

Season 1909
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Captain 1st X1- J.R.Jacob
V.Capt-Mr M.Harris
2nd X1 Captain-
Treasurer- F.R.Britton
Secretary- Mr J.Davies

ABERGAVENNY CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Abergavenny Cricket Club took place at the Greyhound Hotel, Abergavenny, under the presidency of Mr E. H. Bickerton.—The HON. TREASURER (Mr P. **Jacob**) presented his balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand of over £9, which was considered very satisfactory.—The annual report of the society was as follows.—The first eleven played 18 matches, won 11, drew 3, lost 4, while 2 matches were abandoned. The second eleven scores had unfortunately been mislaid. Mr **Jacob** headed the batting averages with 35.00, Captain Bektford was second with 27.90, and Mr M. Harris third with 19.50. Widdison headed the bowling averages with 61 wickets for 657 runs at 9.5 per wicket. J. James secured 37 wickets for 390 runs at 10.54 per wicket, and M. Harris was third with 25 wickets for 290 runs at 11.96 per wicket. The number of playing members is 65. The thanks of the club are due to Mr S. Widdison for the services he has rendered during the two seasons he has been here. We regret he has now taken up duties at Tredegar. The finances of the club are better than last year, and had all the subscriptions been paid in we should have been in the happy condition of being out of debt. We have to thank Mr W. L. Thomas for so kindly sending us £5 5s toward the cost of the professional, also the ladies who provided the teas, and to Mr Sinclair who, although very poorly supported by cricket members, gave a benefit at the theatre which amounted to £2 1s, and to Mr Cunliffe for auditing the accounts. Matches for the coming season have been arranged with Ebbw Vale, Blakenhall, Tredegar, Cardiff, Bohemians, Panteg, Usk, Aber-tillery, Cardiff Y.M.C.A., and Newport II. for the first eleven; and Brynmawr, Cwmbran, Pontnewydd, Caerleon, Treorchin, Beaufort, Panteg, and Aberyschan.

The officers were elected as follows:—Captain

and Aberyschan.

The officers were elected as follows:—Captain 1st XI, Mr **Jacob**; vice-captain, Mr M. Harris; hon. sec. (pro tem), Mr **H. Williams**; hon. treasurer, Mr P. **Jacob**; committee, Messrs G. Kick, W. M. Chadwick, R. W. Powell, C. Webb, **H. G. Harris**, and E. W. Barrett.

Mr A. GRIFFITHS, who was thanked for the efficiency to which he had brought the 2nd XI., said he would be unable to accept the office for the coming year.—Mr **H. WILLIAMS** also announced that it was impossible for him to undertake the duties of secretary again. Both were pressed to reconsider their decision, but without avail, and the appointment of their successors will be considered, together with the presidency, at an adjourned meeting. The whole of the officers were thanked for their services in the past year.

AGM Reported on February 20th 1909

The AGM was held in the Greyhound Hotel on February 16th 1909. The Committee elected – Messrs. G.Kick, Chadwick, Powell, Webb, M.Harris and Barrett. The First X1 played a total of 16 matches winning seven (7) losing five (5) and drawing four (4)

Mr. E. H. Bickerton in the chair, supported by Major J. H. Gilbert Harris, Mr. J. R. Jacob, and several of the leading players. The statement of accounts as submitted by the treasurer, Mr. F. R. Britton, showing a balance in hand of £9. 9s 2d

It was unanimously adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. M. Chadwick, seconded by Mr. J. R. Jacob, who said he considered the statement very satisfactory in spite of certain drawbacks and he proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Britton, and also to Mr. Chadwick, who had been kind enough to promote an entertainment that was calculated to put the club in a position to start the season all right. (Applause). Mr. Britton returned thanks. He was sure that the club was very grateful to Mr. Chadwick, and he supported a very hearty vote of thanks to him and the committee. This was unanimously carried.

The hon. sec., Mr. J. H. Williams, read his report for the season 1908. Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen I beg to submit my report for the season 1908.

The First XI. played 18 matches, won 11, drew 3, lost 4, whilst two matches were abandoned. The Second XI. played 19, won 9, drew 4, lost 5, abandoned 1.

