

Chapter 32

Season 1977

President- E.G.Nash
Chairman- Peter Jones
Hon Sec- R.Jennings
Treasurer- G.H.Lewis
Captain 1st X1- Mike Powell
Captain 2nd X1- A.K.Mead

Pictured below Abergavenny First X1-1977 Gwent Premier League Winners
Losing Semi- Finalists Monmouthshire KO Cup



Back Row L-R: E.Hughes,D.Jones,S.Lennox, T.Mead, D.Harries, J.Mather, P.Sussex,
R.Brown, L.White.

Front Row L-R: R.Rossiter,M.Powell(Capt) E.Jenkins,G.Thomas



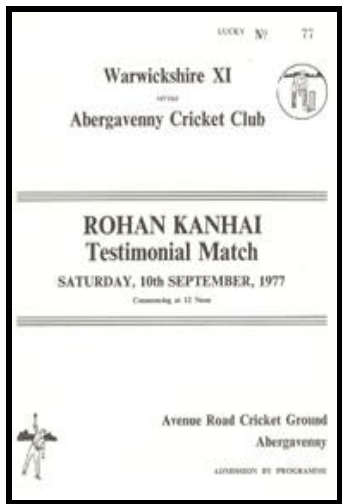
Pictured left enjoying a social evening with his wife and friends, is Bill McPherson who sadly passed away on Oct 3rd 1977 at the age of 52. Bill was a great servant to Abergavenny CC both as a player, administrator and groundsman. His passing left Abergavenny Cricket Club all the poorer.

Pictured below-Abergavenny C.C. 2ndX1-1977



**Back Row L-R M.Mason,P.Sussex,N.Martin,A.Sussex,M.Drake,S.Indge,M.James
Front Row L-R A.Mills,D.Hunt,P.Thomas (Capt) M.Bloor,G.Thomas**

Rohan Kanhai Testimonial Match



In the League Abergavenny held dual membership, they played in the Three Counties League and the Gwent Premier League, this applied to a number of teams and when they played each other points counted for both leagues. Mixed fortunes were enjoyed as Abergavenny finished as Gwent Premier League Champions but only third bottom in the TCL Mike Powell was Club captain and it was he who broke the news to the League secretaries at the start of the 1978 season that the Tea Rooms at Abergavenny had burned down and the AGM had needed to be postponed.

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The season commenced as usual against Mumbles resulting in a resounding win. Mumbles 42 all out with wickets for S.Lennox 5-6 and D.Jones 3-15. Abergavenny 45-1 M.Powell (23*) and R.Brown (19*)

Malpas suffered the same fate, Abergavenny 158-4 M.Powell (39) D.Jones (73) and Eric Jenkins (31). Malpas 52 all out thanks to K.Watkins with 8-19.

It was a different story against Worcester who bowled Abergavenny out for 81 with only D.Jones and R.Brown reaching double figures.

Abergavenny then held on for an undeserved draw against Stinchcombe who scored 109-8 S.Lennox taking 4-47. Abergavenny were 81-7 at the close.

David Jones scores a century

A magnificent century (119*) by David Jones supported by E.Jenkins with (37) enabled an easy win over Crickhowell who were all out for 96 K.Watkins 3-22,D.Harries 2-13 and E.Jenkins 2-29. Yet another lucky draw followed against Tewkesbury , they scored 190-3 and Abergavenny were only 125-8 at the close, with K.Holmes (34*)

Cheltenham were too strong, they bowled Abergavenny out for 110 D.Jones (20) P.Sussex(19) and got them for the loss of 4 wickets P.Sussex taking 1-20.

