

Abergavenny Cricket Club History

1963 Season

President- Syd Stock
Chairman - C.F.R. Price
Sec- Mike Stock
Treasurer- D.L.M.Jenkins
Subs – Vernon Jones
Fixtures- Tudor Morgan
1st X1 Capt – Brian Shackleton
2nd X1 Capt- Ron Collett

Brian Shackleton and Ron Collett were both re-elected as skippers of the First and Second X1's respectively. Both were described as having a young fresh approach to the game. The types of individuals that if they fail it will be with dignity and their bats held high.

Ron Collett is a fast bowler of some usefulness and a hard hitting middle order batsman. Brian Shackleton however is a different type, principally a solid opener, who inspires confidence in the field.

A knee injury during the season kept G.Richardson out for a number of matches and Abergavenny also lost 30% of their fixtures to rain.

The Chronicle reported- *Soccers six month monopoly on the sporting instincts of Abergavennys dwindling outdoor army was broken at the weekend when our local cricketers came out to play for the first time.*

In one of the first 2nd X1 fixtures against Brecon 2nd X1 Cricket was announced as officially starting with E.Wiggett taking a magnificent 7-22

Abergavenny were settling to a quiet game of cricket with Brecon when a cow appeared on the pitch. It was chased away by the Brecon fielders and on resumption of play Abergavenny went on to make 107. Brian Shackleton (32) was unaffected by the 'trauma'. This modest total was more than enough as Brecon were 48 all out. M.Farr taking 6-14 and Griffiths 2-14.

This was the year of a big Glamorgan C.C.C. membership drive in Abergavenny.

Cardiff Choristers 125-7 won by 3 wickets chasing Abergavenny's 124 all out. Runs from G.Richardson (37) R.Jennings (19) and M.Nash (18)

Abergavenny 144 with Brian Shackleton (24) Bob Jennings (40) and M.Nash (18) lost to Chepstow 147-5 There were 2 wickets each for White and Nash.

Chepstow 2nd's were easily beaten by Abergavenny 2nd's. Mel Pritchard taking 6 wickets.

Abergavenny 152-7 declared R.Jennings (28) J.Price (46) E.Hughes (28) drew with Llanelly Wanderers 108-9 Wiggett, Price and Nash among the wicket takers.

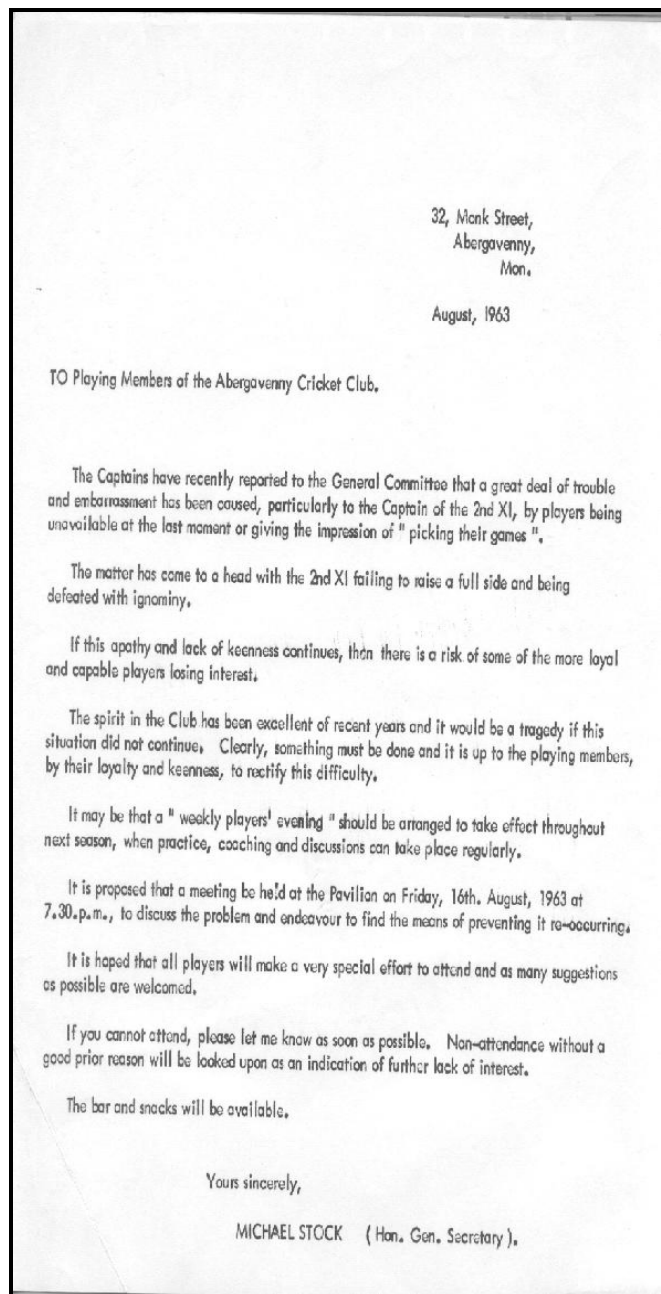
Cardiff HSOB 135, Abergavenny 103 -8 saw Abergavenny still searching for their first Victory.

