

COUNTY CRICKET/ Derbyshire's injury woes

Bass blast
their way to
top position

Burton Mail Division A & B

With maximum points and still unbeaten, BASS steam-rollered Hartshorne to an ignominious defeat.

The away side amassed 232-7 with consistent batting from Jez Sims (40 no), Aidy Jacks (36) and Tim Gosling (34), Graham Weston being HARTSHORNE'S main wicket taker with 3-73.

In reply the home side slumped to only 25 off 10.4 overs (equal eighth lowest), Dave Widdowson having the day's best bowling figures of 6-7 ably assisted by Simon Hickman who took 3-16.

The only other unbeaten team in this league, ROBRICH HOSPITALS, were put in to bat by ROLLESTON and hit 162-8 in their 45 overs.

Wood top-scored with 39 and Anthony Thompson (27) and Hafiz being the other notable scorers for the home side. Mick Acton took 4-39.

Rolleston fell two runs short of their allotted overs — a very fine knock by Steve Bateman of 73 and Mick Royal (28 no), plus Benbow's 23, put them very close to a fine win.

Third-placed ALREWAS also recorded a good win with the welcome return of Malcolm Prince. He hit 92 and put on 108 with James Mitchell (42).

MARSTON'S, who had put Alrewas in to bat, could only manage 48 in reply. All the home team's bowlers contributed to this low score.

BARTON had an easy second consecutive win by dismissing TUTBURY for 106, Derek Cropper with 4-12 doing the main damage and John Lees (26) being the only batsman to offer any resistance.

This score was easily knocked off for the loss of only two wickets. Ivan Bennett (43 no) and John Hall (29 no) carrying them through.

● IN Division B, WINS-HILL put WALTON in to bat and restricted the home side to 118-8, R Mansfield with 3-44 topping the bowling, Mick Miles (37) and Andy Fearn (21) doing the honours for Walton.

The away side then collapsed to 63 all out, Dave Grist 4-24 and Steve McMeacham 4-24. The win put Walton top of the division.

UTTOXETER lost their first game of the season in scoring only 99-8 in their 45 overs, Eric Wright top scorer once again with 42 and Graham Dixon (32).

Phil Shaw was PASTURES' main strike bowler taking 3-32. The visiting team made 101-6 with three batsmen hitting two thirds of the runs, those being Stuart Wilkins (28), Ian McIntyre (21) and Tony Mason (20).

New boys to this division DRAYCOTT & HANBURY coasted to their first win by dismissing BRACKENFIELD for only 99, M Bullock 4-32 and Falls 3-20 being the wicket takers. The away team's captain Bob Grewer with 30 not out and Paul Gregory (26) achieved the win in only 32.4 overs.

Injuries cloud
bright outlook

The news about Ian Bishop is a savage blow to Derbyshire's prospects for the season. The hope was that the county could mount a serious challenge for the championship, but with the West Indian being ruled out of the four-day matches, the odds for Derbyshire doing so have receded dramatically.

Searching questions need to be asked about how and why Bishop was allowed to leave Trinidad without the stress fracture condition being either diagnosed or reported. Equally, between Bishop arriving in England on Saturday May 8 and the Benson and Hedges match against Middlesex, the following Tuesday May 11, his fitness, or otherwise, should have been established.

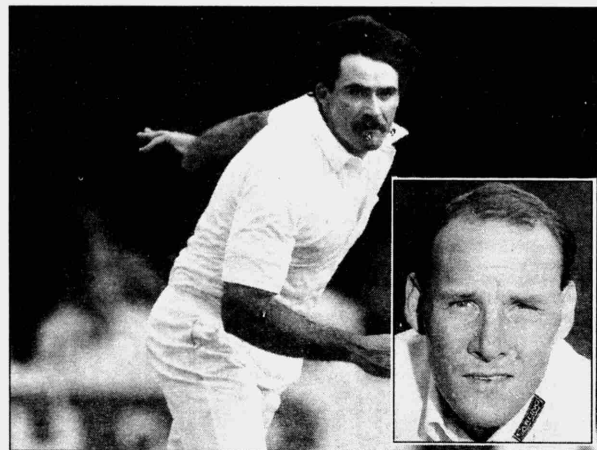
Once Bishop played against Middlesex any possibility that Derbyshire might recruit an overseas substitute for the season was gone. Now even the hope of him playing in the one-day cups has receded.

