

GLoucestershire Gladiators

2000 - 1st, Division One (38pts)

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THE 2001 SEASON

It somehow always seemed inevitable that one-day kings Gloucestershire Gladiators would walk off with the Norwich Union League trophy last season.

And the boys from Bristol will kick off their 2001 campaign against Leicestershire Foxes at Grace Road with the same closely-knit squad whose whole far exceeds the sum of its parts.

The old familiar faces will be called on to reproduce last year's winning formula: Kim Barnett and Tim Hancock at the top of the order; solid contributions from Matt Windows and skipper Mark Alleyne; the unorthodox batting and top-class wicketkeeping of Jack Russell; Mike Smith, Jeremy Snape, Mike Cawdron and James Averis leading the bowling attack.

But the Gladiators' most vital player Ian Harvey, struggling with a shoulder injury, is expected to play for Australia in the NatWest Series in June. How they cope without him will decide whether last year's successes are repeated.

2000 SEASON BATTING AVERAGES

Name	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avg
R.C.Russell	16	15	6	310	55*	34.44
I.J.Harvey	14	14	1	399	66	30.69
K.J.Barnett	13	13	0	316	62	24.30
D.R.Hewson	5	4	0	85	45	21.25
T.H.C.Hancock	13	12	0	239	51	19.91
J.N.Snape	16	15	1	265	71	18.92
M.W.Alleyne	14	12	3	168	44*	18.66
M.G.N.Windows	16	15	1	195	61	13.92
M.C.J.Ball	10	6	1	65	30*	13.00
R.J.Cunliffe	5	4	0	49	34	12.25
C.G.Taylor	13	8	1	75	37*	10.71
M.J.Cawdron	5	4	0	38	26	9.50
J.M.M.Averis	16	10	3	65	23*	9.28
J.Lewis	2	2	0	16	16	8.00
A.M.Smith	16	10	6	15	3*	3.75

2000 SEASON BOWLING AVERAGES

Name	O	M	R	Wkts	Avg	Best
I.J.Harvey	112.1	11	372	34	10.94	5-19
J.M.M.Averis	126.2	6	537	29	18.51	5-20
A.M.Smith	133	24	370	18	20.55	3-20
K.J.Barnett	6	0	24	1	24.00	1-24
M.W.Alleyne	102	3	415	14	29.64	3-36
M.C.J.Ball	73	2	347	9	38.55	2-28
T.H.C.Hancock	7.1	0	39	1	39.00	1-10
M.J.Cawdron	34	1	166	4	41.50	2-37
J.N.Snape	48	2	228	5	45.60	1-19
J.Lewis	16	1	78	1	78.00	1-39

PLAYERS IN

- M D R Sutliff

PLAYERS OUT

- I Mohammed

Title odds supplied by Corals **7/2**



YORKSHIRE PHOENIX

2000 - 2nd, Division One (36pts)

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- D Gough*
- S M Guy
- G M Hamilton*
- M J Hoggard
- P M Hutchison*
- D S Lehmann (O)*
- M J Lumb
- A McGrath*
- J D Middlebrook
- R J Sidebottom
- C E W Silverwood*
- M P Vaughan*
- C White*
- S Widdup
- M J Wood
- * Capped Players

THE 2001 SEASON

Supporters of Yorkshire Phoenix have redefined the phrase 'long-suffering' in recent years, and last season turned out to be yet another case of what might have been.

Runners-up in the 2000 Norwich Union League, the Phoenix will need a strong start to the season - starting with the Somerset Sabres on May 13.

England quartet Darren Gough, Craig White, Michael Vaughan and Matthew Hoggard may dominate the headlines but the squad has plenty of depth.

Paul Hutchison, Chris Silverwood, Ryan Sidebottom and Gavin Hamilton offer plenty of bowling options and it will probably be the batting that is of greatest concern as new coach Wayne Clark looks to improve on last year's second place.

Aussie star Darren Lehmann led the way last season and has been overlooked by his national selectors but will need more support from Anthony McGrath - who seems to have been around a long time but is still only 25 - and the promising Matthew Wood.

