

Twenty20 Cup Records

The Twenty20 Cup competition was introduced in 2003 with three `zones` of six teams. Glamorgan`s most successful year in the competition was 2004 when they progressed from their zone to the quarter-final stages and defeated Warwickshire to reach the finals day of the competition – staged at Edgbaston. They were subsequently beaten by Leicestershire, who played Surrey in the final. In 2006 Glamorgan also participated in the Floodlit Twenty20 Cup competition, playing home and away contests against three other English counties with permanent floodlights.

Playing Record		P	W	L	A
	At Home	20	9	7	4
	Away	21	5	14	2
	Total	41	14	21	6
Highest Innings Total	For 206-6		v Somerset at Taunton		2006
	Against 223-9		by Worcestershire at Worcester		2005
Lowest Innings Total	For 113		v Warwickshire at Edgbaston		2003
	Against 114		by Worcestershire at Cardiff		2003
Highest Individual Score	For 116*		IJ Thomas v Somerset at Taunton		2004
	Against 105		BF Smith for Worcestershire at Worcester		2005
Fastest Fifty	For 25 balls		MP Maynard v Gloucestershire at Bristol		2003
	Against 19 balls		CM Spearman for Gloucestershire at Bristol		2003
			J Cox for Somerset at Cardiff		2003
Fastest Hundred	For 50 balls		IJ Thomas v Somerset at Taunton		2004
	Against 42 balls		BF Smith for Worcestershire at Worcester		2005
Most boundaries	For 18		IJ Thomas v Somerset at Taunton		2004
	Against 17		BF Smith for Worcestershire at Worcester		2005
Best Bowling	For 4-38		RN Grant v Worcestershire at Worcester		2005
	Against 5-24		CO Oboya for Warwickshire at Edgbaston		2003
Most Expensive Bowling	For 3.5-0-58-0		JEC Franklin v Gloucestershire at Cardiff		2003
	Against 4-0-50-1		PS Jones for Somerset at Cardiff		2003
Most Economical Bowling	For 4-0-12-2		AP Davies v Somerset at Cardiff		2007
	Against 4-0-13-2		RW Price for Worcestershire at Cardiff		2006
Most Runs	744	DL Hemp			
Most Wickets	36	RDB Croft			
Most Catches/Dismissals	16	MP Maynard			
Most Runs in a Season	332	RN Grant in 2006			

RECORD PARTNERSHIPS

1 st	129*	MTG Elliott and RDB Croft	v Gloucestershire	at Cardiff	2005
2 nd	101	MJ Powell and BB McCullum	v Worcestershire	at Cardiff	2006
3 rd	118	MTG Elliott and DL Hemp	v Warwickshire	at Cardiff	2004
4 th	60	DL Hemp and RN Grant	v Gloucestershire	at Bristol	2006
5 th	106	DL Hemp and JEC Franklin	v Warwickshire	at Edgbaston	2006
6 th	84	DL Hemp and BJ Wright	v Somerset	at Taunton	2007
7 th	35	MA Wallace and SD Thomas	v Worcestershire	at Worcester	2004
8 th	42	MA Wallace and RDB Croft	v Somerset	at Cardiff	2006
9 th	16	MA Wallace and DA Cosker	v Warwickshire	at Edgbaston	2003
10 th	38*	RDB Croft and DA Cosker	v Gloucestershire	at Bristol	2005
1 st	96	MJ Wood and JL Langer	for Somerset	at Taunton	2006
2 nd	149	GA Hick and BF Smith	for Worcestershire	at Worcester	2005
3 rd	113	JC Hildreth and KA Parsons	for Somerset	at Taunton	2005
4 th	68	CG Taylor and APR Gidman	for Gloucestershire	at Bristol	2006
5 th	71	APR Gidman and CG Taylor	for Gloucestershire	at Bristol	2003
6 th	45*	MEK Hussey and GL Brophy	for Northamptonshire	at Cardiff	2003
7 th	35	GB Hogg and GG Wagg	for Warwickshire	at Cardiff	2004
8 th	68	MW Alleyne and J Lewis	for Gloucestershire	at Cardiff	2005
9 th	34	Kabir Ali and DJ Pipe	for Worcestershire	at Worcester	2004
10 th	40	Kabir Ali and NM Malik	for Worcestershire	at Worcester	2004

