

Abergavenny Cricket Club 2016- Season
2016 Season

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Ken Stanley Williams 1935-2015

Very sad news of the passing of Ken Williams. Ken came to Abergavenny Cricket Club as a player in 1968, He captained the First X1 in 1972 and 1973, skipping the Abergavenny First X1 in both Garfield Sobers and David Brown Benefit matches. He served on the Committee for years and was Chairman in 1996 and 1997. For many years he was Chairman of the Ground Committee. His services to the Club were honoured with a Life membership.



Geraint Leach

With a new Season approaching the cricket club has been busy practising skills at Ebbw Vale in the Indoor nets, under the supervision of Geraint Leach [Pictured Left] Geraint is an ECB Performance Coach, Abergavenny CC Head Coach, Community Cricket Coach for Cricket Wales & Gwent U12 &U13 Regional Coach. Geraint was on occasions grateful for the input of Glamorgan Legend Michael Powell who has attended and offered advice and coaching to the players, which has been of tremendous value.

As the season approaches the sessions indoors will be complimented by outdoor nets at Avenue Road, [pictured below] where the ground and square have been expertly nurtured throughout the winter resulting in what appears to be a square fully recovered from the 2015 season



[Left]Wide angle view of Avenue Road from the Pavilion



Abergavenny Cricket Club's Junior Section launches this Friday (April 8) at 6pm with a registration night at Avenue Road. The club runs sessions for juniors aged 7-16 years old and is looking to build on a successful 2015 season that saw its U13 and U15 sides reach the semi final stage of the Gwent Shield while also finish a creditable third in their respective leagues.....

.....Abergavenny junior players have been working hard throughout the winter month in the club's junior academy.

Eight of these players have already been selected to represent Gwent Young Cricketers in 2016. They are Tom Norton at U10, Alex Holmes, Hugo Caldicott and Anton Lodder at U12, while Morgan Bevans, Dylan Beaumont-Welsh, James Rhydderch-Roberts and Meici Jones all gained selection for the U14 team.

Head Coach and 1st XI Captain Geraint Leach said, "It's great to see so many young players gain selection for the Gwent squads this season and it shows that the club is starting to develop some real talented junior players who will hopefully follow in the footsteps of previous club members and push to play county cricket. "We also have a couple of players in the final trials for national selection so hopefully they'll be rewarded for all the hard work they have put in over the winter." The junior academy runs every week throughout the summer so players can have dedicated sessions to help develop their game and help them reach their goals. In addition to this, Abergavenny CC also run a U11 Technical Coaching Programme which allows junior players to be coached on a one to one basis to help develop their technique and experience against a hard ball. Friday nights is the official club training night and from 6-7.30pm each week, children can come along and experience the game with a number of ECB qualified coaches in attendance.



Five [5] Early season friendlies have been arranged all taking place at Avenue Road between April 10th and April 24th 2016. Against Wormelow, Aberdare, Cheltenham Civil Service, Swansea and Brockhampton. Prior to the first of these warm up fixtures on Friday April 8th 2016 the Club are holding the Opening Youth Training Night & Registration.....

.....all youngsters whatever their ability/level interested in playing cricket are very welcome to attend.

When the Competitive Season Starts Abergavenny First and 2nd X1's will be playing in the South East Wales Cricket League, while the 3rd X1 will be playing in the Marches League. The 3rd X1 will play their home fixtures at the picturesque Crickhowell Ground as the ongoing arrangements see the two clubs coupled, an arrangement that has been going on for a number of years.

The club will also be running coaching sessions for Girls Cricket and Under 9 cricket

As well as providing organised matches at Under 11, Under 13 and Under 15 level

The Club have also agreed to host a number of mid week fixtures, which see Glamorgan CCC 2nd X1 face Sussex CCC 2nd X1 in a 3 day match commencing on Wednesday July 27th. Wales Minor Counties will play two [2] fixtures a One Day 50 Over match against Shropshire on May 1st and a three Day game against Herefordshire commencing on August 14th and last but not least Gwent Under 12 X1 will play against Devon on Sunday May 29th.



Abergavenny v Wormelow

Abergavenny CC started their pre-season preparations by entertaining Worcestershire League team Wormelow CC at Avenue Road on Sunday. Abergavenny fielded a youthful side and batted first.....

.....on a slow deck but were thankful to be out in the middle after the poor weather of late.

Abergavenny scored 211-6 off their 40 overs. Lee Fury topped the scoring with 47, while Lewis Holley got 38 and new signing David Clarke contributed 33.

It was a good workout for the batters to spend some time in the middle, yet frustrating no one went on to get a big score, as the Wormelow bowlers bowled some probing lines and were backed up with some very good fielding.

In reply Wormelow got off to a good start, with their Australian import L. Hartley retiring on 101 as he hit through the line of anything he could. Although Abergavenny struck at important times it was Wormelow's other overseas player J. Worsely who saw them home with 61 not out to help Wormelow to a six wicket win.

