

## Abergavenny Cricket Club History

### **Season 1986**

President-E.G.Nash,  
Chairman -A.K.Mead, Hon Sec C.Cotterill, Treasurer- B.Mohammed  
Captain 1<sup>st</sup> X1- R.Wallace  
Captain 2<sup>nd</sup> X1- J.Roberts  
Captain 3<sup>rd</sup> X1 S.Connolly



Pictured Left- the Abergavenny First X1- 1986  
The 1986 Side was similar to the side in 1985 except Dave Griffin had finished, B.Mohammed, Mike James and S.Lennox played significant roles. The new Captain was R.Wallace

Young Sri Lanka played Young Wales in a 2 day match at Avenue Rd. on August 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> ,  
Match Drawn



Some of the Tour Party in 1986  
CR Soza, UC Hathurusingha \*AP Gurusinha HP Tillakaratne BRJurangpathy RCA  
Paulpillai AADS Perera+MI Balalle

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CDUS Weerasinghe DR Madena JAM Mallawaratchi

### **Phil Watkins scored his first century for the club**



Garndiffaith were the first opponents in the John Macey Shield (formerly The Monmouthshire Knock Out) at home, Abergavenny winning comfortably with Phil Watkins [Pictured Left] scoring 114 not out Kyle Holmes [Pictured Right] 54. Abergavenny 188-1 Garndiffaith 43 all out Phil Jones with 4 wickets, Mike James with three, P. Watkins two and Paul Havard one



Tredegar Harlequins were played in a friendly, Abergavenny 172-7 P. Watkins (48) M. Winstanley (39), K. Holmes (31). Tredegar 39 all out G. Thomas 4-6, K. Holmes 3-12.

Up to June 1<sup>st</sup> 1986 nine of the scheduled 1<sup>st</sup> X1 fixtures were rained off. Cardiff Nomads (h) Ross (a) Llandaff (h) Panteg (h) Usk (a) Tewkesbury (h) Llanarth (a) After only playing one TCL fixture both Abergavenny teams were bottom of their respective leagues.

May 11<sup>th</sup> - When play was possible Abergavenny lost to Malpas. Malpas 167-4 P. Havard 2-21 Abergavenny 91-7 R. Wallace (43\*)

### **Depleted Abergavenny sides well beaten**

Because of the Town twinning visit to Germany and the Thursdays tour of Blackpool it resulted in weakened cricket club teams at this time.

May 24<sup>th</sup> - Winget batted first and made 194-6 B. Mohammed 4-77. P. Havard 2-36 Abergavenny in reply 107 all out. R. Wallace (34) M. Winstanley [24] P. Watkins [16] M. Bloor [11]

Winget 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 233-7 M. Davies 2-42, A. Morris 1-47, A. Coles 1-52. Abergavenny 2<sup>nd</sup> X1- 86 all out P. Jones [31] I. Bailey [10] R. Brown [24] May 25<sup>th</sup> Monmouth (h) lost to rain

### **Runs galore in Abergavenny holiday games**

On Spring Bank Holiday - Two regular mid-week fixtures were won, May 26<sup>th</sup> - Forest Nomads scored 259-2 with 'Basher' Brain making a 100, Mike Kear [55] in reply Abergavenny 265-4 (R. Wallace 51, P. Watkins 63, M. Bloor 43, Mark Winstanley 78) S. Eccles [11].

May 28<sup>th</sup> - Against Enville, Abergavenny amassed 206-4 with Chris Connolly 61 and Phil Watkins 41. M. Bradley [31] P. Jones [39] R. Wallace [15\*] Tony Charrington proved too clever with his left arm spin taking 5-32 and 2 wickets for P. Watkins as Enville closed on 131-9.



June 6<sup>th</sup> Glangrwny were heavily defeated in the next round of the Macey, Abergavenny 213-2, P. Watkins (71) K. Holmes (61) Mike Bloor [Pictured Left] (52\*) Glangrwny 55 all out M. James 3-8, B. Mohammed 2-0, S. Moorcroft 2-10, P. Jones 2-23.

