

Abergavenny Cricket Club History

Season 1976

President- E.G.Nash
Chairman- P.F.Jones
Hon Sec- R.Jennings
Treasurer- G.H.Lewis Subs Secretary-Don Griffin
Captain 1st X1 - M.J.Powell
Captain 2nd X1-A.K.Mead

Pictured below Abergavenny First X1-1976



*Back Row L-R: D.Hunt, D.Griffin, L.Wilcock, S.Lennox, D.Harries, D.Norton, E.Hughes, R.Rossiter
Front Row L-R: G.Williams, B.Shackleton, M.Powell(Capt) R.Brown, G.Thomas*



The Season began for these highly tuned athletes (Pictured above) in January with indoor nets at The Leisure Centre.

The practice paid off as Abergavenny opened their season with two draws against Thornbury and Briton Ferry. Against Thornbury Abergavenny totalled 177-5 with runs from R.Brown (56) and Sam Coles (57) these two players put together a century stand for the 4th wicket. In reply Thornbury made 107-8 with K.Watkins taking 3-32 and S.Lennox 3-29. Briton Ferry struggled as Abergavenny made 139-8 with M.Powell (36) and S.Lennox (30) Briton Ferry making 93-9 with K.Watkins returning 4-10. The Club was in a strong position able to field three teams on match days.

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A good win by 8 wickets came against Whiteheads with Denis Harries taking 6 wickets as they were all out for 68. Abergavenny knocking them out for 2 wickets. 69-2 M.Powell top scored with (44*)

Crickhowell forced a draw having bowled Abergavenny out for 136, with L.Wilcock (48) and K.Williams (26) Crickhowell were 122-6 at the close.

A likely win against Stinchcombe was spoiled by the weather Stinchcombe were a miserly 96 all out wicket takers were K.Watkins 5-44 and S.Lennox 5-39. Abergavenny were 34-0 and cruising when the rain came.

A great win came next over Worcester. Abergavenny with a modest 91-9 once again M.Powell top scored with (40) but Worcester were 56 all out with S.Lennox taking 6-26 against his old club and K.Watkins 4-25 the destroyers.

In the Gwent Premier Abergavenny were too strong for Newbridge Welfare. Abergavenny scoring 227-4 with D.Jones (97*) and L.Wilcock (42) getting the bulk of the runs. Newbridge were 60 all out thanks to D.Harries 6-21 and D.Jones 3-14.

The Sphinx amassed 188-3 with a century from M.Stadden (134) and in reply Abergavenny were 123-8 as it ended a drawn game.

David Jones –Magnificent all round display

Cheltenham away was the next game, David Jones gave a great all round performance taking 6-50 and scoring (88) Cheltenham 216 all out Abergavenny 193-6 M.Powell with (46) was the other batsman to get runs. It ended a drawn game.

Caerleon were easily beaten Caerleon scoring 154-7 D.Jones taking 5 -41 Abergavenny passed their score to make 155-4 thanks to M.Powell (75)and D.Griffin (42)

Glamorgan 2nd X1 v Nottingham 2nd X1

Glamorgan 2nds played Nottingham 2nds in a two day game at Avenue Rd on May 12th and 13th which ended in a draw. The Glamorgan 2nd X1 began playing fixtures at Abergavenny in 1948

This was followed by a win against Mendip Acorns who made 155 all out A.Paton taking 2-28 Abergavenny winning scoring 158-4 the feature of this innings was a brilliant century by Mike Powell (101)

Abergavenny complete the 'Double' over Worcester City

A unique 'double' was achieved over Worcester with a win at Worcester. Abergavenny making a reasonable 134-7 M.Powell (29)R.Brown (31) S.Lennox(34) which proved too many for Worcester who were 73 all out thanks to B.Williams 3-27,K.Watkins 3-19 and D.Harries with 3-8.

Defeat came against Panteg on a difficult wicket Abergavenny 121-6 with contributions from D.Jones (26) and K.Holmes (27) Panteg reaching their target easily 124-3.

Things were quickly remedied against Ross who after bowling Abergavenny out for 126 runs again from D.Jones (34) and K.Holmes(23) Ross in turn were all out for 91 thanks to K.Watkins with 6-38.

A Gwent League match next against Malpas who made 203-9 K.Watkins taking 3-59 beat Abergavenny 199 all out L.Wilcock (72) and M.Powell(69) made a valiant effort to win the game.

