

CRICKET SPECIAL

Promotion beckons Brackens

Albrow 2nd Division

BRACKENFIELD'S promotion depends on a last-day showdown with main rivals Elford after beating RAWDON COLLIERY by three wickets.

Only crushing defeat by seven wickets or 76 runs will stop them taking their place with champions Hammerwich in the Ind Coope First Division.

They made sure of victory this week by overhauling Rawdon's respectable 140 for nine total with three wickets remaining. Best performance was, without a doubt that of Sean Fleming who, collected six wickets for 53 runs.

ELFORD'S hopes faded further with a 22-run defeat by HAMMERWICH.

Elford made the champions fight as hard as in any match this season as the battered first having to toil for their 157 runs.

Phil Russell and Paul Elwell were joint top-scorers with 26, while Mick Hodgkinson finished with four wickets.

Impressive haul

Elford's reply, however, was in deep trouble at 33 for six, but a fine stand of 67 between Richard Wain and Gordon Green together with a late flurry from Ben Woodall brought them four bonus points.

DRAYCOTT AND HANBURY scored heavily after losing Paul Walker in the first over against NETHERSEAL ST PETERS.

Vaughan Taylor and Perry Stubbs both hit hundreds and together added a match-winning 222 for the second wicket. Charles Wallace and Kevin Douglas continued the good work and took the final total to 298 for three.

In reply Netherseal had little answer to the pace of David Walker who took six wickets to make an impressive league haul of 57 as Draycott cruised in by 218 runs.

HILTON were without the Barber family (heroes of last week) at SWADLINCOTE without the Barber family but still managed to win by 29 runs.

Adam Sellers with 51 and Mick Fardoe with 48 were chiefly responsible for a total of 151, although good bowling from Taylor and Heath saw the last four Hilton wickets fall for just one run.

Unbeaten

Swadlincote battled hard against accurate Hilton bowling with Glyn Newbold making 77 of the first 98 runs before he was seventh out. Stuart Harrison returned an excellent five for 27 in 24 overs.

Harold Baker had a great day for KINGS BROMLEY against TRENTSIDE.

First he bowled unchanged to take four wickets in 23 overs and help his team restrict Trentside to 167 for seven, for whom Richard Shaw hit good 51.

Then he hit an unbeaten 91 to take Kings Bromley to victory by six wickets.

By Mail Sport Staff

Opening batsman Peter Bowler brilliantly pulled Derbyshire back from the brink of disaster and kept alive their championship ambitions at Grace Road yesterday.

At lunch Derbyshire were 79-6 having won the toss and batted and looking in real danger of being embarrassed by lowly neighbours Leicestershire for the second time in a week.

Last week, at Derby, Leicestershire dismissed them for 117 with David Mills taking 9-37. And Leicestershire went on to win by an innings.

Such fears must have been in Derbyshire's minds again at the interval yesterday. But Bowler changed all that with his second century of the season guiding, Derbyshire to a total of 274 in a magnificent recovery.

To complete a remarkable fightback Derbyshire seamer Dominic Cork then claimed two Leicestershire wickets in his first over and the home side staggered to the close at 12-2.

Bowler, a former Leicestershire player, took five-and-a-half hours and faced 248 balls to reach his century.

But in the context of the match it was a marvellous effort and if Derbyshire go on to win the title they will owe their opening batsman a big debt.

Claimed

At one stage during the morning Derbyshire lost four wickets for just two runs in four overs. They were all claimed by the home side's Australian seamer John Maguire in the space of 14 deliveries and the visitors looked on their way to another low total.

But in the afternoon everything changed with Bowler ably assisted by Cork, Allen Warner and Simon Base slowly but surely putting Derbyshire back into the game.

He shared a 7th wicket stand of 48 with Cork, put on 79 with Warner for the 8th wicket and then 45 with Base for the 9th wicket.

Flourish

Bowler was finally dismissed by Craig Wilkinson for 104. Even then there were still a few more runs in Derbyshire's locker Base and Richard Staddon adding a further 23 before Maguire yanked base to finish with 5-67.

Then Cork ended the day with a flourish and Derbyshire will still feel they can catch Essex and Warwickshire providing they don't let things slip again in the remaining three days at Grace Road.

