

Season 1979

President-E.G.Nash, [56th Year at the Club]
Chairman- J.B.Shackleton
Hon Sec- P.Thomas Fixture Secretary-Ken Williams
Treasurer- G.H.Lewis Subs Secretary-Don Griffin
Players Secretary-Richard Rossiter
Captain 1st X1-M.J. Powell
Captain 2nd X1- A.K.Mead
Captain 3rd X1 - M.Mason

Club shakes off setbacks to find success

AN ABERGAVENNY six-a-side cricket team will represent South Wales in the national six-a-side tournament at Crystal Palace this year, the club heard at their AGM last week.

The team is likely to consist of players who won the North Gwent championship by beating Chepstow — Stuart Lennox, David Jones, Kyle Holmes, Paul Sussex, Andy Mills and Alun Davies, says chairman, Mr. Brian Shackleton.

In his address to the AGM at the new clubhouse Mr. Shackleton praised the six-a-side team for their success in the championship and also the first XI side which he said had made a "magnificent effort" in 1978, despite the loss of two key players, Dennis Harris and Peter Jones.

The team had won the Gwent Premier League and come third in the Three Counties League, which was a particularly good result, said Mr. Shackleton.

A development in the club during the year had been the advent of a third team formed by Mr. Martin Mason. The youth teams of under-15 and under-19

players had also played some matches.

"It is the job of the club for the future of cricket to encourage these youngsters," said Mr. Shackleton.

He thanked various officers and members of the club for their work over the year, especially builders of the new clubhouse Butler Bros, groundsman, David James and Ken Davies who organised the building of the new score-box.

Mr. Shackleton praised the designer of the new clubhouse which has just been finished to replace the old building which was gutted by fire last year.

But he also stressed the need for new members who would come and drink in the bar, making profit which would help pay for the building.

Everyone was welcome to join, he said, and the membership fee was only £1 per year. Wives could also join and there was an active Ladies Committee which he praised for their fund-raising and work for the club.

Doc Lewis gave his treasurer's report, saying that although the club was in debt following costs of the new building, he was very pleased with the picture as a whole. He also stressed the need for new members.

The bar had brought in a considerable profit, he said, and bar organiser, Mr. Tony Mead, captain of the second XI, was particularly praised for his work in this connection.

Captains of the first, second and third XIs also reported on the year's activities.

Mr. Mike Powell, captain of the first XI, said the team had played 36 games, won 19, lost three and drawn 14. The best three batting averages came from himself, David Jones and Don Griffin and the best three bowling averages from K. Watkins, David Jones and Dennis Harris.

Mr. Tony Mead praised the members of the second XI for their attitude to their matches and Mr. Martin Mason praised the third XI for their behaviour, which he said was a credit to the club, in away matches.

OFFICERS

Re-elected officers were as follows: president, Mr. Ted Nash; hon general secretary, Mr. Peter Thomas; hon subs secretary, Mr. Don Griffin; hon fixtures secretary, Mr. Ken Williams; hon players secretary, Mr. Tony Paton; hon treasurer, Mr. Doc Lewis; first XI captain, Mr. Mike Powell; second XI captain, Mr. Tony Mead; third XI captain, Mr. Martin Mason.

Mr. Mike Drake, Mr. Derek Havard and Mr. Richard Brown were re-elected on the General Committee and Mr. Alun Davies and Mr. Richard Rossiter were elected.

Members of the House Committee were re-elected and Mr. Paul Sussex was elected.

Mr. Bryden Phillips was elected as hon auditor as was commended by the president for his work.

Mr. Lewis White was elected vice chairman, Mr. Stuart Lennox, Mr. Ken Williams and Mr. Paul Bowen were elected vice-captains of the XI's.



Members of Abergavenny Cricket Club enjoy a drink in their new clubhouse before the annual meeting. The building, which was completed on March 23, replaces the old clubhouse which was gutted by fire last year and will be officially opened on April 22 when a Malcolm Nash team will play the first match.

