

Abergavenny Cricket Club History

Chapter 17 1962 Season

President- Syd Stock
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Treasurer- D.R.M.Jenkins
1st X1 Capt- Brian Shackleton
2nd X1 Captain – Ron Collett

The traditional opening fixture against Cardiff Choristers/HSOB saw Jeremy Price and Malcolm Nash taking the bulk of the wickets as Cardiff were bowled out for 97. Abergavenny reached the target for the loss of only 2 wickets, with Lew White (36*) and Jeremy Price (35*) the stars with the bat.

Newport were bowled out for 52 with Malcolm Nash taking 7 wickets and Bill McPherson 3 wickets. This was in reply to Abergavenny's 120 all out. B.Shackleton (15) Colin Nash (12) R.Jennings (19) A.Paton (29) W.McPherson (16*)

Brecon only managed 71 all out, Bill McPherson taking 6 wickets, Lew White 2 wickets and A.Paton and M.Nash one each.

The month of May had been a very good month for the 1st X1 with no losses, Don Chambers reporting in the Abergavenny Chronicle quoted "*If you win your matches all in May the runs are bound to come and stay*"

Monmouth 183-2 declared, Jennings and Griffiths taking the wickets. Abergavenny holding out for a draw 120 -5 Lew White (62*) B.Shackleton (12)
The 2nd X1 commenced their fixtures with a good win against Monmouth 2nd X1 who scored 79 all out. Abergavenny winning by 5 wickets at 80-5

A draw with Pontymister followed. Having bowled out Pontymister for 124, with Ossie Griffiths 5-27 and Bill McPherson 3-47, Abergavenny struggled to 111- 8 with G.Richardson (25) and Bob Jennings (42*)

Abergavenny then took on Llanelly Wanderers. Abergavenny 120-6, Brian Shackleton (26) Lew White (68). Llanelly only managed 80-7 in reply with Bill McPherson taking 6 wickets.

Colts are encouraged

Abergavenny Cricket Club continued to support junior cricket and provided cricket for a Colts X1. Some of the youngsters all under 17 at that time were: John Powell, Mike Powell, Malcolm Powell, D.Ray, A.Horlor, D.Ormond, D.Warren, B.Hooper, B.Powell

In a match against RTB Youth, Abergavenny Colts won decisively. RTB Youth 53 all out with wickets for Roy, 3-17 and Malcolm Powell 3-17. Abergavenny Colts making 77-6 in reply with the Powell twins John (11) and Mike(14)

Chepstow were defeated having scored 64 all out with Bill McPherson and Ossie Griffiths taking 4 wickets each. Abergavenny winning by 4 wickets 66-6, B.Lancaster (27) Lew White (19)

A draw against Barry followed. Barry scoring a massive 185-9 declared. Abergavenny crawled to 61-3 at the close. G.Richardson (36)

Hard Hitting Cliff Cox

Hard hitting Cliff Cox, the man who has hit more sixes than any other member of Abergavenny Cricket Club, performed a daring rescue act against Chepstow 2nd X1 in scoring 6 fours and three sixes in his undefeated (68*)

Abertillery were beaten, Abertillery 114 all out Bill McPherson and Ossie Griffiths doing the damage with the ball. Abergavenny 115-5 winning by 5 wickets. G.Richardson (21), Lew White (59), B.Lancaster (10), Bob Jennings (14) all scoring good runs.

Next fixture was also a victory over Ross. Ross were all out for 111. Mel Pritchard, Bill McPherson and A.Paton taking the wickets. Abergavenny 112-5 with Lew White and Bob Jennings in the runs.

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The Chronicle reported that bad fielding and Bowling gave a strong Cardiff X1 victory. Following this heavy defeat a draw was achieved against Hereford, Colin Hanbury and Bob Jennings getting runs. Malcolm Nash was the main wicket taker when Hereford batted.

Yet another draw followed against Lydney who scored 127. Abergavenny were 89-9 at the close with Brian Shackleton, Lew White and Jeremy Price scoring the bulk of the runs.

