

## Chapter 13 1958 Season

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# Abergavenny Cricket Club History



B. Hayward



E. Tovey

<p><b>Brookes.</b></p> <p>county fixture against is always an eagerly in the local cricket this year should prove</p> <p>Brookes' benefit match, t-a-side knock-out combe two favourite events, club's programme should much excitement.</p> <p>best matches, I feel, st that young, spirited ell. With such batting colm Gwynne, Trevor Derek Jehu, they should enny fight hard, as they</p> <p>ear's winners of the. npetition, should also esting fixture, with their keable personalities and atsmen.</p>	<p>list of home matches :—</p> <p><b>SUNDAY FIXTURES</b></p> <p>April 20 .. Choristers          April 27 .. Mosquitoes          May 4 .. B.N.S.          May 11 .. Innswingers          May 18 .. Pat Kendle's XI          May 25 .. Monmouth          June 8 .. Bridgend          June 15 .. Hereford          June 29 .. Sphinx          July 6 .. Weaste          July 13 .. Mitchell &amp; Butlers          July 27 .. Penarth          Aug. 10 .. Abercarn          Aug. 27 .. Whitchurch Heath          Aug. 24 .. Neath Ad Libs          Aug. 31 .. Northants C.C.          Sept. 7 .. Blaina          Sept. 14 .. Ross</p>	<p>The only bright panic-stricken defen handling of goalkee In the air he was and allowed Aberg little scope.</p>
<p><b>THE TEAM</b></p> <p>it was hinted that Usk York was retiring, but of Abergavenny cricket again. I'm also looking eting the rest of this</p> <p>XI have also had an ture list arranged for the highlights should be inst that much improved</p> <p>think, have two of the t bowlers in the area— ard and Tom Richards. avenny's mighty hitters— c Hughes, Peter Jones find an answer to their e an interesting point.</p>	<p><b>SATURDAY FIXTURES</b></p> <p>April 19 .. Brecon          May 3 .. Brynmawr          May 17 .. Newport          May 24 .. Cardiff          (Whit-Monday)          May 26 .. Lydney          June 14 .. Pontypridd          July 5 .. Crickhowell          July 12 .. B.N.S.          Aug. 2 .. Usk          (Aug. Monday)          Aug. 4 .. Lydney          Aug. 7 .. Mayflies          Aug. 9 .. Chepstow          Aug. 14 .. Cheadle          Aug. 23 .. Newport Fugitives          Aug. 28 .. Hythe          Sept. 6 .. Cross Keys          Sept. 13 .. Abertillery</p> <p>* * *</p>	<p><b>TOO ELA</b></p> <p>Thursdays' left w could easily have b on his own, but down with his ov He tried too hard t which paid no div</p> <p>On the other had a good game w and inside him, Bobby Scrivens, work to little ava</p> <p>In the Thursda George (Peacock) (Owens) stood ou hearts out in a t season burst of e all the ideas out c attack.</p> <p>Young Kenny Thursdays' win was over-worked made several mis proved fatal. In he worked confie worried about t notched ten goa days last year.</p> <p>P.S. — Next shall be at Ave Abergavenny's f the season.</p> <p><b>SOCCER</b></p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Hadyn</b></p>

The 1958 Fixture List

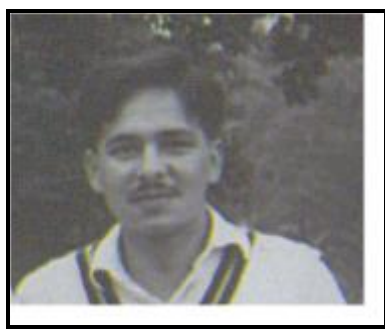
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Abergavenny 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 look all set for a bumper season playing their first match of the season against Brecon's second string for the loss of only 2 wickets.

While at first team level the match with Brecon resulted in a draw. Abergavenny 145-4. Lefthander N.Darby (60) L.White (42) G.Alderton (22). Brecon in reply were 97-6, Jennings, Alderton, White and Ali with wickets. Ali travels down from Ebbw Vale to play for Abergavenny on Sundays.

Abergavenny 180-7 R.Jennings (32) E.Tovey (34\*) J.Price (51\*) lost to Cardiff Choristers 183-4 with 2 wickets for J.Price.