J.R. Jacob headed the batting averages with 35, Capt. Eckford came second with 27.90, Mr. Harris third with 19.50. Widdison headed the bowling averages with 66 wickets for 657 runs, average 9.95 J. James second, 37 for 390, average 10.94 M. Harris third, 25 for 299, average 11.96 The number of playing members is 65. The thanks of the club are due to Mr. D. Widdison for the services he rendered during the two seasons he was with us. We regret he has now taken up duties at Tredegar. The finances of the club are better than last year and had all the subscriptions been paid we should have been in the happy position of being out of debt. We have to thank Mr. W. L. Thomas for so kindly sending us £5 5s towards the cost of professional also the ladies who provided teas. to Mrs. Sinclair who, although very poorly supported by *cricket* members, gave a benefit at her theatre, which amounted to £2 1s; also Mr. Cunliffe for so kindly auditing the accounts. The attendances of the committee were as follows, out of a possible 16 A. Griffiths, 14. R. W. Powell 13, J. R. Jacob and M. Harris 12, E. W. Barrett and Geo. Kick 11, W. M. Chadwick 8, J. H. G. Harris 2, Dr. Tatham 1. Matches have been arranged with Ebbw Vale, Blakenhall C.C. Tredegar, Cardiff Bohemians. Panteg. Usk. Abertillery. Cardiff Y.M.C.A.. and Newport 2nds for the 1st XI. and Brynmawr, Cwmbran, Pontnewydd, Caerleon, Trevethin, Beaufort, Panteg and Abersychan for the 2nd XI. I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, your obedient servant, J. H. Williams. hon. sec." The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. Chadwick, seconded by Mr. R. W. Powell. Mr. J. R. Jacob congratulated the captain of the 2nd XI. upon the excellent state to which he had brought his team. The 1st XI. had often had to draw upon the 2nd at the last moment, but Mr. Griffiths had worked up the 2nd XI, and their work had been excellent.. Mr. J. R. Jacob was unanimously re-elected captain of the 1st XI. on the proposition of Mr M. Harris, seconded by Dr. Tatham, with thanks for his past services. Mr. M. Harris was re-elected vice-captain of the 1st XI., on the proposition of Mr. G. Kick. seconded by Mr. J. R. Jacob. The election of captain of the 2nd XI. was adjourned to the next meeting, as Mr. Griffiths declined re-election. Mr. J. R. Jacob proposed the re-election of Mr. J. H. Williams as Hon. sec. That gentleman, however, declined the honour of re-election, and the matter was adjourned until next meeting. Mr. F. R. Britton was unanimously re-elected hon. treasurer, on the proposition of the chairman. seconded by Mr. J. R. Jacob, with thanks for his past services. Messrs. G. Kick, Chadwick, Powell, Webb. M. Harris, and Barrett were appointed as a committee. It was decided that a professional be engaged. Major Harris said that he would supply some unclimbable fencing, if the club would put it up in certain places to prevent the non-paying public from witnessing the matches from out- side the ground. He would be pleased to lend the fencing. The matter was referred to committee. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the proceedings.

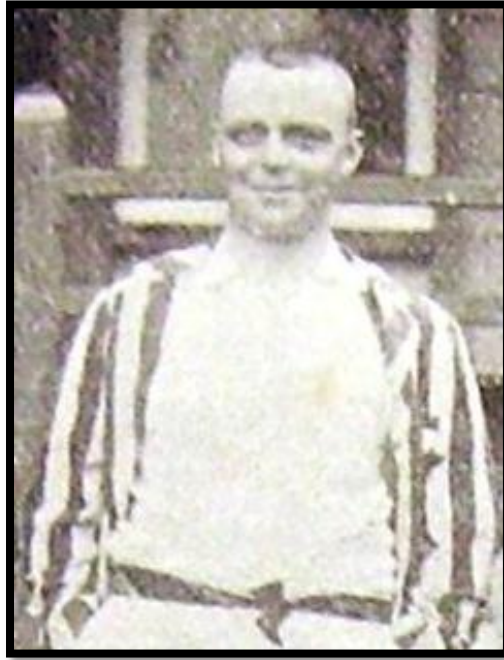
Dr Tresawna (see 1945) in his debut season headed the batting averages with an average of 87.14, The Reverend C.B.Wildblood came second with an average of 23.63 and J.R.Jacob was third with an average of 21.54. The professional H.Childs was fourth with an average of 19.50 and Mr M Harris was fifth with an average of 16.92.

M Harris topped the bowling averages with 23 wickets at 10.96, the Reverend Wildblood was second with 28 wickets at 13.79. In third place was H.Childs with 25 wickets at 14.20 and fourth was J.James with 19 wickets at 14.94.

