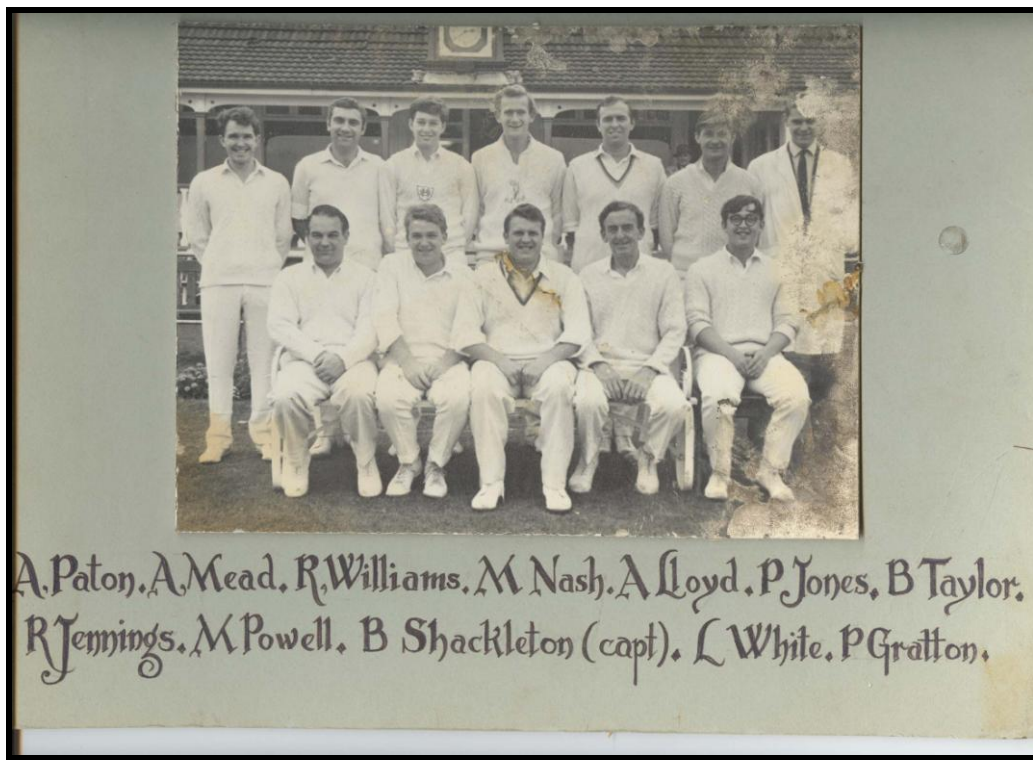


## Abergavenny Cricket Club History

### 1968 Season

President- Charles F R Price  
Chairman- Lewis White  
Hon Sec-R.Jennings,Treasurer-W.McPherson  
Captain 1<sup>st</sup> X1-Brian Shackleton  
V.Capt-Mike Powell  
Captain 2<sup>nd</sup> X1-Roger Morris  
V.Capt 2<sup>nd</sup> X1-Brian Saunders



A sparkling innings of 80 not out from Glamorgan all-rounder Malcolm Nash was the highlight of Abergavenny's opening fixture of the season against Mumbles at Avenue Road. Abergavenny declared at 172-4. Openers Mike Powell (28) and Brian Shackleton (45) had ensured a good platform for Nash. In reply the visitors struggled to 54-6 but held on at 131-6. Nash taking 3 wickets. The next day against Cardiff Choristers Abergavenny struggled themselves to 111 all out, but thanks to Nash 2-22 and Farr 4-26 the Choristers were skittled out for 51.

The following fixture against Panteg was rained off. They did make a start the next day against Newport Fugitives reaching 101-1 with Mike Powell (31\*) and Malcolm Nash (61\*) before the rain came.

Two home games followed. Chepstow 121-7 M.Farr taking 6-23 and Mel Pritchard 2-31. Abergavenny 122-4. Ken Williams(34) L.White (36) A.Paton (24\*) this was followed by Thornbury. Abergavenny 154-6 declared. M.Powell, Brian Shackleton, M.Nash, L.White, K.Williams, J.Powell and P.Greaves all reaching double figures. Thornbury were all out for 101 with M.Nash 3-23, M.Farr 4-36 and D.Griffin 1-7.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 had their opening match at Chepstow. Abergavenny 2<sup>nd</sup>'s making 103 all out. Brian Taylor (46\*) Chepstow 2<sup>nd</sup>'s 45 all out. Greaves 2-1, N.White 3-10, R.Williams 2-12, M.Bennett 1-14.