Ian Bishop is a likeable and responsible individual, whose intention would not be to cause problems for his adopted county. He has too much respect for his playing colleagues to attempt to play cricket on a false premise. It is unlikely that he would be aware of the exact nature of his injury.

Like many overseas stars and a few English players,

Bishop does have an agent. Bishop's agent is Deryck Murray, the former West Indian wicket-keeper and it would be interesting to know what advice he gave to his client back home in Trinidad. The role of the agent in football is well known, the influence of agents is crickets is more obscure.

Clearly, a county with a small squad and finances like Derbyshire's can ill-afford to have players on the injured list.



● Injury victims . . . Ian Bishop's back injury added to a list including Ole Mortensen and Simon Base (inset).

By Ian Hall

Mortensen, Krikken, Base (not yet 100 per cent) and Bishop, are too many for comfort. The fact is that professional sportsmen who are not fit to perform are little use.

After the Lord Mayor's Show of the last ball victory in the Sunday

league match against Glamorgan, came the dustcart the following morning. Facing the huge target of 406 to beat the Welshman, Derbyshire sank without trace.

Only Kim Barnett, who carried his bat for a highly skilled 108 not out, was

able to combat a pitch of variable bounce, a confident bowling attack and the knowledge that throughout the match, Derbyshire had not played well. With 350 the most the county has ever made to win in the last innings, they never threatened on this occasion.

One of the lessons of the new extended structure, which was feared by

those who have played the game and dismissed by those who haven't, is that after three days of a championship match, followed by an intense 50 overs-a-side affair on a Sunday, the quality of cricket on Monday morning might sometimes leave much to be desired.

From a Derbyshire point of view, it certainly did against Glamorgan.

Positions

Division	A	PW	L	A	B	Pt
Bass	3	3	0	0	0	36
Rob Hospitals	3	3	0	0	0	29
Alrewas	3	2	1	0	1	25
Barton	3	2	1	0	1	21
Rolleston	3	1	2	0	1	17
Hammerwich	2	1	0	1	0	13
Marston's	3	1	0	2	0	13
Ind Coope	2	1	0	1	0	10
Hartshorne	3	0	0	3	0	2
Tutbury	3	0	0	3	0	2

Division	B	PW	L	A	B	Pt
Walton	3	3	0	0	0	36
Trentside	2	2	0	0	0	22
Uttoxeter	3	2	0	1	0	20
Pastures	3	2	0	1	0	17
Brackensfield	3	1	0	2	0	15
Draycott & H	2	1	0	1	0	12
Winsill	3	0	0	3	0	5
Pirelli	1	0	0	1	0	3

DIVISION A & B SCOREBOARDS

SECTION A	
Ind Coope v Hammerwich	
P Ellwell c Rowley b Broadhurst	26
B Instone b Phillips	55
D Foster b Phillips	31
T Osmant b S Eyley	2
I White b Phillips	2
K Jeffries c Broadhurst b Phillips	2
K Goodwin run out	4
R Bucknall b S Eyley	1
I Jarvis not out	1
Extras	19
Total (9 wickets)	159
Falls: 1-54, 2-113, 2-116, 4-135, 5-138, 6-142, 7-153, 8-154, 9-159	
Bowling: G Broadhurst	
15-1-38-1, T Eyley 16-3-44-0, N Phillips 8-1-26-5, S Eyley 6-2-26-2	
IND COOPE	
S Rowley not out	80
D Cheate b Bucknall	33
N Fretwell run out	32
Extras	14
Total (2 wickets)	159
Falls: 1-73, 2-159	
Bowling: K Goodwin	
16-3-47-0, A Masters 16-2-47-0, IK White 7-28-0, R Bucknall 6-12-5-1	
Match tied, 6pts each	
Rolleston v Rob Hosp	
A Thompson c Acton b Fennell	27
A Bryan c b Wadhwa	18
P Wood b Acton	39
A Hafiz c — b Acton	23
Extras	11
A Woods b Acton	9
N Nesbitt b Wadhwa	10
S Garner b Acton	7
S Harrison not out	2
N Ball not out	2

