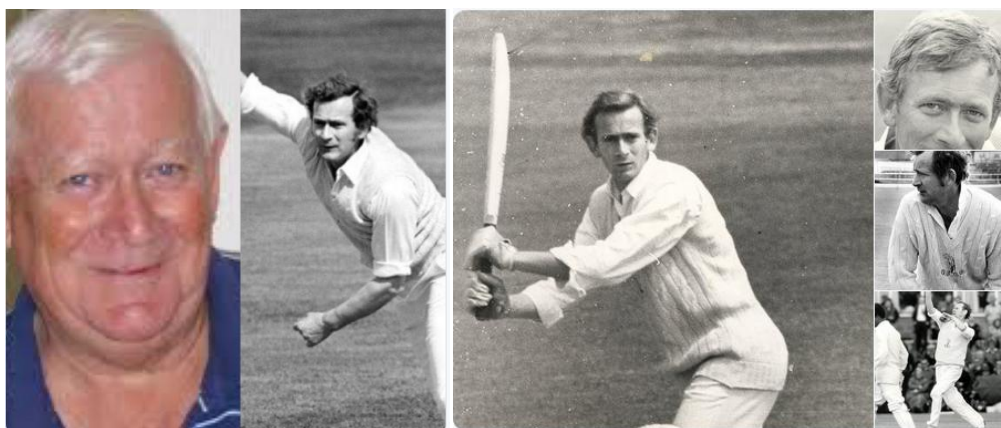


Season 2020

President- Dick Brown
Chairman-Andy Timpson
Hon Sec-Brian Mayers
Hon Treasurer-Nick Kinman
Fixture Secretary-Owain Bradley
First X1 Captain- Will Glenn
2nd X1 Captain-Dr Steve Brown



On July 30th 2019 the Club received sad news about the sudden death of Malcolm Nash aged 74. he started his career at the Club from where he was picked up by Glamorgan CCC
Malcolm Nash, played for Glamorgan CCC from 1966 to 1983 when he was released by Glamorgan needing just 7 runs to join the 1,000 wicket club.

In 1966 Malcolm made his First Class Debut aged 21 years. In 1967 he played in an all Welsh Glamorgan X1 against Yorkshire at Harrogate and made his List A debut.

In 1968 as well as being part of a World record when he was hit for six sixes by Sobers at St Helen's, he took 6-50 in 25 overs against The Australian Tourists as Glamorgan defeated them for the 2nd time.

Although he didn't play for England, he was at one time very close to selection. Despite this his first class wicket haul is greater than Stephen Watkins [902] and Jeff Jones [511] who both played for England. He was 5th in the all time wicket takers list for Glamorgan, he also captained the County for two Seasons. One of only 28 people to hold that office in 98 years.

In the championship year of 1969 he was possibly the main contributor to that success. He was awarded his County Cap as he took 80 wickets and scored 566 runs in first class cricket.

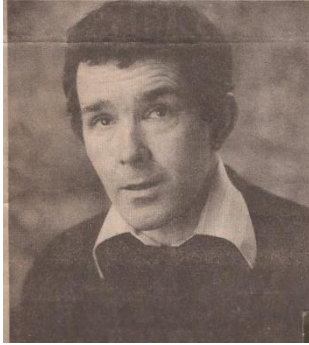
Up to 1988 Malcolm was the all time leading wicket taker in 40 Over, 55 Over and 60 Over Cricket by some distance.

In 1970 he was the 2nd Highest wicket taker behind Don Shepherd and also scored over 600 runs as Glamorgan finished 2nd in the County Championship. He also that year scored the fastest televised fifty against Kent at Swansea.

He was leading wicket taker in 1972, 1973, 1974,1975, 1976, 1977, 1980 and 1981. It would be difficult to find a Glamorgan Bowler who achieved anything like that. In his FINAL season, he still had the best economy rate in JPL of all the bowlers at 2.55 per Over.

