

Abergavenny Cricket Club History

1959 Season

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Chairman- C.F.R.Price

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1st X1 Capt- Lew White 2nd X1 Capt Harold Bowkett



In an article the Chronicle, commented that 1959 was a better season than 1958. It championed the new batsmen Malcolm Cox and Geoff Richardson who they felt more than made up for the departure of Nasir Ali Khan Quizilbash the dashing little dark skinned hero of a summer ago. The old brigade it said of Lew White, John Hill, Bob Jennings, Cecil Berrington, Peter Jones and company were reliable competent and capable, without threatening to put the Club on the cricket map. Throughout the winter of 59 it was hoped that young replacements could be found for wicket keepers John Hill and Eric Tovey.

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FIRST XI	
SATURDAY	
May 9—Usk.	
May 16—Cardiff	
May 23—Newport	
June 6—Cardiff H.S.O.B.	
June 13—Chepstow	
July 4—Crickhowell	
July 25—Abertillery	
August 3—Lydney	
August 15—Newport Fugitives.	
August 22—Abercarn	

SUNDAY	
May 10—Lydney	
May 17—Pat Kendle's XI	
June 7—Innswingers	
June 14—Hereford	
June 21—Bridgend	
June 28—Sphinx	
July 5—Newport Fugitives	
July 12—Mitchell and Butlers	
July 19 th —Ross	
July 26—Monmouth	
August 16—Penarth	
August 23—Whitchurch Heath	
August 30—Neath Nibs	
September 6—Brecon	

Malcolm Cox joined the Club this season and was seen as an admirable replacement for Randall Bellis. Another newcomer was Geoff Richardson who it was hoped would be an adequate replacement for Nasir Ali. Ossie Griffiths also joined the Club. The traditional warm up game against Cardiff Choristers was held in May. Abergavenny fielded a weakened side and the match was rain affected, Abergavenny were bowled out for 99. M.Cox and O.Griffiths signing on with (22) and (10) respectively. Skipper Lew White who had a really lean season in 1958 scored (12) but Cardiff ran out easy winners at 100-3, with Jennings and Price taking one wicket apiece.

May 2nd Pontymister 152-7 declared Bob Jennings 3-42, Saunders and Hayward had 1 wicket each. Abergavenny 153-7 Geoff Richardson a newcomer to the Club in 1959 scored (73) and that old stalwart Lew White (44) A draw with Ross on May 3rd who were 116-7 declared, Abergavenny held on at 86-5

At the same time Abergavenny 2nd X1 comprehensively defeated Ross 2nd X1 Abergavenny 2nds 183-2 declared with Bill McPherson making his career best score (83) Mike Stock (38) and D.Fennell (46*) Fennell then turned 'demon' with the ball taking 8 Ross wickets in their total of 110 all out. B.McPherson taking one wicket.

1st X1 Saturday and Sunday Fixtures

On May 9th It was a well known player from Usk Gerald Kear (62) who ensured Usk drew with Abergavenny. Abergavenny 147 all out P. Jones (28) J.Richardson (27) Lew White (16) R.Hodson (27) E.Hughes (25*) Usk -123-6

When Abergavenny 2nds played Lydney 2nds during the Bank Holiday later in the season, Local Police Cadet Tony Mead was reported to have 'arrested' the Lydney bowling scoring a magnificent (62)

Bill Edwards X1 (Swansea) 140-8 S.Hayward 4-28, J.Price 2-14 and 1 wicket each for Griffiths and Saunders. Abergavenny 84 P.Jones (13) C.Nash (12) M.Cox (18) R.Hodson (13) E.Hughes (14)

May 16th Against a strong Cardiff side that included A Pleass [35] and A.Priday [1] who scored 197-4 declared including a first wicket stand of 101 and 80 for the third wicket. E.Pollard with 10 fours scored a magnificent [92] With two wickets each for Richardson and Hayward, Abergavenny were dismissed for 118 with a half century for Richardson (55) P.Jones (11) and R.Hodson (15)

Prince of Swing saves the day

On May 17th They did defeat Pat Kendles X1-119 all out by 1 wicket six (6) wickets for Bob Jennings and three for Price. In reply Abergavenny Grammar School pupil Jeremy Price last season's 'Prince of Swipe' scored (54*) to add to his 3-40 well supported by Colin Nash [13] Lew White [17] E.Hughes [11] and Tony Paton (21)

May 18th Lydney beat Abergavenny by 42 runs. Lydney 133 all out, 5 wickets for McPherson, 2 for Price and one each for Richardson & Hayward. Abergavenny managed 91 all out with only Colin Nash [17], Geoff Richardson [20] and Lew White [28] scoring any runs of note.

