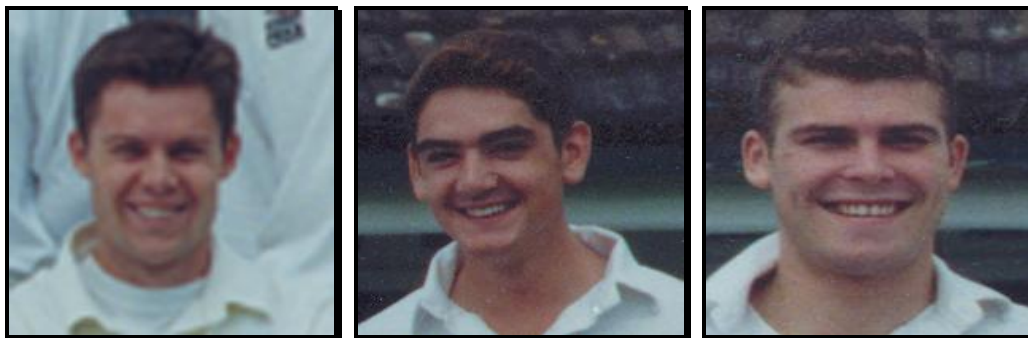


**Season 2000**

President J.B.Shackleton  
Chairman Tony Coles 1<sup>st</sup> X1

Captain G.O.Jones

2<sup>nd</sup> X1 Captain- Andy Timpson 3<sup>rd</sup> X1 Captain-Adil Gatrad. 4<sup>th</sup> X1 Captain-Greg Shearman  
Defending Champions East Wales League



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



.Geraint Jones, Alistair Fury, Ben Powell, Gary Meredith, Mark Wallace, Jon Hughes, Mike Baillon, Gareth Corfield, Paul Sussex, Lee James, Craig Barnsley, Gavin White, Alex Heslop



**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 Allstars 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

## Australian coach for youth sides

THINGS are looking up for Abergavenny Cricket Club's youth sides since they have had a coach from 'Down Under'.

As part of their drive to develop their youth teams and encourage more youngsters to take up the sport, the club brought in Darren Holder to coach the

sides.

Darren, a member of the Queensland State coaching team has given a new look to the sides which is growing from strength to strength under his teaching.

"Darren has brought excellent coaching skills and technical expertise, but maybe even more vital is his

passionate love of the sport," said Abergavenny club chairman, Tony Coles. "Anyone involved in his training session can't help but be fired up by his enthusiasm and drive."

Finance for the project has been provided by many local companies with the main sponsor being Robert

Price Builders' Merchants, whose marketing manager, Emma Parkes, said the company was proud of its strong links with many sports teams in South Wales at all levels.

"We recognise the importance of developing youth teams and are delighted to be involved with this project", she said.

After losing the first 3 games against Malpas, Newport and Penarth on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> the 1999 champions looked in trouble. Malpas 194-10 G.Corfield 3-48, Abergavenny 160-10 M.Wallace (63) Abergavenny 105-10 L.James (35) Newport 106-0. Penarth 204-10 L.James 4-44 Abergavenny 163-9 L.James (40)

But on May 13<sup>th</sup> -they kick started their defence of the title with a win over Tondy. Abergavenny only managed 153 all out with Mark Wallace(72) and Geraint Jones (26). Replying Tondy were all out for 91 thanks to persistence of Gareth Corfield 4-23, Paul Sussex 2-16, and Gareth Meredith 2-20. The 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 were playing Pontypridd and cruised to their 2<sup>nd</sup> win of the season, Abergavenny 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 223-7- Steve Brown (67) Gavin White (38) Pontypridd were dismissed for 102 with Andy Timpson taking 5-26 The same weekend the 4<sup>th</sup> X1 remained unbeaten after beating GE Nomads by 3 wickets. Nomads 69 all out Sam Barnor 4-13, Nick Bannon 3-13 two excellent catches for James Hrastelj- Abergavenny 4<sup>th</sup> X1 -70-7, Greg Shearman (16) J.Hrastelj (13) Dick Brown (13\*)

In the Macey shield Abergavenny 139-8 D.Holder (35) Blackwood 74 S.Timpson 2-11 May 29<sup>th</sup> - Abergavenny 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 defeated Newport 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 Abergavenny 160-9 Ryland Wallace (45)Mark Coles (45) Newport 149-9 with Andy Timpson taking 8-45 off 15 overs.He was ably supported by Ian Harris, Ben Pike and Mile Devoy.