Scoreboard

DERBYSHIRE

First Innings

| | |
|--|-----|
| K Barnett c Whitaker b Mills..... | 104 |
| P Bowler lbw Wilkinson..... | 104 |
| J Morris c Briers b Maguire..... | 37 |
| M Azharuddin c Whitticase b Maguire..... | 0 |
| T O'Gorman c Whitaker b Maguire..... | 0 |
| S Goldsmith c Whitticase b Maguire..... | 0 |
| K Krikken c Whitticase b Parsons..... | 9 |
| D Cork c Whitaker b Wilkinson..... | 28 |
| A Warner c Hepworth b Parsons..... | 46 |
| S Base b Maguire..... | 36 |
| R Staddon not out..... | 9 |
| Extras..... | 274 |
| Total..... | 274 |
| Fall: 2, 58, 58, 60, 60, 79, 127, 206, 251, 274. | |
| Bowling: Mills 24-5-63-1, Maguire 23-2-67-5, Wilkinson 26-5-59-2, Parsons 16-5-44-2, Potter 11-2-32-0. | |

LEICESTERSHIRE

First Innings

| | |
|------------------------------|----|
| T Boon c Krikken b Cork..... | 0 |
| N Briers not out..... | 6 |
| G Parsons lbw Cork..... | 0 |
| P Hepworth not out..... | 0 |
| Extras..... | 0 |
| Total (2 wickets)..... | 12 |
| Fall: 0, 0. | |

Positions

ALBROW 2ND DIV

| | P | W | T | L | A | B | T |
|-------------|----|----|---|----|---|----|-----|
| Ham'wich | 17 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 59 | 174 |
| Brackens'ld | 17 | 12 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 44 | 134 |
| Elford | 17 | 10 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 49 | 125 |
| Dray/Han | 17 | 9 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 41 | 110 |
| Hilton | 17 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 3 | 32 | 90 |
| Trentside | 17 | 5 | 0 | 10 | 2 | 41 | 82 |
| Netherseal | 17 | 6 | 1 | 9 | 1 | 27 | 72 |
| K Bromley | 17 | 5 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 29 | 70 |
| Rawdon Col | 17 | 3 | 0 | 12 | 2 | 29 | 56 |
| Swadlincote | 17 | 1 | 0 | 13 | 3 | 25 | 41 |

ALBROW MALTSTERS SCOREBOARDS

Rawdon v Brackensfield

| RAWDON | |
|---|-----|
| A Ball lbw J Reynolds..... | 12 |
| D Evans st Binion b S Fleming..... | 5 |
| D Ball c N Twells b S Fleming..... | 35 |
| D Hewitt b G Newbold..... | 25 |
| R Faulkner c S Glover b Fleming..... | 3 |
| R W Faulkner c and b Fleming..... | 20 |
| D Clamp c G Newbold st Fleming..... | 6 |
| H Chestall not out..... | 16 |
| B Ball st Binion b Fleming..... | 11 |
| W Faulkner not out..... | 0 |
| R A Faulkner not out..... | 3 |
| Extras..... | 4 |
| Total..... | 140 |
| Fall of wickets: S Fleming 23-7-53, J Reynolds 7-2-24, Buckley 11-3-32, P Newbold 4-1-27. | |

BRACKENFIELD

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|--|-----|
| D Woolley c Ball b Hestall..... | 25 |
| G Newbold b Hestall..... | 29 |
| N Twells b R W Faul..... | 1 |
| D Faulke b Hestall..... | 3 |
| D Newbold c Clamp b Hestall..... | 1 |
| K Binion b Hewitt..... | 20 |
| S Fleming not out..... | 42 |
| S Glover not out..... | 3 |
| Extras..... | 20 |
| Total..... | 144 |
| Fall of wickets: R W Faulker 14-3-151, H Hestall 17-4-53, D Hewitt 6-3-14, W Faulker 2-1-0-10, B Ball 1-0-0-6. | |

Brackensfield (9pts) beat Rawdon (0pts) by three wickets.