2000 SEASON BATTING AVERAGES

Name	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avg
A.McGrath	10	9	4	224	85*	44.80
D.S.Lehmann	16	16	3	564	89	43.38
G.M.Hamilton	14	10	3	222	57*	31.71
R.J.Blakey	16	12	1	290	62	26.36
G.M.Fellows	15	12	0	232	65	19.33
D.Byas	12	12	0	230	52	19.16
M.J.Wood	6	4	0	73	31	18.25
M.P.Vaughan	9	9	2	108	39	15.42
V.J.Craven	5	5	0	77	28	15.40
S.Widdup	4	4	0	49	38	12.25
C.White	7	5	1	36	14	9.00
R.J.Sidebottom	7	6	2	36	21	9.00
I.D.Fisher	7	4	0	29	20	7.25
J.D.Middlebrook	10	6	1	30	15*	6.00
C.E.W.Silverwood	8	5	0	26	12	5.20

2000 SEASON BOWLING AVERAGES

Name	O	M	R	Wkts	Avg	Best
C.White	44.5	4	126	14	9.00	4-14
M.J.Hoggard	121.3	18	458	37	12.37	5-28
G.Ramsden	4	0	26	2	13.00	2-26
M.P.Vaughan	14.5	1	70	5	14.00	4-27
G.M.Hamilton	76.5	4	319	20	15.95	5-34
C.E.W.Silverwood	51.5	7	194	12	16.16	4-11
I.D.Fisher	44.3	2	171	10	17.10	3-20
D.Gough	47	8	136	7	19.42	3-19
G.M.Fellows	13	1	54	2	27.00	1-16
P.M.Hutchison	31.3	4	141	5	28.20	3-27
J.D.Middlebrook	73	0	320	11	29.09	3-16

PLAYERS IN

- NONE

PLAYERS OUT

- C J Ellison, R J Harden, J W Inglis, R A Stead, M Thewlis

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NORTHANTS STEELBACKS

2000 - 3rd, Division One (36pts)

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- J W Cook
- M E Cassar
- D M Cousins*
- M C Dobson
- M E Hussey (O)
- K J Innes
- M B Loye*
- M S Panesar
- A L Penberthy*
- M J Powell
- D E Paynter
- D Ripley* (C)
- A S Rollins
- D J G Sales*
- M R Strong
- A J Swann
- G P Swann*
- J P Taylor*
- R J Warren*
- L C Weekes
- R A White

* Capped Players

PLAYERS IN

- M E Hussey, M E Cassar,
- D E Paynter, L C Weekes

PLAYERS OUT

- M K Davies, M L Hayden,
- R J Logan, D E Malcol,
- D J Roberts, R V Sutcliffe

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THE 2001 SEASON

■ Eyebrows were raised when Northamptonshire Steelbacks announced Mike Hussey as their overseas player for 2001, replacing talismanic captain Matthew Hayden.

However, if Hussey is as prolific as his Australian predecessor he will be a valuable addition to a Steelbacks squad looking to get off to a good start against reigning champions Gloucestershire Gladiators on May 13.

Hussey joins a batting line-up that can call on the experience of Mal Loye, Adrian Rollins and Russell Warren, but will not include young star David Sales, who has been ruled out for the season after injuring his knee on the England A tour to the West Indies.

Alec and Graeme Swann are both likely to feature prominently with bat and ball unless the latter's international career is suddenly revived, while new skipper David Ripley will be looking for great things from England's off-spin prospect Jason Brown and new arrival Lesroy Weekes.

2000 SEASON BATTING AVERAGES

Name	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avg
D.J.G.Sales	15	15	5	547	84*	54.70
M.L.Hayden	15	15	2	462	96*	35.53
M.B.Loye	14	14	0	371	75	26.50
K.J.Innes	12	9	2	181	55	25.85
A.L.Penberthy	15	13	3	197	39*	19.70
G.P.Swann	16	13	0	201	57	15.46
D.Ripley	15	12	3	126	30	14.00
J.W.Cook	14	14	0	186	45	13.28
A.S.Rollins	6	6	0	71	28	11.83
R.J.Logan	2	2	0	17	17	8.50
D.M.Cousins	14	9	4	40	18	8.00
R.J.Warren	5	5	1	23	10	5.75
J.P.Taylor	6	3	0	14	11	4.66
M.K.Davies	2	2	1	4	4	4.00
J.F.Brown	12	5	2	10	4	3.33

