

2015 Season  
President-JB Shackleton  
Chairman-Stephen Denning  
Secretary-Kevin Schofield  
1<sup>st</sup> X1 Captain- Gavin Heritage/Geraint Leach  
2<sup>nd</sup> X1 Captain-Gareth Powell  
3<sup>rd</sup> X1 Captain-Nathan Holley  
Crickhowell- Captain-Laurence Watts

Beavers urged to lift their intensity  
May 9<sup>th</sup>

Abergavenny 1stX1 158-9 J.Hrastelj-23,T.Zafar-45, A.Clarke-46 v Croesyceiliog- 226-9-N.Byrne-3-52, Dinesh Rex-2-31, A.Clarke-1-38, S.Greaves-1-28.

FOLLOWING last week's washout, Abergavenny CC's First X1 had high hopes of getting their first win of the season against Croesyceiliog.

It started well, with captain Gavin Heritage winning the toss on an overcast morning and putting the opposition in to bat on a damp pitch.

Croesyceiliog found themselves 37-2, with Dan Cooke and Nathan Byrne exerting early pressure with commendable accuracy. The pendulum swung in Croesyceiliog's favour with a 79-run partnership before another flurry of wickets fell from a spell of threatening bowling from Dinesh Rex and Abergavenny's rising young spinner Scott Greaves.

With Cooke leaving the field for hospital treatment after he dislocated his shoulder following a calamitous collision with a steel upright, Abergavenny had to change their death-bowling plans. Through a combination of determination, good running between the wickets and a few slices of luck Croesyceiliog finished on 226-9 from their 50 overs.

Abergavenny's innings had a promising start, with openers James Hrastelj and Will Glenn looking solid and scoring easily, until Glenn succumbed to an in-swinging trying to force the pace.

A comfortable partnership began to build until two wickets fell in quick succession. Hrastelj chipped a plugging off-spinner to midwicket and Heritage was controversially run out. Abergavenny fought their way to 145-3 with Andy Clarke and Tamoor Zafar playing some excellent shots, and looked set to chase the target down.

Another piece of ill fortune broke the partnership when Tamoor inside-edged a short ball onto his pads, which trickled back and agonisingly disturbed the bails. A monumental collapse then ensued, with Abergavenny losing their remaining wickets for just 13 runs, ending 68 runs shy of the target.

Abergavenny must rapidly lift the intensity, determination and application if they are to fulfil their ambitions of a high table finish this year. Everyone at the club sincerely wishes Dan Cooke a speedy recovery from what a doctor at the scene described as "a nasty looking injury".

2<sup>nd</sup> X1v Lisvane

Abergavenny seconds eased to a comfortable victory at Lisvane on Saturday. Captain Gareth Powell led the way with 45, David Glinos chipped in with 32, Richard Roberts hit a quickfire 40, Nathan Holley finished on 27 not out but the top score was veteran Barry Sharpe as he scored 62. 266-6 from 45 overs always seemed too much for

Lisvane but they made an excellent start as the openers scored 102 between them.

But wickets soon tumbled with Andy Timpson and Matthew Knight taking three each, Chaitanya Sanapala taking the one wicket and Powell with the last two as Lisvane finished on 192-9.



**Through the thickets and down the wickets-1975 Re-Union**  
 Pictured in the back row L-R are: E.Hughes (Umpire), D.Jones, D.Harries, B.Williams, L.Wilcock, S.Lennox, K.Watkins.

Front Row L-R: D.Griffin, M.Powell, B.Shackleton(Captain) J.Powell, R.Brown.

## Abergavenny Cricket Club reunion forty years on

PAST players gathered for the 40th anniversary of the 1975 Three Counties League winning Season. The reunion saw players travelling from Leeds, Hampshire, Taunton Trowbridge and from all over Wales. Among the guests was Malcolm Nash who began his distinguished career in Abergavenny and eventually captained Glamorgan CCC

welcomed everyone on behalf of the Club and Brian Shackleton who was the skipper of the 75 side gave a humorous address.

This was followed by a PowerPoint presentation of the Season with statistics and profiles of the players from that year.

Absent friends were remembered fondly and nostalgia was the order of the evening. The Chairman and President thanked Paul Sussex who was the 'mastermind' behind the evening and had also produced a commemorative booklet for each player.

*Then and now... the 1975 Three Counties League winning team reunite at Abergavenny Cricket Club after 40 years*

### Abergavenny CC announce reunion for team of 1975!

Abergavenny Cricket Club are hosting a 40th Anniversary reunion evening of the successful 1975 Season, when the First X1 won the Three Counties League and were runners up in the Monmouthshire Knockout, and the Second X1 won the Gwent Premier League.

