

National Cricket League - Fact File



Worcestershire Royals coach Bill Athey

Worcestershire Royals are bidding to extend their dominance in Division One of the Norwich Union National Cricket League when they clash with Leicestershire Foxes at Worcester.

Royals coach Bill Athey has guided his team to the top of the table – and now he wants them to extend their eight-point lead as the season approaches its halfway point.

But the Foxes will have other ideas as they aim to claim a fourth win of the season - which would put them within four points of the Royals.

Kent Spitfires are bidding to shoot down Somerset Sabres at Maidstone.

The Sabres are one of four teams locked on 16 points, but captain Jamie Cox knows a win would be a timely boost in the hunt for the Norwich Union National Cricket League championship.

Rock-bottom Sussex Sharks are trying to force their way ahead of inactive Lancashire Lightning,

and cricket manager Peter Moores is hoping a much-needed win arrives against Northamptonshire Steelbacks at Northampton.

In Division Two, strugglers Durham Dynamos and Derbyshire Scorpions meet in a basement battle at Darlington. Both sides have just a single win to their name this season and are desperate to climb away from Hampshire Hawks at the foot of the table.

At Chelmsford, Essex Eagles are out to close the six-point gap to visitors Middlesex Crusaders. And Glamorgan Dragons are hoping to slash the 10-point difference between themselves and pacesetters Nottinghamshire Outlaws and Surrey Lions when they take on Warwickshire Bears at Swansea.



Norwich Union Division One

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts
Worcestershire Royals	7	6	1	0	0	24
Somerset Sabres	6	4	2	0	0	16
Yorkshire Phoenix	8	4	4	0	0	16
Gloucestershire Gladiators	8	4	4	0	0	16
Leicestershire Foxes	6	3	1	2	0	16
Northamptonshire Steelbacks	8	3	5	0	0	12
Kent Spitfires	8	2	4	0	2	12
Sussex Sharks	7	1	4	1	1	8
Lancashire Lightning	6	1	3	1	1	8

Norwich Union Division Two

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts
Nottinghamshire Outlaws	8	7	1	0	0	28
Surrey Lions	8	6	0	0	2	28
Glamorgan Dragons	7	4	2	1	0	18
Warwickshire Bears	6	4	2	0	0	16
Middlesex Crusaders	7	3	2	1	1	16
Essex Eagles	7	2	4	0	1	10
Derbyshire Scorpions	6	1	5	0	0	4
Durham Dynamos	7	1	6	0	0	4
Hampshire Hawks	8	1	7	0	0	4



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Best Individual Scores

Name	Score	Teams	Venue
G.A.Hick	101	Royals v Sabres	Taunton
M.E.Trescothick	92*	Sabres v Spitfires	Taunton
B.F.Smith	90	Foxes v Lightning	Old Trafford
A.P.Wells	90	Spitfires v Sharks	Hove
P.R.Pollard	89	Royals v Steelbacks	Worcester
B.F.Smith	88*	Foxes v Phoenix	Headingley

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
G.P.Swann	4/14	Steelbacks v Phoenix	Headingley
K.Adams	4/19	Spitfires v Foxes	Leicester

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
225 for 5	Phoenix v Lightning	Old Trafford
222 for 8	Royals v Sabres	Taunton
219	Sharks v Foxes	Horsham

Leading Catches (excluding wicket-keepers)

Name	Team	Ctchs	Mtchs
D.Byas	Phoenix	6	8
C.J.Adams	Sharks	5	6
I.D.Blackwell	Sabres	5	6
E.J.Wilson	Royals	4	7
G.A.Hick	Royals	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
129	Phoenix v Steelbacks	Headingley
132	Royals v Phoenix	Worcester
135	Sharks v Gladiators	Bristol

Leading Run Scorers

P.R.Pollard (Royals)		298 (6)
M.E.Trescothick (Sabres)		287 (6)
M.G.Bevan (Sharks)		277 (6)
D.J.G.Sales (Foxes)		259 (7)
K.J.Barnett (Gladiators)		239 (8)
D.S.Lehmann (Phoenix)		229 (8)

no. of innings in brackets

Leading Wicket-takers

J.M.M.Averis (Gladiators)		20 (8)
G.D.McGrath (Royals)		19 (7)
I.J.Harvey (Gladiators)		18 (8)
P.S.Jones (Sabres)		14 (6)
R.J.Kirtley (Sharks)		14 (6)
Kabir Ali (Royals)		13 (6)

no. of matches in brackets

Best Individual Scores

Name	Score	Teams	Venue
M.T.G.Elliott	94	Dragons v Eagles	Cardiff
A.J.Strauss	90	Crusaders v Dynamos	Riverside
D.J.Bicknell	90	Outlaws v Scorpions	Derby
M.T.G.Elliott	88	Dragons v Scorpions	Cardiff
J.P.Stephenson	83*	Hawks v Dynamos	Basingstoke
N.V.Knight	82	Warwicks v Lions	Edgbaston

Best Individual Bowling

Name	Wkts/Runs	Teams	Venue
P.J.Franks	6/27	Outlaws v Dynamos	Riverside
A.W.Laraman	6/51	Crusaders 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

Highest Team Totals

Total	Teams	Venue
236 for 7	Dragons v Hawks	Cardiff
233	Crusaders v Dynamos	Riverside
230 for 7	Lions v Dynamos	Riverside
222 for 5	Hawks v Dynamos	Basingstoke
222 for 7	Warwicks v Outlaws	Edgbaston
220	Dragons v Eagles	Cardiff
215 for 8	Warwicks v Hawks	Southampton

Leading Catches (excluding wicket-keepers)

Name	Team	Ctchs	Mtchs
P.N.Weekes	Crusaders	6	6
D.G.Cork	Scorpions	6	6
G.P.Thorpe	Lions	5	5
M.T.G.Elliott	Dragons	5	6
M.P.Maynard	Dragons	4	6
A.J.Harri	Outlaws	4	6

Lowest Team Totals

Total	Teams	Venue
73	Hawks v Lions	Southampton
94	Hawks v Lions	The Oval
114	Scorpions v Crusaders	Derby
116	Lions v Hawks	Southampton
118	Hawks v Warwicks	Southampton
125	Dragons v Warwicks	Edgbaston
135	Hawks v Outlaws	Trent Bridge

Leading Run Scorers

J.E.Morris (Outlaws)		306 (8)
D.J.Bicknell (Outlaws)		258 (8)
M.T.G.Elliott (Dragons)		250 (6)
N.V.Knight (Bears)		238 (4)
J.E.R.Gallian (Outlaws)		221 (7)
M.P.Maynard (Dragons)		219 (6)

no. of innings in brackets

Leading Wicket-takers

P.J.Franks (Outlaws)		19 (8)
D.S.Lucas (Outlaws)		13 (7)
S.K.Warne (Hawks)		13 (8)
M.P.Bicknell (Lions)		12 (5)
A.R.C.Fraser (Crusaders)		12 (6)
A.J.Hollooake (Lions)		11 (6)

no. of matches in brackets



Kent Spitfires v Somerset Sabres



Norwich Union Division One – Sunday, July 2nd at Maidstone

Preview

Kent Spitfires coach John Wright is hoping his side's narrow Norwich Union National Cricket League Division One triumph over Sussex Sharks can be the catalyst for a transformation in their season.

The south-east county are languishing in the bottom three of the division, with just two wins to their name.

But Wright is keeping his fingers crossed that victory number three will be on its way against Somerset Sabres after Alan Wells' magnificent 90 from 117 balls gave the Spitfires the platform to beat the Sharks.

But Sabres skipper Jamie Cox will be equally determined to steer the west country side back into contention at the head of the table.

His team opened up their 2000 campaign with four straight wins, but the last two outings have resulted in narrow defeats against Northamptonshire Steelbacks and Worcestershire Royals.

2000 National Cricket League Batting averages

Name	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avg
M.E.Trescothick	6	6	1	287	92*	57.40
P.D.Bowler	4	3	0	171	69	57.00
K.A.Parsons	6	5	1	144	66	36.00
R.J.Turner	5	4	2	67	22	33.50
I.D.Blackwell	6	5	1	101	45*	25.25
M.Burns	6	5	0	115	56	23.00
P.S.Jones	6	3	1	39	27	19.50
J.Cox	6	6	0	102	62	17.00
M.N.Lathwell	2	2	0	25	19	12.50
A.R.Caddick	3	2	0	18	16	9.00
P.C.L.Holloway	6	6	1	43	15	8.60
G.D.Rose	3	2	0	7	7	3.50
M.P.L.Bulbeck	1	1	0	1	1	1.00
P.W.Jarvis	3	2	1	0	0*	0.00
P.D.Trego	2	1	0	0	0	0.00
A.R.K.Pierson	1	1	1	31	31*	-

2000 National Cricket League Batting averages

Name	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avg
J.B.Hockley	2	2	1	41	26	41.00
A.P.Wells	6	6	1	169	90	33.80
R.Dravid	5	5	1	128	49	32.00
M.V.Fleming	6	5	0	121	63	24.20
P.A.Nixon	6	5	2	59	30*	19.66
D.P.Fulton	4	4	0	78	69	19.50
M.J.Walker	6	6	0	112	48	18.66
M.A.Ealham	6	5	0	65	27	13.00
R.W.T.Key	5	5	0	41	16	8.20
M.M.Patel	5	4	1	17	14*	5.66
K.Adams	5	4	2	8	6*	4.00
D.D.Masters	6	4	1	12	10*	4.00
S.A.Marsh	1	1	0	1	1	1.00
J.M.Golding	2	1	0	0	0	0.00
B.J.Phillips	1	0	0	0	0	-

Bowling averages

Name	O	M	R	Wkts	Avg	Best
B.J.Phillips	7	0	25	4	6.25	4-25
K.Adams	38	2	144	8	18.00	4-19
M.J.Walker	4	0	21	1	21.00	1-1
M.M.Patel	44	7	180	6	30.00	2-25
M.V.Fleming	41	3	157	5	31.40	2-44
M.A.Ealham	48.4	8	139	4	34.75	3-38
J.M.Golding	13	2	38	1	38.00	1-18
D.D.Masters	44.1	6	173	4	43.25	2-10
R.Dravid	10	0	52	0	-	-

Fastest Scorers

(runs per 100 balls)	
M.V.Fleming	87.68
A.P.Wells	68.14
D.P.Fulton	63.93
P.A.Nixon	63.44
J.B.Hockley	61.19
M.A.Ealham	57.52

Wicket Takers

K.Adams	8
M.M.Patel	6
M.V.Fleming	5
B.J.Phillips	4
M.A.Ealham	4
D.D.Masters	4
J.M.Golding	1

Leading Scorers

A.P.Wells	169
R.Dravid	128
M.V.Fleming	121
M.J.Walker	112
D.P.Fulton	78
M.A.Ealham	65

Sticky Fingers

(catches)	
R.Dravid	3
D.P.Fulton	2
M.V.Fleming	2
M.J.Walker	2
M.M.Patel	1

Last three one-day league meetings

24th August 1997

Taunton: Sabres 0 pts lost to Spitfires 4 pts on faster scoring rate
Sabres 89 for 7 (18 overs) (J.B.de C.Thompson 3-17); Spitfires 81 for 6 (12.2 overs) (A.R.Caddick 3-8)

13th September 1998

Canterbury: Spitfires 4 pts beat Sabres 0 pts by 6 wickets
Sabres 164 for 7 (28 overs) (M.N.Lathwell 87); Spitfires 174 for 4 (26.4 overs) (C.L.Hooper 62, M.J.Walker 50)

11th Jun 2000

Taunton: Sabres 4 pts beat Spitfires 0 pts by 9 wickets
Spitfires 179 for 9 (45 overs) (M.V.Fleming 63, P.S.Jones 3-39); Sabres 180 for 1 (35.1 overs) (M.E.Trescothick 92*, J.Cox 62)

Sharks top score in one-day league

312-8 v Hawks Portsmouth 1993

Sharks lowest score in one-day league

59 v Dragons Hove 1996

Spitfires top score in one-day league

327-6 v Foxes Canterbury 1993

Spitfires lowest score in one-day league

83 v Crusaders Lord's 1984

Bowling averages

Name	O	M	R	Wkts	Avg	Best
M.Burns	3	0	24	2	12.00	2-24
P.S.Jones	53.4	5	217	14	15.50	4-32
A.R.Caddick	26.2	7	65	3	21.66	2-15
M.P.L.Bulbeck	6	1	23	1	23.00	1-23
M.E.Trescothick	36	1	190	8	23.75	4-50
A.R.K.Pierson	9	0	50	2	25.00	2-50
K.A.Parsons	39	1	190	7	27.14	2-25
G.D.Rose	23	4	87	3	29.00	2-18
P.W.Jarvis	25	0	146	4	36.50	2-35
I.D.Blackwell	36	2	156	3	52.00	1-16
P.D.Trego	12	0	56	0	-	-

Fastest Scorers

(runs per 100 balls)	
P.S.Jones	118.18
I.D.Blackwell	94.39
M.E.Trescothick	87.23
M.Burns	83.33
K.A.Parsons	82.28
A.R.K.Pierson	79.48
A.R.Caddick	78.26

Wicket Takers

P.S.Jones	14
M.E.Trescothick	8
K.A.Parsons	7
P.W.Jarvis	4
G.D.Rose	3
A.R.Caddick	3
I.D.Blackwell	3
A.R.K.Pierson	2

Leading Scorers

M.E.Trescothick	287
P.D.Bowler	171
K.A.Parsons	144
M.Burns	115
J.Cox	102
I.D.Blackwell	101
R.J.Turner	67
P.C.L.Holloway	43
P.S.Jones	39

Sticky Fingers

(catches)	
I.D.Blackwell	5
G.D.Rose	2
P.C.L.Holloway	2
M.E.Trescothick	2
J.Cox	2
M.P.L.Bulbeck	1
M.N.Lathwell	1
P.D.Trego	1



Northamptonshire Steelbacks



Sussex Sharks



Norwich Union Division One – Sunday, July 2nd at Northampton

Preview

Sussex Sharks captain Chris Adams has a tough task on his hands to turn around the side's dreadful opening to the Norwich Union National Cricket League Division One season. The team are anchored to bottom spot, with just one win from seven games.

That 11-run success over Leicestershire Foxes at Horsham three weeks ago must seem like a distant memory to Sharks supporters.

A heart-breaking three-run reverse to Kent Spitfires followed, and Adams knows he must lift the county as they aim to double their win tally. Opponents Northamptonshire Steelbacks are no strangers to losing themselves.

The Midlands county have succumbed five times this season – more than any other club. But three wins – against Lancashire Lightning, Somerset Sabres and Yorkshire Phoenix - have secured a mid-table position.

2000 National Cricket League Batting averages

Name	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge
M.G.Bevan	6	6	2	277	69	69.25
C.J.Adams	6	6	0	197	82	32.83
R.R.Montgomerie	6	6	0	183	65	30.50
R.J.Kirtley	6	4	3	18	13*	18.00
W.J.House	5	5	1	68	33	17.00
J.R.Carpenter	4	4	1	49	29	16.33
A.D.Patterson	4	2	0	32	20	16.00
U.B.A.Rashid	6	4	0	60	34	15.00
R.S.C.M-Jenkins	5	4	0	30	20	7.50
P.A.Cotley	6	6	0	23	10	3.83
B.V.Taylor	3	2	1	1	1*	1.00
M.A.Robinson	6	3	1	1	1	0.50
N.J.Wilton	2	2	0	1	1	0.50
M.H.Yardy	1	0	0	0	0	-

2000 National Cricket League Batting averages

Name	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge
D.J.G.Sales	7	7	2	259	72	51.80
M.B.Loye	7	7	0	186	61	26.57
K.J.Innes	7	6	1	121	55	24.20
M.L.Hayden	8	8	0	188	48	23.50
J.W.Cook	7	7	0	145	45	20.71
G.P.Swann	8	7	0	100	57	14.28
A.L.Penberthy	7	7	1	81	27	13.50
D.Ripley	8	7	2	67	30	13.40
A.S.Rollins	3	3	0	30	23	10.00
R.J.Logan	2	2	0	17	17	8.50
D.M.Cousins	7	6	3	16	7*	5.33
M.K.Davies	2	2	1	4	4	4.00
D.E.Malcolm	7	5	1	10	3	2.50
R.J.Warren	2	2	0	5	4	2.50
M.R.Strong	2	2	1	2	1*	2.00
J.F.Brown	4	1	0	1	1	1.00

Bowling averages

Name	O	M	R	Wkts	Avge	Best
G.P.Swann	38.5	1	154	10	15.40	4-14
M.K.Davies	12	0	57	3	19.00	2-29
M.R.Strong	14	1	61	3	20.33	2-38
K.J.Innes	41.2	2	191	9	21.22	2-14
J.F.Brown	31	1	129	6	21.50	2-28
A.L.Penberthy	41	3	155	5	31.00	2-20
D.M.Cousins	40	1	192	6	32.00	2-45
D.E.Malcolm	46	4	200	4	50.00	1-12
M.L.Hayden	10	0	53	1	53.00	1-16
R.J.Logan	9.5	0	82	0	-	-

Fastest Scorers

(runs per 100 balls)

G.P.Swann	106.38
D.J.G.Sales	83.27
K.J.Innes	82.87
R.J.Logan	80.95
M.L.Hayden	73.15
J.W.Cook	60.41
A.L.Penberthy	57.44

Wicket Takers

G.P.Swann	10
K.J.Innes	9
J.F.Brown	6
D.M.Cousins	6
A.L.Penberthy	5
D.E.Malcolm	4
M.R.Strong	3
M.K.Davies	3

Leading Scorers

D.J.G.Sales	259
M.L.Hayden	188
M.B.Loye	186
J.W.Cook	145
K.J.Innes	121
G.P.Swann	100
A.L.Penberthy	81
D.Ripley	67
A.S.Rollins	30

Sticky Fingers

(catches)	
D.J.G.Sales	3
M.L.Hayden	3
R.J.Warren	2
A.L.Penberthy	2
D.M.Cousins	2
K.J.Innes	2
G.P.Swann	2
D.E.Malcolm	1

Last three one-day league meetings

13th September 1998

Northampton: Steelbacks 4 pts beat

Sharks 0 pts by 89 runs

Steelbacks 181 for 6 (36 overs);

Sharks 92 (29.4 overs)

3rd May 1999

Northampton: Steelbacks 0 pts lost to

Sharks 4 pts by 68 runs

Sharks 198 (45 overs) (P.A.Cotley 62);

Steelbacks 130 (38.3 overs) (U.B.A.Rashid 4-32, M.A.Robinson 4-34)

28th June 1999

Hove: Sharks v Steelbacks - match abandoned

Lightning's top score in one-day league

301-6 v Eagles Chelmsford 1999

Lightning's lowest score in one-day league

71 v Eagles Chelmsford 1987

Steelbacks top score in one-day league

306-2 v Lions Guildford 1985

Steelbacks lowest score in one-day league

41 v Crusaders Northampton 1972

Fastest Scorers

(runs per 100 balls)

A.D.Patterson	91.42
U.B.A.Rashid	86.95
W.J.House	79.06
R.S.C.M-Jenkins	78.94
M.G.Bevan	71.57
C.J.Adams	60.61
J.R.Carpenter	55.05
R.R.Montgomerie	53.66

Wicket Takers

R.J.Kirtley	14
M.A.Robinson	9
R.S.C.M-Jenkins	7
W.J.House	6
B.V.Taylor	4
M.G.Bevan	4
U.B.A.Rashid	4

Leading Scorers

M.G.Bevan	277
C.J.Adams	197
R.R.Montgomerie	183
W.J.House	68
U.B.A.Rashid	60
J.R.Carpenter	49
A.D.Patterson	32
R.S.C.M-Jenkins	30

Sticky Fingers

(catches)	
C.J.Adams	5
J.R.Carpenter	3
P.A.Cotley	3
M.G.Bevan	3
U.B.A.Rashid	3
R.R.Montgomerie	2
R.J.Kirtley	2



Worcestershire Royals v Leicestershire Foxes



Norwich Union Division One – Sunday, July 2nd at New Road

Preview

High-flying Worcestershire Royals aim to extend their eight-point lead at the top of the Norwich Union National Cricket League Division One when Leicestershire Foxes arrive at New Road.

Royals coach Bill Athey has guided his side to an impressive six wins from seven outings, with the only blemish on the 2000 season's record so far being the opening-day defeat by Yorkshire Phoenix.

Since then, Graeme Hick's rampant side has batted first every time to defeat the Tykes, Sussex Sharks, Northamptonshire Steelbacks, Lancashire Lightning, Gloucestershire Gladiators and Somerset Sabres.

Foxes skipper Vince Wells will be praying he wins the toss and can elect to bat, as he aims to build on a start which has left the East Midlands club with a hat-trick of wins, a defeat and two tied matches.

2000 National Cricket League Batting averages

Name	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avg
B.F.Smith	6	6	1	221	90	44.20
A.Habib	5	5	2	101	39*	33.66
V.J.Wells	5	5	0	164	81	32.80
D.L.Maddy	6	6	1	158	87*	31.60
J.M.Dakin	6	5	2	54	18*	18.00
C.C.Lewis	6	6	2	70	26*	17.50
T.R.Ward	6	6	0	100	53	16.66
N.D.Burns	6	4	1	41	16*	13.66
P.A.J.DeFreitas	6	5	0	66	30	13.20
D.I.Stevens	6	6	0	56	32	9.33
J.Ormond	4	2	1	4	3*	4.00
A.Kumble	4	1	1	2	2*	-

2000 National Cricket League Batting averages

Name	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avg
P.R.Pollard	6	6	0	298	89	49.66
G.A.Hick	4	4	0	145	101	36.25
K.R.Spiring	4	4	0	135	71	33.75
S.J.Rhodes	7	7	3	108	42	27.00
D.A.Leatherdale	7	7	0	145	35	20.71
Kadeer Ali	1	1	0	20	20	20.00
E.J.Wilson	7	7	1	112	38	18.66
V.S.Solanki	7	7	1	111	59*	18.50
R.C.Driver	2	2	0	19	19	9.50
S.R.Lampitt	7	6	1	37	16	7.40
R.K.Illingworth	7	6	1	20	16	4.00
D.N.Catterall	2	1	0	2	2	2.00
Kabir Ali	6	3	2	2	2*	2.00
G.D.McGrath	7	2	0	0	0	0.00
A.Sheriyar	3	2	2	2	1*	-

Bowling averages

Name	O	M	R	Wkts	Avg	Best
G.D.McGrath	58.4	16	125	19	6.57	4-9
Kabir Ali	41.5	3	207	13	15.92	3-19
R.K.Illingworth	40	2	182	9	20.22	3-26
D.A.Leatherdale	31	1	164	6	27.33	3-39
S.R.Lampitt	53.1	11	197	7	28.14	3-32
A.Sheriyar	20	2	98	1	98.00	1-37
G.A.Hick	5	0	28	0	-	-
D.N.Catterall	9	0	61	0	-	-

Fastest Scorers

(runs per 100 balls)

D.A.Leatherdale	86.30
G.A.Hick	83.33
S.R.Lampitt	74.00
Kadeer Ali	66.66
V.S.Solanki	66.07
S.J.Rhodes	65.45

Wicket Takers

G.D.McGrath	19
Kabir Ali	13
R.K.Illingworth	9
S.R.Lampitt	7
D.A.Leatherdale	6
A.Sheriyar	1

Leading Scorers

P.R.Pollard	298
G.A.Hick	145
D.A.Leatherdale	145
K.R.Spiring	135
E.J.Wilson	112
V.S.Solanki	111

Sticky Fingers

(catches)	
E.J.Wilson	4
G.A.Hick	3
K.R.Spiring	3
Kabir Ali	3
D.A.Leatherdale	3

Last three one-day league meetings

26th April 1998
Leicester: Foxes 4 pts beat Royals 0 pts by 49 runs
 Foxes 218 for 7 (40 overs) (P.V.Simmons 60);
 Royals 169 for 9 (40 overs)

20th Jul 1999
Worcester: Royals 4 pts beat Foxes 0 pts by 2 runs
 Royals 250 for 6 (45 overs) (G.A.Hick 110*);
 Foxes 248 (44.5 overs) (B.F.Smith 74, R.K.Illingworth 4-49)

22nd Aug 1999
Leicester: Foxes 0 pts lost to Royals 4 pts by 11 runs
 Royals 197 for 7 (45 overs) (V.S.Solanki 63);
 Foxes 186 for 9 (45 overs) (A.Sheriyar 3-34)

Gladiators top score in one-day league

284-4 v Foxes Cheltenham 1996

Gladiators lowest score in one-day league

49 v Crusaders Bristol 1978

Phoenix top score in one-day league

318-7 v Foxes Leicester 1993

Phoenix lowest score in one-day league

56 v Bears Birmingham 1995

Fastest Scorers

(runs per 100 balls)

A.Kumble	100.00
D.L.Maddy	75.23
V.J.Wells	73.87
T.R.Ward	71.94
B.F.Smith	70.38
A.Habib	66.88
P.A.J.DeFreitas	60.55

Wicket Takers

C.C.Lewis	9
V.J.Wells	7
J.M.Dakin	7
A.Kumble	6
J.Ormond	5
P.A.J.DeFreitas	4
D.L.Maddy	3

Leading Scorers

B.F.Smith	221
V.J.Wells	164
D.L.Maddy	158
A.Habib	101
T.R.Ward	100
C.C.Lewis	70
P.A.J.DeFreitas	66
D.I.Stevens	56
J.M.Dakin	54

Sticky Fingers

(catches)

J.Ormond	2
P.A.J.DeFreitas	2
C.C.Lewis	2
A.Kumble	1
V.J.Wells	1
T.R.Ward	1
B.F.Smith	1
D.L.Maddy	1



Durham Dynamos



Derbyshire Scorpions



Norwich Union Division Two – Sunday, July 2nd at Darlington

Preview

This Norwich Union National Cricket League Division Two clash at Darlington is set to be a real dogfight.

Both teams are desperate for points after enduring disastrous form in the first half of the season.

Durham Dynamos captain Nick Speak will be hoping for more batting support for himself and Paul Collingwood.

Speak hit 53 and Collingwood 47 as the county slipped to a 53-run defeat to Middlesex Crusaders in their last league clash.

The only victory registered by the northern county this year came four weeks ago when Essex Eagles' lower order collapsed and allowed the Dynamos to claim a seven-run triumph.

Derbyshire Scorpions are also enduring a torrid season, with Dominic Cork's team claiming just one maximum four-point haul - the 15-run win over Middlesex Crusaders a fortnight ago.

2000 National Cricket League Batting averages

Name	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge
M.E.Cassar	6	6	0	161	56	26.83
S.D.Stubbings	5	5	1	101	59	25.25
D.G.Cork	6	6	0	134	64	22.33
M.J.Di Venuto	6	6	0	127	46	21.16
R.J.Bailey	6	6	0	121	39	20.16
S.P.Titchard	3	3	0	49	33	16.33
P.Aldred	5	4	2	31	11	15.50
K.J.Dean	4	4	3	15	6*	15.00
S.J.Lacey	4	3	0	45	40	15.00
M.P.Dowman	6	6	0	73	25	12.16
K.M.Krikken	6	6	1	54	34*	10.80
T.A.Munton	5	3	0	24	16	8.00
T.M.Smith	2	2	0	15	12	7.50
B.L.Spendlove	1	1	0	4	4	4.00
L.J.Wharton	1	1	1	0	0*	-

2000 National Cricket League Batting averages

Name	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge
P.D.Collingwood	6	6	1	180	51	36.00
S.M.Katich	7	7	1	207	61	34.50
N.J.Speak	7	7	1	160	53*	26.66
S.M.Ali	2	2	0	49	36	24.50
J.A.Daley	4	4	0	76	53	19.00
N.Peng	2	2	0	36	36	18.00
J.Wood	6	5	2	52	28*	17.33
M.P.Speight	7	6	0	57	21	9.50
N.Killeen	4	3	0	27	21	9.00
N.C.Phillips	7	5	1	34	17	8.50
M.M.Betts	4	2	1	6	4	6.00
M.J.Symington	1	1	0	5	5	5.00
I.D.Hunter	5	4	1	12	7	4.00
R.Robinson	2	2	0	7	7	3.50
S.J.Harmison	6	2	1	3	2	3.00

Bowling averages

Name	O	M	R	Wkts	Avge	Best
N.Killeen	36	3	131	7	18.71	3-37
P.D.Collingwood	39	0	171	7	24.42	3-29
I.D.Hunter	32.5	1	148	6	24.66	4-29
S.J.Harmison	50.5	2	258	8	32.25	3-45
N.C.Phillips	48.2	1	254	6	42.33	2-31
J.Wood	45	3	175	4	43.75	2-42
M.M.Betts	32	2	117	2	58.50	1-14
S.M.Katich	3	0	23	0	-	-

Fastest Scorers

(runs per 100 balls)	Name	Avge
104.00	J.Wood	36.00
103.84	N.Killeen	34.50
100.00	M.J.Symington	5.00
79.46	J.J.B.Lewis	26.66
77.25	P.D.Collingwood	36.00
75.55	N.C.Phillips	8.50
75.00	M.M.Betts	6.00

Wicket Takers

Name	Wkts
S.J.Harmison	8
N.Killeen	7
P.D.Collingwood	7
I.D.Hunter	6
N.C.Phillips	6
J.Wood	4
M.M.Betts	2

Leading Scorers

Name	Runs
S.M.Katich	207
P.D.Collingwood	180
J.J.B.Lewis	178
N.J.Speak	160
J.A.Daley	76
M.P.Speight	57
J.Wood	52
S.M.Ali	49
N.Peng	36

Sticky Fingers

Name	(catches)
P.D.Collingwood	4
S.M.Katich	4
M.M.Betts	2
I.D.Hunter	2
M.J.Symington	1
S.M.Ali	1
J.A.Daley	1
N.J.Speak	1

Last three one-day league meetings

30th August 1998

Derby: Scorpions 0 pts lost to

Dynamos 4 pts by 22 runs

Dynamos 217 for 9 (40 overs)

(J.E.Morris 50, G.M.Roberts 3-38);

Scorpions 195 (39 overs)

(M.E.Cassar 61, P.D.Collingwood 3-20)

23rd May 1999

Derby: Scorpion 4 pts beat

Dynamos 0 pts by 4 wickets

Dynamos 219 for 6 (45 overs)

(J.J.B.Lewis 85, D.C.Boon 66);

Scorpions 224 for 6 (43.5 overs)

(P.A.J.DeFreitas 61, M.J.Slater 51, N.C.Phillips 3-48)

13th Jul 1999

Riverside: Dynamos 4 pts beat

Scorpions 0 pts by 7 wickets

Scorpions 143 for 9 (33 overs)

(M.J.Slater 50, N.C.Phillips 4-13);

Dynamos 146 for 3 (25.3 overs) (D.C.Boon 61)

Sabres top score in one-day league

360-3 v Dragons Neath 1990

Sabres lowest score in one-day league

58 v Eagles Chelmsford 1977

Royals top score in one-day league

307-4 v Scorpions Worcester 1975

Royals lowest score in one-day league

86 v Phoenix Leeds 1969

Bowling averages

Name	O	M	R	Wkts	Avge	Best
P.Aldred	40	2	166	9	18.44	3-31
D.G.Cork	53	3	208	10	20.80	4-40
T.M.Smith	14	1	78	3	26.00	3-45
M.P.Dowman	7	0	28	1	28.00	1-2
K.J.Dean	29.2	3	123	4	30.75	3-37
M.E.Cassar	34.5	0	161	5	32.20	3-33
S.J.Lacey	26	1	131	3	43.66	2-32
T.A.Munton	45	5	150	3	50.00	1-18
L.J.Wharton	4	0	19	0	-	-
R.J.Bailey	7	0	36	0	-	-

Fastest Scorers

(runs per 100 balls)	Name	Avge
92.30	T.A.Munton	26.00
81.41	M.J.Di Venuto	21.16
72.66	S.D.Stubbings	25.25
64.58	P.Aldred	15.50
63.35	R.J.Bailey	20.16
61.21	M.E.Cassar	26.83
59.55	D.G.Cork	22.33
59.21	S.J.Lacey	15.00

Wicket Takers

Name	Wkts
D.G.Cork	10
P.Aldred	9
M.E.Cassar	5
K.J.Dean	4
T.M.Smith	3
S.J.Lacey	3
T.A.Munton	3
M.P.Dowman	1

Leading Scorers

Name	Runs
M.E.Cassar	161
D.G.Cork	134
M.J.Di Venuto	127
R.J.Bailey	121
S.D.Stubbings	101
M.P.Dowman	73
K.M.Krikken	54
S.P.Titchard	49

Sticky Fingers

Name	(catches)
D.G.Cork	6
S.J.Lacey	2
P.Aldred	2
M.J.Di Venuto	2
R.J.Bailey	1
M.P.Dowman	1
M.E.Cassar	1



Essex Eagles



Middlesex Crusaders



Norwich Union Division Two – Sunday, July 2nd at Chelmsford

Preview

Essex Eagles skipper Ronnie Irani will be hoping that his side can gain confidence from their 24-run success against Warwickshire Bears and start a winning run in Norwich Union National League Division Two.

The Eagles produced a fine all-round display, but it was a wonderful three-wicket spell from left-arm spinner Paul Grayson which helped restrict the Bears to 139 all out in their run-chase.

Ashley Cowan, Mark Ilott and Danny Law also contributed with two wickets apiece to secure the win. Middlesex Crusaders enter this game with their confidence sky-high, following a 53-run victory against struggling Durham Dynamos.

Andrew Strauss proved the real star of the show with a brilliant knock of 90 at the top of the innings to help the Crusaders reach 233. Pace star Aaron Laraman was outstanding with the ball, claiming figures of 8.1-0-51-6 to dismiss the Dynamos for 180.

2000 National Cricket League Batting averages

Name	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge
A.J.Strauss	3	3	0	136	90	45.33
M.R.Ramprakash	4	4	0	102	46	25.50
O.A.Shah	6	6	0	130	39	21.66
A.R.C.Fraser	6	4	3	21	7	21.00
P.N.Weekes	6	6	1	103	43	20.60
J.L.Langer	6	6	0	105	56	17.50
M.A.Roseberry	4	4	0	67	41	16.75
R.M.S.Weston	5	5	0	56	28	11.20
S.J.Cook	4	4	0	39	22	9.75
K.P.Dutch	2	2	0	18	17	9.00
A.W.Laraman	4	4	2	18	11*	9.00
J.P.Hewitt	3	2	0	14	12	7.00
R.L.Johnson	5	3	0	17	14	5.66
D.Alleyne	3	3	0	7	6	2.33
D.C.Nash	3	1	1	25	25*	-
C.J.Batt	2	2	2	4	3*	-

2000 National Cricket League Batting averages

Name	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge
N.Hussain	3	3	0	118	60	39.33
R.C.Irani	6	6	1	177	52	35.40
S.G.Law	5	5	0	146	63	29.20
D.D.J.Robinson	4	4	0	96	51	24.00
A.P.Grayson	6	6	1	91	41*	18.20
S.D.Peters	6	6	0	106	39	17.66
P.J.Prichard	4	4	0	52	21	13.00
M.C.Ilott	5	3	2	12	10	12.00
A.P.Cowan	6	6	1	60	29*	12.00
D.R.Law	6	6	0	71	37	11.83
T.J.Mason	6	5	2	29	12	9.66
G.R.Napier	3	3	0	24	11	8.00
B.J.Hyam	6	5	0	11	6	2.20

Last three one-day league meetings

4th May 1997

Chelmsford: Eagles 4 pts beat Crusaders 0 pts by 66 runs
Eagles 256 (40 overs)
(S.G.Law 79, D.R.Law 55, P.N.Weekes 4-38);
Crusaders 190 (37.5 overs) (A.P.Cowan 4-31)

19th May 1998

Uxbridge: Crusaders 4 pts beat Eagles 0 pts by 2 runs
Crusaders 200 for 8 (40 overs)
(M.R.Ramprakash 57, D.M.Cousins 3-29);
Eagles 198 for 7 (40 overs)
(D.D.J.Robinson 83, S.D.Peters 54)

30th Apr 2000

Chelmsford: Crusaders 0 pts lost to Eagles 4 pts by 60 runs
Eagles 143 (22.4 overs)
(N.Hussain 60, A.R.C.Fraser 4-18);
Crusaders 83 for 9 (23 overs)

Foxes top score in one-day league

344-4 v Dynamos Chester-le-Street 1996

Foxes lowest score in one-day league

36 v Sharks Leicester 1973

Gladiators top score in one-day league

284-4 v Foxes Cheltenham 1996

Gladiators top score in one-day league

49 v Crusaders Bristol 1978



Bowling averages

Name	O	M	R	Wkts	Avge	Best
A.P.Grayson	32.2	1	115	8	14.37	3-21
M.C.Ilott	33	3	142	9	15.77	3-13
A.P.Cowan	45.2	5	169	10	16.90	4-39
D.R.Law	33	0	146	8	18.25	2-4
R.C.Irani	41.3	8	149	6	24.83	3-10
G.R.Napier	6	0	32	1	32.00	1-32
T.J.Mason	43	0	192	5	38.40	2-14
S.G.Law	3	0	10	0	-	-

Fastest Scorers

(runs per 100 balls)

A.P.Cowan	115.38
D.R.Law	100.00
G.R.Napier	85.71
B.J.Hyam	78.57
S.G.Law	76.43
A.P.Grayson	74.59

Wicket Takers

A.P.Cowan	10
M.C.Ilott	9
A.P.Grayson	8
D.R.Law	8
R.C.Irani	6
T.J.Mason	5
G.R.Napier	1

Leading Scorers

R.C.Irani	177
S.G.Law	146
N.Hussain	118
S.D.Peters	106
D.D.J.Robinson	96
A.P.Grayson	91
D.R.Law	71

Sticky Fingers

(catches)	
G.R.Napier	3
A.P.Grayson	3
T.J.Mason	3
S.D.Peters	3
N.Hussain	2
D.D.J.Robinson	2

Bowling averages

Name	O	M	R	Wkts	Avge	Best
A.R.C.Fraser	40.5	7	146	12	12.16	4-18
R.L.Johnson	37.4	4	148	10	14.80	3-37
A.W.Laraman	31.1	2	137	9	15.22	6-51
C.J.Batt	13	0	50	3	16.66	2-23
P.N.Weekes	39.5	1	192	10	19.20	4-26
S.J.Cook	33	3	87	4	21.75	2-22
K.P.Dutch	15	2	47	2	23.50	1-23
J.P.Hewitt	19	1	88	1	88.00	1-24
O.A.Shah	4	0	33	0	-	-

Fastest Scorers

(runs per 100 balls)

S.J.Cook	90.69
A.J.Strauss	81.43
A.R.C.Fraser	77.77
K.P.Dutch	72.00
R.L.Johnson	65.38
A.W.Laraman	64.28
M.R.Ramprakash	63.75

Wicket Takers

A.R.C.Fraser	12
R.L.Johnson	10
P.N.Weekes	10
A.W.Laraman	9
S.J.Cook	4
C.J.Batt	3
K.P.Dutch	2
J.P.Hewitt	1

Leading Scorers

A.J.Strauss	136
O.A.Shah	130
J.L.Langer	105
P.N.Weekes	103
M.R.Ramprakash	102
M.A.Roseberry	67

Sticky Fingers

(catches)	
P.N.Weekes	6
J.L.Langer	4
J.P.Hewitt	2
M.A.Roseberry	2
S.J.Cook	2



Glamorgan Dragons v Warwickshire Bears



Norwich Union Division Two – Sunday, July 2nd at Swansea

Preview

Glamorgan Dragons have not lost a Norwich Union National Cricket League Division Two match for almost two months - and captain Matthew Maynard will want to extend that statistic when Neil Smith's Warwickshire Bears arrive at Swansea.

Maynard will be keeping his fingers crossed that he can repeat the form with the bat which steered his side to a 51-run victory over troubled Hampshire Hawks at Cardiff last week.

The Bears will be anxious to return to winning ways after a pointless June.

The Bears' form suddenly deserted them after more than three weeks without a game. Before their mid-summer break, they had won four games on the trot but, since, both Surrey Lions and Essex Eagles have left Edgbaston victorious by seven wickets and 24 runs, respectively.

2000 National Cricket League Batting averages

Name	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avg
N.V.Knight	4	4	1	238	82	79.33
T.L.Penney	6	5	2	134	51	44.66
D.R.Brown	5	4	2	76	45*	38.00
M.A.Sheikh	6	4	2	56	36	28.00
D.P.Ostler	6	6	1	134	55	26.80
G.Welch	6	6	0	152	55	25.33
M.J.Powell	3	3	0	53	26	17.66
D.L.Hemp	6	5	0	75	45	15.00
A.F.Giles	5	3	0	11	10	3.66
N.M.K.Smith	6	5	0	15	6	3.00
E.S.H.Giddins	4	1	0	0	0	0.00
K.J.Piper	6	2	2	1	1*	-
A.A.Donald	1	0	0	0	0	-
C.E.Dagnall	2	0	0	0	0	-

2000 National Cricket League Batting averages

Name	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avg
M.T.G.Elliott	6	6	1	250	94	50.00
M.P.Maynard	6	6	1	219	67	43.80
S.P.James	7	6	2	127	54*	31.75
A.Dale	7	6	1	113	47	22.60
K.Newell	7	5	0	92	43	18.40
M.J.Powell	7	7	1	108	43*	18.00
S.D.Thomas	7	5	0	66	21	13.20
R.D.B.Croft	6	6	1	64	19	12.80
A.D.Shaw	7	5	0	49	24	9.80
A.G.Wharf	6	3	0	11	5	3.66
O.T.Parkin	7	3	0	5	4	1.66
W.L.Law	1	1	0	0	0	0.00
D.A.Cosker	1	1	1	4	4*	-
S.L.Watkin	2	2	2	0	0*	-

Last three one-day league meetings

27th April 1997

Cardiff: Dragons 4 pts beat

Bears 0 pts on faster scoring rate

Bears 147 for 7 (40 overs) (S.L.Watkin 4-15);

Dragons 81 for 3 (20 overs)

3rd August 1998

Birmingham: Bears 0 pts lost to

Dragons 4 pts on faster scoring rate

Dragons 172 for 5 (36 overs) (M.A.Sheikh 3-28);

Bears 146 (32.3 overs) (D.A.Cosker 3-18)

7th May 2000

Edgbaston: Bears 4 pts beat

Dragons 0 pts by 9 wickets

Dragons 125 (39.2 overs) (D.R.Brown 3-23);

Bears 127 for 1 (26.5 overs) (N.V.Knight 68*)

Phoenix top score in one-day league

318-7 v Foxes Leicester 1993

Phoenix lowest score in one-day league

56 v Bears Birmingham 1995

Steelbacks top score in one-day league

306-2 v Lions Guildford 1985

Steelbacks lowest score in one-day league

41 v Crusaders Northampton 1972

Bowling averages

Name	O	M	R	Wkts	Avg	Best
A.A.Donald	6	2	9	3	3.00	3-9
M.J.Powell	3.5	0	13	2	6.50	2-13
A.F.Giles	43	5	140	10	14.00	3-32
C.E.Dagnall	15	1	43	3	14.33	2-21
N.M.K.Smith	20.4	0	86	5	17.20	2-19
D.R.Brown	36	2	153	8	19.12	3-23
M.A.Sheikh	49.3	2	179	6	29.83	2-24
G.Welch	52	6	162	3	54.00	1-27
E.S.H.Giddins	25	2	92	1	92.00	1-26

Bowling averages

Name	O	M	R	Wkts	Avg	Best
D.A.Cosker	9	0	36	3	12.00	3-36
K.Newell	19.5	2	93	5	18.60	3-37
O.T.Parkin	56	6	234	11	21.27	3-39
S.D.Thomas	55.4	4	223	10	22.30	3-30
A.Dale	33	2	117	5	23.40	2-24
R.D.B.Croft	44	1	152	5	30.40	2-22
A.G.Wharf	43	4	176	4	44.00	1-29
S.L.Watkin	14	0	65	1	65.00	1-38
M.T.G.Elliott	3	1	10	0	-	-

Fastest Scorers

(runs per 100 balls)

S.D.Thomas	98.50
M.P.Maynard	83.90
K.Newell	69.69
R.D.B.Croft	69.56
M.T.G.Elliott	63.61
M.J.Powell	61.71

Wicket Takers

O.T.Parkin	11
S.D.Thomas	10
R.D.B.Croft	5
A.Dale	5
K.Newell	5
A.G.Wharf	4
D.A.Cosker	3

Leading Scorers

M.T.G.Elliott	250
M.P.Maynard	219
S.P.James	127
A.Dale	113
M.J.Powell	108
K.Newell	92
S.D.Thomas	66

Sticky Fingers

(catches)	
M.T.G.Elliott	5
M.P.Maynard	4
A.Dale	2
O.T.Parkin	2
S.L.Watkin	1
R.D.B.Croft	1

Fastest Scorers

(runs per 100 balls)

D.R.Brown	73.07
N.V.Knight	72.56
M.A.Sheikh	69.13
G.Welch	67.55
T.L.Penney	64.73
D.P.Ostler	64.11
D.L.Hemp	64.10
M.J.Powell	52.47

Wicket Takers

A.F.Giles	10
D.R.Brown	8
M.A.Sheikh	6
N.M.K.Smith	5
A.A.Donald	3
C.E.Dagnall	3
G.Welch	3
M.J.Powell	2
E.S.H.Giddins	1

Leading Scorers

N.V.Knight	238
G.Welch	152
D.P.Ostler	134
T.L.Penney	134
D.R.Brown	76
D.L.Hemp	75
M.A.Sheikh	56
M.J.Powell	53

Sticky Fingers

(catches)	
A.F.Giles	3
T.L.Penney	3
G.Welch	3
N.M.K.Smith	2
C.E.Dagnall	1
N.V.Knight	1
E.S.H.Giddins	1

Norwich Union NCL 2000 Rankings - Up to and including 28th June

Norwich Union NCL Batting Rankings

Nottinghamshire Outlaws' John Morris is the new leader of the Norwich Union National Cricket League batting Rankings. He struck 33 runs as the Outlaws beat midlands rivals Derbyshire Scorpions on their own patch. Paul Pollard's absence from Worcestershire Royals' four-run victory over Somerset Sabres handed Morris top spot. The duo - along with Sussex Sharks' Michael Bevan - have now occupied the top three places in the Rankings since mid-May. Northamptonshire Steelbacks' David Sales produced one of the best performances of the week, with an unbeaten 71 against Yorkshire Phoenix at Headingley. That knock hoisted him from 19th place to eighth position in the Rankings.

	Name	Team	Score
1	J.E.Morris	(Outlaws)	85
2	P.R.Pollard	(Royals)	82
3	M.G.Bevan	(Sharks)	78
4=	K.J.Barnett	(Gladiators)	73
	D.J.Bicknell	(Outlaws)	73
	R.J.Blakey	(Phoenix)	73
	D.S.Lehmann	(Phoenix)	73
8	D.J.G.Sales	(Steelbacks)	70
9	M.E.Trescothick	(Sabres)	68
10	M.T.G.Elliott	(Dragons)	65
11	J.E.R.Gallian	(Outlaws)	64
12	N.V.Knight	(Bears)	63
13=	M.P.Maynard	(Dragons)	62
	R.C.Russell	(Gladiators)	62
15	S.M.Katich	(Dynamos)	58
16=	C.J.Adams	(Sharks)	56
	D.Byas	(Phoenix)	56
	R.A.Smith	(Hawks)	56
	J.J.B.Lewis	(Dynamos)	56
20=	R.C.Irani	(Eagles)	55
	M.L.Hayden	(Steelbacks)	55
	P.D.Collingwood	(Dynamos)	55
23=	M.B.Loye	(Steelbacks)	54
	G.M.Fellows	(Phoenix)	54
25	J.N.Snape	(Gladiators)	53
26=	B.F.Smith	(Foxes)	52
	R.R.Montgomerie	(Sharks)	52
28	I.J.Harvey	(Gladiators)	51
29	D.A.Leatherdale	(Royals)	50
30=	D.P.Ostler	(Bears)	49
	M.E.Cassar	(Scorpions)	49
32=	N.J.Speak	(Dynamos)	48
	T.L.Penney	(Bears)	48
34=	A.D.Brown	(Lions)	47
	G.Welch	(Bears)	47
36=	S.P.James	(Dragons)	46
	J.P.Stephenson	(Hawks)	46
	G.P.Thorpe	(Lions)	46
	J.S.Laney	(Hawks)	46
	O.A.Shah	(Crusaders)	46
	J.W.Cook	(Steelbacks)	46
42=	N.H.Fairbrother	(Lightning)	44
	D.L.Maddy	(Foxes)	44
44=	K.A.Parsons	(Sabres)	43
	R.Dravid	(Spitfires)	43
	M.J.Di Venuto	(Scorpions)	43
47=	P.D.Bowler	(Sabres)	42
	S.G.Law	(Eagles)	42
49=	A.P.Wells	(Spitfires)	41
	I.J.Ward	(Lions)	41

Norwich Union NCL Bowling Rankings

Worcestershire Royals' Glenn McGrath is still leading the way in the Norwich Union National Cricket League bowling Rankings, but his lead has been trimmed this week. Gloucestershire Gladiators' Mike Smith claimed a wicket brace against Yorkshire Phoenix to close the gap, and team-mate Ian Harvey grabbed two wickets in the same match and two more against Leicestershire Foxes the next day to pile the pressure on McGrath. Two of the best performances of the week came from Martin Bicknell and Saqlain Mushtaq in Surrey Lions' demolition of Hampshire. Both grabbed three-wicket hauls as the toothless Hawks were shot out for just 73.

	Name	Team	Score
1	G.D.McGrath	(Royals)	122
2	A.M.Smith	(Gladiators)	116
3	I.J.Harvey	(Gladiators)	112
4	P.J.Franks	(Outlaws)	103
5	M.P.Bicknell	(Lions)	87
6	A.D.Mullally	(Hawks)	86
7	J.M.M.Averis	(Gladiators)	85
8	C.C.Lewis	(Foxes)	83
9	S.K.Warne	(Hawks)	82
10	R.D.Stemp	(Outlaws)	81
11	G.M.Hamilton	(Phoenix)	79
12=	M.A.Ealham	(Spitfires)	78
	R.J.Kirtley	(Sharks)	78
14	M.J.Hoggard	(Phoenix)	77
15	G.Welch	(Bears)	74
16=	A.R.C.Fraser	(Crusaders)	71
	S.R.Lampitt	(Royals)	71
	A.F.Giles	(Bears)	71
19	M.A.Robinson	(Sharks)	70
20	P.S.Jones	(Sabres)	69
21=	S.D.Udal	(Hawks)	68
	O.T.Parkin	(Dragons)	68
23	D.S.Lucas	(Outlaws)	67
24=	D.G.Cork	(Scorpions)	66
	A.J.Tudor	(Lions)	66
26=	S.D.Thomas	(Dragons)	65
	A.P.Cowan	(Eagles)	65
	M.A.Sheikh	(Bears)	65
	G.P.Swann	(Steelbacks)	65
	J.D.Middlebrook	(Phoenix)	65
31	R.C.Irani	(Eagles)	63
32=	R.D.B.Croft	(Dragons)	62
	C.M.Tolley	(Outlaws)	62
34	V.J.Wells	(Foxes)	61
35	A.Kumble	(Foxes)	60
36=	T.A.Munton	(Scorpions)	58
	C.White	(Phoenix)	58
	K.Adams	(Spitfires)	58
39	A.D.Mascarenhas	(Hawks)	57
40=	M.V.Fleming	(Spitfires)	56
	S.J.Cook	(Crusaders)	56
42=	R.L.Johnson	(Crusaders)	55
	K.J.Innes	(Steelbacks)	55
44=	D.E.Malcolm	(Steelbacks)	54
	A.L.Penberthy	(Steelbacks)	54
	D.S.Lehmann	(Phoenix)	54
	Kabir Ali	(Royals)	54
48	J.Wood	(Dynamos)	53
49	M.W.Alleyne	(Royals)	51

Norwich Union NCL June Rankings

Norwich Union NCL Batting Rankings

	Name	Team	Score
1	D.J.G.Sales	(Steelbacks)	60
2	M.E.Trescothick	(Sabres)	49
3	N.H.Fairbrother	(Lightning)	44
4=	C.J.Adams	(Sharks)	43
	M.B.Loye	(Steelbacks)	43
6=	P.D.Bowler	(Sabres)	42
	G.M.Fellows	(Phoenix)	42
8=	K.J.Barnett	(Gladiators)	40
	D.J.Bicknell	(Outlaws)	40
	I.J.Harvey	(Gladiators)	40

Norwich Union NCL Bowling Rankings

	Name	Team	Score
1	I.J.Harvey	(Gladiators)	63
2	A.M.Smith	(Gladiators)	60
3	A.D.Mullally	(Hawks)	51
4=	Saqlain Mushtaq	(Lions)	50
	J.D.Middlebrook	(Phoenix)	50
6	A.P.Cowan	(Eagles)	49
7	G.D.McGrath	(Royals)	48
8	S.D.Udal	(Hawks)	45
9	G.P.Swann	(Steelbacks)	44
10=	D.G.Cork	(Scorpions)	43
	K.Adams	(Spitfires)	43

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	Gloucs
Kent	Gloucs		No result	6/8	Kent	2/7	No result	27/8	5/9 F
Lancs	13/8	15/8 F		Tie	Lancs	6/9 F	17/9	Worcs	Yorks
Leics	Leics	Leics	23/7		16/7	17/9	Tie	8/9 F	20/8
N'ants	Gloucs	3/9	N'ants	13/8		N'ants	2/7	2/8 F	28/8
Som	Som	Som	16/7	30/8 F	Som		Som	Worcs	6/8
Sussex	5/9 F	Kent	7/8 F	Sussex	20/8	28/8 F		Worcs	16/7
Worcs	Worcs	17/9	3/9	2/7	Worcs	20/8	13/8		Yorks
Yorks	Yorks	Yorks	9/8 F	Leics	N'ants	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	Notts	Surrey	3/9
Durham	2/7		27/8	Durham	29/8	Middx	Notts	Surrey	13/8
Essex	23/7	Durham		3/9	20/8	2/7	Notts	23/8 F	17/9
Glam	Glam	6/7	Glam		Glam	17/9	20/8	Surrey	2/7
Hants	10/9	Hants	30/7	13/8		23/7	17/9	Surrey	Warks
Middx	Derbys	16/7	Essex	Tie	Middx		28/8	6/8	9/9
Notts	Notts	Notts	Notts	10/9	Notts	13/8		3/9	1/8
Surrey	20/8	10/9	No result	16/7	Surrey	Tied	23/7		Surrey
Warks	3/9	23/7	Essex	Warks	Warks	16/8 F	Warks	Surrey	

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.