2000 SEASON BOWLING AVERAGES

Name	O	M	R	Wkts	Avg	Best
M.K.Davies	12	0	57	3	19.00	2-29
A.L.Penberthy	110	8	437	22	19.86	5-29
K.J.Innes	73	5	327	16	20.43	4-36
D.M.Cousins	100	6	415	19	21.84	3-27
G.P.Swann	69.5	1	345	14	24.64	4-14
J.P.Taylor	43	2	164	6	27.33	2-32
J.F.Brown	94.3	5	378	13	29.07	2-28
M.R.Strong	27.4	1	138	4	34.50	2-38
D.E.Malcolm	51	4	243	4	60.75	1-12
M.L.Hayden	11	0	73	1	73.00	1-16
D.J.Sales	4	0	17	0	-	-



LEICESTERSHIRE FOXES

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- N D Burns
- C D Crowe
- J M Dakin*
- P A J DeFreitas*
- P Griffiths
- A Habib*
- D L Maddy*
- D E Malcolm
- D J Marsh (O)
- J Ormond*
- B F Smith*
- W F Stelling
- D I Stevens
- I J Sutcliffe*
- T R Ward
- V J Wells (C)*
- M J A Whiley
- A S Wright

* Capped Players

PLAYERS IN

- P Griffiths, D E Malcolm,
- D J Marsh, M J A Whiley

PLAYERS OUT

- M T Brimson, P E Robinson,
- A Sachdeva, D Williamson,
- A Kumble, C C Lewis, A A Khan

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THE 2001 SEASON

■ Much of the talk around Grace Road in the close season has been about the arrival of legendary Australian wicketkeeper Rodney Marsh's son on the Leicestershire Foxes playing staff.

Danny Marsh, a useful all-rounder, is the county's new overseas player and is likely to go straight into the side for the season opener against champions Gloucestershire Gladiators at Grace Road. Marsh joins fellow all-rounders Phil DeFreitas and Jonathan Dakin at the heart of the team, while former England paceman Devon Malcolm has been added to the bowling attack. Malcolm, now 38, should form a useful partnership with Jimmy Ormond.

Ben Smith, Darren Maddy and Aftab Habib all performed well with the bat last season, with some big scores and averages in the 30s. But they will need to be at least as consistent this season if the Foxes are to improve upon fourth place in the table.

Captain Vince Wells needs to urge his side to recapture the form that deserted them last year.

2000 SEASON BATTING AVERAGES

Name	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avg
B.F.Smith	16	15	2	508	90	39.07
I.J.Sutcliffe	3	2	0	71	53	35.50
D.L.Maddy	16	15	3	393	87*	32.75
A.Habib	15	14	2	384	70	32.00
J.M.Dakin	9	8	3	130	68*	26.00
V.J.Wells	15	14	0	303	81	21.64
T.R.Ward	14	13	0	219	61	16.84
D.I.Stevens	12	11	2	121	32	13.44
P.A.J.DeFreitas	13	10	0	115	40	11.50
C.C.Lewis	10	9	2	77	26*	11.00
N.D.Burns	16	11	1	105	29	10.50
D.Williamson	6	4	0	27	12	6.75
J.Ormond	12	8	5	19	5*	6.33
A.Kumble	12	7	1	31	13	5.16
W.F.Stelling	1	1	1	10	10*	-

2000 SEASON BOWLING AVERAGES

Name	O	M	R	Wkts	Avg	Best
W.F.Stelling	9	2	35	3	11.66	3-35
D.L.Maddy	47.3	2	203	13	15.61	4-16
D.Williamson	24.2	0	121	7	17.28	3-32
S.A.J.Boswell	27	1	109	6	18.16	3-38
C.C.Lewis	76	13	238	13	18.30	4-34
A.Kumble	99.5	11	346	16	21.62	3-26
J.Ormond	96.3	11	384	15	25.60	3-43
V.J.Wells	99.1	8	396	14	28.28	3-32
P.A.J.DeFreitas	100	10	374	11	34.00	2-24
J.M.Dakin	67.3	7	348	9	38.66	2-36
C.D.Crowe	1	0	10	0	-	-



KENT SPITFIRES

2000 - 5th, Division One (32pts)

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- R S Ferley
- M V Fleming (C)*
- D P Fulton*
- J M Golding
- D W Headley*
- J B Hockley
- G O Jones
- R W T Key
- A G R Loudon
- A Khan
- P Lazenbery
- D D Masters
- M J McCague*
- P A Nixon*
- M M Patel*
- B J Phillips
- M J Saggars
- E T Smith
- B J Trott
- M J Walker*
- J D Watson
- A P Wells*

■ PLAYERS IN

- D J Cullinan, R S Ferley,
- G O Jones

THE 2001 SEASON

■ The close season brought mixed news for Kent Spitfires captain Matthew Fleming as he prepared for his side's season opener against Warwickshire Bears at Canterbury.

