

CRICKET

Burton Tiles Premier focus

ALREWAS TURN UP THE POWER

ALREWAS have continued their relentless march towards their fourth successive Burton Tiles Premier Division title.

Relegation strugglers **UTTOXETER** offered only token resistance at Daisy Lane as the home team took a maximum points to give them a 25-point advantage over Marchington.

Uttoxeter knew that they if were to cause an upset they had to curb the Alrewas run-scoring potential, but the opposite was the case as Dave Thompson and Peter Gough produced an opening stand of 96.

Thompson, eventually out for 78, also found a reliable partner in Tim Watson and Alan Gough adding quickfire runs in the closing stages, Alrewas were able to post a total of 225-4.

The Goughs then joined forces as opening bowlers to remove Uttoxeter openers Ian Hodgson and Adam Hall with only a single on the board.

Andy Gaggie led a partial recovery, but the introduction of Duane Whiteside to the Alrewas attack put paid to the visitors as they crumpled to 119 all out.

Whiteside shared the bowling honours with Alan Gough, the pair each claiming four victims as Alrewas mopped up all the bonus points.

BURTON climbed into third place with victory at **HILTON** in a high-scoring game.

The visitors batted reliably down the order, none more so than Dave Bowering who showed some his old form with a stylish 74 in an impressive total of 251-7 after openers Dave Hoose and Rob Ellerington had laid a solid foundation.

With skipper Alan Barber in typically fluent form, Hilton enjoyed their moments with the bat, but they were never quite able to score their runs quickly enough.

Barber's run out for 80 with the score at 167 more or less ensured a Bueton victory, but Hilton's middle order flourished to give the home team the lion's share of the bonus points.

ROLLESTON took another step away from the relegation zone by squeezing to victory in a close game at **TUTBURY**.

Bowlers mostly had the upperhand, but Sean Green held the Rolleston innings together with a determined half century after Nick Miller's opening burst had accounted for three wickets for 10 runs.

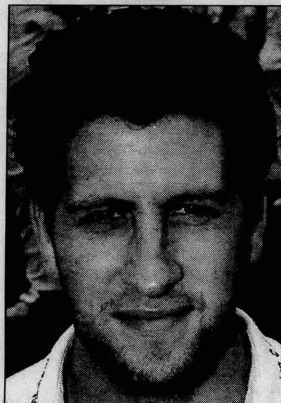
When Green was prised out by Dave Bennett, Rolleston were still in some difficulty at

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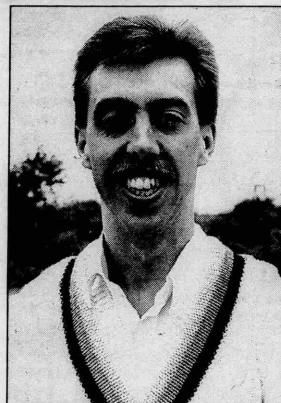
	P	W	L	T	A	B	P
Alrewas	12	11	0	0	1	34	114
Marchington	11	0	1	0	2	27	89
Burton	13	5	4	0	4	21	68
Tutbury	12	4	5	0	3	26	63
Barton	12	4	6	0	2	25	59
Draycott & H	12	3	4	0	5	20	56
Ind Coope	11	4	6	0	1	24	55
Rolleston	12	4	5	0	3	18	55
Hammerwich	12	3	6	0	3	19	52
Hilton	12	2	8	0	2	24	44
Uttoxeter	12	2	6	0	4	12	38

▼ FIXTURES

Ind Coope v Barton
Marchington v Hammerwich
Alrewas v Tutbury
Hilton v Uttoxeter
Draycott & H v Burton



● Sean Green . . . held Rolleston innings together



● Dave Bowering . . . forceful knock for Burton

By Rex Page

85-6 but Darren Yeomans (32) led a late order rally that took them to a more respectable 154-9 after 45 overs.

Tutbury still looked favourites for the bulk of the point after Matt McGibbon, Jez Redfern and Nick Weedon steered them past the 100 mark with six wickets standing.

But Yeomans chipped in with three vital wickets and, crucially, Phil Cotton and the dangerous Russell Stride perished to run outs as Tutbury fell eight runs short in a frantic finish.

BARTON ended their recent slump with victory at home to **DRAYCOTT & HANBURY** in another see-saw battle.

The Effinch Lane team's innings failed to realise its full potential and after reaching the 100 mark with only two wickets down Barton had to settle for a score of 179 as

Gordon Ford claimed four wickets in a tight spell of bowling.

Hanbury also made a good start but the loss of skipper Owen Birch with the score at 40 tipped the balance in Barton's favour.

