

Chapter 35

Season 1980

President-E.G.Nash,
Chairman-Ken Williams
Hon Sec- P.Thomas
Treasurer- S.Hughes
Captain 1st X1-Mike J.Powell
Captain 2nd X1-A.K.Mead
Captain 3rd X1- M.Mason

Pictured below Abergavenny First X1 - 1980



**Back Row L-R Scorer, K.Watkins, R.Rossiter, D.Griffin, G.Williams, G.Thomas, G.Loder,
A Charrington Lew White(Umpire)
Front Row L-R M.Bloor, S.Lennox (Capt) R.Brown, P.Sussex**

The Club matches that season produced mixed fortunes. The first defeat came against Panteg by 75 runs this after beating Caerleon by 84 runs on the Saturday. Panteg totalling 186-6 with Kyle Holmes taking 5-53. In reply Abergavenny had a disastrous start but at 35-4 a promise of a recovery came with Kyle Holmes and Paul Sussex (23) but once they were parted and Richard Rossiter with (24) was out Abergavenny slumped to 111-8 at the close.

Against Caerleon Mike Powell with (73) Dick Brown with (30) Kyle Holmes with (30*) and Dave Griffin with (50) all contributed to 210-5. Caerleon limped to 126-4 with Kyle Holmes and Stuart Lennox sharing the wickets.

Abergavenny's best win of the season although it was only in May came against the TCL Champions of 1987 and 1979 Worcester City who during that period had only lost twice. Abergavenny scored 172-4 with runs from M.Powell (53) D.Griffin (53) and G.Loder (37) Stuart Lennox with 4-67 and Paul Sussex with 3-59 bowled 42 of the 45 overs between them and Worcester only managed 162-8 at the close. G.Thomas also chipped in with 1-11.

Final tables:

1st XI	P	W	Pts	Av
Panteg	18	11	200	16.66
Chepstow	18	12	180	14.21
Newbridge	17	11	150	12.32
Abergavenny	15	7	140	12.48
Caerleon	9	5	100	12.77
Usk	14	8	140	11.71
Monmouth	16	9	170	16.75
Pontnewynydd	12	6	120	11.12
Aberbilly	16	4	110	7.96
Ffigines	12	2	70	6.25
Whiteheads	14	2	70	6.25
2nd XI	P	W	Pts	Av
Pontnewynydd	16	14	120	14.29
Panteg	17	12	110	14.00
Usk	14	10	100	14.29
Chepstow	16	12	100	12.50
Abergavenny	14	7	140	11.29
Aberbilly	16	7	100	11.11
Caerleon	10	4	80	8.00
Ffigines	14	3	120	8.57
Whiteheads	12	3	80	8.20
Monmouth	12	3	80	8.00
Newbridge	12	1	40	6.25

Gwent Premier League
 Abergavenny finished 4th in the Gwent Premier League which was the lowest they had been for many years in this competition. They had tended to dominate the title over the last few years. They like a few other clubs dovetail their fixtures to balance playing in the TCL also. This league is growing in stature and will eventually be the only League that Abergavenny play in.

A win against Lydney who scored 143-9 K.Watkins taking a magnificent 7-44 Abergavenny 144-5 D.Griffin (39*) M.Powell (34) was followed with a defeat to Stinchcombe. Stinchcombe 152-9 K.Watkins 5-39 Abergavenny 143-9 K.Holmes (45)

Usk won at both 1st and 2nd Team level Abergavenny 91 all out K.Holmes (53) Usk won easy. Usk 2nd X1 117 all out, with young Andrew Morris taking a career best 7-45 Abergavenny however were 100 all out with M.Bradley (28) and A.K.Mead (18) offering some resistance In an exciting match with Winget, Abergavenny held their nerve to win. Abergavenny 186-7 R.Brown (50) D.Griffin (56) Winget 178 all out K.Watkins taking 4-55. Winget needed 15 runs to win from the last over with one wicket left, K.Watkins clean bowled Y.Pandor with the very last ball.

