

COUNTY CRICKET/ Derbyshire unable to tie up Notts

Bridge of sighs

Derbyshire suffered their worst day of the season at Trent Bridge as Nottinghamshire piled up 320-3 off 113 overs before bad light ended play 10 minutes early.

No Devon Malcolm, Ole Mortensen or Allan Warner left the Derbyshire bowling attack threadbare and it showed.

The first wicket did not fall until 5.21pm by which time Nottinghamshire were 291 and even then, it took a brilliant catch by Chris Adams at slip to dismiss Paul Pollard for 180.

The first wicket partnership between Pollard and Wayne Dessaur (104) was a

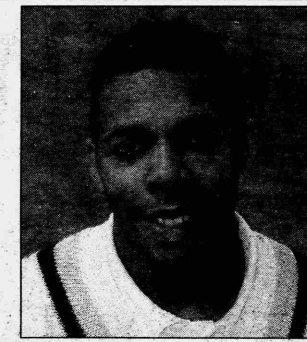
By Ian Hall

record for Nottinghamshire against Derbyshire and both batsmen made their highest ever first class scores.

Pollard accelerated after a slow start and played several strong drives, but Dessaur hardly ever managed to score at more than a run per over and much of the cricket in the afternoon session was tedious.

Spinners

Eventually, Dessaur padded up to a ball from Frank Griffith which hit his off stump to



● Frank Griffith... made a point

give Derbyshire a solitary bowling point. Certainly much of the bowling will not have impressed watching England team manager Keith Fletcher.

Opinion is that the pitch will take spin and both sides have included two young spinners.

Matthew Vandura and Richard Sladdin bowled a total of 55 overs for 169 runs and one wicket between them and neither was able to exert control, or power of spin, to disconcert the home batsmen.

Even Peter Bowler tried his off spin for 11 overs, but without success.

Derbyshire will have to bat very well in their first innings to to stay in this match.

If they can do that, and providing Nottinghamshire do not get too many runs, there may still be chances for Derbyshire to record a third successive victory at Trent Bridge.

Positions

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

First Innings

W Dessaur b Griffith.....	180
M Crawley c Adams b Sladdin.....	104
T Robinson not out.....	10
P Johnson not out.....	9
Extras.....	13
Total (3 wickets).....	320
Fall: 1-291, 2-300, 3-306.	
Bowling: Cork 17-45-0, Base 15-5-34-1, Griffith 15-5-31-1, Yandru 26-47-1-0, Sladdin 29-12-98-1, Bowler 11-3-35-0.	
Bonus points: Notts 3, Derbys 1.	

Time to look ahead for success

Derbyshire continued their inconsistent form at Ilkeston with a controlled performance to beat championship challengers Surrey in three days, writes Ian Hall.

The next day, against the same opposition in the Sunday League, they threw away several chances of victory and lost by five wickets.

Whatever the reason, the two results mean Derbyshire have climbed to 10th in the championship but look unlikely to finish in the top four in the Sunday League.

An excellent pitch at the Rutland Ground added fuel to the contention that Derbyshire play better in the four day games at venues other than

at the County Ground.

Next year's fixtures give the county nine home matches and if Derbyshire are to make a realistic challenge for the county championship itself, there is logic in playing three matches at Chesterfield and one at Ilkeston, where the pitches are more suitable to Derbyshire's style of play.

Much depends on the fitness of Ian Bishop. With the West Indian firing on all cylinders, Derbyshire will not have a better opportunity of landing the "big one" than next season.

After that, the effectiveness of ageing bowlers like Ole Mortensen, Allan Warner and Simon Base is

likely to be reduced and the following season the West Indies tour will deprive the county of their overseas star.

For counties like Derbyshire, opportunities do not arise too frequently. When they do, they must be seized wholeheartedly.

Despite the club's precarious financial position, which will no doubt be used as a reason to keep matches at Derby, I believe that the cricketing argument should prevail this time and Kim Barnett's men should be given every support to try to land Derbyshire's second championship title this century.

Plans need to be made now, or the opportunity will slip away.

Title chase to the wire

Divisions A&B

Next week's game between Bass and Rolleston will decide the Division A title as the contenders go into the last game just one point apart.