In the picture- Include - Paul Sussex, Brain and Richard Rossiter, Mike Bruton, Dick Brown, Alan Breeze , Derek Havard & Ken Davies

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Neil Abberley Benefit Season, Opening of the new Clubhouse. Under 19's Youth Cup Winners

Pictured below First X1- 1979



*Back Row L-R Lew White, R.Brown, K.Roberts, D.Dyer, S.Dowle, K.Holmes, D.Griffin, R.Rossiter
Front Row L-R A.Potheadary,S.Lennox,M.Powell(Capt) P.Sussex*

The new building was completed in March 1979 and the official opening was on April 22nd 1979.

The first league victory came against Chepstow, winning by 2 wickets with only 3 balls remaining.
Chepstow 179-4 K.Watkins 3-45 Abergavenny 180-8 A.Mills (70) D.Jones (21) A.Davies (110 R.Rossiter (23) G.Thomas (12*) K.Watkins (16*)

A draw was achieved against a strong Newport Athletic side John Roberts taking 4-57, and Dave Jones with a half century & D. Griffin (19) were the only successes.



Pictured Left is John Roberts who had a good spell against Newport taking 4-57, John will prove be a loyal servant of the Cricket Club

Newport 188-5 J.Roberts 4-57 Abergavenny 108-6 D.Jones (52*)
Worcester at home proved different opposition they scored 168-7, but Doug Slade with 5-28 reduced Abergavenny to 102 Mike Powell (62) K.Watkins 4-66 Abergavenny 102-10
Abergavenny 146-6 Dec S.Lennox (65) P.Sussex (19) Mendip Acorns 148-2
Abergavenny 174-7 featuring a 3rd wicket stand of 72 between Dave Griffin and K.Holmes, A.Mills (33)
Pontnewynydd were all out for 97.D.Jones 4-42

Abergavenny could quite easily lost their match with Tewkesbury but they won eventually by 2 wickets. The feature of the match was the performance of the wicket keeper T Simpson-Hayward who stepped in at the last minute for the regular keeper and according to skipper Mike Powell "He did a first class job"
Tewkesbury 120-8 P.Sussex 5-47 K.Watkins 3-37 Abergavenny 121-8 M.Powell (33) D.Griffin (53)

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For the 2nd X1 against Tewkesbury 2nd X1 skipper Tony Mead led the way with [39] Ken Williams [22] Andy Potheary [17] Paul Bowen [15] Mike Drake [15] Abergavenny 2nd X1 168-9 in reply Tewkesbury 2nd X1 90-5 Tony Charrington 3-27

The runs flowed the next day at Avenue Road when a weakened Cheltenham side were the visitors- Abergavenny went from 41-3 to 203-8 K.Holmes (90) S.Lennox (46) Cheltenham 147-6 K.Watkins 3-12 P.Sussex 2-51. Panteg 127-7 A.Charrington 3-33 P.Sussex 1-22 Watkins 1-33, Lennox 1-25. Abergavenny 102-6 S.Lennox (40*) R.Rossiter (19)

Ross 118-10 K.Watkins 7-47 P.Sussex 1-5 Abergavenny 108 D.Griffin (57) Richard Rossiter and K.Holmes making any runs of note. David Griffin in two superb innings total 144 taking only just short of 400 for the season and Keith Watkins added 10 more wickets to his season total which stands at 40 half way through the season

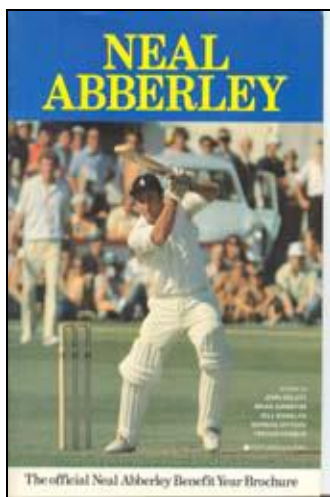
Abergavenny 176-8 D.Griffin (72) R.Rossiter (50) Pontnewynydd 101-10 K.Watkins 6-42 P.Sussex 2-34 Abergavenny 188-2 S.Dowle (64) D.Griffin (72*) Cirencester 177-8 K.Watkins 4-72 S.Lennox 2-39