The 2nd XI played thirteen games winning seven (7) and losing six (6)
In August 1909 H.Childs was released

The 1909 Season

The Abergavenny side will be the strongest one put on the field for some years, and includes the two new stars. Dr. Tresawna and the Rev. C. B. T. Wildblood. It is to be hoped there will be a good gate, as the *club* is in need of financial assistance, especially as it seems that some of the vice-presidents are dropping their subscriptions on account of the new impositions the Budget



M.Harris



Standing L-R- T.Williams _____, JR Jonathan, _____, _____, John
Jenkins(Umpire)

Seated L-R- _____, Capt.Partridge, JR Jacob, Dr Tresawna, CW Webb, WR Lewis

Dr Tresawana enjoyed a brilliant debut season in 1909, he scored (121) against Crickhowell, (77) against Penarth, (88) in the return match with Crickhowell, and (137*) against Dowlais.



Capt. Partridge

July 3rd 1909 Abergavenny v Usk Abergavenny gained an excellent win on the 3rd instant, at the Penypound ground, owing to some hard hitting as the time fixed for drawing stumps approached. On Saturday next the 1st XI. visit Newport, and Cwmbran Wesleyans are due at the Penypound ground to play off the return fixture with the 2nd XI.

ABERGAVENTNY V. EBBW VALE. These two teams meet on the home ground to-morrow, August 14th when a good match is expected. It will be remembered that Ebbw Vale defeated Abergavenny on the home ground last year, but Abergavenny were not then strongly represented and they again defeated Abergavenny at Ebbw Vale early in the season this year, but even then Abergavenny were without some of the strongest players. Ebbw Vale having defeated Abergavenny on two successive occasions, may justly claim that they are the better team. There is no doubt that Ebbw Vale has made great strides in *cricket* during the last two years, but Abergavenny cannot admit their superiority without a further trial, when Abergavenny's full strength will be put against them, and a good match is anticipated. The match is for the benefit of H.Children, our popular professional, and it is hoped that there will be a good gate and that he will receive a substantial benefit.

May 28th 1909

ABERGAVENTNY F. PENARTH. The above teams meet on the Pen-y-pound ground to-morrow, when a good match is expected. They are this season two of the strongest amateur teams in South Wales, and Penarth, remembering their defeat on the home ground last year, will make every effort to win.

ABERGAVENTNY V. EBBW YALE. On Saturday last *Abergavenny* 1st XI. visited Ebbw Vale, where they met with their first reverse of the season. This was apparently due to the state of the ground, which reflects little upon the *club*, and to liken it to a barren waste would not over estimate the wicket little can be said except, perhaps, that it was not a wicket at all. Speaking without the record, it is about 20 years since *Abergavenny* visited Ebbw Vale, and it is understood the ground is in a better condition now than it was then probably if they wait another 20 years it will be somewhere near perfection. About 100 people witnessed the match. This is highly satisfactory, for it shows the *club* is well supported by the inhabitants of Ebbw Vale. It is a rare thing to see 100 people on the *Abergavenny* ground. There were changes in the *Abergavenny* team from that which defeated Crickhowell the previous week, Dr. Tresawna, Montague Harris, and H. Williams being unable to play, and the vacancies were filled by E. W. Barrett, W. M. Chadwick, and W. Llewellyn. Ebbw Vale won the toss, and commenced batting with S. H. Irish and Wright to the bowling of Childs and James. As in the previous match, James proved to be ineffective, he, apparently, being afraid to let himself go on account of the uncertain state of the turf. James bowled with a certain amount of bad luck, for on several occasions he beat the batsman, but just missed the stumps. Wright was playing free *cricket*, and the runs came steadily. Childs bowled Irish and Cavanagh, whose gallery play was better than his *cricket*, helped to carry the score to 39. At 54 Wildblood replaced James, and immediately met with success, sending back Richards and Maxted without scoring. Then came the best partnership of the day, by R. Graham and Robins. It was with determination both batsmen set about the bowling, and they were not separated until runs had been added. After these two had been dismissed, the remaining batsmen offered little resistance, the innings closing for 170. The visitors opened their innings with Lewis and Webb, but disaster soon befell them, for in the second over from Maxted, Lewis was smartly caught at point by R. Graham, and Webb left 12 runs later. The partnership between Jacob and Wildblood yielded 37 runs, and after they were separated the remaining batsmen offered no resistance, the last six wickets only adding 10 runs, and the innings closed for 78. Davies and Maxted bowled well for Ebbw Vale, and the fielding of the home team was particularly good. R. Graham, at point, was the most prominent figure. The *Abergavenny* fielding was bad, and this alone accounted for Ebbw Vale getting 170 runs. If they want to win matches they will have to improve very considerably in this direction. Scores: EBBW VALE.