Glamorgan Cricket – Career Records in the Twenty20 Cup: 2003-2007

Batting

	Career	M	I	NO	RUNS	HS	AV	50/100
DD Cherry	2003-06	3	3	1	55	43*	27.50	-/-
DA Cosker	2003-	32	8	7	30	10*	30.00	-/-
RDB Croft	2003-	33	23	5	394	62*	21.89	2/-
A Dale	2003-04	9	8	2	42	18	7.00	-/-
AP Davies	2004-07	24	7	2	23	11	4.60	-/-
MTG Elliott	2004-05	9	9	1	276	52*	34.50	2/-
JEC Franklin	2006	8	6	2	127	69*	31.75	1/-
SC Ganguly	2005	6	5	0	114	36	22.80	-/-
RN Grant	2005-	16	14	1	333	77	25.62	2/-
AJ Harrison	2005-07	3	1	1	1	1*	-	-/-
DS Harrison	2003-	10	3	0	5	4	1.67	-/-
DL Hemp	2003-	33	30	6	716	74	29.83	2/-
J Hughes	2003-05	4	3	0	8	7	4.00	-/-
MS Kasprowicz	2003-04	6	6	1	65	31	13.00	-/-
JP Maher	2007	2	2	0	31	26	15.50	-/-
MP Maynard	2003-04	12	12	0	424	72	35.33	4/-
TL Maynard	2007-	4	3	0	26	11	8.67	-/-
BB McCullum	2006	8	8	1	188	63	26.85	1/-
OT Parkin	2003	3	1	0	0	0	-	-/-
N Peng	2006	7	5	1	89	24	22.25	-/-
MJ Powell	2003-	25	24	2	534	68*	24.27	5/-
IJ Thomas	2003-05	14	14	1	250	116*	19.23	-/1
SD Thomas	2003-05	14	13	3	169	43*	16.90	-/-
MA Wallace	2003-	33	25	9	369	35	23.06	-/-
RE Watkins	2003-	9	2	2	7	6*	-	-/-
AG Wharf	2004-	18	12	4	112	19	14.00	-/-
BJ Wright	2007-	6	5	4	100	35*	100.00	-/-
DG Wright	2007	5	5	0	67	31	13.33	-/-

Bowling

	Balls Bowled	Dot Balls	R	W	AV	R/O	BB
DD Cherry	6	2	6	2	3.00	6.00	2-6
DA Cosker	519	112	715	24	29.79	8.85	3-18
RDB Croft	670	148	851	33	25.79	8.30	3-32
A Dale	177	55	248	11	22.55	8.46	2-15
AP Davies	535	155	702	27	26.00	7.94	3-17
JEC Franklin	171	45	229	5	45.80	8.98	1-23
SC Ganguly	80	26	104	5	20.80	8.00	3-27
RN Grant	69	13	130	7	18.57	10.00	4-38
AJ Harrison	67	20	92	5	18.40	8.36	2-12
DS Harrison	184	64	252	9	28.00	7.86	2-17
MS Kasprowicz	131	64	145	5	29.00	6.74	2-25
OT Parkin	71	26	90	3	30.00	8.18	2-9
IJ Thomas	42	6	63	2	31.50	9.00	1-5
SD Thomas	252	77	394	11	35.82	10.10	3-32
RE Watkins	138	6	194	9	21.56	9.80	3-33
AG Wharf	482	110	716	31	23.10	8.72	4-39
DG Wright	96	6	123	3	41.00	7.69	1-8

