



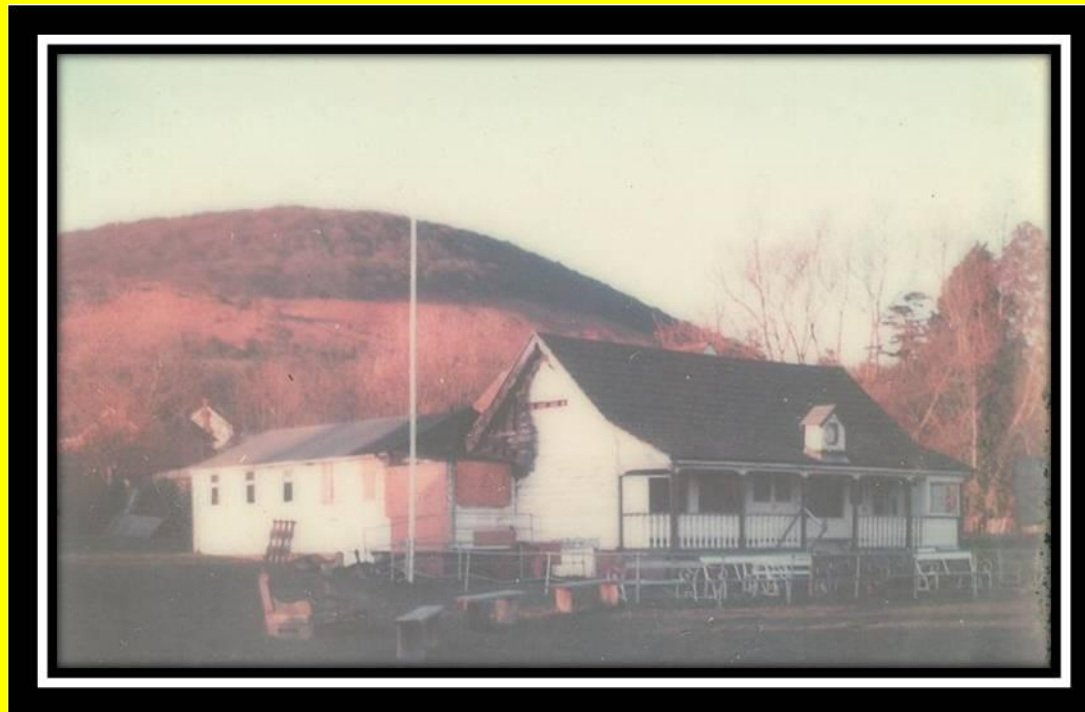
40th Anniversary Re-Union

Three Counties League Winners

1975



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1975-World Events

Margaret Thatcher becomes the first woman leader of the British Tory Party, Aristotle Onassis dies, Reds storm Phnom Penh, capture Cambodia, Baader- Meinhof gang trial begins in Germany, Apollo and Soyuz dock in space, Shostakovich dies, Ali beats Frazier to retain his boxing title, Franco dies, Jack Nicholson stars in One flew over the Cuckoos Nest, Stepford Wives is released, Junko Tabei becomes the first woman to conquer Mount Everest. The West Indies defeat Australia by 17 runs in the final of the first cricket World Cup, held at Lord's. John Walker of New Zealand becomes the first man to run a mile in under 3 minutes 50 seconds, in Gothenburg, Sweden.



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'Cricket widow' pensioner who beat her husband of 50 years with a rolling pin because he didn't spend enough time with her is spared jail

Jean Crossland, 76, tried to grab control of car while husband John drove

He reported her to police but they said they were powerless to intervene

Later she attacked him with a rolling pin while he was lying on their bed

She was convicted of two counts of assault by beating but avoided jail



Stuart Lennox



Lew White



Cliff Cox



Bob Jennings



Peter Thomas



‘Dinkie’ Harries



Chris MacPherson





Dick Apse



Des Norton



Don Griffin



Neil Martin



Peter F Jones



Colin Woods



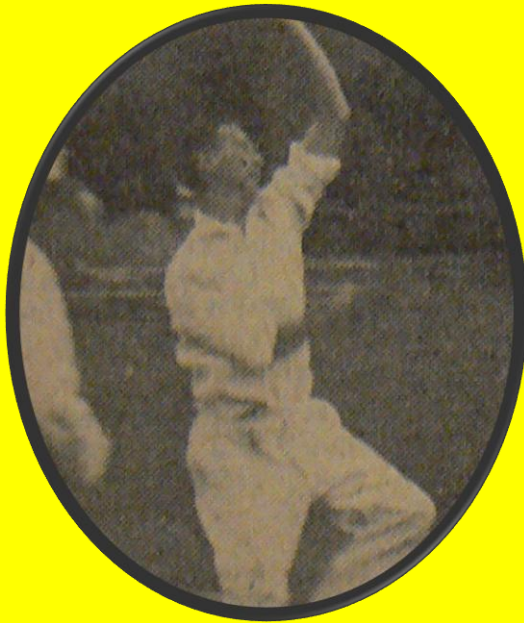
John Gethings



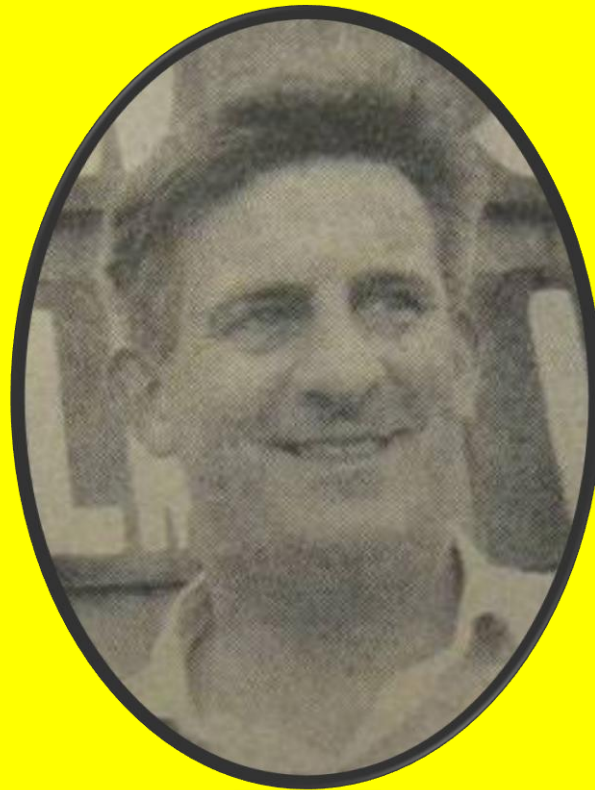
Eric Hughes



EG Ted Nash



**Bill
MacPherson**



**Mel
Pritchard**



**Derek 'Spud'
Havard**



Michael Bromage

Pictured above on the left with Pete Grattan and Alan Saunders



Abergavenny C.C. Squad 1975



Standing K.Watkins,D.Griffin,P.Butterfield,J.Powell,A.Mills,D.Harries,G.Morris,K.Williams
Seated W.Powell,A.Mead,D.Norton,C.Woods,B.Shackleton(Capt) G.Lewis,M.Powell,G.Phillips

Back Row

L-R K.Watkins, D.Giffin, P.Butterfield, J.Powell, A.Mills,D.Harries, G.Morris,
K.Williams

Front Row L-R

W.Powell, T,Mead, D.Norton,C.Woods,B.Shackleton[Capt] GH Lewis, M.Powell,
G.Phillips



Back Row
L-R E.Hughes(Umpire) D.Jones,D.Harries,B.Williams,L.Wilcock,S.Lennox,
K.Watkins.
Front Row L-R
D.Griffin, M.Powell,B.Shackleton(Capt)J.Powell,R.Brown.



