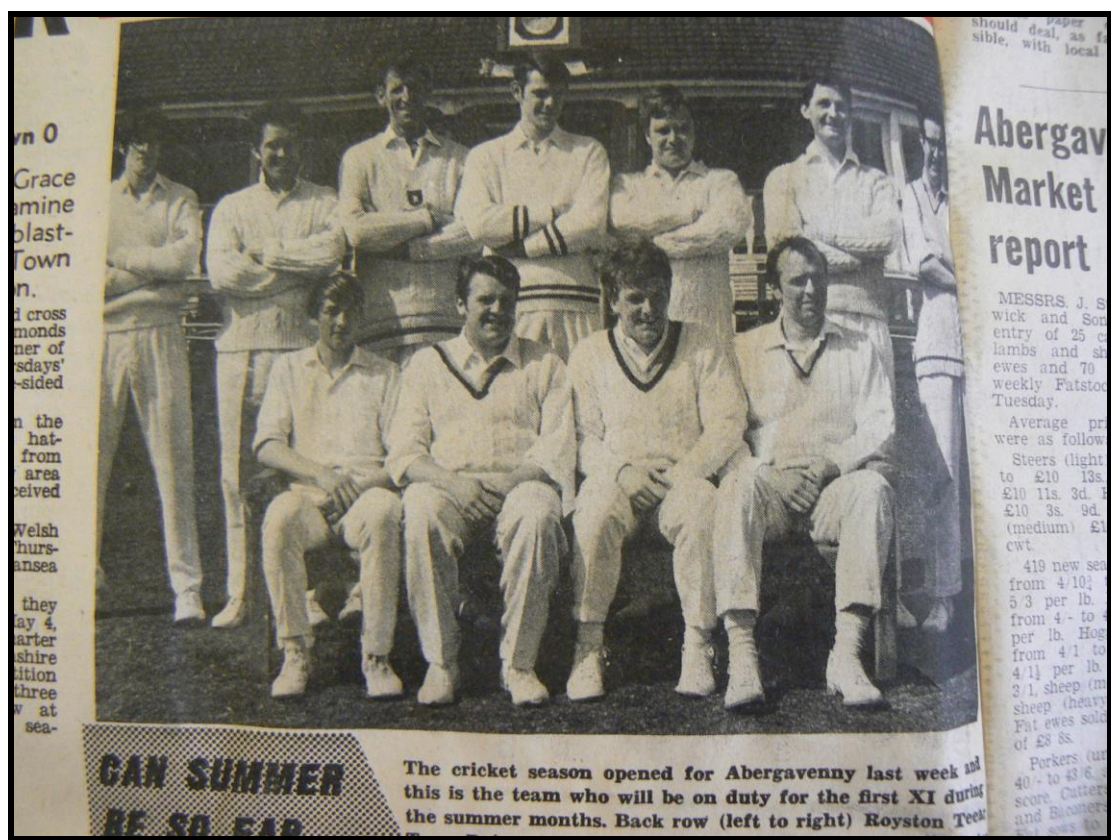


Chapter 25

1970 Season

President- Charles Price
Chairman- Lewis White
Hon Sec- R.Jennings
Treasurer- W.McPherson
Captain 1st X1- Brian Shackleton
Captain 2nd X1- Brian Taylor



Maiden 'ton' for Peter Jones

Peter Jones recorded his maiden century for the club against Chepstow. Abergavenny making 202-1 declared with M.Powell (85) and P.F.Jones (100*) Chepstow in reply were 44 all out. M.Farr taking 5-19 and A.Lloyd 4-19.

Abergavenny 169-8 declared D.Griffin scoring (42) K.Williams (31) and L.Wilcock (27) Thornbury were then 74 all out M.Farr taking 7-28 and A.Lloyd 3-15.

Newbridge were then 112 all out M.Farr taking 4-27 A.Lloyd 3-36 and D.Morgan 3-33 at the close Abergavenny were 62-5 with P.F.Jones (16*)

Abergavenny enjoyed a hat trick of victories over the holiday weekend and were then unbeaten in 10 fixtures seven of which were won.

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They beat St Fagans by 8 wickets, Lydney by 39 runs then Briton Ferry by 8 wickets. Mike Farr the hero with 6-60 v St Fagans and 5-43 v Lydney. At this point in the season Mike Farr had already taken 29 wickets and Alan Lloyd had taken 15 wickets.

