

CLUB CRICKET

Leaders look unstoppable

Pullers' double bronze

Tug of war

Holland Tug of War Club came home with two third places from an open challenge competition at Witney, near Oxford.

In the 640 kilo contest, the Barton-based club scored a Wiltshire double by beating the Victoria club 2-0 and Swindon Gym 2-1, only losing to Shere Punjab from West Bromwich.

Having made the semi-final, Holland found themselves up against Loddon Valley and, although denied a final place, were pleased with their showing at a lighter weight and with two novice pullers on the rope.

At catchweight they showed glimpses of their top form but, in appalling weather that left Holland pulling in knee-high mud, could not sustain their effort and again tumbled third.

They scored impressive wins over Witney, Victoria and Wigston but again fell victim to Shere Punjab and the revenge of Swindon Gym.

While rain fell elsewhere, HAMMERWICH took advantage of being one of the dry spots to build on their lead at the top of the Albrow Maltsters Second Division.

They took on near-neighbours and close rivals ELFord and were invited to bat and openers Barry Hurcombe and Neal Glover took advantage of some loose bowling early on to take the score to 66.

After Glover's dismissal, Phil Russell helped his skipper to take the score to 134 for two. The last 15 overs saw Hammerwich advance the score quickly to 258 for five, Russell having led the way with a good 90.

After tea the weather decided to take a hand but covers saved the game.

Consolidated

Twomlow batted sensibly before he was stumped off Graham Clegg, and Brian Found threatened to cut loose until he hit an Elwell delivery firmly at Glover.

The last 20 overs were largely dominated by the weather and Elford took advantage of some friendly bowling to take their score to 170 - 88 runs short.

BRACKENFIELD consolidated third position by beating RAWDON in a rain-reduced match by 30 runs.

Dave Woolley and Gary Newbold gave hosts Brackensfield a sound start with the latter riding his luck to top-score with 82 (eight sixes and four fours) and with Darren Walters adding 23 not out, 163 off 30 overs always looked likely to be a winning score.

Dave Evans anchored the Rawdon reply and, along with Dave Ball and Darral Clamp, always kept the score near the required scoring rate. Two excellent catches and three runs out proved too much in the end.

An opening stand of 68 between Douglas and Walker set up DRAYCOTT AND HANBURY'S six-wicket victory over NETHERSEAL ST PETER'S in a match shortened by three overs because of rain.

Netherseal's had a similar opening partnership with 61 between Peter Sturges and Wotton and added to a fifth wicket stand behind Roy Hillier and Colin Sturges who hit four sixes and four fours in a 52 not out saw St Peters to a respectable score of 154 for seven, with Graham Dodd returning four for 34.

Douglas and Walker batted cautiously to make 68 and helped Draycott win a close game with only two overs in hand.

TRENTSIDE enjoyed an 88-run win over KINGS BROMLEY.

They started with two good partnerships both involving Colin Wood

who went on to score 58 not out. Tony Cooke and Geoff Gazzard both made hard-hitting contributions.

Bromley bowler Harold Baker took five wickets for 41 while Kevin Oakley bowled throughout the innings to take three for 41 in an economical spell.

However, they were let down by their batsmen. They lost early wickets and, at one time were three for four and then 17 for seven. Watkins and Matthews brought some respectability to their score as they added 50 for the eighth wicket and earned themselves one point.

The last three wickets fell for nought, Russ Davenport and Gordon Brake were the chief destroyers in the collapse.

The match between HILTON and SWADLINCOTE was abandoned without a ball being bowled.

HAMMERS HOME AND DRY?

Albrow Maltsters

Positions

ALBROW MALTSTERS

	PW	LA	B	Pt
Hammerwich	8	7	0	1 24 81
Elford	8	5	1	2 15 56
Brack'sfield	8	4	2	2 18 52
D'cott/H'bry	8	3	3	2 18 45
Trentside	8	3	3	2 18 45
Kings Brom	8	3	3	2 18 45
N St Peters	8	3	4	1 10 34
Hilton	8	1	4	3 13 32
Rawdon Col	8	2	5	1 13 30
Swadlincote	8	0	6	2 13 19

Fixtures

Fixtures: Swadlincote v Trentside, Rawdon v Hilton, Elford v Brackensfield, Draycott and Hanbury v Hammerwich, Kings Bromley v Netherseal St Peter's.