Mike Smedley's patient innings of 40 came to an end when he was trapped leg before by Ian Mitchell and only Simon Clay offered further resistance as off spinner Mark Blamire impressively claimed 6-49 to bowl Hanbury out for 163 in the 43rd over.

IND COOPE'S preparations for Sunday's Breweries Cup final against D&H suffered an even more inauspicious defeat at **HAMMERWICH**.

The Belvedere Park club struggled to 144-8 for runs with only Paul Green (41) breaking the stranglehold of the home attack.

Hammerwich made light of reaching their modest target as professional Nusrat Hussain cracked 72 not out to help them home by eight wickets.

Mail SPORT TOMORROW: FIRST DIVISION FOCUS

▼ PREMIER DIVISION SCOREBOARDS

Barton v Draycott & Hanbury	
BARTON	
N King c Clay b Watson	33
N Tomlinson lbw b Walker	33
M Hunter c Hartland b Walker	46
I Mitchell lbw b Watson	5
N Graham c Smedley b Ford	23
A Cropper b Ford	13
C Thornwell run out	12
M Blamire run out	0
N Warr b Ford	0
J Thomson not out	2
A Mahmood b Ford	2
Extras	10
Total	179
Fall: 1-63, 2-92, 3-100, 4-142, 5-162, 6-171, 7-172, 8-175, 9-177, 10-179	
Bowling: A Addy 4-1-12-0, G Ford 11-5-4-30-4, T Watson 15-2-66-2, D Walker 14-1-70-2	
DRAYCOTT & HANBURY	
O Birch c Hunter b Thomson	21
M Whiteside lbw b Mitchell	40
I Wright c&b Blamire	40
A Hall c&b Blamire	5
J Hartland st Thornwell	1
b Mitchell	14
S Clay c Hunter b Blamire	28
T Watson c Graham b Blamire	10
A Addy b Blamire	0
D Walker not out	10
G Pickering b Warr	1
G Ford c Tomlinson b Blamire	6
Extras	27
Total	163
Fall: 1-40, 2-57, 3-65, 4-84, 5-109, 6-141, 7-141, 8-144, 9-152, 10-163	
Bowling: J Thomson 6-1-24-1, N Warr 6-1-31-1, I Mitchell 15-4-49-2, M Blamire 15-3-29-46	

Barton (8pts) beat Draycott (4pts) by 16 runs.	
Uttoxeter v Alrewas	
ALREWAS	
D Thompson c Hall	78
P Gough b Kasperowicz	49
S Watson b Hayes	28
B Foster not out	14
A Gough c Wright b Hayes	30
M Bennett not out	0
Extras	26
Total (4 wks)	225
Fall: 1-96, 2-165, 3-169, 4-223	
Bowling: M Hodgkinson 19-2-70-0, N Backhouse 8-0-31-0, J Kasperowicz 12-1-77-2, T Hayes 6-0-32-2	
UTTOXETER	
I Hodgson lbw b P Gough	1
A Hall c Foster b A Gough	0
A Gaggie lbw b Whiteside	34
A Wright b A Gough	25
R Deacon c Gent b Whiteside	2
J Kasperowicz b Duggins	3
b Whiteside	0
B Hartshorne b P Gough	8
M Hodgkinson c Thompson	8
b A Gough	23
T Hayes b A Gough	5
S Hodgkinson not out	5
N Backhouse c Duggins	1
b Whiteside	1
Extras	16
Total	119
Fall: 1-1, 2-1, 3-39, 4-43, 5-51, 6-69, 7-107, 8-107, 9-119, 10-119	
Bowling: A Gough 12-2-27-4, P Gough 17-3-51-2, D Whiteside 13-2-53-4	
Uttoxeter (0pts) lost to Alrewas	

▼ CLUB DOMINOES

Hilton v Burton	
BURTON	
D Hoose c Holloway b Harrison	33
R Ellerington c Barber b Smith	35
D Bowering c Bingham	0
b Harrison	74
B Bartram c Land b Barber	27
A Thompson b Barber	26
A Adams run out	13
G Boden b Barber	0
D North not out	1
A Bromley not out	1
Extras	38
Total (7 wks)	251
Fall: 1-73, 2-88, 3-149, 4-189, 5-248, 6-246, 7-246	
Bowling: S Harrison 14-0-71-2, N Barber 12-2-56-1, A Smith 6-1-28-1, A Bunn 4-0-15-0, A Barber 9-0-62-2	
HILTON	
A Barber run out	80
P Laban b Boden	1
A Bunn b Bartram	14
D Bingham run out	7
J Alsop b Thompson	15
P Chambers not out	20
N Barber lbw b Thompson	16
G Land not out	12
Extras	34
Total (6 wks)	209
Fall: 1-10, 2-102, 3-123, 4-158, 5-167, 6-189	
Bowling: G Boden 8-0-23-1, A Thompson 22-9-94-2, B Bartram 10-1-48-1, R Ellerington 5-0-27-0	
Hilton (3pts) lost to Burton (9pts) by 42 runs.	
Tutbury v Rolleston	
ROLLESTON	
J Hall b Miller	0
P Allen c Reynolds b Miller	5