Mosquitoes 95 all out. Hodson 5-20 Abergavenny 99-2. Nasir Ali (67\*) L. White (16\*) Nasir Ali (Pictured Below) is so consistent yet unorthodox, so confident yet unassuming yet not stylish. Making his runs in a way no other batsman could emulate.



Nasir Ali Khan Quizilbash

The second's played Pontymister who were bowled out for a miserable 26 chasing Abergavenny's score of 123. L.White (45) J.Price (45) C.Berrington (16) Bill McPherson taking 6-10 and Reg Thomas took 4-1.

### **BNS fail to spin their way to victory!**

BNS 169 all out. White, Price Ali and Jennings sharing the wickets. Abergavenny 170-2 winning by 8 wickets. G.Alderton (50) N.Darby (48\*) N.Ali (43)

The 2<sup>nd</sup>'s drew with BNS second string. Abergavenny 142-6. BNS 75-7. Cliff Cox taking 3 wickets.

Innswingers 94-6 when the game was abandoned. The 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 139-8 came close to beating Newport Fugitives but the visitors forced a draw. D.Fennel (53) A.Cooper (38) M.Stock (16) McPherson finished with 5-15 and Fennel took 2 wickets. Newport 114-9.

Abergavenny drew with Newport who scored 214-4 with K.Hewinson (100\*) who was dropped on nought by M.Stock. Abergavenny 86-7 C.Nash (Pictured Below) (50\*)



Colin Nash

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Pat Kendles X1 158 all out, 4 wickets for Nasir Ali and 2 each for White and McPherson drew with Abergavenny 139-9 N.Darby (46) J.Price (37) Jeremy had been nicknamed 'The Prince of Swipe' by Don Chambers the Abergavenny Chronicle reporter.

Abergavenny then lost to Cardiff after being bowled out for only 48, Cardiff passing the total for the loss of 2 wickets.

This was followed by defeat to Monmouth who bowled Abergavenny out for another low score of 66, with only N.Darby (18) and Colin Nash (15) really troubling the scorers. Bob Jennings had earlier taken five wickets.

The bad run of low scores and defeat's continued against Lydney in the Holiday Monday fixture. Lydney winning despite having made only 121 themselves thanks to the bowling of Hodson with 6 wickets and Hayward with three. Abergavenny all out for 59. Shackleton, Berrington and Jennings at least making double figures.

The seconds beat Usk 2<sup>nd</sup>'s who were 102 all out with 4 wickets for D.Fennel. Abergavenny who slumped to 50-5 winning by 1 wicket, thanks to David Matthews (28) and Mel Pritchard (26\*) the tail enders seeing Abergavenny 2<sup>nd</sup>'s home, scoring 57 in 31 minutes.

A draw with Barry stemmed the tide. Abergavenny 119-7 N.Darby (25) Bob Jennings (25\*) Nasir Ali (19) Barry 71-7, 4 wickets for Hayward and 2 wickets for Alderton.

Bridgend inflicted yet another defeat on Abergavenny who made 130-7 N.Ali (28) A.Cooper (26) J.Price (19) Bridgend 131-6. 2 wickets each for Alderton and Hayward.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 defeated Hereford's second string reaching Hereford's total of 71 for the loss of 3 wickets. There were 6 wickets for Saunders, three for McPherson and one for Pritchard. Mike Stock (23\*) and Eric Hughes (Pictured Below) (19) were the chief run getters.



Eric Hughes

However the day before the 2<sup>nd</sup>'s lost to Pontypridd 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 who scored 156. 4 wickets for O.Saunders, 3 for McPherson and two for Fennel. Abergavenny were all out for 102. D.Fennel (30) M.Stock (14) D.Edwards (22) and Stan Hall (26) The Pontypridd bowler G.Rowe took 6-8 in just 3 overs.

Hereford easily passed Abergavenny's total of 126 all out for the loss of 4 wickets. G.Alderton (27) N.Ali (23) R.Bellis (18) C.Nash (17) R.Jennings (15) Brian Shackleton (11)

The Seconds 92 all out then beat Panteg Seconds 63 all out. M.Stock(31) and H.Bowcett (24) 6 wickets for Saunders (6-35) and 4 for McPherson (4-24).

