

Abergavenny Cricket Club History

1953 Season

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W.E.Jones Benefit Year

Combined Glamorgan/Middlesex will play the Club June 26th

The 1st XI fixture list is as follows :-				SUNDAY FIXTURES			
April	25	Panteg	Away	April	26	Whitchurch	Home
May	2	Whiteheads	Away	May	3	Treforest	Home
May	9	Brecon	Away	May	10	Lydney	Home
May	16	Usk	Away	May	17	Pat Kendle's XI	Home
May	23	Cardiff	Home	May	24	Slough	Home
Whit Mon.	25	Crickhowell	Away	May	31	Newport Fugitives	Home
May	30	Monmouth	Away	June	7	Barry	Away
June	6	Newport	Home	June	14	South Wales Hunt	Home
June	13	St. Fagans	Home	June	21	Hereford	Away
June	20	Cowbridge	Home	June	28	Tom Phillip's XI	Home
June	27	Ross	Away	July	5	Swansea	Home
July	4	Whiteheads	Home	July	12	Innswingers	Home
July, Tues.	7	Weaste	Home	July	19	Mitchells & Butlers	Home
July	11	Brecon	Home	July	26	W. E. Jones' XI	Home
July	18	Builth Wells	Home	August	2	Panteg	Home
July	25	Lydney	Away	August	9	Hereford	Home
August	1	St. Fagans	Home	Aug. 16	Ross	Home	Home
Aug. Mon.	3	Crickhowell	Home	Aug. 23	Sphinx	Home	Home
Thurs. Aug.	6	The Mayflies	Home	Aug. 30	Barry	Home	Home
August	8	Newport Fugitives	Away	Sept. 6	Neath	Home	Home
August	15	Monmouth	Home	Sept. 13	Choristers	Home	Home
August	22	Cowbridge	Away				
August	29	Usk	Home				
September	5	Whitchurch	Home				
September	12	Lydney	Home				

April 25th Panteg away

April 26th The 1953 Season opened with a draw against **Whitchurch Heath** who scored 158-8 declared. There was 3 wickets for Lew White and 2 for C.Berrington. In reply Abergavenny reached 153-3 thanks to H.Sadler (27) Les Jones (48) Lew White (31*) and C.Berrington (29*)

Following the draw with Whitchurch Heath Abergavenny 1st X1 followed this up with another Draw against Whiteheads away , a win against Treforest at home a draw with Hereford and loss to Brecon Sports Club away. May 9th Brecon 129 Workman 4-26, Saunders 3-30, White 2-36. Abergavenny 62 all out. Jones [14] Sadler [18]

On May 10th **Lydney** beat Abergavenny by 9 wickets when chasing Abergavenny 177-9 declared. Les Jones (51) H.Sadler (41*) they reached their target 180 for the loss of just 1 wicket.

May 16th 1st X1 away at Usk the 2nd X1 at home to Usk 2nd Abergavenny 2nd's 129, hammered Usk 2nd's 30. C.Cox (23) S.Hall [16] G.Phillips (21) M.Stock [15] W.Mayo [11] C.F.R.Price with 5 wickets.

May 17th **Pat Kendle's X1** had become a regular fixture around this time, it was a distinguished X1 made up of very good players. At this time, 1953 the team included: Sir Derek Bailey (Glos) C.Chesterton, J.Horton and G.Lampard (Worcester) D.Carnhill (Herts) G.Surtees (Malvern) Bob Webb (Ross) P.Marsham (Colwall) D.Perry (Cheltenham) and of course Pat Kendle himself (Glos 2nd's)

They totalled 168-8 with good bowling from W.Williams 3-34, Lew White 3-42, and S.Workman 2-32. In reply Abergavenny made 150 with runs from, J.Crealey (31), W.Mayo (48) and E.Tovey (23*)