Brian Shackleton

His career with the club goes back to 1947 when as a young boy he played in the Abergavenny Colts 'B' side against the Colts 'A' side He has a 68 years association with the club

He has been skipper on 12 occasions the first time as a 24 year old in 1961, he held the captaincy for 10 consecutive seasons.

It was during his second spell as captain which started in 1974 which subsequently saw him as captain of Abergavenny in 1975 the season we celebrate tonight winning the TCL, the only time the club has done so.

As a player the statistics show that Brian scored over 6,000 runs for the Club, his best season came in 1968 when he scored 619 runs, his top score for the club was 96 not out, in addition to this he also took 126 catches The 2015 season is his 27th year as President.



Dennis Harries

‘Dinky’ joined the Club from Tredegar 1974. He quickly established himself as a favourite at the Club

In his first four years he took over 300 wickets, 1977 was his best ever Season with a bag of 96 wickets. He was also a keen rugby player and played regularly for Brynmawr RFC. He was also a member of the General Committee of Tredegar RFC and lived with his mother and sister in Poachin Crescent Tredegar. A Quality Controller at BSC Tinsplate works at Ebbw Vale ‘Dinky’ was very well known in Gwent and Three Counties League cricketing circles. The day before his death on the field of play against Monmouth he had returned from a weeks cricket tour in Kent with Abergavenny C C..”



Keith Watkins

Keith joined Abergavenny CC from Crickhowell CC in 1973 and continued to play as a central figure until the 1981 Season. He was extremely successful in his time at Abergavenny and very often in the days that the rules allowed- bowled 23 overs on the bounce, and was as accurate and effective in the 23rd over as the first. In his first Season he had taken 97 wickets with one game to go in which he unfortunately only took one wkt to finish with 98. In 1975 he took 74 wickets, 1976 107 wickets at 12.8. He was also a very belligerent batsman who really valued his wicket and saw the team home to victory or secured many a draw as a lower order batsman



David Griffin

David was perhaps the most talented cricketer of his time, he was the first Abergavenny CC player to win a Welsh Schoolboy Cap, he played against West Indies & England in 1970 he also won his Monmouthshire County Cap-he was able to get in the team as either a bowler or a batsman his playing career stretched from 1967- 1985. He captained the side in 1984 and 1985, towards the end of his time at Abergavenny he had given up bowling but continued as a fine batsman passing 1,000 runs in a season in 1973 and in the Championship winning season 717 runs @ 23.13. In 1980 he became the first Abergavenny batsman to score a TCL century.



Dick joined the Club in 1972 and continued playing at one level or another for over 30 years, a classic right hand batsman, who scorned on 'playing across the line' a lovely timer of the ball making batting look easy. He Captained the side for 3 years 1981-1983- In 1981 he steered Abergavenny to the Macey Final losing to Malpas @ Newport and in 1982 came within a whisker of repeating the 1975 Championship winning feat finishing controversially as Runners-up to Colwell in the TCL, one of the few players to continue playing after his First X1 career in the 2nds, 3rds and 4ths- Currently Chairman of Ground



Dick Brown



John Powell

John Powell started in the Colts in 1961/62 and continued until the 1975/76 Seasons, a quality wicket keeper who batted in the middle order, coined the phrase 'the flashing blade' along with his twin brother he became renowned as much for his off field socialising as for his on field prowess, one of the reasons for the high standing in which the club is held. He was not as prolific as his brother but nevertheless in the tradition of wicketkeepers down the ages he contributed many important innings in the cause, capped by Monmouthshire in 1974. Both his sons played for the club, Ben captained the 1st X1 & Mike forged a great career in County cricket



John Powell



Mike Powell

Mike started in the Colts in 1961/62 and carried on with a short break when he played for Worcester in 1973 until 1989. Probably one of the most prolific run scorers in the history of the Club. He had two spells as Captain 1971 & 1976-1980. Played for Worcester & Glamorgan CCC 2nd XI's and won many Monmouthshire County Caps. He was 2nd in the batting averages only to Malcolm Nash in 1964 and continued to improve his figures year on year in 1967 he totalled 820 runs the following year 1968 he passed 1,000 runs but just missed out on his maiden century scoring 97 v Crickhowell, a locked knee robbed him of a century in 1969 against Inswingers scoring 95 before retired hurt. In 1971 he finished on 99 not out against Brecon. Another 1,000 in a season followed in 1973 as did another score in the nineties 98 v Newbridge. His first 1st XI century came in 1975 v Malpas and in that TCL winning Season he totalled 708 runs. In 1978 he led the side to 3rd in the TCL, and to win the Macey Shield as well as the Gwent Premier League.



Brian Williams

Brian joined the Club in 1974 but Shacky aired his disappointment that the Club's new fast bowler Brian Williams was only able to play in 1974 on Sundays. A very quick and 'nasty' member of the fast bowlers union, gave notice early on taking 6 for 5 against Crickhowell and 8-18 against Thornbury. In 1974 he pole axed David Brown the ex England batsman who was playing for Cheltenham- he fell on his stumps only to find when he came round that he was given out hit wicket. He appeared as a meteor but alas it was all too fleeting and his last season was in 1976 in a game against Cirencester the 'speed twins' he with 6-43 and Keith Watkins 4-36 bowled them out for 88, that year he was also part of the Whitbread sponsored 6 a side tournament winning side, played in Cardiff.



