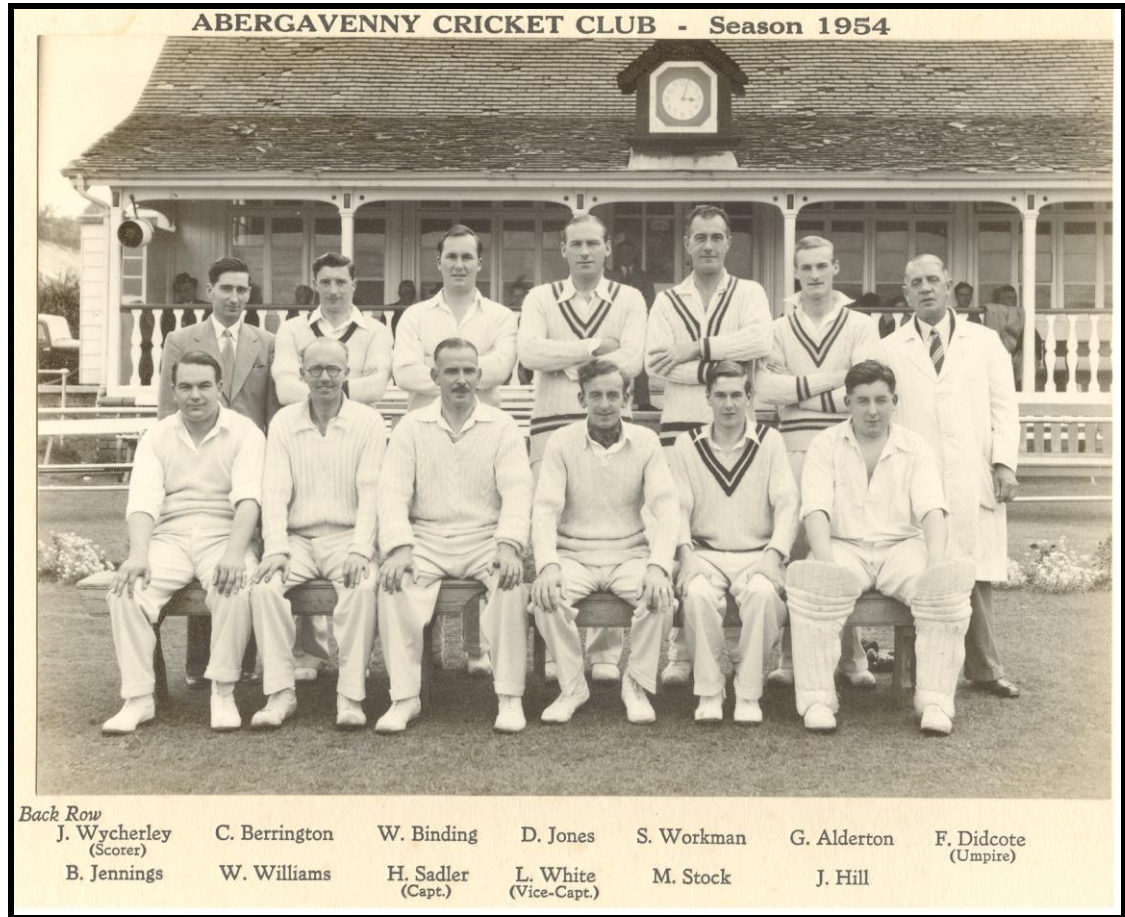


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1954 Season

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1954 Fixture List

SATURDAY FIXTURES			SUNDAY FIXTURES			SATURDAY FIXTURES			SUNDAY FIXTURES		
Date	Opponents	Ground	Date	Opponents	Ground	Date	Opponents	Ground	Date	Opponents	Ground
Apr. 24	St. Fagans	H	April 25	Christlers	H	April 24	St. Fagans	A	July 11	Barry	H
May 1	Ross	H	May 2	Lydney	H	May 1	British Nylon	A	Aug. 1	Hereford	A
May 8	Brecon	A	May 9	Cowbridge	H	May 8	Cardiff Res.	H	Aug. 8	Hereford	H
May 13	Ponting	A	May 16	Immswingers	H	May 15	Fanteg	A	Aug. 29	Barry	A
May 22	Builth Wells	H	May 23	Sphinx	H	May 22	Cardiff Res.	H			
May 29	Monmouth	H	May 30	Pat Kendle's XI	H	May 29	Monmouth	A			
June 5	Cardiff	H	June 6	Sleugh	H	June 5	Uak	A			
June 12	Uak	H	June 13	South Wales Hunt	H	June 12	Newport	A			
May 19	Newport	A	June 20	Len Munce's XI	H	June 19	Cowbridge	H			
June 26	Cowbridge	A	June 27	Briggod	H	June 26	Crickhowell	H			
July 3	Newport Fugitives	A	July 4	Weaste	H	July 3	Crickhowell	H			
July 10	Uak	A	July 11	Barry	A	July 10	Uak	H			
July 17	Brecon	H	July 18	Tom Phillips' XI	H	July 17	Brecon	A			
July 24	Builth Wells	A	July 25	Mitchells and Butlers	H	July 24	British Nylon	H			
July 31	Monmouth	A	Aug. 1	Hereford	A	July 31	Monmouth	H			
Aug. 7	Crickhowell	A	Aug. 8	Hereford	H	Aug. 7	Crickhowell	H			
Aug. 14	Lydney	A	Aug. 15	Swansea	H	Aug. 14	Lydney	H			
Aug. 21	Pontypridd	H	Aug. 22	Neath	H	Aug. 21	Postypridd	A			
Aug. 28	Ross	A	Aug. 29	Barry	H	Aug. 28	British Nylon	A			
Sept. 4	Fanteg	H	Sept. 5	Whitechurch	H	Sept. 4	Fanteg	A			
Sept. 11	St. Fagans	A	Sept. 12	Newport Fugitives	H	Sept. 11	St. Fagans	H			
Sept. 18	Lydney	H				Sept. 18	Ross	A			
Wt.-M.											
June 7	Swansea	A									
Thurs.											
July 8	Civil Service Crusaders	H									
Thurs.											
Ass. 5	Mayflies	H									

BENEFIT MATCH: LEN MUNCE
 SUNDAY, JUNE 20th
 DERBYSHIRE / GLAMORGAN XI v. Abergavenny

Wt.-M. June 7 Swansea H

THURSDAY EVENING FIXTURES
 Second XI and Colts XI

A number of Matches, mostly home, are being arranged, and particulars will be put on the Notice Board.

Saturday Matches commence 2.45 p.m. Sunday 2.30 p.m.