P.F.Jones continued in good form with (66) v St Fagans. Len Wilcock (45*) Mike Powell scored (81) v Briton Ferry in an opening stand of 102 with Peter Jones (39) and then Len Wilcock chipped in with (35*)

Briton Ferry 161-7. Abergavenny 165-2

Abergavenny 2nd X1 v Hereford 2nd X1. Hereford batting first scored 113 Mel Pritchard taking 4-47, W.McPherson 3-51 and R. Jennings 3-9. Abergavenny 116-3 Roger Morris (30) R.Tear (37) A.Lewis (45*)

Abergavenny 2nd X1 108 all out R.Morris (21) and A.Mead (21) Pontnewynydd 2nd X1 72 all out. Mel Pritchard taking 5-25 G.Phillips 3-27 and W.Elliot 2-13.

The 2nd X1 at this time was: R.Morris, A.Saunders, C.Woods, B.Taylor, A.Mead, G.Phillips, W.Elliot, P.Williams, M.Bruton, M.Rouse, M.Pritchard.

Meanwhile the first X1 fought out two draws. Pontnewynydd 182-8 declared. A.Lloyd 3-49, Dave Griffin 3-72, R.Jennings 1-26. Abergavenny 114-3 Dave Griffin (54) D.Morgan (24) Hereford 118-9 declared Mike Farr 5-24, Dave Griffin 3-48, Alan Lloyd 1-27. Abergavenny reaching 63-7 D.Griffin (35*) Keith Edwards and John Chadd taking the wickets for Hereford.

Abergavenny 146-8 declared Dave Griffin scoring (67*) and Brian Shackleton (31) Caerleon 89 all out Alan Lloyd 5-17, Mike Farr 2-38 and Dave Griffin 1-10

Ross end 9 year wait to be defeat Abergavenny

Abergavenny only scoring 81 all out Mike Powell (29) Ken Williams (24) Ross 84-3 Mike Farr 2-30, Dave Griffin 1-17. Ross ended a 14 match unbeaten run. Ross had not beaten Abergavenny for 9 years

Abergavenny record lowest total for many years

The next game was on a rain affected wicket against Ebbw Vale who went from 64-6 to 136-7. Keith Nancarrow (52) D.Morgan 3-26 and Mike Farr 2-34. In reply Abergavenny were 26 all out.

St Fagans run up a formidable 211-6, Paul Butterfield taking 3-85 and Mike Farr 3-50. In their run chase Abergavenny slumped from 79-0 to 134 all out.

A further defeat followed at the hands of Newbridge who posted 118-9 declared. In reply Abergavenny were all out for 100. Ken Williams was the only batsman to register a decent score (29) Paul Butterfield taking 2-54, Alan Lloyd 2-18. Paul Butterfield has not been available due to studying for his 'A' Levels.

Sphinx (Neath) 177-4 declared. Abergavenny 137-6. Mike Powell (40) John Powell (41) R.Tear (24*)

The Sphinx team included: Alan Rees, Bill Slade, G.Wooley, G.Salt, A.Davies, D.Thomas.

Dave Griffin played for Welsh Schools against Millfield scoring (44) and (36*) as well as taking 3 wickets.

Great weekend for Schoolboy Griffin

Schoolboy Dave Griffin who bowls left arm spin, took 7-44 against Crickhowell and the following day 5-22 against Ebbw Vale. Despite this Abergavenny still lost to Crickhowell and only drew with Ebbw Vale.

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Crickhowell from 95-5 made 156 and Abergavenny were all out for 93. Dave Griffin (21) and John Powell (21)

Abergavenny 142-8 declared Mike Powell (89) drew with Ebbw Vale 101-7.

Brian Shackleton Breaks his finger

The youngsters also propped up Abergavenny in games against Abertillery and Gowerton. King Henry V111 pupils Royson Tear and Dave Griffin bowled out Abertillery for 76 between them Tear taking 7-22, Griffin 3-30. This was after Abergavenny had only managed to score 103 with Ken Williams and Tony Paton scoring (20) runs each.

Gowerton 103 all out Alan Lloyd 3-37, Paul Butterfield 3-48, R.Tear 2-7 and Len Wilcock 3-2 in a rare bowling spell.

