

Chapter 34

Season 1979

President- E.G.Nash,
Chairman- J.B.Shackleton
Hon Sec- P.Thomas
Treasurer- G.H.Lewis
Captain 1st X1- M.J. Powell
Captain 2nd X1- A.K.Mead
Captain 3rd X1 - M.Mason

Neil Abberley Benefit Season, Opening of the new Clubhouse. Under 19's
Youth Cup Winners

Pictured below First X1- 1979



Back Row L-R Lew White, R.Brown, K.Roberts, D.Dyer, S.Dowle, K.Holmes, D.Griffin,
R.Rossiter Front Row L-R A.Pothecary, S.Lennox, M.Powell(Capt) P.Sussex

The new building was completed in March 1979 and the official opening was on April 22nd 1979.

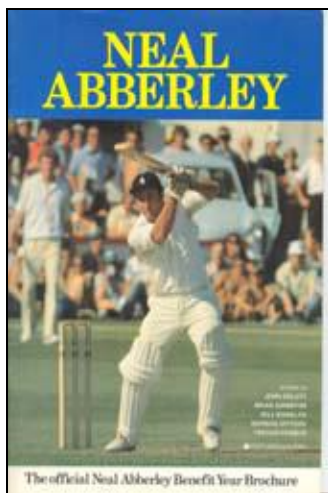
The first league victory came against Chepstow, winning by 2 wickets with only 3 balls remaining. Chepstow 179-4 K.Watkins 3-45 Abergavenny 181-8 A.Mills (70)
A draw was achieved against a strong Newport Athletic side John Roberts taking 4-57 and Dave Jones with a half century were the only successes.



Pictured Left is John Roberts who had a good spell against Newport taking 4-57, John will prove be a loyal servant of the Cricket Club

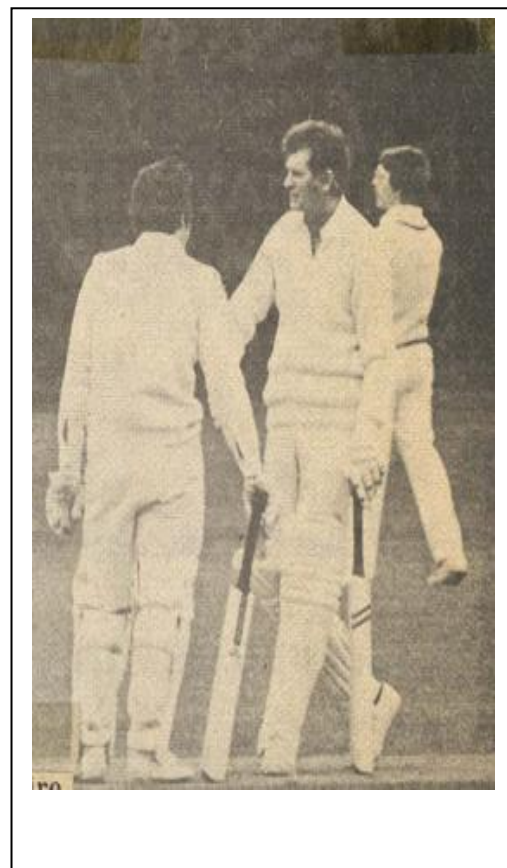
Newport 188-5 J.Roberts 4-57 Abergavenny 108-6 D.Jones (52*)
Worcester at home proved different opposition they scored 168-7, but Doug Slade with 5-28 reduced Abergavenny to 102 Mike Powell (62) K.Watkins 4-66 Abergavenny 102-10
Abergavenny 146-6 Dec S.Lennox (65) P.Sussex (19) Mendip Acorns 148-2
Abergavenny 174-7 featuring a 3rd wicket stand of 72 between Dave Griffin and K.Holmes, A.Mills (33) Pontnewynydd were all out for 97.D.Jones 4-42
Abergavenny 203-9 K.Holmes (90) S.Lennox (46) Cheltenham 147-6 K.Watkins 3-12 P.Sussex 2-51
Tewkesbury 120-8 P.Sussex 5-47 K.Watkins 3-37 Abergavenny 121-8 M.Powell (33) D.Griffin (53)
Panteg 127-7 A.Charrington 3-33 P.Sussex 1-22 Abergavenny 102-6 S.Lennox (40*)
Ross 118-10 K.Watkins 7-47 P.Sussex 1-5 Abergavenny 108-10 D,Griffin (57)
Abergavenny 176-8 D.Griffin (72) R.Rossiter (50) Pontnewynydd 101-10 K.Watkins 6-42 P.Sussex 2-34
Abergavenny 188-2 S.Dowle (64) D.Griffin (72*) Cirencester 177-8 K.Watkins 4-72 S.Lennox 2-39
BSC Whiteheads 46-10 P.Sussex 5-19 K.Watkins 4-14 Abergavenny 48-0
Colwall 210-6 K.Watkins 3-46, S.Lennox 2-55, P.Sussex 1-30 Abergavenny 211-8 D.Griffin (89) Kim Roberts (31) P.Sussex (19)
Abergavenny 126-9 A.Mills (43) Usk 129-9 Robin Jarman pulled Paul Sussex for six runs over square leg with 3 balls to go.