S. H. Irish, b Chiids. 6 Wright, I-b- .bWildblood. J. Cavanagh, b Childs. 20 R. Graham, c Wildblood, b Belcher. 42 D. J. Richards, b \A~ ldblood. () A. W. Maxted, b Wildblood. o W. Robius, c Lewis, b Wildblood. 50 R. Price, b janies 4 D.Davies,b James. u J. \VilliaIllson, nnt out. 6 W. Churchill, b Wildblood. 3 Extras. 24 Total 170 *ABERGAVENTNY.* W. R. Lewis, c Graham, b Maxted. o C. W. Webb, b Maxted. 5 J. R. Jacob, b Davies 22 C. B. Wildblood, b Davies 21 Childs, b Davies. o J. James, b Davies. 6 H. C. Belcher, b Williamson. o W. Llewellyn, c Graham, b Williams.. u G. Kick, run out 5 -b. \V. Barrett, 1-b-w, b Davies o W. M. Chadwick, not out o Extras. 19 Total. 170

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Scores:	
EBBW VALE.	
S. H. Irish, b Childs	6
Wright, I-b- b Wildblood	15
J. Cavanagh, b Childs	20
R. Graham, c Wildblood, b Belcher	42
D. J. Richards, b Wildblood	0
A. W. Maxted, b Wildblood	0
W. Robius, c Lewis, b Wildblood	0
R. Price, b James	4
D. Davies, b James	4
J. Williamson, not out	6
W. Churchill, b Wildblood	3
Extras	24
Total	170
ABERGAVENTNY.	
W. R. Lewis, c Graham, b Maxted	0
C. W. Webb, b Maxted	12
J. R. Jacob, b Davies	22
C. B. Wildblood, b Davies	21
Childs, b Davies	0
J. James, b Davies	0
H. C. Belcher, b Williamson	0
W. Llewellyn, c Graham, b Williams	0
G. Kick, run out	5
E. W. Barrett, 1-b-w, b Davies	0
W. M. Chadwick, not out	0
Extras	19
Total	78

Abergavenny and Ebbw Vale *Cricket* Match. To the Editor of the Abergavenny Chronicle."

DEAR SIR, In your issue of last week I noted that you made reference to the Abergavenny v. Ebbw Vale *cricket* match, which was played on the ground of the latter, a statement being made that the said ground was nothing better than a barren waste." This, to my mind, is entirely false, as the pitch, which consists of 2,500 square yards, has been laid out at a considerable expense to the club, and the part played on in this particular match played as true, probably, as any pitch Abergavenny could play. It would naturally appear to one that Abergavenny didn't relish the severe trouncing their team received at the hands of the Ebbw Valians; but if they will collect their thoughts and go back as far as a year, they will find that the same thing happened on Abergavenny ground. I should have thought that your reporter would have shown himself a better sportsman, and have accepted the beating with a better grace. Considering the support that is given to Abergavenny by the inhabitants of the hills, one would have thought that instead of trying to disparage a club which has only a very limited supply of ground at its disposal, and with which they are trying to do their best, your reporter with a club behind him like the one at Abergavenny, would have helped Ebbw Vale by giving his advice with a view to improving matters (if necessary) rather than otherwise

June 4th 1909

The Marquis of Abergavenny and Local *Cricket*. The Abergavenny *Cricket* Club were agreeably surprised by the presence of the Marquis of Abergavenny on Whit-Mondav. The ground, which was Laid down at his lordship's expense some years ago, has been a very great boon to the town, and is much appreciated by the *Cricket* Club and the *cricket*-loving section of the community. During the afternoon his Lordship was much "impressed by the good class *cricket* displayed, and most generously promised to have the ground enlarged during next winter. It is hoped thereby to get some of the County matches played here in the future.

