

Abergavenny Cricket Club History

1957 Season

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1st X1 Capt -Harold Bowkett

2nd X1 Capt -Bill MacPherson

Clydach man is new skipper

ABERGAVENNY Cricket Club's first XI will be captained next season by Mr. Harold Bowkett, of Station-road, Clydach.

Mr. Bowkett, a married man with three children, joined the club in 1946, and was skipper of the 2nd XI for three years — 1953, 54 and 55.

"I have been playing regularly for the first and second teams since 1948," Mr. Bowkett told the "Chronicle."

Mr. Bowkett works in the Post Office Engineering Depot, Abergavenny.

ATTRACTIVE FIXTURES

The 1st XI have an attractive fixture list for the coming season. The first match will be on April 20th, when Brecon visit the Avenue-road ground. First XI fixtures are as follows —

SUNDAYS			
April	21	Choristers	.. Home
	28	Panteg	.. Home
May	5	B. N. S.	.. Home
	12	Innswingers	.. Home
	19	Brynmawr	.. Home
	26	P. Kendle XI	.. Home
June	2	Lydney	.. Home
	9	G. Parkhouse	.. Home
		Benefit	.. Home
	16	Hereford	.. Home
	23	Ross	.. Away
	30	Sphinx	.. Home
July	7	Bridgend	.. Home



Harold Bowkett

April 20th at Avenue Road-**Brecon** 103 all out, W.Saunders 7-35, Abergavenny 105-9 Eddie Sandford (21) G.Alderton (18)

Abergavenny 129, Bob Hodson (31) **Cardiff Choristers** 105 all out,Hodson, Pritchard and Price taking the wickets.

Abergavenny 2nd X1 v **Brecon** 2nd X1

Against **Panteg** Abergavenny crashed at home to 72 all out Jeremy Price (23*) G.Alderton (10) Panteg 73-2. Pritchard and Price one wicket each.

A further crushing defeat against **Cardiff HSOB** who were 81 all out, J.Price 5-23, Alderton and Saunders 2 wkts each. Alas Abergavenny were bundled out for 59 E.Tovey (29)

BNS 122 all out J.Price 3-27, L.White 3-35. Abergavenny 81 all out, E.Tovey (18*) L.White (12) C.Nash (11)

Abergavenny 143 all out. Lew White (34) H.Bowkett (26*) Jeremy Price (18) **Chepstow** 100-8 Mel Pritchard with 4 wickets and Lew White, G.Alderton and J.Price also taking wickets.

High Scoring

At Avenue Road **Cardiff Reserves** were entertained by Abergavenny 2nd X1. Cardiff Reserves 176-5 MacPherson and Thomas with 2 wickets each and one wicket for Saunders. In reply Abergavenny 2nd X1-152-6 W.Binding [47] D.Fennell [20] V.Jones [39] B.Shackleton [22] Meanwhile Colin Nash (Pictured Below) completed a half century for the 2nd X1.

Two more defeats for Abergavenny

Abergavenny 71 all out after being 44-2, Colin Nash (24) G.Alderton (11) **Newport Fugitives** 72-4 with Lew White, Mel Pritchard and H.Bowkett taking the wickets.

Easy for Innswingers

Abergavenny 108 all out Lew White (34) Peter Jones (23) J.Price (28) **Innswingers** winning by 7 wickets, 109 -3 with Lew White and Jeremy Price taking the wickets.

2nd X1 team at this time

W.Binding, D.Fennell, O.Saunders, V.Jones, B.Shackleton, B.Douthwaite, E.Hughes, D.Matthews, C.Cox, W. McPherson, R.Thomas.

A low scoring fixture resulted in defeat to Newport. **Newport** 75 all out W.Saunders 5-35, R.Hodson 4-31. Abergavenny 47 all out Colin Nash (17) J.Price (10)

When the 2nd X1 visited Newport Athletic to play their 'A' Side they lost by 76 runs. Abergavenny 2nd X1 all out for 83 with O.Saunders [33] and C.Berrington [27*]

Brynmawr 87-7 Mel Pritchard 3-13, J.Price 3-18 & White 1 wkt. Abergavenny 91-4, N.Darby (30*) Lew White (39)