BSC Whiteheads 46-10 P.Sussex 5-19 K.Watkins 4-14 Abergavenny 48-0. M.Powell & S.Sowle knocked off the runs

Colwall 210-6 K.Watkins 3-46, S.Lennox 2-55, P.Sussex 1-30 Abergavenny 211-8 D.Griffin (89) Kim Roberts (31) P.Sussex (19)

Abergavenny 126-9 A.Mills (43) Usk 129-9 Robin Jarman pulled Paul Sussex for six runs over square leg with 3 balls to go.

Neil Abberley Benefit Match (Saturday) June 23rd



Above-Mike Powell tosses the coin with Neil Abberley watched by Cliff Cox with Paul Sussex in the background

Malcolm Nash X1 v Abergavenny 1st X1 –at Opening of the new extension Sunday April 22nd

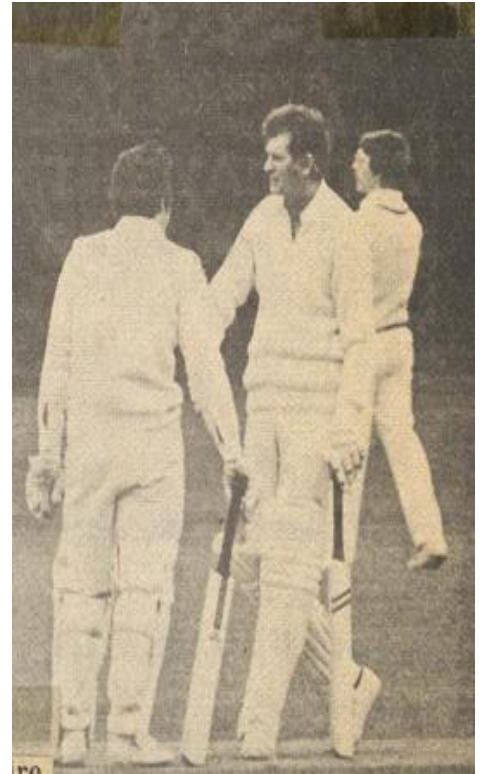


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*Standing in rear-A.Mills,L.White, K.Holmes, P.Thomas, G.Thomas, C.Cox, J.Roberts, A.K.Mead
Back Row-S.Perryman, P.Oliver, N.Abberley, K.Lyons, E.Jones, M.Llewellyn, G.Richards, D.Jones,
R.Brown Sitting -B.John, J.Hopkins, A.Jones,D.Brown, P.Walker,M.Powell, R.Rossiter,P.Sussex*

Pictures from the Opening of the new extension- April 22nd 1979



Pictured above- Barry John signing autographs with a young Anna Shackleton. Peter Walker has a chat during his innings and David Brown rolls up the shutters for the first time

CELEBRITIES SHINE IN THE RAIN

A CROWD of over 200 people packed the Abergavenny Cricket Club clubhouse for the official opening on Sunday evening.

The ceremony was conducted by David Brown, Warwickshire captain and Chairman of the Professional Cricketers' Association.

The opening followed a celebrity cricket match between Abergavenny and the Malcolm Nash side which was watched by a good crowd.

Malcolm could not play as he was convalescing after an operation and will be out of cricket until June.

Another celebrity, Barry John, could not play due to an injured finger but he turned up at the match as promised.

The 45-over match was halted by the rain and the home side did not bat, but in their innings the celebrities soon amassed 227 runs.