For Abergavenny, Ben Pike claimed 1-29, while Sam Clarke bowled a good spell of 1-38 off eight overs and David Clarke took 1-45 off his eight overs.

Overall it was a good workout for the young side and it was good to purge some of the rustiness after a long winter of practicing indoors at Ebbw Vale.

The next set of pre-season matches take place at Avenue Road this weekend with Aberdare visiting on Saturday April 16, and Cheltenham Civil Service visiting on Sunday April 19.

Training continues every week with Seniors practicing on Tuesday from 6pm and Youth training on Friday at 6pm.



Launch of New League Structure SEWCL-Abergavenny represented by Geraint Leach [3rd on the right]

2016 will see the inaugural season of the South East Wales Cricket League (SEWCL), Wales' newest and largest cricket league.

The formation of the competition is the result of the merger of the two senior cricket leagues in South East Wales: the Glamorgan and Monmouthshire Cricket League, and the Welsh Club Cricket Conference.

The two leagues decided they would be stronger working as a united organisation, providing a more consistent approach in terms of improving playing standards, club progression, child welfare, grounds and facilities, discipline, and more. All of which is geared towards improving the experience for the player and the spectator on a Saturday afternoon at their local cricket club.

"I genuinely believe that the merged league is a tremendous step forward, providing a transparent structure in South Wales and a clear pathway from Division 10 through to 1," said Jonathan Wellington, chairman for the new league.

"We are determined to drive standards up but are delighted that there is now a transparent structure allowing clubs to develop and progress."

Rod Jones, former chairman of the WCCC and now vice-chairman of SEWCL: "For me the driver has been to have open and transparent processes across the league and this should be administered by one single committee.

"It will also allow common processes with respect to discipline and child welfare. It is not about accepting a lowering of standards."



Abergavenny v Swansea

Abergavenny continued their pre-season preparations with a fixture against Swansea at Avenue Road on Saturday. After winning the toss, captain Geraint Leach asked Swansea to bat which proved a good decision as David Clarke and Will Glenn reduced the visitors to 42-3 with some probing bowling. Swansea were indebted to Daniel Rowe, the former Leicestershire player carried the innings with a fine 89 and was ably supported by Dominic Evans who contributed 64 not out as Swansea finished their innings on 216-5. For Abergavenny Will Glenn returned figures of 2-22, while new signing Adnan Ghori claimed 1-21, David Clarke took 1-43 and Matt Knight 1-45. In reply Abergavenny openers Leach and Glenn started cautiously, putting on 30 before Glenn fell to a great return catch off the bowling of Swansea skipper Hayden. A couple more wickets fell including Leach for 22 and Abergavenny were in some trouble at 68-4, but 15 year old David Clarke and Lee Fury combined with a partnership of 45 before Fury fell lbw for 22 and he was quickly followed by Clarke who was bowled for 20. The young Abergavenny side could have folded but Matt Knight and the experienced Gareth Powell combined for an unbeaten partnership of 31 to see Abergavenny finish their innings 144-7, with Powell unbeaten on 30. Although it was a defeat the result was irrelevant as a young Abergavenny side performed admirably against a side who play in South Wales Premier One.

Abergavenny v Brockhampton

On Sunday Abergavenny welcomed Birmingham & District Premier League side Brockhampton to Avenue Road for their final pre-season fixture. After winning the toss, skipper Geraint Leach invited Brockhampton to bat first and the decision was vindicated with Brockhampton slipping to 61-5, with young opening bowler David Clarke claiming 2-3, while skipper Leach claimed 2-5.

Leach shared the bowling around amongst the young side and this showed as Brock's first team skipper Nick Powell played plenty of shots on his way to a fine 73 not out as he helped Brockhampton recover to post 190-7 off their 40 overs. In reply Lewis



Holley and 13 year old Morgan Bevens started brightly with some nice shots and good running taking the score to 41 before Bevens fell to a catch at mid wicket. Holley soon followed for a well made 30 again caught at mid wicket before skipper Leach and Powell combined for a 43 run partnership.....

.....before Powell was stumped for 17 off the bowling of Brock's overseas player Senuran Muthusamy. Scoring became more difficult as Brock's spinners bowled well and eventually Aber required 10 an over for the last seven overs. At this stage Aber lost Will Glenn to a great bit of fielding on the boundary as he was run out for 14, while Leach fell for a well made 34. It left young David Clarke and Ben Pike to see the overs out, with Aber finishing 149-6. All in all it was a very positive performance by a young Abergavenny side which used 10 bowlers in the Brockhampton innings. Hopefully they can build on this in the first match of the newly formed South East Wales Cricket League on May 7 against Chepstow at Avenue Road.