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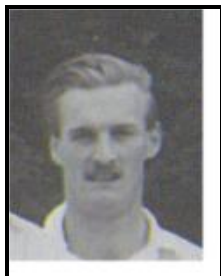
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The next two fixtures were **Builth Wells** away and **Pat Kendles X1** at Home. At Builth Abergavenny 99 all out, G.Alderton (50) (Pictured Below) Builth Wells 100-6 W.Saunders 3-31, One wicket each for Alderton and White

Visitors on top

Pat Kendle's X1 -177 all out Alderton with 3 wickets, MacPherson with [3] and two wickets each for Bellis and White. Abergavenny 135 all out- Alderton [10] L.White [14] J.Bellis [28] V.Jones [15] B.Shackleton [23]

St Fagans 2nd X1-168-5. Saunders with 2 wkts and one each for P.Jones and MacPherson. Abergavenny 2nd X1-126 all out. V.Jones [37] J.Bellis [16] S.Hall [31*] D.Matthews [16]



Pictured left- Gerry Alderton

A further defeat followed against **Blaina**, With Abergavenny 135 all out, C.Nash (19) H.Bowkett (25) B.Aubrey (13) B.Shackleton (15) E.Tovey (15) Blaina 141-7 with Mel Pritchard taking 5-42.

Bowlers get a tanning

Lydney piled up 202 all out with Jeremy Price taking 6-72, however Abergavenny were undone by Pete James who took 7-37 as Abergavenny were all out for 129.



June 9th Gilbert Parkhouse Benefit Match

Pictured left- Abergavenny had a guest player Pakistan Eaglet Nazir Ali (Pictured Left) of Ebbw Vale.

The Glamorgan team was: W.Davies, R.Edrich, B.Hedges, L.Devereaux, A.Watkins, G.Parkhouse, J.Pressdee, P.Walker, R.Edwards, D.Evans.

Abergavenny 93 all out, **Cardiff** 98-0 Alan Priday (52*) Abergavenny 105 all out W.Saunders (21) S.Hall (16) O.Saunders(14) Lydney 89-9 hung on for a draw with W.Saunders 5-35 and J.Price 4-38

2nd X1 Tour to Bristol

The 2nd X1 went on a Whitsun tour to play Old Colstonians, Bristol and Lydney.

Brisk Batting by Home Batsmen

June 15th weekend-Back in Abergavenny a draw against **Hereford** followed. Abergavenny 178-6, G.Alderton (20) N.Ali (44) L.White (57) N.Darby (30). Hereford 131-9 with Lew White taking 5-22. Alderton, Ali, Price and C.Nash with one wicket each

At Hereford Abergavenny 2nd X1 -162-8 v Hereford 2nd X1 -119-9 Cox with 3 wickets [2] for Fennell, [2] Thomas and one each for MacPherson and Pritchard

Sunday At Avenue Road Abergavenny 2nd X1 welcomed **Brynmawr** 2nd X1- the home team scored 138 all out-V.Jones [29] O.Saunders [14]Cliff Cox [22] A.Paton [18] Brynmawr 2nd X1 124-5 with 2 wickets for Jones and one each for Paton,MacPherson & Pritchard.

Abergavenny take on a strong Glamorgan Colts X1

The Glamorgan Colts X1 included: W.G.Davies, J.C.Dauncey, A.Jones, D.L.Evans, D.J.Ward, H.W.Morgan, J.S.Pressdee, Peter Gatehouse,



P.Gatehouse J.Dauncey Don Ward H.W.Morgan Billy W.G.Davies

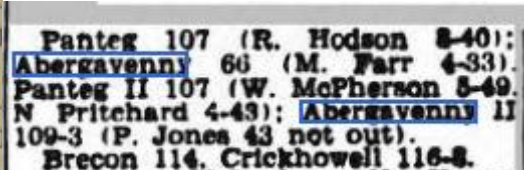
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Glamorgan Colts 205-5, Hodson 2 wickets and one each for Bowkett, White and Jennings.
Abergavenny 110 all out. H.Bowkett (30) R.Jennings (24) Brian Aubrey [10]

Abergavenny 1st X1 110-N.Darby [26] R.Bellis [10] G.Alderton [11] B.Shackleton [30] J.Price [14*]
Whitchurch 113-7 -Nasir Ali 2-16, Pritchard, Jennings, Bellis and Alderton one wicket each.
Abergavenny 2nd X1 104-3 V.Jones [34*] when rain saw the game abandoned v **Brecon SC** 2nd X1

