

Chapter 29

Season 1974

President-E.G.Nash
Chairman-Lewis White
Hon Sec- R.Jennings
Treasurer- G.H.Lewis
Captain 1st X1-J.Brian Shackleton
Captain 2nd X1-A.K.Mead

Pictured below the 1974 First X1



Standing L-R, C.Cox (Umpire) G.H.Lewis, A.Horlor, M.Farr, D.Harries,K.Watkins,
J.Powell
Seated L-R D.Griffin, B.Shackleton (Capt), M.Powell, R.Brown.

The 1973 squad was strengthened by the acquisition of some new players, Mike Farr, Dennis Harries, Brian Williams and Tony Coles.

Abergavenny continued to enjoy a mixture of friendlies and League Cricket. This season gave a hint of things to come as Abergavenny were extremely competitive in the League. Abergavenny made their traditional start to the season with matches against Mumbles and Cardiff Choristers. A tame draw with Mumbles who made 111-6 with Doc Lewis taking 4-29 chasing Abergavenny's 148 all out for whom M.Powell scored (45).

Keith Watkins took 7 wickets as the Choristers were beaten. Cardiff Choristers made 101-8 and Abergavenny 102-4 with M.Powell top scoring on (37)
Blackwood reached 152-9 A.Lloyd and K.Watkins taking the wickets chasing Abergavenny's 160-3 declared with runs from G.H.Lewis (50) D.Griffin (53*) and skipper B.Shackleton (37).

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Cirencester were easily beaten having been bowled out for 76 Abergavenny winning by 7 wickets. Bowling honours were shared between B.Williams 4-14 K.Watkins 2-33, A.Lloyd 2-21 and D.Harries with 2-4.

Crickhowell were simply 'blown away' by Brian Williams who took 6-5.



Pictured above. Ted Nash presents the H.J.Stone Memorial Cup to Mr Bob Davies representing King Henry V111 School the inaugural League Winners- 1774



In 3rd Place were Abergavenny Rugby Club in the photo left Ted Nash presents Brian Shackleton with the award with Bill Powell Players Secretary and organiser of the Competition looking on



Runners up were The Sugar Loaf, in the photo left Ted Nash presents the award to John Powell

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It was a different story against Briton Ferry with former Glamorgan player Hugh Jenkins scoring (82) of their 153-4 when rained intervened to spoil the game.

Stinchcombe with 208-2 were too good for Abergavenny who only managed 126-5 familiar performances from M.Powell with (38) and D.Griffin with (33).

Thornbury 50 all out with Brian Williams 8-18 were hammered Abergavenny having previously made 188-6 with runs from M.Powell(64) D.Griffin(40) and G.Lewis(38)

The following weekend was a washout. The table on the next page shows after 7 fixtures Abergavenny were top of the table

Usk were the next opponents. Batting first Abergavenny made 139-9 M.Powell (40) D.Griffin (32) and Tony Horlor (33) Usk in reply were all out 107 with Keith Watkins taking 5 wickets.
David Brown ex England player is poleaxed

The mighty Cheltenham were beaten next with the highlight being David Brown getting hit on the head by Brian Williams and collapsing on his stumps to be given out on recovery 'hit wicket' Cheltenham 164 all out B.Williams taking five wickets. Abergavenny 165-3 with runs for Mike Powell (46) and hard hitting Tony Horlor (56*).



Pictured left -Brian Williams, Abergavennys' new pace bowler. Who caused a stir when he knocked over David Brown the ex Gloucester C.C.C. Cheltenham opener.

Mike Powell, John Powell and David Griffin were all selected to play for Monmouthshire against Worcestershire in a County representative match at Ebbw Vale

Still top of the table

ABERGAVENTNY 1st XI head the Three Counties League table with an average points haul of 10.42 from seven matches. The town side picked up nine points from a winning draw with Panteg on Sunday and although this will slightly lower their average it will not effect their league position.