Cirencester suffered the backlash being all out for 88 with speed twins B.Williams 6-43 and K.Watkins 4-36. Abergavenny knocked them out for the loss of 3 wickets at 90-3 openers M.Powell (55) and D.Jones (21) with the decisive innings.

Abergavenny were then invited to take part in the Whitbread sponsored six a side competition in Cardiff. They took the competition by storm, beating Stroud, St Fagans, Ebbw Vale and Briton Ferry on the way to the Title, losing only one wicket all afternoon. As well as the tournament they won the batting award (M.Powell) best fielder award (K.Holmes) and best bowler award (D.Jones)

The team: M.Powell,K.Holmes,L.Wilcock,D.Jones,B.Williams,K.Watkins.

Back to eleven a side and a victory over Chepstow who were all out for 88 K.Watkins taking 6-30. Abergavenny 89-2 runs from D.Jones (48)and R.Brown(24*).

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Abergavenny 2nd XI-Winners of the Gwent premier League
Back Row L-R K.Williams,R.Jennings,M.Edwards,A.Hartfield, A.Charrington,C.Coggins
Front Row L-R: G.H.Lewis,P.F.Jones,D.James,T.Mead(Capt) M.Drake, B.Shackleton

A very hard fought draw against Panteg who scored 214-6 Abergavenny clinging on at the close 94-9. Abergavenny Juniors/Colts were playing matches regularly in 1976. The team consisted of among others G.Thomas, M.Bloor, M.Winstanley, D.Dyer, N.Hewitt, M.Evered, I.Shackleton, A.Podder N.Haggard, S.Horton, P.Havard,W.Hickson. This investment in youngsters would stand Abergavenny in good stead over the next decade.



One of these juniors captained the winning side in the Evening League Competition. Gary Thomas pictured above receiving the Trophy on behalf of Twin Town. Also pictured is David Martin of Coopers who were runners up. Chairman Peter Jones presenting the trophies.

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The First XI got back on the winning trail against Monmouth, Abergavenny 204-8 D.Jones(57) R.Brown(47) Monmouth 169 all out D.Harris 4-29.

A defeat followed to Colwall who successfully chased Abergavenny's score of 193-8 with 5 of the top 6 batsmen scoring double figures.

At the same time Bob Jennings was taking 15 wickets for 137 over the weekend for the 2nds against Monmouth and Colwall.



Practice on the Square-1976

Another win came against Whiteheads, Abergavenny 202-7 M.Powell(78)D.Jones (45) Whiteheads 122-10 K.Watkins 5-32.

A hard game against Usk ended in narrow defeat. Usk 177 all out K.Watkins 3-44 D.Jones 3-42 Abergavenny 167 all out with runs from D.Jones (74) and D.Griffin (34)

Despite missing Mike Powell, Stuart Lennox, Dick Brown and Len Wilcock Newport Fugitives were comprehensively beaten. Newport Fugitives 54 all out K.Watkins returning a fantastic 8-21 Dennis Harries 2-26. Abergavenny 57-4 R,Rossiter (20)

A defeat at Hereford- Abergavenny 138-4 M.Powell (55) L.Wilcock(40) Hereford 139-7 with S.Lennox making a welcome return after injury taking 4-32.

Abergavenny 157-6 P.F.Jones (40) M.Powell (73) Des Norton (10*) Cirencester held on at 119-7 K.Watkins 5-38. D.Harries 1-33, S.Lennox 1-22

In the next game in late July early August Mike Powell passed 1,000 runs for the season when he struck his first boundary of the day, Abergavenny 186-5 M.Powell (81) L.Wilcock (62) David Griffin (17) P.Jones (13*) Usk 153-9 K.Watkins 5-54. D.Harries (3 wkts) S.Lennox (1 wkt)

Abertillery 99 all out D.Jones 5-35, Abergavenny 100-4 D.Jones (31) L.Wilcock (34)

A defeat by Winget followed, Abergavenny 147 all out M.Powell(34) D.Griffin(34) R.Rossiter (25)Winget 151-6 K.Watkins 3-67 D.Harries 3-51.