BASS were at home to doomed TUTBURY, who opted to bat but struggled to 122-7, Lester finishing on 41 not out, as Dave Widdowson took 5-58.

The leaders then passed the lowly total for the loss of five wickets, Keith Widdows top scoring with 47 not out and Ian Barraclough chipping in with 35, while Ken Allsobrook took 3-22.

ROLLESTON, meanwhile, were comfortable winners at MARSTON'S who they restricted to 175-8, although Roger Hackett just missed out on a ton with 99 not out. Mick Aston took 4-73 and Trevor Foster 3-70.

The visitors' Steve Bateman was also in fine form, scoring an unbeaten 92, and helped by Mick Clay (52) the hosts' score was overhauled for the loss of only three wickets.

Confirmed in third place were last year's champions ROBIRCH/HOSPITALS after a narrow win at HAMMERWICH.

Robirch, batting first, reached 199-3 with Bajan making 78 and Wood 66. In reply, the home side just missed out, finishing on 178-6, the three main batsmen being Broadhurst (41), Wedge (36) and Galvin (30).

There was another

close game at ALREWAS, who won the toss and batted but could only reach 147-9 in their 45 overs. Captain Mark

Sheasby top scored with 39, Tim Aston made 33 and Bernard Heathcote 27 not out. For opponents

BARTON, Jim Timmis took 5-46.

When the visitors

batted, they finished two runs short on 145-8, with Timmis (33) top scoring, aided by Holmes (29) and Baker (24), while Jon Seigal took 4-23.

Rapidly

Bottom club HARTSHORNE were convincingly defeated by fourth place IND COOPE who batted first and reached 195-3, through Tony Millington (65) and 15-year-old Mark Hadley, who batted brilliantly for 64.

In reply, the home side were rapidly dismissed for just 103, Ishtiaq Hussain taking four wickets.

● DIVISION B champions-elect TRENTSIDE were soundly beaten by UTOXETER, who were put in and made 157-5. The visitors could muster only 66 in reply against Mark Elkes (4-30) and Ian Bailey (3-22).

BRACKENFIELD can clinch second spot by getting at least six points in their last game against Utoxeter.

Against WALTON, they batted first and made 158-8 and shot out the hosts for 133.

DRAYCOTT AND HANBURY finished their season with a defeat by vastly improved visitors PIRELLI.

The home side batted first and reached 179, Dave Lauben on 48 and Ronnie Tomlinson 43, Malc Hall taking 6-67.

Pirelli overhauled the total with just two wickets to spare. Paul B Clarke top scored with 42.

Positions

Division A

	PW	L	A	B	Pt
Bass.....	1714	3	0	0	164
Rolleston.....	1715	2	0	0	163
Rob/Hosp.....	1714	3	0	0	138
Ind Coope.....	17	9	7	0	109
Marston's.....	17	8	9	0	90
Alrewas.....	17	7	10	0	88
Barton.....	17	5	10	2	87
Hammerwich.....	17	6	9	1	86
Tutbury.....	17	3	14	0	53
Hartshorne.....	17	11	5	1	30

Division Two

	PW	L	A	B	Pt
Trentside.....	1310	2	1	0	106
Briefeld.....	13	7	5	1	82
Draycott & H.....	14	5	9	0	77
Pirelli.....	13	6	6	1	75
Utoxeter.....	13	6	6	0	75
Winshall.....	14	6	7	0	75
Pastures H.....	13	6	6	1	70
Walton.....	13	8	2	0	58

DIVISION A & B SCOREBOARDS

DIVISION A

Hammerwich v Rob/Hospitals

ROBIRCH/HOSPITALS

D Hoose c G Harcombe.....	2
J Elks c Foster b Broadhurst.....	28
P Wood run out.....	66
A Bajan not out.....	78
G Lander not out.....	13
Extras.....	12
Total (3 wickets).....	199
Fall: 1-13, 2-37, 3-161.	
Bowling: A Masters 16-3-62-0, K Goodwin 7-3-16-1, R Broadhurst 10-2-47-1, B Marigold 7-0-27-0, A Roberts 5-0-37-0.	