Abergavenny 159-8 declared Brian Shackleton (35) J.Price (75*) drew with Penarth 134-9 4 wickets each for White and Price.

Abergavenny 2nd's hammered Pontymister 2nd's.

Monmouth 129 all out drew with Abergavenny 64-9 only Lancaster and Price reaching double figures with the bat. Earlier Price had taken 5 wickets.

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Left-Letter regarding player availability.

Mike Farr takes five on his debut v Barry

Barry won by 2 wickets after being 33-4. Bill Davies the former Glamorgan Player was their top scorer with (29) v Abergavenny who went from 54-5 to 81 all out Mike Farr was the new boy for Abergavenny on Saturday's and he took 5-23

Abergavenny then lost to Monmouth

Abergavenny 140 also lost to Lydney 141-4 Geoff Richardson was the star batsman with a superb (73) Peter Jones supporting him with (19).

Lydney 2nd's 194-9 declared 4 wickets each for B.Jennings and D.Ray. Abergavenny 2nd's 164-9 Bob Jennings (75*) and J.Powell (24)

Beaufort Nomads 54 all out. Six wickets for Davies. Abergavenny 2nd's 55-1. G.Jones (20*) and L.White (31*)

Abergavenny 90 B.Shackleton (36) P.Jones (23) C.Hanbury (19) Fairway, Bath 74 all out with 5 wickets for Griffiths and three for J.Price. On their tour of the West Country a couple of victories were picked up Abergavenny 72 R.Cole (33) Old Colstonians 68 with another eight wickets for E.Wiggett. The other win was at Cumbe Hay Lane, when they got home by 16 runs against Bath.

Mumbles 2nd's 110, 4 wickets for M.Nash, three for Morris. Abergavenny 2nd's 111-4 Lew White (36*) R.Jennings (20) and J.Powell (17)

Abercarn 185-8 with 6 wickets for O.Griffiths. Abergavenny ensuring a draw at 135-7. G.Richardson (43) and L.White (27)

Abergavenny first eleven's first two victories of the 1963 season coming in the Whitsun Holiday.

Abergavenny 146-8 declared L.White (33) M.Nash (40*) and L.Isherwood (29) Ross 55 all out. Mike Farr taking seven wickets. Ross 2nd X1 167-9 declared. Seven wickets for Mel Pritchard, drew with Abergavenny 2nd X1 133-8. J.Powell (28),Cliff Cox (29) and A.Paton (34)

Pontypridd 149 all out, seven wickets for J.Price and two for M.Nash. Abergavenny a disappointing 71 all out. Only G.Richardson and J.Price getting any runs. The 2nd's 94 all out. R.Cole (33) also lost to Pontypridd 2nd's 185-7 by 91 runs.