Abergavenny then failed badly against the useful Abercarn pace attack and this was followed by a great win, brought about by Bill McPherson and Ossie Griffiths. With no consistency Abergavenny then lost heavily to Brecon who totalled over 200 runs and in reply a demoralised Abergavenny were bowled out for a miserable 73 runs.

Chepstow 216-6 declared, 2 wickets for young M.Penny and 2 for Wiggett. Abergavenny in reply reached 125-9 with L.Isherwood (30) R.Jennings (30) and Eric Hughes (19)

Against the Innswingers, P.Gatehouse (see picture next page) a former Glamorgan C.C.C. (1957-62) fast bowler played for Abergavenny. Firstly he took 7 wickets as Innswingers were bowled out for 139. He then scored (47*) with Tony Paton scoring (39) as Abergavenny reached 141-7

They bounced back against Dowlais who were beaten B.Lancaster and Isherwood scoring runs and Jeremy Price and Ossie Griffiths taking wickets.



Pictured left- P.Gatehouse, Guest player v Innswingers
Peter Gatehouse was a fast left-arm bowler who played in 19 first-class matches for Glamorgan between 1957 and 1962, during which time he was also studying for a Ph.D. in pharmacy at Cardiff University.

Gatehouse had a good record in club cricket for Cardiff, and his finest hour in Glamorgan colours came at Lord `s in 1958 when he returned bowling figures of 7/94. After gaining his doctorate he pursued a career in pharmacy, but continued to play club cricket, and captained Cardiff C.C. in their Centenary season in 1967.

In July of 1962 Crickhowell and Abergavenny fought out a draw, Crickhowell 188-8 with four wickets for McPherson. Abergavenny 123-8 Tony Paton (65*) G.Richardson (22)

At Crickhowell the second eleven won after scoring 179 they bowled Crickhowell 2nds out for 40. Five wickets each for Wiggett and Pritchard

Monmouth first eleven really gave Abergavenny a drubbing away at Monmouth after scoring 253-3 declared they bowled Abergavenny out for 82. Brian Shackleton (27)

Monmouth 2nds hammered Abergavenny 2nds they made 197-5 with 3 wickets for Mel Pritchard and Abergavenny were all out for 8. E.Wiggett the only man in double figures.

Dowlais 70 in reply to Abergavenny's 99 were beaten B.Lancaster (35) and L.Isherwood (26) There was another 5 wicket haul for Price and 3 wickets for Griffiths.

At Brecon Abergavenny's batting collapsed like a sail in a dying wind. Brecon avenging their defeat of earlier in the season. Brecon 218-8 declared. Abergavenny all out for 77, with only Brian Shackleton (32) and Jennings (17) put up a show.

Pontymister 158 with 3 wickets for White, three for Price and four for Jennings. Abergavenny 160-4. Brian Shackleton (64) C. Nash (28) Lew White (28)

Shackleton's rich vein of form continued against Neath Ad Libs 94-9 who were beaten with Abergavenny 95-1 Brian Shackleton (51*) G.Davies (32)

Great knock by Shackleton, just missing a century

Abercarn were soundly beaten at First Team level even having scored a formidable 186-8 declared. The wicket's were share by Jennings, Nash, Price and Paton. The star for Abergavenny narrowly missing out

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on a century was Brian Shackleton (Pictured Below) with (94) backed by N.Morgan (36) and Lew White (46)



Pictured left- Brian Shackleton

The 2nd's lost to Abercarn who knocked off Abergavenny's measly 64 comfortably.

Abergavenny 133 all out drew with Hereford 113-8. Brian Shackleton (22) Lew White (45) Malcolm Nash (25) with 5 more wickets for J.Price. Hereford 2nd X1 meanwhile hammered the 2nd X1 after scoring 145, they bowled Abergavenny out for 50, only Wiggett and Stock getting worthwhile runs.

Abergavenny 146, Peter Jones (41) J.Price (19) N.Morgan (21) A.Paton (23*) Herefordians 33 all out 6 wickets for Price and 3 wickets for McPherson.