Abergavenny 104-2 P.Jones (40) with Mike Powell putting on 95 for the 2nd wicket.

Averages at this time of the season:

Name	Innings	N/O	H/S	Runs	Average
M.Powell	22	0	89	637	28.95
P.Jones	21	4	100*	442	26
D.Griffin	17	5	69	271	22.58
L.Wilcock	17	3	45	241	17.21

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
M.Farr	297	71	664	74	8.97
D.Morgan	41	11	94	10	9.4
D.Griffin	98	19	403	36	11.19
A.Lloyd	242	45	582	40	14.55

Usk 110-8 Dave Griffin taking 5-50, R.Tear 4-37 and Paul Butterfield 1-47. Abergavenny 106-5 Len Wilcock (30*)

Dave Griffin was picked to play for Welsh Schools against the West Indies and later against England.

Abergavenny 146-9 Mike Powell (27) Ken Williams (31) P.Grattan (19) A.Lewis (43*)
Chepstow in reply 98 all out Dave Griffin taking 6-39 Terry Hulbert 2-21 and R.Tear 2-15.

Finally Hereford recorded the obligatory victory against Abergavenny who were 80 all out runs from Mike Powell (23) Dave Griffin (14) Hereford 81-2 with Dave Griffin taking the two wickets to fall.

Summary of 1970 by Brian Taylor

Under the captaincy of Brian Shackleton until he broke his finger, and with Mike Powell showing great skill with the bat and with his close catching. Abergavenny First X1 had a successful season winning 16 of their 40 games. Without Mike Powell's skill and patience it may have been different. It was he who led the way as Abergavenny remained undefeated in the first 13 games, winning 8 of them. The high spot coming during the holiday weekend when three extremely strong fixtures were all won. On the Saturday St Fagans were beaten by 8 wickets after scoring 148. Briton Ferry Steel of the South Wales League suffered a similar fate on the Sunday when they too were beaten by 8 wickets after scoring 161. Then Lydney were beaten on the Monday by 39 runs. These 3 victories were down to 3 batsmen and 1 bowler. Powell, Peter Jones and Len Wilcock with the bat and Mike Farr with the ball.

Disaster was to follow in the next 8 games, five of which were lost. The loss of form was difficult to explain as the same side was fielded that had blazed a winning trail the weeks before. It was just a bad patch.



Club president Mr. Charles (left) hands over the K.O. Cup to Panteg captain, Gordon Richards. Also in the picture are the organiser of the tournament, Mr. Brian Shackleton (left) and the acting chairman, Mr. Ted Nash. Picture by Barrie Master-ton.

Club President Charles Price, pictured handing the Mid Week Trophy to 'The Prince' Gordon Richards of Panteg. Also Pictured are Brian Shackleton and Ted Nash

Panteg win K.O. Cup for the fifth time

Usk Cockerels and Panteg, who between them have won the cricket competition eleven times since it started about twenty years ago, fought out the final at Avenue Road last Thursday and Friday evenings.

Panteg, the holders and winners for the past four seasons, swapped up the H. J. Stone Cup a fifth time by defeating their old rivals in a hard-fought match. On the first evening, Panteg made 113-4 and Usk replied with 85-6. Second time round Usk made 100-7 and Panteg, needing just 72 for victory, made 76-2 in ten overs.

The handsome cup was presented to Panteg captain Gordon Richards, by Mr Charles Price, president of Abergavenny Cricket Club, who himself is one of the 'Kings' of this sudden-death cricket.

Noted for his hard-hitting, Mr Price was the first batsman to hit a century (107) in the first year's competition when playing for his own building firm, C. Price and Son. He was then forty years of age. Only one other batsman, Glyn 'Spike' Meredith, has since scored a 100.

Mr Price scored his hundred off 12, eight-ball overs—a remarkable achievement.

Mr Price and the acting chairman for the evening, Mr Ted Nash, joined the local club together in 1925. They also went to the same school together and left at about the same time—Mr Price to join C. Price and Son and Mr Nash to go to a neighbouring firm, Robert Price.

In addition, Mr Nash's son Colin and Mr Price's son, Jeremy, two of Abergavenny's better-known players of some years back, also went to the same school together.

The competition, organised this year by Brian Shackleton, had an entry of twenty teams in the preliminary rounds and fourteen sides in the final rounds and as usual produce some exciting cricket.

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