David Jones

David Jones joined Abergavenny in 1975 and played a brief but central role in the 1st X1 until 1979. A left hand bat and right arm spinner he quickly established himself as a key player. He was the top run scorer in the Championship winning side with 909 runs at 23.9 with the added bonus of taking 76 wickets, highlighting what a useful addition he was to the side. He bettered that total in 1976 topping 1,000 runs in the Season and again chipped in with a number of wickets. Everyone remembers the game on Tour against Milstead in 1977 chasing 186 to win Abergavenny won by 9 wickets- M.Powell 111*, Kyle Holmes 62* David Jones out for [2] He was again the main run scorer in 1978 and along with his pal Dinky became a very popular member of the Club



Stuart Lennox

Stuart Lennox 1975-1986 In 1974 Stuart was playing against Abergavenny for Worcester City, the following year he joined Abergavenny and continued playing until 1986. One of the finest exponents of swing and seam bowling with off and leg cutters in his armoury all bowled at a lively pace. He was also a dogged batsman who accumulated more not outs than any other player. Seams on cricket balls have never been so raised as when he was bowling. It was also well known that he made a huge hole 2 inches past the popping crease, but was never called for a no ball by Cliff Cox. In the championship winning season he took 68 wickets and topped the batting averages with 558 runs at 46.5. Represented TCL, Monmouthshire, Worcester CA & Buckinghamshire. Sadly he passed away in 2008



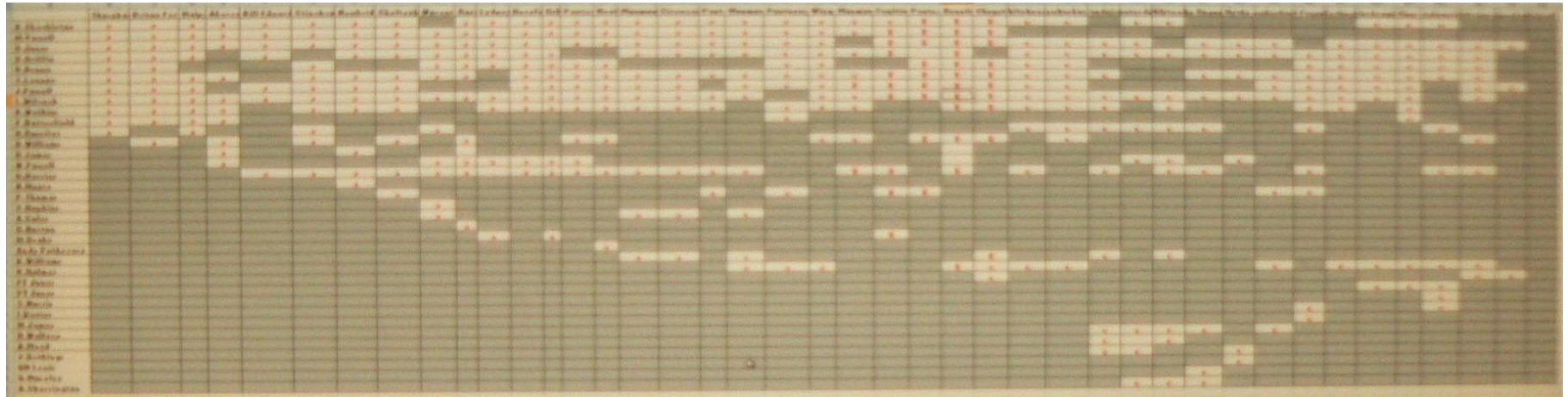
Len Wilcock

Len Wilcock- joined the club in the 1970 Season as a right handed top order batsman, however in a rare bowling spell against Gowerton he took 3 for 2. But it was as a batter he did most of his good work. Typical Yorkshire attitude to the game he was always forthright with his advice. In the Championship winning Season he totalled 790 runs at 22. he was also part of the Whitbread sponsored 6 a side tournament winning side , played in Cardiff in 1976. As a Teacher at King Henry V111 he always had a Coaches eye for detail and enjoyed the coaching aspect of the game. He has continued as a respected coach and to this day he is still coaching youngsters.



In Plotting the players selected for the First X1 it was clear that there was a nucleus most weeks of 8 or 9 -supplemented by others with a total of 35 players used in the 52 matches played by the First X1

Graph plotting appearances



Other players who played First X1 Games in 1975



P.Butterfield

D.James

W.Powell

P.Thomas

C.Hopkins

A.Coles

D.Norton

M.Drake

Andy Pothecary

K.Williams

K.Holmes

PF Jones

PY Jones

S.Norris

I.Davies

M.James

R.Wallace

A.Mead

J.Gethings

GH Lewis

G.Moseley

A.Charrington

N.Moore

R.Rossiter





Season 1975

President-E.G.Nash

Chairman- P.F.Jones

Hon Sec- R.Jennings

Treasurer- G.H.Lewis

Captain 1st X1- Brian
Shackleton

Captain 2nd X1-A.K.Mead



The first news coming out of the Club was that Subscriptions were to be increased by 150% Lew White the Chairman in 1974 announced after an EGM the subs would go from £2.20 to £5.50 for Playing members, the first uplift in a decade. GH Lewis the Treasurer had indicated that the rates were rising by 100%. Brian Shackleton regarded 1974 as 'The Season that might have been' and recorded his disappointment that the Clubs new fast bowler Brian Williams was only able to play in 1974 on Sundays.



Having finished the 1974 season on a high by beating Thornbury at Thornbury by 75 runs. Abergavenny 130-8 with Mike Powell [26] 'Doc' Lewis [35] and Brian Shackleton- [14*] Keith Watkins was forced to leave the field with an injury leaving Bob Jennings [5-24] and Dennis Harries [4-14] to take over and Thornbury were bowled out for 55. There was optimism at the start of the 1975 Season.

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Rain ruins the start of the 1975 Season

The traditional opening friendlies against Mumbles and Cardiff Choristers were called off for rain. The same applied the following week to matches with Whiteheads and Crickhowell. Thornbury were overwhelmed by 96 runs at 'The Ship' Alveston. Abergavenny scoring 173-5 M.Powell [71]and Len Wilcock [53*] Thornbury 77 all out K,Watkins taking 4-13 and D.Jones 4-24.

Briton Ferry Steel secured a draw with Abergavenny 140 all out. D.Jones[32] S.Lennox-[28] When Briton Ferry Steel batted making 84-8 - K.Watkins-4-12

Meanwhile the 2nd X1 played a re-arranged friendly with Crickhowell as Thorbury had called off. Abergavenny 2nd X1- 183-5 David James-[54] and Ken Williams [67] Crickhowell were on 60-1 when rain stopped play.



Abergavenny Opening Batsmen-1975





The Ship-Alveston-Thornbury CC



Briton Ferry Steel

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First Century by an Abergavenny 1st X1 player for 5 Years

The following weekend saw the First Eleven play a Monmouthshire Knock Out game on the Friday evening against Abercarn and two friendlies against Malpas and Bill Edwards Swansea X1- against Abercarn- Abergavenny scored 111-6 in their 20 overs and in Reply Abercarn were 64-9 from their allocation. In the next round Abergavenny were drawn against Cardiff YMCA at St Mellions.