M.Farr who took over 100 wickets last season has continued in the same vein already this season. Taking 20 wickets in the 4 matches played. Abergavenny 92 all out with only K.Williams, A. Paton and P. Greaves scoring any runs. Dowlais were shattered by Mike Farr who took 7-18 as they were all out for 42. A.Lloyd taking 3- 11.

Abergavenny 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 144-6 declared N.White (23), J.Willis (34) B.Taylor (52) D. (19\*) Newbridge holding on at 84-9 ANOther 4-6, Paul Butterfield 2-8, N.White 2-27, Badmington 1-6

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Heavy rain over the next weekend washed out much of the play for both the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> X1. Abergavenny at Thornbury were 78 for 2 when rain came. The 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 against Cheltenham Civil Service were 77-6 when it rained in reply to Cheltenham's 144-2 declared.

Another blank weekend followed. However they did manage to beat village side LLanarth in the Monmouthshire Knock out. Abergavenny 79-7 Brian Shackleton and Mike Powell put on 31 for the 1st wicket. LLanarth 65 all out. Mel Pritchard 3-10, A.Paton 2-13.

Abergavenny brought off their finest victory of the season on Whit Monday when they hammered the powerful Lydney side by 5 wickets. The victory was inspired by Mike Powell (Pictured below Left) who made a brilliant (62) with nine boundaries. Lydney 138-5 declared, A.Lloyd 2-29. Abergavenny 141-5. A.Paton (21\*) and Lew White (23\*) were there at the close.



Abergavenny 127 all out. M.Powell (28) B.Shackleton (37), John Powell (22) Abertillery 124-7, nearly pulled off victory. M.Farr 3-45, Lloyd, Jennings and M.Powell 1 wicket each. Hereford 135-5 declared Mike Farr 3-32. Abergavenny 86-8 the Powell twins and Brian Shackleton getting runs as Abergavenny held on. Abergavenny 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 93 all out. Hereford 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 75-6. Rain prevented play until 6.20 pm. Welsh Schoolboy rugby international Robin Williams starred in Abergavenny's 90 run victory over Ross.....

.....Abergavenny 171-8 declared. M.Powell (31) R.Williams (33) N.White and P.Greaves (22) each. Ross 81 all out. R.Williams 5-46, Bob Jennings 3-5, A.Lloyd 2-25.

Abergavenny then drew with Panteg who made 158-2 David Parry-Jones (88\*) Abergavenny 104-6 M.Powell (34) Brian Shackleton (14)

Abergavenny 186-4 with the Powell Twins both making (60) plus. The Bohemians were then bowled out by Mike Farr 7-36 and R.Williams 2-21 for 93. In a low scoring game they next beat the Innswingers who were bowled out for 70 chasing Abergavenny's 88. M.Powell (22) M.Nash (12) Brian Shackleton (17) Malcolm Nash also took 6-30 and R.Williams 2-14.



Malcolm Nash Pictured Left takes match figures of 10-82 v Somerset for Glamorgan C.C.C.

Thornbury 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 126. Tony Grattan 6-37, Mel Pritchard 2-28, E.Ellaway 2-20. Abergavenny Seconds held on at 112 for 9 with Roger Morris (35) and E.Treweeks (10)

### **Abergavenny 1<sup>st</sup> X1 lose their unbeaten run for the season**

Abergavenny 92 all out. M.Powell (14) Brian Shackleton (26) R.Williams (16) and Ken Williams (12) Newbridge 96-8. M.Farr 5-31, R. Williams 2-38 and A.Lloyd 1-19.....

.....and Jennings 3-31. Abergavenny 121 all out. M.Powell (58) Ken Williams (15) Lydney 99-9 R.Williams 5-44 and M. Nash 4-37.

Crickhowell 48 all out were at one time 17-7. A.Lloyd 5-18 and M.Farr 5-22. Abergavenny winning by 7 wickets with Mike Powell (31)

Abergavenny then defeated Carmarthen Wanderers but drew with Hornsey and Gowerton. The Gowerton game being marred by rainfall.