This was Abergavenny Cricket Club's best season for more than 20 years and was an overwhelming success for both teams.

The First X1 forged ahead from the word go. They suffered a blow when top batsman Mike Powell broke a wrist when umpiring an August heat of the Abergavenny Superstar competition, but still managed to clinch the title before his return for the end of the season match against Colwall. Retiring captain Brian Shackleton put their success down to both the bowlers and consistent batting.

Paul Sussex told the Chronicle, "Many of the members from that era still live locally and the club hopes it will not be difficult to get in touch with them, however there are a number whom the Club has lost contact with over the years and it is hoped that they will somehow get to hear of this event."

The reunion night will be held on August 15 from 7.30pm at the clubhouse. For further details please email Paul Sussex on [pdwsussex@gmail.com](mailto:pdwsussex@gmail.com).



**Abergavenny remain emphatic**  
 Abergavenny CC's third team completed an emphatic victory over Bosbury by 133 runs. Under 13 Gwent Wicketkeeper James Roberts and Lee Fury opened the batting for the Beavers and were tested early on. Roberts was the first wicket to go as he went for the big shot and was caught at square leg.....

.....Captain for the day Nathan Byrne then came to the crease and showed good intent from the very first ball. Both batsman were hitting boundaries freely until Byrne came down the pitch to the Bosbury slow bowler and completely missed the ball and then being bowled for 33. James Aurelius came in and his first scoring shot was a six over square leg. With Bosbury bowlers tiring, Abergavenny were scoring off every ball. Aurelius finished with a career best 60 and Fury completed a maiden league hundred hitting 113 and another youngster William Glenn hit a quickfire 26 as Abergavenny scored 279-6 off 45 overs. The Bosbury innings never really got going as Byrne took the first wicket with his first ball in the 11th over. Owain Bradley then took the other opener as wickets started to tumble. Richard Monnington and Joe Bowden chipped in with one wicket each, Aurelius finished the game off with two wickets but the start of the show was leg spinner Jimmy Herrick who had impressive figures of three wickets for eight runs. Bosbury were all out for 146 in the 41st over. At the halfway point Abergavenny sit in second place in Marches League Division Three with six wins out of eight and will now have hope to finish the season strong by finishing in the promotion places.



**Handsome victory for the Beavers**

Abergavenny CC's Third XI managed to beat both the elements and a very strong Luctonian's side to chalk up a fourth consecutive victory at a surprisingly dry Crickhowell cricket ground on Saturday. Following some excellent preparation by the ground staff.....

.....the Crickhowell wicket was eminently playable and the game was able to start promptly at 1pm. Luctonian's skipper Steve Powell won the toss and immediately asked Abergavenny to bat first. Beavers openers Tom Griffiths (18) and Drew Heffernan (10) belied the overhead conditions to get the home side off to a comfortable start, however a couple of quick wickets meant skipper Steve Brown and Lee Fury had to set about a repair job. They had moved the score to 70-3 before Brown was well taken at slip for a patient 15. Fury lost further allies until he was joined by youngster Kyle Holmes who immediately set about pushing the Beavers total towards 150. The pair were batting with freedom and fluency which had deserted the middle order and looked on course to post a very challenging first innings total before Fury was run out for an excellent 33. Holmes began to marshal the lower order and combined solid defence with vicious attack to end the innings as Beavers top scorer with 36 as Abergavenny were bowled out for 145 in the final over. Skipper Steve Brown felt this total was a little below par but had confidence that his side were still in the contest as the players broke for the tea interval. On resumption under heavier skies, Beavers opening bowlers Tom Griffiths (2-28) and Meici Jones (2-18) took advantage of the overhead conditions to restrict the visitors to 5-2 during the early exchanges. A few lusty blows from Bengry threatened Abergavenny's low total but he was well bowled by Griffiths before he could alter the Luctonians tempo. Beavers change bowlers of James Aurelius (2-14) and Kyle Holmes (2-8) kept the pressure on the visitors as they continued to pick up regular wickets. Some excellent outfielding and catching by the home side ensured that Lucs could not build any telling partnerships and Lucs number three, Whizz Ettinger saw partners come and go as he was left high and not

so dry on 33\* as the Beavers bowled the opposition out for 76.

A handsome 69 run victory was the end result which lifts Beavers to within 14 points of leaders Colwall at the summit of Marches League Division Three.



