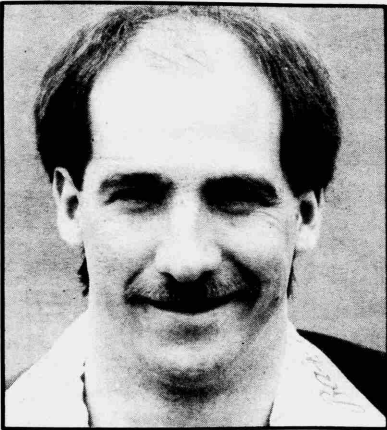


CRICKET SPECIAL

Club and county round-up

BURTON GRAB OPENING WIN



● Barnett... gold award winner not happy with county's form.

Derbyshire captain Kim Barnett roasted his team after his 11th one-day century for the county had set up a thrilling Benson and Hedges victory over Gloucestershire at Derby.

Barnett's 102 earned him the gold award as his side reached 224 for six in reply to the visitors' 224 for nine, winning by virtue of losing fewer wickets.

It was all in vain as both sides were already out of the competition when the match resumed this morning and Barnett later made it clear Derbyshire could have no complaints over failing to reach the quarter finals.

He said: "We have been well below par so far this season. We have got to work harder and start putting our game together."

"We knew when the group was announced that we would have to beat either Worcestershire or Northamptonshire to make progress and looking back we should have won both those matches."

"We are out of the cup not because we have

Barnett roasts slack Derbys

been outplayed but because we have let ourselves down."

Although there was nothing at stake when the match, which was held over by bad light on Tuesday evening, restarted both teams produced a finale that was full of intrigue.

Barnett and Bruce Roberts went out requiring a further 86 from 16 overs and their stand had reached 119 in 30 overs when Roberts fell one short of a half century, caught at deep square off an attempted pull at Andy Babington.

Barnett reached his century from 149 balls and Derbyshire were well on course until Mike Smith bowled him to set up a tense final over.

Babington gave nothing away and when Chris Adams was run out off the third ball, the odds shifted towards the visitors.

But Tim O'Gorman remain calm and found the gaps to take four off the last two balls to bring the scores level and give Derbyshire victory.

Burton's 1991 revival continued with their first Central League victory of the season in a double header weekend.

The win came on Sunday over Bedworth after settling for a losing draw at Leicester Nomads the previous day.

The addition of two new teams to the Central League this season, Blossomfield and Bedworth, has increased the number of clubs to 14. This spells two weekends of double headers to accommodate all the matches.

On Sunday, Burton had their first look at one of the new teams, Bedworth, who have made an indifferent start to the season, taking a little while to adjust to the format of 50-over matches.

Central League

None of the bedworth batsmen managed a major contribution and their cause was not helped by some indecisive running which allowed the keen Burton fielders to capture two run outs.

Grant Harrison bowled unchanged throughout the innings and was a constant handful, taking three wickets for 59 from 25 overs. Paul Shaw, making a welcome first appearance of the season for Burton, also bowled well facing a strong wind, to pick up three for 48.

A total of 169 never seemed likely to stretch Burton once the new ball had been safely negotiated, and so it proved.

Paul Shaw and Mark Johnston put together an unbeaten partnership of 109 to ease Burton a comprehensive victory for the loss of only two wickets.

On Saturday Burton travelled to Leicester to face a Nomads side whose new blood certainly made a difference.

Opening batsman Keon showed genuine class to hammer a toiling Burton attack for an effortless 122 helping his team reach 244 for three.

In reply Iain Anderson and David Marshall repelled the first onslaught from McEwen and Walsh, a very pacey West Indian, but any hopes of reaching the target were quickly dashed when Walsh, returning for a second spell downwind, ripped through the middle order.

At 61 for four, Iain Anderson and David Woodburn were left with little alternative but to battle for a draw.