June 4<sup>th</sup> -Swansea were routed 99-10 B.Pike 2-18 only for Abergavenny to reach 93 all out G.Jones (45)

June 17<sup>th</sup> 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 146 all out, J.Hughes 2-33, G.Corfield 2-44. At the same time Abergavenny 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 resumed their winning ways with a convincing 9 wicket win over Panteg 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 who were 112 all out with the wickets shared by Ian Harris, Paul Sussex and Andy

Timpson taking 2 wickets each and Mike Devoy 3 wickets. Abergavenny reaching their target for the loss of Mark Coles with Ryland Wallace (61\*) and Gavin White (41\*)

On June 24<sup>th</sup> 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 Llanarth were victorious Abergavenny 136-9 M. Wallace (33), Llanarth 139-3 G. Corfield 2-30.

July 8<sup>th</sup> 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. Meanwhile the 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 recorded their 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive victory to maintain top spot in their Division. Usk 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 155-9 could have been less but opening bowler Paul Sussex was forced off through injury having alongside Sam Timpson removed the top three batsmen. Andy Timpson, Mike Devoy and Andy Coles took the other 6 wickets to fall. Abergavenny 2<sup>nd</sup> X1- won by 5 wickets after losing Steve Brown and Mark Coles early Ryland Wallace (63) and Gavin White (44\*) out on 100 runs for the 3<sup>rd</sup> wicket

July 15<sup>th</sup> -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)

July 22<sup>nd</sup> - Abergavenny 1s X1 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 both moved into second place in the League without playing

### League Tables and Report of A Cricket Festival a Avenue Road

DIVISION ONE					
Newport	13	6	0	2	15.25
A/gavenny	11	5	0	2	13.43
Cardiff	12	5	0	3	13.13
Sudbrook	13	6	0	4	12.80
Usk	13	6	0	3	12.78
Panteg	11	4	0	3	12.14
St Fagans	12	5	0	4	11.44
Chepstow	12	4	0	4	10.25
Malpas	12	3	0	6	8.11
Tondu	11	2	0	6	7.75
Llanarth	12	0	0	9	3.33

DIVISION ONE (2)					
Cardiff	12	6	0	2	15.50
A/gavenny	11	6	0	2	14.75
Usk	13	7	0	3	14.10
P/rridd	11	5	0	2	13.57
Sudbrook	13	6	0	3	13.44
St Fagans	12	3	0	5	10.71
Newport	13	3	0	5	9.63
Malpas	12	3	0	6	9.11
Panteg	11	3	0	4	8.43
Chepstow	12	2	0	6	8.38
Llanarth	12	0	0	7	3.71

### Festival of Cricket at Avenue Road

A FESTIVAL of cricket starts at Avenue Road on Tuesday when Abergavenny play hosts to the two-day game between Sri Lanka under-19s play an English Cricket Board XI.

The game starts at 10.30am on both days and the game is being sponsored by Monmouthshire County Council with support from Abergavenny Town Council.

There will also be display of junior cricket under the direction of regional development coach Steve Watkin.

This will be followed on Thursday by a match between an Australian Invitation XI and a rest of the World XI.

The match has been organised by Glamorgan coach, Jeff Hammond and Abergavenny coach Darren Holder to bring together overseas players playing league cricket in the UK.

The Australian side will be captained by Adam Dale (Queensland) and will include Matthew Mott (Victoria), Ben Johnson (South Australia), Brad Hodge (Victoria), Chris Ferrin and Geoff Foley (Queensland), Daniel Marsh (Tasmania), Darren Berry (Victoria), Brad Hadden (New South Wales), David Saker (Victoria) and Shane Jurgensen (Tasmania).

