

SOMERSET CRICKET

The Glory Years 1973-1987

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With text by Richard Walsh

In 2010 Somerset Cricket Museum acquired a unique archive of images relating to the history of the club between 1973 and 1990. Taken by Taunton-based photographer Alain Lockyer, they chronicle some of the years of the County's greatest success, including the period known as the Glory Years during which Somerset won five one day trophies in as many seasons. Garner, Richards, Botham, Rose and a host of fine players feature in this superb collection which not only highlights exciting action from classic matches, but candid behind-the-scenes shots of the players both at rest and at play.

Together the pictures are an irreplaceable document of the Country's greatest cricket team at the height of its powers, and this book which is the first publication to feature the collection widely, will be read eagerly not only by fans of Somerset but devotees of the summer game as a whole. Accompanying the pictures is a fine and informative text by County Museum Trustee and journalist Richard Walsh, to complete this remarkable visual history, packed with classic memories.



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Alain Lockyer is a professional photographer who has run the Taunton-based Somerset Photo News agency for more than four decades covering National news and pictures and who has captured the activity of Somerset County Cricket Club assiduously in that time.

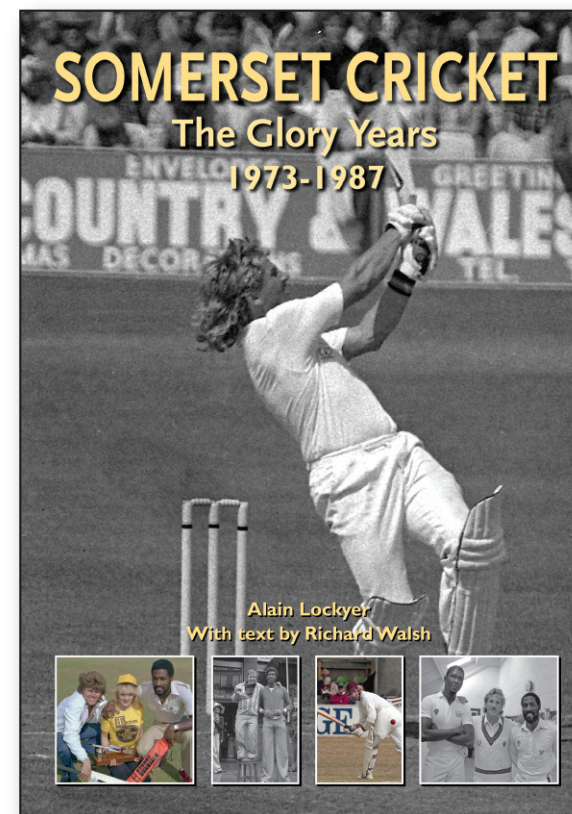
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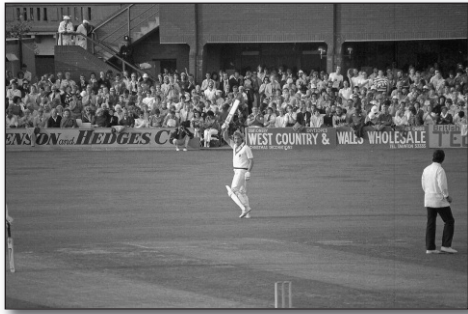


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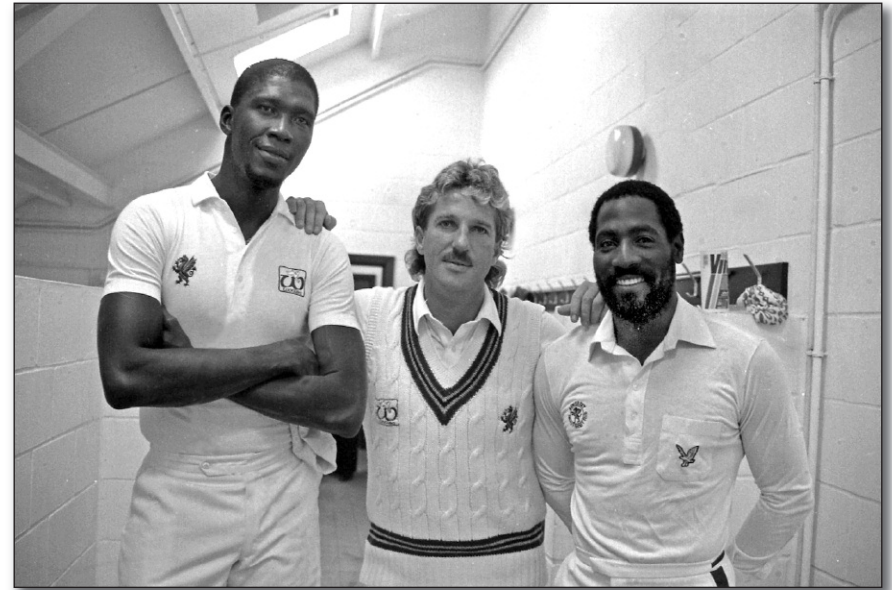
Above: Ian Botham waves goodbye – his final innings for Somerset at the County Ground in 1986.



Top right: Hallam Moseley in action for Somerset.



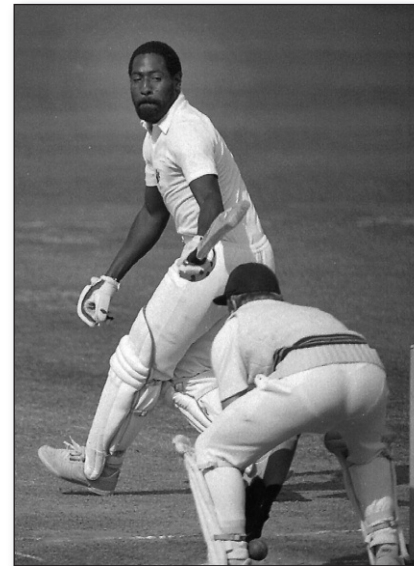
Right: Viv Richards, Brian Rose and Ian Botham celebrate with a glass of Dry Blackthorn Cider.



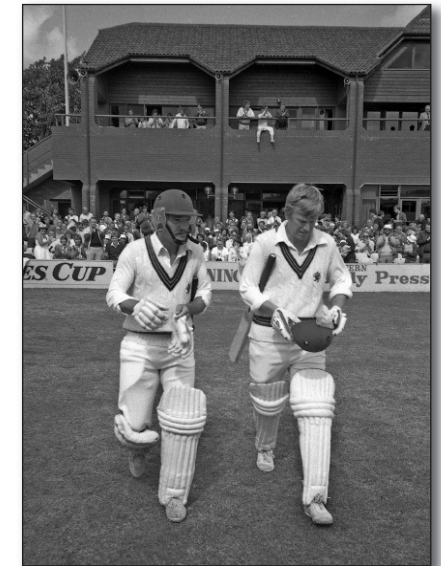
The Big Three – Joel Garner, Ian Botham and Viv Richards.



Example of a double-page spread.



A near miss for Viv Richards.



Peter Denning and Brian Rose make their way to the wicket together for the last time before Dasher retires.