

Chapter 8 1953 Season

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W.E.Jones Benefit Year
 Combined Glamorgan/Middlesex will play the Club June 26th

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... the fixture ...
 ... Cricket Club a few weeks ago, the fixture ...
 ... list for the coming season is one of the ...
 ... best ever. Matches will be played with ...
 ... Newport, Cardiff, Barry, Neath and ...
 ... Swansea as well as with numerous " old ...
 ... friends."

The 1st XI fixture list is as follows :—

| | | | |
|-------------|----|-------------------|------|
| April | 25 | Panteg | Away |
| May | 2 | Whiteheads | Away |
| May | 9 | Brecon | Away |
| May | 16 | Usk | Away |
| May | 23 | Cardiff | Home |
| May | 25 | Crickhowell | Away |
| Whit Mon. | 30 | Monmouth | Away |
| June | 6 | Newport | Home |
| June | 13 | St. Fagans | Away |
| June | 20 | Cowbridge | Home |
| June | 27 | Ross | Away |
| July | 4 | Whiteheads | Home |
| July, Tues. | 7 | Weaste | Home |
| July | 11 | Brecon | Home |
| July | 18 | Builth Wells | Home |
| July | 25 | Lydney | Away |
| August | 1 | St. Fagans | Home |
| Aug. Mon. | 3 | Crickhowell | Home |
| Thurs. Aug. | 6 | The Mayflies | Home |
| August | 8 | Newport Fugitives | Away |
| August | 15 | Monmouth | Home |
| August | 22 | Cowbridge | Away |
| August | 29 | Usk | Home |
| September | 5 | Whitchurch | Home |
| September | 12 | Lydney | Home |

SUNDAY FIXTURES

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|--------|----|---------------------|------|
| April | 26 | Whitchurch | Home |
| May | 3 | Treforest | Home |
| May | 10 | Lydney | Home |
| May | 17 | Pat Kendle's XI | Home |
| May | 24 | Slough | Home |
| May | 31 | Newport Fugitives | Home |
| June | 7 | Barry | Away |
| June | 14 | South Wales Hunt | Home |
| June | 21 | Hereford | Away |
| June | 28 | Tom Phillip's XI | Home |
| July | 5 | Swansea | Home |
| July | 12 | Innswingers | Home |
| July | 19 | Mitchells & Butlers | Home |
| July | 26 | W. E. Jones' XI | Home |
| August | 2 | Panteg | Home |
| August | 9 | Hereford | Home |
| Aug. | 16 | Ross | Home |
| Aug. | 23 | Sphinx | Home |
| Aug. | 30 | Barry | Home |
| Sept. | 6 | Neath | Home |
| Sept. | 13 | Choristers | Home |

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| Llanelly Hill | 17 11 |
| Clydach W. | 18 8 |
| 39 Corps | 16 9 |
| Talybont | 20 7 |
| A. Ambers | 17 7 |
| Mardy | 20 5 |
| Sirhowy | 14 6 |
| Llangattock | 19 6 |
| Llangynidr | 13 4 |
| Llanwenarth | 20 1 |

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The Rugby Club have ...
 matches before the season e ...
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Abergavenny Cricket Club History

The 1953 Season opened with a draw against Whitchurch Heath who scored 158-8 declared. There was 3 wickets for Lew White and 2 for C.Berrington. In reply Abergavenny reached 153-3 thanks to H.Sadler (27) Les Jones (48) Lew White (31*) and C.Berrington (29*)

Abergavenny 2nd X1 133 drew with Panteg who just held on at 110-9.

Pat Kendle's X1 had become a regular fixture around this time, it was a distinguished X1 made up of very good players. At this time, 1953 the team included: Sir Derek Bailey (Glos) C.Chesterton, J.Horton and G.Lampard (Worcester) D.Carnhill (Herts) G.Surtees (Malvern) Bob Webb (Ross) P.Marsham (Colwall) D.Perry (Cheltenham) and of course Pat Kendle himself (Glos 2nd's)

They totalled 168-8 with good bowling from W.Williams 3-34, Lew White 3-42, and S.Workman 2-32. In reply Abergavenny made 150 with runs from, J.Crealey (31), W.Mayo (48) and E.Tovey (23*)

Lydney beat Abergavenny by 9 wickets when chasing Abergavenny's 177-9 declared. Les Jones (51) H.Sadler (41*) they reached their target 180 for the loss of just 1 wicket.