Fleming suffered a double blow in the shape of fast bowlers Dean Headley and Julian Thompson both being forced to retire through injury.

However, Daryll Cullinan was confirmed as the county's overseas player and it will fall to the South African to get the best out of the Spitfires' relatively inexperienced batting line-up.

Wicketkeeper Paul Nixon will again be an influential figure as one of the seasoned campaigners at the St Lawrence Ground.

Slow left-armed Rob Ferley has been given a contract and could force his way into the first XI after impressing on the England Under-19 tour to India.

The Spitfires' fortunes in the Norwich Union League rest largely on the performances of one-day specialist Mark Ealham, who remains the man to watch.

■ PLAYERS OUT

- R S Clinton, R S Dravid,
- S A Marsh, D A Scott,
- J B Thompson

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■ 2000 SEASON BATTING AVERAGES

Name	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avg
R.Dravid	13	13	3	437	104	43.70
J.B.Hockley	9	8	2	236	64	39.33
M.V.Fleming	14	12	2	302	79	30.20
M.J.McCague	7	5	1	120	56	30.00
A.P.Wells	11	11	1	284	90	28.40
D.A.Scott	2	1	0	27	27	27.00
M.A.Ealham	12	10	1	175	49*	19.44
P.A.Nixon	14	11	2	170	30*	18.88
D.P.Fulton	6	6	0	104	69	17.33
M.J.Walker	14	13	0	224	63	17.23
E.T.Smith	1	1	0	14	14	14.00
M.J.Saggars	6	4	3	13	10*	13.00
S.A.Marsh	8	7	0	78	38	11.14
R.W.T.Key	5	5	0	41	16	8.20
D.D.Masters	14	9	2	33	10*	4.71

■ 2000 SEASON BOWLING AVERAGES

Name	O	M	R	Wkts	Avg	Best
B.J.Phillips	7	0	25	4	6.25	4-25
D.A.Scott	14	0	61	5	12.20	3-21
M.J.Saggars	46.4	3	187	13	14.38	3-22
M.J.McCague	46.2	4	206	11	18.72	3-29
M.V.Fleming	86.4	7	306	16	19.12	3-7
M.M.Patel	65	8	282	12	23.50	2-13
K.Adams	44	2	195	8	24.37	4-19
M.J.Walker	33	1	178	6	29.66	2-27
M.A.Ealham	91.4	11	313	10	31.30	3-38
J.M.Golding	13	2	38	1	38.00	1-18
D.D.Masters	99.1	8	433	9	48.11	2-10

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2000 - 6th, Division One (30pts)

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- K P Dutch
- C Gazzard
- J O Grove
- P C L Holloway*
- C Hunkin
- R L Johnson
- I Jones
- P S Jones
- J I D Kerr
- M N Lathwell*
- K A Parsons*
- G D Rose*
- A Suppiah
- P Trego
- M E Trescothick*
- J Tucker
- R J Turner*
- T Webley
- M Wood

■ PLAYERS IN

- K P Dutch, R L Johnson,
- C Hunkin, A Suppiah,
- T Webley

THE 2001 SEASON

■ England regulars Marcus Trescothick and Andy Caddick are still the big names in the Somerset Sabres line-up but they have bolstered their squad with some new recruits as they prepare for their opening game against Yorkshire Phoenix at Headingley.

Keith Dutch and Richard Johnson, both signed from Middlesex Crusaders, will add weight to the county's bowling attack.

Veteran opener Peter Bowler will be required to put together some big knocks and Rob Turner is aiming to improve on a disappointing last year.

Mark Lathwell and Graham Rose can be expected to contribute again while 19-year-old Peter Trego could make a name for himself this season.

Leading the way again is inspirational Aussie skipper Jamie Cox, whose top-order batting will again set the tone.

