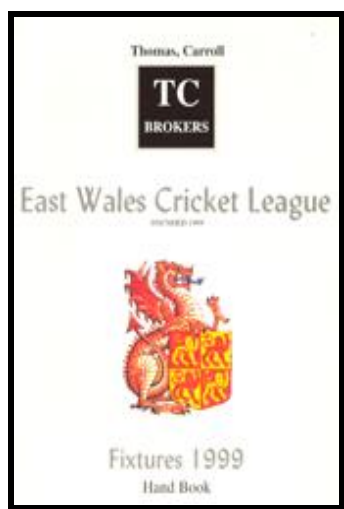


Chapter 54

Season 1999

President-J.B.Shackleton,
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After many years in the Three Counties League Abergavenny were forced to leave and become a founder Club in the South East Wales Cricket League which was meant to be the forerunner of the South Wales Premier League, much heralded by The E & W C B

EAST WALES CRICKET LEAGUE FINAL TABLE DIVISION 1-1 ST XI 1999										
Team	P	W	D	L	NR	Bat	Bowl	Deds	Pts	Av
Abergavenny	18	11	0	1	6	42	53	0	205	17.08
Newport	18	10	0	3	5	48	56	0	204	15.69
St Fagans	18	8	0	4	6	39	47	2	164	13.67
Usk	18	8	1	5	4	41	57	1	182	13.00
Cardiff	18	6	2	5	5	43	51	3	161	12.38
Llanarth	18	7	0	6	5	21	60	5	146	11.23
Sudbrook	18	5	1	8	4	34	49	0	138	9.86
Chepstow	18	4	0	10	4	37	44	0	121	8.64
Panteg	18	4	0	9	5	30	41	1	110	8.46
Malpas	18	0	0	12	6	21	33	3	51	4.25

DIVISION 1 2 ND XI										
Team	P	W	D	L	NR	Bat	Bowl	Deds	Pts	Av
Cardiff	18	12	0	1	5	53	56	0	229	17.52
Abergavenny	18	11	0	3	4	53	53	0	216	15.43
Newport	18	10	0	4	4	52	54	0	206	14.71
Sudbrook	18	9	0	4	5	43	49	0	182	14.00
Usk	18	5	0	9	4	44	56	0	150	10.71
Chepstow	18	5	0	9	4	36	55	0	141	10.07
St. Fagans	18	5	0	9	4	38	50	0	138	9.86
Llanarth	18	5	0	9	4	39	47	0	136	9.71
Malpas	18	3	0	10	5	27	42	0	99	7.62
Panteg	18	2	0	9	7	27	25	0	72	6.55

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**Back L-R J.Hughes,B.Powell,M.Coles,R.Lupton,G.Corfield,A.Fury
Front L-R M.Wallace,J.Phillips,G.Meredith(Capt) P.Sussex,G.Jones**

Abergavenny started the campaign well with a resounding 9 wicket victory over local rivals Usk who were dismissed for a paltry 39, Ross Lupton taking 6-13.

John Phillips registered a century (131) against Llanwern before St Fagans suffered the same fate as Usk all out for 56, Lupton 6-32 and J.Hughes 3-28 doing the damage with Steve Brown 52 not out in Abergavenny's reply. Croesyceiliog were the next opponents in the Welsh Intermediate Cup, batting first Abergavenny totalled 284-8 three players passed 50, Steve Brown, Geraint Jones and Owen Dawkins. Croesyceiliog 198 all out, Andrew Coles 3-41.

Abergavenny secured their 3rd consecutive victory against Panteg, batting first Abergavenny scored 193-6, with M.Wallace 67 and John Phillips 37. Panteg only managed 173 all out J.Hughes 3-30, P.Sussex 3-36.

Rain caused abandonment's, including the game against Llanarth, which was poised on a knife edge, chasing the small total of 123 to win Llanarth were 62-3 when the rain came. Abergavenny were far too strong for Chepstow in the Welsh League scoring 221-5, All of the batsmen contributed but Lupton top scored with 56. Chepstow were 150-6 at the close, Dawkins, Meredith and Barnsley taking 2 wickets each.

The big clash with Newport fell victim to the weather, not before Lupton had bowled Ian Thomas and the score was 26-1 when the rain came.

Chepstow were next up in the league and they were duly beaten despite scoring 241, R.Lupton taking 2-62. Mark Wallace with (92) saw Abergavenny home by 3 wkts. The Cardiff game was abandoned, Cardiff had scored 240-3 Abergavenny were reasonably well placed with G.Jones (62) M.Wallace (19) Ross Lupton (36*) in reply.

Local rivals Usk were narrowly beaten by 6 runs. Abergavenny 226-8, Usk all out 220 Geraint Jones was the hero scoring (68) and taking 4 wickets for 27 runs, M.Wallace (58) J.Phillips (33) Sam Timpson 4-39. Sudbrook beat Abergavenny in the Cup with young Ben Pike 3-37 making his mark. Revenge came in the league as Sudbrook were bowled out for 117 Ross Lupton 6-35, M.Baillon 2-2 before Abergavenny with Lupton scoring (62) ran out easy winners by 7 wickets.

