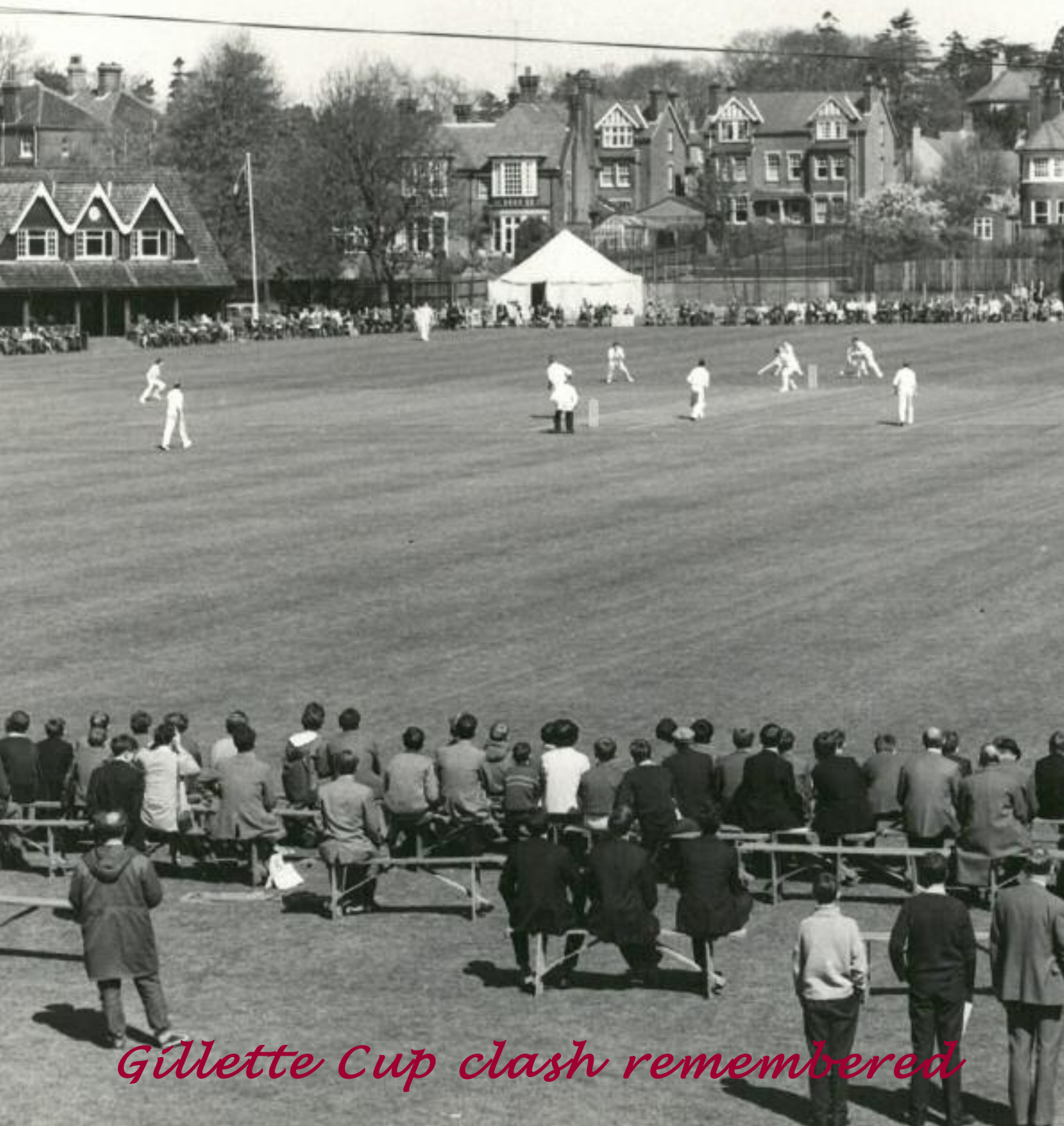


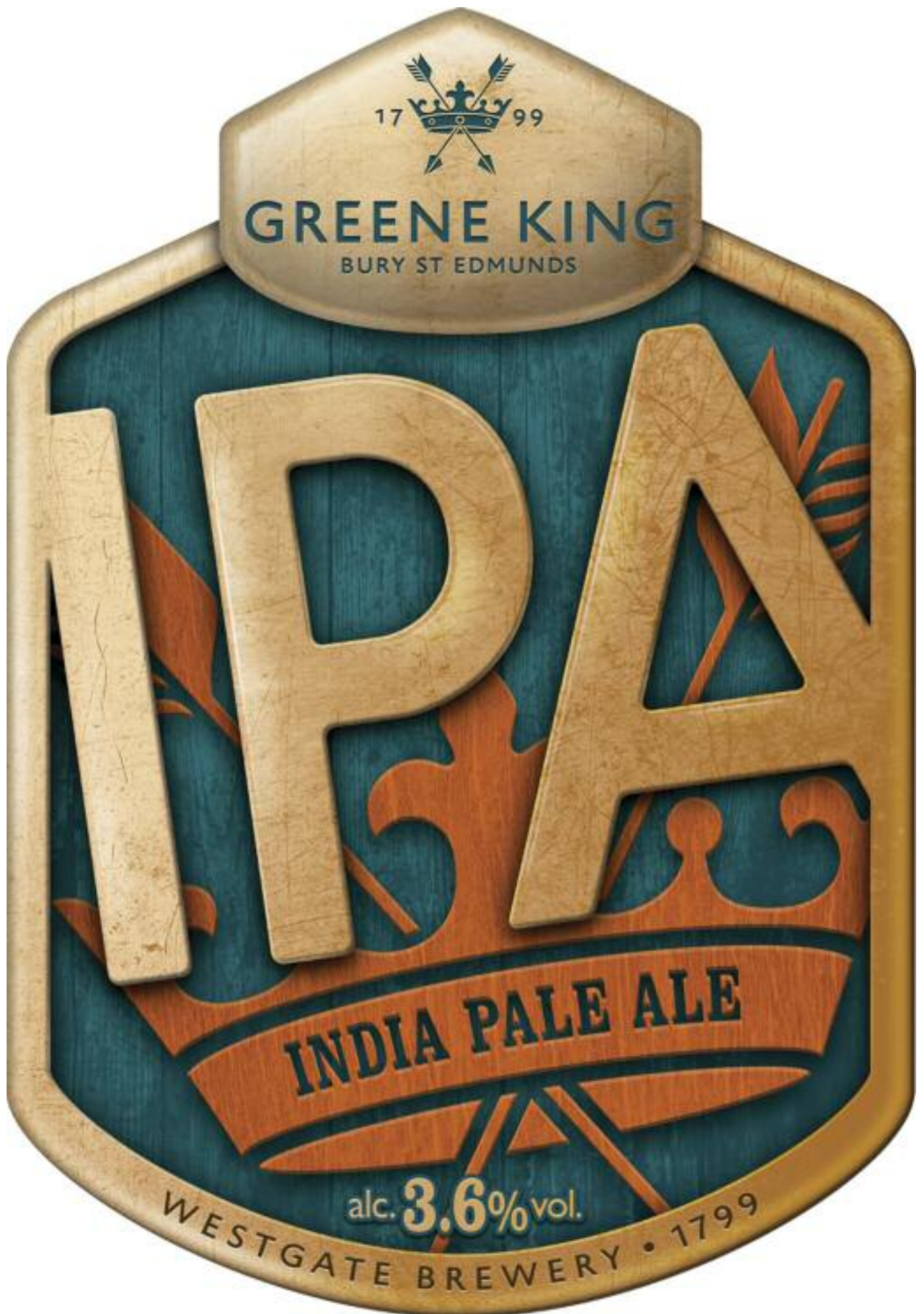
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Dear Member,

Writing this foreword on a cold January day it is a pleasure to look forward to another cricket season when hopefully the weather will be kind to us.

Tom Huggins' first season as Suffolk captain saw a change of direction with several young former Development XI players introduced to Minor Counties Cricket. This proved to be a massive step up for them and it was no real surprise that we finished bottom of the Eastern Division of the Unicorns County Championship. Our only success was a thrilling two-wicket victory over Norfolk at Copdock which was enjoyed by a large number of Suffolk supporters. Hopefully the experience gained by the youngsters will stand them in good stead for the future. There will be a change in the management of the county team for the coming season. After five years as Team Manager/Coach, Bobby Flack, has decided to stand down. Bobby has also been heavily involved in the county age group structure for many years and has given many local cricketers the opportunity of playing at the highest possible level. Thank you Bobby for all your hard work in a very demanding role.

Andy Northcote has been appointed to replace Bobby as Team Manager/Coach for the coming season. Many of you will know Andy for his exploits in the success of Woolpit C.C. in recent seasons.

We are now looking forward to hosting Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire in the Unicorns Trophy and Northumberland, Cambridgeshire and Staffordshire in the Unicorns County Championship. There will also be an East Anglian T20 competition to be staged at Bury St. Edmunds C.C. on Sunday, June 26th where Suffolk will compete with Norfolk, Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire. Your support at all these matches will be very much appreciated.

I would like to thank our main sponsors, Greene King, for their continued support and also the many individuals and companies who give us such valuable support. You will find reference to all of them throughout this handbook and in return I ask you to support them if at all possible.

Some clubs are facing challenging times and I thank all the volunteers throughout the county who work so hard in promoting the game at grassroots levels.

Enjoy the season.

Yours sincerely



Norman Atkins, MBE,
Chairman,
Suffolk County Cricket Association

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Minor Counties Championship Leading Averages 2015

Qualification: 8 innings

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Player	County	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave							
Tanveer Sikandar	Hertfordshire	8	1	575	209 *	82.14	K Ali	Staffordshire	11	1	377	150	37.70
RCJ Aucott	Shropshire	8	3	371	91	74.20	DD Freeman	Lincolnshire	11	2	337	137 *	37.44
GR Thurstance	Bedfordshire	12	2	730	171	73.00	TL Robinson	Lincolnshire	10	1	331	61	36.77
SG Leach	Shropshire	11	1	702	170	70.20	GA Ansell	Wales	8	0	292	81	36.50
LW Thomas	Bedfordshire	12	1	763	171	69.36	T Maxfield	Staffordshire	10	1	326	107	36.22
J du Toit	Northumberland	12	0	770	144	64.16	HC Stephens	Berkshire	12	0	434	102	36.16
GJ Pratt	Cumberland	10	3	435	156 *	62.14	MS Coles	Wiltshire	12	1	394	155	35.81
SS Arthurton	Norfolk	10	0	612	172	61.20	WJM Barrett	Herefordshire	8	3	178	70 *	35.60
SW Griffiths	Wales	8	1	412	133 *	58.85	MC Golding	Devon	11	0	378	102	34.36
CM MacDonell	Buckinghamshire	10	1	510	99	56.66	MG Cull	Suffolk	12	0	407	90	33.91
WDC Hale	Cumberland	10	2	443	125	55.37	CJ Whittock	Herefordshire	11	2	305	126 *	33.88
Asim Munir	Cambridgeshire	12	1	585	123	53.18	MA Wolstenholme	Dorset	9	2	237	75	33.85
EGC Young	Wiltshire	10	1	454	144	50.44	HRH Darby	Oxfordshire	13	0	438	112	33.69
RI Kaufman	Oxfordshire	11	3	400	103 *	50.00	AM Reynoldson	Bedfordshire	11	1	335	67	33.50
L Gwynne	Herefordshire	8	0	387	87	48.37	TA Steele	Staffordshire	8	1	234	91	33.42
JWR Miles	Cumberland	9	1	386	106	48.25	CO Thurston	Bedfordshire	8	0	266	70	33.25
NV Jeyaratnam	Hertfordshire	8	1	335	98	47.85	GT Park	Norfolk	10	0	332	73	33.20
JAJ Rishton	Berkshire	8	1	334	127	47.71	LC Ryan	Oxfordshire	10	3	228	58 *	32.57
BL Wadlan	Cornwall	12	0	560	108	46.66	DOD Hampton	Buckinghamshire	11	2	293	83	32.55
JM Spelman	Norfolk	10	0	456	121	45.60	CT Pelpoe	Berkshire	10	1	290	67	32.22
JB Lintott	Dorset	10	1	399	129	44.33	TJ Baker	Wales	8	1	225	80	32.14
EC Ballard	Hertfordshire	11	1	441	248 *	44.10	RA Stevenson	Devon	8	2	191	60 *	31.83
CBF Purchase	Cornwall	12	0	526	126	43.83	MJ Hill	Staffordshire	10	0	317	147	31.70
SA Khan	Buckinghamshire	10	0	434	147	43.40	LA Webb	Dorset	10	1	283	64	31.44
MJ Payne	Buckinghamshire	12	2	433	83	43.30	OM Ali	Shropshire	11	1	311	92	31.10
DJ Blacktopp	Hertfordshire	9	2	303	98	43.28	MJ Rance	Buckinghamshire	8	2	180	43	30.00
JD Middlebrook	Bedfordshire	8	1	302	101	43.14	BJ Reece	Suffolk	12	2	296	66	29.60
PJ Wilshaw	Staffordshire	11	1	431	122	43.10	SJ Macey	Berkshire	10	0	295	66	29.50
MH Rowe	Cornwall	12	0	501	107	41.75	BJ Bryant	Cambridgeshire	10	1	263	101 *	29.22
GC Holmes	Wales	12	0	496	109	41.33	MH Curtis	Devon	11	0	321	92	29.18
Masoor Khan	Dorset	10	0	413	157	41.30	RK Morris	Berkshire	12	0	346	122	28.83
M Higginbottom	Shropshire	10	4	245	126	40.83	J Clay	Northumberland	10	2	226	46 *	28.25
KS Bansal	Lincolnshire	10	2	324	61	40.50	MG Pardoe	Herefordshire	8	2	167	47	27.83
SM Guy	Suffolk	12	0	482	79	40.16	BHN Howgego	Cambridgeshire	10	0	278	71	27.80
JT Ralph	Shropshire	10	1	361	72	40.11	LM Sabin	Oxfordshire	13	0	361	77	27.76
SSE Gumbs	Buckinghamshire	8	1	267	132 *	38.14	AJ Willerton	Lincolnshire	9	5	111	47	27.75
TB Huggins	Suffolk	12	0	457	168	38.08	TPS Hughes	Cornwall	8	0	221	47	27.62
JR Tolley	Cumberland	12	2	380	88	38.00	JC Morris	Berkshire	12	1	303	80	27.54
SA Kazmi	Hertfordshire	8	3	189	55 *	37.80	TG Weston	Shropshire	10	0	274	105	27.40
Waqas Hussain	Berkshire	12	0	453	132	37.75	NJ Poole	Suffolk	12	1	300	80	27.27
							AD Angove	Cornwall	11	2	244	58	27.11

Suffolk C.C.C. Championship Averages 2015

Name	M	In	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	0	Ov	M	Runs	Wkts	Ave	BB	10m	5i	C/St
Beaumont J.A.	3	6	-	131	47	21.83	-	-	1	48	1	259	4	64.75	1-30	-	-	2
Comber M.A.	4	8	-	117	75	14.62	-	1	3	87	30	263	8	32.87	3-31	-	-	5
Cooper S.*	1	2	2	0	-	-	-	-	-	28	4	125	5	25.00	4-53	-	-	-
Cull M.G.	6	12	0	407	90	33.91	-	3	-	1.4	-	5	0	-	-	-	-	6
Curran B.N.*	1	2	1	1	1	1.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guy S.M.	6	12	-	482	79	40.16	-	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
Huggins T.B.	6	12	-	457	168	38.08	2	-	1	195.5	44	596	28	21.28	7-38	1	2	6
Lovejoy O.*	2	3	2	48	26*	48.00	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/2
Mansfield A.P.	1	2	-	42	40	21.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4/1
Manthorpe D.*	3	6	3	61	29*	20.33	-	-	1	45	6	180	2	90.00	1-28	-	-	2
Parker B.J.*	4	8	-	138	32	17.25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poole N.J.	6	12	1	300	80	27.27	-	4	1	23	-	99	2	49.50	1-5	-	-	2
Poulson J.E.	2	4	-	18	11	4.50	-	-	1	21	1	114	0	-	-	-	-	1
Rash T.W.W.	6	12	-	205	54	17.08	-	1	2	106.5	18	457	8	57.12	4-95	-	-	3
Reece B.J.*	6	12	2	296	66	29.60	-	1	-	52	3	266	6	44.33	3-48	-	-	5
Steel J.*	4	7	1	59	38*	9.83	-	-	2	87	9	437	7	62.42	3-60	-	-	-
Wareing M.B*	5	7	3	14	9	3.50	-	-	3	124.3	21	533	21	25.38	4-77	-	-	4
Sub	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

*Debut

Suffolk C.C.C. One Day Averages 2015

Name	M	In	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	Ov	M	Runs	Wkts	Ave	BB	C/St
Beaumont J.A.	3	1	-	0	0	-	-	-	14	-	84	4	21.00	3-21	1
Bishop J.E.	3	1	-	1	1	1.00	-	-	23.4	2	84	10	8.40	4-28	2
Coetzer K.	1	1	1	64	64*	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Comber M.A.	3	3	-	35	26	11.66	-	-	9	-	65	1	65.00	1-15	-
Guy S.M.	3	3	2	156	141*	156.00	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4/1
Huggins T.B.	3	3	1	98	44*	49.00	-	-	15.2	-	71	3	23.66	2-40	1
Mansfield A.P.	3	1	-	1	1	1.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poole N.J.	3	3	-	20	13	6.66	-	-	1	-	10	0	-	-	1
Poulson J.E.	3	1	-	6	6	6.00	-	-	9	-	70	2	35.00	1-25	1
Rash T.W.W.	3	2	1	3	3*	3.00	-	-	18	2	115	2	57.50	2-73	1
Rees S.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Root W.T.	1	1	-	41	41	41.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ward S.B.J.	2	2	-	53	45	26.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wareing M.B.	1	1	-	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Player	County	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave
CJ Louth	Lincolnshire	9	0	242	81	26.88
PJ McMahon	Cambridgeshire	12	2	268	70*	26.80
ER Kilbee	Wiltshire	8	0	204	76	25.50
PJ Grieshaber	Wiltshire	10	2	203	112*	25.37
CL Park	Dorset	9	1	202	43	25.25
TM Nugent	Berkshire	8	3	126	70*	25.20

BOWLING

Qualification: 14 wkts:

Player	County	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Ave
HE Eltham	Oxfordshire	85.0	21	276	21	13.14
PJ McMahon	Cambridgeshire	280.4	86	657	46	14.28
LC Ryan	Oxfordshire	186.5	43	512	35	14.62
T Bulcock	Cumberland	292.5	94	728	49	14.85
CJ Hodgson	Cumberland	84.3	20	258	17	15.17
BW Sanderson	Shropshire	91.0	20	270	17	15.88
WAT Beer	Oxfordshire	104.2	23	305	19	16.05
CT Pelpoe	Berkshire	284.5	82	804	50	16.08
CB Keeegan	Oxfordshire	166.1	40	509	28	18.17
DA Woods	Cheshire	191.0	40	602	32	18.81
DS Lucas	Lincolnshire	108.2	26	306	16	19.12
EGC Young	Wiltshire	144.1	53	410	21	19.52
GS Randhawa	Shropshire	260.5	60	688	35	19.65
OF McGee	Northumberland	201.2	28	681	34	20.02
PA Byrne	Staffordshire	236.2	70	603	30	20.10
BL Wadlan	Cornwall	325.2	87	948	46	20.60
AL Osmond	Lincolnshire	98.3	17	330	16	20.62
RJ Gleeson	Cumberland	170.3	45	483	23	21.00
CD Williams	Cumberland	129.4	37	404	19	21.26
TB Huggins	Suffolk	195.5	44	596	28	21.28
MC Goodwin	Staffordshire	92.5	22	298	14	21.28
AB Shepherd	Lincolnshire	90.3	11	409	19	21.52
J du Toit	Northumberland	116.4	13	367	17	21.58
GR Willott	Staffordshire	153.4	44	429	19	22.57
TM Nugent	Berkshire	194.2	39	636	28	22.71
AJ Norman	Wales	194.0	38	365	16	22.81
AD Todd	Norfolk	111.4	22	417	18	23.16
DO Conway	Herefordshire	157.2	50	465	20	23.25
JM King	Wiltshire	216.4	48	687	29	23.68
BJ France	Norfolk	176.1	46	514	21	24.47
CR Griggs	Bedfordshire	135.0	38	443	18	24.61
KW Penhale	Oxfordshire	77.0	13	348	14	24.85
JP Roberts	Wiltshire	97.0	20	349	14	24.92
ZGG Bess	Devon	120.5	27	455	18	25.27
MB Wareing	Suffolk	124.3	21	533	21	25.38
RD Edwards	Wales	103.4	20	381	15	25.40
AJ Willerton	Lincolnshire	111.0	18	417	16	26.06
Tahir Afridi	Wiltshire	167.5	28	638	24	26.58
JS Dawborn	Cambridgeshire	146.4	35	426	16	26.62
SE Rippington	Cambridgeshire	140.0	21	535	20	26.75
MJ Allan	Northumberland	124.1	18	439	16	27.43
C Brown	Norfolk	193.0	40	551	19	29.00
JP Burden	Buckinghamshire	145.2	28	587	20	29.35
DOD Hampton	Buckinghamshire	125.1	19	593	20	29.65

Minor Counties Championship 2015 Final Tables



Bad sessions prove costly during season

Captain's report by TOM HUGGINS



The Suffolk side that lost to Cambridgeshire in the Unicorns KO Trophy Group 2 game at Bury St Edmunds are pictured with their new sponsors – brewers Greene King signed a three-year deal as the county's main sponsor and lawyers Slater and Gordon agreed an initial one-year deal to also sponsor the county. Back row (left to right): Andrew Zajac of sponsors Slater and Gordon, Adam Mansfield, Jack Beaumont, James Poulson, Matt Wareing, Nathan Poole, Stuart Guy (12th man), Simon Edgar of sponsors Greene King. Front row: Sasha Ward, Tom Rash, Tom Huggins (captain), Justin Bishop, Michael Comber, Simon Guy (player-coach).

WHEN I was appointed captain of the county I am proud to call home, I imagined writing this report under somewhat different circumstances. I was hoping to be explaining how we had triumphed in our quest for success, but unfortunately that article has been put on hold for 12 months.

Whilst this was undoubtedly a disappointing season for the county, firstly not getting past the group stages of the MCCA Trophy and secondly finishing bottom of the Championship, only winning one match, it is not all doom and gloom as you might expect.

There have been some positive stories forward for the county, most notably in their selection policy over the course of the season, with a number of younger and less experienced players making their debuts and these players will have gained in confidence and experience as well as understanding the levels required of players to play Minor Counties cricket.

The first competitive match of the season was due to be against Norfolk at Ipswich School, but after some heavy overnight rain, the umpires declared that conditions were unfit to play.

This was disappointing as the squad selected was arguably our best of the season. Kyle Coetzer, who had recently scored a hundred at the World Cup for Scotland, and former Essex spinner Tom Craddock were due to play, however it was not to be. Unfortunately for Tom, a serious thumb injury ended his chances of playing for us again during the

season, but we wish him well in his attempts at getting back into the first-class game.

A week later we travelled to Dunstable to play Bedfordshire, in a match that we won convincingly thanks to a composed 64 not out from Coetzer. It was a stop-start match with plenty of rain interruptions and it effectively came down to a T20 match when Duckworth/Lewis intervened.

Our bowling and fielding was exceptional and we never allowed Bedfordshire the opportunity to get into the game as all the bowlers delivered their skills well, notably Jack Beaumont and James Poulson. Unfortunately neither of these two have kicked on as much as they would have liked since their debuts a few years ago now, but both are still showing potential.

As with a lot of players last year, having potential is one thing, but this will only get you so far. Ultimately it is about turning in performances which help win matches and this is something that no-one did with any consistency during the season.

Having got ourselves into a good position in the group after our first two matches, the need to follow this up against Cambridgeshire was imperative.

On a good pitch at the Victory Ground, to get blown away for 80 having won the toss was inexcusable. Only one person and extras made it into double figures and a total of six boundaries in 28 overs simply wasn't good enough.

The Cambridgeshire bowlers bowled well and hit good areas, but there were some poor shots and a disappointing

lack of fight with the bat. Our opponents knocked the runs off easily for the loss of four wickets leaving us in a position where qualification for the quarter-finals was out of our hands.

As it turned out the match against Hertfordshire was a very eventful non-event as we couldn't qualify as results elsewhere went against us. This was Justin Bishop's last game for the county and he showed just how much we'll miss him by collecting 4-37 in a Hertfordshire total of 301.

On a resonant level, I class Bish as a close friend and I will miss playing with him week in, week out. He was the dependable seamer that every county needs and it was the perfect way for him to bow out, showing his skills and temperament in a challenging situation. I know that everyone would like to wish Bish well in the next stages of his life.

Chasing a score of 300 is never easy, but we witnessed one of the best one-day innings you'll ever see by Simon Guy which allowed us to chase down the total with eight balls to spare. His 141 made off 111 balls was an exhibition in one-day batting. His pure striking over the off-side, his innovation and his match awareness were second to none.

To score a century in one-day cricket is an achievement in itself, to do so when chasing the total we were facing was incredible. He was ably supported by Billy Root and Sasha Ward and unfortunately due to work commitments this was the last we would see of Sasha for the summer.

So, having proven to ourselves that one bad game can change a tournament we moved on to the Championship, where we found out that one bad session can severely hinder your chances of winning matches. This was the story of the season as we performed well in most of the matches, but were unable to consistently compete to that level over three days.

The first match was against a strong Lincolnshire side at Bury and having lost the toss on a flat pitch, all of their batsmen got starts but we stuck at it as a unit and managed to bowl them out with over 18 overs of their 90 remaining. Sean Cooper, making his debut in his late forties, showed what consistency could achieve as he picked up four wickets as did Tom Rash. Tom will be the first to admit that he didn't have the best season by his standards either with bat or ball, but he is a trier and will come back stronger this year.

Martyn Cull got a pair of 80s in the match but our second innings bowling let us down leaving us more or less a day to survive. Simon Guy got to 70 but it was left to Adam Mansfield and debutant Ben Reece to try and survive the last session. Both played well, but in the end their attack was just too strong and we fell short with about ten overs to go. Our lack of control and ability to string together dot balls led to our downfall, and this was something that was immediately rectified in our next match at Copdock.

Playing Norfolk is always a crunch game of any season due to the knowledge both teams have of each other, and the local rivalry. To come away with a victory, in the manner that we did, shows the ability, courage and fight that wasn't seen as much as we would have liked throughout the

season.

To win Championship matches more often than not taking 20 wickets is the key. To bowl Norfolk out twice on a typically flat Copdock wicket for under 300 is an achievement that shouldn't be overlooked. Going into the last day with seven wickets to take to leave ourselves a run chase, the odds were against us, but everyone believed we could win and the bowlers put their hands up and gave everything.

Dominic Manthorpe's spell after lunch showed why he was selected on the Essex Academy as he ran in and peppered the Norfolk batsmen with a sustained spell. This was the best spell we saw from Dom last year, but once again, having a winter away challenging himself Down Under will only serve him well. He is a cricketer who has lots to offer in all three disciplines and will go from strength-to-strength as the years progress. This was also the start of Matt Wareing's debut summer and he consistently swung the ball back into the right handers and ended the season with just over 20 wickets which is no mean feat.

This left us with 200 to chase in 50 overs, a total we were very confident with. Being 48-5 was not part of the plan, but Ben Parker and Simon Guy got a partnership together. Ben Parker, on debut, played without fear in both innings and although he didn't get the big score he was after, proved himself to be a batsman who the county can build a side around for the next five years.

However, when they both departed with a further 72 required, we were somewhat concerned about our fate. Enter Ben Reece and Jon Steel! Reecey had fought hard to try and stave off defeat in the first match and had scored a valuable 42 in the first innings, but his composure under pressure was immense and gradually both of them started whittling the target down, relatively risk free. Steely took a calculated risk and with three overs to go hit a six and a boundary and we were within touching distance. Unfortunately, Reecey holed out with two needed for victory, but Dom remained calm and saw us home to claim victory by two wickets and with five balls remaining.

This is one of, if not the best Championship victory I have been part of, not only because it was the first time we had beaten Norfolk in 15 years, but because every person played a vital role in ensuring we got over the line.