Back on the winning trail against Colwall. Abergavenny 175-6 M.Powell (47)D.Griffin(52)R.Brown(34) Colwall 117 all out K.Watkins with 6-47, D.Jones 3-65. This took Keith to 91 wickets for the season. Neath were next and John Bevan enjoyed another run feast. Neath 236-7 J.Bevan (83) Abergavenny 200-4 D.Griffin (72) R.Brown (40*) M.Powell (51). Glamorgan CCC Barry Lloyd also opened the batting for Neath

Revenge came next against Tewkesbury for defeating Abergavenny a few weeks previously. Tewkesbury 134-9 with 6 wickets for K.Watkins and three for D.Harris. Abergavenny 135-4 M.Powell (54) D.Griffin (48)

A draw against Stinchcombe who scored a massive 205-5. In reply Abergavenny scored 171-7 M.Powell (46) D.Jones (38) and D.Griffin (43)

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Ross were virtually beaten by D.Jones who took 5 wickets along with D.Harries and went on to score (86) of the 133-2 to win. His form continued against Cardiff Conference Cricket Champions Whitchurch who were bowled out for 93 with D.Jones taking 5-42. Abergavenny had previously score 178-6 M.Powell (77) D.Jones (31) L.Wilcock (30).

Crickhowell who were promoted to the Premier for the following season were given an idea of the task they face, Abergavenny 173-8 M.Powell (39) D.Griffin (25) L.Wilcock (68) Crickhowell 86 all out D.Jones 6-42.

The winning continued against Thornbury who bowled Abergavenny out for 123, with a decent contribution from D.Griffin (42) only to be bowled out themselves for 90. With the wickets shared by S.Lennox 5-31 and D.Jones 5-37.

A trip to Sophia Gardens for a 35 over game resulted in Cardiff making 121-8 with Brian Shackleton taking 2 wickets, in reply to Abergavenny's 188-5 where M.Powell (88) D.Griffin(42) and B.Shackleton (31) scored the runs. The Final game was against Syston Town who made 123 all out wickets for D.Jones 4-56 and K.Watkins 3-12 Abergavenny 124-8 D.Jones (77).

World Events

Paul Robeson dies, Military Junta overthrows Eva Peron, Field Marshall Bernard Montgomery dies, James Callaghan takes over as leader of the Labour Party and consequently as Prime Minister, the film All the Presidents men is released, United States celebrates its 200th birthday, Nadia Comaneci steals the show in Montreal Olympics, Renee Richards wins first tennis match as a woman, Mao Tse-Tung dies, the film Rocky is released, Jimmy Carter elected President



Geoff Williams another product of the youth policy is featured

Mike's 1564 meant 40 runs an innings									
AN ASTONISHING 1,564 runs were scored by Abergavenny first XI cricket Captain Mike Powell during the 1976 season giving him an average of 40 runs an innings. His run total included one century and 13 scores over 50.									
Close behind was D. Jones who scored 961 runs to give him an average of 27 an innings. A first class all-rounder Jones also took 959 wickets at an average of 14 runs each.									
The most successful bowler on the team however, was S. Lennox who took 39 wickets for 390 runs for an average of 10.									
The most wickets, went to K. Watkins who took 107 at an average of 12.8 runs each.									
Wicket keepers Des Norton led the fielding with 37 catches and six batsmen stumped, with G. Thomas									
taking 22 catches and stumping five.									
A good performance during the season also came from Len Wilcock who scored 767 runs for an average of 20, as well as holding 22 catches.									
BATTING									
	In/o	R	HIS	AV	Catches				
M. Powell...	40	1	1,564	101	40.10				
D. Jones...	39	4	961	27.46					
D. Griffin...	31	4	622	22.04					
L. Wilcock...	42	4	767	20.18					
D. Brown...	37	5	519	18.22					
R. Rossiter...	18	4	241	17.21					
K. Holmes...	18	2	242	15.13					
D. Norton...	16	6	133	13.30					
S. Lennox...	22	5	217	12.75					
S. Norris...	13	2	125	11.36					
K. Watkins...	17	6	100	10.00					
G. Thomas...	11	2	62	6.20					
P. Jones...	8	1	157	15.70					
J. E. Shackleton...	6	1	84	14.00					
D. Harries...	8	3	45	15.00					
B. Williams...	5	1	34	8.50					
A. Barnett...	5	2	24	12.00					
P. Thomas...	7	2	39	13.25					
BOWLING									
	O	M	R	W	AV				
S. Lennox...	194	48	390	39	10.00				
K. Watkins...	331	133	1,372	107	12.80				
D. Jones...	247	34	859	95	11.15				
D. Harries...	382	92	1,006	17	59.24				
B. Williams...	131	34	333	20	16.65				
A. Barnett...	65	8	189	7	27.00				

