

Chapter 28

Season 1973

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Chairman-Lewis White
Captain 1st X1-Ken Williams
Hon Sec-R.Jennings, Treasurer- G.H.Lewis
Captain 2nd X1-A.K.Mead

Pictured below The 1st X1 who finished 4th in the Three Counties League (TCL)



Standing: C.Cox, B.Shackleton, A.Lloyd, P.Butterfield, C.Macpherson, R.Brown, K.Watkins, L.White. Seated: J.Powell, P.Jones, K.Williams (Capt) M.Powell, B.Jennings

Abergavenny opened the season with two draws, the traditional first game with Mumbles saw Abergavenny scoring 112, the main scorers were G.H.Lewis with (34) and R.Brown with (24). In the 100 minutes time left to Mumbles they managed 107-8 with surprisingly Doc Lewis taking 5-37 and ever reliable A. Lloyd with 2-35. The second game saw Abergavenny make 147-6 declared. Brian Shackleton's (69*) took them from a perilous 24-4 to the respectability of 147-6 he was supported by Ken Williams with (26) and Bill Powell with (29) Cardiff Choristers in return reaching 125-5. A.Lloyd with 2-31 and D.James with 3-52 the key wicket takers.

The next two games against Panteg and Newport Fugitives were rained off. Chepstow struggled to 103-9 A.Lloyd with 4-26, P.Butterfield 3-30 and young R.Rossiter with 2-17. Unfortunately Abergavenny were 99 all out in reply, with only John Powell (20) and Ken Williams (19) showing any batting form.

After scoring 103-4 with B.Shackleton (40*) and R.Brown (26) Abertillery were bowled out for 99. The star man was A. Lloyd taking a magnificent 8-34.

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Crickhowell were beaten by an all round performance by Dave Griffin taking 4-21 and scoring (72*) At the same time the 2nd X1 bowled Crickhowell 2nds out for 26, M.Bruton 2-11, J.Jones 4-12 and A.Paton with 3-1. In reply Abergavenny 2nds lost 4 wickets getting the 27 required.

An English Club Midsomer Norton away was the next fixture and it resulted in a draw. Midsomer Norton 183-5 dec. A Lloyd 2-69. Abergavenny 127-4 John Powell (43*) and Dick Brown (37)

Against another English club Cheltenham, Abergavenny scored 169-5 declared with M.Powell (52) G.H Lewis (31) D.Griffin (42) and R.Brown (32) Cheltenham 156-6 A.Lloyd 2-18 and Bob Jennings 3-38. The fixture with yet another English club Keynsham was rained off. The English theme continued as the next game was against Worcester. Abergavenny were all out for 80. R.Brown (23) Worcester scraping home at 81-8, Bob Jennings doing the damage to frighten Worcester.

It was at this time that Mike Powell was scoring runs for Worcestershire. Hereford beat Abergavenny next, Abergavenny scoring 125-5 M.Powell (54) D.Griffin (32) Hereford winning by one wicket at 126-9. Keith Watkins in his first season with the club taking 3-44 and Paul Butterfield 3-34.

Glamorgan C.C.C, played a fixture at Avenue Rd against The Welsh Training Colleges around this time. The next club match brought the first victory in the (TCL) for the season against Ross who were all out for 132. K.Watkins taking 3-34, A.Lloyd 3-39 and Bob Jennings 3-23. Abergavenny winning by 5 wickets scoring 133-5 D.Griffin (42*) Mike Powell (46) were again the main contributors.

Michael Powell fails to score 'maiden' century

In the following match against Newbridge Mike Powell's maiden century evaded him by 2 runs as he was out for (98) in Abergavenny's 198-4 dec D.Griffin supported him with (44) At the close Newbridge in reply were 100-7 D.Griffin taking 3-17 and K.Watkins 2-21.

Monmouth were beaten having scored 140-7 Abergavenny were 144-5 M.Powell with yet another half century (58) Brian Shackleton and John Powell scoring (21*) and (26*) respectively.

A low scoring victory followed against Usk who were bowled out by Paul Butterfield with 6-16 despite only chasing a modest 89 all out by Abergavenny. D.Griffin with (21) the top scorer.

Yet another victory came against the West Wales leading side Neath, with Abergavenny only managing 119 all out thanks to M.Powell (46) and K.Williams (24) Despite this low score in reply Neath failed to win thanks to Keith Watkins with 6-41 and A.Lloyd with 3-40.