Opening League Fixture 3rd X1

Abergavenny CC's third Team started their 2016 Marches League Division Three campaign with a winning draw against Goodrich seconds. Abergavenny were put into bat, opener Morgan Bevens hit 37, wicketkeeper Nathan Holley chalked up 39 and Gareth Powell top scored with 64. Useful contributions from Matthew Knight (21) and captain Mark Winstanley (29no) helped Abergavenny up to 238, before being bowled out in the penultimate over. Goodrich seconds got off to a dreadful start losing their first four wickets for only 56 runs, with youngsters Dylan Beaumont-Welsh and Meici Jones both taking two wickets each. Craig Whistance and David Clarke kept it tight in the middle overs with Goodrich seemingly just batting the overs out to gain some extra bonus points, but the experienced batsman at the crease for Goodrich had others ideas hitting 21 off an over including three sixes to bring Goodrich back into the game. Knight was brought into the attack late as he closed the game out for Aber, chipping in with two wickets and Beaumont-Welsh with another as Goodrich finished on 205-7. Abergavenny left with 23 points and next week they take on Ledbury seconds at Crickhowell cricket ground.

Abergavenny first and second teams play their first games next weekend in the newly formed South East Wales Cricket League. The firsts, led by Geraint Leach, are at Avenue Road and will play Chepstow with the first ball being bowled at 12.30pm. The second team will make the trip to Chepstow and that is also a 12.30pm start. On Friday evening the Abergavenny Under 15 team play Blackwood Under 15s with a BBQ taking place during and after the match. Junior Training continues every Friday from 6pm with Seniors on a Tuesday, again from 6pm.

Heavy Defeats for both Abergavenny 1st X1 v Chepstow 1st X1

Abergavenny 141 all out in 38.4 Overs Will Glen [21] Lewis Holley [27] David Clarke-[33] Steve brown [16][2 points] Chepstow 142-3 in 22 overs [19 points] David Clarke 1-17, Geraint Leach 1-25, Sam Clarke 1-34.

Chepstow 2nd X1 118-1 in 13.2 Overs [21 Points] Chaitanya Sanapala- 1-31 beat Abergavenny 2nd X1- 114 All out in 41.2 Overs [1 Point] Nick Kinman [27] N.Holley [13] Michael Jones [11] AN Other [19]

Whilst the 3rd X1 prosper in the Marches League

Abergavenny 3d X1 182-4 in 32.2 Overs [25 points] John Lamont [50] Jon Cole [11] Mark Winstanley [73*] Ashley Curtis [28*] Ledbury 2nd X1- 180 all out in 43 Overs.[5 Points] Tom Griffiths 2-33, Richard Monnington 1-31, Dan Bowden 1-20, Owain Bradley-3-59 & Lewys McCarthy 1-35

Abergavenny CC's third team have gone top of Marches League Division Three as they convincingly beat Ledbury seconds at Crickhowell Cricket Ground.

Ledbury won the toss and decided to bat as the visitors made a confident start. Tom Griffiths made the first breakthrough of the match with a diving catch off his own bowling. Richard Monnington struck in the next over

with a caught behind by new wicket keeper Ashley Curtis. Griffiths then bowled the number four batsman, Owain Bradley claimed a lbw and Josh Knapp caught a stunner at cover off the bowling of Dan Bowden, leaving Ledbury struggling at 75-5 off 22 overs.

Ledbury slightly recovered with some good lower order hitting to post 180. Bradley returned to take another couple of wickets and off spinner Lewys McCarthy was very unlucky to only take one wicket in his impressive nine over spell.



With rain approaching and thunderstorms forecasted, Abergavenny tried to get their innings off in a positive fashion. John Cole was the first wicket to go for 11 and all rounder Griffiths didn't last long either, being bowled for eight.

But the experienced pair of Jon Lamont and Mark Winstanley had no problems dispatching the Ledbury bowlers to the boundary at regular intervals.

Lamont was dismissed for a well made 50, bringing Ross Hayden to the crease. He hung around while Winstanley continued hitting the ball to every part of the ground.

Wicket Keeper Curtis, in his first senior match for the club, replaced Hayden to see the match out, scoring 28 not out, with Winstanley 73 not out, as Aber won by six wickets with more than 12 overs remaining. This Saturday the team make the long trip to Eastnor fourths in the League and on Sunday they are again away as they play Talybont-on-Usk in the Marches League Cup.

Abergavenny CC's first team welcomed last season's champions Chepstow to Avenue Road, knowing a tough test was in store for their young side which has seen a number of changes throughout the winter.

Abergavenny lost the toss and were asked to bat first and unfortunately lost a wicket in the second over.

Will Glenn and Lewis Holley scored freely in a partnership of 43 before Glenn departed caught behind for a well made 21, Holley soon followed for 27 slipped to 66-4.

Steve Brown and David Clarke rebuilt the innings with a partnership of 36 until Brown was dismissed for 19 and unfortunately wickets fell regularly with Clarke being last man out for a well made 33 as Abergavenny were dismissed for 141 in 38 overs.

In reply Chepstow got off to poor start losing Ben Jones for 0, bowled by David Clarke. After this though opener Carwyn James and the evergreen David Teague scored freely putting on a partnership of 60 before James fell for 31 to a simple catch at mid wicket off the bowling of captain Leach.

