

## Chapter 12

### 1957 Season

President -J.K.Ruther  
Chairman-C.F.R.Price  
Sec/Fix Sec- Martin Reeves,Treasurer -F.O.Roch  
Subs Sec- Vin Jones  
1<sup>st</sup> X1 Capt -Harold Bowcett  
2<sup>nd</sup> X1 Capt -Bill McPherson

Brecon 103 all out, W.Saunders 7-35, Abergavenny 105-9 Eddie Sandford (21) G.Alderton (18) Abergavenny 129, Bob Hodson (31) Cardiff Choristers 105 all out,Hodson, Pritchard and Price taking the wickets.

Abergavenny 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 v Brecon 2<sup>nd</sup> X1

Against Panteg Abergavenny crashed at home to 72 all out Jeremy Price (23\*) G.Alderton (10) Panteg 73-2.

A further crushing defeat against Cardiff HSOB who were 81 all out, J.Price 5-23, Alas Abergavenny were bundled out for 59 E.Tovey (29)

BNS 122 all out J.Price 3-27, L.White 3-35. Abergavenny 81 all out, E.Tovey (18\*) L.White (12) C.Nash (11)

Abergavenny 143 all out. Lew White (34) H.Bowcett (26\*) Jeremy Price (18) Chepstow 100-8 Mel Pritchard with 4 wickets and Lew White, G.Alderton and J.Price also taking wickets.

Meanwhile Colin Nash (Pictured Below) completed a half century for the 2<sup>nd</sup> X1.



Abergavenny 71 all out after being 44-2, Colin Nash (24) G.Alderton (11) Newport Fugitives 72-4 with Lew White, Mel Pritchard and H.Bowcett taking the wickets.

Abergavenny 108 all out Lew White (34) Peter Jones (23) J.Price (28) Innswingers wining by 7 wickets, 109 -3 with Lew White and Jeremy Price taking the wickets.

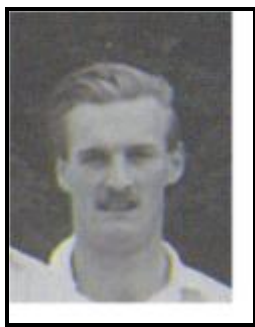
#### 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 team at this time

W.Binding, D.Fennel, O.Saunders, V.Jones, B.Shackleton, B.Douthwaite, E.Hughes, D.Matthews, C.Cox, W. McPherson, R.Thomas.

A low scoring fixture resulted in defeat to Newport. Newport 75 all out W.Saunders 5-35, R.Hodson 4-31. Abergavenny 47 all out Colin Nash (17) J.Price (10) Brynmawr 87-7 Mel Pritchard 3-13, J.Price 3-18, Abergavenny 91-4, N.Darby (30\*) Lew White (39)

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The next two fixtures were Builth Wells away and Pat Kendles X1 at Home  
Abergavenny 99 all out, G.Alderton (50) (Pictured Below) Builth Wells 100-6 W.Saunders 3-31



Gerry Alderton

A further defeat followed against Blaina, With Abergavenny 135 all out, C.Nash (19) H.Bowcett (25) B.Aubrey (13) B.Shackleton (15) E.Tovey (15) Blaina 141-7 with Mel Pritchard taking 5-42.

Lydney piled up 202 all out with Jeremy Price taking 6-72, however Abergavenny were undone by Pete James who took 7-37 as Abergavenny were all out for 129.

### **Gilbert Parkhouse Benefit Match**

The Glamorgan team was: W.Davies, R.Edrich, B.Hedges, L.Devereaux, A.Watkins, G.Parkhouse, J.Pressdee, P.Walker, R.Edwards, D.Evans.

Abergavenny had a guest player Pakistan Eaglet Nazir Ali (Pictured below) of Ebbw Vale.



Nazir Ali

Abergavenny 93 all out, Cardiff 98-0 Alan Priday (52\*) Abergavenny 105 all out W.Saunders (21) S.Hall (16) O.Saunders(14) Lydney 89-9 hung on for a draw with W.Saunders 5-35 and J.Price 4-38

### **2<sup>nd</sup> X1 Tour to Bristol**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 went on a Whitsun tour to Old Colstonians, Bristol and Lydney. Back in Abergavenny a draw against Hereford followed. Abergavenny 178-6, G.Alderton (20) N.Ali (44) L.White (57) N.Darby (30). Hereford 131-9 with Lew White taking 5-22.