The next day on a pitch of eccentric bounce Abergavenny won by 5 wickets. Pontnewynydd only scoring 86-9 S.Lennox taking 3-25 Abergavenny 87-2 M.Powell (59*) Another good win followed with Panteg 98 all out, with the wickets shared equally between K.Watkins 5-40 and S.Lennox 5-42 Abergavenny 99-5 M.Powell (33) K.Holmes (34*)

Tewkesbury were trounced. Tewkesbury 73 all out S.Lennox 6-26, K.Watkins 4-38 Abergavenny 74-4 D.Griffin (34*)

In a friendly with Stroud Abergavenny gained a good win. Stroud 148-5 Abergavenny 152-4 R.Brown (37) K.Holmes (74*) P.Sussex (14*) The last forty needed to win were scored in 5 overs by Holmes and Sussex.

Local rivals Usk were too good in the next game. Usk 205-8 K.Watkins 2-54 P.Sussex 2-47 Abergavenny 138-9 P.Sussex (67*) D.Griffin (31)

On Bank Holiday Monday in August, Abergavenny beat Lydney Abergavenny 161-5 M.Bradley (75) Lydney 127-10 K.Holmes 5-38

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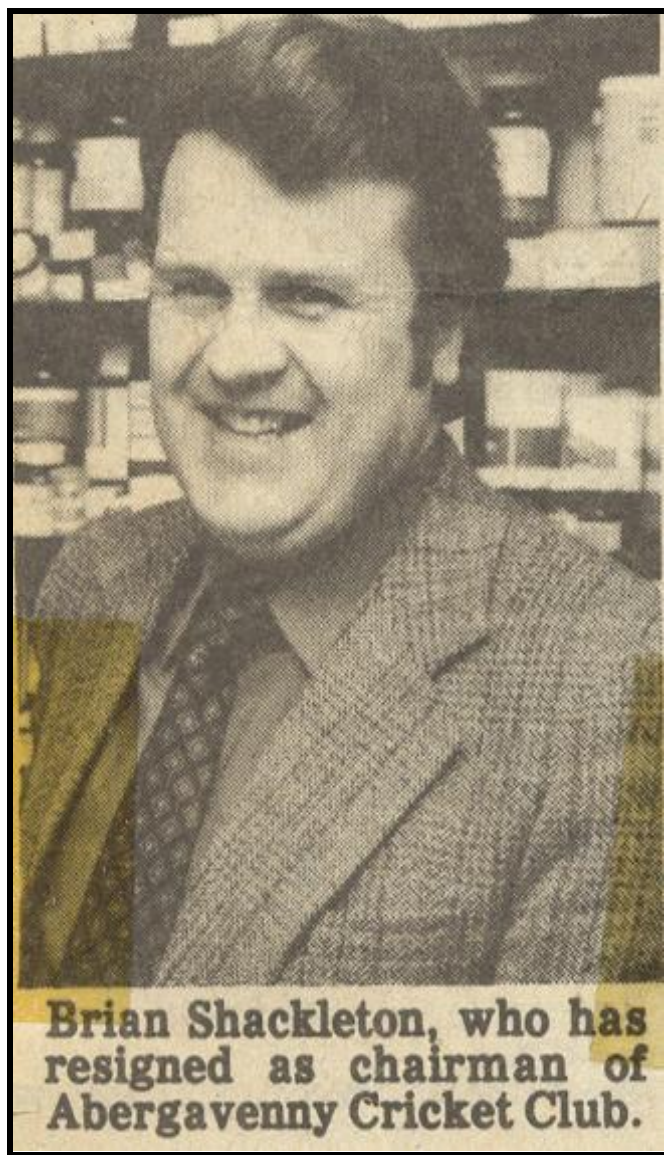
A sorry defeat at the hands of Newport Fugitives followed. Abergavenny 158 all out D,Griffin (69) Newport Fugitives 159-6 Andrew Goldsworthy and David Dyer taking two wickets each.