Abergavenny CC offer sincere condolence to his Family and friends especially his daughter Amba

RIP



Tony AJ Paton

In November 2019 the club heard the sad news of the passing of Tony Paton. Tony played cricket for Abergavenny cricket club at all levels from a young lad through to his senior years, he also played rugby for the town side, as scrum half, and fullback and was a good goal kicker. Following two years as Vice Chairman he became chairman of the Cricket Club in 1983 and during the 150th Anniversary year 1984 and that year he also captained the 3rd X1, playing as a spin bowler, whereas he was a pace bowler in his prime. He joined the Committee of the cricket club in 1974 and went on to serve the club in numerous capacities, as a skilled engineer he was instrumental in building the first set of covers obtained by the Club

His other passion was Amateur Dramatics and recently in January 2018 he was awarded The Bernard Zavishlock award for outstanding contribution to amateur theatre, fondly known as 'The Bernie'. He had played dozens of leading roles and had held every position on the AAOOS committee except treasurer and was of course widely regarded as the font of all AAOOS knowledge in his role as archivist.

Abergavenny Cricket Club

186th AGM

Thursday December 12th 2019

The Chairman Andy Timpson opened the meeting, welcoming everyone and invited the attendees to stand for a minutes silence out of respect for deceased members, Michael Bruton, Tony Paton and Malcolm Nash

The minutes of the December 6th 2018 AGM were accepted as an accurate record of proceedings

Treasurer Report- Nick Kinman

Nick indicated it was a pleasure to present the accounts, following a good year for the club, even though the profit on the season was down on the previous year it was still a healthy balance sheet. Some of the contributory factors for the reduced profit being the loss of three of our major sponsors, the expenditure of the new three lane nets and the purchase of improved security including CCTV. He highlighted the issues still in the 'In Tray' which includes significant expenditure that will be required for the maintenance of the Club House and upgrading of the southern boundary wall. He thanked all officers and members who had worked tirelessly to ensure the balance sheet was so healthy. The balance sheet was carried unanimously.

Chairman Report-Andy Timpson

Andy Timpson reported on his second year in office indicating that it had been much 'calmer' than his first year in office, from a management, playing and general activities viewpoint. His main message was that the club was in a good place, 'steady as she goes' He thanked all the hard working people who have supported the Club and continue to do so. He thanked Dick Brown for accepting the position of President of the Club and all the officers, who have done sterling work to see the Club retain its place within the community of Abergavenny as a cricket club of high standing.

The Captains reported briefly on the 2019 Season as this item is covered on the end of season presentation night. The three teams will be competing in 2020 in the same divisions as in 2019

Youth Section- Geoff Shackleton

Reported on a satisfying year in which some silverware was won and where the club had many youngsters selected at County and National level. He emphasised how important the youth section is for the future of the club. The All Star programme for 5-8 year olds with 53 children signed up was a roaring success and we need to build on it. There will be a new ECB initiative in 2020 with the formation of a Dynamo's Group for 9-12 year olds. The Club had youngsters representing the County at Under 10's, Under 12's, Under 13's, Under 14's and Under 15's. As well as representatives at National level in Wales Under 12's and Under 15's. It was also pleasing that two of Abergavenny players Tom Norton and Morgan Bevans had been put on the Glamorgan CCC development squads.



The following Officers were elected for 2020

President	Richard Brown
Chairman	Andy Timpson
Secretary	Brian Mayers
Treasurer	Nick Kinman
House Chair	Stephen Denning, Dave Clarke
Cricket Chair	Mark Winstanley
Youth Chair	Geoff Shackleton
Ground Chair	Dick Brown
Subs. Sec	Kelly Evans
Fixture Sec	Owain Bradley
1st team capt	Will Glenn
2nd team capt	Steve Brown
3rd team capt.	To be appointed
Sunday X1 capt	S.Eccles

Once the government gave the go ahead for social/club cricket Abergavenny wasted no time in setting up the season

The first game was held on Friday 17th July the club hosted an inter club match with the U11s v U13s 6pm start. The next day July 18th Abergavenny finished on 234-5 at Avenue Road v Ponthir there was also a friendly against Ebbw Vale

Sunday July 19th -Inter club game in full flow at Avenue Road-Team Glenn were the winners today in the inter club match as they defeated Team Brown by 8 wickets chasing 143 to win and the same day we took an Under 13 team to Sudbrook Cricket Club

Monday 20th July U13 v Newport Fugitives Away 5pm Start

Wednesday 22nd July U13B v Ebbw Vale Away 6pm start (Pairs match) The U13B had a fantastic evening at Ebbw Vale tonight playing in a pairs match. The result wasn't important, the most important thing was to see the kids playing in a safe and secure environment. Thanks for the hospitality and we look forward to hosting you in the coming weeks

