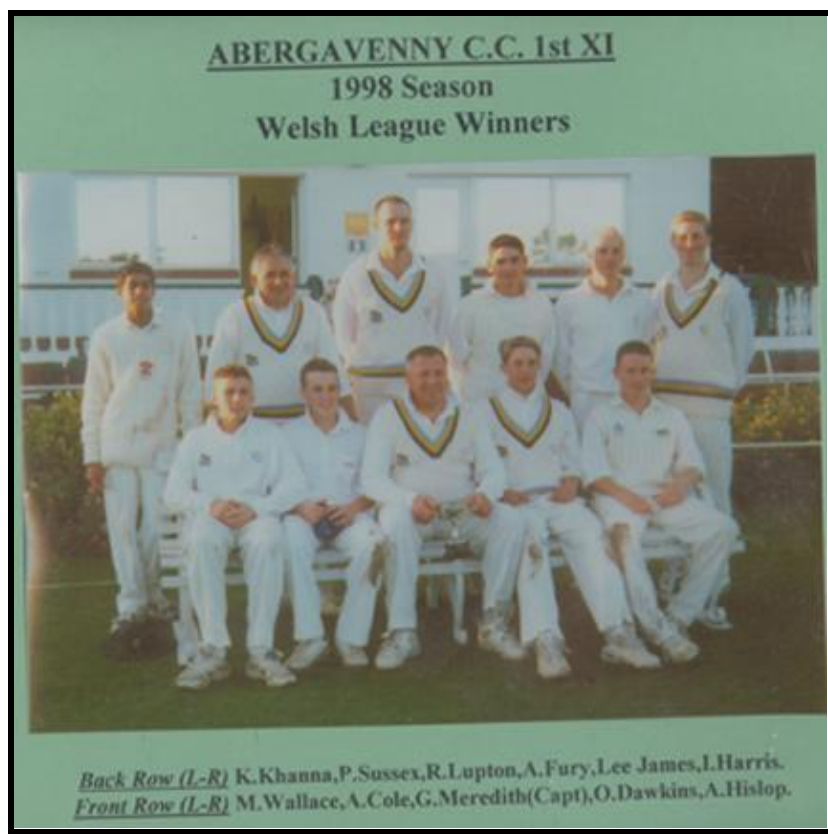


## Chapter 27

### Season 1998

President-J.B.Shackleton  
Chairman-T.A.Coles  
Hon Sec- C.Cotterill, Treasurer-I.Bailey  
Captain 1<sup>st</sup> X1-Gareth Meredith

1<sup>st</sup> X1 Runners-up TCL, Winners Welsh Cricket Championship  
2<sup>nd</sup> X1 TCL Div 2 Winners and League Cup  
3<sup>rd</sup> X1 Runners-up Gwent Alliance  
Under 19 Winners Inaugural Macey Youth Cup  
Under 15 Winners Gwent League



The opening game of the league fixtures was against local rivals village team from Llanarth, Abergavenny 236-7 R.Lupton (68)Owen Dawkins (57) Llanarth all out 136 Owen Dawkins 4-21.

A TCL Cup match against Hereford who made 149-6 was won by 6 wickets chasing 149, Ross Lupton saw them home with (96) Ben Powell (26\*) L.James had earlier taken 2-15. R.Lupton 2-24 and O.Dawkins 1-16

The full side- R.Wallace, D.Rowles, R.Lupton, O.Dawkins, M.Coles, B.Powell, J.Phillips, G.Meredith, I.Harris, L.James and P.Sussex

Cirencester 206-9 R.Lupton 7-44 were brushed aside with a magnificent Lupton century (132\*) to follow his wickets.

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Clevedon visited Avenue Rd next but were no match for Lupton who took 7-66 as Clevedon failed to chase Abergavenny's 216-7 J.Phillips (52)

A Cup game away at Kington brought another win by 9 wickets Kington 231 all out Paul Sussex 4-55. Ross Lupton with another undefeated century (136\*)

Another all round performance from Lupton with 38 runs and 5 wickets for 20 runs could not stop a Winget victory.