So with an unchanged side we visited Cambridgeshire and once again the curse of one bad session hit us. Disappointingly, bad doesn't describe this session as we capitulated in our first innings to 45 all out in 20 overs. We had started the day poorly with the ball in helpful conditions, but fought back hard to bowl the home side out for 220, and then their opening bowlers got the ball to swing prodigiously and we nicked everything. Facing a first innings deficit of 175 makes not only winning the game but saving it hard, especially with two days left. However, we fought hard with the ball and in the field and left ourselves a chase of just over 350. At 150-2, thanks to Nathan Poole and Tom Rash, we began to fancy our chances somewhat. Nathan, in only his second year of Championship cricket, proved that he has the ability to bat for long periods of time

at this level, and with four fifties in the season, he ought to be looking to secure a place for the foreseeable future, and will be disappointed he narrowly missed out on a century on all of those occasions. When he does manage to reach the milestone, he will go on to score many I am sure. This time, he began a middle-order collapse when he was run out from mid-on leaving us going into the last day needing a further 140 with four wickets left. Unfortunately Simon wasn't able to shepherd the tail and ended up being last man out with the score on 274. The fact that we got ourselves in a position to gain an unlikely win shows the fight and determination that the side has got.

The next match away to Staffordshire showed that we are still a way off being able to challenge for the Championship as the 2014 winners outplayed us in all facets of the game.

This was despite a brave effort by Ben Parker, who faced 95 balls for his 21 in the second innings trying to bat time to ensure a draw. For a stage in our first innings, Simon Guy and Mike Comber counter-attacked and shared a partnership of 140 in little over 15 overs. Mikey had a disappointing season with the bat after his outstanding 2014, but led the attack well with the new ball in the games that he played.

For the first time in the year, I managed to win a toss and we batted first on a good pitch at Ipswich School. Martyn Cull scored 90 and Simon Guy 50 as we posted a good first innings total of 341.

Unfortunately our lack of control with the ball let us down and Bedfordshire eased comfortably past us.

This was despite both Matt Wareing and Ben Reece picking up three wickets apiece. With the ball, Reecey can be expensive, and lacks the control that enables left-arm spinners to be effective, but he bowls wicket-taking deliveries. His discipline and control with the ball will only come through hard practice but his work with the bat, his



Suffolk skipper Tom Huggins raises his bat to acknowledge the applause of spectators as he walks off after being dismissed for 168 in the first innings against Bedfordshire at Ipswich School.

exceptional hands and his wicket-taking ability mean that he could nail down an all-rounder's role for the next few years.

Scoring 300 again in our second innings left Bedfordshire chasing 180 to win on a turning pitch and once again we fought hard as a unit, but some poor fielding including three dropped catches meant we lost by five wickets. A disappointing result given the position we set up for ourselves with the bat.

And so to the last game of the year at Long Marston against Hertfordshire – a venue where the lunch break should definitely be extended! Being 25-4 and 65-5 is not an ideal way to set the game up, but once again, Nathan reached a fluent fifty, Reecey made his first Championship fifty, Jack Beaumont fell just short with 47 and the two youngsters, Dominic Manthorpe and Ollie Lovejoy, finished the innings off with a 60-run partnership to get us up to a competitive total of 255.

Once again we bowled a side out, this time for 280, with Matt Wareing doing the damage with four wickets. Disappointingly, every batsman bar two reached double figures yet no-one got to 40 and we were bowled out for 205. Hertfordshire won well into the last hour again which meant that five of the six games had gone into the final session and only one of those didn't reach the final hour.

My thanks as ever go to Simon Guy, who coached, and Bobby Flack, who managed the side, for their help, experience, dedication and positive views. Without the support of these two, it would have made for a very challenging year. To the three home venues. Bury, whose facilities are now second to none, Copdock, whose dedication to perfection and making sure all players are not wanting for anything, and Ipswich School who produce good cricket wickets year on year. It is a pleasure to turn up to a home game knowing that you are playing on the best surface possible, and all three groundsmen work tirelessly throughout the three days to ensure this. To Andy Broome who scores and provides all the information a captain could ever want. To the committee for their support through a tough year. And finally, to the supporters who watch us, either with us or from afar, your support is truly valued.

Looking back on the season, while as stated at the start of the article, it is disappointing, it could so easily have been different had we performed better in one session of every match. This was the learning for everyone who played. Championship cricket is challenging. You need to be on top of your game for three full days. One poor session and you lose, it's as simple as that.

From a performance point of view, the senior players didn't perform to the standards that we would have set ourselves, and this left a lot of emphasis on the younger players, and that was unfair for a number of players in their debut seasons.

What is sure is that these younger players, the likes of Parker, Wareing, Manthorpe, Steel and Reece, all stood up at different stages of the year to show that they have got the ticker, the mental toughness, the skills to deliver at this level, and with these youngsters the future can only look bright.

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UNICORNS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

JUNE
Sun-Tues 5-7 v Cumberland at Carlisle

Sun-Tues 19-21 v NORTHUMBERLAND at Bury St Edmunds

JULY
Sun-Tues 3-5 v CAMBRIDGESHIRE at Copdock
Sun-Tues 17-19 v Lincolnshire at Cleethorpes
Sun-Tues 31-Aug 2 v STAFFORDSHIRE at Ipswich School

AUGUST

Sun-Tues 14-16 v Buckinghamshire at Tring Park

Sun-Wed 28-31 Championship Final at Wormsley

UNICORNS KNOCK-OUT TROPHY Group 4

APRIL
Sun 24 v Bedfordshire at Amptill Town C.C.

MAY
Sun 8 v BUCKINGHAMSHIRE at Ipswich School
Sun 15 v Wiltshire at Warminster
Sun 22 v HERTFORDSHIRE at Bury St Edmunds

JUNE
Sun 12 Quarter finals
Match 1: Winner 2 v Runner-up 3 Match 2: Winner 1 v Runner-up 4
Match 3: Winner 4 v Runner-up 1 Match 4: Winner 3 v Runner-up 2

JULY

Sun 10 Semi-finals
Winner Match 3 v Winner Match 4 Winner Match 2 v Winner Match 1

AUGUST

Wed 24 Final at Wormsley

UNICORNS T20 COMPETITION

JUNE
Sun 26 v Group at Bury St Edmunds
10.00 Cambridgeshire v Suffolk;
1.30 Bedfordshire v Norfolk
5.00 Winners play-off

FRIENDLY

APRIL
SUN 17 v Essex II Away

DEVELOPMENT XI

JUNE
Thurs 18 v NORFOLK at Woolpit

JULY
Thurs 14 v Essex at Billericay

AUGUST
Thurs 4 v Huntingdonshire (Away)
Thurs 11 v BEDFORDSHIRE at Exning
Mon 22 v Cambridgeshire at Clare College



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Essex II v Suffolk C.C.C.

at Billericay, April 19, 2015
Competition: Friendly

Umpires: C.P. Hickson and G.W. Marshall
Scorer: P. Parkinson and A. J. Broome

Toss won by Suffolk. Result: Essex II won by 6 wks

Essex win curtain-raiser by six wickets

CAMERON Rule and Jack Sterland combined to guide Essex 2nd XI to a six-wicket win in the annual 50-overs-a-side pre-season friendly.

The pair put on 156 for the third wicket after coming together at the start of the seventh over of Essex's reply with the score 21-2.

Rule, an 18-year-old opening batsman from Ipswich School, and Sterland, four years his senior, were not parted until the final delivery of the 34th over when Sterland was bowled for 84. His 91-ball knock contained nine fours and one six.

Rule was finally dismissed, also for 84, after facing 112 balls and striking ten fours, with the total on 199. His partner at the time was Ipswich-born Reece Topley, who ended the season making both his England T20 and ODI debuts.

Jon Steel removed both Rule and Matt Salisbury on his debut – Matt Wareing and Josh Cantrell also made their first appearances for the senior side – to finish with figures of 10-1-32-2.

Steel was the most successful of the eight different

bowlers Suffolk used in what was a 12-a-side match which Essex eventually won by six wickets with 2.3 overs to spare.

After Suffolk won the toss and chose to bat first openers Tom Huggins and Nathan Poole both made a start without going on and Tom Rash and Michael Comber added 52 for the fourth wicket before Rash fell for 35.

Comber, who top-scored with 49, and Justin Bishop contributed a fifth-wicket partnership of 41 and James Poulson (23 not out) and Steel (12 not out) put on 29 runs from the final 5.4 overs to push the visitors' total up to 226-7.



Jon Steel, who impressed on his debut for Suffolk with two wickets against Essex 2nd XI.

SUFFOLK C.C.C.					ESSEX II				
T.B. Huggins*	c Salisbury	b Laraman	27		L.J. Gough	Run Out (Ward)	6		
N.J. Poole	c Manthorpe	b Zain Shahzad	22		C.R. Rule	c Mansfield b Steel	84		
S.B.J. Ward	c Manthorpe	b Moore	1		F.I.N. Khushi	c Poulson b Bishop	2		
T.W.W. Rash	c Potticary	b Cook	35		J.L. Sterland	b Beaumont	84		
M.A. Comber	c & b	Moore	49		M.E.T. Salisbury	c Huggins b Steel	3		
J.E. Bishop	c & b	Laraman	7		R.J.W. Topley*	Not Out	9		
A.P. Mansfield†	c Salisbury	b Cook	12		J.T. Potticary†	Not Out	18		
J.E. Poulson	Not Out		23		J.P. Laraman				
J. Steel	Not Out		12		T.C. Moore				
M.B. Wareing					S.J. Cook				
J.A. Beaumont					D. Manthorpe				
J. Cantrell					Zain Shahzad				
Extras (8lb, 30w)			38		Extras (2b, 4lb, 13w, 2nb)		21		
Total (7 wks) 50ov			226		Total (5 wks) 47.3 ov		227		
Fall: 39 44 71 123 164 175 197					Fall: 18 21 177 188 199				
Bowling	O	M	R	W	Bowling	O	M	R	W
S.J. Cook	10	0	49	2	J.E. Bishop	5	0	15	1
Zain Shahzad	10	0	47	1	J. Steel	10	1	32	2
T.C. Moore	10	1	35	2	J.E. Poulson	7	0	39	0
J.P. Laraman	10	0	33	2	M.B. Wareing	8	0	28	0
D. Manthorpe	10	0	54	0	J. Cantrell	2	0	17	0
					T.W.W. Rash	5	1	26	0
					J.A. Beaumont	5	1	28	1
					T.B. Huggins	5.3	0	36	0

Suffolk C.C.C. v Norfolk C.C.C.

At Ipswich School, April 26, 2015
Competition: Unicorns KO Trophy

Umpires: M. Dobbs and C. Jones
Scorers: A.J. Broome and G. M. Richardson

Toss won by Suffolk. Result: Match abandoned. Suffolk 1pt, Norfolk 1pt

Bedfordshire C.C.C. v Suffolk C.C.C.

At Dunstable, May 3, 2015
Competition: Unicorns KO Trophy

Umpires: N. Hall and M. Williams
Scorers: M. Wynn and A.J. Broome

Bedfordshire won the toss. Result: Suffolk won by 35 runs D/L method. Bedfordshire 0pts, Suffolk 2pts

Coetzer stars for Suffolk in opening win

SCOTLAND World Cup star Kyle Coetzer played a leading role on his debut as Suffolk beat Bedfordshire in a rain-affected fixture.

Northamptonshire batsman Coetzer, who had signed for Suffolk on a dual registration, struck an undefeated 64 as Suffolk reached 126-3 off 24 overs before rain forced the teams off the pitch at Dunstable.

Opening partner Tom Huggins scored 21 off 20 deliveries, before he was trapped lbw with the score on 47, and then Nathan Poole and Michael Comber both fell cheaply.

That left the visitors on 99-3, but Simon Guy, whose 14 occupied just eight balls, and Coetzer, whose runs came from 65 balls with eight fours and one six, started to raise the tempo before the rain intervened.

Bedfordshire were set a revised target of 157 in 20 overs, but after losing three quick wickets could only muster 121-9 in their reply.

Justin Bishop accounted for both openers either side of Comber removing George Thurstance as the hosts slipped to 18-3.

Skipper Andy Reynoldson provided a ray of hope for the home team with an undefeated 62 from 51 balls received, but he lacked any real support.

Slow left-armer Jack Beaumont picked up three middle-order wickets and had a hand in two other dismissals with a catch and a run out as Suffolk claimed victory.



Jack Beaumont, who had a hand in five Bedfordshire dismissals in Suffolk's win.

SUFFOLK C.C.C.					BEDFORDSHIRE C.C.C.				
T.B. Huggins*	lbw	b Griggs	21		C. Thurston	c Guy	b Bishop	1	
K. Coetzer	Not Out		64		L.W. Thomas	c Guy	b Bishop	2	
N.J. Poole	c Thomas	b Reynoldson	13		G.R. Thurstance	lbw	b Comber	13	
M.A. Comber		b Wharton	6		A.M. Reynoldson*	Not Out		62	
S.M. Guy†	Not Out		14		N. Lee	c Coetzer	b Beaumont	9	
T.W.W. Rash					S. Johnson		b Beaumont	0	
J.E. Bishop					N. Barden	lbw	b Beaumont	2	
J.E. Poulson					G. Hofbauer†	c Beaumont	b Huggins	12	
S. Rees					G. Bacon	c Bishop	b Poulson	6	
A.P. Mansfield					E. Wharton	Run Out (Beaumont)		1	
J.A. Beaumont					C.R. Griggs	Not Out		0	
	Extras (4w, 4nb)		8			Extras (3lb, 10w)		13	
	Total (3 wkts dec) 24 ov		126			Total (9 wkts) 20 ov		121	
Fall: 47 90 99					Fall: 4 18 18 53 53 64 89 104 120				
Bowling	O	M	R	W	Bowling	O	M	R	W
C.R. Griggs	5	0	17	1	J.A. Beaumont	4	0	21	3
E. Wharton	4	0	40	1	J.E. Bishop	4	0	19	2
G. Bacon	3	0	24	0	M.A. Comber	2	0	15	1
G.R. Thurstance	7	0	30	0	T.W.W. Rash	2	0	20	0
A.M. Reynoldson	5	1	15	1	T.B. Huggins	4	0	18	1
					J.E. Poulson	4	0	25	1

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Suffolk C.C.C. v Cambridgeshire C.C.C.

At Bury St. Edmunds, May 10, 2015

Competition: Unicorns KO Trophy

Umpires: C. Puckett and R. Eagleton

Scorers: A.J. Broome and C. Abbott

Suffolk won the toss. Result: Cambridgeshire won by 6 wkts. Suffolk 0pts, Cambridgeshire 2pts

Batting collapse results in heavy defeat

AN EMBARRASSING batting display saw Suffolk suffer a six-wicket loss against visitors Cambridgeshire.

Suffolk were not helped by the fact that all three players contracted to first-class counties who were named in the squad subsequently dropped out.

Kyle Coetzer and Matt Hunn were recalled by Northants and Kent respectively while Yorkshire's Tom Craddock was ruled out by a hand injury.

But that is no excuse for a pitiful batting display after Suffolk won the toss and elected to bat, and then progressed to 32-1 from eight overs before the rot set in.

The hosts lost their remaining nine wickets for the addition of a further 51 runs to be bowled out for a meagre 83 one ball shy of 29 overs.

The only bright spot was the performance of opener Tom Huggins, who carried his bat for 44 not out. The skipper faced 71 balls in his innings which contained four of the six boundaries scored by Suffolk.

The bulk of the damage was done by opening bowler Joe Barrs, who claimed the first three wickets to fall, and Sam Rippington, who then ripped out the middle order as 49-3 became 57-7. Suffolk failed to make an early breakthrough as the visitors assumed complete control, before an inspired spell by Justin Bishop saw

Cambridgeshire lose four wickets for the addition of just three runs, slipping to 36-4 in the process. However, any thoughts of a remarkable turnaround were soon quashed as Michael Cafferkey and Robert Woolley compiled an unbroken fifth-wicket stand of 51 as Cambridgeshire romped home with 28.4 overs to spare.



Justin Bishop, who took four wickets for 28 runs in the six-wicket loss to Cambridgeshire.

SUFFOLK C.C.C.					CAMBRIDGESHIRE C.C.C.				
T.B. Huggins*	Not Out			44	D.A. Clarke	c Rash	b Bishop		16
N.J. Poole	c Bowers	b Barrs		6	B.H.N. Howgego	c Guy	b Bishop		19
S.B.J. Ward	c Bowers	b Barrs		8	M. Cafferkey	Not Out			26
M.A. Comber	c Howgego	b Barrs		3	M.A. Gouldstone	c & b	Bishop		0
S.M. Guy†	c Clarke	b Rippington		1	L.R. Bruce	lbw	b Bishop		0
T.W.W. Rash	lbw	b Rippington		0	R. Woolley	Not Out			22
J.E. Bishop	c Bowers	b Rippington		1	J.D. Williams				
A.P. Mansfield		b Rippington		1	P.J. McMahon*				
J.E. Poulson		b Woolley		6	J.M.E. Barrs				
J.A. Beaumont	c Bowers	b McMahon		0	T.T. Bowers†				
M.B. Wareing		b Woolley		0	S.E. Rippington				
Extras (3lb, 8w, 2nb)				13	Extras (1lb, 1w, 2nb)				4
Total (all out) 28.5 ov				83	Total (4 wkts) 21.2 ov				87
Fall: 18 32 36 49 53 57 79 80 83					Fall: 33 36 36 36				
Bowling	O	M	R	W	Bowling	O	M	R	W
J.M.E. Barrs	10	0	33	3	J.E. Bishop	10	2	28	4
S.E. Rippington	10	2	31	4	M.A. Comber	3	0	23	0
J.D. Williams	2.3	0	7	0	T.W.W. Rash	6	2	22	0
P.J. McMahon	4	2	4	1	T.B. Huggins	2.2	0	13	0
R. Woolley	2.2	0	5	2					

Hertfordshire C.C.C. v Suffolk C.C.C.

At Harpenden, May 17, 2015
Competition: Unicorns KO Trophy

Umpires: P. Nicholls and A. Hicks
Scorers: M.J. Arnold and A.J. Broome

Suffolk won the toss. Result: Suffolk won by 5 wkts. Hertfordshire 0pts, Suffolk 2pts

Super Simon's century inspires victory

A SPLENDID, undefeated 141 from Simon Guy saw Suffolk record a five-wicket win in their final group game.

Ultimately, the win counted for little as Suffolk failed to qualify for the quarter-finals, Hertfordshire topping the table a point ahead of Norfolk and Suffolk, who were edged out of second spot on net run rate.

The visitors, set 302 for victory, achieved their target with eight balls unused largely thanks to a 136-run alliance for the fifth wicket between Guy and Sasha Ward.

Coming together at 137-4 at the start of the 28th over, the pair tucked into the home attack until Ward was dismissed for 45 from 47 deliveries with 29 runs still required.

But there was no stopping Guy, who finished the job off with the sixth six of his knock which spanned 111 balls and also featured 12 fours.

Tom Huggins, Billy Root – playing his only innings of the summer for Suffolk – and Michael Comber all made useful contributions with the bat in the visitors' successful run chase.

Suffolk had dismissed their hosts with six balls remaining as Justin Bishop took four wickets for the second match in a row at an impressive economy rate of 3.83 in what was to be his final appearance for the county.

Nesan Jeyaratnam and Eddie Ballard put on 92 for the first wicket inside 17 overs and Daniel Blacktopp (63 not out from 56 balls) top-scored as the hosts set a competitive total, albeit not enough to deny Suffolk.



Simon Guy, who scored a superb 141 in Suffolk's five-wicket win at Harpenden.

HERTFORDSHIRE C.C.C.					SUFFOLK C.C.C.				
N.V. Jeyaratnam*	st Guy	b Huggins	52		T.B. Huggins*	c Blacktopp b Lamb	33		
E.C. Ballard	lbw	b Bishop	47		N.J. Poole	lbw b Frazer	1		
G.R. Brown	c Poulson	b Beaumont	47		W.M. Root	c Southgate b Kazmi	41		
D.J. Blacktopp	Not Out		63		M.A. Comber	b Kazmi	26		
B.J. Frazer	c Huggins	b Rash	32		S.M. Guy†	Not Out	141		
J.E. Southgate	lbw	b Rash	16		S.B.J. Ward	b Jones	45		
W.V.M. Jones	c Poole	b Poulson	22		T.W.W. Rash	Not Out	3		
N.J. Lamb		b Bishop	6		J.E. Bishop				
J.E.B. Scott		b Huggins	0		J.E. Poulson				
S.A. Kazmi	c Guy	b Bishop	1		A.P. Mansfield				
J.L. Pankhurst	lbw	b Bishop	0		J.A. Beaumont				
	Extras (1b, 5lb, 7w, 2nb)		15			Extras (7lb, 7w, 2nb)	16		
	Total (all out) 48.4 ov		301			Total (5 wkts) 48.4 ov	306		
Fall: 92 152 160 205 227 256 290 293 301					Fall: 13 53 88 137 273				
Bowling					Bowling				
J.E. Bishop	O	M	R	W	W.V.M. Jones	O	M	R	W
M.A. Comber	9.4	0	37	4	B.J. Frazer	9	0	58	1
T.W.W. Rash	4	0	27	0	N.J. Lamb	10	0	60	1
J.A. Beaumont	10	0	73	2	S.A. Kazmi	10	0	83	1
T.B. Huggins	10	0	63	1	J.E. Southgate	10	2	25	2
J.E. Poulson	9	0	40	2					
N.J. Poole	5	0	45	1					
	1	0	10	0					

Suffolk C.C.C. v Lincolnshire C.C.C.

At Sawston, May 31, 2015
Competition: Unicorns T20 Competition

Umpires: R. Eagleton and R.J. Newham
Scorers: Ms. S. Clayton and A.J. Broome

Suffolk won the toss. Result: Suffolk won by 12 runs D/L method

Suffolk clinch place in regional T20 final

SUFFOLK defeated Lincolnshire by 12 runs in a rain-affected Regional T20 semi-final at Sawston. Debutant Josh Wells, who plays his club cricket for Halstead in the Two Counties Championship, top-scored for Suffolk, who chose to bat first in a match that was reduced to 10-overs-a-side after a delayed start.

Wells made 30 from 24 balls before being run out from the final ball of the innings, after sharing a stand of 43 with Sasha Ward, whose 26, including five fours, came from only 11 deliveries.

They boosted Suffolk's total to 98-4, after Tom Huggins, Jack Beaumont and Simon Guy all fell relatively cheaply. With Suffolk's innings cut to ten overs, Lincolnshire were chasing a revised target of 101.

Slow left armer Jack Beaumont opened the bowling but his only over went for 17 and Lincolnshire reached 38-1 before being rocked by the loss of two wickets to consecutive Matt Wareing deliveries in the fourth over.

They recovered and had advanced to 66-3 before another Suffolk debutant, Sudbury's Billy Moulton-Day, claimed the wicket of Carl Wilson with the last ball of the sixth over.

Dan Freeman fell for just five as Wareing picked up his third wicket from the final ball of the

seventh over, to leave Lincolnshire 74-5 with three overs remaining.

Archie Ogden removed Luke Robinson, who had top-scored with 30 from 21 deliveries, with the first ball of the final over and with him went Lincolnshire's hopes as Suffolk closed out victory.



Matt Wareing, who took three Lincolnshire wickets at a cost of just 15 runs.

SUFFOLK C.C.C.					LINCOLNSHIRE C.C.C.				
T.B. Huggins*	b Weightman	11			C.J. Louth	b Ogden	11		
J.A. Beaumont	c Patel b Carter	6			K.S. Bansal	c Mansfield b Wareing	12		
S.M. Guy	c Louth b Cheer	15			T.L. Robinson	b Ogden	30		
J.A. Wells	Run Out (Osmond)	30			J.R. Cheer	c Mansfield b Wareing	0		
S.B.J. Ward	Not Out	26			C. Wilson†	c Poulson b Moulton-Day	15		
T.W.W. Rash					D.D. Freeman	v Wells b Wareing	5		
A.P. Mansfield†					A.K. Patel*	Not Out	5		
J.E. Poulson					A.L. Osmond	Not Out	4		
A. Ogden					M.W. Weightman				
W.M. Moulton-Day					M. Carter				
M.B. Wareing					A.J. Willerton				
Extras (1b, 6lb, 3w)		10			Extras (3lb, 4w)		7		
Total (4 wkts) 10 ov		98			Total (6 wkts) 10 ov		89		
Fall: 18 19 55 98					Fall: 20 38 38 66 74 82				
Bowling	O	M	R	W	Bowling	O	M	R	W
M.W. Weightman	2	0	14	1	J.A. Beaumont	1	0	17	0
M. Carter	2	0	15	1	A. Ogden	2	0	11	2
A.J. Willerton	1	0	10	0	T.W.W. Rash	1	0	12	0
K.S. Bansal	2	0	20	0	M.B. Wareing	2	0	15	3
J.R. Cheer	2	0	22	1	W.M. Moulton-Day	2	0	16	1
T.L. Robinson	1	0	10	0	T.B. Huggins	2	0	15	0

Cambridgeshire C.C.C. v Suffolk C.C.C.

At Sawston, May 31, 2015
Competition: Unicorns T20 Competition

Umpires: R.P. Medland and R.J. Newham
Scorers: C.N. Abbott and A.J. Broome

Suffolk won the toss. Result: Cambridgeshire won by 2 wkts

Suffolk suffer narrow defeat in T20 final

SUFFOLK missed out on a place in the national finals after losing to Cambridgeshire by two wickets in the final at Sawston.

After winning the toss and electing to bat first, Suffolk were left to rue being bowled out for 89 in 16.5 overs, leaving 19 balls unused.

That made opponents Cambridgeshire's task that much easier, and they reached their target with 15 balls remaining.

Suffolk's innings was in ruins at 12-3 inside four overs, but Simon Guy and Sasha Ward set about repairing the damage.

They added 30 runs – easily the best partnership of the innings – before Guy, who twice cleared the ropes, was dismissed for 22 off 17 balls.

Ward, whose 26 occupied 32 deliveries, thereafter lacked any support as wickets went down at regular intervals, Sam Rippington and Paul McMahon ending with three wickets apiece.

Although Matt Wareing removed Ben Howgego with 12 runs on the board, Cambridgeshire strengthened their grip on proceedings before Billy Moulton-Day produced a three-wicket burst.

That left Cambridgeshire 61-5 at the half-way point, and although they lost a further three wickets they were always favourites to win and

duly did so.

They went on to reach the national finals before losing to Bedfordshire by 42 runs.



Sasha Ward, who top-scored for Suffolk with 26 as they lost to Cambridgeshire in the T20 Regional final.

SUFFOLK C.C.C.					CAMBRIDGESHIRE C.C.C.				
T.B. Huggins*	c S. Park	b Rippington	2		B.H.N. Howgego	lbw	b Wareing	8	
J.A. Beaumont	c C. Park	b Rippington	5		M.C. Cafferkey	c Ward	b Beaumont	11	
S.M. Guy	c Rippington	b Barrs	22		R.J.J. Woolley		b Moulton-Day	27	
J.A. Wells	c McMahon	b Rippington	0		S.M. Park		b Moulton-Day	2	
S.B.J. Ward	c sub	b McMahon	26		L.R. Bruce	c Mansfield	b Moulton-Day	0	
T.W.W. Rash		b Barrs	6		C.M. Park	lbw	b Rash	18	
A.P. Mansfield†	c & b	McMahon	9		P.J. McMahon*	c Poulson	b Beaumont	4	
A. Ogden	Not Out		4		J.M.E. Barrs	Not Out		11	
J.E. Poulson		b McMahon	0		J.T. Bowers†		b Ogden	1	
W.M. Moulton-Day		b Cafferkey	5		J.S. Dawborn	Not Out		1	
M.B. Wareing	lbw	b Cafferkey	4		S.E. Rippington				
	Extras (3lb, 1w, 2nb)		6			Extras (1lb, 4w, 2nb)		7	
	Total (all out) 16.5 ov		89			Total (8 wkts) 17.3 ov		90	
Fall: 5 12 12 42 50 69 80 80 85 89					Fall: 12 30 34 46 61 69 88 89				
Bowling	O	M	R	W	Bowling	O	M	R	W
J.S. Dawborn	3	0	7	0	M.B. Wareing	4	0	17	1
S.E. Rippington	3	0	17	3	A. Ogden	3.3	0	24	1
J.M.E. Barrs	4	0	27	2	J.A. Beaumont	4	0	20	2
L.R. Bruce	3	0	14	0	W.M. Moulton-Day	4	1	20	3
P.J. McMahon	2	0	8	3	T.B. Huggins	1	0	5	0
M.C. Cafferkey	1.5	0	13	2	T.W.W. Rash	1	0	3	1

Suffolk C.C.C. v Lincolnshire C.C.C.

At Bury St Edmunds, June 7, 8, 9, 2015

Competition: Unicorns Championship

Umpires: J. Beckwith and M. Watton

Scorers: A.J. Broome and Ms S. Clayton

Toss won by Lincolnshire. Result: Lincolnshire won by 137 runs. Lincolnshire 24pts, Suffolk 6pts

Suffolk heavily beaten in opening game

SUFFOLK had to play second fiddle to Lincolnshire throughout their opening three-day fixture of the campaign.

After trailing by 101 runs on first innings, Lincolnshire stretched their advantage to 450 when they batted second time around.

