

## **Season 1914**

**President: Mr W.L.Thomas**

**Captain 1<sup>st</sup> X1- J.R.Jacob**

**V.Capt- Rev C.B.Wildblood**

**2<sup>nd</sup> X1 Captain- C.E.Watkins/FA Thomas**

**Treasurer- F.R.Britton**

**Secretary-H.B.Corles**

**Thursday X1 Capt- AM Cunliffe**

### **Professional/Groundsman Woodeson**

The AGM was held in the Greyhound Hotel. WR Lewis reported that it has been stated that Abergavenny possessed the best amateur side in south Wales and it remained with the members to verify this in its entirety.

The Club opened their fixtures with a home game against Newport A, other teams played were Usk, Abertillery, Panteg, Barry, Cardiff St Mary, Cardiff Canton, Penarth, Monmouth, Monmouth Grammar School, Cardiff YMCA, Cardiff Mackintosh and finally Cardiff itself in September 1914.

The Committee elected- Rev.H.Basil Jones, Lieut. Col. JHG Harris, Messrs.W.Llewelin, Wlfred White, WR Lewis and A.Jonathan

Remaining fixtures as at Friday July 3rd

July 4 Abertillery away

July 11 Cardiff Canton. home

July 18 Penarth away

July 25 Panteg home

August 1<sup>st</sup> Monmouth away

Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> Cardiff Y.M.C.A home

Aug.8<sup>th</sup> Usk Home

Aug 15 Cardiff Mackintosh home

Aug. 22 Monmouth home

Aug. 29 Newport 2ds away

Sept 5<sup>th</sup> Cardiff home

**ABERGAVENNY SECOND XI.**

July 4 Newport Centrals home

July 11<sup>th</sup> Mon. Asylum. away

July 15 Mon Asylum .away

July 18 Llantarnam home

July 25 Goytre Hall. Away

Aug. 1..Panteg St. Mary home

Aug. 8 Usk 2nds away

Aug. 22 Crickhowell away

Aug. 29 Goytre Hall home

Sept. 5 Mon. Asylum away

Sept. 12 Newport 3rds .away

**ABERGAVENNY THURSDAY XI.**

July 9 Blackwood. home

July 16 Newport Thursdays home  
Aug. 20 Cwmbran home

It was reported that most of the old players were available for 1914 season and there are two or three new players who have come to the town with good reputations.

J. Jonathan won the bat for the Thursday X1, ET Bowen and FA Thomas won the bats for the 2<sup>nd</sup> X1

Abergavenny opened their season at home on Saturday last May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1914, when Newport Seconds were the opponents, and although the weather was not favourable to *cricket*, a good game, which ended in a draw, was witnessed by a small attendance. Mr. Jacob did justice to his new office by winning the toss. W. R. Lewis and W. Llewellyn opened the Abergavenny innings, but with only 13 runs on the board the former was bowled by Abbott. C. W. Webb followed in, and the score was taken to 25 when Llewellyn was stumped. J. R. Jacob joined C. W. Webb, and these two took the score to 83. at which figure Jacob fell a victim to Swallow, and six runs later Webb was out to the same bowler. The remaining men, with the exception of the Rev. Wildblood, could do nothing with the bowling, and the innings closed for 119. Newport opened their batting with A. W. Ivins and J. P. Treloar to the bowling of the Rev. C. B. Wildblood and Woodeson. With the exception of Treloar, Swallow and Hatton, no one seemed to be able to cope with Woodeson, his slow ball deceiving most of them, and when time was called they had scored 100 runs for seven wickets. Woodeson took five wickets for 43, and C. W. Webb two wickets for eight runs.

Abergavenny played the first of their two matches with Cardiff, on the latter club's ground on Thursday, last week June 25<sup>th</sup> Cardiff included two of the Glamorgan X1 in their team G.Symonds and JR Tait as well as NVH Riches- Cardiff totalled 113. 3 wickets each for Stoner and Plater and two wickets each for Wildblood and Woodeson. In reply Abergavenny were all out for 77 with Vost taking 8 wickets, the runs for Abergavenny coming from Wildblood [19] S. Hansford [12] AC Phillips [13] and Woodeson [13]

On Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup> Abergavenny played Monmouth G School in Monmouth and welcomed back to the side of Captain Partridge who score [69] W.Llewellyn [32] CW Webb [23] TG Cule [24] The Grammar School were all out for 63 Rev Wildblood taking 5 wickets, and AG Woodeson 4 wickets. Meanwhile at Avenue Road Abergavenny 2<sup>nd</sup>X1 played out a low scoring victory against Crickhowell. Abergavenny 2<sup>nd</sup> X1-46 Crickhowell 128 having batted on after passing the total.

