

### **1983-First 3 Day County Championship game at Avenue Road**

In 1983, Abergavenny hosted its first three day County Championship Cricket Match, featuring Glamorgan v Worcestershire This honour came one hundred and forty nine years after the formation of the Club in 1834.. This was also the first year that Phil Carling took over the duties of Secretary, and the year Mike Selvey arrived from Middlesex for his ill fated tenure as Glamorgan Captain. It also marked the last season of Malcolm Nash as a Glamorgan player. Phil A. Neale with 135 in Worcester's first innings became the first centurion. The weather was the victor restricting the game to only one full innings. After a brilliant first day bathed in sunshine the following two days were virtually washed out.

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#### **The Glamorgan C.C.**

Standing L-R R.Ontong,H.Morris,J.Derrick,C.Rowe, A.L-Jones, A.Francis  
Sitting L-R M.Nash, B.Lloyd,M.Selvey(Capt) E.Jones, J.Hopkins



Alan Ormrod scores runs

## Abergavenny worth more fixtures

ABERGAVENNY should have booked a place on Glamorgan's fixture list for next season (writes Robin Davey).

Rain and bad light seriously disrupted the first county championship match staged there against Worcestershire which ended yesterday.

Nevertheless, there was sufficient evidence of the organisational ability of the Abergavenny club to put them right in line for another fixture next season.

The ample facilities at the ground were seen on the first day which was blessed by glorious weather. The attendance also, particularly on the first day, was at least as high as it would have been at Cardiff.

Abergavenny officials were convinced crowds would have been much bigger on the second and third days given fine weather.

Glamorgan, for their part, were impressed with the efforts their hosts put in. It cost the club around £1,200 to stage the game, which was covered by sponsors, with Glamorgan taking the gate receipts.

A group of volunteers worked flat out for a week leading up to the match preparing the ground and families, and their efforts were worthwhile.

Glamorgan are unlikely to stage any of their John Player League games away from their bases at Cardiff and Swansea, but they should book one of their county championship matches for Abergavenny next season.

# County side in action at Abergavenny

ABERGAVENNY Cricket Club will host their first County Championship match next week when they stage the game between Glamorgan and Worcester at Avenue Road.

The club have hosted two John Player League matches in the past including the game against Northants last season and club officials are hoping that local cricket fans will give the match full support.

A sub-committee led by the club's subscription secretary, Mr Brian Shackleton has been set up to

organise the match and already many sponsors have come forward to help defray the costs including local solicitors and accountants, estate agents, building societies and insurance brokers.

The match is the first of two which Glamorgan will play in Gwent — the other is at Ebbw Vale in August — and a good crowd at the three days at Abergavenny could assure the future of further games in the county.

Neither Glamorgan nor Worcester are setting the County Championship alight at the present time and both are fairly near the bottom of the championship table.

Nevertheless the clash at Abergavenny should be an intriguing encounter for both sides seem reasonably well-balanced and well-matched with the emphasis being on their lesser-known players.

Glamorgan will be without their star attraction, batsman Javed Miandad, who is on World Cup duty with the Pakistani side, while fast bowler Winston Davis is also a member of the West Indian World Cup squad.

The Welsh side therefore will be looking to veteran Alan Jones, fellow opener John Hopkins and Rodney Ontong as well as Arthur Francis and possibly Alan Lewis Jones for their runs.

Both Hopkins and Ontong have shown useful form with the bat this season 9 both having centuries to their credit — and Abergavenny fans will remember Ontong's maiden John Player League century against Northants on the local ground last season.

But while their batting is

reasonably sound there must be a question mark over the Glamorgan bowling. The mainstays are new skipper Mike Selvey and Abergavenny-born Malcolm Nash, both veterans and both skilful bowlers but lacking that extra yard of pace.

Unfortunately the two quickest bowlers seen around Glamorgan for some years — Ezra Moseley and Winston Davis — are not available. Moseley, who was on the brink of the West Indies squad has again broken down through injury and Davis is on World Cup duty.

So Selvey and Nash will bear the brunt of the Glamorgan attack with support from Ontong and Barry Lloyd backed up by either Greg Thomas or Alan Wilkins.

