

1984 Season- 150th Anniversary

President-E.G.Nash,
Chairman-Tony Paton
Hon Sec- C.Cotterill
Treasurer-R.Thomas
Captain 1st X1-David Griffin
Captain 2nd X1-Phil Bowker

Bitter blow

IN spite of the rain, last season's three-day county cricket match at Abergavenny had been a great success, but the club will not be asked to stage another game during their 150th anniversary celebrations. This was announced by the chairman of Abergavenny Cricket Club, Tony Paton at the annual meeting on Friday, who said that it was a "bitter blow" to the club.

Last year's club fixtures were also badly hit by the weather, with a total of 35 games spoilt by the weather, 20 of these were home games.

He told club members that the bowling last season lacked depth. "We have plenty of medium pace bowlers, but we desperately need more variety." He mentioned the trophies presented to Mike Bloor (Clubman of the

Year), Simon Moorcroft (Young Player of the Year), Phil Watkins (Most Improved Player) and Adam Potheary (Young Sportsman of the Year).

He warned everyone "We need your support to survive and if we do not get it, you have only yourselves to blame. 1984 will be a memorable year for Abergavenny Cricket Club, and there are many events organised to make it so."

He mentioned the very successful tour of Sri Lanka which started the year, and paid tribute to Mike Bradley who led the tour.

First team captain Richard Brown said top run scorer was Phil Watkins with 655 runs. Bowling had been steady but lacked penetration, with young Phil Jones topping the bowling averages.

Second team captain Mike Bradley said Bashir Mohammad topped the batting averages, and Shaun Thomas the bowling.

AGM Reporting on 1983 Season and looking towards the 150th Anniversary Season

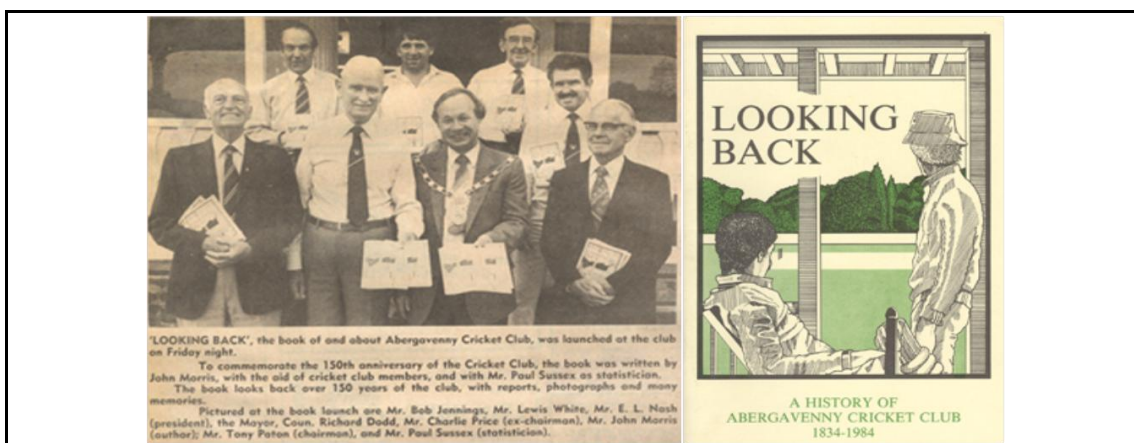
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Pictured below Abergavenny First X1- 1984



*Back Row L-R
K.Williams,M.Bloor,A.Charrington,P.Watkins,P.Jones,M.James, C.Coggins
Front Row L-R
M.Abberley,S.Lennox,P.Sussex,D.Griffin (Capt) M.Powell,R.Rossiter*

The Launch of the Book 'Looking Back'



A Book was published in 1984 (Pictured above right) This was written by John W. Morris with collaboration from Dr Ryland Wallace and Paul Sussex.
Never intended to be a definitive history of the club. The book represents in a small way a collection of events over the 150 years of the Club's history.
A foreword was written by Malcolm Nash one of the most celebrated cricketers produced by the club up to 1984

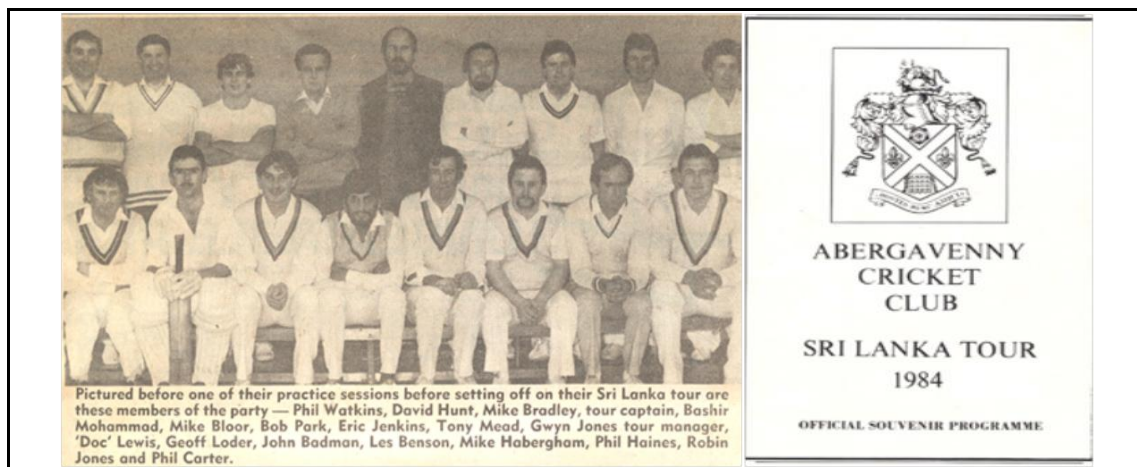


Derek Thomas, Editor of the Abergavenny Gazette presented Paul Sussex with the Les Price cartoon of the Abergavenny cricketers touring Sri Lanka as part of the 150th Anniversary- Cartoon seen below



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Abergavenny C.C. organised a tour to Sri Lanka as part of their 150th Anniversary celebration. Pictured below are the Tour Party



Tour party: Gwyn Jones (manager), Mike Bloor, Mike Bradley, David Hunt, Doc Lewis, Geoff Loder, Tony Mead, Bashir Mohamed, Phil Watkins, Ray Warren (all Abergavenny), Richard Rossiter, Bill Smith (both Worcester City), Les Benson, John Badman (both Monmouth), Tom Langford (Hereford), Eric Jenkins (Ross), Bob Park, Mike Habergham (both Lydney).