Leading batsmen						
	Inn.	R.	No.	H.	Av.	
Nazar Ali	..	5	159	—	52	31.8
R. Bellis	..	7	160	—	84	22.85
L. White	..	19	383	—	57	20.15
N. Darby	..	8	157	—	40	19.62
G. Alderton	..	21	248	2	52	11.80
C. Nash	..	22	232	1	54*	10.55

(*not out)



Averages at this point in the season & Reported June 1957

Easy for Seconds

Abergavenny 2nd X1 150-7 P.Jones [20] R.Bellis [27] V.Jones [16] S.Hall [21] E.Hughes [30] D.Edwards [15] **Henry Wiggin [Hereford]** 68 all out- Bellis 5 wickets Jones and Saunders two wickets each.

Binding slams Bridgend bowlers

A draw with **Bridgend** came next. Bridgend 147 all out with Alderton 4 wkts Price and Pritchard 2 wkts each & Nazir Ali one wicket. Abergavenny 118-5 Wyn Binding (44) Nazir Ali (22) G.Alderton (22*) N.Darby (15)

Alderton cracks Half Century

At **Crickhowell** the match was drawn with three half centuries scored. Crickhowell 191-6 Alderton 2 wkts and One each for Bellis, White and Nash. Abergavenny-140-7 W.Binding [35] Lew White [18] Gerry Alderton [52]

2nd X1 win by 5 wickets

Back at Avenue Road Abergavenny 2nd X1 won easily. **Crickhowell 2nd X1** -98 all out. MacPherson with 6 wickets Saunders D.Edwards and Pritchard one wicket each. Abergavenny 101-5 W.MacPherson [15] V.Jones [24*] O.Saunders [23] Cliff Cox [33*]
Nazir Ali a 22 year old joined the Club on June 9th.

Mid July Abergavenny drew their next fixture to the brewery side **Mitchell and Butlers** who scored 161-7 declared. Alderton and White 2 wkts each and one each for Ali and Price. Abergavenny 160-9. Colin Nash (22) N.Ali (37) L.White (45) G.Alderton (24) and B.Shackleton (10)

A good win followed against **Builth Wells**. Abergavenny 200-4 declared, R.Bellis (84) and Lew White (38) Builth were all out for 149. With wickets for W.Saunders, G.Alderton and J.Price
Abergavenny 2nd X1 -45 all out. E.Hughes [14] **Llanarth 2nd X1** winning by 4 wickets at 46-6 Pritchard with 4 wkts and Saunders with one wkt.

Bellis and Darby solve the problem

Late July **Penarth** totalled 161 all out, Alderton, Price and Bellis with the wickets in reply Abergavenny 118-6 N.Darby (17) R.Bellis (55) R.Jennings (20*) J.Price (15). St Fagan's who were traditionally strong scored 183-4 Declared, Alderton taking 3 wickets in reply Abergavenny struggled to 105-8 R.Bellis (23) H.Bowkett (21)

Abergavenny 157 Bellis [26] C.Nash [10] L.White [23] G.Alderton [31] C.Berrington [13] Jennings [12] Tovey [12*] drew with BNS White and Bellis in the wickets.

Early August-St Fagans 183-4 Declared-Alderton 3 wkts and Saunders 1 wkt. Abergavenny 1st X1-105-8 R.Bellis [23] G.Roch [14] C.Nash [12*] B.Aubrey [14] Harold Bowkett [21]

Century for Norman Darby (Pictured below)

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Abergavenny 204-1 N.Darby (107*) C.Nash (51) N.Ali (30*) **Hereford** in reply were 155-5 at the close. Ali and Saunders with 2 wickets each and one wicket for Darby. Meanwhile the 2nd X1 against Hereford 2nd X1 lost by 5 wickets. Abergavenny 2nd X1-75 all out P.Jones [21] E.Hughes [13] C.Cox [13]

Ton for Darby & a wicket

This was followed with a draw against **Lydney** who scored 182-7, Saunders [4] and Pritchard [3] with the wickets. Abergavenny 124-5 N.Darby (52) B.Aubrey (23) H.Bowkett (23*) B.Shackleton [4*]

Abergavenny 2nd X1 -127 all out S.Hall [19] V.Jones [12] D.Gulliver [12] P.Poles [16] Cliff Cox [37]
Newport Fugitives 2nd X1- 101 all out-D.Gulliver with 5 wickets, MacPherson with 4 wickets and Fennell with 1 wkt.