In 1954 A Benefit Match was held at the ground for Len Muncer June 20th 1954 Glamorgan v Derbyshire

Abergavenny lose first match, win second

April 24th Abergavenny lost their first match of the season at Avenue Road and won their second. First game saw them entertain St Fagans, who scored 179-5 declared, W.Saunders 2-30, R.Jones 2-52, S.

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Workman 1-35. In reply Abergavenny were all out for 122. Mike Stock (24) R.Jones (32) Extras (34) The 2nd X1 were away at St Fagans.

April 25th at home Abergavenny 64, L.Jones (15) H.Sadler (13) Cardiff Choristers 42. S.Workman 5-20, W.Williams 4-19 Not one of the 22 players on show in this game managed to get to 20 runs

Abergavenny 2nd X1 first away win

May 1st Abergavenny 2nd X1 played BNS who scored 50-8 declared R.Thomas 6-23, H.Bowkett 2-18. Abergavenny 2nd X1- 54-2 H.Bowkett [30*] C,Berrington [18]

Dick Jones with eight wickets

May 8th away at Brecon Abergavenny 151, Les Jones (56) S.Workman (31) M.Stock [12]W.Binding [25]Brecon 126. Dick Jones 8-49 and one wicket for Workman.

Bad start against Cowbridge

May 9th at Home Cowbridge 68-5 beat Abergavenny 67 all out on the Sunday by 5 wickets. Lew White (20) S.Workman (24) Workman also took all 5 wickets to fall for 11 runs

Century for Lew White at Panteg

May 15th away at Panteg Abergavenny 184-9 Lew White (108*) D.Jones (21) Panteg 114 all out Workman, Williams, Jones and White shared the wickets. Panteg 2nds 32 all out R.Thomas 5 for 9 P.Jones 2 wickets and 1 for Pritchard. Abergavenny 2nd X1 33 for 1 C.Berrington (31*)

Exciting cricket at Avenue Road

May 16th Abergavenny 182 for 9 Declared M.Stock (21) S.Workman (42) G.Alderton (47) runs also for White Binding and Sadler. Innswingers 168 W.Williams 4-60 Jones 3-49 & Workman 2 wkts Next up May 22nd Builth Wells at home.While the 2nd X1 beat Cardiff Reserves who were 83 all out with eight wickets for H.Bowkett & two for Thomas. 2nd X1 86-6 Bowkett [48] V.Jones [22] May 22nd- The 2nd X1 completed the double over Cardiff. Abergavenny 2nd X1 -147-8 Declared V.Jones [71]Mayo [29] Sandford [23] Cardiff reserves 106 all out. Pritchard 3 wickets, Thomas and Bowkett 2 each and V.Jones and P.Jones one apiece.