Worcester completed the 'double' over Abergavenny who were 132-5 M.Powell(27)D.Griffin(27)and R.Brown (28) Worcester 133-7 D.Harries 3-51 (S.Lennox sustained an injury)

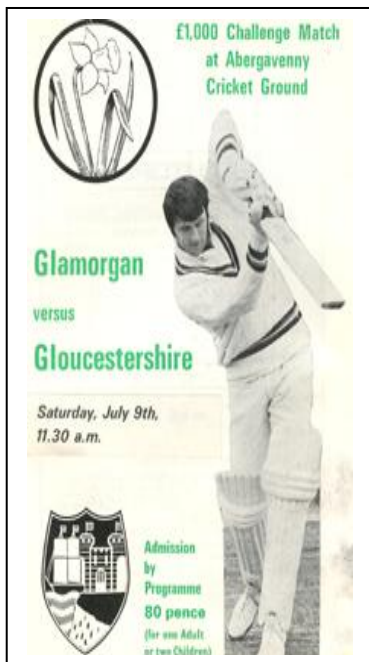
A draw in a friendly at Flaxbourton 201-5 P.Sussex taking 2-47 Abergavenny 118-7 J.Mather (24) and S.Lennox(28*)

A win at last came against Winget who scored 126-8 D.Harries 3-54,D.Jones 3-30,M.Drake 2-35, Abergavenny 129-3 M.Powell (36)D.Griffin (29*)R.Brown(32*) and E.Jenkins(25)

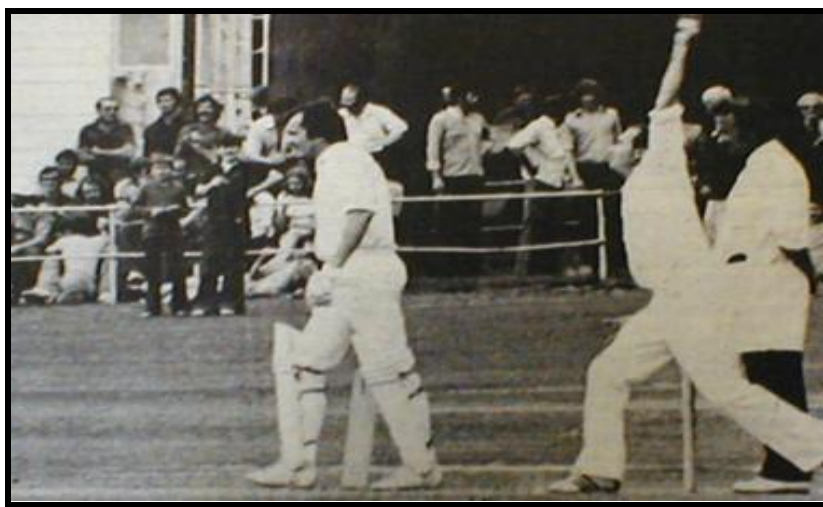
Hereford secured a winning draw scoring 243-4 Declared. Abergavenny in reply were 129-6 with M.Powell(57) and E.Jenkins (27) against his old Club. K.Watkins and S.Lennox both injured themselves.

Abergavenny had the better of the next draw against Ross who scored 110-9 S.Lennox 3-55, D.Harries 4-20 and D.Jones 2-33 in reply to Abergavenny's 116-9 M.Powell(23) At the same time against Ross 2nd X1 Bob Jennings 5-18 and Paul Sussex 5-15 shared the 10 wickets as Ross were bundled out for 34.

Joint benefit Tony 'Speedy' Cordle and Tony Brown



Glamorgan A.Jones J.Hopkins A.Francis G.Richards C.King R.Ontong E.Jones E.Jones M.Nash M.Llewellyn T.Cartwright Gloucester- A.Stovold Sadiq M.Proctor D.Shepherd J.Foat A.Brown D.Graveney J.Shackleton M.Vernon J.Davey