It left Suffolk facing a mountain to climb just to save the match, and despite performing more creditably in their second innings, the hosts still lost by a margin of 137 runs.

Consistent batting all the way down the order saw Lincolnshire take control of the match after opting to bat first at the Victory Ground, with Conrad Louth, Anish Patel and Daniel Freeman all contributing half centuries. Sean Cooper, appearing on his home ground on debut, claimed 4-53.

Suffolk, setting off in pursuit of the visitors' 341, were soon in trouble at 50-5 in their reply, and were indebted to Martyn Cull for holding their innings together. He batted for 224 balls and hit 12 fours in his 88.

Simon Guy (37 from 47 deliveries) and Jack Beaumont (38 from 40 deliveries) were the only other batsmen to make a telling contribution.

Lincolnshire's second innings centred around



Martyn Cull, who scored 88 and 87 as Suffolk lost their opening Unicorns Championship match at home to Lincolnshire.

Freeman's undefeated 137 from 167 balls received. Lincolnshire were 57-4, but Freeman and Luke Robinson's stand of 80 pushed the game out of Suffolk's reach.

Suffolk showed some stomach for the fight as Cull (87 from 150 balls), Guy (75 from 85) and Adam Mansfield (40 from 118) delayed the inevitable, with Guy and Mansfield adding 103 for the sixth

wicket in 26 overs.

Ben Reece, making his Championship debut, was last man out (35 from 68) as the last four wickets fell for the addition of 12 runs.

LINCOLNSHIRE C.C.C.

1st Innings				2nd Innings			
S. Kelsall	c Mansfield	b Comber	11	c Reece	b Huggins	1	
K.S. Bansal	c & b	Rash	39	(10) Not Out		46	
C.J. Louth	lbw	b Cooper	54	c Comber	b Huggins	3	
A. Patel	c Mansfield	b Rash	55	(2) c Mansfield	b Huggins	9	
D. Freeman	st Mansfield	b Cooper	74	(4) Not Out		137	
C. Wilson†	c Comber	b Rash	13	(5) lbw	b Cooper	9	
T.L. Robinson	lbw	b Beaumont	41	(6) c Reece	b Beaumont	57	
A. Osmond	b Cooper	28	(7) c Mansfield	b Comber	1		
A.B. Shepherd	c Beaumont	b Cooper	13	(8) c Beaumont	b Comber	12	
D. Lucas*	b Rash	8					
A. Willerton	Not Out	0	(9) c Huggins	b Reece	47		
	Extras (5b)	5		Extras (7b, 11lb, 5w, 4nb)	27		
	Total (all out) 71.5 ov	341		Total (8dec) 67 ov	349		

Fall: 22 54 144 178 196 272 315
333 333 341

Bowling				Fall: 2 10 15 57 137 142 166 281					
	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
M.A. Comber	9	4	32	1	(2)	19	5	65	2
J.E. Poulson	6	1	31	0	(6)	4	0	26	0
T.W.W. Rash	19.5	5	95	4	(4)	5	0	35	0
S. Cooper	15	3	53	4	(3)	13	1	72	1
T.B. Huggins	8	0	54	0	(1)	17	2	69	3
J.A. Beaumont	13	0	65	1	(5)	5	0	30	1
B. Reece	1	0	6	0		4	0	34	1

SUFFOLK C.C.C.

1st Innings				2nd Innings			
T.B. Huggins*	c Robinson	b Willerton	8	c Wilson	b Willerton	6	
N.J. Poole	lbw	b Osmond	6		b Kelsall	11	
M.G. Cull	c Wilson	b Shepherd	88	c Kelsall	b Shepherd	87	
T.W.W. Rash	lbw	b Osmond	0	c Patel	b Shepherd	28	
M.A. Comber	lbw	b Osmond	0	c Wilson	b Shepherd	0	
S.M. Guy	b Bansal	37		c Kelsall	b Shepherd	75	
A.P. Mansfield†	c Bansal	b Shepherd	2	lbw	b Osmond	40	
B. Reece	b Willerton	13			b Shepherd	35	
J.E. Poulson	c Freeman	b Willerton	5	c Kelsall	b Osmond	0	
J.A. Beaumont	c Patel	b Robinson	38	c Wilson	b Willerton	0	
S. Cooper	Not out	0		Not out	0		
	Extras (17b, 9lb, 11w, 6nb)	43		Extras (8b, 10lb, 3w, 10nb)	31		
	Total (all out) 70.2 ov	240		Total (all out) 95.2 ov	313		

Fall: 8 38 42 50 109 113 146 168
240 240

Bowling	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
D. Lucas	14	2	44	0	(7)	2	0	10	0
A. Osmond	17	5	47	3	(4)	21	2	60	2
A. Willerton	14	3	33	3	(2)	15	2	60	2
A.B. Shepherd	15.2	3	54	2	(1)	23.2	3	68	5
D. Freeman	6	1	26	0	(3)	4	0	11	0
K. Bansal	2	1	3	1					
T.L. Robinson	2	0	7	1	(6)	13	3	31	0
S. Kelsall					(5)	12	3	33	1
C.J. Louth					(8)	5	0	22	0

Suffolk C.C.C. v Norfolk C.C.C.

At Copdock, June 21, 22, 23, 2015
Competition: Unicorns Championship

Umpires: R. Eagleton and M. Dobbs
Scorers: A.J. Broome and G. M. Richardson

Toss won by Norfolk. Result: Suffolk won by 2 wks. Suffolk (24pts), Norfolk (6pts)

Suffolk secure a thrilling two-wicket win

SUFFOLK clinched a thrilling two-wicket win with five balls to spare against old rivals Norfolk at Copdock.

It was Suffolk's first Championship victory over Norfolk since August 2000 in what was Derek Randall's 50th and final game for the county.

Suffolk enjoyed the better of the opening day's exchanges, dismissing the visitors for 270 as Matt Wareing, one of four players making his Championship debut, and Tom Huggins took three wickets apiece, and then ending on 79 without loss in reply.

Opener Nathan Poole went on to make a patient 80 and Simon Guy an undefeated 72 as Suffolk established a 67-lead on first innings, although this was all but wiped out for the loss of one Norfolk wicket by the close on day two.

James Spelman's patient century (121 off 198 balls, 18 fours) made Suffolk work hard second time around before he was eighth man out and Norfolk were eventually dismissed for 267. That left Suffolk requiring 201 for victory from 50 overs, and it looked as though the visitors would claim the spoils as the home team slipped to 48-5, exposing their inexperienced lower order.

Debutant Ben Parker followed up his 26 in the first innings with another mature knock, adding 66 for the sixth wicket with Guy, but when Parker was seventh out for 29 with the score on 129, the writing looked on the wall.

It was then that Ben Reece, in only his second appearance, and Jon Steel, on debut, came together to add 69 for the eighth



Ben Reece, who scored an invaluable 41 in the second innings as Suffolk won by two wickets against Norfolk at Copdock.

wicket and take Suffolk to the brink of victory, before Reece was dismissed for an invaluable 41.

However, Steel (38 not out from 36 balls with three fours and the only six of the innings) and another debutant,

D o m i n i c
Manthorpe,
who scored
the winning
run from his
first ball
received, saw
S u f f o l k
home.

NORFOLK C.C.C.

1st Innings				2nd Innings			
J.M. Spelman	lbw	b Huggins	54	c Huggins	b Steel	121	
J. Taylor	c Guy	b Steel	7		b Comber	8	
S.S. Arthurton	c Guy	b Rash	27	c Cull	b Wareing	12	
G.T. Park	lbw	b Huggins	4	lbw	b Comber	1	
B.J. France	c Guy	b Huggins	9	c Reece	b Steel	34	
M. Wames	c Huggins	b Steel	24	c Guy	b Manthorpe	22	
B. Stolorthy	c Guy	b Wareing	36	lbw	b Wareing	3	
C. Brown*		b Wareing	52	lbw	b Wareing	0	
R. Findlay		b Wareing	3	c Poole	b Huggins	22	
S. Groves†		b Reece	18	lbw	b Steel	0	
A. Todd	Not Out		1	Not Out		10	
	Extras (9lb, 4w, 22nb)		35	Extras (3b, 13lb, 4w, 14nb)		34	
	Total (all out) 85.2 ov		270	Total (all out) 76.3 ov		267	

Fall: 18 83 97 118 123 160 234 245 248 270
Fall: 20 71 78 127 210 218 218 238 246 267

Bowling	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
M.A. Comber	8	4	20	0	15	6	32	2
J. Steel	21	3	63	2	17	2	60	3
M.B. Wareing	15	4	37	3	(4) 9	0	46	3
T.W.W. Rash	5	0	31	1	(3) 14	2	43	0
T.B. Huggins	19	8	41	3	7.3	0	27	1
D. Manthorpe	6	1	22	0	(7) 10	1	28	1
B. Reece	11.2	0	47	1	(6) 4	0	15	0

SUFFOLK C.C.C.

1st Innings				2nd Innings			
T.B. Huggins*	c Stolorthy	b France	30		b France	24	
N.J. Poole	lbw	b Findlay	80	c Park	b France	2	
M.G. Cull	lbw	b France	5		b Todd	6	
T.W.W. Rash	lbw	b Brown	43	c Arthurton	b Todd	1	
M.A. Comber	c Groves	b Park	17	lbw	b Todd	7	
S.M. Guy†		b Brown	72		b France	44	
B. Parker	c Groves	b France	26	lbw	b France	29	
B. Reece	Not Out		42	c Groves	b France	41	
J. Steel	lbw	b Brown	2	Not Out		38	
D. Manthorpe	lbw	b France	0	Not Out		1	
M.B. Wareing	lbw	b Brown	0				
	Extras (3b, 9lb, 8nb)		20	Extras (2b, 2lb, 4nb)		8	
	Total (all out) 86.2 ov		337	Total (8 wks) 49.1 ov		201	

Fall: 79 95 157 186 204 255 329 335 336 337
Fall: 23 28 35 43 48 114 129 198

Bowling	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
A. Todd	10	0	55	0	(2) 10	2	40	3
B. Stolorthy	3	0	15	0				
B.J. France	25	4	82	4	(1) 21	2	95	5
G.T. Park	8	1	40	1				
R. Findlay	16	4	54	1	(3) 4	0	12	0
C. Brown	24.2	3	79	4	(4) 14.1	0	50	0

Cambridgeshire C.C.C. v Suffolk C.C.C.

At March, July 5, 6, 7, 2015
Competition: Unicorns Championship

Umpires: M. Watton and A. Hicks
Scorers: C. Abbott and A.J. Broome

Toss won by Cambridgeshire. Result: Cambridgeshire won by 80 runs. Cambridgeshire (21pts), Suffolk (4pts)

First-innings collapse seals Suffolk's fate

SUFFOLK went down by 80 runs, but this match was effectively won and lost in the visitors' first innings when they folded for just 45.

Cambridgeshire had reached 98-1 in the 20th over after choosing to bat first, before wickets started to fall at an alarming rate, 23 going down on the opening day.

Once Ben Howgego (52) and Asim Butt (39) were parted after a second-wicket stand worth 90, Cambridgeshire lost their way as Tom Huggins claimed figures of 23.3-8-38-7.

If the home team's 220 appeared inadequate, it was nothing compared to Suffolk's feeble first innings reply. Only Tom Rash reached double figures as they were dismissed in just 20.1 overs.

Suffolk did pick up three wickets in the four overs before the close of a dramatic first day, which ended with Cambridgeshire leading by 184 runs and seven second-innings wickets still standing.

Suffolk fought back on day two, bowling out Cambridgeshire for 179 – and it would have been even less but for a fifth-wicket alliance of 74 between Daniel Robinson and Butt in 13.1 overs.

Robinson continued to frustrate the visitors before he was ninth out for 65 as the hosts' last three wickets added what were to prove a vital 53 runs. Left an improbable but not impossible target of



Nathan Poole, who made 72 in Suffolk's second innings against Cambridgeshire before he was run out.

355 to win, Nathan Poole (72) and Tom Rash (54) gave Suffolk a glimmer of hope, the pair adding 119 for the third wicket.

Suffolk entered the final day requiring 142 to win

with four wickets remaining, but despite the best efforts of Simon Guy, who was last man out for 68, they came up short.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE C.C.C.

1st Innings					2nd Innings				
B.H.N Howgego	c Guy	b Rash	52		b Wareing	4			
P. Richer	c Reece	b Steel	4	lbw	b Comber	4			
A. Butt	c Comber	b Huggins	39	(6) c Cull	b Huggins	50			
B. Bryant	c Guy	b Steel	14	c Rash	b Comber	11			
D. Robinson	c Cull	b Huggins	27	c Guy	b Comber	65			
L.R. Bruce	lbw	b Huggins	37	(7)	n Manthorpe	3			
J.D. Williams	lbw	b Huggins	0	(8) Run Out (Parker)		1			
A. Russell†	lbw	b Huggins	13	(3) lbw	b Wareing	0			
P.J. McMahon*	c Comber	b Huggins	0	c Manthorpe	b Huggins	9			
J.S. Dawborn	Not Out		16	Not Out		20			
S.E. Rippington		b Huggins	0	c & b	Huggins	3			
	Extras (4b, 9lb, 1w, 4nb)		18	Extras (1lb, 6w, 2nb)		9			
	Total (all out) 61.3 ov		220	Total (all out) 53.5 ov		179			

Fall: 8 98 98 123 169 169 199 199 220
220

Bowling					Fall: 5 5 9 34 108 122 126				
M.A. Comber	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W	
J. Steel	7	2	24	0	11	3	31	3	
M.B. Wareing	13	3	61	2	(4) 2	0	20	0	
T.W.W. Rash	3	0	22	0	(2) 11	4	26	2	
T.B. Huggins	11	2	42	1	(3) 4	1	28	0	
D. Manthorpe	23.3	8	38	7	16.5	5	34	3	
B. Reece	4	0	20	0	7	1	32	1	
					2	0	7	0	

SUFFOLK C.C.C.

1st Innings					2nd Innings				
T.B. Huggins*	lbw	b Rippington	9		c Russell	b Dawborn	12		
N.J. Poole	c Bryant	b Dawborn	4		Run Out (Bruce)		72		
M.G. Cull		b Dawborn	2		c Russell	b Rippington	8		
T.W.W. Rash	lbw	b Dawborn	13		lbw	b McMahon	54		
M.A. Comber	c Russell	b Dawborn	0		lbw	b McMahon	13		
S.M. Guy†		b Rippington	0		lbw	b McMahon	68		
B. Parker	lbw	b Rippington	2		c Butt	b McMahon	17		
B. Reece	lbw	b Dawborn	5			b Rippington	2		
J. Steel	c Russell	b Rippington	4		lbw	b McMahon	1		
D. Manthorpe	Not Out		1		c Russell	b McMahon	9		
M.B. Wareing	c Russell	b Williams	0		Not Out		0		
	Extras (4b, 1lb)		5		Extras (4b, 3lb, 1w, 10nb)		18		
	Total (all out) 20.1 ov		45		Total (all out) 86.4 ov		274		

Fall: 17 19 25 25 26 32 37 40 44 45
218 223 265 274

Bowling					Fall: 21 34 153 171 175 209				
J.S. Dawborn	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W	
S.E. Rippington	9	4	21	5	(2) 5	1	15	1	
J.D. Williams	10	3	18	4	(1) 23	5	66	2	
P.J. McMahon	1.1	0	1	1	16	2	62	0	
L.R. Bruce					34.4	11	81	6	
					8	1	43	0	

Staffordshire C.C.C. v Suffolk C.C.C.

At Longton, July 19, 20, 21, 2015
Competition: Unicorns Championship

Umpires: K. Ferguson and M. Dobbs
Scorers: K. O'Connell and A.J. Broome

Toss won by Staffordshire. Result: Staffordshire won by 259 runs. Staffordshire (24pts), Suffolk (6pts)

Suffolk suffer a thrashing by Staffordshire

SORRY Suffolk suffered a 259-run trouncing at the hands of Staffordshire, who dominated from start to finish.

After winning the toss and electing to bat first, Staffordshire rattled up 408-5 declared. Kadeer Ali and Alex Mellor shared an opening partnership of 125, before the former fell for 58.

Mellor went on to compile 208 not out – the highest individual score recorded against Suffolk – spanning 333 minutes and 272 balls with 31 fours, adding 93 for the second wicket with Tom Steele and 89 for the third with Peter Wilshaw.

From 73-4 Suffolk staged a spirited fightback as Michael Comber (75 off 69 deliveries with 11 fours and three sixes) and Simon Guy (79 off 62 with 15 fours and one six) put together a fifth-wicket stand of 141 inside 16 overs.

Ben Parker and Ben Reece raised 52 for the seventh wicket as Suffolk were bowled out for 325 in the 68th over, 83 runs adrift of Staffordshire on first innings.

The hosts extended their advantage to 382, after declaring on 299-4 in their second innings, Tim Maxfield taking just 94 deliveries to make 104 not out as he struck eight fours and cleared the ropes six times.

Suffolk were then dismissed for 123 in 60.3 overs,



Michael Comber, whose 75 in Suffolk's first innings came off 69 deliveries with 11 fours and three sixes.

after reaching 50-1. The lost five wickets in the space of 16 runs.

Martyn Cull top-scored with 36 compiled from 66 deliveries while Parker's 21 occupied 95 balls.

STAFFORDSHIRE C.C.C.									
1st Innings					2nd Innings				
Kadeer Ali*	lbw	b Wareing	58	(2)	Retired (not out)				4
A. Mellor†	Not Out		208	(1)	Run Out (Parker)				25
T. Steele	c Sub (Poulson)	b Huggins	29		c Guy	b Wareing			43
P. Wilshaw	c Comber	b Wareing	35		c Cull	b Beaumont			45
T. Maxfield		b Wareing	6		Not Out				104
M. Hill		b Wareing	12		c Wareing	b Poole			14
B. McGuire	Not Out		33						
M. Goodwin					Not Out				53
P. Byrne									
G. Willott									
M. Spencer									
Extras (4b, 3lb, 2w, 18nb)			27		Extras (4b, 1lb, 3w, 3nb)			11	
Total (5 wks) 90 ov			408		Total (4 wks dec) 51.4 ov			299	

Fall: 125 218 307 320 340

Fall: 76 99 163 212

Bowling	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
M.A. Comber	14	5	43	0	4	1	16	0
M.B. Wareing	21	2	113	4	8	0	44	1
T.W.W. Rash	10	0	38	0				
J. Steel	10	0	48	0	(3)	15	1	96
T.B. Huggins	20	2	88	1	(4)	8	4	21
J.A. Beaumont	3	0	14	0	(5)	9	0	73
B. Reece	7	0	36	0	(7)	0.4	0	14
N.J. Poole	5	0	21	0	(6)	7	0	30

SUFFOLK C.C.C.									
1st Innings					2nd Innings				
T.B. Huggins*	c Mellor	b Goodwin	23		c Willott	b Byrne			17
N.J. Poole		b Spencer	4		c Byrne	b Spencer			0
M.G. Cull	c Mellor	b Goodwin	25		c Mellor	b Byrne			36
T.W.W. Rash	c McGuire	b Goodwin	16		c Mellor	b Byrne			0
M.A. Comber	c Willott	b Steele	75		lbw	b Byrne			5
S.M. Guy†	c Mellor	b Byrne	79		c Maxfield	b Byrne			5
B. Parker	c Mellor	b Goodwin	32		c Mellor	b Byrne			21
B. Reece	Not Out		43		lbw	b Steele			7
J.A. Beaumont	c Mellor	b Kadeer Ali	19		c Maxfield	b Kadeer Ali			12
J. Steel	c Mellor	b Goodwin	0		c Mellor	b Steele			14
M.B. Wareing	c Mellor	b Goodwin	0		Not Out				0
Extras (4b, 5lb)			9		Extras (4b, 1lb, 1w)			6	
Total (all out) 67.5 ov			325		Total (all out) 60.3 ov			123	

Fall: 4 44 66 73 214 229 281 308 321 325

Fall: 8 50 54 55 61 66 77 89
121 123

Bowling	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
G. Willott	14	1	59	0	(2)	7	2	22
M. Spencer	8	2	58	1	(1)	9	3	20
M. Goodwin	17.5	3	69	6	(4)	4	2	9
P. Byrne	17	3	84	1	(3)	25	12	35
Kadeer Ali	7	2	17	1		8	1	15
T. Steele	4	0	29	1		7.3	1	17

Paul Byrne was their tormentor-in-chief, claiming 6-35 as Mellor took a total of 11 catches in the match, a county record.

Suffolk C.C.C. v Bedfordshire C.C.C.

At Ipswich School, August 2, 3, 4, 2015

Competition: Unicorns Championship

Umpires: N. Hall and R. Eagleton

Scorers: A.J. Broome and M.G. Archer

Toss won by Suffolk. Result: Bedfordshire won by 5 wks. Suffolk (8pts), Bedfordshire (22pts)

Huggins hits 300 but cannot prevent defeat

DESPITE Tom Huggins scoring 300 runs and taking five wickets in the match, it was Bedfordshire who came out on top at Ipswich School.

Huggins went on to score 168 after sharing an opening stand of 183 on day one with Martyn Cull. He added a further 122 for the third wicket with Simon Guy, who made a typically breezy 51 from 60 balls.

The skipper's vigil lasted 310 minutes and spanned 249 deliveries laced with 16 fours and seven sixes.

However, Suffolk's 341-6 declared was overshadowed by Bedfordshire's reply of 462-9 declared, George Thurstance and James Middlebrook both posting three figures.

Thurstance cracked 171 from 194 balls and Middlebrook 101 from 108 deliveries, the pair adding 197 for the fifth wicket in 32 overs, to give Bedfordshire a lead of 121 on first innings.

Suffolk closed day two on 150-4 – just 29 runs ahead – and much depended on the broad shoulders of Huggins, who was still there on 62, entering the final day.

He responded with another century, and in harness with fellow Sudbury opener Nathan Poole put on 111 for the fifth wicket. Huggins was finally out for 132 after a stay two minutes short of four hours lasting 173 balls of which 23 were dispatched to the boundary and one over the ropes.

Suffolk's total of 305 meant the visitors required 184 for victory – a target they reached inside 41 overs for the loss of five wickets.

The result condemned Suffolk, who handed debuts to



Ben Curran, the Bury St Edmunds opening batsman, who along with Ollie Lovejoy made his debut at Ipswich School.

youngsters Ben Curran and Ollie Lovejoy, to a fourth defeat in five matches.

SUFFOLK C.C.C.										
1st Innings					2nd Innings					
T.B Huggins*	c Thurstance	b Griggs	168	lbw	b Thomas	132				
M.G. Cull	lbw	b Middlebrook	90	lbw	b Griggs	11				
T.W.W. Rash	lbw	b Middlebrook	3	lbw	b Bryce	17				
S.M. Guy		b Griggs	51	(5) c Hofbauer	b Griggs	37				
B. Reece	c Thomas	b Reynoldson	3	(7) c Reynoldson	b Thurstance	21				
J.E. Poulson		b Griggs	2	(9) c Hofbauer	b Reynoldson	11				
B. Curran	Not Out		0	(4) c Thurstance	b Middlebrook	1				
N.J. Poole	Not Out		3	(6)	b Reynoldson	59				
O. Lovejoy†				(8)	b Reynoldson	0				
J. Steel					c Hofbauer	b Thurstance	0			
M.B. Wareing					Not Out	5				
	Extras (1b, 14lb, 4w, 2nb)		21		Extras (6b, 2lb, 1w, 2nb)	11				
	Total (6 wkts) 90 ov		341		Total (all out) 83.1 ov	305				
Fall: 183 191 313 334 338 338					Fall: 13 54 80 135 246 278 282 300 300 305					
BEDFORDSHIRE C.C.C.										
1st Innings					2nd Innings					
L. Thomas	c Rash	b Wareing	29	(2) c Cull	b Huggins	26				
C. Thurston	c & b	Wareing	48	(1) c Guy	b Wareing	39				
C. Berrill	c Guy	b Wareing	0	c Huggins	b Poole	31				
G. Thurstance	c Wareing	b Reece	171		b Huggins	6				
C. Griggs	c Wareing	b Reece	24							
J. Middlebrook*	c Lovejoy	b Huggins	101	(6) Not Out		37				
A. Reynoldson	Not Out		40	(5) lbw	b Reece	11				
N. Barden	c Poulson	b Reece	6	(7) Not Out		21				
G. Hofbauer†	c Reece	b Huggins	0							
E. Wharton	c Guy	b Huggins	0							
D. Bryce	Not Out		1							
	Extras (5b, 7lb, 30nb)		42		Extras (10b, 1lb, 4nb)	15				
	Total (9 wkts) 90 ov		462		Total (5 wkts) 40.4 ov	186				
Fall: 80 80 91 206 403 421 431 433 445					Fall: 70 80 96 121 121					
Bowling										
	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W	
C. Griggs	21	6	82	3		13	2	52	2	
E. Wharton	13	5	34	0		10	4	36	0	
D. Bryce	12	5	32	0	(4)	12	0	48	1	
A. Reynoldson	28	3	128	1	(3)	26	8	75	3	
J. Middlebrook	16	4	50	2	(5)	13	3	43	1	
L.Thomas						7	1	37	1	
G. Thurstance						2.1	0	6	2	
Bowling										
	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W	
J. Steel	8	0	74	0	(2)	1	0	15	0	
M.B. Wareing	21	3	80	3	(1)	6.4	0	45	1	
T.W.W. Rash	7	0	66	0						
T.B. Huggins	27	5	82	3	(3)	17	3	52	2	
J.E. Poulson	11	0	57	0						
N.J. Poole	9	0	43	0	(5)	2	0	5	1	
B. Reece	7	0	48	3	(4)	14	3	58	1	

Hertfordshire C.C.C. v Suffolk C.C.C.

At Long Marston, August 16, 17, 18 2015

Competition: Unicorns Championship

Umpires: M. Dobbs and J. Attridge

Scorers: M. Arnold and A.J. Broome

Toss won by Hertfordshire. Result: Hertfordshire won by 7 wks. Hertfordshire (20pts), Suffolk (6pts)

Defeat means last-place finish for Suffolk

SUFFOLK tumbled to a fifth defeat in six Championship fixtures as hosts Hertfordshire won by seven wickets.

The result confirmed that Suffolk, with one win and five defeats, finished the season in tenth and last place in the Eastern Division.

Suffolk made a wretched start, sliding to 82-6 inside 40 overs on the first day, before the lower order spared their blushes even further.

Nathan Poole, batting at No.6, had contributed 51 from 70 balls, but it was his Sudbury team-mate Ben Reece and Jack Beaumont who put some respectability on the score. They added 113 for the seventh wicket before Beaumont was dismissed for 47. Reece was out one run later for 66, and it was left to youngsters Ollie Lovejoy and Dominic Manthorpe to hoist the total to 255-8 declared.

After Matt Wareing had taken the first three wickets to fall, a stand of 145 for the fourth wicket between Tanweer Sikander (88) and Nesan Jeyaratnam enabled the hosts to post 280, despite Tom Huggins' spell of 25-6-67-5.

That handed Hertfordshire a first innings lead of just 25, but no-one was able to build a big innings as Suffolk were then bowled out for 204, Syed Kazmi returning figures of 36.2-14-67-5.

Hertfordshire, facing a modest target of 180 for victory, eased home thanks to half-centuries from Joe Cooke and Dan Blacktopp.



Ollie Lovejoy, who made 26 not out in Suffolk's first innings in the match against Hertfordshire.