May 16<sup>th</sup>

Pontypridd 229-7 T.Zafar-3-43, Dinesh Rex-2-17, S.Greaves-2-49, v Abergavenny 1<sup>st</sup> X1-235-7-T.Zafar-106, G.Heritage-40, A.Clarke-28

May 23<sup>rd</sup>

Abergavenny 1<sup>st</sup> X1- 314-9- A.Jones-73, T.Zafar-173, v Usk-264 all out- N.Byrne-3-44, A.Clarke-2-34, T.Zafar-2-30, S.Greaves-2-65

### Tamoor hits Usk hard in 50 run victory

AFTER their Herculean last-over victory against Pontypridd last week, Abergavenny approached their local derby against Usk with renewed vigour and a determined intent.

This fixture usually produces some of the best cricket of the season, and Saturday was no different.

Abergavenny captain, Gavin Heritage, won the toss on a scorching afternoon and decided to bat. Usk struck quickly when Will Glenn miss-hit a lofted drive to mid off and in walked Tamoor Zafar. Already recognised as a great talent, Tamoor established himself as a key run-scorer for Abergavenny last week with a tough century and was hoping to build on his form.

Abergavenny's batting line up had been bolstered further by the return of Andrew Jones, who has long been the rock of their innings. Tamoor and Jones quickly began to dominate the bowling, as glorious drives were followed by dismissive pull shots.

With the scoring rattling along to reach 160-1, Usk looked in serious trouble until Jones failed to properly connect with a short ball and found the hands of the mid-wicket fielder, falling for 73. However, this had no effect on Tamoor, who continued to dispatch the Usk bowlers to all corners of the ground and beyond. Six balls were lost in the last few overs as each one in succession flew out of the ground. To whatever the bowlers tried Tamoor had the answers. Abergavenny's middle and lower order contributed well to a series of quick-scoring partnerships as the total flew to 314-9 off their 50 overs.

Abergavenny's huge total put pressure on the Usk batsmen from the start, as the required run rate crept up with every tight over.

Opening bowler Nathan Byrne had been finding his form and fitness in recent weeks, but proved to be the spearhead Abergavenny were looking for this week.

By bowling tight lines with aggression and movement Byrne took the edge of Usk's star batsman, Iain Clayton and Abergavenny saw an opening.

Despite several gritty partnerships by the Usk batsmen, the wickets continued to fall at regular intervals, with Andy Clarke, Scott Greaves and Tamoor taking two wickets each. Oliver James was the standout batsman for Usk, scoring a well-fought 58 off just 61 balls, before he fell to a stunning catch on the boundary by Dinesh Rex.

Clarke and Byrne mopped up the tail and Abergavenny celebrated a fantastic 50-run victory. Having climbed to fourth in the league, Abergavenny look to another 'crunch' game next week at Avenue Road against fifth-placed Sudbrook.



May 30<sup>th</sup>

Abergavenny 1<sup>st</sup> X1 265-4 A.Jones-124\* A.Clarke-81, G.Heritage-21 v Sudbrook 262-9 J.Hrastelj-2-47, A.Clarke-2-44, T.Zafar-3-35, S.Greaves-1-33

Pictured Left-Abergavenny opener Morgan Bevens gasps as Rob Simmonds demolishes his stumps with the first ball of the innings

Andrew Jones and Andy Clarke who put on 160 for the fourth wicket

June 6<sup>th</sup>

Blackwood 248 all out N.Byrne-2-58, J.Hrastelj-2-23, T.Zafar-1-21, A.Clarke-1-45, Dinesh Rex-3-52 v  
Abergavenny 1<sup>st</sup>X1- 252-8 B.Sharpe-23,T.Zafar-98\*, Dinesh Rex-46

June-13<sup>th</sup> Rain Newbridge Game cancelled

June 20<sup>th</sup>

Chepstow 246-2 A.Clarke-2-24 v Abergavenny 1<sup>st</sup> X1-253-6 L.Holley-37, G.Heritage-89,A.Clarke-62,  
Dinesh Rex-23

June 27<sup>th</sup>

Radyr CC 194-7 A.Clarke-1-32,K.Holmes-1-23, S.Greaves-1-17, Dinesh Rex-1-33 G.Heritage-3-48 v  
Abergavenny 1<sup>st</sup> X1 B.Sharpe-21, L.Holley-26, G.Heritage-53\*, A.Clarke-73\*

July 11<sup>th</sup>

Abergavenny 1<sup>st</sup> X1 288-8 A.Jones-25, G.Heritage-89, A.Clarke-66 Dinesh Rex-35, G.Leach-30\* v Malpas  
249 all out A.Clarke-2-29, G.Leach-1-37, S.Greaves-4-58, G.Heritage-2-33