Elford v Hammerwich

| HAMMERWICH | |
|--|-----|
| Glover c D Wain b R Wain..... | 16 |
| Francis b R Drabble..... | 15 |
| Hurcombe c D Wain b B Woodall..... | 22 |
| Russell c D Ling b B Woodall..... | 26 |
| Ellwell c D Wain b M Hodgkinson..... | 8 |
| Osmant c D Wain b M Hodgkinson..... | 8 |
| P Davis c M Stilpoe b M Hodgkinson..... | 10 |
| G Day not out..... | 11 |
| D Couland b M Hodgkinson..... | 0 |
| D Henn not out..... | 5 |
| Extras..... | 18 |
| Total..... | 157 |
| Fall of wickets: 1-20, 2-60, 3-66, 4-97, 5-121, 6-130, 7-107, 8-148. | |
| Bowling: Drabble 15-2-43-1, Woodall 16-2-36-2, R Wain 9-4-34-1, M Hodgkinson 6-0-28-4. | |

ELFORD

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|---|-----|
| M Twomlow c Francis b Ellwell..... | 5 |
| R Smith c Glover b Ellwell..... | 11 |
| B Found c Glover b Henn..... | 5 |
| D Wain c Hurcombe b Russell..... | 9 |
| D Ling c Francis b Russell..... | 4 |
| G Green run out..... | 25 |
| M Stilpoe b Henn..... | 0 |
| R Wain c P Davis b Ellwell..... | 45 |
| R Drabble b Henn..... | 13 |
| B Woodall not out..... | 26 |
| M Hodgkinson lbw b Henn..... | 1 |
| Extras..... | 6 |
| Total..... | 135 |
| Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-17, 3-21, 4-21, 5-26, 6-33, 7-100, 8-100, 9-126, 10-141. | |
| Bowling: P Russell 12-3-34-2, D | |

Henn 15-1-52-4, P Elwell 6-1-22-3, D Couland 4-0-23-0, W Davis 6-0-34-0. Hammerwich (9pts) beat Elford (4pts) by 22 runs.

Draycott/Han v Netherseal SP

| DRAYCOTT AND HANBURY | |
|---|-----|
| P Walker b Sturges..... | 0 |
| V Taylor c M Sturges b D Hall..... | 112 |
| P Stubbs c D Hall b B Davies..... | 122 |
| C Wallace not out..... | 26 |
| K Douglas not out..... | 23 |
| Extras..... | 15 |
| Total..... | 298 |
| Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-222, 3-254. | |
| Bowling: M Sturges 8-0-70-1, R Hillier 14-4-99-0, D Hall 17-0-100-1, B Davies 4-0-35-1, Smith 2-0-21-0. | |

NETHERSEAL SP

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|---|----|
| C Whotton b R Thomson..... | 4 |
| G Babb c G Dodd b D Walker..... | 18 |
| G Smith b R Thomson..... | 11 |
| M Sturges c D Lauben b D Walker..... | 2 |
| B Davies b D Walker..... | 13 |
| R Hillier b R Thomson..... | 1 |
| B Udall c and b D Walker..... | 4 |
| D Hall c P Walker b D Walker..... | 10 |
| S Sturges not out..... | 11 |
| K Wilson c P Stubbs b D Walker..... | 0 |
| Extras..... | 6 |
| Total..... | 80 |
| Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-27, 3-37, 4-38, 5-43, 6-48, 7-70, 8-75, 9-81. | |
| Bowling: D Walker 11-4-33-6, R Thomson 8-3-31-3, G Dodd 3-0-16-0. | |

Draycott and Hanbury (12pts) beat Netherseal SP (0pts) by 218 runs.

Swadlincote v Hilton

| HILTON | |
|---|-----|
| P Daffern c Newbold b Taylor..... | 7 |
| P Stacey c M Clann b Taylor..... | 13 |
| S Harrison c and b Newbold..... | 23 |
| A Sellers c J Wild b Heath..... | 51 |
| M Press st J Wild b Newbold..... | 0 |
| M Fardoe c Gardner b Heath..... | 48 |
| A Bunn not out..... | 5 |
| S Tunnicliffe c M Lunn b Heath..... | 0 |
| C Arnold c Wild b Heath..... | 0 |
| S Thompson c Lunn b Taylor..... | 0 |
| Extras..... | 4 |
| Total..... | 151 |
| Fall of wickets: 1-15, 2-21, 3-83, 4-83, 5-137, 6-150, 7-150, 8-150, 9-151. | |
| Bowling: D Taylor 12-3-46-3, T Heath 9-2-23-4, K Gardner 12-0-45-0, G Newbold 9-1-36-2. | |