SCOREBOARD

Burton v Leicester Nomads

LEICESTER NOMADS	
P Dobson c Johnston b Marriott	83
L Keon c Marshall b Emery	122
P Plooman c Johnston b Emery	4
S Schofield not out	15
P Giffon not out	9
Extras	11
Total: (for 3 Wks) 244	
Fall of wickets:	
Bowling: Roberts 7-1-20-0, Harrison 14-1-22-0, Inwood 2-0-35-0, Metab 9-0-60-0, Marriott 10-0-35-1, Emery 6-0-47-2	

BURTON	
I Anderson b Challenger	58
D Marshall b McEwen	28
M Johnston b Walsh	4
J Emery b Walsh	0
Metab b Walsh	0
D Woodburn not out	16
G Harrison c Dobson b Walsh	1
S Roberts b Walsh	0
J Marriott not out	3
Extras	15
Total: (for 7 Wks) 125	
Fall of wickets:	
Bowling: McEwen 14-5-45-1, Walsh 15-1-32-5, Giffon 10-5-40-0, Spiers 4-2-13-0, Norris 3-1-9-0, Plooman 2-1-1-0, Challenger 4-2-6-1	

Match drawn Burton (2pts), Leicester Nomads (6pts).

Bedworth v Burton

BEDWORTH	
P Smith b Harrison	16
H Parnell run out	30
A Bhayat c Anderson b Harrison	1
D Oakes b Shaw	38
D Isles c Anderson b Marriott	10
O Bhayat run out	0
R Hodges c Marshall b Shaw	6
V Fitzsimmons c Johnston b Harrison	14
K Parnell not out	36
I Camwell b Shaw	9
A Sarna not out	3
Extras	6
Total: (for 9 Wks) 169	
Fall of wickets:	
Bowling: Shaw 5-0-19-0, Harrison 25-5-59-3, Marriott 10-1-38-1, Shaw 10-2-48-3	

BURTON	
I Anderson b Camwell	6
D Marshall run out	19
P Shaw not out	82
M Johnston not out	55
Extras	10
Total: (for 2 Wks) 172	
Fall of wickets:	
Bowling: K Parnell 9-3-13-0, Camwell 11-5-24-1, Sarna 7-0-31-0, Oakes 9-1-38-0, Isles 3-0-20-0, H Parnell 4-0-18-0	

Burton (10pts) beat Bedworth (0pts).

ALBREW DIV 2 SCOREBOARDS

Brackensfield v Draycott & Han

DRAYCOTT	
P Walker c D Newbold b R Measures	1
C Clack run out	6
V Taylor c S Glover b R Measures	18
S Boyle b R Measures	1
S Carpenter b J Reynolds	24
P Stubbs b W S Fleming	17
C Rubin st P Smith b S Fleming	4
H Elden b S Fleming	1
G Dodds not out	10
D Walker b J Reynolds	0
Extras	7
Total: (for 7 Wks) 89	
Fall of wickets:	
Bowling: M Walters 15-6-20-0, R Measures 11-4-20-3, S Fleming 9-2-26-4, J Reynolds 5-1-0-14-2	

BRACKENSFIELD	
D Woolley b W D Walker	31
G Newbold b D Walker	36
S Glover b D Walker	4
D Newbold b D Walker	5
D Wallis c P P Walker	4
M Wallis not out	4
S Fleming not out	3
P Smith b D Walker	0
Extras	7
Total: (for 6 Wks) 90	
Fall of wickets:	
Bowling: D Walker 17-8-23-5, G Dodd 6-2-14-0, P Walker 10-1-26-1, V Taylor 7-0-20-0, C Clack 2-1-4-0	

Brackensfield (9pts) beat Draycott and Hanbury (0pts) by 4 Wks.

Swadlincote v Kings Bromley

KINGS BROMLEY	
R Woodburn c I Brotherhood b T Heath	16
M McKenzie b D Witham	4
D Mott b T Heath	56
T Watkins b W K Gardner	5
I Mott run out	0
K Oakley b K Gardner	8
D Carter st M Kerry b K Gardner	10
R Bluff not out	0
C Rudkin st M Kerry b K Gardner	0
Extras	12
Total: (for 7 Wks) 111	
Fall of wickets:	
Bowling: S Hughes 7-2-74-0, D Witham 10-2-21-1, K Gardner 17-1-44-4, T Heath 12-2-32-2	

SWADLINCOTE	
K Gardner c McKenzie b Carter	25
I Brotherhood c McKenzie b Carter	0
S Newson b Carter	1
M Kerry b Carter	1
R Venes b Oakley	0
A Proudman c Bluff b Oakley	0
D Witham b Carter	2
S Medcalf b Carter	2
S Hughes not out	3
T Heath b Watkins	2
R Payling b Carter	1
Extras	3
Total: (for 6 Wks) 38	
Fall of wickets:	
Bowling: D Walker 17-8-23-5, G Dodd 6-2-14-0, P Walker 10-1-26-1, V Taylor 7-0-20-0, C Clack 2-1-4-0	

Swadlincote (2pts) lost to K Bromley (10pts) by 73 runs.

