

## Chapter 40

### 1985 Season

President E.G.Nash,  
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Hon Sec-C.Cotterill  
Treasurer-B.Mohammed  
1<sup>st</sup> X1 Captain David Griffin,  
2<sup>nd</sup> X1 Captain J.Roberts,  
3<sup>rd</sup> X1 Captain- by rotation

Pictured below Abergavenny First X1- 1985



**Standing L-R K.Williams, M.Bloor, S.Moorcroft, S.Lennox, P.Watkins, M.Winstanley, G.Thomas, C.Coggins, A.Jones Seated L-R K.Holmes, D.Griffin (Capt), R.Wallace, A.Charrington, M.Abberley**

Gwent suffered one of the wettest summers for many years  
Abergavenny 130-8 M.Winstanley (59) S.Lennox (31) lost to Mendip Acorns who reached 131-4 P.Havard 2-29

Ross 151-6 A.Charrington 4-39 Abergavenny 152-3 M.Powell (82)  
The Llandaff game was abandoned

Winget 182-8 A.Charrington 2-62, B.Mohammed 2-30 thrashed Abergavenny 108 all out with runs from P.Watkins (38) R.Wallace (23) D.Griffin (18).

Worcester were defeated mainly thanks to K.Holmes (5-36) and M.James 2-17 who bowled them out for 120 in reply to Abergavenny's 135. B.Mohammed (40) R.Wallace (18)

A good victory over local rivals Usk with Usk 123-8 A.Charrington 3-33, K.Holmes 2-14, P.Watkins 2-21 Abergavenny 125-4 R.Wallace (33\*) G.Thomas (33)

Chepstow through Adrian Dale (51) and Charles Toole (50) beat Abergavenny who finished 38 short of Chepstow's 195-9. S.Moorcroft 3-35, P.Watkins 3-66, A.Charrington 3-49 Mike Powell (55) P.Jones (20) and Mike Bloor (28) the only scorers of note for Abergavenny who were 157 all out.

## Abergavenny Cricket Club History

Colwall and Abergavenny were involved in a top of the table clash next Abergavenny went from 138-1 after 34 overs to 194-6 after their allotted 45 overs Mark Winstanley(46) and Gary Thomas (60) were the main contributors. Colwall in fading light and drizzle were reduced to 166-9 but eventually won through despite the efforts of K.Holmes 2-68, P.Sussex 2-72, S.Moorcroft 1-23 and Phil Watkins 2-32.

David Griffin hit his and the Clubs first century of the season against Cirencester, Abergavenny 248-2 D.Griffin (132\*) and G.Thomas (71) both batsmen pictured below. Cirencester 122-7 S.Lennox 5-60



Skipper David Griffin leading the side for the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive season continued his fine form with great knocks against Tewkesbury and Panteg in June taking his aggregate to over 400 and his average above 100.

Against Tewkesbury Abergavenny scored 153-8 and in reply Tewkesbury were bowled out by S.Lennox 5-40, Paul Sussex 3-31 and Phil Watkins 1-24 for a total of 101.

Panteg were next up and batting first Abergavenny scored 198-4 with all batsmen making contributions, Dave Griffin 67\*, M.Powell 46, Gary Thomas 33 and M.Bloor 28. Batting second Panteg were all out for 186 with Gary Thomas taking 5-31 and Phil Watkins 2-54.

Hatherley 159 all out were defeated. Abergavenny had posted 161-6 M.Bloor (42).

Next they lost narrowly to Stinchcombe who scored 199-5, Kyle Holmes 2-64, G.Thomas 1-33, B.Mohammed 1-11. In reply Abergavenny only managed 182-9, David Griffin, R.Wallace, Phil Watkins and Bashir Mohammed all got starts but got out before taking their scores on to gain a victory.

The next day was even worse against Ross who were skittled out for 136 thanks mainly to Bashir Mohammed. Abergavenny however were dismissed for a meagre 114 despite good batting by K.Holmes(35) and M.Bloor (33)

Against Winget who were all out for 80 with Simon Moorcroft 5-32 and K.Holmes 3-30 Abergavenny won convincingly having posted 203-7 in their innings Phil Watkins (65\*) David Griffin (59).

Usk were beaten. Abergavenny 189-5 Usk 186-7

Colwall gained a victory over Abergavenny next. Abergavenny scored 166-8 with skipper Dave Griffin scoring 70. Colwall reached their target with one ball to spare

Abergavenny recorded a really low score against Cirencester, 57 all out chasing 227-6 and then lost to Lydney who only managed 148-9 but Abergavenny were all out for 122.

At the racecourse Hereford were beaten. Hereford at 134-4 chasing Abergavennys' 158 D.Griffin (40) P.Watkins (29) K.Holmes (27) M.Bloor (39) it looked all over with Hereford sensing victory but Paul Sussex cleaned up with 6-14 supported by K.Holmes 4-57

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Abergavenny comprehensively defeated the Gwent Premier Champions Village side Llanarth, they were bowled out for 94 and Abergavenny passed their score for the loss of 5 wickets, Dave Griffin 34\*was the top scorer.

Newport were equally comprehensively beaten, Abergavenny 212-7 P.Watkins(87) Newport 94-10 S.Moorcroft 5-70, P.Sussex 1-14. A second friendly against Llanarth ended in a draw Abergavenny 160-6 M.Winstanley (60) P.Jones (37) Llanarth 106-4.