SUFFOLK C.C.C.										HERTFORDSHIRE C.C.C.													
1st Innings					2nd Innings					1st Innings					2nd Innings								
T.B Huggins*	lbw	b Sikandar	0		c Scott	b Lamb	28			J. Cooke	c Huggins	b Wareing	12	Run Out (Parker)		64							
M.G. Cull	c Jeyaratnam	b Sikandar	10		c Cooke	b Lamb	39			E.C. Ballard		b Wareing	18	lbw	b Rash	17							
T.W.W. Rash	c Axon	b Sikandar	14			b Sikandar	16			D.J. Blacktopp		b Wareing	0	Not Out		54							
B. Parker	c Jeyaratnam	b Lamb	4	lbw		b S. Kazmi	7			T. Sakindar	c Guy	b Huggins	88	c Cull	b Beaumont	20							
S.M. Guy	c Ballard	b H. Kazmi	1			b S. Kazmi	13			N.V. Jeyaratnam*	st Lovejoy	b Huggins	98	Not Out		21							
N.J. Poole	lbw	b Sikandar	51	lbw		b S. Kazmi	8			P.E.B. Scott	c Manthorpe	b Huggins	0										
B. Reece		b Cooke	66	c & b		S. Kazmi	18			N.J. Lamb	st Lovejoy	b Huggins	0										
J.A. Beaumont	c Axon	b Cooke	47	c S. Kazmi		b H. Kazmi	15			A.J. Axon†	c Poole	b Huggins	19										
O. Lovejoy†	Not Out		26	Not Out			22			S.A. Kazmi	lbw	b Rash	14										
D. Manthorpe	Not Out		29	c Blacktopp		b Sikandar	21			B.A. Waring	Not Out		7										
M.B. Wareing						b S. Kazmi	9			H.A. Kazmi	lbw	b Wareing	4										
Extras (5b, 1lb, 1w)			7	Extras (2lb, 6w)			8	Extras (1b, 5lb, 12w, 2nb)			20	Extras (1b, 3lb)			4								
Total (8 wkts) 90 ov			255	Total (all out) 85.2 ov			204	Total (all out) 80.5 ov			280	Total (3 wkts) 50.4 ov			180								
Fall: 0 19 24 25 65 82 195 196										Fall: 65 68 92 96 108 125 142													
										146 181 204													
Bowling		O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W	Bowling		O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W				
T. Sikandar		21	6	49	4	19	8	42	2	M.B. Wareing		20.5	6	77	4	9	2	43	0				
H.A. Kazmi		13	3	52	1	12	0	51	1	D. Manthorpe		14	3	57	0	4	0	21	0				
N.J. Lamb		25	7	61	1	(4) 13	5	25	2	T.W.W. Rash		16	5	38	1	(4) 15	3	41	1				
S.A. Kazmi		23	6	64	0	(3) 36.2	14	67	5	T.B. Huggins		25	6	67	5	(3) 7	1	23	0				
B.A. Waring		3	0	14	0	(6) 4	1	13	0	J.A. Beaumont		5	0	35	0	13	1	42	1				
J. Cooke		5	1	9	2	(5) 1	0	4	0	B. Reece						1	0	1	0				
										M. Cull										1.4	0	5	0

New coach Northcote relishing challenge

NEW coach Andy Northcote has set his sights on Suffolk becoming the premier Minor County in the country.

The 32-year-old was announced as successor to Bobby Flack at the county's AGM in December.

He said he was "really excited" by the challenge of improving the fortunes of Suffolk, after the county finished bottom of the Eastern Division of the Unicorns Championship in 2015.

Following his appointment Northcote, who was born in South Africa and is an Italian international, outlined his vision for the county for the next four years.

He said: "Ultimately, it is to build a platform where we are regarded as the premier Minor County in the country, by winning the Championship Eastern Division by 2018, retaining it 2019 and then winning the Minor Counties Championship 2019, and also to reach the final of the Minor Counties Trophy in 2018."

Northcote said he plans to achieve this success using home-grown players – those who play for a local club, live or were born in the county.

He wants Suffolk to play a minimum of 90 per cent home-grown players in 2017, and to increase the number of players in the team who have represented the county at youth level to 40 per cent.



Andy Northcote, who is the new coach of Suffolk's Minor Counties side.

Northcote stated: "Creating a pathway from Suffolk Youth Cricket to playing in the Minor Counties team is a key part of the new structure.

"Suffolk YC players made up as low as eight per cent of the Minor Counties Trophy team in 2014. Again, this figure fluctuates but at its best over the last three years, it reached 21 per cent.

"We want to create a pathway conducive to developing players to not only represent but to put in match-winning performances for Suffolk in the Minor Counties Championship or Trophy – and why not even higher?

"This is achieved by working towards a clear progression throughout the youth age groups, identifying and developing high-potential players to fill potential gaps in the 1st XI three or four years out."

Northcote will sit on the selection committee along with county captain Tom Huggins and former Suffolk batsman Andy Squire, who still plays for Mildenhall.

They will be assisted by 'scouts' at each of the county's four East Anglian Premier League clubs – Bury St Edmunds, Copdock & Old Ipswichian, Sudbury and Woolpit – and those in the Two Counties Championship.

Northcote skippered Woolpit in the East Anglian Premier League last summer, but he has stood down to be replaced by Craig Estlea as his role as director of cricket at Culford School means his appearances will be restricted in the first half of this season.

Woolpit have agreed to allow Suffolk to use their facilities free of charge so that the county can create a summer training base at the club's ground.

Northcote added: "Our aim will be to train once a week in order to help smooth the transition from the development side to the 1st XI as well as to get players performing well in the Minor Counties team.

Suffolk CCA secretary Toby Pound paid tribute to the "tremendous contribution" made by Bobby Flack, who had been team manager for five years.

Flack was chairman of Youth Coaching from 2004-11, before replacing former director of cricket Kevin Brook as team manager.

Pound said: "Bobby has done an enormous amount of work for the county and he brought through a number of youngsters from the Development XI. His contribution will be missed."



Bobby Flack (left), who is retiring as manager of the Suffolk Minor Counties team, seen here with Russell Stockdale.

Facts and figures

Qualification: 100 runs/10 wickets/played in 2015

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Debut	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Av	Runs	Wkts	Av	c1991	RE East	17	20	5	229	48	15.26	516	13	39.69	
c2008	MHS Adnan	28	48	8	2382	236*	59.55	312	9	34.66	c1981	JW Edrich	47	88	7	1990	107*	24.56	227	4	56.75
1953	HW Aldous	15	18	5	102	22*	7.84	-	-	-	2007	PD Edwards	12	14	4	195	37*	19.50	768	34	22.58
1909	CL Alexander	5	9	1	130	58	16.25	31	0	-	c1960	RJ English	82	137	12	2633	119	21.06	3081	134	22.99
1909	CW Alexander	4	8	2	212	52	35.33	20	0	-	1913	WG English	7	14	0	196	43	14.00	389	15	25.93
2001	CWJ Athey	6	11	1	205	87	20.50	167	4	41.75	1983	SAR Ferguson	7	12	2	203	54*	20.30	42	1	42.00
c1934	CC Bailey	17	27	4	347	45*	15.08	200	1	200.00	2010	JM Finch	15	19	4	381	79	25.40	1349	47	28.70
c1980	MD Bailey	67	56	17	365	24	9.35	3044	107	28.44	c1964	RL Flack	51	89	7	1886	78	23.00	1224	42	29.14
1998	A Baker	8	2	0	18	10	9.00	407	14	29.07	1946	DF Fordham	13	17	1	206	34	12.87	9	0	-
1948	ER Baker	27	41	6	715	66	20.42	-	-	-	1910	J Forrest	7	14	2	115	27	9.58	-	-	-
c1972	PD Barker	68	115	11	2354	108*	22.63	1352	50	27.04	c1939	JE Forrest	8	13	2	341	164	31.00	30	0	-
1908	H Bassett	16	28	3	453	54	18.12	657	27	24.33	1904	HF Fox	14	23	2	429	60	20.42	79	1	79.00
2013	JA Beaumont	9	14	4	258	47	25.80	484	13	37.23	c2003	BJ France	45	81	12	2700	179*	39.13	1817	59	30.79
c1939	BH Belle	92	148	21	4459	175*	35.11	362	9	40.22	c1939	BW Francis	17	22	2	162	24	8.10	-	-	-
1909	SG Bennett	10	17	1	343	84	21.43	-	-	-	1904	J Francis	6	11	2	123	27*	13.66	45	1	45.00
c1977	DG Bevan	9	15	1	607	95	43.35	14	1	14.00	1904	PT Francis	5	8	1	135	54	19.28	20	0	-
1910	FN Bird	7	14	2	343	110*	28.58	-	-	-	1906	VF Gaby	10	17	0	152	36	8.94	375	7	53.57
1938	DTM Birks	26	38	4	445	77	13.08	244	5	48.80	1935	AN Gardiner	5	10	0	152	48	15.20	63	1	63.00
c2005	JE Bishop	49	72	12	1473	88	24.55	4091	140	29.22	1960	LG Garrett	7	12	1	108	21	9.81	-	-	-
1996	A Bond	11	9	8	22	10*	22.00	831	15	55.40	c1952	CBT Gibbons	70	119	19	3227	156	32.27	424	7	60.57
c1981	RJ Bond	37	61	13	1018	62	21.20	21	1	21.00	c1954	KC Girkin	43	78	2	1809	93	23.80	929	30	30.96
1947	PES Bowerbank	3	4	0	112	70	28.00	48	2	24.00	c1988	C Gladwin	13	26	5	1039	171*	49.47	423	9	47.00
1906	GGs Brander	5	10	2	143	35*	17.87	12	0	-	1910	E Godley	7	13	1	203	45	16.91	-	-	-
1951	EJ Branton	10	11	3	42	14	5.25	510	14	36.42	c1990	AK Golding	54	63	19	680	79	15.45	6272	255	24.59
1986	KG Brooks	9	15	1	220	76	15.71	314	11	28.54	1904	JN Goldsmith	22	34	11	131	14*	5.69	896	33	27.15
c1985	AD Brown	91	84	38	760	61	16.52	-	-	-	1905	R Gorell-Barnes	9	16	0	285	136	17.81	294	16	18.37
2001	AM Brown	9	16	1	458	90	30.53	7	0	-	c1934	HB Goundry	24	37	5	479	50	14.96	1203	50	24.06
c1934	AA Burgess	3	6	0	164	100	27.33	136	1	136.00	1980	CC Graham	20	21	12	66	11*	7.33	881	26	33.88
1913	HA Busher	6	12	2	143	57*	14.30	65	3	21.66	c1989	ID Graham	62	88	21	1772	91*	26.44	4460	135	33.03
1991	RO Butcher	7	14	0	391	74	27.92	-	-	-	1978	MA Grant	6	10	2	111	39*	13.87	419	26	16.11
1993	KA Butler	8	15	1	346	70	24.71	48	0	-	1946	JLF Gray	9	12	1	196	67	17.81	-	-	-
c1982	PJ Caley	219	341	74	9269	150*	34.71	5960	163	36.56	1963	JE Green	12	19	4	258	74	17.20	-	-	-
1994	DM Carter	15	8	4	18	9	4.50	874	38	23.00	c1982	RC Green	65	59	27	272	19*	8.50	4751	220	21.59
1904	C Catchpole	7	11	1	196	66	19.60	-	-	-	1991	RR Gregg	33	55	7	787	90	16.39	2335	54	43.24
c1935	H Catchpole	11	17	2	353	107	23.53	463	13	35.61	c2012	SM Guy	18	32	3	1369	216	47.20	4	0	-
c1934	N Catchpole	8	13	1	147	49	12.25	823	35	23.51	1962	D Hall	4	3	3	6	5*	-	309	18	17.16
1904	W Catchpole	11	20	0	284	42	14.20	47	1	47.00	1968	JE Hall	27	50	1	811	53	16.55	36	2	18.00
1999	MD Catley	12	22	0	620	110	28.18	-	-	-	c1986	SJ Halliday	73	133	16	2939	113	25.11	63	0	-
c1992	RJ Catley	63	110	10	2840	130*	28.40	634	22	28.81	1974	BJ Hamer	13	12	6	55	26*	9.16	868	29	29.93
c1999	TM Catley	41	67	4	1626	126	25.80	28	0	-	1953	IF Hammond	7	12	1	150	51	13.63	78	1	78.00
1947	E Cawston	25	41	1	581	53	14.52	1037	36	28.80	c1947	HS Hargreaves	37	43	10	313	56	9.48	3251	175	18.57
c1936	RF Clark	22	31	8	446	70	19.39	-	-	-	c1962	JM Hargreaves	91	111	35	902	55	11.86	6296	267	23.58
c1974	SM Clements	184	338	37	9219	154	30.62	1581	57	27.73	c1960	JH Harris	31	44	9	627	76*	17.91	1310	45	29.11
1936	AC Clift	6	9	3	51	38	8.50	457	11	41.54	c1981	PJ Hayes	65	90	31	1289	101*	21.84	2903	104	27.91
1994	J Clinch	15	28	5	608	84	26.43	61	0	-	1988	RJ Heap	4	8	0	106	64	13.25	52	1	52.00
1904	PW Cobbold	20	31	0	394	53	12.70	1886	152	12.40	2004	TDC Hembry	8	10	0	210	84	21.00	-	-	-
c1955	RA Collinge	12	17	5	244	40	20.33	933	55	16.96	1904	FAH Henley	4	6	1	57	23*	11.40	277	15	18.46
2010	MA Comber	12	21	0	793	194	37.76	535	19	28.15	1938	RA Henley	8	8	3	33	16*	6.60	472	12	39.33
2015	S Cooper	1	2	2	0	-	-	125	5	25.00	c1946	DF Henley-Welch	45	79	5	2338	169*	31.59	2022	81	24.96
c1946	MD Corke	106	176	18	3405	163	21.55	184	1	184.00	1984	R Herbert	22	36	5	560	53*	18.06	1616	69	23.42
1906	PP Cornell	22	41	10	248	35*	8.00	-	-	-	1908	SH Hill-Wood	11	19	3	368	58	23.00	-	-	-
1934	VJ Covill	6	9	0	113	34	12.55	264	10	26.40	c1976	RNS Hobbs	32	36	9	347	29*	12.85	2771	144	19.24
c1936	M Crannis	36	47	14	203	19	6.15	1799	70	25.70	c1935	GW Hockey	24	40	5	1021	86*	29.17	684	19	36.00
1957	JG Crisp	3	2	1	0	0*	-	157	10	15.70	1993	MJ Holland	7	8	3	125	74	25.00	-	-	-
c2006	M G Cull	50	94	9	3042	208*	35.78	100	1	100.00	1907	F Hollings	7	11	1	111	42	11.10	-	-	-
c1965	CJ Cunnell	59	105	15	1868	97*	20.75	2	1	2.00	c1934	RV Howard	25	38	8	505	104*	16.83	960	23	41.73
c1960	RE Cunnell	167	262																		

		M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Av	Runs	Wkts	Av	Debut	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Av	Runs	Wkts	Av	
2009	FA Klokker	6	10	2	328	67	41.00	-	-	-	2015	BJ Reece	6	12	2	296	66	29.60	266	6	44.33
1972	DH Knights	24	45	2	762	120*	17.72	-	-	-	2008	S Rees	16	15	4	157	30	14.27	605	17	35.58
1904	HW Lake	8	13	4	165	59	18.33	-	-	-	1979	PC Rice	27	53	3	1001	78	20.02	4	0	-
1913	RD Lake	4	8	0	122	53	15.25	-	-	-	c1947	MR Ricketts	53	86	4	1606	89	19.58	361	14	25.78
1958	FG Lambert	6	11	0	235	69	21.36	-	-	-	c1968	RJ Robinson	109	184	32	2811	78	18.49	5674	191	29.70
1907	AH Lang	11	18	2	409	60	25.56	-	-	-	1961	BA Rolph	12	19	1	326	62	18.11	203	10	20.30
1958	JDF Larter	4	1	1	0	0*	-	285	14	20.35	2014	WT Root	1	1	1	210	210*	-	35	0	-
1913	HM Lawrence	5	10	3	106	62*	15.14	423	16	26.43	c1965	C Rutterford	137	132	61	938	57	13.21	9261	431	21.48
c1966	CR Layne	45	51	20	200	23*	6.45	3007	119	25.26	c1936	JM Sangster	62	101	6	2006	144	21.11	86	1	86.00
c2004	NT Lee	28	48	7	1341	105	32.70	5	0	-	2006	CP Schofield	5	8	1	367	92*	52.42	472	32	14.75
c1936	RC Leech	8	13	2	112	29	10.18	734	24	30.58	1963	ME Scrutton	11	22	4	489	55	27.16	158	7	22.57
1992	S Leggett	7	6	4	9	8*	4.50	513	10	51.30	c1997	CP Seal	41	58	12	911	79*	19.80	1773	62	28.59
1906	VJ Lewis	16	28	1	301	63	11.14	-	-	-	1998	ACH Seymour	19	28	2	813	99	31.26	594	14	42.42
1963	DJ Ling	27	45	6	677	88	17.35	685	20	34.25	1949	W Sharples	4	5	0	16	9	3.20	239	12	19.91
c1934	FH Lloyd	9	12	2	27	6	2.70	530	13	40.76	c1996	KG Shaw	38	48	10	533	40	14.02	1374	45	30.53
c1934	CC Lockett	7	10	0	273	91	27.30	48	0	-	2012	BD Shepperson	7	13	-	201	59	15.46	72	2	36.00
1974	SRL Long	39	64	4	1197	98	19.95	18	0	-	1960	CP Simpson	15	22	2	264	47	13.20	157	2	78.50
1938	EW Lovegrove	8	10	1	167	43	18.55	-	-	-	1954	AF Skinner	4	6	1	112	41	22.40	-	-	-
2015	OJ Lovejoy	2	3	2	48	26*	48.00	-	-	-	1936	AH Sleight	5	10	0	121	32	12.10	6	1	6.00
1952	CWS Lubbock	9	12	0	127	49	10.58	502	17	29.52	1937	GWO Smith	14	26	0	312	45	12.00	-	-	-
1963	RS Maddocks	13	18	4	107	15	7.64	771	28	27.53	2007	MJW Smith	12	9	3	115	29	19.16	1163	35	33.22
2004	DE Malcolm	9	5	2	12	12	4.00	903	34	26.55	c2002	TM Smith	22	29	6	435	49	18.91	2260	87	25.97
2011	AP Mansfield	12	17	5	273	59*	22.75	-	-	-	c1985	AJ Squire	69	121	10	3031	139	27.30	88	2	44.00
2015	D Manthorpe	3	6	3	61	29*	20.33	180	2	90.00	1904	HF Steel	9	14	0	48	16	3.42	495	21	23.57
1980	MG Maranta	16	28	4	620	67	25.83	920	38	24.21	2015	J Steel	4	7	1	59	38*	9.83	437	7	62.42
c2002	AD Mawson	25	43	5	1703	162	44.81	3	0	-	c1949	JN Stevens	45	51	21	415	51*	13.83	2964	118	25.11
1969	B Mayes	22	35	8	391	67*	14.48	239	3	79.66	1969	JA Steward	13	19	2	191	54*	11.23	394	9	43.77
c1957	R Mayes	53	97	6	2786	106	30.61	44	0	-	2013	R Stockdale	6	6	4	16	6	8.00	520	16	32.50
c1985	MSA McEvoy	53	99	11	3170	154	36.02	-	-	-	1968	J Stoggell	11	13	4	70	17	7.77	507	23	22.04
2004	AC McGarry	21	17	7	65	32	6.50	1923	87	22.10	c1969	JP Stuck	64	111	12	2252	113	22.74	2	0	-
c1938	CP Mead	11	14	2	883	147	73.58	341	10	34.10	1973	KG Suttle	15	29	1	612	60	21.85	626	26	24.07
c1992	CA Miller	34	47	13	659	84	19.38	2142	65	32.95	c1999	CA Swallow	60	78	18	1495	72*	24.91	3671	116	31.64
c1979	Mohamed Timur	20	39	2	1840	179	49.72	143	2	71.50	1910	FL Titchmarsh	24	43	3	523	52	13.07	272	7	38.85
1984	G Morgan	27	46	2	1244	107	28.27	-	-	-	1948	WR Towns	10	13	4	279	67	31.00	-	-	-
1912	O Mortimer	16	30	0	429	66	14.30	119	3	39.66	1973	JRA Townsend	7	14	1	337	90	25.92	23	0	-
2002	IS Morton	14	18	3	556	91*	37.06	682	21	32.47	1914	PS Trevor	2	4	0	101	37	25.25	-	-	-
1966	JR Moyes	17	24	2	240	47	10.90	12	0	-	1904	FG Trudgett	64	98	34	414	20	6.46	4933	276	17.87
1909	JTC Murray	5	10	2	160	59	20.00	-	-	-	2009	PT Turnbull	5	6	1	193	89	38.60	90	1	90.00
1949	PJ Murton	7	11	3	141	60*	17.62	68	2	34.00	c1951	EJ Unwin	20	30	5	650	74	26.00	506	20	25.30
1904	D Mustard	21	36	3	528	69	16.00	116	5	23.20	1954	RC Upson	17	20	4	110	34*	6.87	748	21	35.61
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1983	KP Offord	15	26	1	452	49*	18.08	52	0	-	2010	SBJ Ward	18	28	4	699	73*	29.12	-	-	-
1936	FE Pagan	7	13	0	127	29	9.76	-	-	-	2015	MB Wareing	5	7	3	14	9	3.50	533	21	25.38
1914	RD Pafford	4	8	0	143	57	17.87	63	0	-	c2000	CJ Warn	79	117	18	2743	165*	27.70	7	0	-
2010	AP Palladino	3	4	1	113	43	37.66	321	19	16.89	c1965	AG Warrington	147	280	13	7623	130	28.55	109	2	54.50
2015	BJ Parker	4	8	0	138	32	17.25	-	-	-	1908	F Waters	10	18	8	57	11*	5.70	520	18	28.88
1995	TE Parker	10	13	2	95	21	8.63	446	14	31.85	1965	AJ Watkins	7	11	1	253	53	25.30	351	19	18.47
c1988	MJ Peck	51	94	16	1712	80	21.94	45	3	15.00	1910	AK Watson	11	20	2	418	128	23.22	-	-	-
1905	W Penfold	66	114	11	1317	84	12.78	6324	375	16.86	1964	KP Watson	9	16	1	236	64	15.73	-	-	-
c1939	GC Perkins	181	210	77	2044	67	15.36	10399	779	13.34	c1934	HP Waugh	44	68	6	1515	108*	24.43	2107	84	25.08
1904	CM Phillips	19	30	4	485	59	18.65	18	0	-	1968	AL Webb	11	19	4	201	47*	13.40	258	8	32.25
1965	EJ Phillips	6	7	2	28	10*	5.60	436	24	18.16	1934	HC Webb	3	5	0	101	61	20.20	70	0	-
c1997	RW Pineo	29	35	7	495	70	17.67	1894	63	30.06	2005	T Webley	6	11	3	284	109	35.50	-	-	-
c1955	CHC Piper	107	172	21	2641	120	17.49	-	-	-	1937	JH Weller-Poley	4	7	1	102	39	17.00	99	1	99.00
1969	R Plumbly	8	13	5	113	42*	14.12	-	-	-	c1973	SA Westley	97	119	31	1575	124	17.89	11	0	-
2014	NJ Poole	8	16	1	387	80	25.80	99	2	49.50											

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS 1904 -2015

Opponents	Played	Won	Lost	Tied	Drawn
Bedfordshire	74	25	19	1	29
Berkshire	8	4	2	-	2
Buckinghamshire	67	21	21	-	25
Cambridgeshire	82	21	26	-	35
Cheshire*	1	-	-	-	1
Cumberland	28	8	4	-	16
Durham	11	2	4	-	5
Essex II	24	3	6	-	15
Hertfordshire	122	29	44	-	49
Lincolnshire	76	20	18	-	38
Middlesex II	15	1	5	-	9
Norfolk	119	35	25	-	59
Northumberland	27	9	9	-	9
Nottinghamshire II	4	-	3	-	1
Oxfordshire	4	-	3	-	1
Staffordshire	33	5	10	-	18
Surrey II	11	-	8	-	3
	706	183	207	1	315

**excludes limited overs final of 1985*

RECORDS

INNINGS TOTALS

Highest by Suffolk: 527-8 v Lincolnshire at Sleaford, 2013
 Against Suffolk: 516-6 by Surrey 2nd XI at The Oval, 1912
 Lowest by Suffolk: 29 v Oxfordshire at Felixstowe, 1904
 Against Suffolk: 37 by Cambridgeshire at Bury St Edmunds, 1904

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

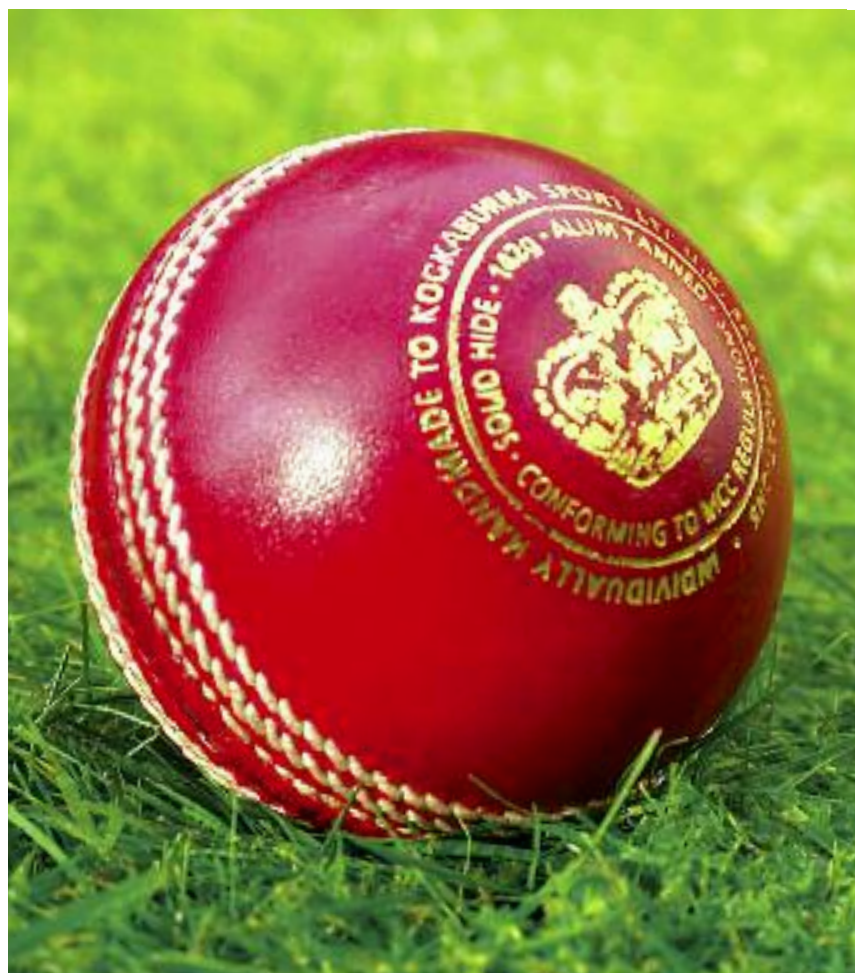
Highest for Suffolk: 236* Hassan Adnan v Northumberland at Jesmond 2011
 Against Suffolk: 208 not out A.J. Mellor for Staffordshire at Longton 2015
 Most runs in a season: 1167 Timur Mohamed, 1979
 Most runs in a career: 9269 P.J. Caley, 1982-2009
 Most centuries scored: 14 T.B. Huggins 2006-2015
 Most centuries in a season: 5 Timur Mohamed, 1979
 Two centuries in a match:
 103, 126 P.J. Caley v Cambs at Ransomes, 1997
 102, 120* H. Adnan v Hertfordshire at Hertford, 2009
 100, 101 H. Adnan v Cumberland at Mildenhall, 2011
 168, 132 T.B. Huggins v Bedfordshire at Ipswich School 2015

INDIVIDUAL BOWLING

Suffolk - best in an innings: 10-23 G.C. Perkins v Herts at Felixstowe, 1960
 Best against Suffolk: 9-24 G.B. Raikes for Norfolk at Lakenham, 1910
 Suffolk - best in a match: 14-94 C. Rutterford v Norfolk at Bury St Edmunds, 1974
 14-150 A.K. Golding v Buckinghamshire at Beaconsfield, 1994
 Against Suffolk: 14-70 M.V. Bennett for Lincolnshire at Lincoln, 1934
 Most wickets in a season: 66 A.K. Golding, 1995
 Most wickets in a career 779 G.C. Perkins, 1939-1967

PARTNERSHIP RECORDS FOR SUFFOLK

1st wkt: 295 McEvoy MSA/Gladwin C v Northumberland Jesmond 1990
 2nd wkt: 240 Huggins TB/Cull M G v Norfolk Horsford 2008
 3rd wkt: 225 Cull MG/Root WT v Buckinghamshire Ipswich School 2014
 4th wkt: 257 Belle BH/Henley-Welch DF v Cambs Fenners 1946
 5th wkt: 293 *Hassan Adnan/CJ Warn v Northumberland Jesmond 2011
 6th wkt: 160 Bishop JE/Warn CJ v Cumberland Mildenhall 2005
 7th wkt: 207 Guy SM/Finch JM v Lincolnshire Sleaford 2013
 8th wkt: 124 Swallow CA/King PD v Norfolk Mildenhall 2006
 9th wkt: 125 Maranta MG/Rutterford C v Hertfordshire Ransomes 1980
 10th wkt: 71 Bailey CC/Clift AC v Surrey II Oval 1937
 71 *Steward JA/Hargreaves JM v Bucks Stowe School 1972



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Importance of doing basics well highlighted

TOM HUGGINS reviews the Development XI's season



Suffolk Development XI: Back row, left to right: Andy Broome (scorer), Charlie Holt, Chris Wells, Jack Lord, Ben Curran, Alfie Marston, Ollie Lovejoy, Tom Huggins (coach). Front row: Felix Ward, Nathan Poole, James Poulson (captain), Matt Wareing, Dominic Manthorpe.