The first team achieved a welcome draw with Neath Sphinx who scored 171-5 with 2 wickets for Hayward. In reply Abergavenny 157-7 N.Darby (19) G.Alderton (24) J.Price (76)

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The 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 the fought out a draw with Radyr who were bowled out for 101 McPherson taking another 5 wicket haul and O.Saunders with 4 wickets. Abergavenny held on at 74-9 at the close. Cox, Paton and J.Roch all getting double figures.

Against Chepstow the 2<sup>nd</sup>'s had an emphatic victory, having made 149 with O.Saunders (48) Mel Pritchard (42) and A.Paton (26\*) they bowled Chepstow out for 25. Owen Saunders taking 7 wickets.

Weaste 132 with 4 wickets for N.Ali and two each for Alderton and Hayward, drew with Abergavenny 102-7 N.Darby (32) R.Bellis (26) (Both Pictured below)



Randall Bellis

N.Darby

Crickhowell 119 all out, 4 wickets for Price, three for White, two for Hayward and one for Bellis. Abergavenny 84-6 unable to capitalise on the good batting of Lew White (49\*) J.Roch did chip in with (14)

Llanarth 2<sup>nd</sup>'s 61-1 beat Abergavenny 2<sup>nd</sup>'s 58 all out by 9 wickets. The First team 71 all out with (22) from Jennings and (12) from Colin Nash then lost to Mitchell & Butlers 73-5. At this time in the Club's history the Chronicle reported that John Hill the Abergavenny keeper was probably one of the best wicketkeepers in south Wales League Cricket.

Abergavenny 2<sup>nd</sup>'s 187-7 W.Binding (59) O.Saunders (19) C.Cox (56) D.Gulliver (28) Brecon 2<sup>nd</sup>'s 63 all out. O.Saunders with 7 wickets.

Abergavenny 2<sup>nd</sup>'s 112 all out Monmouth 2<sup>nd</sup>'s 70 all out

At First Team Level Monmouth 195-6 Jennings 3 wickets and Price 2 wickets. Abergavenny ensuring a draw at 136-6. G.Alderton (24) (Pictured below) N.Ali (34) L.White (34) Bob Jennings (20\*) (Pictured below)



Gerry Alderton

Bob Jennings

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Brecon 121 with 6 wickets for Hodson. Abergavenny holding on for a draw at 111-9 .  
R.Bellis (14) C.Berrington (12) J.Price (23) Brian Shackleton (28)

In the Annual K.H.G.S. Old Boys fixture two youngsters Clive Arkell and John Somers were particularly impressive bowlers.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 lost to Abertillery who made 140-5 declared with 4 wickets for D.Gulliver (4-54).  
In reply Abergavenny 2<sup>nd</sup>'s were 131 all out. A.Cooper (28) C.Cox (17) Mel Pritchard  
(Pictured below) (32) Gulliver and Matthews (14) each.



Mel Pritchard

Both Saturday and Sunday fixtures for the 1<sup>st</sup> X1 at the end of July were washed out. Then over the holiday period in matches against Hereford and Lydney Bran Shackleton returned to form with a vengeance with (51) against Hereford and (85) against Lydney. At the same time M.Wildblood (104\*) and Stan Hall (67) were scoring heavily as the Seconds posted 198-3 against Hereford 2<sup>nd</sup>'s. Who held on for a draw at 119-6.

Abergavenny 149-8 were beaten by Lydney who reached their target for the loss of 6 wickets.

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NORTHANTS	
A. Lightfoot b Bellis.....	50
M. Allen b Nasir Ali.....	4
G. Tribe b Pritchard.....	4
R. Subba Row c and b Bellis...	28
D. Barrick b White.....	30
D. Brookes run out.....	23
B. Reynolds st Tovey b White...	3
F. Tyson not out.....	27
K. Andrew c P'chard b White...	15
L. McGibbon not out.....	19

ABERGAVENNY	
N. Darby b Manning.....	1
G. Alderton c Brookes b Allen...	42
Nasir Ali b Manning.....	6
L. White st Andrew b S-Row...	12
R. Bellis st Andrew b Tribe.....	2
C. Nash st Andrew b Subba Row	7
R. Jennings b Tribe.....	11
B. Shackleton b Subba Row...	4
E. Hughes st Andrew b S-Row	3
E. Tovey b Tribe.....	27

M. Pritchard not out.....	2
B. Hayward b Tribe.....	0
Extras.....	9
Total.....	126
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Above is the Scorecard from the Dennis Brookes Benefit Match held on August 31<sup>st</sup> 1958

Abergavenny 158-7 Brian Shackleton (51) Nasir Ali Khan Quizilbash (23) Bob Jennings (22\*) Bob Hodson (16\*) Hereford holding out for a draw.