Neil Abberley Benefit Match (Saturday) June



Above-Mike Powell tosses the coin with Neal Abberley watched by Cliff Cox with Paul Sussex in the background

Abergavenny Cricket Club History



Pictured above- Barry John signing autographs with a young Anna Shackleton. Peter Walker has a chat during his innings and David Brown rolls up the shutters for the first time

Newport Fugitives 149-10 K.Watkins 3-46, D.Dyer 2-38, K.Holmes 2-31 Abergavenny 150-6 D.Griffin (58) Gary Thomas (26)

Abergavenny 192-9 Kim Roberts (59) A.Mills (35) Newbridge 182-7 J.Roberts 3-37

Chepstow 202-6 P.Sussex 3-50 K.Holmes 2-63 Abergavenny 141-8 D.Griffin (55) K.Holmes (27)

Cirencester 177-6 Abergavenny 48-10

Hereford 77-10 K.Watkins 7-34 K.Holmes 3-33 all ten batsmen were caught. Abergavenny 78-2.

Abertillery 71-10 K.Watkins 8-22 P.Sussex 2-33 Abergavenny 72-1 M.Powell (37*)

Usk 172-6 K.Watkins 2-51 Abergavenny 119-10 A.Mills (31) P.Sussex (22)

Colwall 131-7 Abergavenny 133-4 D,Griffin (57)

Winget 156-10 S.Lennox 7-47, P.Sussex 2-18. Abergavenny 150 -10 P.Sussex (33) Alan Davies (29) D.Griffin (26) Paul Sussex was run out with 6 needed to win from 7 balls. Youngster David Dyer with 4-21 against Gloucester 160 all out, Abergavenny holding on for a draw at 92-9 S.Dowle (41) M.Powell (30)

This season 1979 Abergavenny Under 19's were undefeated and won the Monmouthshire Association Youth Cup with both Gary Thomas and Kyle Holmes missing in the Final. Abergavenny U 19's 106-7 Geoff Williams (65) Chepstow 80-9 N,Martin 2-7 Andrew Goldsworthy 2-15 ,D.Dyer 1-18,L.Watts 1-21 In the Chepstow side Paul Bennett, Steff Evans, Ian Watkins (Crusher) Steve Kings. The Abergavenny Team on the night- G.Williams,P.Barrett, K.Roberts, M.Bloor, L.Watts, A.Pothecary, M.Davies, S.Thomas, N.Martin, D.Dyer & A.Goldsworthy



Abergavenny 1st X1-1979

Back Row L-R K.Watkins, R.Rossiter, D.Griffin, G.Thomas, G.Loder, A.Charrington
L.White. Front Row L-R M.B;oor, S.Lennox, R.Brown, P.Sussex

