

THE HAMPSHIRE CRICKET SOCIETY

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Wednesday 14 November 2012 – Meeting

The Society is delighted to welcome Richard Scott to this evening's meeting. Though his career with Hampshire was a brief one, he was one of the most popular players to appear for the County. He was a rarity, joining the staff after eye-catching performances in club cricket and for Dorset in Minor Counties cricket.

RICHARD JAMES SCOTT was born in Bournemouth (which was then in Hampshire) on 2 November 1963. He made his debut for both Dorset and Hampshire 2nd XI in 1981, but was not taken onto the County staff until 1985. An aggressive left-handed opening batsman he played his first match for Hampshire at Lord's in the Sunday League the following season. Little could he have known that he would become such an influential figure at Middlesex some twenty-five years later.

The start to his first-class career in 1988 was somewhat traumatic, as he failed to get off the mark in his first three championship innings. However, he was not the first batsman, or the last, to struggle against John Lever or Devon Malcolm. However, 58 against Sussex at Eastbourne in his third match saw him on his way and three weeks later he recorded his maiden century with 107 not out against the Sri Lankans at Southampton.

His most famous innings for the County, however, was a sensational Sunday League hundred against Yorkshire at Northlands Road in 1989. As Hampshire chased 180 for victory, he came to the wicket after three wickets had fallen for only 24 runs. Undaunted, he struck 116 not out off only 86 balls, with six fours and nine sixes, many of which were hit out of the ground.

Such was the strength in depth of Hampshire's batting at the time – he had to compete with the Smith brothers, Paul Terry, Mark Nicholas, David Gower, Tony Middleton, Kevan James, Rupert Cox and Julian Wood for a place – he turned down the offer of a new contract at the end of the 1990 season to join Gloucestershire. He vindicated his decision by scoring an impressive career best 127 on debut at Worcester. Among the opposition bowlers were Phil Newport, Ian Botham, Neil Radford and Richard Illingworth – Test players all. He went on to score a marvellous 122 against Glamorgan at Cheltenham later in the summer as his County gained a notable fighting draw.

He was also a useful right-arm medium-pace bowler, in both forms of the game.

He left Gloucestershire in 1994, returning to his roots in Dorset. He became Director of Cricket for the County before joining Middlesex 2nd XI as coach in 2007. Following the departure of Toby Radford, he became the Middlesex coach in 2009. He has, therefore, had a hand in the County's promotion to

the first division and their fine season last summer. Having already made shrewd signings to strengthen the side in the last month or so, it will be surprising if Middlesex are not in the mix for the County Championship in 2013.

Wednesday 17 October 2012 – Report

Unfortunately, Barry Rickson's appearance coincided with a biblical rainstorm in South Hampshire, which deterred many members from leaving home. Those that braved the conditions were rewarded with a most interesting discourse on those players who made a century on their Test debut.

HCS PLAYER OF THE YEAR 2012

Members have voted the Hampshire captain, Jimmy Adams, as their Player of the Year for 2012.

HAMPSHIRE IN THE CHAMPIONS TROPHY

Hampshire's participation in the Champions Trophy in South Africa came to a disappointingly swift end after defeats to Auckland Aces (by eight wickets) and Sialkot Stallions (by six wickets) in the qualifying round. The batsmen never scored enough runs to post a challenging total, exemplified by the fact that only Michael Carberry (65 v Auckland) and Glen Maxwell (45 v Sialkot) were the only men to post more than 16 in either game. Hampshire were unhinged by Auckland's Azher Mahmood (five for 24) in the first match and by Shoaib Malik (39) and Haris Sohail (63 not out) in the second.

Interestingly, the Auckland bowling was opened by Michael Bates (no relation to the Hampshire wicket-keeper!).

It must be said that the Hampshire side were missing two of their most influential batsmen from last summer in Neil McKenzie and Simon Katich, who were respectively playing for the Highveldt Lions and Perth Scorchers in the same competition. The loss and influence of McKenzie to Hampshire was demonstrated by the Lions reaching the final. However, he was then upstaged by former Hampshire batsman, Michael Lumb. The latter stormed to 82 (eight fours and five sixes) as his side, the Sydney Sixers, romped to a 10 wicket victory. That Lumb did not play in the T20 World Cup for England, given their dismal performance, seemed perverse.

