

## Chapter 55

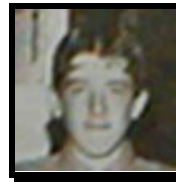
### Season 2000 New millenium

President-J.B.Shackleton  
Chairman-Tony Coles  
Ho Sec- C.Cotterill, Treasurer-I.Bailey  
1<sup>st</sup> X1 Captain -G.O.Jones  
2<sup>nd</sup> X1 Captain- A.Timpson  
3<sup>rd</sup> X1 Captain-A.Gatrad  
Defending Champions East Wales League





No team picture taken in 2000, players pictured played in 1<sup>st</sup> X1



Six a Side Tournament Winners



**CRICKHOWELL.** Gators won the annual six-a-side cricket competition organised by Abergavenny Cricket Club at Avenue Road last Sunday.

The standard was every bit as high as in previous years, with the Gators, who included Glamorgan county and England Under 19 international wicket-keeper Mark Wal-

lace, proving just too strong for newcomers Swansea Skippers.

Batting first in the ten overs-a-side final, the Swansea side posted a total of 68, with Adam Fenton's 30 runs the main contribution.

At the outset, this did not look a big enough total to trouble the Gators, but some fine bowling saw them struggle to gain the

upper hand and the winning run came off the penultimate ball of their innings.

In the Plate final, Charringtons Allsorts proved too strong for the Station Masters, winning a low-scoring game by one wicket.

Abergavenny Cricket Club are indebted to to all local businesses who have sponsored them this sea-

son. The Club also thanks Geoff Morris of Montague Matrix (UK) Ltd for his invaluable support of the Six-a-side competition.

The Gators' captain, Leighton James, is pictured receiving the Six-a-side Shield from Geoff Morris, watched by team members Ben Powell, Andrew Coles, Mark Coles, Matthew Hall and Mark Wallace.

TENNIS



Pictured left-

Tony Coles  
Will Godfrey  
Darren  
Holder  
Geraint Jones



After losing the first 3 games against Malpas, Newport and Penarth the 1999 champions looked in trouble. Malpas 194 -8 G.Corfield 3-48, G.Meredith 2-41, Ian Harris 1-53 Abergavenny 160 all out M.Wallace (63) C.Barnsley (20) J.Phillips (19) and S.Brown (18) Abergavenny 105 all out L.James (35) A.Fury (25) and B.Powell (18) Newport 106-0.Ian Thomas (68\*) Penarth 204-8 L.James 4-44, A.Fury 2-22, A.Timpson 1-26 Abergavenny 163-9 L.James (40) M.Wallace (30) Steve Brown (26) and A.Fury(21) but they kick started their defence of the title with a win over Tondou. Abergavenny only managed 153 all out with Mark Wallace(72) and Geraint Jones (26). Repling Tondou were all out for 91 thanks to persistence of Gareth Corfield 4-23, Paul Sussex 2-16, and Gareth Meredith 2-20

In the Macey shield Abergavenny 139-8 D.Holder (35) Blackwood 74 S.Timpson 2-11. Swansea were routed 99-10 B.Pike 2-18 only for Abergavenny to only reach 93 all out and this courtesy of G.Jones (45)

Against Panteg after a disastrous start, losing M.Wallace, J.Hughes and L.James without troubling the scorer Geraint Jones, Ben Powell and Craig Barnsley pulled things around and Abergavenny reached a respectable 184 -9. In reply Panteg were 146 all out, J.Hughes 2-33, G.Corfield 2-44

At St Fagans Abergavenny scored 143 with former skipper Gareth Meredith the hero, he top scored with 31 before taking 4-26, supported by G.Corfield 3-36 and Craig Barnsley 2-11 as St Fagans were dismissed for 105.

In the Macey quarter final Village Team Llanarth were victorious Abergavenny 136-9 M.Wallace (33), A.Heslop (30) Llanarth 139-3 G.Corfield 2-30.