The Rest of the World XI will include a mixture of Pakistan, West India, and South African first class players. The match will be 50 overs and will start at 12 noon.

As well as main sponsors Robert Price (Builders Merchants), Abergavenny's remaining home matches will be sponsored by Lloyds Bank (v Ammanford), Richards of Abergavenny (v Skewen and Ebbw Vale), Abergavenny Chronicle (v Llanarth), MII Mechanical Installations International Ltd (v Cardiff and St Fagans).

### Abergavenny bowlers destroy title contenders Cardiff at Avenue Road

July 29<sup>th</sup> 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 3-15 and Craig Barnsley 3-16. Alistair Fury (43\*) and Lee James (33\*) ensured a 10 wicket victory.

**Abergavenny 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 claim top spot defeating Cardiff 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 who were in top spot**  
Abergavenny 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 218 Gavin White (73\*) Jamie Rowles (53\*) Steve Brown (35) Cardiff 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 144 all out Mike Baillon 5-29, Andy Coles 2-28

**Abergavenny go top of Division 1 Thomas Carrol East Wales League**  
After a poor start to the season, Abergavenny went top picking up 79 points from a possible 80 in their last four matches, after a win over Chepstow. Chepstow 163-10 M.Baillon 3-37,G.Meredith 2-47. Abergavenny 166-4 A.Fury (53)Lee James (29)J.Hughes (49\*) Craig Barnsley (11) Meanwhile the 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 lost to Chepstow 2<sup>nd</sup> X1

**Enthralling Match between top and bottom of the League ends in win for the Leaders**  
August 12<sup>th</sup> 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\*) For Abergavenny Sam Timpson taking 3-69. The 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 slumped to 86-6 in 33 overs but thanks to (97\*) from Ryland Wallace and Lee Fury (16) they finished on 181-8. Llanarth 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 openers struggled against Paul Sussex and Mike Devoy, the former only conceding 13 runs from 11 overs before limping off injured. Llanarth 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 were eventually all out for 130. Andy Coles 4-17 and Andy Timpson 3-39.

August 19<sup>th</sup>-Panteg 209-4 M.Baillon 2-64 Abergavenny 210-1 A.Fury (39)Lee James (80\*) Geraint Jones (81\*) The 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 played at Avenue Road on a damp wicket Panteg 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 were bowled out for just 54 runs. P.Sussex3-31 and Lee Fury 3-14. Abergavenny 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 knocked off the required total in 18 overs- 'Southey' Williams (12) Ryland Wallace (13\*) Gwyn Pritchard (25\*o

Llanarth 197 G.Meredith 3-40 Abergavenny 138-10 Ben Powell (47\*)  
**Abergavenny Close the gap at the top with a low scoring win over St Fagans**  
August 26<sup>th</sup> A torrential electric storm on the Friday a fresh pitch was prepared thanks to Ray Hamer, Ken Williams and Neil Potheary  
Despite this, Abergavenny beat St Fagans at avenue road in a low scoring game, .. Abergavenny ended all-out 150. Craig Barnsley (43) Gavin White (38) Mark Wallace (24). In reply St Fagans only managed 93-10. 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

**Bank Holiday win over Tondu**  
August 28<sup>th</sup> A second victory over Tondu 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 Tondu with an amazing spell of 6-7 in 8.1 overs. Craig who has already represented Wales minor counties has a big future.

**Dropped catches end title hopes**  
Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)

Sept 9<sup>th</sup> Defeat in the final match at home against Usk ensured Usk rather than Abergavenny finished runners-up. 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