Hammerwich v Rolleston

HAMMERWICH

T Wedge run out.....	36
J Gavin b Elkes.....	30
D Foster b Slaney.....	20
B Marigold not out.....	41
B Instone c&b Elkes.....	4
A Roberts b Slaney.....	13
K Goodwin not out.....	2
Extras.....	14
Total (6 wickets).....	178
Fall: 1-70, 2-82, 3-101, 4-132, 5-153, 6-175.	
Bowling: A Waite 12-1-30-0, L Wood 9-3-26-0, S Slaney 13-0-64-2, J Elks 11-0-46-2.	

Hammerwich (4pts) lost to Robirch (5pts) by 21 runs.

Marston's v Rolleston

MARSTON'S

A Woods b Wadham.....	3
M Maguire c Royall b Foster.....	0
A Markey c Glover b Foster.....	4
A Tipping c Royall b Aston.....	23
R Hackett not out.....	99
P Peppercill lbw b Foster.....	0
S Crocker b Aston.....	16
J Lumsden b Aston.....	0
D Chiltern b Aston.....	11
R Ward not out.....	8
Extras.....	11
Total (8 wickets).....	175
Fall: 1-1, 2-5, 3-17, 4-64, 5-65, 6-122, 7-112, 8-144.	
Bowling: T Foster 23-6-70-3, N	

Marston's (4pts) lost to Rolleston (5pts) by 21 runs.

Wadham 7-22-1, M Acton 15-3-73-4.

ROLLESTON

S Bateman not out.....	92
D Benbow b Chiltern.....	4
P Royall b Chiltern.....	0
M Clay run out.....	52
A Statham not out.....	6
Extras.....	22
Total (2 wickets).....	176
Bowling: D Chiltern 17-5-4-0, 50-2, M Maguire 12-2-43-0, P Peppercill 8-0-47-0, R Ward 5-0-20-0.	
Marston's (1pts) lost to Rolleston (11pts) by 7 wickets.	

Bass v Tutbury

TUTBURY

C Roe b Hickman.....	5
D Lobb b Widdowson.....	10
N Smith c Hambleton.....	0
b Widdowson.....	0
A Watson c M Clay b Widdowson.....	41
P Lester not out.....	0
T Peach c Sims b Widdowson.....	0
M Roe c Smith b Widdowson.....	23
A Ashmole c Widdows.....	23
b Hickman.....	23
K Allsobrook not out.....	13
Extras.....	7
Total (7 wickets).....	122
Fall: 1-8, 2-9, 3-13, 4-22, 5-23, 6-60, 7-104.	
Bowling: D Widdowson 23-5-58-5, S Hickman 17-2-38-2, R Deaville 5-1-21-0.	

Bass (4pts) beat Tutbury (10pts) by 7 wickets.

Alrewas v Barton

ALREWAS

C Goodlad c Mosley b Timmis.....	12
J Seigal lbw b Timmis.....	2
T Aston c&b I Thompson.....	33
T Williams b Timmis.....	2
M Sheasby c Bennett b Timmis.....	39
O Harris c J Thompson.....	6
b Carleton.....	0
B Heathcote not out.....	27
J Sutton lbw b Timmis.....	2
T Williams b Timmis.....	2
G Williams run out.....	14
S Munday run out.....	0
Extras.....	10

Hartshorne (1pt) lost to Ind Coope (11pts) by 91 runs.

Hartshorne v Ind Coope

IND COOPE

A Millington b Martin.....	65
S Rowley not out.....	11
J Starbuck not out.....	10
Extras.....	44
Total (2 wickets).....	194
Fall: 1-161, 2-165.	
Bowling: D Martin 13-3-43-2, P Mawley 13-5-21-0, N Shore 10-2-42-0, P Bayliss 4-0-21-0, T Fryar 5-0-34-0.	

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Hartshorne v Ind Coope

IND COOPE

R Clamp c Starbuck b Hussain.....	42
T Friar c Starbuck b Broadhurst.....	0
N Shore c&b Broadhurst.....	0
D Clamp c Rowley b Wright.....	37
M Corbett b Hussain.....	0
N Tilley c Starbuck b Hussain.....	0
T Mawley c Anser b Wright.....	1
P Bayliss b Hussain.....	3
D Mawley not out.....	0
P Blythin b Starbuck.....	0
D Martin lbw b Starbuck.....	0
Extras.....	20
Total.....	103
Fall: 1-1, 2-5, 3-97, 4-91, 5-95, 6-95, 7-100, 8-103, 9-103.	
Bowling: G Broadhurst 6-2-24-2, Anser Majid 10-1-26-0, I Hussain 10-3-30-4, D Wright 5-11-32, P Davis 1-1-0-0, J Starbuck 0-2-0-2.	