Chepstow skipper Huggett then joined Teague at the crease and took the score to 110 before he fell, bowled by young Sam Clarke, but any chances of a Abergavenny comeback were quashed with Teague finishing 59 not out as Chepstow sealed a seven wicket win.



Overall a difficult day for the young Abergavenny side but plenty of positives can be taken from how some of the young players equipped themselves against last year's league champions. Hopefully with some more confidence and experience the results will come.

Wicket ahead of Chepstow Game

Saturday May 14th

All Three sides lost First X1 at Newport Fugitives who scored 349-5 whilst Abergavenny 1st X1 were 210-8 at the close. At Avenue Road Newport Fugitives 2nd X1 298-3 Abergavenny 2nd X1 110-7 The 3rd X1 [127 All Out] Lost to Eastnor [128-2] in the Marches League Division 3.

ABERGAVENTNY First XI travelled to Newport Fugitives hoping to kick start their season after last weekend's defeat to Chepstow.

Captain Geraint Leach won the toss and invited the Fugitives to bat, hoping the bowlers could take a few early wickets.

Unfortunately though, the bowlers were dispatched to all parts by the Fugitives batting line up with opener Richard Jones plundering 116, Nathan Millichip getting 89 and Huw Wilcox scoring 68 as the Fugitives racked up 349-5 off their 50 overs.

For Abergavenny the wicket takers were Geraint Leach (2) Chai Sanapala (2) and Sam Clarke (1).

In reply Abergavenny set about trying to gain as many batting points as possible and the batters dug in to help the cause. Seven players contributed double figure scores to help Abergavenny finish 210-8 with Steve Brown (41) and Lee Fury (40) leading the way.

Overall a disappointing result for Abergavenny but the young players who played showed plenty of fight and spirit to reinforce the belief that results will come. After a winter where the club has lost players to other clubs there is plenty of optimism that with some more hard work and some luck a win is not too far away. This weekend sees Abergavenny welcome Newbridge to Avenue Road with a 12.30pm start.

3rd X1

Meanwhile Abergavenny thirds made the long trip to play Eastnor fourths. Abergavenny captain Mark Winstanley won the toss and decided to have a bat. Jon Lamont (25), Ashley Curtis (24) and Winstanley (22) were the only three batsmen to make contributions in the Abergavenny innings as the youthful team were bowled out for 127 in the 38th over against the experienced host team.

With a low score to defend, Abergavenny needed early wickets. Spinner Owain Bradley did dismiss the opener in the sixth over but Eastnor were racing along at six an over. Dan Bowden took another wicket but eventually Abergavenny lost by eight wickets and only took two points from the match.

T20

The following day, Abergavenny took on Talybont-on-Usk in the new Marches League T20 competition. Again Abergavenny batted first and scored 109-6 thanks to some useful contributions from Jimmy Herrick (28), Mark Winstanley (32) and Kyle Holmes hit some late blows scoring 22 not out. Huw Griffiths was the most economical bowler with 2-9 from four overs but Craig Robinson took 3-18 from his four overs.

Talybont got off to a fast start with Luke Bowen hitting 56 which included five sixes. The Abergavenny bowlers kept on chipping away with wickets, Lewys McCarthy dismissed Bowen and Matthew Knight also had one. Dan Bowden continued his good form by grabbing 3-12 from his permitted four overs. Kyle Holmes (3-13) was the man of the moment though as he bowled a superb last over to help Abergavenny to a two run win and set up a fixture against Crickhowell or Hay-on-Wye in the second round.

It was a good finish to the weekend for the thirds which saw seven under 16 players playing across the two days, with Eoin Shackleton and Alex Holmes making their senior debuts for the club. This Saturday Abergavenny thirds host Strollers firsts at the Crickhowell Cricket Ground with a 1pm start.

Saturday May 21st

The First and 2nd X1 fixtures with Newbridge were rained off as was the 3rd X1 fixture against The Strollers. The 1st and 2^{nds} remain bottom and the 3rd X1 in 4th place.

Saturday May 28th



All Three sides lost First X1 against Pontypridd who scored 349-5 whilst Abergavenny 1st X1 were 210-8 at the close. At Avenue Road Newport Fugitives 2nd X1 298-3 Abergavenny 2nd X1 110-7 The 3rd X1 had a 20pt Walk Over against Bosbury CC

Saturday June 4th

First X1 lose by 6 wickets to Usk, 2nd X1 beat Usk 2nd X1, Third X1 beat Burghill, Tillington & Weobley

ALTHOUGH Abergavenny CC's first team travelled to Usk and were systematically put to the sword, their second string side fared better at Avenue Road against the same opponents. Usk firsts lost the toss and fielded first. This proved as blessing in disguise as the hosts reduced Abergavenny to 86-8. Geraint Leach (35*) at least gave the Abergavenny total some respectability before James Aston picked up the last couple of wickets to finish with figures of 9.5-1-37-5. The visitors finished on 141 all out from 41.5 overs. Usk had few problems chasing down their target in 31.4 overs; Hywel Rose top scoring with an unbeaten 43, as Usk won by six wickets.