June 1<sup>st</sup> Chepstow (h) Lost to rain

### **Abergavenny obtain first league win**

June 7<sup>th</sup> - Hatherley 138-8 with P. Watkins taking 5-69 K. Holmes 3-62 were again well beaten by 3 wickets Abergavenny 140-7 (M. Bloor 54) M. Winstanley [23] R. Wallace [43] K. Holmes [11\*]

### **Losing finalists in TCl Six a Side Competition**

Sunday - Abergavenny finished runners-up in the TCl Six a Side Competition played at Colwall

The team - R. Wallace, P. Watkins, M. Bloor, K. Holmes, M. Winstanley & S. Moorcroft. They beat Tewkesbury, Hatherley, Colwall and Usk but lost to Chepstow in the Final. The outstanding feature of Abergavenny's games was the powerful hitting of Mike Bloor who finds running between wickets a chore and an exhausting one at that

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Six a Side Team for the TCL Colwall Competition

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Century for Phil Watkins**

June 12<sup>th</sup> -Abergavenny 211-4 P.Watkins (117\*) M.Winstanley [57] Emmer Green 176-7 P.Havard 5-56

### **Double league victory for Abergavenny**



June 14<sup>th</sup> -Hereford in reply to Abergavenny's 162-9 (R.Wallace 57, B.Mohammed 35) P.Watkins [12]C.Connolly [19] were reduced by Tony Charrington [Pictured Left] to 116-9. His figures were 6-39 and there were two wickets for K.Holmes.

June 15<sup>th</sup> -Stinchcombe were bowled out for 101 S.Lennox 4-33 and K.Holmes 4-34. and Abergavenny secured a 9 wicket victory at 102-1 (M.Winstanley 50\* and Gary Thomas 32) After 4 fixtures in the TCL Abergavenny had moved up to 4<sup>th</sup> behind Frocester, Colwall & Lydney

### **Vice Captain Phil Watkins bowls Lydney to defeat**

June 21<sup>st</sup> -Lydney were soundly beaten at home the two heroes for Abergavenny were Phil Watkins and Mark Winstanley, Phil Watkins the club vice-captain took 7-30 as Lydney were bowled out for 61. Mark Winstanley took 5 catches for Watkins four of them at short leg. Paul Havard took 3-27. Earlier Winstanley had been the star with the bat scoring 55 in Abergavennys total of 165 other scores were Mohammed [28] Wallace [15]Connolly [14] Bloor [24]

### **Abergavenny go second in the League**



A win over Colwall on June 28<sup>th</sup> put Aber into 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the league, Colwall 206-6.P.Watkins 3-54 and one wicket each for Paul Sussex and Paul Havard Abergavenny 208-8 Mike Bloor 82 not out R.Wallace [Pictured Left] 74 Gary Thomas (22) Roger Hulston (15) Abergavenny Scoring the 57 runs required from the last 6 overs.

The next day June 29<sup>th</sup> -Worcester scored 196-7 Aussie Bruce Ward scoring 95 (P.Sussex 2-34) Two wickets for Phil Jones, One each for Paul Havard and Stuart Lennox. Phil Watkins scored a magnificent 90 in reply as Abergavenny reached 189-7. Bashir Mohamed (26) Ryland Wallace (10) Mike Bloor (33) Roger Hulston (12) At this point Abergavenny were 2<sup>nd</sup> in the TCL to Frocester who were top.