Brecon Sports Club inflicted another defeat having been all out themselves for 129, with Workman 4-26, W.Saunders 3-30 and L.White 2-36 taking the wickets. They bowled Abergavenny out for 82 runs from Jones (14) H.Sadler (18). The 2nd's however easily beat Brecon 2nd's having scored 122 with H.Bowcett (42), they bowled out Brecon for 54 with Charlie Price taking 4-12.

Abergavenny 2nd's 129, hammered Usk 2nd's 30. C.Cox (30) G.Phillips (21) C.F.R.Price with 5 wickets.

The first's drew with Slough who made 140-8 declared, Abergavenny finishing on 125-6 with M.Stock (27) and L.Jones (46*)

A good win followed in the eagerly awaited local derby with Crickhowell who totalled 141 thanks to Mel Pritchard 4-39, Lew White 3-57, S.Stock 2-40 and Bob Jennings with 1-1. Abergavenny knocking them off for the loss of 3 wickets. Les Jones (75) Lew White (27*)

In two fixtures with Crickhowell 2nd's Abergavenny 2nd's won both. Abergavenny 2nd's 155 with H.Bowcett (35) Crickhowell 2nd's 81. Cliff Cox taking 4-27. Crickhowell 2nd's 43. Six wickets for C.Cox. Abergavenny 2nd's 44-2. P.Bishop (19)

There was then a draw with Monmouth who made 105-8 chasing 144 scored by H.Sadler (30) Alderton (31) Parry (23) and Crealey (27). A further drawn game with Newport Fugitives next, who scored 195-6 in reply Abergavenny held on at 131-8 with runs from, M.Stock (19) H.Sadler (18) G. Alderton (22) and W.Mayo (27)

It was at this point in the season that the 2nd X1 lost their first match to Barry.

New Extension opened by J.C.Clay

During the fixture with south Wales Hunt, which was played under grey skies in what should have been 'flaming June' J.C.Clay officially opened the recently erected extension to the pavilion. This extension had been supervised by C.F.R.Price but in the main was the product of the club members working as volunteers on the project. It gave Abergavenny amenities that were among the best in Wales. It cost around £800 and had paid workers been involved it would have cost at least double that amount.

In the game itself Abergavenny nearly pulled off a win. Having scored 148- 2 with Les Jones (93) and Lew White (40*) playing well. In reply the Hunt held on at 94-8.

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Cliff Cox hits a purple patch for the 2nd's

Cliff Cox hit a purple patch and scored 48 for the 2nd's including four 6's and then 62 against Ross 2nd's who made 95-5 he also took two wickets. In reply to Abergavenny 2nd's mammoth 203-5, Bob Jennings also chipping in with (40). In the return fixture Ross 2nd's 99 beat Abergavenny 2nd's 56 all out.

Cowbridge 135-9, Williams 3-40, Adams 2-13, Saunders 2-36 drew with Abergavenny 123-9 L.White (23) Jones (21) M.Stock (21). Ross 86 were beaten with D.Parry taking six wickets. Abergavenny scoring 97 W.Williams the star with (30) and H.Sadler (17)

The Tom Phillips X1 amassed 233-6 with Cardiff's Alan Priday scoring (50*) Abergavenny 142-6 ensured a draw. T.Adams (29) H.Sadler (24*) Lew White and S.Workman 2 wickets each.

Whiteheads 97 all out 5 wickets for L.White and 4 wickets for W.Williams were defeated, Abergavenny scoring 160-9 Les Jones (48) M.Stock (28) J.Hill (22)

Whiteheads 2nd's 50, five wickets for Thomas and three for Pritchard. Abergavenny 2nd's 52-0, G.V.Evans (21) and G.Phillips (29)

Swansea 102-8 4 wickets for L.White and 2 wickets for T.Adams defeated Abergavenny who were 101 all out. M.Stock (20) H.Sadler (14)

Brecon and Inswingers games were lost to rain. Builth 30 all out Williams (4 wkts) and Saunders (3 wkts) were hammered, Abergavenny 171-7. L.White (54*), L.Jones (28) and M.Stock (25)

Mitchell and Butler's 165-5. Abergavenny were 39-3 when rain intervened.