Meanwhile over at Abergavenny the hosts batted first and posted an impressive 249-4 from their 45 overs. Usk put up a good fight as they managed 235-6 in reply, but were defeated by 14 runs.

The next round of the T20 sees the 3rd X1 play Crickhowell at Avenue Road, Crickhowell had a walk Over against Hay.



Centurion Number One Morgan Bevan[Pictured Left] [105] v Usk 2nd X1 at Avenue Road

Abergavenny Cricket Club goes back to 1834 and in its 182 years of history a number of 'Firsts' have taken place. The achievement of Morgan Bevans on Saturday June 4th is probably one of the very best recorded.

Hailing from Tredegar but developing his talent at Abergavenny, at the tender age of 13 years and 349 days he scored his maiden Senior Hundred in Abergavenny 2nd X1,s South East Wales League Match at Avenue Road against local rivals Usk C.C. He then topped this with another century for Gwent Under 14's the next day.....

.....The ground at Avenue Road where this feat was achieved has been in use for 120 years this year having opened in 1896 and it is fitting that in this 120th year of its existence it witnessed this amazing achievement.

There is a certain synergy with events that took place On May 31st 1997 when Mark Wallace who has subsequently enjoyed a record breaking career in County Cricket with Glamorgan- at 15 years and 193 Days old scored his maiden 2nd X1 Century against Brockhampton in the Three Counties League and followed it the next day with a maiden first X1 century against Sudbrook.



Centurion Number two Tom Griffiths 125 Not Out against Burghill, Tillington & Weobley [Pictured Left]

Saturday June 11th

Saturday June 18th

3rd X1 fixture against Eastnor 3rd X1 was rained off

The First X1 lost again away to Blackwood who scored 228-9 David Clarke-4-29, Matthew Knight 3-51 and 1 wkt each for Geraint Leach and Raghav Adlakha. Abergavenny 1st X1-152 All Out William Glenn [21], Geraint Leach [47] Alex Astley Jones [14], Sam Clarke [10] and Geraint Adlan [11] Abergavenny remain rooted to the bottom of the table after 7 fixtures

Abergavenny 2nd X1 195 all out Morgan Bevens [69] Dan Cooke [68]

v Lisvane 2nd X1 209 all out Michael Jones 2-39, Jimmy Herrick 3-49, Andy Timpson 3-29 and a wicket each for Pankaj Deshmukh & Gareth Powell. Abergavenny at one time were 137-1 but all out for 195 and find themselves 2nd bottom after 7 games



An Abergavenny cricketer turned 80 last week and celebrated the big day by putting on his whites, picking up the bat, and going hell for leather in a friendly fixture at Avenue Road.

Cricket you might say, is in Colin Handbury's blood. In 1955 he played for Glamorgan seconds, but he didn't grace the green grass of Avenue Road until he moved to Abergavenny as a sales rep for chocolate giant Cadburys in 1959, and played three seasons for Abergavenny Firsts.....

.....In 1963 Colin was lured by the big city flash and dash and moved to Cardiff, where he took to the wicket for Penarth Firsts, but the love of a good woman and marriage heralded his return to Abergavenny in 1966, where he has lived ever since.

In 1985, Colin, alongside his old rugby playing pal Eric Ellaway formed an 11-a-side cricket team called the Wanderers who continue to play every Thursday evening, usually from Avenue Road, against village sides in something called a Strict-a-Special format.

Confused? Allow Colin to explain, "Strict-a-Special is a format consisting of 20 overs, where everyone bowls two overs. Batsmen retire after 25 runs and only return after everyone else in the team has had a bat. This means everyone in the team gets to have a significant involvement in the game."

For over 30 years, the Wanderers have continued to take to the pitch and Colin continues to roll back the years with both ball and bat.

An impressive achievement for anyone his age, but as the old cricketer says, "Keeping active is key to staying healthy, happy and fit when you're my age, and what better way to do so than play cricket?"

Colin's old friend, Eric Ellaway, who also continues to play for the Wanderers, told the Chronicle, "I'd like to wish Colin all the best for his 80th year and hope he continues to knock em' for six for a lot longer."

Meanwhile, the 80-year-old Wanderer would like to extend a special thanks to Abergavenny Cricket Club, especially Dick Brown and his team who have prepared the wickets over the years.

And also fellow Wanderer, Mike Rouse of Glangrwny Cricket Club, for "supplying us with pitches when none were available at Avenue Road."

Now he's got the business of his 80th birthday out of the way, Colin and his fellow Wanderers will turn their attention to their big showdown with Abergavenny Rotary Club on Thursday, June 16, at Avenue Road, in a fixture which despite the average age of the players is always "fiercely competitive," with no quarter asked or given. Game on!

