

## CRICKET/Reflections on quite a week for Derbyshire

# Season set to jangle nerves

It has been quite a week for Derbyshire — over that time they have played in three different competitions, with contrasting emotions.

There was the euphoria of a resounding success in the first four-day championship fixture on the Saturday; the disappointment of the last gasp defeat in the inaugural "pyjama" game on Sunday; and the relief of the nailbiting victory in the Benson & Hedges Cup on Tuesday.

If the season continues like this, there are going to be some shredded nerves before it is over.

The most relevant conclusion to be drawn from these results, is that the performances support Kim Barnett's claim that this Derbyshire team could be on the verge of achieving great things.

In each of the matches there was evidence of an increasing maturity about the team performance, with all the players at some stage making vital contributions.

Does that sound familiar? In Essex and Liverpool people know what it means — it has been the formula for the success of their two sides over the years.

Confidence is a key element in sport and, at the moment, Derbyshire have it both individually and collectively.

The batting is in form, the bowling is tight and,

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so far, the catches have stuck. Not only that, but the feeling in the team is that if one player fails, another will pick up the baton.

## Target

Nowhere was this more apparent than in the victory over Middlesex in the Benson & Hedges Cup.

At the start of the Middlesex innings, Devon Malcolm and Dominic Cork bowled badly, Middlesex got off to a flier and at 100-0 off 23 overs, were well on their way to their target of 254.

Once again Frank Griffith made the crucial breakthrough, just as he had done at Bristol in the

previous round and in the championship match at Edgbaston.

The door was open, just a fraction. In stepped Alan Warner and Ian Bishop to apply the brakes on the run rate. Finally, Malcolm returned to bowl the penultimate over to concede only two runs, when Middlesex needed 24 to win.

Coincidentally, that is what Warwickshire required on Sunday. Fumbles in the ground fielding let that one get away although, without making excuses, Barnett made the point that the white ball is not so easy to see looking towards spectators, as it is for spectators looking towards



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the middle. Nevertheless, Derbyshire should have won.

The championship annihilation of Warwickshire in two days, plus one session, was one of the best team performances in recent years.

John Morris, Chris Adams and Tim O'Gorman scored heavily, all the bowlers bowled well — it

was encouraging to see Richard Sladdin among the wickets — and there were no mistakes on the field.

Perhaps the pre-season preparations are paying dividends; perhaps the superb cricketing weather had an effect. Perhaps it is that Derbyshire are becoming a really good side.

Opener Steve Bateman hit a stylish unbeaten 70 to fire ROLLESTON to a convincing nine-wicket defeat of hosts TUTBURY in Division A.

The home side made a rugged 98-9 in their 45 overs but with Bateman to the fore, Rolleston romped to a winning 99-1 in only 30.2 overs.

A good opening partnership of 52 between Osmond (28) and Foster (24) pointed HAMMERWICH towards a target-setting innings of 128 against BARTON, who answered with 132-4 with another good opening effort of 53, between Keates (35) and Timmis (33).

In a battle of the breweries BASS amassed 207-6, Ian Barracough top-scoring with an unbeaten 54.

In reply IND COOPE collapsed to 93 all out as Tim Gosling claimed an excellent haul of 4-28 and Dave Widdowson took 3-7 to give Bass their second successive 12-point match and top spot in the table.

MARSTON'S also made a large total, running up 209-6 against HARTSHORNE with R Hackett's unbeaten 77 the highlight.

It proved a target too far for the visitors, who struggled to 128-8 with Marston's captain Paul Pepperell taking 4-38.

ALREWAS looked to have made a respectable tally with their 160-7 against ROBIRCH-HOSPITALS.

But in reply Hospitals made 161-4, thanks to a partnership of 81 in 27 overs between A Bryan (61 not out) and P Harley (39). In Division B, DRAYCOTT and HANBURY opener Harry Holden

## Steve turns on the style

### Divisions A and B

carried his bat for a fine unbeaten 50 as his side made 162-8 against TRENTSIDE.

His work was in vain, however, as the visitors coasted to 166-4, C Williams top-scoring with 56, though 14-year-old Adam Hall took 3-49 for Draycott.

WINSHILL put BRACKENSFIELD in to bat and the tactic badly misfired as the visitors made 192-5, including an opening partnership of 82 between M Lloyd (67) and M Taylor (51).

Winshell started well with an opening partnership of 58 between Dennis Eyden (43) and John Clarke (24) but they were all out for 152.

A similar fate befell PASTURES HOSPITAL, who put WALTON in only to be hit for 198-5 with Dave Jackson scoring an unbeaten 77. In reply, Pastures meandered to 80-4 in their allotted overs.

