

Abergavenny Cricket Club History

Season 1977

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

Pictured below Abergavenny First X1-1977 Gwent Premier League Winners
Losing Semi- Finalists Monmouthshire KO Cup



BackRow L-R: E.Hughes,D.Jones,S.Lennox, T.Mead, D.Harries, J.Mather, P.Sussex, R.Brown, L.White.

Front Row L-R: R.Rossiter,M.Powell(Capt) E.Jenkins,G.Thomas



Pictured left enjoying a social evening with his wife and friends, is Bill McPherson who sadly passed away on Oct 3rd 1977 at the age of 52. Bill was a great servant to Abergavenny CC both as a player, administrator and groundsman. His passing left Abergavenny Cricket Club all the poorer. 1977 saw the first year of the Ladies Section which was formalised and played a massive part in the history of the club

In the League Abergavenny held dual membership, they played in the Three Counties League and the Gwent Premier League, this applied to a number of teams and when they played each other points counted for both leagues. Mixed fortunes were enjoyed as Abergavenny finished as Gwent Premier League Champions but only third bottom in the TCL Mike Powell was Club captain and it was he who broke the news to the League secretaries at the start of the 1978 season that the Tea Rooms at Abergavenny had burned down and the AGM had needed to be postponed.

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Pictured below-Abergavenny C.C. 2ndX1-1977



Back Row L-R M.Mason,P.Sussex,N.Martin,A.Sussex,M.Drake,S.Indge,M.James
Front Row L-R A.Mills,D.Hunt,P.Thomas (Capt) M.Bloor,G.Thomas

Rohan Kanhai Testimonial Match-Sept 10th

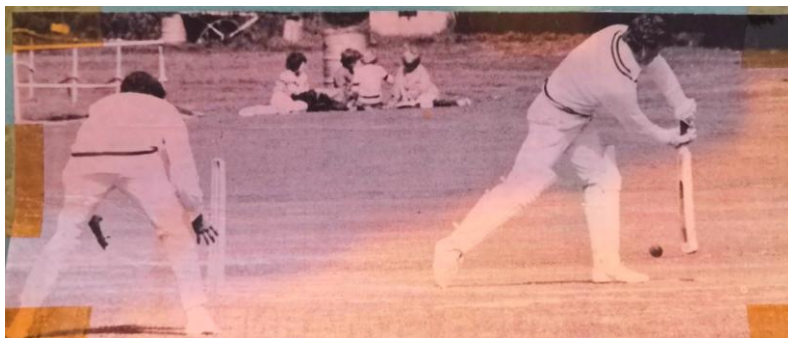


The season commenced as usual against Mumbles resulting in a resounding win. Mumbles 42 all out with wickets for S.Lennox 5-6 and D.Jones 3-15. Abergavenny 45-1 M.Powell (23*) and R.Brown (19*) Abergavenny drew with Whitchurch, Abergavenny 158 D.Jones (30) Eric Jenkins (56) S.Lennox (28*) Whitchurch 128-5 two wickets for D.Harries and one each for D.Jones & E.Jenkins.

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May 7th Malpas suffered the same fate, Abergavenny 158-4 M.Powell (39) D.Jones (73) and Eric Jenkins (31). Malpas 52 all out thanks to K.Watkins with 8-19 D.Harries and S.Lennox with a wicket each.. Meanwhile the 2nd X1 slipped from 60-1 to 93 all out chasing Malpas 2nd X1 score of 107.



Action from Abergavenny v Warwickshire

It was a different story against Worcester who bowled Abergavenny out for 81 with only D.Jones and R.Brown reaching double figures.

Abergavenny then held on for an undeserved draw against Stinchcombe who scored 109-8 S.Lennox taking 4-47. Abergavenny were 81-7 at the close.

David Jones scores a century

A magnificent century (119*) by David Jones supported by E.Jenkins with (37) and PY Jones (13*) enabled an easy win over Crickhowell who were all out for 96 K.Watkins 3-22,D.Harries 2-13 and E.Jenkins 2-29.

