

Dr W.S. Tresawna 1880-1945

Dr William Samson Tresawna, was born 14th April 1880, in Lamellyn, Probus, Cornwall, England. He died aged 65 years in Abergavenny on August 21st 1945. When he passed away he left behind a reputation as a complete cricketer and sportsman which will endure.

In 1909 aged 29 years Dr Tresawna opened a medical practice in Abergavenny and became an Abergavenny player. A right Handed batsman primarily, but he did bowl as well.

He had already represented Cornwall C.C. making his debut for Cornwall in a match against Glamorgan at Penzance as a 19 year old. He continued to represent Cornwall after joining Abergavenny playing his final game for them in 1913. Ironically his last game for Cornwall was against his adopted Monmouthshire at Pen-y-Pound, Abergavenny.



Dr Tresawna's debut in 1909 was sensational, he started off with 121 against Crickhowell, followed by 77 against Penarth a further 88 in the return fixture with Crickhowell and 137* against Dowlais.

He took over the captaincy the following year 1910, this coincided with a loss of his form. He did however make a few good scores.

In June 1911, his form improved and he was chosen to play for South Wales against an India X1. This match took place at Cardiff Arms Park also in the South Wales side (Glamorgan C.C.C. had not yet been formed) was NVH (Norman) Riches and WJ Bancroft who both went on to play for Glamorgan. He made a couple of impressive centuries that year against Lysaughts.

In 1912 he reached the peak of perfection and in home matches at Avenue Road his scoring was phenomenal.

Innings 10, Not Out 10, Highest Score 169, Total Runs 824, Average 206. With four centuries.

But it was not only the brilliance of his hitting that was so good, it was the touch of genius that grace and polish which is only to be found in the very best of batsmen. His driving was magnificent either off front or back foot and he had wrists of steel. His cover drive was 'Hammond Like' at his best, effortless and along the 'carpet'

For 7 seasons (The Great War 1914-18 was sandwiched in between) he charmed with the beauty of his batting.

In July 16th and 17th 1919 he played for H.K.Fosters XI against Australian Imperial Forces at the Racecourse Ground, Hereford. The match was drawn, Dr Tresawna scoring 55 in the first innings and 21 in the second.

First-Class Career Batting and Fielding (1919)

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	C t
Overall	1	2	0	76	55	38.00	0	1	0

HK Foster's XI

FA Phillips
AN Jewell
WG Quaife
MFS Jewell
*HK Foster
WS Tresawna
ST Freeman
+JF MacLean
WH Taylor
AJ Conway
HA Gilbert

Australian Imperial Forces

WL Trenerry
+WAS Oldfield
CB Willis
JM Taylor
EA Bull
*HL Collins
CE Pellow
JT Murray
AW Lampard
CT Docker
SC Winning