



# Glamorgan Dragons



| POSITION | P | W | L | T | NR | PTS |
|----------|---|---|---|---|----|-----|
| 5th      | 9 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 0  | 20  |

## Season So Far

**G**lamorgan Dragons coach Jeff Hammond is out to breathe fire back into the Welsh County's Norwich Union National Cricket League Division Two campaign as the 2000 season enters its second half. The Dragons are well placed to launch an assault on promotion to Division One, after a promising opening to the season which has seen the side claim four victories and amass 20 points.

The year did not get off to the start Hammond and captain Matthew Maynard would have wished for, with a 10-run reverse to Surrey Lions in Cardiff at the end of April putting a dampener on early-season dreams of an improvement on last season's fourth-placed finish. That was followed by a bitterly disappointing nine-wicket mauling by

Warwickshire Bears at Edgbaston, when Nick Knight led the way with 68 to easily overhaul the Dragons' paltry 125.

But the rot stopped as successive victories over Durham Dynamos and Derbyshire Scorpions injected a much-needed dose of confidence into the Glamorgan Dragons camp, and Hammond succeeded in turning the season round. After a tied match with Middlesex Crusaders at Lord's, Essex Eagles and Hampshire Hawks were both put to the sword.

But just as Dragons' fans were thinking how rosy the 2000 campaign was becoming, there was a substantial blip. The side travelled to The Oval a fortnight ago and allowed Surrey Lions to amass a huge 268 from 45 overs. Ian Ward opened and battered 90

runs, while Adam Hoolioake smashed 111 to put the hosts very much in the driving seat. Glamorgan Dragons' reply of 201 all out was a decent attempt at overhauling the total, but were undermined by too many poor batting performances.

Now Hammond will aim to slash the four-point gap to the third and final promotion place, starting with struggling Durham Dynamos' trip to Cardiff.

Then the Dragons' Norwich Union National Cricket League Division Two run-in hots up with a must-win journey to rock-bottom Hampshire Hawks. Glamorgan Dragons followers will be keeping their fingers crossed Hammond can mastermind a stirring response from the mauling by the Lions.

## 2000 National Cricket League

### Batting averages

| Name          | M | I | NO | Runs | HS  | Avg   |
|---------------|---|---|----|------|-----|-------|
| M.T.G.Elliott | 8 | 8 | 2  | 343  | 94  | 57.16 |
| M.P.Maynard   | 7 | 7 | 1  | 230  | 67  | 38.33 |
| S.P.James     | 9 | 8 | 2  | 216  | 54* | 36.00 |
| M.J.Powell    | 9 | 9 | 2  | 150  | 43* | 21.42 |
| D.A.Cosker    | 2 | 2 | 1  | 21   | 17  | 21.00 |
| K.Newell      | 9 | 7 | 0  | 124  | 43  | 17.71 |
| A.Dale        | 9 | 8 | 1  | 123  | 47  | 17.57 |
| R.D.B.Croft   | 8 | 7 | 1  | 88   | 24  | 14.66 |
| S.D.Thomas    | 8 | 5 | 0  | 66   | 21  | 13.20 |
| A.D.Shaw      | 9 | 6 | 0  | 55   | 24  | 9.16  |
| A.W.Evans     | 1 | 1 | 0  | 5    | 5   | 5.00  |
| A.G.Wharf     | 8 | 4 | 0  | 15   | 5   | 3.75  |
| O.T.Parkin    | 9 | 4 | 1  | 10   | 5*  | 3.33  |
| W.L.Law       | 1 | 1 | 0  | 0    | 0   | 0.00  |
| S.L.Watkin    | 2 | 2 | 2  | 0    | 0*  | -     |

### Bowling averages

| Name          | O    | M | R   | Wkts | Avg   | Best |
|---------------|------|---|-----|------|-------|------|
| A.Dale        | 48   | 2 | 180 | 9    | 20.00 | 2-20 |
| K.Newell      | 24.5 | 2 | 130 | 6    | 21.66 | 3-37 |
| S.D.Thomas    | 63.4 | 4 | 271 | 12   | 22.58 | 3-30 |
| O.T.Parkin    | 73   | 6 | 345 | 13   | 26.53 | 3-39 |
| D.A.Cosker    | 16   | 0 | 83  | 3    | 27.66 | 3-36 |
| A.G.Wharf     | 60   | 5 | 251 | 7    | 35.85 | 2-37 |
| R.D.B.Croft   | 58   | 1 | 221 | 5    | 44.20 | 2-22 |
| S.L.Watkin    | 14   | 0 | 65  | 1    | 65.00 | 1-38 |
| M.T.G.Elliott | 3    | 1 | 10  | 0    | -     | -    |

## 2000 Norwich Union National Cricket League Rankings

### Batting

| Pos  | Name          | Total |
|------|---------------|-------|
| 8=   | M.T.G.Elliott | 88    |
| 19   | S.P.James     | 71    |
| 31=  | M.P.Maynard   | 66    |
| 47=  | M.J.Powell    | 55    |
| 79=  | A.Dale        | 43    |
| 92=  | K.Newell      | 38    |
| 102= | R.D.B.Croft   | 33    |
| 131= | S.D.Thomas    | 25    |
| 144= | A.D.Shaw      | 21    |
| 199= | D.A.Cosker    | 8     |

### Bowling

| Pos  | Name          | Total |
|------|---------------|-------|
| 40=  | O.T.Parkin    | 72    |
| 43=  | A.Dale        | 70    |
| 46=  | R.D.B.Croft   | 69    |
| 48=  | S.D.Thomas    | 68    |
| 58=  | A.G.Wharf     | 63    |
| 109= | K.Newell      | 28    |
| 138= | D.A.Cosker    | 14    |
| 143= | S.L.Watkin    | 12    |
| 160= | M.T.G.Elliott | 7     |

### Highest Team Totals

| Score     | Against   | O.T.Parkin | Wicket Takers |
|-----------|-----------|------------|---------------|
| 236 for 7 | Hawks     | 13         | S.D.Thomas    |
| 220       | Eagles    | 12         | A.Dale        |
| 201       | Lions     | 9          | A.G.Wharf     |
| 186 for 4 | Scorpions | 7          | K.Newell      |
| 185 for 9 | Crusaders | 6          | R.D.B.Croft   |
| 175       | Lions     | 5          | D.A.Cosker    |
|           |           | 3          |               |

### Leading Scorers

| Name          | Score |
|---------------|-------|
| M.T.G.Elliott | 343   |
| M.P.Maynard   | 230   |
| S.P.James     | 216   |
| M.J.Powell    | 150   |
| K.Newell      | 124   |
| A.Dale        | 123   |
| R.D.B.Croft   | 88    |

### Sticky Fingers

| Name          | Wkts/Runs |
|---------------|-----------|
| (catches)     |           |
| M.P.Maynard   | 5         |
| M.T.G.Elliott | 5         |
| A.Dale        | 3         |
| O.T.Parkin    | 3         |
| A.G.Wharf     | 2         |
| S.P.James     | 2         |

