

Chapter 24

1969 Season

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Captain 2nd X1-Brian Taylor



Training hard, L-R Alan Saunders, David James, Mike Powell, Alan Lloyd, Brian Shackleton, Bob Jennings and Peter Jones

Abergavenny opened the season with their traditional fixtures at home to Mumbles and Cardiff Choristers. Abergavenny scoring 127-8 declared, D.James (44) and Colin Nash (33) showing early season form. Despite being in a strong position Abergavenny failed to bowl Mumbles out. Mike Farr took 4-21. Despite having the services of Malcolm Nash and young Duncan Paton taking 5-15 the Cardiff Choristers held on. Malcolm's older brother Colin rounded off a good weekend for himself with a further knock of (59)

They then lost to Thornbury who successfully chased Abergavenny's 80 all out. In that total John Powell (17) Lew White(15) and Dave Griffin (19) were the only scorers of note. Peter Jones pictured on the next page was unceremoniously bowled for a duck. Thornbury were at one time 30-5 but won by 1 wicket despite Mike Farr taking 3-35.

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Peter Jones bowled for a duck against Thornbury

A good win followed against Newport Fugitives. Abergavenny scoring 127-9 declared. John Powell with (33) Mike Powell (27) and A.Saunders (17) Newport Fugitives crashed to 56 all out. R.Jennings taking 2-7, P.Grattan 2-10,A.Paton 3-18 and A.Lloyd 2-16

Cheltenham were 97 all out A.Lloyd 6-41 Mike Farr 4-43. But, Abergavenny folded abysmally to 58-5 at the close M.Powell scoring (14) and John Powell (13)

The game against Briton Ferry Steel was spoiled by rain. Abergavenny 123-6 declared Dave Griffin (40*) Briton Ferry Steel 83-3 when rain stopped play.

A low scoring game saw a victory against Ledbury. Abergavenny 97 all out. Ledbury 69 all out, D.Griffin 5-26, R.Jennings 2-17

A familiar defeat against Hereford came next with Abergavenny 116 all out. Ken Williams (19) A.Paton (28) and John Powell(14) Hereford 117-4. Dave Griffin 4-25.

Powell First Fifty of the Season

A moral boosting win against Caerleon who were bowled out for 102. M.Farr 4-45, A.Paton 3-13, A.Lloyd 2-33. Abergavenny 103-8 Mike Powell (56) scoring his first half century of the season. P.Jones (15) and Lew White (15*)

The 2nd X1 at this time was: A.Saunders, D.Paton, K.Wlliams, N.White, T.Mead, B.Taylor, D.James, R.Morris, P.Butterfield, C.McPherson, M.Pritchard.

Abergavenny 165-5 D.Griffin (47) Brian Shackleton (47) R.Williams (32*) Ross 74-5 Mike Farr 3-20 and A.Lloyd 2-70.

Abergavenny then beat Rogerstone by 9 wickets. Rogerstone routed for 85. A.Lloyd 4-12, Mike Farr 4-26. Abergavenny 86-1 P.Jones (34*) and Mike Powell (43*)

Injury robbed M.Powell of his first ever century for the Club

Against the Innswingers Mike Powell retired hurt on 95 not out. He suffered a locked knee which was an old rugby injury. This however did not prevent victory. Innswingers 153-5 declared. A.Lloyd 2-23 and Dave Griffin 2-21. Abergavenny 154-4 K.Williams (22*) and John Powell (15) were the other run makers.

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Eleven Wickets for Schoolboy Griffin

David Griffin the first Abergavenny Cricket Club boy to be awarded a Welsh schoolboy Cap, stars against St Fagans.

St Fagans 120, Dave Griffin 5-23 and Mike Farr 4-42. Abergavenny 98-6 Colin Nash (26) D.Griffin (30) and Lew White (12)

Another low scoring winning draw came against Newbridge. Abergavenny 78 all out. Lew White (30) Newbridge 40-8 at the close with Dave Griffin taking 6-17.

Abergavenny then lost to North Middlesex. Abergavenny 101 all out. Brian Shackleton (23) C.Nash (18) and P.Jones (18) North Middlesex 103-9 R.Jennings 4-16 and Dave Griffin 3-20.

More low scoring in the game with Ledbury who were all out for 61. A.Lloyd 5-22 and D.Ellaway 3-24. Abergavenny 64-3 Ken Williams (18*) and Lew White (21*)

Next up was a benefit match for Glamorgan Wicket Keeper David Evans (pictured below). The all star team included: Glamorgan C.C.C. off spinner George Shaw, Harlech Televisions' Peter Tomlinson, Brian Lewis of Glamorgan C.C.C., Roy Booth of Worcestershire and Bernard Hedges of Glamorgan C.C.C.