DIVISION ONE					
	P	W	L	P	Av.
Abergavenny	7	3	1	72	10.28
Worcester	5	3	2	67	9.67
Winget	5	3	2	78	9.60
Panteg	5	3	1	48	9.50
Hereford	5	3	2	74	9.23
Tenkesbury	5	4	1	74	9.22
Lydney	5	4	1	62	9.22
Colwall	5	2	3	43	7.14
Stinchcombe	7	0	7	50	7.14
Ross	6	0	6	37	6.23
Cirencester	5	1	4	40	8.00
DIVISION TWO					
Panteg	4	2	2	41	11.00
Abergavenny	5	0	5	83	12.40
Tenkesbury	5	4	1	100	17.50
Hereford	5	4	1	78	9.23
Worcester	4	2	2	37	9.25
Lydney	5	3	2	77	9.23
Colwall	7	3	4	44	7.71
Ross	6	2	4	37	6.16
Stinchcombe	7	1	6	43	6.14
Winget	5	1	4	40	8.00
Cirencester	5	1	4	39	7.87

(Not including last week's results)

Abergavenny progressed through the first round of the Monmouthshire Knock Out Cup beating BSC Ebbw Vale. Having been bowled out for 77 BSC had no answer to Brian Williams who took 4-13.

Against Worcester Abergavenny scored 139 all out, runs coming from M.Powell (35) and R,Brown (36) In reply Worcester held on at 98-9 with K.Watkins taking 4-24.

Lydney defeated Abergavenny Lydney reaching 153-9 with wickets for D.Harries 3-29,B.Williams 2-25 and K.Watkins 3-59.Only D.Griffin with (48) put up any resistance as Abergavenny were all out for 94.

Another disaster against Panteg saw them bowled out for 44 Panteg winning by 6 wickets.

A winning draw against Hereford boosted morale with Abergavenny making 193-3 the ever consistent M.Powell with (72) and D.Griffin (84*) Hereford were hanging on a 108-9 following great bowling from K.Watkins with 3-40, B.Williams 2-38 and A.Lloyd 2-8.

Monmouth were beaten. Monmouth 157-6 A.Lloyd 3-35,D.Harries 2-42 Abergavenny 158-7. Ross were 'thumped' by 10wickets, making just 69 all out B.Williams 6-27 K.Watkins 3-35 proving too good Abergavenny 70-0 M.Powell (37*) and B.Shackleton (26*) knocking off the small target.

Despite dominating the match Abergavenny 204-6 B.Shackleton (46) failed to beat Pontnewynydd who held on at 60-9 with 'quickie' Keith Watkins taking 6-22.

The Newbridge match was rained off.

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Newport Fugitives 86 all out were well beaten by 8 wickets, Abergavenny 87-2 M.Powell top scoring with (47). This was followed by a great win over Winget. Abergavenny having scored 182-7 with stalwarts M.Powell (73) and D.Griffin(40) getting the runs. Winget could not cope with the pace of B.Williams 5-46 and Dennis Harries 3-12 and were all out for 110.

To mark the 25th Anniversary of the Mayflies Tour, Brian Shackleton, captain of Abergavenny CC presented an inscribed tankard to the Mayflies Captain who played in the first year of Tour. In the match Mayflies scored 170-6 declared and Abergavenny were on 124-7 at the close.

A good win followed over Chepstow who were all out for 87 with A.Lloyd taking 6-39, in reply to Abergavenny's 160-4 with R.Brown (33*) and Tony Horlor (75)

A close draw against Panteg who finished on 120-7 B.Williams taking 4 wickets including 2 in 2 balls. This was after Abergavenny had slumped to 129 all out with M.Powell making (40).

Malpas were well beaten, as they were bowled out for 116 with K.Watkins 4-31 and A.Lloyd 4-41 doing the damage with the ball. Abergavenny with M.Powell (53) won with 8 wickets too spare.