TONY PAWSON

Tony Pawson has died at the age of 91. He was the fifth speaker ever to address the Society, on 28 April 1972. He then spoke again on 15 April 1986. He enjoyed a quite remarkable sporting career. A schoolboy prodigy who scored a double century for Winchester College at Lord's, he became a first-class cricketer with Oxford University and Kent. He was reckoned to be one of the fastest runners between the wickets ever to play the game. He played in the football league for Charlton Athletic, won two FA Amateur Cup winners medals with Pegasus, gained 12 amateur international caps for England and was in the GB squad for the Olympic Games in Helsinki in 1952. He turned

down the Kent captaincy to pursue a successful business career. Astoundingly, he then became the world fly fishing champion at the age of 63! He had also been Cricket correspondent of The Observer. He had lived in Hampshire, near Winchester, for many years.

THE COUNTIES IN LIMITED OVERS CRICKET

2012 has marked the 50th year of limited-overs cricket in this country. The Gillette Cup was first played in 1963. It began as a 65-overs per side knock-out competition. Counties were able to compete for further honours with the introduction of the Sunday League (40 overs) in 1969. This was a league in which all the counties played each other once. The Benson and Hedges Cup (55 overs) came in 1972. This was played on a zonal league basis with the top two sides in each zone moving to the quarter-final stage. The Twenty20 Competition was catapulted onto the scene like a noisy sibling in 2003. Since 1963 the longer formats have metamorphosed into leagues (regional and otherwise), a variety of overs from 40 to 65, and a plethora of sponsors. The minor counties and latterly Ireland, Scotland, the Netherlands and the Unicorns have also been added to the mix. And so, how have the counties fared? As far as the Editor is aware, the list below has never been published before:-

County	No. of titles	Yr of first title	Yr of last title
Derbyshire	3	1981	1993
Durham	1	2007	2007
Essex	10	1979	2008
Glamorgan	3	1993	2004
Gloucestershire	9	1973	2004
Hampshire	11	1975	2012
Kent	11	1967	2007
Lancashire	16	1969	1999
Leicestershire	8	1972	2011
Middlesex	8	1983	2008
Northamptonshire	3	1976	1992
Nottinghamshire	3	1987	1991
Somerset	7	1979	2005
Surrey	8	1974	2011
Sussex	9	1963	2009
Warwickshire	11	1966	2010
Worcestershire	6	1971	2007
Yorkshire	5	1965	2002

Unlike the County Championship, therefore, every County has won a limited-overs title. For **Leicestershire**, who secured the Benson and Hedges Cup in 1972, it was a prelude to the County gaining their first Championship title in 1975. **Essex**, similarly, won the B&H in 1979 and then went on to win their inaugural Championship in the same year. **Durham**, who became a first-class county in 1992, won their first title in 2007 when they defeated Hampshire in the Friends Provident Trophy, and then claimed the Championship in the following two seasons. However, the other counties to

win their first titles – **Gloucestershire, Northamptonshire** and **Somerset** have still to win the Championship.

Sussex were, of course, the first County to work out one-day cricket, winning the first two Gillette Cups in 1963 and 1964. Ted Dexter was the first captain to set out the future template for the format, packing his side with pace bowlers and setting mainly defensive fields. With he and Jim Parks in the side they were bound to score their runs at a healthy rate.

Historically, however, the **Lancashire** side of the late 1960s and early 1970s set the gold standard. In the period from 1969 to 1975 under the captaincy of Jackie Bond, they won six titles; the first two Sunday Leagues (1969-1970) and four Gillette Cup Finals (1970, 1971, 1972, 1975). They performed the Sunday League/Gillette Cup double in 1970. They varied the **Sussex** composition of the side by invariably playing two spin bowlers in David Hughes and Jack Simmonds. It was a cohesive batting unit, with the destructive Clive Lloyd providing the match winning momentum to an innings.

Lancashire then enjoyed another golden era throughout the 1990s. From 1989 to 1999 they won no fewer than ten titles: Nat West Trophies (1990, 1996, 1998), three Benson and Hedges Cups (1990, 1995, 1996), two Sunday Leagues (1989 and 1998) and the Pro40 National League in 1999. Strangely, they have not won a limited-overs competition since.

Lancashire's initial primacy was usurped by **Kent**, captained by Mike Denness. The latter won seven trophies between 1973 and 1978: three B&H (1973, 1976, 1978), one Gillette Cup (1974) and three Sunday Leagues (1972, 1973, 1976).

Unfancied **Leicestershire**, with Ray Illingworth in charge, were the buckle joining the two above Counties. They were successful four times between 1972 and 1977. They were the first winners of the Benson and Hedges Cup in 1972. They won again in 1975. They were also Sunday League champions in 1974 and 1977.

