

● BEARS SET FOR BIG SWITCH-ON

Edgbaston is the venue for the first day/night clash in this season's Norwich Union League Division One as Warwickshire Bears host Gloucestershire Gladiators.

Mark Alleyne's side are second in the table after two successive victories but Nottinghamshire Outlaws lead the way after a tense victory against the Bears last week.

Usman Afzaal was the hero as he guided the Outlaws to their target of 203 with just two balls remaining.

The Gladiators were also successful as they defeated Yorkshire Phoenix by five wickets at Bristol, Alleyne building on his bowling figures of two for 17 by scoring an unbeaten 11 as his side scrambled to victory.

Kent Spitfires also enjoyed a comfortable victory as they defeated Somerset Sabres by 31 runs despite being 14 for three at one stage.

South African star Darryl Cullinan was the batsmen of the show as he smashed an impressive 70 from 102 balls to help his side amass 180 for seven from their 45 overs.

It was always enough once the Sabres slumped to 15 for four and the Spitfires eventually wrapped things up with 2.2 overs left to move into third place in the table.

Surrey Lions lost a high-scoring affair against Leicestershire Foxes at The Oval, with Alistair Brown's unbeaten 111 ultimately in vain for Adam Holloioake's side.

Australian batsman Daniel Marsh was the mainstay of the Foxes reply, his unbeaten 97 helping his side to an unlikely first victory of the season with three balls remaining.



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Mark Alleyne

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● DYNAMOS DRIVE FOR THE TOP SPOT

Durham Dynamos could move to the top of the Norwich Union League Division Two table if they are able to defeat Lancashire Lightning at Chester-le-Street.

Jonathan Lewis' side have accumulated six points from their opening two games, whilst Lightning are still looking for their first victory of the campaign.

The Dynamos moved into third place in the division with a two-wicket win against Middlesex Crusaders last week, but John Crawley's men enjoyed far less success as they slumped to defeat at the hands of Glamorgan Dragons.

Neil Fairbrother was the only man to offer any resistance with the bat as he scored 62 before being run out.

Dragons skipper Matthew Maynard led his side home with an unbeaten 39 as they recorded their first win of the season.

Worcestershire Royals are second in the table after a three-wicket win against Derbyshire Scorpions at New Road but it has been a disappointing start to the campaign for Essex Eagles.

They slipped to their second successive defeat after a titanic tussle against Sussex Sharks at Chelmsford, the visitors finally winning by just one run.

After the Sharks amassed 243 for six from their 45 overs, Ronnie Irani's men just missed out on a fabulous victory.



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Division 1 table at a glance	Points
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