Yet another lucky draw followed against Tewkesbury , they scored 190-3 and Abergavenny were only 125-8 at the close, with K.Holmes (34*) Abergavenny 2nd X1 bowled Caerleon out for just 78 runs A.Barnett 2-12, M.Drake 1-31 and A.Hartfield 6-24. In reply PF Jones (43*) and JB Shackleton (35*) knocked off the required runs.

Cheltenham were too strong, they bowled Abergavenny out for 110 D.Jones (20) P.Sussex(19) and got them for the loss of 4 wickets P.Sussex taking 1-20.

Worcester City complete the 'double' over Abergavenny

Worcester completed the 'double' over Abergavenny who were 132-5 M.Powell(27)D.Griffin(27)and R.Brown (28) Worcester 133-7 D.Harries 3-51 (S.Lennox sustained an injury)

A draw in a friendly at Flaxbourton 201-5 P.Sussex taking 2-47 Abergavenny 118-7 J.Mather (24) and S.Lennox(28*)
Abergavenny 1st X1-D.Jones,PF Jones, J.Mather, G.Thomas,J. Powell, P.Barrett,P.Sussex, E.Jenkins & S.Lennox

A win at last came against Winget who scored 126-8 D.Harries 3-54,D.Jones 3-30,M.Drake 2-35, Abergavenny 129-3 M.Powell (36)D.Griffin (29*)R.Brown(32*) and E.Jenkins(25)

Eric Jenkins positive return to his old Club

Hereford secured a winning draw scoring 243-4 Declared. Abergavenny in reply were 129-6 with M.Powell(57) and E.Jenkins (27) against his old Club. K.Watkins and S.Lennox both injured themselves.

Abergavenny had the better of the next draw against Ross who scored 110-9 S.Lennox 3-55, D.Harries 4-20 and D.Jones 2-33 in reply to Abergavenny's 116-9 M.Powell(23) Abergavenny 2nd X1 at the same time against Ross 2nd X1 Bob Jennings 5-18 and Paul Sussex 5-15 shared the 10 wickets as Ross were bundled out for 34. 2nd X1 PF Jones, JB Shackleton, D.James, P.Thomas,K.Williams, AK Mead, P.Sussex, G.Thomas, B.Jennings, A.Wheeler & N.Martin.Abergavenny 2nd X1 92 all out-PF Jones [29]D.James [21] R.Jennings [10*]

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July 9th 1977 Joint benefit Tony 'Speedy' Cordle and Tony Brown



Teams

Glamorgan A.Jones J.Hopkins A.Francis G.Richards C.King R.Ontong E.Jones E.Jones M.Nash
M.Llewellyn T.Cartwright Gloucester- A.Stovold Sadiq M.Proctor D.Shepherd J.Foat A.Brown
D.Graveney J.Shackleton M.Vernon J.Davey



Malcolm Nash in action in the Tony Cordle/Tony Brown Challenge match

Abergavenny born Malcolm Nash was one of the big names returning to the Avenue Road ground for perhaps the most prestigious cricket match ever staged in town. Others playing Mike Proctor, Sadiq Mohammad, Alistair Hignall for Gloucester.

The much heralded £1,000 challenge match between Glamorgan and Gloucester at Avenue Road ended in a win by 2 wickets for Glamorgan thanks to some big hitting by Collis King who reached 50 in 23 minutes. King struck some of the biggest sixes seen on the ground and his innings came to an end when he slipped and hit his wickets after scoring 74 runs in 37 minutes. The crowd also enjoyed watching Jim Foat and Zaheer go for the runs in a fast moving partnership which put on 85 runs. They scored freely off local boy Malcolm Nash who later pleased the crowd with a stylish 37 runs while at the crease. Jim