Catches

19 – DL Hemp; 15 - RDB Croft; 13 – DA Cosker; 12/5 – MA Wallace; 9 - MP Maynard, MJ Powell; 7 - IJ Thomas; 6 - RN Grant; 5 - RE Watkins; 4 - AP Davies, DS Harrison; 3 - MTG Elliott, BB McCullum, AG Wharf; 2 - A Dale, AJ Harrison, SD Thomas, N Peng, TL Maynard; 1 - DD Cherry, SC Ganguly, MS Kasprowicz, BJ Wright, JP Maher, DG Wright

Twenty20 Cup: Glamorgan Dragons v Gloucestershire Gladiators at Cardiff, 22nd June 2007

Umpires: P Willey and N G C Cowley

Scorers: A K Hignell, B Young and K T Gerrish

A sell-out crowd was eagerly looking forward to the start of the all-action competition and Glamorgan's first match at their impressive redeveloped stadium at Cardiff. Despite light rain falling from mid-afternoon, the crowds started to pour into Sophia Gardens when the gates opened at 5 pm, with several hundred fans who had not pre-booked their tickets also being turned away by the stewards. Over 3,000 people were present at 6.30 pm when the toss was scheduled to take place but, by this time, the rain had intensified and large puddles had formed on the outfield. A couple of brief lulls in the rain prompted several inspections by the umpires and the two captains. But with standing water in many places on the saturated outfield, making a prompt start was completely out of the question. Mopping up operations began in the hope of an abbreviated contest later in the evening, but when heavy rain started falling at 7.45 p.m., the match was abandoned.

No toss or teams declared

Result – Match abandoned

Twenty20 Cup: Warwickshire Bears v Glamorgan Dragons at Edgbaston, 24th June 2007

Umpires: N L Bainton and P Willey

Scorers: D E Wainwright and A K Hignell

A fine catch by the Bears captain Darren Maddy, running backwards at mid-off to pouch a steeper from Damien Wright was the turning point in a closely-fought encounter which saw the Dragons come within a boundary of successfully chasing a target for the second year running at Edgbaston. A forthright innings from Wright had re-ignited the visitors' run chase after they had suffered a mid-innings stutter and, with Richard Grant giving valiant support, it looked like the Dragons might turn the tables on the Bears. But Maddy's tumbling two-handed catch, plus some tight bowling by Heath Streak – the former Zimbabwean all-rounder - meant that the Dragons still needed 50 to win from the final four overs. Mark Wallace kept alive their hopes, scampering furious singles with Ben Wright and playing a series of inventive strokes to reduce the equation to 17 from the final over. Eight runs from the first three balls kept the Dragons in the hunt, but man-of-the-match Streak had the last laugh as Wallace holed out with two balls remaining. The Bears innings had also received a late impetus as Tim Gronewald and a pugnacious Tim Ambrose added a furious 67 in the last six overs, often hitting the ball agonisingly close to the Dragons fielders. Their spirited efforts meant that the visitors were set a stiffer target than had looked likely earlier in the Bears' innings after some disciplined bowling and tigerish fielding early on from the young Dragons. Only Jonathan Trott – who earlier in the week had been called-up by the England selectors – looked at ease as the experienced Bear's line-up were made to work hard for every run, before the fifth wicket pair shared a decisive partnership, adding 44 in the final three overs to push the total just out of the Dragons' reach.

Warwickshire Bears

A G R Loudon		b D G Wright	9
* D L Maddy	c B J Wright	b Croft	28
I J L Trott	c Croft	b Cosker	44
T D Gronewald	c Watkins	b Cosker	41
J O Troughton	c Cosker	b Watkins	9
+T R Ambrose		not out	39
H H Streak		not out	2
I J Westwood			
N M Carter			
P L Harris			
L M Daggett			
Extras	(1w)		1
Total	(5 Wickets, 20 Overs)		173
FOW:	10, 69, 93, 103, 170		

