

Lawton Smith

From: Andrew Hignell [higgers@glamorgancricket.co.uk]
Sent: 20 November 2014 21:13
To: Lawton Smith
Subject: RE: Glamorgan 1909 Queries
Attachments: image001.jpg

Hi Julian,

Sorry for the delay - the scorebook has been used by someone else.

The information you require is:

4 - v Monmouthshire 1/2 June (very faint entries in pencil)

Bancroft (1) 6x4; Sweet-Escott (2) 4x4; Bancroft (2) 9x4; Phillips (2) 6x4

9 - v Carmarthenshire 16/17 June

Sweet-Escott 16x4

23 - v Cornwall 30 June/1 July

Whittington (1) 8x4; Sweet-Escott (1) 5x4; Bancroft (1)9x4, 1x5, 1x6; Tresawna (2) 6x4

Agreed close of play should be 242/4.

Regards,

Andrew

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From: Andrew Hignell [higgers@glamorganccricket.co.uk]
Sent: 27 September 2014 15:56
To: Lawton Smith
Subject: RE: Trent Bridge Meeting

Julian,

Hope all went well with the meeting at Trent Bridge. Below are the notes on Arthur Gibson:

Regards,

Andrew

Arthur Gibson was the man who had followed in Jack Brain's footsteps as captain of Glamorgan CCC in 1908 and then played a key backroom role in the Welsh county's first decade in first-class cricket.

The Yorkshire-born amateur had made his debut for the Welsh county in 1900 at the age of 26 in their match against the MCC at Cardiff Arms Park. This was Arthur's first summer in the Welsh capital having moved from the north-east of England to set up a timber importing business at Cardiff Docks, and he subsequently proved himself to be a capable batsman and off-spinner at both club and county level, striking 66 against the MCC on his Glamorgan debut.

He had previously played for West Hartlepool CC following a few years working in the London Docks. Both his business and cricketing interests in South Wales significantly took off with Arthur captaining Cardiff CC between 1906 and 1909. He proved himself to be a capable leader at club level, and given his experience of Minor County cricket his name appeared on the short-list of candidates for the captaincy of Glamorgan as Jack Brain went into semi-retirement.

The Club's preferred choice was Guy Thackeray, the young batsman from Cardiff CC, who was a Lieutenant in the Army and, besides a fine pedigree as a cricketer, was seen to be a natural-born leader. However, during the winter of 1906/07 Thackeray was posted to North America, and Brain was persuaded to stay on for one more year. At the end of the season, Gibson was duly appointed as his replacement for 1908, but it proved to only be a one-year appointment as the businessman struggled to find sufficient time to devote to his new duties, and the 34 year-old subsequently handed over the reins of the Welsh county to Tom Whittington, a solicitor from Neath.

Despite having to stand down as captain, Gibson remained actively involved with the Club serving on the committee - onto which he had been elected in 1904 - until 1932 and in the years following the Great War, the Yorkshireman proved to be a key figure in the affairs of Glamorgan CCC as they strove recognition in the first-class world following their elevation into the County Championship for 1921.

That summer Gibson accepted the duties of Honorary Secretary and he remained in post for the next ten years. They proved to be difficult times and on more than one occasion, when gate receipts were insufficient to meet the expenditure and pay the professionals, Gibson's fine relationship with the Club's bank manager, based at Cardiff Docks, became invaluable and got the Club out of a pickle.

but by the winter of 1932/33 the Club's debt had reached an all-time low, and fearing the worst for the Club, he tendered his resignation. Indeed, there were serious doubts about the future of Glamorgan CCC, but his good friends and colleagues in the business world at Cardiff Docks, Johnnie Clay and Maurice Turnbull, took over as Treasurer and Secretary respectively, and saved the Club from the brink of bankruptcy, besides subsequently turning the Club into a viable concern.

From: Lawton Smith [lawtonsmith@supanet.com]
Sent: 19 September 2014 09:55
To: Andrew Hignell
Subject: Trent Bridge Meeting

Andrew,

For information please find attached the agenda for our annual meeting at Trent Bridge which takes place next week. I understand that you will not be attending but Roger Moulton has agreed to represent the committee again.

You will have seen that we are now aiming for publication in February for the 1909 book.

Regards
Julian

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