

Abergavenny Cricket Club History

1971 Season

President- E.G.Nash
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 Captain 1st X1- Mike Powell
 Captain 2nd X1-Brian Taylor

'Shacky' steps down after 10 seasons



Brian Shackleton stepped down after the 1970 season as first X1 skipper after 10 years in the role. He is pictured below receiving a silver salver in June 1971 in recognition of the feat. Brian Shackleton has been a member since 1947 with 24 years service to the Club. Life memberships were awarded-Charles Price [47 yrs] Lew White [26 yrs] Bill Macpherson [20 yrs]

Early season Newbridge scored 132-9 declared. Mel Pritchard taking a magnificent 7-51. Abergavenny securing a draw at 86-6 with runs from M.Powell (18) K.Williams (32) D.Griffin (15) and Len Wilcock (15)

Midsomer Norton totalled 164-6 declared. Henry Thomas (101*) For Abergavenny M.Ozelton took 2-42, J.Baker 2-59 and Bob Jennings 2-62. A newcomer to the Club John Baker played well on his debut, in reply Abergavenny scored 129-2 M.Powell (41) John Howells (41) L.Wilcock (27*) D.Griffin (14*) Neath Ad Libs 74 all out, wickets for A.Lloyd 6-35 and M.Farr 3-11



Mel Pritchard [Pictured Left] in his 25th year with the Cricket Club took 7 for 51 for the 2nd X1 against Newbridge 2nd X1 He had started with the Club in Lew Whites' first Season back in 1947.

Abergavenny 75-7 M.Powell (25) John Powell (13) L.Wilcock (14) this was Abergavenny's 3rd straight win. However it was followed by a defeat to St Fagans who scored 214-2, Abergavenny then scored 111 all out with Dave Griffin scoring (38)

Next up was Gowerton. Abergavenny winning, having scored 255-3 with John Powell (30) Mike Powell (51) John Howells an ex Ebbw Vale player (96) and David Griffin (62*) In the Gowerton reply Bob Jennings took 5-35.

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John Howells in great form against Gowerton

Local rivals Usk inflicted a heavy defeat on Abergavenny next game. Abergavenny all out for 122 D.Griffin (33) John Howells (36) Usk replying with 123-0 G.Kear and Stan York knocking off the runs. A further defeat at the hands of Hereford followed. Hereford 136 all out. Abergavenny 70 all out.

Ebbw Vale also defeated the club, scoring 116 all out. Bob Jennings taking 6-30 and Dave Griffin 2-17. Abergavenny were 102 all out J.Howells (37) R.Williams (16)

The Ebbw Vale Team – L.Saunders, D.Howells, I.Gregory, R.Evans, M.Cope, K.Nancarrow, T.Cameron, D.Jones, D.Gaydon, D.Bailey, Terry Thomas.

Abergavenny 148-9 declared John Howells scoring (34) J.Powell (25) and R.Tear (27) Crickhowell were 72 all out. Paul Butterfield taking a superb 7-34.

Fielding a weekend side Abergavenny 1st X1 lost to Cirencester in the Severn Counties League. Abergavenny were bowled out cheaply despite the openers M Powell [33] and R. Tear [33] there was a sensational collapse and they were all out for 87. Cirencester getting the runs for the loss of 4 wickets, two for Ozelton, one each for Baker and Jennings.

Meanwhile Paul Butterfield playing for the 2nd X1 against Ebbw Vale 2nd X1 took 8-19. Taylor batted well and C.Woods wicket keeper took 3 catches as the Abergavenny 2nd s won



A novelty match took place this season where the Ladies took on the Men

Seated L-R Pat Spratt, Judith Taylor, Jean McPherson (Capt) Mary Wilkinson, Chris Paton,

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Standing L-R Jane Wilkinson, Drena Havard, Celia Denbury, Hazel Pritchard, Polly Mead, Barbara Shackleton



Seated L-R T.Paton, R.Williams, L.White, D.Havard, C.McPherson
Standing L-R P.F.Jones, A.Mead, M.Pritchard, B.McPherson, B.Shackleton, M.Powell, P.Grattan

Back to the serious cricket and Tewkesbury were on the losing end of a draw. Abergavenny 143-5 M.Nash (58) Tewkesbury 76-6 M.Nash 2-41.

A defeat to Briton Ferry Steel came in the next game. Abergavenny were 140 all out. Mike Powell scoring (46) Briton Ferry Steel 142-5. P.Butterfield 3-58 and M.Farr 2-36.

Mike Powell denied his ton against Brecon

Brecon 186-6 J.Baker 2-46, M.Ozelton 2-39. Jimmy Devoy of Crickhowell played for Brecon. Abergavenny 171-5 Mike Powell (99*) and P.Jones (32)

A draw followed with Whitchurch Heath who made 175-6. P.Butterfield taking 2-37, R.Williams 2-39 and J.Baker 1-33. Abergavenny 174-5 R.Tear scoring (48) P.Jones (26) and R.Williams (27)

Father and Son play in same side for Abergavenny 2nds

Abergavenny 2nd X1 v Brecon 2nd X1 saw Bill McPherson taken off to be replaced by his 17 year old son Chris who took 5-15.

