

Abergavenny Cricket Club History

1972 Season

President- E.G.Nash

Chairman- Lewis White

Hon Sec- R.Jennings, Treasurer- G.H.Lewis

Captain 1st X1- Ken Williams, Captain 2nd X1-Brian. Taylor

Pictured below the First X1



Back Row L-R Lew White, Tony Paton, John Baker, Paul Butterworth, Mike Farr, Peter Jones, Royston Teear, Cliff Cox (Umpire) Front Row L-R G.H.'Doc' Lewis, Mike Powell, Ken Williams (Capt) Brian Shackleton, Dick Brown

The 1972 Fixture List

SATURDAYS				SUNDAYS			
Date	First Eleven Opponents	Second Eleven Opponents	Remarks	Date	First Eleven Opponents	Second Eleven Opponents	Remarks
April 15	Mumbles ...A	...H		April 16	Cardiff Choristers	H	
22	Panteg ...A	Panteg ...H		23	Newport Fugitives	H	
29	Chepstow ...A	Chepstow ...H		30	Briton Ferry Steel	A Blackwood (1st XI) H	
May 6		Cardiff Reserves ...H		May 7	Thornbury ...H		
13	Stapleton C.C. ...H	Stapleton C.C. ...A		14	Midsomer Norton...H		
20	Gloucester ...A	Gloucester ...H	League	21		Bank using ground	
27	Worcester ...H	Worcester ...A		8/Hol, 28			
June 3	Caerleon ...A	Caerleon ...H		June 4	Hereford ...A	Hereford ...H	League
10	Keynsham ...A	Keynsham ...H		11	Ross-on-Wye ...A	Ross-on-Wye ...H	League
17				18	Newbridge ...H		
24	St. Fagans ...H	St. Fagans ...A	League	25	Neath Ad Libs ...H		
July 1	Panteg ...H	Panteg ...A		July 2	Ebbw Vale ...H	Rockfield ...A	
8	Crickhowell ...A	Crickhowell ...H		9	Bill Edwards ...H		
15	Ludlow ...A	Ludlow ...H		16	Gowerton ...H		
22	Usk ...H	Usk ...A	League	23	Winget ...H	Winget ...A	League
29	Chapstow ...H	Chepstow ...A		30	Hereford ...H	Hereford ...A	
Aug. 5				Aug. 6	Cardiff ...H		
12	Crickhowell ...H	Crickhowell ...A		13	Midsomer Norton...A		
19	Malpas ...H	Malpas ...A		20	Usk ...A	Usk ...H	
26	Panteg ...A	Panteg ...H		Bank H'day 27	Briton Ferry Steel...H		
Sept. 2			GPO using ground	Sept. 3	Ross-on-Wye ...H	Ross-on-Wye ...A	
9	Brecon ...H	Brecon ...A		10	Whitchurch ...H		
16	Thornbury ...A	Thornbury ...H		17			

Abergavenny's connection with Glamorgan C.C.C continued with Glamorgan Under 25's playing a fixture at Avenue Road versus Gloucestershire Under 25's
 Once again the first game of the season April 15th was against Mumbles, it needed to be a 12 a side game to accommodate all of the players available. Abergavenny were dismissed for 97 runs. Brian Shackleton with (15) and Mike Powell (26) were the main contributors for Abergavenny and Mumbles won by 2 wickets. A.Lloyd 3-35, M.Farr 3-22 and J.Baker 3-11 were the wicket takers.

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April 22nd The game against local rivals at Panteg saw Stuart Harrison of Glamorgan C.C.C. fire them out, Stuart taking 5-21. Chasing 120-3 declared, Abergavenny were all out for 49.

April 23rd A tame draw against Newport Fugitives followed. Abergavenny scoring 125-5 declared Mike Powell (49) Bill Powell (33*) with the Fugitives reaching 81-6, M.Farr 2-35 and J.Baker 2-17 were the main wicket takers with P.Butterfield and A.Lloyd taking a wicket each.

