

Chapter 38

Season 1983

President-E.G.Nash,
Chairman-Tony Paton
Hon Sec-S.Dowle
Treasurer-R.Thomas
Captain 1st X1- Dick Brown
Captain 2nd X1-Mike Bradley
Captain 3rd X1-A.Paton

Pictured below Abergavenny First X1- 1983



Back Row L-R S.Dowle, P.Havard, S.Lennox, P.Watkins, G.Thomas, C.Coggins (Scorer),
Front Row L-R G.Loder, D.Griffin, P.Sussex, D.Brown, M.Powell, M.Winstanley.



Pictured above M.Rossiter, B.Mohamed, S.Hughes, K.Holmes, A.Charrington, R.Wallace
who also played regularly in the 1st X1

By May 19th 1983 not a single game of cricket had been played at Avenue Road, in fact the only fixture completed by Abergavenny was an away game on April 16th. By the end of the season a total of 35 games would be lost to the weather, 20 of which were home games.

Abergavenny enjoyed a great win against Stinchcombe. Stinchcombe making 225-4, the only bowler to trouble Stinchcombe was P.Sussex taking 3 of the 4 wickets that fell. This

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formidable total proved no problem for Abergavenny as they scored 226-7 with K.Holmes making (81*) and P.Watkins (70)

A tie occurred next against Barry, Abergavenny 151 all out with runs from R.Wallace (27) M.Winstanley (23) and P.Sussex (18) Barry 151-7 the wicketakers were P.Sussex 2-42, S.Lennox 1-20 and K.Holmes 2-21

A great win over local rivals Usk away. Usk 180 all out with S.Lennox 3-45, K.Holmes 2-26 and A.Charrington 3-33. Abergavenny passing the required score at 183-6 M.Rossiter (62) P.Watkins (32)



Pictured above at Usk Barry Morgan (Banjo) being caught by M.Powell off the bowling of S.Lennox

A good win by 2 wickets against Malpas who made 160-7 with wickets from K.Holmes 1-17, P.Sussex 2-21, S.Lennox 2-31 and P.Watkins 1-19. Abergavenny 164-8 D.Griffin (58) P.Watkins (30) K.Holmes (29)

Abergavenny 235 all out hammered Cirencester with runs from M.Powell (68) D.Griffin (41) K.Holmes (39) P.Sussex (42) Paul Sussex's knock took 12 minutes, 11 balls and included six sixes four of them consecutive, a four and two singles. Cirencester 132-8 P.Sussex 5-30

Lydney 219-8 Steve James (41) R.Brain (80) S.Lennox 3-54 P.Havard 4-32. Abergavenny 223-3 M.Powell (58) P.Watkins (39) R.Wallace (52*) D.Griffin (39*)

Tewkesbury 165 all out K.Holmes 6-76 Abergavenny 169-4 R.Wallace (84*) M.Powell (38). An outstanding bowling performance 8-61 by Stuart Lennox in the match against Corsham, Abergavenny 169-6 R.Wallace (38) P.Watkins (42) G.Loder (32*). Corsham 150 all out S.Lennox 8-61

Phil Watkins won the Most Improved Player Award, Simon Moorcroft the Most promising Youngster Award, Adam Potheary the Young player of the year and Mike Bloor was voted Clubman of the Year.

The 1st X1 under the leadership of Dick Brown in his last season as captain only lost twice in the South East Wales Sunday League and finished in 5th place in the TCL.

Ryland Wallace figured in the TCL averages with an average of (31.65) Phil Watkins (27.78) and Mike Powell (25.66) were also included.

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Bowling saw Paul Sussex the leader in the TCL averages for the club with 19 wickets at 17.31 and Stuart Lennox with 31 wickets at 18.50.

This season saw Paul Sussex make his debut for the League X1 representing the TCL League versus the Notts Alliance at Southwell, the game was lost but he acquitted himself well bowling 9 overs 4 maidens 1 wicket for 12 runs.