David Evans XI 154-9. Mike Farr 3-26, Dave Griffin 3-44. Abergavenny 157-4 John Powell (16) Robin Williams (99*) P.Grattan (23*)

Robin Williams needed a six off the very last ball of the match to make a century unfortunately he hit a four to finish on 99 not out.

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Williams needs six for century —hits four



ROBIN WILLIAMS

POWELL TAKES 5-38

STAR of Llanarth's win

WELSH schoolboy rugby international, Robin Williams, came within yards of scoring the first century of the season for Abergavenny when he cracked a brilliant unbeaten 99 to lead his side to a six-wicket win over David Evans' Benefit XI on Sunday.

Number five batsman Williams' score stood at 95 when Abergavenny needed two runs for victory and he tried to hit a six to complete his century. But his shot bounced short of the boundary before going for four.

Williams is the second Abergavenny batsman to be robbed of a century this month.

Mike Powell earlier scored 95 not out against Insingers but was forced to retire because of a knee cartilage injury which ended his courageous knock.

But on Sunday Abergavenny looked to be heading for

David Evans XI		Ledbury	
R. Saunders b Williams	2	M. Byron b Lloyd	...
B. Lewis b Farr	25	R. Hale bow b Ellaway	...
G. Shaw run out	10	D. Barnett b Ellaway	...
B. Carpenter b Farr	3	D. Smith b Ellaway	...
P. Tomlinson c Griffin b Jennings	15	C. Williams c Jones b Lloyd	...
B. Williams c and b Griffin	6	E. Barnes run out	...
R. Booth c Lloyd b Griffin	25	G. Sammons b Lloyd	...
D. Ellaway b Farr	7	G. Box c J. Powell b Lloyd	...
B. Hedges st J. Powell b Griffin	30	G. Morris b Williams	...
		C. Wilkins not out	...
		B. Massam b Lloyd	...

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Mel Pritchard takes a 'hat trick' against the village team Llanarth.

Abergavenny 2nd XI 138-9 declared. Williams (12) D.Gibbs (66) P.Wilkinson (22) Llanarth 64 all out Mel Pritchard 7-27 including a hat trick. D.Gibbs 3-10.

A stunning victory followed for the First eleven against Crickhowell. Abergavenny 188-5 declared. B.Shackleton (20) P.Jones (30) P.Grattan (53) Lew White (40*) Crickhowell 44 all out. Mike Farr 5-16, A.Lloyd 5-18.



Carmarthen Wanderers 143-5 declared. A.Lloyd 3-45, Mike Farr 2-43. Abergavenny 144-5 John Powell (51) P.Grattan (26*) D.Griffin (21)

A strong Gowerton side had the better of a draw next game. Gowerton 192-2 the wickets being taken by A.Paton and Dave Griffin. In reply Abergavenny were 165-7 Dave Griffin (79) P.Grattan (22) A.Paton (29)

Southport were a new challenge for the club. They scored 168-7 with Royston Tear with 4-40 and Mike Farr 2-36 the wicket takers. Abergavenny reached 165-8 in reply, there were runs from Duncan Paton (31) Ken Williams (15) and John Powell (52)

The traditional defeat to Hereford came next. Hereford 227-3 declared, Butterfield, Jennings and Griffin with 1 wicket each. Eric Jenkins (83*) Abergavenny were all out for 130, D.Griffin (44) K.Williams (25*) Brian Shackleton (19) with John Chadd taking 6-33.

Schoolboy Griffin takes 8-35

Revenge for the Hereford defeat was exacted on Chepstow who were skittled out for 99 with young Dave Griffin taking 8-35. Abergavenny lost two wickets reaching their target. J.Powell scoring (21) P.Jones (29*) J.Price (41*)

The first of a couple of ex test players ensured a defeat against Bridgend. Jeff Jones of Glamorgan C.C.C. and England fame, played for Bridgend. As well as taking some wickets he hit the winning runs off the last ball of the match bowled by Paul Butterfield Abergavenny 151-8 declared, P.Jones (17) M.Powell (17) L.White (47) D.James (24) W.Powell (17*) Jeff Jones taking 3-38. Bridgend 153-7 Mike Farr 6-68

Neath 153-9 declared convincingly beat Abergavenny who were 92 all out.