Hartshorne (1pt) lost to Ind Coope (11pts) by 91 runs.

Hartshorne v Ind Coope

IND COOPE

S Cooper c McLaughlin b Lakin.....	23
G Dixon c Norton b Redfern.....	12
E Wright c McLaughlin.....	15
b Benstead.....	0
J Trevitt b Benstead.....	0
J Wollley c&b Redfern.....	2
P Rhodes not out.....	54
D Hunt ret hurt.....	23
I Bailey not out.....	27
Extras.....	2
Total (5 wickets).....	157
Fall: 1-46, 2-61, 3-67, 4-71, 5-71.	
Bowling: Redfern 19-8-39-2, Lakin 11-3-47-1, Benstead 11-3-40-2, McLaughlin 4-0-22-0.	

Hartshorne (1pt) lost to Ind Coope (11pts) by 91 runs.

Hartshorne v Ind Coope

IND COOPE

C Williams b Bailey.....	4
J Benstead c Bowman b Elkes.....	5

Hartshorne (1pt) lost to Ind Coope (11pts) by 91 runs.

Hartshorne v Ind Coope

IND COOPE

K Hancock c Dixon b Elkes.....	2
R Matthews c Dixon b Elkes.....	5
P McLaughlin c Rhodes b Elkes.....	0
T Kirkland c E Wright b Cooper.....	10
J Elson c Cooper b Bailey.....	24
M Redfern c&b Cooper.....	0
K Lakin b Bailey.....	6
C Norton not out.....	1
Extras.....	1
Total.....	66
Fall: 1-4, 2-14, 3-16, 4-22, 5-22, 6-36, 7-36, 8-46, 9-55.	
Bowling: I Bailey 12-3-4-23-3, M Elkes 15-4-30-4, S Cooper 8-3-6-3.	
Utoxeter (11pts) beat Trentside (1pt) by 91 runs.	

Walton v Brackenfield

BRACKENFIELD

M Smout c Fearn b Grist.....	29
K Roberts b McMechan.....	3
L Lloyd b Fearn b McCallion.....	47
K Meakin st Fearn b Boyes.....	28
M Taylor b Boyes.....	19
M Meakin c McMechan b Grist.....	19
D Tombs b Dickinson.....	5
N Bowes run out.....	5
J Smith not out.....	4
D Winter not out.....	11
Total (8 wickets).....	158
Fall: 1-9, 2-39, 3-105, 4-114, 5-128, 6-146, 7-146, 8-151.	
Bowling: S McMechan 12-3-25-1, D Grist 19-2-65-2, K Boyes 8-0-36-2, S McCallion 3-0-17-1, G Dickinson 3-0-10-1.	

Walton v Brackenfield

BRACKENFIELD

J White c&b Taylor.....	1
S Gilliver c Lloyd b Taylor.....	24
A Fearn c M Meakin b Bowes.....	32
S McCallion b Roberts.....	21
C Evans b Bowes.....	2
P Pritchard c Smout b Roberts.....	0
J Bradford not out.....	8
S McMechan c M Meakin b Roberts.....	16
G Dickinson c Smout.....	13
b K Meakin.....	13
D Grist b Taylor.....	1

Walton v Brackenfield

BRACKENFIELD

Extras.....	13
Total (8 wickets).....	182
Fall: 1-3, 2-59, 3-73, 4-92, 5-122, 6-138, 7-144.	
Bowling: P Bullock 7-0-27-1, J Cooper 14-4-31-1, R Tomlinson 15-4-26-7, A Hall 8-0-42-3.	
Draycott (4pts) lost to Pirelli (8pts) by 2 wickets.	

Draycott/Han v Pirelli

DRAYCOTT/HAN

R Tomlinson b Edwards.....	43
P Bullock b Hall.....	0
J Humble b Peach.....	0
D Lauben b Hall.....	48
N Moore c Bevington b Edwards.....	4
A Hall c Edwards b Hall.....	19
J Cooper b Hall.....	22</