

### ● CHAMPIONS FACE A TOUGH TEST

Sparks are set to fly at Bristol when Yorkshire Phoenix, top of the table after one game, take on one-day specialists Gloucestershire Gladiators in the big match in the Norwich Union League First Division.

The Gladiators bounced back from their opening day defeat against Leicestershire Foxes with a 20-run win over Northamptonshire Steelbacks - Kim Barnett hitting a century - and are now level with the Phoenix on four points.

It will be a tough early-season test for both sides, with the Phoenix looking to stay on top of the league following their five-wicket win over Somerset Sabres.

They will be fighting like animals at the Foster's Oval where Surrey Lions take on the Foxes.

The Lions, convincing champions of the Norwich Union League Second Division last season, lost their opening First Division game to Nottinghamshire Outlaws.

The Foxes, who have not played since their shock win against the Gladiators, will be looking to send the Lions to their second successive home defeat.



Kim Barnett

Following their victory at the Oval, the Outlaws begin their programme of home fixtures with a mouth-watering clash against Warwickshire Bears.

Overseas stars Greg Blewett and Vasbert Drakes could be the key players but the match also represents a big opportunity for young Outlaws batsman Usman Afzaal who has been tipped for England selection.

The Sabres, bottom of the league after their defeat at Headingley, play host to the sixth-placed Kent Spitfires in the day's other game.



Usman Afzaal

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### ● SCORPIONS SEEK HAT-TRICK OF WINS

Worcestershire Royals take on Derbyshire Scorpions in the Norwich Union League Second Division top-of-the-table clash at New Road.

The Royals will look to Aussie pacesman Andy Bichel as they aim to halt the Scorpions' unbeaten run.

The visitors have won both their opening games and are currently four points clear of the third-placed Royals.

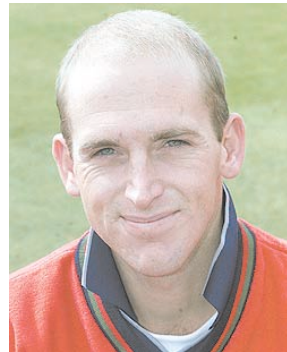
Middlesex Crusaders will go second in the table if they manage to overcome Durham Dynamos at Chester-le-Street.

Both teams are looking for their first positive results of the campaign after their respective opening games were abandoned.

Lancashire Lightning will be hoping for fine weather after their first match was washed out. John Crawley's team will welcome the Glamorgan Dragons Old Trafford and the Dragons need to bounce back after going down to a four-wicket defeat to the Scorpions in their first game of the season.

The bottom sides in the Norwich Union League Second Division go head-to-head as Essex Eagles take on Sussex Sharks at Chelmsford.

With both teams desperate to secure their first win of the season, overseas batsmen Stuart Law and Murray Goodwin will be called on to produce the goods.



John Crawley

Division 1 table at a glance	Points
	4
	4
	4
	4
	2
	2
	-
	-
	-

Division 2 table at a glance	Points
	8
	6
	4
	2
	2
	2
	-
	-
	-
	-

**● DIVISION ONE STANDINGS**

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts
<b>Yorkshire Phoenix</b>	1	1	0	0	0	<b>4</b>
<b>Nottinghamshire Outlaws</b>	1	1	0	0	0	<b>4</b>
<b>Gloucestershire Gladiators</b>	2	1	1	0	0	<b>4</b>
<b>Leicestershire Foxes</b>	1	1	0	0	0	<b>4</b>
<b>Kent Spitfires</b>	1	0	0	0	1	<b>2</b>
<b>Warwickshire Bears</b>	1	0	0	0	1	<b>2</b>
<b>Surrey Lions</b>	1	0	1	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Northamptonshire Steelbacks</b>	1	0	1	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Somerset Sabres</b>	1	0	1	0	0	<b>0</b>

**■ HIGHEST TEAM TOTALS**

Total	Teams	Venue
233 for 8	<b>Outlaws</b> v Lions	The Oval
222 for 5	<b>Gladiators</b> v Steelbacks	Northampton
216 for 9	<b>Lions</b> v Outlaws	The Oval
158 for 5	<b>Phoenix</b> v Sabres	Headingley
154	<b>Sabres</b> v Phoenix	Headingley
117 for 8	<b>Foxes</b> v Gladiators	Leicester

