

2014 Season

President-JB Shackleton
Chairman-Stephen Denning
Secretary-Kevin Schofield
1st X1 Captain- Gavin Heritage
2nd X1 Captain-Andy Timpson
3rd X1 Captain-Owain Bradley/
Crickhowell- Captain-Laurence Watts
Club Coach-Ali Bukharri

April 26th

Abergavenny v Pontypridd- Cancelled



Back Row- L R Dan Cooke, Andrew Clarke, Ali Bukhari, Mohammed Salman, Asim Gilani, Scott Greaves, Sam Mitchell

Front Row- L-R Barry Sharpe, Alex Astley-Jones, Gavin Heritage (Capt), Ruan Holt

May 3rd

Newbridge 156-5 v Abergavenny 1st X1 154 AllOut

VISITING Newbridge for the first time in the Glamorgan and Monmouthshire first Division, Abergavenny CC's First XI found a pitch which thanks to a heroic effort by the home club, remained playable. The all important toss resulted in the away side having to bat first with newcomer Sam Michell and Dan Cooke opening in place of the usual openers. Both found it hard going and Michell was bowled in the tenth over when only 14 runs were on the board. Last season's player of the year for Abergavenny, Lewis Parfitt, who transferred to Newbridge during the close season, quickly removed, Glenn, Schofield and new captain Heritage, whilst at the other end Cooke was LBW for a well fought 28. The pitch and outfield were gradually drying out and Ali Bukarri started to attack the bowling and shepherding the tail, lifting the total to 154 until he was out in the final over for 61. Abergavenny had a disastrous start with new recruit fast bowler Salman pulling up in his third over with a hamstring problem.

Opening the innings for Newbridge was former Abergavenny coach and Glamorgan player Ryan Watkins. Watkins scored 14 when he was well caught off a steeper by Scott Greaves and his fellow opener was clean bowled by Ali, raising Abergavenny hopes, but Fortune and Parfitt added 90 for the next wicket and despite two wickets for spinner Schofield, Newbridge achieved the target with five wickets in hand.

2nd XI v The Welsh Asians May 3rd

The sun was shining over Abergavenny on Saturday afternoon and most importantly over Avenue Road. After a 10:30am pitch inspection of a damp wicket, Second XI Captain Andrew Timpson was given the all clear for the second league game of the season to go ahead. Abergavenny were keen to get the 2014 season off to a winning start after the first league game was cancelled due to rain. The two captains wandered to the middle of the damp wicket for the coin toss. The Welsh Asians were successful with their call and elected to bowl first.

The Abergavenny opening batsmen strolled to the crease ready to get things started. Abergavenny's Barry Sharpe (making his league debut for the side) and Gareth Powell added a useful first wicket partnership of 32 runs before Sharpe departed for 6 being caught at mid-off. Abergavenny youngster Lewis Holley made his way to join Powell. The pair added 78 runs to the total, combining excellent stroke play and brilliant running between the wickets. Powell was unlucky to be run out but added a much needed 37 to the total. Jake Groves' innings was short lived after being bowled for 3 by the Welsh Asians' bowler Haaris Ahmed (3-18) who proved to be a key contributor in restricting the Abergavenny innings. Chaitanya Sanapala, who arrived to the game an hour after the scheduled start time, and Lewis Holley added a partnership of 21 before Sanapala was bowled to Ahmed. With the score on 135-4 Abergavenny seemed to collapse losing Holley for a very impressive 39 runs. John Lamont and Matthew Knight were both dismissed for 3, whilst Ryan Murphy-Sharpe was also dismissed cheaply adding 2 runs. Craig Whistance remained unbeaten and stranded at the non-strikers end on 6 not out, Gregory Spencer also was unbeaten on 3. The pair moved the score to 154-8 after Abergavenny's allotted 45 overs. A special mention goes to the Welsh Asians bowlers who despite bowling 39 wides managed to all keep their bowling figures respectable. Skipper Andrew Timpson threw the new ball to Gregory Spencer who opened the bowling from the Avenue Road end. Spencer bowled with a steady pace and managed to maintain a good line and length throughout his spell finishing with figures of 6 overs 14 runs for no wicket, doing well to contain the Welsh Asians batsmen. Craig Whistance also opened the bowling from the Brook end bowling his allotted 9 overs straight through. He picked up the first two wickets of the opening batsman, both caught by Matthew Knight fielding at cover. Whistance managed to pick up a third wicket bowling E. Malik for 9 runs, picking up superb figures of 3 wickets for 4 runs after bowling his 9 overs. Whistance also managed to run out Haaris Ahmed whilst fielding at fine leg, a pinpoint throw to wicket keeper Barry Sharpe who whipped the bails off.