The Sabres narrowly avoided relegation last time out but there should be better news from the south-west this year.

■ PLAYERS OUT

- A R K Pierson, P W Jarvis,
- G J Kennis

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■ 2000 SEASON BATTING AVERAGES

Name	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avg
M.E.Trescothick	11	11	1	464	92*	46.40
A.R.K.Pierson	2	2	1	39	31*	39.00
K.A.Parsons	16	15	2	436	69	33.53
J.Cox	16	16	0	485	110	30.31
M.Burns	16	15	0	387	97	25.80
P.D.Bowler	14	13	0	321	69	24.69
M.N.Lathwell	9	9	0	194	53	21.55
R.J.Turner	15	14	4	210	44	21.00
I.D.Blackwell	16	15	2	267	50*	20.53
J.I.D.Kerr	3	3	2	14	13	14.00
P.S.Jones	16	10	6	54	27	13.50
G.D.Rose	13	12	2	89	20	8.90
P.C.L.Holloway	9	9	1	58	15	7.25
P.D.Trego	3	2	0	14	14	7.00
A.R.Caddick	5	3	0	19	16	6.33

■ 2000 SEASON BOWLING AVERAGES

Name	O	M	R	Wkts	Avg	Best
M.E.Trescothick	68	2	329	16	20.56	4-50
P.S.Jones	127.4	11	620	28	22.14	4-32
M.P.L.Bulbeck	6	1	23	1	23.00	1-23
A.R.Caddick	35.2	8	98	4	24.50	2-15
A.R.K.Pierson	18	0	84	3	28.00	2-50
J.I.D.Kerr	17	0	97	3	32.33	2-53
P.W.Jarvis	88.2	2	475	14	33.92	3-23
K.A.Parsons	46	1	249	7	35.57	2-25
I.D.Blackwell	105.3	2	478	13	36.76	4-36
G.D.Rose	100	13	397	9	44.11	2-18
M.Burns	15	1	90	2	45.00	2-24



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- M A Butcher*
- M A Carberry
- E S H Giddins
- C G Greenidge
- A J Hollioake (C)*
- B C Hollioake*
- T J Murtagh
- Saqlain Mushtaq (O)*
- M W Patterson
- J J Porter
- M R Ramprakash
- J D Ratcliffe*
- I D K Salisbury*
- P J Sampson
- B J M Scott
- N Shahid*
- A J Stewart*
- G P Thorpe*
- A J Tudor*
- I J Ward
- * Capped Players

THE 2001 SEASON

■ Surrey Lions begin their Norwich Union League campaign against Nottinghamshire Outlaws at The Oval with a star-studded squad of players under the captaincy of Adam Hollioake.

The bad news for anyone looking to prevent last season's Division Two champions sweeping all before them in Division One is that they have strengthened significantly during the winter months.

England regulars Alec Stewart and Graham Thorpe have been joined by Ed Giddins and Mark Ramprakash, who has made it clear he sees the move across London as vital to his hopes of regaining his international place.

With Pakistan's master of spin Saqlain Mushtaq available from June onwards the Lions will again be a force to be reckoned with.

Brightest among their younger stars will be 23-year-old Carl Greenidge, son of legendary West Indies batsman Gordon and a promising fast-medium bowler.

PLAYERS IN

M R Ramprakash, E S H Giddins, B J M Scott

PLAYERS OUT K A O Barrett

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2000 SEASON BATTING AVERAGES

Name	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avg
G.P.Thorpe	8	8	3	344	126*	68.80
N.Shahid	7	7	2	239	109*	47.80
G.J.Batty	2	2	1	46	26*	46.00
A.J.Stewart	5	5	1	164	72*	41.00
A.J.Hollioake	14	13	4	346	111	38.44
I.J.Ward	14	13	1	429	90*	35.75
G.P.Butcher	2	2	0	51	37	25.50
A.D.Brown	14	14	0	330	51	23.57
J.D.Ratcliffe	13	9	4	107	42*	21.40
B.C.Hollioake	8	5	0	93	42	18.60
Saqlain Mushtaq	9	4	3	15	7*	15.00
M.A.Butcher	10	10	0	138	47	13.80
M.P.Bicknell	11	4	1	37	15*	12.33
I.D.K.Salisbury	6	4	1	23	13	7.66
J.N.Batty	9	3	0	18	8	6.00

