

# Abergavenny Cricket Club History

1956 Season  
 President -J.K.Ruther  
 Chairman-C.F.R.Price  
 Hon Sec -Martin Reeve,Treasurer- F.O.Roch  
 KO Cup Sec- H.V.Jenkins  
 1st X1 Capt -L.Hodson  
 2nd X1 Capt- Vin Jones



Under the captaincy of Police Inspector Len Hodson

SATURDAY MATCHES	
April 28	.. Blaina
May 5	.. Brecon
May 12	.. Builth Wells
May 19	.. Cardiff
(Whit-Monday)	
May 21	.. Lydney
June 2	.. Newport Fugitives
June 16	.. Pontypridd
June 30	.. Usk
July 14	.. Cardiff High School Old Boys
July 28	.. Panteg
Aug. 11	.. Crickhowell

Pictured Left-Fixtures

April 22<sup>nd</sup> Abergavenny 184-7 W.Williams (41) L.White (22) J.Hill (31) B.Shackleton (21) defeated Cardiff Choristers 103 all out. L.White 4-24, R.Hodson 3-35, M.Pritchard 2-28.

April 29<sup>th</sup> A good win against Newport Fugitives who were bowled out for 86 thanks to Mel Pritchard who took 6-31. Abergavenny 88-6 Lew White (36) B.Shackleton (12) R.Hodson (11\*)

April 28<sup>th</sup> were beaten, Abergavenny 113 all out W.Williams (44) W.Binding (13) Blaina 79 all out White, Douthwaite, Workman and Williams shared the wickets.

May 6<sup>th</sup> Lydney were also beaten as they were bowled out for 97. Mel Pritchard 5-20 Abergavenny 98-6 G.Alderton (13) W.Williams (16) G.Phillips (33)

May 5<sup>th</sup> Yet another victory followed against Brecon who were dismissed for 72 Douthwaite 4-14. Abergavenny 73-8 W.Binding (42\*) who opened the innings and carried his bat. Brecon 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 28 all out Bill MacPherson 6-9, R.Thomas 2-14 Abergavenny 2<sup>nd</sup> X1- 30-0 E.Tovey [15] and P.Bishop [14]

May 13<sup>th</sup> The winning run came to an end against Innswingers of Cardiff who scored 155. W.Williams 4 wickets, Workman (3) Pritchard and Alderton (1) each. Abergavenny 106 W.Williams (20) L.White (15) G.Phillips (25)

SUNDAY MATCHES	
April 22	.. " Choristers "
April 29	.. Newport Fugitives
May 6	.. Lydney
May 13	.. " Innswingers "
May 20	.. Brynmawr
May 27	.. Pat Kandle's XI
June 3	.. Whitchurch Heath
June 17	.. Hereford
July 1	.. " Sphinx "
July 8	.. Weasts
July 15	.. Mitchell & Butlers
July 22	.. George Tribe's XI (Benefit)
July 29	.. Penarth
Aug. 12	.. Panteg
Aug. 19	.. Pakistan Eaglets
Aug. 26	.. Neath Libs.
Sept. 2	.. Gorseinon
Sept. 9	.. Richmond
Sept. 16	.. Ross

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July 22<sup>nd</sup> George Tribe Benefit Match Abergavenny v Northants

Abergavenny 74 all out Bowkett [19] Williams [12] Hill [11] Panteg 76-2 White and Saunders with the wickets

Cardiff 'Meds' had little difficulty in defeating Abergavenny 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 at Llanrumney scoring 80 in reply to the 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 78 all out Owen Saunders was top scorer with [35\*] and he took two wickets, Bill MacPherson took one wicket.

### **Binding flays Builth bowling**

Back on the winning trail against BuilthWells. Abergavenny 157, Workman (29) Williams (20) Binding (65) Builth Wells 86 all out Workman taking 5 wickets clean bowling the last 5 wickets to fall. Pritchard 3 wickets and Hodson 2.

### **Former skipper takes seven wickets**

Former skipper Lew White bowled out Lydney on Whit Monday for 85 runs taking 7-19 with his flighted slow spinners. Abergavenny knocking off the runs for the loss of 3 wickets. W.Binding (30) G.Watkins (22\*) the 2<sup>nd</sup> string scored 173 for 8 MacPherson [41] J.Price [27\*] MacPherson also took 4 wickets when Lydney 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 scored 118 all out Pritchard and Thomas 2 wickets each Cox and Saunders one each.

Newport A team had no problem defeating Abergavenny 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 Newport scored 207-6 declared Pritchard and Hughes 2 wickets each and one each for Thomas and MacPherson. Abergavenny 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 all out for a poor 63 runs Tovey [20] Sandford [10] the only scores of note.

### **Abergavenny's Colin Nash beats Abergavenny!**

Brynmawr 114. Pritchard 3 wickets, Hodson 5 wickets. Abergavenny 109. R.Hodson (44) G.Watkins (18) Colin Nash played for Brynmawr who turned up a man short and scored (30) runs.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 at this time: H.Bowkett, E.Tovey, D.Fennell, P.Poles, E.Hughes, E.Sandford, S.Hall, D.Matthews, M.Pritchard, W.McPherson, R.Thomas.