Glamorgan Dragons

R N Grant	c Daggett	b Streak	45
N Peng	c Daggett	b Carter	16
T L Maynard	c Ambrose	b Streak	11
* D L Hemp	c Trott	b Loudon	8
D G Wright	c Maddy	b Carter	31
+ M A Wallace	c Loudon	b Streak	35
B J Wright		b Carter	16
R E Watkins		not out	1
R D B Croft		not out	0
D A Cosker			
A P Davies			
	(5b, 2nb)		7
	(7 Wickets, 20 Overs)		170
	17, 41, 55, 112, 117, 157, 165		

Bowling	O	M	R	W
D G Wright	4	0	35	1
Davies	4	0	36	0
Watkins	4	0	30	1
Croft	4	0	23	1
Cosker	4	0	49	2

Bowling	O	M	R	W
Carter	4	0	29	3
Daggett	2	0	25	0
Gronewald	3	0	28	0
Streak	4	1	18	3
Harris	3	0	20	0
Loudon	2	0	23	1
Maddy	2	0	22	0

Toss - Warwickshire Bears won and elected to bat

Result - Warwickshire Bears won by 3 runs

Twenty20 Cup: Glamorgan Dragons v Somerset Sabres at Cardiff, 26th June 2007

Umpires: N L Bainton and N J Llong

Scorers: A K Hignell, B Young and G E Stickley

The young Glamorgan Dragons showed a lot of nous in opening their Twenty20 account with a five-wicket victory over the Somerset Sabres under the floodlights at Sophia Gardens – their first completed game, and their first win, at the redeveloped Cardiff ground – with uncapped batsman Ben Wright applying the coup de grace with 28 off 17 balls. However, it was the old hands who starred in the field after David Hemp had opted to bowl first with Andrew Davies – who was capped before the start of the match – returning the most economical figures ever for the Dragons in Twenty20 cricket and never giving the Sabres much vaunted line-up a chance to settle with a fine display of swing bowling. Ryan Watkins then chipped in with a couple of wickets, supported by some smart catching, notably by David Hemp who emulated the feat of Darren Maddy in the previous match to take a good running catch backwards at cover to dismiss Matthew Wood, after the Sabres batsman had threatened to upstage his more illustrious colleagues. After Wood's departure, it was left-arm spinner Dean Cosker who took centrestage with a miserly spell that ripped the heart out of the Sabres as they tried in vain to rebuild the innings. The spinner dismissed Craig Kieswetter and James Hildreth in consecutive deliveries, as the Sabres eventually limped to a meagre 142/8. Richard Grant and Robert Croft launched the Dragons reply with some furious blows, before Hemp steadied the ship by sensibly working the ball around, and with Mark Wallace improvising in his impish way, the pair kept the scoreboard ticking over against the visiting seamers. The introduction of Wes Durston's off-spin saw the departure of Hemp, followed soon after by Damien Wright, who was caught on the long-on boundary attempting to despatch a ball into the River Taff. But in walked his young namesake to calmly hit Mark Turner for a massive six over backward point before striking the bowler to the leg-side boundary for another four, as the Dragons reached their target with four balls to spare.

Somerset Sabres

*J L Langer	c Maynard	b Davies	9
M E Trescothick		b Wharf	26
M J Wood	c Hemp	b Watkins	39
C L White	c Hemp	b Watkins	9
J C Hildreth	c Wallace	b Cosker	4
+C Kieswetter	c Watkins	b Cosker	10
W J Durston	c Hemp	b Davies	14
P D Trego	c Grant	b Cosker	6
P S Jones		not out	13
M L Turner		not out	0
A R Caddick			
Extras	(1b, 5lb, 4w, 2nb)		12
Total	(8 Wickets, 20 Overs)		142
FOW:	11, 68, 89, 95, 106, 106, 114.		