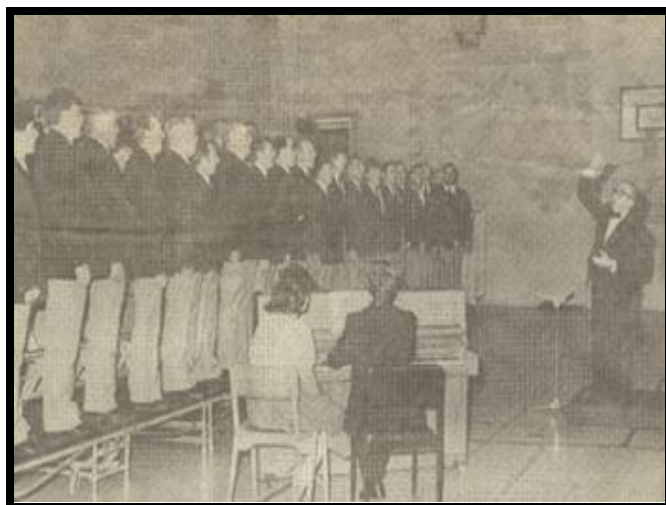
Phil Haines (Cross Keys), Robin Jones (Machen), Ian Bailey (Newnham), Phil Carter (Cirencester), Paul Griffiths, Greg Dimambro (both Hanham), Mike Barnett (Alton), John Appleyard (Guernsey), Phil Hutchinson (Perth, Western Australia), Brenda Leat, Polly Mead, Margaret Smith, Lyn Park, Francis Griffiths, Hazel Dimambro, Diana Barnett, Julie Habergham, John Badman, Doug Waters, Jocelyn Hawkins.



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Pictured above The tour party in Sri Lanka, the tour was yet another part of the 150th Anniversary celebration.

150th Anniversary year. Events held throughout the summer included a Concert. Picture/Ticket below.



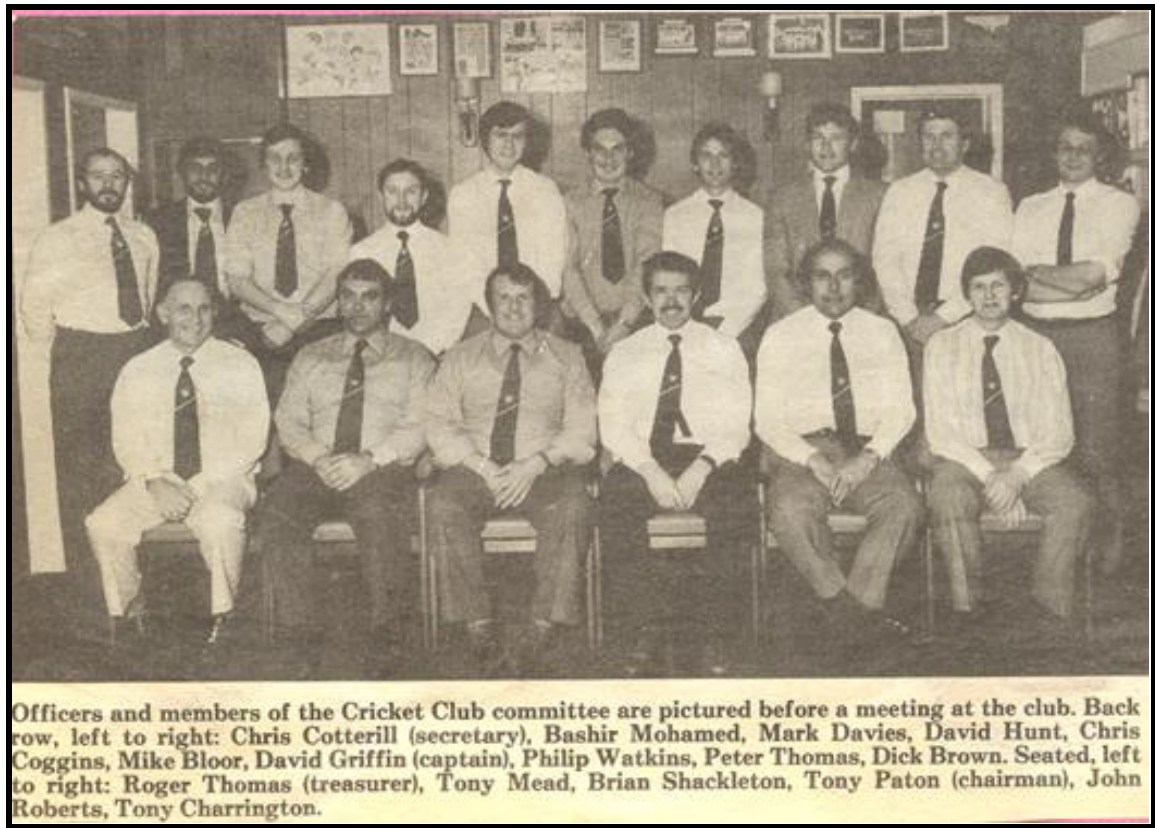
ABERGAVERNNEY CRICKET CLUB
150TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT
featuring
PONTARDDULAI MALE VOICE CHOIR
with supporting Artistes
JOHN DAVIES (BARITONE)
ANN SMITH (CONTRALTO)
to be held at
ABERGAVERNNEY LEISURE CENTRE
on
SATURDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER, 1984
commencing 7.15 p.m.
doors open 6.45 p.m.

MORE than 300 people attended a concert by Pontarddulais Male Voice Choir at Abergavenny Leisure Centre in aid of Abergavenny Cricket Club. Soloists at the concert - the last in the cricket club's special events to mark their 150th anniversary - were Ann Smith (contralto) and John Davies (baritone). The concert was organised for the club by Mr Tony Coles.

A further event was a tour of Devon which took place in August with matches against Ivybridge (lost), Torquay (Drew) and on the way home at Winscombe CC a match was played against Mendip Acorns (won). A tremendous downpour with thunder and lightning reduced the ground to a lake in Torquay and the whole touring party were marooned in the pavilion with only candles providing light following a power cut, later the players had to wade through water to rescue their cars.



ABERGAVERNNEY Cricket Club celebrates its 150th anniversary with the launch of a book on the club's long and eventful career. The book was compiled by John Morris (second left) with a great deal of reference to the Chronicle, assisted by club vice-captain Paul Sussex (first left). Also in the picture are, seated - the Mayor of Abergavenny, councillor Richard Dodd, club president Mr Ted Nash and former president and chairman Mr Charles Price and standing - club chairman Mr Tony Paton, life member Mr Lewis White and former secretary Mr Bob Jennings.



Pictured Left the Mount Royal Beech Hotel just outside Colombo And the Tour Party Leader Gwyn Jones & Below- Tour Party Get Together





Pictured Left is the President Mr E.G. Nash

Below is an article in the Robert Price newsletter announced the forthcoming retirement of E.G.Nash who has been a member of the cricket club for over half a century.

“ Ted Nash retires from Robert Price & Sons Ltd on January 6th next year – his 75th birthday- and his retirement will in some ways be the major change the Co. has experienced since Ted began working for them more than 58 years ago.

It's difficult to imagine the Co. without Ted Nash. Both colleagues and customers will miss him, and the Co wish him a thoroughly enjoyable well-deserved retirement.

