

Norwich Union NCL 2000 Rankings - Upto and including 31st May

Norwich Union NCL Batting Rankings

Worcestershire Royals' Paul Pollard moves up to top spot in the batting Rankings, after smashing 89 runs in the 47-run triumph over Northamptonshire Steelbacks. He overtakes Michael Bevan who was frustrated as the Sussex Sharks' clash with Kent Spitfires became a casualty of the weather. Pollard just holds off the challenge from Nottinghamshire Outlaws star John Morris. And Warwickshire Bears' Graeme Welch is flying high as an all-rounder. He is currently fifth in both the batting and bowling standings.

Norwich Union NCL Bowling Rankings

Worcestershire Royals' Glenn McGrath heads the bowling Rankings after an impressive three for 19 haul which helped his side to victory against Northamptonshire Steelbacks. His early-season form suggests he will have a major say in the destination of the Rankings crown come September. Meanwhile, Nottinghamshire Outlaws' Paul Franks skittled Durham Dynamos with a six for 27 return, strengthening his position in the race for the title. The performances of the week came from Surrey Lions' trio of Martin Bicknell, Alex Tudor and Jason Ratcliffe, who boosted their positions in the Rankings.

	Name	Team	Score
1	P.R.Pollard	(Royals)	58
2	J.E.Morris	(Outlaws)	57
3	M.G.Bevan	(Sharks)	49
4	J.E.R.Gallian	(Outlaws)	45
5	G.Welch	(Bears)	41
6	S.M.Katich	(Dynamos)	39
7=	K.R.Spiring	(Royals)	37
	M.T.G.Elliott	(Dragons)	37
9=	R.J.Blakey	(Phoenix)	36
	T.L.Penney	(Bears)	36
11=	R.A.Smith	(Hawks)	35
	D.S.Lehmann	(Phoenix)	35
13=	K.J.Barnett	(Gladiators)	33
	D.J.Bicknell	(Outlaws)	33
	N.J.Speak	(Dynamos)	33
	K.A.Parsons	(Sabres)	33
17=	M.P.Maynard	(Dragons)	32
	N.V.Knight	(Bears)	32
	D.P.Ostler	(Bears)	32
20	M.W.Alleyne	(Gladiators)	31
21=	A.Dale	(Dragons)	30
	N.Hussain	(Eagles)	30
23=	C.M.Tolley	(Outlaws)	28
	K.J.Innes	(Steelbacks)	28
	P.J.Franks	(Outlaws)	28
26=	M.E.Cassar	(Scorpions)	27
	O.A.Shah	(Crusaders)	27
28=	R.R.Montgomerie	(Sharks)	26
	D.L.Hemp	(Bears)	26
30=	R.C.Russell	(Gladiators)	25
	G.P.Thorpe	(Lions)	25
	B.F.Smith	(Foxes)	25
	J.N.Snape	(Gladiators)	25
	A.Habib	(Foxes)	25
	S.D.Stubbings	(Scorpions)	25
36=	D.A.Leatherdale	(Royals)	24
	A.D.Brown	(Lions)	24
	T.H.C.Hancock	(Gladiators)	24
	M.A.Butcher	(Lions)	24
	I.D.Blackwell	(Sabres)	24
	E.J.Wilson	(Royals)	24
42=	J.S.B.Lewis	(Dynamos)	23
	J.S.Laney	(Hawks)	23
44=	S.J.Rhodes	(Royals)	22
	M.L.Hayden	(Steelbacks)	22
	J.A.Daley	(Dynamos)	22
	M.G.N.Windows	(Gladiators)	22
48=	M.R.Ramprakash	(Crusaders)	21
	P.N.Weekes	(Crusaders)	21
50=	D.Ripley	(Steelbacks)	20

	Name	Team	Score
1	G.D.McGrath	(Royals)	74
2	P.J.Franks	(Outlaws)	68
3	A.M.Smith	(Gladiators)	56
4	R.D.Stemp	(Outlaws)	54
5=	M.P.Bicknell	(Lions)	53
	G.Welch	(Bears)	53
7	I.J.Harvey	(Gladiators)	49
8	S.K.Warne	(Hawks)	48
9=	A.R.C.Fraser	(Crusaders)	47
	C.C.Lewis	(Foxes)	47
	A.F.Giles	(Bears)	47
12	J.M.M.Averis	(Gladiators)	46
13=	O.T.Parkin	(Dragons)	45
	M.J.Hoggard	(Phoenix)	45
15=	A.Kumble	(Foxes)	44
	R.J.Kirtley	(Sharks)	44
17	R.K.Illingworth	(Royals)	42
18	M.A.Robinson	(Sharks)	40
19=	G.M.Hamilton	(Phoenix)	39
	A.J.Tudor	(Lions)	39
	M.A.Sheikh	(Bears)	39
22=	R.D.B.Croft	(Dragons)	38
	M.A.Ealham	(Spitfires)	38
24=	A.D.Mullally	(Hawks)	35
	D.S.Lucas	(Outlaws)	35
26=	P.A.J.DeFreitas	(Foxes)	34
	S.R.Lampitt	(Royals)	34
	M.M.Betts	(Dynamos)	34
30=	W.J.House	(Sharks)	34
	D.R.Brown	(Bears)	33
	J.Wood	(Dynamos)	33
	J.M.Dakin	(Foxes)	33
	A.D.Mascarenhas	(Hawks)	33
34=	M.W.Alleyne	(Gladiators)	32
	P.N.Weekes	(Crusaders)	32
	C.White	(Phoenix)	32
	A.J.Hollooake	(Lions)	32
	P.S.Jones	(Sabres)	32
	U.B.A.Rashid	(Sharks)	32
40=	D.M.Cousins	(Steelbacks)	31
	P.Aldred	(Scorpions)	31
	A.W.Laraman	(Crusaders)	31
	Kabir Ali	(Royals)	31
44=	S.D.Thomas	(Dragons)	30
	R.L.Johnson	(Crusaders)	30
	K.J.Innes	(Steelbacks)	30
47	R.C.Irani	(Eagles)	29
48=	M.V.Fleming	(Spitfires)	28
	B.C.Hollooake	(Lions)	28
	C.E.Dagnall	(Bears)	28