A welcome victory came next over Chepstow who were bowled out for 71 with 5 wickets for Mel Pritchard and three for M.Wildblood. Abergavenny 72-3 Alderton (13) C.Nash (10) L.White (13\*) M.Wildblood (15) Brian Shackleton (14\*)

Next was a really low scoring victory over Abercarn who only made 98. Three wickets for Alderton and four for L.White. Abergavenny scraping home at 99-9 N.Darby (30) N.Ali (20) E.Hughes (12\*)

Newport Fugitives 89. Bernard Hayward 4-13, Bellis 4-34 and Lew White 2-24. Abergavenny 90-6 R.Bellis (38) J.Hill (10)

Abergavenny 126 all out, Colin Nash (16) C.Berrington (41) E.Tovey (27) J.Hill (14) Cheadle knocked off the runs for the loss of just 3 wickets. L.White taking two of the wickets to fall.

Crickhowell then gallantly held on for a draw. Abergavenny 127-8 declared Colin Nash (45) C.Berrington (50\*) Crickhowell 75-9 Jennings and Bellis with 4 wickets each.

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Meanwhile the 2<sup>nd</sup>'s were hammering Crickhowell second string. Abergavenny 2<sup>nd</sup>'s 101. Crickhowell 2<sup>nd</sup>'s 42 all out. Saunders with 5 wickets and Thoms with 4 wickets.

Whitchurch Heath 115-8 declared Abergavenny 117-2, G.Alderton (19) N.Darby (54\*) L.White (29\*)

Abergavenny 138-7 Lew White (30) Bob Jennings (39) M.Gwynne (23) Hythe 139-3 with Bob Jennings taking tw wickets. Newport 180-1 declared. Abergavenny 127-7. Colin Nash (25) L.White (51) C.Berrington (19) Brian Shackleton (13) The 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 lost to Newport A who scored 99 then bowled Abergavenny 2<sup>nd</sup>'s out for 60.

Blaina were comprehensively beaten. Batsmen Gerry Alderton (55) and Nasir Ali Khan Quizilbash (38) B.Haywrad took four wickets for nought.

Ross 106. 5 wickets for Bellis and 4 for Hayward. Aergavenny 107-1. N.Darby (44\*) N.Ali (55\*)