Ted joined the Co. on August Tuesday in 1925 and apart from service in the S.W. Borderers during the war has worked for the Co. ever since. He points out that although he officially joined as a clerk, for many years there was only Mr Godfrey (the present MD's grandfather), the yardman and himself in the business. I acted as a labourer, window cleaner, foreman, manager or secretary- whatever was necessary. If the yardman was off sick, I took over his work during the day and did my clerical work in the evenings. If we were really pushed for time Mr Godfrey would send for his gardener to come down and help out. A far cry from today when more than 50 people are employed at the four R.Price branches, many of them with specialist expertise ! The story of Ted's working life with the Co. mirrors the story of Abergavenny itself. His father was a railwayman, a reflection of Abergavenny's importance as a rail junction with three busy stations. Building materials were delivered to the yard (Where the Constitutional Club is now) by pushcart or horse-drawn cart and collected the same way. On market days carts lined the streets while horses were put into the pub's stables, luckily, many of the horses knew their way home even when the farmers were too drunk to direct the! Livestock were drawn to market 'on the hoof' and Ted vividly recalls a minor triumph- the day when he helped to shove a cow backwards out of the company's Lion St. showroom and succeeded without any breakages. Soon after the war the E.Vale premises were opened and Ted became manager there contributing greatly to the Co. success in that area, until 1965 when two heart attacks in one week forced him to take a less stressful job. Have the last 18 years in Abergavenny proved quieter? Doubtful! Ted has been running the accounts office and it always seems hectic. However he looks fitter than men half his age. We asked Ted how he is going to spend his retirement. It seems there is a lot of gardening to do- most of which must be completed before the cricket season starts. He will spend more time with his wife and family, his sons, a London architect and Former Glamorgan cricketer and his granddaughters”



Abergavenny 2nd XI- 1984

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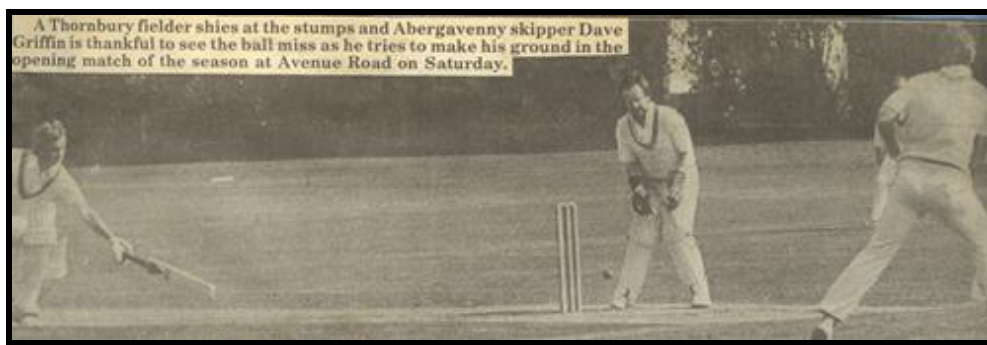
P.Thomas,C.Cotterill,D.Dyer,J.Roberts,M.Davies,B.Mohamed

Front Row L-R

P.Jones,D.Hunt,P.Bowker(Capt) A.N.Other,M.Winstanley

Sunshine start for Abergavenny

April 21st The first game in this the 150th Anniversary season was against Thornbury, Abergavenny making 205-6 with runs from P.Watkins (32) M.Abberley (46) and M.Bloor (51) Thornbury at 156-6 were 100 short at the close with P.Sussex 2-12 and P.Jones 2-71.



April 22nd Llandaff totalled 154-8 with 3 wickets each for Lennox and Holmes. Abergavenny in reply 159-4 M.Winstanley (31) B.Mohammed (37*) D.Griffin (39*) May 6th Neath (a) 198-4 were beaten by Abergavenny's 200-5 thanks to R.Wallace (69*) D.Griffin (30) and P.Watkins (33*)

April 28th Winget away was the first game played in the TCL, Winget scored 197 all out P.Watkins 3-52, S.Moorcroft 2-49, A.Charrington 2-46 in reply Abergavenny were all out for 194 M.Powell (25) D.Griffin (34) M.Abberley (26) R.Brown (22*) Abergavenny 2nd X1 243- M.Winstanley (67) P.Bowker (26) P.Jones (43) C.Cotterill (10) P.Thomas (14) Mark Davies (54*) Winget 2nd X1 144 J.Roberts 3-49, P.Jones 3-44, P.Bowker 2-21

May 7th Mendip Acorns (h) 185-6 were beaten thanks to the bowling of J.Roberts 3-30 and P.Sussex 1-49 Abergavenny 186-7 winning by 3 wickets with runs from M.Bloor (70) D.Griffin (36) and G.Thomas (28)

May 5th 6th & 7th 3 wins v Usk who could only manage 151-9 K.Holmes 4-31 chasing Abergavenny's 186-7. P.Watkins (53) K.Holmes (29) B.Mohamed (28*) Neath 198-4 P.Watkins 1-17 M.Bloor 1-16 Abergavenny 200-5 P.Watkins (33) M.Powell (26) D.Griffin (30) R.Wallace (69*) P.Jones (17) R.Brown (15*) Mendip 185-6 John Roberts 3-30, one wkt each for Paul Sussex & M.Bloor. Abergavenny 186-7 P.Watkins (14) G.Thomas (28) M.Bloor (70) D.Griffin (36)

May 12th Chepstow scored 168-7 P.Sussex 3-35 A.Charrington 2-29 and at the close Abergavenny were 158-9 M.Powell (33) D.Griffin (38) K.Holmes (40) –

Bloor & Sussex in 97 run stand

May 13th Abergavenny 214 Paul Sussex promoted to open (50) M.Bloor (56) Monmouth 155-4 2wickets each for P.Jones & P.Watkins

The 2nd X1 had mixed fortune losing their league match to Chepstow but defeated Monmouth on Sunday. Chepstow 2nd X1 made 164-9 with Bowker taking 4 wickets and Davies and Roberts two apiece. Abergavenny 2nd X1 125 Mike Bradley [53] and C.Cotterill [24] On Sunday Monmouth made 172-8 with Cooke, Bowker Loder and Paton all taking 2 wickets each. M.Bradley [82] & Tony Mead [50] saw the side home by 7 wickets.

In mid week Abergavenny easily beat the Gwent League side Haven on the Hill in the first round of the Macey they only managed 76 runs S.Lennox 3-21, Abergavenny were made to fight for their victory however.

Phil Watkins efforts with bat and ball in vain

May 19th Another defeat followed against Colwall (a) who scored 190-9 P.Watkins 6-60 with 30 runs coming from his early overs. Sussex and Lennox chipped in with 1 wkt each. Abergavenny 150 all out P.Watkins (44) D.Griffin (20) P.Sussex (18) May 19th The 2nd X1 beat Colwall 2nd's and drew with Worcester in a rain affected game. Runs for M.Bradley, Cooke Jones & Bowker with wickets. C.Cotterill maiden half century.