Colwall went the same way having made 142-7 K.Watkins taking 6-49 Abergavenny reached their target with good knocks from M.Powell (64) & Peter Jones (50).

In the match with Usk despite a fine (83) from Mike Powell Usk reached their target of 148 for the loss of 4 wickets.

Abertillery struggled to 122-8 opening bowler Keith Watkins taking 6-39 Abergavenny winning by 4 wickets on 125-6 with R.Rossiter (45*)

Abergavenny completed a rare 'double' over Winget who having scored 185 all out with K.Watkins taking 3-59 must have thought it was enough, however Abergavenny won by 1 wicket with D.Griffin (62) and John Powell (32).

Tewkesbury inflicted a defeat on Abergavenny, despite the fact they only made 100-7 with A.Lloyd taking 3-34 and K.Watkins 2-34 because Abergavenny collapsed to 87 all out.

Chris McPherson scored a century (102) against Winget 2nds for Abergavenny 2nds.

Hereford beat Abergavenny having amassed 174-6 with 3 wickets each for B.Williams and K.Watkins. Abergavenny only managing 94-7 in reply with runs from M.Powell (30) and John Powell (22).

In his farewell match for Abergavenny Alun Lloyd took 5-33 as Caerleon reached 135-9, unfortunately Abergavenny were all out for 64 with only M.Powell (27) troubling the scorers.

At Avenue Road Hythe had the better of a draw, Hythe 143-8 with M.Farr taking 3-47 Abergavenny struggled to 126-8.

Whiteheads were soundly beaten by 5 wickets, Bill Powell scoring (44*) and Dinkey Harries taking 4-20.

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Pendleham takes six slip catches for Colwall

A unique event occurred in the defeat to Colwall as Abergavenny were bowled out for 70, when Pendleham took six slip catches. Colwall won by 2 wickets. K.Watkins and B.Williams taking 4 wickets each.

Stuart Lennox on the scene for Worcester City

Worcester clung on for a draw which however was a moral victory for Abergavenny. Abergavenny 150 all out with runs from D.Griffin (42) and J.Powell (37) Worcester who included a certain Stuart Lennox in their side were clinging on at 118-9 at the close.

Poor batting against Stinchcombe saw Abergavenny all out for 90 with only M.Powell (31) making any runs. Stinchcombe won by 7 wickets.

Kent Tour- One of each of the possible 4 results was achieved on this trip with matches against Hythe(won) Milstead (lost) Tenterden (draw) D.Griffin (97) and Bill Powell (69) partnership of 149. The Rogues (Tied)

On return Abergavenny beat Tewkesbury off the last ball of the game Tewkesbury making 135-9 with Colin Nash taking 4-44.Abergavenny winning by 1 wicket at 136-9 R.Brown (33) D.Griffin (35)

At Thornbury the final game of the season was won Abergavenny 130-8 'Doc' Lewis (35) M.Powell (26) Thornbury 55 all out D.Harries taking 4-14 and Bob Jennings 5-24.

On May 13th Glamorgan 2nd X1 played a two day fixture at the ground against Worcester 2nd X1. With rain washing out Day One it became a 1 innings match which Glamorgan won by 63 runs. The significance of the game was that Abergavenny's Mike Powell and Pantegs' Peter Britten and Richie Thomas all played for Glamorgan. Mike top scoring for Glamorgan with 28. The Worcester side included Jim Cumbes and A.P.Pridgeon. A further 2 day fixture June 27th, 28th against Nottinghamshire 2nd X1 was completely washed out.

World Events

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn is expelled from Russia, Harold Wilson is elected as British Prime Minister, Golda Meir resigns as Premier of India, Duke Ellington dies, Richard Nixon quits as President, Jimmy Connors and Chrissie Evert win Wimbledon singles titles, Patty Hearst joins captors and robs a bank, Ali regains his World Heavyweight Title and Ed Sullivan dies. The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) launches CEEFAX, a television information system, in Britain.