

## Chapter 14 1959 Season

President- J.K.Ruther  
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1st X1 Capt- Lew White



In an article the Chronicle, commented that 1959 was a better season than 1958. It championed the new batsmen Malcolm Cox and Geoff Richardson who they felt more than made up for the departure of Nasir Ali Khan Quizilbash the dashing little dark skinned hero of a summer ago. The old brigade it said of Lew White, John Hill, Bob Jennings, Cecil Berrington, Peter Jones and company were reliable competent and capable, without threatening to put the Club on the cricket map. Throughout the winter of 59 it was hoped that young replacements could be found for wicket keepers John Hill and Eric Tovey.

FIRST XI	
SATURDAY	
May 9—	Usk.
May 16—	Cardiff
May 23—	Newport
June 6—	Cardiff H.S.O.B.
June 13—	Chepstow
July 4—	Crickhowell
July 25—	Abertillery
August 3—	Lydney
August 15—	Newport Fugitives.
August 22—	Abercarn
SUNDAY	
May 10—	Lydney
May 17—	Pat Kendle's XI
June 7—	Innswingers
June 14—	Hereford
June 21—	Bridgend
June 28—	Sphinx
July 5—	Newport Fugitives
July 12—	Mitchell and Butlers
July 19 <sup>th</sup> —	Ross
July 26—	Monmouth
August 16—	Penarth
August 23—	Whitchurch Heath
August 30—	Neath Nibs
September 6—	Brecon

1<sup>st</sup> XI Saturday and Sunday Fixtures

Malcolm Cox joined the Club this season and was seen as an admirable replacement for Randall Bellis. Another newcomer was Geoff Richardson who it was hoped would be an adequate replacement for Nasir Ali. Ossie Griffiths also joined the Club

The traditional warm up game against Cardiff Choristers was held in May. Abergavenny fielded a weakened side and the match was rain affected, Abergavenny were bowled out for 99. M.Cox and O.Griffiths signing on with (22) and (10) respectively Skipper Lew White who had a really lean season in 1958 scored (12) but Cardiff ran out easy winners at 100-3 Jennings and Price with a wicket apiece.

Pontymister 152-7 dec Bob Jennings 3-42, Saunders and Hayward had 1 wicket each. Abergavenny 153-7 Geoff Richardson a newcomer to the Club in 1959 scored (73) and that old stalwart Lew White (44) Ross 116-7 dec, Abergavenny held on at 86-5

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At the same time Abergavenny 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 comprehensively defeated Ross 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 Abergavenny 2nds 183-2 declared with Bill McPherson making his career best score (83) Mike Stock (38) and D.Fennel (46\*) Fennel then turned 'demon' with the ball taking 8 Ross wickets in their total of 110 all out.

It was a well known player from Usk G.Kear who ensured Usk defeated Abergavenny. Lydney beat Abergavenny by 42 runs. Lydney 133 all out, 5 wickets for McPherson Abergavenny 91 all out with only Colin Nash, Geoff Richardson and Lew White scoring any runs of note. When Abergavenny 2nds played Lydney 2nds during the Bank Holiday later in the season, Local Police Cadet Tony Mead was reported to have 'arrested' the Lydney bowling scoring a magnificent (62)

They did defeat Pat Kendles X1-119 all out by 1 wicket (six (6) wickets for Bob Jennings) For Abergavenny Jeremy Price scored (54\*) well supported by Tony Paton (21)

Against a strong Cardiff side that included A Pleas and A.Priday who scored 197-4 dec with two wickets each for Richardson and Hayward, Abergavenny were dismissed for 118 with a half century for Richardson (55) P.Jones (11) and R.Hodson (15) Newport were bowled out for 127 however Abergavenny completely capitulated and were bowled out for 31 in 1 hour 10 minutes.

Monmouth scored 188-6 and Abergavenny secured a draw finishing on 126-5 with newcomer Malcolm Cox scoring (79\*) in the reply.