Rain and more rain ruined a good few weekends and the next game Sunday May 14th was against Midsomer Norton who won by 4 wkts, Abergavenny 85 all out with almost half the runs scored by David Griffin (40) Mike Farr, Paul Butterfield and J.Baker taking the wickets for Abergavenny.

Michael Powell scores a 'ton' for the 2nd X1

May 27th The first team game with Worcester at home the following week was cancelled so a strengthened 2nd X1 took on Worcester 2nd X1(a) . Mike Powell scored a century (108) out of 146-6 and Worcester were bowled out for 86, with M.Ozelton taking 5-34 and D.James 4-23.

On the Monday May 29th a Severn Counties league game against Lydney brought defeat. Abergavenny 113 all out with D.Griffin scoring (51) Lydney getting home at 114-4 'Basher' Brain, who would go on to score many runs against Abergavenny and other teams, was in sparkling form with (50*)

Rain spoiled the game against Hereford (a) on June 4th , Abergavenny scored 130-7 Dave Griffin (72*) and Hereford were 2-0 when the rain came.

A victory over Tredomen in the Monmouthshire Knock Out Cup followed, Abergavenny only managed to total 69 with M.Powell scoring (29). Tredomen were even worse and finished 38 all out thanks to Tony Paton with 5-14.

Yet another draw followed against Ross (a) June 11th . Abergavenny 130 all out with Ken Williams top scoring with (31) Ross managed just 72-8 Mike Farr taking 6-29.

Skipper hits 44 to give Town runaway victory

This was followed by victory over Monmouth, who finished on 125-6, Mike Farr taking 3-35, two wickets for Baker and one for Butterfield. Abergavenny winning by 7 wickets. Ken Williams (44*) and Brian Shackleton (23*) Mike Powell [27] and PF Jones [24] were the main contributors.

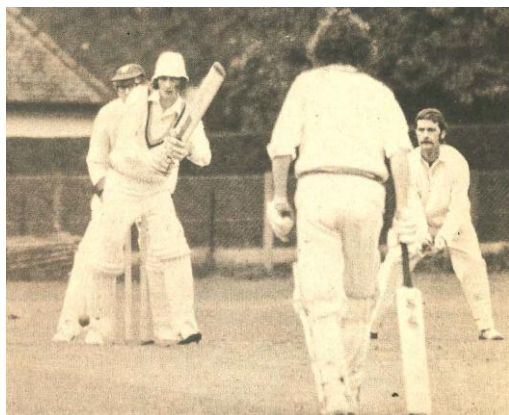
Meanwhile the 2nd X1 drew their away game at Monmouth, batting first they scored 134 thanks to a top score of [54] by Doug James and a fine debut [24] for N.Bird. R.Morris [13] G.Jones [13] AK Mead [15] Monmouth 2nd X1 finished on 89-6 with A.Lloyd- 3-43 and debutante N.Bird-3-13

June 18th After bowling out Newbridge at home for a meagre 72 with Paul Butterfield returning 6-14 and two wickets for A.Lloyd and one for Mike Farr. Abergavenny were disappointingly 'skittled ' out for 43. With no Abergavenny batsman getting into double figures