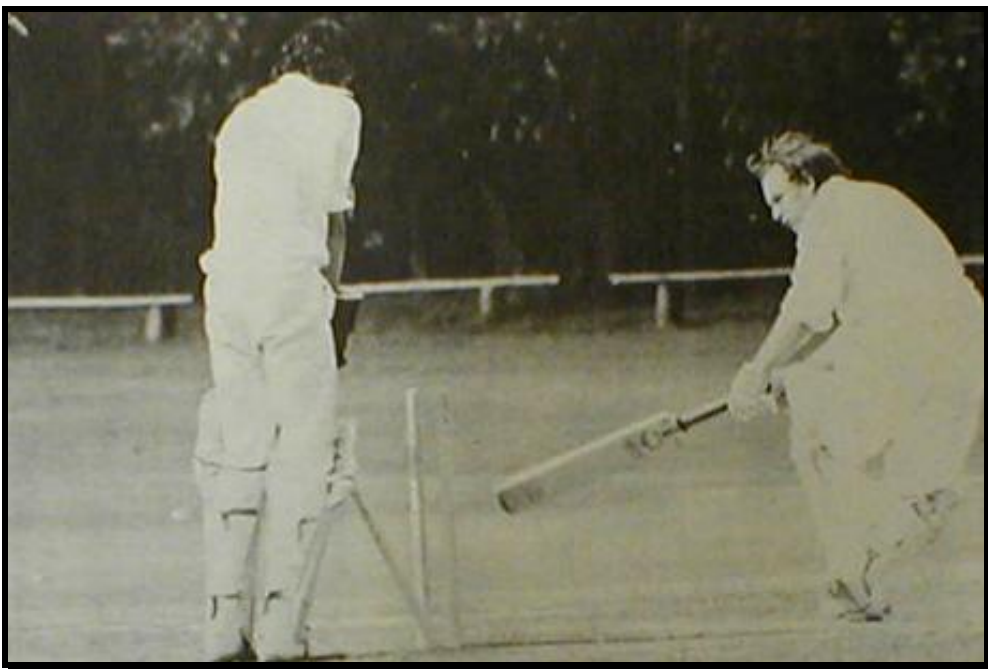


Malcolm Nash in action in the Tony Cordle/Tony Brown Challenge match

The much heralded £1,000 challenge match between Glamorgan and Gloucester at Avenue Road ended in a win by 2 wickets for Glamorgan thanks to some big hitting by Collis King who reached 50 in 23 minutes. King struck some of the biggest sixes seen on the ground and his innings came to an end when he slipped and hit his wickets after scoring 74 runs in 37 minutes. The crowd also enjoyed watching Jim Foat and Zaheer go for the runs in a fast moving partnership which put on 85 runs. They scored freely off local boy Malcolm Nash who later pleased the crowd with a stylish 37 runs while at the crease. Jim Foat was eventually out for 76 and Zaheer for 49 and when the 50th over ended they had set Glamorgan 258 to win at 5.1 per over.

This was achieved with 7.5 overs remaining and 2 wickets in hand to the obvious delight of the crowd which included the Pontypool industrialist who sponsored the £1,00 cash prize.

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Above Gary Thomas is very watchful as Mike Drake clean bowls a Monmouth Batsman



Above Tony Mead fields in at short leg in a 2nd X1 fixture

The Abergavenny matches continued and a desperately low scoring game against Cirencester saw Cirencester bowled out for 44 with S.Lennox 4-29 and D.Harries 5-12. Abergavenny winning by 9 wickets at 45-1 M.Powell (35*)

Abergavenny 128 all out with K.Holmes (23) drew with Pontnewynydd who managed 111-9 D.Harries taking 5-27.

A winning draw came next against Chepstow. Abergavenny 125-8 M.Powell(45) Chepstow 108-9 S.Lennox 3-23 K.Watkins 4-21.

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A much needed win came against Monmouth who scored 104 all out with D.Jones taking an impressive 8-28 in reply to Abergavenny's 140-8 M.Powell (68).

A second consecutive win came against Panteg. Abergavenny 146-5 Dec D.Jones (59) M.Powell(39) Panteg 46 all out S.Lennox 5-10,D.Harris 3-11 and K.Watkins 1-12.

A winning draw against Colwall followed Abergavenny 172-8 E.Jenkins(53) and J.Mather(52) Colwall 108-7 D.Harries taking 4-10.