S Green b Bennett	
C Colley lbw b Miller	
A Mellor c Edwards b Bennett	
S Bradfield c Chadwick	
b Bennett	
D Yeomans lbw b Bennett	
K Dent c Chadwick b Reynolds	
N Wadham not out	
G Hall b Reynolds	
M Parker not out	
Extras	
Total (9 wks)	
Fall: 1-6, 2-9, 3-10, 4-38, 5-39, 6-85, 7-115, 8-139, 9-152	
Bowling: N Miller 14-3-33-3, D Bennett 22-8-52-4, P Reynolds 9-1-45-2	
TUTBURY	
M McGibbon b Yeomans	
P Reynolds c Green b Wadham	
J Redfern b Wadham	
N Weedon c&b Yeomans	
P Edwards lbw b Wadham	
J Yates b Yeomans	
P Cotton run out	
R Stride run out	
N Miller b Wadham	
K Chadwick not out	
Extras	
Total (9 wks)	
Fall: 1-7, 2-63, 3-65, 4-75, 5-108, 6-112, 7-112, 8-123, 9-146	
Bowling: G Hall 6-1-18-0, N Wadham 22-3-82-4, D Yeomans 17-5-43-3	
Tutbury (4pts) lost to Rolleston (8pts) by 8 runs.	
Hammerwich v Ind Coope	
Hammerwich (11pts) 146-2 (N Hussain 72 not out) beat Ind Coope (1pt) 144-8 (P Green 41, N Hemmings 4-19) by 8 wks.	

● Burton Club's Dominoes League's presentation night, sponsored by Marston's, was held at the Hospitals Club.

Ray Shaw Doubles KO Cup winners Brian Ellis (left) and Mark Buxton (right) of Eton Park Social Club are pictured receiving their trophy from Danny Elsbey.

Results for Monday, July 6:

Pedigree League: Eton Park 7(5), Marston's A 2(0); Robich v Angling NR; Belvedere Park 4(1), South Stap 5(4); Hospitals D 4(2), EME 5(3).

Low C League: Eton Park B 3(10), J Carr (SBK) 6(5); Stap Institute 3(0), Hillside 6(5); Marston's B 6(5), Red Rose SC 3(0).

Give May a chance

By Ian Hall

DESPITE Michael May's spectacular 101 at the Racecourse Ground, Derbyshire simply did not have enough firepower to overhaul the touring South Africans.

Providing the county side battled sensibly, the three-day match against Hansie Cronje's side was always heading for a draw once South Africa batted on to make 453-9 (dec) for a lead of 116 on the second day.

And so it proved — Derbyshire made 337-4 in their second innings and South Africa spent all day in the field.

Michael May has enjoyed batting against touring teams, he has always seemed to make runs against them and this time he made a century although even he will not claim it to be one of his best efforts — too many inside edges for that.

But, as always, his determination to occupy the crease was there. It's easy to underrate players like May because his style is not attractive and his technique seems to be full of holes.

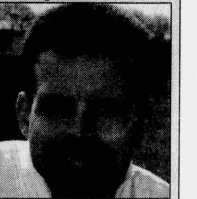
However, he made 53 in his last championship innings against a Gloucestershire side including Courtney Walsh and it's time Derbyshire gave him a fair crack of the whip. With Adrian Rollins nursing a troublesome back injury now is the time.

Michael Slater made 63 and the first wicket put on 141, Derbyshire's best opening partnership of the season. Tim Tweats was then run out for 27 after which the game drifted to a close with Ben Spendlow ending on 27 and Matthew Cassar 91.

It is hard to understand why Cronje did not declare when the scores were level.

He had made 150 and the notion tailenders Paul Adams, Nanty Hayward and Mikaya Ntini would benefit from batting practice was difficult to accept.

At least South Africa bowled properly throughout the last day. They even took the second new ball in order to make it difficult for Cassar to make a century as the match died away. No cheap runs from joke bowling there.



● Michael May . . . fine ton against tourists