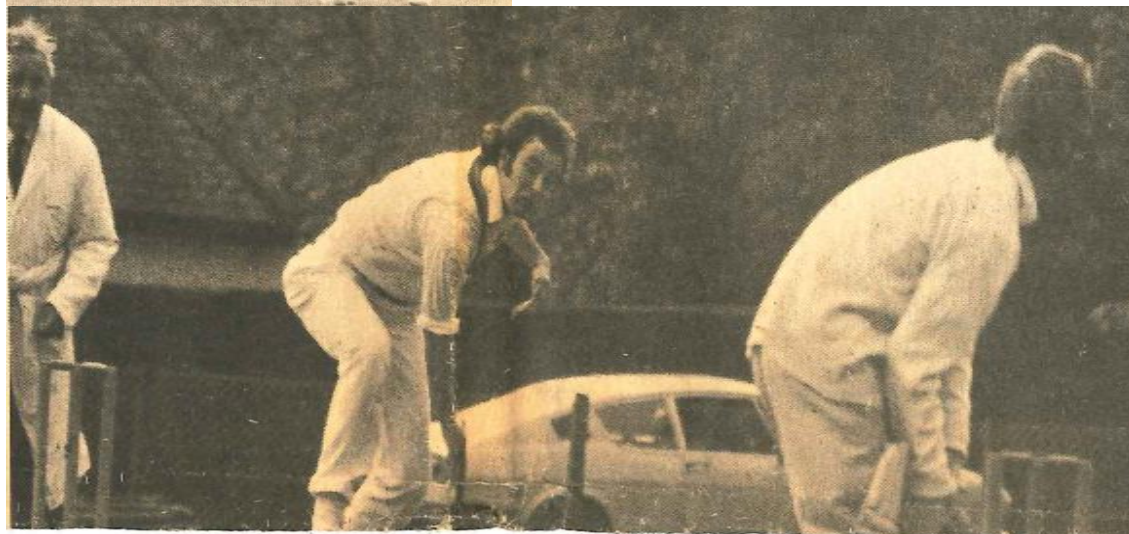
Above Left-PF Jones, Above Right-Ken Williams

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Great Action Shots

Left- David Griffin and Below Paul Butterfield



June 24th A further defeat ensued with St Fagans (h) only scoring 130-6 thanks to Mike Farr taking 3-49, however in reply Abergavenny were 124 all out with only Robin Williams (38) scoring significantly.

June 25th at home Neath Ad Libs scored 155-5 Robin Williams 2-21 and Abergavenny secured a draw at 125-4 D.Griffin (43).

Revenge was exacted on local rivals Panteg on July 1st at home who were beaten, chasing 169-7. Mike Farr taking 4-33 and A.Lloyd with 2-31. Abergavenny with D.Griffin (40) and P.Butterfield (39*) passed the total for the loss of only 5 wickets.

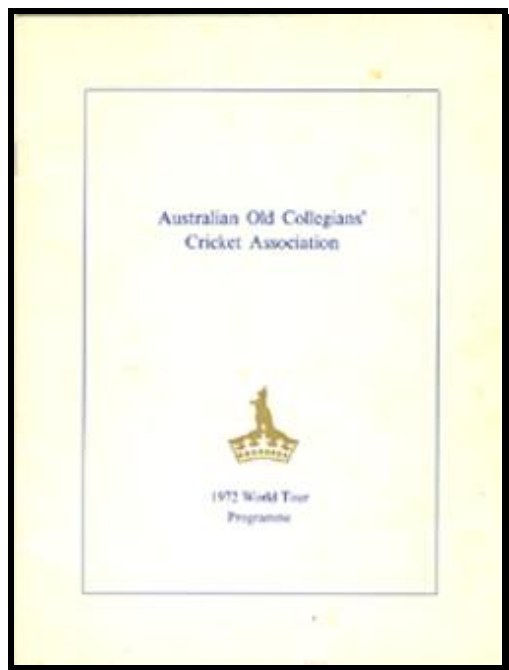
July 2nd Abergavenny declared on 141-7 with Peter Jones (46*) and Mike Powell (48) scoring the bulk of the runs versus Ebbw Vale, who struggled but held on for a draw.

July 9th A Bill Edwards X1 easily defeated Abergavenny next game, Bob Jennings taking 2-18.

July 15th A defeat by Ludlow followed losing by 3 wickets despite some good bowling from Paul Butterfield with 4-47 and Mike Farr 2-39, was followed by a draw against Whiteheads with Abergavenny making 160-8 declared major contributions once again from M.Powell(69) and D.Griffin (40). Whiteheads finished on 110-7 with J.Baker 3-22 and A.Paton 3-29 making things difficult for the Whiteheads batsmen.