NAPOLEAN Hill, an American personal success author, once wrote 'If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way'. For me, this is an amazingly accurate quote for sport. Very few people can perform great things, possibly only a few in any generation, Lionel Messi is one, Brian Lara and Ronnie O'Sullivan are others. Everyone else is defined by how well and how consistently they deliver the basics.

For the first time in Minor Counties history, and a sign of the modern era, there was a T20 competition to sit alongside the Trophy and the Championship. In order to prepare players for this, and offer a different format for the Development XI, a three-way tournament was held at the start of the season between Suffolk, Essex CCC Academy, and the England Deaf squad. It would be remiss of me not to mention how well it was hosted by Sudbury, the perfect ground for T20 cricket with its small boundaries and lively supporters, along with its outstanding catering.

In our first match, played in coloured clothing with pink balls, we played the England side. Bowling first we restricted the opposition to just 90 mainly thanks to a hostile spell of three overs from Billy Moulton-Day on his home ground where he took 3-7. This was comfortably knocked off in nine overs thanks to 31 from Ben Parker and 49 from 21 balls by the mercurial Josh Wells. Josh is a talented cricketer who represented the full Suffolk side in the T20 competition. He is a three-dimensional cricketer who can change a game in the course of ten overs with the bat and is someone who should be looking to push on and challenge himself to play Championship cricket.

Against Essex, in the decider, after they beat England, we fielded first and they reached 188 off their 20 overs. This was despite Billy Moulton-Day who, once again, ended with impressive figures of 2-18 off his four overs. Over the course of the day, Billy bowled seven overs and took 5-25, without conceding a boundary. He made his full Minor Counties debut in the T20 and was unfortunate with injuries

throughout the season which halted his progression to Championship cricket. He has some strong attributes for a fast bowler; a quick arm, a big heart and the ability to move the ball off the straight. Suffolk managed 150 with Tom Rash, Adam Mansfield and Jack Beaumont all making starts. Whilst the day was a bit of fun, it proved to show what different skills are required in the hustle and bustle of the shortest format and, most importantly, an ability to keep a clear head in pressure situations is at the top of the list.

So on to the East of England Development Competition with our first match away at Norfolk.

With a young side we managed to restrict Norfolk to just under 200 and looked dead and buried at 102-7, but Jack Lord and Tim Scott built a partnership, Lord being the aggressor and Scott playing the supporting role. Jack Lord is an athlete who plays cricket. In the field he moves quickly and effectively, his medium pace bowling is useful as he manages to move the ball both ways, and as a left-handed lower-order batsman he has the temperament to improve. Despite putting on 70 as a pair we fell agonisingly short.

Unfortunately, of the top order, only Ben Parker got a start and as I keep saying year on year in this article, there is a need to be greedy in those situations where you get yourself in. Anyone can get a good ball at any stage of their innings, the likelihood is higher that you won't survive that good ball the earlier you are at the crease, so if you do get to 20 or 30, that is the time to cash in. Another season has gone by without one of our batsmen scoring a hundred. The ability is there, but it goes back to Mr. Hill and doing the small things in a great way.

Chasing a similar score against Lincolnshire, mainly thanks to the opening partnership of Wareing and Manthorpe leaving them 70-5, we got off to a good start with Nathan Poole and Ben Curran settling the nerves. Ben got to 30 and Nathan reached 60, but it was left to the 17-year-old Ollie Lovejoy and 16-year-old Alfie Marston to play positively

against the spinners to see us home, both scoring run-a-ball twenties. Curran and Lovejoy both made their senior debuts against Bedfordshire at Ipswich School and acquitted themselves well and I'm sure that they will both work hard to ensure they maintain their places.

In a close encounter against a strong Essex side, we narrowly lost chasing five an over. Bowling wise, the spin of Jack Beaumont and Chris Wells made scoring hard for the Essex batsmen, but there were a lack of plans for the seamers and we got hit both sides of the wicket. James Poulson captained the side last season and did a decent job. For him, the learning he'll take from this experience will not only stand him in good stead when he leads sides in the future, but will also aid his own development.

It is easy to say that we were an inexperienced side, but in reality we have a lot of cricketers who have played a fair amount of cricket and at this age it is not so much about their technique, but more about how they adapt to situations and this comes mainly from knowing your own game, the strengths and weaknesses you have, and how you look to use this knowledge to your advantage. Greater exposure to these challenges will enhance all involved.

Chris Wells, a leg-spinner from Easton, has the ability to turn the ball and a growing understanding of where he is going to get hit and how he is going to take his wickets. We saw in the winter what a hard art it is, with Adil Rashid in the UAE, but leg-spinners can also be match winners and Chris has the mentality to improve and is always looking for advice on how to bowl, adapting to different conditions and match situations. Provided he continues to develop he has the potential to progress to full county honours.

Nine of the eleven got into double figures, yet no-one went on to play that match-winning innings, to be the person to see the game home and we finished nine down eight runs short. These are the games where you reflect upon what might have been. Could we have saved a few runs here and there, could we have reduced the number of dot balls we faced, but ultimately if someone goes on to make an 80 or above you chase those totals down.

And so we finished the season with two home games at Exning, the first of which was against Huntingdonshire. As a bowling unit, having a side 44-6 you are in the box seat,

which is where we sat after 20 overs of the match. We then dropped a reasonably simple outfield chance and their No.7 made us pay, hitting eight maximums and the same number of boundaries in a 95-ball 108. He was one of only two players to reach double figures and once again it shows the importance of doing the basics well.

Still, facing a total of 200, we knew that if someone gets in and gets an 80 or above we win the game. Our highest score was 44 and we were bowled out for 192. The most disappointing thing about this innings was that we had five overs remaining, a further 30 balls in which to get a few more runs.

A similar story in the final match against Cambridgeshire when we batted first, with four players making 20 but no-one passing 30. This resulted in us being bowled out for 144 which Cambridgeshire chased for the loss of two wickets.

I would like to thank Valda Marks who once again made my life a lot easier through her management of the side, Doug Frame and Nathan Poole who assisted with the coaching duties and both home grounds, Woolpit and Exning, who provided the players with friendly faces and a good quality environment. Finally, once again Andy Broome scored the most runs and took the most wickets sat in his little box.

Over the course of the five-match season, as a unit we reached 20 on 16 occasions. There were two fifties and two further scores of 40. Unfortunately, and it is a tough lesson to learn, and was a similar story in the first team during the summer, but without players taking responsibility and ownership when they get in, it is very hard to set a target or chase a score down.

On the plus side, we managed to take ten wickets in three of the games and nine in one of the others so we have wicket-taking bowlers coming through, but it is a case of backing our bowlers up by getting runs on the board and this is crucial at whatever level you play at. There is potential in this group of players and I expect a few of them to go on to play Minor Counties cricket in the near future, but there needs to be learning and unfortunately I go back to the start of the article with Mr. Hill. Don't always look at the big picture, do the small things in a great way, make sure you perform your skills as well as you can for every ball you face or deliver.

Celebration lunch for Justin

JUSTIN Bishop was presented with an engraved tankard last season to mark his service to the county.

Suffolk County Cricket Association secretary Toby Pound made the presentation at a lunch held on the second day of the Unicorns Championship fixture against Norfolk at Copdock in June.

Around 100 people attended the Justin Bishop Celebration Luncheon at which former Essex batsman Graham Saville, chairman of the Essex Cricket Committee, was the guest speaker.

Bury St Edmunds-born Bishop made his Suffolk debut in 2005 after leaving Essex, and skippered the Minor Counties side from 2009 until the end of the 2014 season when he retired from three-day cricket.

He played in the Unicorns Trophy one-day competition last season and in his final appearance the 33-year-old all-rounder returned the outstanding figures of 10-2-28-4 in a six-wicket defeat.



Justin Bishop with the tankard he received to mark his sterling service as a player and captain to the county.



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Suffolk stars shine on international stage

A NUMBER of Suffolk cricketers have shone on the international stage over the past year.

Leading the way has been Reece Topley, the Ipswich-born bowler who made his debut for England against Australia in both T20 and one-day internationals last summer.

The son of former Essex bowler Don, Topley was subsequently selected for England's T20 and ODI squads for the winter tour to face Pakistan in the UAE and for the tour to South Africa.

He joined fellow left-arm bowler Tymal Mills, who used to play for Mildenhall while on the Essex staff before moving to Sussex, as part of the England Lions squad for the T20 series against Pakistan A in the UAE. Topley, who used to play club cricket for Hadleigh, left Essex at the end of last season to sign for Hampshire.

Another Suffolk bowler made national headlines ahead of last summer's Ashes Series.

Matt Hunn claimed his maiden five-wicket haul in first-class cricket for Kent against the Australians in their warm-up match at Canterbury.

The former Sudbury and Bury St Edmunds opening bowler took 5-99 from 27 overs in Australia's first innings, including the wicket of captain Michael Clarke, but the tourists went on to win by 255 runs.

One Suffolk cricketer who did taste Ashes success last year was Graham Penny (above).

The 71-year-old was selected to represent England Over-70s for the first time along with former Suffolk Minor Counties batsman John Stuck, who these days represents Essex.

England won the three match series played Down Under in late October and early November 2-1.

Hannah Vickers (right), meanwhile, has her sights set on representing her country after being chosen for the England Development Squad.

The 17-year-old last season registered the highest-ever score by a Suffolk player in a women's county match, scoring 132 against Cambridgeshire as Suffolk won their final game of the season to win the U17 B Division.



What a great year for the Over-50s teams

Suffolk Seniors report by ALAN ROGERS



The winning Over-50s Home Counties squad. Back row (left to right) Jimmy Allan, Chris Cook, John Bafico, Kevin Ross, Ian Starling, Bill Byford, Simon Lawson, Phil Caley, Lou Handy, Nick Crame. Front row: Nick Meakin, Steve Smith, Colin Walters, Neil Place, Martin Wilkins.

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AS USUAL, we start with a big thank you to everybody that contributes to making seniors cricket so enjoyable. From the organisers, sponsors, supporters, and very importantly, to the clubs for their fine facilities and their volunteers who make us warmly welcome.

All the squads play their cricket in a very good spirit and it is well known that most of the other counties look forward to playing Suffolk for that reason. A special thank you must go to Steve Smith Electrical for providing very smart sponsored shirts for the Over-50s. Don't worry you Over-60s, yours are coming this year!

What a great year for the Over-50s! The ECB XI in qualifying for the national knock-out rounds won all seven of their group matches for the first time ever but were eclipsed by the Home Counties XI who won both the league and the play-off final.

The campaign for the Home Counties XI started with a long trip down to Hastings to face Sussex. Having won the toss and decided to bat, Sussex would not have expected to be 42-5 after 27 overs. Ian Starling (2-11) and Martyn Wilkins (2-18) did the early damage. Save for a 73-run partnership for the sixth wicket, the match would have been over before the tea interval. Would 135-8 be a difficult target? Not with ex-county captain Phil Caley in the side. From 50-2, captain Colin Walters and Caley both smashed quickfire fifties to see the visitors home with 29 overs to spare.

The match at Clay Hall with Kent as visitors was a completely different affair. A much-changed XI once again had to bowl first but lacked the potency or control that had done for Sussex the previous week. This allowed opener Phillips to amass 83 runs before he was fourth out with the

score on 170. The last nine overs added 55-3 thereby setting a tricky target of 230.

Captain Walters (67) was making the task look easy before he was caught but he was soon followed back in to the pavilion by Rob Shurety and Chris Cook. With Bill Byford (41) steadying the middle order, it was left to a belligerent 69 not out from Steve Smith to see Suffolk home in the gathering gloom.

No problems with light down in gloriously sunny Essex the following week. Perhaps the bright sunshine was the problem as a number of catches were either dropped or missed and this allowed Essex to amass 256-6. Opener Lewis (87), French (73) and Nazir (53 not out) all benefited. Only Ian Starling (2-29) and Simon Lawson (2-35) returned respectable bowling figures.

Walters (79) and Byford (41) were again in the runs but although Suffolk were keeping up with the run rate, wickets were tumbling. Jimmy Allan's rapid 36 looked to be a match-winning innings before he was caught behind, to leave Suffolk 215-8 with five overs left. Wicket-keeper Nick Crame and Starling almost pulled off the improbable victory before the last two wickets fell in the final over with Suffolk just five runs short.

Match No.4 and Buckinghamshire decided to bat on a lovely Mildenhall track and were bowled out for 158 in the 44th over. Opener Alam carried his bat for 104 not out whilst the next highest score was 13! Simon Lawson took four more wickets. In what should have been a comfortable chase, Suffolk lost three wickets inside nine overs and scored just 37 runs.

On debut and on home turf, Lou Handy came to the rescue with an unbeaten half century assisted by thirties from

Kevin Ross and Simon Lawson.

At Royal Ascot CC situated in the middle of that famous racecourse, Suffolk finally won the toss and batted first. Walters resumed his regular role as opener but only lasted seven overs but he had set a good tempo. Handy (97) and Steve Smith (67) add 170 over the course of the next 30 overs. Smith was out at 205 and Handy, when a century would have been much deserved, fell at 219. The final few overs were all about quick runs and Suffolk were very happy to finish on 277-5.

Berkshire were never in the hunt despite only losing one wicket in the first 25 overs. An excellent opening spell from Martyn Wilkins (0-15 from nine overs) kept them in check. A mid-order collapse in which four wickets fell in five overs confirmed Suffolk's superiority. Nos. 7 and 8 then batted out the final overs but by the close they were 102 runs adrift.

Those who were at Sudbury to watch the match against Middlesex a fortnight later were treated to an amazing display of batting. Having won the toss and elected to bat, Suffolk were suddenly 22-2 after five overs. Batting at No.4 was Phil Caley. Opener Rob Shurety (53) was third man out in the 19th over with the score on 123 and Steve Smith fourth out in the 24th over with the score on 149.

In the remaining 21.2 overs Caley (247 not out) and Kevin Ross (75 not out) took the score up to an incredible 403-4, thanks to a partnership of 253. Caley's innings contained 36 x 4s and 7 x 6s. His 50 came in 33 balls, 100 in 64 balls, 150 in 83 balls, 200 in 101 balls with a final total of 124 balls faced.

A totally shell-shocked Middlesex could barely put bat to ball after that onslaught. Their innings spanned less than 21 overs in an hour and a quarter and ended on 74, of which opener Alexander scored 47. Kevin Ross (5-16) and Dean Sykes (4-22) did the damage.

The trip to Hertfordshire the following week was a wash-out but this only served to set up an intriguing match against Surrey the following week. A win would guarantee a place in the play-off final but once again rain threatened. Walters won an important toss and asked Surrey to bat. Martyn Wilkins (3-29) and John Bafico (4-41) saw Surrey struggle to a sickly 80-7 after 26 overs. With the tail wagging Surrey somehow reached 162-9 at tea.

In an effort to win the match before the next band of rain descended upon Copdock, Suffolk suddenly found themselves on the ropes at 53-5 after 12 overs. Caley and Simon Lawson came to the rescue as the sixth wicket yielded 77 runs before Lawson was caught. As Suffolk closed in on victory so Caley closed in on his century. A huge six off the fourth ball of the 34th over sparked off the celebrations. Suffolk in the play-off final and Caley 101 not out.

Suffolk would only win the league providing that they played, and beat, Hertfordshire. At the third attempt this match was finally completed at North Mymms CC. Stand-in skipper Nick Meakin won the toss and asked Herts to bat. Suffolk only took two wickets in the first half of the innings but at least the accuracy of the bowling made runs

hard to come by. It was the introduction of Jimmy Allan to the attack that made the difference. A wicket in his first over was just the start as the first ball of his seventh over took that 10th vital wicket as he finished with 4-10. Herts all out 106.

In reply, Jeff Hurrell was forced to retire injured in the seventh over and the first wicket fell at 48 in the 13th over. Bill Byford's 72 not out, at just under a run a ball, and Steve Smith's 23 not out saw Suffolk record a nine-wicket win and the league title. Byford, taking a leaf out of Caley's book, won the match with a six.

Suffolk faced Essex in the play-off final at Harrow St Mary. Suffolk batted first and got off to a bad start when captain Walters was out for a golden duck from the first ball of the second over, without a run on the board. It went from bad to worse as Suffolk were reduced to 51-3 from ten overs. However, the stars of the two previous wins, Caley and Byford, came together and began to take apart the Essex attack. Their partnership, which lasted 23 overs, added 165 runs before Byford was stumped for 67. Just five runs later Caley (101) was caught but not before he had completed his century, his first dismissal in four innings in this competition. Quick runs were the order of the day in the final eight overs and Suffolk were happy with 271-7 at tea. A target in excess of six runs per over was made even more daunting when Kevin Ross claimed the first wicket in the fifth over. At 100-2 Essex were handily placed with opener Thrift going well. The tie swung in Suffolk's favour over the course of the next six overs as four wickets fell at a cost of only 22 runs. Thrift, on 60 not out, was still the danger man, but Suffolk were not to be denied and despite the tail wagging, Essex were bowled out on the first ball of the final over for 217. That man Thrift had carried his bat for 114 not out. All the Suffolk bowlers took at least one wicket, with John Bafico and Jimmy Allan both recording 3-45.

Performance of the Year – Phil Caley (v Middlesex, home), Player of the Year – Martyn Wilkins.

The ECB XI started off in dominant fashion. First up were Norfolk on a good batting track at Mildenhall CC, but our close neighbours had no answer to the Suffolk bowling. Graham Underwood got the ball rolling, claiming two wickets in his first over, the second of the match. At half-way, Norfolk had been reduced to 51-5 and this after they had won the toss. The situation did not get much better either as wickets continued to fall. Nos. 7 and 10 did manage to add 19 runs for the ninth wicket but that took some 11 overs. The visitors' innings came to a sorry conclusion in the 38th over with only a total of 83 runs scored. Andy Simmons' miserly nine-over spell cost only 10 runs and yielded three wickets. After another wonderful Mildenhall tea, Norfolk's miserable afternoon just got worse as Suffolk won the match by ten wickets with the target being achieved from only 70 deliveries. Arthur Wormington smashed the bowling to all corners of the ground, his 72 not out coming from 35 deliveries faced. Simon Halliday, who opened with Arthur, in contrast scored just seven runs.

It was that man Wormington who was on fire again the following week as Suffolk travelled up to Lincolnshire. Batting first, Lincolnshire managed to scrape their way to 87 from 35.3 overs, Guy Robins (4-17), Graham Underwood (3-19), and Nigel Dennis (3-22) getting the wickets. Halliday made 24 before he was caught but Wormington hit another unbeaten half century, hitting two massive sixes in successive balls to finish the match. Suffolk won in less than 16 overs.

A change of tactics for skipper, Tony Stubbs, when winning the toss against Cambridgeshire at Sudbury. Batting first, Halliday (35) and Wormington (48) feasted on an under-strength Cambs attack and plundered 76 off the first 11 overs before Wormington was caught out by the visiting captain. There was no respite for Cambs as Andrew Squire, seemingly making amends for a disappointing performance the previous year, eased his way to a century before being bowled on the penultimate ball of the innings. Andy Leech (45 not out) and Squire added 86 runs in the last nine overs as Suffolk reached 281-5 at tea.

Cambs fared little better than Norfolk or Lincolnshire in the batting stakes as a super spell of medium-paced swing bowling by Kevin Ross rewarded him with figures of 6-20 from his nine overs as Cambs slumped to 96 all out.

Bedfordshire away is always a tricky match especially as their talisman skipper, Jeremy Page, always seems to score big against Suffolk. The trick is to keep Page away for much of the strike and attack the other batsmen. Graham Underwood (3-23) and Kevin Ross (3-33) benefited from this ploy as Beds were reduced to 71-5 after 23 overs. A frustrated Page (48) became Ross' third wicket and Beds seventh wicket with the score on 104. The tail managed to add a further 29 runs before being bowled out in the final over with the score on 133.

Halliday and Wormington opened up with a half-century partnership before Halliday was, very unusually, run out. Wormington's third fifty in four matches came off just 36 deliveries faced. In partnership with Squire (42 not out) Wormington (71 not out) secured another nine-wicket victory with 20 overs in hand.

The next match in Leicestershire was a total contrast to the four preceding matches, although it started off in a similar fashion. The home side won the toss and batted but this looked to be a poor decision as after 21 overs the scoreboard read 71-4. Opener Pook (80) was joined by No.6, Hendry, who then proceeded to smash 89 off just 58 balls including 13 boundaries. Despite Ian Knight's 5-29, Leicestershire had accumulated a challenging 259-8 from their 45 overs.

Stand-in opener Paul Pallant was caught as early as the third over but this only bought in Squire to partner Wormington and they carried on where they had left off against Beds. A partnership of 157 spanned a little over 22 overs before Squire (67) was caught. Wormington reached a very well deserved ton and with Leech at the other end, Suffolk were 222-2 with ten overs left.

Wormington's (107) departure in the next over sparked a dramatic collapse which saw six wickets fall for 13 runs in

seven overs. The ninth wicket fell in the 44th over, leaving Andy Simmons (15 not out) and Nigel Dennis (7 not out) to score six runs from the final over. Dennis is no mug with the bat and he creamed the penultimate ball of the innings to the extra cover boundary to bring about a pulsating victory.

Normal service was resumed when Hunts were the visitors to Ipswich CC. Knight claimed two early wickets in his opening spell whilst Underwood (2-19) and Simmons (3-21) destroyed the middle order. Dean Sykes (3-13) then cleaned out the tail-enders to leave Hunts a disappointing 101 all out. Wormington (41 not out) and Squire (49 not out) wrapped up a nine-wicket victory in double-quick time, the Suffolk reply taking just 10.3 overs. On to Northants, whose colours had been lowered only once in the season, and the quest to remain unbeaten in the group matches. Northants won the toss and chose to bat. Nigel Dennis gave Suffolk early cheer, his opening spell of nine overs rewarded him with figures of 3-18. Banks (50) helped Northants to reach 135-4 with ten overs remaining. Despite losing wickets, with Andy Simmons claiming 4-39, those last ten overs went for 57 runs to set a victory target of 193.

Wormington then smashed fours and sixes to all corners of the ground. He scored 118 off 70 balls before being forced to retire with a leg injury with the score on 156. Halliday's first half century of the campaign rounded off a very impressive ten-wicket victory.

The reward for winning the group was a home tie in the round of last 16 against Sussex, with Ipswich CC once again acting as hosts. Sussex won the toss and decided to bat. Their openers, Ford and Sharma, had scored the vast majority of their runs in the group matches so Suffolk were well pleased to get both those out quite early and with another two wickets down Sussex were apparently struggling at 114-4 with just 14 overs remaining. Unfortunately, the Suffolk bowling attack failed to restrain the middle order as it had done so well in the group matches. Thanks to a fine 75 not out from wicket-keeper Woodman, Sussex closed their innings on 197-7. Skipper Stubbs was the pick of the home bowlers with 3-32.

Wormington and Halliday began the innings in their usual fashion but alas, Wormington's first failure occurred in the sixth over when he presented a catch to mid-on, to leave Suffolk 24-1. The home side struggled against a very accurate attack to reach 94-6, leaving just 12 overs to overtake Sussex. A 41-run partnership between Leech (23) and Kevin Dobson (19) for the seventh wicket gave some hope but with these two falling in the 39th and 40th overs respectively this tie was all but over. Simmons and Sykes added a brave 20 for the last wicket but Suffolk had been bowled out for a disappointing 158, some 39 runs adrift.

Performance of the Year – Andrew Squire (Leicestershire, away), Player of the Year – Arthur Wormington.

Adding fresh, younger legs to the team definitely helped the Over-60s get their season off to a good start. Andrew Gallant's move up to the Over-60s were those fresh legs and his 70 against Bedfordshire in the opening match



Trophy winners pictured at the end-of-season dinner (left to right): Andrew Squire, Nick Crame (collecting Phil Caley's award), Guy Robins (collecting Arthur Wormington's award), Ray Black, Peter Webb, Martyn Wilkins, Derrick Messent (for the champagne moment), Andrew Gallant. Seated: Chris Watson and David Howe.

helped set up a seven-wicket win. Skipper Dick Bond finished off the visitors with his 36 not out.

Gallant (110) and Bond (55) enjoyed a second-wicket partnership of 140 at Felixstowe CC against Cambs/Hunts out of a team score of 199-6. This should have been ample for a comfortable win but dropped catches cost Suffolk dearly. Opener Ketteridge (63) held the innings together but it was Ellerbeck (43 not out) who benefited most from those drops as Cambs/Hunts squeezed home to a four-wicket victory with just two balls to spare.

Up in Leicestershire, the Suffolk bowlers all had a good day. Alan Barnes and Dave Hinchcliffe dismissed the top three Leicestershire batters to give Suffolk the edge after the first 14 overs. With Peter Webb (4-30) ripping the heart out of the middle order, the normally free-scoring home skipper Ogden (46) was forced to play a holding role. With the tenth wicket falling on the last ball of the 45th over, the home side had reached 160 at tea.

Andrew Gallant was again in the runs. Kicking on from 91-2, he and Peter Boughton (28 not out) added an unbeaten 70 to ensure an eight-wicket win for Suffolk. Alas, the win came a little too early for Andrew as he finished on 94 not out when deserving of another century. Dropped catches played another significant part as Essex travelled to East Bergholt CC. Lal (70) and Sargeant (81 not out) both benefited as Essex managed to rack up 213-4. It has to be said that Essex bowled a much better line and length than Suffolk thus squeezing the flow of runs. Andrew Gallant (45) top-scored but lacked a partner that could play a match-winning innings. A frustrating day as Suffolk finish on 158-7 and a 55-run defeat.

Norfolk are always hard to beat on home territory so when Bennett, batting at No.4, hit 83 not out, Suffolk knew that they would be in for a tough day. Despite Alan Burt's (2-28) fine spell of left arm spin, Norfolk managed to amass 235-4. Andrew Gallant (61) added more runs to his total but again lacked support from the top order. Peter Boughton managed 33 but Suffolk were always slipping behind the required run rate. Steve Bulger (26) and Derrick

Messent (21 not out) added little cameos at the end but it was too little, too late. However, 202-8 was a decent effort. Suffolk's poor run continued with the return fixture against Bedfordshire. A century opening partnership between Chudley (66) and home captain Ingram (56) was the cornerstone of Beds' 197-4. Sadly, this was not Andrew Gallant's day as he was caught in the fourth over having scored just six runs. Bond (60) and Boughton (30) pushed the score along but Suffolk were always playing catch-up. Ray Black (30) came into the middle order but even this was not enough as Suffolk finished 14 runs adrift.

Thoughts of reaching the play-offs receded even further when Suffolk lost their fourth consecutive match, this time away in Cambridge. Alan Barnes' 3-20 had gone a long way to restricting Cambs/Hunts to 154-6 from their 45 overs. Andrew Gallant (54) and Bond (36) had added 85 to rescue Suffolk from 10-1. However, the dismissal of Gallant saw seven wickets fall for 14 runs in eight overs, Arnold (6-18) doing the damage. Another 20 runs were added before Suffolk were bowled out for 129 and a 25-run defeat when a comfortable win looked on the cards.

Malcolm Grubb's seasonal debut helped to inspire a comfortable win against Warwickshire. His 4-15 and Nigel Peartree's 3-32 halted the visitors in their tracks as they stumbled to 127-9. In reply, Andrew Gallant (81 not out) and his brother John (35) almost gave Suffolk a ten-wicket win. Unfortunately John was adjudged lbw just 15 runs short of the target. Still, it was a morale boosting nine-wicket win.

Gerry Artindale's 88 helped Suffolk to reach their highest total of the season, 242-6 against Leicestershire. There were also useful contributions from Andrew Gallant (34) and Nigel Peartree (41).

Minus skipper Ogden through injury, Leicestershire suffered further as they lost their first three wickets by the 16th over with only 37 runs scored. Newbery (100) scored a fine century but lacked support and they never looked like threatening their target. Dave Hinchcliffe (3-25) bowled well as Leicestershire were restricted to 177-5.

At picturesque Frinton on Sea CC, Sargeant (80) once again plundered runs off the Suffolk attack. Hinchcliffe (2-23) and Alan Burt (0-25) did their best as the others toiled. Essex's innings yielded 187-6. There was little joy with the batting as Suffolk were skittled out for just 106. Skipper Bond top scored with 25.

Suffolk bounced back the following week with a ten-run win against close rivals Norfolk. Bond (69) was again in the runs and with thirties from Nigel Peartree and Peter Webb, Suffolk had the impetus to reach 206-6 at tea.

A vastly-improved bowling and fielding performance managed to restrict Norfolk to 134-8. With ten overs remaining Spaxman (61) and Banham (21) caused Suffolk hearts to flutter as they added 61 in quick time. Fortunately, Alan Barnes' last over produced two wickets plus a run out to seal that precious win.

Thanks to the intervention of rain, the matches against Northants ended up back-to-back. On a showery day at Copdock, Suffolk had the worst of the weather as they batted first. On home turf, Peter Boughton scored a nice half century but the only other telling contribution was a cameo from opening bowler Hinchcliffe who hit 25 not out, and a total of 142-7 did not look to be enough.