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Ebbw Vale 90 all out, Malcolm Nash with 5 wickets. Abergavenny stealing a draw at 77-7 with R.Jennings (35) and B.Lancaster (10)

Abergavenny 133-6 declared, P.Jones (25) G.Richardson (24) J.Price (43) and M.Nash (18*) Newport Fugitives 53 all out. 4 wickets for Griffiths and 3 wickets for Nash. The 2nd X1's drew Abergavenny 167 and Fugitives 2nd's holding on at 101-9. Paton, Wiggett and Saunders sharing the wickets.

Ton for B.Lancaster

The return fixture against the Fugitives at home saw Abergavenny winning by 47 runs. B.Lancaster (101) and 5 wickets for O.Griffiths. Abergavenny 176-5 Other contributions coming from P.Jones (26) and Malcolm Nash in a good victory.

Abergavenny v Crickhowell Odds for betting were quoted as follows Crickhowell 1st X1 8/13 on to beat Abergavenny 1st X1 and Abergavenny 2nd X1 4/5 on to beat Crickhowell 2nd X1.

National Physical Laboratory 97 all out Price and Penny taking wickets. Abergavenny winning at 98-5 J.Price (44) and J.Powell (21)

The 2nds 106-9 drew with Abertillery 2nd's 109 all out.

Innswingers 131-7 declared with Farr, Nash and Price in the wickets defeated Abergavenny who made 120 all out. J.Price (45) and L.White (25)

Pontymister 115-3 M.Nash with 2 wickets beat Abergavenny 114 all out by 7 wickets. J.Price (21) B.Shackleton (24) and M.Nash (37*)

Abergavenny beat Usk for the first time in 10 years

Abergavenny 141-9 declared, J.Powell (50) C.Nash (23) and B.Shackleton (15) beat Usk 110 all out at last on Saturday with the Nash brothers among the wicket takers, and then beat Lydney 99 all out Farr 5-37, Price and Nash doing the damage with the ball on the Sunday. Abergavenny 101-2, G.Richardson (55*) and J.Price (27*)

The 2nds 63-4 easily beat Usk 2nds 61 all out. 3 wickets for Wiggett and four for young Penny. Skipper Ron Collett also taking 2 wickets.

Hereford 140 all out, 4 wickets for J.Price and M.Nash and two for M.Farr. Abergavenny 80-9 holding on to draw. C.Hanbury (24) and Bob Jennings (18)

In the re-match at the Racecourse Hereford 202-4 drew with Abergavenny 147-5 G.Richardson (43) and J.Price (41)

Abergavenny 2nds 184-6 declared. P.Jones (45) C.Berrington (27) E.Wiggett (24) and M.Powell (32*) Abercarn 89-6 with 3 wickets for Ron Collett.

Hereford 2nds had two centurions against Abergavenny 2nd's. H.Reader (101) and D.Marchant (106*) as they amassed 237-2 declared. Abergavenny 2nds all out 88. O.Saunders (25) and Mel Pritchard (14)

They also hammered Abergavenny 2nd's in the return fixture scoring 201-5 declared and then bowling Abergavenny out for 34.

Kodak 52 all out. Seven wickets for J.Price. Abergavenny just making it at 53-9 thanks to Price, Cox and Wiggett.

Cardiff HSOB 100 beat Abergavenny 73. Young M.Penny taking 5 wickets. Their seconds also beat Abergavenny 2nds. 123 to 106.

Colin Hanbury quoted in the Abergavenny Chronicle as being easily the best wicket keeper since John Hill

Jeremy Price tops 500 run mark, G.Richardson and Brian Shackleton 300 plus each

Bridgend 126-7 beat Abergavenny 125-8 declared. J.Price (41) and 3 wickets for M.Farr.

The traditional Monday fixture with Lydney was lost, Abergavenny 106 Lydney winning by 2 wickets. 4 wickets for M.Nash. Jeremy Price (51) The 2nds were humiliated being bowled out for just 19. Lydney 2nd's having scored 185.

