

National Cricket League - Fact File






AUSTRALIAN pace ace Glenn McGrath has an immediate opportunity to renew his acquaintance with compatriot Darren Lehmann when Worcestershire Royals travel to Headingley to tackle Yorkshire Phoenix in the Norwich Union National League First Division. The two sides met at Worcester in their opening fixture of the season in this competition, with Phoenix coming out on top in a low scoring encounter. Royals' overseas star McGrath returned superb figures of 9-6-9-4 as only Lehmann, who made 46, made much impression in a Phoenix total of 151-8. But Worcestershire, last season's runners-up, fared even worse as three wickets apiece for Craig White and Gavin Hamilton helped dismiss them for 132, with wicket-

keeper Steve Rhodes' 42 the main contribution in a 19-run defeat. Champions Lancashire Lightning will get their first taste of action this season when they come up against Leicestershire Foxes at Old Trafford. Lightning's first match against Kent Spitfires at Canterbury was called off without a ball being bowled because of poor weather. In Division Two, Shane Warne has his first outing at Lord's since the World Cup final success of last summer when Hampshire Hawks take on Middlesex Crusaders. Warne will also be up against Australian counterpart Justin Langer, who has taken over the Crusaders' captaincy from Mark Ramprakash.



Norwich Union Division One

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts
 Lancashire Lightning	2	1	0	0	1	6
Yorkshire Phoenix	1	1	0	0	0	4
 Kent Spitfires	1	1	0	0	0	4
Somerset Sabres	2	1	1	0	0	4
Leicestershire Foxes	1	0	0	1	0	2
Lancashire Lightning	1	0	0	0	1	2
 Sussex Sharks	2	0	1	1	0	2
Worcestershire Royals	1	0	1	0	0	0
Northants Steelbacks	1	0	1	0	0	0



Norwich Union Division Two

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts
Essex Eagles	1	1	0	0	0	4
Warwickshire Bears	1	1	0	0	0	4
Surrey Lions	1	1	0	0	0	4
Middlesex Crusaders	2	1	1	0	0	4
Nottinghamshire Outlaws	1	1	0	0	0	4
Durham Dynamos	1	0	1	0	0	0
Glamorgan Dragons	1	0	1	0	0	0
Derbyshire Scorpions	1	0	1	0	0	0
Hampshire Hawks	1	0	1	0	0	0



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Best Individual Scores

Name	Score	Teams	Venue
K.A.Parsons	66	Sabres v Gladiators	Taunton
M.G.Bevan	59	Sharks v Foxes	Leicester
K.J.Barnett	55	Gladiators v Sharks	Bristol
M.G.Bevan	52*	Sharks v Gladiators	Bristol
D.S.Lehmann	46	Phoenix v Royals	New Road

Best Individual Bowling

Name	Wkts/Runs	Teams	Venue
I.J.Harvey	5/33	Gladiators v Sabres	Taunton
G.D.McGrath	4/9	Royals v Phoenix	New Road
J.M.M.Averis	4/21	Gladiators v Sharks	Bristol
M.A.Robinson	4/23	Sharks v Foxes	Leicester
B.J.Phillips	4/25	Spitfires v Steelbacks	Canterbury

Highest Team Totals

Total	Teams	Venue
181	Sabres v Gladiators	Taunton
173	Gladiators v Sabres	Taunton
164 for 8	Foxes v Sharks	Leicester
164 for 9	Sharks v Foxes	Leicester
151 for 8	Phoenix v Royals	New Road

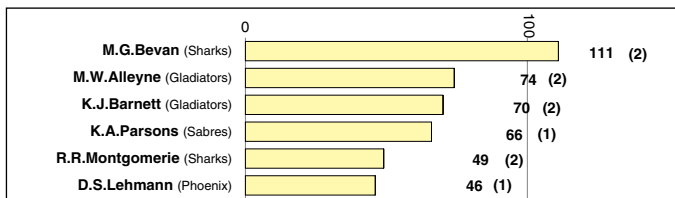
Leading Catches (excluding wicket-keepers)