Abergavenny 266-6 G.Jones (88) Lee James (74) J,Hughes (58) Usk 138 all out G.Meredith 3-34 J.Hughes 2-58, C.Barnsley 2-21 G.Corfield 1-18, D.Holder 1-22

Malpas 195 all out G.Corfield 3-51, G.Meredith 4-57 Abergavenny 197-7 A.Fury (53) J.Hughes (44) A.Heslop (37) G.Jones (25) B.Powell (21)

Another resounding victory at home against Cardiff placed Abergavenny as the main challengers to Newport. Cardiff were skittled out for 75 by Gareth Corfield 4-23 Jon Hughes

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3-15 and Craig Barnsley 3-16. Alistair Fury (43\*) and Lee James(33\*) ensured a 10 wicket victory.

Abergavenny went top after a win over Chepstow. Chepstow 163 all out M.Baillon 3-37, G.Meredith 2-47. Abergavenny 166-4 A.Fury (53)Lee James (29)J.Hughes (49\*)

A great run chase against Llanarth.Llanarth 269-4 Andrew Jones (128) K.Holmes (70) future and former (soon to be future) Abergavenny players. Abergavenny 270-7 A.Fury (82) G.Jones (83)M.Wallace (52) G.Meredith (18\*)

Panteg 209-4 M.Baillon 2-64 Abergavenny 210-1 A.Fury (39)Lee James (80\*) G.Jones (81\*) Llanarth 197 G.Meredith 3-40 Abergavenny 138 all out Ben Powell (47\*)

Abergavenny beat St Fagans at Avenue Road in a low scoring game, on a new pitch hurriedly prepared after torrential rain on Friday washed out the original pitch.. Abergavenny ended all-out 150. Craig Barnsley (43) Gavin White (38) Mark Wallace (24). In reply St Fagans only managed 93 all out. Gareth Corfield 4-23, Craig Barnsley 2-34 and Alec Heslop bowling in his first game of the season due to a back injury was in great form taking 3-9

A second victory over Tondy where Abergavenny from 51-5 recovered to 187-7 thanks to Ben Powell(27), Geraint Jones (97) and Mike Baillon (23). Craig Barnsley at 17 years of age shattered Tondy with an amazing spell of 6-7 in 8.1 overs. Craig who has already represented Wales minor counties has a big future.

A trail of dropped catches, with only the captain Geraint Jones playing to his capabilities with 2 stumpings and direct involvement in 4 run outs. Sudbrook reached 195 G.Corfield 2-66 A.Heslop 2-32. In reply Abergavenny slumped to 131 all out.J.Hughes (19)G.White (18) A.Fury (15)

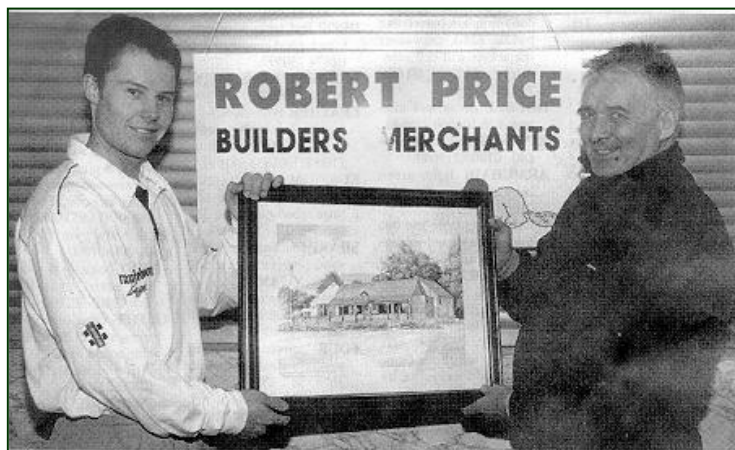
Defeat in the final match at home against Usk ensured Usk rather than Abergavenny finished runnersup. Geraint Jones scored 35 of the paltry total of 64 all out. Usk had been bowled out for 178 with Gareth Corfield taking 5-50,G.Meredith 2-32