Scoreboard

Hammerwich v Elford

Hammerwich	Elford
B Hurcombe lbw b Healdfield.....63	N Glover lbw b Woodall.....32
P Russell c Green b Hodgkinson.....90	P Elwell b Storer.....18
G Clegg c Green b Storer.....24	M Lansford not out.....11
K French not out.....0	Extras.....11
Total: (5 wks) 258	

Fall of wickets: 1-66, 2-134, 3-211, 4-219, 5-252.

Bowling: R Drabble 9-2-40-6, B Woodhall 12-1-53-1, M Healdfield 10-1-49-1, R Wain 5-0-38-0, M Hodgkinson 5-0-36-1, M Storer 4-0-24-2.

Elford

M Tomlow s Wainwright b Clegg.....28	R Aubrey c and b Elwell.....13
B Found c Glover b Elwell.....17	R Wain c Wainwright b Russell.....11
M Sturge b Russell.....22	G Green b Clegg.....16
R Drabble b Hurcombe.....16	B Woodall c Clegg b Hurcombe.....23
M Storer c Elwell b Clegg.....4	M Healdfield c Owen b Clegg.....5
M Hodgkinson not out.....1	Extras.....14
Total: (5 wks) 170	

Fall of wickets: 1-58, 2-60, 3-79, 4-79, 5-108, 6-136, 8-144, 9-161, 10-170.

Bowling: P Russell 9-2-28-2, N Ellett 8-1-24-0, D Henn 6-0-23-0, G Clegg 14-5-33-4, P Elwell 3-0-16-2, B Hurcombe 4-5-0-38-2.

Hammerwich (11pts) beat Elford (1pt) by 88 runs.

Brackensfield v Rawdon

Brackensfield	Rawdon
D Woolley c D Hewitt b I Hextall.....20	G Newbold b S Ball.....82
P Smith b S Ball.....0	M Wallis c A Ball b S Ball.....12
D Wallis not out.....23	D Foulke c D Clamp b W Faulkner.....0
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S Glover not out.....12	Extras.....14
Total: (6 wks) 163	

Fall of wickets: 1-51, 2-71, 3-106, 4-125, 5-126, 6-127.

Bowling: I Hextall 10-2-42-1, S Ball 15-1-83-3, W Faulkner 5-0-27-0.

Rawdon

D Evans run out.....22	A Ball b R Measures.....3
B Woollett c J Reynolds b R Measures.....0	D Ball c D Wallis b R Measures.....27
I Hextall c G Newbold b D Foulke.....0	D Clamp c D Foulke b P Smith.....45
A Hewitt b D Newbold.....17	M Faulkner run out.....1
B Ball not out.....3	W Faulkner run out.....3
Extras.....8	Total: (9 wks) 133

Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-5, 3-50, 4-52, 5-59, 6-112, 7-115, 8-124, 9-133.

Bowling: M Wallis 5-1-21-0, R Measures 8-0-20-3, D Foulke 6-0-25-1, Reynolds 3-0-29-0, D Newbold 4-0-15-1, P Smith 4-0-19-1.

Brackensfield (6pts) beat Rawdon (0pts) by 30 runs.

Netherseal SP v Dray/Han

Netherseal	Dray/Han
P Sturges c B Brewer b D Walker.....41	C Whetton c V Taylor b C Dodd.....18
N Brown b D Walker.....0	J Walton c V Taylor b C Dodd.....0
C Sturges not out.....52	R Hillier b C Dodd.....19
R Uddall c J Cooper b C Dodd.....0	S Sturges b D Walker.....0
G Brown not out.....6	Extras.....15
Total: (7 wks) 154	

Fall of wickets: Bowling: D Walker 16-5-53-3, P

Walker 4-0-26-0, K Douglas 2-0-18-0, C Dodd 14-5-34-4, J Cooper 6-1-0-20.

Draycott

P Walker not out.....68	V Taylor c and b C Sturges.....34
K Douglas lbw b P Sturges.....17	J Fletcher lbw b J Walton.....23
P Stubbs b J Walton.....1	H Elden not out.....4
Extras.....10	Total: (4 wks) 157

Fall of wickets: 1-22, 2-90, 3-130, 4-140.

Bowling: D Hall 5-2-12-0, C Sturges 10-2-33-1, R Hillier 11-0-24-0, P Sturges 10-0-40-1, J Walton 4-0-19-2.

Draycott and Hanbury (11pts) beat Netherseal St Peters (2pts) by 6 wickets.