### **Abergavenny lose Top of the Table Clash**

July 5<sup>th</sup>, a top of the table battle with Frocester was lost. Frocester 211-5 Kyle Holmes with 3 wickets and one each for Paul Havard and Tony Charrington. Abergavenny 192 all out The top 4 batsmen all made a start. B.Mohammed (29), G.Thomas (31) P.Watkins (30) and R.Wallace (39). M.Bloor (19) P.Bowker (10)

The next day July 6<sup>th</sup> – the disappointment was forgotten as Ross who were in 3<sup>rd</sup> place were thrashed. Ross 153 all out the product of Kyle Holmes 5-37 bowling, and brilliant fielding with the example coming from Paul Sussex. Two wickets also for Simon Moorcroft and one for Paul Sussex. Mark Winstanley (12) Bashir Mohammed (68) and Phil Watkins (40) and two consecutive sixes by Mike Bloor (20\*) ensured a 7 wkt victory.

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Cefn Forest away in the Macey brought another victory. Cefn Forest 96-8, Darren Hamer 4-19, Mike James 3-22. [Pictured Left] Abergavenny 98-6, Mark Winstanley (25).  
Usk knocked Abergavenny out of the Macey in the quarter final, Usk 93-5, M.James 2-26, K.Holmes 2-14 and Abergavenny just failing at 90-9 K.Holmes (35).

### **Abergavenny squeeze to two wickets win**

July 12<sup>th</sup> -A narrow victory at Panteg kept up the momentum, Abergavenny won by 2 wkts, Panteg 185-5, Paul Sussex 2-35, Two wickets for Phil Watkins and One for Paul Havard. At 139-7 all looked lost but Gary Thomas (63) and young Roger Hulston (17\*) saw Abergavenny home to victory. Mark Winstanley (21)

July 13<sup>th</sup> -Abergavenny 173-8 M.Bloor (48) B.Mohamed (33) Phil Watkins (31) and Ryland Wallace (25\*) Kington Herefordshire League Div 1 Champions 163 all out P.Sussex 3-43.

### **Two further victories in the TCL**

July 19<sup>th</sup> -A sweet victory was enjoyed over Usk 175 all out Kyle Holmes 5-60.Paul Havard and Phil Watkins 2 wickets each. Abergavenny 176-6, Gary Thomas 75\*. R.Wallace [12]M.Bloor [22] K.Holmes [22\*]



July 20<sup>th</sup> -Tewkesbury were bowled out for 70 K.Holmes 5-28 & Paul Havard [Pictured Left]5-30 Abergavenny won by 7 wickets. Tewkesbury 2<sup>nd</sup> X1- 154-9 Phil Bowker 7-39 S.Battin 2-57. Abergavenny 2<sup>nd</sup> X1- 155-6. Dick Brown (25) Stuart Dowle (60) Phil Jones (25) Mark Davies (10\*)

After 10 fixtures Abergavenny were in third position behind Frocester and Lydney, the 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 however were bottom in Division 2.

August 2<sup>nd</sup> The Home TCL fixture with Cirencester was washed out.

August 5<sup>th</sup> -Bessborough 191-5 S.Moorcroft 2-41 Abergavenny 195-7 B.Mohammed (56)

### **Following this victory Abergavenny move into 2<sup>nd</sup> spot**

August 9<sup>th</sup> -Hatherley were also beaten at home having scored 154-9 (Paul Havard 3-40, Tony Charrington 2-25 and P.Watkins 2-50) Abergavenny won by 5 wkts with P.Watkins 57\*, B.Mohammed (34) and Mike Bloor (25) M.Winstanley [16] C.Connolly [10\*]

In Division two the 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 went down to their 13<sup>th</sup> Consecutive defeat

### **Two further resounding victories keep Abergavenny in the hunt**

August 16<sup>th</sup> -Hereford were defeated with some fine batting from Kyle Holmes (62) Bashir Mohammed (66). Big hitting Mike Bloor going in with only 9 overs left scored a magnificent 72 not out off 39 balls, total 234-5. In reply Hereford reached 185-9 Paul Sussex taking 3-35 and Alan Cook 3-60.

The next day August 17<sup>th</sup> Phil Watkins scored his maiden century [103] in the League against Stinchcombe, 103 runs from 100 balls faced. Captain R.Wallace scored (40) as they totalled 227-5. Stinchcombe only managed 104 with Paul Havard taking 4-20.