Captain Timpson decided to change things up bringing on the youngest team member Ryan Murphy-Sharpe to bowl at the Avenue Road end. Murphy-Sharpe worked in tandem with Whistance and then with Captain Timpson to dismiss the rest of the Welsh Asians batting line up. Murphy-Sharpe settled in bowling his medium paced swing finishing well with figures of 7 overs -3 wickets-16 runs. Andrew Timpson, who was not required with the bat, brought himself on to bowl his left arm spin. After bowling an expensive first over managed to settle in for the second over picking up his first wicket of Mubashir Swati who departed for 16 runs after hitting a couple of big sixes. Timpson managed to pick up two further wickets and finished up with figures of 3.2 overs-3 wickets-19 runs. The Welsh Asians were bowled out for 54 runs off of 25.2 overs with Abergavenny winning by 100 runs and picking up 17 points to start their league campaign. Abergavenny should be proud of their performance with the ball and in the field and will take some momentum out of Saturday's game carrying it into next weekend's trip to Miskin Manor.

The team would like to thank Nick Kinman who umpired the game.

Luctonians v Beavers May 3rd

A DEPLETED Abergavenny Beavers made the long trip to Luctonians on Saturday with only 10 men due to some late dropouts. Beavers won the toss and decided to bat on a track which looked a belter. Aber lost early wickets with Nathan Holley, Tom Griffiths and Morgan Bevans all out before the score was on 30. Nick Kinman(17) and Mark Winstanley(40) got themselves in before departing with the score on 89-5 after 18 overs. Garin Price and Owain Bradley quickly rebuilt the innings with Price playing some elegant shots in his first game of the season. Bradley ticked over at the other end as the Beavers moved closer and closer to a competitive score. Both batsmen were out in the dying overs with Price scoring 66 and Bradley 48 as the Beavers scored 206-8. Griffiths opened the bowling for the Beavers. He bowled the opposition captain after some good short balls which left him on his back foot. Bradley claimed one wicket which was beautifully caught by young Kevin Palmer at point but Luctonians were well up on the run rate. Palmer was then brought into the attack and he took two wickets. But with the lack of bowling the Beavers had, Luctonians comfortably won by six wickets with seven overs to go. Next

Saturday sees Aber play Widemarsh Lads Club at Crickhowell where hopefully a few more experienced players will return to the team.

May 10th

Abergavenny v Croesyceiliog- Cancelled

May 17th

Blackwood 248 All Out Ali Bukhari 6-52 Ruan Holt 2-27 One wkt each for Gillani and Hrastelj v Abergavenny
175 All Out William Glenn [15] Ali Bukhari [18] James Hrastelj [68] Dan Cooke [22]



Pictured above Blackwood Ground & Pavilion

May 17th

On the hottest day of the year so far Abergavenny Beavers finally began their Marches League Division 3 campaign with Garnons 2nds making the trip from Hereford. New captain Owain Bradley won the toss and put the visitors into bat. Tom Griffiths opened the bowling with the returning Lee Fury who was playing his first game since 2009. Both bowled with lively pace beating the bat on several occasions. Fury claimed the first wicket of the day, bowling the Garnons opener and another wicket followed with debutant Dinesh Rex claiming a wicket with his second ball caught at mid wicket. Youngster Richard Monnington came on first change replacing Griffiths and as always kept things very tight going for 13 runs off his 5 overs. He also chipped in with the one wicket and Bradley also getting an lbw in his favour. A run out which was neatly done by Griffiths and a further wicket for Rex restricted Garnons to 145-6 off 45 overs. Rex was the pick of the bowlers as he finished with impressive figures with 2 for 20 off 10 overs with 3 maidens.

After the tea interval Aber made a disastrous start to the innings as John Lamont, Rex and Drew Heffernan all back in the pavilion for single figure scores. A solid partnership between veteran batsman Nick Kinman(27) and eleven year old Morgan Bevan(15) got the score up to 60 against some good tight bowling. Both batsman were then out in successive overs leaving the Beavers with a lot of work to do. Mark Winstanley hit a couple of blows to the boundary but was unluckily bowled, Griffiths and Fury didn't hang around long and more than 40 runs were still needed but importantly there was still 15 overs remaining. Nathan Holley rotated the strike nicely and also put the bad ball away for four but he was dismissed for 31 with five runs still required. Monnington hit his first ball for a single and skipper Bradley (16no) stroked the winning runs as Aber just about got over the line winning by one wicket.

