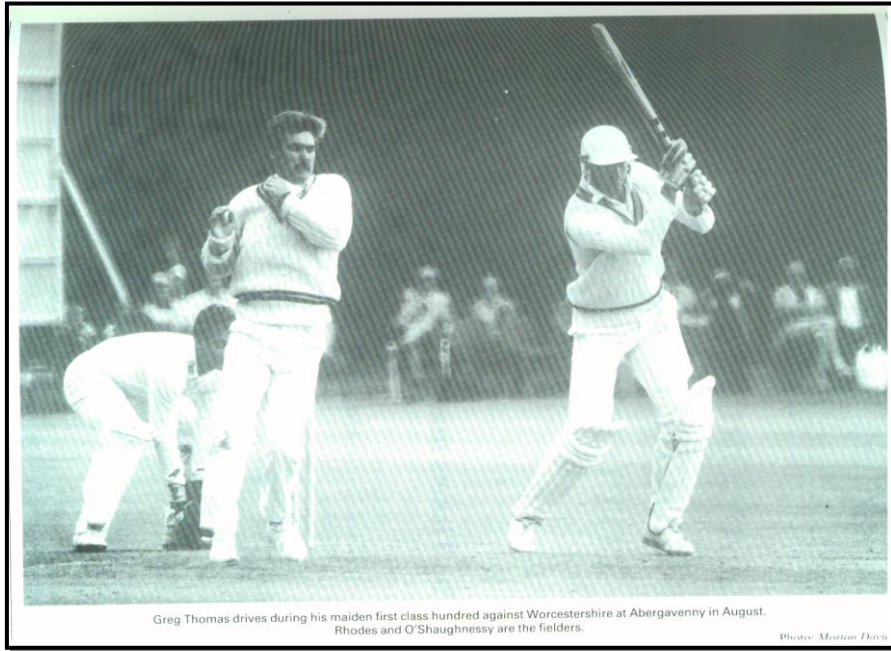


## **1988- County Championship Game v Worcestershire CCC**

The August of 1988 became a landmark for a number of players. Glamorgan again entertained Worcestershire who were becoming something of a standing dish at Avenue Road. Graeme Hick scored a century (159) to pass 2000 runs for the season, Gregory Thomas recorded his maiden first class century and Matthew Maynard recorded the fastest hundred by a Glamorgan player for the fourth season on the trot.



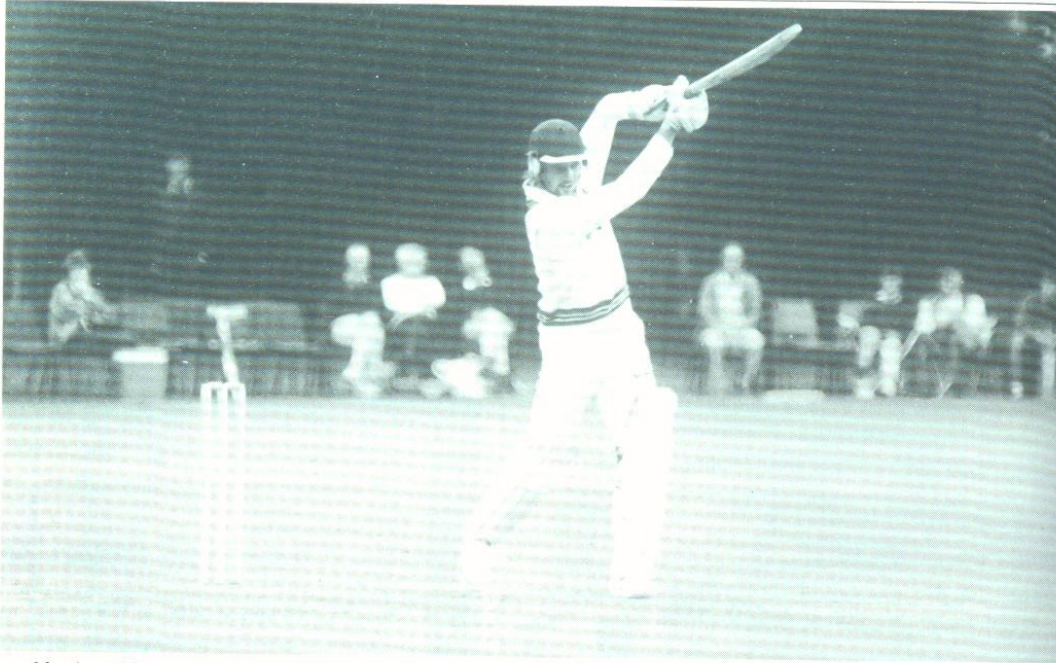
Greg Thomas pictured above on his way to his maiden First Class Century at Avenue Road.