June 11th 1909

ABERGAVENNY V. PANTEG. On Thursday, Abergavenny were booked to play the Blakenhall touring team, but, unfortunately, they could not come, and Panteg very kindly stepped into the breach and gave us a good game. Mr. Jacob won the toss, and C. W. Webb and Child commenced the batting, but neither of them stayed long, both being out at 24, and J. R. Jacob at 29. Dr. Tresawna and J. Jonathan then came together, and so finely did they bat that the score was taken to 112 before they were separated. No one else did anything worthy of note, and the innings closed for 153. H. O. Butler and Smith commenced batting for the visitors to the bowling of Childs and Jonathan, and runs came slowly. It was not until J. H. Evans and J. R. Bough came together that a stand was made, and these two added 30 runs between them. Evans was then caught by Walder, and Brough and A. Williams knocked off the remaining runs required. Scores :

ABERGAVENNY. C. W. Webb, b Williams. 3 Childs, b Phillips. 7 Dr. Tresawna, b Phillips. 51 J. R. Jacob, b Phillips. 15 J. Jonathan, b Williams. 40 H. J. Williams, b Phillips. 1 J. H. Goss, b Phillips 10 A. M. Cunliffe, b Ethridge. 4 J. H. G. Harris, b Williams. 11* G. Kick, b Ethridge. 0 F. Walder, not out 0 Extras. 10 Total 152

PANTEG. H. O. Butler, b Tresawna. 26 Smith, b Childs. 2 J. Williams, b Childs. 4 R. Ethridge, c and b Childs. 0 J. H. Evans, c Walder, b Webb. 46 W. F. Summers, b Childs. 0 J. R. Brough, not Out 42 D. J.

Phillips, b Childs. I E. Martin, b Childs. o A. Williams, not out 31 Extras. 19 Total 171 A. Jonathan did not bat.

ABERGAVENNY		Total..... 99
P. PANTEG.		
On Thursday, June 2nd, Abergavenny were booked to play the Blakenhall touring team, but, unfortunately, they could not come, and Panteg very kindly stepped into the breach and gave us a good game. Mr. Jacob won the toss, and C. W. Webb and Child commenced the batting, but neither of them stayed long, both being out at 24, and J. R. Jacob at 29. Dr. Tresawna and J. Jonathan then came together, and so finely did they bat that the score was taken to 112 before they were separated. No one else did anything worthy of note, and the innings closed for 153. H. O. Butler and Smith commenced batting for the visitors to the bowling of Childs and Jonathan, and runs came slowly. It was not until J. H. Evans and J. R. Brough came together that a stand was made, and these two added 80 runs between them. Evans was then caught by Walder, and Brough and A. Williams knocked off the remaining runs required. Scores:—		
ABERGAVENNY.		
C. W. Webb, b Williams.....	3	
Childs, b Phillips.....	7	
Dr. Tresawna, b Phillips.....	51	
J. R. Jacob, b Phillips.....	15	
J. Jonathan, b Williams.....	40	
H. J. Williams, b Phillips.....	1	
J. H. Goss, b Phillips.....	10	
A. M. Cunliffe, b Ethridge.....	4	
J. H. G. Harris, b Williams.....	11	
G. Kick, b Ethridge.....	0	
F. Walder, not out.....	10	
Extras.....	—	
Total.....	152	
PANTEG.		
H. O. Butler, b Tresawna.....	26	
Smith, b Childs.....	2	
J. Williams, b Childs.....	4	
E. Ethridge, c and b Childs.....	0	
J. H. Evans, c Walder, b Webb.....	46	
W. F. Summers, b Childs.....	0	
J. R. Brough, not out.....	42	
D. J. Phillips, b Childs.....	1	
E. Martin, b Childs.....	0	
A. Williams, not out.....	31	
Extras.....	19	
Total.....	171	