In the Monmouthshire KO Cup Abergavenny won through to the semi final beating Panteg in the Quarter Final. Abergavenny 116-8 M.Powell(51) P.Sussex (31) Panteg 65 all out with wickets for P.Sussex 3-18,D.Harries 2-19 and K.Watkins 5-10.

A great win over Newport Fugitives who managed 145-8 S.Lennox 3-27 D.Jones 3-48, Abergavenny 146-1 M.Powell(94) D.Jones (35).

Another victory over Newbridge who bowled Abergavenny out for 148 R.Rossiter (34) and J.Mather(24) only to be bowled out themselves for 100 with pacemen S.Lennox 6-33 and D.Harries 3-44.

The annual fixture with Mendip Acorns was spoiled by rain Mendip 133-9 D.Harries taking 4-31. Abergavenny were in dire straits at 68-6 when the rain came. R.Rossiter (20).

Abergavenny were then beaten in two very low scoring games Abergavenny 79 all out K.Holmes (21) Cirencester 81-4. Abergavenny 67 all out D.Jones (24) Hereford 70-3 S.Lennox taking all three wickets to fall.

Usk held on for a draw. Abergavenny 167-5 D.Jones (87) M.Powell(52) Usk 155-8 wickets for P.Sussex 2-36 and D.Harries 2-29.

Hythe were beaten at Avenue Road Hythe 141 all out Abergavenny 143-6 M.Powell (35) R.Rossiter (41) R.Wallace (38*) A good win followed against Winget who were bowled out for 103 D.Harries taking 6-31 Abergavenny reached the target for the loss of 4 wickets M.Powell (42) R.Brown (33*)

Peter Thomas scores a century

Another draw followed against Colwall who scored 143-9 D.Harries 4-32,P.Sussex 2-30. Abergavenny hung on at 112-9 M.Powell (33) S.Lennox (36*) While this was happening Peter Thomas was collecting a century against Colwall seconds.

Neath were next up, they scored 141-9 with John Bevan failing for once.D.Jones 5-55 D.Harries 3-42. In reply Abergavenny 131-7 R.Brown (52*).

Yet another draw against Stinchcombe who scored 176-6 K.Watkins 4-81 Abergavenny finished on 123-6 D.Jones (39)

A surprise defeat to Ross ensued, who successfully chased Abergavenny's 155-5 D.Jones (86) R.Rossiter (45) for the loss of 5 wickets P.Sussex 2-38 D.Harries 2-40. A friendly with Mayflies who scored 183-6 ended in a draw Abergavenny reaching 158-9 E.Jenkins (37) and S.Lennox (34)

Abergavenny lost to Malpas in the Semi-Final of the Monmouthshire KO Cup, Malpas went on to win the Trophy beating Llanarth in the Final.

Against a very strong Cheltenham side which included 3 County Cricket Players in D.Brown, R.Nichols and Mike Bailey. Abergavenny acquitted themselves quite well Cheltenham 183-8 D.Jones 4-33 and P.Sussex 2-74 Abergavenny 115 all out D.Jones (38). In the final game Abergavenny beat Thornbury who were all out for 65 D.Harries 7-20 Abergavenny 67-0 M.Powell (54*)



Pictured left: Anthony Coles in Winter action for Abergavenny Quins. Tony has recently joined the cricket club from Pontardulais.

He will emerge as a man who makes a tremendous contribution to the cricket club. In 1984 he will bring his home town choir to join in our celebration of 150 years of cricket at Abergavenny.