July-18<sup>th</sup>

Croesyceiliog 210 all out J.Hrastelj-4-58 A.Clarke-2-27, S.Greaves-1-39, Dinesh Rex-2-23, G.Leach 1-29. v  
Abergavenny 1<sup>st</sup> X1-293-7 A.Jones-162,G.Heritage -23, A.Clarke-28

August 1<sup>st</sup>

Usk 266-8 j.Hrastelj-2-55, A.Clarke-1-52, N.Byrne-1-25,T.Zafar-2-31, v Abergavenny 1<sup>st</sup> X1-265-7 T.Zafar-  
135, Alex Astley-Jones-42

August 8<sup>th</sup>

Sudbrook 319-1 S.Greaves -1-62 v Abergavenny 1<sup>st</sup> X1-316-7 T.Zafar-141, G.Leach-39, W.Glenn-31,  
A.Clarke-41

August 15<sup>th</sup>

Abergavenny 1<sup>st</sup> X1 v Blackwood

Blackwood 170 All Out- J.Hrastelj-1-22, A.Clarke-3-39, S.Greaves 2-30, M.Knight-1-46, T.Zafar-3-28-  
Abergavenny 171-1 A.Jones-14, G.Heritage -71\* T.Zafar-64\*

August 22<sup>nd</sup>- Rain Newbridge Game cancelled

August 29<sup>th</sup>

Chepstow -282 all out J.Hrastelj-2-55, A.Clarke-1-38, S.Greaves -1-26, G.Leach- 2-49, T.Griffiths -2-18,  
K.Holmes-2-28. Abergavenny 1<sup>st</sup> X1-187-9 G.Heritage -42, T.Zafar-30, G.Leach 20, S.Greaves 28

September 5<sup>th</sup> 2015-

Abergavenny 1<sup>st</sup> X1 313-4 defeated Radyr- 215-4

Tamoor Zafar-121 Andy Clarke-121\*





Andy Clarke, Tom Griffiths Geraint Leach, Kyle Holmes, TamoorZafar, Andrew Jones, Gavin Heritage,Lewis Holley, Morgan Bevans, , Tris Astley-Jones,Scott Greaves ,

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Chepstow CC	18	13	3	1	1	0	0	0	73	66	0	269	16.81
Croesyceiliog CC	18	10	5	2	1	0	0	0	69	58	0	227	15.13
Usk CC	18	10	7	1	0	0	0	0	84	61	0	245	14.41
Newbridge CC	18	10	6	2	0	0	0	0	53	67	0	220	13.75
Abergavenny CC	18	10	5	2	1	0	0	0	68	56	20	204	13.6
Blackwood Town CC	18	8	6	3	1	0	0	0	56	54	0	190	13.57
Sudbrook CC	18	7	8	3	0	0	0	0	64	47	0	181	12.07
Pontypridd CC	18	6	9	3	0	0	0	0	45	48	0	153	10.2
Radyr CC	18	2	12	3	1	0	0	0	47	37	0	104	7.43
Malpas CC, Wales	18	1	16	0	1	0	0	0	54	46	0	110	6.47

p - Played, w - Won (10), l - Lost (0), c - Cancelled (0), a - Abandoned (0), kn - Team Conceded (0), wcn - Opposition Conceded (0), t - Tied (5), BatP - Batting Bonus Points, BowIP - Bowling Bonus Points, Pen - Penalty Points, Pts - Points, Ave - Average points

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Presentation Night September 5th 2015

CHAIRMANS AWARD

Nick Kinman  
THE COLIN WOODS MEMORIAL TROPHY  
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1ST TEAM PLAYER OF THE YEAR LEWIS WHITE MEMORIAL CUP

Tamoor Zafar



2ND TEAM PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Tom Griffiths  
3RD TEAM (CRICKHOWELL) PLAYER OF THE YEAR

4TH TEAM (ABERGAVENTNY BEAVERS) PLAYER OF THE YEAR ROBERT PRICE CUP  
James Roberts

YOUNG PLAYER OF THE YEAR MALCOLM NASH CUP

Matthew Knight

MOST PROMISING YOUNG PLAYER ABERGAVENTNY FIRE STATION CUP

Merci Jones



James Roberts Matthew Knight and Merci Jnes



Tom Griffiths



Nick Kinman



The Elephants Nest Cricket Club set off to Abergavenny in Wales, for their annual tour, on the last bank holiday weekend in May.