The 'double' over St Fagans was secured in a high scoring game. St Fagans 242-5 Mike Baillon 2-73, Abergavenny 243-8 Ross Lupton (62)G.Jones (40) M.Baillon (46)J.Phillips (52)

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Abergavenny secured a last ball victory against St Fagans, chasing 243 to win they got home with 2 wickets to spare.
Pictured Left
Colin Metson hitting out during his (32) Geraint Jones behind the stumps

A second 'double' came against Panteg winning by 9 wickets chasing 183 Ross Lupton 3-37, P.Sussex 3-54 G.Meredith 2-47 Mark Wallace with a magnificent 103 not out the hero, Ross Lupton (62*)

Abergavenny 242-5 R.Lupton (68) A.Heslop (84*)M.Coles (22) A.Fury (25*) Ynystawe 218-4 A.Heslop 2 wickets.

Tondu 121 all out R.Lupton 4-17, P.Sussex 5-19 Abergavenny 123-1 M.Coles (53*) G.Meredith (56)

Abergavenny 222-9 G.Jones (36)A.Fury (30) R.Lupton (95*) Ammanford 75 all out R.Lupton 4-70, G.Jones 3-20 A.Coles 2-30

The match that probably was the title decider came next at Newport they were bowled out for 159 R.Lupton 6-31, P.Sussex 3-41 and J.Hughes 1-45. In reply Geraint Jones with (50) and M.Coles (21) ensured the game went to the wire, Mike Baillon and Paul Sussex who were the last pair at the wicket edged Abergavenny home by 1 wicket.

Skewen 232-6 G.Meredith 3-60 P.Sussex 2-51 R.Lupton 1-34 Abergavenny 233-3 G.White (50) R.Wallace (63) A.Fury (35) B.Powell (25*) R.Lupton (22*)

Llanarth were defeated by 4 wkts, bowled out for 99 John Hughes 4-38 R.Lupton 2-9, G.Meredith 2-34. Abergavenny 102-6 G.Jones (33) J.Phillips (25)

Chepstow failed to chase the 190 needed to win John Phillips (76) they were bowled out 72 runs short, Gareth Meredith 5-16, P.Sussex 3-21 which included a hat trick with the last 3 wickets to fall. Abergavenny 189-7 G.Jones (30) J.Phillips (76) R.Lupton (31)

So undefeated in league games completed Abergavenny were inaugural champions of the South East Wales League, even a final game defeat against Cardiff could not spoil the party. Cardiff 201-8 I.Harris 2-28, P.Sussex 2-56, Abergavenny 135-9 M.Coles (28) G.Corfield (32)

Gowerton 150-9 Corey Thomas 7-66 Abergavenny 147 all out R.Wallace (28) S.Timpson (29)

The Welsh Cricket Championship Final was played at St Fagans and Abergavenny secured their second Trophy
Abergavenny 273-7 R.Lupton (122*) G.Jones (88) St Fagans 210-10 O.Dawkins 4-65 J.Hughes 2-46



The 1999 Awards were presented at Alice Springs Golf Club

1st Team- M.Wallace
2nd Team- G.Corfield
3rd Team- Paul Havard
4th Team- Huw Pritchard
Young Player Gavin White
Most Improved Corey Thomas
Also in picture Club Captain Gareth Meredith. Clubman of the year was Chris Pritchard

Glamorgan 2nd X1 v Hampshire 2nd X1 was played over four days June 21/22/23/24. Glamorgan A.D.Shaw, Dan Cherry, Ian Thomas, Keith Newell, Mark Wallace, David Harrison, Andrew Davies, C.Brown, John Derrick, G.Grant and A.J.Davies

Hampshire 382-10 A.Davies 3-105, J.Derrick 2-47, G,Grant 2-53 & C.Brown 2-76 and 308-6 dec J.Derrick 2-56, A.Davies 2-64, C.Brown 2-95.

Glamorgan 291-10 D.Cherry 61, M.Wallace 56, K.Newell 53 and 386-6 A.Shaw 102, Mark Wallace 84* D.Harrison 76, K.Newell 69

Match Drawn

Mark Wallace topped the 2nd X1 Averages in 1999



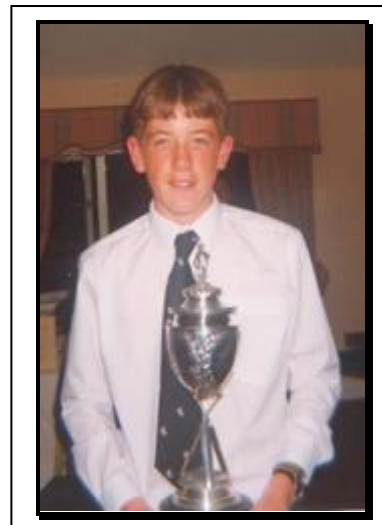
Abergavenny under 13's won the Mifa shield beating Blackwood in the final at Malpas. Batting first Abergavenny were in trouble at 17-3, but a stand of 101 between G. Heritage and G.Fury took the score to 150-5. Blackwood finished on 131 -8