Left- Phil Watkins
Below Ryland Wallace



Wallace tops the batting

BATTING

	Inns	N/O	H/S	Total	Average
R Wallace	20	4	105*	573	35.81
K Holmes	14	1	81*	408	31.38
D Griffin	20	3	75	510	30.00
P Watkins	25	2	81*	655	28.47
M Powell	16	0	70	436	27.25
M Rossiter	20	2	62	450	25.00
S Lennox	15	9	54*	128	21.33
G Thomas	12	0	40	180	15.00
M Bloor	11	1	44	109	10.90
P Sussex	17	3	42	152	10.85
R Brown	15	5	22	99	9.90

BOWLING

	Overs	Mfns	Wkts	Runs	Best	Average
P Jones	76	10	20	281	5.49	14.05
P Sussex	132	22	32	484	5.30	15.12
S Lennox	228	40	39	756	8.61	19.38
K Holmes	165	27	28	555	6.51	19.82
P Watkins	107	7	19	496	4.23	20.84
A Charrington	85	12	11	328	3.27	29.81

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THREE COUNTIES LEAGUE FINAL TABLE 1983							
DIVISION 1							
	Pld	W	L	Bonus Bat	Bowl Pts.	Pts.	Ave.
Hereford (3)	20	19	1	92	83	365	18.25
Ross(6)	20	12	8	70	76	266	13.30
Stinchcombe(14)	19	12	7	54	75	249	13.10
Colwall(1)	21	12	9	56	81	259	12.33
Abergavenny(2)*	17	7	9	69	63	207	12.18
Hatherley & R.(4)	18	8	10	69	70	219	12.17
Winger(9)	22	12	10	54	74	248	11.27
Cirencester(13)	19	9	10	55	68	213	11.21
Corsham(5)	18	8	10	48	67	195	10.83
Panteg(8)*	17	7	9	51	55	184	10.82
Tewkesbury(12)	19	8	11	53	65	198	10.42
Usk(7)	15	6	9	39	52	151	10.07
Lydney(11)	18	5	13	59	52	161	8.94
Chepstow(10)	19	5	14	29	58	137	7.21

DIVISION 2							
	Pld.	W	L	Bat	Bowl	Pts.	Ave.
Hatherley & R.(3)	17	16	1	65	75	303	17.82
Cirencester(8)	22	16	6	56	84	300	13.64
Hereford(2)	21	14	7	55	85	280	13.33
Abergavenny(5)	17	9	8	64	53	207	12.18
Panteg(13)*	17	8	8	47	70	202	11.88
Stinchcombe(1)	19	10	9	43	80	223	11.74
Corsham(6)	17	9	8	34	67	191	11.24
Colwall(4)*	20	10	9	51	67	223	11.15
Winger(7)*	18	9	9	36	52	173	9.61
Usk(9)	18	7	11	40	61	171	9.50
Chepstow(11)*	18	5	12	33	68	156	8.67
Lydney(10)*	19	5	13	44	65	164	8.63
Tewkesbury(12)*	17	4	13	35	63	143	8.41
Ross(14)	18	5	13	29	60	139	7.72

* Indicates record includes a tied match. 1982 positions in brackets.

This season was memorable for a number of reasons. It saw Abergavenny C.C.'s first venture into staging three day Schweppes County Championship cricket at the club. Featuring Glamorgan v Worcester June 22/23/24th. Worcester had just dispensed with their overseas player Younis Ahmed following his placing a £100 bet on Leicester to beat Worcester in a JPL match.



The Glamorgan C.C.
 Standing L-R R.Ontong,H.Morris,J.Derrick,C.Rowe, A.L-Jones, A.Francis
 Sitting L-R M.Nash, B.Lloyd,M.Selvey(Capt) E.Jones, J.Hopkins

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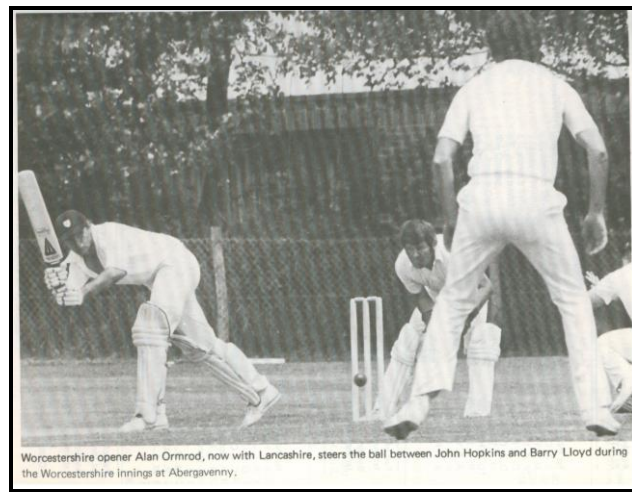
Alan Ormrod
scores runs



