

National Cricket League - Fact File



NORTHANTS STEELBACKS have found life tough since winning promotion to the Norwich Union National League Division One - and it will only get harder as reigning champions Lancashire Lightning come to town.

After four defeats on the trot, skipper Matthew Hayden faces a mammoth task to restore his team's confidence. The Steelbacks started their 2000 campaign with a seven-wicket trouncing by Kent Spitfires, then lost to Gloucestershire Gladiators by 49 runs.

A four-wicket reverse to Somerset Sabres followed, and another loss was recorded at Worcestershire Royals last weekend, this time by 47 runs. But the Lightning also need to illuminate a disappointing start to the season.

The season's first fixture - at Kent - was abandoned, then Leicestershire Foxes sneaked a tie at Old Trafford. Now captain John Crawley will be des-

perate for a first win as the club aims to repeat 1999's table-topping performance.

Gloucestershire Gladiators are out to slash the four-point gap to the early-season pace-setting Royals when they take on fellow mid-table side Kent Spitfires at Tunbridge Wells. And Somerset Sabres could put themselves in a very strong position if they kill off the challenge from Sussex Sharks at Bath, while Yorkshire Phoenix square up to Leicestershire Foxes at Headingley.

In Division Two, Middlesex Crusaders are after a third league win when Glamorgan Dragons arrive at Lord's, and winless Durham Dynamos need to build up a head of steam if they are to overturn Essex Eagles at Chelmsford.

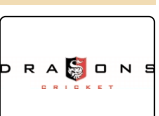


Norwich Union Division One

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts
Worcestershire Royals	4	3	1	0	0	12
Yorkshire Phoenix	3	2	1	0	0	8
Somerset Sabres	2	2	0	0	0	8
Gloucs Gladiators	4	2	2	0	0	8
Kent Spitfires	4	1	1	0	2	8
Leicestershire Foxes	3	1	0	2	0	8
Lancashire Lightning	2	0	0	1	1	4
Sussex Sharks	4	0	2	1	1	4
Northants Steelbacks	4	0	4	0	0	0

Norwich Union Division Two

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts
Warwickshire Bears	4	4	0	0	0	16
Nottinghamshire Outlaws	5	4	1	0	0	16
Surrey Lions	5	3	0	0	2	16
Middlesex Crusaders	4	2	1	0	1	10
Glamorgan Dragons	4	2	2	0	0	8
Essex Eagles	3	1	1	0	1	6
Durham Dynamos	4	0	4	0	0	0
Derbyshire Scorpions	3	0	3	0	0	0
Hampshire Hawks	4	0	4	0	0	0



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Best Individual Scores

Name	Score	Teams	Venue
B.F.Smith	90	Foxes v Lightning	Old Trafford
P.R.Pollard	89	Royals v Steelbacks	Worcester
K.R.Spiring	71	Royals v Sharks	Hove
M.E.Trescothick	68	Sabres v Steelbacks	Taunton
K.A.Parsons	66	Sabres v Gladiators	Taunton
S.C.Ganguly	61	Lightning v Foxes	Old Trafford

Best Individual Bowling

Name	Wkts/Runs	Teams	Venue
J.M.M.Averis	5/20	Gladiators v Steelbacks	Northampton
I.J.Harvey	5/33	Gladiators v Sabres	Taunton
G.D.McGrath	4/9	Royals v Phoenix	Worcester
K.Adams	4/19	Spitfires v Foxes	Leicester
J.M.M.Averis	4/21	Gladiators v Sharks	Bristol
M.A.Robinson	4/23	Sharks v Foxes	Leicester

Highest Team Totals

Total	Teams	Venue
243 for 6	Sabres v Steelbacks	Taunton
240	Steelbacks v Sabres	Taunton
207 for 4	Royals v Steelbacks	Worcester
206 for 7	Royals v Sharks	Hove
181	Sabres v Gladiators	Taunton
177 for 7	Lightning v Foxes	Old Trafford
177 for 9	Foxes v Lightning	Old Trafford

Leading Catches (excluding wicket-keepers)