David Jones just missed passing 1,000 runs for the season with 961 and Keith Watkins took over 100 wickets. Mike Powell [Captain] Clubs top scorer with an average of over 40. Abergavenny did the 'double' over Worcester and a six a side tournament victory in Cardiff, in which Abergavenny players picked up all the awards. In particular the Keepers Des Norton and 15 year old Gary Thomas did very well. Bob Jennings took 104 wickets for the 2nd X1

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SEASON 1976

Capt. 1st XI M. Powell
Capt. 2nd XI A.K. Mead
1st XI Won Cardiff 6 A-side Tournament
2nd XI Win Gwent League

Lost in 1st round Mon K.O. lost to Monmouth

No Benefit Match

Hythe 152 - 9 Dec. Abergavenny 130 - 7 Draw

BATTING

	Inns	N.O.	H/S.	Total	Av.	Tons -		
M. Powell	41	1	101	1577	39.42	M. Powell	-	1
L. Wilcock	39	4	72	748	21.37	<u>Fifties</u>		
R. Brown	36	6	56	505	16.83	M. Powell	-	12
S. Norris	12	1	18	110	10.00	L. Wilcock	-	4
D. Jones	37	3	97	884	26.00	R. Brown	-	1
D. Griffin	30	4	72	581	22.34	D. Jones	-	6
R. Rossiter	18	4	72	256	18.28	D. Griffin	-	2
K. Watkins	18	7	30	99	9.00	R. Rossiter	-	1
S. Lennox	22	6	34	209	13.06	S. Cole	-	1
K. Holmes	17	2	27	191	12.73	P.F. Jones	-	1
G. Thomas	9	2	15	40				
D. Norton	17	7	25	133	13.30			
P.F. Jones	8	2	55	157				

Also Batted:- K. Williams, B. Williams, D. Harries, A. Potheary, A. Coles, S. Coles, P. Thomas, A. Paton, A. Barnett, B. Shackleton(53) P. Butterfield, D. Hunt, M. James, M. Drake, G.H. Lewis, S. Indge, G. Williams, P. Barrett, W. Powell, A. Charrington, B. Podar, D. James, A.K. Mead.

BOWLING

	Overs	Mdns.	Best	Wkts.	Runs	Av.
K. Watkins	507	130	8-21	103	1288	12.50
D. Jones	237	33	6-42	63	932	14.80
D. Harries	387	95	6-18	71	1077	15.16
S. Lennox	193	51	6-26	41	383	9.74
B. Williams	130	38	6-43	20	323	16.15
A. Barnett	74	9	2-37	7	254	36.28
K. Holmes	58	7	2-21	11	259	23.54

Also Bowled:- S. Norris, B. Shackleton, R. Jennings, B. Podar, A. Charrington, A. Hartfield, G. Williams, M. Drake, A. Potheary, M. James, P. Butterfield, D. Griffin, A. Paton, N. Edwards, R. Rossiter, M. Powell, R. Brown, L. Wilcock.

CATCHES

L. Wilcock	-	22	
D. Griffin	-	9	
R. Brown	-	9	
M. Powell	-	9	<u>Highest 1st Wicket Partnership</u>
D. Harries	-	7	125 M. Powell & D. Jones v Whiteheads - 10.7.76
S. Lennox	-	6	
K. Watkins	-	5	
D. Jones	-	4	
K. Holmes	-	3	
R. Rossiter	-	3	
S. Norris	-	2	
S. Indge	-	2	
G. Williams	-	1	
A.K. Mead	-	1	
A. Paton	-	1	
A. Coles	-	1	
P. Butterfield	-	1	

W/KEEPERS

D. Norton	-	36 catches 5 stumpings
G. Thomas	-	21 catches 3 stumpings

K.Williams 2 catches 1 stumping

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2nd XI Fixtures Keeper catches & Bowling Averages-1976- Gwent Champions

	OPPONENTS	DATE
1	CRICKITOWELL	18
2	Thornbury	24
3	Flax Bourton	25
4	Stinchcombe	1
5	Worcester	2
6	Newbridge	8
7	Caerleon	18
8	Cheltenham	16
9	Worcester	2
10	Winget	2
1	Hereford	3
2	Panteg	8
3	Ross	16
4	Malpas	2
5	Cirencester	9
6	Chepstow	2
7	Panteg	2
8	Monmouth	3
9	Colwall	4
20	Whiteheads	1
1	Usk	1
2	Newport Fug	
3	CIRENCESTER	
4	Hereford	
5	Abertillery	
6	Usk	
7	Winget	
8	Colwall	
9	Caerleon	
30	Tewkesbury	
1	St Fagans	
2	Stinchcombe	
3	Ross	
4		
5	Thornbury	
6	Cheltenham	
7		

