

# Abergavenny Cricket Club History

## 1947 Season

President- J.R. Jacob (Final Year)  
Chairman-L.Taylor  
Joint Hon Sec-H.Roberts & S.C.R.Thomas,  
Treasurer- D.P.Scourfield  
1<sup>st</sup> X1 Captain -Syd Stock  
V.Capt -W.Kemmy  
Capt 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 -J.A. 'Bert' Morris  
V.Capt -C.F.R.Price

The Chronicle reported.....

"The clerk of the weather has not given a very cheerful welcome to the opening of summer sports. Nevertheless optimism and enthusiasm prevails on the Avenue Road ground. Mead has got the cricket ground in good shape and some good sport should be seen with a strong team and excellent fixtures. Last season the Sunday games were a feature and they were practically all favoured with remarkably fine weather. Should the same good fortune attend the club this season there will undoubtedly be large crowds on the Avenue Road ground enjoying their Sunday afternoons The first serious match was played on Sunday and both players and spectators needed to be rather hardy for the afternoon was cold and wet. Rain interrupted the game for considerable periods, nevertheless it was played to a conclusion and there was a good finish" This was to be the first year of Lew Whites involvement with the club and the last year of J.R.Jacobs involvement with the club, as at the 1948 AGM in the Greyhound Vaults his death was noted with sadness. The visitors were Mr Ray Faulks X1 from St Fagan's who provided a worthy opposition. The wicket was on the soft side and helped the bowlers and there was no prolific scoring. St Fagans who took first innings were 10-2 but managed to get to 103. F Nicholls 3-8 and captain SH Stock 3-13 took the bowling honours. Lew White the new coach took 1-23 and Cliff Cox 2-33. In reply Abergavenny were at one point 45-6 and later 56-8 however the tail wagged and the last wicket added 326, Abergavenny losing by 11 runs. SH Stock [24\*] F.Nicholls [15] Lew White [13] Philips and Harris shared the 10 wickets for St Fagan's.

This was also the final season as Joint Secretary for S.R.C. Thomas who had held that office since 1936.

In 1947 a concrete wicket was introduced, this was made possible by Glamorgan C.C.C. who were looking to the future and encouraging talent in south Wales. The engagement of Lew White as a Coach indicated the Club's commitment to developing future cricketers and some 25 youngsters regularly turned up for the junior practice/coaching sessions. An Annexe to the Pavilion in the shape of an Army Hut was put in place

Playing wise 1947 was quoted as one of the most progressive seasons for some time

### **New Mid Week Knock Out League**

It is not generally known by cricket patrons that there will be a match on Avenue Road ground every Saturday and Sunday throughout the summer. In addition a Mid week knock out competition has been arranged teams will have to stick to the rules laid down and no more than 3 'regular' cricketers per team. There will be 12 eight ball overs. Cost eight shillings per team

The teams were: Coopers, GPO, Rugby Club, KHGS, LMS, Seargents, Overdrafts, Ruthers, Police, OW gm, Old Boys, Thursdays, Br legion (a) and (b)The Rest, SWG, Llanfoist, PYF, Colts. The competition was won by the GPO.

A 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 game with Hereford saw Hereford's 2nd X1 61 all out with Hill taking 5 -6 in 5 overs, H.Bowkett taking 3 wickets for 25, and Pragnell taking 1 wicket. Abergavenny 83-9 H.Bowkett (27) and C.J.Cox (12)

Patrons will probably be interested to know the quality of sport that will be available to them on Sundays.. The visiting teams will include - Mr Brain's X1, Glamorgan Nomads, Mr Irvings Panteg X1, Monmouthshire Police, a Montgomeryshire X1, a Worcestershire X1-Including players who will play against Glamorgan CCC at Ebbw Vale. Carmarthen Wanderers, Sphinx [Neath] Mr JF Rust's Newport X1, Hereford, Cardiff Athletic and Brecon.

Adams and White, the coach opened the innings for Abergavenny and between them they put on 40 for the first wicket. White [25] wickets then fell regularly- 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> wickets at 45, 5<sup>th</sup> for 47, 6<sup>th</sup> for 49, 8<sup>th</sup> for 69, Nicholls then came in and top scored with a lively [35] CJ Cox hit a six in his [13] and the last wicket added 26 for a total of 135. In reply Mr JH Brain's X1 Ebbw Vale fell 50 runs short. Lew White 6-34 and Syd Stock 5-23.

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Tomorrow the club will send their 1<sup>st</sup> X1 to play the boys as a nice gesture as the Captain of Christ College is the son of Abergavenny member Mr F.White. Then weather permitting at home the club face Lysaughts.