Extras	15
Total (8 wickets)	162
Falls: 1-49, 2-49, 3-104, 4-120, 5-131, 6-141, 7-150, 8-160	
Bowling: N Wadhwa	
23-7-64-3, D Fennell 10-2-49-1, M Acton 12-1-39-4	
ROLLESTON	
S Bateman c Wood b Thompson	73
T Faulkner b Ball	11
D Benbow c Hafiz b Harrison	23
M Clay b Thompson	4
P Royall not out	28
A Statham b Thompson	0
P Glover b Harrison	0
C Richards b Thompson	2
N Wadhwa c Elks b Thompson	2
M Acton not out	0
Extras	17
Total (8 wickets)	160
Falls: 1-25, 2-118, 3-125, 4-125, 5-128, 6-131, 7-144, 8-146	
Bowling: S Harrison	
23-7-58-2, N Ball 12-3-42-1, A Thompson 10-1-47-5	
Rolleston (4pts) lost to Rob/Hosp (8pts) by 2 runs	
Alrewas v Marston's	
B Heathcote b Tipping	5
M Prince c Ward b Reed	92
M Sheasby c Markey b Ward	10
J Mitchell c Pepperell b Reed	43
W Sherratt c Markey b Tipping	0
K Cliff b Reed	6
M Goodland run out	4
M Williams b Tipping	0
J Sutton not out	6
J Goodlad st Markey b Tipping	8
R Owen not out	11
Extras	11
Total (9 wickets)	186
Falls: 1-25, 2-49, 3-157, 4-158, 5-166, 6-171, 8-171, 9-185	
Bowling: A Tipping	
14-3-37-4	

T Pellicha 2-0-17-0, R Ward 13-2-46-1, P Pepperell 9-1-38-0, C Reed 7-0-40-3	
MARSTON'S	
A Tipping b Sherratt	14
P Pepperell c Owen b Sherratt	10
A Markey c — b Sheasby	7
C Reed c Cliff b Sutton	17
R Hackett c J Goodlad b Sherratt	0
R Woolley b Sutton	3
R Ward c M Goodlad b Heathcote	1
A Petecchia b Heathcote	0
J Walker not out	2
J Robb c Cliff b Sher	0
Total	47
Falls: 1-0, 2-17, 3-27, 4-27, 5-28, 6-35, 7-35, 8-45, 9-47	
Bowling: W Sherratt	
11-1-14-0, M Sheasby 8-1-15-0, J Sutton 4-1-14-0, B Heathcote 2-0-4-0	
Alrewas (13pts) beat Marston's (0pts) by 129 runs	
Barton v Tutbury	
D Lobb b Thompson	7
A Watson c I Bennett b Rockcliffe	0
J Lees b Thompson	26
S Orton b Timmis	8
D Clark b Cropper	13
J Grinter c Hall b Cropper	13
M Sharratt b Cropper	1
S Glover run out	9
K Allsobrook c I Bennett b Cropper	4
D Henderson not out	5
G Bowley not out	1
Extras	11
Total (9 wickets)	106
Falls: 1-2, 2-36, 3-50, 4-50, 5-80, 6-84, 7-91, 8-95, 9-101	
Bowling: J Timmis	
23-5-55-1, K Rockcliffe 8-3-13-1, I Thompson 8-2-16-2, D Cropper 6-1-13-4	

