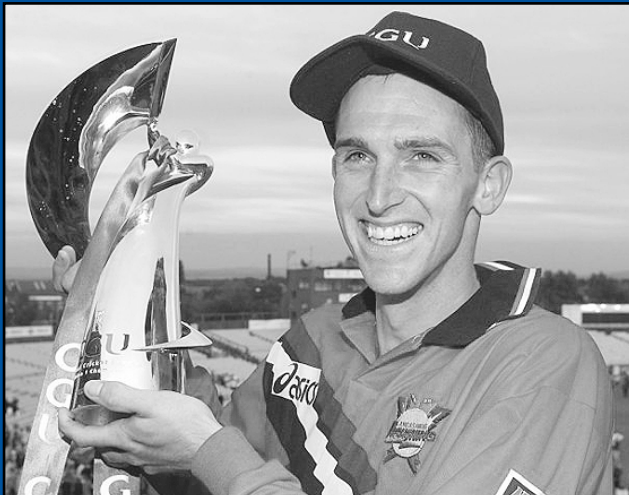


National Cricket League - Fact File



GLOUCESTERSHIRE GLADIATORS coach John Bracewell is firing up his side as they bid to charge ahead in Norwich Union National League Division One. But the team are sure to face a stern challenge from Lancashire Lightning as John Crawley's men try to boost their defence of the league title. Lancashire are off the pace so far but could pull level with Mark Alleyne's outfit with a win at Bristol. Kent Spitfires are aiming their bowling guns at Sussex as they aim to join the pack chasing the title - but Sussex will be keen to record their first win of a so far unsuccessful campaign. Worcestershire Royals are aiming to step up their season against struggling Northamptonshire Steelbacks.

Pick of the matches in Division Two pits unbeaten duo Warwickshire Bears and Nottinghamshire Outlaws together. Neither have dropped a point all season, and as long as the skies above Edgbaston remain clear for the day-night clash, fans from both sides should be in for a treat. Outlaws have a date at Durham to negotiate before the big clash. Glamorgan Dragons take on rock-bottom Derbyshire Scorpions, and Surrey Lions aim to overhaul the top two when they tackle Essex Eagles. In the week's first day-night encounter, Surrey play their second match in two days, this time against lowly Hampshire Hawks.

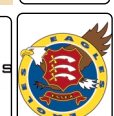


Norwich Union Division One

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts
Yorkshire Phoenix	3	2	1	0	0	8
Somerset Sabres	2	2	0	0	0	8
Gloucestershire Gladiators	4	2	2	0	0	8
Worcestershire Royals	3	2	1	0	0	8
Leicestershire Foxes	3	1	0	2	0	8
Kent Spitfires	3	1	1	0	1	6
Lancashire Lightning	2	0	0	1	1	4
Sussex Sharks	3	0	2	1	0	2
Northants Steelbacks	3	0	3	0	0	0

Norwich Union Division Two

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts
Warwickshire Bears	3	3	0	0	0	12
Nottinghamshire Outlaws	3	3	0	0	0	12
Surrey Lions	3	2	0	0	1	10
Middlesex Crusaders	4	2	1	0	1	10
Essex Eagles	2	1	1	0	0	4
Glamorgan Dragons	3	1	2	0	0	4
Hampshire Hawks	3	0	3	0	0	0
Derbyshire Scorpions	2	0	2	0	0	0
Durham Dynamos	3	0	3	0	0	0



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