A draw with Bridgend who scored 145 with 6 wickets for Price, 2 for Jennings and 1 for White. Abergavenny 132- 8 at the close L.White (32) J.Price (20) G.Richardson (26) A.Paton (17)

Abergavenny 200 for 5 declared. Colin Hanbury (54) L.White (84) J.Price (29) Formby 59 all out with 7 wickets for J.Price and 2 for Malcolm Nash.

Rain affected the game with Mayflies who scored 127 for 6. Two wickets for McPherson. Abergavenny were 36-1 when it rained.

Nine wickets for Jeremy Price

Abergavenny 166-5 B.Lancaster (65) L.White (55) J.Price (30*) Whitchurch 110 all out, with J.Price taking a magnificent NINE wickets to add to the seven against Formby.

Pontnewynydd away were defeated. Abergavenny 158-6 declared. G.Richardson (52) B.Lancaster(39) L.White (19) Pontnewynydd all out for 143 with Nash taking 5 wickets, Price (3) and Paton (2)

Local rivals Usk inflicted defeat on the First Eleven at Usk.

Pontnewynydd 2nds 56 all out. 4 wickets for Wiggett and 3 for Evans. Abergavenny knocked off the required total for the loss of 6 wickets. Stan Hall (32*) Peter Jones (16) getting the bulk of the runs.

Usk 2nd's proved too good for Abergavenny 2nd's having score 163 for 5 declared with P.Joignant taking 3 wickets. Abergavenny were bundled out for just 88 Cliff Cox with (33) the only batsman to impress.

Newport Fugitives were next to visit Avenue Road Abergavenny 172-8 declared Brian Shackleton (42) Lew White (26) G.Richardson (24) C.Hanbury (26*) Newport Fugitives hanging on at 123-9. McPherson and White with 3 wickets each. The 2nd's hammered their 2nd X1 bowling them out for just 38 runs with 5 wickets for E.Wiggett.

Abergavenny were hustled out for 92 against Penarth with Penarth winning by 7 wickets. Morgan, White and Lancaster all scoring good runs.

They then drew with Ross who scored 191-6 declared. White, Jennings and Paton among the wickets. Abergavenny were 143-4 when time ran out Brian Shackleton (68*) L.White (23) G.Richardson (25)

At the start of the Panteg fixture Lew White (Pictured below) was poised on 997 runs for the season, he topped the thousand with his second scoring shot. The game itself was a low scoring affair Abergavenny 98 all out. Brian Shackleton (28) Lew White (20) M.Nash (15*) Panteg however only managed 61 in reply with J.Price taking 6 wickets and W.McPherson 3 wickets.

Lew White reaches 1,000 runs

Charles Price the Club Chairman presented Lew White with an inscribed silver tankard for scoring 1,000 runs in Club Matches in a season. The last person to achieve this feat was Guy O'Daly in August 1937, he also took 100 wickets that same season.

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Pictured Left-Lew White - This was followed by a good win against Old Illydians who were all out for 121 White (3 wkts) Price (2 wkts) Nash (2 wkts) McPherson (1 wkt) and were beaten by 5 wickets. Abergavenny 122-5, B.Lancaster (33) J.Price (51*) C.Hanbury (28) The 2nd X1 fielding their youngest side of the season also beat Panteg 2nd's having made 129 they dismissed Panteg for 84. Peter Jones with (68) and Ossie Griffiths taking 7 wickets. Abergavenny 113 all out Brian Shackleton (37) L.White (35) J.Price (14) Newport holding on at 93-8 for a draw. Griffiths, Price and McPherson with the wickets between them.

Abergavenny 123-9 Brian Shackleton (34) B.Lancaster (20) G.Richardson (14) and Colin Hanbury (24) lost to Usk 125-2 by 8 wickets. Jack Britten and Selwyn Watkins the stars for Usk. The 2nds also succumbed to Usk 2nds in a very low scoring game, Abergavenny 33 all out with only John Powell reaching double figures as he and Stan Hall put on 19 runs for the first wicket. Usk scraped home at 34-9. O.Griffiths and M.Pritchard with 4 wickets each.