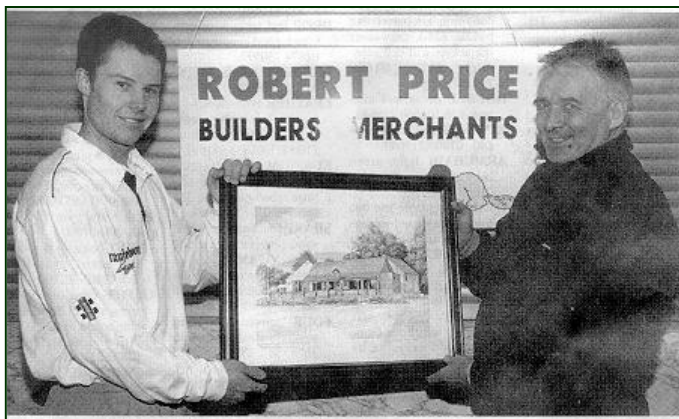
An England Cricket Board X1 played Sri Lanka Under 19's in a two day match at Avenue Road





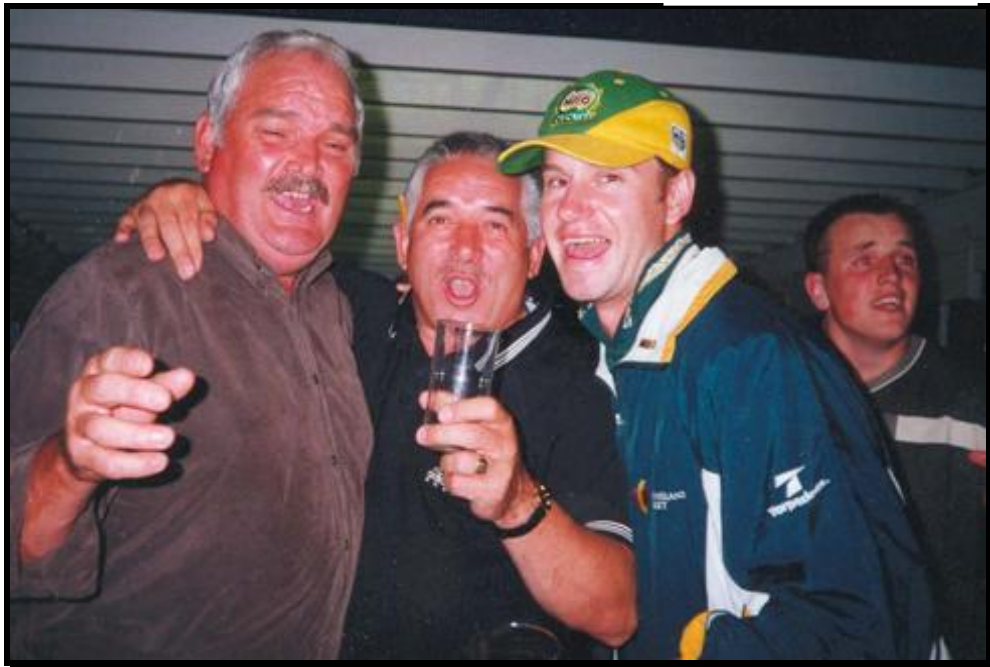
Pictured Left are: Craig Barnsley and Gareth Corfield who have both turned in good performances this season.

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



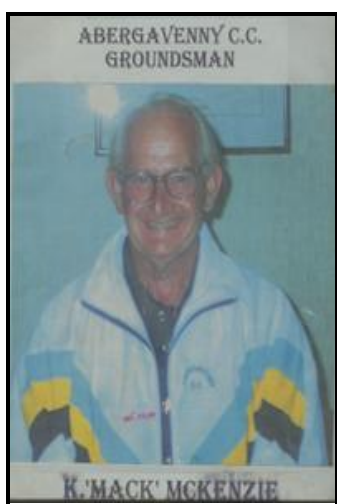
*Ray Hamer, Paul Sussex, Darren Holder and Andrew Coles  
Sri Lanka U19 in England, July - September 2000  
Match Schedule*