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On May 23rd Newport were bowled out for 127 with 5 wickets for Hodson, 4 wickets for Richardson and one for Bob Jennings, however Abergavenny completely capitulated and were bowled out for 31 in 1 hour 10 minutes, Bob Jennings top scored with [10]

Newport 2nd X1 beat Abergavenny 2nd X1 by 127 Runs having scored 191-5 dec [3 wkts for R.Thomas and two for G.Jones. Abergavenny 2nds 65 all out [R.Bellis-22] D.Matthews [11]

On Sunday May 24th Monmouth scored 188-6 Two wickets for Hodson and Jennings and one for L.White, Abergavenny secured a draw finishing on 126-5 with newcomer Malcolm Cox scoring (79*) and B.Jennings [12] in the reply.

Abergavenny 2nd X1 and Monmouth 2nd X1 drew

Basher Bellis bright return

Abergavenny 2nd X1 168-3 declared R.Bellis[72] M.Stock 54* O Saunders [17] Monmouth 2nds 115-5 two wickets each for Bellis and Saunders and one for W.Evans

LEADING BATTING AVERAGES					
FIRST XI					
	I	RUN	NO	HS	AV
M. Cox	5	165	2	79*	55.00
J. Richardson	5	183	0	73	36.06
L. White	10	130	0	44	13.00
J. Price	5	65	1	54*	12.10
R. Jennings	10	65	3	12*	9.28
SECOND XI					
W. MacPherson	2	91	1	83	91.00
R. Bellis	3	123	0	72	41.00
M. Stock	4	121	1	54*	40.33
* Signifies not out					
Batted once—D. Fennell 46 n.o.					
B. Shackleton 43 n.o.					

Early averages May 1959

June 1st Barry 226-7 declared, Abergavenny 170-9 M.Cox (81*)J.Richardson (19) J.Price (42)

Chambers uninspired by this display

On June 7th Defeat to the Innswingers followed, Abergavenny 172 all out, P.Jones (21) G.Richardson (23) J.Price (51) R.Jennings (41) Innswingers winning by 4 wickets, 173-6. Wickets for Hodson[2] Richardson [1] Hayward [1] McPherson [1] Bellis [1] Jeremy 'The Prince of Swipe' Price and Bob 'Best Foot Forward' Jennings took the score from 69 to 130-6

Berrington [77*] to the rescue

June 13th – Picturesque Avenue Road bathed in sunshine saw Chepstow -137 bowled out by Bob Jennings [4 wickets] Hayward [1] McPherson [1] and Randall Bellis with 4 wickets. Abergavenny 139-8 with C.Berrington (77*) and Eric Hughes (35) G.Richardson [10]

Abergavenny 2nd X1 76 All Out A.Paton [13] M.Stock [13] W.Evans [10] M.Pritchard [13] Chepstow 2nd X1 63 All Out. Wickets for W.Evans [4] L.Holder [3]M.Pritchard [3]

Sunday June 14th Hereford 186 all out with Jeremy Price taking 4 wickets and Hodson and Hayward 2 wickets each. Bob Jennings one wicket.Abergavenny 141-6 G.Richardson (46) Eric Hughes (36*) R.Bellis [12] C.Berrington [15] Bob Jennings [13*]

June 20th –Abergavenny 182-9 G.Richardson [76] L.White [43] C.Berrington [17] Hodson [11] Newport Fugitives 118 all out-3 wickets for Hodson and Jennings, one each for White Hayward & Bellis.

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June 21st Bridgend 97 all out Hodson 4-13, R. Bellis 2-23, J. Price 2-1 & R. Jennings 1-17.
Abergavenny 98 -4 R. Hodson (35*) L. White (18*)

Chepstow v Abergavenny 2nd X1 –Abergavenny 2nd X1 won by 13 runs. A. Paton 12, M. Stock [13] W. Evans [10]
Away to Pontymister Abergavenny scored 160.