Hilton v Elford

HILTON	
R Barber b R Wain	50
A Barber c Found b R Drabble	3
P Laban c Found b R Drabble	16
A Sellers c Woodall b Ling	0
P Bingham b Hodgkinson	4
P Duffern b Hodgkinson	0
D Holloway b Ling	0
M Press c Hodgkinson M b Ling	0
P Slaney b Ling	0
I Barber run out	9
N Barber not out	0
Extras	7
Total: (for 9 Wks) 92	
Fall of wickets:	
Bowling: B Woodhall 9-1-22-0, R Drabble 9-2-21-2, D Ling 10-1-17-4, M Hodgkinson 10-4-1-23-3, R Wain 14-2-1-4	

ELFORD	
G Green not out	13
M Twombles c A Barber b P Slaney	9
B Barber b A Barber	35
P Ling not out	26
Extras	3
Total: (for 2 Wks) 63	
Fall of wickets:	
Bowling: P Slaney 8-1-23-1, R Barber 8-3-24-0, A Sellers 5-1-9-0, A Barber 3-0-1-0	

Hilton (1pt) lost to Elford (10pts) by 8 wks

Barber is cut above the rest!

Albrow Malsters Division 2

Six clubs made their debut in the Burton League's new Albrow Malsters Division Two. Three of them went home happy at having won their opening matches; three were defeated, and a further two were unfortunately not playing since Netherseal St Peters were unable to raise a team.

Hammerwich thus 'earned' themselves the maximum 12 points in somewhat unsatisfactory circumstances.

Hilton relied heavily on Bob Barber who made over half their total of 92 before he was out just before the innings finished for a well-made fifty. All Elford's bowlers were economical on a slow pitch, with Ling returning the best figures of 4 for 23.

Geoff Green played the anchor role in Elford's reply. He was still there for a solid 13 not out when the match was won with almost twenty overs to spare. Found and Ling both scored freely to ensure a simple victory by eight wickets.

Partnership

Runs were hard to come by at Brackensfield, where the home club invited Draycott & Hanbury to bat first. They battled hard to reach 89 from forty overs with Steve Carpenter making the most runs, while Vaughan Taylor and Perry Stubbs both made useful contributions.

Steve Fleming took 4 for 26 with his medium pacers. A good opening partnership of 64 by Dave Woolley and Gary Newbold virtually settled the match in Brackensfield's favour although they only had three overs to spare at the end. An inspired second spell by Dave Walker, in which he took five wickets, left Draycott wondering what might have been.

Required

Rawdon Colliery made an excellent recovery following the loss of three early wickets for only five. Ian Hextall made the first serious resistance and then Orpwood hit 51 out of only 62 runs while he was at the wicket. Bennett led the tail as they waggled another 48 runs for the last three wickets.

Trentside lost one early wicket, but then made light of scoring the 145 runs required. Ian Morgan and skipper Colin Wood added 80 for the second wicket and, after they were both out, Tony Cooke ensured that there was to be no collapse as he took his team to a satisfying seven wicket victory.

Newly-relegated Kings Bromley had a successful beginning to their campaign to return to the First Division. They relied heavily on two individual

performances to bring about their victory. Captain Dave Mott led the way with 56 good runs towards his team's all-out total of 111.

For Swadlincote, Kevin Gardner followed his four wickets with a staunch innings of 25.

He was eighth out with the score only 32, Duncan Carter, with his hair streaming in the wintry wind, having done the most damage with seven wickets for 22. Swadlincote were dismissed for 38, still 73 short of their target.

Seeing double

MCC last night approved a revolutionary double-sided bat which will be used at the Lord's Test this summer by Sri Lankan Graeme Labrooy.

England chairman of selectors Ted Dexter and former captains Peter May and Colin Cowdrey discussed the bat at a meeting of the MCC cricket sub committee and were satisfied that it met the required standards.

Scoreboard

DERBYSHIRE	
K Barnett b Smith	102
B Roberts	
c Romanes b Babington	49
T O'Gorman not out	23
C Adams run out	2
A Warner not out	0
Extras	19
Total: (6 wks, 55 ovs) 224	
Fall: 4-186-5-216-6-219	
Bowling: Gilbert 11-2-37-1; Babington 11-0-49-2; Lawrence 11-0-38-1; Smith 11-0-39-1; Alleyne 5-0-24-0; Scott 6-0-24-0	