Aberagevny were soundly beaten in the next match by Hereford. Hereford amassing 262-5 at the time this was the 2nd highest ever score in TCL history Andrew Goldsworthy and Dick Brown took 2 wickets each, Abergavenny 129 all out M.Powell (63)

David Griffin scores Abergavenny's first ever League Century

Against Colwall a good win was achieved with a significant landmark for David Griffin. As Abergavenny made 176-4 D.Griffin (104*) his first century of the season and the first Abergavenny 1st X1 batsman to score a league century. This was in reply to a Colwall total of 175 all out with K.Watkins 3-55 and K.Holmes 3-107

The final game against Newport produced a losing draw with Newport making 174-4. In reply Abergavenny only managed to limp to 118-4 Paul Scott scoring (36)



Pictured above is Brian Shackleton who resigned as Chairman due to business commitments. Brian had taken over as Chairman following the death of Peter Jones and presided over a very challenging period of the Clubs history.

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Ken Williams took over as Chairman and Tony Paton as Vice Chairman following elections held at an Extraordinary General Meeting.

**GLAMORGAN v
The Vic
Lewis
"All Stars XI"**

(PROCEEDS IN AID OF ALAN JONES
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Rain stopped play!




Rain stopped play at Avenue Road (cricket) ground Abergavenny on Sunday, so not many the hands. Stars of television and sport had turned up to match for Glamorgan opening batsman Alan Jones. But heavy rain made the ground unfit for play. Alan did not live out on the day, as he was the proprietor of sporting equipment. Pictures shown are from the left: Tony McFay, Julian Halliwell, Andy Hyatt, Chris Blake and British singer Malcolm Roberts.

Pictured above are the Official Programme for the Alan Jones Testimonial Match and some of the star names who agreed to take part in the All Stars X1

The scheduled match in aid of Alan Jones's Testimonial was called off because of rain. Alan's side was due to include Malcolm Nash, Phil Bennett, Gareth Davies. The opposition would have been provided by an All Stars X1 raised by bandleader and cricket fanatic Vic Lewis. Among the All Stars will be Tom Adams (Enigma File) Chris Blake (Mixed Blessings) Peter Davison (Tristan in all Creature Great and Small)

Vic Lewis

Bandleader and agent who fell foul of Imelda Marcos in the Philippines



Lewis: never entirely at home in pop, he preferred the jazz scene

His twin passions, for jazz and cricket, brought him success as a bandleader and the satisfaction of raising an estimated £3 million through charity matches mounted by his own Vic Lewis Cricket

Abergavenny Cricket Club History

Pictured below the Abergavenny Ladies Cricket Team



Abergavenny Ladies Cricket Team
Mrs Loder, B.Thomas, C.Cox, C.Lennox, S.Brown, M.Bradley, A.Bradley, C.Charrington.
J.Sussex, C. Drake,P.Mead, R.Williams



Abergavenny Ladies C.Charrington, Mrs Loder and Polly Mead





The two sides

A Smoker for gentlemen was held at the Clubhouse on 28th March, The Guest Speakers were Ossie Wheatley and the 'outrageous' Trevor Bethell.

This was the year 1980 that Glamorgan C.C. 2nd X1 won the Second Eleven Championship.

They got away to a good start in their match at Avenue Road on May 14,15,16 winning by 6 wickets.

Worcester scoring 300-7 (A.Cordle 3-42) and 195 all out. Glamorgan, 363-6 (R.Ontong 171, Mike Llewellyn 87) and 133-4 (G.Holmes 42*)

World Events

Rhodesia gains its independence from Britain, and is renamed 'Zimbabwe'. Its first president is the Reverend Canaan Banana. The Swedish tennis player Björn Borg wins his fifth consecutive men's singles title at the Wimbledon championships. The 22nd Olympic Games open in Moscow, USSR. Jesse Owens, black US track and field athlete who won four gold medals at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, dies in Phoenix, Arizona aged (66). John Lennon, English pop singer and songwriter, former member of the Beatles, is shot dead by Mark David Chapman outside the Dakota, his apartment building in New York, New York aged (40).