Green wicket exploited by Abergavenny bowlers

May 26th Cirencester were 'hammered' being bowled out for a meagre 56 S.Lennox 4-23, K.Holmes 4-31 P.Sussex 1-1 Abergavenny winning by 8 wickets.

May 27th Ebbw Vale 186-7 P.Watkins 2-36, K.Holmes 2-60 P.Havard 2-28. Abergavenny 187-7 P.Watkins (58) M.Bloor (67)

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May 30th Abergavenny 192-6 P.Jones (32) M.Bradley (48) R.Wallace (54) Enville 136 all out P.Sussex 5-36, A.Paton 2-7, P.Jones 2-44.

Abergavenny secure rare win at Hereford

June 2nd The run continued with a win against the classy Hereford (a). Abergavenny making 207-7 M.Powell (30) M.Rossiter (46) D.Griffin (45), Hereford in reply were 170-7 S.Lennox 6-76.

Two Left Handers cement victory

June 9th Tewkesbury (a) were comprehensively beaten by 7 wickets. Tewkesbury 140-9 S.Lennox 5-55, P.Watkins 4-31, Abergavenny 141-3. Left handers David Griffin and Mark Rossiter made a defining partnership of 74 runs. Assisted by M.Powell and P.Watkins.

Rossiter & Wallace in century stand

June 16th This run of wins continued with victory over Panteg (h) in a close game. Panteg 205-7 P.Sussex 2-40, A.Charrington 3-44 Abergavenny 208-7 M.Rossiter (77) R.Wallace (51). The 2nd X1 secured victories over Panteg and Corsham. Wickets for Jones Moorcroft and Roberts against Panteg and Jones and Moorcroft against Corsham. Runs for Bloor (91) G.Loder (28) M.Bradley (61)

June 23rd Then a 9 wicket 'thrashing' by Hatherley (a) who caused a stir by appealing for 'timed out' against R.Wallace who took more than the allotted 2 minutes to get to the wicket., Abergavenny 113 all out M.Rossiter (32) A.Coles (24) J.Roberts (24) Hatherley 114-1.

Lennox and Sussex wit 8 wickets between them in good win

June 30th Stinchcombe (h) were bowled out for 92 P.Sussex 3-36, S.Lennox 5-23, and Abergavenny passed the total for the loss of 3 wickets M.Powell (65*). D.Griffin (14*)

July 1st Ross (a) 188-9 S.Lennox 2-70, P.Watkins 2-39 there were also 4 run outs. Abergavenny 191-6 M.Bradley (42) R.Wallace (32) M.Winstanley (14) D.Griffin (12) M.Bloor (39) G.Loder (14*) Paul Sussex (10*) The 2nd X1 also won both their fixture against Stichcombe 123. With wickets for J.Cooke (5 Wkts) and Simon Moorcroft (4 wkts) Abergavenny 2nd X1 won from the unlikely position of being 57-5 with runs for J.Roberts (15) A.Paton (12) J.Cooke (27*) and Ross 2nd X1's who were all out for 147 J.Cooke another (5 Wkts) Phil Jones (3 Wkts) Mike James also bowled with great pace. Abergavenny ran out easy winners with runs for G.Thomas (54) Mark Davies (23*) P.Bowker (18*)

Abergavenny snatch a four wicket win

July 7th Winget (h) 185 for 6 wickets A.Charrington 3-47 there were 3 run outs and two catches for Paul.Sussex. Abergavenny 188-6 M.Powell (52) M.Rossiter (32) D.Griffin (30*) P.Sussex (23*) R.Wallace (11) M.Bloor (21) bringing revenge for the earlier game. Abergavenny moved into 4th place 7th victory in the last 8 games

July 14th Usk(a) 151-5 S.Lennox 3-52, P.Sussex 2-23 Abergavenny 133 all out M.Powell (54) P.Sussex (19) Ryland Wallace (17) Abergavenny were 70-2 and seemingly coasting to victory only to collapse.



Pictured Above the Combined Abergavenny and Tewkesbury 1st X1 s in their TCL Match during the 150th Anniversary Season

The Abergavenny Team Standing at the back

M.Winstanley, M.Powell, P.Jones, R.Wallace, M.Rossiter K.Holmes, D.Griffin (Capt)

P.Sussex, A.Charrington, P.Watkins, M.Bloor.

July 15th Abergavenny 191-8 D.Griffin (77) P.Watkins (47) M.Powell (19) R.Wallace (13) Chepstow 130-9 K.Holmes 5-25 P.Sussex 1-20 P.Watkins 2-42.

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Abergavenny avenge that 1982 Row

July 21st Abergavenny 200-7 M.Powell (54) M.Bloor (38) D.Griffin (33) R.Wallace (24) P.Watkins (25) Colwall 93 all out. S.Lennox 2-36, K.Holmes 4-16, A.Charrington 4-33. Abergavenny 2nd X1 -48 all out Llanvapley 52-7 Mike James 5-34, P.Jones 2-12

Good win for Abergavenny at Cirencester

July 28th The 'double' was completed over Cirencester.(a) Cirencester 197-9 P.Watkins 3-31 S.Lennox 3-48 K.Holmes 1-58. Abergavenny 199-8 D.Griffin (52) K.Holmes (30) R.Wallace (5) M.Powell (28) M.Rossiter (28) P.Watkins (27) M.Winstanley (11)

July 29th Abergavenny 194 -8 R.Wallace (59) M.Powell (25) P.Watkins (27) M.Winstanley (11) D.Griffin (10) M.Bloor (22) S.Lennox (15*) Worcester City 182-8 P.Jones 3-55 & P.Watkins, S.Moorcroft and S.Lennox one wicket each. Simon had just been selected for Wales Under 15 X1.

Holmes and Watkins set up victory

August 5th Lydney(a) 92 all out K.Holmes 4-40, P.Watkins 4-30 M.James and Tony Charrington One wicket each. Abergavenny 95-2 M.Winstanley (29) R.Wallace (30*). M.Rossiter (13) D.Griffin (16*) On Saturday evening the ground at Lydney was a lake following torrential rain but by Sunday afternoon it had dried out enough for a prompt start

August 11th Tewkesbury (h) 167-8 P.Jones 4-31, K.Holmes 2-25, A. Charrington 1-24, P.Sussex 1-43 Abergavenny 168-8 M.Powell (40) M.Bloor (25) K.Holmes (14) P.P.Jones (25*) P.Sussex (25*) to complete the 'double' over Tewkesbury, this did not look possible as they slumped to 115-8 still needing 53 to win, in an exciting finish Phil Jones and Paul Sussex saw their side home with 7 balls to spare.