**■ LOWEST TEAM TOTALS**

Total	Teams	Venue
116	<b>Gladiators</b> v Foxes	Leicester
154	<b>Sabres</b> v Phoenix	Headingley

**■ MOST CATCHES EXCLUDING WICKETKEEPERS**

Name	Team	Ctchs	Mtchs
D.J.Bicknell	<b>Outlaws</b>	2	1
D.Byas	<b>Phoenix</b>	2	1
B.F.Smith	<b>Foxes</b>	2	1

**■ LEADING DISMISSALS**

Name	Team	Dism's	Mtchs
R.C.J.Williams	<b>Gladiators</b>	5	2
R.J.Blakey	<b>Phoenix</b>	3	1
N.D.Burns	<b>Foxes</b>	3	1
T.M.B.Bailey	<b>Steelbacks</b>	2	1

**■ LEADING WICKET-TAKERS**

Player	Team	Wickets
D.E.Malcolm	<b>Foxes</b>	3
A.J.Hollooake	<b>Lions</b>	3
J.Lewis	<b>Gladiators</b>	3
P.M.Hutchison	<b>Phoenix</b>	3

**■ LEADING RUN SCORERS**

Player	Team	Runs
K.J.Barnett	<b>Gladiators</b>	128
B.C.Hollooake	<b>Lions</b>	70
G.S.Blewett	<b>Outlaws</b>	69
G.D.Rose	<b>Sabres</b>	58

**● DIVISION TWO STANDINGS**

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts
<b>Derbyshire Scorpions</b>	2	2	0	0	0	<b>8</b>
<b>Hampshire Hawks</b>	2	1	0	0	1	<b>6</b>
<b>Worcestershire Royals</b>	2	1	1	0	0	<b>4</b>
<b>Middlesex Crusaders</b>	1	0	0	0	1	<b>2</b>
<b>Lancashire Lightning</b>	1	0	0	0	1	<b>2</b>
<b>Durham Dynamos</b>	1	0	0	0	1	<b>2</b>
<b>Glamorgan Dragons</b>	1	0	1	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Sussex Sharks</b>	1	0	1	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Essex Eagles</b>	1	0	1	0	0	<b>0</b>

**■ HIGHEST TEAM TOTALS**

Total	Teams	Venue
198 for 6	<b>Scorpions</b> v Eagles	Derby
186 for 7	<b>Hawks</b> v Royals	Southampton
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155 for 5	<b>Royals</b> v Sharks	Kidderminster
154 for 9	<b>Sharks</b> v Royals	Kidderminster
140 for 6	<b>Scorpions</b> v Dragons	Derby

**■ LOWEST TEAM TOTALS**

Total	Teams	Venue
131	<b>Eagles</b> v Scorpions	Derby
138	<b>Dragons</b> v Scorpions	Derby

**■ MOST CATCHES EXCLUDING WICKETKEEPERS**

Name	Team	Ctchs	Mtchs
W.S.Kendall	<b>Hawks</b>	2	1
P.A.Cottey	<b>Sharks</b>	1	1
D.G.Cork	<b>Scorpions</b>	1	1

**■ LEADING DISMISSALS**

Name	Team	Dism's	Mtchs
K.M.Krikken	<b>Scorpions</b>	5	2
S.J.Rhodes	<b>Royals</b>	4	2
B.J.Hyam	<b>Eagles</b>	1	1
A.D.Shaw	<b>Dragons</b>	1	1

**● BEST INDIVIDUAL BOWLING**

Name	Wkts/Runs	Teams	Venue
G.Welch	5/22	<b>Scorpions</b> v Dragons	Derby
T.Lungley	4/28	<b>Scorpions</b> v Eagles	Derby
S.R.Lampitt	4/37	<b>Royals</b> v Sharks	Kidderminster
Z.C.Morris	3/31	<b>Hawks</b> v Royals	Southampton
A.P.Cowan	3/46	<b>Eagles</b> v Scorpions	Derby
R.K.Illingworth	2/13	<b>Scorpions</b> v Eagles	Derby