Abergavenny 143-8 declared M.Powell (55) Brian Shackleton (23) P.Grattan (37) Hornsey 97-9 M.Farr 5-37, A.Lloyd 2-11, D.Griffin 2-19. Carmarthen 67 all out Bob Jennings 5-6, M.Farr 3-28, D.Ellaway 2-

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23. Abergavenny 127-8 declared M.Powell (25) J.Powell (15) L.White (17) Gowerton 21-3 when it rained. Mike Farr had bowled 7 overs 6 maidens 2 wickets for 1 run. Eddie Bevan making (4) before being bowled by Robin Williams.

Usk 151-6 declared M.Farr 3-64, D.Ellaway 2-26 and A.Lloyd 1-27. Abergavenny 113-8 M.Powell (55) Brian Shackleton (21)

Abergavenny 111-8 declared Brian Shackleton (25) M.Powell (18), L.White (20) and A.Paton (19) Neath Sphinx 103-8 M.Farr 5-48 taking his season tally to 68 wickets.

Abergavenny's Mike Farr took 3-31 for Monmouthshire to almost secure victory against Herefordshire in a County match. Herefordshire Team: A.Powell, E.Morgan, A.Hern, G.Cleland, E.Jenkins, P.Notley, K.Edwards, D.Long, B.Smith, J.Chadd, N.Davies. Monmouthshire Team included: J.Cox, G.Reynolds, I.Frost, D.O'Loughlin, L.Jones, G.Richards, R.Thomas, M.Farr, B.Porter.

Abergavenny next travelled to Hereford with four reserve team batsmen but played really well to get the better of a draw against the odds. Abergavenny 137-9 declared Brian Shackleton (39) P.Jones (18) Ken Williams (20) Hereford holding on at 68-7. Farr 4-33, Lloyd 2-24, Jennings 1-1.

Abergavenny 133-7 declared Brian Shackleton (25) D.Jones (27) J.Powell (18) R.Williams (30) Chepstow 126-9 just held on. Farr 5-46 and D. Ellaway 3-36.



**Pictured above are the King Henry V111 School and The Welsh Brigade Teams**

Abergavenny 151-6 declared lost to Ebbw Vale 152-5, this was only their 2<sup>nd</sup> defeat of the season.

With 12 fixtures left Mike Powell is still on for 1,000 runs for the season, he is in good form and currently on 791.

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Against Bridgend, Abergavenny made 153-8 declared. Mike Powell (75) P.Jones (31) L.White (27) in reply Bridgend were 140-5 with M.Farr 2-53.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 completed two fine wins and in doing so took Ebbw Vale 2<sup>nd</sup> X1's unbeaten record. Batting first Abergavenny were inspired by Peter Grattan (39) and tail enders Mel Pritchard and Colin Woods who both made (15). They were all out for 97, Abergavenny came back strongly with Duncan Paton 5-13 securing a 12 run victory. They then the next day beat The Welsh Brigade by 1 wicket. Set to make 136 they got home thanks to a number of key partnerships. Mead and Woods, Mel Pritchard and Tony Grattan, and finally Bromage and Ellaway.

### **Mike Powell makes his highest ever score v Crickhowell**

Abergavenny 214-3 declared Brian Shackleton (69) M.Powell (97) P.Grattan (25) Crickhowell 78 all out. Mike Farr 4-10, Ellaway 3 wickets and Butterfield 2 wkts.

### **Alan Saunders hits a 'Ton' for the 2<sup>nd</sup> X1**

Abergavenny 2<sup>nd</sup>'s 181-6 declared. Alan Saunders (100) Crickhowell 82 all out. Duncan Paton 4-19 and W.McPherson 3-9 The Clubs first century for over 4 years

Abergavenny 142, P.Jones (32) J.Powell (22) M.Powell (19). Neath 143-5 with John Bevan (46) Only the 3<sup>rd</sup> defeat of the season for Abergavenny.

Mike Farr takes 100 wickets in a season for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Season running. In five days Abergavenny played four games, winning three and drawing the other one.

Old Surbitonians 76 all out. M.Farr 7-30. Abergavenny 77-4 P.Grattan (56\*) Cheadle 90 all out, M.Farr 5-47, D.Ellaway 4-27. Abergavenny 91-5 M.Powell (20) P.Grattan (16)

Newport Fugitives 48 all out, 5 wickets apiece for Farr and Tony Lloyd. Abergavenny getting them for the loss of one wicket. M.Powell (34\*)

Abergavenny 152-6 declared P.Grattan (44) Brian Shackleton (52) Ken Williams (28) Midsomer Norton held on at 93-7. A.Lloyd 5-24.