## Best Individual Scores

| Name          | Score | Teams               | Venue   |
|---------------|-------|---------------------|---------|
| M.T.G.Elliott | 94    | Dragons v Eagles    | Cardiff |
| M.T.G.Elliott | 88    | Dragons v Scorpions | Cardiff |
| M.T.G.Elliott | 84*   | Dragons v Warwicks  | Swansea |
| M.P.Maynard   | 67    | Dragons v Hawks     | Cardiff |
| S.P.James     | 54*   | Dragons v Crusaders | Lord's  |
| S.P.James     | 53    | Dragons v Warwicks  | Swansea |

## Best Individual Bowling

| Name        | Wkts/Runs | Teams              | Venue   |
|-------------|-----------|--------------------|---------|
| S.D.Thomas  | 3/30      | Dragons v Eagles   | Cardiff |
| D.A.Cosker  | 3/36      | Dragons v Eagles   | Cardiff |
| K.Newell    | 3/37      | Dragons v Eagles   | Cardiff |
| O.T.Parkin  | 3/39      | Dragons v Lions    | Cardiff |
| A.Dale      | 2/20      | Dragons v Warwicks | Swansea |
| R.D.B.Croft | 2/22      | Dragons v Hawks    | Cardiff |



## Essex Eagles



|                 |          |          |          |          |           |            |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|------------|
| <b>POSITION</b> | <b>P</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>L</b> | <b>T</b> | <b>NR</b> | <b>PTS</b> |
| 6th             | 9        | 4        | 4        | 0        | 0         | 18         |

### Season So Far

**E**ssex Eagles have suddenly gained altitude and begun to fly high in the Norwich Union National Cricket League Division Two.

Until a month ago, their hopes of a decent placing come September were as dead as a dodo. But dreadful early-season form gave way to a sparkling trio of matches that re-ignited dreams of a memorable season in the second division. On June 25, the Eagles travelled to Edgbaston to take on Warwickshire Bears. And they left with a 24-run victory, thanks largely to the efforts of their bowlers, who claimed all ten Bears wickets for just 139 runs.

Paul Grayson was the pick of the bowlers, with impressive figures of three for 21. Then

Middlesex Crusaders came to Chelmsford and Stuart Law showed just what he is capable of with a sparkling unbeaten 104 providing the backbone of the Eagles response to the home side's 213 from their allotted 45 overs. Law demolished the Bears' bowling attack, taking just 96 balls to pile up his runs and the Eagles claimed a seven-wicket win and put four points in the bag.

And after a three-week gap before their next Norwich Union National Cricket League Division Two date against Derbyshire Scorpions at Chelmsford's County Ground, the Eagles showed how keen they were to get back into action with a hard-fought six-run victory. Danny Law grabbed three wickets for 41 runs to give the hosts the edge.

The Scorpions did not help their cause by gifting the Eagles four run-outs, but Ronnie Irani's side are now on a roll. Just ten points cover the teams placed from second to sixth in the division, so Irani will be issuing a battle cry as two ties with the rock bottom Hampshire Hawks loom into view.

Derbyshire Scorpions are also at the wrong end of the table, and the Eagles have a day at Derby inbetween the matches with the Hawks. Essex Eagles fans will hope Irani & Co make the most of the matches with the struggling Hawks and Scorpions, so that a finish in the top three spots - securing promotion to Norwich Union National Cricket League Division One - could become a reality.

### 2000 National Cricket League

#### Batting averages

| Name           | M | I | NO | Runs | HS   | Avg   |
|----------------|---|---|----|------|------|-------|
| J.S.G.Law      | 7 | 7 | 1  | 274  | 104* | 45.66 |
| N.Hussain      | 4 | 4 | 0  | 165  | 60   | 41.25 |
| A.P.Grayson    | 8 | 8 | 3  | 164  | 41*  | 32.80 |
| R.C.Irani      | 8 | 8 | 1  | 199  | 52   | 28.42 |
| D.D.J.Robinson | 4 | 4 | 0  | 96   | 51   | 24.00 |
| S.D.Peters     | 8 | 8 | 0  | 169  | 39   | 21.12 |
| P.J.Prichard   | 6 | 6 | 0  | 74   | 21   | 12.33 |
| D.R.Law        | 8 | 7 | 0  | 86   | 37   | 12.28 |
| M.C.Ilott      | 6 | 3 | 2  | 12   | 10   | 12.00 |
| A.P.Cowan      | 8 | 7 | 1  | 67   | 29*  | 11.16 |
| T.J.Mason      | 8 | 5 | 2  | 29   | 12   | 9.66  |
| G.R.Napier     | 5 | 4 | 0  | 32   | 11   | 8.00  |
| B.J.Hyam       | 8 | 5 | 0  | 11   | 6    | 2.20  |

#### Bowling averages

| Name        | O    | M  | R   | Wkts | Avg   | Best |
|-------------|------|----|-----|------|-------|------|
| A.P.Grayson | 50.2 | 1  | 199 | 13   | 15.30 | 3-21 |
| D.R.Law     | 49   | 0  | 211 | 12   | 17.58 | 3-41 |
| M.C.Ilott   | 41   | 3  | 178 | 10   | 17.80 | 3-13 |
| A.P.Cowan   | 63.1 | 7  | 248 | 11   | 22.54 | 4-39 |
| R.C.Irani   | 58.3 | 13 | 201 | 7    | 28.71 | 3-10 |
| T.J.Mason   | 50   | 0  | 242 | 5    | 48.40 | 2-14 |
| G.R.Napier  | 12   | 0  | 58  | 1    | 58.00 | 1-32 |
| S.G.Law     | 3    | 0  | 10  | 0    | -     | -    |

### 2000 Norwich Union National Cricket League Rankings

#### Batting

| Pos  | Name           | Total |
|------|----------------|-------|
| 22=  | S.G.Law        | 69    |
| 39=  | R.C.Irani      | 61    |
| 42=  | A.P.Grayson    | 57    |
| 55=  | S.D.Peters     | 53    |
| 79=  | N.Hussain      | 43    |
| 107= | D.R.Law        | 31    |
| 115= | D.D.J.Robinson | 29    |
| 125= | P.J.Prichard   | 27    |
| 131= | A.P.Cowan      | 25    |
| 177= | T.J.Mason      | 13    |

#### Bowling

| Pos  | Name        | Total |
|------|-------------|-------|
| 21   | R.C.Irani   | 88    |
| 30=  | A.P.Cowan   | 77    |
| 50=  | D.R.Law     | 67    |
| 56=  | A.P.Grayson | 65    |
| 65=  | M.C.Ilott   | 58    |
| 87=  | T.J.Mason   | 46    |
| 150= | G.R.Napier  | 11    |
| 157= | S.G.Law     | 8     |

#### Highest Team Totals

| Score     | Against   | A.P.Grayson | Wickets |
|-----------|-----------|-------------|---------|
| 214 for 3 | Crusaders | D.R.Law     | 12      |
| 203 for 8 | Scorpions | A.P.Cowan   | 11      |
| 200       | Dragons   | M.C.Ilott   | 10      |
| 187 for 9 | Outlaws   | R.C.Irani   | 7       |
| 177 for 9 | Outlaws   | T.J.Mason   | 5       |
| 175       | Dynamos   | G.R.Napier  | 1       |