BARTON	
B Keates c Lees b Hendrickson	14
A Majoram c Lees b Hendrickson	5
I Bennett not out	43
J Hall not out	29
Extras	17
Total (2 wickets)	108
Falls: 1-17, 2-22	
Bowling: D Hendrickson	
12-3-39-2, K Allsobrook 14-7-16-0, G Bowley 8-1-26-0, M Sharratt 6-0-16-0	
Barton (11pts) beat Tutbury (1pt) by 8 wickets	
SECTION B	
B'field v Draycott & H	
M Lloyd b Bullock	5
M Hammenley c Cooper b Hall	25
N Hall c Lauden b Bullock	0
S Jenkinson c Hall b Bullock	0
N Bowes c Lauden b Hall	19
A Travis lbw b Hall	3
K Roberts b Cooper	1
S Daves c Hall b Bullock	9
J Sibley c Hall b Cooper	1
T Rice not out	24
J Smith run out	0
Extras	12
Total	99
Falls: 1-16, 2-16, 3-16, 4-54, 5-58, 6-59, 7-59, 8-62, 9-96	
Bowling: Bullock	
12-3-32-4, Cooper 21-5-6-43-2, Hall 10-2-20-3	
DRAYCOTT & HANBURY	
H Elden run out	9
E Hall c Hall b Rice	3
N Moore b Bowes	11
P Gregory b Sibley	26
B Grewer not out	5
P Bullock not out	13
Extras	11
Total (4 wickets)	103

Falls: 1-11, 2-19, 3-27, 4-55	
Bowling: N Bowes	
10-4-22-9, T Rice 5-0-23-1, N Hall 8-2-15-0, J Sibley 7-2-18-1, K Roberts 3-1-11-0	
Brackensfield (2pts) lost to Draycott & H (10pts) by 6 wickets	
Walton v Winsill	
M Miles b P Mansfield	37
P Pritchard b Joyce	0
A Fearn c Jefferson b Mason	21
D Jackson b Mason	1
S Gilliver b Wilson	38
S McCalion run out	3
S McMeacham b P Mansfield	0
J Bradford c Tonkinson b Mansfield	11
G Dickinson not out	6
Extras	6
Total (8 wickets)	118
Falls: 1-0, 2-29, 3-30, 4-90, 5-98, 6-98, 7-112, 8-118	
Bowling: L Mason	
11-2-27-2, D Joyce 14-1-31-1, P Mansfield 12-2-44-3, P Wilson 8-1-12-1	
WINSILL	
T Gooding c b McMeacham	1
J Clarke b McMeacham	7
A Tonkinson run out	13
T Moore b McMeacham	6
A Jefferson c Fearn b Grist	14
D Joyce b Grist	7
H Mansfield c Jackson b McMeacham	2
M Causer b Grist	0
P Wilson b Jackson	4
L Mason not out	1
Extras	5
Total	63
Falls: 1-5, 2-18, 3-25, 4-43, 4-43, 5-43, 6-47, 7-58, 8-58, 9-61	

G Dixon b Shaw	32
P Rhodes Snr b Measures	6
J Woolley run out	2
E Wright c Bonnell b Measures	43
A Wright b Shaw	3
D Hunt Snr b Shaw	1
A Bowman run out	28
P Rhodes Jnr run out	0
M Elkes not out	0
Extras	4
Total (8 wickets)	99
Falls: 1-9, 2-16, 3-82, 4-90, 5-91, 6-98, 7-99, 8-99	
Bowling: R Measures	
23-7-41-2, A Mason 10-4-22-0, P Shaw 12-1-32-3	
PASTURES	
I McIntyre st Rhodes b Hunt	21
S Wilkins st Rhodes b E Wright	28
G Harvey not out	15
J Richards run out	5
A Mason c E Wright b A Wright	20
P Shaw c Dixon b A Wright	4
D Boddy c Hunt b Woolley	4
J Bonnell not out	2
Extras	4
Total (6 wickets)	101
Falls: 1-43, 2-52, 3-62, 4-92, 5-94, 6-98	
Bowling: E Wright	
17-1-45-1, M Elkes 9-1-24-0, D Hunt 11-4-19-1, A Wright 2-0-5-2, J Woolley 1-4-1-4-1	
Uttoxeter (3pts) lost to Pastures (9pts) by 55 runs	

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