The main run scorers for Abergavenny that day were: Roger Morris (25) Gerry Jones (20) and Tony Mead (10)

In fact the 2nds completed their season in style by beating Thornbury 2nds. Abergavenny 2nds 112 all out. A.Paton (32) R.Morris (28) and W.Powell (21) Thornbury 80 all out. With Bill McPherson taking a magnificent 8-40 and D.James 2-32. The 2nd X1 had been unbeaten since July 10th. Winning 7 and drawing 9 of their 16 matches.

The first X1 also beat Thornbury who scored 143. M.Ozelton 5-67 and Bob Jennings 5-28. Abergavenny winning by one wicket scoring 145-9 with P.F.Jones (43) R.Tear (32) and J.Howells (31)

The final game was an all day match against Worcester who scored 177-6 with Paul Butterfield taking 3-46. In reply Abergavenny held on at 153-9.

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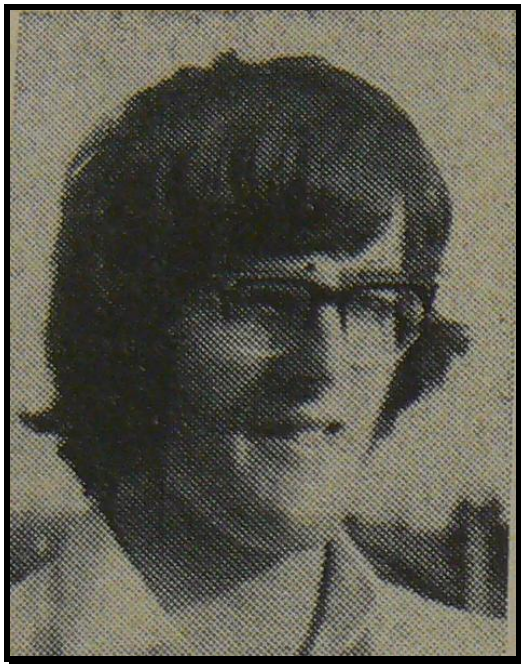
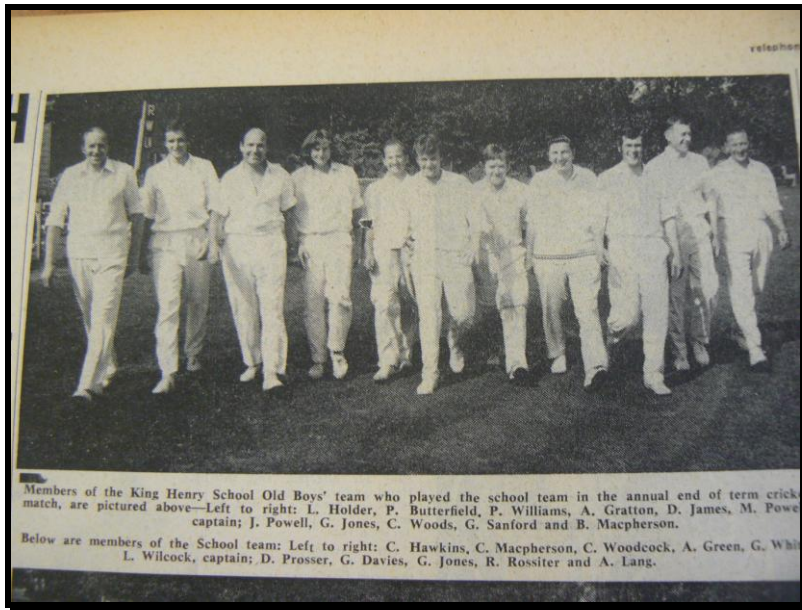


Above Left-Bill Powell and Diane –Right -Malcolm Nash scores the fastest '50' of the season against Kent at St. Helens. 54 off 9 scoring shots



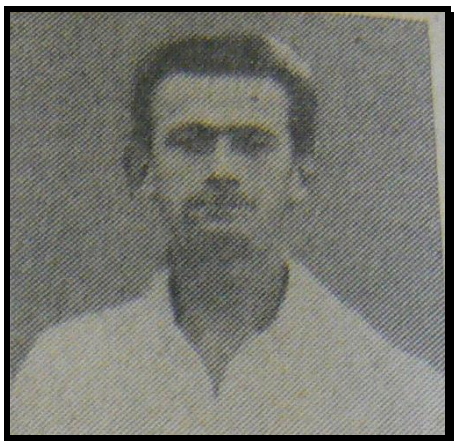
A rich source of players that join Abergavenny is King Henry V111 Grammar School. The Annual Old Boys Match is a feature of the Clubs Season

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Royston Tear- good season

First X1 finished halfway in Severn Counties League, 2nd X1 finished 3rd
Batting
M.Powell 1034 @ 28.72, J Howells-733 @ 25.27, R.Tear-399 @22.16, D.Griffin-665 @21.00.
Bowling
Bob Jennings 65 wkts @14.20.Mike Farr 35 wkts, Paul Butterfield 45 wkts, M.Ozelton 35 wkts



Malcolm Nash- doing well for Glamorgan & Mike Powell- establishing himself

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Mid week League sides- Round Table, 41 Club, Tailenders, Abergavenny, Ewyas Harold,
Raglan, Brynmawr, Mardy, Pontnewynydd.