#### Leading Scorers

| Name           | Score |
|----------------|-------|
| S.G.Law        | 274   |
| R.C.Irani      | 199   |
| S.D.Peters     | 169   |
| N.Hussain      | 165   |
| A.P.Grayson    | 164   |
| D.D.J.Robinson | 96    |
| D.R.Law        | 86    |

#### Sticky Fingers

| Name           | Catches |
|----------------|---------|
| (catches)      |         |
| T.J.Mason      | 6       |
| A.P.Grayson    | 4       |
| N.Hussain      | 3       |
| G.R.Napier     | 3       |
| S.D.Peters     | 2       |
| D.D.J.Robinson | 2       |

### Best Individual Scores

| Name           | Score | Teams              | Venue        |
|----------------|-------|--------------------|--------------|
| S.G.Law        | 104*  | Eagles v Crusaders | Chelmsford   |
| S.G.Law        | 63    | Eagles v Dynamos   | Ilford       |
| N.Hussain      | 60    | Eagles v Crusaders | Chelmsford   |
| N.Hussain      | 55    | Eagles v Outlaws   | Chelmsford   |
| R.C.Irani      | 52    | Eagles v Outlaws   | Trent Bridge |
| D.D.J.Robinson | 51    | Eagles v Dragons   | Cardiff      |

### Best Individual Bowling

| Name        | Wkts/Runs | Teams              | Venue      |
|-------------|-----------|--------------------|------------|
| A.P.Cowan   | 4/39      | Eagles v Dragons   | Cardiff    |
| R.C.Irani   | 3/10      | Eagles v Crusaders | Chelmsford |
| M.C.Ilott   | 3/13      | Eagles v Crusaders | Chelmsford |
| A.P.Grayson | 3/21      | Eagles v Warwick   | Edgbaston  |
| A.P.Grayson | 3/23      | Eagles v Outlaws   | Chelmsford |
| A.P.Cowan   | 3/24      | Eagles v Dynamos   | Ilford     |



# Durham Dynamos



|          |    |   |   |   |    |     |
|----------|----|---|---|---|----|-----|
| POSITION | P  | W | L | T | NR | PTS |
| 7th      | 10 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 0  | 12  |

## Season So Far

**D**urham Dynamos skipper Nick Speak must have breathed a massive sigh of relief when his side finally came into form to claim victories in their Norwich Union National Cricket League Division Two games with Derbyshire Scorpions and Middlesex Crusaders.

Until the start of July, the northern county looked in grave danger of earning the wooden spoon two seasons in a row. A run of four defeats on the bounce led to some Chester-le-Street regulars fearing the worst. But those early-season blues were banished when the Dynamos' 2000 campaign got into gear with a scrambled triumph over Essex Eagles at Ilford. Simon Katich piled up 61 runs from 120 deliveries, while Jonathan

Lewis added some middle-order clout with a quickfire 60 from just 72 balls. Their efforts steered the Dynamos to a total of 182 from 45 overs, and Ian Hunter broke down the hosts' reply (175 all out) with a handy bowling return of four for 29. A couple of defeats followed, but the Dynamos came back into form with a thumping 95-run triumph over Derbyshire Scorpions at Darlington on July 2, followed last week by a 50-run win over Warwickshire Bears at Edgbaston.

After that win, coach Norman Gifford had much to thank Katich for. He again led the way, with a 64-run barrage from 86 balls. Paul Collingwood played an admirable supporting role, racking up 53 runs from 87 deliveries. Now Gifford is hoping his side take

a few more maximum-point hauls to boost their third-from-bottom position.

There is an eight-point gap to strugglers Derbyshire Scorpions and Hampshire Hawks, but Gifford will hope to cut the six-point difference to the Essex Eagles, currently one place above them. So he will be firing up the team for the clash with mid-table Glamorgan Dragons at Cardiff, before a trio of home matches that will have a major say on where the Dynamos end up this season.

Warwickshire Bears are the first visitors, followed by Essex Eagles and Hampshire Hawks. The Dynamos' final action of their Norwich Union National Cricket League Division Two season is against Surrey Lions and Derbyshire Scorpions.

## 2000 National Cricket League

### Batting averages

| Name            | M  | I  | NO | Runs | HS  | Avg   |
|-----------------|----|----|----|------|-----|-------|
| S.M.Katich      | 10 | 10 | 3  | 408  | 70* | 58.28 |
| P.D.Collingwood | 9  | 9  | 1  | 269  | 53  | 33.62 |
| J.J.B.Lewis     | 10 | 10 | 2  | 200  | 60  | 25.00 |
| M.A.Gough       | 1  | 1  | 0  | 25   | 25  | 25.00 |
| S.M.Ali         | 4  | 4  | 0  | 87   | 36  | 21.75 |
| N.J.Speak       | 10 | 10 | 1  | 176  | 53* | 19.55 |
| J.A.Daley       | 4  | 4  | 0  | 76   | 53  | 19.00 |
| N.Peng          | 2  | 2  | 0  | 36   | 36  | 18.00 |
| J.Wood          | 8  | 7  | 3  | 66   | 28* | 16.50 |
| N.Killeen       | 7  | 4  | 1  | 40   | 21  | 13.33 |
| M.P.Speight     | 10 | 9  | 0  | 118  | 55  | 13.11 |
| M.J.Symingt'n   | 3  | 3  | 0  | 22   | 16  | 7.33  |
| N.C.Phillips    | 10 | 6  | 1  | 34   | 17  | 6.80  |
| M.M.Betts       | 4  | 2  | 1  | 6    | 4   | 6.00  |
| R.Robinson      | 2  | 2  | 0  | 7    | 7   | 3.50  |
| I.D.Hunter      | 8  | 5  | 1  | 14   | 7   | 3.50  |
| S.J.Harmison    | 6  | 2  | 1  | 3    | 2   | 3.00  |

### Bowling averages

| Name            | O    | M | R   | Wkts | Avg   | Best |
|-----------------|------|---|-----|------|-------|------|
| A.M.Davies      | 6    | 0 | 15  | 3    | 5.00  | 3-15 |
| N.Killeen       | 58.4 | 4 | 206 | 15   | 13.73 | 4-18 |
| M.J.Symington   | 2    | 0 | 15  | 1    | 15.00 | 1-15 |
| I.D.Hunter      | 52.5 | 3 | 217 | 10   | 21.70 | 4-29 |
| N.C.Phillips    | 68.3 | 4 | 318 | 14   | 22.71 | 3-4  |
| P.D.Collingwood | 47   | 0 | 211 | 9    | 23.44 | 3-29 |
| S.J.Harmison    | 50.5 | 2 | 258 | 8    | 32.25 | 3-45 |
| J.Wood          | 62   | 4 | 234 | 6    | 39.00 | 2-29 |
| M.M.Betts       | 32   | 2 | 117 | 2    | 58.50 | 1-14 |
| S.M.Katich      | 15   | 1 | 69  | 1    | 69.00 | 1-31 |