Friday 24th July U13 v Croesyceiliog Home 5pm Start

Friday 24th July U11 v Ebbw Vale Away 6pm Start TBC

Saturday 25th July

1sts v Usk Cricket Club @ Avenue Road Abergavenny won by 7 wkts the 2nd X1 lost by 11 runs

Sunday 26th July

Brecon Cricket Club v 1sts @ Brecon

2nds/3rds v Brecon @ Avenue Road

Sunday 26th July U11 v U13B Home 10am Start

Friday evening –August 31st -U13s win a nail biter by 2 runs with a wicket falling off the last ball of the game! Abergavenny 151-7 v MiskinManorCC 149-5. A great game played in great spirit and we look forward to playing Miskin again soon

We are running 4 sides on a Saturday for the South East Wales Cricket League competition in August. Please get in touch if you are interested in joining the club. Players of all abilities welcome

Competitive cricket got underway on August 1st 2020 with Abergavenny entering 4 teams into the new style competition due to Covid 19- The 1st X1 are in Pool 3, 2nd X1 in Pool 9, Crickhowell [3rd X1] Pool 16 and 4th X1 in Pool 17.

August 1st

All four teams winning quite convincingly Radyr-126 all out Sam Clarke 3-10, Geraint Leach 2-9, Nathan Byrne 2-26, Tariq Faqir 2-25. Abergavenny 1st X1- 130-2 Andrew Jones [80*] Lewis Holley [32*]

Crickhowell [3rd X1] 146-2 R.Wallace [27] B.Bowker [45] Kristian Purnell [21*] Paul Cornock [26*] v Pontymister & Crosskeys 2nd X1- 145-6 Lloyd Francis 3-28, one wicket each for Marc Morgan , Phil Christie and Nick Francis.

Abergavenny 2nd X1 150-4 Alex Holmes [56*] Tom Pipe [45] Ieaun Fury [17] Steve Brown [4] v Newport Fugitives 2nd X1-146 All out Lewis Wilkes-McCarthy 2-36, Andy Timpson 2-23, Matthew Knight 3-24,one wkt each for Dylan Beaumont –Welsh and Chai Sanapala

Lisvane 78 all out J.Heffaran 2-11, R.Townsend, M.Sibanda, Tom Wood & Sion Hayward all with one wicket each and Craig Lenane 3-8 v Abergavenny 4th X1-79-1 C. Whistance 44* , Tom Wood 11 and Will Eccles 1 Not Out



Pictured Left- At Abergavenny

August 8th

After a very successful weekend last week, this week Abergavenny 1st X1 were disappointing against Lisvane 1st X1. While the other 3 teams all maintained their 100% records

For the first X1 –Batting first saw Andrew Jones fail by his own superb standards when he was out for [16] at 29-1 there followed a 2nd wicket stand of 40 runs between skipper Will Glenn [37] and in form Lewis Holley who went on to complete his half century [56] At 151 for 4 a really competitive target looked likely but they lost 4 more wickets for just 22 runs and closed at 180-8

In reply Lisvane made a really solid start and put on 79 for the first wicket. At 93 for 3 there was a hint of Abergavenny making inroads into the batting however a 4th wicket stand of 52 ended their hopes and despite claiming 3 more wickets Lisvane ran out winners with 2 overs to spare. Tariq Faqir returning figures of 2 for 24 from his 7 overs.

The 2nd X1 however were in no mood to lose their 100% record against Newport CC in this new competition; batting first they amassed 244 for 6. Once again the youngsters showed the way with openers Alec Holmes [36] and Tom Pipe [43] putting on 79 for the 1st wicket . Not to be out done the two veterans, skipper Steve Brown [31] and Kyle Holmes [33*] ensured that coupled with the generous 59 extras which included 52 in wides, their score was quite formidable.

Newport CC never looked likely to get anywhere near the target especially when possibly their best player Sujeewa Senarathne retired hurt. They lost wickets regularly and were bowled out in 27 overs for 147. The main bowlers for Abergavenny 2nd X1 were Lewis Wilkes-McCarthy with 4-37 and young Tom Norton taking 2 for 6 off his four overs. Tom Norton fresh from yet another century when on Wales duty will no doubt begin to improve on his batting having just made 10 runs in his two innings so far for Abergavenny 2nd X1.