Saturday June 25th

Abergavenny 1st X1- 242-9 Will Glen [55] Dan Cooke [56] Alex Astley Jones [32] David Clarke [22] Geraint Leach [19] Morgan Bevens [15] Sudbrook 1st X1- 165 All out Luke Bowen 5-22, Chaitanya Sanapala 2-39., Geraint Leach-2-21 Sam Clarke -1-33

Abergavenny CC finally kickstarted their season with an emphatic 77 run victory against Sudbrook at Avenue Road. Having lost the toss Abergavenny were asked to bat first and for the first time this season all their batters contributed as they amassed 242-8 off their 50 overs. Main contributors were Dan Cooke, 56, and William Glenn, 55, while Alex Astley Jones got 32 and David Clarke, 22. 14-year-old Morgan Bevans also looked accomplished at the crease after some very good performances for the second team recently. In reply Sudbrook were blown away by 20-year-old Luke Bowen who bowled with good pace and accuracy as he took 5-22 off his 10 overs as Sudbrook collapsed to 70-7. Only Jamie Watkins, 34 not out, Matthew Spencer, 33, and 15-year-old Scott O'Leary, with 26, looked comfortable as Sudbrook were eventually dismissed for 165, with Geraint Leach, 2-21, and Chaitanya Sanapala, 2-39, claiming four of the last five wickets. Abergavenny continued their winning ways with a fixture against Radyr at Avenue Road. With plenty of showers around, Radyr bowled tight early on and used the conditions to their advantage to leave Abergavenny, 52-4, and staring down the barrel. Richard Roberts entered the fray and smashed his way to 62 from just 35 balls which included five huge sixes and resulted in five lost balls! Sam Clarke stuck with him and they put on 92 in just 68 balls before Roberts fell to a catch at cover. Clarke continued to bat well before being caught behind for a well made 43 and the lower order continued to accumulate runs as Abergavenny were dismissed for 235, with other notable contributions from David Clarke, 25 off 30 balls, and Ruan Holt, 26 off 30 balls. In reply Abergavenny got off to a great start with new ball pairing David Clarke and Luke Bowen.

The dynamic duo made early inroads, leaving Radyr reeling at 57-6. Both lads bowled good lines and pace, with wickets falling like flies. Howard Stone put up some resistance with 22 but Ruan Holt claimed, 3-27, to leave Radyr, 90-9, and staring at a huge defeat. A last wicket partnership of 40 frustrated the Abergavenny bowlers before Sam Clarke claimed the last wicket LBW to see Abergavenny win by 105 runs and claim their second victory in a week. Overall a very accomplished performance by the young Abergavenny side which contained 14-year-old Morgan Bevans opening the batting and also four other players under 19. The new ball pairing of Clarke and Bowen are really flourishing and it is hoped that this continues.

Abergavenny 2nd X1- 180-6 Gareth Powell [58] Nathan Holley [59] Jimmy Herrick [30*] Sudbrook 2nd X1- 182-1
gavin Nash-1-18

Abergavenny 3rd X1 v Garnons 2nd X1 - Cancelled

Saturday July 2nd

Abergavenny 1st X1 – 235 all out Sam Clarke [43] Richie Roberts [62] David Clarke [25] Ruan Holt [26] Radyr 1st

X1 – 130 all out David Clarke-3-31, Luke Bowen -3-30, Sam Clarke 1-36 & Ruan Holt 3-27

Radyr 2nd X1-186-9 Michael Jones 1-19, Gareth Powell 1-14, Andy Timpson 3-47 & Tom Griffiths 3-44.

Abergavenny 2nd X1- 165-8 Gareth Powell [61] Tom Griffiths [23] Craig Whistance [25*]

Goodrich CC 2nd X1 155-8 Abergavenny 3rd X1-156-3

Saturday July 9th

Chepstow 1st X1 314-6 v Abergavenny 1st X1-198-6



Chepstow 2nd X1-257-7 v Abergavenny 2nd X1- 131 All Out

Ledbury 2nd X1 168-7 v Abergavenny 3rd X1-262-7

Abergavenny 1st X1-149 Lewis Holley [41] All out Newport Fugitives 152-2

1 wicket each for Geraint Leach and Luke Bowen



Newport Fugitives 2nd X1- 276-6 Andy Timpson and Radha Adlakha 2 wickets each, Dylan Beaumont-Welsh and Tom Griffiths 1 wicket each Abergavenny 2nd X1-238-8 Nathan Holley [31] Steve Brown [63] Tris Astley-Jones [69] Michael Jones [17] Radha Adlakha [19*]

Abergavenny 3rd X1-119 Ashley Curtis [22] Mark Winstanley [27] All Out Eastnor 120-5 Ricahrd Monnington 2-17 Dan Bowden, Lewis McArthey and Owain Dawkins 1 wicket each

After Week 11/12 both Abergavenny 1st X1 and 2nd X1 are in the relegation spots the 3rd X1 are in 3rd spot in Marches League Division 3

July 23rd 2016

Newbridge 1st X1 v Abergavenny 1st X1

Abergavenny 183 All out Andrew Jones[32] William Glenn [65] Geraint Leach [36] Sam Clarke [13] David Clarke [15]

Newbridge 184-4 David Clarke 1-52 Geraint Leach 2-19 Matthew Knight -1-28

Abergavenny 2nd X1- 158 All out Newbridge 2nd X1-286-7

Stroller CC 1st X1- 180-3 Owain Bradley 2-43 AN OTHER 1-44 Abergavenny 3rd X1-177 All Out Owain Bradley [12] Mark Winstanley [20] AN Other [49] and AN Other[41]

July 30th

3rd X1 fixture away at Bosbury CC 1st X1 was cancelled

Abergavenny 1st X1- 210 all out Andrew Jones [88] Richie Roberts [29] Sam Clarke [12] Geraint Adlam-[18] v Pontypridd 1st X1-271 All out David Clarke-3-50, Geraint Leach 2-36, Matthew Knight 3-44, Lewis Holley 2-27.