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Formby 110-9 declared McPherson, Griffiths and Price with 2 wickets each. Abergavenny 114-5 J.Price (56) and C.Hanbury (24)

Abergavenny 2nd X1 202 Crickhowell 2nd X1 83 Bob Jennings the hero with bat and ball

Lost to Mayflies Abergavenny 133-9 declared Mayflies 134-7

Lost to Whitchurch Heath, Richardson, White, Price and Nash scoring runs. M.Farr and M.Nash taking wickets

Lost to Crickhowell by 37 runs bowled out by Derek Jehu, only Peter Jones and Lew White reaching double figures. Malcolm Nash taking 6 wickets.

In August-Abergavenny 55 all out Lost to Chepstow by 8 wickets, M.Nash taking the two wickets to fall and beat Dowlais by 67 runs having posted a score of 131.

Grounsman Wilf Watkins collapses

He collapsed at Avenue Road and was taken to hospital by ambulance

Newport was the last but one game of the season Newport 118 all out. Abergavenny 49 all out Mike Stock making a defiant (11) and Extras (14)

The 2nd X1 completed their season on a strong note with a draw at Brecon. Abergavenny 2nd X1 120-8 Tony Paton (32) Ron Collett (20) Brecon 87-9. Abergavenny fielded 5 teenagers including Owen Saunders, Mike Powell and Pat Wilkinson.

Paton lashes a fast half Century

Ross v Abergavenny. Abergavenny winning by 34 runs. Abergavenny 123, Richardson (35) White (15) B.Lancaster (16) W.MacPherson (14) O.Griffiths (19) Ross 89. 5 wickets for M.Farr. 2 wickets for M.Nash and 3 wickets for W.McPherson. The Second X1's drew with A.Paton (53) and P.Jones (36) Tony Paton scored 53 in 56 minutes.

Abergavenny 2nd X1 114-8 declared, Abertillery 2nd X1 117-1. Malcolm Nash (41) and Stan Hall (43) took the Abergavenny 2nd X1 score from 28-2 to 92-3 and Owen Saunders scored (17)

Against the Bill Edwards X1 the 1st Team only managed 30 minutes of play and were 28-2 when the rain came.

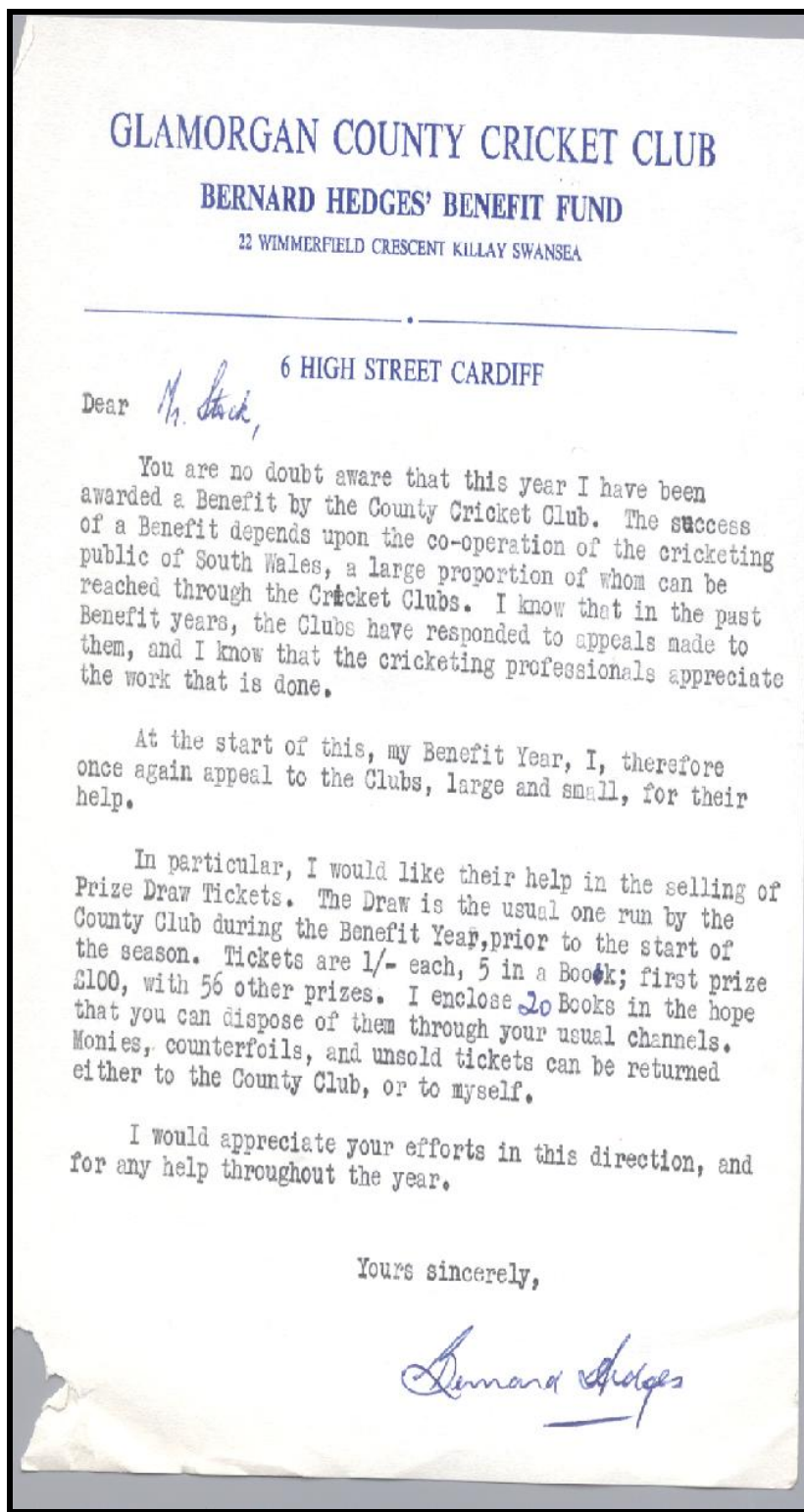
Ron Collett the 2nd X1 Skipper recalled the season has having been 'unstable' 'ill balanced' and lacking a nucleus of experienced players