The 4th X1 played Pontymister & Crosskeys 3rd X1 and bowled them out for 145. Craig Whistance and Craig Lenane with 3 wickets each and two wickets for Rhodri Townsend. The 4th X1 knocked the runs off for the loss of 4 wickets at 148—4- Mark Winstanley with [29] Charlie Gedge [61*] and Will Eccles [13*]

Abergavenny 3rd X1 [Crickhowell] beat Rogerstone Welfare CC away with Nick Francis once again in the runs. Crickhowell batted first and scored 175 all out with runs for R.Wallace [18] M.Withey [22] and Nick Francis [81 not out]

In reply accurate bowling from all six bowlers saw Rogerstone limited to 150-9 with one wicket each for Phil and Joe Bowker, and One wicket for T.Price. Nick Francis and Ryan Jones with two wickets each. Unfortunately for Rogerstone they lost their opener retired ill not out for [36] He asked for a runner because he was old!!!!!!



Pictures feature Abergavenny Players inaction

August 15th

Abergavenny 1st X1 travelled to Croesyceiliog and batting first after being inserted in a game reduced to 36 overs a side the reliable opening combination of Andrew Jones [72] and skipper Will Glenn [33] put on 78 for the 1st wicket. Adam Harrison playing his first game of the season backed them up with a fine [38] Abergavenny finished on 182-5 Michael Beacham who once played at Abergavenny took 3-40

In reply Croesyceiliog were reduced to 65-7 with Ben Morris doing the damage early on and finishing with 3-15 from his 6 overs. He was backed up by Sam Clarke with an even better 3-12 from his 6 overs. There was late middle order defiance from Sam Saunders and Stewart Roden but they were eventually all out for 154.

Abergavenny 4th X1 [Crickhowell CC] travelled to Newport only to find their game against Newport CC which was on at 11 am but was cancelled at mid-day.

The 2nd X1 travelled to Brecon and lost their unbeaten record. Brecon batted first after being inserted by skipper Steve Brown and scored an impressive 242-3 as the 2nd X1 bowlers' found it hard to make any serious inroads into the Brecon batsmen. There was one wicket each for Geraint Leach and Tom Norton.

In reply Abergavenny found runs hard to come by and despite not being bowled out they only managed to score 139-5 in their allocation of 40 overs. Tom Pipe [48] Alex Holmes [18] Tom Norton [10] Geraint Leach [28]

Meanwhile the 3rd X1 continued on their winning ways. They comfortably saw off the village side Llanarth CC at Crickhowell.

Batting first they scored 211- 8 with a magnificent effort by Mihla Sibanda who completed a century [105] ensuring a good score especially after being reduced to 42-4. He was well supported by Mark Winstanley [22] and skipper Craig Lenane [17]

In reply Llanarth were undone by good bowling especially from Daniel Du-Plessis [3-17] and Tom Wood [3-23] there was also wickets for Craig Lenane [2 wkts] Sion Hayward [1 wkt] and Jonty Hefferan [1 wkt] They finished on 126 all out

August 22nd

Abergavenny 1st X1 game with Blackwood was cancelled due to the weather

The 2nd X1 defeated village side Llanarth who made 135-9 D.Clarke 1-24, G.Powell 2-20, G.Leach 1-6, M.Knight 2-29 Lewys Wilkes-McCarthy 3-13

In reply Abergavenny 2nd X1 139-5 A.Holmes [36] Tom Pipe [30] Tom Norton [29] David Clarke [11*]

Abergavenny 4th X1 had their game cancelled with Abercarn due to the weather

Abergavenny 3rd X1 [Crickhowell] had their game cancelled due to weather.

Abergavenny 1st X1 failed to qualify for the Knock Out stages of the revised SEWCL competition losing at home to Llandaff. Abergavenny were bowled out for just 117 with Andrew Jones [20] Adam Harrison [11] Greg Fury [30] and [17] each for David Clarke and Ben Davies. They went from 60-2 to 81-8 in a major collapse, the last two wickets gave the score a modicum of respectability , but it never seemed enough.

In Reply Llandaff were also soon in trouble at 37-4 a stand of 58 for the 5th wicket steadied the ship and despite losing 3 more wickets they scrambled home to win by 3 wickets at 120-7.

David Clarke on his return to the 1st X1 took 3-29 and Ben Davies 2-22.