The First X1 were away at Brecon against Christ College who made 73 all out E.G.Nash taking 3 for 4. Two junior members played Gerry Alderton with 2-16 and Mel Pritchard who both bowled well. Lew White took 3-25. Abergavenny won by 4 wickets. Lew White (32) Bill Kemmey (18) and F.Nichols (26)

Despite the absence of skipper Syd Stock who was ill, a draw was achieved at Newport, Abergavenny all out for 139, T.Adams (18) W.Robinson (55) returning to the team after a long absence and F.G.Nichols scoring (35). Newport in reply were 114-2 with E.G.Nash taking the 2 wickets to fall.

Abergavenny 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 v Newport 'A' Newport 'A' winning by 2 wickets. Abergavenny 2nds being 84 all out Tovey (15) and C.Price (22)

Abergavenny played a match against a South Wales League X1 who scored 164-5 E.G.Nash took 2 of the SW League wickets to fall and Abergavenny won by 83 runs with good knocks from C.Price (32) Tommy Adams (16) and C.Bird (16)

Abergavenny 72 all out Lew White (13) E.W.Morgan (11) Pontnewynydd won by 3 wickets. Lew White taking 8 wickets as they batted on after the winning runs were scored.

### Crickhowell win at their new ground

Crickhowell 72 all out. Don Wallace father of Ryland and grandfather of Mark opened the batting for Crickhowell. There were 7 wickets for Bird, 2 for E.G.Nash and 1 for Lew White. In reply Abergavenny were all out for 56 runs with W.Kemmey, L.Jones and E.G.Nash all making double figures. This was only the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> fixture to be played on their new ground.

St Fagans 158-8 with 4 -27 for L.White, 2 -32 for Nicholls and a wicket for C.F.R.Price. Abergavenny 108 all out. L.White (14) W.Kemmey (42) E.G.Nash (28) losing comfortably.

Abergavenny v Mr W.H.Irving's X1 resulted in Abergavenny winning by 4 wickets chasing 53. H.Sadler, E.T.Bowen and W.Mayo making the runs.

Abergavenny Colts v Crickhowell Colts	
Played at Abergavenny on Monday and won by Abergavenny by four wickets.	
Scores:—	
CRICKHOWELL COLTS	
T. Rodwell c Hall b Pritchard.....	0
P. Saunders b Alderton.....	0
D. Tidley c Parry b Alderton.....	5
H. Evans b Pritchard.....	0
K. Boddy c and b Pritchard.....	1
B. Jones b Alderton.....	2
D. King b Pritchard.....	3
V. King b Alderton.....	0
D. Jehu not out.....	3
G. Bevis b Alderton.....	0
G. Jones run out.....	4
Extras.....	12
Total.....	30
ABERGAVENNY COLTS	
G. Alderton c Jones b Rodwell.....	10
M. Powell lbw b Rodwell.....	2
N. Parry b Rodwell.....	1
J. Roch run out.....	3
J. Jenkins c and b Jones.....	16
S. Hall b Rodwell.....	4
M. Pritchard lbw b Rodwell.....	0
E. Sandford b Rodwell.....	13
D. Harry c Jehu b Jones.....	14
P. Williams c Rodwell b Jones.....	2
L. Thresher not out.....	0
Extras.....	3
Total.....	63

Another feature of Cricket in 1947 was the provision of Colts Cricket (See Left) Mel Pritchard 4-4 G.Alderton 5-11. Trevor Rodwell who was only a 3<sup>rd</sup> Form pupil took 6-18 for Crickhowell

Abergavenny then beat Newport Athletic by 50 runs. Newport only fielded 10 men, but did include their professional spin bowler Jarrett. Tommy Adams mastered him however scoring (70) after going in first he was 9<sup>th</sup> man out.

They also beat Brecon after scoring 211-2 W.Kemmey just missing out on a century when out for (94) Brecon were all out for 73. White taking 6 wickets, for just 6 runs, S.Stock 2 wickets for 6 runs, Nash and Adams one wicket each. Next came saw Glamorgan Nomads who amassed 204 runs Stock 4-42, White 4-57 and Nichols 2-37 beating Abergavenny by 87 runs who were bowled out for 117. H.Sharpe (53) Lew White (27) Syd Stock (21) and F.G.Nichols (21)

Away at Ross there was another defeat in a low scoring game, Ross making 98 and Abergavenny 94, White scoring (29) and Roch (12)

Syd Stock bowling 11 overs 4 maidens and taking 5-26, White 3-26 and F.Nichols 2-25. During this game Lew White secured his 50th wicket of the season.

Newport Fugitives 184, Abergavenny 101-7 Lew White (42\*) H.Sadler (16)

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Time run out and prevented the second X1 from defeating Monmouthshire Mental Hospital easily. J.Powell (78) L.Jones (53) both making half centuries.