But on the Abergavenny wicket which has suffered considerably from the May rains, the medium pace and swing of Selvey and Nash could be decisive. Nash, in particular, will be anxious for a good performance on his home ground.

Worcester on the other hand look a better batting side than bowling. Although they have lost the services of New Zealand Test star Glenn Turner and have sacked Younis Ahmed, they still have men who can get among the runs.

Opener Martin Weston has shown useful early-season form and like Dipak Patel already had a century in his hundred under his belt. Patel, in particular, looks to be one of the rising stars in the county cricket scene.

Alongside these two there is the ever-reliable Alan Ormrod, who regularly completes his thousand runs without the acclaim of other batsmen and West Indian Collis King.

King, who played for Glamorgan some seasons ago, is no longer a member of the West Indies squad but is still a dangerous all-rounder likely to score a century or turn in a match-winning performance with the ball.

But the Worcester bowling is not exactly bristling with star names and the mainstays seem to be Elcock, Pridgeon and Inchmore backed up by the spin of Patel and Illingworth, while Basil D'Oliveira is still turning his arm over.

Play on the first two days — Wednesday and Thursday — will be from 11 am until 6.30 pm and on Friday from 11 am until 5.30 or 6 pm.

Admission for adults will be £1.50 but county members will be given free admission while unemployed people will be charged 50p on production of a card.

## Abergavenny will be host for county championship game with Worcester

THE QUESTION on every cricket enthusiast's tongue — player and fan alike — is whether June will be or can be as bad as May weatherwise.

The highlight of the coming month will be the three-day County Championship match between Glamorgan and Worcester at Abergavenny on June 22, 23 and 24.

Although neither side can be rated among the stronger counties in the championship the match will give cricket lovers in the area an opportunity to watch the game at county level on their own doorstep.

Worcester have lost their world-class batsman New Zealander Glenn Turner but have acquired the services of the hard-hitting West Indian Collis King, whom many will remember as a

Glamorgan player some seasons ago.

King can often be relied on to set about the bowling with his swashbuckling style while he can also be a match-winning bowler in the right conditions.

Worcester have also dispensed of the services of another of their leading batsmen Younis Ahmed following his placing of a £100 bet on Leicester to beat Worcester in a John Player League match.

On the other side Glamorgan look to be a sharper side — in the brief periods they have played — under their new captain Mike Selvey and will be looking to

batsmen like Arthur Francis, Mike Elwell, John Hopkins, Alan Lewis Jones and Rodney Ontong to give Javed Miandad the support he deserves.

In fact Glamorgan may have to depend on their home-grown players more than ever for Javed Miandad will be missing for some of the season playing for Pakistan in the World Cup series, while fast bowlers Ezra Moseley, if fit, and his replacement Winston Davis are both on the fringe of the West Indian squad.

Miandad — or King — in full cry on a sunny day in Abergavenny will be a sight not to miss, while few will forget Rodney Ontong's maiden John Player League century against Northants on the ground last season.

And of course there is still local boy Malcolm Nash who will be anxious to take a few wickets or score a few runs or both in front of his home crowd.

All in all the game should be evenly balanced for there seems little between the two sides but whether they actually take the field is in the laps of the gods.

The next four weeks will have to live up to their reputation of "flaming June" to ensure the game goes ahead and attracts the crowds that it warrants.

**COUNTY CRICKET AT ABERGAVENNY**  
**Schweppes Championship**  
**GLAMORGAN v WORCESTERSHIRE**  
 Wed, Thurs, Fri, 22, 23, 24 June, 1983  
 Hours of Play: Wed and Thurs 11.00-6.30; Friday 11.00 to 5.30 or 6.00  
 Daily admission: Adults £1.50, Juniors/OAPs 80p  
 IF YOU LIVE IN THE ABERGAVENNY AREA, A £1 MEMBERSHIP TICKET (IS FOR JUNIORS AND STUDENTS) WILL ADMIT YOU TO ALL GLAMORGAN HOME GAMES —  
**WHY NOT JOIN AT THE GATE?**

Newspaper Cuttings reporting on the game



Left-Martin  
Weston turns a  
ball to leg

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