The 2nd X1 also lost out on qualification for the KO stages when they lost by 80 runs to Machen 1st X1 who scored a massive 265-7 in their 40 overs. Geraint Leach with 3-37 and skipper Steve Brown with 2-39 the only bowlers to make life difficult for the Machen Batsmen.

Young Tom Pipe failed for the first time this season, Young Tom Norton scored [27] and veteran Kyle Holmes showed his class with [45] Geraint Leach supplemented his bowling with a half century and Dylan Beaumont –Welsh hit a spirited [18 Not Out] but over all they fell well short of their target.

- The 4th side entered in the Competition saw Crickhowell qualify for the KO stages even though they had 3 games rained off. They play a home semi final next Saturday

Hugh Griffiths



A most remarkable game at Crickhowell saw Abergavenny 4th X1 slump to 20-7 against Monmouth CC only for the number nine batsman Huw Griffiths (Pictured Left)

playing his first game for a year blast 133 in no time at all including hitting 6 successive sixes albeit 5 in one over and one in the following over, in all he hit 13 maximums and 6 fours he was briefly supported by wicket keeper Will Jones who score an important 25 runs, Daniel Du Plessis and Jonty Hefferan joined in the lower order fun both finishing not out and the total scored was 233-9. Not satisfied with scoring that magnificent century Huw Griffiths opened the bowling and returned figures of 8 Overs 4 Maidens 3 wickets for just 4 runs he also took a catch, his opening partner J.Heffaran took 2 for 11 Monmouth were reduced to 16-6 unlike Abergavenny they didn't recover and were eventually all out for 65 runs. Charlie Gedge chipped in with 3-17. They now face a home tie next Saturday in the semi final.

September 5th

The two quarter final played by the 3rd and 4th X1 were lost as was the friendly played by the 1st X1 against Newport. Newport scored 190-7 in their 40 overs with Morgan Bevans taking 2-36 and One wicket each for Morris, Leach, Knight and Norton and Abergavenny lost by 31 runs with a side that included four Under 18's. Abergavenny were at one point 100-4 but lost their last 6 wickets for just 59 runs. Tom Pipe [19] Morgan Bevans [38] Tom Norton [19] Lewis Holley [33]

At Crickhowell Ponthir batted first and from 15-3 and 78-5 they reached an unlikely 169-8 The opening bowlers did a tremendous job bowling 16 overs for 39 runs and taking 3 wickets. The remaining 24 overs costing 130 almost 5.5 per over on a wicket that was not easy to bat on. In reply Crickhowell batsmen found it difficult and never recovered from being 10-3 and were all out within 27 overs. With just four batsmen reaching double figures.

In the Gwent County Cup Under 11s Semi Final v Newport Cricket Club

High standard of cricket played by both sides. Abergavenny were 90 for 6 off 20 overs. Newport were 14 runs short with 3 wickets remaining after their 20 overs.



Abergavenny Cricket Club Under 11s, Under 13s and Under 15s in the finals which will be played at Sudbrook CC on Sunday 13th September

The Under 11's won their Gwent Shield Final with a 7 wicket victory over Rogerstone who were 41 all out, Oliver Jones 2-8, Evan Jones 4-4, Archie Lavington 1-3, Ed Loose 2-1, Alfie Price [1 wkt]
 Abergavenny Under 11's- Oliver Jones [17*] Lloyd Sharp [9] Henry Sullivan [6*]



Team members- Oliver Jones [Capt] Evan Jones, Dylan Bradley, Lloyd Sharp, Henry Sullivan[Wkt Keeper], Joe Fairbank, Archie Lavington, Alfie Price, Ed Loose, Bowen Thomas, Eric Pike.

Followed by the Under 13's who also won their Gwent Shield Final by 44 Runs against Newport MOM –Tom Norton. Abergavenny Under 13's- 119-4 Steffan Davies [20] Ojas Shanbhag [19] Tom Norton [33* Retired] James Morris [13] Oliver Jones [3*] Lloyd Sharp [6*] Newport 75 all out, Ojas Shanbhag 1-18, Steffan Davies 3-14, Lloyd Sharp 1-9, James Morris 1-2



Team Members-Steffan Davies, Ojas Shanbhag, Tom Norton [Capt], James Morris, F.Williams, Oliver Jones, Lloyd Sharp, James Loose, Shunryu Sheehan, Oscar Thadchanamoorthy, Henry Sullivan [Wkt Keeper]

The Under 15's made it a clean sweep beating Sudbrook in Their Gwent Shield Final, Man of th Match went to Tom Norton. Sudbrook 160-4, Jonty Heffaran 1-23, Tom Norton 1-31, Tommy Lawrence 1-13
 Abergavenny Under 15's 161-3, Charlie Gedge [35] Jonty Heffaran [38] Tom Norton [50*] Logan Williams [12] Archie Eccles [11*]



Team members-Charlie Gedge [Capt], Jonty Heffaran, Tom Norton, Logan Williams, Archie Eccles, Daniel Du Plessis, Robbie Sandford, James Morris, Evan Seaward, Tommy Lawrence, William Eccles [Wkt Keeper].