UTTOXETER, fielding a very sound side for the second week running, scored 132-7 against PIRELLI then dismissed the visitors for only 83, Eric Wright showing his mettle with the ball to take 7-22.

## SCOREBOARDS

### DIVISION A

#### Tutbury 2nd v Rolleston 2nds

##### TUTBURY

D Lobb c Acton b Cockerill.....2

R Watson b Wadham.....7

N Smith c Royal b Cockerill.....21

J Lees b Cockerill.....8

D Clarke b Wadham.....0

J Grinter c Bateman b Wadham.....7

M Sharratt c Royal b Cockerill.....0

A Ashmore lbw Wadham.....4

M Roe b Wadham.....5

K Ashbrook not out.....12

G Bowley not out.....0

Extras.....32

Total (9 wickets).....98

Fall: 1-4, 2-20, 3-43, 4-46, 5-48, 6-53, 7-62, 8-72, 9-83.

Bowling: D Cockerill 17-8-21-4; N Wadham 22-7-42-5; D Fennell 6-1-7-0.

#### ROLLESTON

S Bateman not out.....70

T Faulkner b Roe.....14

D Benbow not out.....11

Extras.....4

Total (1 wkt).....99

Fall: 1-57.

Bowling: M Roe 12-2-43-1; K Ashbrook 9-1-17-0; G Bowley 6-1-20-0; J Grinter 2-0-12-0; M Sharratt 1-0-3-0.

Tutbury (9pts) lost to Rolleston (12pts) by 6 wickets.

#### Marston's 2nd v Hartshorne 2nd

##### MARSTON'S

M Emery b Weston.....23

B Dawson c w/keeper b Weston.....43

A Markey c w/keeper b Fox.....9

P Pepperell c Ellum b Weston.....14

R Woolley c Ellum b Weston.....77

R Ward c Cowley b Fox.....10

A Tipping not out.....17

Extras.....13

Total (6 wickets).....209

Fall: 1-62, 2-69, 3-100, 4-106, 5-140, 6-157.

Bowling: Ellum 13-1-44-1;

Mawbey 5-1-25-0; Weston 11-0-52-3; Fox 11-0-42-2; Cowley 5-0-36-0.

#### HARTSHORNE

N Tillett c Pepperell b Barnett.....14

D Clamp b Tipping.....19

N Shore lbw Pepperell.....15

J Fox c Woolley b Pepperell.....15

G Weston c Dawson b Ward.....17

P Cowley b Ward.....6

J Wagstaff b Pepperell.....17

P Ellum b Pepperell.....0

E Carey not out.....5

T Mawbey not out.....15

Extras.....128

Total (8 wickets).....128

Fall: 1-31, 2-36, 3-61, 4-69, 5-85, 6-96, 7-106, 8-112.

Bowling: P Barnett 12-4-17-1; A Tipping 14-1-36-1; P Pepperell 11-2-38-4; R Ward 8-1-34-2.

Marston's (11pts) beat Hartshorne (1pt) by 81 runs.

#### Hammerwich 2nd v Barton 2nd

##### HAMMERWICH

P Ellwell c J Timmis b Rockcliffe.....6

B Marigold c Thompson.....24

B Rockcliffe.....9

D Foster c B J Timmis.....24

T Osmant c Carlton b Kennedy.....28

R Bucknall b Timmis.....7

I White run out.....8

H Harper b Timmis.....4

A Masters b Thompson.....0

J Day c B J Thompson.....9

I Jarvis not out.....4

K Goodwin b Thompson.....15

Extras.....14

Total.....128

Bowling: J Timmis 22-10-43-3; K Rockcliffe 7-0-27-2; S Kennedy 6-1-19-1; I Thompson 9-5-13-14.

#### BARTON

B Keates c White b Day.....35

N Timmis b Marigold.....33

D Cropper b Day.....1

I Bennett not out.....13

J Hall c Jarvis b Marigold.....34

M Bennett not out.....0

Extras.....16

Total (4 wickets).....132

Bowling: A Masters 10-25-0; K Goodwin 11-6-11-0; I White 3-1-18-0; J Day 9-3-20-2; B Marigold 10-4-1-42-2.

Hammerwich (2pts) lost to Barton (10pts) by six wickets.

