

CLUB CRICKET

Hammerwich continue on what seems to be their inevitable path to promotion while the fight for second place between Brackensfield and Elford gets ever closer.

Following their massive win of last week, Hammerwich were made to work harder at Kings Bromley. The home club struggled to reach 95 from 34.3 overs with Dave Mott top-scoring with 23.

It was Phil Russell's turn to star for Hammerwich as he followed up his nine wickets with 62 runs. He helped to add 82 with John Wainwright for the third wicket, but three wickets fell for one run with Hammerwich within one stroke of victory. Tim Watkins caused the most trouble with his flighted off-spin.

Netherseal St Peters were put in to bat at Brackensfield, but found runs hard to come by. Steve Fleming bowled unchanged and was unlucky to finish with only two wickets for forty runs.

A total of 96 was never likely to be enough, and, after a steady start and the scare of losing two early wickets, Dave Woolley and Danny Faulke saw Brackensfield to victory in only 31 overs.

Elford visited Trentside where the hosts chose to bat first. There were four useful innings from Martin Stakes, Colin Wood, Rich Shaw and Geoff Gazzard so that Trentside finished with 162 for five wickets.

Mark Upchurch and

Downton helps out

Paul Downton, the former England and Middlesex wicketkeeper, has joined the team of observers working for the England Committee this summer.

Downton, who quit the game through an eye injury this season, will assist Alan Knott, another ex-England wicketkeeper.

Bromley batters thwarted

Hammerwich stay on course

Collapsing Park dealt double blow

Central Derbys

A middle order batting collapse chasing a modest Elvaston total of 158 cost Lullington Park their unbeaten Premier Division record.

Park finished nine runs short of the target but still head the table, though to make it a weekend of double misery, Elvaston repeated the dose in the quarter-final of the Lake Cup with a convincing nine-wicket hammering.

The league clash was a game of fluctuating fortunes, with Elvaston, asked to bat first, struggling early on as John Hart found plenty of movement in the wicket to claim a couple of early wickets.

A half century by Chester, supported by 42 from Asher, turned the game towards the home side, though Andy Skriabin split them in a five wicket haul, while Hart finished with figures of four for 43.

Park's response began strongly, with Peter Gough and John Davison shrugging aside the showers to score quickly and freely, until both fell to Thompson's spin.

Davison went first, for 23, caught in the gully by Chester with the score at 72, and Gough chipped a simple catch to the same player on 49.

Richard Gaunt added a lively 30, including two sixes, but after his exit Park slumped from 110 for three to 115 for six, Thompson taking the prize scalps of Jan Hughes and John Goodwin in successive balls.

Duncan Lovett and Ian Cooper made 30 for the seventh wicket before Lovett was stumped for 14 and Cooper, with 18, fell victim to four-wicket Murray as Park were bowled out for 149.

John Davison scored 90 of Lullington's 200 in the Lake Cup tie, but Elvaston, led by a brilliant innings from former Burton Albion star Russ Bostock, steamed to victory with nine wickets and overs to spare.

Ted Shaw hit an unbeaten 92 in 50 balls, including 11 sixes, as Park seconds defeated highly rated Belper Meadows by three wickets to clinch a league cup semi-final tie at Little Eaton.

Albrow 2nd Division

Russ Davenport took three early wickets, but Geoff Green stood firm and he was helped by the stroke-playing Ben Wood-

all and Rob Drabble, so that the match-winning total was reached in less than 35 overs at a rate of almost five runs per over. Draycott and Hanbury

were indebted to Charles Wallace's 45 as they were bowled out for 113 by Hilton's seam attack. Stuart Harrison took 7 wickets for 36.

Hilton started badly as the first two wickets went for three runs.

Recovery

Pete Laban led a recovery, but when he was out at 42 for three, the rest of the batting folded dismally to an all-out total of 69. The wickets were shared by Dave and Paul Walker.

The match between Swadlincote and Rawdon was rained off after 22 overs.

A heavy cloudburst left the ground unplayable after Rawdon had built themselves a promising position. A Ball was undefeated on 58 when the rain came.



David Mott . . . stubborn knock

Repton sign off

The Repton School cricket season ended when they a festival of four schools.

Repton lost to Wellington but had excellent victories over Stove and Bedford. Against Stove they were chasing a total of 213 and, thanks to a 100 not out by Luke Allen and 92 not out by Andrew Paulett, they stormed to an eight wicket victory with four overs to spare.