Glamorgan Dragons

R N Grant	c White	b Trego	16
R D B Croft		b Trego	20
T L Maynard	c Turner	b Caddick	8
* D L Hemp		c & b Durston	21
+M A Wallace		not out	35
D G Wright	c Hildreth	b Durston	5
B J Wright		not out	28
A G Wharf			
R E Watkins			
D A Cosker			
A P Davies			
	(2lb, 6w, 2nb)		10
	(5 Wickets, 19.2 Overs)		143
	24, 35, 57, 88, 96.		

Bowling	O	M	R	W
Wright	4	0	23	0
Davies	4	0	12	2
Wharf	3	0	41	1
Watkins	4	0	26	2
Cosker	3	0	18	3
Croft	2	0	16	0

Bowling	O	M	R	W
Caddick	4	0	26	1
Trego	4	0	32	2
Turner	3	0	28	0
Jones	3.2	0	22	0
Durston	3	0	19	2
White	2	0	14	0

Toss - Glamorgan Dragons won the toss and elected to field

Result - Glamorgan Dragons won by 5 wickets

Twenty20 Cup: Glamorgan Dragons v Northamptonshire Steelbacks at Cardiff, 28th June 2007

Umpires: N A Mallender and R A Kettleborough

Scorers: A K Hignell, B Young and A C Kingston

Rain was the only winner once again as the Glamorgan Dragons' fourth Twenty20 Cup match of the summer was abandoned without a ball being bowled. Earlier, the elements had been kinder, with the Steelbacks winning the toss and inviting the Dragons to bat first. But just before the players were about to take the field, light rain started to fall and the start was delayed. After about half an hour, it eased and the umpires decreed that a start would be made at 7.45pm. As a result of a new ECB regulation – brought in earlier in the day after a telephone conference of county Chief Executives prompted by the severe storms nationwide and flooding which had hampered the competition – the playing hours were extended by half-an-hour, allowing a 19-over match to be planned. But just as the umpires were walking out again, the rain returned and quickly intensified, and within an hour the match was abandoned.

Glamorgan Dragons – RDB Croft, RN Grant, TL Maynard, DL Hemp (captain), MA Wallace (wicket-keeper), DG Wright, BJ Wright, AG Wharf, RE Watkins, DA Cosker and AP Davies.

Northants Steelbacks – CJL Rogers, RA White, U Afzaal, DJG Sales (captain), MH Wessels (wicket-keeper), L Klusener, JJ van der Wath, SP Crook, DS Lucas, RKJ Dawson and JF Brown.

Toss – Northants Steelbacks won the toss and elected to bowl

Result – Match Abandoned.

Twenty20 Cup: Somerset Sabres v Glamorgan Dragons at Taunton, 29th June 2007

Umpires: R J Bailey and A A Jones

Scorers: G E Stickley and A K Hignell

After losing their first four games, the Sabres returned to winning ways with a 28 run victory after the Dragons had elected to chase on the placid Taunton surface. With Marcus Trescothick absent with a groin strain, and then Justin Langer departing to the second ball of the innings, everything seemed to be going according to plan for the Dragons, but Matthew Wood and Cameron White transformed events with a furious stand of 113 in 9.5 overs. Each struck quickfire half-centuries with White blasting six sixes in his 35-ball innings, before Wood continued the helter skelter pace, reaching 88 with some fiercely-struck blows through the offside. He eventually holed out at long-off to the last ball of the innings, by which time Somerset had amassed a formidable 202/6, leaving the Dragons needing to score at a shade over ten an over. Robert Croft then launched the Dragons reply with some lusty blows, but the loss of three wickets in as many overs halted their momentum, with the Dragons on 37/3 midway through the 6th over. It was picked up again by Damien Wright who added 48 in six overs with David Hemp, until lofting Wes Durston's first ball into the hands of deep mid-wicket. Five balls later Mark Wallace followed in similar vein as the Dragons slipped to 90/5 at the end of the 12th over. Hemp then added 84 in the last eight overs with Ben Wright, with the pair playing some inventive strokes to give the Dragons a faint glimmer of hope. But the Sabres seamers returned for the final three overs, with 45 runs still needed, but their discipline in the closing overs prevented the sixth wicket pair from dramatically turning the game around.