Day to Remember thanks to Bellis and Jones

On Sunday Bellis [57] and Jones [56] slayed the Old Illydians
Bob Hodson was a towering ex guardsman fast bowler and he started to show some good form.
Abergavenny 2nd X1 148 all out M. Stock [14] O. Saunders [24] E. Sandford [26] W. Evans [26]
P. Williams [10] Hereford 2nd X1-106-9 Wickets for W. Evans [4] M. Pritchard [1] O. Saunders [1] & M. Stock [1]

Hurricane Hodson made Sphinx blink

June 28th 1959- In a losing battle against Sphinx who were 142 all out Hodson (5 wkts) Price (3wkts) Jennings (2 wkts) defeated Abergavenny who were 73 all out. J. Price (18) L. Hodson (16) R. Jennings (10)

One extreme to the other

Wanted! Fast bowlers for Abergavenny, where are the speed merchants. A partner is needed for Hodson. Bob Hodson is the only genuine quick bowler he shares the attack with Bill MacPherson a useful medium fast bowler 2nd in line are Bernard Hayward and Randall Bellis another two medium fast men. Spin seems to be the main option.

July 4th- Crickhowell 167 all out Richardson (5 wkts) Hodson (2 wkts) MacPherson White and Hayward one wicket each- drew with Abergavenny 102-8 P. Jones (18) G. Richardson (19) C. Berrington (17) C. Nash (15)

Abergavenny 2^{nds} [60] defeat Crickhowell [54] in a low scoring game by 6 runs with the Saunders taking 8 wickets for Abergavenny W & O taking six and two respectively

Crickhowell 2nd X1 v Abergavenny 2nd X1-Abergavenny 2nd X1 won by 6 runs

July 5th Newport Fugitives 89 all out J. Price (5 wkts) Hayward (3 wkts) Hodson (2 wkts) were beaten Abergavenny 90-3 P. Jones (35*) G. Richardson (38)

Hodson could be a fine all-rounder

The 2nd X1 beat Newport Fugitives by 22 runs. Abergavenny 2nd X1 238 for 6 declared C. Nash [23] A. Paton [34] O. Saunders [11] Eddie Sandford [77*] S. Hall [26] D. Matthews [44] Newport Fugitives 2nd X1 216 all out Mel Pritchard [4 wkts] O. Saunders [4 wkts] A. Paton [1] and a run out.

A draw with Abercarn followed on July 10th . Abergavenny 193-6 G. Richardson (44) L. White (32) J. Price (60) C. Nash (17*) Abercarn 119-5. Lew White reported that he was pleased with the fielding and the batting of Geoff Richardson [44] and Jeremy Price [60]. One of the Abercarn Bowlers was H. Lewis the Glamorgan Colt

July 12th Rain prevented anything other than a late start and a 20 overs per side game
Abergavenny 82-7 G. Richardson (47*) Mitchell and Butler 82-7 Hayward (3 wkts) both teams finishing with exactly the same scores. For Mitchell & Butlers the opening bat was former England and Gloucester player Charlie Barnett. [Pictured below]



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July 18th Abergavenny 117 all out E.Hughes (27) G.Richardson (20) C.Berrington (25) lost by 2 wickets to Cardiff HSOB 120-8 Jennings , Richardson and Hayward (2 wickets each) crucially Lew White dropped a catch on the boundary, which also went for 4 runs.

July 19th Ross 142 all out, Hayward and White (4 wkts) each, Price (2 wkts) Drew with Abergavenny 138-7 P.Jones (25) Malcolm Cox (33) Malcolm Cox joined the club this season and looks a more than able replacement for Randall Bellis, R.Jennings (27*) C.Nash (18)

Abergavenny 2nd X1 v Cardiff Reserves Abergavenny losing by 8 wkts. The 2nds then managed a draw with Ross 2nds 201-9 for Ross Abergavenny 142-4 Saunders, Pritchard and Bromage with the wickets, A .Brown [55*] top scored for Abergavenny 2nd X1.