An England Cricket Board X1 played Sri Lanka Under 19's in a two day match at Avenue Road



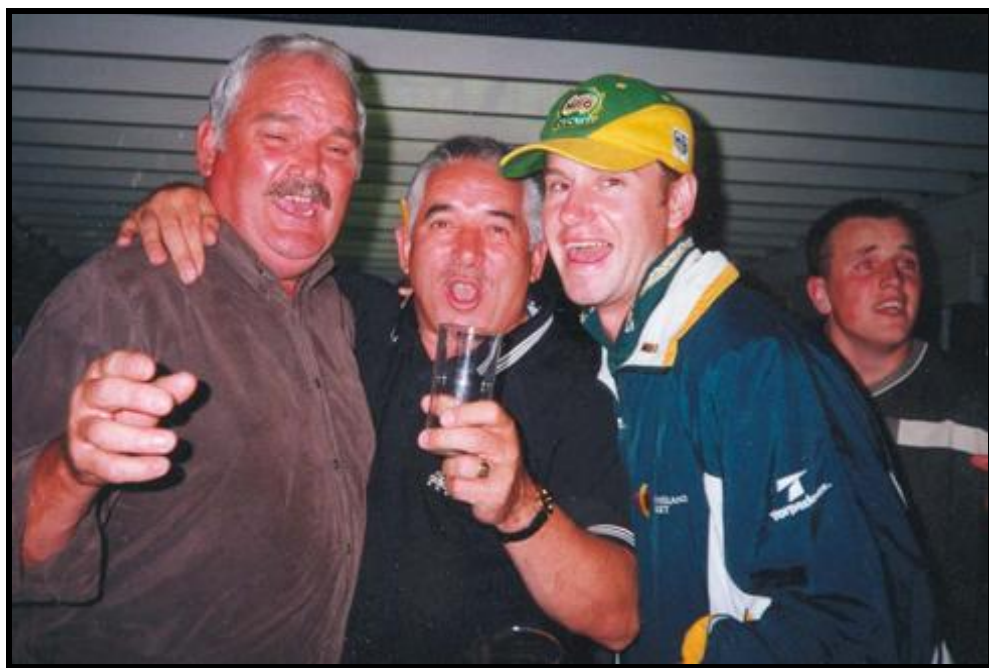
Pictured Left are: Craig Barnsley and Gareth Corfield who have both turned in good performances this season.

Far Left is Skipper Geraint Jones who has played all season for Kent 2<sup>nd</sup> X1



Pictured Left

Geraint Jones who is leaving the club to take up a contract with Kent CCC receiving a farewell gift from Paul Sussex the 2001 Chairman



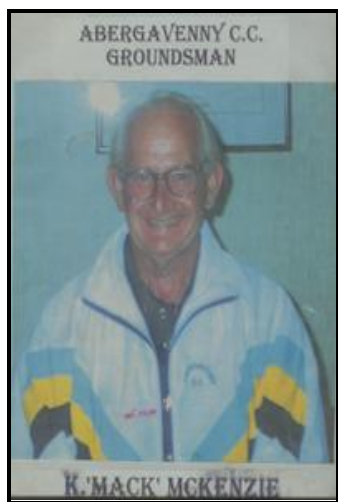
### Sri Lanka U19 in England, July - September 2000 Match Schedule

| Date        | Match                   | Venue       |
|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| <b>July</b> |                         |             |
| 25          | v ECB Schools           | Abergavenny |
| 26          | v ECB Schools           | Abergavenny |
| 28          | v England U19 - 1st ODI | Cardiff     |
| 29          | v England U19 - 2nd ODI | Cardiff     |