Away at Builth Wells the First X1 lost, despite a fine (66) from Tommy Adams, Syd Stock also made (21) however they then defeated Carmarthen Wanderers who scored 191-8, Tommy Adams 6-42, L.White 2-27 Abergavenny getting the runs for the loss of 4 wickets. L.White (61) top scoring. This was reported as one of the best games of cricket of the season

Meanwhile the 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 were defeating Oakdale, having scored 146 themselves G.Walker (40) E.W.Morgan (26) H.Bowkett (22) the 2<sup>nd</sup>'s bowled Oakdale out for 114. Bernard Hill 7-21. [Bernard Hill& H.Bowkett Pictured below]



### **2<sup>nd</sup> X1 Tie with Llantarnam**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 tied with Llantarnam, both Sides finishing on 116. E.W.Morgan (38) Mel Pritchard 2-12, C.Cox 2-38.

Neath Sphinx then beat Abergavenny by 65 runs. Sphinx making 142, Stock 4-38, White 3-26. In reply Abergavenny could only manage 72. Adams, Sadler, White and Kemmey all getting good starts but unable to press on.

St Fagan's inflicted a heavy defeat in the next game by 106 runs. However, Next day Abergavenny got back to winning ways beating the Mr J.F.Rust X1 by 7 wickets.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 82 all out did not fare any better against St Fagans 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 losing by 4 wickets. G.V.Evans and G.Walker were top scorers.

### **Crickhowell bowled out for just 18 runs**

In a mid week fixture Crickhowell were hammered being bowled out for 18 runs. Stock with 6 wickets for 3 runs and Nichols 4 wickets for 13 runs. Abergavenny losing 3 wickets in passing the total.

Norwels beat Abergavenny by 3 runs 112 to 109. Adams, Kemmey, White and Bowkett all scoring runs.  
**Tommy Adams 1 run short of deserved Century**

Merthyr Police were easily beaten by 10 wickets having only scored 73. Tommy Adams making (99) Sadler (33) as they batted on after passing the Police total.

More meritorious was the victory over Hereford by 30 runs. Only scoring 100 themselves H.Sadler (13) W.Mayo (29) B.Jennings (25) Hereford were bowled out for 70 runs, 6 wickets for White 3 for Adams and 1 for Jennings.

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Abergavenny Colts A and B teams	
Played at Abergavenny on August 5th and won by the "A" Colts by 5-wkts. Scores :-	
"B" COLTS	
D. A. Harry lbw b M. Powell.....	4
C. Powell c and b M. Powell.....	3
P. Williams lbw b Sandford.....	2
S. Stock c and b Alderton.....	4
G. Parry b Roch.....	1
S. Hall b Scott.....	8
V. Gunter run out.....	1
H. Atkins c and b Scott.....	2
B. Shackleton c and b Croker.....	4
J. Evans c and b Croker.....	1
J. Dawkes not out.....	0
Extras.....	8
Total.....	38
"A" COLTS	
B. Croker lbw b C. Powell.....	5
P. Jones st — b C. Powell.....	7
M. Powell b P. Williams.....	9
C. Facey b P. Williams.....	9
C. Facey b P. Williams.....	1
J. Roch run out.....	1
C. Scott retired.....	11
E. Sandford retired.....	24
Thresher retired.....	10
J. Haines not out.....	4
M. Pritchard not out.....	6
G. Alderton not out.....	5
Extras.....	7
Total.....	91

Pictured left- Abergavenny Colt's 'A' versus 'B' Scorecard with some interesting names that would become household names in the future Against Malpas who made 236-7, Abergavenny were 85 all out.

Tommy Adams (25) W.Mayo (33). The Malpas team included two ex Abergavenny players R. Honeywell and C.Honeywell.

The next Day Cardiff were 104 all out, Norman Riches the well known former Glamorgan C.C.C. player was a spectator at the game. White 4-46, Stock 3-20. Abergavenny won by 5 wickets, W.Kemmy (53\*) and Syd Stock (24\*)

With the season drawing to a close and having enjoyed glorious summer weather, Abergavenny defeated Gloucestershire's Lydney who were bowled out for 97. Nichols 4-28, Stock 2-17, White 3-48.

In reply there were runs from W.Robinson (47) and Stock (22) who ensured victory.

A draw with the Newport side Mr J.F.Rust's X1 followed

### Lew White takes 100 wickets in the Season

Cricket was cancelled the following Saturday for the Carnival. But on the Sunday the visitors were Brecon who scored 147, Lew White 4- 40 completing 100 wickets for the season. Hill 2-12, Nichols 2-18. Tommy Adams with (51) ensured victory.