A disappointing draw against Malpas who scored 140-8 dec K.Watkins with 3-58 and R.Jennings taking 3-38. Disappointedly for Abergavenny only to struggle to 71-9 thanks to Bill Powell scoring (40*)

Two defeats in a row to Ebbw Vale and Panteg followed. Stuart Harrison and Richie Thomas taking 9 wickets between them. A few batsmen made double figures M.Powell (33) W.Powell (22) G.Lewis (27) against Ebbw Vale but only Ken Williams with (38) did anything against the pace attack of Panteg.

A Bill Edwards X1 was beaten, they only managed 87 all out Bob Jennings taking 4-13 Abergavenny passed the score for the loss of 3 wickets G.Lewis with (38) and Len Wilcock with (20).

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Tewkesbury were beaten in a low scoring game. Tewkesbury 84 all out K.Watkins 5-26 and P.Butterfield 5-35 the twin destroyers. Abergavenny in reply made 87-8, with J.Powell (25) and B.Shackleton (18).

Two batting collapses against Usk and Cardiff saw Abergavenny 69-8 chasing Usk's total of 151-6 Lloyd, Watkins and Butterfield taking 2 wickets each. They were all out for 87 against Cardiff with Cardiff passing the small total for the loss of 2 wickets. A winning draw followed against Crickhowell. Abergavenny scoring 154-8 declared with M.Powell (55) and Crickhowell hung on at 83-9.

Tie with Malpas

Back to the league on the weekend, and a tied match with Malpas. Malpas scoring 168. In reply David Griffin needed to score 5 runs off the last ball to win, a great shot saw the ball sailing towards the boundary, only to fall just short of a six which would have won the match however the four ensured a tied match.

Worcester won well in the next game, Abergavenny only scored 103 and Worcester won by 4 wickets. Lydney were beaten having scored 139-8 Abergavenny making the runs for the loss of 8 wickets with D.Griffin scoring a great (76).

Abertillery held on for a draw when chasing Abergavenny's 147-7 they were 101-7 at the close. Despite (55) from C.Macpherson Briton Ferry successfully chased 160 and won by 3 wickets.

David Griffin continued his good form and scored (93) against Ledbury who only managed 83-3 replying to Abergavenny's 210-5.

Griffin and Powell pass 1,000 runs in a season

Ross were 'smashed' by David Griffin, Abergavenny 118 all out D.Griffin with (59) Ross 72 all out with D.Griffin taking 6-14. At this stage David Griffin had passed 1,000 runs for the season, Mike Powell was on 995 and Keith Watkins was on 97 wickets for the season, with one game to go. That last game was against Cirencester who scored 130-4 with K.Watkins only picking up 1 wicket to finish on 98. Mike Powell was out for 5 exactly what he required for 1,000.

Thus for the first time ever two members of the team each made 1,000 runs in a season. The Team only lost 9 of 49 games played.

As well as D.Griffin and M.Powell making 1,000 runs, Brian Shackleton, Dick Brown and 'Doc' Lewis all made over 500 runs. David Griffin topped the batting averages and Keith Watkins the bowling averages.



Abergavenny traditionally travelled to Kent each year on Tour. In 1973 a five game tour of Kent saw matches against Selstead , Abergavenny 193-6 B.Shackleton (61*) M.Powell (57) Selstead 121-10. Hythe 149-6 Dec Abergavenny 148-9 D.Griffin (57) W.Powell (41) Abergavenny 219-4 Tony Mills (103*) M.Powell(57) Wye 120-10 Included a Paul Butterfield hat trick. Abergavenny 189-5 M.Powell (69) T.Mills (67) Tenterden 70-10 with 7 wickets for Keith Watkins. Rogues of Kent were the toughest opposition, Abergavenny 123-10 M.Powell (41) Rogues won by 9 wickets.

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Pictured above: Ted Nash presents the trophy to Ron Thomas of Penyfal, team mates D.Norton, R.Hamer, T.Hulbert, F.Kirby and B.Ewers also in the picture



Abergavenny 2nd XI that played against Crickhowell in 1973

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Brian Shackleton is embarrassed as his wife's ticket is drawn out as the winner in a Rugby club Draw which his Company Sponsored

David Brown XI	
J. Jameson c Jennings b	Butterfield 130
N. Abberley c J. Powell b	Jennings 27
J. Whitehouse c Shackleton b	Jennings 28
W. Powell st J. Powell b	Lloyd 20
E. Hemmings c Jones b	Watkins 21
D. Brown b Shackleton	-
G. Edwards hit wkt b	Shackleton 13
S. Hamer not out	13
Extras	13
Total (for 7 wks) ... 302	
K. Watkins 1-44, A. Lloyd 1-31, P. Butterfield 1-63, E. Hemmings 2-19, B. Shackleton 2-3.	
Abergavenny	
P. Jones c Willis b	Whitehouse 20
M. Powell c Willis b	Abberley 23
B. Brown lbw b Hamer	...
B. Shackleton run out	...
J. Powell b Rouse	...
K. Williams c Abberley b	Edwards 11
C. Maenherson b Rouse	...
B. Jennings not out	...
P. Butterfield c Lewington b	Edwards 1
K. Watkins st Jameson b	Rouse 15
A. Lloyd st Jameson b	Rouse 4
Extras	12
Total ... 179	
S. Rouse 4-24, N. Abberley 1-18, G. Edwards 2-31, S. Hamer 1-13, J. Whitehouse 1-13.	