CRICKET SCOREBOARD

J. Hopkins st. G. Thomas b. Jones for 63;
M. Abberley ct. Mills b. Roberts for 67;
E. Jones b. K. Holmes for 11;
P. Walker ct. Holmes b. Jones for 11;
M. Llewellyn not out 53;
A. Jones b. Sussex for 5;
C. Richards not out 17.

David Brown, Steve Perryman, Phil Oliver and Barry John completed the team.

Pictured Left the scorecard for the rain affected Fixture preceding the opening of the new extension. Back to the Club cricket.....
Newport Fugitives 149-10 K.Watkins 3-46, D.Dyer 2-38,K.Holmes 2-31 Abergavenny 150-6 D.Griffin (58) Gary Thomas (26)
Abergavenny 192-9 Kim Roberts (59) A.Mills (35) Newbridge 182-7 J.Roberts 3-37
Chepstow 202-6 P.Sussex 3-50 K.Holmes 2-63 Abergavenny 141-8 D.Griffin (55) K.Holmes (27)
Abergavenny 72-1 M.Powell (37*) D.Griffin (26*)
Usk 172-6 K.Watkins 2-51 Abergavenny 119-10 A.Mills (31) P.Sussex (22)

August 12th Abergavenny completed the double over Colwall 131-7 Abergavenny 133-4 D,Griffin (57)
Winget 156-10 S.Lennox 7-47, P.Sussex 2-18. Abergavenny 150 -10 P.Sussex (33) Alan Davies (29) D.Griffin (26) Paul Sussex was run out with 6 needed to win from 7 balls. Youngster David Dyer with 4-21 against Gloucester 160 all out, Abergavenny holding on for a draw at 92-9 S.Dowle (41) M.Powell (30)

This season 1979 Abergavenny Under 19's were undefeated and won the Monmouthshire Association Youth Cup with both Gary Thomas and Kyle Holmes missing in the Final. Abergavenny U 19's 106-7

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Geoff Williams (65) Chepstow 80-9 N,Martin 2-7 Andrew Goldsworthy 2-15 ,D.Dyer 1-18,L.Watts 1-21
 In the Chepstow side Paul Bennett, Steff Evans, Ian Watkins (Crusher) Steve Kings. The Abergavenny
 Team on the night- G.Williams,P.Barrett, K.Roberts, M.Bloor, L.Watts, A.Pothecary, M.Davies,
 S.Thomas, N.Martin, D.Dyer & A.Goldsworthy
 June 30th Abergavenny drew with Monmouth who scored 151-. Abergavenny 125-8 D.Griffin (34)
 S.Lennox (25) July 1st- v Panteg – Abergavenny 168-6 M.Powell (87) Andy Mills (56*) Panteg won by 6
 wickets with 2 overs to spare.

Abergavenny 2nd X1 153 lost by 6 wickets to Bream. Abergavenny 3rds -196-5 T.Paton (60) Neil
 Robinson (36) Phil Barrett (24) A.Goldsworthy (23) D.Hunt (20) Hereford 3rd X1 116.



Abergavenny 1st XI-1979

*Back Row L-R K.Watkins, R.Rossiter, D.Griffin, G.Thomas, G.Loder, A.Charrington L.White. Front
 Row L-R M.B;oor, S.Lennox, R.Brown, P.Sussex*