Played 23, W 7, D 7, L 9, Abandoned 5

Mel Pritchard was taken ill in early July and did not play for the rest of the season. The best team performance was against Usk dismissing them for 61 runs and winning by 6 wickets. The young Powell twins did well as did Mike Penny. Tony Paton was the 'top man' with a batting average of 20 plus. Mel Pritchard despite missing most of the season topped the bowling with 25 wickets.

BATTING						
	Ins.	n.o.	Rs.	h.s.	Av.	
A. Paton	..	13	1	215	62	20.53
E. Wiggett	..	11	2	127	27	14.11
O. Saunders	..	15	0	186	44	12.40
(10 innings to qualify).						
BOWLING						
	O	M	R	Wks	Av.	
M. Pritchard	..	106.2	31	244	25	9.76
O. Saunders	..	85.2	12	292	20	14.60
K. Davies	..	108.4	26	310	19	16.32
E. Wiggett	..	131.0	28	389	22	16.77
(50 overs to qualify).						

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Played - 41	Won - 14	Lost - 16	Drawn - 9	Abandoned - 2
Cardiff Choristers	(H)	124	125-7	Lost
Chepstow	(H)	144	146-5	Lost
Llanelly Wanderers	(H)	152-7	108-9	Draw
C.H.S.O.B.	(H)	103-8	135	Draw
Abertillery	(H)	92-8		Abandoned
Pontymister	(A)	129	72-2	Draw
Penarth	(H)	159-8	134-9	Draw
Monmouth	(H)	64-9	129	Draw
Barry	(A)	81	84-8	Lost
Old Colstonians	(A)	72	68	Won
Fairway (Bath)	(A)	90	74	Won
Lydney	(A)	140	141-4	Lost
Kodak	(H)	53-9	52	Won
Abercarn	(A)	135-7	185-8	Draw
Hereford	(H)	80-9	140	Draw
Pontypridd	(H)	71	149	Lost
Ross	(H)	146-8	55	Won
Newport Fugitives	(A)	133-6	53	Won
Ebbw Valve	(H)	77-7	90	Draw
National Physical Lab.	(H)	98-5	97	Won
Innswingers	(H)	120	131-7	Lost
Pontymister	(H)	114	115-3	Lost
Usk	(H)	141-9	108	Won
Lydney	(H)	101-2	99	Won
C.H.S.O.B.	(A)	73	100	Lost
Hereford	(A)	147-5	202-4	Draw
Formby	(H)	114-5	110-9	Won
Bridgend	(H)	125-8	126-7	Lost
Lydney	(H)	106	107-8	Lost
Mayflies	(H)	133-9	134-7	Lost
Crickhowell	(H)	71	108	Lost
Whitchurch Heath	(H)	126	127-7	Lost
Millfield	(H)	154-7	108	Won
Chepstow	(A)	56	58-2	Lost
Dowlais	(H)	131	64	Won
Newport Fugitives	(H)	176-5	129	Won
Hythe	(H)	75	76-5	Lost
Bill Edwards XI	(H)			Abandoned
Ross	(H)	123	89	Won
Newport	(H)	49	118	Lost
Brecon	(H)	107	48	Won

11 - Away

30 - Home

October 1963- Report from The Sports Turf Research Institute who attended the ground on September 4th 1963 to inspect the cricket ground and make recommendations for the future maintenance

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Capt. B. Shackleton
V. Capt.

Abergavenny - 75 all out Hythe - 76-5

BATTING

	Inns	N.O.	Best	Total	Av.	Tons
1. J. Price	33	2	75	738	23.8	B. Lancaster - 1
2. G. Richardson	24	2	73	461	21.0	
3. M. Nash	28	5	40	319	13.9	<u>Fifties</u>
4. R. Jennings	31	1	33	319	13.3	J. Price - 3
5. J.B. Shackleton	32	1	44	404	13.0	G. Richardson - 2
6. J. Powell	10	-	50	121	12.1	J. Powell - 1
7. P.F. Jones	12	-	25	129	10.8	
8. L. White	31	1	33	319	10.6	
9. B. Lancaster	22	-	101	203	9.2	
10. E. Hughes	24	5	28	156	8.2	
11. C. Hanbury	25	1	24	171	7.1	
12. M. Powell	5	2	18	45	15.0	

Also Batted:- A. Paton, O. Griffiths, E. Wiggett, R. Cole, R. Collett, W. Macpherson, L. Isherwood, D. Ray, M. Penny, M. Farr, O. Saunders, C. Cox, E. Townshend, D. Connelly, A. Price, M. Pritchard, C. Berrington, P. Joignant, C. Nash, C. Rees, R. Reeves, K. Davies.

BOWLING

	Overs	Mdns	Best	Wkts.	Runs	Av.
1. M. Farr	145	25	8-14	44	311	7.1
2. E. Wiggett	70	12	8-17	15	150	10.0
3. R. Jennings	36	5	3-42	11	119	10.8
4. O. Griffiths	221	50	6-38	41	489	11.9
5. M. Penny	54	12	5-18	11	138	12.5
6. M. Nash	303	81	6-37	54	699	12.9
7. J. Price	327	35	7-12	80	1097	13.7
8. L. White	37	1	4-45	10	198	19.8
9. W. Macpherson	183	36	2-8	20	445	22.2

Also Bowled:- A. Paton, K. Davies.

CATCHES

L. White	-	18
G. Richardson	-	14
J. Price	-	14
B. Shackleton	-	13
M. Farr	-	8
W. Macpherson	-	6
M. Nash	-	6
R. Jennings	-	6
O. Griffiths	-	5
E. Wiggett	-	3
L. Isherwood	-	3
R. Coles	-	2
P. Jones	-	2
O. Saunders	-	1
B. Lancaster	-	1
M. Powell	-	1

Highest 1st Wicket Partnership

103 P. Jones & B. Lancaster v Newport Fugitives

2nd XI Capt. - Ron Collett

W/KEEPER

C. Hanbury	-	8 catches 14 stumpings
B. Shackleton	-	1st