May 23rd 1st X1 hosted Cardiff at venue Road

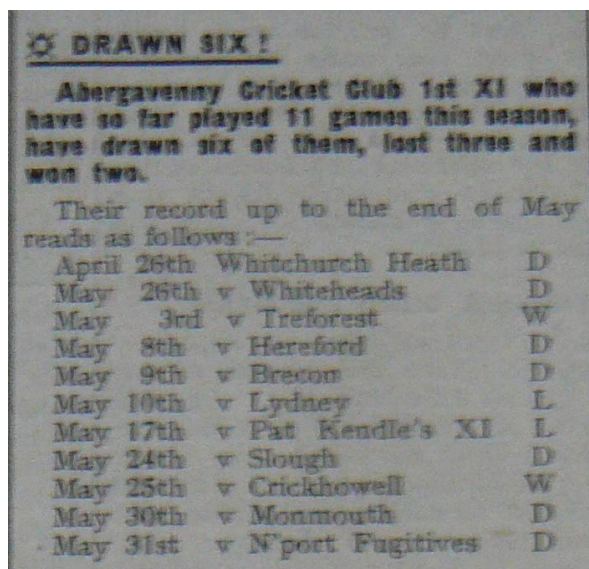
May 24th The first's drew with **Slough** who made 140-8 declared, Grealey with 7-26 and One wicket for Lew White. Abergavenny finishing on 125-6 with M.Stock (27) and L.Jones (45*) T.Adams [17] Lew White [13] G.Alderton [15]

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May 25th A good win away followed in the eagerly awaited local derby with **Crickhowell** who totalled 141 thanks to Mel Pritchard 4-39, Lew White 3-57, S.Stock 2-40 and Bob Jennings with 1-1. Abergavenny knocking them off for the loss of 3 wickets. Les Jones (75) Lew White (27*) At Avenue Road on Whit Monday May 25th Crickhowell 2nd's Abergavenny 2nd's won . Abergavenny 2nd's 155 with H.Bowkett (35) Crickhowell 2nd's 81. Cliff Cox taking 4-27.

May 30th There was then a draw with **Monmouth** who made 105-8 chasing 144 scored by H.Sadler (30) Alderton (31) Parry (23) and Crealey (27). May 31st A further drawn game with **Newport Fugitives** next, who scored 195-6 in reply Abergavenny held on at 131-8 with runs from, M.Stock (19) H.Sadler (18) G. Alderton (22) and W.Mayo (27)



○ DRAWN SIX !

Abergavenny Cricket Club 1st XI who have so far played 11 games this season, have drawn six of them, lost three and won two.

Their record up to the end of May reads as follows :-

April 26th	Whitchurch Heath	D
May 26th	v Whiteheads	D
May 3rd	v Treforest	W
May 8th	v Hereford	D
May 9th	v Brecon	D
May 10th	v Lydney	L
May 17th	v Pat Kandle's XI	L
May 24th	v Slough	D
May 25th	v Crickhowell	W
May 30th	v Monmouth	D
May 31st	v N'port Fugitives	D

June 6th Newport were due at Abergavenny and June 7th the 1st X1 were due at Barry. The same day the 2nd X1 lost their 1st match of the season at Avenue Road, however there were quite a number of regular 2nd X1 players un available, including Tovey, Hill, Jones V, Sandford, Pritchard, Thomas, Mayo and Cox. CFR Price 3-24, H.Bowkett 3-38. Abergavenny 2nd X1 72 all out only Peter Jones [18] and Joe Davies [12] reached double figures

June 13th St Fagans 156-6 Workman 2 wkts, Saunders 2 wkts, White and Williams one wkt each, drew with Abergavenny 99-7. L.Jones [18] M.Stock [24] L.White [16] Stan Workman [25*] At Avenue Road Abergavenny 2nd X1 163 all out W.Mayo [14]Cliff Cox [48] CF Price [32*]F.Roch [24] St Fagans 2nd X1 113 Berrington 3-7 and HV Bowkett 3-25

New Extension opened by J.C.Clay

June 14th During the fixture with south Wales Hunt, which was played under grey skies in what should have been 'flaming June' J.C.Clay officially opened the recently erected extension to the pavilion. This extension had been supervised by C.F.R.Price but in the main was the product of the club members working as volunteers on the project. It gave Abergavenny amenities that were among the best in Wales. It cost around £800 and had paid workers been involved it would have cost at least double that amount.

In the game itself Abergavenny nearly pulled off a win. Having scored 148- 2 with Les Jones (93) and Lew White (40*) playing well. In reply the Hunt held on at 94-8. (JT Morgan 44* & JCR Downing 27) Two wickets for Workman, 3 wkts for Grealy and one each for Pritchard and Williams.