August 12th Presidents X1- 183 P.Dawson (53) S.Souse (49) D.Ashley (10), J.Pressdee (22) Colin Nash (13) R.Thomas (22*) P.Watkins 3-28, B.Mohamed 4-34 P.Jones 2-16. Abergavenny 131 - M.Powell (52) D.Griffin (17) M.Bloor (10) B.Mohamed (17) & Mike James (13)

Abergavenny fail by 5 runs

August 18th Abergavenny 208-9 M.Powell (60) G.Thomas (32) M.Bloor (20) Panteg 212-6 P.Jones 4-61, P.Watkins 1-30.

On August 19th They came down to earth with a bang as Corsham (a) ran out winners. Corsham 180-8 B.Mohammed 5-24, P.Jones 2-71, P.Sussex 1-34 Abergavenny 125 all out, runs from P.Watkins (24) K.Holmes (27) and P.Jones (21).

Abergavenny win battle of the Champions

Abergavenny defeated Llanarth by 5 wickets in the battle of the Champions at Llanarth on Sunday, Llanarth the new Gwent premier League Champions only managed a meagre 94-9 P.Watkins 2-0, P.Jones 2-15 K.Holmes 1-7. Abergavenny 95-5 P.Watkins [12] G.Thomas [10] M.Winstanley [19] D.Griffin [34*] M.Bloor [12]

Another good League win by Abergavenny

Sept 1st Against Stinchcombe (a), Mike Bloor top scored with 47* in a total of 198-8 in a reduced overs match because of bad light. Stinchcombe eventually made 127-9 with P.Jones 3-43 S.Moorcroft 1-29, P.Watkins 1-7 A.Charrington 1-9 and Paul Sussex 1-20 in 13 overs.

Abergavenny beat Ross to finish in 3rd spot

Sept 8th In the final TCL game Ross (a) were beaten for the second time in a high scoring game, Ross 201-9 P.Watkins 2-51, P.Jones 4-48, A.Charrington 3-43. Abergavenny 203-5 M.Powell [21] M.Winstanley [67] P.Watkins [14] R.Wallace [33*] M.Bloor [13] D.Griffin [19*]



Pictured at The Manor Hotel- Crickhowell, the top table dignitaries celebrating 150 years of Abergavenny Cricket Club

Abergavenny tour of Devon coincided with the worst week of weather in the west country this summer. It meant they only played two games with one called off when they were poised for victory. Against Ivybridge -Abergavenny 168 all out. M.Bloor [56] P.Watkins [41] Bashir [20] Ivybridge getting the runs for the loss of 3 wickets, two of which went to S.Moorcroft who bowled well throughout the tour. On the

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Tuesday against Torquay they were reduced to 91-6 and Abergavenny were 79-2 with M.Bloor [25] and Mike Bradley [39] poised to win when torrential rain ruled out any chance of completing the game. Then on the Friday on the way home they beat Mendip Acorns Bristol, who made 156-8 Abergavenny via a 2nd wicket stand of 87 by Watkins [64] and B.Mohammed [46] to set up the 6 wicket victory, Mike James and Paul Sussex sealing the win at the end.

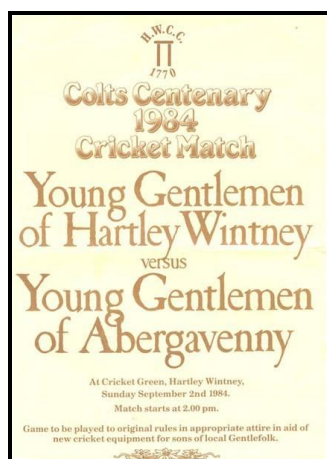


'Cheers' A.R.Lewis former England and Glamorgan Captain toasts the Club



*Pictured above at The Manor for the Celebration Dinner.
M.Davies, P.Sussex, A.Lewis, P.Bowker and Diane Davies and the Programme*

Due to the celebrations Abergavenny did not stage a First Class fixture in 1984. The Glamorgan 2nd X1 did play a 3 day fixture at the club against Somerset 2nd X1 on August 1,2,3rd The match was drawn with Glamorgan 2nds 315-10 and Somerset 122-10 and 218-8



Pictured left the Match programme from Hartley Wintney

World Events-Martina Navratilova wins the women's singles at the US Open only the third woman to win six consecutive Grand Slam singles titles. The 23rd Olympic Games open in Los Angeles, California. Ray Kroc, US restaurateur who founded the McDonald's fast-food hamburger restaurants, dies in San Diego, California (81). The Band Aid single 'Do They Know It's Christmas?' raises £8 million for famine relief in Africa. Indira Gandhi, prime minister of India 1966-77 and 1980-84 is assassinated in New Delhi, India

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Pictured Left Peter Thomas.

Secretary of the Club from 1978 to 1983. He joined the Club in 1973, having moved to Abergavenny in 1968. Born in Maesteg, brought up in the Bridgend area attended Bridgend Grammar School and University College of Wales, Aberystwyth. He commenced his teaching career by spending a year in Australia where he met his wife 'Liz'. He went on to become a Senior Schools Inspector based at the Welsh Office in Cardiff. Peter played both 1st X1 and 2nd X1 cricket in his prime and his finest hour came when he scored his maiden century in the 2nd X1 against Colwall. After finishing as secretary in 1983, Peter has continued to serve the Club, most notably as '200 Club' Secretary

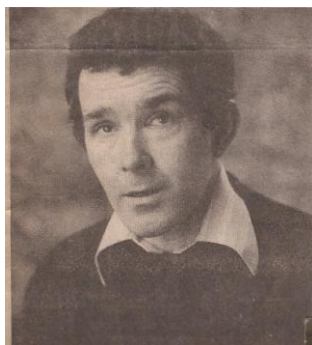


Pictured left- G.H. 'Doc' Lewis

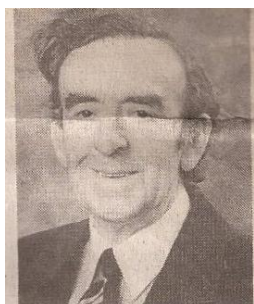
A long standing member of the Club both as player and administrator. He became Treasurer in 1972 and continued in that role until 1980. 'Doc' worked in Banking and also served the Twin Town, Round Table and many other local organisations. He played for 1st, 2nd and 3rd X1's during his playing career. A right handed batsman who accumulated his runs on the basis of sound defensive technique. He also liked to keep wicket and occasionally bowled some deceptive off spinners. His work later took him to Lydney but he is a frequent visitor



Pictured Left-Roger Thomas- Hon Treasurer [1981-1984]- Born at Lowestoft and moved to Gorleston on Sea after the War. Ex merchant Navy man -left the service after getting married eventually moved to Abergavenny area working at Parke-Davis in Pontypool in 1977. A former soccer player to a high level hasn't played for the cricket club other than in the Over 40's X1. Plays golf at the Monmouthshire Golf Club where he holed in one the 'fifth' the very first time he played the course. His three boys Shaun, Nigel and Robin are all keen sportsmen. Roger has also been a key member of the team organising sponsorship for the County Fixtures played at Avenue Road.