The Beavers next game is against Goodrich 2nds

May 24th

Abergavenny v Tondou-Cancelled

May 31st

St Fagans 217-8 Ali Bukhari 3-36 & 1 wicket each for Greaves Holt and Gillani Abergavenny 138 All Out Andrew Jones [19] Dan Cooke [13] James Schofield [40] Ali Bukhari [25] Scott Greaves [13*] Ryan Murphy Sharpe [12]

June 7th

Abergavenny v Penarth- Cancelled

June 14th

Chepstow 209-6 Ali Bukhari 1 wicket each for Heritage, Cooke, Salman & Gillani 2-36 v Abergavenny 149 All Out Dan Cooke [24] Glenn Hunter [45] William Glenn [19] Muhammad Salman [21] Barry Sharpe [20]

June 21st

Abergavenny 135 All Out Glenn Dan Cooke [15] Barry Sharpe [27] Muhammad Salman [24] Ruan Holt [24*] Hunter [25] v Usk 245-5 Ruan Holt-2-61 Asim Gillani 2-50 Ali Bhukari 1-29

June 28th

Abergavenny 175-8 v Sudbrook 111 All Out

Only second home game this season

Abergavenny first team were anxious to play only their second home game of the season even though the pitch was slightly damp. A shower prevented play for a further hour and the young openers Sam Michell and Dan Cooke came out to face Rob Thorn who had taken 14 wickets in his previous 3 games. On this bowler friendly pitch they coped well until Cooke was out caught by the wicket keeper off the left arm over the wicket of John Lewis. The bowler did even more damage in his next over as he claimed a hat trick removing Michell, Clarke and Heritage in successive balls. The score crept to 72-7 and Bukari became more adventurous and made 42 before he was out. The tone had been set and in the next 25 minutes 70 runs were added with Gillani despatching the ball to all parts of the ground for his 44 not out and Abergavenny had reached the very unlikely total of 175-8 off their allotted 42 overs

Cooke bowling quickly and Bukari carried on their fine opening bowling from the previous week and Cook was rewarded with the wickets of Kinchin and Morgan. Salman and Clarke kept the pressure on the Sudbrook batsman and when Michell took a superb one handed catch diving to his left to remove Matt Jones, who seemed to have mastered the seaming wicket, it reduced the away side to 95-5. Gillani and Clarke quickly finished off the tail and Sudbrook were all out for 111, leaving the home side winners by 64 runs.

July 5th-Pentyrch 195-9 v Abergavenny 169 All Out

ABERGAIVENNY CC returned from Pentyrch disappointed after failing to defeat their nearest rivals in a basement battle. Despite the heavy rain of the previous evening the game started on time and Aber's Cooke and Bukhari were soon rewarded with a wicket each. Former Abergavenny and Glamorgan star Mike Powell, now player coach at Pentyrch, added 40 alongside Connor Brown, before Powell was LBW to Salman. Three balls later Wilcox was walking back to the pavilion. Captain Steve Matthews and Brown added 82 and then the skipper was deceived by the flight and young left arm spinner Scott Greaves gained his reward for some accurate bowling. The talented Brown was eventually bowled by Bukhari for 84 and the bowler grabbed another two wickets as his pace proved too much for the tail enders and after 50 overs the home side were 195-9. In bat the Beavers got off to a disastrous start with two smart catches at slip by Scott Matthews off the bowling of veteran Grossett accounting for Schofield and Cooke. Baloch and Bukhari slowly rebuilt the innings to 77 when Bukari was out trying to break the stranglehold that Brown had put on and as so often happens, in his next over, Baloch was also a Brown victim. Abergavenny tried to up the tempo with birthday boy Will Glenn scoring 27, Gillani and Salman hitting out, but all was in vain and the away side finished 29 runs short. This late in the season it is going to require some hard work for Abergavenny to maintain their League One status. They have the players capable to achieve this, but will they stand up and be counted when it matters most?

July 12th

Pontypridd 39-2 v Abergavenny 279-7 Andrew Jones [86] Gavin Heritage [38] Dan Cooke [36] Sam Michell [16]
Muhammad Salman [60*] Asim Gillani [15*]

Abandoned

July 19th-Abergavenny 271-8 v Newbridge 255-7

IN a game which saw over 500 runs, attacking batting, excellent fielding, and an outcome in doubt right up until a maiden in the 48th over, the Beavers did well to record a 16 run victory over Newbridge on Saturday. On the day which the weathermen had confidently predicted long spells of thundery rain, there was an overnight storm and early morning rain but the ground-staff gang worked hard on the pitch all morning and much to everyone's delight the game started on time. Akhtar Balouch and Andrew Jones proceeded steadily against the young opening bowlers but when the first change was made Balouch upped a gear with three successive boundaries. Jones was first out with the score at 85 which initiated a collapse as a further three wickets fell, all victims of Tony Birt. Captain Gavin Heritage and Andy Clarke started to repair the damage with Clarke being particularly aggressive. The pair added 143 before Clarke was caught on the boundary off Lewis Parfitt who also tempted Heritage and Cooke to a similar fate. Abergavenny were pleased with their score of 271 for eight off their allotted 50 overs. Former Abergavenny coach Ryan Watkins opened the batting with Monmouth school boy Ben Wellington and the score had reached 42 when Wellington mishooked Bukari and was caught by Scott Greave. The second century partnership of the game was completed by Watkins and David Fortune and then the latter was acrobatically caught by Andrew Jones for 46. Next batsman Lewis Parfit, who was Abergavenny's first team player of the year last season but changed clubs during the winter, joined Watkins and it looked as though they were going to see Newbridge home. Yet in trying to steal a short run Watkins was run out by a direct hit by James Schofield. At 223-3 with 11 overs left and 49 runs to win the away side still seemed odds on to win but