May 23rd Sphinx 183 for 5 declared Saunders with 4 wickets & Pritchard 1 wkt. Abergavenny 140 M.Stock (25) L.White (33) R.Jennings(22)H.Sadler [12] Saunders [10] Jennings [22]

Leading Batting Averages					
	In.	N.O.	Rs.	H.S.	Av
L. White	7	1	176	108*	29.33
S. Workman	6	0	110	42	18.33
M. Stock	8	1	98	25	14.00
L. Jones	7	1	82	56	13.66
G. Alderton	7	1	73	47*	12.16
W. Binding	4	0	46	25	11.50
	*Not out				
Leading Bowling Averages					
	O	M	Rs.	W	Av
S. Workman	39	2	16	97	6.06
D. Jones	63	5	5	183	12.02
W. Saunders	32	5	88	6	14.66
W. Williams	73	6	14	240	12.00

Pictured left- the averages after 8 fixtures- May 29th 1st X1 v Monmouth at home.

Gallant Abergavenny unlucky to lose

A narrow defeat for the 1st X1 against Pat Kendle X1 followed. Pat Kendle X1- 138 with 6 wickets for Dick Jones. Abergavenny 136. H.Sadler (31) W.Binding (29)

June 5th Abergavenny 1st X1 v Cardiff at Avenue Road. June 6th Slough June 12th Usk at home June 13th South Wales Hunt- Abergavenny 176 for 5 declared W.Binding (37) Lew White (84) (LEW Williams 28, CE Woosnam 12 & GC Francis 10) South Wales Hunt 69-6 (JT Morgan 15-3-54-2) Dick Jones 4-18. June 19th away at Newport- The day before the Benefit game there was club cricket to be played and a draw with Newport who scored 180-5 declared in reply Abergavenny struggled to 80-8 L.White (25) S.Workman (26)

Bowkett stood alone

June 19th-Newport 2nd X1 145-9 declared H.Bowkett 4 wickets, Jones 3 wickets and 2 wickets for MacPherson. Abergavenny 2nd X1 55 all out with H.Bowkett [34*] no one else in double figures.

June 20th Len Muncer Benefit Game McConnon gets 63 and a windscreen

COMBINED XI	
A. Hamer c Williams b D. Jones	32
T. Kelly c Sadler b Workman	19
J. Pleass c Williams b D. Jones	4
A. Revell c Berrington b D. Jones	12
A. Watkins c P. Jones b Williams	10
L. Muncer b Jennings	19
B. Edrich c Alderton b Jennings	7
C. Gladwin c D. Jones b Jennings	22
G. Wyatt b Williams	0
J. McConnon not out	63
E. Smith c Williams b Jennings	46
R. Carter c and b D. Jones	10
Extras	5
Total	249



Len Muncer who played with distinction for both Middlesex and Glamorgan Jim McConnon scored (63) and broke a windscreen. The Combined X1 as seen in the cutting [left]scored 249 and Abergavenny replied with 165 -5 W.Binding (69) G.Alderton (28) W.Williams (23)

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Teams entered in the Eight a side this season were-Mardy, Ewyas Harold, KHGS, Hilly Billies, GPO, Golf Club, Penyfal, Coopers, Legion, Rugby Club, Police, Price & Son and Hockey Club

London team gave enterprising display

On Thursday Hounslow were the visitors and Abergavenny lost to Hounslow after scoring 130 all out L.White (28) W.Saunders (25) W.Binding [17] H.Sadler [15] John Hill [12] H.Bowkett [18] Hounslow getting the runs for the loss of 3 wickets. Two run outs and one wicket for Bob Jennings

Rain robbed Abergavenny of victory

June 7th Abergavenny travelled to the famous St Helens Ground in hope rather than expectation but were unfortunate that rain stopped play as they headed for victory. Abergavenny 134 Stuart Workman (31) L.White (30) H.Sadler (25) Swansea were 83-8 Workman 2- 44 and Dick Jones 5-35.

Meanwhile at Abergavenny Swansea 2nd X1 were beating Abergavenny 2nd X1 as Swansea batsmen flayed the bowling and scored 149-4 declared Bowkett 3 wickets Thomas [2] Jones [1] Abergavenny 2nd X1 100 all out- W.Mayo [1] E.Sandford [11] A.O. Jones [38]

June 26th 1st X1 away at Cowbridge- Abergavenny 113 W.Binding (15) M.Stock (13) W.Williams (31) H.Sadler (30*) Cowbridge 82-5 at the close.