## 2000 Norwich Union National Cricket League Rankings

### Batting

| Pos  | Name            | Total |
|------|-----------------|-------|
| 1    | S.M.Katich      | 112   |
| 13   | P.D.Collingwood | 83    |
| 35=  | J.J.B.Lewis     | 65    |
| 52=  | N.J.Speak       | 54    |
| 92=  | M.P.Speight     | 38    |
| 110= | J.Wood          | 30    |
| 115= | S.M.Ali         | 29    |
| 143  | J.A.Daley       | 22    |
| 160= | N.Killeen       | 17    |
| 173= | N.C.Phillips    | 14    |

### Bowling

| Pos  | Name            | Total |
|------|-----------------|-------|
| 15   | N.Killeen       | 92    |
| 32=  | J.Wood          | 76    |
| 32=  | I.D.Hunter      | 76    |
| 37=  | N.C.Phillips    | 74    |
| 83=  | P.D.Collingwood | 49    |
| 97=  | M.M.Betts       | 39    |
| 97=  | S.J.Harmison    | 39    |
| 126  | A.M.Davies      | 19    |
| 132= | S.M.Katich      | 16    |
| 180= | M.J.Symington   | 2     |

### Highest Team Totals

| Score     | Against   |
|-----------|-----------|
| 208 for 6 | Outlaws   |
| 204       | Hawks     |
| 198 for 6 | Warwicks  |
| 190 for 8 | Outlaws   |
| 182 for 6 | Scorpions |
| 182 for 7 | Eagles    |

### Wicket Takers

| Name            | Wkts |
|-----------------|------|
| N.Killeen       | 15   |
| N.C.Phillips    | 14   |
| I.D.Hunter      | 10   |
| P.D.Collingwood | 9    |
| S.J.Harmison    | 8    |
| J.Wood          | 6    |
| A.M.Davies      | 3    |

### Leading Scorers

| Name            | Runs |
|-----------------|------|
| S.M.Katich      | 408  |
| P.D.Collingwood | 269  |
| J.J.B.Lewis     | 200  |
| N.J.Speak       | 176  |
| M.P.Speight     | 118  |
| S.M.Ali         | 87   |
| J.A.Daley       | 76   |

### Sticky Fingers

| Name            | (catches) |
|-----------------|-----------|
| P.D.Collingwood | 9         |
| S.M.Katich      | 5         |
| M.M.Betts       | 2         |
| S.M.Ali         | 2         |
| J.Wood          | 2         |
| I.D.Hunter      | 2         |

## Best Individual Scores

| Name        | Score | Teams               | Venue       |
|-------------|-------|---------------------|-------------|
| S.M.Katich  | 70*   | Dynamos v Crusaders | Southgate   |
| S.M.Katich  | 67*   | Dynamos v Scorpions | Darlington  |
| S.M.Katich  | 64    | Dynamos v Warwicks  | Birmingham  |
| S.M.Katich  | 61    | Dynamos v Eagles    | Ilford      |
| J.J.B.Lewis | 60    | Dynamos v Eagles    | Ilford      |
| J.J.B.Lewis | 55*   | Dynamos v Hawks     | Basingstoke |

## Best Individual Bowling

| Name            | Wkts/Runs | Teams               | Venue      |
|-----------------|-----------|---------------------|------------|
| N.Killeen       | 4/18      | Dynamos v Crusaders | Southgate  |
| I.D.Hunter      | 4/29      | Dynamos v Eagles    | Ilford     |
| N.C.Phillips    | 3/4       | Dynamos v Scorpions | Darlington |
| A.M.Davies      | 3/15      | Dynamos v Scorpions | Darlington |
| N.Killeen       | 3/24      | Dynamos v Warwicks  | Birmingham |
| P.D.Collingwood | 3/29      | Dynamos v Eagles    | Ilford     |



# Derbyshire Scorpions



| POSITION | P | W | L | T | NR | PTS |
|----------|---|---|---|---|----|-----|
| 8th      | 9 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 0  | 4   |

## Season So Far

For Derbyshire Scorpions supporters, their 2000 Norwich Union National Cricket League Division Two campaign is turning into a severe case of déjà vu.

Last year, the Midlands county limped home to finish eighth in the second tier. And after nine matches played by Dominic Cork's side so far this term, there has been little evidence to suggest a higher-placed finish will be achieved this season. The Scorpions' sole triumph was a 15-run win over Middlesex Crusaders at Lord's six weeks ago. On that occasion, Cork put in a real captain's performance with 64 runs from 111 balls. And Paul Aldred and Matthew Cassar did the damage when the Crusaders were batting, both recording three-wicket hauls.

But there has been little else to cheer for

Derbyshire Scorpions followers. Cricket manager Colin Wells has done his utmost to rally the troops, but the league table at the half-way stage of the 2000 Norwich Union National Cricket League Division Two season does not make pleasant reading. The club are level bottom with Hampshire Hawks, with only a better run-rate keeping them clear of the basement spot.

The Scorpions have batted second in their last four league fixtures, but have been unable to sustain a high-enough run-rate to keep them in contention. Nottinghamshire Outlaws won the Midlands derby by 30 runs, then Durham Dynamos seized an embarrassing 95-run victory. Warwickshire Bears grabbed the four points with a 45-run win, before the Scorpions lost an agonising run-

chase against Essex Eagles at Chelmsford. Replying to the Eagles' 203, eight Scorpions batsmen made it to double figures, but none managed to hit more than 34, leaving the side stranded on 197 when the final wicket fell.

Now Cork and Wells must raise the spirits in the camp, with fellow strugglers Hampshire Hawks the next team to arrive at Derby. A week later, mid-table Essex Eagles come to town, then Wells must convince his team they can take something from the daunting trip to runaway leaders Surrey Lions at The Oval. The Scorpions will be hoping they can improve their form to claim a mid-table finish.

## 2000 National Cricket League

### Batting averages

| Name          | M | I | NO | Runs | HS  | Avg   |
|---------------|---|---|----|------|-----|-------|
| M.E.Cassar    | 6 | 6 | 0  | 161  | 56  | 26.83 |
| D.G.Cork      | 8 | 8 | 0  | 169  | 64  | 21.12 |
| S.D.Stubbings | 8 | 8 | 1  | 147  | 59  | 21.00 |
| R.J.Bailey    | 6 | 6 | 0  | 121  | 39  | 20.16 |
| M.J.Di Venuto | 9 | 9 | 0  | 172  | 46  | 19.11 |
| J.P.Pyemont   | 2 | 2 | 0  | 34   | 34  | 17.00 |
| P.Aldred      | 5 | 4 | 2  | 31   | 11  | 15.50 |
| T.Lungley     | 3 | 3 | 0  | 45   | 15  | 15.00 |
| S.P.Titchard  | 4 | 4 | 0  | 57   | 33  | 14.25 |
| M.P.Dowman    | 7 | 7 | 0  | 87   | 25  | 12.42 |
| S.J.Lacey     | 6 | 5 | 0  | 58   | 40  | 11.60 |
| K.J.Dean      | 6 | 6 | 4  | 23   | 6*  | 11.50 |
| K.M.Krikken   | 9 | 9 | 1  | 76   | 34* | 9.50  |
| T.A.Munton    | 8 | 6 | 1  | 45   | 18  | 9.00  |
| K.Shah        | 3 | 3 | 0  | 25   | 20  | 8.33  |
| L.D.Sutton    | 3 | 3 | 0  | 19   | 17  | 6.33  |