Mike Powell having a particularly good weekend with scores of [100] and [74] His ton against Malpas on the Saturday was the first century by an Abergavenny batsman at First Team level for 5 years. Peter Jones being the last batsman against Chepstow in 1970. [Mike had scored a hundred two years ago for the 2nd X1] Abergavenny 172-5 M.Powell (100) D.Jones (58) Malpas in reply finishing on 135-7 secured a draw. The Bill Edwards Swansea X1- H.Lewis, M.Staddon, F.Evans , T Swan, S.Parry, J.Morgan, C.Donne, T.Clark, A.Bridgeman, E.Jones & P.Matthews. The overwhelming victory over Bill Edwards Swansea X1 who were 132 all out. D.Jones taking 7-48, Abergavenny 133-2 with M.Powell (74) top scoring.





Cardiff YMCA-Llwynarthen-St
Mellions- Now Lisvane CC- Closed
down in 2002 went into disrepair
re-emerged as Lisvane CC



Bill Edwards-1922-
2009

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A Hat-Trick for Alan Hartfield

Alan Hartfield took 9-32 for the 2nd X1 against Malpas 2nds in the victory in the Gwent Premier League including a hat trick.

Abergavenny won by 9 wickets with David James [32*] and Bill Powell [33*]



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The Chronicle reported that Stuart Lennox was going to be a useful acquisition Next came a good win against Stinchcombe Stragglers who were bowled out for 114 S.Lennox taking 4-29.

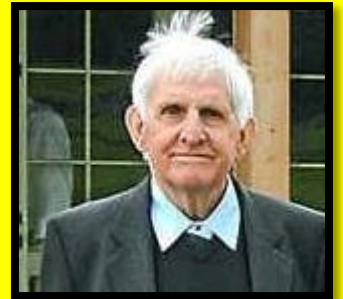
Abergavenny making 115-6 in reply to win by 4 wickets. M.Powell [28], R.Brown [23] & S.Lennox [24*] all batted well.



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Abergavenny First X1 'Slade' by Worcester

Abergavenny were 'slade' in the next game as Worcester bowled them out for 87 Stuart Lennox scoring [39] with Doug Slade the ex Worcestershire County player taking 8 wickets in his spell which included 11 consecutive maidens. In reply Worcester reached their target for the loss of 4 wickets D.Slade following his bowling by making (29*). There were two wickets apiece for Stuart Lennox and Dennis Harries



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First X1 'Pouch' their catches but have poor weekend

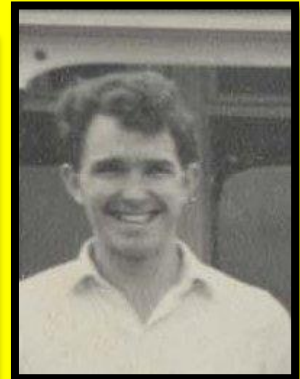
Newbridge at the time one of the weaker teams in the Monmouthshire League- 111-9 K.Watkins 3-26, D.Jones 3-34 beat Abergavenny who were all out for 108 despite the efforts of L.Wilcock (28) and S.Lennox (45).

On the Sunday there was an honourable draw against Cheltenham who were bowled out for 140. A feature of the Cheltenham innings was excellent fielding and catching by Abergavenny with David Jones taking a particularly spectacular caught and bowled. In reply Abergavenny managed 120-8 with Peter Thomas top scoring with (35).

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Meanwhile the 2nd Eleven were defeating Newbridge 2nd X1 on Saturday by one wicket in a 'dour' struggle. Newbridge 2nd X1-95-9 in reply Abergavenny 2nd X1 were 37-7 but were rescued by Michael Bromage [9] Mike Drake [17*] and Tony Charrington [37*] finishing 96-8

On the Sunday the Second Eleven played Cheltenham 2nd X1 at Cheltenham and batting first scored- 156-7 P.Jones [41] Bill Powell [50] Ken Williams [35] Cheltenham finished on 135-73 wickets each for Tony Charrington and Tony Paton and one for Alan Hartfield



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Revenge victory for First X1 in last Over

On Saturday-A revenge victory over the formidable Worcester came next who in chasing Abergavenny's total of 146-7 L.Wilcock (44) and S.Lennox (47) were bowled out for 125 in the last over D.Jones 3-35 and D.Harries 3-10 doing the damage.

Worcester team-A.Butterworth, I.Rone, D.Russell, W.Allen, J.Elliot, H.Biddle, T.Ridings, S.Lloyds, R.Sheward, A.Smith & T.Davies

Sunday- A winning draw against Ross -Abergavenny totalled 141-6 with D.Jones (60) W.Powell [20] Ross struggled to 82-9 with D.Harries taking 4-15.

The third game of the weekend was on the Monday against Lydney- and results on Saturday and Sunday were complimented with a win over Lydney who scored 152-6. 3 wickets apiece for Keith Watkins and Mike Drake, Abergavenny winning by 5 wickets at 153-5 M.Powell (49) D.Griffin (62*)

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Three Counties League table

Following their recent run of success in the Three Counties League Abergavenny First XI have moved to the top of the League.

They have won five of their eight games so far, lost, two and managed a winning draw in the other match. They have taken six batting points and 22 bowling points in their total of 84 which is two more than their nearest rivals, Winget, and have an average of 10.5 per cent.

Abergavenny Second XI are not doing so well in their division but they have won four out of their nine games.

THREE COUNTIES LEAGUE (July 1, 1955)

| | P | W | D | L | Batt | Bowl | Pts | Aver |
|------------------------|---|---|---|---|------|------|-----|---------|
| Division I | | | | | | | | |
| Abergavenny | 8 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 22 | 84 10.5 |
| Winget | 8 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 16 | 18 | 82 10.2 |
| Worcester | 8 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 20 | 81 10.1 |
| Hereford | 7 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 16 | 69 9.8 |
| Pontef | 9 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 28 | 81 9 |
| Stonchcombe Stragglers | 8 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 12 | 20 | 59 8.6 |
| Twkesbury | 8 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 13 | 22 | 65 8.1 |
| Cirencester | 7 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 15 | 47 6.7 |
| Colwall | 7 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 15 | 47 6.7 |
| Lydney | 9 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 14 | 17 | 60 6.6 |
| Ross | 7 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 14 | 37 5.2 |
| Division II | | | | | | | | |
| Pontef | 7 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 16 | 20 | 86 12.2 |
| Twkesbury | 7 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 13 | 21 | 86 12.2 |
| Hereford | 7 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 19 | 84 12 |
| Colwall | 9 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 15 | 17 | 78 8.6 |
| Winget | 9 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 26 | 75 8.3 |
| Abergavenny | 9 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 25 | 72 8 |
| Stonchcombe Stragglers | 6 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 17 | 67 8.5 |
| Worcester | 7 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 12 | 49 7 |
| Lydney | 8 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 11 | 14 | 49 6.1 |
| Cirencester | 8 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 15 | 38 4.7 |
| Ross | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 113 | 13 | 1.6 |

After 8 Fixtures the optimism was growing that this year may be special. Abergavenny were riding high at the top of the TCL.