Name	Team	Ctchs	Mtchs
C.J.Adams	Sharks	3	2
R.R.Montgomerie	Sharks	2	2
U.B.A.Rashid	Sharks	2	2
J.R.Carpenter	Sharks	2	2
D.Byas	Phoenix	1	1

Lowest Team Totals

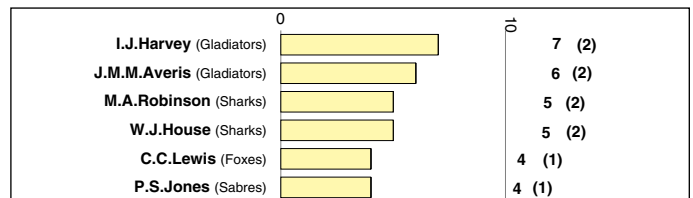
Total	Teams	Venue
76	Steelbacks v Spitfires	Canterbury
132	Royals v Phoenix	New Road
135	Sharks v Gladiators	Bristol
145	Gladiators v Sharks	Bristol
173	Gladiators v Sabres	Taunton

Leading Run Scorers



no. of innings in brackets

Leading Wicket-takers



no. of matches in brackets

Best Individual Scores

Name	Score	Teams	Venue
J.E.R.Gallian	74	Outlaws v Dynamos	Trent Bridge
G.P.Thorpe	61	Lions v Dragons	Cardiff
N.Hussain	60	Eagles v Crusaders	Chelmsford
J.A.Daley	53	Dynamos v Outlaws	Trent Bridge
T.L.Penney	51	Bears v Hawks	Southampton

Best Individual Bowling

Name	Wkts/Runs	Teams	Venue
A.R.C.Fraser	4/18	Crusaders v Eagles	Chelmsford
P.N.Weekes	4/26	Crusaders v Scorpions	Derby
A.J.Hollooake	4/39	Lions v Dragons	Cardiff
A.A.Donald	3/9	Bears v Hawks	Southampton
R.C.Irani	3/10	Eagles v Crusaders	Chelmsford

Highest Team Totals

Total	Teams	Venue
215 for 8	Bears v Hawks	Southampton
209 for 6	Outlaws v Dynamos	Trent Bridge
208 for 6	Dynamos v Outlaws	Trent Bridge
185 for 6	Crusaders v Scorpions	Derby
185 for 9	Lions v Dragons	Cardiff

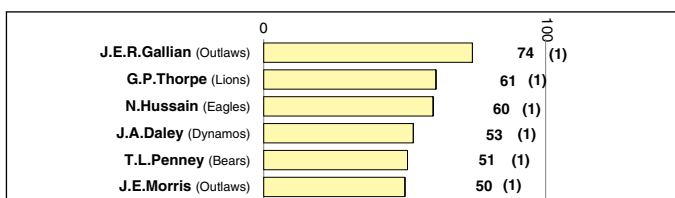
Leading Catches (excluding wicket-keepers)

Name	Team	Ctchs	Mtchs
P.N.Weekes	Crusaders	3	2
J.L.Langer	Crusaders	3	2
M.A.Roseberry	Crusaders	2	2
R.M.S.Weston	Crusaders	2	2
J.P.Hewitt	Crusaders	2	2

Lowest Team Totals

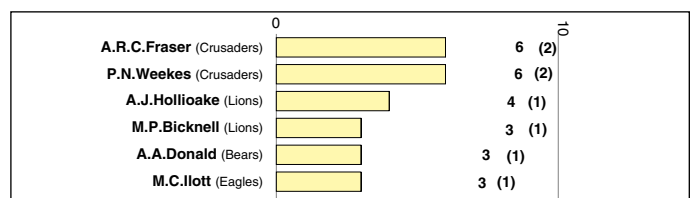
Total	Teams	Venue
114	Scorpions v Crusaders	Derby
118	Hawks v Bears	Southampton
143	Eagles v Crusaders	Chelmsford
175	Dragons v Lions	Cardiff

Leading Run Scorers



no. of innings in brackets

Leading Wicket-takers



no. of matches in brackets