Martin Weston
turns a ball to
leg

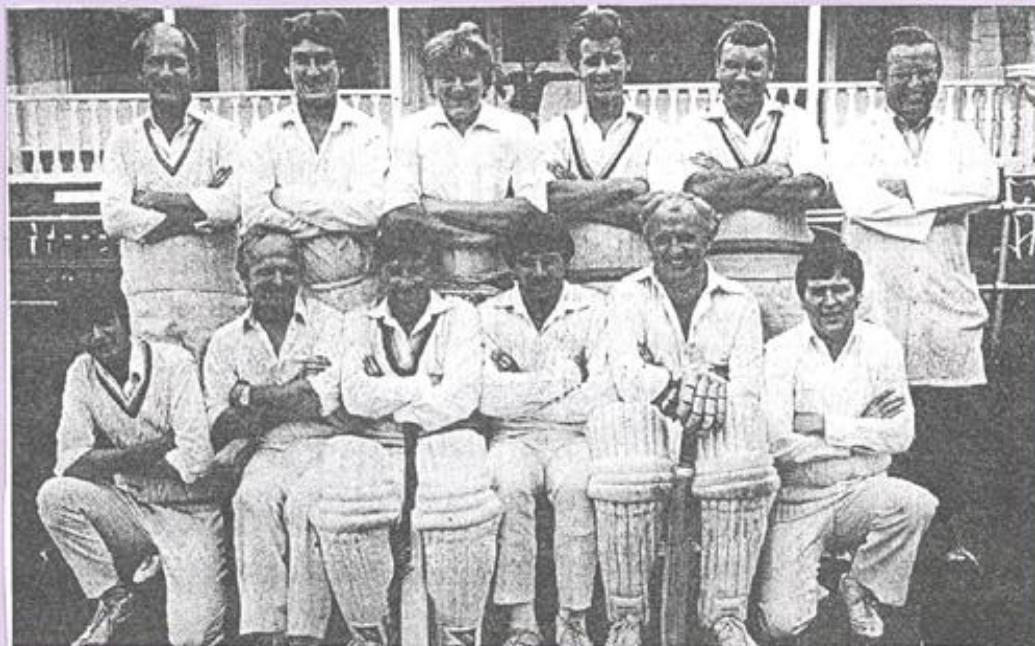
Abergavenny's first venture into staging a three day County Championship game, came to grief because of their old enemy- the rain. After a brilliant first day bathed in sunshine the following two days were virtually washed out.

Worcester 1st Innings 394-6 Declared P.Neale (135), M.Weston (79), Alan Ormrod (78), D.D'oliveira (42). R.Ontong 3-98, M.Selvey 1-70 M.Nash 1-45. Glamorgan 1st Innings 76-2 A.L.Jones (31*) A.Warner 2-25 Umpires C.Cook & P.J.Eele



Alan Ormrod in action

Abergavenny C.C. 2nd XI - 1983 v Corsham C.C.



Abergavenny Cricket Club Second XI pictured (above) before their match at Avenue Road, on Saturday against Corsham, which they won by a convincing 70 runs. With skipper Paul Sussex, who took seven wickets for only 18 runs, are G. Loder, A. K. Mead, S. Dowle, A. Davies, M. Bloor, M. Drake, S. Thomas, P. Havard, P. Jones and A. Coles with umpire Ken Williams who is chairman of the club.

World Events

Tennessee Williams US dramatist, most of whose plays are set in the Deep South, dies in New York, New York (71).

British driver Richard Noble breaks the world one-mile land speed record
The USA fails to win the America's Cup yacht race for the first time since the race series began in 1870

Selina Scott and Frank Bough present the British Broadcasting Corporation's (BBC's) Breakfast Time, Britain's first national breakfast television programme.

For the first time, cassettes outsell vinyl LPs in the USA.

The wearing of seat belts by front-seat car passengers is made compulsory in Britain.