**Beach Villas  
Three Counties League  
Final Tables 1985**

**DIVISION 1**

	Pts	W	L	Runs	Wkts	Total	Ave
1. Hereford	22	16	6	74	86	320	14.55
2. Wigan	22	16	6	67	82	309	14.05
3. Cornwall	21	14	7	66	79	289	13.67
4. Hertsley	18	11	7	52	59	231	12.89
5. Abergavenny	19	10	9	57	72	229	12.05
7. Panting	19	16	8	52	71	223	11.74
8. Chippenham	20	10	10	60	66	226	11.30
8. Ruis	15	8	8	43	58	181	10.73
8. Ross	20	8	12	57	67	204	10.20
10. Conham	22	8	14	65	68	213	9.68
11. Teekelsbury	21	8	13	43	77	200	9.52
12. Usk	15	9	10	43	40	142	9.47
13. Cricklade	19	9	13	49	58	167	8.79
14. Stroud	20	7	13	32	68	192	8.10

**DIVISION 2**

	Pts	W	L	Runs	Wkts	Total	Ave
1. Hantsley	21	19	2	42	54	336	16.00
2. Wigan	23	19	4	72	95	268	15.57
3. Cricklade	21	14	6	62	78	280	13.33
4. Stroud	21	12	8	48	77	240	11.67
5. Cornwall	20	10	10	54	70	224	11.20
6. Panting	18	9	9	42	54	196	10.89
7. Usk	18	9	9	37	63	195	10.82
8. Conham	19	8	11	52	66	200	10.53
9. Teekelsbury	20	8	11	38	80	198	9.90
10. Ledbury	19	7	12	48	68	186	9.79
11. Hereford	21	8	12	39	74	202	9.67
12. Abergavenny	20	7	13	49	68	187	9.39
13. Ruis	20	8	12	38	75	182	9.15
14. Chippenham	20	7	13	42	52	184	8.30

\* includes tied matches

## Jun 8 Glamorgan v Worcestershire County Championship

### Full Scorecard

#### Worcestershire 1st innings

TS Curtis	c Steele	b Malone	30
DB D'Oliveira	run out		5
DM Smith	c Malone	b Ontong	55
*PA Neale	c McFarlane	b Holmes	77
DN Patel	c Davies	b Barwick	0
MJ Weston	st Davies	b Ontong	16
N Kapil Dev	lbw	b McFarlane	22
+SJ Rhodes	not out		32
RK Illingworth	c Hopkins	b Holmes	6
NV Radford	lbw	b Holmes	16
JD Inchmore	run out		18
Extras	(b 8, lb 5, nb 4)		17
Total	(all out, 96.1 overs)		294

FoW: 1-15, 2-69, 3-125, 4-134, 5-157, 6-189, 7-224, 8-232, 9-266, 10-294.

Bowling	O	M	R	W
McFarlane	25	3	81	1
Barwick	26	4	78	1
Ontong	24	11	48	2
Malone	9	1	38	1
Holmes	12.1	3	36	3

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### Glamorgan 1st innings

JA Hopkins	not out	114
GC Holmes	not out	106
Extras	(b 8, lb 18, nb 4)	30
Total	(0 wickets declared, 66.1 overs)	250

DNB: Younis Ahmed, Javed Miandad, SP Henderson, \*RC Ontong, JF Steele, +T Davies, LL McFarlane, SR Barwick, SJ Malone

Bowling	O	M	R	W
Kapil Dev	7	1	29	0
Radford	11	1	50	0
Illingworth	12	2	40	0
Inchmore	6	0	18	0
Weston	14.1	3	41	0
Patel	16	1	46	0

### Worcestershire 2nd innings

TS Curtis	c Henderson	b Javed Miandad	51
DB D'Oliveira	lbw	b Barwick	31
DN Patel		b Javed Miandad	67
MJ Weston	c Malone	b Ontong	36
N Kapil Dev		b Steele	92
+SJ Rhodes		c & b Steele	7
RK Illingworth	not out		15
NV Radford	not out		0
Extras	(b 2, lb 1, w 2, nb 5)		10
Total	(6 wickets, 99 overs)		309

DNB: DM Smith, \*PA Neale, JD Inchmore.

FoW: 1-55, 2-122, 3-175, 4-200, 5-224, 6-308.

Bowling	O	M	R	W
McFarlane	10	5	18	0
Barwick	10	2	31	1
Ontong	17	5	66	1
Malone	3	0	5	0
Steele	25	9	44	2
Younis Ahmed	12	2	35	0
Javed Miandad	12	0	67	2
Hopkins	2	1	9	0
Henderson	8	2	31	0

The County Championship Game was interrupted by the weather, but at least it was not as bad as in 1983. The start on Saturday was delayed and there were interruptions for rain and bad light throughout the 3 days. Abergavenny were given a chance to put their new electrical scoreboard into operation. Worcester were 294 all out in their first innings. John Hopkins and Geoff Holmes then put on 250 for the first wicket, both scoring centuries. Rodney Ontong declared Glamorgans first innings 44 runs behind and Worcester took their 2<sup>nd</sup> innings to 35-0 overnight.

The next day they batted on and the match ended in a draw as they finished the day on 309-6.



The Glamorgan C.C.C. Squad 1985



### World Events

Thirty-nine people are killed at the Heysel stadium in Brussels, Belgium. The Soviet pole vaulter Sergey Bubka makes the first ever 6-m/19.7-ft jump, in Paris, France. Europe's golfers, captained by the English golfer Tony Jacklin, defeat the USA 16.5-11.5 in the Ryder Cup at The Belfry, Sutton Coldfield in England. It is the first time the USA has lost the trophy since 1957. Larry Holmes of the USA loses his Title to Leon Spinks It is Holmes's first defeat in 48 professional fights, 22 of which were world title bouts. Orson Welles, US film actor, director, producer, and writer, best known for Citizen Kane, dies in Los Angeles, California (70) US firm Microsoft develops Windows for the IBM PC. The British pop group Dire Straits releases the album Brothers in Arms. It becomes the first CD to sell 1 million copies.