

CRICKET

Birch blasts a century

ROLLESTON MAULED

OWEN Birch smashed a brilliant century as DRAYCOTT & HANBURY powered to victory at ROLLESTON in a Station Road orgy of runs.

Rolleston set their rivals a mammoth task by piling up an impressive 262-9 in 45 overs, but with Barbadian Birch in his most effervescent form the visitors grabbed a four-wicket victory with just two balls to spare.

Birch's cavalier innings of 131 came off only 110 balls and laid the foundation for a late assault by Tim Watson and Andy Addy that yielded the 51 needed off the last five overs.

Rolleston's only consolation for their most productive day of the season with the bat was a haul of three bonus points.

Former Derbyshire star Alan Mellor (75) and Chris Colley, whose 88 came at a run a ball, dominated their innings with a partnership of 146 for the third wicket in only 20 overs.

Paul Walker's dismissal with the score at 41 in the 13th over gave the home attack heart, but they were soon destroyed by the imperious Birch.

He looked capable of winning the game single-handed until he was brilliantly caught on the boundary by Sean Bradfield in the 40th over.

Leaders MARCHINGTON maintained their 100 per cent record at the expense of **IND COOPE** in a low-scoring game at Jacks Lane.

With Mick McGuinness and Graeme Jones forging a promising third-wicket partnership, the visitors seemed poised to set Marchington a challenging target.

But Jones' dismissal by Ken Maxwell with the score

at 78 sent the innings into rapid decline with only Lee Stanbury's late flurry helping the score to 131 as Graham Chamberlain (5-39) and Maxwell (4-25) took the honours.

Marchington also found runs a hard-earned commodity and even lost Pakistan test star Rashid Latif — trapped leg before by Ansar Majid — for a modest 27.

But the club's new star batsman, Wasim Rouff, steered the home team away from trouble with an unbeaten half century that gave Marchington victory by four wickets in the 38th over.

Champions ALREWAS — and more especially prolific run maker David Thompson — showed ominous signs of their resurgent form with a comfortable win at home to high-flying neighbours



By Rex Page

BARTON.

Thompson plundered his first century of the campaign and shared a second-wicket partnership of 175 with Peter Gough.

Gough passed the half-century mark before his dismissal signalled a flurry of wickets as Nick Tomlinson claimed 4-11.

Alrewas, 211 all out, failed to use up their full allocation of overs and at one stage it looked as though their profligacy might prove costly.

Tomlinson and Mick Hunter (85) steered Barton to 112-1, but in a repeat of the Alrewas innings the dismissal of one batsman prompted a clatter of wickets.

No other Barton batsman reached double figures as spin kings Steve Broderick and Gough took control to shoot the visitors out for a disappointing 163.

● **Star of Pakistan . . . Rashid Latif hurls a delivery down to Ind Coope opener Pete Green**

▼ TABLE

	P	W	L	T	A	B	P
Marchington	5	5	0	0	0	13	48
Alrewas	5	4	0	1	0	10	41
Barton	6	3	0	0	1	17	38
Burton	6	3	2	0	1	14	38
Draycott & H.	6	3	2	0	1	12	36
Hilton	5	1	3	0	1	12	23
Uttuxeter	5	2	2	0	1	5	22
Ind Coope	5	1	4	0	0	13	20
Rolleston	5	1	3	0	1	10	20
Hammerwich	6	0	5	0	1	12	15

Fixtures

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Ind Coope v Rolleston	11-12-98
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Burton v Marchington	11-12-98

TUTBURY suffered an agonising two-run defeat at the hands of **BURTON** in the most nerve-jangling finish of the day at The Mill.

Nick Miller turned in another reliable bowling performance to add five more wickets to his impressive early-season haul and it required a gritty knock of 47 not out by David Hoose to steer the visitors to a respectable 140-8.

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Division Four has three joint leaders but it is Dart Inn which has leapt into the top position. They took on previous leaders Grange and won five of the first six games. Royal Oak B were back to their early season best and sent The Monks

back to Stretton after winning the last four frames to take second position in the table.

In the Ladies League Division One, Star & Garter heaped more misery on Shoulder of Mutton, their 7-0 success ensuring they stayed in top position while Premier C were rocked as the E Team took a 2-0 lead but soon recovered to hold on to second place, just two points down on the leaders.

Premier A and Derby Turn are closing though as well Premier B who are all just two points off the pace.

In Division Two Wyggeston look to have the tie in the bag after slaughtering favourites Black Eagle while Coopers look favourites to finish runners up. Eagle look destined for another season in Division Two.

SUNDAY sees a general pool meeting which all teams should attend, this being the last chance to enter the 14-1 singles at £1.50 per player. The ladies singles rate is £1.50 per player, the ladies doubles £3 per pair.

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Total (8 wks) 140

Fall: 1-31, 2-34, 3-53, 4-61,

5-65, 6-70, 7-109, 8-113.

Bowling: N Miller 17-3-43-5,

D Chilton 22-9-65-2, P Reynolds

6-22-21.