THREE COUNTIES CRICKET LEAGUE – 1977

	1st XI								
	Pld	W	WD	LD	L	BT	BL	Pts	Av.
Hereford	17	11	5	1	—	37	52	241	14.18
Panteg	16	7	4	1	4	24	35	163	10.19
Worcester	17	9	1	2	5	24	44	170	10.00
Stinchcombe	19	3	10	—	6	41	38	189	9.95
Colwall	18	7	4	3	4	29	41	178	9.89
Lydney	18	6	1	6	5	33	40	153	8.50
Cirencester	18	6	1	3	8	20	48	143	7.94
Winget	16	3	3	3	7	26	36	122	7.62
Usk	19	4	2	4	9	38	40	142	7.47
Abergavenny	18	4	3	5	6	17	38	129	7.17
Tewkesbury	14	2	2	5	5	22	28	96	6.86
Ross	19	3	3	6	7	24	32	122	6.42

	2nd XI								
	Pld	W	WD	LD	L	BT	BL	Pts	Av.
Hereford	15	7	5	1	2	44	45	201	13.40
Panteg	17	10	2	1	4	26	50	194	11.41
Colwall	17	10	1	1	5	24	44	178	10.47
Usk	19	7	4	1	7	24	52	177	9.32
Abergavenny	17	7	1	3	6	30	43	157	9.24
Worcester	14	7	—	3	4	20	33	129	9.21
Cirencester	16	7	—	2	7	11	51	136	8.50
Winget	14	4	3	3	4	13	34	117	8.36
Stinchcombe	15	5	1	3	6	21	35	123	8.20
Lydney	18	5	3	1	9	24	34	134	7.44
Tewkesbury	14	3	2	1	7	5	28	85	6.07
Ross	15	1	—	2	12	4	32	50	3.33

World events

Gary Gilmore executed in USA, Final episode of 'Roots' reaches record breaking 80 Million, Begin takes over Israel, Joan Crawford dies, Spain holds it first free vote for 41 years, Queens silver jubilee, Borg wins Wimbledon, Elvis dies, Maria Callas dies. Kerry Packer, owner of the Australian Channel Nine Television, signs up 66 leading players to participate in his own series of matches; all are barred from Test cricket.

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The Tour to Kent and Middlesex was a success winning one game and drawing four. Sandwich 184-5 D.Harries 2-35 Abergavenny 135-7 M.Powell (56). Next day Abergavenny 142-7 Dec K.Holmes (55) Hytje 119-9 D.Jones 6-47. Broadstairs 142-7, Abergavenny 139-6. The highlight came against Milstead where chasing 185-7 Abergavenny won by 9 wickets M.Powell (111* K.Holmes (62* putting on 169. North Middlesex 180-7 Abergavenny 131-6



Pictured left

M.Powell (111*)
K.Holmes (62*)
put on 169 for the 2nd
wicket against
Milstead the batsman
out was David Jones
for 2



The touring Squad including R.Rossiter, D.Harries, S.Lennox,
K.Watkins, Doc Lewis, J.Gethings, Bill Smith, Dai Jones,
M.Powell, T.Mead, K.Holmes, D.Hunt, C.Coggins



Pictured above the 'dead fly' at Hythe Cricket Club



Back at Avenue Road Dick Apse and Brian Shackleton

Below Brian Shackleton honoured by Round Table with 'This is your Life'



'This is Your Life' surprise for Brian

ONE OF the sad things about Round Table membership is that it must come to an end when the Tabler reaches 40. Just coming to the end of his honorary (final) extra year of the Abergavenny Club is one of the club's, and the town's, most popular personalities and Tablers felt they could not let the occasion pass without some recognition.

Thus it was at last week's meeting, the last before his final retirement, local chemist Brian Shackleton was the subject of a "This is Your Life" programme, compiled and presented by Tabler Doc Lewis, who has been a close friend and colleague of Brian in many of his varied activities.

Taken completely by surprise, Brian had to sit back while no less than 18 "intruders" to the club, including his wife Barbara, told the colourful story of his contributions not only to Round Table but to the town and district generally and to local cricket and rugby football in particular.

In addition to being presented with the traditional red book, Brian also received from cricketers colleagues two copies of a car-

toon showing one of those unforgettable moments in the life of most batsmen.

He is seen here, centre, being reminded of the occasion.

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Above Dennis Harries presents Kyle with a sponge!!!!



Dick Apse plays the game!!!

1977 saw the first year of the Ladies Section which was formalised and played a massive part in the history of the club