Pontypridd 2nd X1 160-4 Chaitanya Sanapala 1-18 Pankaj Deshmukh 3-23 v Abergavenny 2nd X1-159-9 Gareth Powell [42] Lee Fury [26] Raghav Adlakha [30] Chaitanya Sanapala [26*] Steve Brown [15]



Back row – Bowden (Coach) Sam Clarke, Drew Heffernan Joe Bowden Dylan Beaumont-Welsh Richard Roberts
Ashley Curtis Lewis Jones, G.Leach (Coach)
Front row - David Clarke Lewis Holley James Watkins Josh Knapp

August 6th

Abergavenny 1st X1-243-8 beat Usk 1st X1-158 All out

Half Centuries from Andrew Jones and Will Glenn

Usk 2nd X1 255-1 lost to Abergavenny 2nd X1-258-6

Abergavenny 3rd X1-158 All Out Jimmy Herrick [39] Owain Bradley [18] Mark Winstanley [39] Kein Palmer [10]
v Burghill Tillington & Weobley -268-6 Gavin Nash 2-47, Dylan Beaumont-Welsh 2-31

3rd X1 Team

Jimmy Herrick, Owain Bradley, Ashley Curtis†, Mark Winstanley*, Josh Knapp, Ian Nash, Kevin Palmer, Eoin Shackleton, Gavin Nash, Dylan Beaumont-Welsh, Lewys McCarthy

Table August 7th

Team	Pts
Eastnor CC	278
Garnons CC	258
Strollers CC, Hereford	217
Abergavenny CC	208
Burghill, Tillington and Weobley CC	178
Goodrich CC	176
Ledbury CC	170
Moccas CC	128
Eastnor CC	103
Bosbury CC	3

August 13th Abergavenny 1st X1 240 all Out Andrew Jones [62] Will Glenn [46] Sam Clarke [18] Geraint Leach [27*] Geraint Adlam [17] v Croesyceiliog 1st X1-342-8 David Clarke 2-69, Will Glenn 2-55, The 2 Clarkes, Holley and Bevans 1 wicket each

Abergavenny 2nd X1 284-6 Gareth Powell [15] Nathan Holley [73] Lee Fury [64] Steve Brown [36] Tris Astley-Jones [18] Tom Griffiths [27] Raghav Adlakha [14*] v Welsh Asians 2nd X1-286-6 Jones, Griffiths Timpson & Bowden 1 wicket each, Steve Brown 2-50

Abergavenny 3rd X1 118-6 Owain Bradley [35] Mark Winstanley [31] Sam Redfearn [14] Kyle Holmes [11*] & Alex Holmes [10*] v Moccas 1st X1-115 All Out- Kyle Holmes 4-12, Dan Bowden 2-5 1 wicket each for the 2 Nash's Bradley and Alex Holmes

Father and Son playing together



August 20th

Abergavenny 1st X1 v Blackwood 1st X1- Cancelled

Lisvane 2nd X1 v Abergavenny 2nd X1 – Cancelled

Eastnor 3rd X1 v Abergavenny 3rd X1- Cancelled

August 27th

Sudbrook 1st X1 – 241-6 David Clarke 1-47, Sam Clarke 1-26, Geraint Leach 1-14, Matthew Knight 1-57, Will Glenn 2-40 v Abergavenny 1st X1-229-8 Andrew Jones [50] Morgan Bevans [50] Dan Cooke [23] Lewis Holley [47]



Sam Clarke in action

ABERGAVENNY travelled to Sudbrook on Saturday hoping to complete the double over Sudbrook. Skipper Geraint Leach lost the toss and Sudbrook chose to bat first and accumulated 241-6 in their 50 overs as skipper Mickey Martin carried his bat for 111 not out with some good support from Scott O'Leary who got 35 not out. For Abergavenny skipper Leach bowled a miserly spell of 10-2-14-1 and leg spinner Sam Clarke bowled 10-4-26-1 as they slowed down the run rate after Sudbrook had got off to a good start. Will Glenn also claimed 2-40. In reply Abergavenny got off to a great start with Andrew Jones and 14-year-old Morgan Bevens both scoring 50, however Sudbrook's spinners kept the run rate climbing and after Dan Cooke fell for 23 it was left to young wicket keeper Lewis Holley to try and help Abergavenny towards their target. Holley scored a very good 47 off 42 balls but fell in the final overs as Abergavenny tried in vain to reach the target of 242 eventually finishing their innings 229-8, losing by 12 runs. Next week Abergavenny finish their league campaign by travelling to bottom of the league Radyr hoping to finish their season with a win. Abergavenny 2nd X1-90-0 Gareth Powell 49* Nathan Holley 33*v Sudbrook 2nd X1- 87 all out Michael Jones 5-6, Steve Brown 3-18, Dylan Beaumont-Welsh 1-19, Raghav Adlakha-1-42