Nick Bannon and Will Morris took 2 wickets apiece whilst Greg Fury had 4 stumpings. Gavin Heritage won the Man of the Match award for his innings of 66 *

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Above left Mike Powell and Mark Wallace, pictured at Taunton in front of the Ian Botham stand before playing together for Glamorgan after both coming from Crickhowell and both developing their skills at Abergavenny. Right Jon Hughes



Left Gavin Heritage U13 Cap. Above Gavin White Young Player

Abergavenny 4th X1 in 1999 included- T.Grubb, D.Hatchley, H.Pritchard, I.Bailey, G.Fury, J.Schofield, A.Coles, A.Dinsdale, C.Evans, J.Ruck and J.Hrastlj



Spot the rising stars in this KHS V111 Under 15 X1 that won The Gwent County Championship




Pictured above Ross Lupton in action on the cricket field and with his bride Ruth at their wedding in Abergavenny. Pictured left are some of the guests at the wedding Barbara Shackleton, Mark Coles, Mathew Hall and Geraint Jones

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Glamorgan may have stopped playing their County Championship matches at Avenue Road but this has given an opportunity to Wales Minor Counties and UWIC Centre of Excellence. They now use the facilities regularly

Wales MC v Herefordshire at Abergavenny

In a rain affected MCC Trophy game reduced to shorteigh over per side, Wales proved to be the stronger on the day. After taking two early wickets with the score at 27 and a third when the total was 84, a fourth wicket stand of 139 between K M Bell and R Sylvester resulted in Herefordshire chasing a total some 30-40 runs larger than expected after the initial 10-15 overs. The short boundary on the park side of the ground encouraged the batsmen to play their shots, it was ironic that the major contribution for Wales came from R Sylvester, who was registered with Herefordshire in 1998. The Herefordshire wicketkeeper, Steve Abbead, was injured in the twenty-six over, which resulted in a visit to hospital, the damage being repaired with six stitches. The Hereford innings never really started after the run out of the captain, Harshad Patel, from a direct hit, and the dismissal of Chris Bonaghy by a brilliant catch, further run outs, falling light and interruptions through showers disrupted any momentum in the innings, although a late contribution by Lee Caldwell showed that this side was capable of a watch hence all-round performance. Defeats were made by Rav Nagra and Steve Abbead.



Rav Nagra, who made his debut for Herefordshire in the MCC Trophy Competition at Abergavenny

WALES vs. HEREFORDSHIRE
At PEN-Y-PONDS, ABERGAVENNY ON 29,30,31 JULY 2001
 Two Tests, Daytime, C.S. Kelly & S.W. Radhaman, Scores, Runs, & J.H. Marks
 Home: Wales won by 222 runs - Wales 24 per Herefordshire 3 per

WALES		HEREFORDSHIRE	
A J Jones	50	2	11
J P Sylvester	116	10	96
S Markin	32	12	6
R W Sylvester	3	9	17
K M Bell	4	10	12
C A Davidson	42	21	16
L O Jones	16	1	2
N A Gage	36	0	2
A J Sauer	23	0	2
C P Morgan *4		0	2
J Davies		0	2
Extras	25	0	17
TOTAL	362	362	206
Fall of Wickets	176, 232, 235, 235, 235, 284, 276, 282	100, 104, 131	
HEREFORDSHIRE		WALES	
R J Hughes	2	1	1
R Pearce	10	1	1
P A Thomas	12	0	1
R Nagra	9	0	1
C W Horgan *4	103	0	1
J Davidson	42	0	1
N M Davies	4	0	1
A M Mason	16	0	1
S T Woodhill	21	0	1
M Horrocks	0	0	1
P J Humphreys	0	0	1
Batsmen	216	0	17
TOTAL	257	0	23
Fall of Wickets	26, 31, 38, 69, 106, 140, 195, 273, 283, 282	86, 91, 117, 117, 178, 185, 218, 228, 234	
HEREFORDSHIRE		WALES	
Thomas	13.3	0	0
Humphreys	13	2	0
Cheney	18	3	0
Nagra	2	0	0
Horrocks	9	1	0
Mason	14	4	0
Woodhill	7	1	0
Pearson	12	3	0
WALES		HEREFORDSHIRE	
Gage	17	3	0
Bell	13	5	0
Jones	6.6	24	0
Bell	7	3	0
Jones L	13	2	0
Sylvester R	8	0	0
Davies		13	0



Pictured Left With Brad Murphy is Chris Pritchard who this year deservedly won Clubman of the Year

World Events
 'Ethnic cleansing' bodies found at Racak in Kosovo. Bill Clinton acquitted of perjury and obstruction of justice. King Hussein of Jordan died age 63yrs. British movie Shakespeare in love wins Oscars. 13 children killed at Columbine High School. Marlboro man advertising boards come down in USA. Historic elections took place in Wales and Scotland to signal the birth of Assemblies. Prince Edward and Sophie Rees-Jones married. Michael Jordan the basket ball giant retires