THREE COUNTIES LEAGUE 1979 FINAL LEAGUE TABLES											
1st XI	F	NR	Pld	W	WD	LD	L	BA	BO	Pts	Ave
Worcester *	22	4	18	8	8	1	—	66	49	266	14.78
Hereford	22	3	19	8	7	2	2	44	46	230	12.10
Usk	22	5	17	9	1	5	2	31	44	183	10.73
Panlog	22	3	19	6	7	1	5	34	44	196	10.32
Cirencester *	22	5	17	8	1	4	3	28	45	174	10.24
Winget	22	3	19	6	3	2	8	41	42	171	9.00
Lydney	22	4	18	5	4	2	7	28	44	158	8.78
Stinchcombe	22	4	18	6	1	3	8	39	40	153	8.50
Colwall	22	5	17	3	3	3	8	36	36	132	7.76
Abergavenny	22	5	17	4	1	2	10	22	38	112	6.59
Ross	22	3	19	4	1	5	9	25	37	120	6.32
Tewkesbury	22	6	16	1	1	8	6	8	34	76	4.75
2nd XI	F	NR	Pld	W	WD	LD	L	BA	BO	Pts	Ave
Worcester	22	2	20	11	5	2	2	37	60	251	12.55
Stinchcombe	22	3	19	7	8	—	4	39	45	218	11.47
Hereford	22	4	18	8	5	4	1	27	46	201	11.17
Panlog	22	3	19	8	3	4	4	30	52	194	10.21
Colwall	22	5	17	4	5	4	4	34	43	165	9.71
Abergavenny	22	4	18	5	3	3	7	34	39	153	8.50
Winget	22	5	17	4	4	3	6	23	39	140	8.24
Usk	22	4	18	3	5	3	7	36	36	148	8.22
Cirencester	22	4	18	5	2	5	6	15	42	133	7.39
Ross	22	4	18	5	—	9	4	12	50	130	7.22
Tewkesbury	22	7	15	3	—	5	7	5	36	81	5.40
Lydney	22	7	15	—	3	1	11	20	32	78	5.20

* Includes one tied match



Above right are a few of the Under 19 team that won the Cup, L.Watts, G.Williams, N.Martin and A.Goldsworthy. Also in the picture is Gary Thomas who was unable to play on the Final.

Keith Watkins 8-20 against Abertillery was the best bowling in the Gwent Premier 1st X1's and Dick Browns' 122 against Usk for the 2nd X1 was the best individual score all year in the league.

Abergavenny Cricket Club History

In August of this season Glamorgan 2nd X1 took on Yorkshire 2nd X1 in a two day game on August 13th and 14th. The match ended in a Draw.

The Yorkshire 2nd X1 was- P.G.Ingham, B.Leadbeater, C.Johnson, P.B.Woodliffe, S.P.Coverdale(Wkt) R.J.Heritage, N.C.Crawford, D.E.V. Padgett (Capt) S.Oldham, H.P.Cooper, J.P.Whitely.

Glamorgan 2nd X1- M.A.Nash, G.Richards, M.Llewellyn, A.Mack, S.Harrison, M.Gravelle, M.Davies, K.Lyons(Capt) T.Davies (Wkt) G.Thomas, N.Perry.

Neal Abberley Benefit Match Warwickshire X1 v Abergavenny 1st X1



Standing in rear

A.Mills,L.White, K.Holmes, P.Thomas, G.Thomas, C.Cox, J.Roberts, A.K.Mead
Back Row

S.Perryman, P.Oliver, N.Abberley, K.Lyons, E.Jones, M.Llewellyn, G.Richards, D.Jones,
R.Brown

Sitting B.John, J.Hopkins, A.Jones,D.Brown, P.Walker,M.Powell, R.Rossiter,P.Sussex



Above Stan Lang Abergavenny Thursday's Secretary, who worked tirelessly for Local football and made a tremendous contribution to sport in Abergavenny, receiving the Mid week Cricket Cup on behalf of the winning team.



Lavenocs won the Quiz Mike James, Linda Cole, Chris Davies, Sam Cole

The Midweek League Select X1



T.Hillman,D.Martin, P.Butterfield, M.Bruton, B.Thomas, B.Thomas, D.Dyer, G.Williams,
K.Davies, R.Brown, A.Goldsworthy,S.Cole

World Events

The British Conservative leader Margaret Thatcher becomes Britain's first woman prime minister. Saddam Hussein becomes president of Iraq. The Spanish golfer Severiano Ballesteros wins the British Open at Royal Lytham St Anne's, becoming the first golfer from continental Europe to win the championship since Arnaud Massy of France in 1907. John Wayne, US film actor who usually starred in Westerns and war films, dies in Los Angeles, California (72). Lee Elder becomes the first black American professional golfer to represent the USA in the Ryder Cup.