Fred Titmus and Lew White spin their webs

The highlight of the season was another Benefit Game for W.E. Willie Jones. His team were bowled out for 170 with Lew White taking 5 wickets. The team included: J.Pleas, S.Montgomery, W.E.Jones, H.P.Sharp, S.M.Brown, J.T.Murray, P.Clift, J.J.Warr, F.Titmus, L.Muncer, K.Lewis.



W.E.Jones

In reply Abergavenny only managed 4-9 with Middlesex and England star bowler Fred Titmus taking 6 wickets.

Abergavenny 139-8 G.Alderton (31) B.Jennings (40) L.White (23) defeated R.Johnson's X1 131, W.Williams with 5 wickets.

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Lydney 90-8 with W.Williams taking 7 wickets beat Abergavenny 55 all out, E.Sandford (27) L.White (14)

St Fagans 156-6 drew with Abergavenny 99-7. In the return fixture St Fagan's 102 with W.Williams (4 wkts), L.White (3 wkts) and Saunders (2 wkts) beat Abergavenny 72 all out. D.Parry (23) and E.Sandford (16) The second X1 did better, after scoring 163, they bowled St Fagan's out for 113.

Panteg 82 all out were beaten. D.Parry (3 wkts) W.Williams (5 wkts) and T.Adams (2 wkts) Abergavenny 84-5 with D.Parry also getting (21*)

Crickhowell 88 all out, defeated Abergavenny 57 all out. Four wickets each for Parry and Williams and one for Syd Stock. Abergavenny's main scorers were L.Jones (18) and M.Stock (10)

Hereford 85 with Adams taking 6 wickets were beaten, Abergavenny 87-9 Les Jones (26)L.White (16) J.Hill (15)

Hereford 2nd's 85. C.Cox (4 wkts) and Thomas (4 wkts) Abergavenny 2nd's winning at 86-6. J.Davies (41*) and V.Jones (22)

Abergavenny 221-7 Les Jones (21) T.Adams (49) G.Alderton (56) E.Sandford (45) drew with Newport Fugitives 124-6 Cliff Cox promoted to the 1st X1 taking 32 wickets and Syd Stock taking 2 wickets.

Abergavenny 101, T.Adams (38) C.Cox (16) beat Mayflies 66 all out, Syd Stock (4 wkts), T.Adams (3 wkts) and L.White (2 wkts)

Abergavenny beat Ross with W.Williams taking 7 wickets.

Abergavenny 106 Cliff Cox (31) and L.Jones (19) then lost to Cowbridge 107-6 away by 4 wickets, Pritchard and Williams with 3 wickets each. The return fixture was drawn Cowbridge 135-9. Three wickets for W.Williams, two each for Adams and Saunders. Abergavenny 123-9 held on. L.Jones (21) M.Stock (21) and L.White (23)

The 2nd Eleven had better luck and won by 7 wickets. Cowbridge 2nd's 128. Abergavenny 2nd's 129-3. H.Bowcett (45) and C.Berrington (51)

Brian Shackleton scores (31) for the 2nd X1 against BNS in Abergavenny's total of 98. BNS winning by 3 wickets

Barry 180 -7 declared 3 wkts for Adams and 2 wkts for Stock drew with Abergavenny 99-2 Les Jones (56*) M.Stock (23)

A low scoring victory followed when Abergavenny only managed 77 with Bowcett and Sadler in the runs. Whitchurch however were 73 all out with Williams 4-34, Workman 3-16, B.Saunders 3-21

Abergavenny 119-8 registered a good win against Neath Ad Libs who were all out for 55 with T.Adams taking 4-21.

Cardiff Choristers scored 123. Stalwart Syd Stock claimed 3 wickets, Adams White and Shackleton took 2 apiece the Choristers were well beaten by 8 wickets Les Jones (63*) L.White (32*)

However they lost to Lydney at home by the same margin, 8 wickets. Brian Shackleton and S. Workman were top scorers for Abergavenny.