### Bowling averages

| Name        | O    | M | R   | Wkts | Avg   | Best |
|-------------|------|---|-----|------|-------|------|
| P.Aldred    | 40   | 2 | 166 | 9    | 18.44 | 3-31 |
| T.Lungley   | 26   | 1 | 104 | 5    | 20.80 | 2-26 |
| D.G.Cork    | 71   | 4 | 272 | 13   | 20.92 | 4-40 |
| K.J.Dean    | 47.2 | 4 | 194 | 9    | 21.55 | 4-30 |
| T.M.Smith   | 21   | 2 | 119 | 5    | 23.80 | 3-45 |
| M.P.Dowman  | 11   | 0 | 49  | 2    | 24.50 | 1-2  |
| M.E.Cassar  | 34.5 | 0 | 161 | 5    | 32.20 | 3-33 |
| T.A.Munton  | 70   | 9 | 233 | 7    | 33.28 | 3-24 |
| K.Shah      | 26   | 1 | 100 | 2    | 50.00 | 1-36 |
| S.J.Lacey   | 29   | 1 | 155 | 3    | 51.66 | 2-32 |
| L.J.Wharton | 4    | 0 | 19  | 0    | -     | -    |
| R.J.Bailey  | 7    | 0 | 36  | 0    | -     | -    |

## 2000 Norwich Union National Cricket League Rankings

### Batting

| Pos  | Name          | Total |
|------|---------------|-------|
| 39=  | M.J.Di Venuto | 61    |
| 55=  | D.G.Cork      | 53    |
| 61=  | S.D.Stubbings | 52    |
| 70=  | M.E.Cassar    | 49    |
| 85=  | R.J.Bailey    | 40    |
| 102= | M.P.Dowman    | 33    |
| 107= | K.M.Krikken   | 31    |
| 151= | S.J.Lacey     | 19    |
| 155= | S.P.Titchard  | 18    |
| 155= | T.Lungley     | 18    |

### Bowling

| Pos  | Name       | Total |
|------|------------|-------|
| 10   | T.A.Munton | 96    |
| 17=  | D.G.Cork   | 90    |
| 71=  | K.J.Dean   | 57    |
| 81=  | P.Aldred   | 50    |
| 103= | M.E.Cassar | 32    |
| 107= | T.Lungley  | 30    |
| 109= | K.Shah     | 28    |
| 118= | S.J.Lacey  | 23    |
| 127= | M.P.Dowman | 18    |
| 135= | T.M.Smith  | 15    |

### Highest Team Totals

| Score     | Against   |
|-----------|-----------|
| 197 for 9 | Lions     |
| 197       | Eagles    |
| 186 for 8 | Crusaders |
| 186       | Outlaws   |
| 185 for 7 | Dragons   |
| 182       | Outlaws   |
| 114       | Crusaders |

### Wicket Takers

| Name       | Wkts |
|------------|------|
| D.G.Cork   | 13   |
| P.Aldred   | 9    |
| K.J.Dean   | 9    |
| T.A.Munton | 7    |
| T.M.Smith  | 5    |
| T.Lungley  | 5    |
| M.E.Cassar | 5    |

### Leading Scorers

| Name          | Score |
|---------------|-------|
| M.J.Di Venuto | 172   |
| D.G.Cork      | 169   |
| M.E.Cassar    | 161   |
| S.D.Stubbings | 147   |
| R.J.Bailey    | 121   |
| M.P.Dowman    | 87    |
| K.M.Krikken   | 76    |
| S.J.Lacey     | 58    |

### Sticky Fingers

| Name          | Catches |
|---------------|---------|
| (catches)     |         |
| D.G.Cork      | 8       |
| P.Aldred      | 2       |
| S.J.Lacey     | 2       |
| M.J.Di Venuto | 2       |
| J.P.Pyemont   | 1       |
| L.D.Sutton    | 1       |
| K.Shah        | 1       |

## Best Individual Scores

| Name          | Score | Teams                 | Venue        |
|---------------|-------|-----------------------|--------------|
| D.G.Cork      | 64    | Scorpions v Crusaders | Lord's       |
| S.D.Stubbings | 59    | Scorpions v Outlaws   | Trent Bridge |
| M.E.Cassar    | 56    | Scorpions v Lions     | Derby        |
| D.G.Cork      | 51    | Scorpions v Outlaws   | Derby        |
| M.J.Di Venuto | 46    | Scorpions v Outlaws   | Derby        |
| S.J.Lacey     | 40    | Scorpions v Crusaders | Lord's       |

## Best Individual Bowling

| Name       | Wkts/Runs | Teams                 | Venue      |
|------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------|
| K.J.Dean   | 4/30      | Scorpions v Bears     | Derby      |
| D.G.Cork   | 4/40      | Scorpions v Outlaws   | Derby      |
| T.A.Munton | 3/24      | Scorpions v Eagles    | Chelmsford |
| P.Aldred   | 3/31      | Scorpions v Crusaders | Derby      |
| D.G.Cork   | 3/31      | Scorpions v Lions     | Derby      |
| M.E.Cassar | 3/33      | Scorpions v Crusaders | Lord's     |



# Hampshire Hawks



|          |   |   |   |   |    |     |
|----------|---|---|---|---|----|-----|
| POSITION | P | W | L | T | NR | PTS |
| 9th      | 9 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 0  | 4   |

### Season So Far

When Shane Warne was unveiled as the man to steer Hampshire Hawks to glory in Norwich Union National Cricket League Division Two, there was a belief around Northlands Road that the Australian spin king really would be the man to help the county emerge from the wilderness and become a real force.

But it has not happened. Warne has grabbed 14 wickets in the competition, the best return of any Hampshire bowler, but the batsman have not responded to Warne's efforts with the ball and his geeing-up in the dressing room. The result is that Hampshire Hawks prop up the Norwich Union National Cricket League Division Two. And with just one win in nine outings, director of cricket

Tim Tremlett knows he has much to do as the 2000 season passes the half-way point.

The county's sole victory was the 18-run win over lowly Durham Dynamos at Basingstoke on June 18. And that owed much to former captain John Stephenson, who concentrated on his batting to smash 83 runs to guide the county to 222 for five. Alan Mullally was the hero of the hour with four wickets for 40 runs, from nine overs.

There were two half-centuries in the Dynamos' innings, but only one other batsman got into double figures, as the Hawks claimed a desperately-needed narrow victory.

