

Abergavenny Cricket Club History

1970 Season

President- Charles Price
Chairman- Lewis White
Hon Sec- R.Jennings
Treasurer- W.McPherson
Captain 1st X1- Brian Shackleton
Captain 2nd X1- Brian Taylor



Back-L-R-R.Tear,A.Paton,M.Farr, B.Taylor, J.Powell, P.F.Jones,K.Williams
Seated-L-R- D.Griffin, B.Shackleton [Capt] M.Powell, A.Lloyd

Maiden 'ton' for Peter Jones

Peter Jones recorded his maiden century for the club against Chepstow. Abergavenny making 202-1 declared with M.Powell (85) and P.F.Jones (100*) Chepstow in reply were 44 all out. M.Farr taking 5-19 and A.Lloyd 4-19.

Abergavenny 169-8 declared D.Griffin scoring (42) K.Williams (31) and L.Wilcock (27) Thornbury were then 74 all out M.Farr taking 7-28 and A.Lloyd 3-15.

Newbridge were then 112 all out M.Farr taking 4-27 A.Lloyd 3-36 and D.Morgan 3-33 at the close Abergavenny were 62-5 with P.F.Jones (16*)

Abergavenny enjoyed a hat trick of victories over the holiday weekend and were then unbeaten in 10 fixtures seven of which were won.

They beat St Fagans by 8 wickets, Lydney by 39 runs then Briton Ferry by 8 wickets. Mike Farr the hero with 6-60 v St Fagans and 5-43 v Lydney. At this point in the season Mike Farr had already taken 29 wickets and Alan Lloyd had taken 15 wickets.

P.F.Jones continued in good form with (66) v St Fagans. Len Wilcock (45*) Mike Powell scored (81) v Briton Ferry in an opening stand of 102 with Peter Jones (39) and then Len Wilcock chipped in with (35*) Briton Ferry 161-7. Abergavenny 165-2

Abergavenny 2nd X1 v Hereford 2nd X1. Hereford batting first scored 113 Mel Pritchard taking 4-47, W.McPherson 3-51 and R. Jennings 3-9. Abergavenny 116-3 Roger Morris (30) R.Tear (37) A.Lewis (45*)

Abergavenny 2nd X1 108 all out R.Morris (21) and A.Mead (21) Pontnewynydd 2nd X1 72 all out. Mel Pritchard taking 5-25 G.Phillips 3-27 and W.Elliot 2-13.

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The 2nd X1 at this time was: R.Morris, A.Saunders,C.Woods, B.Taylor, A.Mead, G.Phillips, W.Elliot, P.Williams, M.Bruton, M.Rouse, M.Pritchard.

Meanwhile the first X1 fought out two draws. Pontnewynydd 182-8 declared. A.Lloyd 3-49, Dave Griffin 3-72, R.Jennings 1-26. Abergavenny 114-3 Dave Griffin (54) D.Morgan (24)
Hereford 118-9 declared Mike Farr 5-24, Dave Griffin 3-48, Alan Lloyd 1-27. Abergavenny reaching 63-7 D.Griffin (35*) Keith Edwards and John Chadd taking the wickets for Hereford.

Abergavenny 146-8 declared Dave Griffin scoring (67*) and Brian Shackleton (31) Caerleon 89 all out Alan Lloyd 5-17, Mike Farr 2-38 and Dave Griffin 1-10

Ross end 9 year wait to be defeat Abergavenny

Abergavenny only scoring 81 all out Mike Powell (29) Ken Williams (24) Ross 84-3 Mike Farr 2-30, Dave Griffin 1-17. Ross ended a 14 match unbeaten run. Ross had not beaten Abergavenny for 9 years

Abergavenny record lowest total for many years

The next game was on a rain affected wicket against Ebbw Vale who went from 64-6 to 136-7. Keith Nancarrow (52) D.Morgan 3-26 and Mike Farr 2-34. In reply Abergavenny were 26 all out.

St Fagans run up a formidable 211-6, Paul Butterfield taking 3-85 and Mike Farr 3-50. In their run chase Abergavenny slumped from 79-0 to 134 all out.