On Saturday week Abergavenny 1st XI. visited Tredegar for the first time since their new ground has been opened. Widdison, the old Abergavenny professional, had prepared a fairly good wicket with the material he had at his disposal, but the out-field was rather rough. The visiting team was not at full strength, R. W. White B. W. Lewis and C. Thomas coming in for Dr. Tresawna, Montague Harris and W. R. Lewis. Mr. Jacob for the fifth time this season lost the toss, and Tredegar commenced batting. with Dr. H. G. Brown and Mr. A. M. Maltby, With only 10 on the board, Dr. Brown was bowled by Childs; then A. M. Maltby and Widdison commenced scoring freely, but both men were out at 64, and then the *cricket* was deplorably slow, and for some considerable time it was a case of the ball hitting the bat, not the bat hitting the ball, the 100 going up in two hours. Messrs. J. W. Butcher, W. Onions and C. Relf added useful scores, and the innings closed for 112 for seven wickets. If the Tredegar batsmen used the long handle occasionally they would do a great deal better and would make the *cricket* much brighter. Abergavenny were only left three quarters of an hour to bat, and J. H. Williams and C. W. Webb opened the innings. Both men commenced to hit, but at 21 Webb drove one into the hands of C. D. Lewis, and was out. J. R. Jacob then joined Williams, who was playing fine *cricket*, hitting all round the wicket. At 53 Williams was bowled by Maltby, and with only one run added, the stumps were drawn, thus leaving Abergavenny with 58 behind and eight wickets to fall. The Abergavenny fielding was, as usual, very bad, and they might very well take a lesson from Tredegar in this respect. Scores: TREDEGAR. Dr. H. G. Brown, b Childs. i Mr. A. M. Maltby, c and b Wildblood.. 24 Widdison, run Out 23 J. W. Butcher, c Kick, b James 16 W. Onions, not out 19 A. Price, b James o D. Lewis, c Kick, b James 5 W. P. Jones, lbw, b Childs. 1 C. Relf, not Out 23 Total for 7 wickets 112 ABERGAVENNY. J. H. Williams, b Maltby. 36 C. W. Webb, c Lewis, b Jones. 6 J. R. Jacob, not out 6 C. G. Wildblood, not out i Extras. 5 Total for 2 wickets..

On Saturday week **Abergavenny** vs **XXI** visited Tredgar for the first time since their new ground has been opened. **Willison**, the old **Abergavenny** professional, had prepared a fairly good wicket with the material he had at his disposal, but the out-field was rather rough. The visiting team was not at full strength, B. V. White, H. W. Lewis and C. Thomas coming in for Dr. Trevaer, Montague Harris and W. R. Lewis. Mr. Jacob, for the 23th time this season lost the toss, and Tredgar commenced batting with Dr. H. G. Brown and Mr. A. M. Malby, with only 10 on the board. Dr. Brown was bowled by Childs; then A. M. Malby and **Willison** commenced, scoring freely, but both men were out at 64, and then the **outfield** was despatched slowly and for some considerable time it was a case of the ball hitting the bat, not the bat hitting the ball, the 100 going up in ten hours. Messrs. J. W. Butcher, W. Osborn and C. Roff added useful scores, and the innings closed for 112 for seven wickets. If the Tredgar batsmen used the long handle occasionally they would do a great deal better and would make the **outfield** much brighter. **Abergavenny** were only left three quarters of an hour to bat and J. H. Williams and C. W. Webb opened the innings. Each man commenced to hit, but at 27 Webb drove one into the hands of C. D. Lewis, and was out. J. E. Jacob then joined Williams, who was playing for **outfield**, hitting all round the wicket. At 55 Williams was bowled by Malby, and with only one run added, the stumps were drawn, thus leaving **Abergavenny** with 13 behind and eight wickets to fall. The **Abergavenny** holding was, as usual, very hot, and they might very well take a lesson from Tredgar in this respect. Scores:-

TREDGAR.	
Dr. H. G. Brown, b Childs.....	1
Mr. A. M. Malby, c and b Willison.....	24
Willison, run out.....	25
J. W. Butcher, c Kirk, b James.....	25
W. Osborn, not out.....	19
A. Price, b James.....	0
D. Lewis, c Kirk, b James.....	1
W. T. Jones, bow, b Childs.....	1
C. Roff, not out.....	23
Total for 7 wickets.....	112
ABERGAVENNY.	
J. H. Williams, b Malby.....	26
C. W. Webb, c Lewis, b Jones.....	6
J. E. Jacob, not out.....	6
C. G. Willison, not out.....	1
Extras.....	1
Total for 1 wicket.....	39

ABERGAVENNY V. EBBW VALE. These two teams meet on the home ground to-morrow, August 14th when a good match is expected. It will be remembered that Ebbw Vale defeated Abergavenny on the home ground last year, but Abergavenny were not then strongly represented and they again defeated Abergavenny at Ebbw Vale early in the season this year, but even then Abergavenny were without some of the strongest players. Ebbw Vale having defeated Abergavenny on two successive occasions, may justly claim that they are the better team. There is no doubt that Ebbw Vale has made great strides in *cricket* during the last two years, but Abergavenny cannot admit their superiority without a further trial, when Abergavenny's full strength will be put against them, and a good match is anticipated. The match is for the benefit of H. Childs, our popular professional, and it is hoped that there will be a good gate and that he will receive a substantial benefit.