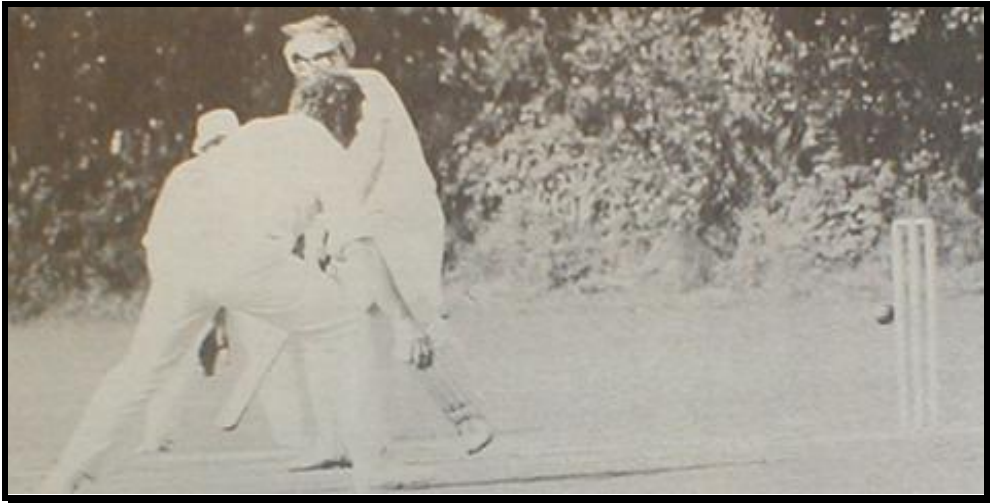
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Foat was eventually out for 76 and Zaheer for 49 and when the 50th over ended they had set Glamorgan 258 to win at 5.1 per over.

This was achieved with 7.5 overs remaining and 2 wickets in hand to the obvious delight of the crowd which included the Pontypool industrialist who sponsored the £1,00 cash prize.



Above Gary Thomas is very watchful as Mike Drake clean bowls a Monmouth Batsman



Above Tony Mead fields in at short leg in a 2nd X1 fixture

The Abergavenny matches continued and a desperately low scoring game against Cirencester saw Cirencester bowled out for 44 with S.Lennox 4-29 and D.Harries 5-12. Abergavenny winning by 9 wickets at 45-1 M.Powell (35*)

Abergavenny 128 all out with K.Holmes (23) drew with Pontnewynydd who managed 111-9 D.Harries taking 5-27.

A winning draw came next against Chepstow. Abergavenny 125-8 M.Powell(45) Chepstow 108-9 S.Lennox 3-23 K.Watkins 4-21.

A much needed win came against Monmouth who scored 104 all out with D.Jones taking an impressive 8-28 in reply to Abergavenny's 140-8 M.Powell (68).

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A second consecutive win came against Panteg. Abergavenny 146-5 Dec D.Jones (59) M.Powell(39) Panteg 46 all out S.Lennox 5-10,D.Harris 3-11 and K.Watkins 1-12.

A winning draw against Colwall followed Abergavenny 172-8 E.Jenkins(53) and J.Mather(52) D.Jones [10] G.Thomas [14*] Colwall 108-7 D.Harries taking 4-10 and 2 wickets for D.Jones and one for K.Watkins.

The 2nd X1 scored 171-9, P.Thomas [84] B.Shackleton [21] M.Drake [23] Colwall 2nd X1 -166-7 Paul Sussex taking 4-34.

In the Monmouthshire KO Cup Abergavenny won through to the semi final beating Panteg by 51 runs in the Quarter Final. Abergavenny 116-8 M.Powell (51) P.Sussex (31) M.Drake [12] Panteg 65 all out with wickets for P.Sussex 3-18,D.Harries 2-19 and K.Watkins 5-10. At One stage after 7 Overs Panteg were on 7 runs. Abergavenny now face Malpas away on July 26th.

A great win over Newport Fugitives in the Gwent League who managed 145-8 S.Lennox 3-27 D.Jones 3-48, Abergavenny 146-1 M.Powell (94) D.Jones (35*) K.Holmes [2*] Yielding 16 points.

Another victory over Newbridge who bowled Abergavenny out for 148 R.Rossiter (34) and J.Mather(24) only to be bowled out themselves for 100 with pacemen S.Lennox 6-33 and D.Harries 3-44.

Poor batting by Abergavenny 2nd X1 saw them bowled out for 74. Newbridge 2nd X1 knocking off the runs for the loss of 4 wickets.

The annual fixture with Mendip Acorns was spoiled by rain Mendip 133-9 D.Harries taking 4-31. Abergavenny were in dire straits at 68-6 when the rain came. R.Rossiter (20).