Name	Team	Ctchs	Mtchs
C.J.Adams	Sharks	4	3
D.Byas	Phoenix	3	3
K.R.Spiring	Royals	3	4
E.J.Wilson	Royals	3	4
M.V.Flemin	Spitfires	2	2

Lowest Team Totals

Total	Teams	Venue
76	Steelbacks v Spitfires	Canterbury
112	Steelbacks v Gladiators	Northampton
129	Gladiators v Phoenix	Headingley
132	Royals v Phoenix	Worcester
135	Sharks v Gladiators	Bristol
145	Gladiators v Sharks	Bristol

Leading Run Scorers

P.R.Pollard (Royals)	217 (4)
M.G.Bevan (Sharks)	160 (3)
K.R.Spiring (Royals)	135 (4)
K.A.Parsons (Sabres)	120 (2)
B.F.Smith (Foxes)	109 (3)
D.S.Lehmann (Phoenix)	109 (3)

Leading Wicket-takers

J.M.M.Averis (Gladiators)	12 (4)
G.D.McGrath (Royals)	11 (4)
P.S.Jones (Sabres)	8 (2)
C.C.Lewis (Foxes)	7 (3)
R.J.Kirtley (Sharks)	7 (3)
M.J.Hoggard (Phoenix)	7 (3)

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Best Individual Scores

Name	Score	Teams	Venue
M.T.G.Elliott	88	Dragons v Scorpions	Cardiff
J.E.R.Gallian	74	Outlaws v Dynamos	Trent Bridge
J.E.Morris	73	Outlaws v Dynamos	Riverside
R.A.Smith	71	Hawks v Crusaders	Lord's
J.S.Laney	69	Hawks v Bears	Edgbaston
N.V.Knight	68*	Bears v Dragons	Edgbaston

Best Individual Bowling

Name	Wkts/Runs	Teams	Venue
P.J.Franks	6/27	Outlaws v Dynamos	Riverside
A.J.Hollooake	5/29	Lions v Dynamos	Riverside
A.R.C.Fraser	4/18	Crusaders v Eagles	Chelmsford
P.N.Weekes	4/26	Crusaders v Scorpions	Derby
A.J.Tudor	4/26	Lions v Hawks	The Oval
A.J.Hollooake	4/39	Lions v Dragons	Cardiff

Highest Team Totals

Total	Teams	Venue
230 for 7	Lions v Dynamos	Riverside
222 for 7	Bears v Outlaws	Edgbaston
215 for 8	Bears v Hawks	Southampton
209 for 6	Outlaws v Dynamos	Trent Bridge
208 for 6	Dynamos v Outlaws	Trent Bridge
199 for 6	Outlaws v Dynamos	Riverside
190 for 7	Outlaws v Eagles	Chelmsford

Leading Catches (excluding wicket-keepers)

Name	Team	Ctchs	Mtchs
G.P.Thorpe	Lions	4	3
P.N.Weekes	Crusaders	4	3
A.F.Giles	Bears	3	3
J.L.Langer	Crusaders	3	3
M.P.Maynard	Dragons	3	4
S.D.Udal	Hawks	3	4

Lowest Team Totals

Total	Teams	Venue
94	Hawks v Lions	The Oval
114	Scorpions v Crusaders	Derby
118	Hawks v Bears	Southampton
125	Dragons v Bears	Edgbaston
143	Eagles v Crusaders	Chelmsford
147	Hawks v Crusaders	Lord's
154	Hawks v Bears	Edgbaston

Leading Run Scorers

J.E.Morris (Outlaws)	220 (5)
J.E.R.Gallian (Outlaws)	164 (5)
G.Welch (Bears)	139 (4)
M.T.G.Elliott (Dragons)	134 (3)
S.M.Katich (Dynamos)	131 (4)
N.Hussain (Eagles)	115 (2)

Leading Wicket-takers

P.J.Franks (Outlaws)	14 (5)
A.J.Hollooake (Lions)	9 (3)
A.R.C.Fraser (Crusaders)	8 (3)
P.N.Weekes (Crusaders)	8 (3)
M.P.Bicknell (Lions)	7 (3)
A.F.Giles (Bears)	7 (3)

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