Abergavenny 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 A.Griffiths, H.Jenkins Junior, ET Bowen, H.Jenkins Snr, FA Thomas, H.Evans, CB Lloyd, C.James, G.Hiley, RW.James & J.Luxton.

Thursday July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1914 Mr Wynham Lewis's X1 v Mr AM Cunliffe's X1 followed on the Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup> with Abertillery v Abergavenny

The Thursday fixture was one of great interest to cricketers. Mr. Lewis included in his side Vost (late of Lancashire), the Cardiff professional Kilner (late of Yorkshire), and Allen Marshall, who qualified for Notts while Mr. Cunliffe included Stoner (late of Surrey) and Capt. Stevens (M.C.C.), Mr. Lewis won the toss, and at 12.45 p.m. Capt. Partridge and M. V. Watkins opened the innings to the bowling of A. E. Davies and Stoner. Runs came very slowly, and only 27 were recorded after forty minutes' play. After lunch, rain came down heavily and delayed play until nearly 4 o'clock, and although Watkins and Allen Marshall played good *cricket*, they had to fight hard for runs. At 47 Marshall was caught by Cunliffe off Davies. Vost joined Watkins, and 19 runs were added before Watkins was out also to Davies for a very useful score of 20. W. R. Lewis was next in, and he helped Vost to add some 30 runs before Vost was bowled for 54 by Woodeson. Vost played an excellent innings, scoring his runs all round the wicket. C. W. Webb joined W. R. Lewis, and runs came at a good pace, both men hitting hard. At 158 Lewis was caught by Stoner in the slips off Stevens. His innings of 40 included five 4's. After the tea interval Webb was joined by Kilner. and orders were given to hit." The score was taken to 192 before Kilner was caught by Stoner in the slips, at which total the innings was declared

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closed. C. W. Webb was undefeated with 37 to his credit. Capt. Stevens and J. R. Jonathan opened the batting for Mr. Cunliffe to the bowling of C. W. Webb and Vost. Runs came at a great pace from Stevens, but at 32 Webb clean bowled Jonathan, and in his next over he sent Stoner back for three. Capt. Stevens was hitting both bowlers with ease, and in one over from Webb he scored one six and three fours. Col. Cuthbertson was out to one of the greatest catches ever seen on the Abergavenny ground. At 59 Vost bowled Capt. Stevens, who obtained his 46 in the best style, and had he had a little luck he would have hit off the required runs without at doubt. J. R. Jacob, W. Llewellyn and T G. Cule all scored well. J. R. Jacob was unbeaten at the close of play for a well-played 36. Vost and Webb bowled unchanged throughout, taking three wickets each

ABERGAVENNY v. ABERTILLERY. The Abergavenny *cricket* was disastrous at Abertillery on Saturday. Mr. Jacob won the toss, and on an easy wicket with a good light sent Abertillery in to bat. Why? The side went away with only ten men, and without an umpire or scorer. Again, why? On no single occasion this year has Abergavenny played away from home with a complete eleven. In spite of the strong wind the fast bowlers had to bowl against it, with the result that Abertillery scored runs easily. Six wickets were down for 64, and with a little judicious management the whole side should have been out for less than a hundred. The fielding was atrocious, no fewer than six catches being dropped. R. B. Sparrow was the only man in the Abergavenny side who showed anything like fielding form. S. Burgess played a great innings for his side. He came in when the total was 64, and left at 159. Abergavenny commenced batting soon after 5.30 p.m. and J. R. Jacob and C. E. Watkins opened the innings. With only three runs scored, Watkins was out. Rev. Wildblood and G. E. Bowen left before the score reached a dozen. Capt. Partridge and R. B. Sparrow hit well while they were at the wicket, but both were out at 66. The light got very bad, and the remaining men did nothing.

July 25<sup>th</sup> Abergavenny v Panteg In their return match with Panteg on Saturday, Abergavenny did badly. With the exception of the Rev. C. B. Wildblood, who scored 38 runs out of 102, and then took seven wickets for 25 runs, no one made any effort whatever. It is admitted the wicket was very bad, through the heavy rain, and that the side were without Windham. Lewis, but even this does not excuse the miserable display. September 14<sup>th</sup> 1914 Among the many effects of the war is the abandonment of *cricket* matches, and it is to be feared that this may inflict a hardship on Woodeson, the Abergavenny professional. The match with Cardiff, which was to have been played to-morrow, was fixed for his benefit. Cardiff having abandoned their fixtures, however, the match has had to be declared off, and no match can be arranged in substitution. It is hoped that the sporting public will rise to the occasion and see that Woodeson does not suffer in consequence. Those who have bought tickets are asked not to apply for their money back, and those who have not bought them are invited to do so. Tickets will be on sale all next week. Mr. H. B. Corles, the hon. sec., will be glad to receive subscriptions towards the benefit. Below reported on May 11<sup>th</sup> 1914