Back Row L-R

**L.Wilcock,D.Griffin,P.Butterfield,B.Williams,S.Lennox
, K.Watkins**

**Front Row L-R D.Jones,M.Powell, B.Shackleton,
J.Powell, R.Brown**

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There was tension in the next game as Usk won in the last over in the Gwent Premier League. Abergavenny 140 all out with L.Wilcock [28], D.Griffin [28], M.Powell [33] and S.Lennox [26] all getting a start. Usk however prevailed at 143-6 with K.Watkins taking 3-61.



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Abergavenny Beat Hereford for the first time for 20 Years

The next match was tense and dramatic with the reverse of the Usk match and saw a last ball boundary from Keith Watkins hit over the square leg boundary-beat Hereford. Hereford 161-6. Abergavenny 164-8 M.Powell [26] D.Jones (44) L.Wilcock (36) David Griffin [32]



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Paul & Ken are Top Players as 2nd X1
enjoy good weekend

Meanwhile the 2nd Eleven drew with
Usk 2nd X1 on Saturday and defeated
Hereford 2nd X1 on Sunday. Against Usk
Abergavenny 2nd X1 scored 189-9 Ken
Williams [80*] Usk 109-9
Hereford 104-10 Paul Butterfield 7-42
Abergavenny 2nd X1 winning by 3
wickets David James[38] Ken Williams
[31]

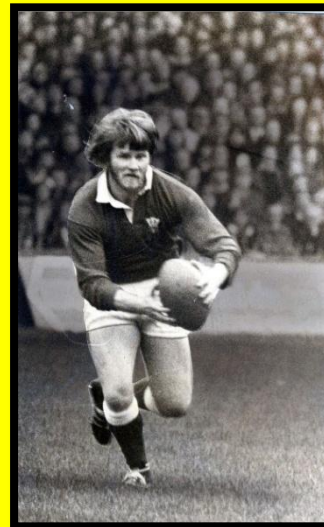
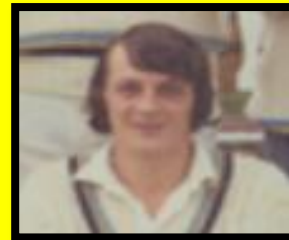


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Rugby Star John leads Run Feast at Avenue Road

On the Saturday Panteg inflicted a defeat on Abergavenny 1st X1 having scored 136-8, with K.Watkins taking 4-39 & Stuart Lennox 2-51 Abergavenny were all out for 119 with only Dick Brown (41) and Mike Powell [22] John Powell [16] and Bill Powell [12] making any runs.

On the Sunday A high scoring draw against Neath who amassed over 300 at 306-4 with John Bevan the Welsh Rugby International scoring (88) Abergavenny making a creditable 200-7 in reply thanks to D.Jones (58) R.Brown (43) and K.Williams (34*) Brian Shackleton [33]



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Saturday saw the 2nd X1 against Panteg which was a combined Three Counties and Gwent League game - Panteg 169-8- Abergavenny in reply 115-8 Paul Butterfield [34] Peter Thomas [36]

On Sunday-The 2nd X1 fielded three schoolboys' products of the Colts Nick Moore, Mike Jones and Kyle Holmes against Machen 2nds Abergavenny 2nd X1- 187 Mike Jones [41] Tony Charrington [35] Peter Thomas-[35] Machen 157-9



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Knockout victory in dismal week for First X1

Abergavenny got through to the quarter final of the Monmouthshire Knock Out Cup defeating Panteg who made 120-6. D.Jones 2-30 D.Harries 2-40 Stuart Lennox and Keith Watkins one wicket each. Abergavenny through M.Powell [20] D.Jones (34*) and S.Lennox (34*) won by 6 wickets. Next- Home to Monmouth in quarter final on June 27th.

A different story when playing Monmouth on the Saturday which saw a poor defeat [Their fourth in the Gwent League in four matches] as Abergavenny were all out for 124 D.Griffin (35) J.Powell (22) Kyle Holmes [22] by 7 wickets. The bowler who did the damage for Monmouth was Kim Norkett a former Monmouth Schoolboy who is now on Glamorgan's staff. Monmouth reaching their target for the loss of 3 wickets, with Jones, Holmes and Lennox with one wicket each.

The game against Cirencester on Sunday was abandoned for rain. Brian Williams and Stuart Lennox made early breakthroughs, but visiting skipper Dick Tugwell with [45*] was leading a recovery when play was abandoned.



Kim Norkett aged
20 years

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12 wickets for Paul in 2nd X1 League Victories

Meanwhile the Second Eleven were defeating both Monmouth in the Gwent League and Cirencester in the Three Counties in the 2nd X1 fixtures.

Abergavenny 2nd X1- 195-6 Tony Mead [45] David James [50] Monmouth-157 all out Paul Butterfield 5-44. On Sunday away at Cirencester the 2nd X1 bowled them out for 66 Paul Butterfield 7-28 Alan Harfield 3-26. In reply the only danger was the weather with Peter Thomas [25] Peter Jones [29] Kyle Holmes struck the winning runs with the rain falling heavily Abergavenny 70-4



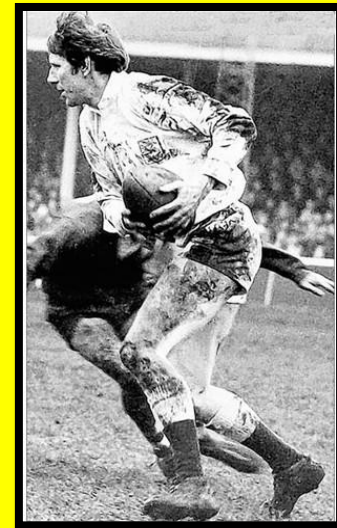
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A Colts X1 beat
Garndiffaith Colts the
Team included- N.Moore,
A.Laking, A.Lang,
R.Rossiter, K.Holmes,
N.Davies, P.Barrett,
M.Samuel, P.Bowen,
N.Martin, A.Pothecary

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Abergavenny hit the Victory Trail with two wins

Two wins followed for the 1st X1 against Pontnewynydd who were 87 all out with D.Jones taking 5-30 Abergavenny got home by 5 wickets at 88-5 D.Jones (30) and B.Shackleton (25*) were the main run getters. The second victory was against Winget the Three Counties League leaders who were 155 all out - Former Gloucester Rugby Player Eric Stephens scoring [33] with B.Williams 5-38 and D.Harries 5-44 sharing the wickets. Abergavenny won by 3 wickets making 156-7 with M.Powell (50) and L.Wilcock (43) scoring the runs



Eric Stephens-
Aged 36 years

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2nd X1 Move Top

The 2nd X1 meanwhile moved to the top of the Gwent League following their 6 wicket win over Pontnewydd in the Gwent League. On Sunday they had a winning draw against Winget 2nd X1 in the Three Counties. Pontnewydd-120 all out Alan Hartfield 4-42 Tony Charrington 5-57- Tony Paton picking up the other wicket. Abergavenny 2nd X1-124-4 Peter Jones [27] David James [42] Bill Powell Doc Lewis and Tony Coles all scoring [18]

Against Winget Abergavenny 2nd X1 made 156-9 Peter Jones [38] David James [27] Winget 136-7 Paul Butterfield 3-51

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The 1st X1 had a trio of triumphs In a good weekend - Monmouth were beaten in the quarter final of the Mon KO Cup, Newport Fugitives were beaten to improve their standing in the Gwent Premier and Panteg were beaten to consolidate their lead in the TCL.