Pictured left Ricky Elcock in action, in the match won by Worcestershire by 5 wickets. Glamorgan 298-9 declared. ( Greg Thomas, 100 not out) and 243-3 declared (M.Maynard 108 not out) Worcestershire 200-5 declared and 344-5 in 71 overs. (G.Hick 159, T.Curtis 86) Greg Thomas scored his maiden Championship hundred. The weather only permitted a total of 285 overs and there were three declarations to ensure a result. As well as the County Championship match Glamorgan v Worcester, Avenue Road hosted Glamorgan 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 on May 24<sup>th</sup> in the Bain Clarkson Trophy v Warwickshire Glamorgan-200 I.Smith (61) M.Roberts (57) then it rained and a 1 day 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 Championship match against Nottingham (Abandoned)

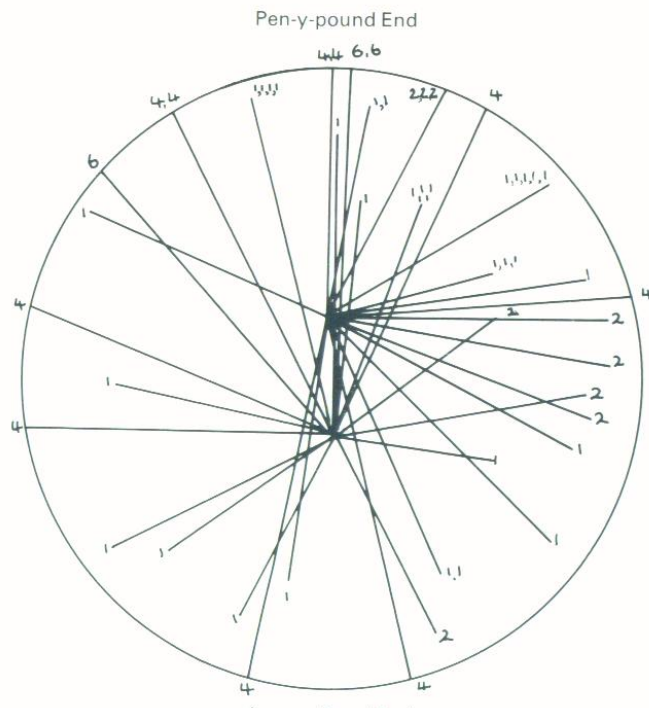


The County Championship Scene -1088



Matthew Maynard at Abergavenny on his way to the fastest hundred award for the fourth season in a row.  
 Photo: *Morton Davies*

**M.P. Maynard – 108\* v Worcestershire at Abergavenny, August 16th, 1988.**





# GLAMORGAN v WORCESTERSHIRE

Date: 13/15/16 August 1988

At: Abergavenny

Umpires: A.G.T. Whitehead, D.G.L. Evans

Toss won by: Worcestershire

Result: Worcestershire won by 5 wickets

Scorers: B.T. Denning, J.W. Sewter

Determined efforts by the late order batsmen brought respectability to Glamorgan, with Greg Thomas scoring a well deserved maiden first-class century. This after the Worcester attack, admirably spearheaded by Newport, had reduced them to 92 for 6. Then a tactical declaration by Neale on reaching a second batting point left Glamorgan to set a target. They responded well, Maynard in particular being very severe on some friendly bowling. His 108 included 3 sixes and 10 fours. Worcester suffered an early set-back in pursuit of the 341 for victory, Lord being brilliantly caught in the gully by Butcher off a full blooded square drive. But with Hick and Curtis taking control, Worcester moved inexorably towards victory, Hick passing the 2000 run mark for the summer in quite imperious style.