June 20th -At Home Cowbridge 135-9, Williams 3-40, Adams 2-13, Saunders 2-36 drew with Abergavenny 123-9 L.White (23)Jones (21) M.Stock (21). Abergavenny 2nd X1 beat Cowbridge 2nd X1 away, who scored 128 all out with 8 wickets for Mel Pritchard, one each for Bowkett and Price. Abergavenny 2nd X1 129-3 H.Bowkett [45] C.Berrington [51*] W.Mayo [20]
June 21st 1st X1 away at Hereford 2nd X1 at home to Hereford 2nd X1

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W.E.Jones

June 26th Fred Titmus and Lew White spin their webs

The highlight of the season was another Benefit Game for W.E. Willie Jones. His team were bowled out for 170 with Lew White taking 5 wickets. The team included: J.Pleas, S.Montgomery, W.E.Jones, H.P.Sharp, S.M.Brown, J.T.Murray, P.Clift, J.J.Warr, F.Titmus,L.Muncer, K.Lewis. In reply Abergavenny only managed 4-9 with Middlesex and England star bowler Fred Titmus taking 6 wickets.

June 27th 1st X1 away -Ross 86 were beaten with Don Parry taking six wickets Saunders and Workman with 2 wickets each. Abergavenny scoring 97 W.Williams the star with (30) and H.Sadler (17) L.Jones [13] Berrington [14]

Cliff Cox hits a purple patch for the 2nd's

June 27th Cliff Cox hit a purple patch and scored 62 for the 2nd's including four 6's against Ross 2nd's who made 95-6. He also took three wickets for 25. In reply to Abergavenny 2nd's mammoth 203-5, Bob Jennings also chipping in with (40) Cliff Cox [62].

June 28th The Tom Phillips X1 amassed 233-6 with Cardiff's Alan Priddy scoring (50*) Abergavenny 142-6 ensured a draw. T.Adams (29) H.Sadler (24*) L.Jones [13] W.Williams [16] G.Alderton [16*] Lew White and S.Workman 2 wickets each, Williams and Adams 1 each.

July 4th Whiteheads 97 all out 5 wickets for L.White [5-51] and 4 wickets for W.Williams [4-31] were defeated, Abergavenny scoring 160-9 Lew Jones (48) M.Stock (28) J.Hill (22) C.Berrington[16] Bob Jennings [10*]

Fireworks at Bassaleg on July 4th Whiteheads 2nd X1 50, five wickets for Thomas and three for Pritchard one each for Price and Adams. Abergavenny 2nd X1 52-0, G.V.Evans (21*) and Garth Phillips (29*) a thrashing for Whiteheads by 10 wickets.

July 5th at Avenue Road Swansea 102-8 4 wickets for L.White and 2 wickets for T.Adams defeated Abergavenny who were 101 all out. M.Stock (20) H.Sadler (14) Lew White [13] Tommy Adams [10] Harold Sadler [14] W.Mayo [11*] Lew Jones failed after scoring runs the previous day. Swansea at one point were 91-8

Tuesday July 7th at home against the Touring team Weaste CC

July 11th and 12th Brecon and Innswingers games were spoiled by rain.

July 18th Builth 30 all out Williams (4 wkts) and Saunders (3 wkts) were hammered, Abergavenny 171-7. L.White (54*), L.Jones (28) and M.Stock (25)

Rain stops play

July 19th Mitchell and Butler's 165-5. 2 wickets for Grealy and Williams and one wicket for Jones. Abergavenny were 39-3 when rain intervened. L.Jones [11] M.Stock [15*] Tommy Adams [10*]

July 23rd Thursday afternoon Abergavenny 139-8 G.Alderton [31] Bob Jennings [40] Lew White [23] E.Tovey [13] v R.Johnson X1 -131 all out. Williams with 5 wickets, two for Thomas and one for Jennings.

July 25th 1st X1 Away at Lydney. Lydney 90-8 with W.Williams taking 7 wickets and Don Parry one wicket, beat Abergavenny 55 all out, E.Sandford (27) L.White (14)

July 26th 1st X1 v WE Jones X1 170 all out Lew White 5 wickets, Adams [2] Williams, Workman and Grealy with one wicket each. Abergavenny 47-9 with M.Stock carrying his bat [23*]

August 1st X1 at Home to St Fagans they lost St Fagans 102 with W.Williams (4 wkts), L.White (3 wkts) and Saunders (2 wkts) Abergavenny 72. Meanwhile away at St Fagans 2nd X1 the 2nd X1 117 C.

