

Local cricket round-up

CENTRAL DERBYSHIRE

THE reorganised Central Derbyshire Cricket League got off to a confused start.

The decision to set up five straight divisions in place of separate divisions for 1st and 2nd teams was clear enough, but this year the fixtures have been printed in the handbook as a grid, and the clubs have interpreted the grid in different ways.

There was some disagreement regarding which team was playing away and which at home. All games were played, but in some cases the venues were reversed. Apart from this hiccup there was no decline in standards, and there were some notable achievements.

The two newcomers to the Premier Division, Lullington Park and St Luke's were engaged in a real thriller in one of the loveliest settings in the county.

St Luke's set a formidable target of 223-6, with a sound innings from Paul Birch (50).

Brom Jones (37), speeded up the scoring before Steve Plant brought real urgency with a brisk knock of 59 not out, including four sixes which forced the sheep and their lambs to scatter.

Lullington's fortunes fluctuated, and they were greatly helped by a captain's innings from John Goodwin (77), and six dropped catches by the Saints. The winnings runs came with one over to spare.

Belper Meadows visited Little Eaton and faced a total of 207-4. For Little Eaton Paul Dolby (75), and Dennis Carr (60), were in fine form. The Meadows' reply was dominated by Jim Banell who reached 94 not out to give his side victory by six wickets.

In Division Two Allestree seemed to be in a good position when their innings closed at 213-5. The main contributions came from their skipper Phil Deane (87), and Les Hall (52).

Their opponents, Brailsford, went for the runs from the start and a good knock from Andy France (74), helped them to a win by four wickets.

Also in Division Two, Derby Congs built up a good score of 209 for six before declaring with seven overs left, including 75 from Kevin Wightman and 76 from Phil Hyde.

Kirk Langley put up a spirited resistance, and thanks to a defiant knock from Bullivant (71), hung on for a losing draw. Steve Baines took 4-54.

Clifton gained a decisive win over Shepshed Messengers. Their total of 221 included 42 from Anthony Mansfield and 74 from Roger Jones. Shepshed could only muster 143.

The game between Shipley Hall 2nds and Lullington Park 2nds at Shipley produced a total of 471 runs.

Rob Cokayne scored 99 for Shipley before he was caught and bowled, and for Lullington Winterton (74), Hughes (50) and Lovett (51) steered them to 237-7, to win by three wickets.

RESULTS

Premier Division: Little Eaton 207-4, (7), (P. Dolby 75, D. Carr 60), lost to Belper Meadows 211-4, (20), (Banell 94 not out) by six wickets; Ticknall 154, (6), (A. Melen 67, Raine 4-55), lost to Etwell 158-5, (20), (Swinburne 46, Kinnerley 41 not out) by five wickets; Elvaston 159-9, (14), (Bostock 42) drew with Shipley Hall 130-9, (9); Stanton-by-Dale 175, (8), (Benson 7-61) lost to Bramcote 210-7, (20), (Green 53, Murgatroyd 49) by 35 runs; Lullington Park 224-8, (20), (Goodwin 77) beat St Luke's and St Michael's 223-6, (9), (Birch 50, Plant 59 not out, Grieveson 4-65) by two wickets.

Division Two: Shepshed Messengers 143, (8), (Raven 44) lost to Clifton 221, (20), (Mansfield 42, R. Jones 74) by 78 runs; Derby Congs 209-6 dec, (16), (K. Wightman 75, Hyde 76) drew with Kirk Langley 153-8, (7), (Bullivant 71, S. Baines 4-54); Brailsford 214-6, (20), (A. France 74) beat Allestree 213-5, (8), (L. Hall 52, Deane 87) by four wickets; Duffield 106-9, (5), (Long 4-34) drew with Stanton 161-6, (16), (Marshall 51, Wright 40 not out).