### **Abergavenny title hopes hit by Lydney Colwall & Frocester**

Title aspirations disappeared following defeats by Lydney and Frocester who won the TCL in their first season and Colwall. Against Frocester Sept 6<sup>th</sup>- Abergavenny slumped from 82-2 to 116 all out R.Wallace (25) Geoff Hudd taking 7-14. August 23<sup>rd</sup> -After bowling Lydney out for 149 A.Charrington 4-38 Abergavenny slumped to 112 all out. P.Watkins (32) August 30<sup>th</sup> - Colwall scored 199-6 Paul Havard 2-45 and Abergavenny 130-9 M.Powell 49 and P.Watkins 39.

### **Phil Watkins 3<sup>rd</sup> Century of the season**

August 31<sup>st</sup> -Mendip Acorns 152 all out B.Mohammed 3-24 Abergavenny 156-1 Phil Watkins (111) This was Phil Watkins's third century of the season

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The image shows a document titled "Beach Villas Three Counties League Final Tables 1986". It contains two tables, one for Division 1 and one for Division 2. Each table lists various cricket clubs and their performance statistics for the 1986 season, including runs scored, wickets taken, and other league metrics.

Frocester won the TCL. John Chadd was replaced as Chairman of the League by Gordon Richards. Abergavenny finished a very creditable 3<sup>rd</sup>. The TCL side entered the Famous Grouse Trophy for the first time and lost to the Western League side which included Mark Roberts and Ian Smith of Glamorgan, Phil Makinson and Gloucester pace man Henry Twizzel. Abergavennys Captain Ryland Wallace played well for the TCL. The match was played at Panteg

Jul 26 Glamorgan v Derbyshire County Championship Britannic Assurance County Championship, 1986  
 Glamorgan v Derbyshire Pen-y-Pound, Abergavenny 26,28,29 July 1986 (3-day match)

**Result:** Derbyshire won by 3 wicket Glamorgan were captained by Hugh Morris, at 22 yrs old, following the shock resignation of Rodney Ontong. Derbyshire included Michael Holding, Geoff Miller and Kim Barnett. The game was played over 3 days Sat, Mon Tues. Glamorgan were bowled out for 168 and Derby finished the day 1 on 143-7.

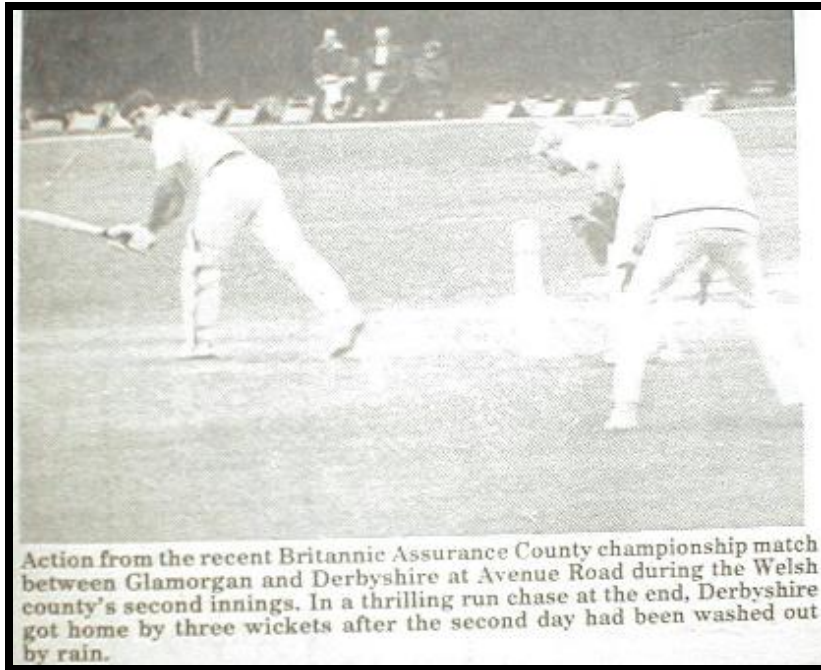


Hugh Morris –Pictured Left-passed 1,000 runs for the season and John Derrick [Pictured Right] hit a career best 78\*



