

Abergavenny Cricket Club History

Season 1980

President-E.G.Nash,
Chairman-Ken Williams
Hon Sec- P.Thomas
Treasurer- S.Hughes

Captain^{1st} X1-Mike J.Powell Captain 2nd X1-A.K.Mead Captain 3rd X1- M.Mason



Pictured below Abergavenny First XI- 1980



Back Row L-R Scorer, K.Watkins, R.Rossiter, D.Griffin, G.Williams, G.Thomas, G.Loder, A Charrington Lew White(Umpire)
Front Row L-R M.Bloor, S.Lennox (Capt) R.Brown, P.Sussex

The Club matches this season produced mixed fortunes. The first defeat came on May 11th against Panteg by 75 runs this after beating Caerleon by 84 runs on the Saturday May 10th. Panteg totalling 186-6 with Kyle Holmes taking 5-53. In reply Abergavenny had a disastrous start but at 35-4 a promise of a recovery came with Kyle Holmes and Paul Sussex (23) but once they were parted and Richard Rossiter with (24) was out Abergavenny slumped to 111-8 at the close.

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Against Caerleon Mike Powell with (73) Dick Brown with (30) Kyle Holmes with (30*) and Dave Griffin with (50) all contributed to 210-5. Caerleon limped to 126-4 with Kyle Holmes and Stuart Lennox sharing the wickets.

Abergavenny's best win of the season although it was only in May came against the TCL Champions of 1978 and 1979 Worcester City on May 17th - who during that period had only lost twice. Abergavenny scored 172-4 with runs from M.Powell (53) D.Griffin (53) and G.Loder (37) Stuart Lennox with 4-67 and Paul Sussex with 3-59 bowled 42 of the 45 overs between them and Worcester only managed 162-8 at the close. G.Thomas also chipped in with 1-11.

Final tables:				
	P	W	Pts	Av
1st XI				
Panteg	18	12	240	13.33
Chapstow	18	12	230	12.78
Newbridge	17	11	220	12.94
Abergavenny	18	7	180	10.00
Caerleon	18	1	18	1.00
Usk	14	1	14	1.00
Monmouth	18	1	18	1.00
Pontnewynydd	18	1	18	1.00
Aberbilly	18	1	18	1.00
Fugitives	12	2	24	2.00
Whiteheads	14	2	28	2.00
2nd XI	P <td>W <td>Pts <td>Av</td> </td></td>	W <td>Pts <td>Av</td> </td>	Pts <td>Av</td>	Av
Pontnewynydd	18	14	288	16.00
Panteg	17	13	260	15.29
Usk	14	10	280	20.00
Chapstow	18	12	216	12.00
Abergavenny	14	7	140	10.00
Aberbilly	18	7	180	10.00
Caerleon	18	1	18	1.00
Fugitives	14	1	14	1.00
Whiteheads	12	1	12	1.00
Monmouth	18	1	18	1.00
Newbridge	18	1	18	1.00

Gwent Premier League

Abergavenny finished 4th in the Gwent Premier League which was the lowest they had been for many years in this competition.

They had tended to dominate the title over the last few years. They like a few other clubs dovetail their fixtures to balance playing in the TCL also. This league is growing in stature and will eventually be the only League that Abergavenny play in.

A win against Lydney on Monday May 26th who scored 143-9 K.Watkins taking a magnificent 7-44 Abergavenny 144-5 D.Griffin (39*) M.Powell (34) was followed on June 1st with a defeat to Stinchcombe. Stinchcombe 152-9 K.Watkins 5-39 Abergavenny 143-9 K.Holmes (45)

June 8th -Usk won at both 1st and 2nd Team level Abergavenny 91 all out K.Holmes (53) Usk won easy. Usk 2nd X1 117 all out, with young Andrew Morris taking a career best 7-45 Abergavenny however were 100 all out with M.Bradley (28) and A.K.Mead (18) offering some resistance

June 7th -Abergavenny 3rd X1 chased 151 set by Goodrich stormed to an 8 wicket victory, Paul Bowen (84*) Brian Thomas (56)

In an exciting match with Winget on July 5th, Abergavenny held their nerve to win. Abergavenny 186-7 R.Brown (50) D.Griffin (56) Winget 178 all out K.Watkins taking 4-55. Winget needed 15 runs to win from the last over with one wicket left, K.Watkins clean bowled Y.Pandor with the very last ball.