**USK V. ABERGAVENNY.**  
At Usk on Saturday. Score—  
Abergavenny: W. R. Lewis, c and b F. Winter, 22;

W. Llewellyn, lbw, b F. Hill, 18; C. W. Webb, b M. Hill, 52; [ ] [ ] [ ] b F. Winter, 0; Rev. C. B. Wildblood, b M. Hill, 17; Rev. B. Jones, not out, 4; F. A. Thomas, not out, 1; extras, 9—total (five wickets), 153.  
Usk: E. Makepeace, lbw, b C. B. Wildblood, 6; M. Watkins, b Woodeson, 9; H. P. Barnes, b Wildblood, 5; H. W. Potbury, not out, 21; H. C. Davies, b Woodeson, 6; F. Hill, b Woodeson, 0; F. W. Winter, b M. Jones, 6; R. Etheridge, b M. Jones, 2; M. Hill, b M. Jones, 2; —. Ward, b M. Jones, 2; [ ] H. Marfell, not out, 0; extras, 8—total (nine wickets), 67.

reported on May 11<sup>th</sup> 1914

**REGGIE GIBBS COMPILES A CENTURY.**

The Seaside's secured a handsome win over Abergavenny on Saturday at Penarth, scoring 212 runs for the loss of four wickets. Reggie Gibbs made of total of 109 when he was caught by H. Shepherd, the old Penarth custodian, who played as substitute. Penarth got the visitors out very cheaply, their score only reaching 66. H. H. Sweet-Escott took four wickets for 11 runs. Scores:—

**PENARTH.**

H. H. Sweet-Escott, run out .....	5
R. A. Gibbs, c Shepherd, b Webb .....	109
R. Turnbull, c Llewellyn, b Webb .....	43
W. H. Winn Jones, not out .....	41
R. Kitch, c Lewis, b Webb .....	6
Extras .....	8

Total (four wickets) .....

212  
Stoner, S. Dyer, W. Davies, E. R. Sweet-Escott, T. Hinde, G. Martin did not bat.

**ABERGAVENNY.**

H. Llewellyn, b G. Martin .....	14
Rev. A. B. Jones, c Turnbull, b Stoner ..	1
W. R. Lewis, b Sweet-Escott .....	17
T. G. Cole, b Martin .....	5
C. W. Webb, b Martin .....	10
J. Straker, b Sweet-Escott .....	5
A. M. Cunliff, c Turnbull, b Martin ..	9

H. Shepherd, not out .....	9
C. Emery, c Gibbs, b Sweet-Escott .....	0
Woderston, c Martin, b Sweet-Escott ..	2
Extras .....	7
Total .....	66

Total runs scored .....

**CARMARTHEN GENTLEMEN V. MONMOUTH GENTLEMEN.**

The game between the Carmarthenshire and Monmouthshire Gentlemen ended, as stated in Saturday's Western Mail, in an easy victory for Carmarthenshire by an innings and 39 runs. PRIZES'S scores were:—

**CARMARTHENSHIRE** (first innings): H. Percy Rose, c W. R. Lewis, b C. W. Webb, 40; C. H. Matheson, b C. W. Webb, 34; I. E. Holland, c J. R. Jacobs, b C. W. Webb, 32; D. P. M. Jones, b A. E. Davies, 42; J. E. Evans, b A. E. Davies, 31; C. R. Matheson, c J. R. Jacobs, 3; A. E. Davies, b A. Jacobs (absent), 0; G. H. Lewis, c M. Watkins, b C. W. Webb, 33; I. E. Evans, b A. E. Davies, 25; E. Evans, run out, 1; J. E. Morran, not out, 2; extras, 17; total, 227.

**MONMOUTHSHIRE** (second innings): W. R. Lewis, c C. R. Matheson, b E. Evans, 11; M. Watkins, c C. R. Matheson, b E. Evans, 24; A. Straker, b C. R. Matheson, 21; C. W. Webb, b C. R. Matheson, 5; J. R. Jacobs, c J. M. Bevan, b C. R. Matheson, 12; H. Jacobs, b C. R. Matheson, 3; W. Henevlyn, run out, 22; T. G. Cole, c H. E. John, b E. Matheson, 4; C. Webb, b E. Evans, 5; Rev. E. J. Bates, not out, 10; C. Morran, c C. R. Matheson, b E. Evans, 1; extras, 1; total, 97.

Abergavenny v Penarth and Carmarthen Gents v Monmouthshire Gents Reported on July 20<sup>th</sup> 1914