Division Three: Melbourne 133-6, (5) drew with Allestree 213-3, (15), (Boyes 56 not out, Hitchcock 46, Cole 44); Belper Meadows 111-3, (20) beat Elvaston 110, (3), (Hyde 4-33) by seven wickets; British Rail 94, (2) lost to Brailsford 95-3, (20), (Taylor 45 not out) by seven wickets; N. Leics M.W. 141-8, (10), (Thompson 5-57, Nichols 58) drew with Stanton-by-Dale 158-7, (13), (Morley 62, Birch 5-45).

Division Four: Stanton 143, (20), (Hosain 4-38) beat Derby Congs 124, (7) by 19 runs; Etwell 95, (2), (Dilkes 6-49) lost to Pastures Hospital 99-3, (20), (Fox 53) by seven wickets; Shipley Hall 234-7, (8), (R. Cokayne 99) lost to Lullington Park 237-7, (20), (Winterton 74, Hughes 50, Lovett 51) by three wickets; Bramcote 201-4, (20), (Sheen 52, Terry 47 not out) beat Duffield 88, (2), (Butcher 7-21) by 123 runs.

Division Five: Melbourne 111-1, (20), (Potts 44 not out) beat N. Leics M.W. 107, (2), (Reading 4-19) by nine wickets; Clifton 137-9, (20), (Bowes 5-38) beat British Rail 105, (6), (Moore 4-13) by 32 runs; Kirk Langley 163-6, (12) drew with Cromford Meadows 168-9, (12), (Martin 42, Isherwood 6-24); St Luke's and St Michael's 96, (3) lost to Ticknall 99-5, (20) by five wickets.

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DERBY AND DISTRICT

THE first match of the season saw Derby and District Cricket League 1989 Division One champions Draycott and Hanbury score a six wicket victory over Appleby Magna.

Appleby managed a total of 107 for 7, with Kevin Sellwood scoring 42.

Draycott reached that target with the loss of only four wickets.

Brackensfield beat Hilton by seven wickets. Rob Measures, who rejoined Brackensfield after two years away, took a wicket with his first ball and went on to take 4 for 21 in Hilton's 88 all out.

Brackensfield knocked them off for the loss of only three wickets with Gary Newbold hitting 33 not out.

Crusaders 151 all out proved much to good for Rolls-Royce who were dismissed for 58. Glen Edwards having a fine game for the visitors, scoring 31 runs and then taking three for 11.

In the other Division One game Derby, 138 for seven, had a winning draw against Swadlincote, for whom Glyn Newbold scored 51.

The highest total of the day was in Division Two where Netherseal St Peters ran up a total of 183 for eight, with Richard Moore scoring 49.

In reply Overseal Phoenix put up stubborn resistance and gained a losing draw at 101 for eight.

In the only other Division Two game Andy Holmes scored 28 out of Loscoe's total of 111. Brackensfield Seconds' John Straw took five for 26. But Brackensfield fell 10 runs short of the total required at 101 all out.

RESULTS

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SR and C Division One: Appleby Magna, (3), 107-3 Kevin Sellwood 42, Nick Smith 3-20 lost to Draycott and Hanbury 111-4 (18), Jason Fletcher 32, Harry Elden 25, Kevin Douglas 24, Stan Kirkland 3-43 by 6 wickets; Rolls Royce (4), 58, Vic Smith 4-20, Glen Edwards 3-11 lost to Crusaders (22) 151, Glen Edwards 31, Vic Smith 26, D. Shardlow 4-25, M. Raynor 3-29 by 93 runs; Hilton (0) 86, Dave Holloway 21, Robert Measures 4-21, Steve Fleming 3-6 lost to Brackensfield (18), 92-3, Dave Newbold 33, Anthony Fowkes 25, Gary Newbold 22 by 7 wickets; Denby (12), 138-7 winning draw versus Swadlincote (3), 92-6, Glyn Newbold 51.

Heineken Division Two: Overseal Phoenix (6), 101-8, Martin Parker 27, Colin Sturgess 4-53, David Hall 3-26 losing draw to Netherseal St Peters (16), 183-8, Richard Moore 49, Simon Staley 3-46; Brackensfield II (6), 101, David Rout 23, J. Cottingham 4-10 lost to Loscoe (20), 111, Andy Holmes 28, Straw 5-26 by 10 runs.

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