A good weekend with victories over Pershore 93 all out in the TCL Ross Lupton taking 8-35, Mark Coles and Ian Harris taking the other two wkts. R.Lupton and Owen Dawkins ensured a 10 wkt victory after J.Phillips had retired hurt and Gowerton, John Phillips shaking off his injury to score an undefeated century 102\* in Abergavenny's total 225-9. Gowerton were dismissed for 147 with the wickets shared.

A set back came against Chepstow with a 6 wicket defeat but this was followed by a comprehensive victory over Dafen Mark Wallace (47) and Gareth Meredith 5-12.

The 'double' was secured over Llanarth 88 all out who were bowled out by Lupton with 9-39 after Abergavenny had only set them a mediocre 141 with Mark Wallace (47) top scorer, Ben Powell (17).

Yet another Cup victory over Colwall with Abergavenny 289-5 J.Hughes (81)Mark Wallace (52) Ross Lupton (38) Ian Harris 2-30 and G.Meredith 2-31 as Colwall struggled to 149-7.

On July 7<sup>th</sup> Panteg knocked Abergavenny out of the Macey.

Another victory followed over Pershore in the cup by a single run Abergavenny 172-8 Ross Lupton (49) M.Coles (41)B.Powell (25)Pershore all out 1 run short Mark Coles 4-22, L.C.James also took 2 wickets, Ian Harris cleaned bowled the Number 11 for the 1 run victory.

Both Tondy and Clevedon were defeated M.Coles (44) R.Lupton 5-38. Ross Lupton (92) J.Hughes (85) versus Clevedon and skipper Gareth Meredith bowled Abergavenny to victory with 4-51 along with Ian Harris 2-45. Geraint Jones of Clevedon scoring an impressive (85)

In the Welsh League Bridgend were hammered by 227 runs Lupton (128) O.Dawkins (108) J.Hughes (38) J.Phillips (40) A.Coles 2-29 and Owen Dawkins with 6-64.

Abergavenny were in dire straits at 10-4 against close rivals in the league Winget when the rain came to the rescue

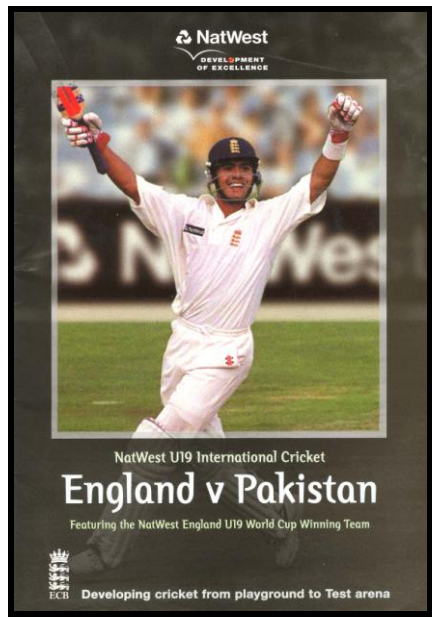
Pershore fell victims for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time in the season having scored a respectable 212-6 Ross Lupton ensured an 8 wicket win scoring (92\*)J.Hughes (43\*)

Newport were well beaten in the Welsh League bowled out for 179 Mark Coles 5-51 O.Dawkins 3-53 I.Harris 2-43 Abergavenny getting the runs for the loss of 3 wickets J.Phillips (64) Jamie Rowles (41)J.Hughes (50) O.Dawkins (20\*)

