

COUNTY CRICKET

Gough fast enough to beat rain

Central Derbys

An impressive all-round display by Lullington Park took them to victory at Stanton-by-Dale.

But it was a close thing as, minutes after claiming the last wicket, a torrential downpour struck.

Lullington were put in first with Pete Gough dominating the innings.

With help from Andy Tiso (29), Richard Gaunt (19), John Grievson (18) and John Goodwin (15 not out), Gough was unbeaten on 142 including six sixes, as Lullington declared on 251 for five.

Stanton were soon in trouble, losing their first wicket without a run on the board. They were eventually back in the pavilion for 162 off 40 overs, just in time to avoid the rain which would have saved them from defeat.

● Lullington Park's second over beat Stanton by three wickets. Ian Gough top scored with 47 as they passed 151 for nine.

Phoenix fire at double

Derbys County

Overseal Phoenix enjoyed a crushing 102-run victory over Chaddesden in the Derbyshire County League.

An opening partnership of 95 between Adam Tomlinson's unbeaten 96 and Andy Lunn's 58 provided the backbone of a 228 for five total.

While being up with the run rate, Chaddesden lost wickets to hostile bowling from Lunn and Martin Parker, only skipper Longdon offering prolonged resistance.

Dave Poynton made the vital breakthrough to secure victory.

Overseal went on to complete a successful weekend with a 44-run win at Mickleover the following day.

Phoenix reached the respectability of 171 for nine before reducing Mickleover to 127 all out.

Cork pops Essex bubble

Dominic Cork enhanced his growing reputation as one of the brightest prospects in English cricket by destroying Essex with a superb exhibition of swing and seam bowling on his 20th birthday at Derby yesterday.

Under leaden skies, Cork recorded career best figures of 8-53 as championship-chasing Essex were shot out for 124 to turn the match on its head.

It was an outstanding performance by any standards but coming as it did in only his 13th first class game it suggested that Derbyshire possess a young player of the highest promise.

Already this season, Cork has gathered rave notices around the circuit and Essex will no doubt report back to Graham Gooch that the young man from Staffordshire is very much the genuine article.

His figures were the best by any bowler this season, beating Tim Munton's 8-89 against Middlesex at Edgbaston last month and he could not have chosen a better way to celebrate his birthday.

It was the first

eight-figure return in any innings for Derbyshire since 1986 and the first time a bowler has achieved the feat for the county in a morning session since Bill Copson in 1937 against Warwickshire at Derby.

Cork earned Derbyshire an unexpected first innings lead of 56 and Kim Barnett and Peter Bowler then consolidated that advantage by becoming only the third opening partnership in the county's history to share 11 century stands.

From 46-1, Essex lost their last nine wickets for 78 runs and although the pitch was well grassed, it could not be held responsible for their lowest total of the season.

Derbyshire dismissed any dark rumours of a suspect pitch by piling on the runs with Barnett missing out by nine runs on the hundred that would have given him a century against all the first-class counties.

But the day belonged to Cork who must have hoped his parents handed him a cheque for his birthday. A career best performance means a round of drinks in the bar

Sorry Staffs

Stone batsman Tony Hobson salvaged some pride from another day of depressing Staffordshire cricket at Mildenhall yesterday.

Hobson rescued Staffs from an inexplicable first innings demise, reviving the score from 12 for three to 139 for five off 45 overs with a resolute 61 before rain and bad light ended the day.

Suffolk were reached 212 for four, opener Simon Clements stranded on 93 not out as non-striker in an eventual 50th over from Nigel Hackett.

It began with Paul Newman misjudging a hook from former England batsman Roland Butcher to concede a boundary but ended with Tony Dutton taking a brilliant catch at long-on to remove Butcher for 50 and Hackett trapping Rob Barber leg before for two.

Suffolk struggled until Clements began to find gaps, Mick Peck made 53 and Butcher's 93 not out off 44 balls featured some powerful pulling.

Scores: Suffolk 212-4 dec. (50 overs), Clements 93 not out, Peck 53, Butcher 50. Staffs 139-5 (45 overs), T Hobson 61, T Dutton 31 not out.

ALBREW DIV 2 SCOREBOARDS

Brackensfield v Hilton

D Woolley c A Barber b P Slaney.....	16
G Newbold c b S Harrison.....	1
M Wallis b A Sellers.....	19
D Foulke c I Barber b P Slaney.....	22
D Newbold c P Laban b P Slaney.....	11
S Fleming b R Barber.....	10
M Smeat not out.....	0
D Rownt c I Barber b P Slaney.....	0
J Reynolds b P Slaney.....	0
R Measures b R Barber.....	3
Extras.....	13
Total.....	95

Fall of wickets: 1-3, 2-39, 3-39, 4-70, 5-73, 6-92, 7-92, 8-92, 9-92, 10-95.