Abercarn 44 all out Ellaway 6-20, Lloyd 3-21. Abergavenny 45-2. Usk 146-6 declared. Jennings 4-37. Abergavenny 53 all out. Brian Shackleton (25) Peter Jones (24)

Lydney 161-7 drew with Abergavenny 114-6. Another Draw followed with Briton Ferry Steel Mike Powell scoring 58 to pass 1,000 runs for the Season.

Blaina were beaten by 7 wickets.

### **Glamorgan's Malcolm Nash makes history at St Helens.**

Gary Sobers hits six sixes in an over bowled by M.Nash at St Helens. The 23 year old Nash enters the record books in a way he would not have chosen. As Sobers breaks a 57 year old record.



*Garry Sobers and Malcolm Nash are interviewed by Brian Hoxby of the BBC after Sobers' six sixes at Swansea in 1968. (BBC)*



Presentation Night for the 8 a Side knock Out Cup

**Nine wickets for Farr**

Abergavenny 143 all out. P.Gattan (42) A.Paton (27) A.Mead (24) Bridgend 60 all out. Mike Farr taking NINE for 21.

Abergavenny 138, M.Powell (24) J.Powell (18) R.Williams (28) and M.Farr (23\*) Ross 25 all out Farr 6-13, Lloyd 4-10.

Whitchurch 105-9 M.Nash 4-36, Lloyd 2-22. Abergavenny 106-4 M.Powell (47) P.Grattan (23)

The season was completed when held to a draw by Midsomer Norton and defeated by Worcester City. Abergavenny 115, M.Powell (33), P.Jones (32) Midsomer Norton 76-9. Lloyd 5-20, Griffin 3-17.

Abergavenny 87 John Powell (34), M.Powell (20) Malcolm Nash took the only 3 Worcester wickets to fall.

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Gwent 20 over K.O. Lost to Usk 1st rd.

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

### BATTING

	Inns	N.O.	H/S.	Total	Av.	Tons -
M. Powell	40	3	97	1145	30.94	<u>Fifties</u>
J.B. Shackleton	36	3	69	619	18.75	M. Powell - 8
M. Nash	6	2	80	195	48.75	B. Shackleton - 2
J. Powell	24	3	68	346	16.47	M. Nash - 2
D. Griffin	12	5	18	85	12.19	J. Powell - 1
P. Gratton	22	5	56	404	23.76	P. Gratton - 1
K. Williams	29	4	34	295	11.80	P. Jones - 1
L. White	31	4	36	270	10.00	
A. Paton	16	4	27	140	11.66	
P. Greaves	14	3	33	164	14.91	
P. Jones	19	1	59	308	17.11	
R. Jennings	23	9	16	121	8.64	
H. Williams	22	3	33	275	14.46	

Also Batted:- C. Nash, D. Paton, M. Pritchard, B. Taylor, P. Butterfield, M. Farr, A. Lloyd, C. Clinkett, N. White, J. Willis, M. Treanor, A. Mead, D. Ellaway, D. James, W. Powell, A. Gratton, J. Hill, W. Mpherson, E. Hughes, C. Woods, R. Thomas.

### BOWLING

	Overs	Mdns	Best	Runs	Wkts	Av.
M. Farr	525.2	123	9-21	1060	131	8.09
D. Griffin	58	15	3-17	176	11	
M. Nash	116	38	6-30	231	28	
A. Lloyd	313.2	77	5-18	739	53	
R. Williams	116	29	5-44	343	20	
D. Ellaway	143.2	24	6-20	417	26	
R. Jennings	147	25	5-6	386	25	

Also Bowled:- M. Pritchard, C. Nash, D. Paton, A. Paton, M. Powell, J. Willis, N. White, A. Gratton, P. Butterfield, S. Harrison.

### CATCHES

M. Powell	-	18
D. Griffin	-	5
M. Nash	-	2
J. Powell	-	15
A. Paton	-	5
R. Jennings	-	12
A. Lloyd	-	2
M. Farr	-	6
K. Williams	-	13
L. White	-	7
C. Clinkett	-	1
R. Williams	-	7
J.B. Shackleton	-	10
D. Paton	-	6
D. Ellaway	-	2
J. Willis	-	2
P. Gratton	-	6
D. James	-	1
P. Jones	-	2
G. Lewis	-	1
A.K. Mead	-	1

### Highest 1st Wicket Partnerships

74 M. Powell & P. Greaves v Thornbury