Abergavenny were then beaten in two very low scoring games Abergavenny 79 all out K.Holmes (21) M.Powell [11] D.Jones [14] Cirencester 81-4, 3 wickets for S.Lennox and one for Mike James. Abergavenny 67 all out D.Jones (24) Eric Jenkins [15] Hereford 70-3 S.Lennox taking all three wickets to fall.

The 2nd X1- 189-7 had a convincing win over Cirencester 2nd X1 thanks to some excellent batting, R.Brown [33] AK Mead [30] GH Lewis [39] Cirencester 2nd X1 all out for 134. M.Drake 3-44 James 2-1 and Wheeler 4-36

Usk held on for a draw. Abergavenny 167-5 D.Jones (87) M.Powell (52) K.Holmes [16] Usk 155-8 wickets for P.Sussex 2-36 and D.Harries 2-29 and 3 wkts for D.Jones. There was excellent fielding and catching from Holmes Indge, Jenkins and Sussex.

Abergavenny 2nd X1 127 all out. Peter Thomas [38] Usk 2nd X1-128-8 A.Barnett 4-33

Hythe were beaten at Avenue Road Hythe 141 all out Abergavenny 143-6 M.Powell (35) R.Rossiter (41) R.Wallace (38*) A good win followed against Winget who were bowled out for 103 D.Harries taking 6-31 and 3 wickets for D.Jones Abergavenny reached the target for the loss of 4 wickets M.Powell (42) R.Brown (33*) and D.Jones [16]

Peter Thomas scores a century

Another draw followed against Colwall who scored 143-9 D.Harries 4-32,P.Sussex 2-30. Abergavenny hung on at 112-9 M.Powell (33) S.Lennox (36*) P.Sussex [12] D.Harries [11] While this was happening Peter Thomas was collecting a century against Colwall seconds.

Neath were next up, they scored 141-9 with John Bevan failing for once.D.Jones 5-55 D.Harries 3-42. In reply Abergavenny 131-7 R.Brown (52*) Kyle Holmes [20] M.Powell [17] John Mather [15] Barry Lloyd was in the Neath team.

Yet another draw against Stinchcombe who scored 176-6 K.Watkins 4-81 Abergavenny finished on 123-6 D.Jones (39) GH Lewis [26] R.Brown [16] G.Thomas [15*]

A surprise defeat to Ross ensued, who successfully chased Abergavenny's 155-5 D.Jones (86) R.Rossiter (45) Kyle Holmes [11] for the loss of 5 wickets P.Sussex 2-38 D.Harries 2-40. A friendly with Mayflies who scored 183-6 ended in a draw Abergavenny reaching 158-9 E.Jenkins (37) D.Jones [23] PF Jones [10] R.Rossiter [23] Paul Bowen [12*] and S.Lennox (34)

Abergavenny lost to Malpas in the Semi-Final of the Monmouthshire KO Cup, Malpas went on to win the Trophy beating Llanarth in the Final.

Against a very strong Cheltenham side which included 4 County Cricket Players in D.Brown, R.Nichols D.Partridge and Mike Bailey. Abergavenny acquitted themselves quite well Cheltenham 183-8 D.Jones 4-33 in 8 Overs and P.Sussex 2-74 in 21 Overs Abergavenny 115 all out D.Jones (38). [see Scorecard below] Abergavenny's last match of the season was against Thornbury on September 15th Thornbury 65

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all out were undone by Denis Harries who returned his best figures of the season 7-20 from 14 overs taking his season tally to 95 wickets. D. Jones (7*) and M. Powell (54*) knocked off the runs for a 10 wicket victory.