Bowling: S Harrison 9-1-25-1, A Sellers 10-2-20-2, R Barber 12-1-6-10-2, P Slaney 11-1-29-5.

HILTON

R Barber b R Measures.....	14
P Laban b S Fleming.....	14
P Daffern c D Foulke b R Measures.....	2
A Barber c D Woolley b S Fleming.....	2
M Press b R Measures.....	6
S Harrison b D Newbold.....	8
A Sellers b R Measures.....	0
P Slaney b M Wallis.....	15
I Barber not out.....	2
P Chambers c P Smith b M Wallis.....	0
C Arnold c M Wallis b S Fleming.....	1
Extras.....	8
Total.....	72

Fall of wickets: 1-27, 2-34, 3-34, 4-42, 5-42, 6-42, 7-48, 8-48, 9-68, 10-72.

Bowling: M Wallis 8-0-27-2, R Measures 14-8-16-4, S Fleming 13-2-4-16-3, D Newbold 4-0-9-1. Brackensfield (8pts) beat Hilton (4pts) by 23 runs.

Hammerwich v Trentside

M Stakes b Owen.....	32
C Williams b Owen.....	2
C Wood run out.....	27
A George c Owen b Rigby.....	14
R Stave b Russell.....	16
A Gazzard b R Rigby.....	24
Davenport c Russell b Elwell.....	4
Matthews b Elwell.....	11
Brake not out.....	2
Extras.....	14
Total.....	147

Fall of wickets: 1-18, 2-59, 3-76, 4-99, 5-110, 6-129, 7-138, 8-147.

Bowling: Owen 14-1-28-2, Russell 10-6-33-1, Day 9-1-27-0, Davis 3-0-12-0, R Barber 6-0-29-2, Elwell 3-0-9-2.

HAMMERWICH

N Glover not out.....	50
P Elwell b R George.....	33
R Marigold not out.....	45
Extras.....	21
Total.....	149

Fall of wickets: 1-65, 2-100, 3-100, 4-100, 5-100, 6-100, 7-100, 8-100, 9-100, 10-100.

Dray/Han v Rawdon Colviery

A Ball b D Walker.....	16
D Evans b G Dodd.....	8
D Ball c Wallace b D Walker.....	63
R W Faulkner b D Walker.....	9
D Clump b P Walker.....	25
R M Faulkner run out.....	25
I Hextall run out.....	1
D Hewitt b G Dodd.....	3
W Faulkner not out.....	2
R A Faulkner b D Walker.....	1
S Ball b D Walker.....	1
Extras.....	9
Total.....	142

Fall of wickets: 1-22, 2-24, 3-34, 4-58, 5-128, 6-129, 7-138, 8-138, 9-141, 10-142.

Bowling: D Walker 14-4-24-5, G Dodd 16-3-27-2, P Walker 8-0-32-1, J Cooper 6-0-29-0.

DRAYCOTT AND HANBURY

P Walker c A Ball b S Ball.....	50
D Lauben b R W Faulkner.....	7
C Wallage c A Ball b S Ball.....	0
K Douglas b R W Faulkner.....	9
P Stubbs c M Faulkner b S Ball.....	1
J Fletcher b D Hewitt not out.....	39
C Clack not out.....	30
G Dodd not out.....	8
Extras.....	2
Total.....	144

Fall of wickets: 1-29, 2-30, 3-67, 4-67, 5-76, 6-140.

Bowling: R W Faulkner 7-1-36-1, S Ball 12-2-44-3, I Hextall 6-1-23-1, W

Scoreboard

Overnight: Derbyshire 180; Essex 30-0.

ESSEX

A Seymour c Barnett b Cork.....	22
J Stephenson lbw b Cork.....	14
P Prichard c Adams b Mortensen.....	20
Salim Malik c Kriken b Cork.....	15
N Hussain lbw b Mortensen.....	20
N Knight b Cork.....	4
M Garnham b Cork.....	15
N Foster c Base b Cork.....	19
T Topley c Kriken b Cork.....	11
S Andrew c Base b Cork.....	0
J Childs not out.....	1
Extras.....	3
Total (40.1 overs).....	124

Fall: 1-37, 2-46, 3-74, 4-74, 5-75, 6-79, 7-107, 8-117, 9-117.

Bowling: Malcolm 4-0-18-0; Mortensen 20-3-53-2; Cork 16-1-2-53-8.

DERBYSHIRE

K Barnett b Stephenson.....	91
P Bowler c Salim Malik.....	56
b Andrew.....	36
J Morris c Salim Malik.....	36
b Stephenson.....	28
T O'Gorman c Prichard.....	28
S Goldsmith not out.....	52
S Base c Hussain b Stephenson.....	3
C Adams not out.....	21
Extras.....	21
Total (5 wks).....	301

Fall: 1-45, 2-193, 3-203, 4-262, 5-275.