Gwent Knockout Quarter Final-Abergavenny 131-2 M.Powell (63) D.Griffin (41*) Monmouth 117-7 Brian Williams 2-22 Including Kim Norkett who stood on his wickets avoiding a rising ball from Williams.

Newport Fugitives 80 all out D.Harries 6-27 S.Lennox 4-36 Abergavenny 83-2 D.Jones (40*) M.Drake (16*)

Panteg 108-7 D.Jones and S.Lennox taking 3 wickets each, Abergavenny 109-6 D.Griffin (52) B.Shackleton (23) Dick Brown [14]

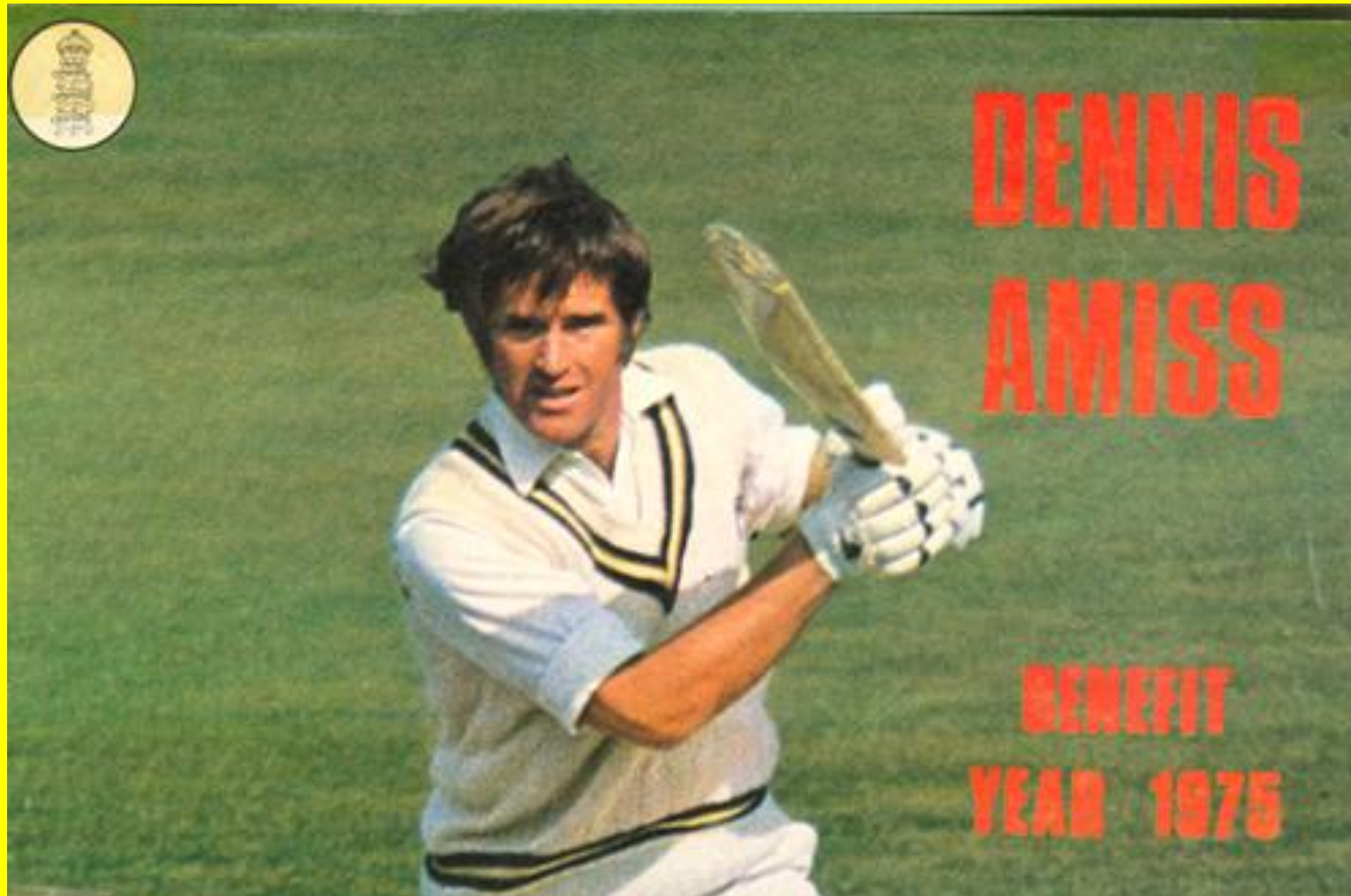
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Maiden Century for David James

David James the 2nd X1 vice captain scored his maiden century against Newport fugitives 2nd X1 in the Gwent League Fixture Newport Fugitives-186 all out - 3 wickets each for Hartfield, Paton & Charrington. In reply Abergavenny 2nd X1 were grateful to David James [105*] and support from Doc Lewis, Tony Coles and Tony Mead. Against Panteg who made 191 they held on for a draw at 129-8

Gwent Under 18 caps were awarded to Kyle Holmes and Richard Rossiter with Adam Pothecary 12th man the side was to be captained by Eddie Butler against Staffordshire at Whiteheads.







Dennis Amiss Benefit 1975 Abergavenny v Warwickshire

Back Row L-R

**J.Morgan,K.Watkins,E.Hemmings,P.F.Jones,R.Brown,L.Wilcock,
K.Holmes,D.Jones,D.Brown,B.Williams,
C.Coggins,D.Murray,D.Evans,A.N.Other,D.Griffin,E.Hughes,D.Harries,S.Perryman,B.Bourne,S.Len
nox.**

**Front Row L-R A.Kallicharran, M.Powell, J.Jameson, B.Shackleton, D.Amiss, R.Kanhai, J.Powell,
P.Barrett(Scorer)**

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Then it was back to league action against Chepstow who were soundly beaten. Abergavenny 203-3 P.F.Jones (40) D.Jones (42) J.Powell (75) Chepstow 101-8 K.Watkins 4-8.