TUTBURY

P Edwards c Thompson b Boden 0

P Cotton lwb b Haynes 25

N Weedon c Boden b Adams 12

P Reynolds b Haynes 3

D Bennett not out 2

D Chilton c Bromley b Haynes 0

Extras 20

Total 138

Fall: 1-5, 2-28, 3-36, 4-100, 5-

100, 6-101, 7-128, 8-131, 9-138,

10-138.

Bowling: M Haynes 17-4-

35-6, G Boden 3-0-14-1, A Adams

4-9-12, B Bartram 3-1-17-0, A

Thompson 12-1-40-1.

Tutbury (4pts) lost to Burton

(8pts) by 2 runs.

Marchington v Ind Coope

IND COOPE

P Green b Chamberlain 7

R Jones c Rouff b Chamberlain 0

M McGuinness b Rigby 24

G Jones b Maxwell 29

A Majed b Chamberlain 9

S Newton c Rouff b Maxwell 0

J Fryatt c Rouff b Maxwell 1

D Ford b Chamberlain 1

L Stanbury not out 24

D Scott c Latif b Maxwell 1

J Coomer b Chamberlain 0

Extras 31

Total 131

Fall: 1-20, 2-26, 3-78, 4-111,

5-102, 6-103, 7-103, 8-103, 9-101,

10-131.

Bowling: G Chamberlain

14-3-39-5, R Latif 11-1-26-0, A

Rigby 7-0-34-1, K Maxwell

10-3-25-4.

MARCHINGTON

R Pelham lwb b Ford 1

A Fryatt b Fryatt 10

R Latif lwb b Majid 27

W Rouff not out 51

A Malik lwb b Ford 2

A Javed c Newton b Jones 17

G Chamberlain b Majid 4

R Green not out 4

Extras 16

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Fall: 1-16, 2-27, 3-58, 4-64, 5-

117, 6-128.

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Ford 14-4-39-2, A Majid 10-0-35-2,

G Jones 4-3-20-1.

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destroyed the visitors with figures of 6-31 in 13 overs to leave Hilton needing only 90 for victory.

But with Wayne Davies in threatening form with the ball, Hilton needed almost 50 overs to crawl to their target with opener Alan Barber dropping anchor for a painstaking but crucial 37 not out.

There is one last chance to enter The Premier Club three-a-side cash league which begins on Sunday. There will be prize money for every team which enters so there will be no losers. As long as you can pot you could be in for the top prize of £400 as snookers are outlawed. Please contact Ken Evans (01283-812674) immediately if you wish to enter.

REFEREES are reminded to attend their meeting at 11am on Sunday. Anyone interested in becoming a referee or learning more about the rules should contact Ken Evans (01283-812674) immediately.

THE FOLLOWING teams should pay outstanding fines from last winter: Beech A — £4; The Crown B (Stapenhill) — £4. Fines must be paid at Sunday's meeting.

Wyggy girls aren't for going wobbly

ONLY one team remains unbeaten in the Burton Pool League — Ladies Division Two leaders The Wyggeston.

And even though the season is now into its eighth week, three teams have yet to win, the trio of unfortunate being Crown B (Stapenhill) of Division Three, Division Four's Freehold Tavern and Ladies Division Two side Argyle B.

Unlucky Crown have lost 4-3 on five occasions this term and against Red Rose Club last week they bounced back from 3-1 down to reach 3-3 before crashing on the final doubles match.

In Division Four Freehold Tavern have lost 4-3 on three occasions after being tipped 16-1 to win the title.

Now it looks like Tavern face a battle just to win a match.

And in Ladies Division Two, Argyle B have reached 4-3 twice and have lost 7-0 on one occasion though a win must surely come their way before the season is over.

Among the most successful sides are Gladstone who have their A team heading Division One while the B team zoomed to the top of Division Two last week.

The A Team have led Division One all season and defeated archrivals George Inn 5-2 last week. Gladstone have won 6-1 on four occasions and 7-0 once so look a good bet as first to win 100 frames this season.

Gladstone B have lapsed after a good start to the

season but the return of hero Richard Akers has transformed them. Richard, who works away a lot, has been back two weeks and his play has been a revelation to help his team move back into pole position.

The other top pub name is New Inn (Stapenhill) whose A outfit have taken over Division Three leadership after defeating previously unbeaten Argyle B, favourites to take the title.

The B team, in Division Four, are another high-scoring team having won 7-0 twice but in between have come a lot of 4-3 defeats which have left them fourth.

In the Premier Division, the big three have a stranglehold on the top spots: Acorn, winners of the winter season league, hold first

place, Premier A the second spot and Premier C the third berth. The team most likely to upset the trio is Gardens who have moved up into fifth position.

Gladstone A are showing the way in Division One but Black Eagle and The Crown A (Stapenhill) are sticking with them as all three have won seven of their eight matches.

Eagle had the fight of their lives to defeat the Premier's Spice Girls last week and it took skipper Ken Dimmock and Brian Burgh to win the final doubles frame to pull it off.

Crown A (Stapenhill) were the supreme team in Burton 13 years ago and Chris Sheldrake and Billy Ireland are two survivors from that era. Their form

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