Unfortunately the season ended with a defeat to Usk with Stan York making 102\* Abergavenny were all out for 77 H.Sadler (21) chasing 176.

AVERAGES FOR THE SEASON					
The 1st XI played 34 matches, won 15, lost 13 and drew 6. 40 players played one or more games for the 1st eleven during the season.					
BATTING AVERAGES					
	Runs	Inns	Not out	Average	
T. Adams ..	787	22	4	37.5	
L. White ..	405	32	4	18.0	
W. H. Robinson ..	174	14	1	17.8	
S. H. Stock ..	235	20	6	16.7	
W. Kemmy ..	383	27	1	14.7	
H. Sadler ..	221	17	3	13.6	
H. Sharpe ..	85	7	5	12.1	
F. E. Nicholls ..	165	20	4	10.3	
R. Jennings ..	87	12	3	9.7	
W. Mayo ..	118	13	3	8.7	
F. Roch ..	38	8	3	7.6	
H. Bowkett ..	49	8	1	7.0	
E. T. Bowen ..	41	7	1	6.8	
M. Dalglish ..	61	12	2	6.1	
E. W. Morgan ..	61	10	2	6.1	
C. Price ..	63	11	3	5.7	
E. G. Nash ..	72	17	2	4.8	
L. Jones ..	29	7	1	4.8	
W. J. Powell ..	27	8	9	3.4	
* Not out.					
BOWLING ANALYSES					
23 players bowled for 1st XI during the season.					
	O.	M.	Runs	W.	Average
S. H. Stock ..	208	83	541	60	9.01
L. White ..	332	37	1031	104	9.81
T. Adams ..	187	48	489	44	11.11
H. Sadler ..	17	1	90	6	15.00
F. E. Nicholls ..	205	39	355	36	10.52
G. Bird ..	45	8	121	7	17.29
B. Hill ..	39	3	141	7	20.14
R. Jennings ..	42	7	142	7	20.28
E. G. Nash ..	101	23	355	15	23.66
W. Kemmy kept wicket in 28 matches. He stumped 38 and caught 14—a total of 52 wickets. He conceded only 150 byes in these games, an average of just over 5 runs per match.					

The 1st X1 played 34 matches winning 15, drawing 6 and losing 13 Lew White took 104 wickets at an average of 9.81 and Averaged 18 with the bat from 32 Innings

Other Batting, Tommy Adams averaged 37.5 from 22 innings. Bill Kemmy the wicket keeper had an excellent season playing 28 matches, taking 52 victims 38 stumpings and 14 catches

The 2nd X1 Played 13 matches, won 4 Drawn 2 and lost 7. The Batting averages for the 2nd X1 were George Walker Average 17.5 Lance Jones 16 Charles Price 10 and Bernard Hill 10.

The GPO beat Abergavenny Thursdays in the Final of the 8 a Side KO Cup which was to be called the H.J.Stone K.O.Cup in future

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175 Field-Marshal Montgomery chats with local tradesman and ex-mayor Max Beveridge beside the war memorial in Frogmore Street, 1947. Also in the picture is the mayor of Abergavenny, E. Rees

Reconciliation Statement as at 25th March 1947.

Balance brought forward from above	179. 15. 1	Creditors:		45. 10. 9
Sundry Debtors	9. 0. 0	Atco Overhaul & Repairs as per estimate		17. 0. 0
		Laying of Concrete Pitch as per estimate		80. 0. 0
		Kit renewals and repairs as per estimate		
Note: It is hoped to receive a Grant from the Glam C.C.C. towards the cost of the Concrete Pitch, and a further £10 Army Compensation.		Anticipated WORKING BALANCE		<u>16. 4. 4</u>
	<u>£188.15. 1</u>			<u>£188. 15. 1</u>
<u>CATERING ACCOUNT.</u>				
BAR - Sales	127. 10. 4	BAR - Purchases	85. 12. 7	
		Licence Duty	17. 3	
		Wages	<u>18. 15. 0</u>	105. 4. 10
		PROFIT		22. 5. 6
TEAS - Sales	70. 1. 8	TEAS - Purchase	33. 14. 11	
		Wages	<u>11. 5. 0</u>	44. 19. 11
		PROFIT		25. 1. 9
	<u>£197. 12. 0</u>			<u>£197.12. 0</u>
<p>I have examined the above Account(s) with the Bank Passbook(s) and vouchers. In my opinion, they correctly represent the position.</p> <p>Signed. E.J. Jones. - Hon Auditor. 25th March 1947.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Signed. D.F. Scourfield. Hon. Treasurer, National Provincial Bank Abergavenny.</p>				