Against Bedford the margin was narrower, with skipper Nick Campion hitting the last ball of the match for four to win the game.

The Repton team then went on tour to Holland where they played against four cricket clubs at the Hague, Rood en Wit, Kieveten, Ajax and Quick. Repton won all four games, but they found the Dutch players very enthusiastic, and eager for Repton to return in two years time.

ALBREW SCOREBOARDS

Hammerwich v Kings Bromley

KINGS BROMLEY
McKenzie c Wainwright b P Russell...12
Baker b P Russell...0
Ray b P Russell...7
Mott b P Russell...23
Watkins b P Russell...6
Faulkner c Glover b P Russell...3
Matthews c & P Russell...19
Bluff c Wainwright b P Russell...0
Tydesley c Hurcombe b W Davis...2
Walker not out...9
Miles c & b P Russell...12
Extras...12
Total...95
Fall of wickets: 1-11, 2-11, 3-36, 4-45, 5-49, 6-56, 7-61, 8-74, 9-83, 10-95.
Bowling: P Russell 17.3-4-35-9, AK Owen 9-0-20-0, W Davis 9-0-28-1, N Ellett 2-1-1-0.

HAMMERWICH
N Glover b Watkins...1
J Wainwright c Mott b Watkins...17
P Elwell c Ray b Baker...5
P Russell c Miles b Watkins...62
AK Owen c & b Watkins...0
N Ellett not out...5
G Day not out...4
Extras...5
Total...109
Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-7, 3-89, 4-90, 5-90.
Bowling: Baker 8-4-21-1, Watkins 15-2-43-4, Tydesley 10-0-30-0.

Hammerwich (10pts) beat Kings Bromley (0pts) by 5 wickets.

Brackensfield v Netherseal St P

NETHERSEAL
PR Sturgess lbw P Measures...7
C Whitten c D Newbold b P Smith...16
G Smith c D Newbold b R Measures...6
C Sturgess c N Twissley b S Fleming...15
J Smith b D Newbold...6
M Sturgess c D Newbold b D Newbold...15

S Sturgess b S Fleming...15
R Miller run out...1
G Brown not out...3
R Udall not out...2
Extras...10
Total...66
Fall of wickets: 1-15, 2-28, 3-44, 4-49, 5-72, 6-78, 7-92, 8-92.
Bowling: R Measures 9-13-2, S Fleming 22-4-10-2, P Smith 9-2-19-1, D Newbold 5-0-13-2.

BRACKENSFIELD
D Woolley not out...41
G Newbold c C Sturgess b PR Sturgess...3
N Twissley run out...9
D Foulke not out...37
Extras...12
Total...99
Fall of wickets: 1-12, 2-46, 3-46, 4-46, 5-46, 6-46, 7-46, 8-46, 9-46, 10-46.

Trentside (11pts) beat Netherseal St Peters (0pts) by 8 wickets.

Trentside Elford

TRENTSIDE
M Stakes lbw M Headfield...34
C Williams c D Wain b R Drabble...5
C Wood c & b M Headfield...25
I Morgan c M Twissley b M Woodall...4
R Shaw not out...43
G Gazzard st D Wain b M Headfield...32
R Davenport not out...1
Extras...18
Total...162
Fall of wickets: 1-21, 2-56, 3-82, 4-82, 5-154.

Bowling: R Drabble 7-1-23-1, M Headfield 18-1-74-2, B Woodall 9-2-41-1, M Hodgkinson 2-0-16-1.

ELFORD
G Green b M Upchurch...49
M Twissley c C Wood b M Upchurch...0
B Found b R Davenport...1

D Ling b M Upchurch...9
B Woodall c C Williams b C Wood...45
R Drabble c P McLoughlin b M Upchurch...25
M Hodgkinson c S Rimington b R Davenport...2
S Mills not out...16
M Headfield not out...5
Extras...14
Total...166
Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-7, 3-24, 4-48, 5-139, 6-142, 7-151.

Bowling: M Upchurch 10-1-45-4, R Davenport 9-5-23-2, G Brake 7-0-35-0, C Wood 7-0-39-1.

Trentside (0pts) lost to Elford (0pts) by 3 wickets.

