

National Cricket League - Fact File



REIGNING champions Lancashire Lightning will be looking for the first victory of their Norwich Union National League Division One campaign - but have a tough job on their hands with the visit to Old Trafford of high-flying Worcestershire Royals.

Graeme Hick's Royals, who will entertain Gloucestershire Gladiators in a day/night clash after meeting Lancashire, are currently second in the division thanks mainly to the explosive early-season form of Glenn McGrath, who has taken 11 wickets with miserly precision.

But Lightning have proved they are a formidable one-day outfit and, despite a heavy seven-wicket defeat against Northamptonshire Steelbacks, captain John Crawley will want to kick-start their season.

Somerset Sabres will be hoping to continue their unbeaten start in the

league against Matthew Fleming's Kent Spitfires. Sabres captain Jamie Cox has not yet reproduced last year's form with the bat, but fellow opener Marcus Trescothick is in good form following two half centuries. Unbeaten Leicestershire Foxes will also be looking for maximum points against struggling Sussex Sharks.

In Norwich Union Division Two, second-placed Nottinghamshire Outlaws are favourites to overcome Hampshire Hawks, while winless Derbyshire Scorpions could struggle against unbeaten Surrey Lions.

Under the lights at Cardiff on Tuesday, mid-table sides Glamorgan Dragons and Essex Eagles will both want a victory to improve their promotion prospects.



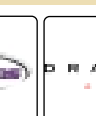
Norwich Union Division One

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts
Somerset Sabres	3	3	0	0	0	12
Worcestershire Royals	4	3	1	0	0	12
Gloucestershire Gladiators	5	3	2	0	0	12
Leicestershire Foxes	4	2	0	2	0	12
Yorkshire Phoenix	4	2	2	0	0	8
Kent Spitfires	5	1	2	0	2	8
Northants Steelbacks	5	1	4	0	0	4
Lancashire Lightning	3	0	1	1	1	4
Sussex Sharks	5	0	3	1	1	4



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	5	2	1	1	1	12
Glamorgan Dragons	5	2	2	1	0	10
Essex Eagles	4	1	2	0	1	6
Durham Dynamos	5	1	4	0	0	4
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
B.F.Smith	88*	Foxes v Phoenix	Headingley
M.E.Trescothick	72	Sabres v Sharks	Bath
K.R.Spiring	71	Royals v Sharks	Hove
D.P.Fulton	69	Spitfires v Gladiators	Tunbridge Wells

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
197	Sabres v Sharks	Bath
193 for 7	Foxes v Phoenix	Headingley
192 for 5	Gladiators v Spitfires	Tunbridge

Leading Catches (excluding wicket-keepers)

Name	Team	Ctchs	Mtchs
C.J.Adams	Sharks	4	4
I.D.Blackwell	Sabres	3	3
D.Byas	Phoenix	3	4
P.A.Cottey	Sharks	3	4
K.R.Spiring	Royals	3	4

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

M.G.Bevan (Sharks)	229 (4)
P.R.Pollard (Royals)	217 (4)
B.F.Smith (Foxes)	197 (4)
K.J.Barnett (Gladiators)	165 (5)
R.J.Blakey (Phoenix)	163 (4)
M.E.Trescothick (Sabres)	147 (3)

no. of innings in brackets

Leading Wicket-takers

J.M.M.Averis (Gladiators)	14 (5)
G.D.McGrath (Royals)	11 (4)
I.J.Harvey (Gladiators)	10 (5)
P.S.Jones (Sabres)	9 (3)
C.C.Lewis (Foxes)	9 (4)
R.J.Kirtley (Sharks)	9 (4)

no. of matches in brackets

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
I.D.Hunter	4/29	Dynamos v Eagles	Ilford

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
P.N.Weekes	Crusaders	5	4
G.P.Thorpe	Lions	4	3
A.F.Giles	Bears	3	3
M.P.Maynard	Dragons	3	4
S.D.Udal	Hawks	3	4
G.Welch	Bears	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)
S.M.Katich (Dynamos)	192 (5)
J.E.R.Gallian (Outlaws)	164 (5)
M.T.G.Elliott (Dragons)	156 (4)
G.Welch (Bears)	139 (4)
N.Hussain (Eagles)	115 (2)

no. of innings in brackets

Leading Wicket-takers

P.J.Franks (Outlaws)	14 (5)
A.R.C.Fraser (Crusaders)	10 (4)
A.J.Hollooake (Lions)	9 (3)
P.N.Weekes (Crusaders)	8 (4)
R.L.Johnson (Crusaders)	8 (4)
O.T.Parkin (Dragons)	8 (5)

no. of matches in brackets