Pat Kendles X1 151. Abergavenny 129 S.Workman (52) G.Alderton (33) R.Jennings (10)

### **'Hurricane Hodson' puts Fugitives on the run**

A good win followed against Newport Fugitives who were 98 all out. Hodson 6 wickets, Williams and Saunders two each. Abergavenny 99-1 W.Williams (27) W.Binding (43\*) L.White (22\*)

### **Alderton hits out**

Rain interfered in the match with Whitchurch Heath who made 155 W.Williams taking 5-63, Lew White taking 2-39 and Hodson 2-10. Abergavenny were going well at 61-1 when the rain came. W.Binding (16\*) G.Alderton (36\*)

### **Llanarth too good**

Llanarth 93 all out MacPherson six wickets, Pritchard [2] Thomas and Saunders one each. Abergavenny 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 -53 all out Cliff Cox [22] Mel Pritchard [17]

### **Old Rivals draw game**

Old Rivals Crickhowell 135-9 M.Gwynne [44] C.Wroe [46] T.Rodwell [12] D.Jehu [25] Abergavenny 172-5 declared W.Binding [37] Lew White [44]BoB Jennings [13]R.Hodson [37\*] Eddie Sandford [31\*]Rodwell 3 wkts and Gwynne one [1] wkt

### **Richards Hits out for Panteg**

Panteg 143 all out Alderton 3 wickets White 2 wickets Saunders and Hodson 2 wickets each and one for Jennings. Abergavenny 102 at one point they were 35-6 but Berrington [36\*] G.Alderton [18]and Brian Shackleton [13] gave some respectability to the reply.

### **White and Hodson worried BNS bowlers**

BNS were beaten comfortably . BNS 115 all out Hodson 2 wickets, E.Hughes 3 wickets, Saunders 2 wickets and Douthwaite 1 wicket. Abergavenny 116-3 L.White (34) R.Hodson (34\*)Garth Phillips [13]

### **Saunders and Hodson bowl well against Hereford**

Abergavenny then beat Hereford at both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 level. Saunders and Hodson 5 wickets each doing the damage at 1<sup>st</sup> team level with runs from White, G.Watkins, Douthwaite and W.Saunders

### **Mel Pritchard routs Hereford**

Mel Pritchard with 7-30 routing Hereford 2<sup>nd</sup> X1- 34 all out Abergavenny 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 -35-4 E.Hughes [27]

### **High scoring Builth fail to win**

**June 24<sup>th</sup>** Builth Wells despite scoring heavily failed to beat Abergavenny this was the first game of the season not to have a positive result. C.W.Price for Builth scored (120) in their total of 170-8 declared. Saunders [4 wkts] Williams [2 wkts] One for White.Abergavenny only reached 110-7 in reply-Binding [11] White [17]Wyn Williams [28] C.Berrington [13] R.Hodson [18] J.Hill [18\*]

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### Ross take honours

**June 23<sup>rd</sup>** Ross took the honours as Abergavenny travelled to Ross the day before. C.Nash (43) and Lew White (42) put on 78 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> wicket. Abergavenny totalled 136. Ross got the runs easily for the loss of 3 wickets. Hodson 2-35, Workman 1-43.

Abergavenny 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 45-3 defeated Usk 2<sup>nd</sup> X1-40 all out W. McPherson 4-17. Mel Pritchard 4-18. Peter Jones scored (26\*)

### Abergavenny defeat their old rivals

Abergavenny 117- 8 defeated Crickhowell 116 all out while the 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 drew with Crickhowell 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 – Jones Hall Cox and Hughes with runs. Hughes Cox Pritchard and Jones among the wickets

### Williams and White Hit out

Williams and White both scored heavily in the match with Bridgend. Abergavenny 167-8 Bridgend 154-4 at the close

### Abergavenny lose to Brewers

They then lost to the Brewers Mitchell and Butlers, whilst the 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 on **July 21<sup>st</sup>** easily beat Brecon 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 Abergavenny 135, Brecon 55. Mel Pritchard 5-12, R.Thomas 2-10, J.Price 2-13, C.Cox 1-6. Stan Hall [30]V.Jones [25], D.Matthews [17\*]and O.Saunders [42] the main run scorers.

### July 22<sup>nd</sup> George Tribe benefit Match

### Fugitives win easily

Newport Fugitives comfortably beat Abergavenny First X1 next. Newport 107-1 also proved too good winning by 9 wickets, despite (52) from Colin Nash in Abergavenny's 104 total

### August 19<sup>th</sup> Pakistanis draw match at Abergavenny

Eaglets 171 all out Jennings 6 wickets L.White 2 wkts and one each for Douthwaite and Saunders. Abergavenny held on at 91-9 W.Binding [31] John Hill [13]

### Low scoring on a rain soaked ground

Pontypridd 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 -44 all out R.Thomas 7-22, 2 wkts for Jones and one for MacPherson Abergavenny 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 32 all out P.Jones [13] D.Saunders [11]

### Hughes Bowls well

Newport Fugitives 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 112 Hughes with 6 wickets, Thomas and MacPherson 2 wkts each. Abergavenny 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 114- P.Jones [57] V.Jone [22] Eddie Sandford and P.Poles also chipped in with runs.