Somerset Sabres

* J L Langer	c Wallace	b Davies	0
M J Wood	c Cosker	b Croft	88
C L White	c Wharf	b Watkins	68
P D Trego	c Cosker	b Watkins	18
J D Francis		b Wharf	1
J C Hildreth	c Maynard	b Watkins	22
+C Kieswetter		not out	2
W J Durston			
P S Jones			
G M Andrew			
C M Willoughby			
Extras	(1lb, 2w)		3
Total	(6 Wickets, 20 Overs)		202
FOW:	0, 113, 151, 153, 196, 202.		

Glamorgan Dragons

R N Grant	b Willoughby	4
R D B Croft	b Willoughby	22
T L Maynard	c Hildreth b Andrew	7
*D L Hemp	not out	68
D G Wright	c Wood b Durston	27
+M A Wallace	c Andrew b Durston	3
B J Wright	not out	
A G Wharf		
R E Watkins		
D A Cosker		
A P Davies		
	(2lb, 6w)	8
	(5 Wickets, 20 Overs)	174
	27, 37, 37, 85, 90	

Bowling	O	M	R	W
Davies	3	0	30	1
D G Wright	3	0	36	0
Wharf	4	0	39	1
Croft	4	0	29	1
Cosker	2	0	34	0
Watkins	4	0	33	3

Bowling	O	M	R	W
Willoughby	4	0	29	2
Jones	4	0	43	0
Andrew	4	0	22	1
Trego	2	0	22	0
White	1	0	11	0
Hildreth	3	0	24	0
Durston	2	0	21	2

Toss - Glamorgan Dragons won the toss and elected to field

Result - Somerset Sabres won by 28 runs

Twenty20 Cup: Glamorgan Dragons v Warwickshire Bears at Sophia Gardens, 2nd July 2007

Umpires: G Sharp and R K Illingworth

Scorers: A K Hignell, B Young and D E Wainwright

This was a must-win game for the Dragons as they entered the final week of the competition knowing that three wins in their remaining games would clinch a quarter-final spot. Once again, the rainy weather played a leading role, delaying the start by over an hour and crucially, resulting in the extra half-hour being claimed. The game eventually got under way at 8.20 pm as a fifteen-overs contest with the Dragons winning a vital toss and bowling first. Damien Wright immediately struck removing Neil Carter with the first ball of the innings thanks to a smart slip catch by the fit-again Jimmy Maher and when Andrew Davies removed Jim Troughton, the Bears had slumped to 7/2. They recovered, thanks to captain Darren Maddy and man-of-the match Tim Ambrose, who added 83 with a mix of bold hitting and swiftly taken singles. They had taken the score to 73/2 from ten overs when rain fell over the floodlit arena, resulting in another brief interruption. Many then thought that the Bears innings was finished, and that the Dragons would now have ten overs batting themselves. But with the close-of-play now rescheduled to 10.15 pm, when the umpires decreed that play would resume at 9.30 pm, there were still a maximum of 12 overs remaining. So with the Bears having only faced ten overs, this meant that the Dragons bowlers had to come back out for one more over, before a ten minute interval between innings, and then their batsmen having a maximum of nine overs in which to chase a readjusted target. If this was not bad enough, none of their bowlers who had already had a couple of overs could bowl the last six balls, and it was Ryan Watkins who had the dubious honour of delivering them. Maddy and Ambrose responded by bludgeoning a further 21 runs to take the total to 94/3 before the Duckworth-Lewis calculations left Glamorgan a target of 83 to win in nine overs. With the outfield still damp, the Dragons batsmen attempted the aerial route, but wickets fell at regular intervals against the accurate Bears attack. Only when Mark Wallace struck three sixes and a four in an over from Tim Groenewald did the Dragons threaten, but he departed in the penultimate over, as the seamer gained his revenge by holding on to a fine catch on the boundary. Despite the best efforts of Alex Wharf and Ben Wright in the closing overs, the Bears clinched a home quarter-final tie.