nervousness and tight bowling, particularly that maiden over saw Abergavenny triumph by 16 runs. It was a very welcome win for the home side especially with the weather denying them victory against Pontypridd last week. Next Saturday, the Beavers are away to Croesyceiliog.

July 26th

Croesyceiliog 244 All Out Scott Greaves 3-43 Ali Bukhari 2-27 One wicket each for Holt, Gillani, Salman & Schofield v Abergavenny 246-5 Andrew Jones [40] James Schofield [10] Gavin Heritage [55] Ali Bukhari [90*]

August 2nd-Abergavenny v Blackwood-Cancelled

August 9th

Tondu 61-4 v Abergavenny 145 All Out Andrew Jones [15] Akhtar Balouch [19]Gavin Heritage [22] Ali Bukhari [24] Muhammad Salman [29]

Match Abandoned

August 16th

Abergavenny 111 All Out Andrew Jones[58] Lewis Holley [13] James Hrastelj [12] v St Fagans 112-2

August 23rd

Penarth 190-1 Ryan Sylvester 108* v Abergavenny 189 all out A.Jones [22] James Schofield [52] Gavin Heritage [52] Ali Bukhari [8]

Sudbrook v Abergavenny August 25th

Cancelled

Abergavenny v Chepstow-August 30th

Going into the game with possibly their strongest side of the season Abergavenny were anticipating a close game with 2nd in the table Chepstow and if the toss was won hopes would be even higher. Alas captain Gavin Heritage called incorrectly and the Abergavenny openers soon discovered that the uneven drying of the pitch left it two paced and with the opposition bowling gun barrel straight wickets soon began to tumble with 4 wickets falling in the first 7 overs.Schofield and Clarke raised hope but with the score on 31 ,three more wickets fell.Dan Cooke and Salman put together a very useful stand of 42 before Salman succumbed. Batting at 10 Barry Sharpe displayed his full range of wristy shots and was averaging a run a ball which would have been even more if the outfield had been drier and he had a little more puff!! He was eventually bowled(tired) out for 42 and the innings closed on 139.Dan Cook carried his bat for 47 and batted with great patience,maturity and spiced it, with 2 huge sixes and three fours The accuracy of his pace bowling has improved dramatically and he is beginning to fulfil his undoubted potential.

The wicket had partially dried out when Chepstow batted and they proceeded slowly with Jake Kings holding the fort as Clarke claimed Teague and Madursingh Two more wickets fell in early 70's and Abergavenny had high hopes but several catching lapses close to the wicket let the away side off the hook and led by their captain Jason Dobbie and Monmouth school player David Monks reached the required target.

Hopes of avoiding relegation will be kept alive if Usk can be beaten next Saturday and both of their relegation rivals have still to play top of the table St.Fagans.

September 6th-Usk 167 All Out v Abergavenny 168-1. September 13th -Abergavenny 182 All Out v Pentyrch 183-7



Beavers 2014-Pictured at
Crickhowell

Standing Drew Heffernan Lee
Fury Tom Griffiths Nick Kinman
Dinesh Rex Morgan Bevans
Richard Monnington
Sitting Mark Winstanley Owain
Bradley Nathan Holley



Abergavenny 4th X1 Saturday August 9th

Abergavenny Beavers v Glangrwyney 1sts Standing Anthony Jawahir Tom Keane Glen Hamilton Tom Griffiths
Greg Spencer Richard Monnington Joe Hrastelj

Sitting Owain Bradley Mark Winstanley Nathan Holley Morgan Bevans
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Player Awards and Achievements

1ST TEAM PLAYER OF THE YEAR-LEWIS WHITE MEMORIAL CUP
Ali Bukhari



2ND TEAM PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Gareth Powell

3RD TEAM (CRICKHOWELL) PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Lawrence Watts

4TH TEAM (ABERGAVENTNY BEAVERS) PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Nathan Holley

YOUNG PLAYER OF THE YEAR
MALCOM NASH CUP
Lewis Holley
MOST PROMISING YOUNG PLAYER
ABERGAVENNY FIRE STATION CUP
Morgan Bevan
THE COLIN WOODS MEMORIAL TROPHY
Not presented
CHAIRMANS AWARD
Kevin & Irene Schofield
Sunday Development X1
Anthony Janawir