With more rain around, Northants were given a target of 140 from 40 overs. This was comfortably achieved for the loss of only three wickets. Alan Edwards hit 57 and brother, and captain, Steve hit 39 not out.

Across to Northants the following week and again the luck seemed to desert Suffolk. A commendable bowling performance restricted a strengthened Northants XI to 177-8 thanks to Peter Webb 3-29, Nigel Peartree 3-35 and Alan Burt, whose eight overs only cost 23 runs.

The worst possible start saw Suffolk reduced to 50-4 after 17 overs. However, the middle order did fight back with Peartree (28) and Webb (38) giving hope before they both became victims of Ray Swann's off spin. Webb's wicket, the seventh to fall, was crucial as he had looked to be driving Suffolk to an improbable win. Unfortunately, Suffolk were bowled out just 16 runs short when there were still eight balls available.

These two defeats had finally quashed any hope of reaching the play-offs. The final match of the season took place at the historic ground of Bournville CC. Warwickshire batted first and were rather pleased to have amassed a healthy 183-7 from their 45 overs. Andrew Gallant managed to regain his early season form and guided Suffolk home to a comfortable victory. Agonisingly close to his second century, Andrew finished on 99 not out having hit a boundary four when a six was needed for his ton.

Performance of the Year – Peter Webb (v Leicestershire, away), Player of the Year – Andrew Gallant.

With a small shuffle of the counties Suffolk 2nd XI appeared in the North Group and had ten allocated fixtures as compared to eight in 2014. Rain forced the first two fixtures to be rearranged before they stepped on to the field against Cambs/Hunts. Doug Andrews (61) helped Suffolk to reach 190-3 at tea but this was not enough to prevent the home side from gaining a comfortable five-wicket win. Match

No.2 saw a change of fortune as Derrick Messent's 63 not out was enough to gain a two-wicket win against visitors Bedfordshire, with victory coming with just five balls to spare.

Unfortunately, that win in early June was followed by four defeats with the next victory coming on the visit to near neighbours Norfolk. Even in those four defeats there were notable performances, Ray Black, 41 at home to Norfolk, Doug Andrews, 48 against Bedfordshire, Mark Sergeant, 5-36 at home to Yorkshire and even with skipper, Ray Black, collecting six wickets and 55 runs, Suffolk could not prevent Cambs/Hunts from doing the double.

Then came that morale-boosting win on the away trip to Norfolk, Phil Maynard's 49 not out ensuring victory. Phil was also in the runs in the next match, scoring 44 not out and with Derrick Messent adding 42 not out, as Suffolk's third and final victory of the season came at the expense of Hertfordshire.

Hertfordshire gained their revenge the following week with a handsome 72-run win. Sixty more runs for Ray Black and 41 from John Gallant were not sufficient to overhaul the home team's 264-6. In a sad end to the season, Suffolk had to concede their final fixture away to Yorkshire.

Performance of the Year – Derrick Messent (v Bedfordshire, home), Player of the Year – Ray Black.

Having reached the heady heights of the semi-finals the previous season on the back of a 100 per cent success rate in the group stage, the Over-70s somewhat under-achieved in 2015. It was a difficult start to the group matches with defeats at the hands of Surrey, Hertfordshire and Essex with only a narrow win in a low-scoring match against Kent earning a win bonus.

Tony Cornell's 48 failed to prevent Herts winning by seven wickets, and similarly, Graham Penny's 58 and David Howe's 4-26 were not enough to overturn Essex. Wins against Norfolk are always welcome and to do the double is even more pleasing. An unbeaten ton from Graham Penny set up a 28-run win in Norfolk whilst 62 from Brian Cole set up the home leg.

Sandwiched in between these wins was a disappointing four-wicket defeat at the hands of Kent. Doug Andrews and Ricky Ratford both scored 51 in the eight-wicket win over Herts but Suffolk then lost heavily to Surrey the following week.

In the final group match against Essex former Suffolk favourite John Stuck hit 81 not out. However, their total of 210-6 was not enough for Suffolk who were inspired by captain Chris Watson's 69 not out.

Performance of the year – Chris Watson (v Essex, away), Player of the Year – David Howe.

Over the course of the season Suffolk Seniors managed to raise over £600 for Funding Neuro. This was in memory of the sad loss of Daisy Brooks, daughter of Sudbury's Louis, from an incurable brain cancer.

Finally, the Ray Russell Trophy for exceptional contribution to Suffolk Seniors cricket was awarded to Chris Watson.

OBITUARIES

PHILIP HEATHCOTE



PHILIP Heathcote tragically lost his life in the Tunisian beach massacre.

He was celebrating his 30th wedding anniversary with his wife Allison when he was one of 38 people, including 30 Britons, who were massacred.

They died after a gunman opened fire as they sunbathed on the beach in Sousse on the northeast coast of Tunisia on June 26th last year.

Allison, who had been the long-serving secretary of the Two Counties Championship, was left with gunshot wounds to her shoulder and stomach.

Philip, who was 52, was born in Manchester and was brought up in a sporting family. He enjoyed playing rugby as a hooker, before turning to cricket, and also loved football.

He became a well-known face in the Felixstowe cricket community after moving to Suffolk.

In the 1990s he joined Felixstowe Corinthians Cricket Club as a medium-fast bowler, before he stopped playing around ten years ago and started to coach youngsters and also umpire.

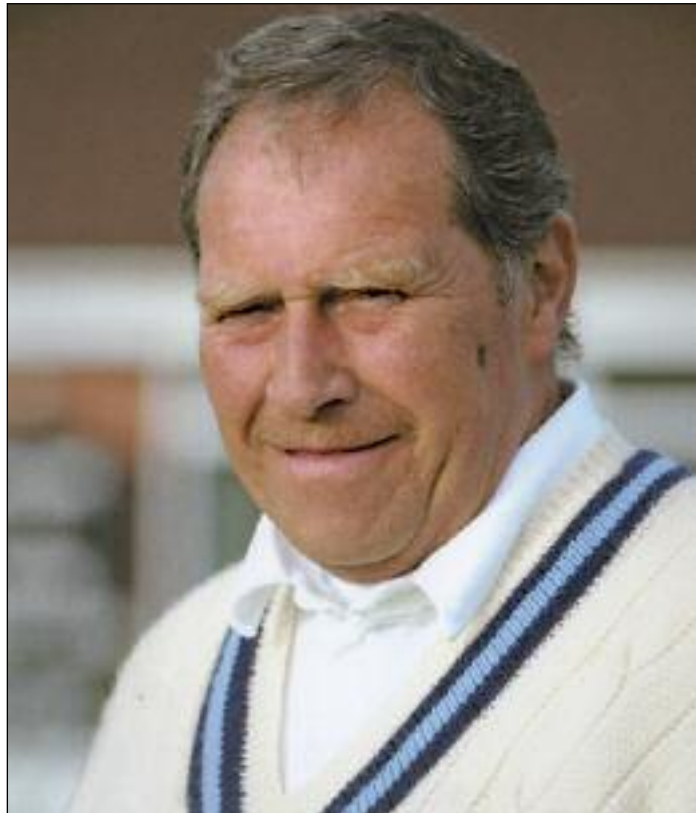
Speaking at his funeral, Philip's brother Graham said he had been a tough but fair coach, who insisted that young cricketers worked hard to get the best from their talent.

He said: "Phil was an honest man, and he wouldn't hurt anyone, and the way he died shows what a sad world we live in.

"He loved Allison to bits, they were like two peas in a pod and they did everything together."

As well as wife Allison, Philip leaves behind a son, James.

FRED MITCHELL



SUFFOLK cricket lost one of its great stalwarts when Fred Mitchell passed away last year. Fred died on June 21st at the age of 64, after battling against cancer.

He moved to Suffolk in 1963 to work for the prison service at Hollesley Bay, and it was in the same year that he joined Easton Cricket Club. Over the next three decades he was the heartbeat of the club on and off the pitch as Easton went from strength-to-strength.

He saved the cricket pitch in the 1980s, led the club to promotion to the Suffolk Premier League in 1996 and then the Two Counties Championship Division Three title in their first season in the competition in 2000.

He was also instrumental in the construction of the Joyce Hammond pavilion that stands on the ground today.

Fred captained Easton when the club played a match at Lord's in 2006 as part of their centenary celebrations, and his dedication was recognised when he and his wife were invited to a garden party at Buckingham Palace.

Reading a eulogy at his funeral, son Glen said: "Fred had a vision for the future and was not alone in his belief that Easton Cricket Club could one day become something fantastic. He has been a stalwart in the village of Easton in providing cricket for adults and youngsters alike over 30 years and has done so much for the youth of this and surrounding villages."

Easton Cricket Club now has 1st, 2nd, Sunday and Ladies' XIs and around 100 children who all enjoy the game that Fred loved so much.

He leaves his wife, Maureen, sons Wayne and Glen, and five grandchildren.

Arlott, Cowdrey, Keigwin and Co. 50 years ago

It will be 50 years ago to the day on April 30th 2016 that Suffolk faced Kent in the first round of the Gillette Cup. Dick English, one of the youngest members of the Suffolk side, provides a personal recollection of the occasion

IT WAS a huge honour to have played in the county team during the '60s. The XI was chosen almost entirely from those born, living or working within the shire. Was there any other minor county as fortunate as ours in having the likes of Cyril Perkins or Dickie Mayes in its midst whose dedicated fostering of talent and expertise in groundsmanship was of the highest order? I doubt it. These were the times of 2lb bats, no helmets, uncovered pitches and no fielding restrictions which enabled the bowler to 'have his day' as well as the batsmen. Ray Clark and Cliff Piper kept a steady hand on the rudder as secretaries of the SCCC, Bob Durham was match secretary and scorer. Ken Rice was the East Anglian's travelling reporter who often doubled up as 12th man – his reports were balanced and never favoured the 'nobs' over the 'nobodies'. County membership at this time exceeded 900. Each game was keenly anticipated and none more so than the final fixture of the 1965 season. In order to finish in the top five in the Minor Counties table we went to the Boots ground needing three points (a first innings lead) against Notts II to

Dick English made his Suffolk debut, aged 17 in 1960, and played his final match in 1975. He is one of only six players to have scored 2,500 runs and taken 125 wickets for the county – Phil Caley, Bob Cunnell, Tom Huggins, Peter Jones and Richard Robinson being the others. He played 50 seasons for Hadleigh CC, scoring 25,000+ runs, taking 2,000+ wickets and 800+ catches.

secure a place in the 1966 Gillette Cup draw. In this rain-affected game which was finally abandoned on the second day, we needed to overtake Notts' first innings total of 225-4 declared. Thanks largely to a typically dogged innings of 62 from Bob Flack and 40s from Alan Watkins and David Ling we achieved our goal. It was my birthday – what a present! Nobody noticed the winter, all thoughts were of spring. Who would our opponents be and who would be selected? The long wait was over, the eleven were announced and indoor nets arranged at Colchester Royal Grammar to bolster our resolve for the forthcoming contest. The national papers published the draw - Kent at home! Would they take Suffolk seriously or send a second XI? Within their ranks they would include five present or future England players (Colin Cowdrey, Mike Denness, Brian Luckhurst, Alan Knott, Derek Underwood) including two national skippers, one of whom would end up with 7,624 test runs, and a wicket-keeper who would dismiss 279 batsmen, and a left-handed bowler with 297 wickets. Some days before the game I was requested to collect John Arlott, on the eve of the match, from Colchester Station. I was



already in a state of suspended animation and the task would do nothing to improve my state of mind! Arlott was to cover the game for the BBC at Ivry Street. His overnight stay would be with Mr R.P. Keigwin who, at Peterhouse (1902 to 1905), had been awarded blues for cricket, hockey, racquets and tennis. Mr Keigwin, who lived at Polstead, had played cricket for Essex and Gloucestershire, hockey for England and was a life member of the All England Lawn Tennis Club and of the MCC. The reason for their association was that Mr Keigwin, who had played with W.G. Grace at Thornbury CC, had guided Arlott through his 1959 book 'The Boy Collins'. He was a contemporary of Collins at school in Bristol in the late 1890's and his racquets partner. Mr Keigwin had witnessed at first hand Collins' innings of 628 not out in a house match at Clifton College in 1899. This stood as the highest-ever individual innings until it was eclipsed by Indian teenager Pranav Dhanawade, who made 1,009 not out in January this year. The platform at Colchester was crammed – how would I recognise 'the voice of cricket'? Showing great presence of mind he stood still, waited for the Oxford Street bargain hunters to disappear, and came over and introduced himself. On the Saturday Mr Keigwin, with his unique style of driving, chauffeured Arlott to Ipswich School where he was installed with a senior pupil (18 years plus!) who supplied him with the first claret of the day. Spectators were filing in, some with deck

chairs and others with hampers. Over 3,000 spectators were present that day. The make-up of our team was intriguing. Ian Prior was captain and an Ipswich school teacher who had been a prolific run-scorer in his club cricket days with Colchester & East Essex at Castle Park. John Cadman, an ex-England hockey player, Colin Rutterford, a future county captain who would finish with 431 wickets, and Cyril Perkins who would surely bowl another 12 overs this day to add to his previous 5,500. The remaining seven were all recent ex-players in the Young Amateurs side, testament to a selection policy encouraging youth and home produce. Cowdrey won the toss and elected to bat. In John Hargreaves' second over he bowled Brian Luckhurst and, with the next ball, aided by a good catch, had Bob Wilson caught at backward short leg by yours truly. The 'great man' came to the wicket surprised, I am sure, to be facing a hat-trick. This was avoided and with Denness, 100 runs were added before Denness was caught by Ian Prior from Mike Scrutton's bowling. At this point things began to go haywire. I was in the middle of my spell and, whereas Cowdrey was stroking me apologetically for fours, the fiery Stuart Leary, a South African and Charlton footballer, took great delight in 'pull driving' me for six time after time into, and over, the pavilion. "Try one more over," the skipper said and I bowled the best ball of my life. An innocuous non-spinning wide one which Cowdrey, probably through fatigue, eased into Bob Cunnell's hands at cover. He had scored a beautifully constructed 116 and the stand was worth 108 runs. Leary was dismissed by the combined efforts of the Cunnell boys, (two of the four products of the Northgate cricket factory playing in the game) – Bob the bowler and Cliff the catcher. John Prodger definitely didn't prod and, with Alan Dixon, added a rapid 44 in the last few overs with Kent finishing their 60 overs with a score of 284-5. Great respect had been paid to Cyril's bowling with only 31 runs coming from his 12 overs.

At Ipswich School, April 30, 1966
Competition: Gillette Cup - 1st Round
Umpires: W.F.F. Price and R.S.M. Lay
Suffolk won the toss and decided to field. Kent won by 113 runs

KENT C.C.					SUFFOLK C.C.C.				
B.W. Luckhurst				b Hargreaves 3	I.D. Prior			c Prodger	b Sayer 41
M.H. Denness	c Prior	b Scrutton 49			R.E. Flack			c Cowdrey	b Luckhurst 46
R.C. Wilson	c English	b Hargreaves 0			C.J. Cunnell				b Underwood 3
M.C. Cowdrey	c R. Cunnell	b English 116			M.E. Scrutton				b Luckhurst 14
S.E. Leary	c C. Cunnell	b R. Cunnell 76			R.E. Cunnell				b Sayer 40
J.E. Prodger	Nout Out	30			J.F. Cadman			c Underwood	b Leary 7
A. Dixon	Not Out	6			J.E. Green			Not Out	13
A.P.E. Knott					R.J. English				b Sayer 0
D. Underwood					J.M. Hargreaves	c Wilson		b Cowdrey	2
A. Brown					C. Rutterford	Not Out			1
D. Sayer					G.C. Perkins				
	Extras (4lb)			4				Extras (3b, 1lb)	4
	Total (5 wkts)			284				Total (8 wkts)	171
Bowling	O	M	R	W	Bowling	O	M	R	W
J.M. Hargreaves	11	2	44	2	A. Brown	10	2	16	0
C. Rutterford	11	1	49	0	D. Sayer	11	2	24	3
M.E. Scrutton	12	1	45	1	A. Dixon	12	2	33	0
G.C. Perkins	12	1	31	0	B.W. Luckhurst	12	1	58	2
R.J. English	7	0	59	1	D. Underwood	9	6	11	1
J.F. Cadman	4	1	24	0	S.E. Leary	5	0	18	1
R.E. Cunnell	3	0	28	1	M.C. Cowdrey	1	0	7	1



Members of the Suffolk side take to the field, left to right: Mike Scrutton, Cyril Perkins, Cliff Cunnell, Bob Cunnell (partly obscured), Dick English, Colin Rutterford and captain Ian Prior.

Tea was taken and the main topic was that of the required run-rate. Jimmy Green, as the only one who had passed A level maths, was given this responsibility but declined - we all agreed to do our best! Ian Prior and Bobby Flack enjoyed an impressive opening stand of 85, at which point Ian was caught by Prodger from David Sayer's bowling for 46. In quick succession Cliff Cunnell was bowled by Underwood and Bobby Flack's excellent innings was brought to a close by a catch by Cowdrey off the bowling of Luckhurst. At this point the skipper's decision to reorganise the batting order resulted in all being padded up. Bob Cunnell, a very talented all-rounder and future county captain, steadied the ship in a stand of 34 with Mike Scrutton until the latter was bowled by Luckhurst. Cunnell's innings of 40 was brought to an end by Sayer and John Cadman followed shortly afterwards to a catch from Leary's bowling. My time had come. I was as nervous as a kitten, with legs that felt no part of my body. I managed to take guard, the ball arrived and I neither played forward nor back, and was bowled by David Sayer – a first ball duck! This, in a way, was ironic retribution as two years earlier I had been summoned to the office of Clinton Sayer, David's father and head of PE at Loughborough, to justify the 'over-zealous behaviour' of our cricket team after victory at RAF Cranwell! In passing, John Hargreaves bade me a 'bad luck Dick' and joined Jimmy Green and, after scoring a single, was deceived by a cunning ball from Cowdrey. Time was up with Green 13 not out and Rutherford 1 not out. We had 'narrowly' lost by 113 runs! The man of the match award was a foregone conclusion but Cowdrey proved to be the perfect ambassador. He was full of praise for Cyril's cricket craft and for his preparation of the ground and the strip. The ladies who prepared lunch and tea were complimented and he thanked the people of Suffolk for the warm welcome accorded to the Kent team. Some of our team stayed to ponder, some made their way home, and a group made the journey in time-honoured fashion to the Greyhound to refresh, reflect and regroup. Mr Keigwin's diary for the evening of the following day read "to Cambridge with Arlott to see Cavaliers play at Fenners versus Cambridge University past and present. Met Dexter, Constantine, A.R. Lewis and others." For me a Sunday game for Hadleigh at Woolverstone Park to meet Dickie Mayes again.

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Supporting Suffolk Cricket

Challenging times also one of opportunities

By NICK SHRUBSHALL, *Chairman of Suffolk Cricket Board*

HAVING now been in the role as Chairman of Suffolk Cricket for almost one year, I can safely say that the team of dedicated staff who bring cricket to the schools, clubs and individuals have the love of the game at heart.

It is great to see the enthusiasm with which they go about their tasks and how we see ongoing improvements to skill levels, team spirit and education around the county at all levels.

The ECB is going through a radical restructuring and from this will no doubt come more requirements and changes to

how we operate. However, I feel that the wind of change is positive as the emphasis on growth will be coming from grass roots level and pass through all age groups, leaving us with a definitive structure that we all understand and can work with.

It is, indeed, challenging times but also one of opportunities which we will, as a Board, look to encompass over the coming year. I wish you all a successful year and hope that the weather is kind to us so that everyone enjoys playing the game that we all love in all parts of the county!

Cricket has to evolve to cater for busy lifestyles

By ROB JONES, *operations manager of Suffolk Cricket Board*

AT LEAST the weather was better last year, which saw a lot more cricket played, with some new and exciting ventures, to complement a lot of good work that continues to take place within Suffolk.

There are concerns as well around the growing number of concessions in junior and senior league cricket, continued drop off in teenagers moving from junior into senior cricket and the greater attention paid to women's cricket.

These are not necessarily new problems to all of us, however they are ones we should be looking to actively solve as much as possible.

Women's cricket in Suffolk compared to many other counties is actually quite good, 'on paper', however we shouldn't take anything for granted, as several ladies' teams do not necessarily have large squads or an established teenage girls' section sitting underneath, or both.

This means sustainability may become an issue, if it is not addressed. Suffolk Cricket are taking moves to support clubs to have thriving girls' and ladies' sections. This included last year running a Ladies' Development league, which is aimed to bridge the gap between girls playing schools' or club cricket, and hard-ball ladies' league cricket. We also ensured clubs did not struggle finding 11 players, with the default format of this T20 competition being eight-a-side. This may well be one idea to decrease the number of concessions, by reducing the number of players per team, however allowing the flexibility to play 11-a-side if clubs wish.

Another reason for concessions appears to be clashes with girls' or ladies' county fixtures and, unsurprisingly, not enough players. At this point in time (November 2015), Suffolk Cricket Board are actively asking the ECB to release county fixtures for 2016 as soon as possible, so that club fixtures can be arranged accordingly.

There are also not as many teenage girls moving into women's cricket. Clubs could help with this by running taster sessions in secondary schools, attending the Lady Taverners' U13 and U15 girls' indoor competitions in February / March to promote their club or why not

approach Suffolk Cricket Board to try and help with either of these?

If clubs plan to run taster sessions then consideration should be given to having the right structure to accommodate a potential sudden influx of new players. Potentially this would include dedicated internal or external coach(es), agreed pricing policy, representation for women and girls on club committees, and long-term strategy of how women's and girls' cricket, or either, would become sustainable within 'your' club.

As far as the men's cricket is concerned, Suffolk Cricket introduced U19s cricket last year, with great success. This ECB initiative saw nine teams competing across the county, with a Finals Day, hosted by Mildenhall CC.

Suffolk Cricket are also introducing an open aged T20 competition for adults in 2016, to increase the number of different formats available to players, with the flexibility of it being played at the weekend or during the week.

This new T20 competition, along with the continuation of the U19s competition in 2016, came about because the National Player Survey (NPS) highlighted the following:

Over 50% of players struggle to balance cricket with other commitments

Younger players tend to prefer a shorter format of the game Clubs need to target lapsed players within a maximum of two years of them leaving the club, or they are unlikely to return. (Do clubs stay in touch with lapsed players? Could a shorter format of the game be a way for them to return?)

Besides different formats consideration should also be given to having a softball version of the game. Last season saw the introduction of a seven-a-side softball game of cricket being played in secondary schools across Suffolk.

This year our intention is to take this into clubs for juniors, however it could easily be played by adults. It is played on the outfield, has a downloadable app for scoring matches electronically, everyone involved in the game, quirky roles and for clubs is a potential great income earner and source of new volunteers.

The key thing to remember is that the majority of players

leaving cricket or playing less, are not doing so because they do not like cricket anymore, it is because cricket had not necessarily offered them the format or type of cricket they wanted to play. Therefore whilst we should respect and continue to play 'traditional' cricket, we should also be open to change, more variety and listen to what players want.

Cricket is evolving, to cater for the demands of people's busy lifestyles. There will always be a demand for 'traditional' cricket, however we must continue to listen to what our players and volunteers want, react wherever possible to the type of cricket they want to play or be involved with and not be fearful of being open to new formats or ideas. (Please remember if something new does not work, it can be changed). The future is potentially very bright because cricket is one of the few sports that can cater for such a wide audience.

Part of this wide audience includes our continuation of an ever-increasing number of indoor and outdoor school competitions, led by Andrew Blanchard.

This fantastic increase is down to his efforts as well as the financial contribution Chance to Shine, an independent charity, make into schools' cricket. We are fortunate within Suffolk we have some inspiring coaches going into schools, none more so than Spencer Wuidart-Gray who either coaches or manages coaches going into 20 schools in and

around the Ipswich area.

Chance to Shine within Suffolk is administered by Katie Oastler, who in her first year in post ensured a smooth running of the programme. Katie also oversaw our array of courses covering coaching, umpiring, scoring and groundsmanship, and kept clubs fully updated on everything that will hopefully help them.

Tom Huggins continued his excellent work with Suffolk Young Cricketers (SYC) ably supported by a growing number of experienced county coaches. The new structure to SYC splitting groups with specialist one-to-one sessions, was met with approval by many SYC players.

Some of these players are also involved in what is now our Emerging Players Programme, which Tom helps lead across the Eastern region.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of not only the Development Team, but all our Associations, our County Boards and their willing volunteers, as well as of course all the volunteers within clubs, without who, cricket would not survive. May I take this opportunity to wish you all the very best for the new season, if anyone would like to discuss any cricketing matter further with anyone from the Suffolk Cricket Development team or Board please let me know.

I can be contacted via email rjones@suffolkricket.org or on 01473 781963 (work) or 07738 199152 (mobile).

CLIFF PIPER MEMORIAL AWARD

BOTH winners of the Cliff Piper Memorial Award for 2015 are keen to see how far they can go in the game.

Alex Oxley, who won the male award, and Georgia Davies, winner of the female award, will both attend a two-day coaching course at the MCC Indoor School at Lord's at Easter as their prize.

"It should be a really good experience and one I am looking forward to," said

Alex, after hearing he had won the award.

Now in his third year as a member of the Emerging Players' Programme, Alex scored 224 runs at an average of 37.33 for the Suffolk Under-14 side last season, which included a century against Hertfordshire at Ipswich School.

He also represented the Under-15 side, the highlight of which was scoring an undefeated 74 versus Kent.

Alex, who previously attended the Royal Hospital School at Holbrook but is now at Culford School near Bury St Edmunds, lives at Little Whelnetham and plays club cricket for Woolpit CC.

The majority of his appearances last season were in the 2nd XI although he also played for the 1st XI in the Gibbs Denley East Anglian Premier League.

Alex said he considered his biggest achievement to date was his consistency with the bat.



Alex Oxley pictured batting in Barbados.

"In each of the past three seasons I have scored over 400 runs for Suffolk, in addition to being selected for the Emerging Players Programme," he said.

"I want to go as far as I can in the game. I aim to work hard and do the basics right and see what happens. I would like to play Minor Counties cricket and see if I can go further than that."

Georgia, who lives in

Elmsett, represented Suffolk

at Under-17 level in addition to skippering the Under-15 side last season and was awarded her county cap.

She scored 286 runs for the Under-15s, including 100 not out against Cambridgeshire at Copdock.

Georgia, who is also a medium-pace right-arm swing bowler, said her cricketing highlight so far was scoring that century on her home ground as she is a member of Copdock & Old Ipswichian CC.

The Ipswich School student, who has played hockey for Ipswich 1st XI, said: "Hockey is my main sport, and I have represented the East Region. I am a sporty person (she has also represented Suffolk at tennis) so I would like to go as far as I can with my cricket as well."

All clubs are urged to put forward nominations for the annual awards. These should be sent to Toby Pound, the county secretary, at 94 Henley Road, Ipswich IP1 4NJ.



Georgia Davies receives her county cap from coach Spencer Wuidart-Gray.

Regionalised programme proves a success

OVER the course of the 2014 summer discussions were held regarding the Emerging Players Programme across the Eastern region and how we, as a group of counties, could look to improve and develop the current programmes that we all ran to differing levels. What came of these discussions was a collaboration and a regionalised Emerging Players' Programme, which ultimately falls under the umbrella of Essex County Cricket Club.

So in November of 2014, nine players from Suffolk, Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire became the first members of this programme. This began with an evening of fitness assessments held at the Essex County Ground, alongside their Academy and was followed up with weekly sessions at Fenner's in Cambridge. The aim of the programme was to test the players against their peers within the surrounding counties and to expose them to another set of coaches with different ideas and concepts, which it did.

During the summer, these players then played at Chelmsford against the Essex Emerging Programme in a two-day game as well as a 50-over match and a T20 against

the Denmark Academy. Both sets of fixtures proved successful and the programme will only go from strength-to-strength as it settles in.

Suffolk had four players on the programme in 2015. Alex Oxley performed well for both the Under 14s and 15s over the summer, scoring his maiden county hundred against Hertfordshire at Under-14 level. His fellow opening partner, Fergus Atkins, also had a solid season regularly getting starts and captaining the side well. Max Whittaker attended the London and East trials over a sustained period and learnt a lot from the experience, and Freddie Tucker unfortunately suffered a back injury during the winter which limited his match play substantially during the summer.

The Suffolk Young Cricketers and Emerging Players' Programmes play an important part in developing cricketers for the next level, whether that be Minor Counties cricket or moving into the first-class system and as such the regionalisation of the EPP is a step in the right direction, and hopefully in a few years we can have a procession of Matt Hunns or Tymal Mills' from Suffolk.