Early August on a Thursday **Mayflies** were defeated being bowled out by Bellis [6 wkts] and Saunders [3 wkts] for 97 chasing Abergavenny's 105 all out with C.Nash [27] Bellis [13] and Bowkett [25] getting the bulk of the runs.

A very disappointing game against **Usk** who were bowled out for just 97 only for Abergavenny in reply to be bowled out for a meagre 38 runs.

At Avenue Road in the return fixture with Newport 'A' side the 2nd X1 again lost heavily. Newport 'A' 163 Abergavenny 2nd X1 71 all out Only 3 batsmen coped W.Binding [26] and Vin Jones and Owen Saunders reached double figures.

Abergavenny took out their frustration on **Newport** who were bowled out for 119 with Pritchard, Alderton and Jennings taking the wickets. This after Abergavenny had amassed 150-8.

Sunday against Old Illtydians- Abergavenny 2nd X1 149-6 Hall, Jones, Hughes, Cox and Saunders with runs. Old Illtydians also batted well.

Jennings gets 46 Not Out

Late August **Neath Ad Libs** 171 all out, Pritchard with 6 wickets, Gulliver [2] Alderton and White one wicket each Abergavenny 120-6 R.Jennings (46*) N.Darby (25) C.Nash [12] E.Sandford [17*]

Late August **St Fagan's** again proved too strong, Abergavenny 114 all out W.Binding (23) Lew White (16) St Fagans 115-2. Saunders and Pritchard one wicket each

Finally a **Cardiff X1** were bowled out for 65 with Jennings, McPherson and Pritchard doing the damage with the ball. Abergavenny 66-1 N.Ali (41*)

The 2nd X1 Played 28, Won 9, Drew 6, Lost 8 with 5 games lost to the weather.

O Saunders took 8-11 versus BNS and D.Gulliver 7-8 v Newport Fugitives.

Vin Jones was the leading batsman with 396 runs followed by D.Fennell and Peter Jones.

Bill McPherson with 36 wickets was only 4th in the bowling averages behind O.Saunders, D.Gulliver and Cliff Cox

The first X1 played 38 games. Won 6, Drew 16, Lost 16.

The best individual performances were: Lew White 76 v Ross, 76 v Cheadle and 57 v Hereford. Gerry Alderton 50 v Builth. Norman Darby 107 v Hereford and 52 v Lydney. Randall Bellis 84 v Builth and 55 v Penarth. Naza Ali 52 v Glamorgan, 44 v Hereford and 48 v Ross. Colin Nash and Bob Jennings 51 v Hereford. The best bowling figures were recorded by Bill Saunders with 7-35 v Brecon.

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Only six wins

Last season Abergavenny Cricket Club played 38 games, won six, lost 16 and drew 16, disclosed 1st XI captain Harold Bowkett at the annual general meeting on Friday.

The best batting performances were :

LEW WHITE, 76 v. Ross; 76 v. Cheadle and 57 v. Hereford.

GERRY ALDERTON, 50 v. Builth.

NORMAN DARBY, 107 v. Hereford, and 52 v. Lydney.

RANDALL BELLIS, 84 v. Builth, and 55 v. Penarth.

NAZA ALI, 52, v. Glamorgan; 44 v. Hereford, and 48 v. Ross.

COLIN NASH and BOB JENNINGS, 51 v. Hereford.

The best bowling figures were recorded by Bill Saunders who took seven Brecon wickets for 35 runs.

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Second XI won nine matches

During last cricket season Abergavenny Seconds' best batting performance was 162 for eight wickets in two hours two minutes against Hereford. Vin Jones and D. Fennel put on 90 runs for the first wicket.

The Seconds played 28 matches, won nine, lost eight and six were drawn. Five matches had to be abandoned. They scored 2,887 runs at an average of over 14 runs per wicket and 2,453 runs were scored against the Seconds, for an average of over 13 runs per wicket.

Two of the best bowling performance of the season came from O. Saunders and D. Gulliver. Saunders took eight B.N.S. wickets for 11 runs, and Gulliver claimed seven wickets for eight runs against Newport Fagitives.

Leading batsman was Vin Jones who scored 396 runs. D. Fennel was second and P. Jones third.

Bill McPherson took 36 wickets during the year, but he was only fourth in the averages to O. Saunders, D. Gulliver and C. Cox.