June 19th 1909

Crickhowells display against their old rivals, Abergavenny, is worthy of all commendation, and very much pleased their supporters. One of the features of the game was the attractive display of batting given by Mr. V. L. G. Davies for 88 not out, and marred by only one chance, and that a difficult one, to Dr. Tatham. Mr. Davies is the youngest son of the late Major Gratrex Davies, well known to Abergavenny and Crickhowell cricketers. His brother, Mr. E. J. G. Davies, was also playing in the same game.



Dr Tatham

July 16th 1909

ABERGAVENNY V. NEWPORT 2NDS. *Abergavenny* visited Newport on Saturday last, to play their first match with Newport Seconds, who were very strongly represented, the team including Rowlands, Francis, Shrubsole, and Rainsford, who are all fairly regular first men. A late start was made, as the teams had to wait for the rain to clear, and Newport batted first on a very easy wicket, while the visitors had to bowl with a greasy ball. Newport ran up a score of 157 for three wickets, and declared, putting the visitors in, and they replied with 105 for four wickets, the Rev. Wildblood being 29 not out, and Childs getting 36. Scores NEWPORT SECONDS. D. J. Davies. not Out 70 H. J. Rowland, st Fisher, b Griffiths 46 C. Hews, c J. James, b A. Griffiths, 21 G. Shrubsole, c W. White, b C. Wildblood i H. Francis, not out. 7 Extras. 12 Innings declared. 157 A B E R G A V Y. B. W. Lewis, c H. Francis, b Phillips. 7 Childs, c B. Duckhim, b Phillips. 36 J. R. Jacob, c and b Phillips. 8 Rev, \Vildblood, not oat: 29 :1. Harris, b G. Shrubsole. 5 O. Fisher. not out. 5 Extras. 15 Total for 4 wickets. 105 W. Llewelin, G. Kick, J. James, W. White, and A. Griffiths did not bat.

July 30th 1909

CRICKET.

ABERGAUENNY V. CARDIFF BOHEMIANS.

The visit of the Cardiff team to Abergauenny last Saturday ended in a keenly contested game being drawn, with the scores in an interesting state. The home team batted first, and completed 150 in less than two hours, the outstanding feature being a splendidly played innings by M. Harris, his off drives particularly receiving recognition from the spectators. C. E. Wildblood also pleased well, the several straight strokes he made to leg. The visitors batted well. The batting of the Cardiff team, all round, was very steady. D. Evans striking especially well, a smart catch by J. H. Williams in the slips sent him back. A. Williams' efforts was a good one, and D. N. Thomas when it had to retire 1-0-0, a decision which did not seem to many to be altogether justified. Wildblood bowled well unchanged throughout the visitors' innings, and a pleasant feature was a little improvement in the fielding of the home team, although some chances were not taken.

Next Saturday Crickhowell visit Abergauenny, and a good game may be looked for. Scores—

ABERGAUENNY.

C. E. Wildblood, c Thomas, b Price.....	58
W. R. Lewis, b Jones.....	4
J. E. Jacob, c Thomas, b Jones.....	12
M. Harris, b Charles.....	86
J. H. Williams, b Price.....	5
Childs, c Price, b Jones.....	1
W. Lewellin, c White, b Proud.....	12
J. James, hit wicket, b Thomas.....	4
G. Kick, c Carter, b Jones.....	10
B. Lewis, not out.....	5
R. White, b Charles.....	2
Extras.....	6
Total.....	119

CARDIFF BOHEMIANS.

D. Evans, c Williams, b Wildblood.....	24
S. Brown, b Wildblood.....	9
A. Williams, b Childs.....	28
D. N. Thomas, lbw, b Wildblood.....	11
T. M. Charles, c Williams, b Childs.....	4
R. W. Price, not out.....	14
B. Corling, b Wildblood.....	10
J. T. Iroud, not out.....	12
Extras.....	12
Total for 6 wickets.....	137

R. J. Jones, W. Carter and J. Thomas did not bat.

CRICKET.

ABERGAUENNY V. PANTEG.