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August 2nd at Avenue Road Panteg 82 all out were beaten. Don Parry (3 wkts) W.Williams (5 wkts) and T.Adams (2 wkts) Abergavenny 84-5 with Don Parry also getting (21*)

August 2nd Away-Abergavenny 2nd X1 133 drew with Panteg who just held on at 110-9.

Monday August 3rd Crickhowell 88 all out, defeated Abergavenny 57 all out. Four wickets each for Parry and Williams and one for Syd Stock. Abergavenny's main scorers were L.Jones (18) and M.Stock (10)
Aug 3rd Monday away Crickhowell 2nd's 43. Six wickets for C.Cox Croker 3 wkts and one for Mel Pritchard. Abergavenny 2nd's 44-2. P.Bishop (19)

Mayflies 'Swatted'

August 6th 1st X1 at home to the Mayflies Abergavenny 101, T.Adams (38) C.Cox (16) beat Mayflies 66 all out, Syd Stock (4 wkts), T.Adams (3 wkts) and L.White (2 wkts)

Alderton knocks up highest total

August 8th Abergavenny 221-7 Les Jones (21) T.Adams (49) G.Alderton (56) E.Sandford (45) drew with Newport Fugitives 124-6 Cliff Cox promoted to the 1st X1 taking 3 wickets and Syd Stock taking 2 wickets. At Avenue Road the 2nd X1 Abergavenny 86-6

Abergavenny fine victory over Hereford

August 9th Abergavenny 1st X1 v Hereford at Home. Hereford 85 with Adams taking 6 wickets, Pritchard and White two wickets each, were beaten, Abergavenny 87-9 Les Jones (26) L.White (16) J.Hill (15)

Hereford 2nd's 85. C.Cox (4 wkts) and Thomas (4 wkts) Jones had 1 wicket Abergavenny 2nd's winning at 86-6. J.Davies (41*) and V.Jones (22)

Wyn Williams shatters Ross with seven wickets

August 15th Monmouth at Home for the 1st X1 and the following day still at home to Ross
August 16th Abergavenny 1st X1 beat **Ross** with W.Williams accurate off spin taking 7 wickets for 16 runs in 9 overs. 176 L.White [28] T.Adams [48] Ross 80 all out Mel Pritchard with the other 3 wickets. While the 2nd X1 long winning run came to an end. Ross 2nd's 99 beat Abergavenny 2nd's 56 all out.

Brian Shackleton scores (31) W.Mayo [25] C.Berrington [13] for the 2nd X1 against BNS in Abergavenny's total of 98. BNS 110-7 winning by 3 wickets- wickets for Bowkett [7] Shackleton [2] & One for Jones.

August 22nd Abergavenny 106 Cliff Cox (31) and L.Jones (19) then lost to **Cowbridge** 107-6 away by 4 wickets, Pritchard and Williams with 3 wickets each. When they met in June they drew

Abergavenny 139-8 G.Alderton (31) B.Jennings (40) L.White (23) defeated R.Johnson's X1 131, W.Williams with 5 wickets.

August 23rd **Sphinx**

August 29th **Usk**

August 30th **Barry** 180 -7 declared 3 wkts for Adams and 2 wkts for Stock drew with Abergavenny 99-2 Les Jones (56*) M.Stock (23)

Defeat turned into victory

September 5th A low scoring victory followed when Abergavenny only managed 77 at one point they were 23-5 but with Bowkett [16] Jennings [11] and Sadler [19] with late runs. **Whitchurch** however were 73 all out with Williams 4-34, Workman 3-16, B.Saunders 3-21

September 6th Abergavenny 119-8 registered a good win against **Neath Ad Libs** who were all out for 55 with T.Adams taking 4-21. M.Stock [16] L.White [12] T.Adams [14] W.Williams [13] John Hill [14*] Stan Trick taking a couple of wickets for the Ad Libs.

September 12th However they lost to **Lydney** at home by 8 wickets. Brian Shackleton [14] and S. Workman [14] were top scorers for Abergavenny. Lydney 85-2 with two wickets for Saunders.

2nd X1 just failed

Lydney 2nd X1 -144, Abergavenny 2nd X1 due to bad light mainly failed to win by 2 runs. Cliff Cox [36] and H.Bowkett took 5-19.

September 13th **Cardiff Choristers** scored 123. Stalwart Syd Stock claimed 3 wickets, Adams White and Shackleton took 2 apiece the Choristers were well beaten by 8 wickets Les Jones (63) L.White (32*)

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