Essex then enjoyed a golden era between 1979 and 1985. In that period they won the B&H Cup in 1979, the Nat West Trophy in 1985 and the Sunday League in 1981, 1984 and 1985. For good measure they carried off the County Championship in 1979, 1983, 1984 and 1986.

Lancashire's dominance in the 1990s was broken by Gloucestershire. They carried off seven knock-out titles in the five years between 1990 and 2004.

The above table shows that **Lancashire**, with 16 titles, have been the most successful County. **Hampshire, Kent** and **Warwickshire** are joint second, having each gained 11 trophies.

APPEARANCES IN LORD'S FINALS

County	Appearances	Won	Lost	First Played	Last Played
Derbyshire	6	2	4	1969	1998
Durham	1	1	-	2007	2007
Essex	11	5	6	1979	2002
Glamorgan	2	-	2	1977	2000
Gloucestershire	9	8	1	1973	2003
Hampshire	7	6	1	1988	2012
Kent	14	5	9	1967	2008
Lancashire	17	11	6	1970	2006
Leicestershire	7	3	4	1972	2001
Middlesex	9	6	3	1975	1989
Northamptonshire	10	3	7	1976	1996
Nottinghamshire	4	2	2	1982	1989
Somerset	11	5	6	1967	2011
Surrey	11+	6+	5	1965	2011
Sussex	10	5	5	1963	2009
Warwickshire	18+	8	10+	1964	2012
Worcestershire	11	2	9	1963	2004
Yorkshire	6	4	2	1965	1999

+ Including first T20 Final in 2003.

82 Finals have been played at Lord's.

Given their domination in the 1970s and 1990s, it is no surprise that **Lancashire** have enjoyed the most success at Lord's. However, **Warwickshire** have played most times there.

Gloucestershire and **Warwickshire** are in joint second place, followed by **Hampshire**, **Middlesex** and **Surrey**. **Hampshire's** wins have all been obtained in the last twenty-five years; they were the last of the original 17 first-class counties to play in a Lord's final. Ignoring **Durham's** sole appearance in 2007, when they inflicted Hampshire's only defeat, only **Gloucestershire** (89%) have a better win ratio than **Hampshire** (86%) in a Lord's Final.

Apart from **Glamorgan**, who have yet to win at Lord's, Worcestershire have the most unenviable record having been successful in only two of their 11 finals. Perhaps the most surprising record is that of **Nottinghamshire**. Since the introduction of limited-overs cricket, they have won only two knock-out competitions, in 1987 and 1989 during the Rice/Hadlee era, yet have won four Championships in the same period.

An interesting facet of **Hampshire's** seven cup final appearances is that they have been captained by six men: Mark Nicholas (twice), David Gower, Shaun Udal, Shane Warne, Dimitri Mascarenhas and Jimmy Adams. Warne was the only unsuccessful skipper.

KABIR ALI

Kabir Ali has left Hampshire to join Lancashire on a two-year contract. Having last played a full season in 2007 due to injury, Hampshire's decision to sign him in 2010 always represented a gamble. So it proved. He started well, claiming 19 wickets in his first four matches, taking a Hampshire-best five for 33 on debut at Chelmsford and then five for 98 in the next match at Chester-le-Street. However, injury then kicked in again and he missed the rest of the season. He broke down once more whilst Hampshire were in the West Indies for the regional T20 tournament in January 2011 and played only five first-class matches in the ensuing summer. He was seen more often last season but continued to struggle with fitness and then form. However, he gained a permanent niche in Hampshire's history when he bowled the maiden final ball at the end of the match to enable Hampshire to claim the CB40 Trophy at Lord's in September. He played his final match for the County in the Champions Trophy in South Africa. In 18 first-class matches for Hampshire, Kabir Ali took 54 wickets (avge. 31.37).

SOCIETY PROGRAMME 2013

A reminder of the dates/venues and speakers for 2013:

Wednesday 9 January 8pm at the Ageas Bowl

IAN HENDERSON, former BBC Radio and Television Sports Editor.

Ian earned the highest praise for his recent address to the Dorset Cricket Society.

WEDNESDAY 6 FEBRUARY 8pm at the Ageas Bowl

AMOL RAJAN of The Independent Newspaper, and acclaimed author of "The Twirleymen-A History of Spin Bowlers".

WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH 7pm at Test Valley Golf Club

After the Society's AGM, members will be addressed by CALLY

BARLOW, wife of Eddie Barlow, the great South African Test cricketer from 191-70.

Long standing members will recall Eddie Barlow's passionate talk on South Africa's isolationism at the Society's meeting in September 1986.

The speaker for the meeting on **27 MARCH at 8pm at The Ageas Bowl has still to be arranged.**