

Chapter 15 1960 Season

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1st X1 Capt- Lew White

Abergavenny made a poor start to the 1960 season with a dismal defeat at Avenue Road against Whitchurch Heath who made 149. Ossie Griffiths the lanky fast-medium left armer took 4-35. Abergavenny were 84 all out. Opener C.Nash (25) and tailender Owen Saunders (26) were the only batsmen to make decent scores.

They also lost the match with Cardiff Choristers who reached Abergavenny's total of 169-8 declared for the loss of only 3 wickets. M.Cox (38) G.Richardson (54) O.Saunders (39*) Brian Shackleton and Colin Nash (10) each. W.McPherson took two of the three wickets to fall.

Another weekend of misery away at Brecon. Brecon 105 -7 Bill McPherson and Colin Nash took three wickets apiece. Abergavenny holding on for grim life at 99- 8 with C.Nash, C.Berrington, W.McPherson and P.Davies reaching double figures.

Further punishment came against Newport Fugitives who were bowled out for 108. Bob Jennings taking 5 for 20 with his left arm spin. Abergavenny however collapsed to 88 all out. With runs from Brian Shackleton (23) C.Nash (13) L.White (11)

Wyn Williams star's on his return to local cricket

Great spin bowling by Wyn Williams on his comeback to local cricket for the 2nd X1, who took four wickets with consecutive balls, finally taking 6-10 as Brecon 2nd's were 44 all out. Abergavenny 2nd's easily knocking off the runs required. E.Sandford (14*) Cliff Cox (16*)

Abercarn 109. 2 wickets for Griffiths, 2 for Colin Nash, 3 apiece for Jennings and Saunders. In reply Abergavenny 93 all out. Brian Shackleton (24) Colin Nash (35) W.McPherson (14*).

In the return match on the Sunday Abergavenny produced better batting form but, could still not bring off victory. Abergavenny 133-9 declared B.Shackleton (13) M.Cox (13) W.Williams(14) R.Jennings (24) E.Hughes (39*) drew with Abercarn 123-7 4 wickets for Ossie Griffiths and 3 for Colin Nash.

Spirited knocks from Ron Collett (27), Cliff Cox, Laurence Holder and Peter Joignant spurred Abergavenny 2nds to 156-9. Abercarn 133-7. Drawn Game.

In May Abergavenny 138-5 declared Colin Nash (71) L.White (17) R.Jennings (18) Ross held on for a draw at 123-7. Griffiths 3 wickets C.Nash 2 wickets.

May 14th Abergavenny 110 all out, B.Shackleton (14) G.Richardson (28) Lew White (25) C.Berrington (23) narrowly lost to Pontymister 111-8 four wickets for W.Williams and two for Griffiths.

Abergavenny 2nd's 147 all out P.Joignant (43) Owen Saunders (25), Ron Collett (18) Ross 2nd's winning by 1 wicket. Four wickets for G.Jones, two for Holder and 3 for O.Saunders. Abergavenny 2nd's knocked up 100 against Pontymister 2nd's with contributions from Tony Paton, H.Davies, Mike Stock and Peter Davies. Pontymister 2nd's winning by 5 wickets.

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After going eight matches without a single victory so far this season, Abergavenny broke the unhappy sequence with victory over Dowlais. Abergavenny 114. Colin Nash (36) M.Paton (17) E.Hughes (19) Dowlais 97 all out thanks to the bowling of C.Nash, O.Griffiths and W.Williams.

Abergavenny CC 8 a side knock out competition due to start on Whit Tuesday. Over 40 clubs are taking part including Semtex for the first time.

Abergavenny 2nd's v Cardiff 'A' Abergavenny pulled off their second win of the season in this game winning by 4 wickets chasing 95.

Abergavenny 2nd's 125 David Matthews (42) J.Evans (31) BNS all out for 40. H.Bowcett 4-8 and Evans 3-5.

One victory and one defeat followed for the senior side. Thrashing BNS with Colin Nash (45) Geoffrey Richardson (45) Cecil Berrington (29*) and losing to Barry after only scoring 64, Eric Hughes scoring (37). Barry getting the runs for the loss of only 2 wickets.

Cardiff 109 W.Williams 3-10. Abergavenny 79 all out. Brian Shackleton (19)

Lydney 190-9 Colin Nash with 7 wickets and Bob Jennings with 2. Abergavenny 146-6 battling out a draw. Lew White (82)

Abergavenny 146 all out. Lew White (48) C.Nash (48) Chepstow held out for a draw despite good bowling from O.Griffiths 1-14, C.Nash 4-15, Bob Jennings 3-24.

The seconds secured a fine victory over Chepstow 2nd's at the Bulwark Ground. Owen Saunders (49) Stan Hall (31) and Harold Bowcett 5-14.

Abergavenny 119-7 declared. Bob Jennings (29) M.Nash (17) Monmouth winning by 9 wickets. Monmouth 2nd X1 easily beat Abergavenny 2nd's also. Despite the efforts of Mike Stock (31) with the bat and Bill McPherson and Holder with the ball.

Hereford 172 -8. O.Griffiths 3-41 and Wyn Williams 3-40. Abergavenny 120-6 forcing a draw. Colin Nash (28), M.Stock (16) G.Richardson (39*)

Abergavenny 2nd's 193-9 Hereford 69-9, desperately holding on for a draw.O.Saunders (66) G.Jones (56) Mel Pritchard 5-24 and Owen Saunders 3- 29.