CATCHES	
Wicket keeper	Total
K. Williams	16
P. F Jones	7

ORDER FOR 2nd XI BOWLING AVERAGES												
NAMES	WIDES	NO BALLS	OVERS	MAIDENS	RUNS	WICKETS					TOTAL WICKETS	AVERAGE
						BOWLED	CAUGHT	L.B.W.	HIT WICKET	STUMPED		
1 R. Jennings	2	-	30.3	46	1048	32	45	14	-	13	104	10.07
2 A. Barnett	1	-	85.5	25	190	7	7	4	-	-	18	10.55
3 P. Butterfield	7	6	136.3	33	369	10	8	5	-	-	23	16.04
4 A. Hartfield	-	2	123	18	416	9	11	-	-	-	20	20.8
5 A. Charrington	-	-	142	26	443	5	15	1	-	1	22	20.13
6 M. James	11	-	95	25	370	8	7	1	1	-	17	21.76
7 M. Drake	2	-	184	33	549	6	16	2	-	-	24	22.8

Gwent Premier Cricket League			
FINAL TABLES			
FIRST TEAMS			
	P.	W.	Pts. Av.
Panteg	9	8	141 15.66
Usk	10	8	145 14.50
Chepstow	10	7	139 13.90
Abergavenny	10	7	139 13.90
Newport Fug.	11	7	129 11.73
Malpas	10	5	107 10.70
Caerleon	10	5	103 10.30
Newbridge	9	4	84 9.33
Pontnewynydd	10	4	91 9.10
Monmouth	10	2	77 7.70
Abertillery	9	2	51 5.66
Whiteheads	10	0	37 3.70
SECOND TEAMS			
	P.	W.	Pts. Av.
Abergavenny	10	9	162 16.20
Panteg	11	10	170 15.45
Usk	10	6	132 13.20
Newport Fug.	11	9	144 13.09
Pontnewynydd	10	6	113 11.30
Chepstow	10	5	103 10.30
Abertillery	9	3	74 8.22
Malpas	10	4	76 7.60
Monmouth	10	2	76 7.60
Caerleon	9	2	65 7.18
Newbridge	9	2	51 5.66
Whiteheads	9	1	45 5.00

2nd X1 Gwent Champions- Batting Averages 1976

2nd XI ORDER FOR BATting AVERAGES								2nd XI ORDER FOR CATCHES	
	NAMES	TOTAL RUNS	INNINGS	MOST IN INNINGS	TIMES NOT OUT	COMPLETED INNINGS	AVERAGE	NAMES	TOTAL
1	P. Thomas	324	11	66	1	10	32.4	A. K. Mead	17
2	B. Shackleton	276	13	45	1	12	23	M. Drake	12
3	K. Williams	673	31	78	1	30	22.4	A. Coles	9
4	A. Charrington	147	13	35	6	7	21	A. Charrington	8
5	P. F. Jones	387	23	55	2	21	18.4	D. James	8
6	M. Drake	485	32	55	5	27	17.9	P. F. Jones	7
7	D. James	556	34	85	2	32	17.3	P. Butterfield	6
8	G. H. Lewis	387	24	59	0	24	16.12	R. Jennings	6
9	P. Butterfield	161	12	62	1	11	14.6	B. Shackleton	6
10	A. K. Mead	301	29	26	7	22	13.6	G. H. Lewis	5
11	A. Paton	62	9	30	4	5	12.4	M. James	4
12	A. Coles	90	12	27	1	11	8.18	S. Indge	2
13	R. Jennings	112	18	22	8	14	8	A. Barnett	1
14	S. Indge	29	11	10	3	8	3.62	C. Coggins	1
15	M. James	23	11	14	4	7	3.28	A. Paton	2
16	A. Hartfield	8	9	2	4	5	1.6	A. Hartfield	1
17								P. Y. Jones	1
8								S. Lennox	1
9								N. Martin	1
0								S. Norris	1
1								A. Pothecary	1
2								R. Rossiter	1
3								P. Thomas	1