#### Alrewas v Robirch-Hosp

##### ALREWAS

D Trueman c Harley b Harrison.....34

B Heathcote c B Ball.....26

J Seigel c Nesbitt b Ball.....7

J Birt b Elkes.....13

M Sheasby run out.....32

J Mitchell c Garner b Harrison.....18

M Williams run out.....1

I Johnson not out.....1

Extras.....16

Total (7 wickets).....160

Fall: 1-52, 2-68, 3-72, 4-108, 5-138, 6-140, 7-160.

Bowling: S Harrison 23-5-63-2; N Hall 14-3-43-2; J Elkes 8-0-40-1.

#### ROBIRCH-HOSP

A Bryan not out.....61

D Trueman c Harley b Harrison.....39

P Wood c Seigel b Sutton.....27

J Elkes b Sutton.....6

B Nesbitt lbw b Seigel.....2

S Harrison not out.....3

Extras.....161

Total (4 wickets).....161

Fall: 1-81, 2-123, 3-147, 4-158.

Bowling: J Seigel 20-2-68-1; M Sheasby 12-2-47-1; B Heathcote 7-0-15-0; J Sutton 5-2-18-2.

Alrewas (2pts) lost to Robirch-Hospitals (10pts) by six wickets.

#### Bass 2nd v Ind Coope 2nd

##### BASS

T Gosling c Wright b S Eyley.....31

R Dewville b Philips.....18

K Widdows b Broadhurst.....44

A Redpath c Eyley b Philips.....1

A Jacks b Philips.....12

D Chilman b Philips.....13

I Barracough not out.....34

Extras.....132

Total (7 wickets).....132

Fall: 1-39, 2-64, 3-76, 4-96, 5-100.

Bowling: D Bennett 6-0-22-0; R Downes 17-2-56-3; G Peach 17-3-40-2; M Baker 5-1-13-2.

D Widdowson not out.....17

Extras.....17

Total (6 wickets).....207

Fall: 1-25, 2-52, 3-55, 4-78, 5-104, 6-176.

Bowling: G Broadhurst 11-0-38-1; N Philips 22-5-81-4; S Eyley 8-0-38-1; P Davis 2-0-16-0; D Wright 2-0-19-0.

#### IND COOPE

D Cheate b Hickman.....10

P Grieve c Widdowson b Simms.....5

M Madley b Gosling.....28

P Davis b Widdowson.....16

D Millington run out.....1

S Eyley b Gosling.....7

N Philips c Gosling b Widdowson.....13

G Broadhurst b Widdowson.....13

L Starbury not out.....2

D Wright b Gosling.....2

T Eyley b Gosling.....2

Extras.....3

Total.....93

Fall: 1-12, 2-23, 3-61, 4-64, 5-64, 6-69, 7-87, 8-87, 9-89, 10-93.

Bowling: S Hickman 12-4-22-1; J Simms 7-2-12-1; I Barracough 4-1-20-0; T Gosling 9-3-22-8; D Widdowson 9-5-7-3.

Bass (12pts) beat Ind Coope (0pts) by 114 runs.

#### DIVISION B

##### Uttuxeter 2nd v Pirelli 2nd

##### UTTOXETER

G Dixon b Downes.....14

P Rhodes b Peach.....37

J Woolley b Downes.....5

E Wright b Baker.....25

A Wright b Peach.....6

P Rhodes (jn) c Bennett.....0

B Downes.....9

G Douglas b Barker.....0

D Hunt (sn) not out.....11

T Ryan not out.....4

Extras.....21

Total (7 wickets).....132

Fall: 1-39, 2-64, 3-76, 4-96, 5-100.

Bowling: D Bennett 6-0-22-0; R Downes 17-2-56-3; G Peach 17-3-40-2; M Baker 5-1-13-2.

#### PIRELLI

A Bevington b E Wright.....0

I Beersford-Clarke b E Wright.....6

C Parker c Woolley b Hunt (sn).....7

N Strange lbw b E Wright.....18

R Edwards lbw b E Wright.....2

D Bennett b G Douglas.....32

G Caron b E Wright.....2

G Peach c Bowman b Douglas.....7

M Baker b E Wright.....0

D Boden not out.....2

R Downes c Ryan b E Wright.....0

Extras.....6

Total.....83

Fall: 1-5, 2-6, 3-16, 4-19, 5-47, 6-72, 7-80, 8-80, 9-83.

Bowling: D Hunt (snr) 15-4-48-1; E Wright 17-1-22-7; G Douglas 3-0-11-2.

Uttuxeter (9pts) beat Pirelli (3pts) by 49 runs.

#### Pastures Hospital v Walton

##### WALTON

M Miles b Measures.....1

P Pritchard b Wright.....16

A Fearn c Bonsall b Wright.....46

D Jackson not out.....77