

## Chapter 11-1956 Season

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 1<sup>st</sup> X1 Capt -L.Hodson  
 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 Capt- Vin Jones



SATURDAY MATCHES		
April 28	..	Blaina
May 5	..	Brecon
May 12	..	Builth Wells
May 19	..	Cardiff
(Whit-Monday)		
May 21	..	Lydney
June 2	..	Newport Fugitives
June 16	..	Pontypridd
June 30	..	Usk
July 14	..	Cardiff High School Old Boys
July 28	..	Panteg
Aug. 11	..	Crickhowell

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SUNDAY MATCHES		
April 22	..	" Choristers "
April 29	..	Newport Fugitives
May 6	..	Lydney
May 13	..	" Innswingers "
May 20	..	Brynmaur
May 27	..	Pat Kendle's XI
June 3	..	Whitchurch Heath
June 17	..	Hereford
July 1	..	" Sphinx "
July 8	..	Weasts
July 15	..	Mitchell & Butlers
July 22	..	George Tribe's XI (Benefit)
July 29	..	Penarth
Aug. 12	..	Panteg
Aug. 19	..	Pakistan Eaglets
Aug. 26	..	Neath Libs.
Sept. 2	..	Gorseinon
Sept. 9	..	Richmond
Sept. 16	..	Ross

Abergavenny 184-7 W.Williams (41) L.White (22) J.Hill (31) B.Shackleton (21) defeated Cardiff Choristers 103 all out. L.White 4-24, R.Hodson 3-35, M.Pritchard 2-28.

A good win against Newport Fugitives who were bowled out for 86 thanks to Mel Pritchard who took 6-31. Abergavenny 88-6 Lew White (36) B.Shackleton (12) R.Hodson (11\*)

Blaina were beaten, Abergavenny 113 all out W.Williams (44) W.Binding (13) Blaina 79 all out White, Douthwaite, Workman and Williams shared the wickets.

Lydney were also beaten as they were bowled out for 97. Mel Pritchard 5-20 Abergavenny 98-6 G.Alderton (13) W.Williams (16) G.Phillips (33)

Yet another victory followed against Brecon who were dismissed for 72 Douthwaite 4-14. Abergavenny 73-8 W.Binding (42\*) who opened the innings and carried his bat.

The winning run came to an end against Innswingers of Cardiff who scored 155. W.Williams 4 wickets, Workman (3) Pritchard and Alderton (1) each. Abergavenny 106 W.Williams (20) L.White (15) G.Phillips (25)

Back on the winning trail against BuilthWells. Abergavenny 157, Workman (29) Williams (20) Binding (65) Builth Wells 86 all out Workman taking 5 wickets clean bowling the last 5 wickets to fall. Pritchard 3 wickets and Hodson 2.

### Former skipper takes seven wickets

Former skipper Lew White bowled out Lydney on Whit Monday for 85 runs taking 7-19 with his flighted slow spinners. Abergavenny knocking off the runs for the loss of 3 wickets. W.Binding (30) G.Watkins (22\*)

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### **Abergavenny's Colin Nash beats Abergavenny!**

Brynmawr 114. Pritchard 3 wickets, Hodson 5 wickets. Abergavenny 109. R.Hodson (44) G.Watkins (18) Colin Nash played for Brynmawr who turned up a man short and scored (30) runs.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 at this time: H.Bowcett, E.Tovey, D.Fennel, P.Poles, E.Hughes, E.Sandford, S.Hall, D.Matthews, M.Pritchard, W.McPherson, R.Thomas.

Pat Kendles X1 151. Abergavenny 129 S.Workman (52) G.Alderton (33) R.Jennings (10)

A good win followed against Newport Fugitives who were 98 all out. Hodson 6 wickets, Williams and Saunders two each. Abergavenny 99-1 W.Williams (27) W.Binding (43\*) L.White (22\*)

Rain interfered in the match with Whitchurch Heath who made 155 W.Williams taking 5-63, Lew White taking 2-39 and Hodson 2-10. Abergavenny were going well at 61-1 when the rain came. W.Binding (16\*) G.Alderton (36\*)

BNS were beaten. BNS 115 all out Hodson 2 wickets, E.Hughes 3 wickets, Saunders 2 wickets and Douthwaite 1 wicket. Abergavenny 116-3 L.White (34) R.Hodson (34\*)

Abergavenny then beat Hereford at both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 level. Saunders and Hodson doing the damage at 1<sup>st</sup> team level and Mel Pritchard with 7-30 routing Hereford 2<sup>nd</sup> X1.

Builth Wells despite scoring heavily failed to beat Abergavenny this was the first game of the season not to have a positive result. C.W.Price for Builth scored (120) Abergavenny only reached 110-7 in reply

Ross took the honours as Abergavenny travelled to Ross next day. C.Nash (43) and Lew White (42) put on 78 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> wicket. Abergavenny totalled 13. Ross got the runs easily for the loss of 3 wickets. Hodson 2-35, Workman 1-43. Abergavenny 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 defeated Usk 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 W. McPherson 4-17. Mel Pritchard 4-18. Peter Jones scored (26\*)

Abergavenny defeated Crickhowell and Williams and White both scored heavily in the match with Bridgend. They then lost to the Brewers Mitchell and Butlers, whilst the 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 easily beat Brecon 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 Abergavenny 135, Brecon 55. Mel Pritchard 5-12, R.Thomas 2-10, J.Price 2-13, C.Cox 1-6. Stan Hall and O.Saunders the main run scorers.

Newport Fugitives comfortably beat Abergavenny First X1 next. Newport 107-1 also proved too good winning by 9 wickets, despite (52) from Colin Nash in Abergavenny's 104 total

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BATTING AVERAGES				
	Not Top			
	Inns.	out	score	R. Av
W. Binding	41	3	65	252 31.50
R. Hodson	44	4	44	139 10.86
G. Alderton	6	1	36*	99 19.80
W. Williams	42	0	44	221 18.42
L. White	16	1	42	244 16.27
S. Workman	7	0	67	112 16.00
G. Watkins	0	2	22*	67 13.88

\* Not out

As at June 20<sup>th</sup> 1956

1st XI Bowling Averages					
	W	MS	R	WETS	AV
R. Hodson	302	24	292	28	10.78
M. Pritchard	72	10	211	20	10.55
L. White	73	6	282	27	10.81
T. Saunders	121	21	276	22	12.98
W. Williams	117	18	282	20	12.77
E. Hughes	9	0	41	2	12.67
E. Denton	40	3	329	9	14.33
G. Alderton	38	8	307	5	21.40
S. Workman	30	0	184	0	22.00

George Tribe Benefit Match Abergavenny v Northants

1<sup>st</sup> X1 playing Record: Played 30, Won 12, Drawn 5, Lost 13

W.Binding best bat Averaging 19.99 and R.Hodson 60 wickets for 716 runs

2<sup>nd</sup> X1 playing record: Played 24, Won 11, Drawn 5, Lost 6 abandoned 2

Peter Jones Best bat averaging 27.3, Mel Pritchard 36 wickets and Bill McPherson 51 wickets.

Usk won the KO Cup

Stan Hall won the most worthy player award

Wilf Wooler was the Guest of Honour at the Annual Dinner.