SWADLINCOTE

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|--|-----|
| K Gardner b Harrison..... | 11 |
| G Newbold c Bunn b Harrison..... | 77 |
| S Brothwood c Press b Harrison..... | 0 |
| S Newton c Press b Stacey..... | 2 |
| M Lunn c Press b Stacey..... | 0 |
| S Mann b Stacey..... | 0 |
| J Heath c Stacey b Harrison..... | 0 |
| J Wild not out..... | 25 |
| D Taylor c Arnold b Harrison..... | 9 |
| R Bates not out..... | 2 |
| Extras..... | 6 |
| Total..... | 132 |
| Fall of wickets: 1-28, 2-28, 3-54, 4-54, 5-54, 6-55, 7 | |
| Bowling: 98, 8-129. | |
| M Upchurch 6-0-33-1, A George | |

Swadlincote (9pts) lost to Kings Bromley (10pts) by 3 wickets.

10-2-68-2, R Davenport 6-0-16-0, G Brake 7-0-33-1, P McLoughlin 2-0-10-0. Swadlincote (4pts) lost to Hilton (9pts) by 29 runs.

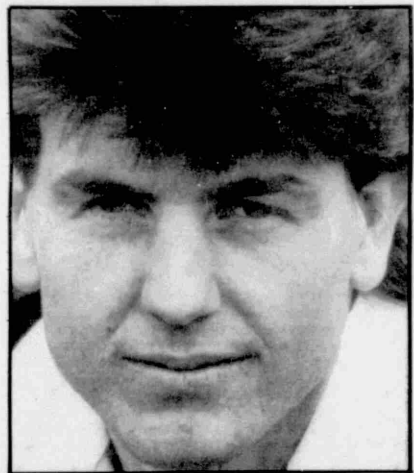
Kings Bromley v Trentside

| TRENTSIDE | |
|---|-----|
| M Stakes c Woodburn b Baker..... | 37 |
| I Morgan c Carter b Watkins..... | 30 |
| R Shaw c Law b Baker..... | 53 |
| A George c and b Watkins..... | 22 |
| C Williams not out..... | 2 |
| R Davenport run out..... | 0 |
| N Aitken b Baker..... | 6 |
| P McLoughlin b Baker..... | 0 |
| R Seaborn not out..... | 0 |
| Extras..... | 17 |
| Total..... | 167 |
| Fall of wickets: 1-53, 2-86, 3-157, 4-157, 5-157, 6-167, 7-167. | |
| Bowling: H Baker 23-4-71-4, T | |

KING'S BROMLEY

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|---|-----|
| R Woodburn c Morgan b A George..... | 17 |
| M McKenzie b Upchurch..... | 4 |
| D Carter c Shaw b Brake..... | 34 |
| H Baker not out..... | 91 |
| D Motc c Shaw b A George..... | 18 |
| T Matkins not out..... | 1 |
| Extras..... | 5 |
| Total..... | 170 |
| Fall of wickets: Bowling: M Upchurch 6-0-33-1, A George 10-2-68-2, R Davenport 6-0-16-0, G Brake 7-0-33-1, P McLoughlin 2-0-10-0. | |

Trentside (9pts) lost to Kings Bromley (10pts) by 3 wickets.



● Peter Bowler ... second century of the season

Park leave hosts score short

Central Derbys

Lullington Park underlined their status at Central Derbyshire League Premier Division champions with an excellent victory at Shipley.

Lullington, batting first, saw openers bats John Davison and Pete Gough putting on 82 for the first wicket before Gough was out for 28.

Davison then joined Richard Gaunt in a century partnership that realised 183, himself scoring a superb 97 (including 13 fours and two sixes) before being dismissed. Gaunt made 55 before being caught and the innings finally closed at 222 for four from their 46 overs.

Faced with this high total, Shipley went for the win, and at 115 for two were in contention, especially with No 3 Sookram batting well.

But then they lost wickets regularly, and after Sookram went for 73, the innings ended 20 runs short on 202, with wickets falling to Andy Skriabin taking five for 72 and Pete Gough three for 53.