THREE COUNTIES LEAGUE 1979 FINAL LEAGUE TABLES											
1st XI	F	NR	Pld	W	WD	LD	L	BA	BO	Pts	Ave
Worcester *	22	4	18	8	8	1	—	66	49	266	14.78
Hereford	22	3	19	8	7	2	2	44	46	230	12.10
Usk	22	5	17	9	1	5	2	31	44	183	10.75
Panteg	22	3	19	6	7	1	5	34	44	196	10.32
Cirencester *	22	5	17	8	1	4	3	28	45	174	10.24
Winget	22	3	19	6	3	2	8	41	42	171	9.00
Lydney	22	4	18	5	4	2	7	28	44	158	8.78
Stinchcombe	22	4	18	6	1	3	8	39	40	153	8.50
Colwall	22	5	17	3	3	3	8	36	36	132	7.76
Abergavenny	22	5	17	4	1	2	10	22	38	112	6.59
Ross	22	3	19	4	1	5	9	25	37	120	6.32
Tewkesbury	22	6	16	1	1	8	6	8	34	76	4.75
2nd XI	F	NR	Pld	W	WD	LD	L	BA	BO	Pts	Ave
Worcester	22	2	20	11	5	2	2	37	60	251	12.55
Stinchcombe	22	3	19	7	8	—	4	39	45	218	11.47
Hereford	22	4	18	8	5	4	1	27	46	201	11.17
Panteg	22	3	19	8	3	4	4	30	52	194	10.21
Colwall	22	5	17	4	5	4	4	34	43	165	9.71
Abergavenny	22	4	18	5	3	3	7	34	39	153	8.50
Winget	22	5	17	4	4	3	7	36	36	148	8.22
Usk	22	4	18	3	5	3	6	23	39	140	8.24
Cirencester	22	4	18	5	2	5	6	15	42	133	7.39
Ross	22	4	18	5	—	9	4	12	50	130	7.22
Tewkesbury	22	7	15	3	—	5	7	3	36	81	5.40
Lydney	22	7	15	—	3	1	11	20	32	78	5.20

* Includes one tied match



Above right are a few of the Under 19 team that won the Cup, L.Watts, G.Williams, N.Martin and
 A.Goldsworthy. Also in the picture is Gary Thomas who was unable to play in the Final.

Keith Watkins 8-20 against Abertillery was the best bowling in the Gwent Premier 1st X1's and Dick
 Browns' 122 against Usk for the 2nd X1 was the best individual score all year in the league.

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In August of this season Glamorgan 2nd X1 took on Yorkshire 2nd X1 in a two day game on August 13th and 14th. The match ended in a Draw.

The Yorkshire 2nd X1 was- P.G.Ingham, B.Leadbeater, C.Johnson, P.B.Woodliffe, S.P.Coverdale(Wkt) R.J.Heritage, N.C.Crawford, D.E.V. Padgett (Capt) S.Oldham, H.P.Cooper, J.P.Whitely.

Glamorgan 2nd X1- M.A.Nash, G.Richards, M.Llewellyn, A.Mack, S.Harrison, M.Gravelle, M.Davies, K.Lyons(Capt) T.Davies (Wkt) G.Thomas, N.Perry.



Above Stan Lang Abergavenny Thursday's Secretary, who worked tirelessly for Local football and made a tremendous contribution to sport in Abergavenny, receiving the Mid week Cricket Cup on behalf of the winning team.



Lavenocs won the Quiz Mike James, Linda Cole, Chris Davies, Sam Cole

Abergavenny 2nd X1-210-5 B.Shackleton [71] 17 year old Gary Thomas also making a good contribution, as did Alan Davies, S.Hughes and David James. Ross 2nd X1 81 all out with wickets for M.James, B.Jennings, S.Hughes & Wheeler. The 3rd X1 were in action against Old Luctonians who made 121, Abergavenny 3rds 114 all out.

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Jekyll & Hyde

July 28th Cirencester 177-6 4 wkts for K.Watkins and 2 wkts for K.Holmes Abergavenny 48 all out-

Abergavenny defeat Hereford for only the 2nd time since the war

Hereford 77 all out K.Watkins 7-34 K.Holmes 3-33 all ten batsmen were caught. Abergavenny 78-2. S.Dowle [26] D.Griffin [18*]

Watkins in fine form

Abertillery 71 all out K.Watkins 8-22 P.Sussex 2-33 Abergavenny 72-1 M.Powell (37*)