The Final of the Mon KO Cup beckoned after beating the village side Llanarth in the Semi-final. They meet Ebbw Vale in the Final on August 6th at Usk CC. Abergavenny 105-6 Mike Powell [54] Llanarth outclassed were 46 all out. Keith Watkins 5-9 in his 4 overs.

On the Saturday Abergavenny then beat Abertillery in the Gwent League with Abergavenny 183-7 D.Jones (86) Mike Powell [20] Chris MacPherson [20*] Abertillery 98 all out K.Watkins bowling superb to take 7-27 and Dennis Harries 3-32.

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Sunday saw a winning draw against Winget in a top of the table clash which kept the momentum going Abergavenny 163-9 D.Griffin (48) J.Powell (30) Peter Thomas [24*] Winget 75-9 Keith Watkins 5-36 and D.Harries 3-23 doing the damage. Abergavenny would have had 5 more points if they could have taken the last wicket. Brian Williams was injured after 3 Overs and forced off. This was on top of Stuart Lennox being out of the First team with a back injury.

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The 2nd X1 didnt play their scheduled fixtures with Abertillery and Winget on Saturday and Sunday. However on the Sunday they played a re-arranged match with Malpas who scored 119, Stuart lennox taking 6-60 and Paul Butterfield 2-24- in reply Abergavenny 2nd X1 scored 123-6

S.Lennox [35*] David James [38]

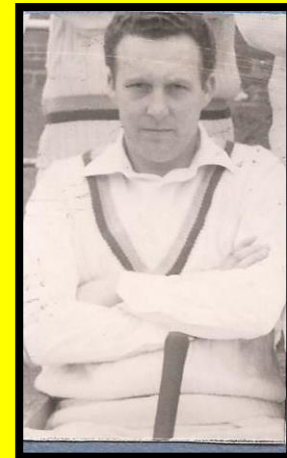
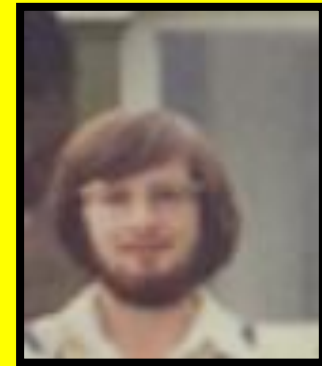
Malpas Team- L.Rathbone, B.Nagle,
B.Scott, H.Kinman, C.Moore, M.James,
J.Edwards, M.Mason, G.Kinman,
A.Yewsberry & M.Davies

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The First X1 enjoyed a further win against Cirencester who scored 114-7. S.Lennox 2-39, K.Watkins 2-26 & Dennis Harries 2-37 Len Wilcock with (37) Stuart Lennox back from his back injury [24*] ensured a 6 wicket victory. A losing draw with Hereford was a setback -Hereford making 162-6 Brian Williams 3-62 & Keith Watkins 2-64 and Abergavenny 120-6 Mike Powell [33] Len Wilcock [26]

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Abergavenny 2nd X1- 218-6 Richard Rossiter [74] Doc Lewis [32] Ken Williams [36] Hereford 2113-9 Mike Drake 5-69, Paul Butterfield 3-61 The 2nd X1 then beat Westbury in a friendly- Abergavenny 2nd X1- 214-7 Simon Norris[68] Ken Williams [42] Westbury 115 all out Mike Drake 4-34 and Dennis Harries 2-27.



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Hythe were beaten at Avenue Road on Friday night with young K,Holmes scoring (51) Abergavenny 167-6 R.Rossiter [25] Doc Lewis [29]Hythe 138 all out D.Jones 3-24. Len Wilcock 2-20 and Dennis Harries 2-25

It was at this point in the season that Abergavenny CC suffered a setback when Mike Powell broke his wrist whilst umpiring a single wicket competition, meaning he will miss the rest of the season.



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Abergavenny Fail in bid to take Knockout Title

Abergavenny lost the Final of the Mon KO Cup to Ebbw Vale by 41 runs who made 131 in their 20 overs.

Abergavenny could only manage a disappointing 90-6 in reply

They also suffered a bad defeat against Caerleon on the Saturday with Abergavenny scoring 127 all out, with runs from B.Shackleton (38) and R.Rossiter (30) Chris MacPherson [20] Caerleon passed the total with little trouble.

However in The Three Counties Abergavenny beat Colwall who were 120-9 with S.Lennox,D.Harries and K.Watkins sharing the wickets. David Jones [25] Len Wilcock (47) and B.Shackleton (27) were the main run scorers as Abergavenny won by 7 wickets

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Kyles Half Century takes side to victory

Whiteheads were no match for Abergavenny in the Gwent League. Whiteheads who scored 130-6 David Jones 4-46 lost with Abergavenny scoring 131-6 with K.Holmes (57*)

A losing draw followed against Tewkesbury who scored 202-4 with Abergavenny 178-9 in reply with a half century from D.Jones scoring (53) David Griffin [31] John Powell [19] Stuart Lennox [17]

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A successful Annual Tour to Kent- saw four draws and one defeat Abergavenny 127-10 Len Wilcock [22] John Gethings a guest player from Crickhowell scored a brisk [19] Sandwich 112-9 Keit Watkins 4-18, David Jones 2-51 & Dennis Harries 2-20, Hythe 149-6 Dennis Harries 3-34 & David Jones 3-28 - Abergavenny 143-6 Extras top scorer [36], Abergavenny 198-5 Ryland Wallace [63] David Griffin [60*] Tenterden 202-7, Milstead 210-5 Richard Rossiter 3-48 Abergavenny 138-9, The Rogues 158-7 David Jones 6-51 Abergavenny 153-7. Despite Len Wilcock [82] and Ryland Wallace [60] in the end Abergavenny held on for a draw. Five games 4 Draws, 1 defeat

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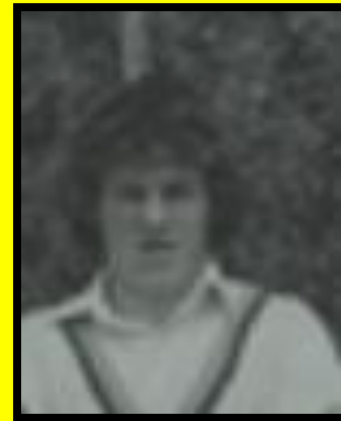
The 2nd X1 completed their Gwent League fixtures on Saturday with with an away fixture against Whiteheads- Abergavenny 116 Doc Lewis [26] Simon Norris [31] Whiteheads all out 44 with Mike Drake 5-16 and Paul Butterfield 5-23

On Sunday they played a friendly with Crickhowell their League fixture with Tewkesbury 2nd X1 having been cancelled- Crickhowell 131 Mike Bruton [69] Mike Drake 7-39 Andrew Pothecary 2-20 Abergavenny 133-4 winning with runs from newcomer Peter Y Jones [58*] Mike Drake [26] and Simon Norris [20]

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The 2nd X1 under the
captaincy of Tony Mead won
the Gwent League