## GLAMORGAN

### 1st INNINGS

1.	A.R. Butcher	lbw b Ellcock	15
2.	P.A. Cottey	c Hick b Newport	8
3.	H. Morris*	b Newport	24
4.	M.P. Maynard	b Newport	10
5.	R.J. Shastri	c Hick b Pridgeon	14
6.	G.C. Holmes	c Rhodes b Pridgeon	1
7.	R.C. Ontong	b Illingworth	43
8.	J.G. Thomas	not out	100
9.	C.P. Metson†	b Ellcock	43
10.	S.L. Watkin	c Neale b Illingworth	23
11.	S.R. Barwick	not out	0
	Extras		17
	TOTAL		298-9 dec.

### 2nd INNINGS

c Newport b O'Shaughnessy	41
lbw b Curtis	59
b Weston	3
not out	108
(5) not out	17
Extras	14
TOTAL	242-3 dec.

Fall of wickets: 1st innings—1-12, 2-38, 3-61, 4-72, 5-77, 6-92, 7-169, 8-235, 9-290.  
2nd innings—1-63, 2-66, 3-165, 4-, 5-, 6-, 7-, 8-, 9-.

Bowling:	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
Newport	34.1	4	108	3	3	0	9	0
Elcock	19	3	75	2	3	0	13	0
Pridgeon	24	6	48	2				
Illingworth	17	7	31	2				
Weston	4	1	6	0	9	0	51	1
O'Shaughnessy	6	1	20	0	9	1	35	1
Hick					4	0	13	0
Neale					14	1	62	0
Curtis					10.2	0	53	1

## WORCESTERSHIRE

### 1st INNINGS

1.	T.S. Curtis	c & b Barwick	24
2.	G.J. Lord	c Maynard b Ontong	56
3.	G.A. Hick	b Holmes	46
4.	S.J. O'Shaughnessy	c Holmes b Ontong	0
5.	P.A. Neale*	not out	46
6.	M.J. Weston	b Thomas	1
7.	S.J. Rhodes†	not out	19
8.	P.J. Newport		
9.	R.K. Illingworth		
10.	R.M. Ellcock		
11.	A.P. Pridgeon		
	Extras		8
	TOTAL		200-5 dec.

### 2nd INNINGS

c Sub b Holmes	86
c Butcher b Thomas	2
c Ontong b Watkin	159
b Holmes	0
b Watkin	51
not out	28
not out	1
Extras	17
TOTAL	344-5

Fall of wickets: 1st innings—1-82, 2-82, 3-82, 4-170, 5-171, 6-, 7-, 8-, 9-.  
2nd innings—1-4, 2-196, 3-196, 4-313, 5-324, 6-, 7-, 8-, 9-.

Bowling:	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
Thomas	11	0	62	1	13	1	69	1
Watkin	15	6	28	0	18	2	90	2
Barwick	12	4	22	1	14	1	61	0
Ontong	19	3	69	2	12	0	43	0
Holmes	5	0	17	1	14.2	1	68	2

## Mike Fatkins observations of Avenue Road

“ The following week we arrived in Abergavenny. There isn't a better sight than Abergavenny in good weather and we ended up being lucky even if Graeme Hick spoiled the script. Abergavenny too has one pet problem as far as the office is concerned and it is quite simply this- Balls. With Maynard and Shastri in your side you automatically take plenty with you, but playing against Hick and on a small ground, well, you can imagine. And we needed them all as Maynard hit about five into someone's fish pond, and Hick decided to lob them into someone's sunken garden in the town centre. It was like watching a game of pinball. The umpires decided the third day was too hot for white coats, so whenever either of the two 'blockers' sent £30 pounds worth over the wall, out would trot a member of the admin staff with a box full of replacements. A steward in Crickhowell might have solved the problem. He could round up the balls and return them, but by the time the idea had struck me it was too late, and you couldn't very well ask the two of them to hit sixes in the one place, or could you? They'd probably do it if they felt like it. Our office at the ground was a converted horse trials box, complete with buzzer in case of refusals, but the umpires were good and we didn't need to use it. Quote of the game, I reckon Hick is over-rated”

Graeme Hicks 159, the highest individual innings at the Avenue Road Ground, he also became the first batsman to pass 2,000 runs in the 1988 season. M.Maynard scored his 108 before lunch on the final day- the first time this feat had been achieved on a Welsh ground since 1969 when Majid Khan did it at Sophia Gardens.