2000 SEASON BOWLING AVERAGES

Name	O	M	R	Wkts	Avg	Best
A.J.Hollioake	59.4	1	263	23	11.43	5-29
I.D.K.Salisbury	36.4	2	141	11	12.81	4-32
A.D.Brown	11	0	57	4	14.25	3-39
Saqlain Mushtaq	77	10	260	18	14.44	3-12
M.P.Bicknell	87	11	241	15	16.06	3-14
B.C.Hollioake	47.4	0	181	11	16.45	4-42
A.J.Tudor	68	10	281	14	20.07	4-26
J.D.Ratcliffe	89	3	354	10	35.40	3-39
C.G.Greenidge	34.2	1	185	4	46.25	2-43
I.E.Bishop	12	1	48	1	48.00	1-22
T.J.Murtagh	17	1	102	1	102.00	1-50



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE OUTLAWS

2000 - 2nd, Division Two (46pts)

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SQUAD

- U Afzaal*
- V Atri
- D J Bicknell*
- G S Blewett (O)
- G D Glough
- P J Franks*
- J E R Gallian (C)*
- A J Harris*
- C J Hewison
- P Johnson*
- R J Logan
- D S Lucas
- N Malik
- D J Millns*
- J E Morris*
- M Newell*
- W M Noon*
- S Patel
- K P Pietersen
- S J Randall
- C M W Read*
- B Shafayat
- G J Smith
- W R Smith
- R D Stemp*
- C M Tolley*
- G E Welton
- * Capped Players

THE 2001 SEASON

■ Promotion to the First Division at the end of last season was a major boost to a Nottinghamshire Outlaws side trying to build for the future.

Further evidence of their success in that respect was the inclusion of batsman Usman Afzaal, wicketkeeper Chris Read and paceman Paul Franks on the England A tour of the West Indies during the winter.

The trio will be essential to the Outlaws' success in 2001, although they should be helped out by the arrival of Greg Blewett as the county's overseas player.

Blewett, who disappointed during his spell at Yorkshire in 1999, will get an early test of his abilities as the Outlaws travel to The Oval to face Surrey Lions in their opening game on May 13.

Jason Gallian remains in place as captain and will be able to call on experienced campaigners Darren Bicknell, Paul Johnson and Richard Stemp as his young side continue to progress.

PLAYERS OUT

M N Bowen, G R Haywood, A R Oram, P R Reiffel, M J A Whiley

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2000 SEASON BATTING AVERAGES

Name	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avg
P.J.Franks	16	11	8	146	32*	48.66
D.J.Bicknell	16	15	2	537	115	41.30
U.Afzaal	13	11	3	292	95*	36.50
J.E.R.Gallian	15	14	0	439	84	31.35
P.Johnson	11	9	1	224	62	28.00
J.E.Morris	13	12	0	323	73	26.91
D.J.Millns	4	3	2	25	13	25.00
G.R.Haywood	2	2	1	24	16*	24.00
G.E.Welton	8	8	0	154	42	19.25
C.M.Tolley	13	10	2	134	38	16.75
M.N.Bowen	4	3	0	48	31	16.00
P.R.Reiffel	8	4	1	41	18	13.66
C.M.W.Read	16	13	3	124	29*	12.40
A.J.Harris	13	4	2	21	9	10.50
R.D.Stemp	13	2	1	9	5	9.00

2000 SEASON BOWLING AVERAGES

Name	O	M	R	Wkts	Avg	Best
G.R.Haywood	8.5	0	34	2	17.00	2-34
U.Afzaal	13	0	81	4	20.25	2-30
P.J.Franks	130.3	4	562	25	22.48	6-27
P.R.Reiffel	59	11	223	8	27.87	3-8
R.D.Stemp	99	3	404	14	28.85	4-36
D.S.Lucas	90.3	3	475	15	31.66	4-27
C.M.Tolley	88.1	3	352	9	39.11	2-27
M.N.Bowen	25	0	119	3	39.66	2-49
D.J.Millns	33	2	185	4	46.25	2-46
A.J.Harris	102	8	520	11	47.27	5-35
D.J.Bicknell	1	0	6	0	-	-





WARWICKSHIRE BEARS

2000 - 3rd, Division Two (42pts)