Peter Jones (left), and Geoffrey Lewis were the opening bats for Abergavenny Cricket Club in their match against Chepstow on Saturday.

Pictured above on the left the Scorecard from the David Brown Benefit Game and Peter Jones and 'Doc' Lewis opening the batting v Chepstow



**Abergavenny Colts
1973**

Back:

K.Holmes, G.Garvey,
N.Moore, M.James,
J.Cooke, P.Barrett

Front:

A.Green, C.Hawkins,
R.Rossiter, P.Bowen
Still looking for their
first win of the
Season, pictured just
before the match
against Hereford
Colts

After four games, Abergavenny Cricket Club Colts XI are still looking for their first win of the season. Tomorrow evening (Friday, July 20), they entertain Hereford Colts at the Avenue Road ground where they are hoping to pull off their first success against a team which they are meeting for the first time. Members of the side are pictured here. In front, from the left: A. Green, C. Hawkins, R. Rossiter and P. Bowen. At the back: K. Holmes, G. Garvey, N. Moore, M. James, J. Cooke and P. Barrett. Also in the team is J. Jones.

World Events

A ceasefire is announced in Vietnam

Princess Anne & Capt Mark Phillips get married.

Lyndon B. Johnson dies, Noel Coward dies, Pablo Picasso dies.

The fall out from Watergate takes place, the Shroud of Turin is submitted to radio carbon dating testing and the cult film American Graffiti is released.

Jack Nicklaus wins the US (PGA) championship to surpass US golfer Bobby Jones's 1930 record of 13 major championship victories

Test players line up in Brown benefit match

ABERGAVENTNY cricket fans will have the rare chance of seeing top-class players in action on Saturday when David Brown, the Warwickshire and England fast bowler, captains an all-star team in a match against the town club at Avenue Road.

This year, Brown's 13th in county cricket, is the pace-man's benefit year and the proceeds from the game will go to his benefit fund. The game was arranged following the success of last year's Garfield Sobers benefit match when Brown was a member of the visiting side.

A bowler of genuine pace, Brown is one of the most popular men in the first-class game. He has a fine record having taken 620 wickets for Warwickshire to add to the 154 he has taken for England and for the MCC on tours abroad. No rabbit with the bat, he has scored 2,928 runs with a top-score of 69 against Natal on the 1963 South African tour.

He has visited every cricketing country and was a regular in the England team throughout the late 'sixties.

The Abergavenny batsmen are guaranteed a torrid time in the match as another Test match fast bowler, Bob Willis, will be sharing the attack with Brown. Willis started his career with Surrey before joining Warwickshire last year.

John Jameson, the hard-hitting Warwickshire batsman who also has England caps to his credit, is also in the side and with his county colleague Neil Aberley should provide plenty of fireworks at the crease.



DAVID BROWN IN ACTION

The rest of the team are all county players and include Merthyr-born Steve Rouse, Bill Blenkins, Eddie Hemmings, John Whitehouse, Barry Flick and Peter Lewington. Guest player in the side is Welsh Rugby superstar Gareth Edwards who is no mean performer in the small-ball game and whose presence should prove an added draw.

The Abergavenny XI will be captained by Ken Williams

and will include Peter Jones, Brian Shackleton, Dick Brown, Keith Watkins, Paul Butterfield, Alan Lloyd, Bob Jennings, John Powell, Mike Powell and Tony Paton.

The match starts at 12 noon and officials of the Abergavenny club are hoping for a good crowd to show the appreciation of the cricketing public for David Brown's fine career, and to establish a claim for future matches of a similar kind.

David Brown Benefit Game Warwickshire v Abergavenny



BackRow L R

C.Cox, S.Hamer, E.Hemmings, W.Powell, D.T.Lloyd, P.Butterfield, R.Brown,
C.MacPherson, K.Watkins, B.Shackleton, L.White.

Front Row L-R

J.Powell, G.Edwards, J.Jameson, P.F.Jones, D.Brown, K.Williams(Capt)N.Abberley,
J.Whitehouse,M.Powell,B.Jennings