July 6th on a pitch of eccentric bounce Abergavenny won by 5 wickets. Pontnewynydd only scoring 86-9 S.Lennox taking 3-25 Abergavenny 87-2 M.Powell (59*)

Another good win followed on July 12th with Panteg 98 all out, with the wickets shared equally between K.Watkins 5-40 and S.Lennox 5-42 Abergavenny 99-5 M.Powell (33) K.Holmes (34*) Len Wilcock(15)

July 26th Tewkesbury were trounced. Tewkesbury 73 all out S.Lennox 6-26, K.Watkins 4-38 Abergavenny 74-4 D.Griffin (34*) In a friendly with Stroud Abergavenny gained a good win. Stroud 148-5 Abergavenny 152-4 R.Brown (37) K.Holmes (74*) P.Sussex (14*) The last forty needed to win were scored in 5 overs by Holmes and Sussex.

August 9th Career best by Sussex can't stop Usk in double header for TCL and Gwent premier League Local rivals Usk were too good in the next game. Usk 205-8 K.Watkins 2-54 P.Sussex 2-47 Abergavenny 138-9 P.Sussex (67*) D.Griffin (31)

On the Sunday August 10th Abergavenny routed Pontnewynydd by 95 runs an unbroken 2nd wicket partnership of 179 between Mike Powell [102*] and Dave Griffin [71*] The opponents were 91-5 Kyle Holmes 4-32

August 17th Gloucester 160 all out K.Holmes 3-43, David Dyer 4-21 and one wicket each for S.Lennox and Paul Sussex. Abergavenny 92-9 M.Powell (30) S.Dowle (41)

On Bank Holiday Monday in August 25th, Abergavenny beat Lydney Abergavenny 161-5 M.Bradley (75) Lydney 127-10 K.Holmes 5-38

August 23rd A sorry defeat at the hands of Newport Fugitives followed. Abergavenny 158 all out D.Griffin (69) Newport Fugitives 159-6 Andrew Goldsworthy and David Dyer taking two wickets each.

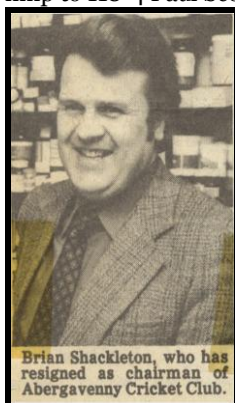
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On August 24th Abergavenny were soundly beaten in the next match by Hereford. Hereford amassing 262-5 at the time this was the 2nd highest ever score in TCL history Andrew Goldsworthy and Dick Brown took 2 wickets each, Abergavenny 129 all out M.Powell (63)

David Griffin scores Abergavenny's first ever League Century

Against Colwall on August 31st a good win was achieved with a significant landmark for David Griffin. As Abergavenny made 176-4 D.Griffin (104*) his first century of the season and the first Abergavenny 1st X1 batsman to score a league century. This was in reply to a Colwall total of 175 all out with K.Watkins 3-55 and K.Holmes 3-107

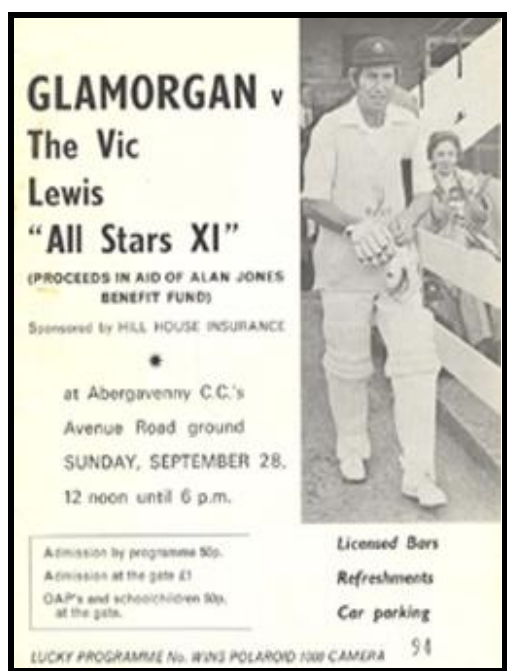
August 30th The final game against Newport produced a losing draw with Newport making 174-4. 2wickets for Dyer and one each for Goldsworthy and Watkins. In reply Abergavenny only managed to limp to 118-4 Paul Scott scoring (36) M.Bradley (23) D.Brown (20) M.Powell (14) R.Rossiter (21*)



Brian Shackleton, who has resigned as chairman of Abergavenny Cricket Club.

Pictured left is Brian Shackleton who resigned as Chairman due to business commitments. Brian had taken over as Chairman following the death of Peter Jones and presided over a very challenging period of the Clubs history.

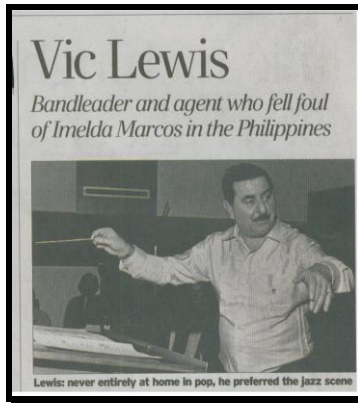
Ken Williams took over as Chairman and Tony Paton as Vice Chairman following elections held at an Extraordinary General Meeting.



