

SOUTH WALES WEEKLY ARGUS: SATURDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 1909.

CRICKET.

NEWPORT AVERAGES
Following are the averages for the Newport
First Eleven for the season 1908.—

BATTING.

	Times Inn-not out	Runs	Most in an Inn's	Avg.	
A. J. Silverlock	15	1	436	194	21
L. Leight	13	4	214	51	30.1
Diver	13	4	480	100	30
F. Rees	14	4	356	106	27.4
Rainsford	18	6	277	83	25.1
Robinson	18	1	369	85	21.7
F. G. Phillips	10	1	193	64	21.4
E. S. Phillips	11	0	198	42	18
T. B. Williams	16	1	183	64	12.5
L. F. Stedman	8	2	41	14	10.1

Also batted: H. Cockcroft (16.5), J. R. Williams, T. Blandford, K. Raines, P. Carter, W. Geen, J. E. Armstrong, W. J. Jenkins, H. Bishop, and G. Shrubsole.

BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
A. J. Silverlock	181	29	522	35	14.9
Robinson	204	28	618	34	18.1
F. G. Phillips	130	12	377	20	18.8
L. F. Stedman	106	10	322	14	20.5
Rainsford	150	22	478	23	20.8
L. Weight	25	4	161	8	20.5

Also bowled: Diver, T. Blandford, H. Bishop, W. J. Jenkins and G. Shrubsole.
Matches played 18, won 8, lost 4, drawn 6

ABERTILLERY TOWN CLUB.

SEASON'S RECORD AND AVERAGES.

The past season has been one of a varying character, as at times the team played grandly and at other times everything seemed to run contrary, but as such is often the case in cricket, it must be taken in a true sportsmanlike manner. However, on the whole the Club has had a good season, and have supplied Monmouthshire County with another player in the person of Evan Watkins, the Club's captain, who played in the last four county matches of this season. Coming to games, the season was opened with Ebbw Vale as visitors to the Park. The game was as good as one as anyone could wish to see. Ebbw Vale, who batted first, had eight of the players out for 36 runs when Evan Watkins' leg gave way, but at 63 the last wicket fell. Abertillery opened in promising style with England and Hutton, but a hot set in, so the home skipper was doctored up to bat, and with Wilson keeping his end up splendidly, the captain breeched the runs off, the home team winning by two wickets and eight runs. Brynmawr were the next victims, and they were handsomely defeated, the visitors being unable to cope with the bowling of Evan Watkins and England. The next fixture was at Blaiza, when a most curious and unsatisfactory game ended in a win for the home team. The following Monday Wincheatown were opposed on the Park, the game ending in a draw. Evan Watkins batted excellently and carried out his bat for 32 out of 50 scored. Only five of the team were able to go to Beaufort, and six substitutes had to be picked up on reaching there, and it was not a surprise to them to be beaten with such a weak team. A match had been arranged with the past players, but as they failed to turn up, Mr G. Withers got up a good side of thirteen, but they were easily defeated. For the Club England (39) and W. Powell (20) batted grandly. Llanbilleth brought up a good team and also a confident band of supporters the following Saturday, but on the home team going in to bat they found Evan Watkins again in brilliant form, and he was ably assisted by S. Prosser, so that the home team were able to declare with only four wickets down and 102 on the board, and Llanbilleth could only make 61. D. J. Evans bowled splendidly for Abertillery, taking six wickets for 29 runs. The home team thus secured an easy victory. The Tilleryites next visited Panteg, and were only able to muster up seven players, but substitutes were picked up at Pante. Abertillery batted first, but did not do well, as all were out for 67. Evan Watkins played grandly in spite of a bad hand, and again carried his bat right through the innings. With a seemingly easy task before them, the Pantegites commenced batting, but they had counted without their host, as Evan Watkins opened the bowling in sensational fashion, doing the "hat trick" in the first over. Both England and Watkins bowled grandly, but a few catches dropped nearly lost the visitors the game, and it was only when four runs were needed that Evan Watkins cleaned bowled the last man. The Western Valley League team should have been played on the Monday, but owing to the rain the match could not be played. The same cause resulted in the match with Usk being abandoned. Then Waunllwyd were met and defeated on the Park. Abertillery made 94, I. Warfield and S. Prosser batting well for 28 and 20 respectively. Waunllwyd were helpless against the bowling of Evan Watkins, England, and O. Winmill. The first named took five wickets without a run being scored off him, and all they could make was a paltry 12, leaving the home team easy winners. Owing to a rather late start, the match with Blaiza resulted in a drawn game. Brynmawr's new ground was next visited, but this game was spoiled by the Territorials having a review on the ground. Brynmawr made 78 all out, and the Tilleryites 36 for two wickets (Evan Watkins 25 not out). The promising Blaiza United team were the next visitors to the Park, but they retired beaten by 83 to 47. W. England bowled magnificently for the home team, taking eight wickets for 13 runs. Another defeat owing to a poor team journeying to Aberbeeg followed, the visitors being well beaten by 93 to 26. Short of several players, including E. Watkins (assisting the county) and W. England, the Tilleryites played Abergavenny on their ground, and to only lose by thirty runs was very good work for the depleted Tilleryite team. W. Powell and S. Robins bowled splendidly, taking five wickets for 48, and four wickets for 60 runs respectively, and Turner, Brynmawr (33) and A. Robins (26) not out batted grandly for Abertillery. A disappointment occurred the following Saturday as Beaufort did not put in an appearance. Brynmawr was again visited so as to have a decision one way or the other. Tillery batted