Sunday the teams went to Ebbw Vale for a Sunday League game. Monday was washed out. Derby declared at Saturdays score of 143. Glam scored quickly and declared at 235-4 setting Derby 261 to win, they won with 3 overs to spare. It came as a great surprise when Rodney Ontong announced his decision to step down from the captaincy. This made Hugh Morris the eighth captain in the past 10 years, in only his first full season as a professional. John Derrick pictured above and below went on to complete 1000 runs for Glamorgan.

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Edward Bevan wrote: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> and it's Abergavenny, a ground where there is always a homely welcome for everyone. An eventful day's cricket- plenty of wickets. Younis gets top score but pulls a hamstring, and this turns out to be his final innings for Glamorgan as he is shortly to announce his retirement. Monday is washed out at Abergavenny, and Tuesday's prospects are not much better. I ring the club and I am informed that there is no likelihood of play before lunch. Consequently, I take my time and also get caught in the dreaded market day traffic of Abergavenny. After 45 minutes to travel one mile. I am horrified to arrive at the ground to see play in progress, and Glamorgan 85-3. It turns out to be a good finish- Derby are set 260 plus, and reach their target after we have at times looked like winning.

Pictured below Glamorgan C.C.C.for the 1986 Season

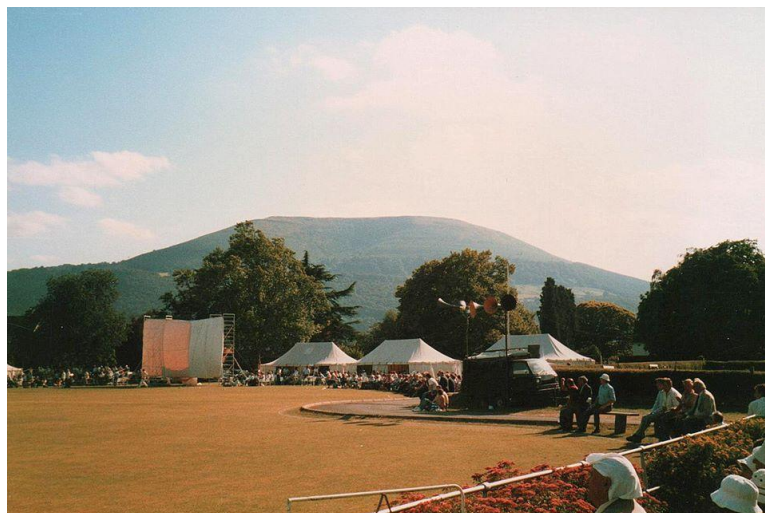


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Pictured below the Glamorgan Colts X1 which included Abergavenny's Simon Moorcroft



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## GLAMORGAN v DERBYSHIRE

Date: 26/28/29 July 1986  
 At: Abergavenny  
 Umpires: K.E. Palmer, N.T. Plews

Toss won by: Glamorgan  
 Result: Derbyshire won by 3 wickets  
 Scorers: P.B. Clift, S. Tacey