Draycott/Han v Hilton

DRAYCOTT & HANBURY
P Walker b S Harrison...17
H Elden c & b S Harrison...4
C Wallace b S Harrison...45
V Taylor lbw S Harrison...1
C Flick b I Barber...0
J Fletcher b S Harrison...6
P Gregory b S Harrison...11
D Walker c G Land b S Harrison...14
D Lauben b A Bunn...0
B Greener not out...4
R Tomlinson c C Arnold b A Bunn...2
Extras...9
Total...113
Fall of wickets: 1-9, 2-40, 3-42, 4-43, 5-71, 6-84, 7-101, 8-101, 9-104, 10-113.

Bowling: S Harrison 21-6-26-7, P Slaney 6-2-20-0, I Barber 3-0-13-1, A Bunn 12-2-32-2.

HILTON
P Laban c C Wallace b D Walker...31
A Barber b D Walker...0
P Bingham b D Walker...0
P Slaney run out...7
S Harrison run out...8
G Land b P Walker...4
P Chambers c Lauben b D Walker...0
I Barber b D Walker...2

A Bunn not out...6
C Arnold lbw P Walker...1
N Barber c Lauben b P Walker...0
Extras...8
Total...69
Fall of wickets: 1-3, 2-3, 3-42, 4-52, 5-58, 6-58, 7-58, 8-60, 9-63, 10-69.

Bowling: D Walker 12-1-29-5, P Walker 12-4-5-12-3, C Flick 3-1-15-0, R Tomlinson 1-0-0-0.

Hilton (0pts) lost to Draycott & Hanbury (0pts) by 44 runs.

Swadlincote v Rawdon

RAWDON
D Evans not out...20
R Faulkner c B Bradbury b D Witham...1
A Ball not out...58
Extras...13
Total...93
Fall of wickets: 1-8.
Bowling: S Hughes 6-0-25-0, D Witham 11-2-41-2, C Murray 5-0-17-0.

Swadlincote (0pts) Rawdon (0pts) match abandoned.

POSITIONS

Albrow Maltsters 2nd Division

P W T L A B T
H'wich 11 10 0 0 1 39 112
Brack'd 11 7 0 2 2 25 80
Elford 11 6 0 3 2 25 73
Trentside 11 4 0 5 2 28 62
D'cott/Han 11 4 0 5 2 26 60
Hilton 11 3 0 5 3 18 48
K Bromley 11 3 1 3 2 14 41
Neth St P 11 3 1 6 1 17 41
Rawdon Coll 11 2 0 7 2 17 37
Swadlincote 11 1 0 7 3 18 34

Swadlincote Dolphins with two superb Notts-Derby Diddy League wins behind them took part in the third and final round at Sutton-in-Ashfield. The top six league clubs after Round 2 included Eckington — last year's National Diddy champions — who were also unbeaten.

Unfortunately the girls squad was badly depleted with eight regular swimmers unavailable. Despite this handicap the Dolphins produced some superb swims.

The nine-year-boys squad took pride of place with two brilliant victories. In the medley relay Stuart Pickering gave them the lead with a fine backstroke leg. Philip Wilkinson, making his debut for the A team, increased the lead in the breaststroke and with Rikki Mitchell and James Storie both producing excellent swims in the fly and freestyle respectively the Dolphins drew further away from the opposition for a four-second win.

In the freestyle Stuart, Philip, Rikki and James took the opposition apart beating second place Eckington by over 6 seconds for the most decisive win of the evening. The nine-year-squad have had an outstanding season winning all their relays in superb fashion.

Rikki and James then joined Wayne Methven and Andrew Lord to give the 10/U relay team two more victories in the medley and freestyle events. Andrew Lord had a fine win in the 2L backstroke and finished a close second in the 2L freestyle. Wayne Methven won the 1L fly with a determined swim and Sally Vanes had

Dolphins turn on the magic in relays

Swimming

two excellent swims, winning the girls 1L fly and taking second place in the 2L breaststroke.

In the 11/U boys medley relay Ross Ward, Edward Kirkland, Wayne

Methven and Mark Bate were a comfortable second and they just held on for another second in the freestyle relay. Mark Bate had a tremendous battle with Paul Dean of Eckington in the 2L freestyle just losing out on the touch in a very fast time, well over 3 seconds in front of the next swimmer.

In the 12/U breaststroke Edward Kemp swam well to take second place and there were a number of other good performances.

Although finishing fifth, the Dolphins had consolation in the fact that full strength squad has beaten all but Eckington who will again represent the league in the National Diddy Finals.

Results: Eckington 195, City of Derby 145, Rykneld 131, Notts Leander 126, Swadlincote 125, Radford 118.

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