (Captain), Colin Metson, Stephen James, Anthony Cottey, Alan Jones (Director of Coaching)
Absent: Gareth Edwards, Simon Jones, Steffan Jones