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



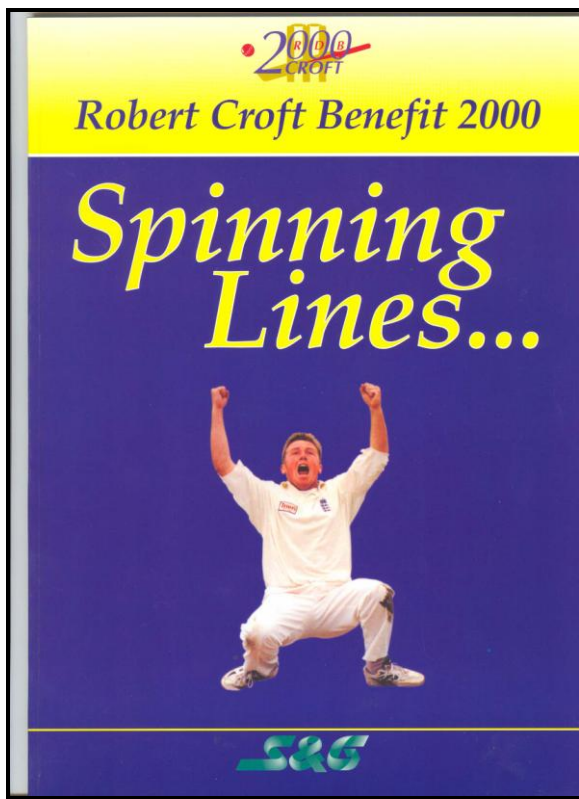
Pictured Left- 3 of the Sri Lankan Under 19 Squad  
Weeraratne  
Mubarak  
Pushpakumara

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), Rshan 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 Grounds Man 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



Clubman of the Year Neil Potheary  
1st X1 Player of the Year- Geraint Jones  
Young Cricketer of the year – Craig Barnsley  
Most Improved 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 Pontarddulais, 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"

#### STATISTICAL REVIEW

##### Cricket Committee

Chairman:	John Roberts
V.Chairman:	Ryland Wallace
Coach:	Darren Holder
1st X1 Capt:	Geraint Jones
2nd X1 Capt:	Andy Timpson
3rd X1 Capt:	Adil Gatrad



4th X1 Capt: Greg Shearman  
First X1 Fixture Review

May	Malpas (a)	Lost
	Newport(h)	Lost
	Penarth(h)	Lost
	Tondu (h)	Won
	Blackwood (h)	Won
June	Swansea(h)	Lost
	Panteg (h)	Won
	St Fagans (a)	Won
July	Llanarth(h)	Lost
	Usk (a)	Won
	Malpas (h)	Won
	Cardiff (h)	Won
August	Chepstow (a)	Won
	Llanarth(h)	Won
	Panteg (a)	Won
	Llanarth(a)	Lost
	St Fagans(h)	Won
Sept	Tondu (a)	Won
	Sudbrook(a)	Lost
	Usk (h)	Lost

**Batting Averages**  
**East Wales League**

G.Jones	14	1	520	97	40.00
M.Wallace	8	0	245	72	30.63
A.Fury	14	1	365	82	28.08
L.James	14	2	311	80*	25.92
J.Hughes	9	1	186	58	23.25
B.Powell	12	1	182	47*	16.55
C.Barnsley	12	2	164	46	16.40

**Bowling Averages**

Abergavenny 2000 1st XI LeagueBowling

	Name	Ov	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	Best	5-Wkt	Econ	S R	Av
C	Barnsley	88.4	19	20	274	6--71		3.09	26.60	13.70
G	Corfield	180.3	35	37	589	4--23		3.26	29.27	15.92
G	Meredith	141	18	24	456	4--26		3.23	35.25	19.00
J	Hughes	102.2	16	13	312	3--15		3.05	47.23	24.00
		Also	Bowled							
A	Heslop	26.5	2	6	79	3--16		2.94	26.83	13.17
P	Sussex	14	2	2	46	2--16		3.29	42.00	23.00
S	Timpson	46	6	5	154	3--69		3.35	55.20	30.80
M	Baillon	75	7	7	288	3--37		3.84	64.29	41.14
B	Pike	10	3	1	44	1--17		4.40	60.00	44.00
I	Harris	12	2	1	53	1--53		4.42	72.00	53.00
A	Fury	2	0	0	11	0--11		5.50	-----	-----
G	Jones	2	1	0	1	0--1		0.50	-----	-----

## Abergavenny Cricket Club History