Warwickshire Bears

N M Carter	c Maher	b D G Wright	0
* D L Maddy	not out		43
J O Troughton	c Grant	b Davies	6
+T R Ambrose	c & b Watkins		42
H H Streak	not out		0
A G R Loudon			
T D Groenewald			
M J Powell			
J E Anyon			
P L Harris			
L C Parker			
Extras	(1w, 2nb)		3
Total	(3 Wickets, 11 Overs)		94
FOW:	0, 7, 90		

Glamorgan Dragons

R N Grant	c Maddy	b Anyon	10
R D B Croft	c Maddy	b Anyon	6
J P Maher	st Ambrose	b Streak	5
* D L Hemp	c Troughton	b Harris	3
D G Wright		b Harris	2
+M A Wallace	c Groenewald	b Carter	25
B J Wright		not out	6
A G Wharf		not out	9
R E Watkins			
D A Cosker			
A P Davies			
Extras	(2lb, 1w, 4nb)		7
Total	(6 Wickets, 9 Overs)		73
FOW:	12, 16, 22, 32, 55, 61		

Bowling	O	M	R	W	Bowling	O	M	R	W
D G Wright	2	0	8	1	Carter	2	0	18	1
Davies	3	0	19	1	Anyon	2	0	15	2
Wharf	2	0	16	0	Harris	2	0	7	2
Croft	2	0	18	0	Streak	2	0	9	1
Watkins	2	0	33	1	Groenewald	1	0	22	0

Toss - Glamorgan Dragons won and elected to field

Result - Warwickshire won by 9 runs (D/L Method)

Twenty20 Cup – Worcestershire Royals v Glamorgan Dragons at Himley, 5th July 2007

Umpires: P J Hartley and A A Jones

Scorers: N D Smith and A K Hignell

June 2007 was a record-breaker with 134.5 mm of precipitation falling over the UK, making it the wettest June on record. Worcestershire was one of the worst affected counties, with over 4 metres of floodwater covering the New Road ground by the third week of June, prompting the Royals to transfer their remaining home fixtures to Kidderminster, and also to Himley in Staffordshire. Indeed, it was to the latter, the home of the Birmingham League club, and the first club of ex-Glamorgan seamer Mark Frost, that the Dragons travelled for their penultimate zonal game, knowing that victories over the Royals, and the Gloucestershire Gladiators the following evening, would keep them in the mix for a quarter-final place. But steady rain started to fall over the ground from mid-afternoon and, with the outfield soon in a saturated state, the umpires abandoned the game at 5.30 pm This would have been the first-ever county game at the small, open ground, and its abandonment means that Himley now has a special place in Glamorgan's record books as the contest was the sixth one-day washout of the summer – the most Glamorgan have ever experienced – and giving credence to the meteorologists who have argued that warmer summers in the future will bring a greater risk of heavy downpours and more interference by the weather. Indeed, in the 1970s there were four seasons when just three matches were lost to the weather. By the 1980s, there were five occasions when four matches were washed out, and then in the 2000s, the number of washouts in a season rose to five in both 2005 and 2006. With ten weeks of the season still remaining, this figure has been exceeded, making 2007 the dampest ever as far as Glamorgan's one-day games are concerned.

Toss - No teams declared

Result – Match abandoned

Twenty20 Cup – Gloucestershire Gladiators v Glamorgan Dragons at Bristol, July 6th, 2007