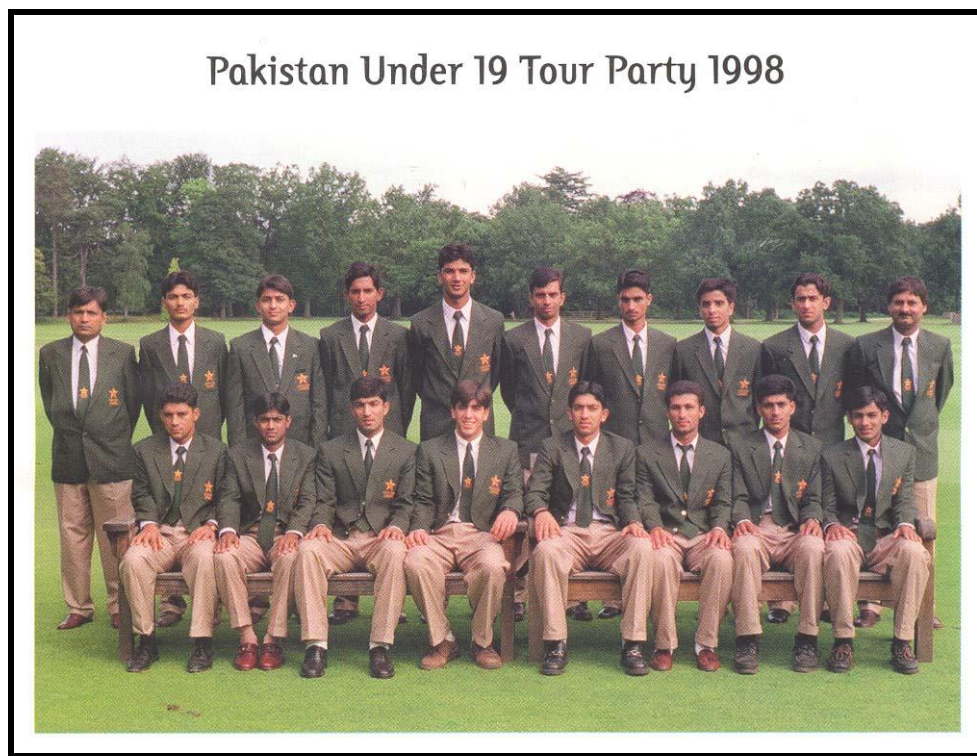
Panteg,s Macey win was avenged in the TCL Abergavenny 202-8 J.Hughes (59) Panteg 177 all out R.Lupton 4-61.

Abergavenny then lost in the semi-final of the TCL Cup to Usk despite the efforts of R.Lupton (52) and Gareth Meredith 2-41. Abergavenny 209-8 B.Powell (45)G.Meredith (45) Usk 213-6 G.Meredith 2-41,R.Lupton 1-8,P.Sussex 1-36 L.C.James 1-54

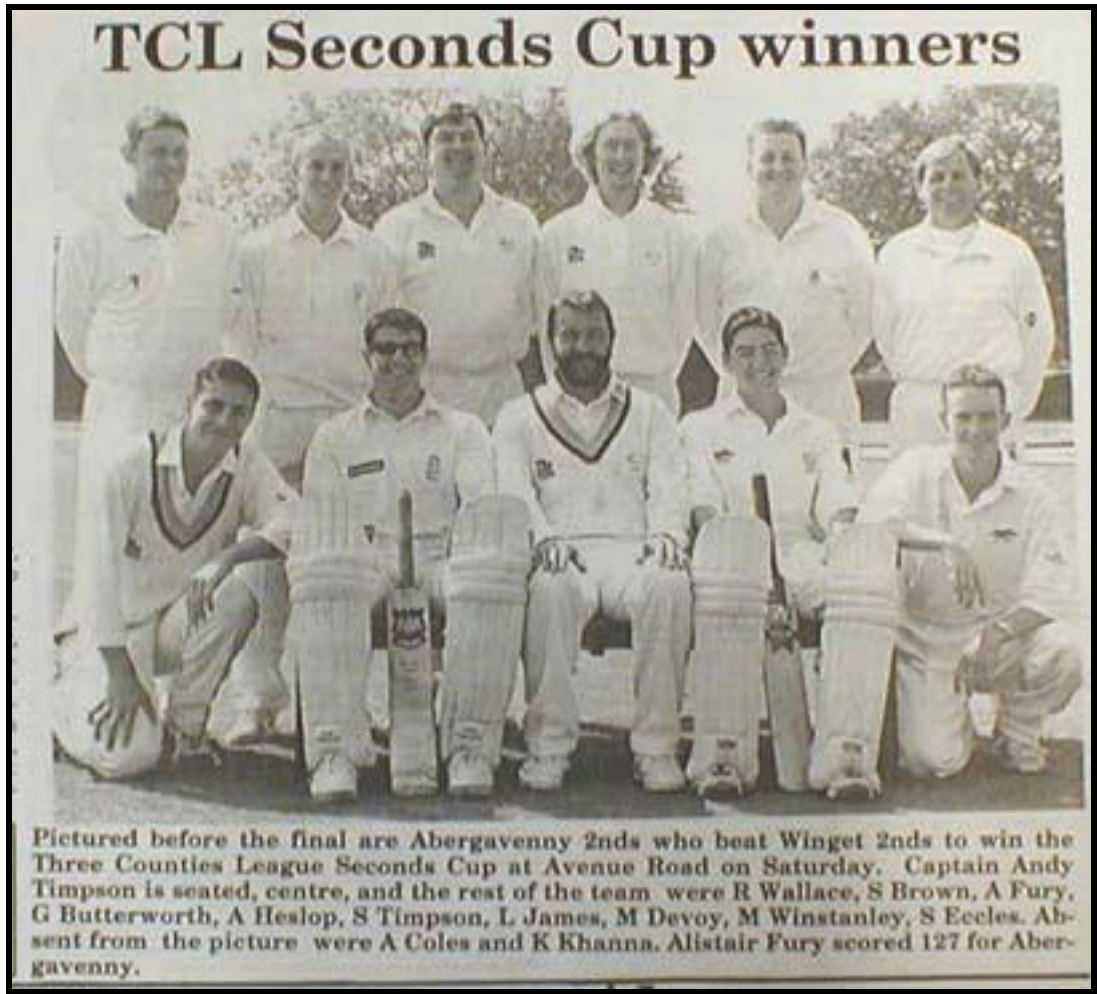
At Colwall after being bowled out for 213 R.Lupton (48) M.Coles (43) they won with Paul Sussex taking 5-27. In the final game that the Club would play in the TCL against Chepstow Ross Lupton scored (181) and Owen Dawkins took 5-83. This was followed by a fine victory against St Fagans which ensured the Welsh League title came to Abergavenny. Abergavenny only managed 115 all out with A.Heslop (20) but St Fagans were all out for 86 thanks to Ross Lupton with 6-28