| GLAMORGAN        |                     |     |  |                    |            |
|------------------|---------------------|-----|--|--------------------|------------|
| 1st INNINGS      |                     |     |  | 2nd INNINGS        |            |
| 1. *H. Morris    | c Miller b Malcolm  | 13  |  | not out            | 81         |
| 2. D.B. Pauline  | lbw b Malcolm       | 5   |  | c Warner b Barnett | 22         |
| 3. G.C. Holmes   | c Marples b Malcolm | 21  |  | b Morris           | 17         |
| 4. Younis Ahmed  | lbw b Mortensen     | 46  |  |                    |            |
| 5. M.P. Maynard  | b Sharma            | 31  |  | c Marples b Maher  | 0          |
| 6. R.C. Ontong   | c Morris b Sharma   | 4   |  | c Malcolm b Maher  | 25         |
| 7. J. Derrick    | b Mortensen         | 10  |  | not out            | 78         |
| 8. J.G. Thomas   | c Marples b Warner  | 17  |  |                    |            |
| 9. †T. Davies    | not out             | 9   |  |                    |            |
| 10. S.R. Barwick | b Warner            | 3   |  |                    |            |
| 11. D.J. Hickey  | lbw b Mortensen     | 0   |  |                    |            |
|                  | Extras              | 9   |  | Extras             | 12         |
|                  | TOTAL               | 168 |  | TOTAL              | dec. 235-4 |

Fall of wickets: 1st innings—1-10, 2-33, 3-48, 4-95, 5-123, 6-129, 7-149, 8-155, 9-159.  
 2nd innings—1-49, 2-70, 3-73, 4-128, 5-, 6-, 7-, 8-, 9-

| Bowling:  | O   | M | R  | W | O    | M | R   | W |
|-----------|-----|---|----|---|------|---|-----|---|
| Malcolm   | 10  | 3 | 31 | 3 | —    | — | —   | — |
| Mortensen | 22  | 7 | 45 | 3 | —    | — | —   | — |
| Miller    | 10  | 2 | 17 | 0 | —    | — | —   | — |
| Warner    | 9.3 | 0 | 23 | 2 | —    | — | —   | — |
| Sharma    | 12  | 1 | 45 | 2 | 8    | 0 | 16  | 0 |
| Barnett   | —   | — | —  | — | 12   | 3 | 36  | 1 |
| Morris    | —   | — | —  | — | 25.4 | 5 | 103 | 1 |
| Maher     | —   | — | —  | — | 22   | 2 | 69  | 2 |

| DERBYSHIRE         |                     |            |  |                    |       |
|--------------------|---------------------|------------|--|--------------------|-------|
| 1st INNINGS        |                     |            |  | 2nd INNINGS        |       |
| 1. *K.J. Barnett   | not out             | 84         |  | lbw b Ontong       | 93    |
| 2. B.J.M. Maher    | c Davies b Hickey   | 8          |  | c Maynard b Ontong | 29    |
| 3. A. Hill         | lbw b Hickey        | 1          |  | run out            | 0     |
| 4. J.E. Morris     | b Thomas            | 23         |  | c Ontong b Barwick | 4     |
| 5. B. Roberts      | st Davies b Barwick | 0          |  | c Morris b Thomas  | 31    |
| 6. G. Miller       | lbw b Barwick       | 0          |  | st Davies b Ontong | 26    |
| 7. R. Sharma       | c Davies b Ontong   | 0          |  | not out            | 3     |
| 8. †C. Marples     | c Maynard b Ontong  | 12         |  | not out            | 32    |
| 9. A.E. Warner     | not out             | 8          |  | c & b Thomas       | 27    |
| 10. D.E. Malcolm   |                     |            |  |                    |       |
| 11. O.H. Mortensen |                     |            |  |                    |       |
|                    | Extras              | 7          |  | Extras             | 17    |
|                    | TOTAL               | dec. 143-7 |  | TOTAL              | 262-7 |

Fall of wickets: 1st innings—1-44, 2-50, 3-93, 4-100, 5-100, 6-131, 7-135, 8-, 9-.  
 2nd innings—1-67, 2-74, 3-160, 4-197, 5-208, 6-241, 7-243, 8-, 9-

| Bowling: | O  | M | R  | W | O    | M | R   | W |
|----------|----|---|----|---|------|---|-----|---|
| Thomas   | 10 | 2 | 38 | 1 | 16.1 | 0 | 103 | 2 |
| Hickey   | 9  | 1 | 51 | 2 | 4    | 0 | 27  | 0 |
| Barwick  | 19 | 8 | 36 | 2 | 16   | 0 | 62  | 1 |
| Ontong   | 7  | 4 | 13 | 2 | 23   | 3 | 55  | 3 |