Top Right Handed Batsmen

	Name	Team	Score
2	J.E.Morris	(Outlaws)	57
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17=	N.V.Knight	(Bears)	32
17=	P.J.Franks	(Outlaws)	28
28=	D.L.Hemp	(Bears)	26
30=	R.C.Russell	(Gladiators)	25

Norwich Union NCL 2000 Overseas Rankings

Batting Rankings

	Name	Team	Score
3	M.G.Bevan	(Sharks)	49
6	S.M.Katich	(Durham)	39
7=	M.T.G.Elliott	(Dragons)	37
11=	D.S.Lehmann	(Phoenix)	35
44=	M.L.Hayden	(Steelbacks)	22
50=	S.K.Warne	(Hawks)	20
65=	R.Dravid	(Spitfires)	17
65=	S.C.Ganguly	(Lightning)	17
71=	M.J.Di Venuto	(Scorpions)	16
80=	J.L.Langer	(Crusaders)	15
87=	S.G.Law	(Eagles)	14
104=	I.J.Harvey	(Gladiators)	11
167=	J.Cox	(Sabres)	3
187=	A.Kumble	(Foxes)	1

Bowling Rankings

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8	S.K.Warne	(Hawks)	48
15=	A.Kumble	(Foxes)	44
67=	D.S.Lehmann	(Phoenix)	20
72	A.A.Donald	(Bears)	19
115=	S.G.Law	(Eagles)	8
119=	M.T.G.Elliott	(Dragons)	7
123=	M.L.Hayden	(Steelbacks)	5
128=	M.G.Bevan	(Sharks)	4
138=	R.Dravid	(Spitfires)	2
138=	S.C.Ganguly	(Lightning)	2

Each player's ranking is assessed by awarding points up to a maximum of 20 for every performance taking into account the strength of the opposition and the circumstances of the match using information from the latest scorecards. Starting at zero, players accumulate points for their performances in each match during the season. The rankings are supplied under contract by Ted Dexter Associates.

F = day/night floodlit match.

1	Gloucs	Kent	Lancs	Leics	N'ants	Som	Sussex	Worcs	Yorks
Gloucs		23/7	4/9	28/8 F	17/9	9/8 F	Gloucs	16/7	24/6
Kent	4/6		No result	6/8	Kent	2/7	No result	27/8	5/9 F
Lancs	13/8	15/8 F		Tie	23/6 F	6/9 F	17/9	11/6	27/6 F
Leics	23/6	Leics	23/7		16/7	17/9	Tie	8/9 F	20/8
N'ants	Gloucs	3/9	4/6	13/8		18/6	2/7	2/8 F	28/8
Som	Som	11/6	16/7	30/8 F	Som		4/6	24/6	6/8
Sussex	5/9 F	23/6 F	7/8 F	11/6	20/8	28/8 F		Worcs	16/7
Worcs	14/6 F	17/9	3/9	2/7	Worcs	20/8	13/8		Yorks
Yorks	Yorks	18/6	9/8 F	4/6	25/6	23/7	3/9	Worcs	

Teams score four points for a win and two points each for a tie or no result

2	Derbys	Durham	Essex	Glam	Hants	Middx	Notts	Surrey	Warks
Derbys		17/9	13/8	27/8	6/8	Middx	26/6 F	11/6	3/9
Durham	2/7		27/8	Durham	29/8	25/6	Notts	Surrey	13/8
Essex	23/7	4/6		3/9	20/8	2/7	Notts	23/8 F	17/9
Glam	Glam	6/7	13/6 F		24/6	17/9	20/8	Surrey	2/7
Hants	10/9	18/6	30/7	13/8		23/7	17/9	27/6	Warks
Middx	18/6	16/7	Essex	4/6	Middx		28/8	6/8	9/9
Notts	Notts	Notts	24/6	10/9	11/6	13/8		3/9	1/8
Surrey	20/8	10/9	No result	16/7	Surrey	Tied	23/7		29/8
Warks	3/9	23/7	25/6	Warks	Warks	16/8 F	Warks	23/6 F	

HOW IT WORKS: The Norwich Union National League operates on a three-up, three-down basis with the top three finishers in Division Two replacing the bottom three of Division One.

Four points are awarded for a win, while teams will take two points each if matches are tied or the weather intervenes before the required number of overs have been completed and there is no result.

Revised playing hours come into effect this season with matches starting at 1pm and ending at 7.10pm with 45 overs per side, although all fixtures will begin 30 minutes earlier in September. Floodlit games will start at 4.10pm. The 'free-hit' rule for no balls will apply to front-foot no balls only this season. A batsman cannot be dismissed from the bowler's next delivery after such an infringement.

This season's competition features the biggest number of day-night matches yet staged in this country - 26 - with 16 out of the 18 counties hosting floodlit cricket.