A further defeat followed at the hands of Newbridge who posted 118-9 declared. In reply Abergavenny were all out for 100. Ken Williams was the only batsman to register a decent score (29) Paul Butterfield taking 2-54, Alan Lloyd 2-18. Paul Butterfield has not been available due to studying for his 'A' Levels.

Sphinx (Neath) 177-4 declared. Abergavenny 137-6. Mike Powell (40) John Powell (41) R.Tear (24*)
The Sphinx team included: Alan Rees, Bill Slade, G.Wooley, G.Salt, A.Davies, D.Thomas.

17 year old Dave Griffin Abergavenny brightest cricketing hope, played for Welsh Schools against Millfield scoring (44) and (36*) as well as taking 3 wickets. He had already played against the Welsh College of Education where he was unluckily run out for [1]

Great weekend for Schoolboy Griffin

Schoolboy Dave Griffin who bowls left arm spin, took 7-44 against Crickhowell and the following day 5-22 against Ebbw Vale. Despite this Abergavenny still lost to Crickhowell and only drew with Ebbw Vale.

Crickhowell from 95-5 made 156 and Abergavenny were all out for 93. Dave Griffin (21) and John Powell (21)
Abergavenny 142-8 declared Mike Powell (89) drew with Ebbw Vale 101-7.

Brian Shackleton Breaks his finger

The youngsters also propped up Abergavenny in games against Abertillery and Gowerton. King Henry V111 pupils Royson Tearar and Dave Griffin bowled out Abertillery for 76 between them. Tearar taking 7-22, Griffin 3-30. This was after Abergavenny had only managed to score 103 with Ken Williams and Tony Paton scoring (20) runs each.

Gowerton 103 all out Alan Lloyd 3-37, Paul Butterfield 3-48,R.Tearar 2-7 and Len Wilcock 3-2 in a rare bowling spell.

Abergavenny 104-2 P.Jones (40) with Mike Powell putting on 95 for the 2nd wicket.
Averages at this time of the season:

Name	Innings	N/O	H/S	Runs	Average
M.Powell	22	0	89	637	28.95
P.Jones	21	4	100*	442	26
D.Griffin	17	5	69	271	22.58
L.Wilcock	17	3	45	241	17.21

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
M.Farr	297	71	664	74	8.97
D.Morgan	41	11	94	10	9.4
D.Griffin	98	19	403	36	11.19

In three holiday matches Abergavenny failed to win, beaten by 4wks on Saturday by Ledbury, drew with Briton Ferry Steel on Sunday and slumped to another 4 wkt defeat on Monday by Lydney. Against ledbury 140-9 R.Tearar [33] J.Powell [29] Peter Grattan in his last innings [28] Alan Lloyd took 8 wks over the weekend including 5-53 v Briton Ferry Steel. D.Griffin 3-63. Lydney chasing 176 did so with 4 wickets in hand

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A.Lloyd	242	45	582	40	14.55
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Usk 110-8 Dave Griffin taking 5-50, R.Tear 4-37 and Paul Butterfield 1-47. Abergavenny 106-5 Len Wilcock (30*)

Dave Griffin was picked to play for Welsh Schools against the West Indies and later against England.

Abergavenny 146-9 Mike Powell (27) Ken Williams (31) P.Grattan (19) A.Lewis (43*) Chepstow in reply 98 all out Dave Griffin taking 6-39 Terry Hulbert 2-21 and R.Tear 2-15.

Finally Hereford recorded the obligatory victory against Abergavenny who were 80 all out runs from Mike Powell (23) Dave Griffin (14) Hereford 81-2 with Dave Griffin taking the two wickets to fall.

Defeat against Midsomer Norton- Abergavenny 118 Bill Powell [27*] David Ellaway [22] D.Griffin [27] Midsomer winning by 4 wkts. At Panteg 38-1 Rain halted the game.

Summary of 1970 by Brian Taylor

Under the captaincy of Brian Shackleton until he broke his finger, and with Mike Powell showing great skill with the bat and with his close catching, Abergavenny First X1 had a successful season winning 16 of their 40 games. Without Mike Powell's skill and patience it may have been different. It was he who led the way as Abergavenny remained undefeated in the first 13 games, winning 8 of them. The high spot coming during the holiday weekend when three extremely strong fixtures were all won. On the Saturday St Fagans were beaten by 8 wickets after scoring 148. Briton Ferry Steel of the South Wales League suffered a similar fate on the Sunday when they too were beaten by 8 wickets after scoring 161. Then Lydney were beaten on the Monday by 39 runs. These 3 victories were down to 3 batsmen and 1 bowler. Powell, Peter Jones and Len Wilcock with the bat and Mike Farr with the ball.