But that was a month-and-a-half ago, and those six weeks have brought three defeats,

the last of which - against Middlesex Crusaders at Portsmouth - was extremely disappointing. Hampshire Hawks' top five batsmen all made it to double figures, but not one settled and rattled up a big enough knock to secure victory. As it was, the Hawks made 190 and allowed the visitors to claim a four-wicket victory.

Coach Jimmy Cook will now be stirring up his side for the visit of mid-table Essex Eagles to Southampton. That match is followed by the crunch meeting with joint-bottom Derbyshire Scorpions, at Derby on August 6. Tremlett, Cook and captain Robin Smith know that match is a must-win if the side are to boost their chances of avoiding the wooden spoon.

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#### Batting averages

| Name           | M | I | NO | Runs | HS  | Avg   |
|----------------|---|---|----|------|-----|-------|
| J.P.Stephens'n | 8 | 8 | 2  | 182  | 83* | 30.33 |
| R.A.Smith      | 9 | 9 | 0  | 219  | 71  | 24.33 |
| J.S.Laney      | 8 | 8 | 0  | 175  | 69  | 21.87 |
| S.R.G.Francis  | 5 | 4 | 3  | 17   | 8*  | 17.00 |
| W.S.Kendall    | 6 | 6 | 0  | 92   | 39  | 15.33 |
| S.D.Udal       | 9 | 8 | 2  | 82   | 51* | 13.66 |
| G.W.White      | 9 | 9 | 0  | 117  | 27  | 13.00 |
| S.K.Warne      | 9 | 9 | 1  | 93   | 34  | 11.62 |
| L.Savident     | 3 | 3 | 0  | 34   | 25  | 11.33 |
| A.N.Aymes      | 6 | 5 | 1  | 37   | 17  | 9.25  |
| A.D.Mascar's   | 8 | 8 | 0  | 74   | 30  | 9.25  |
| P.J.Hartley    | 3 | 3 | 1  | 18   | 14  | 9.00  |
| D.A.Kenway     | 6 | 6 | 0  | 41   | 13  | 6.83  |
| L.R.Prittupaul | 1 | 1 | 0  | 6    | 6   | 6.00  |
| A.D.Mullally   | 7 | 6 | 2  | 14   | 6*  | 3.50  |
| S.J.Renshaw    | 2 | 2 | 0  | 1    | 1   | 0.50  |

#### Bowling averages

| Name           | O    | M  | R   | Wkts | Avg    | Best |
|----------------|------|----|-----|------|--------|------|
| A.D.Mullally   | 57   | 8  | 195 | 10   | 19.50  | 4-40 |
| P.J.Hartley    | 26   | 4  | 105 | 5    | 21.00  | 3-41 |
| S.K.Warne      | 77   | 10 | 315 | 14   | 22.50  | 3-33 |
| S.J.Renshaw    | 12   | 1  | 45  | 2    | 22.50  | 1-19 |
| A.D.Mascar's   | 59   | 4  | 278 | 11   | 25.27  | 3-21 |
| S.D.Udal       | 60.2 | 2  | 227 | 8    | 28.37  | 2-18 |
| S.R.G.Francis  | 27   | 4  | 118 | 1    | 118.00 | 1-22 |
| J.P.Stephenson | 29   | 1  | 130 | 1    | 130.00 | 1-26 |
| G.W.White      | 1.4  | 0  | 9   | 0    | -      | -    |
| L.R.Prittupaul | 1    | 0  | 14  | 0    | -      | -    |
| L.Savident     | 7    | 1  | 20  | 0    | -      | -    |

### 2000 Norwich Union National Cricket League Rankings

#### Batting

| Pos  | Name            | Total |
|------|-----------------|-------|
| 25=  | R.A.Smith       | 68    |
| 45=  | J.P.Stephenson  | 56    |
| 47=  | J.S.Laney       | 55    |
| 79=  | G.W.White       | 43    |
| 92=  | S.K.Warne       | 38    |
| 110= | A.D.Mascarenhas | 30    |
| 115= | S.D.Udal        | 29    |
| 120= | W.S.Kendall     | 28    |
| 160= | D.A.Kenway      | 17    |
| 165= | A.N.Aymes       | 16    |

#### Bowling

| Pos  | Name            | Total |
|------|-----------------|-------|
| 13=  | S.K.Warne       | 93    |
| 22   | A.D.Mullally    | 86    |
| 30=  | S.D.Udal        | 77    |
| 60=  | A.D.Mascarenhas | 62    |
| 106  | P.J.Hartley     | 31    |
| 112= | J.P.Stephenson  | 27    |
| 112= | S.R.G.Francis   | 27    |
| 130= | S.J.Renshaw     | 17    |
| 143= | L.Savident      | 12    |
| 176= | G.W.White       | 3     |

#### Highest Team Totals

| Score     | Against   |
|-----------|-----------|
| 222 for 5 | Dynamos   |
| 190 for 9 | Crusaders |
| 185 for 9 | Dragons   |
| 154       | Warwicks  |
| 147       | Crusaders |
| 135       | Outlaws   |

#### Wicket Takers

| Name            | Wickets |
|-----------------|---------|
| S.K.Warne       | 14      |
| A.D.Mascarenhas | 11      |
| A.D.Mullally    | 10      |
| S.D.Udal        | 8       |
| P.J.Hartley     | 5       |
| S.J.Renshaw     | 2       |
| S.R.G.Francis   | 1       |

#### Leading Scorers

| Name           | Score |
|----------------|-------|
| R.A.Smith      | 219   |
| J.P.Stephenson | 182   |
| J.S.Laney      | 175   |
| G.W.White      | 117   |
| S.K.Warne      | 93    |
| W.S.Kendall    | 92    |
| S.D.Udal       | 82    |

#### Sticky Fingers

| Name            | Catches |
|-----------------|---------|
| (catches)       |         |
| S.D.Udal        | 4       |
| S.K.Warne       | 4       |
| S.R.G.Francis   | 2       |
| W.S.Kendall     | 2       |
| J.P.Stephenson  | 2       |
| A.D.Mascarenhas | 2       |

### Best Individual Scores

| Name           | Score | Teams             | Venue       |
|----------------|-------|-------------------|-------------|
| J.P.Stephenson | 83*   | Hawks v Dynamos   | Basingstoke |
| R.A.Smith      | 71    | Hawks v Crusaders | Lord's      |
| J.S.Laney      | 69    | Hawks v Warwicks  | Edgbaston   |
| S.D.Udal       | 51*   | Hawks v Dragons   | Cardiff     |
| R.A.Smith      | 43    | Hawks v Dynamos   | Basingstoke |
| R.A.Smith      | 42    | Hawks v Crusaders | Portsmouth  |

### Best Individual Bowling

| Name            | Wkts/Runs | Teams             | Venue       |
|-----------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------|
| A.D.Mullally    | 4/40      | Hawks v Dynamos   | Basingstoke |
| A.D.Mascarenhas | 3/21      | Hawks v Lions     | Southampton |
| S.K.Warne       | 3/33      | Hawks v Crusaders | Lord's      |
| P.J.Hartley     | 3/41      | Hawks v Crusaders | Portsmouth  |
| S.D.Udal        | 2/18      | Hawks v Lions     | Southampton |
| A.D.Mullally    | 2/20      | Hawks v Lions     | Southampton |

## Norwich Union NCL 2000 Rankings - Up to and including 27th July

### Norwich Union NCL Batting Rankings

Durham Dynamos' Simon Katich sits proudly at the top of the Norwich Union National Cricket League batting Rankings for the first time. The Aussie ace took full advantage of other high-ranked players' inaction to hoist himself into top spot. Katich is the leading batsman in July, after being back in 15th a month ago. Nottinghamshire Outlaws' John Morris, who was top man four weeks ago, has slipped down to eighth. The man to watch is Surrey Lions' Graham Thorpe, who has charged up from 58th position into 31st. Somerset Sabres' Ian Blackwell is another to keep an eye on, as he enjoyed a great week, lifting himself from 52nd spot into 30th.