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■ SQUAD

- I R Bell
- M M Betts
- D R Brown*
- N M Carter
- C E Dagnall
- V Drakes (O)
- G D Franklin
- T Frost*
- A F Giles*
- D L Hemp*
- N V Knight*
- D P Ostler*
- T L Penney*
- K J Piper*
- M J Powell* (C)
- A Richardson
- M A Sheikh
- R Sierra
- N M K Smith*
- J Spire
- N Tahir
- J Troughton
- G Wagg
- M A Wagh
- N Warren
- E J Wilson

* Capped Players

■ PLAYERS IN

- M M Betts, N M Carter,
- V Drakes, J Spire , N Tahir,
- J Troughton, G Wagg

THE 2001 SEASON

■ It will be a much-changed Warwickshire Bears side that takes the field against Kent Spitfires at Canterbury for their opening game of the season.

Fast bowlers Allan Donald, Ed Giddins and Graeme Welch have all moved on so Melvyn Betts and Vasbert Drakes have been signed to bolster the attack.

The captaincy has been handed to England A star Michael Powell, taking over from Neil Smith, who led the side to promotion in 2000.

Smith remains on the staff and will be a key player again this year along with Mark Wagh, David Hemp and one-day specialist Dougie Brown.

Ashley Giles should be a force after his winter success with England and Nick Knight, who may feel he has a point to prove to the selectors, will also be vital to the Bears' fortunes.

With many new faces at Edgbaston this year, Powell's first target will surely be to safeguard First Division status for 2002.

■ PLAYERS OUT

- D A Altree, E S H Giddins,
- B W O'Connell, A Singh,
- G Welch

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Corals
7/1

■ 2000 SEASON BATTING AVERAGES

Name	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avg
N.V.Knight	9	9	1	378	82	47.25
K.J.Piper	15	7	6	44	12*	44.00
D.P.Ostler	16	16	3	385	79*	29.61
T.L.Penney	15	14	4	291	51	29.10
A.Singh	8	8	0	195	74	24.37
M.A.Sheikh	9	5	2	72	36	24.00
D.R.Brown	15	12	2	226	45*	22.60
G.Welch	11	10	0	201	55	20.10
A.F.Giles	13	11	0	221	45	20.09
M.A.Wagh	3	3	0	58	31	19.33
M.J.Powell	12	11	1	181	41	18.10
T.Frost	1	1	0	18	18	18.00
N.M.K.Smith	16	14	2	171	75*	14.25
D.L.Hemp	9	8	0	106	45	13.25
A.A.Donald	7	5	3	19	11	9.50

■ 2000 SEASON BOWLING AVERAGES

Name	O	M	R	Wkts	Avg	Best
C.E.Dagnall	42	7	142	12	11.83	4-34
A.A.Donald	52	8	148	11	13.45	3-9
D.R.Brown	117	14	447	25	17.88	3-13
N.M.K.Smith	83.3	3	345	18	19.16	3-10
A.F.Giles	115	9	435	22	19.77	3-32
M.J.Powell	27	0	124	6	20.66	2-13
A.Richardson	23.2	1	109	4	27.25	2-34
M.A.Sheikh	70.3	4	280	8	35.00	2-24
E.S.H.Giddins	57.4	7	182	5	36.40	2-15
G.Welch	87	10	304	7	43.42	2-32
M.A.Wagh	4	0	15	0	-	-

● 2001 FIXTURES BY TEAM

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	17/6	20/5
Kent	08/7		05/8	09/9	17/6	03/6	14/8 F	29/4	29/8
Leics	29/4	22/7		17/6	03/6	27/8	08/7	05/9 F	19/8
N'hants	13/5	12/8	23/7		02/9	30/8	03/6	10/6	08/7
Notts	10/6	15/7	16/9	19/8		24/6	09/9	20/5	13/8 F
Som	01/07	20/5	12/8	16/9	08/7		21/8	02/9	17/6
Surrey	12/8	24/6	20/5	22/7	13/5	10/6		30/8	03/9 F
Warks	29/5 F	16/9	24/6	15/7	02/8 F	19/8	29/7		27/8
Yorks	10/9	10/6	15/7	24/6	26/8	13/5	05/8	23/7 F	

F = day/night floodlit match.

● 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.