Disaster was to follow in the next 8 games, five of which were lost. The loss of form was difficult to explain as the same side was fielded that had blazed a winning trail the weeks before. It was just a bad patch.



Club President Charles Price, pictured handing the Mid Week Trophy to 'The Prince' Gordon Richards of Panteg. Also Pictured are Brian Shackleton and Ted Nash



Mike Powell finally passed 1000 with 35 against Thornbury in Abergavenny's total of 126-9 John Powell [23] D.Griffin [26] Thornbury all out 118.Lloyd [4 wkts] Farr [3 wkts] and Griffin [1 wkt] They then lost their last match of the season to Worcester in an all day game. Worcester 98 all out A.Lloyd [3-25] M.Farr 4-16 M.Nash 2-21. Abergavenny all out 66 John Powell [14] M.Nash [20]

Abergavenny 1st X1 won 16 of their 40 games played, drawing 10 and losing 12 Mike Farr led the bowling with 84 wickets @9.17 David Griffin 61 wickets, Alun Lloyd 65 wickets.Mike Powell scored over 1000 runs, David Griffin 590, Peter Jones 493, Len Wilcock 316 and John Powell 395 runs. In the 2nd X1-Won 13 of their 24 matches, 4 lost and 7 drawn. Tony paton topped the batting and Alan Grattan the bowling

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BATTING AVERAGES					
	In	no	rs	hs	av
M. Powell	37	1	1009	89	28.02
D. Griffin	30	6	590	75	24.58
P. F. Jones	30	5	493	100*	19.76
L. Wilcock	26	6	316	45*	15.80
J. Powell	30	1	395	41	13.62
A. G. Lewis	14	2	146	43*	12.16
K. Williams	29	2	327	31	12.11
D. Paton	10	0	113	28	11.30
R. Teeaar	23	5	193	33	10.72
J. Shackle'n	23	7	162	31	10.12
* Not out					
Qualification: Ten completed innings.					
BOWLING AVERAGES					
	O	M	R	W	Av
M. Farr	342.3	62	771	84	9.17
R. Teeaar	143.3	34	340	28	12.14
D. Griffin	236.4	34	578	61	12.75
A. Lloyd	381.3	26	934	66	14.36
Ellaway	84.0	28	230	15	15.33
But'feld	144.0	26	457	20	22.85
Qualification: Fifteen wickets.					
Team record: Played 40, won 16, drawn 10, lost 12, abandoned as draws 2.					



Abergavenny 2nd XI
Back Row-L-R-Pop Drewitt [Umpire] Geraint Phillips, Roger Morris, Mike Bruton, Peter Williams, Wally Elliot, Mike Rouse
Seated L-R-Alan Saunders, Tony Mead [V.Capt] Brian Taylor [Capt] Colin Woods, mel Pritchard

DAVID SHINES



An 18-year-old Abergavenny schoolboy was the star of Ross Cricket Club's six-wicket win over Taverstock tourists in a mid-week match last Thursday.

David Griffin, a Welsh Schools' cap, was one of the six guest players in the Ross team and after taking six wickets for nine runs in 6.3 overs he hit a polished 43, including two towering sixes.

When Taverstock batted first they lost half their wicket for 30 and were eventually put out for 45 with the last four batsmen being dismissed without addition to the score. Ross skipper Mike Burrow helped Griffin wreck the tourists by claiming the other four wickets for 13.

Colin Fowler (18) and Griffin saw Ross to victory and it was agreed to continue the match in an effort to get a two innings verdict as well. Ross carried on to declare at 138-8 but failed to dismiss Taverstock a second time.

The tourists made 75-7 when they batted a second time and were still 19 short of Ross's one-innings total when stumps were drawn. Griffin collected three wickets for 20 to finish with match figures of 9-29.

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Poor quality photo Of Chairman Lew White XI v Abergavenny Colts

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Malcolm Nash, Charles Price