### Norwich Union NCL Bowling Rankings

Gloucestershire Gladiators' Mike Smith is the new man at the helm of the Norwich Union National Cricket League bowling Rankings. The 32-year-old has moved back clear at the top after Worcestershire Royals' Glenn McGrath enjoyed a two-month stint of domination. The duo were joint leaders back in May, but Smith now has a seven point cushion over McGrath. Derbyshire Scorpions' Tim Munton had a great week, moving up from 18th to 10th, while Saqlain Mushtaq continued his charge up the Rankings by going from 57th to 32nd.

|     | Name            | Team         | Score |
|-----|-----------------|--------------|-------|
| 1   | S.M.Katich      | (Dynamos)    | 112   |
| 2   | M.G.Bevan       | (Sharks)     | 111   |
| 3   | D.S.Lehmann     | (Phoenix)    | 95    |
| 4   | D.J.G.Sales     | (Outlaws)    | 93    |
| 5   | C.J.Adams       | (Sharks)     | 90    |
| 6=  | P.R.Pollard     | (Royals)     | 89    |
|     | M.E.Trescothick | (Sabres)     | 89    |
| 8=  | J.E.Morris      | (Outlaws)    | 88    |
|     | M.T.G.Elliott   | (Dragons)    | 88    |
| 10  | M.L.Hayden      | (Steelbacks) | 86    |
| 11= | R.J.Blakey      | (Phoenix)    | 84    |
|     | R.C.Russell     | (Gladiators) | 84    |
| 13  | P.D.Collingwood | (Dynamos)    | 83    |
| 14  | D.J.Bicknell    | (Outlaws)    | 79    |
| 15  | J.E.R.Gallian   | (Outlaws)    | 76    |
| 16= | K.J.Barnett     | (Gladiators) | 73    |
|     | B.F.Smith       | (Foxes)      | 73    |
|     | I.J.Ward        | (Lions)      | 73    |
| 19  | S.P.James       | (Dragons)    | 71    |
| 20= | R.R.Montgomerie | (Sharks)     | 70    |
|     | K.A.Parsons     | (Sabres)     | 70    |
| 22= | D.Byas          | (Phoenix)    | 69    |
|     | N.V.Knight      | (Bears)      | 69    |
|     | S.G.Law         | (Eagles)     | 69    |
| 25= | R.A.Smith       | (Hawks)      | 68    |
|     | D.P.Ostler      | (Bears)      | 68    |
|     | A.Habib         | (Foxes)      | 68    |
|     | S.C.Ganguly     | (Lightning)  | 68    |
|     | I.J.Harvey      | (Gladiators) | 68    |
| 30  | I.D.Blackwell   | (Sabres)     | 67    |
| 31= | M.P.Maynard     | (Dragons)    | 66    |
|     | G.P.Thorpe      | (Lions)      | 66    |
|     | A.D.Brown       | (Lions)      | 66    |
|     | M.B.Loye        | (Steelbacks) | 66    |
| 35= | A.P.Wells       | (Spitfires)  | 65    |
|     | J.J.B.Lewis     | (Dynamos)    | 65    |
| 37= | P.N.Weekes      | (Crusaders)  | 62    |
|     | G.M.Fellows     | (Phoenix)    | 62    |
| 39= | R.C.Irani       | (Eagles)     | 61    |
|     | M.J.DiVenuto    | (Scorpions)  | 61    |
| 41  | D.R.Brown       | (Bears)      | 59    |
| 42= | A.P.Grayson     | (Eagles)     | 57    |
|     | G.Welch         | (Bears)      | 57    |
|     | A.J.Holloake    | (Lions)      | 57    |
| 45= | J.P.Stephenson  | (Hawks)      | 56    |
|     | V.S.Solanki     | (Royals)     | 56    |
| 47= | P.D.Bowler      | (Sabres)     | 55    |
|     | M.A.Roseberry   | (Crusaders)  | 55    |
|     | J.N.Snape       | (Gladiators) | 55    |
|     | J.S.Laney       | (Hawks)      | 55    |

|     | Name            | Team         | Score |
|-----|-----------------|--------------|-------|
| 1   | A.M.Smith       | (Gladiators) | 149   |
| 2   | G.D.McGrath     | (Royals)     | 142   |
| 3   | I.J.Harvey      | (Gladiators) | 130   |
| 4   | C.C.Lewis       | (Foxes)      | 126   |
| 5   | M.P.Bicknell    | (Lions)      | 111   |
| 6   | J.M.M.Averis    | (Gladiators) | 107   |
| 7=  | A.R.C.Fraser    | (Crusaders)  | 104   |
|     | P.J.Franks      | (Outlaws)    | 104   |
| 9   | A.F.Giles       | (Bears)      | 97    |
| 10  | T.A.Munton      | (Scorpions)  | 96    |
| 11  | G.Welch         | (Bears)      | 95    |
| 12  | M.J.Hoggard     | (Phoenix)    | 94    |
| 13= | A.Kumble        | (Foxes)      | 93    |
|     | S.K.Warne       | (Hawks)      | 93    |
| 15  | N.Killeen       | (Dynamos)    | 92    |
| 16  | M.A.Robinson    | (Sharks)     | 91    |
| 17= | M.A.Ealham      | (Spitfires)  | 90    |
|     | D.G.Cork        | (Scorpions)  | 90    |
| 19= | P.S.Jones       | (Sabres)     | 89    |
|     | R.J.Kirtley     | (Sharks)     | 89    |
| 21  | R.C.Irani       | (Eagles)     | 88    |
| 22  | A.D.Mullally    | (Hawks)      | 86    |
| 23  | S.R.Lampitt     | (Royals)     | 83    |
| 24  | V.J.Wells       | (Foxes)      | 82    |
| 25= | R.D.Stemp       | (Outlaws)    | 81    |
|     | E.S.H.Giddins   | (Bears)      | 81    |
| 27= | D.R.Brown       | (Bears)      | 79    |
|     | G.Chapple       | (Lightning)  | 79    |
|     | G.M.Hamilton    | (Phoenix)    | 79    |
| 30= | S.D.Udal        | (Hawks)      | 77    |
|     | A.P.Cowan       | (Eagles)     | 77    |
| 32= | J.Wood          | (Dynamos)    | 76    |
|     | Saqlain Mushtaq | (Lions)      | 76    |
|     | S.J.Cook        | (Crusaders)  | 76    |
|     | I.D.Hunter      | (Dynamos)    | 76    |
| 36  | J.Ormond        | (Foxes)      | 75    |
| 37= | M.W.Alleyne     | (Gladiators) | 74    |
|     | R.L.Johnson     | (Crusaders)  | 74    |
|     | N.C.Phillips    | (Dynamos)    | 74    |
| 40= | O.T.Parkin      | (Dragons)    | 72    |
|     | M.A.Sheikh      | (Bears)      | 72    |
| 42  | J.D.Middlebrook | (Phoenix)    | 71    |
| 43= | A.Dale          | (Dragons)    | 70    |
|     | A.L.Penberthy   | (Steelbacks) | 70    |
|     | G.P.Swann       | (Steelbacks) | 70    |
| 46= | R.D.B.Croft     | (Dragons)    | 69    |
|     | M.V.Fleming     | (Spitfires)  | 69    |
| 48= | S.D.Thomas      | (Dragons)    | 68    |
|     | D.S.Lucas       | (Outlaws)    | 68    |