SUFFOLK YOUTH CRICKET

UNDER-10s

By Kevin De'Ath

ON THE whole, this was a good first season for boys making the first jaunts into the world of county cricket. Everyone displayed plenty of effort, an abundance of team spirit and a universal willingness to learn and improve.

Results were very consistent. The boys managed to win four out of their five competitive matches and there was a sense of steady progression throughout the summer in terms of performance with everyone having moments of success to savour. The highlight of the season was a match-winning spell of bowling against Norfolk by the skipper Ben Palmer who ended with figures of 5-1-12-5.

From the first match, the boys showed glimpses of their potential with hard-fought performances that improved almost every game. The one blip was against Bedfordshire but after a few well-chosen words, they responded in their following matches to turn in excellent all-round team performances.

Undoubtedly the biggest success of the season was the camaraderie and team spirit demonstrated by the boys which meant that whilst achieving excellent results, everyone accepted that, at times, there was not always an opportunity to bat or bowl. As a result, the performances were always typified by unwavering effort, great enthusiasm, total commitment and complete support for each other.

I think the boys have all learned about the differences and demands between playing club and playing county cricket. Hopefully they will all return wiser, more

confident and better prepared for the new challenges of U11 county cricket.

The boys were a pleasure to coach and a credit to themselves, their parents and the county and should approach the forthcoming season of U11 county cricket with great optimism.

Good luck to all in 2016.

UNDER-11s

By Brian Rayner

MAKING the move from Kwik & Pairs cricket to the longer format of the game is similar to a band recording their difficult third album; honing their skills over their formative years practising 20 songs before rushing out the next ten tracks whilst still playing the previous two albums.

So it is difficult for younger players to adjust from playing the crash, bang wallop of Pairs cricket to the 40-overs-a-side of the county game constantly within the same week. Therefore, the 15 players in the U11 Boys' squad should be applauded for their efforts over the season. The players approached winter training with enthusiasm and willingness to learn new and hone existing skills. Players were asked to set their own performance goals and were encouraged to take ownership of their personal development.

Over the course of the season the U11 Boys played 13 fixtures, winning three, drawing one and losing the remainder. The majority of those defeats though, were matches that could have easily swung in favour of the

Suffolk side with consistently competitive performances. Stand-out team performances for the squad came in two games against the London Schools' Cricket Association and then against Cumbria.

On a sticky dog of a wicket Suffolk battled to 99-7 off 40 overs, with Connor Cobbold hitting a county best of 41. Despite having (on first glances) only a comparatively low target to defend, with a combination of tight bowling (Ollie Gallop and Jacobi Bishopp sending down a combined nine overs for 13 runs) and aggressive fielding (including four run outs), Suffolk managed to restrict the LSCA to 97-8 and therefore won by two runs.

In the return fixture against LSCA (at the Royal Hospital School Festival) Suffolk were set a daunting target of 223. Against a pack of talented spinners, Suffolk struggled to 46-4 before Josh Jones played his innings of the season, scoring 58 good runs and shepherding Suffolk to a defiant draw.

Also at the RHS Festival, Suffolk faced another spin challenge and slipped from 98-1 to 143 all out. Once again though, a defiant rearguard action in the field resulted in a five-run win with the medium pacers Harry Rennell, Toby Steggles and Harry Hitchen bowling their combined spells for less than two runs per over.

However, the victory wouldn't have been achievable without Varun Sharma's top all-round performance, scoring a wristy 43 before his matching winning spell of 4-12.

Other batting highlights during the season included: unbeaten half centuries from William Bailey (67) against Cambridgeshire and Arthur Phoenix (61) against LSCA; however, the most entertaining knock was Harry Parker's



Josh Jones (raised bat) and Connor Cobbold who put on 100 for the fifth wicket against London Schools' Cricket Association.

run-a-ball 43 against Northumberland.

Best bowling figures belonged to Josh Jones with an impressive 4-10 off four overs against Lincolnshire. Stand-out fielder in what was a very strong fielding side was Ollie Mann who took the catch of the season 'superman' style against LSCA and two direct run outs from square leg against Kent.

SUFFOLK SCHOOLS' CRICKET ASSOCIATION

All four tournaments are well contested

*By Brian Hunt, secretary of
Suffolk Schools' Cricket Association*

SUFFOLK Schools' Cricket Association continues to fulfil a role in the world of Suffolk cricket. A small group of volunteers organise the four tournaments run by English Schools' Cricket Association every year, for those schools that wish to take part. Happily all four competitions produced a winner last year with the finals being held in June.

The competitions were as follows:

Whilst the entry numbers for the U11 Hardball tournament were disappointingly low, those that took part enjoyed the eight-a-side competition. The winners were Orwell Park, who defeated St Felix in the final.

Orwell Park then travelled to Chigwell School to play in the regional finals, which they managed to win. The 16-school National Final held at Oakham which followed was of a high standard, with Orwell Park ending up 12th overall.

The U12 competition had a larger entry (and a much improved entry for 2016). The semi-finals and final were

all played on the same day at Orwell Park, with OBH defeating Orwell Park in the final. They will now represent Suffolk in the national U13 tournament this year.

In the U13 National Rounds, Orwell Park (U12 Champions from 2014) played a strong Norwich School side. Despite the efforts of captain Ben Robinson (100 not out), Norwich were victorious in a high-scoring affair.

Both the U14 and U15 tournaments involved four public schools; Framlingham, Royal Hospital School, Ipswich School and St Joseph's. Both finals were between RHS and Framlingham, with RHS winning the U14 and Framlingham the U15.

All four tournaments were competed for in a competitive, yet sporting manner, with some excellent individual performances being achieved.

Ten years ago several state schools competed in the U11 and U12 tournaments and not only always gave a good account of themselves, but were champions on occasions. Sadly, no state school entered any of the competitions in 2015. It would be good to see some schools taking part in 2016. However, all tournaments will continue to be run this season.



Suffolk Under-11s: Back row, left to right: Charlie Wuidart-Gray (coach), William Bailey, Toby Steggles, Louis Francis-Smith, Josh Jones, Matthew Addison, Arthur Phoenix, Brian Rayner (coach). Middle row: Harry Parker, Connor Cobbold, Tom Pickersgill, Jacobi Bishopp, Harry Rennell, Ollie Mann. Front row: Ollie Gallop, Harry Hitchen, Varun Sharma.

As always, the season would have not progressed smoothly without the support of the following: Ben, Charlie and Tom who all provided the players with excellent coaching support through the winter; panel umpires from the numerous counties; The Royal Hospital School for giving the players their first taste of festival cricket; all of the clubs and their ground staff for hosting the county fixtures; and finally the parents who gave the players their unwavering support (and some pretty decent teas as well).

Players' Player of the Year: Josh Jones

Supporters' Player of the Year: Varun Sharma

Batsman of the Year: William Bailey

Bowler of the Year: Varun Sharma

Fielder of the Year: Ollie Mann

Spirit of Cricket: Louis Francis-Smith

UNDER-12s

By Spencer Wuidart-Gray

THE Under-12 boys had a mixed season with six wins and six losses, but demonstrated plenty of potential as they move in to performance fixtures this year.

The highlight of the season for many was a tour of the North during the Whitsun half-term break. The boys played Northumberland on an idyllic country estate pitch.

Suffolk Boys' Under-12s:

Back row, left to right: Will Froggatt, Toby Marston, Lewis Millions, James Whittle, Sam Paisley.

Front row:

Ezra Fuller, Will Marston, Marcus Packer, Charlie Coe, George Tillbrook, Callum O'Connell, Bailey Farrant, Gabe Jones.



However, the excitement of being away from home, a distinct lack of sleep and an impressive four-course breakfast for some, meant they did not perform at their best and were easily beaten.

Determined to give a better account of themselves during the second fixture, they soundly beat Durham. All of the top order chipped in with the bat and excellent new ball bowling from new boys Charlie Coe and Sam Paisley led to a win by six wickets.

The boys really enjoyed this new experience of cricket on the road and team manager Nigel Packer should be congratulated for all of his hard work in organising the tour.

Thanks should also go to 'Carpet' Ken for help with transportation and 'Faz' Farrant for his endless patience whilst supervising the boys during their down time.

During the regular season the boys seemed unable to string together good performances which led to a roller-coaster ride of win one, lose one throughout the season.

A good win against Hunts (Bailey Farrant 70, Marcus Packer 2-7 off eight overs) was followed by a loss to Cambs. A win against London Schools (Farrant 34, Will Froggatt 29) was followed by a loss to Beds (George Tillbrook 2-25 off seven overs).

A win against Cambs (Will Marston 64, Packer 5-23 off

eight overs, Toby Marston 3-12 off five overs) was followed by a loss to Norfolk (Ezra Fuller 50, Gabe Jones 4-43 off eight overs).

A victory over Cumbria (W Marston 63) preceded another loss to Northumberland (Callum O'Connell 32, Tillbrook 2-23 off eight overs).

Finally, a good win against Lincs (Fuller 33, Tillbrook 31, Lewis Millions 2-40 off ten overs) was quickly followed by a loss to Cleveland (James Whittle 2-25 off eight overs, Jones 36).

A real mixed bag of a season although the boys have more than enough talent to move forward into a successful U13 year.

UNDER-13s

By Elliot Tyler

IT WAS a mixed bag of a season with a number of strong team performances allied to some individual spells of excellence. The theme throughout the season was that the team overall did not score enough runs to either chase down winning positions or to allow for their bowling unit to dismiss sides.

Overall the team results were P13 W5 L8 D0.

On the batting front Jonty Lecompte top-scored with a respectable 52 versus Huntingdonshire on a fine batting strip at The Culford Festival. There were numerous creditable cameos by a number of the batsmen, however the message for the season to come is that the team need to collectively score more runs.

The bowling department was praiseworthy throughout the season and was the subject of many commendations from opposition coaches and managers.

As a unit they were responsible for winning us a number of games as well as providing numerous opportunities

which were not converted. The attack was led by Ollie Stace's left-arm seam with a number of opening partners who often had the opposition wickets down with a miserly return.

In support there were a number of seam bowling options, however the bulk of the wickets were taken by the spin options. Will West's left-arm orthodox, 20 wickets at 8.55 including 6-19 against Bedfordshire, and Freddie Heldreich's left-arm unorthodox, 24 wickets at 11.25 including 6-19 against London Schools, were the undoubted highlights.

The challenge for this season will be significantly more robust when the team will be playing in the Royal London U14 County Cup. Some strengthening of the squad in the batting department over the winter will, it is hoped, ensure further success in 2016.

UNDER-14s

By Andy Northcote

THE under-14 squad continued on from the foundations of the previous year's developments and completed, arguably, their most successful summer to date.

With me as the lead coach for 2015, assisted by Martyn Cull and Andrew Blanchard, we took the boys through a number of indoor and outdoor sessions where they consistently trained under intense physical and mentally challenging conditions seeking optimum development. This included a number of physically challenging exercises, net sessions and regularly training with the Under-15 squad.

And, what was most pleasing, was the results that then followed:

June 21st – Beat Cambridgeshire Cricket Board by 18 runs at



Suffolk Under-13s: back row, left to right: Thomas Sidhu, Henry Bevan, Daniel Leggett, Will Pickersgill.

Middle row: Ollie Stace, Ollie Thompson, Ollie Buchanan, Ollie Mexome, George Offord. Front row: William West, Charlie Iglesias, Finley Shepherd, Freddie Heldreich, Dillon Hatcher, Elliot Tyler (coach).



St Joseph's College

July 12th – Lost to Middlesex Cricket Board by 7 wickets at St Joseph's College

July 19th – Lost to Surrey Cricket Board by 5 wickets at Guilford CC

August 7th – Beat Hertfordshire Cricket Board by 29 runs at Ipswich School

August 9th – Beat Norfolk Cricket Board by 4 wickets at Brooke CC

August 16th – Beat Essex Cricket Board by 5 wickets at St Joseph's College

That meant we ended third in our group of eight and qualified for Group A for 2016. This is a phenomenal achievement as it is the first time in Suffolk Under-15 history that they will be competing in the top division. Exciting times ahead.

A few notable player awards for performances through the year:

Batting Award: Alex Oxley scored 224 runs at an average of 37.33 which included a majestic ton (102) at Ipswich School against Hertfordshire. Alex batted consistently, along with his opening partner Ferg, throughout the summer and this was extremely pleasing to view.

Bowling Award: Fergus Atkins took nine wickets at 20.67. Ferg bowled economically throughout the summer often in tandem with fellow off spinner Oakley Colby. His highlight came in the final game of the summer against Essex, taking 4-27 off nine overs.

Manager's Award: Tom Auchterlonie's 71 off 53 balls against Norfolk in tough batting conditions followed by 50 off 40 against Essex earns him this prestigious award.

Lead Coach Award: Ferg Atkins gets this award for consistently wearing his 'heart on his sleeve' throughout the campaign and as a 14 year old, that is not always easy. Statistically, Ferg had a pleasing year and, what made this award easy, he believed in his team, backed his own and their ability and strived for success – a phenomenal effort throughout our successful campaign.

Many thanks, as always, to the ever-helpful Matthew

Suffolk Under-14s: back row, left to right: Harry Bureau, Cameron Jordan, Marcus Richards, Luke Froggatt, Kielan Waldock, Oakley Colby. Front row: Jacob Marston, Tom Auchterlonie, Alex Oxley, Fergus Atkins (captain), Josh Gauld, Billy Lowther.

Atkins without him, we would be consistently lost, turning up at the incorrect grounds or, indeed, without our favourite brew. Alan Rogers kindly scored in every game bar one and we cannot thank him enough for everything



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he did for us during the summer. Likewise to the parents, grandparents, supporters, umpires and ground staff at every ground we played – without your support, the season would not have been nearly as memorable.

UNDER-15s

By Andrew Gale

A REDUCED Under-15 squad was combined with Under-14s last season and both squads were coached by Andy Northcote. Ben Arulampalam was retained as captain and supported by Fergus Atkins.

The U15s played in the London Schools' ECB Cup again last year against a mix of minor and first-class counties. The season kicked off with a friendly game against London Schools. Whilst Suffolk lost in the last over, they posted 207-9 (Harry Gale 71 and Ben Arulampalam 44no) with London Schools taking 49 overs to reach the target set.

Next was Norfolk, who set a target of 216 having recovered from 44-6 and whilst Suffolk initially let them off the hook, they were able to knock the runs off and win by four wickets.

Pick of the bowlers were Ed Goddard (3-39 off 10 overs), Josh Gauld (2-34 off nine overs) and Luke Froggatt (2-54 off nine overs), batting performances went to Fergus Atkins who scored 55 and Jack Hobbs with a match-winning 58 not out.

The rest of the season for the U15s was mixed and whilst they lost double headers to Middlesex, Kent and Hunts there were some highlights.

These included Luke Froggatt 4-67 off 10 overs and Alex Oxley 36 runs v Middlesex on June 7th; Alex Oxley 74 not out, Fergus Atkins 44 and bowling figures of 2-58 off 10 overs v Kent on June 14th; Fergus Atkins 3 for 19 off eight overs and Alex Packer 39 runs v Hunts on June 28th; Alex Packer 38 runs v Middlesex on July 26th; knocks of 48 from Max Whittaker and 35 from Jacob Marston v Kent on August 2nd and 45 from Alex Oxley v Norfolk in the last

game of the season.

Whilst it was a tough season, the U14s rose to the challenge of competing a year up and helped create and produce a competitive team ethic at U15s, particularly against the first-class counties.

UNDER-17s

By Andrew Squire

THE 2015 Royal London Cup one-day 50-over competition for the Under-17s demonstrated the level of consistency required to play at the higher levels by all players. This competition allows the players to experience a similar format to one-day internationals (ODIs) with bowling and fielding restrictions including power plays.

Our initial couple of games began in the last week of May with our first game against Hunts at St Ives CC. Suffolk won the toss and elected to bat first on a dry-looking wicket. Dominic Palmer went early, but Charlie Holt (33) and Harry Bailey (son of Mark making his U17 debut, 42) took the score to 71 before Charlie was bowled. The middle order of Ollie Lovejoy (42), Ash Clark (17), Alfie Marston (24) and Ben Whittaker (22) held the innings together, with Jack Lovejoy making a brisk 30 to finish the innings on 251-7.

This looked a good score and Suffolk needed to be disciplined in their bowling and fielding to earn a win. The top three Hunts batsmen showed some initial resistance with Thomas McCarthy (66) playing well, however the middle order collapsed with Ash Clark (10-4-20-0), Josh Cantrell (10-0-34-2) and Dominic Palmer (6-3-11-2) applying the pressure to secure a convincing win by 92 runs.

The next game away against rivals Norfolk showed the players that you are only as good as your last game and this certainly hit home in this display. Norfolk won the toss and elected to bat on a good-looking wicket. An opening partnership of exactly 100 by Joseph Wilson (45) and Chris



Suffolk Boys' Under-15s. Back row left to right: Jack Hobbs, Cameron Jordan, Marcus Richards, Alex Packer, Keelan Waldock, Josh Gauld. Front row: Oakley Colby, Jacob Marston, Fergus Atkins, Alex Oxley, Max Whittaker, Harry Gale



Suffolk Under-17s: Back row, left to right: George Croton, Jack Loveday, Harry Bailey, Charlie Holt, Dominic Palmer. Front row: Joe Allen, Josh Cantrell (vice-captain), Ollie Lovejoy (captain) Alfie Marston (vice-captain), Ash Clark, Ben Whittaker.

Read (29) including several extras provided an excellent base for the Norfolk batsmen to take charge. Alex Levinson (108) along with captain Sam Hunt (58) made the Suffolk bowlers suffer with a total of 331-7 being set. Josh Cantrell (10-1-45-2) provided the only positive in this session.

Suffolk's innings didn't start too well with Charlie Holt being bowled for two and the task of chasing a big score proved too much for all and we were bowled out for 220. Several batsman made good starts, but it needed one of them to make a significant score to get close to the Norfolk target.

The boys returned after their exams and they were looking forward to the game versus Cambridgeshire at Framlingham College in late June. Cambs won the toss and elected to bat first. Jack Loveday (10-0-41-2) produced a good opening spell, taking two early wickets. This brought Ben Seabrook (100) to the crease and along with Mihir Chandraker (60no) he moved the score on to a respectable 287-6. The Suffolk boys worked hard in the field to keep the Cambs side to this total.

Our discussion at this half-way point suggested we were all confident we could chase this score and we started the innings well with a 101 partnership from Alfie Marston (76) and Matt Allen (37). The game began to change when Cambs brought on their trio of spinners and even though the score moved on, the required rate was not being maintained leaving too much to do for the lower-order batsmen.

The highlight of the Suffolk innings was Jon Allen's three consecutive sixes off the first three balls he faced, which did give us a glimmer of hope, but the damage had already been done and we finished 260 all out. This was the most disappointing defeat of the one-day season as we put ourselves in a great position to win.

The last game in the competition saw the side at home to Herts at Easton CC. Both sides and officials showed their respect with a minute's silence for Fred Mitchell (stalwart of Easton CC) who had passed away a few days earlier.

Suffolk decided to bat first with Charlie Holt (40) and captain Ollie Lovejoy (65) batting well initially, however a break for rain reduced the game to 40 overs. This allowed George Loyd (59no) and Jack Loveday (32no) to free their arms and we finished off the innings with some fine strokes to set a target of 247-7 off 40 overs.

Herts started their innings well and it looked like they were in control until the leg-spin of George Croton (8-0-49-4) changed the state of the game. The game went down to the last over with Herts requiring four to win off the last two balls, a run out with one ball to spare gave Suffolk the win.

The start of the one-day competition looked promising with the win in the first game, but in order to become better players, individuals must look to have some consistency in their performances. This will come with experience and lots of practise.

My thank yous must go to the coaches Tom Huggins, Andrew Blanchard, Andrew Northcote and Doug Frame for their help and support with the team. A big thank to my team manager James Cantrell for his excellent organisational skills.

Thanks to captain Ollie Lovejoy, vice-captains Alfie Marston and Josh Cantrell for their contributions on and off the field.

Thanks to all the scorers and to all the clubs for hosting the games and splendid hospitality.

Thanks to the local ECB umpires (you know who you are) for their officiating. Finally, thanks to Jamie & Co at JLS Catering for providing lunches and teas.

ECB TWO-DAY COMPETITION

By Doug Frame

The 2015 ECB County Championship two-day competition for the U17s is a platform for the players to show their ability to progress to the next level. Unfortunately, due to the one-day games being played before the start of the two-day competition, the boys were unable to adapt to

batting long periods of time.

That said, not all was doom and gloom and we did apply ourselves on occasions which simply highlighted the fact that we could do it if we backed our own ability. Our bowling was consistent and had we been able to combine batting and bowling it would be fair to say that we would have won all of our games on first innings. If you look at the scores in each game it came down to one session in each of the first innings which cost us.

The first game was played in the middle of July at East Bergholt CC. Herts won the toss and elected to bat on what was a very good cricket wicket. Charlie Gibson was soon in the game with a couple of quick wickets.

At 112-5 it was important the boys stuck to the task. Unfortunately we drifted in the field waiting for something to happen and Herts were eventually bowled out for 266. With about 12 overs left in the day the goal was to simply block out and get through to the next day. Sadly, we lost three quick wickets to finish the day on 4-3.

The following day saw Josh Cantrell and Dominic Palmer push the score to 131-4 and looking comfortable before a silly run out started a collapse and we were bowled out for 170.

Herts batted again and came out swinging before declaring on 113-5 and Suffolk were left chasing the game with nerves getting the better of us.

Suffolk failed to adapt to the turning ball and we were caught out playing back to balls we should have been playing forward to. What seemed like an inevitable first innings win for Suffolk ended with us being bowled out in less than a session for 58.

The second game saw us travel to Peterborough Town CC and having won the toss we elected to bat on what looked like a very dry wicket which would play into our spinners' hands later in the game.

We got off to a steady start but wickets fell at regular intervals and we were bowled out for 184. The wicket was clearly taking spin and was low and slow. Under the circumstances it was a reasonable total but we again fell into the trap of playing back to the spinners and not being positive.

At the close of play Hunts were six wickets down still needing 51 runs. The order of the day was to keep the spinners on and keep it simple. However, our field placements were too attacking and it wasn't long before Hunts needed just 10 runs with four wickets in hand. They were eventually bowled out for 265 leaving Suffolk the opportunity to bat. Suffolk ended the day on 167-4 showing that with a little bit of positive intent we could compete. George Croton took the bowling honours with 5-77 off 22 overs.

The third game saw us hosting Cambs at Mildenhall CC in what was a very hard-fought win for Suffolk. Having won the toss and electing to bat Suffolk got off to a steady start before wickets began to fall at regular intervals – I feel like I am repeating myself. Some late hitting from George Loyd (34), who played with freedom, eventually saw Suffolk bowled out for 168.

The team talk centred around us keeping the field simple and bowling in good areas. The key was to build pressure and the wickets would eventually come. We set about our task well and some extremely good fielding started to mount pressure on the batters. Suffolk began taking wickets at regular intervals and the game was there for the taking providing we held our nerve, hold it we did and we eventually bowled Cambs out for 158. It would be fair to say that this was a team effort with contributions from all of the players involved.

The final game saw Suffolk travel to Norfolk and the return of Jack Loveday, who had missed the previous three games. Suffolk were also without their captain Ollie Lovejoy, who was making his debut with the senior team. With a win under our belts and some positive cricket played from the previous game, this was a game to test ourselves.

Norfolk won the toss and elected to bat and were soon in trouble at 151-8. A late rally from the tail finally saw Norfolk bowled out for 214. Ash Clark was the pick of the bowlers, taking 4-41 off 17 overs.

Application was needed on what was a pretty good batting wicket but we got off to a shaky start losing a couple of quick wickets. There was much to do with Suffolk in trouble at 93-6. A late rally by the tailenders saw us nibbling at the total and at 205-9 it required our players to stand up and be counted. However, we lost the last wicket without a run being added and that was that.

Norfolk batted again and ended day two 245 all out, Jack Loveday taking four wickets and Ash Clark two to end with match figures of 27-6-86-6.

Overall a disappointing season with some highlights, however, we seemed to get caught in the headlights and allowed fear to overcome us. As coaches we can teach skills to the players but we cannot teach them to overcome fear.

There were some good performances in patches and there is much to build on for this season with over half the squad still available for selection. The key is for the players to learn each game and improve. To play without fear and to back their own ability to play with freedom and when they do fail, which they will at times, learn how to bounce back stronger.

The Player of the Year for 2015 was awarded to George Croton.

My thank yous must go to the winter coaches, you know who you are, and to Andrew (Squiz) Squire. Also thanks to Andy Northcote for stepping in against Norfolk.

Thanks must also go to our captain Ollie Lovejoy and his two deputies, Josh Cantrell and Alfie Marston, for their contributions on and off the field.

Thanks to our scorers and to the clubs that hosted us, East Bergholt CC and Mildenhall CC.

Thanks to the umpires (you know who you are) for their officiating.

Finally, thanks to James Cantrell (manager) for all his tireless work behind the scenes and for making my job that little bit easier.

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Phil's tragic death cast a giant shadow

By MARTIN WHITE, General Secretary, Association of Suffolk Cricket Umpires and Scorers

WITHOUT doubt, the tragic and shocking death of Phil Heathcote, cast a giant shadow over our season and will linger a long while in our collective memories.

Phil was with his wife Allison in the Tunisian resort of Sousse when he became one of the many victims of the massacre of innocent holiday-makers.

Despite being also shot several times, Allison, who was the Marshall Hatchick Two Counties Championship secretary, miraculously survived and is now back home following a series of operations abroad, in Birmingham Hospital and a recovery period at Ipswich Hospital.

For many years, Phil had played for Felixstowe CC, but in 2011 he became a valuable and respected member of our umpiring panel.

Having had a break from umpiring for part of last season, he was intending to return to the middle following his holiday. Sadly, that will now never happen but we will always remember him as a cheerful, engaging and delightful colleague whose life was taken away at far too early an age.

The Association also lost a great friend when Fred Mitchell, an absolute legend at Easton CC, died after a long illness in June and it was a massive tribute to him that so many of our members travelled many miles to attend his funeral.

His work for the club he loved and devoted so much time to – as well as the game in general – has been well documented, but everyone always enjoyed a pint after a game at Bentries Meadow in Fred's company and the opportunity to listen to and learn from his experiences and wisdom.

Brian Hartington, who had given long and loyal years of service to the Association before having to give up umpiring due to health issues, also passed away and again several members were at his funeral to pay their respects. Another sad passing was that of former umpiring stalwart, Mitch Smith, whose company was always there to be enjoyed in the confines of the bar at Halstead CC.

Earlier in the year, there were funerals on the same day for Tommy Gould, the former Braintree CC player, highly knowledgeable and greatly respected coach and also committee member for many years on the Two Counties sub-committee, as well as Peter Rawlinson, president of Halstead CC. Both men were massively influential to their clubs in particular and cricket in general and could easily be described as 'the game's good guys'.

None of the above will ever be forgotten, but time has to move on and we can be certain of a growing band assessing us from above!

As our numbers diminish, we need more to step up to the plate and don the white coat with pride.

However, as is being experienced by other neighbouring counties, it is not an easy task and all our efforts last year to attract more to take up umpiring was hardly a qualified success.

Umpiring and scoring courses have been planned for this year and it is hoped that more will come forward, but there still appears to be a reluctance on the part of many, especially those coming towards the end of their playing days.

The message is crystal clear. Unless more are encouraged to join our ranks, the amount of matches currently controlled by our members will diminish and that would be a great shame.

All resources must be used to encourage new members as the continued lack of support for umpiring and scoring courses is disheartening for those putting in the work to organise and run them.

On the brighter side, Elliot Spurling made his umpiring debut on the panel at the age of 17 last season and received encouraging reports from captains and colleagues alike. Although he is now at Northampton University, it is hoped he will still retain links with our Association and return to the fold when possible.

An extremely useful meeting was held in February last year when the guest speakers were David Oakes and Ted Clarkson from the Suffolk Association of Groundsmen, who presented an excellent insight into how pitches were prepared and gave umpires a better understanding of what was being achieved.

A follow-up workshop, led by Woolpit's Tim Parker, was held at Ipswich & East Suffolk CC's Chantry Park ground in May and a good turn-out was able to appreciate the amount of work required regarding pitch preparation and what to look for regarding good and bad points of grounds.

In November, the guest speaker was Sid Poole, chairman of the ECB's London and East Region, to which our Association is now affiliated. He explained the workings of the group and the part we could play.

Thanks are also due to all those who give freely of their time to help run the Association and those who support our meetings, in particular our president, Dave Little and the facilities afforded to us by Ipswich & East Suffolk CC. While the amount of umpires calling off from matches last season reduced considerably from the incredible and highly unsatisfactory figure of 95 in 2014, there were still too many and this is a major worry for appointments officer Mel Phair and his contact officer, Phil Smith.