Umpires: J W Lloyds and T E Jesty

Scorers: K T Gerrish and A K Hignell

The Dragons' Twenty20 campaign ended at Bristol as they were outplayed in all departments by a clinically-efficient Gladiators team whose comfortable six-wicket victory also clinched a home quarter-final. The Dragons had earlier elected to bat first on a slow Bristol wicket yet, despite a brief flurry of runs in the opening three overs by Richard Grant and Robert Croft, none of the Dragons batsmen were able to dominate the accurate Gladiators attack, led by Alex Gidman, on the turgid surface. Indeed, only one boundary was scored between the 3rd and the 16th over, as the Gladiators bowlers restricted the visiting batsmen, before some late blows by the impish Mark Wallace saw the Dragons finish on 114/6. The home bowlers were also supported by some agile ground fielding, with Chris Taylor running out David Hemp and Hamish Marshall taking a couple of smart catches in the deep. The Kiwi batsmen then struck some early blows with the bat as the Gladiators overcame the early loss of Craig Spearman, who was bowled in Damien Wright's first over. Marshall eventually departed as he swatted a short ball from Alex Wharf straight into third man's hands. Kadeer Ali and Chris Taylor then kept the scoreboard ticking over adding 44 in 7.2 overs, before Wharf bowled Kadeer – whose 29, containing 21 singles, was the top score of a low-scoring encounter - and Taylor was well caught at square-leg by Damien Wright as he attempted to pull Andrew Davies. Mark Hardinges – who earlier had taken 2/16 in his four overs – then completed a good evening's work as, together with Gidman, he saw their side to victory with sixteen balls to spare and a place in the last eight of the competition. Glamorgan's injury woes were further compounded after the game with confirmation that Damien Wright would be flying home to Australia for an exploratory operation on his left ankle in which he had felt discomfort in the Twenty20 campaign, as the Welsh county began a search for a replacement for the rest of the season.

Glamorgan Dragons

R N Grant	c Taylor	b Hardinges	16
R D B Croft	c Marshall	b Edmondson	21
J P Maher	c Marshall	b Edmondson	26
* D L Hemp	run out (Taylor)		5
D G Wright	c Adshead	b Hardinges	2
B J Wright	not out		15
+M A Wallace	b Ireland		17
A G Wharf	not out		5
R E Watkins			
D A Cosker			
A P Davies			
Extras	(3lb, 4nb)		7
Total	(6 Wickets, 20 Overs)		114
FOW:	33, 43, 50, 53, 84, 108.		

Bowling	O	M	R	W
Ireland	4	0	42	1
Greenidge	4	0	16	0
Edmondson	4	0	21	2
Gidman	4	0	16	0
Hardinges	4	0	16	2

Gloucestershire Gladiators

H J H Marshall	c Grant	b Wharf	24
C M Spearman		b D G Wright	3
Kadeer Ali		b Wharf	29
C G Taylor	c D G Wright	b Davies	20
* A P R Gidman	not out		28
M A Hardinges	not out		5
+ S J Adshead			
I D Fisher			
A J Ireland			
B M Edmondson			
C G Greenidge			
Extras	(4lb, 4w)		8
Total	(4 Wickets, 17.2 Overs)		117
FOW:	7, 40, 84, 92.		

Bowling	O	M	R	W
Davies	4	0	26	1
D G Wright	3	0	21	1
Wharf	3.2	0	26	2
Watkins	4	0	23	0
Croft	2	0	9	0
Cosker	1	0	8	0

Toss – Glamorgan Dragons won and batted

Result - Gloucestershire Gladiators won by 6 wickets

**Twenty20 Cup 2007
Midlands/Wales/West Division Final Table**

		Played	Won	Tied	Lost	Aban	Points	Net Run Rate
1	Warwickshire	8	5	0	2	1	11	0.230
2	Gloucestershire	8	4	0	2	2	10	0.986
3	Worcestershire	8	3	0	2	2	9	-0.591
4	Northamptonshire	8	2	0	3	1	7	0.055
5	Somerset	8	3	0	5	0	6	-0.214
6	Glamorgan	8	1	0	4	2	5	-0.663

Warwickshire and Gloucestershire qualified for the quarter-finals. Gloucestershire subsequently beat Worcestershire in the semi-final, and Lancashire in the semi-final, before losing to Kent in the final at at Edgbaston by 4 wickets.