CHELTENHAM	
D. Brown st Thomas b Jones ..	58
P. Abraham ct Shackleton	
b Sussex	0
J. Gordon-Lennox run out	0
M. Bailey c Brown b Lennox ..	10
R. Lewis b Jones	44
L. Nicholls c Powell b Jones ..	5
M. Winlow lbw b Sussex	24
R. Nicholls b Jones	24
D. Sewell not out	5
D. Partridge not out	3
R. Laycock did not bat	
Extras 10	
Total (for 8 wkts.) 183	
Bowling: S. Lennox 37 — 1; P. Sussex 74 — 2; M. James 33 — 4.	
ABERGAVENNY	
M. Powell b Laycock	19
D. Jones c Bailey b R. Nicholls	38
R. Brown c L. Nicholls b Bailey	4
E. Jenkins b Bailey	5
S. Lennox c Laycock b Bailey ..	0
B. Shackleton c Abraham	
b R. Nicholls	12
P. Sussex c Gordon-Lennox	
b R. Nicholls	12
G. Thomas not out	5
M. Davies c Abraham	
b R. Nicholls	5
A. Morris b R. Nicholls	0
M. James b R. Lewis	7
Extras 8	
Total 115	
Bowling: R. Nicholls 39 — 5; M. Bailey 19 — 3.	



Pictured Above: Left Scorecard from Cheltenham game and Above Right—Anthony Coles in Winter action for Abergavenny Quins. Tony has recently joined the cricket club from Pontardulais. He will emerge as a man who makes a tremendous contribution to the cricket club. In 1984 he will bring his home town choir to join in our celebration of 150 years of cricket at Abergavenny.

THREE COUNTIES CRICKET LEAGUE — 1977										
1st XI										
	Pld	W	WD	LD	L	BT	BL	Pts	Av.	
Hereford	17	11	5	1	—	37	52	241	14.18	
Panteg	16	7	4	1	4	24	35	163	10.19	
Worcester	17	9	1	2	5	24	44	170	10.00	
Stinchcombe	19	3	10	—	6	41	38	189	9.95	
Colwall	18	7	4	3	4	29	41	178	9.89	
Lydney	18	6	1	6	5	33	40	153	8.50	
Cirencester	18	6	1	3	8	20	48	143	7.94	
Winget	16	3	3	3	7	26	36	122	7.62	
Usk	19	4	2	4	9	38	40	142	7.47	
Abergavenny	18	4	3	5	6	17	38	129	7.17	
Tewkesbury	14	2	2	5	5	22	28	96	6.86	
Ross	19	3	3	6	7	24	32	122	6.42	
2nd XI										
	Pld	W	WD	LD	L	BT	BL	Pts	Av.	
Hereford	15	7	5	1	2	44	45	201	13.40	
Panteg	17	10	2	1	4	26	50	194	11.41	
Colwall	17	10	1	1	5	24	44	178	10.47	
Usk	19	7	4	1	7	24	52	177	9.32	
Abergavenny	17	7	1	3	6	30	43	157	9.24	
Worcester	14	7	—	3	4	20	33	129	9.21	
Cirencester	16	7	—	2	7	11	51	136	8.50	
Winget	14	4	3	3	4	13	34	117	8.36	
Stinchcombe	15	5	1	3	6	21	35	123	8.20	
Lydney	18	5	3	1	9	24	34	134	7.44	
Tewkesbury	14	3	2	1	7	5	28	85	6.07	
Ross	15	1	—	2	12	4	32	50	3.33	

The Tour to Kent and Middlesex was a success winning one game and drawing four. Sandwich 184-5 D. Harries 2-35 Abergavenny 135-7 M. Powell (56). Next day Abergavenny 142-7 Dec K. Holmes (55) Hythe 119-9 D. Jones 6-47. Broadstairs 142-7, Abergavenny 139-6. The highlight came against Milstead where chasing 185-7 Abergavenny won by 9 wickets M. Powell (111* K. Holmes (62* putting on 169. North Middlesex 180-7 Abergavenny 131-6

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The touring Squad including R.Rossiter, D.Harries, S.Lennox, K.Watkins, Doc Lewis, J.Gethings, Bill Smith, Dai Jones, M.Powell, T.Mead, K.Holmes, D.Hunt, C.Coggins



Pictured above

M.Powell (111) K.Holmes (62*)
put on 169 for the 2nd wicket against Milstead the batsman out was David Jones for 2*

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Pictured above the 'dead fly' at Hythe Cricket Clu



Back at Avenue Road Dick Apse and Brian Shackleton

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Dick Apse plays the game!!!



Above Dennis Harries presents Kyle with a sponge!!!!