## Norwich Union NCL Rankings England 25 and under

### Batting

| Name                      | Pts |
|---------------------------|-----|
| D.J.G.Sales (Steelbacks)  | 93  |
| M.E.Trescothick (Sabres)  | 89  |
| P.D.Collingwood (Dynamos) | 83  |
| I.D.Blackwell (Sabres)    | 67  |
| G.M.Fellows (Phoenix)     | 62  |
| V.S.Solanki (Royals)      | 56  |
| M.J.Powell (Dragons)      | 55  |
| O.A.Shah (Crusaders)      | 53  |
| S.D.Peters (Eagles)       | 53  |
| S.D.Stubbings (Scorpions) | 52  |
| A.J.Strauss (Crusaders)   | 51  |
| P.J.Franks (Outlaws)      | 46  |

Northamptonshire Steelbacks' David Sales has enjoyed two great months at the crease. He is the overall top batsman for June and July, with a four point lead over Somerset Sabres' Marcus Trescothick. Durham Dynamos' Paul Collingwood is another in with a shout of the top spot in the Norwich Union National Cricket League 25 & under batting Rankings. The Sabres' Ian Blackwell is also in contention, and is riding high in the Norwich Union National Cricket League 25 & under bowling Rankings. Nottinghamshire Outlaws' Paul Franks has 104 points to lead this category.

### Bowling

| Name                      | Pts |
|---------------------------|-----|
| P.J.Franks (Outlaws)      | 104 |
| M.J.Hoggard (Phoenix)     | 94  |
| R.J.Kirtley (Sharks)      | 89  |
| A.P.Cowan (Eagles)        | 77  |
| S.J.Cook (Crusaders)      | 76  |
| J.Ormond (Foxes)          | 75  |
| J.D.Middlebrook (Phoenix) | 71  |
| G.P.Swann (Steelbacks)    | 70  |
| S.D.Thomas (Dragons)      | 68  |
| D.S.Lucas (Outlaws)       | 68  |
| D.R.Law (Eagles)          | 67  |
| I.D.Blackwell (Sabres)    | 67  |

Each player's ranking is assessed by awarding points up to a maximum of 20 for every performance taking into account the strength of the opposition and the circumstances of the match using information from the latest scorecards. Starting at zero, players accumulate points for their performances in each match during the season. The rankings are supplied under contract by Ted Dexter Associates.

F = day/night floodlit match.

| 1      | Gloucs | Kent   | Lancs     | Leics     | N'ants | Som    | Sussex    | Worcs  | Yorks  |
|--------|--------|--------|-----------|-----------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|--------|
| Gloucs |        | Gloucs | 4/9       | 28/8 F    | 17/9   | 9/8 F  | Gloucs    | Gloucs | Gloucs |
| Kent   | Gloucs |        | No result | 6/8       | Kent   | Som    | No result | 27/8   | 5/9 F  |
| Lancs  | 13/8   | 15/8 F |           | Tie       | Lancs  | 6/9 F  | 17/9      | Worcs  | Yorks  |
| Leics  | Leics  | Leics  | Leics     |           | N'ants | 17/9   | Tie       | 8/9 F  | 20/8   |
| N'ants | Gloucs | 3/9    | N'ants    | 13/8      |        | N'ants | Sussex    | 2/8 F  | 28/8   |
| Som    | Som    | Som    | Lancs     | 30/8 F    | Som    |        | Som       | Worcs  | 6/8    |
| Sussex | 5/9 F  | Kent   | 7/8 F     | Sussex    | 20/8   | 28/8 F |           | Worcs  | Sussex |
| Worcs  | Worcs  | 17/9   | 3/9       | No result | Worcs  | 20/8   | 13/8      |        | Yorks  |
| Yorks  | Yorks  | Yorks  | 9/8 F     | Leics     | N'ants | Som    | 3/9       | Worcs  |        |

Teams score four points for a win and two points each for a tie or no result

| 2      | Derbys | Durham | Essex     | Glam   | Hants  | Middx  | Notts  | Surrey | Warks  |
|--------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Derbys |        | 17/9   | 13/8      | 27/8   | 6/8    | Middx  | Notts  | Surrey | Warks  |
| Durham | Durham |        | 27/8      | Durham | 29/8   | Middx  | Notts  | Surrey | 13/8   |
| Essex  | Essex  | Durham |           | 3/9    | 20/8   | Essex  | Notts  | 23/8 F | 17/9   |
| Glam   | Glam   | 6/8    | Glam      |        | Glam   | 17/9   | 20/8   | Surrey | Tie    |
| Hants  | 10/9   | Hants  | 30/7      | 13/8   |        | Middx  | 17/9   | Surrey | Warks  |
| Middx  | Derbys | Middx  | Essex     | Tie    | Middx  |        | 28/8   | 6/8    | 9/9    |
| Notts  | Notts  | Notts  | Notts     | 10/9   | Notts  | 13/8   |        | 3/9    | 1/8    |
| Surrey | 20/8   | 10/9   | No result | Surrey | Surrey | Tied   | Surrey |        | Surrey |
| Warks  | 3/9    | Durham | Essex     | Warks  | Warks  | 16/8 F | Warks  | Surrey |        |

**HOW IT WORKS:** The Norwich Union National League operates on a three-up, three-down basis with the top three finishers in Division Two replacing the bottom three of Division One.

Four points are awarded for a win, while teams will take two points each if matches are tied or the weather intervenes before the required number of overs have been completed and there is no result.

Revised playing hours come into effect this season with matches starting at 1pm and ending at 7.10pm with 45 overs per side, although all fixtures will begin 30 minutes earlier in September. Floodlit games will start at 4.10pm. The 'free-hit' rule for no balls will apply to front-foot no balls only this season. A batsman cannot be dismissed from the bowler's next delivery after such an infringement.

This season's competition features the biggest number of day-night matches yet staged in this country - 26 - with 16 out of the 18 counties hosting floodlit cricket.