Faulkner 1-0-2-0, D Hewitt 4-0-19-1, D Ball 3-3-0-13-0.

Rawdon (9pts) lost to Draycott and Hanbury (9pts) by 4 wickets.

Elford v King's Bromley

R Woodburn c D Wain b R Drabble.....	5
H Baker c and b Woodall.....	8
I Mott c Twomey b Woodall.....	12
M Ash lbw b Woodall.....	1
N Law b Drabble.....	0
R Bluff c and b Woodall.....	21
R Bluff c Mills b Hodgkinson.....	9
R Walker not out.....	11
A Chorley b R Wain.....	6
Extras.....	10
Total.....	83

Fall of wickets: 1-10, 2-23, 3-27, 4-28, 5-66, 6-76, 7-83.

Bowling: R Drabble 9-2-29-2, B Woodall 13-3-23-4, R Wain 7-1-12-1, M Hodgkinson 3-1-9-1.

ELFORD

R Smith b Baker.....	4
M Twomey b Bluff b Chorley.....	19
D Ling c Ash b Chorley.....	29
G Green not out.....	13
R Wain not out.....	1
Extras.....	18
Total.....	84

Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-64, 3-68.

Bowling: H Baker 10-1-30-1, M Ash 4-0-28-0, A Chorley 5-1-0-13-2.

King's Bromley (1pts) lost to Elford (11pts) by 8 wickets.

Derbys toast Dominic

With only four matches to go HAMMERWICH, with their massive lead of 38 points, look certain to claim the Albrew Maltsters Second Division championship.

Behind them, the struggle between Elford and Brackensfield continues for the second promotion place.

Hammerwich enjoyed a maximum points win at home to TRENTSIDE, restricting the victors to 147 for eight in their 45 overs then rattling off the runs with the loss of only one wicket.

Trentside saw Martin Stakes top score with 32 against some restrictive bowling.

Weakened

Hammerwich made their customary good reply with Paul Elwell and Neal Glover scoring 65 for the first wicket. Roy Marigold then joined Glover and to hit the 84 needed for victory with six overs to spare.

ELFORD bowled out a much-weakened KINGS BROMLEY for 83 to set up a seven-wicket win, with Ben Woodall capturing four for 23.

Elford knocked off the runs for the loss of only three wickets in less than 20 overs with Dave Ling making 29 of the 84 required.

BRACKENSFIELD

Positions

ALBREW 2ND DIV

	P	W	T	L	A	B	T
Ham'wich.....	14	13	0	0	1	52	146
Elford.....	14	9	0	3	23	108	146
B'ckensfield.....	14	9	0	3	23	102	146
D'cott/H'ury.....	14	7	0	5	23	87	146
Trentside.....	14	5	0	7	23	75	146
Hilton.....	14	4	0	7	32	62	146
K Bromley.....	14	4	1	7	23	57	146
N'seal SP.....	14	4	1	8	12	45	146
Rawdon Colli.....	14	3	0	9	21	48	146
Swadincote.....	14	1	0	10	3	18	146

Fixtures: Swadincote v Hammerwich, Trentside v Brackensfield, Kings Bromley v Hilton, rawdon v Netherseal SP, Elford v Draycott and Hanbury.

Fight on to go up

Albrev Maltsters

recovered from a batting collapse to beat HILTON by 23 runs.

On an awkward pitch Brackensfield were dismissed for just 95 runs as Paul Slaney took five for 29 and Bob Barber two for 10.

Hilton's Bob Barber and Pete Laban set about the task of scoring two runs an over to win, but when both were out for 14, wickets tumbled regularly. The bowling of Rob Measures and Steve Fleming proved too much for Hilton.

RAWDON'S decision to bat first against DRAYCOTT AND HANBURY proved unwise in the face of a four-wicket defeat.

They faced tight bowling from David Walker and Graham Dodd and had reached only 44 for three from 20 overs. However, Ball, with 63, and Mac Faulkner added 70 for the fifth wicket and saw the visitors to an all-out total of 142.

Draycott took off at an explosive pace, but two stoppages for rain livened up the pitch, and they slumped to 80 for five in 20 overs but Paul Walker completed his third successive 50 and, with Jason Fletcher and Christian Flack adding 64 in an unbroken seventh wicket stand, saw Draycott home by four wickets in the 33rd over.

Hopeless

NETHERSEAL ST PETERS romped to a 114-run victory over SWADINCOTE that brought then maximum points.

Peter Sturgess and Gary Smith pushed the score along well and after Sturgess was out at 37 for two, Smith and Wring put on a stand of 67 together. That was followed by Smith and Brown's quick 47 before David Hall joined Smith for a blistering 64 in only five overs.

Swadincote were well placed in reply at 46 for one, but a flurry of wickets left them in a hopeless position.

Kevin Gardner's innings of 56 was in vain as David Hall wound up Swadincote's innings at 107 with figures of seven for 48.