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but had his best season, and Price, who picked up 87 wickets, showed us all that his hard-hitting is not his only weapon. To double the blow, Price also heads the catches parade.

Averages:—

Batting					
	I	n.o.	h.s.	R	Av
L. White	43	6	84	1061	28.7
B. Shackleton	36	4	94*	704	22.0
J. Price	20	3	51*	331	19.5
B. Lancaster	24	0	65	436	18.2
A. Paton	20	5	65*	264	17.6
R. Jennings	32	11	42*	337	16.1
G. Richardson	33	2	52	451	14.5
C. Hanbury	24	3	54	290	13.8

* Not Out.

Bowling					
	O	M	R	W	Av
J. Price	310.4	47	847	87	9.7
M. Nash	217.3	59	506	31	16.3
W. McPherson	446.5	93	1196	71	16.9
A. Paton	125.2	18	451	24	18.8
R. Jennings	117	9	475	25	19.0
L. White	91	3	422	22	19.1

Catches

J. Price (16), R. Jennings (15), L. White, E. Hughes (13), G. Richardson (11), B. Shackleton (9), B. Lancaster (7), W. McPherson, A. Paton, O. Griffiths (5), J. Williams, M. Nash (4).

The season proved a two horse race between batsman Lew White with 1,061 runs (his best season) and bowler Jeremy Price with 87 wickets and 331 runs. Jeremy also took the most outfield catches

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SEASON 1962

Capt. 1st XI J.B. Shackleton
 Capt. 2nd XI R. Collett

BATTING

	Inns	N.O.	H/S.	Total	Av.	<u>Tons -</u>
L. White	43	6	84	1019		
G. Richardson	34	3	52	471		<u>Fifties</u>
B. Shackleton	36	4	94	704		G. Richardson - 1
J. Price	20	3	51	331		B. Shackleton - 4
E. Hughes	21	5	25	134		L. White - 6
A. Paton	20	5	65	264		J. Price - 1
C. Hanbury	24	2	54	291		A. Paton - 1
B. Lancaster	26	-	65	454		C. Hanbury - 1
R. Jennings	34	10	42	368		B. Lancaster - 1
M. Nash	18	4	32	116		T. Tomkins - 1
W. Mcpherson	19	15	16	94		
J. Powell	2	5	5	5		
P.F. Jones	3	-	41	49		

Also Batted:- J. Williams, O. Griffiths, M. Penny, C. Berrington, C. Nash, M. Stock, P. Moulden, O. Saunders, M. Pritchard, D. Ray, G. Jones, L. Isherwood, E. Wiggett, P. Gatehouse, D. Moore, P. Joignant, S. Hall, G. Davies, T. Tomkins, N. Morgan, C. Rees, R. Collett.

BOWLING

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts.	Best	Av.
O. Griffiths	253	44	724	31	6.53	
W. Mcpherson	422	91	1119	71	6.22	
J. Price	308	45	845	87	9.49	
M. Nash	217	59	506	31	7.16	
L. White	92	4	417	20	3.31	
A. Paton	124	19	449	24	5.16	
M. Pritchard	74	9	243	13	4.54	
R. Jennings	117	9	375	25	4.32	

Also Bowled:- M. Penny, J. Williams, G. Richardson, L. Holder, P. Moulden, P. Gatehouse, G. Moore, P. James, N. Morgan, B. Lancaster.

CATCHES

J. Price	-	16
R. Jennings	-	14
L. White	-	13
E. Hughes	-	12
G. Richardson	-	11
B. Shackleton	-	9
A. Paton	-	5
O. Griffiths	-	5
W. Mcpherson	-	5
B. Lancaster	-	5
L. Isherwood	-	5
J. Williams	-	4
C. Berrington	-	4
M. Pritchard	-	4
M. Nash	-	4
G. Jones	-	3
C. Nash	-	2
P. James	-	2
N. Morgan	-	2
P. Jones	-	1

Highest 1st Wicket Partnership

68 B. Shackleton & C. Nash v Pontymister - 21.7.62

W/KEEPER

C. Hanbury	-	29
		15st & 14
J. Powell	-	4st