This match was played on Saturday last on the Penypound ground, and resulted in an easy victory for Abergauenny. Scores—

ABERGAUENNY.

Rev. C. E. Wildblood, b Rowlands.....	29
C. Webb, b Rowlands.....	6
Dr. Tresawna, b Phillips.....	14
J. R. Jacob, not out.....	36
M. Harris, b Williams.....	11
Childs, c Williams, b Etheridge.....	35
Extras.....	7
Total for 5 wickets.....	138

O. Fisher, B. W. Lewis, J. James, J. O. Davies and A. E. Griffiths did not bat.

PANTEG.

A. Butler, c J. R. Jacob, b Childs.....	38
Smith, run out.....	6
G. Harris, b Childs.....	0
E. Foster, c Wildblood, b Childs.....	24
C. Williams, b Childs.....	1
G. Kick, b James.....	0
E. Rosser, run out.....	0
R. Etheridge, not out.....	12
D. J. Phillips, b M. Harris.....	4
J. Crum, c Childs, b M. Harris.....	0
G. Rowlands, c Griffiths, b M. Harris.....	0
Extras.....	12
Total.....	97

August 6th 1909

ABERGAUENNY CRICKET CLUB.—We have pleasure in calling the attention of our readers to the advertisement in another column of a grand variety entertainment to be given by Mr. Jimmy Law, at the Castle, on Monday night, in aid of the funds of the Abergauenny Cricket Club. Mr. Law is always ready to assist, with his talent, any deserving cause, and it is hoped that the public will give him their support on Monday next.

August 13th 1909

ABERGAUENNY V. EBBW VALE. These two teams meet on the home ground to-morrow, when a good match is expected. It will be remembered that Ebbw Vale defeated Abergauenny on the home ground last year, but Abergauenny were not then strongly represented and they again defeated Abergauenny at Ebbw Vale early in the season this year, but even then Abergauenny were without some of the strongest players. Ebbw Vale, having defeated Abergauenny on two successive occasions, may justly claim that they are the better team. There is no doubt that Ebbw Vale has made great strides in cricket during the last two years, but Abergauenny cannot admit their

superiority without a further trial, when Abergavenny's full strength will be put against them, and a good match is anticipated. The match is for the benefit of Childs, our popular professional, and it is hoped that there will be a good gate and that he will receive a substantial benefit.

Abergavenny *Cricket Club*. An entertainment was given at the Castle grounds on Monday night by Mr. Jimmy Law and his talented troupe of entertainers, in aid of the funds of the Abergavenny *Cricket Club*. The programme was a well-selected one, and, judging by the hearty applause, met with the highest appreciation of the large audience. The concluding sketch, 'The Egyptian Mummy,' was particularly funny and laughter compelling. Mr. J. R. Jacob, captain of the A.C.C., thanked Mr. Jimmy Law and the other artistes for their kind assistance, and the audience for their patronage. Mr. Jimmy Law, in his well-known genial style, said that he would be pleased to assist in a comic *cricket* match for the benefit of the club. He cast no reflection on local *cricket* in saying that he thought the general public would prefer to witness a burlesque *cricket* match to a serious one. This is not the first occasion on which Mr. Jimmy Law has come forward to help in a case of need, and he certainly deserves support in his pleasant mode of catering for the amusement of the public..

DEAR SIR Will you allow me, through your valuable paper, to thank, on behalf of the Abergavenny *Cricket Club*, those who supported the benefit concert kindly given by Mr. Jimmy Law and his entertainers in the Castle grounds on Monday evening last? After such a capital programme rendered by them, it is a great pity they do not have larger audiences at their nightly concerts. The proceeds, less expenses, amounted to just over seven pounds. Believe me, yours faithfully, The Priory, W. M. CHAD WICK. The Priory, Aug. 12, 1909.

Dr Tresawna (see 1945) in his debut season headed the batting averages with an average of 87.14, The Reverend C.B.Wildblood came second with an average of 23.63 and J.R.Jacob was third with an average of 21.54. The professional H.Childs was fourth with an average of 19.50 and Mr M Harris was fifth with an average of 16.92.

M Harris topped the bowling averages with 23 wickets at 10.96, the Reverend Wildblood was second with 28 wickets at 13.79. In third place was H.Childs with 25 wickets at 14.20 and fourth was J.James with 19 wickets at 14.94.

The 2nd X1 played thirteen games winning seven (7) and losing six (6)

In August 1909 H.Childs was released