Fresh from winning the MTN Under 19 World Cup in S.Africa the Pakistan Under 19 team tour England and Wales. Abergavenny hosted the 3 day fixture between ECB under 18 and Pakistan Under 19 on August 19/20/21. The Pakistan side below included B.Khan,H.Raza,T.Umar, I.Nazir,B.Asad,F.Iqbal,H.Farhat, K.Raza,I. Ul-Haq, I Fazil,Z.Saeed, H,Majeed, R.Ahmed, S.Nawaz, S.Malik, Z. Qayyum







Some of the lads pictured outside the Kington Pavilion all boundaries at this ground are famously greeted with the sounding of the spectator's car horns. That's if the fair is not using the ground



Sponsored Car for Michael Powell



Mark Wallace made his debut for England Under 19's versus Pakistan (1998)



Ben Lewis (2<sup>nd</sup> Left) was Young Player of the Year Seen here with Lee Fury, Gavin White and Mum + the trophy and Anthony Davies was Clubman of the Year



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Most Improved Player Ben Powell, John his Dad picks up the trophy from his other son. Below left- Gary Butterworth 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 Player of the year, below Mark Wallace 1<sup>st</sup> X1 Player of the

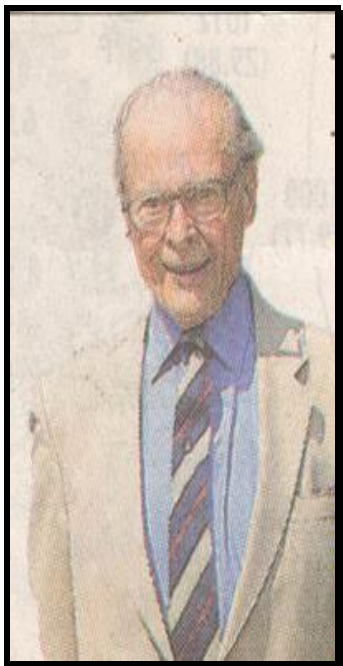


Pictured below Cirencester Pavilion





Ben Powell, Owen Dawkins, L.C. James, Ross Lupton, Mark Coles at Cirencester



**Pictured left-Lord Bathurst, aged 76  
Owner of the 15,000 acre estate in  
Cirencester.**

**Home of Cirencester Cricket Club  
where Abergavenny enjoyed many a  
'battle' Ancestor the 3<sup>rd</sup> Earl  
Bathurst was member of Parliament  
for Cirencester from 1783 until he  
succeeded to the earldom in 1794.**





In the Final Season of the TCL the League X1 reached the Final of the Inter League Competition. The Final was played at Grace Road Leicestershire.