Abergavenny 158-7 Colin Nash (28) Brian Shackleton (41) G.Richardson (34) Cardiff HSOB 141 all out. Richardson and White 4 wickets apiece.

Abergavenny 166. Brian Shackleton (28) G.Richardson (31) M.Cox (21) R.Jennings (19) A.Paton (21) Innswingers ensuring a draw at 115-9. W.Williams 4-32, Griffiths and Jennings took a couple each.

Hot Cricket

Cricketers scampered from the pitch at Avenue Road ground on a Friday evening to assist in putting out a blaze which had started at the rear of the newly decorated pavilion. The fire was put out in a matter of minutes with little or no damage.

Bob Jennings then hit a hurricane (56) and took 4-18 against Newport Fugitives in a good win. W.Williams 2-6 and White 3-43 backing him up.

The 2nd X1 also defeated Newport Fugitives on June 25th. Newport 2nd X1 89 all out. Abergavenny 94-6 with 4 wickets for Pritchard, 3 for Bowcett, and 3 for Evans.

July 3rd Bill Edwards X1 196-7 declared. Price with 3 wickets. Abergavenny 124-6 achieving a draw. M.Cox (27) J.Price (35) W.Williams (27)

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A run glut ensued in the match with Crickhowell on July 2nd who many feel posted a record score at Abergavenny of 256-7. Trevor Rodwell and Malcolm Gwnne putting on an opening stand of 113. In reply Abergavenny made a very respectable 183-4. Brian Shackleton (36) L.White (57) and Bob Jennings (47)

Another draw followed with Monmouth on July 10th who scored 183-7 declared with 5 wickets for O.Griffiths. Abergavenny 109-4. Brian Shackleton (30) Lew White (48*)

A really close game was enjoyed with Penarth who were bowled out for 115 with 5 wickets for White and 3 for Price. Abergavenny failing by 2 runs to win at 114-7 at the close. Tony Paton (43) Lew White (43)

July 16th Abergavenny 175, G.Richardson (61) E.Hughes (45*) Brecon 134 all out. J.Price taking 5 wickets.

July 24th Abergavenny 155-8 declared. C.Nash (22) J.Price (55) R.Jennings (20) Penarth winning with 158-8 Richardson with 4 wickets and Jennings with 3 wickets.

July 30th One of the wettest Bank Holidays for many years with thunder and lightning, hail stones and cloud bursts, did not stop play starting late at 3 pm. The Seconds chalked up an impressive 2 wicket win over Abercarn who scored 81. W. McPherson with 5-21 and James 3-35.

Next June 12th it was Hereford who scored 148-7 Colin Nash 3-48, Jennings 2-28. Abergavenny 123-7 gaining a draw. J.Price (38) The Monday June 6th game against Lydney was also drawn although Abergavenny were in a strong position to have won. Abergavenny 128-9 L.White (32) Lydney hanging on at 72-7. Wy Williams taking three wickets.

On July 31st and August 1st Meanwhile, the 2nd's were losing to both Hereford and Lydney 2nd's.

At one point the Chronicle reported that the Club should feel proud. Proud that since June they have only lost 2 matches. Proud that their batsmen are starting to score some runs, proud that their bowlers Ossie Griffiths, Bob Jennings, Colin Nash and Jeremy Price are raking in the wickets. But more importantly they should feel proud of their opening pair Colin Nash and Brian Shackleton.

Colin Nash foiled in his bid for a century.

August 4th Abergavenny 185-4 declared, C.Nash (92) B.Shackleton (48) J.Price (32) Mayflies 112 all out, White 4-21, Price 3-31.

Peter Jones scored (98) and Owen Saunders (49) as the 2nd's made 178-3 against Crickhowell 2nd's who were 24-2 when it rained.

On the weekend of August 20th/21st The Seconds recorded wins over Cardiff HSOB and Usk. They however lost to Ross 2nd's having only scored 82. The first X1 game with Crickhowell was also abandoned for rain.

August 7th Bridgend 152-9 declared. Abergavenny 87 all out. R.Jennings (45)

Fixtures on August 13th/14th were washed out by rain the following weekend as the matches against Pontnewynydd and Whitchurch Heath were lost.

Sunday August 28th Neath Ad Libs 113 for 11 (12 a side game). Abergavenny 45 all out. L.White (28)

The First X1 also lost to Ross by 4 wickets. Abergavenny 130-8 C.Nash (37) L.White (38) W.Williams took 3 of the 6 Ross wickets to fall.

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Abergavenny ended the Season on a gloomy note with heavy defeats to Usk on September 11th and Newport the day before September 10th. Abergavenny only made 65 against Newport with only Colin Nash and Wyn Williams batting well. Graham Reynolds and W.Tompkins knocked off the runs. Usk made 156-9 declared, W.Williams 6-57. Abergavenny all out for 67. Lew White (17)

1960 AVERAGES

	In.	Rs.	N..o	H.S	Av
Nash	31	730	0	92	23.54
White	34	622	3	82*	20.06
Price	17	284	2	58*	18.93
Richardson ..	25	408	1	61	17.00
Shackleton ..	28	444	0	51	15.85
Cox	10	155	0	38	15.50

BOWLING

	O	M	Rs.	W	Av
Price ..	175.6	30	456	33	13.81
Griffiths ..	236	37	664	45	14.75
Jennings ..	186.4	33	563	37	15.21
Nash	233	56	594	36	16.50