<p>eam formation, the the players in this for the future. But on the look-out for if anyone would like advised to get in secretary, Mr. S. C. Barn Way, or any</p> <p>— A number of ve been arranged, h is available, some e fulfilled.</p> <p>* *</p> <p><b>f goals</b></p> <p><b>avenny Seconds 0</b></p> <p>onds started the way defeat against t Llanishen. The on a wet ground, nducive to good</p> <p>however, adapted to the conditions, attacking through- in spite of holding e, Llanishen could partly due to the venny defence, in omas had an out-</p> <p>Llanishen's per- and they scored eply to record a</p> <p>*</p> <p><b>trial</b></p>	<p>2,253 for 231 wickets, at an average of 9.75 per wicket.</p> <p>Here are the leading batting and bowling averages:—</p> <p><b>BATTING</b> (Eight innings to qualify)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>In.</th> <th>Rs.</th> <th>H.S</th> <th>N.o.</th> <th>Av</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>M. Stock ..</td> <td>9</td> <td>199</td> <td>44</td> <td>2</td> <td>28.42</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D. Fennel ..</td> <td>8</td> <td>201</td> <td>53</td> <td>0</td> <td>25.12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M. Pritchard ..</td> <td>8</td> <td>125</td> <td>42</td> <td>3</td> <td>25.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C. Cox ..</td> <td>15</td> <td>284</td> <td>72*</td> <td>2</td> <td>21.84</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A. Paton ..</td> <td>12</td> <td>158</td> <td>38*</td> <td>2</td> <td>15.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>O. Saunders ..</td> <td>23</td> <td>277</td> <td>48</td> <td>3</td> <td>13.85</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>ALSO BATTED :</p> <table border="1"> <tbody> <tr> <td>M. Wildblood</td> <td>3</td> <td>173</td> <td>104*</td> <td>2</td> <td>173.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W. Binding ..</td> <td>2</td> <td>171</td> <td>112</td> <td>0</td> <td>85.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L. White ..</td> <td>1</td> <td>45</td> <td>45</td> <td>0</td> <td>45.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J. Price ..</td> <td>1</td> <td>45</td> <td>45</td> <td>0</td> <td>45.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D. Gulliver ..</td> <td>5</td> <td>88</td> <td>42</td> <td>3</td> <td>44.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>G. Phillips ..</td> <td>1</td> <td>42</td> <td>42</td> <td>0</td> <td>42.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>(*signifies not out)</p> <p><b>BOWLING</b> (10 wickets to qualify)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>O</th> <th>M</th> <th>Rs.</th> <th>W</th> <th>Av</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A. Paton ..</td> <td>32.3</td> <td>8</td> <td>90</td> <td>14</td> <td>6.42</td> </tr> <tr> <td>O. Saunders ..</td> <td>196.3</td> <td>34</td> <td>482</td> <td>63</td> <td>7.65</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R. Thomas ..</td> <td>94.2</td> <td>29</td> <td>235</td> <td>27</td> <td>8.70</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M. Pritchard</td> <td>98</td> <td>30</td> <td>200</td> <td>21</td> <td>9.53</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W. Macpherson</td> <td>195.2</td> <td>51</td> <td>430</td> <td>43</td> <td>10.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D. Gulliver ..</td> <td>62</td> <td>21</td> <td>112</td> <td>10</td> <td>11.20</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>ALSO BOWLED :</p> <table border="1"> <tbody> <tr> <td>M. Nash ..</td> <td>5</td> <td>2</td> <td>4</td> <td>1</td> <td>4.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R. Bellis ..</td> <td>14</td> <td>7</td> <td>24</td> <td>5</td> <td>4.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B. Hayward ..</td> <td>8</td> <td>4</td> <td>21</td> <td>4</td> <td>5.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M. Wildblood</td> <td>16</td> <td>4</td> <td>21</td> <td>2</td> <td>10.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C. Cox ..</td> <td>13</td> <td>4</td> <td>32</td> <td>3</td> <td>10.66</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E. Hughes ..</td> <td>7.1</td> <td>1</td> <td>30</td> <td>2</td> <td>15.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>* * * * *</p> <p><b>Crickhowell's record</b></p> <p>Crickhowell Cricket Club won ten of the 96 matches they played during</p>		In.	Rs.	H.S	N.o.	Av	M. Stock ..	9	199	44	2	28.42	D. Fennel ..	8	201	53	0	25.12	M. Pritchard ..	8	125	42	3	25.00	C. Cox ..	15	284	72*	2	21.84	A. Paton ..	12	158	38*	2	15.80	O. Saunders ..	23	277	48	3	13.85	M. Wildblood	3	173	104*	2	173.00	W. Binding ..	2	171	112	0	85.00	L. White ..	1	45	45	0	45.00	J. Price ..	1	45	45	0	45.00	D. Gulliver ..	5	88	42	3	44.00	G. Phillips ..	1	42	42	0	42.00		O	M	Rs.	W	Av	A. Paton ..	32.3	8	90	14	6.42	O. Saunders ..	196.3	34	482	63	7.65	R. Thomas ..	94.2	29	235	27	8.70	M. Pritchard	98	30	200	21	9.53	W. Macpherson	195.2	51	430	43	10.00	D. Gulliver ..	62	21	112	10	11.20	M. Nash ..	5	2	4	1	4.00	R. Bellis ..	14	7	24	5	4.80	B. Hayward ..	8	4	21	4	5.25	M. Wildblood	16	4	21	2	10.50	C. Cox ..	13	4	32	3	10.66	E. Hughes ..	7.1	1	30	2	15.00	
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