Defeat to the Innswingers followed, Abergavenny 172 all out, P.Jones (21) G.Richardson (23) J.Price (51) R.Jennings (41) Innswingers winning by 4 wickets, 173-6. Chepstow were bowled out by Bob Jennings and Randall Bellis with 4 wickets apiece for 137. Abergavenny 139-8 with C.Berrington (77\*) and Eric Hughes (35)

Hereford 186 all out with Jeremy Price taking 4 wickets and Hodson and Hayward 2 wickets each. Abergavenny 141-6 G.Richardson (46) Eric Hughes (36) Bob Hodson was a towering ex guardsman fast bowler and he started to show some good form.

Sphinx 142 all out Hodson (5 wkts) Price (3wkts) Jennings (2 wkts) defeated Abergavenny who were 73 all out. J.Price (18) L.Hodson (16) R.Jennings (10)

Crickhowell 167 all out Richardson (5 wkts) Hodson (2 wkts) drew with Abergavenny 102-8 P.Jones (18) G.Richardson (19) C.Berrington (17) C.Nash (15)

Newport Fugitives 89 all out J.Price (5 wkts) Hayward (3 wkts) Hodson (2 wkts) were beaten Abergavenny 90-3 P.Jones (35\*) G.Richardson (38)

A draw with Abercarn followed. Abergavenny 193-6 G.Richardson (44) L.White (32) J.Price (60) C.Nash (17\*) Abercarn 119-5 Abergavenny 82-7 G.Richardson (47\*) Mitchel and Butler 82-7 Hayward (3 wkts)

Abergavenny 117 all out E.Hughes (27) G.Richardson (20) C.Berrington (25) lost by 2 wickets to Cardiff HSOB 120-8 Jennings, Richardson and Hayward (2 wickets each)

Ross 141 all out, Hayward and White (4 wkts) each, Price (2 wkts) Drew with Abergavenny 138-7 P.Jones (25) M.Cox (33) R.Jennings (27\*) C.Nash (18)

Abertillery 213-6, with the wickets shared out. Abergavenny holding o for a draw at 173-7. Lew White (30) C.Berrington (56\*) R.Hodson (48)

A good win followed against Monmouth who were bowled out for 117 with Richardson (5 wkts) and Price (3 wkts) this was in reply to Abergavenny's 171-5 G.Richardson (53) L. White (70)

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### Malcolm Nash first announces himself on the Senior Cricket scene

15 year old Malcolm Nash scored only (14) runs but announced his potential with the style in which he played. This tousled haired batsman wrote the Chronicle has extreme promise.

Newport Fugitives 103 allout Griffiths (3 wkts) White (2 wkts) Abergavenny 104-6 winning by 4 wickets. G.Richardson (14) L.White (34\*) E. Hughes (14)

Abergavenny 134, Richardson, White and Berrington with the bulk of the runs. Abercarn 78 all out Griffiths and Hayward with the wickets.

Newport 168-7 4 wickets for Lew White. Abergavenny 17 all out. L.White (20) W.Mayo (22\*) C.Berrington (17) C.Nash (15)

Neath Nibs 176-7. Abergavenny 128-7 M.Cox (34) J.Price (36) P.Jones (13\*) E.Hughes (19)

Panteg 187-3 a single wicket for M.Nash. Abergavenny 152-7 Lew White the old Master (29) M.Nash the prodigy (61\*)

LEADING BATTING AVERAGES						
FIRST XI						
	I	RUN	NO	HS	AV	
M. Cox .. ..	5	165	2	79*	55.00	
J. Richardson ..	5	183	0	73	36.06	
L. White .. ..	10	130	0	44	13.00	
J. Price .. ..	5	65	1	54*	12.10	
R. Jennings ..	10	65	3	12*	9.28	
SECOND XI						
W. MacPherson	2	91	1	83	91.00	
R. Bellis .. ..	3	123	0	72	41.00	
M. Stock .. ..	4	121	1	54*	40.33	
* Signifies not out						
Batted once—D. Fennell 46 n.o.						
B. Shackleton 43 n.o.						

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LEADING BATTING AVERAGES				
FIRST XI				
	P.	R.	N.O.	H.S. AV.
M. Cox .. *	6	246	3	81* 82.00
J. Richardson ..	7	230	0	73 32.85
J. Price ..	7	135	1	54* 22.50
SECOND XI				
	P.	R.	N.O.	H.S. AV.
W. MacPherson ..	2	91	1	83 91.00
R. Bellis ..	4	180	1	72 60.00
M. Stock ..	5	124	1	54* 31.00

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