Pictured Left-Tony Paton Club Chairman 1983-84 following 2 seasons as Vice Chairman-No stranger on the sporting scene in Abergavenny, having played cricket for the club at all levels since a young lad. He also played rugby for the town side, as scrum half, full back and was a good goal kicker. During last season as well as his administrative roll he captained the 3rd X1, now a spin bowler having been a quick bowler when younger. On the committee since 1974, his engineering background came in useful as he helped build the first set of covers



Pictured Left- Lew White- Life member of the Club, started playing for the club in 1946 after learning his cricket skills in Gorseinon, on the Committee since that first season until retiring from taking an active part in the club's affairs in 1980. He was Chairman from 1965-74. An ex 1st X1 captain in 1955 and from 1958-60. He was also Chairman of the Ground Committee 1946-1980. A prolific batsman and Bowler up there with the best all-rounders that have represented the Club.

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Pictured Left-JB Brian Shackleton- His name is synonymous with Abergavenny CC, his connection with the club goes back to 1947, He skippered the Club on 12 occasions at first in 1961 aged 21 years. During his 2nd spell as captain Abergavenny won the TCL for the first and only time. He has also served the club as Vice Chairman and from 1978-80 as Chairman, he has been instrumental in securing First Class cricket at Avenue Road. He was a useful scrum half for the Abergavenny 1st Xv and has served on the TCL executive and the Glamorgan Committee



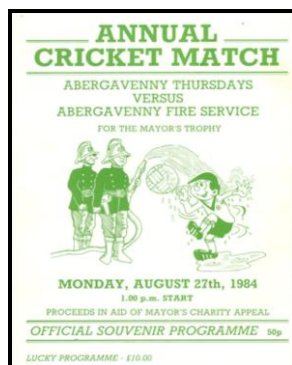
Pictured Left- Ken Williams- Ken joined the club in 1965 a very experienced wicket keeper batsman from Tredegar- he took over the captaincy in 1972 it was during this season that Abergavenny played Notts CCC in Garry Sobers benefit Match, and in 1973 his second year as skipper the Club played Warwickshire CC for David Brown's benefit Year. A tribute to his leadership saw Abergavenny finish 4th in the TCL. He has also served as Fixture Secretary 1977-81 Chairman 1981-82 and general committee member since 1969



Pictured Left –Don Griffin- real name Doron Stanley Griffin moved from Cirencester to Abergavenny in 1957, ex Royal Navy he has managed Sidney George Drapers for 27 years. He never played for the Club but has been an avid watcher home and away. Has run the Subscription and 200 Club aspect of the Club for many years and more recently as a Committee man he is a Honorary Vice President. His son David who is the current Club Captain and Don has watched his development with pride. He is also Church Warden at St Marys Church.



A game between the Presidents X1 pictured above and the Club X1 was another part of the 150th Anniversary celebrations.



A cricket match with a difference was staged at Avenue Road on bank holiday Monday, with teams representing the local Fire Service and Abergavenny Thursdays F.C. playing for the Mayors Trophy. With proceeds going towards the Mayors Charity Appeal.

Pictured above are the players and officials

M.Hayward, N.Casson, S.Indge, B.Mohammed, R.Bennett, R.Merchant, P.Watkins, M.Hefferman, P.Sussex, C.Rooke, M.Powell, C.Thomas.

K.Willard, K.Clissold, R.Newell, M.Butler, K.Davies, G.Thomas, M.James, K.Holmes, M.Phillips, M.Bloor, R.Warren.



Firemen hit footballers for six

The mayor of Abergavenny, councillor Richard Dodd, himself a part-time fireman, was one of the umpires at a charity cricket match between Abergavenny Fire Service and Abergavenny Thursdays at the Avenue Road cricket ground.

Behind the stumps is Mike James in

full kit, obviously ready for the call of 'fire' and taking guard is footballer Mark Hefferman. All proceeds from the match went to the mayor's charity appeal.

The result of the match was a win for the firemen by nine runs and they took the mayor's trophy.

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Player Profiles as at 1984



David Griffin. A left-hand bat and left arm bowler who made his debut in 1967. He has scored 9,740 runs for the club including one hundred and 30 fifties. His best season was in 1973 when he hit 1,056 runs. His highest score is 104 no against Colwall in the Three Counties League. As a bowler he has taken 151 wickets with a best performance of 7-44. He developed his cricket in Abergavenny playing for his school and club Colts and played for the Welsh Schools in 1968 and 1969. In 1966 he was voted Abergavenny's most promising player and although he is now only an occasional bowler he was once a regular member of the attack taking 69 wickets in 1969. He plays soccer for Bailey Park Rangers. He is captain of Abergavenny this season.



Paul Sussex. A left-hand bat and right-arm medium pace bowler, who made his debut in 1977. He has scored 1,219 runs including two fifties and a highest score of 67 no. His best season with the bat was 1979 when he scored 393 runs. He has taken 212 wickets for the first team, 50 of them in 1982 and his best figures are 6-63. He is vice-captain of this year's side, a position he also held in 1981 and 1982, when he was the club's leading wicket taker. He represented the Three Counties League against the Nottingham League last season. A powerful hitter he hit 42 - six times, one four and two singles - off nine balls against Cirencester.



Dick Brown. A right-hand bat who made his debut in 1972 and has scored five fifties and a highest score of 66 in his aggregate of 4,069 for the club. He also shared in an opening stand of 128 with Gary Thomas against Colwall. He was captain of the first team from 1981-83 and led the side when they were runners-up in the Three Counties League in 1982 and runners-up in the Gwent KO cup in 1981. Educated at Latymer Upper School and Bristol University he has also played for Thames Ditton Wanderers and Old Latymarians. He played Rugby at school and for Bristol University and is a member of Pontypool Golf Club.



Mike Powell. A right-hand bat and close-fielder, who made his debut for the club in 1963 and since then has made 16,595 runs including ten hundreds and 69 fifties. He has topped 1,000 runs for a season on ten occasions with his best season's total standing at 1,577. His highest score is 134 no and he shared the club's highest opening stand with D Jones of 163 in 1979. He has also taken 192 catches for the club. He has been captain of the club on seven occasions and has played for Worcester 2nds, Glamorgan 2nds Gwent and the Three Counties League. As well as playing for the club for 20 years Mike has also served on the committee in various capacities, the most recent being fixture secretary. He was educated at King Henry VII and was a useful Rugby and soccer player. His father twin brother and uncle all played for Abergavenny.



Phil Watkins. Made his debut in 1979 as a right hand bat and medium fast bowler. He has scored 1,131 runs for the club and taken 76 wickets. He has scored three fifties and has a highest score of 81 no. His best season with the bat was 1983 when he scored 655 runs and his best bowling figures are 4-23. He has developed from the club's under-15 side and was the leading run scorer in 1983. He has played for the Gwent under-19 and senior sides and Glamorgan 2nds and under-25s. He has been the winner of the club's most improved player award for two successive years as well as being a former young player of the year. He also plays hockey for Abergavenny Hockey Club.