The Midweek League Select X1



T.Hillman, D.Martin, P.Butterfield, M.Bruton, B.Thomas, B.Thomas, D.Dyer, G.Williams, K.Davies, R.Brown, A.Goldsworthy, S.Cole

World Events

The British Conservative leader Margaret Thatcher becomes Britain's first woman prime minister. Saddam Hussein becomes president of Iraq. The Spanish golfer Severiano Ballesteros wins the British Open at Royal Lytham St Anne's, becoming the first golfer from continental Europe to win the championship since Arnaud Massy of France in 1907. John Wayne, US film actor who usually starred in Westerns and war films, dies in Los Angeles, California (72). Lee Elder becomes the first black American professional golfer to represent the USA in the Ryder Cup.

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SEASON 1979

Capt. 1st XI M. Powell -V. Capt. S. Lennox
 Capt. 2nd XI A.K. Mead
 Capt. 3rd XI M. Mason

BATTING

	Inns	N.O.	H/S.	Total	Av.	Tons -	
D. Griffin	26	3	89	760	33.04	<u>Fifties</u>	
A. Mills	18	1	70	399	23.47	M. Powell	- 3
M. Powell	39	3	87	734	20.38	D. Griffin	- 7
G. Thomas	11	2	56	165	18.33	D. Jones	- 1
K. Holmes	26	2	90	422	17.58	R. Rossiter	- 1
K. Roberts	13	1	59	203	16.91	K. Holmes	- 2
S. Lennox	29	11	65	295	16.38	S. Lennox	- 1
P. Sussex	29	4	56	393	15.72	G. Thomas	- 1
S. Dowle	24	1	64	355	15.43	A. Mills	- 1
R. Brown	17	2	39	167	11.13	P. Sussex	- 1
R. Rossiter	33	2	50	323	10.41	S. Dowle	- 1
K. Watkins	18	10	16	53	6.62	B. Shackleton	- 1
D. Jones	6	2	52	177		K. Roberts	- 1

Also Batted:- P. Thomas, A. Davies, M. James, R. Thomas, S. Hughes, G.H. Lewis, G. Williams, A. Potheary, D. Dyer, M. Drake, D. James, N. Robinson, P. Bowen, A. Charrington, A. Mead, M. Bloor, J. Roberts, S. Cole, P. Watkins, S. Thomas, C. Nash, M. Mason, B. Podder, P. Barrett.

BOWLING

	Overs	Mdns	Best	Runs	Wkts.	Av.
K. Watkins	407.1	94	8-22	1120	86	13.02
K. Holmes	260.5	54	5-28	790	44	17.95
A. Charrington	66	12	5-25	221	12	18.41
B. Poddar	69	16	4-25	263	13	20.23
S. Lennox	259.2	53	7-42	757	33	22.99
P. Sussex	337	52	5-79	1041	40	26.02
D. Dyer	133.4	11	4-21	539	16	33.68
S. Hughes	41	2		187	3	
D. Jones	57	7	4-42	209	9	

Also Bowled:- M. James, A. Davies, R. Thomas, J. Roberts, M. Davies, A. Morris, M. Powell, M. Drake, A. Paton, P. Watkins, C. Nash, D. James, G.H. Lewis.

CATCHES

D. Griffin	-	14	
M. Powell	-		
S. Lennox	-	13	
P. Sussex	-		<u>Highest 1st Wicket Partnership</u>
A. Mills	-	10	79 S. Dowle & B. Shackleton v Milstead - 28.6.79
K. Holmes	-	9	
A. Potheary	-	6	
R. Rossiter	-	5	
K. Watkins	-	5	

1st XI v M. Nash XI - Official opening of Club-house
 Hythe - 89 all out (G. Moseley) 28 W. Smith 6-42 Aber 86-8 (N. Cugley 3-45) - 26.6.79
 Hythe - 299-3 (P. Noralee 100 M. Buller 55) Aber 104-8 M. Drake 23 L. Hastings 4-27