

National Cricket League - Fact File



The Norwich Union National Cricket League is throwing its doors open to the public this weekend with free access to matches in both Divisions on Saturday and Sunday. Cricket fans of all ages have the chance to witness some of the world's best players in action at venues all around the country.

Australian pace ace Glenn McGrath, who has been one of the stars of the National League so far, will be in action for Worcestershire Royals, while fellow countryman Shane Warne will be out to spin Hampshire Hawks to victory.

England stars Nasser Hussain, Darren Gough, Andrew Caddick and Mark Ramprakash are also expected to be in action for their respective counties.

Norwich Union NCL spokesman Bill Reynolds said: "Working with the ECB and the Counties involved, we have provided an opportunity for families to have a day out courtesy of Norwich Union which we hope will lead to many of them coming back for more.

"We hope that thousands take up the offer, some to see cricket for the first time at this level and others to rediscover our national summer sport.

"Everyone stands to benefit, including the players, who always respond to the atmosphere generated by bigger crowds."



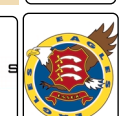
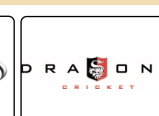
Norwich Union Division One

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts
Worcestershire Royals	6	5	1	0	0	20
Somerset Sabres	5	4	1	0	0	16
Yorkshire Phoenix	5	3	2	0	0	12
Gloucestershire Gladiators	6	3	3	0	0	12
Leicestershire Foxes	5	2	1	2	0	12
Northamptonshire Steelbacks	6	2	4	0	0	8
Kent Spitfires	7	1	4	0	2	8
Sussex Sharks	6	1	3	1	1	8
Lancashire Lightning	4	0	2	1	1	4



Norwich Union Division Two

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts
Nottinghamshire Outlaws	6	5	1	0	0	20
Surry Lions	6	4	0	0	2	20
Warwickshire Bears	4	4	0	0	0	16
Glamorgan Dragons	6	3	2	1	0	14
Middlesex Crusaders	6	2	2	1	1	12
Essex Eagles	5	1	3	0	1	6
Durham Dynamos	6	1	5	0	0	4
Derbyshire Scorpions	5	1	4	0	0	4
Hampshire Hawks	6	1	5	0	0	4



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Best Individual Scores

Name	Score	Teams	Venue
M.E.Trescothick	92*	Sabres v Spitfires	Taunton
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
V.J.Wells	81	Foxes v Sharks	Horsham
N.H.Fairbrother	75	Lightning v Royals	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
G.D.McGrath	4/12	Royals v Gladiators	Worcester
K.Adams	4/19	Spitfires v Foxes	Leicester
J.M.M.Averis	4/21	Gladiators v Sharks	Bristol

Highest Team Totals

Total	Teams	Venue
251 for 8	Steelbacks v Sabres	Northampton
243 for 6	Sabres v Steelbacks	Taunton
240	Steelbacks v Sabres	Taunton
229	Sabres v Steelbacks	Northampton
219	Sharks v Foxes	Horsham
216 for 7	Royals v Lightning	Old Trafford
208	Foxes v Sharks	Horsham

Leading Catches (excluding wicket-keepers)

Name	Team	Ctchs	Mtchs
I.D.Blackwell	Sabres	5	5
C.J.Adams	Sharks	4	5
E.J.Wilson	Royals	4	6
K.R.Spiring	Royals	3	4
J.R.Carpenter	Sharks	3	4

Lowest Team Totals

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

Leading Run Scorers

Name	Score	Innings
P.R.Pollard (Royals)	298	(6)
M.E.Trescothick (Sabres)	273	(5)
M.G.Bevan (Sharks)	236	(5)
B.F.Smith (Foxes)	199	(5)
K.J.Barnett (Gladiators)	176	(6)
R.J.Blakey (Phoenix)	173	(4)

no. of innings in brackets

Leading Wicket-takers

Name	Wkts	Matches
G.D.McGrath (Royals)	18	(6)
J.M.M.Averis (Gladiators)	16	(6)
I.J.Harvey (Gladiators)	14	(6)
P.S.Jones (Sabres)	12	(5)
R.J.Kirtley (Sharks)	10	(5)
Kabir Ali (Royals)	10	(5)

no. of matches in brackets

Best Individual Scores

Name	Score	Teams	Venue
M.T.G.Elliott	94	Dragons v Eagles	Cardiff
M.T.G.Elliott	88	Dragons v Scorpions	Cardiff
J.P.Stephenson	83*	Hawks v Dynamos	Basingstoke
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

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.J.Harris	5/35	Outlaws v Hawks	Trent Bridge
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

Highest Team Totals

Total	Teams	Venue
230 for 7	Lions v Dynamos	Riverside
222 for 5	Hawks v Dynamos	Basingstoke
222 for 7	Bears v Outlaws	Edgbaston
220	Dragons v Eagles	Cardiff
215 for 8	Bears v Hawks	Southampton
209 for 6	Outlaws v Dynamos	Trent Bridge
208 for 6	Dynamos v Outlaws	Trent Bridge

Leading Catches (excluding wicket-keepers)

Name	Team	Ctchs	Mtchs
P.N.Weekes	Crusaders	5	5
G.P.Thorpe	Lions	4	4
M.P.Maynard	Dragons	4	5
M.T.G.Elliott	Dragons	4	5
S.M.Katich	Dynamos	4	6
A.F.Giles	Bears	3	3

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
135	Hawks v Outlaws	Trent Bridge
143	Eagles v Crusaders	Chelmsford
147	Hawks v Crusaders	Lord's

Leading Run Scorers

Name	Score	Innings
J.E.Morris (Outlaws)	258	(6)
M.T.G.Elliott (Dragons)	250	(5)
S.M.Katich (Dynamos)	200	(6)
J.J.B.Lewis (Dynamos)	169	(6)
J.E.R.Gallian (Outlaws)	164	(5)
R.A.Smith (Hawks)	163	(6)

no. of innings in brackets

Leading Wicket-takers

Name	Wkts	Matches
P.J.Franks (Outlaws)	16	(6)
A.J.Hollooake (Lions)	11	(4)
A.R.C.Fraser (Crusaders)	11	(5)
R.L.Johnson (Crusaders)	10	(5)
S.K.Warne (Hawks)	10	(6)
P.N.Weekes (Crusaders)	9	(5)

no. of matches in brackets