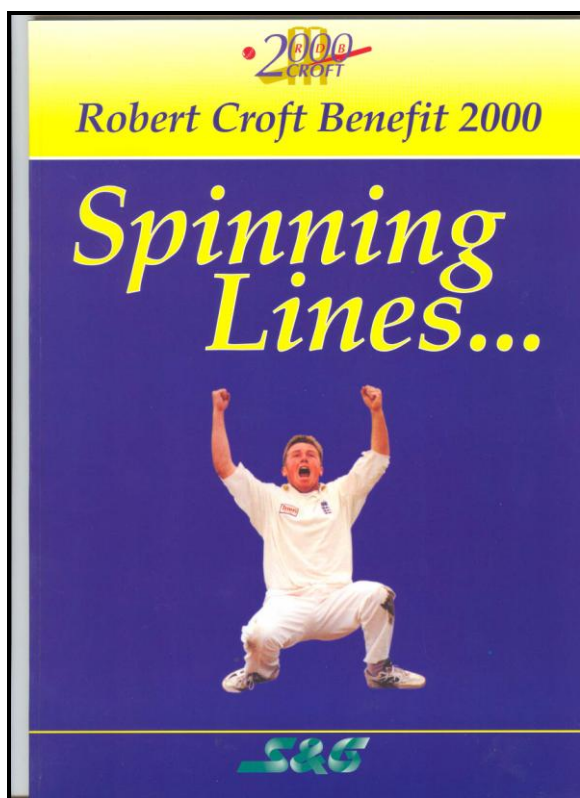
Pictured Left- 3 of  
the Sri Lankan Under  
19 Squad  
Weeraratne  
Mubarak  
Pushpakumara

Kaushalya Weeraratne (Trinity), captain, Thilina Kandambi (Ananda), vice-captain, Ian Daniel (St. Joseph's), Nimesh Perera (President's College, Rajagiriya), Mahesh Perera (St. Peter's), Jehan Mubarak (Royal), Rashan Peiris (St. Sebastian's), Muthumudalige Pushpakumara (Ananda), Ranil Dhammika (Lumbini MV), Prabath Nissanka (or Nuwan Quintus), Kaushalya Lokuarachchi (St. Peter's), Akalanka Ganegama (Ananda), Thilina Thushara (Kalutara Vidyalaya), Aruna Bandaranayake (S. Thomas', ML), Malintha Gajanayake (D.S. Senanayake).



Abergavenny Groundsman Ken McKenzie sadly passed away in 2000, after a very short illness. 'Mack' as he was affectionately known worked tirelessly for many years as our grounds man and took great pride in turning out a very well manicured ground. Mack had a distinguished career in the armed forces and used to recall many tales of his adventures as a paratrooper. His proudest moment was when Prince Charles visited the ground in 1994. His family kindly donated a memorial trophy so there is a permanent reminder of 'Mack' in the form a bench situated in the members enclosure.

A benefit Dinner was held at the Club for Robert Croft



Robert Croft was capped in 1992 by Glamorgan; he has represented England in both tests (21) and one day internationals (55) more times than any other Glamorgan player. Born in Swansea in 1970 he has only had one county throughout his career. He has been synonymous with welsh cricket since the day of his first class debut. "Crofty" is one of the most popular Glamorgan players and always gives one hundred percent, which endears him to the welsh crowds, he has developed his batting and often opens the innings in one day cricket. It is his spin bowling however that has made his name and he has been extremely consistent season after season in the championship

## Abergavenny Cricket Club History



Clubman of the Year Neil Pothecary  
1stX1 Player of the Year- Geraint Jones  
Young Cricketer of the year - Craig Barnsley  
Most Improved player -Lee Fury  
2<sup>nd</sup> X1 Player of the Year- Ryland Wallace

Craig Barnsley was turning out regularly for Glamorgan Under 17's and topped the batting averages with an average of 166 which included 121\* against Wiltshire at Pontardulais, helping Glamorgan win the Group. James Williams commented that "Barnsley hits the ball as powerfully as anyone I have seen at the level of Under 17"