On Sunday The 2nd X1
clinched the 2nd X1 Gwent
League title with a draw
against Usk who scored 162-4
Brian Williams 2-34 & Tony
Paton 2-36 in reply
Abergavenny 2nd X1 were 87-
6 Chris MacPherson [24]



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For the First X1 A rain interrupted match with
Tewkesbury 189-4 3 wickets for S.Lennox
and 1 wicket for David Jones followed, which
finished in the dark with D.Griffin (55*) as
Abergavenny got the 190 required to win. Len
Wilcock [36] S.Lennox [11*]

Sunday Abergavenny 144-10 John Powell [40]
Stuart Lennox [38*] Len Wilcock [29] St
Fagans 78-8 in a friendly. I.Davies with 3
wickets

On the Monday, Lydney were 'smashed'
making 116 all out with S.Lennox 5-46 Keith
Watkins 3-48 - Abergavenny 117-3 L.Wilcock
(60) R.Brown (28*)



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Cricket Club let it slip from grasp

The key game of the season came next against title challengers Stinchcombe who made 165-7 Paul Butterfield 2-47 S.Lennox 4-47 but in reply Abergavenny could only manage 128-7 with a solid S.Lennox making (46) Len Wilcock [20] John Powell [16*] this losing draw meant sweating it out as Stinchcombe the nearest rivals had 3 games left and Abergavenny just the one.

A friendly against Ross was duly won. Ross 120 all out K.Watkins 4-42 and S.Lennox 4-39 D.Jones 2-16 Abergavenny 121-9. D.Jones [16] D.Griffin [28] R.Brown [20] S.Lennox [14]

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The following week whilst Abergavenny played two more friendlies against Flaxbourton on the Saturday and Whitchurch the Welsh Conference Champions on the Sunday, Worcester defeated Stinchcombe by 7 wickets. So with their one fixture against Colwall to come Abergavenny were crowned Champions without playing as Stinchcombe had missed their opportunity.

Abergavenny 120 all out D.Jones [33] S.Lennox [30*] Flaxbourton 124-4 S.Lennox 2-20 and one wicket each for Dennis Harries and Kyle Holmes.

Whitchurch 98 all out D.Jones 4-21 K.Watkins 2-17 D.Harries 2-27.

Abergavenny 101-6 PF Jones [16] K.Holmes [17] John Powell [22*] D.Griffin [14] & D.Brown [11]

Thornbury 136-6 K.Watkins 2-31 D.Harries 2-29 D.Jones 2-41 were beaten by 9 wickets D.Jones (49) P.F.Jones (43) John Powell [29*] and Abergavenny finished off the season in style beating Colwall by 7 wickets with Mike Powell scoring 45 on his return from injury.

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Inspirational Skipper-
JB Shackleton

The four leading bowlers were, David Jones with 76 wickets, Keith Watkins 74, Stuart Lennox 68, and Dennis Harries 57. Stuart Lennox was also top of the batting averages with 558 runs at an average of 46.5. Top run scorer was David Jones with 904 runs at 23.79. supported by Len Wilcock scoring 790 at 22.0, David Griffin 717 at 23.13 and Mike Powell 708 at 25.28.

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This was Abergavenny Cricket Club's best season for more than 20 years. It was an overwhelming success for both teams. The 1st X1 took the Three Counties League Shield and were runners up in the Monmouthshire Knock Out, and the 2nd X1 Gwent Premier League Trophy. The 1st X1 forged ahead from the word go. They suffered a blow when top batsman Mike Powell broke a wrist when umpiring an August heat of the Abergavenny Superstar competition, but still managed to clinch the title before his return for the end of the season match against Colwall. Retiring captain Brian Shackleton put their success down to both the bowlers and consistent batting.

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Abergavenny C.C. Squad 1975



Standing K. Watkins, D. Griffin, P. Butterfield, J. Powell, A. Mills, D. Harries, G. Morris, K. Williams
Seated W. Powell, A. Mead, D. Norton, C. Woods, B. Shackleton (Capt), G. Lewis, M. Powell, G. Phillips

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Cirencester CC



Ross CC



Colwell CC



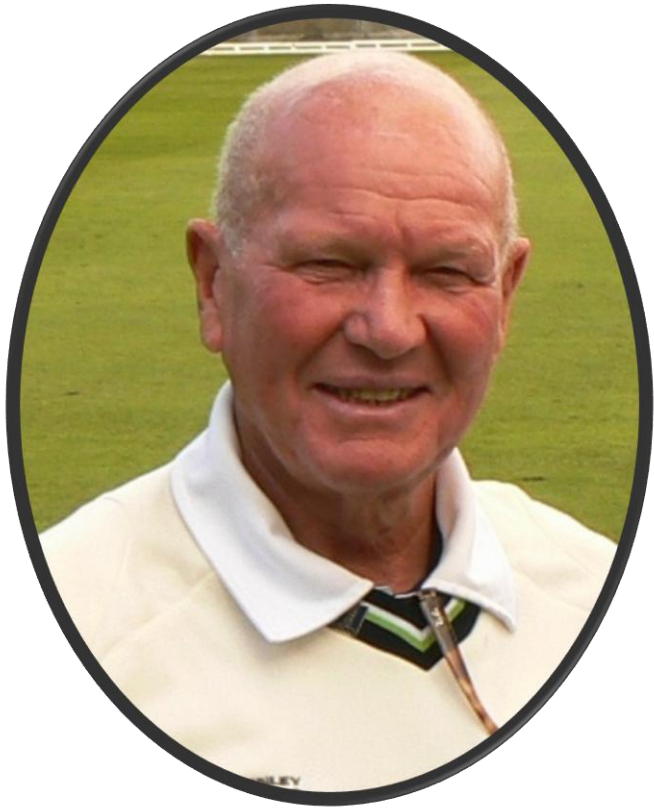
Panteg CC



Mumbles CC



Lydney CC



Richie Thomas-Panteg CC

“Officials and players of ACC at that time are names that I still associate with the club. It says much for their personality, presence and contribution that each one springs readily to my mind 40 years later.

Brian Shackleton, Peter Thomas [Sadly no longer with us], Mike Powell, Tony Mead and Ken Williams were the club's driving forces behind the most successful ACC team of the era. Winning the League was a wonderful achievement for the Club, a thoroughly deserved success for one of the finest teams assembled in this area of Monmouthshire

In the 60's, the 6-a-side tournament was a huge success. I'm sure it will still have great memories for everyone who played. This I feel was the catalyst for the success that was to follow. It helped to establish a camaraderie and sense of well-being that carried everything before it. The social aspect of Abergavenny CC has never been bettered and neither has the playing strength of the club.

I still remember being the unwitting "victim" of the 5 Man Lift. I don't recall that you were involved, but it's for certain that the Powells and Shack were there”.

Good times - Richie