Pictured above are the Official Programme for the Alan Jones Testimonial Match and some of the star names who agreed to take part in the All Stars X1

The scheduled match in aid of Alan Jones's Testimonial was called off because of rain. Alan's side was due to include Malcolm Nash, Phil Bennett, Gareth Davies. The opposition would have been provided by an All Stars X1 raised by bandleader and cricket fanatic Vic Lewis. Among the All Stars will be Tom Adams (Enigma File) Chris Blake (Mixed Blessings) Peter Davison (Tristan in all Creature Great and Small)

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His twin passions, for jazz and cricket, brought him success as a bandleader and the satisfaction of raising an estimated £3 million through charity matches mounted by his own Vic Lewis Cricket

Pictured below the Abergavenny Ladies Cricket Team



Abergavenny Ladies Cricket Team
Mrs Loder, B.Thomas, C.Cox, C.Lennox, S.Brown, M.Bradley, A.Bradley, C.Charrington. Seated- J.Sussex, C. Drake, P.Mead, R.Williams



Abergavenny Ladies C.Charrington, Mrs Loder and Polly Mead

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The two sides

A Smoker for gentlemen was held at the Clubhouse on 28th March, The Guest Speakers were Ossie Wheatley and the 'outrageous' Trevor Bethell From Ledbury a very well known after dinner speaker.

This was the year 1980 that Glamorgan C.C. 2nd X1 won the Second Eleven Championship.

They got away to a good start in their match at Avenue Road on May 14,15,16 winning by 6 wickets.

Worcester scoring 300-7 (A.Cordle 3-42) and 195 all out. Glamorgan, 363-6 (R.Ontong 171, Mike Llewellyn 87) and 133-4 (G.Holmes 42*)

World Events

Rhodesia gains its independence from Britain, and is renamed 'Zimbabwe'. Its first president is the Reverend Canaan Banana. The Swedish tennis player Björn Borg wins his fifth consecutive men's singles title at the Wimbledon championships. The 22nd Olympic Games open in Moscow, USSR. Jesse Owens,

black US track and field athlete who won four gold medals at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, dies in Phoenix, Arizona aged (66). John Lennon, English pop singer and songwriter, former member of the Beatles, is shot dead by Mark David Chapman outside the Dakota, his apartment building in New York, New York aged (40).

July this year the replacement of Kitchen and Tea Room was completed by Butler builders

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In recognition of their great contribution, the Club put on a night to thank them all. Later a Fund raising Race Night

<u>SEASON 1980</u>						
Capt. 1st XI	M. Powell	V. Capt.	S. Lennox			
Capt. 2nd XI	A.K. Mead					
Capt. 3rd XI	M. Mason					
 <u>BATTING</u>						
		Inns	N.O.	H/S.	Total	Av.
D. Griffin		25	8	104 v Colwell	757	44.52
M. Powell		34	4	102 v Pontneynydd	937	31.23
K. Holmes		19	4	74 v Stroud	396	26.40
M. Bradley		12	1	75 v Lydney	267	24.27
S. Dowle		14	2	64 v Malpas	281	23.41
P. Sussex		18	6	67 v Usk	270	22.50
R. Brown		27	1	52 v Chepstow	511	18.92
M. Bloor		16	5	30 v Ross	125	11.36
R. Rossiter		27	4	38 v Whiteheads	261	11.34
K. Watkins		11	7	11 v Stinchcoombe	39	9.75
G. Thomas		24	6	29 v Thornbury	175	9.72
S. Lennox		13	3	23 v Mendip Acorns	54	5.40
Also Batted:- D. Griffin - Maiden 100						
 <u>BOWLING</u>						
		Wkts	Av.	Best Performance		
K. Watkins		67	13.55	9-21 v Mumbles		
S. Lennox		44	17.72	6-26 v Tewkesbury		
K. Holmes		37	18.02	7-64 v Hatherley		
P. Sussex		32	19.62	5-51 v Thornbury		
D. Dyer		12	21.41	4-56 v Whitchurch Heath		
S. Hughes		15	22.33	4-29 v Winget		
A. Goldsworthy		10	23.33	2-14 v Hythe		
P. Watkins		13	27.15	4-30 v Malpas		
Also Bowled:-						
M. Bradley		6	18.50	3-24 v C.H.S.O.B.		
A. Charrington		4	41.75			
G. Thomas		8	21.62	2-21 v Cirencester		
Reached Welsh Final of indoor 6 a side tournament						
4th in 3 Counties League						