first, but fared badly before the home bowlers, only S. Robins (14) who hit well, and Evan Watkins, who again carried bat right through the innings for a grand 28 not out, could do anything with the bowling, and all were out for 65. The City of the Hills started disastrously, as Evan Watkins cleaned bowled two men first over, and another man in his second over. D. J. Evans also had a man caught, thus four men were out for six runs. Three dropped catches resulted in a good stand, and it was not until there were 45 runs on the board that the next wicket fell. No one else could look at the bowling of Abraham and Powell, who took three for seven and three for five runs respectively, and all were out for 46 runs, leaving Abertillery victors by 19 runs. Llanbilleth (away) was next played, and this match was again drawn. M. Robins batted grandly for Abertillery, making 27 not out. Beaufort again disappointing, Mr P. Singer's XIII filled the vacancy, the Premiers winning by nine runs. Wet spoiled the game with Blackwood, not a ball being bowled. J. Webb's XIII were met and easily defeated by 136 runs to 49. England (29), Norris (25), D. J. Evans (23) and S. Robins (22). All batted well. Playing their return match the Aberbeeg team were easily defeated. Batting first they made 62. This score was passed by the Tilleryites with six wickets in hand, and with 115 for nine wickets time came, leaving Abertillery victors by 53 runs and one wicket. Evan Watkins, after making 27 not out, had to retire, England (16), M. Robins (13), W. Powell (10) and W. Williams (11) not out. All batted splendidly. As the Imperials had been playing splendidly, a game was arranged between them and the Premiers, and a good crowd watched the game. It proved, however, that the Premiers are yet a lot in front of their opponents, as victory rested with the Premiers by one wicket and 63 runs. For the Premiers S. Robins bowled splendidly, taking seven wickets for 15 runs, Evan Watkins taking the remaining three wickets for six runs. Hutton (23 not out), M. Robins (20), A. Robins (16), Evan Watkins (15) and S. Robins (14) played well for their scores. The last two games with Blackwood and Ebbw Vale could not be played owing to the wet. Coming to the averages they cannot be termed good, as with a few exceptions poor averages are to be found. The first place belongs to Evan Watkins, who has the grand batting average of 51.20 runs per innings, and he also heads England in the bowling by a few decimals, so the skipper wins both the batting and bowling prizes, generously given by those two excellent sportsmen, Mr G. O. Jones, Bon Marche, and Mr B. Francois, Pontlottyn. It is usual for Watkins to win the batting prize, but he has also added to that the bowling trophy this year. W. England has bowled excellently, some of his bowling performances being great. O. Winmill, who is third, bowled grandly, especially against Blaiza, when he took seven wickets for 23. W. Powell and S. Robins have also done excellent work, and their averages certainly do not show their real worth to the club. Several excellent players were able to participate regularly, Griff Abraham, D. J. Evans and I. Warfield only taking part in a few games. It is noticeable that several young players are well up in the averages, and this is promising. A. Robins (a son to M. Robins) and S. Prosser (the Pontypool footballer) have played very well. The club have played matches 20, won 12, drawn 4, and lost 4. Appended are the averages which are allowed to count by the Club's committee.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

Bowler.	Ovrs.	Maldns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Average
E. W. Watkins	85.2	43	194	44	4.40
W. England	146.5	50	270	58	4.65
O. Winmill	35.2	3	112	15	7.46
W. Powell	28.3	2	110	12	91.6
G. Abraham	21.4	3	64	4	12.80
S. Robins	29	4	111	8	13.87

The following also bowled:—M. Price, A. Sutton, D. J. Evans, and S. Baghurst.

BATTING AVERAGES.

Batsman	No. of	Runs	Wkts	Runs	Average
	times out	scd.	not out	scd.	
Evan W. Watkins	19	7	53	256	51.20
A. Robins	6	1	26	45	9.00
S. Prosser	8	2	25	51	8.50
G. Baghurst	5	1	29	33	8.25
M. Robins	13	3	27	80	8.00
S. Robins	8	0	14	60	6.66
W. Hutton	12	1	15	66	6.00
A. Jenkins	5	0	29	30	6.00
J. Wilson	6	2	28	22	5.50
Griff. Abraham	7	0	14	32	4.57
W. England	14	0	16	61	4.36
G. B. Watkins	4	0	7	12	3.00
W. Powell	12	1	11	29	2.64
O. Winmill	14	0	7	12	0.86

* Denotes not out.

The following also batted:—J. Warfield, D. Brown, A. Little, E. Evans, M. Price, W. Brown, Tavy Evans, J. Richardson, D. Hoxley, A. Roberts, G. Watkins, J. Jones, H. Sheppard, D. J. Evans, G. Hutchings, F. Flowers, S. Malan, C. Jeffries, W. E. Turner, T. Morris, T. Sutton, W. Williams, and S. Winmill.