### **Abergavenny take on a strong Glamorgan Colts X1**

The Glamorgan Colts X1 included: W.G.Davies, J.C.Dauncey, A.Jones, D.L.Evans, D.J.Ward, H.W.Morgan, J.S.Pressdee, Peter Gatehouse,

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P.Gatehouse J.Dauncey Don Ward H.W.Morgan Billy W.G.Davies

Glamorgan Colts 205-5, Abergavenny 110 all out. H.Bowcett (30) R.Jennings (24)

A draw with Bridgend came next. Bridgend 147 all out with Alderton and Pritchard in the wickets. Abergavenny 118-5 Wyn Binding (44) Nazir Ali (22) G.Alderton (22\*) N.Darby (15)

Nazir Ali a 22 year old joined the Club on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Abergavenny drew their next fixture to the brewery side Mitchell and Butlers who scored 161-7 declared. Abergavenny 160-9. Colin Nash(22) N.Ali (37) L.White (45) G.Alderton (24) and B.Shackleton (10)

A good win followed against Builth Wells. Abergavenny 200-4 declared, R.Bellis (84) and Lew White (38) Builth were all out for 149. With wickets for W.Saunders, G.Alderton and J.Price

Penarth totalled 161 all out, Alderton, Price and Bellis with the wickets in reply Abergavenny 118-6 N.Darby (17) R.Bellis(55) R.Jennings (20\*) J.Price (15). St Fagan's who were traditionally strong scored 183-4 Declared, Alderton taking 3 wickets in reply Abergavenny struggled to 105-8 R.Bellis (23) H.Bowcett (21)

### Century for Norman Darby (Pictured below)



Abergavenny 204-1 N.Darby (107\*) C.Nash (51) N.Ali (30\*) Hereford in reply were 155-5 at the close. This was followed with a draw against Lydney who scored 182-7, Saunders and Pritchard with the wickets. Abergavenny 124-5 N.Darby (52) B.Aubrey (23) H.Bowcett (23) Mayflies were defeated being bowled out by Bellis and Saunders for 97 chasing Aberavenny's 105 all out with M.Nash, Bellis and Bowcett getting the bulk of the runs.

A very disappointing game against Usk who were bowled out for just 97 only for Abergavenny in reply to be bowled out for a meagre 38 runs. Abergavenny took out their frustration on Newport who were bowled out for 119 with Pritchard, Alderton and Jennings taking the wickets. This after Abergavenny had amassed 150-8.

Neath Ad Libs 171 all out, Abergavenny 120-6 R.Jennings (46\*) N.Darby (25) St Fagan's again proved too strong, Abergavenny 114 all out W.Binding (23)Lew White (16) St Fagans 115-2 . Finally a Cardiff X1 were bowled out for 65 with Jennings, McPherson and Pritchard doing the damage with the ball. Abergavenny 66-1 N.Ali (41\*)

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The 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 Played 28, Won 9, Drew 6, Lost 8 with 5 games lost to the weather.  
O Saunders took 8-11 versus BNS and D.Gulliver 7-8 v Newport Fugitives.  
Vin Jones was the leading batsman with 396 runs followed by D.Fennel and Peter Jones.  
Bill McPherson with 36 wickets was only 4<sup>th</sup> in the bowling averages behind O.Saunders,  
D.Gulliver and Cliff Cox

The first X1 played 38 games. Won 6, Drew 16, Lost 16.

The best individual performances were: Lew White 76 v Ross, 76 v Cheadle and 57 v Hereford. Gerry Alderton 50 v Builth. Norman Darby 107 v Hereford and 52 v Lydney. Randall Bellis 84 v Builth and 55 v Penarth. Naza Ali 52 v Glamorgan, 44 v Hereford and 48 v Ross. Colin Nash and Bob Jennings 51 v Hereford. The best bowling figures were recorded by Bill Saunders with 7-35 v Brecon.

Position reported in July 1957

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<b>Leading batsmen</b>						
		Inn.	R.	No.	H.	Av.
Nazar Ali	..	5	159	—	52	31.8
R. Bellis	.. ..	7	160	—	84	22.85
L. White	.. ..	19	383	—	57	20.15
N. Darby	.. ..	8	157	—	40	19.62
G. Alderton	..	21	248	2	52	11.80
C. Nash	.. ..	22	232	1	54*	10.55

(\*not out)