\* Captain † Wicket-keeper



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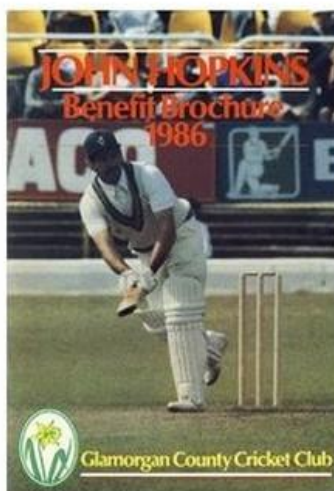


Pictured Left Phil Watkins who had a great season in 1986 completing three (3) Centuries during the year. He also made his maiden TCL century against Stinchcombe. His all round play including fielding and bowling augurs well for the future

### World Events

A Nation mourns Challenger Disaster with loss of seven astronauts. Swedish Prime Minister Olaf Palme killed. Chernobyl Disaster nuclear generating plant suffers accident. 19 year old Mike Tyson bursts on the heavyweight scene. Prince Andrew and Sarah Ferguson get married. Benazir Bhutto jailed. British sculptor Henry Moore died aged 88 yrs. Ivan Lendl wins the US Open. Cary Grant dies aged 80 yrs. Harold Macmillan, British politician, Conservative prime minister 1957-63, dies in Birch Grove, Sussex, England (92). The first Goodwill Games are held in Moscow, USSR. Neighbours, an Australian soap opera about the lives of families living on Ramsay Street, starts on British television. President Jean-Claude ('Baby Doc') Duvalier of Haiti flees to France.

| DIVISION ONE |    |    |    |       |
|--------------|----|----|----|-------|
| Frocester    | 16 | 13 | 3  | 16.38 |
| Abergavenny  | 12 | 10 | 2  | 15.67 |
| Lydney       | 14 | 11 | 3  | 15.50 |
| Colwall      | 16 | 11 | 5  | 14.19 |
| Hereford     | 16 | 9  | 7  | 12.31 |
| Cirencester  | 16 | 9  | 7  | 12.25 |
| Ross-on-Wye  | 16 | 8  | 8  | 11.06 |
| Hatherley    | 14 | 6  | 8  | 10.01 |
| Usk          | 16 | 6  | 10 | 9.62  |
| Winget       | 16 | 6  | 10 | 9.56  |
| Panteg       | 15 | 5  | 10 | 8.92  |
| Tewkesbury   | 12 | 4  | 8  | 8.42  |
| Stinchcombe  | 15 | 4  | 11 | 8.07  |
| Chepstow     | 12 | 2  | 10 | 7.08  |
| DIVISION TWO |    |    |    |       |
| Hereford     | 16 | 14 | 2  | 16.50 |
| Cirencester  | 16 | 11 | 5  | 14.19 |
| Hatherley    | 15 | 10 | 5  | 13.93 |
| Frocester    | 18 | 12 | 6  | 13.78 |
| Lydney       | 14 | 8  | 6  | 12.79 |
| Usk          | 16 | 9  | 7  | 12.50 |
| Stinchcombe  | 15 | 9  | 6  | 12.20 |
| Colwall      | 18 | 8  | 10 | 11.00 |
| Winget       | 16 | 8  | 8  | 10.88 |
| Panteg       | 15 | 6  | 9  | 9.53  |
| Ross-on-Wye  | 16 | 5  | 11 | 9.00  |
| Tewkesbury   | 16 | 6  | 10 | 8.94  |
| Chepstow     | 16 | 4  | 12 | 7.12  |
| Abergavenny  | 13 | 0  | 13 | 4.15  |



J.A.Hopkins (Ponty) Benefit Season- Dinner held at the Club