July 25th Abertillery 213-6, with the wickets shared out. Abergavenny holding 0 for a draw at 173-7. Lew White (30) C.Berrington (56*) R.Hodson (48)

The 2nd X1 beat Abertillery 2nds by 9 wickets and Hereford 2nds by 7 wickets
That's the way, Lew!

July 26th A good win followed against Monmouth who were bowled out for 118 with Richardson (5 wkts) and Price (3 wkts) this was in reply to Abergavenny's 171-5 G.Richardson (53) L. White (70) Lew White the skipper had been having a lean time of it up to this point, but came back to form with a vengeance, the stroke making captain bashed (70) star studded runs for his highest contribution of the year.

July 28th Abergavenny 112-8 M.Cox (17) C.Nash (25) G.Richardson (28) L.White (11) C.Berrington (14) R.Jennings (10) v Formby a touring team 113 -7 Wickets for Macpherson, White & Jennings.

Malcolm Nash first announces himself on the 2nd X1 Senior Cricket scene

15 year old Malcolm Nash scored only (14) runs but announced his potential with the style in which he played. This tousled haired batsman wrote the Chronicle has extreme promise. Usk 2nd X1 95 all out Abergavenny 2nds 101-6 Malcolm batting at number 4. He later scored 13* against Abercarn

August 2nd Abergavenny 151 all out M.Cox (20) L.White (27) M.Nash (10) J.Price (19) R.Jennings (28)W.Macpherson (15*) Hereford 153-2 Hayward and Price with the wickets. August 3rd Lydney 149 all out R.Jennings 3-44 J.Price 2-24 and One wicket each for Macpherson and Richardson.Abergavenny 150-4 C.Nash (68) R.Jennings (34) G.Richardson (28)

Thursday August 6th Mayflies 198-6 J.Price & G.Richardson 2 wickets each.Abergavenny 76 all out C.Nash (10) C.Berrington (15) C.Cox (21)

August 8th Abergavenny 72 all out R.Bellis (23) J.Price (13) E.Hughes (20) Crickhowell 76-3 R.Bellis 3-22

August 9th Abergavenny 159 all out P.Jones (27)J.Price (14) R.Jennings (70) Usk 160-7 O.Griffiths 3-46, B.Hayward 2-56, J.Price 1-35.

August 15th Newport Fugitives 103 all out Griffiths (3 wkts) White (2 wkts) Abergavenny 104-6 winning by 4 wickets. G.Richardson (14) L.White (34*) E. Hughes (14)

August 16th Penarth 135-9 C.Nash 3-6 R.Jennings 2-30, B.Hayward 2-12 O.Griffiths 2-32 Abergavenny 110 all out P.Jones (15) R.Jennings (23) M.Cox (14)J.Price (10) C.Nash (13)

August 22nd Abergavenny 134, Richardson, White and Berrington with the bulk of the runs. Abercarn 78 all out Griffiths and Hayward with the wickets.

Sunday August 23rd Abergavenny 166-7 M.Cox (62) L.White (43) C.Berrington (12)P.Jones (11) Whitchurch Heath 64 all out B.Hayward 4-20, L.White 4-8

August 29th Newport 168-7 4 wickets for Lew White. Abergavenny 17 all out. L.White (20) W.Mayo (22*) C.Berrington (17) C.Nash (15)

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Sunday August 30th Neath Nibs 176-7. Abergavenny 128-7 M.Cox (34) J.Price (36) P.Jones (13*) E.Hughes (19) O.Griffiths 2-48 B.Hayward 2-40

Saturday September 5th Panteg 187-3 a single wicket for M.Nash 1-13. Abergavenny 152-7 Lew White the old Master (29) E.Tovey (32)M.Nash the prodigy (61*)

Sunday September 13th BNS 110 all out W.Macpherson 4-26,c>Nash2-4, and onw wicket each for Hayward,Jennings and White.Abergavenny 31 all out C.Nash (12)

1st X1 Played 36 games winning just 6, drawing 14 and losing 16

2nd X1 Played 20 games winning 11 Drawing 2 and Losing 7

Batting Averages- M.Cox 422 runs at 35.00 G.Richardson 661 Runs at 28.00 Lew White 598
Runs at 21.00 Jeremy Price 372 Runs C.Berrington 343 runs, R.Jennings 326 Runs Colin
Nash 296 Runs.