Phil Bowker,
2nd XI Captain

Phil has been with the club for three seasons, joining the club in 1981 from Usk C.C. where he was 1st XI captain. The move to Abergavenny has coincided with a loss of form and since joining the club he has only occasionally shown his true form. His highest score in the 1st XI is 57 in 1981.

When on song Phil is a match winner and his experience as captain of Usk C.C. will hold him in good stead for the coming season.

A well respected and well liked man, Phil will be a motivating force in 2nd XI cricket.

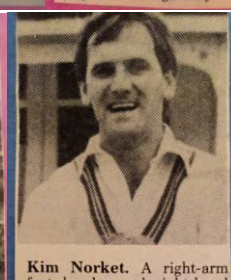
He also plays soccer for Abergavenny Thursdays where he has been leading scorer for the last few seasons.



Kyle Holmes A right hand bat and fast/medium bowler who made his debut in 1975, he has scored 3,043 runs, including 13 fifties and a highest score of 91 no and taken 191 wickets. His highest aggregate is 422 runs and 44 wickets, with best bowling figures of 7-46. Kyle has come through from the junior ranks and is also an all-round sportsman, being a Welsh schoolboy international at both cricket and soccer. He has played cricket for Gwent, Glamorgan 2nds and under-25s. A former professional soccer player he played League football for Hereford and now plays for Merthyr. In 1983 Kyle was vice-captain of Abergavenny CC.



Mark Rossiter. A left-hand bat and occasional off-spin bowler who made his debut in 1981 after joining Abergavenny from Abertillery. Has scored 1,205 runs including seven fifties and a highest score of 77 no. His best season's aggregate was 755 runs in 1982. He has played for Wales at under-15, under-16 and under-19 and was captain of the Wales under-19 side last season, being unlucky not to reach his hundred in the game against Glamorgan Colts, when he was undefeated at 96. Both Somerset CCC and Glamorgan CCC have shown an interest in his talents and he has played for Glamorgan 2nds on a number of occasions. He also plays Rugby for Abertillery and was a member of the team which reached the final of the Snelling Sevens.



Kim Norket. A right-arm fast bowler and right-hand bat, who made his debut in 1982 but because of injury and work commitments which have taken him to America his appearances have been limited. To date he has taken only 27 wickets with a best return of 6-50. But when available he is one of the quickest bowlers in the Three Counties League. He has played for Chepstow at Monmouth and Glamorgan CCC in the John Player League and at second team level. A useful batsman and brilliant slip fielder, he topped the Abergavenny bowling averages with 11.11 in 1982 when he was plagued by injury. A teacher at Christ College, Brecon, he also plays Rugby for Ebbw Vale and Breconshire but has recently undergone a shoulder operation.



Philip Jones. A product of Abergavenny's youth policy, who has played as a slow left-arm bowler and right-hand bat for all the age-group sides in the club. He was a prominent member of the very successful under-19 side in 1981-82 and last season topped the bowling averages for both the first and second teams but work commitments prevented him from really establishing himself in the senior side. Last year he took 20 wickets for 281 runs at an average of 14.05 for the first team with a best performance of 5-49. In the winter Philip plays hockey for Abergavenny Hockey Club and has represented Wales at under-21 level. He is a trainee nurse.



David Hunt, Eric Jenkins, Viji & Keith Watkins

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Ryland Wallace. A left-hand bat and wicket-keeper who joined the club last season after guesting for them on several occasions. A former captain of Crickhowell, he made a slow start to his career at Abergavenny but ended the season at the top of the batting averages with a total of 573 runs, which included an innings of 105 for an average of 35.81. Behind the stumps he took 18 victims. He is also an all-round sportsman playing squash and soccer in Abergavenny's Welsh League side.



Stuart Lennox. Made his debut in 1975, when he joined the club from Worcester as a right-hand bat and seam bowler. In his first season he scored 558 runs and took 63 wickets. He has scored a total of 1,913 runs for the club, including a highest score of 104 and two fifties. He has taken a total of 381 wickets with best figures of 8-61. He has also represented the Three Counties League, Gwent, Buckinghamshire in the Minor Counties championship and Worcester Cricket Association. He topped Abergavenny's bowling averages in 1977; the batting averages in 1975 and 1981 and took the most catches in 1983, 1981 and 1977.



G H "DOC" LEWIS has been a member of the club for many years both as a player and administrator.

He was forced to resign as treasurer in 1980 because of pressure of work, ending an eight year stint in the job.

As a player, "Doc" has served 1st, 2nd and 3rd XI admirably — indeed he has in the past topped the batting averages in the 2nd XI.

His best season in the 1st XI was in 1974 when he was a fairly regular member of the 1st XI, playing in 23 matches totalling 317 runs with a top score of 50 and an average of 16.70. During this season he also took 6 catches.

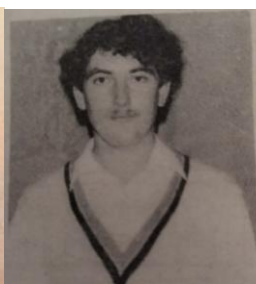
A right handed batsman who accumulated his runs with an approach based in a sound defence, he has also kept wicket and occasionally bowls off spin.



Gary Thomas. A left-hand bat and wicket-keeper who made his debut in 1976. He has scored 1,509 runs for the club including four fifties and a highest score of 78. His best season with the bat was 1981 when he scored 380 runs. Behind the stumps he has taken 128 victims, with a season's best of 25. He was only 15 when he made his debut for Abergavenny and is arguably the best wicket-keeper in Gwent. His top score of 78 was against Colwall who included the West Indian pace-man Ricardo Elcock, who now plays for Worcester CCC. He also plays soccer for Abergavenny Thursdays. At 23 he promises to be one of the club's backbones for many years to come.



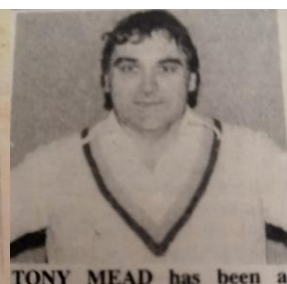
Paul Havard — Right arm medium pace bowler, capable of swinging ball both ways. Problem with action caused a hold up in development last year.



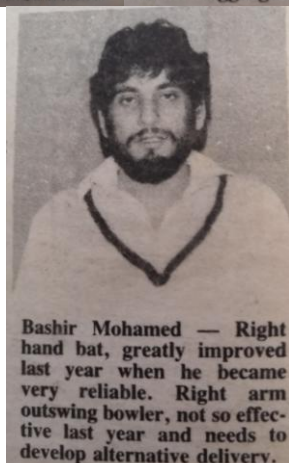
Mike Bloor — Right hand bat, very forceful and capable of reaching greater heights with application. Very safe catcher and improved fielder.



Mike Bradley (Pic.) Right hand bat. Over-ripe player, scorer of three league centuries of the 2nd XI in 1973 and holder of record season's aggregate.