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Below Brian Shackleton honoured by Round Table with 'This is your Life'



'This is Your Life' surprise for Brian

ONE OF the sad things about Round Table membership is that it must come to an end when the Tabler reaches 40. Just coming to the end of his honorary (final extra) year of the Abergavenny Club is one of the club's, and the town's, most popular personalities and Tablers felt they could not let the occasion pass without some recognition.

Thus it was at last week's meeting, the last before his final retirement, local chemist Brian Shackleton was the subject of a "This is Your Life" programme, compiled and presented by Tabler Doc Lewis, who has been a close friend and colleague of Brian in many of his varied activities.

Taken completely by surprise, Brian had to sit back while no less than 18 "intruders" to the club, including his wife Barbara, told the colourful story of his contributions not only to Round Table but to the town and district generally and to local cricket and rugby football in particular.

In addition to being presented with the traditional red book, Brian also received from cricketers colleagues two copies of a cartoon showing one of those unforgettable moments in the life of most batsmen.

He is seen here, centre, being reminded of the occasion.

World events

Gary Gilmore executed in USA, Final episode of 'Roots' reaches record breaking 80 Million, Begin takes over Israel, Joan Crawford dies, Spain holds its first free vote for 41 years, Queen's silver jubilee, Borg wins Wimbledon, Elvis dies, Maria Callas dies. Kerry Packer, owner of the Australian Channel Nine Television, signs up 66 leading players to participate in his own series of matches; all are barred from Test cricket.

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SEASON 1977

Capt. M. Powell V. Capt. S. Lennox
 Capt. 2nd XI A.K. Mead
 9.7.77 Glamorgan v Gloucester A. Cordle & A. Brown - Joint Benefit
 10.9.77 R. Kanhai Benefit Match
 3rd Bottom - 3 Counties League
 Winners Gwent League
 Mon K.O. Cup -

BATTING

	Inns	N.O.	H/S.	Total	Av.	Tons -		
M. Powell	36	4	111	1089	34.00	M. Powell	-	1
D. Jones	38	4	119	897	26.00	Fifties		
S. Lennox	28	15	36	296	22.76	M. Powell	-	7
R. Brown	19	5	52	276	19.71	D. Jones	-	4
K. Holmes	20	3	62	288	16.94	F. Jenkins	-	2
F. Jenkins	30	4	56	420	16.15	K. Holmes	-	2
R. Rossiter	23	1	45	312	14.18	R. Brown	-	1
J. Mather	15	1	52	191	13.64	J. Mather	-	1
D. Griffin	8	1	29	89	12.71			
K. Watkins	8	3	23	62	12.40			
J. Powell	13	1	19	130	10.83			
G. Thomas	17	5	16	124	10.33			
P. Sussex	8	1	19	71	10.14			
D. Harries	13	5	18	59	7.40			

Also Batted:- S. Norris, B. Shackleton, P.F. Jones, P.Y. Jones, D. James, G. Nicklin, N. Martin, M. Drake, A. Mead, B. Aubrey, G.H. Lewis, P. Bowen, R. Williams, D. Norton, S. Indge.

BOWLING

	Overs	Mdns	Wkts.	Runs	Best	Av.
S. Lennox	298.2	88	57	688		12.07
D. Harries	528.3	163	95	1249		13.15
K. Watkins	242	57	37	594		16.05
F. Jenkins	279.7	27	64	1126		19.20
P. Sussex	93.5	16	12	311		25.90

Also Bowled:- M. Davies, M. James, A. Wheeler, R. Williams, M. Powell, A. Hartfield, M. Drake, N. Martin, K. Holmes, J. Mather.

CATCHES

S. Lennox	-	16		
M. Powell	-	14		
D. Harries	-	12		
K. Holmes	-	9		
F. Jenkins	-	8		
R. Brown	-	6		
D. Jones	-	5		
P. Sussex	-	5		
A. Mead	-	4		
R. Rossiter	-			
B. Shackleton	-			
K. Watkins	-			
M. Drake	-	3		
M. Davies	-			
S. Indge	-			
G.H. Lewis	-			

Highest 1st Wicket Partnership

138 M. Powell & D. Jones v Fugitives - 16.6.77

W/KEEPERS

G. Thomas	-	20 (16 & 4)
J. Powell	-	6 (5 & 1)

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Abergavenny v Chepstow June 1977