Pictured Left are Abergavenny CC representatives Owen Dawkins and Gareth Meredith

Below is the Team for the Final with the Management Team

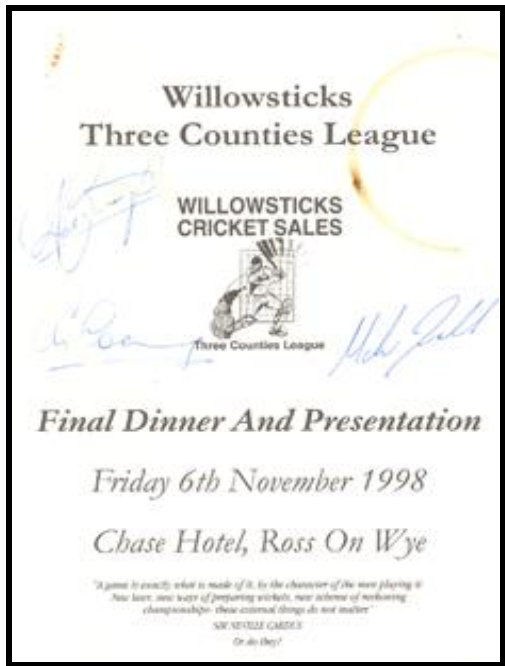




The captain of the Crickettes, Mark Winstanley, left, receives the Abergavenny Six-a-side trophy from club chairman, Anthony Coles. The Crickettes team was Andrew and Mark Morris, Gareth Williams, Malcom Heritage, Ray Hamer and Rob Howells.

A regular feature of the season the six a side tournament was won by the Crickettes

A most unlikely bunch who were rank outsiders at the start of the day



1998 saw the end of Three Counties Cricket as Abergavenny were forced to leave that League and join the Pyramid Structure being set up in Wales. Pictured left is the Brochure from the Final Dinner and Presentation Attended by Chris Cowdrey former Kent CCC and Captain of England. Also in attendance was Andrew Caddick and our own Mike Powell



The very last Three Counties Presentation Dinner Abergavenny CC  
Represented by:  
Brian Shackleton  
John Powell  
Paul Sussex  
Ray Hamer  
Mike James  
Warren Butterworth  
Stuart Lennox  
John Powel  
Peter Thomas  
Mike Powell Jnr  
John Phillips  
Gareth Meredith  
**Below**  
The Powell twins with  
Ritchie Thomas  
(Panteg)  
And Dave Howe  
(Stinchcombe)

**Individual Recognition- Compiled by Ryland Wallace**

**Owen Dawkins;** Glamorgan 2<sup>nd</sup> X1, Somerset 2<sup>nd</sup> X1, Three Counties League X1, MCC Young Cricketer

**Ross Lupton;** Glamorgan 2<sup>nd</sup> X1, Three Counties League X1

**Mark Wallace;** England Under 19, and 17's, Glamorgan 2<sup>nd</sup> X1, Under 19s and Under 17s, Wales Under 16s

**Jonathon Hughes;** Glamorgan 2<sup>nd</sup> X1, Under 19s and Under 17s, MCC Young Cricketers

**Alistair Fury and Jamie Rowles** Glamorgan Under 17s

Alex Heslop, Wales Under 16s

Kunnal Khanna Wales Under 15s



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**Greg Fury: Wales Under 11s**

**John Phillips and Gareth Meredith Three Counties League X1**

**Gwent Young Cricketers-** K.Khanna, Gareth Williams, Gwyn Pritchard, Alun Charrington, Gavin White, Ben Pike, Peter Hull, Ieuan Fury, Greg Fury, Huw Pritchard, Douglas Spencer, William Morris, James Schofield

**Powys Young Cricketers-** Sam Timpson, Alex Heslop, Mark Wallace, Jonathon Nash, Jonathon Davies, Ioan Lilly, Richard Pulman, Ross Williams, Nathan Jeffries, Richard Brooks, John Gregory, Ian Wallace, Tom Millington, Jonathon Jeffries, William Hitch.