July 22nd The top order came good against fierce rivals Usk and secured a 7 wicket victory. Usk 119-10 P.Butterfield 2-30, J. Baker 3-36, R.Williams 3-27 & M.Farr 2-23.
A strong 'Australian X1' easily passed Abergavenny's 206-9 dec. M.Powell (71) R.Brown (32) J,Baker took 4-43 for Abergavenny.

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Pictured above is the cover of the tour brochure of The Australian Old Collegians Cricket Association who went on a World Tour in 1972. Also, Mike Powell pictured during his innings against the Australian Team

Mike Powell continued his fine form and scored 71 against a powerful Old Collegians Touring team that included a number of State players. He went on to complete 1,000 runs for the season.

July 36th and 27th Defeats against New Brighton and North Middlesex was followed by a win against Chepstow by 8 wickets. Chepstow 131-9 J.Baker 4-50 Abergavenny 133-2 D.Griffin (57*)

August 3rd Mayflies were easy winners despite a magnificent 6-39 from A.Paton. As Abergavenny were all out for 75. Hythe held on for a draw. P.Grattan and Brian Shackleton scoring runs and Mike Farr taking 4-28. Next to hold on for a draw was GKN, after Abergavenny had made 204-7 D.Griffin (65) Paul Butterfield (40*) GKN were 121-9 with Butterfield demonstrating his all-round ability taking 4-32.

Yet another draw followed this time with Crickhowell. Tony Paton taking 4-27. A journey to Somerset to play Midsomer Norton ended in defeat, despite (45) from Mike Powell. Five more draws against Usk and Malpas with runs for Ken Williams (38) and P.Grattan (48) and Lydney, Worcester and Ross leaving Abergavenny looking for their first win in 17 games.

Sept 10th Whitchurch Heath provided that elusive victory. Whitchurch 162-8 declared, Abergavenny 163-6 M.Powell (42) and D.Griffin (46)



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Robin Williams (left) a star and Kyle Holmes (right) a star of the future who was making his mark in athletics



Abergavenny 1st XI- June 1972

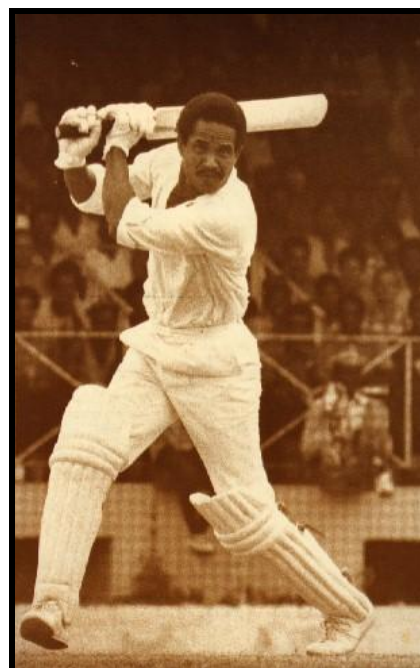
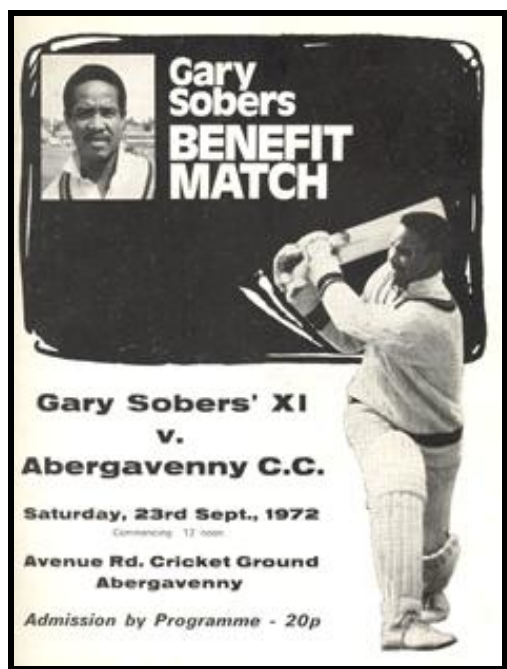
Back Left-Right-M.Farr, D.Griffin,P.Butterfield, J.Baker, C.Macpherson, A.Lloyd