Dave Griffin defeats Crickhowell single handed

Abergavenny 124-9 D.Griffin (52) Brian Shackleton (22) John Powell (20) Crickhowell 91 all out. Dave Griffin 5-23, Mike Farr 3-27

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The next ex Test player to confront Abergavenny came in their match with Cheadle. Chester Watson took 6-27 as Abergavenny were all out for 111. D.Griffin (24) Lew White (30) D.Ellaway (23) This was in reply to Cheadles' 177-4 declared. Paul Butterfield taking 2-33.

Chester Watson was a wristy fast bowler who took wickets, but was expensive in the process. He was reckoned to be only fractionally slower than Wes Hall, with a devastating yorker. He made his debut against England in 1959-60, playing in all five Tests and taking 16 wickets, and he then went to Australia in 1960-61 where he played once. His final outing came at home to India in 1961-62. He played in the Lancashire Leagues for Church from 1961, and as he rarely returned to the Caribbean, that effectively ended his international claims. While in Lancashire he qualified as an accountant, and when his playing career ended he travelled the world in that capacity. He subsequently became chairman of the Jamaican Board of Control.



As if still shell shocked Midsomer Norton defeated Abergavenny by one wicket. Abergavenny making 92 all out, Shackleton, Griffin and J.Powell getting runs. Midsomer Norton 94-9, Griffin and Farr among the wickets

Panteg 143-7. D.Ellaway 3-62, M.Farr 2-24. Abergavenny 78 all out. Brian Shackleton (17) Mike Farr (13*) P.Jones and R.Tear 12 runs each.

Exiting finish in local derby with Usk

The next local derby against Usk was won by Abergavenny. Abergavenny 124-8 declared. Brian Shackleton (38) R.Tear (35) Usk 123 all out. Dave Griffin taking 4-56. This was a really exiting game with Abergavenny winning by one run. Usk needed 3 runs off the last over being bowled by the schoolboy David Griffin. They also had two wickets in hand. However they both fell victims to the young left arm spinner to hand victory to Abergavenny.

The next match was against Ross who were bowled out for 87. Mike Farr with 5-20 and Alan Lloyd 4-35. In reply Abergavenny won by four wickets 89-6. John Powell (22) Brian Shackleton (12) and P.Jones (11)

Bridgend completed a quick duple over Abergavenny next. Bridgend 155-4 declared. A.Paton 2-21 and A.Lloyd 1-19. Abergavenny were 94 all out.

Farr bags a 14 wicket haul

In the penultimate game of the season Thornbury were defeated. Thornbury 105-9. Mike Farr 7-73. Abergavenny 106-8. D.Griffin (46) John Powell (24)

A great victory against Worcester brought the curtain down on the season. Abergavenny only managed 116-8 batting first. John Powell (24) L.White (21) and Brian Shackleton (32*)

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In reply Mike Farr proved too good for Worcester who were bowled out for exactly 100 Mike Farr taking 7-39 and Tony Paton 2-9.

Batting					
	Inns	no	rns	hs	av
C. Woods ..	17	4	285	46	21.92
B. Taylor ..	18	3	302	51	20.13
D. Gibbs ..	10	1	131	66	14.55
R. Morris ..	14	1	161	44	12.38
A. Mead ..	18	1	178	27	10.47
M. Bromage	13	4	82	32*	9.11
R. Teear ..	12	1	72	23	6.54

* not out

Bowling					
	O	M	R	W	Av
M. Pritchard	91.1	21	224	28	8.00
P. Butterfield	60	22	136	15	9.06
Paton. But it was Alwyn					
A. Gratton	146	29	461	35	13.17
W. M'Pherson	99	23	247	18	13.72
B. Taylor ..	53.4	5	232	12	19.33
R. Teear ..	52	4	194	9	21.55

* not out

Batting* M. Powell 22.18, D. Griffin 19.53, L. White 16.26, B. Shackleton 16.13, J. Powell 15.11, P. Gratton 15.00, A. Paton 12.91, P. Jones 12.84, K. Williams 10.62.

Bowling: M. Farr 9.74, A. Lloyd 11.53, D. Griffin 14.74, R. Jennings 19.00, D. Ellaway 24.93, A. Paton 30.70.

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Most catches were made by John Powell who proved himself to be a reliable wicket keeper. He took 16 altogether and was closely followed by captain Brian Shackleton, who took 14. Powell also stumped nine batsmen.



Local Hospital Nevill Hall used the ground for a Fun Game of cricket for Charity against the Abergavenny Chairman's XI

Pictured in the lower picture are John Powell, Brian Butterfield and Derek Havard. On the far left is Malcolm Nash who helped out as an umpire for the night