**Administration-** Brian Shackleton Glamorgan CCC Committee. Paul Sussex, Three Counties League Executive and Joint Manager of the League X1

ABERGAVENNY CRICKET CLUB SECOND XI THREE COUNTIES LEAGUE AVERAGES 1998					
	Overs	Mdins	Runs	Wkts	Ave
Kunal Khanna	21.1	2	61	6	10.2
Andy Timpson	155.1	28	480	43	10.7
Steve Brown	10	0	55	5	11
Paul Havard	25	2	85	7	12.2
Andrew Coles	79	8	270	18	14.9
Mark Davies	23	7	57	3	19
Leighton James	31.3	2	134	7	19.2
Huw Charrington	66	17	157	8	19.6
Sam Timpson	132	20	422	20	21.1
Mark Winstanley	15	0	76	3	25.1
Mike Devoy	86.3	18	407	11	37
Alex Heslop	82	6	350	8	43.8

ABERGAVENNY CRICKET CLUB SECOND XI THREE COUNTIES LEAGUE AVERAGES 1998						
		INNS	NO	HS	RUNS	AVE
Gary	Butterworth	11	2	123no	629	69.8
Ryland	Wallace	8	2	127no	311	51.9
Alister	Fury	11	1	123no	444	44.4
Mark	Winstanley	13	1	81	369	30.7
Lee	James	12	1	121no	299	27.2
Steve	Brown	14	1	62	342	26.3
Alex	Heslop	10	4	36	143	23.7
Mike	Devoy	7	2	43no	115	23
Alan	Wright	6	1	35	87	17.4
Stuart	Eccles	10	3	32	119	17
Andy	Timpson	8	2	19no	81	13.4
Andrew	Coles	6	1	33no	66	13.2



Pictured at the 1998 Annual Dinner Ross Lupton and Mike Powell. Ross has terrorised the TCL just as Mike did a few seasons ago it would have been a useful side with both of them playing at the same time



Pictured left Mike and Mark a twosome that will be photographed a lot together in the future. It was ironic that they would be soon photographed together playing for the County at Taunton against Somerset

#### World Events

Copenhagen's Little Mermaid has head sawn off by vandals. Blockbuster Film Titanic wins 11 Oscars. Linda McCartney Dies from cancer. Pol Pot dies the Khmer Rouge leader suffers a heart attack. Frank Sinatra Dies aged 82 yrs. France beat Brazil to win the World Cup. MCC votes to end 200 year old ban on women members. Florence Griffiths-Joyner dies from a heart attack aged 38 yrs. Reg Smythe creator of Andy Capp dies. Mike Tyson returns to the ring after being banned for one year for biting Evander Holyfields ear. Lord Hunt dies aged 88 yrs the leader of the first successful Everest expedition.

1998 saw two Glamorgan 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 Fixtures at the ground. June 3/4/5 against Durham. The Glamorgan Team included. Ian Thomas, I.Dawood Wkt, Wayne Law, Owen Dawkins, Ross Lupton, G.Hopkins, Andrew Davies, James Williams (Capt) L.O.Jones, C.Brown, Simon Jones. The game was drawn. Durham 151 all out Ross Lupton 6-32, Andrew Davies 2-14 and 438-0 dec M.Roseberry 238\*, S.Hutton 165\* Glamorgan 379 all out Ross Lupton 118, L.O.Jones 102\*

July 1/2/3 against Leicestershire the team included Ian Thomas, I.Dawood Wkt, Wayne Law, S.Tomlinson, M.Ismail, Ross Lupton, G.Hopkins, P.S.George, James Williams (Capt) L.O.Jones, C.Brown, Simon Jones. Leicester 166 all out Ross Lupton 5-39, Simon Jones 4-54 and 299-8 dec Glamorgan 164 all out Ross Lupton 51 and 169 all out Ian Thomas 63 Leicester won by 132 runs.

Abergavenny's Ross Lupton topped the batting averages and was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the bowling averages for Glamorgan 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 that season.