**● BEST INDIVIDUAL SCORES**

Name	Score	Teams	Venue
R.J.Bailey	94	<b>Scorpions</b> v Eagles	Derby
D.G.Cork	83*	<b>Scorpions</b> v Dragons	Derby
G.A.Hick	61*	<b>Royals</b> v Sharks	Kidderminster
B.Zuiderent	53	<b>Sharks</b> v Royals	Kidderminster
K.Newell	47*	<b>Dragons</b> v Scorpions	Derby
W.S.Kendall	47	<b>Hawks</b> v Royals	Southampton

**■ LEADING WICKET-TAKERS**

Player	Team	Wickets
G.Welch	<b>Scorpions</b>	7
S.R.Lampitt	<b>Royals</b>	6
T.Lungley	<b>Scorpions</b>	4
A.J.Bichel	<b>Royals</b>	4

**■ LEADING RUN SCORERS**

Player	Team	Runs
R.J.Bailey	<b>Scorpions</b>	99
D.G.Cork	<b>Scorpions</b>	83
G.A.Hick	<b>Royals</b>	74
B.C.Hollooake	<b>Lions</b>	70



Norwich Union League Division One – Sunday, May 20th at Trent Bridge

2000 NORWICH UNION LEAGUE BATTING AVERAGES

OUTLAWS

Table with columns: Name, M, I, NO, Runs, HS, Avge. Lists batting averages for Outlaws players like P.J. Franks, D.J. Bicknell, etc.

BEARS

Table with columns: Name, M, I, NO, Runs, HS, Avge. Lists batting averages for Bears players like N.V. Knight, K.J. Piper, etc.

CAREER ONE-DAY BATTING AVERAGES

OUTLAWS

Table with columns: Name, M, I, NO, Runs, HS, Avge. Career batting averages for Outlaws players.

BEARS

Table with columns: Name, M, I, NO, Runs, HS, Avge. Career batting averages for Bears players.

2000 NORWICH UNION LEAGUE BOWLING AVERAGES

OUTLAWS

Table with columns: Name, O, M, R, Wkts, Avge, Best. Lists bowling averages for Outlaws players.

BEARS

Table with columns: Name, O, M, R, Wkts, Avge, Best. Lists bowling averages for Bears players.

CAREER ONE-DAY BOWLING AVERAGES

OUTLAWS

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NOTTINGHAMSHIRE OUTLAWS versus WARWICKSHIRE BEARS

MATCH PREVIEW

Nottinghamshire Outlaws will seek to build on an impressive victory against Surrey Lions as they prepare for their first home game of the Norwich Union League Division One campaign. After promotion to the top flight last season, Jason Gallian's men got off to the best possible start at The Oval as they recorded a 17-run victory. Much of that was due to an impressive 69 from overseas star Greg Blewett which helped the Outlaws to a total of 233 for eight from their 45 overs. Tight bowling restricted the hosts to 216 for nine in reply and Gallian will hope for more of the same. Warwickshire Bears are preparing to finally get their Division One season underway, with confidence high following promotion last season. The Bears finished third in Division Two, behind the Lions and Outlaws, after recording 10 wins from 16 games.

LAST 3 ONE-DAY LEAGUE MEETINGS

25th May 1998 Birmingham: Bears 0 pts lost to Outlaws 4 pts on faster scoring rate. Bears 102 for 9 (24 overs) (P.A.Strang 6-32); Outlaws 122 for 3 (22.3 overs) 31st May 2000 Edgbaston: Bears 4 pts beat Outlaws 0 pts by 38 runs. Bears 222 for 7 (45 overs) (G.Welch 55, D.P.Ostler 55); Outlaws 184 for 8 (45 overs) (A.F.Giles 3-32) 1st Aug 2000 Trent Bridge: Outlaws 0 pts lost to Bears 4 pts by 95 runs. Bears 244 for 6 (45 overs) (D.P.Ostler 79\*, N.V.Knight 50, R.D.Stemp 4-36); Outlaws 149 (43.5 overs) (D.J.Bicknell 61, D.R.Brown 3-28, N.M.K.Smith 3-38)

LEADING CATCHES (2000)

Table with columns: Player, Catches. Lists leading catches for Outlaws and Bears players.

ALL TIME HIGHEST TEAM SCORES

Table with columns: Score, Opponent. Lists highest team scores for Outlaws and Bears against various opponents.