Jennings and Alderton shake Bridgend

June 27th 1st X1 at home to Bridgend- Bridgend 131 Jennings 4 wkts and Alderton 3 wkts. Abergavenny winning 132-7 G.Alderton (29*) R.Jennings (29*)

July 3rd away in Newport another draw against Newport Fugitives followed. Abergavenny 164 S.Workman (51) H.Sadler (25) Lew White [20] W.Williams [12] G.Alderton [13] C.Berrington [19] Newport Fugitives 152-7 Bob Jennings taking 6 wickets and Workman 1 wicket.

High Scoring

The 2nd X1 faced the Fugitives 2nd X1 at Avenue Road Newport posted 215 after being 59-4 3 wickets for Price and Bowkett, two wickets for Fennell and one for Thomas. Abergavenny 2nd X1 came within 50 runs of their target but after WE Mayo [84] who figured in a stand for the 3rd wicket of 66 with E.Sandford, the tail could only manage a further 21 runs.

July 3rd Abergavenny 2nd X1 were at home to Crickhowell 2nd X1 -Abergavenny 2nd X1 -68 all out A.Brown [12] K.Brown [12] Crickhowell 2nd X1 67 all out Saunders 6 wickets, Worthing 2 wickets and one for Brown.

Too easy for Abergavenny

July 4th The Lancashire touring side Weaste only mustered 52 with Williams and Jennings taking 4 wickets each. Abergavenny 53-2 M.Stock (23*) L.White (19)

July 8th Civil Service crusaders at home

Disappointing weekend for Abergavenny

July 10th A sad defeat followed against Usk with Abergavenny only reaching 61 all out. W.Williams (15) H.Sadler (19) Usk getting them comfortably 64-4 Bob Jennings taking 2 wickets and Williams [1]. Meanwhile the 2nd X1 were enjoying themselves against Usk 2nd X1 by scoring 201 for 7 declared in defeating Usk who were all out for 128. Bowkett 3 wickets,CF Price 4 wickets, Thomas, Saunders and Cox One wicket each.

No easy 'outing' at Barry

July 11th The first X1 away saw Barry who inflicted yet another defeat scoring a massive 230-4 with one wicket each for White, Williams, Jennings & Alderton, in reply Abergavenny were 130 all out M.Stock (24) L.White (34) W.Williams (24) C.Berrington (29)

Whilst at Avenue Road Barry 2nd's also hammered Abergavenny 2nd X1.Barry 2nd X1 -176-6 Bill MacPherson 3 wickets, Tommy Adams 2 wickets and one wicket for Hodson. In reply Abergavenny 2nd X1 were 78 all out. Cliff Cox [23] H.Bowkett [17]R.Hodson [13]

July 17th the 1st X1 were at home to Brecon while the 2nd X1 travelled to Brecon

Tourist flay Abergavenny bowling

July 18th - A Further defeat was endured as Tom Phillips X1 totalled 230, White, Williams, Jennings and Workman sharing the wickets. Abergavenny 105 H.Sadler (30) Workman [11] M.Stock [13]Berrington [11]V.Jones [16*]

Abergavenny beaten in the rain

July 24th - Builth kept up the pressure with a 7 wicket victory. Abergavenny all out 96, H.Sadler (20) S.Stock (15*)W.Binding [14] Builth 103 -3 White Alderton and Workman one wicket each.

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Blaina 105 Hodson 4 wickets, Price Pritchard and Thomas 2 wickets each, Abergavenny 2nd X1 – 81 all out. CF Price [23]

July 25th Mitchell and Butlers were the visitors to Avenue Road

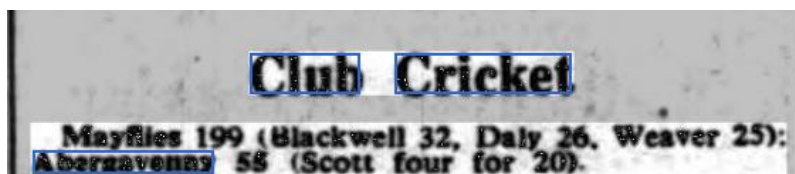
A welcome win at last ! First win for a month

July 31st Abergavenny confidently beat Monmouth away bowling them out for 85. Abergavenny 89-4 L.White (29) C.Berrington (27*) to record the first win since July 4th.

Another welcome win came against Hills Plymouth (Merthyr) on August Monday, who were bowled out for 128 D.Jones 3-16 5 wickets for Williams and One for Alderton. Abergavenny 129-6 C.Berrington (48)W.Binding [11]G.Alderton [17] Jennings [11*] D.Jones [18*] A six from Dick Jones off the last ball of the match which broke a spectators car windscreen saw Abergavenny home by 4 wickets.