TONY MEAD has been a club stalwart for many years and he took over the captaincy of the 2nd XI in 1973 and continued to do the job for many years until 1980.



Bashir Mohamed — Right hand bat, greatly improved last year when he became very reliable. Right arm outswing bowler, not so effective last year and needs to develop alternative delivery.



Torquay CC

The club Tour to Devon included a game here but we were flooded during the game after torrential rain.

SEASON 1984 BRECH VILLAS 3 COUNTRY LEAGUE

AS 83 MEMBER CLUBS HATHERLEY: HEREFORD: ABERGAVENNY:
CHEPSTOW: ROSS: LINGET: PANTER: LYDNEY: COLWALL:
USK: TEWKESBURY: CARSHAM: CIRENCESTER:
STINCHCOMBE:

RESULTS:

WINGET:	A.	19-7 WINGET	19-4 ABER	LOST	(9)	✓	①
	H	185-6 WINGET	188-6 ABER	WON	(18)	✓	② (12)
USK:	(H)	186-7 ABER	151-9 USK	WON	(18)	✓	③
	(A)	151-5 USK	133 ABER	LOST	(3)	✓	④
CHEPSTOW	(H)	168-7 CHEPSTOW	158-9 ABER	LOST	(7)	✓	⑤
	(A)	191-8 ABER	130-9 CHEPSTOW	WON	(18)	✓	⑥
COLWALL	(A)	190-9 COLWALL	150 ABERGAVENNY	LOST	(6)	✓	⑦
	(H)	93 COLWALL	200-7 ABER	WON	(20)	✓	⑧
CIRENCESTER	(H)	56 CIRENCESTER	57-2 ABER	WON	(19)	✓	⑨
	(A)	199-8 ABER	197-9 CIRENCESTER	WON	(18)	✓	⑩
HEREFORD	(A)	207-7 ABER	170-7 HEREFORD	WON	(18)	✓	⑪
TEWKESBURY	(A)	140-9 TEWKES	141-3 ABER	WON	(19)	✓	⑫
	(H)	167-8 TEWKES	168-8 ABER	WON	(18)	✓	⑬
PANTER	(H)	208-7 ABER	205-7 PANTER	WON	(18)	✓	⑭
	(A)	212-6 PANTER	208-9 ABER	LOST	(10)	✓	⑮ (22)
HATHERLEY	(A)	113 ABER	114-1 HATHERLEY	LOST	(0)	✓	⑯
STINCHCOMBE	(H)	92 STINCHCOMBE	96-3 ABER	WON	(18)	✓	⑰
	(A)	198-8 ABER	127-9 STINCHCOMBE	WON	(18)	✓	⑱
ROSS	(A)	188-9 ROSS	191-6 ABER	WON	(19)	✓	⑲
	(H)	201-9 ROSS	203-5 ABER	WON	(19)	✓	⑳ (22)
LYDNEY	(A)	92 LYDNEY	95-2 ABER	WON	(19)	✓	㉑
MI-NOTE 9	(H)	180-8 CARSHAM	125 ABER	LOST	(5)	✓	㉒

UAD CAMERA WON 15: LOST 7: POINTS 319: AV 14.50

SEASON 1984							
BATTING							
NAME	INN	N/O	MS	TOTAL	AV	100's	50's
M. POWELL	19	2	65*	591	34.76	—	5
D. GRIFFIN	21	5	77	525	32.81	—	1
R. WALLACE	18	3	51	303	20.20	—	1
M. ROSSITER	12	1	77	271	24.63	—	1
K. HOLMES	8	—	40	161	20.12	—	—
P. WATKINS	21	—	53	356	16.95	—	1
M. BLOOR	18	1	47*	286	16.82	—	—
M. WINSTANLEY	12	2	67	161	16.10	—	1
P. SUSSEX	13	4	25*	144	12.00	—	—
B. MOHAMMED	6	2	28*	71	—	—	—
P. JONES	6	2	25*	56	—	—	—
M. ASHERLEY	5	—	26	52	—	—	—
M. BRADLEY	3	—	42	52	—	—	—
G. LODGE	4	2	15*	50	—	—	—
S. LENNOX	7	4	12*	36	—	—	—
G. THOMAS	1	—	32	32	—	—	—
A. COLE	2	—	24	25	—	—	—
R. BROWN	2	2	22*	25	—	—	—
J. ROBERTS	1	0	24	24	—	—	—
A. CHARRINGTON	8	6	10*	22	—	—	—
G. THOMAS	1	—	9	9	—	—	—
R. HULSTON	1	—	6	6	—	—	—
S. MARCHEST	2	1	5*	5	—	—	—
P. HAVARD	3	1	0*	0	—	—	—

PARTNERSHIPS

1st WK — 86.
 M. POWELL and G. THOMAS v. PANTER
 2nd WK — 76
 M. POWELL + D. GRIFFIN v. CHEPSTOW
 3rd WK — 105
 R. WALLACE + M. ROSSITER v. PANTER
 4th WK — 102
 D. GRIFFIN + P. WATKINS v. CHEPSTOW
 5th WK — 65
 P. WATKINS + M. BLOOR v. CRAWALL
 6th WK — 48
 M. BLOOR + G. LODGE v. ROSS
 7th WK — 44
 D. GRIFFIN + P. SUSSEX v. WINGET
 8th WK — 45
 A. COLE + J. ROBERTS v. HATHURLEY
 9th WK — 53.
 P. SUSSEX + P. JONES v. TENNESSEE
 10th WK — 8
 J. ROBERTS + P. HAVARD v. HATHURLEY

BOWLING 1984 Season							
NAME	O	M	W	R	AV	Runs	BEST
K. HOLMES	127	38	25	291	11.64	—	5-25
P. JONES	67	6	18	284	15.77	—	4-31
S. LENNOX	226	39	34	649	19.08	—	6-76
P. WATKINS	149	20	30	601	20.03	—	6-60
A. CHARRINGTON	123	13	22	469	21.31	—	4-33
P. SUSSEX	163	31	16	500	31.25	—	3-35
B. MOHAMMED	18	0	5	76	—	1	5-24
S. MARCHEST	21	1	3	95	—	—	2-49
P. HAVARD	23	2	2	105	—	—	1-30
M. JAMES	5	2	1	15	—	—	1-15
J. ROBERTS	3	0	0	22	—	—	0-22

CATCHES

W.K. = M. BLOOR — 14.
 R. WALLACE — 22 + 3 ST.
 PAUL SUSSEX: 10:
 P. WATKINS — 9
 M. POWELL — 6
 D. GRIFFIN — 6: K. HOLMES — 6.
 M. ROSSITER — 5: P. JONES: 5
 M. WINSTANLEY — 4: S. LENNOX — 4
 A. CHARRINGTON — 4:
~~P. JONES — 3:~~
 M. ASHERLEY — 2:
 B. MOHAMMED — 1: J. COOKE — 1: