

# ● OUTLAWS OUT TO AMBUSH SPITFIRES

Trent Bridge has top billing in the Norwich Union League Division One this week with third-placed Nottinghamshire Outlaws playing host to Kent Spitfires, who are currently second in the table.



Warwickshire Bears' Michael Powell

The fine form of both sides this season should provide for an excellent spectacle as they look to keep the pressure on league leaders Leicestershire Foxes.

The Outlaws have one of the country's most prolific batting line-ups in Darren Bicknell, Usman Afzaal and Paul Johnson, but they must be on top form to get the better of the Spitfires' 26-wicket strike pairing of Martin Saggars and Ben Trott.

League leaders Leicestershire Foxes have a trip to the seaside to take on out-of-sorts Yorkshire Phoenix at Scarborough.

The Phoenix have dropped into the Division One relegation zone following a string of poor results and David Byas must hope his talented side perform to the best of their ability to upset the rampant Foxes.

Fourth-placed Warwickshire Bears, with captain Michael Powell in good spirit, will aim to close the six-point gap between themselves and the leading three with victory over Northamptonshire Steelbacks.



Gloucs Gladiators' Jeremy Snape

The Bears should start as favourites but the Steelbacks will have a point to prove after notching up their first win of the season last week.

South-west rivals Gloucestershire Gladiators, who have batsman Jeremy Snape in top form, and Somerset Sabres go head-to-head under the lights at Bristol on Tuesday in a mouthwatering clash.

The Gladiators' one-day specialists will be aiming to complete the double over the Sabres after emerging victorious at Taunton two weeks ago.

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# ● LIGHTNING AIMING TO STRIKE BACK

Revenge will be in the air at Old Trafford when Durham Dynamos visit a Lancashire Lightning side looking to get their own back after the Dynamos emerged victorious from the reverse fixture at the Riverside in May.



Alan Mullally of Hampshire Hawks

The Dynamos won by 24 runs in a match that set them on their way to the top of the Norwich Union League Division Two table, while the Lightning have since struggled and currently lie in sixth place.

Martyn Moxon's Dynamos will have one eye on New Road where their nearest challengers, in-form Worcestershire Royals, who hammered Derbyshire Scorpions by 138 runs last week, will be taking on struggling Middlesex Crusaders.

The Rose Bowl will host an intriguing battle when Hampshire Hawks, with Alan Mullally keen to increase his tally of three wickets, welcome the wounded Scorpions to West End. The third-placed Hawks will start as favourites against the fifth-placed Scorpions, who have been unable to recapture their good early-season form.

Monday sees Norwich Union League Player of the Month Ronnie Irani take his Essex Eagles side to Hove to take on Sussex Sharks in the hope that playing under lights will help his team get off the bottom of the table.

And there is another day-night fixture at Old Trafford on Wednesday when the Lightning and the Royals play their second game in four days.

Division 1 table at a glance	Points
LEICESTERSHIRE FOXES	24
KENT SPITFIRES	24
NOTTS OUTLAWS	20
WARWICKSHIRE BEARS	14
YORKSHIRE PHOENIX	12
SOMERSET SABRES	10
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE STEELBACKS	8
DURHAM DYNAMOS	4
SUSSEX SHARKS	4

Division 2 table at a glance	Points
DURHAM DYNAMOS	22
WORCESTERSHIRE ROYALS	20
HAMPSHIRE HAWKS	18
MIDDLESEX CRUSADERS	16
DERBYSHIRE SCORPIONS	12
LANCASHIRE LIGHTNING	10
SUSSEX SHARKS	8
ESSEX EAGLES	8
SOMERSET SABRES	6



## ● EAGLES STAR SNAPS UP SECOND MONTHLY AWARD

### RONNIE IRANI ESSEX EAGLES

#### NORWICH UNION LEAGUE PERFORMANCE RECORD

Date	Opponents	Venue	Batting	Bowling
03/06	Hants Hawks	West End	16	2-46
10/06	Glam Dragons	Chelmsford	108*	1-47
17/06	Dur Dynamos	Ilford	21	0-47
23/06	Lancs Lightning	Old Trafford	37	3-51

#### NORWICH UNION LEAGUE SEASON FIGURES (Summary)

Batting					
M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avg
7	7	1	224	108*	37.33
Bowling					
O	M	R	W	Avg	Econ
58.1	7	300	9	33.33	3-51

ESSEX EAGLES captain Ronnie Irani admitted to a "bitter-sweet" feeling after being awarded the Norwich Union League Player of the Month Award for June.

Irani produced a string of fine performances in his side's four matches, notching up 182 runs - including a superb 108 not out against Glamorgan Dragons - and taking six wickets.

But the Eagles' failure to win any of those four games saw them slump to the bottom of the Division Two table - taking the gloss off an otherwise fruitful month for the all-rounder.

Irani, who will be presented with his award before the game against Sussex Sharks, admitted: "I'm well chuffed, especially to get an award that includes everyone else in the country.

"It's obviously an honour to win any award but I feel my personal performances have been good this year and yes, I'm very pleased.

"But the award does seem a little bitter-sweet in a way. It's been the case that we have underachieved this summer so far, but we're only half-way through.

"A lot of our youngsters will be getting a good go this summer in the Norwich Union League and I'm hoping me keeping my performance levels up and doing well will hopefully guide a

few of these youngsters so we've got a hell of a team for the next few years coming.

"But initially the award and the way I've done this season - I'm very happy with that and I want to improve on it by the end of the year so I can pick up another one of these awards."

Irani's remarkable performance against the Dragons was the one real highlight of the Eagles' disappointing month - and the player himself reckons it to be his best moment of the season so far.

"Obviously the 100 off 55 balls against Glamorgan - that would be the one that sticks out the most, he said.



Ronnie Irani at the launch of this season's Norwich Union League



Ronnie Irani playing a few shots during this season's launch of the Norwich Union League at The Oval, closely watched by Paul Nixon and Gemma Chapman

"When you go out and play in the one-day game, you want to go out and entertain. We are in the entertainment business.

"I've had a few four-fors in the bowling department, which has been fairly steady, but that hundred has been the key for me so far this year."

Irani's batting and bowling ability means he has always been regarded as a one-day specialist, and he admits he still relishes the shorter format and the added responsibilities of captaincy.

"I'm loving it, especially being captain," he said. "There's a little bit more pressure, but if you're under pressure it means you're achieving in life.

"I'm quite happy with the general stuff that goes with captaincy, but you just have to go out there and enjoy it.

"I wouldn't be against 40 overs in this competition, but 45 overs is alright. I think the tournament's unique on its own and we've got to the lead the way rather than copy everyone else, and obviously the Norwich Union League does that.

"I think the coloured clothing and the white ball are right for this form of cricket,

there's no doubt about it. And if we could have lights all over the country, that would be even better.

"From the players' point of view, we enjoy the games too. The game is ideally set to provide one-day players for the future of England.

"The players love it just as much as the fans - we've had full houses in Essex this year with kids in for a pound.

"You've got to get the kids coming through the turnstiles and the Norwich Union League is ideal for that. It's brilliant. It's the way forward."

Irani follows on from Nottinghamshire Outlaws' Usman Afzaal in being named Norwich Union League Player of the Month and after Afzaal was called up to the England team for the first Test against Australia, the Eagles captain admits he would cherish a return to the international scene himself.

"It would be nice, but I really can't say about that," he confessed.

"It's not in my hands, I just keep doing the business and working hard on my game. But it would be like a brilliant early Christmas present if I did get called up."

● 2001 DIVISION ONE STANDINGS

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts
Leicestershire Foxes	6	6	0	0	0	24
Kent Spitfires	7	5	0	1	1	24
Nottinghamshire Outlaws	7	5	2	0	0	20
Warwickshire Bears	6	3	2	0	1	14
Gloucestershire Gladiators	8	3	5	0	0	12
Somerset Sabres	8	2	5	1	0	10
Yorkshire Phoenix	6	2	4	0	0	8
Northamptonshire Steelbacks	6	1	5	0	0	4
Surrey Lions	6	1	5	0	0	4

■ HIGHEST TEAM TOTALS

Total	Teams	Venue
259 for 7	Sabres v Phoenix	Bath
252 for 7	Outlaws v Sabres	Taunton
248 for 4	Bears v Gladiators	Edgbaston
248 for 8	Sabres v Outlaws	Taunton

■ LOWEST TEAM TOTALS

Total	Teams	Venue
86	Gladiators v Spitfires	Canterbury
112	Lions v Foxes	Leicester
114	Spitfires v Gladiators	Canterbury
116	Gladiators v Foxes	Leicester

■ MOST CATCHES EXCLUDING WICKETKEEPERS

Name	Team	Ctchs	Mtchs
D.P.Fulton	Spitfires	7	6
M.C.J.Ball	Gladiators	6	7
D.J.Bicknell	Outlaws	6	7

■ LEADING DISMISSALS

Name	Team	Dism's	Mtchs
C.M.W.Read	Outlaws	12	7
N.D.Burns	Foxes	11	6
P.A.Nixon	Spitfires	11	6
R.J.Blakey	Phoenix	9	6

● BEST INDIVIDUAL BOWLING

Name	Wkts/Runs	Teams	Venue
M.J.Saggers	5/22	Spitfires v Gladiators	Canterbury
K.J.Barnett	4/12	Gladiators v Spitfires	Canterbury
M.J.Walker	4/24	Spitfires v Phoenix	Headingley
R.D.Stemp	4/25	Outlaws v Sabres	Trent Bridge
M.R.Strong	4/28	Steelbacks v Phoenix	Northampton
A.J.Tudor	4/36	Lions v Spitfires	The Oval

● BEST INDIVIDUAL SCORES

Name	Score	Teams	Venue
D.P.Ostler	134*	Bears v Gladiators	Edgbaston
A.D.Brown	111*	Lions v Foxes	The Oval
J.N.Snape	104*	Gladiators v Outlaws	Trent Bridge
K.J.Barnett	101	Gladiators v Steelbacks	Northampton
P.D.Bowler	98	Sabres v Outlaws	Taunton
D.J.Marsh	97*	Foxes v Lions	The Oval

■ LEADING WICKET-TAKERS

Wkts	Player	Team
15	M.J.Saggers	Spitfires
15	P.S.Jones	Sabres
11	D.R.Brown	Bears
11	B.J.Trott	Spitfires

■ LEADING RUN SCORERS

Runs	Player	Team
299	K.J.Barnett	Gladiators
295	D.J.Bicknell	Outlaws
291	U.Afzaal	Outlaws
284	P.Johnson	Outlaws

● 2001 DIVISION TWO STANDINGS

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts
Durham Dynamos	7	5	1	0	1	22
Worcestershire Royals	7	5	2	0	0	20
Hampshire Hawks	6	4	1	0	1	18
Glamorgan Dragons	6	4	2	0	0	16
Derbyshire Scorpions	8	3	5	0	0	12
Lancashire Lightning	6	2	3	0	1	10
Sussex Sharks	6	2	4	0	0	8
Middlesex Crusaders	7	1	4	1	1	8
Essex Eagles	7	1	5	1	0	6

■ HIGHEST TEAM TOTALS

Total	Teams	Venue
305 for 6	Dragons v Royals	Cardiff
288 for 6	Royals v Scorpions	Derby
264 for 3	Dynamos v Eagles	Ilford
254 for 2	Dragons v Eagles	Chelmsford

■ LOWEST TEAM TOTALS

Total	Teams	Venue
89	Lightning v Royals	Worcester
99	Royals v Lightning	Worcester
120	Crusaders v Eagles	Southgate
120	Eagles v Crusaders	Southgate

■ MOST CATCHES EXCLUDING WICKETKEEPERS

Name	Team	Ctchs	Mtchs
M.A.Atherton	Lightning	6	4
W.S.Kendall	Hawks	6	5
N.C.Johnson	Hawks	5	5

■ LEADING DISMISSALS

Name	Team	Dism's	Mtchs
S.J.Rhodes	Royals	11	6
W.K.Hegg	Lightning	10	5
K.M.Kriken	Scorpions	10	6
A.Pratt	Dynamos	10	6

● BEST INDIVIDUAL BOWLING

Name	Wkts/Runs	Teams	Venue
A.P.Cowan	5/14	Eagles v Crusaders	Southgate
C.B.Keegan	5/17	Crusaders v Hawks	Southgate
G.Welch	5/22	Scorpions v Dragons	Derby
B.L.Hutton	5/45	Crusaders v Scorpions	Southgate
J.W.M.Dalrymple	4/14	Crusaders v Eagles	Southgate
N.C.Phillips	4/21	Dynamos v Lightning	Riverside

● BEST INDIVIDUAL SCORES

Name	Score	Teams	Venue
W.P.C.Weston	134	Royals v Scorpions	Derby
N.Peng	112*	Dynamos v Eagles	Ilford
R.C.Irani	108*	Eagles v Dragons	Chelmsford
S.G.Law	108	Eagles v Lightning	Old Trafford
N.H.Fairbrother	101	Lightning v Eagles	Old Trafford
K.Newell	97	Dragons v Eagles	Chelmsford

■ LEADING WICKET-TAKERS

Wkts	Player	Team
14	C.B.Keegan	Crusaders
14	S.R.Lampitt	Royals
12	A.Sheriyar	Royals
11	C.T.Tremlett	Hawks

■ LEADING RUN SCORERS

Runs	Player	Team
275	R.J.Bailey	Scorpions
248	V.S.Solanki	Royals
235	R.R.Montgomerie	Sharks
227	N.H.Fairbrother	Lightning





















## Div 1 & 2 Fixtures, D/L & How It Works

Div 1	Gloucs	Kent	Leics	N'hants	Notts	Som	Surrey	Warks	Yorks
Gloucs		27/8	02/9	05/8	31/7 F	17/7 F	16/9	Warks	Glous
Kent	Kent		05/8	09/9	Kent	Tied	14/8 F	No result	29/8
Leics	Leics	22/7		Leics	Leics	27/8	Leics	05/9 F	19/8
N'ants	Gloucs	12/8	23/7		02/9	30/8	Surrey	Warks	N'ants
Notts	Tied	15/7	16/9	19/8		Notts	09/9	Notts	13/8 F
Som	Glous	Kent	12/8	16/9	Notts		21/8	02/9	Som
Surrey	12/8	Kent	Leics	22/7	Notts	Som		30/8	03/9 F
Warks	Warks	16/9	Leics	15/7	02/8 F	19/8	29/7		27/8
Yorks	10/9	Kent	15/7	Yorks	26/8	Yorks	05/8	23/7 F	

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

F = day/night floodlit match.

Div 2	Derbys	Durham	Essex	Glam	Hants	Lancs	Middx	Sussex	Worcs
Derbys		Durham	Derbys	Derbys	05/8	16/9	Derbys	27/8	Worcs
Durham	12/8		02/9	Durham	15/8 F	Durham	Durham	22/7	09/9
Essex	09/9	Durham		Glam	22/7	26/8	28/8 F	Sussex	12/8
Glam	22/7	27/8	19/8		29/8 F	05/8	16/9	Glam	Glam
Hants	15/7	Hants	Essex	12/8		27/8	09/9	Hants	Hants
Lancs	03/9 F	15/7	Lancs	Glam	No result		Lancs	20/8 F	18/7 F
Middx	Middx	No result	Tied	26/8	Hants	12/8		02/9	19/8
Sussex	Sussex	26/8	16/7 F	04/9 F	16/9	30/8 F	01/8 F		Worcs
Worcs	Worcs	31/7	16/9	02/9	26/8	Worcs	15/7	Worcs	

### THE DUCKWORTH/LEWIS SYSTEM

If matches are rain-affected the Duckworth Lewis system is used to reset targets. The system is based on what percentage of its resources (overs and wickets) a team have left. With 50 overs left and 10 wickets remaining, a team has 100 per cent of its resources left. The table shows the percentage of resources at other stages in the innings.

The procedure for working out targets is as follows:

1) For each innings: Use the table to calculate the resource percentage lost by the interruption and therefore calculate the resource percentage still available.

2) If team 2 have less resources available than team 1, calculate the ratio of the resources available to both teams. Team 2's revised target is obtained by scaling down team 1's score by this ratio.

3) If team 2 have more resources available than team 1, calculate the amount by which team 2's resources exceeds team 1's.

Work this out as a percentage of 225 (the average 50-over score in ECB matches and one-day internationals). This gives the extra runs to add to team score to give team 2's target.

		WICKETS LOST				
		0	2	5	7	9
OVERS LEFT	50	100	83.8	49.5	26.5	7.6
	40	90.3	77.6	48.3	26.4	7.6
	30	77.1	68.2	45.7	26.2	7.6
	25	68.5	61.8	43.4	25.9	7.6
	20	58.9	54.0	40.0	25.2	7.6
	10	34.1	32.5	27.5	20.6	7.5

### HOW THE NORWICH UNION LEAGUE WORKS

The Norwich Union League operates on a three-up, three-down basis with the top three finishers in Division Two replacing the bottom three in 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.

Matches will start at 1pm and end 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 applies to front-foot no-balls only. A batsman cannot be

dismissed from the bowler's next delivery after such an infringement.

This season teams will face penalties for slow over rates. If in the opinion of the umpire there are still overs to be bowled at the cut-off point then six runs will be added to the batting team for every over left to be bowled. If at cut-off time there are still four overs left to be bowled then 24 runs will be added to the batting team's score. The batting team will then go on and finish their overs. These will appear as penalty runs on the scorecard. If this takes the batting team over the target required then the match will finish at that point.