Frony L-R- GH Lewis M.Powell, K.Williams, B.Shackleton, PF Jones

Paul Butterfield had a good 7 days with 8-50 against Winget supported by Ozelton [1] and Lloyd [1] and 4-24 against Chepstow supported against Chepstow by Jennings 3-23 & Robin Williams 2-23

Gary Sobers Benefit

The highlight of the season was a Benefit match for Gary Sobers, the greatest all round cricketer of all time. John Arlott wrote in 1979: "the finest all-round player in the history of cricket" Sir Don Bradman after Sobers scored 254, for the Rest of the World against Australia in 1971 in Melbourne wrote: "I believe Gary Sobers's innings was probably the best ever seen in Australia" He was a triple-purpose bowler with seam, orthodox finger spin and wrist spin. A master batsman and an exceptional fielder. On top of all this, Trevor Bailey in his biography of 1976 described him as: "an 'interesting' captain". For mere mortals in Abergavenny to brush shoulders with him at the ground and in the town centre betting office was a privilege that they probably didn't truly appreciate.



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Gary Sobers signs autographs for youngsters, he didn't actually play in the team but his presence was enough to make the town buzz, as the World's greatest all-rounder

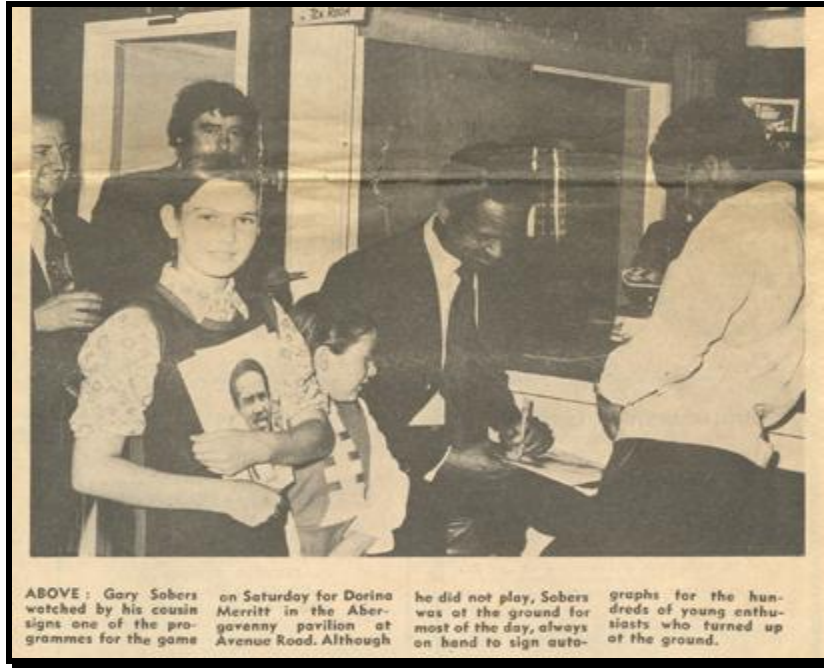


Four years earlier (1968) Sobers had dispatched Nash for 6 sixes in one over in an end of year encounter against Nott's at St Helen's Swansea. Thus becoming the first ever cricketer to reach this milestone, creating a World Record Malcolm Nash was experimenting with slow left arm (Derek Underwood type)

ABOVE: Although Gary Sobers was not in the visiting team a Sobers did play. His brother Gerry, who plays for Barbados in his native West Indies, and also for Saddleworth in the Lancashire League. Here he can be seen signing autographs for two young spectators, Jackie Mead (on the left) and Dorina Merritt.