Trentside v Kings Bromley

Trentside	Kings Bromley
M Stakes run out.....17	I Morgan b H Baker.....4
C Wood not out.....58	T Cooke c McKenzie b K Oakley.....29
C Williams b K Oakley.....0	R George c D Mott b T Watkins.....0
R George c D Mott b T Watkins.....0	G Gazzard c K Oakley b H Baker.....24
R Benstead b H Baker.....2	R Shaw b H Baker.....2
R Davenport lbw b H Baker.....6	R Benstead b H Baker.....2
G Brake c R Woodburn b K Oakley.....0	Extras.....13
Total: (5 wks) 155	

Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-45, 3-86, 4-86, 5-95, 6-125, 7-130, 8-146, 9-154, 10-155.

Bowling: K Oakley 22-3-6-47-3, H Baker 13-0-41-5, J Babister 3-0-27-0, T Watkins 6-0-33-1.

Kings Bromley	Trentside
R Woodburn c T Cooke b R Davenport.....2	M McKenzie c T Cooke b G Brake.....0
D Mott c T Cooke b G Brake.....0	T Watkins not out.....29
C Rushman b R Davenport.....0	J Babister c R Benstead b G Brake.....0
K Oakley b G Brake.....25	H Baker b R Davenport.....0
D Matthews lbw b C Wood.....20	D Matthews lbw b C Wood.....0
R Bluff c R George b C Wood.....0	R Walker run out.....0
Extras.....11	Total: (6 wks) 67

Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-2, 3-2, 4-3, 5-9, 6-16, 7-17, 8-67, 9-67.

Bowling: R Davenport 12-3-19-3, G Brake 13-2-24-4, R Benstead 5-2-11-0, R George 5-0-10-0, C Wood 14-1-2.

Trentside (11pts) beat Kings Bromley (1pt) by 88 runs.

Friday team

Walton v Rugby Club at Trentside, 6.30pm: H Chapman, A Fearn, J Fryatt, S Cooper, J Dodwell, K Boyes, P Pritchard, N Winfield, J Bradford, P Bottrell, C Kirk, 12th man J White, Umpire R Dodwell, scorer C Evans. Meet ground 6pm. Problems: Harry 713254.

Swadlincote v Drakelow, at Drakelow, 6.30pm: D Witham, S Hughes, T Heath, S Newton, M Lunn, G Newbold, J Staley, D Taylor, S Medcalf, R Paling, J Wild, I Brotherhood, Scorer D Lunn. Meet at 5.40pm, transport leaves 5.45pm. Problems: Den 214208.

Junior meet

The Burton Mail Junior Football League will hold their monthly meeting at Eton Park Social Club on Tuesday, July 2 at 7.30pm. New and current teams will be welcome.

Seles vanishing act will not earn ban

Monica Seles, who could have been a leading character in an Agatha Christie whodunnit, is still keeping the tennis world guessing following her last minute withdrawal from Wimbledon.

Like Trappist monks, Brer Rabbit and Ol' Man River, Monica is lying low and saying nothing.

She has officials of the Women's Tennis Association gnashing their teeth, biting their nails and inwardly fuming about her extraordinary behaviour.

Walkout

But Monica need not worry. She can't be banned, according to the WTA rules - at least not yet.

Ana Leard, the WTA director of public relations, explained that players are only banned from tournament

tennis if they are found guilty of taking anabolic steroids or other serious drugs; if they fail to pay hotels bills about five times running or thump other players in the dressing room.

Monica, who has already been fined 6,000 dollars for her Wimbledon walkout, has been rumoured to be pregnant, suffering from an incurable disease, and having a dose of world number-oneitis.

No doubt the Yugoslav teenager, who generally talks at 5,000 words a minute, will have a change of heart and reveal all - just like Hercule Poirot.

Perhaps his greatest achievement was to steer tennis into the Olympic Games in Seoul.

Tactful Philippe has also been described as "a bozo" by Andre Agassi when the dapper Frenchman had the audacity to criticise the American's outrageous clothing at the French Open last year.

Philippe Chatrier is making his last visit to Wimbledon as president of the International Tennis Federation. After 14 years, the Frenchman gives up the job next month.

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several years, he can chat with the best of Englishman about the weather.

He says: "It's always going to rain but as I've been here quite a lot over the years I'm quite used to it."

Cash, idol of the teenage girls with his swarthy looks, earring and black and white headbands, can afford to smile.

As he lives only four miles from the All-England Club he can pop home and put his feet up and relax with his wife Emily any time he is not wanted on court.