### Jones hits out

Cox and V.Jones 3 wickets each and Opener Jones scores [68] Hereford 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 v Abergavenny 2<sup>nd</sup> X1  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 also drew with Lydney 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 on August Monday

There was some hefty hitting in the game between Abergavenny 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 and Herefordshire House with P,Poles scoring [42]

The image shows two tables from a cricket club record book. The left table is titled 'BATTING AVERAGES' and lists players with columns for 'Inns', 'out', 'score', 'R', and 'AV'. The right table is titled '1st XI Bowling Averages' and lists players with columns for 'Inns', 'Wkts', 'R', and 'AV'. Both tables include names like W. Binding, R. Hodson, G. Alderton, W. Williams, L. White, S. Workman, G. Watkins, E. Hodson, M. Pritchard, L. White, D. Saunders, W. Williams, E. Hughes, D. Douthwaite, G. Alderton, and S. Workman.

BATTING AVERAGES				
Not Top				
	Inns	out	score	AV
W. Binding	41	3	65	352 31.50
R. Hodson	44	4	44	139 16.86
G. Alderton	6	1	36*	99 16.80
W. Williams	12	0	44	321 18.42
L. White	16	1	42	344 16.57
S. Workman	7	0	57	142 16.00
G. Watkins	9	2	22*	67 13.88
* Not out				

1st XI Bowling Averages			
	Inns	Wkts	AV
E. Hodson	165	34	395 28 10.39
M. Pritchard	72	10	231 20 16.35
L. White	73	6	282 27 30.83
D. Saunders	121	21	278 23 12.00
W. Williams	117	14	383 30 12.77
E. Hughes	9	0	41 3 13.67
D. Douthwaite	40	3	129 9 34.33
G. Alderton	38	8	317 5 21.40
S. Workman	30	6	184 6 22.33

Reported in Chronicle on June 29<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> X1 playing Record: Played 30, Won 12, Drawn 5, Lost 13

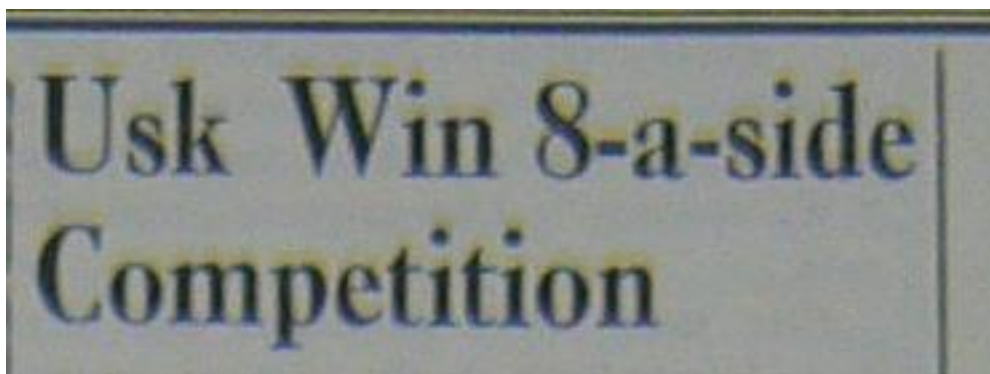
W.Binding best bat Averaging 19.99 and R.Hodson 60 wickets for 716 runs

2<sup>nd</sup> X1 playing record: Played 24, Won 11, Drawn 5, Lost 6 abandoned 2

Peter Jones Best bat averaging 27.3, Mel Pritchard 36 wickets and Bill McPherson 51 wickets.

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Usk won the KO Cup  
 Stan Hall won the most  
 worthy player award  
 Wilf Wooller was the  
 Guest of Honour at the  
 Annual Dinner.



TUESDAY	
usk (1st innings)	
S. Yorke c Binding b Price.....	41
D. Kerby c Watkins b Price...	0
M. Gwynne not out.....	41
G. Gibbon not out.....	21
Extras.....	5
Total.....	100
K.H.G.S. (1st innings)	
W. Binding b Gibbon.....	20
C. Nash c Gwynne b Gibbon...	0
R. Sisson b Jehu.....	2
G. Watkins b Jehu.....	2
J. Price run out.....	9
G. Galliers c Lovell b Jehu....	4
D. James b Gibbon.....	2
J. Probert b Jehu.....	3
Extras.....	6
Total.....	48
WEDNESDAY	
K.H.G.S. (1st innings)	
C. Nash not out.....	44
W. Binding b Gibbon.....	16
R. Sisson b Jehu.....	3
J. Price run out.....	13
G. Watkins not out.....	15
Extras.....	9
Total.....	100
usk (1st innings)	
G. Kear c Sisson b Probert.....	13
A. Powell c Price b Probert.....	6
D. Kerby not out.....	12
G. Gibbon not out.....	13
Total.....	44

## October 1956-Wilfred Wooller at Cricket Club Dinner

He described Abergavenny Cricket Club as a very happy and active sporting community