During the weekend Maesteg CC and Tredegar CC travelled to Avenue Road and Crickhowell for friendly fixtures.

Maesteg CC 128 all out Ben Morris 3-21, Sam Clarke 2-26, Lewys W-McCarthy 3-19, Alex Holmes 1-12, Morgan Bevans 1-1. Abergavenny Club X1-206-7 D.Clarke-[22], Tom Pipe [94] M.Bevans [29] T.Norton [22] N.Holley [10*]

Summary

Cricket Club looks back at unusual season Back in December 2019 at the 186th AGM Abergavenny Cricket Club were looking forward to the 2020 season optimistically. Coronavirus –Covid 19 put a temporary end to club cricket and the 2020 season was not started on time and there were doubts as to whether it would start at all. However once the government gave the go ahead for social/club cricket Abergavenny CC wasted no time in setting up the season. Friendlies were hurriedly arranged, then once it was announced by the South East Wales Cricket League that they were implementing a unique Competition for the truncated Season which would start in August. Abergavenny decided to enter 4 sides. The 1st XI were in Pool 3, 2nd XI in Pool 9, Crickhowell [3rd XI] Pool 16 and the 4th XI in Pool 17. Abergavenny 1st XI failed to qualify for the Knock Out stages, The 2nd XI also lost out on qualification, however both Crickhowell CC [3rd XI] and the 4th XI qualified for the KO stages and both were at home, alas they disappointedly both lost. The Junior section were determined to ensure Abergavenny CC did get some success in this curtailed cricket season and the Abergavenny Cricket Club Under 11s, Under 13s and Under 15s all qualified for the finals which were played at Sudbrook CC on Sunday 13th September. On that ‘Super’ Sunday history was made as all three junior sides won their games, including an 80 not out, followed by Lewis Holley with 122 from five, including a 56. respective finals. The Under 11’s won their Gwent Shield Final with a 7 wicket victory over Rogerstone, followed by the Under 13’s who also won their Gwent Shield Final by 44 Runs against Newport finally The Under 15’s made it a clean sweep beating Sudbrook in Their Gwent Shield Final. Some of the Highlights, milestones from the Season Centuries scored by Huw Griffiths [133] Tom Pipe and Tom Norton scored their maiden ‘Senior’ centuries. Nick Francis had a top score of 81 Not Out, Mihla Sibanda scored a 105 against Llanarth, Alex Holmes 56 Not Out against Newport Fugitives Top scorer for the 1st XI was Andrew Jones with 188 from four Tom Pipe topped the averages scoring 113 in his two games, including 94, for a 56.5 average, while top wicket taker with 10 was Sam Clarke. Pipe was also top scorer for the 2nd XI with 167 from five innings, including a 48, with Alex Holmes firing 146 from four innings. Top of the 2nd XI averages was Geraint Leach, who hit 87 in his two innings, including a 50, for an average of 87.0, followed by Kyle Holmes with an average of 49.0 from scoring 98 in his four knocks. Lewys Wilkes McCarthy led the 2nd’s wicket takers with nine victims. The 3rd XI based at Crickhowell only had a handful of games, but Nick Francis had the best knock with 81 not out, while Ben Bowker also scored a 45 and Nick and Lloyd Francis each took three wickets apiece. Huw Griffith’s 133 and Mihla Sibanda’s 105 were the 4th XI stand outs in their sole knocks for the team, while Charlie Gedge hit a 61 not out and Craig Whistance a 44. Craig Lenane led the wicket takers with eight. Abergavenny signed off with a 55run friendly win over Cardiff outfit Lisvane on Saturday at Crickhowell. The hosts scored 202-5 off their 40 overs before bowling out the visitors for 147 with 2.5 overs to spare.