Back Row

Gareth Powell Nathan Holley Lee Fury Jimmy Herrick Meici Jones Dylan Beaumont-Welsh Raghav Adlakha

Front row

Tom Griffiths Steve Brown Andy Timpson Alex Astley-Jones

ON a damp, autumnal afternoon Abergavenny skipper Steve Brown won the toss and had no hesitation in asking Sudbrook to have first use of a wet, sticky track. Raghav and young Dylan Beaumont-Welsh opened the bowling

for the Beavers II and kept the Sudbrook openers honest with a tight line and length - both bowlers were rewarded with a wicket for their efforts. Sudbrook number three Ed Neale had designs on the Aber attack and punished anything in his half with clean strikes over the in-field. He and skipper Ian Simmonds had moved the Sudbrook score to 70-2 inside the first 12 overs and were set to post a challenging total on a tough wicket.

Enter the Abergavenny hero - 14-year-old Meici Jones - who operated for a mesmerising five over stint from the Pen-y-Pound end with a bamboozling spell of off and leg cutters.

The Sudbrook charge was well and truly halted and the score went from 70-2, to 87 all out within a crazy 10 overs period.

Garnons 2nd XI-228-8 Kyle Holmes 3-27, Lewis McCarthy 2-39 v Abergavenny 3rds 17-0 Game abandoned

September 3rd

First XI v Radyr Cancelled

Division One 1st XI – 2016-Final Table

Team	p	w	l	e	a	l	e	n	w	e	n	t	BatP	BowlP	Pen	Pts	NRR
Newport Fugitives CC	18	11	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	65	64	0	254	0.9			
Chepstow CC	18	10	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	58	63	0	236	0.75			
Newbridge CC	18	9	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	52	57	0	224	1.27			
Blackwood Town CC	18	9	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	63	53	1	220	0.61			
Croesyceiliog CC	18	8	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	60	57	0	212	0.26			
Pontypridd CC	18	8	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	49	59	0	208	0.21			
Sudbrook CC	18	7	8	3	0	0	0	0	0	54	56	0	195	-0.44			
Usk CC	18	7	7	4	0	0	0	0	0	44	50	0	184	-0.51			
Abergavenny CC	18	3	12	3	0	0	0	0	0	50	45	0	140	-1.18			
Radyr CC	18	1	14	3	0	0	0	0	0	34	41	0	100	-1.6			

Andrew Jones	8	8	0	371	88	24
Will Glenn	12	12	0	320	65	26.67
Lewis Holley	15	15	0	260	47	17.33
Gareth Powell	13	13	2	442	90	40.18
Nathan Holley	15	15	1	399	75	28.50
M Winstanley	12	10	2	362	73	45.25

Division 3 - 2016

Team	p	w	l	WD	LD2	WD	LD3	WD	LD4	e	a	lcn	wcn	t	BatP	BowlP	Pen	Pts
Eastnor CC	18	12	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	57	71	10	333
Gamons CC	18	10	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	63	62	0	297
Strollers CC, Hereford	18	8	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	40	59	0	256
Abergavenny CC	18	5	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	4	1	0	2	0	36	38	0	244
Burghill, Tillington and Weobley CC	18	6	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	31	45	0	211
Goodrich CC	18	3	6	1	0	0	1	0	1	3	2	0	1	0	34	42	0	188
Ledbury CC	18	4	6	1	1	0	0	0	2	3	1	0	0	0	32	46	0	183
Moccas CC	18	1	10	1	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	1	0	16	45	0	146
Eastnor CC	18	1	5	0	3	0	0	1	0									



Final Junior Practice Night



Award Winners and [Pictured Right] Alex Holmes-Under 13 Player of the Year



Awards Winners- Presentation Night September 9th

3rd Team Player of the Year- Owain Bradley

2nd Team Player of the Year- Gareth Powell

1st Team Player of the Year- Andrew Clarke

Chairman's Award- Geraint Leach

Most Improved Player-Ashley Curtis

Young Player of the Year- Morgan Bevans

Gladiators Gwent –Player of the Year- Lewis Holley

Under 15 Player of the Year-Lewys Mc Carthy

Coaches Player of the Year- Dan Bowden

Uner 13- Player of the Year- Alex Holmes

Most Improved Player- Ben Morris

Coaches Player of the Year-Jonty Heffernen



Congrats to Ryland Wallace, father of PCA Chairman Mark Wallace on being selected for this winter's 60+ Ashes