August 1st – The euphoria didn't last long as Abergavenny lost to Hereford. Abergavenny 132-9 L.White (55) C.Berrington [12] W.Binding [13]Hereford 135-7. 2 wickets for Jones and Workman, one wicket each for Williams , White and Jennings. The seconds also lost to Hereford seconds. Hereford 2nd X1 149 Bowkett 3 wickets and Vin Jones 2 wickets. Abergavenny 2nd X1 128 all out.

August 5th Mayflies at home. Mayflies 199 Abergavenny 55 with G.Alderton scoring [15]



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August 7th the short trip to Crickhowell for the 1st X1 and vice versa for Crickhowell 2nd X1 didnt happen due to rain

August 8th a quick re match with Hereford, Abergavenny travelled to Hereford on Sunday they were convincingly beaten. Abergavenny 132-9 White [55] Binding [13] Workman [27] Peter Jones in the absence of Dick Jones shared the opening bowling . It was Jones Jennings and Workman who were among the wickets however Hereford won by 3 wickets. The 2nd X1 at avenue road also lost-Hereford 2nd X1 149 all out – Bowkett 3 wickets, V.Jones 2 wickets, Thomas, MacPherson and Aubrey one wicket each. In reply Abergavenny 2nd X1 128 all out-Brain Aubrey [25] E.Morgan [13] E.Tovey [18] O.Saunders [20]

August 14th Lydney away

August 15th Swansea at home

No end of the Season feeling

August 21st Pontypridd- Abergavenny 166 W.Williams (84)B.Jennings [19] Sadler [14] Pontypridd 158 Saunders, White and Jones one wicket each, Jennings [2] Williams [2]

2nd X1 collapse at Pontypridd

Abergavenny 2nd X1 58 all out –V.Jones [11] F.Nicholls [12] Pontypridd 2nd X1 -61-5 Bowkett and Pritchard 2 wickets each and one for Thomas.

August 22nd Neath at home

Abergavenny crash at Ross

August 28th Abergavenny 89 C Berrington (27) M.Stock [13]G.Alderton [11]H.Sadler [13]R.Jennings [10] Ross 96-3.one wicket each for Jones Alderton and Williams. One of the heaviest defeats of the season

August 29th Barry away for the 1st X1- Abergavenny 200-9 M.Stock (39) G.Alderton (29) C.Berrington (53) H.Sadler (25) W.Williams [21]Brian Aubrey [16] Barry 122-8 with Saunders [3] Berrington [1] and Alderton [4] taking the wickets.

The 2nd X1 were 118 all out H.Bowkett [22]V.Jones [18] E.Tovey [24]F.Nicholls [31] Barry 2nd X1 -70 all out. Hughes 6 wickets, Hodson [2] Thomas [1]

September 4th at home to Panteg Abergavenny with only ten men lost to Panteg. Brian Shackleton made a rare appearance at this time, which is very early in his career.

September 5th Abergavenny hammered Whitchurch Heath but For the 2nd time this season on

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Drawn game at Avenue Road

September 12th Abergavenny drew with the Fugitives. Abergavenny 137, M.Stock [16]G.Alderton [16] C.Berrington [26] S.Workman [36] Newport Fugitives 91-9 held on. Workman 3 wickets, Hodson and Williams 2 wickets each and Brian Shackleton one wicket. Now just two more home matches to complete the season

Lost their last match

Abergavenny completed their seasons programme on Sunday when they were defeated by Tudor CC [Birmingham] , Abergavenny only managed 69 Workman [24] B.Jennings [13] and Tudor C.C. got them for 9 wickets. Hodson with 4 wickets, Williams 3 wickets and Alderton 1 wicket.

The record for the Season

Cricket Club's Record						
Abergavenny Cricket Club's record for the season is as follows :---						
P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	
36	9	12	15	4304	4608	
LEADING BATSMEN						
	In	N.o.	Rs.	H.S.	Av	
L. White	30	1	625	108*	21.20	
H. Sadler	24	5	336	31	17.68	
S. Workman	20	1	332	51	17.47	
W. Binding	25	1	321	69	13.37	
*Not out						

LEADING BOWLERS					
	O	M	Rs.	W	Av
D. Jones	197	29	569	45	12.64
W. Saunders	108.6	22	169	11	15.36
R. Jennings	147.5	21	496	32	15.50
S. Workman	209.2	41	568	36	15.55
W. Williams	283.9	43	964	52	18.21

Mr H Roberts-represented the Cricket Club at the Funeral of Mr George Harris of Avenue Road-Editor of the Abergavenny Chronicle

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