The team included seven of the Nottingham C.C.C. staff, Gerry Sobers (Gary's brother) Tony Saunders the Nottingham Secretary and ex Abergavenny player, David Brown of Warwickshire and England and David Evans the ex Glamorgan C.C.C. wicketkeeper. Batting first the Gary Sobers XI scored 267 for 6 wickets declared. In reply Abergavenny C.C. put up a good show with leading run scorer Mike Powell making (56) and Ken Williams (34) the main contributors. It was in this match that Mike Farr took his 1000th wicket for the club when he dismissed non other than Warwickshire's David Brown.

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ABOVE: Gary Sobers on Saturday for Dorina Merritt in the Abergavenny pavilion at Avenue Road. Although he did not play, Sobers was at the ground for most of the day, always on hand to sign autographs for the hundreds of young enthusiasts who turned up at the ground.

Pictured at the bar, Doug James, Don Merritt, Jackie Mead and Dorina Merritt with the great man himself.



Pictured Left at the start of the match for Gary Sobers Benefit is Mike Smedley captain of the Gary Sobers X1 leading his team out at Avenue Road to play Abergavenny C.C

World events- 1972

Miners Strike in UK started to bite, Bloody Sunday in N.Ireland, Apollo 16 splashes down safely, north Vietnam invades south, Watergate breaks in America and a Massacre takes place at the Munich Olympics. Mark Spitz of the USA wins an unprecedented seven gold medals in swimming, all in world record times. Harry S Truman, 33rd president of the USA 1945-53, a Democrat, dies in Kansas City, Missouri (88).

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Capt. 1st XI K. Williams - 1st Season
 Capt. 2nd XI B.R. Taylor

BATTING

	Inns	N.O.	H/S.	Total	Av.	Tons -
P. Jones	30	1	46	471	16.70	
J.B. Shackleton	21	5	56	217	13.50	
M. Powell	34	-	89	1088	32.00	<u>Fifties</u>
D. Griffin	31	4	87	899	33.29	M. Powell - 7
R. Brown	26	2	46	448	18.60	D. Griffin - 6
K. Williams	24	4	44	276	13.80	A. Paton - 1
J. Howells	12	2	46	265	26.50	J.B. Shackleton - 1
P. Butterfield	25	3	40	227	10.30	
A. Paton	16	4	55	176	14.60	
R. Teezar	10	-	34	173	17.30	
P. Gratton	7	1	48	139	23.16	
C. Mcpherson	11	4	17	98	14.00	
R. Williams	7	-	38	69	9.85	

Also Batted:- G. Lewis, R. Jennings, J. Baker, M. Farr, C. Woods, A. Lloyd, D. James, G. Jones, A. Mead, W. Powell, B. Taylor, M. Bruton.

BOWLING

	Overs	Mdns.	Best	Runs	Wkts.	Av.
M. Farr	387		8-34	1079	62	17.40
P. Butterfield	318		6-14	1018	42	24.20
A. Lloyd	88		2-19	276	17	25.00
J. Baker	352		4-43	1006	64	15.70
D. Griffin	79		3-36	313	15	20.86
R. Williams	77		6-45	239	17	14.00
R. Teezar	66		2-23	237	8	29.62
R. Jennings	44		2-18	108	3	36.00
A. Paton	159		6-36	541	32	16.90

CATCHES

K. Williams	-	20	W. Powell	-	1
M. Powell	-	14	D. Paton	-	1
J. Howells	-	8	A. Paton	-	1
D. Griffin	-		C. Mcpherson	-	1
J.B. Shackleton	-		M. Bruton	-	1
R. Brown	-	7	P. Nulsaw	-	1
P. Jones	-		B. Taylor	-	1
P. Butterfield	-	6			
C. Woods	-	4			
J. Baker	-				
G. Lewis	-				
M. Farr	-				
A. Mead	-	3			
R. Williams	-	3			
R. Teezar	-	3			
R. Rossiter	-	2			

Highest 1st Wicket Partnership

77 P. Jones & M. Powell v Worcester - 2.9.72

M. Farr took his 1000th wicket for the club.

W/KEEPERS

K. Williams	-	2
C. Woods	-	2