Their feelings must be considered and everyone should do all they can to help make their difficult jobs easier. Equally, umpires should not have the right to refuse to go to any ground and call off from matches because they have been appointed to somewhere they don't want to go because of a previous incident.

Appointing to matches is an onerous task but better co-operation will help the wheels turn more smoothly and it is hoped that everyone will be more considerate in future. Both Mel and Phil do a tremendous job and need to be supported in their efforts by one and all.

Both Tom Smith and Shaun Whitfield were elected on to the full list of East Anglian Premier League umpires, while last season, Peter Allen and Nigel Pettitt were both given 'trial' games and will be under consideration for admittance this coming season and we wish them every success in that venture.

John Goldsmith worked tirelessly to provide umpires for county youth league and cup matches for boys and girls, as well as organising the Culford Festival for Under-13s from around the country – last year marked his 20th – where he was again ably assisted by Gordon Rayner and they are to be congratulated on their efforts.

Tom Smith again organised a pre-season dinner at the Wooden Fender, Ardleigh, which was well attended and the food was probably the best we have ever had. He also arranged another racing day, this time at Chelmsford, and those who went thoroughly enjoyed the occasion.

Another dinner was staged in west Suffolk at the Thornham Woolpack by Gordon Rayner and John Goldsmith and again the evening was hugely successful and thoroughly enjoyed by all until the time came to return home.

Those who were making the trip back towards Ipswich along the A14 found it closed for roadworks and the subsequent diversions for some ended up miles away on the A140!

Thanks are also due to our chairman, John Bloomfield, for the leadership qualities he has displayed during his first year in office and the not inconsiderable work he has put in on behalf of all members.

At the annual general meeting, the following appointments were ratified: Chairman, John Bloomfield; vice-chairman, Bill Chambers; secretary, Martin White; treasurer, Barrie Phillpotts; training officer, Terry Snell; assistant training officer, Barrie Phillpotts; appointments officer, Mel Phair; contact officer (call-offs), Phil Smith; assistant appointments officers, Phil Smith, John Goldsmith; county scorers' officer, Andy Broome; county performance officer, Martin White; social secretary, Tom Smith; Audi Cricket Alliance delegate, John Oldfield; Two Counties Championship delegates, John Bloomfield, Mel Phair; Two Counties' disciplinary committee delegates, Gordon Rayner, Peter Lodge; ECBACO regional organisation, Terry Snell.

Coach Support Worker courses introduced

By TOM HUGGINS, chairman of Suffolk Coaches Association

THE Coaches Association continues to run courses for people wanting to become coaches and in 2015 a total of 18 participants were qualified to Level 2, following a four-day course, associated e-learning and three months of supported practice.

Through this course, coaches learn about the player development model which has the player at the centre. Gone are the days of the MCC coaching manual, every person is unique and what works for one person isn't guaranteed to work for another.

There are key principles in any discipline which are crucial to success but this is a framework by which coaches work, but ultimately the development has to be focused around

the individual.

Further to this, we ran for the first time two two-day Coach Support Worker courses aimed at giving younger people and parents the opportunity to learn the skills and basics of coaching to enable them to help out at their clubs and hopefully progress on to the Level 2 course.

These courses offered plenty of chances to practice coaching skills, along with an insight into Turbo10 cricket, a new and exciting format of the game, as well as coming away with a First Aid certification.

At the AGM in March we ran a workshop based around novel and innovative ideas to introduce basic skills to players and are looking to run further workshops.

Coach Chloe is a shining example

A SUFFOLK coach was rewarded last season for her work promoting grassroots cricket.

Chloe Leveridge received the Coach of the Year Award at the Chance to Shine Schools Awards in October.

International all-rounder Kate Cross, who is an England women's coaching ambassador, presented Chloe with her award at a lunch at Nomura Bank in London.

Chloe, who is from Felixstowe, was praised as an inspiration to the children. She delivered more than 200 hours of Chance to Shine activity, alongside the overall management of a Chance to Shine project.

She went into a number of schools to coach as well as supporting local competitions which led to almost 30 children attending their local cricket club.

Chloe said: "It is lovely to win and amazing to be recognised. It will definitely increase my motivation and

double my commitment as you know people want me to carry on.

"I really hope this draws more attention to cricket in Suffolk as we aren't one of the major counties. This could act as a pulling factor for others to get involved in the game."



Chloe Leveridge, right, is pictured receiving her award from England women's international and coaching ambassador Kate Cross.

Lessons learned as ladies are relegated

Report by Ian Absolon



Suffolk Ladies: Back row, left to right: Ian Absolon (coach), Amanda Polley, Penny Everett, Hermione Hatfield, Liz Shaw, Emma Elsom, Flora Johnston, Adam Polley (manager). Front row: Rebecca Wilson, Natasha Wilson, Vicky Mitchell (capt), Sheldene Ford, Bethan Absolon, Danielle Lavender.

THE Ladies' team started their new season in Division 3 with a rain-affected game at home to Derbyshire, with reduced overs. Penny Everett was elevated to open the batting and hit 51 from 60 balls and shared an opening partnership of 70 with Sheldene Ford, who made 31. However, from a position of strength we managed to throw away the platform with the last 15 overs only bringing 51 runs and consequently a total of 117-4.

In reply, Derbyshire were held in check for the first ten overs to only get to 43-3. After a rain break the old Suffolk issue of wides reappeared and Leah Kellogg smashed an unbeaten 46 off 33 balls helping Derbyshire to hit 76 off the next eight overs to take the game away. Penny Everett was our best bowler with 2-22 off six overs. Welcome to Division 3!

The ground was still a little damp from the previous day's rain but Suffolk win toss and elected to bat against Northamptonshire at Easton CC in the next game. Northants bowled very tidily, slow and very straight, in what was to become a notable feature of Division 3 cricket, meaning a bit of a slow start. Amanda Ford (21) and Emma Elsom (31) then batted well to get Suffolk into a good position but again late order wickets tumbled regularly, the last six falling for 13 runs in seven overs.

Suffolk bowled excellently and with real intensity so by the 17th over Northants were 29-2. Their skipper and No. 4 then compiled a partnership of 47 before the third wicket fell at

76. Northants were in no apparent danger when the fourth wicket went down at 97 in 35th over but suddenly all hell let loose with the score on 103. Five wickets fell without addition to the score and Suffolk thought their first victory was in sight. Nos. 9 and 11 hung on for three overs until two wides gave the visitors victory.

Despite defeat this was a great game and saw the arrival of 14-year-old Flora Johnston, now with the England Development Squad, who showed real maturity with some fine bowling. It was a case of what could have been if Suffolk had batted their full 50 overs, not dropped a vital catch, missed a relatively simple run out, plus a few half chances just not going to hand.

Against Hertfordshire at Bishop's Stortford the hosts won the toss and asked Suffolk to bat on what looked to be a good batting track but which again turned out to be a slow wicket. Herts bowled simply slow and straight making scoring difficult. Good bowling and poor shot selection saw Suffolk reduced to 28-5 off 17 overs before rain interrupted the innings. Vicky Mitchell, 14 from 86 balls, Tash Wilson, 23 not out from 75, and Flora Johnston, 14 not out from 18, ensured that Suffolk used up all 50 overs. Sadly, two more run outs saw Suffolk close on 101-8.

When the rain came in the Suffolk innings, the umpires took the players off the field and had the wicket covered immediately. Yet when Herts were batting the umpires kept

the players out in fairly heavy drizzle for at least 20 minutes leaving Suffolk to bowl with a wet ball. This made life difficult and powerful batting from Lawman (27) and Waters (28 not out) was enough to see Herts win by seven wickets in 23rd over. Far too many extras (30) were given away in byes, wides and no balls. Sheldene Ford (1-15 from six overs) and Penny Everett (0-16 from six overs) were the pick of the bowlers. The umpiring decisions and conditions left Suffolk feeling somewhat hard done by.

Against Oxfordshire at Long Melford CC the visitors won the toss and asked Suffolk to bat. Openers Sheldene Ford (0) and Megan Garod (4) fell early as Suffolk reached 33-2 off 13 overs. Penny Everett (24) at No.3 just started to get going before giving a simple catch to make it 44-3. Again, Amanda Ford (27) and Emma Elsom (66) batted well to add 47 for the fourth wicket. Emma and Vicky Mitchell (26) added a further 84 for the fifth wicket and the innings closed on 178-6. Although a good score, Suffolk failed to kick on until the last five overs so went in to tea feeling that they should have scored more as they still had wickets in hand.

The usual opening attack of Penny Everett (2-5 from six overs) and Vicky Mitchell (0-10 from five overs) pegged back Oxon to 21-2 from 11 overs. The change bowlers were not so accurate and the old wides issue reared its head again. Wickets fell regularly but some chances were missed as Oxon reached 112-6 from 32 overs.

The required run rate was now around five an over which should have been defendable, but some stout hitting got Oxon to 148-7 from 44 overs and the tension rose at 162-9 from 47 overs.

Oxon were 174-9 with one over to be bowled by Flora Johnston. On the last ball all three results were still possible. The visiting skipper hit the ball to mid-on where Sheldene Ford clung on to a vital catch – match tied. Penny Everett took 3-15 from ten overs, Danni Lavender 2-26 from ten overs (after 0-16 from three), Flora Johnston 2-26 from ten overs including 2-7 from three at the death. The team were elated to get a tie but deflated when looking back at a game they realised they could have won.

Suffolk lost the toss and were asked to bat on a very windy day against Leicestershire at Empingham CC. A solid start saw 50 on the board before Sheldene Ford was caught in the 19th over. Beth Absolon (35) added 46 with Penny Everett before being bowled to make it 96-2 in the 26th over. Penny Everett (64 off 78 balls) and Emma Elsom (22) added 46 to take the score up to 166-3 with eight overs to go. Needing to push on, Suffolk's innings fell away. After 50 overs the total was a somewhat disappointing 190-9 when 200 plus should have been posted.

There was early encouragement as Penny Everett took a wicket, to leave Leicestershire 21-1 in the fifth over, but they pressed on to reach 62-1 after ten overs (Suffolk were 10-0 at the same stage). The next eight overs belonged to Suffolk as Leics were reduced to 98-5 and then at half way to 125-6, to leave the match in the balance. Starr (53) and Relf (20) added 48 for seventh wicket, before Relf fell to a superb caught and bowled by Sheldene Ford.

An apparently comfortable Leics win was in doubt when

Starr and Relf were out in the 37th and 38th overs respectively. Penny Everett took a wicket to make it 181-9 in the 41st over. There then followed heartbreak for Suffolk as Penny bowled the No.11 only for the umpire to call a front foot no ball. Having survived, the No.11 hit a four off the last ball of the 44th over to clinch a home victory. Penny took 3-39 and Hannah Vickers 2-26. Again so close yet so far to that elusive victory, although a comparative victory after the last outing against Leics when Suffolk had to chase well over 200 and made less than 50!

Hampshire won the toss and asked Suffolk to bat in the next game at Ipswich CC. The hosts were pegged back by very accurate bowling, probably the best they faced all season. Not one batter looked comfortable trying to score runs.

This was reflected in Musson's bowling in her first spell; seven overs, three wicket maidens, and four maidens at a cost of one leg bye. Amanda Ford top-scored with 13. Suffolk made only 96 all out but did bat for 49.3 overs.

After an early wicket for Penny Everett opener Taylor (43) stood firm before becoming Penny's second victim at 52. Wickets with the total on 72 and 73 gave heart but only 22 overs had elapsed. Suffolk took a fifth wicket late on but the match was all over in the 31st over.

Suffolk actually performed well all round in this game against possibly the best all-round side that they played.

The home game against the Netherlands on the last day of August was rained off without a ball being bowled in anger. A lovely but damp ground at Bramhall after a wet Saturday and heavy dew greeted Suffolk when they travelled to Cheshire. Suffolk won the toss and chose to bat and reached 37-2 in 15th over. Sheldene Ford and Emma Elsom then looked quite comfortable and were picking off the runs nicely.

The total was 67 in 20th over before Sheldene was lbw to start a collapse, 67-2 became 79-7 by the 27th over. Vicky Mitchell joined Emma Elsom for a 54-run partnership before Emma was caught and bowled for 44 when looking good for a fifty. At 133-8 Suffolk desperately needed the tail to hold on with 11 overs left, but it was not to be as the innings lasted less than three more overs, all out for 137.

Hopes of victory soared when Cheshire were reduced to 24-3 from 11 overs. Coppack, who looked to be the sharpest bowler, joined opener Mason. A 93-run partnership ruined any chance of an away win, both batters scoring fifties. Flora Johnston bowled Coppack for 57 but it was too late. Suffolk had not brought their 'A' game and with Penny Everett carrying an injury any chance of staying in Division 3 was gone.

Norfolk were 83 all out after being invited to bat in the T20 match at Garboldisham. Vicky Mitchell destroyed the top order with 4-17 from three overs aided by Danni Lavender with 2-11 also from three overs. Top scorer was Candy Cornelius, 17, who is known to Suffolk as she plays for Ipswich and Mistley. Penny Everett and Lottie Kent were dismissed early as Suffolk reached 20-2 after five overs. Emily Davies hit 20 on her Suffolk debut but wickets fell all too regularly, Candy Cornelius claiming 3-11 off 2.4 overs. However, Norfolk were even more generous with wides

enabling Suffolk to win in the 17th over with seven wickets down.

Suffolk posted 78-7 against Cambridgeshire after winning the toss. After Hannah Vickers was out in the third over, Penny Everett made 28 and Lottie Kent 17, but the innings tailed off as the last six overs only yielded 18 runs for the loss of four wickets. With the bowling switched round Cambs get off to a good start, reaching 38-2 from 11 overs. Suffolk's superior fielding skills swung the balance back in their favour. Vicky Mitchell (2-13) and Penny Everett (1-6) restored order. Cambs were 72-7 with one over to go, but two run outs and a catch for young keeper, Caitlin Livingstone, left Cambs all out for 72.

In the return fixture against Cambs at Fitzwilliam College, the hosts won the toss and batted, totalling 69-9. Tight bowling at the start saw Cambs struggle to 25-0 from 11. Karla Durham then hit 21 from 14 balls, and a frenzied last four overs brought 12 runs and eight wickets. Lottie Kent (3-6) and Vicky Mitchell (2-4) were the most successful bowlers.

Opener Sheldene Ford made 26 but kept losing partners, before adding 23 with Amanda Ford before becoming the fourth wicket with the score on 47. Suffolk were 53-5 at half way, and 60-8 from 14 overs, but Robyn Wardrop and Vicky Mitchell played carefully and took five overs to hit the necessary ten runs to win.

In the final group game Leicestershire won the toss and asked Suffolk to bat. Suffolk slipped to 78-7 after being 60-2 from 15 overs. Sheldene Ford (11) and Penny Everett (33) were the only batters to hit double figures. The total was helped by 16 extras. However, Leics won comfortably by seven wickets with three-and-a-half overs to spare. Their opening partnership of 46 took just 7.2 overs.

Suffolk finished as runners up to Leicestershire in their group so failed to qualify for the finals day.

Despite going back down to Division 4, Suffolk showed they can compete at the higher level. Most games could have resulted in a Suffolk win and the lessons learned were those of keeping going until the end and making the most of the opportunities that come along during the game.

It was excellent to see Flora Johnston, Lottie Kent and Hannah Vickers come through from their junior sides and contribute to the senior side. Additionally, Plum O'Riordan and Caitlin Livingstone came into the T20 side and did well. I must thank our sponsors Christchurch for all their help especially with finding a cricket venue for the Netherlands girls on a rained off day.

The season would not have functioned without the dedicated scoring of Alan 'Tex' Rogers and the management of Adam Polley, who provided fantastic organisation and enthusiastic support for me as coach.

Amanda Ford was a terrific vice-skipper and, as ever, Vicky Mitchell gave her all as captain. At this point I have to say a very sad farewell to Vicky who has decided to hang up her county bowling boots, being a mum with a full-time job and a cricket club to help run have finally caught up and Vix has decided she is no longer able to give the job her all. We fully respect that and can't thank her enough for her contribution

over the years, she has been the bedrock of the squad and will be difficult to replace. Thanks Vix for everything.

GIRLS' UNDER-12 DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

By Kate Thompson

WITH the aim of preparing players for age group league cricket, the development squad started their season in February with six sessions. The players worked hard to improve technique, tactics and fitness.

As we did in 2014, our first fixture was an indoor tournament with Cambridgeshire which gave the players an opportunity to play together for the first time before we moved on to the outdoor season. This gave us a chance to try out the skills we had practiced in the winter in a game situation.

We then played a programme of outdoor games against Kent, Northamptonshire and Cambridgeshire.

The game that really stood out for me was Cambridgeshire at home. This was one of the best adverts for cricket I saw last year. The Suffolk girls batted first and at 33-5 off nine overs, including a quick 13 from captain Sophie Hughes, looked like they were in a bit of difficulty.

However, this brought Clem Key to the crease and along with debutant Eloise Head they put on an unbeaten partnership of 72, finishing on scores of 20 not out and 11 not out respectively. We knew 105 would be a difficult target to defend so taking wickets would be crucial, but when Cambs were 77-2 from 14 overs the task became harder.

What was impressive was the determination and motivation of the players. Throughout the whole game they tried their best, but it was the performances under pressure that really showed how far the girls came last season. Wickets from Sophie Hughes, Poppy Sidhu and Imogen Sidhu combined with the last 11 overs going for an average of 2.5 an over ended the game in a thrilling tie. Players, remember the feeling on that day!

All games during the season were played with enthusiasm and sportsmanship and the players were a credit to themselves and Suffolk Cricket. A total of 18 players represented the Suffolk girls' development squad with seven county debuts.

Many thanks to the parents, host grounds and everyone else who made the season fantastic as well as the dedicated coaches, Nick Bigg and Alison De Silva. Lastly, a massive thank you to the players for the hard work you put in, you were a joy to work with.

UNDER-13 GIRLS

By Natasha Wilson

THE squad last year contained a mixture of ages with some girls playing up, making the achievement of winning the league even more impressive.

After a difficult start to the season saw Suffolk bowled out for 52 against Norfolk in the first match, the team recovered to go the rest of the season without another loss.

Impressive performances in the return fixture saw Georgie



Suffolk Under-13 Girls: Back row, left to right: Natasha Wilson (coach), Freya Cannon, Holly Mayhew, Mai Easton, Eloise Long, Beth Quinton, Charlotte Stenning. Front row: Emily Daltrey, Frankie Stenning, Georgie Cantrell, Kate Bastow, Harriet Pettit, Frankie Rogers.

Cantrell score 61 runs in a partnership of 75 runs with Frankie Rogers, who made 23, which proved vital in the winning margin. Some tight fielding from Charlotte Stenning and Frankie Stenning and two quick catches from Mai Easton aided the bowlers in maintaining pressure, which resulted in Beth Quinton taking 2-6 off four overs and Emily Daltrey taking 3-11 off four overs.

Lincolnshire didn't provide much of a challenge as the girls managed to chase down 60 runs in 17 overs. The target was relatively simple after Emily Daltrey had blown away the Lincolnshire batsmen, taking 4-11 runs off three overs. The girls showcased their talent with two comfortable victories over Lincolnshire.

Next came two vital matches against Leicestershire, the first of which was held at Oakham Cricket Club, with two big wins needed to secure the league title.

The first match saw Suffolk bowl out Leicestershire for 33 runs, with only one of their batsmen scoring more than one run! Good bowling performances came from Holly Mayhew, 4-7 off three overs, and Georgie Cantrell, 3-6 off four overs.

The girls headed into their final match needing a substantial victory to confirm them as league champions. A blistering 111 runs from Eloise Long was supplemented by a fluent 60 runs from Ellie Costin. A score of 268 runs was unreachable and the girls ensured they were disciplined and economical. Ellie Costin took 3-2 off four overs and Sophie Hughes (development) 4-14 off 3.4 overs.

Despite that one defeat early in the season the girls did tremendously well to win the league in a tough competition, and I couldn't have asked for any more than that.

The squad consisted of Beth Quinton, Georgie Cantrell, Holly Mayhew, Mai Easton, Emily Daltrey, Olivia Bloore, Annie Smith, Frankie Rogers, Frankie Stenning, Charlotte Stenning, Kate Bastow, Katelyn Wright, Ellie Costin, Eloise Long, Freya Cannon and Harriet Pettit.

UNDER-15 GIRLS

By Kate Thompson

THE winter programme last year combined squad sessions and technical sessions focused on each players' specialism. Through the winter training and summer matches the team developed and improved their individual technique and team performance.

During the 2015 season the U15 girls' squad played 40-over matches in a league with Lincolnshire, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Huntingdonshire and three ECB T20 cup days. The weather affected many of our matches causing cancellations, abandonments and shortened matches. Despite this we played ten games with a 50% win rate. It was good to see all players taking their role in the team and contributing throughout the season.

Throughout the season there was some outstanding individual performances. Captain Georgia Davies scored the most runs in the season (286) including scores of 71, 62 not out and 100 not out, her top score and one of the three

centuries made by Suffolk's female county players in a week. Another top batting performance was 59 for Amy Schanschieff.

Stand-out bowlers were Lilly Wade with 11 wickets for the season and Anna Hamblin with 14. The latter also posted our best bowling figures of 6-12 from 3.1 overs. This fantastic performance was the best bowling performance by an U15 girl in the ECB county T20 competition for the 2015 season.

The squad teamed up with Cambridgeshire to attend the Malvern Festival in August. The players gelled together quickly and worked hard for each other. They voted Mai Easton their player of the festival for her sharp fielding and keeping, and watchful batting.

Many thanks to the parents, host grounds and everyone else who helped make it a brilliant season. Special thanks to Tash Wilson and Spencer Wuidart-Gray for their coaching, but mostly a massive thank you to the players for all the hard work you put in, it was a pleasure to work with you!

UNDER-17 GIRLS

By Spencer Wuidart-Gray

CONGRATULATIONS to the Under-17 girls' squad who won the ECB Eastern Development League.

There were some outstanding performances across the season, the highlight being two victories over Northants who had been unbeaten for three seasons.

The season started with a loss to Herts where the girls were on the wrong end of a D/L calculation that made it almost impossible for Herts to lose. Suffolk scored a respectable 152 on a wet and sticky wicket with Megan Garrod top-scoring with 62. After a break for rain Herts were set the target of 125 from 38 overs. Some tight bowling, particularly from Shannon Sayers (5-2-8-1) meant that Herts achieved their target five wickets down with five balls to spare.

The girls then started their winning ways with a convincing win over Hunts. Put into bat, Hunts were dismissed for 140, the pick of the bowlers being Lottie Kent (9-2-22-4) ably backed up by Bex Wilson (8-2-32-2) who, as captain,

marshalled her troops excellently all season. Suffolk completed the win in 29 overs only one wicket down. Elska Kelly (39no) and Hannah Vickers (46no) led the team home. Easy wins against Herts (Cruse 9-1-25-3 and E Davis 70) and Cambs (Vickers 40, G Davies 53no, Ellis 7-1-28-3) followed, before the team headed for Northants and the hardest game of the season.

Suffolk lost the toss and were put in to bat. Wickets fell regularly but an impressive 47 not out by Garrod meant that Suffolk made 113, the third highest score against Northants in two seasons.

Determined to make the first-class county girls work for their win, the Suffolk bowlers settled into some excellent tight spells that made scoring very difficult. Kent (9-3-11-1) and G Davies (8-0-16-1) were particularly miserly and a season's best performance by Vickers (9-2-13-4) meant that Northants required seven from the last three overs with three wickets in hand.

Cruse bowled overs 43 and 45 with figures of 2-1-1-2 and Ellis the 44th with figures 1-0-2-1. Consequently Suffolk won this thriller by three runs with one ball left to bowl. This win was a breakthrough moment with the girls finally believing in their obvious talent.

A second, and far easier, win against Northants (75 all out, Suffolk 76-4 in 25 overs) meant that a win over Cambs in the final game would ensure they won the league. Cambs won the toss and elected to field. Suffolk made a quick start with Kelly and Wilson scoring freely and the loss of Schanschieff brought Vickers to the crease in the 13th over.

Determined to make her final performance for the U17 squad a memorable one, Vickers proceeded to hit the highest score by a female cricket for Suffolk and the highest score in 2015 by any member of SYC - an impressive 132. Suffolk completed their innings 237-8 on a wicket which had a little to help the bowlers.

This provided a difficult challenge for Cambs from the start, and two exceptional bowling performances (Wilson 7-2-10-3 and Kent 6-1-14-5) meant they succumbed to 29 all out and Suffolk took the league title.

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Lilly wins award for highest individual score

FORMER Suffolk schoolgirl Lilly Reynolds won last year's Walter Lawrence Women's Award for the highest individual score in a season.

Lilly, who started her cricket career at Mildenhall CC, scored 170 off 154 balls for Essex Women against Worcestershire.

The annual award is won by the player with the highest individual score in a season from the ECB Women's County Championship, the ECB Women's County T20 Cup and all England Women's matches played on home soil.

The 20-year-old, right-handed opener struck 27 fours in her innings during a 68-run victory against Worcestershire Women in the Royal London Women's One-Day Cup, Division 2 match, at Garon Park, Southend in July.

There were late challenges from Hampshire Women's Charlotte Taylor (165 not out) and former winner Heather Knight (162 not out) on the final day of the season.

But it was Lilly who became the fourth recipient of the award, which was presented by former Kent and England one-day international all-rounder Matthew Fleming at the Walter Lawrence Trophy Presentation Dinner in The Long Room at Lord's. She received a special silver medallion, a cheque for £500 and a magnum of Veuve Clicquot.

Lilly, who also bowls left-arm fast-medium pace, played for the Suffolk boys' Under-11 team, before moving to Cambridgeshire to start girls' youth cricket.

It was there that she was selected to trial for the England U19 development programme, which she was a part of up until 2014, representing an England U19 team in Dubai.



Lilly Reynolds, left, receives her award from Matthew Fleming at the Walter Lawrence Trophy Presentation Dinner in The Long Room at Lord's.
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Lilly, who was born in Bury St Edmunds, moved to Essex on loan three years ago, before becoming a fully-fledged player with the county.

She is studying for an M.Sc in Biochemistry in Birmingham, where she has been a sports scholar for the past two years.

Ex-Suffolk duo are still making their mark

TWO ex-Suffolk bowlers are continuing to make their mark off the field at international level.

Richard Pybus, who made his Suffolk debut in 1986 and appeared in 18 Minor Counties Championship matches, is continuing to try to restore the fortunes of cricket in the West Indies.

The former Sudbury paceman, who also played for Essex side Halstead, was appointed as West Indies Director of Cricket in November 2013 on a three-year contract.

Pybus, who turns 52 in July, carved out a successful coaching career in South Africa, after he finished playing. He had previously coached Pakistan and Bangladesh, and in 2007 was appointed coach of Middlesex but quit after just five months for personal reasons.

Andrew Hurry never appeared for Suffolk at Minor Counties level, but did play as an all-rounder for Suffolk



Richard Pybus



Andrew Hurry

Cricket Association in the National Cricket Association one-day competition.

Hurry, the son of John Hurry who also played for Felixstowe, is now the Director of the England Cricket Development Programme based in Loughborough.

He was a Royal Marines Fitness Instructor prior to joining Somerset as a Fitness Instructor ahead of the 2001 season.

Hurry, who is three months younger than Pybus, left Somerset in 2005 to coach the United Arab Emirates national

cricket team, but returned to Taunton as 1st XI Coach the following year.

At the end of the 2013 season he became Director of High Performance responsible for overseeing the transition of young cricketers into the 1st XI environment.

A year later he was appointed by the ECB as the new head of the England Development Programme.

Clubs planning pavilion improvements



TWO prominent Suffolk clubs are pressing ahead with ambitious plans for pavilion improvement projects.

Work is already under way on a five-phase redevelopment costing more than £300,000 on the pavilion at Copdock & Old Ipswichian CC.

Hadleigh CC, meanwhile, are planning to build a £200,000 extension to their pavilion at the club's Friars Road ground.

Work began on phase one of the project – revamping the changing rooms with new showers and integral toilets – at Copdock's Old London Road ground at the end of last season.

Phase two will see new ladies' toilets built, with the kitchen and lounge area extended, while two additional changing rooms will be added in stage three.

Phase four will see a photovoltaic system or solar panels introduced to increase the pavilion's sustainability. The project will be completed with a new patio and landscaping at the front of the pavilion in phase five.

No timescale has been put on completing work on the pavilion, which was originally extended around 25 years ago, at the East Anglian Premier League club.

Hadleigh's pavilion was originally opened in 1965 and extended in 1990. Further expansion is now required to meet the club's growing membership.

The club are planning to upgrade the pavilion with a new changing room block, including three changing rooms and toilets, an improved bar and meeting room area and disabled access.

Hadleigh, like Copdock, hope that the new facility will also benefit the local community.

The improvements will also aid the Two Counties Championship club in achieving their ambition of promotion to the East Anglian Premier League.

Artists' impressions of the outside of the new pavilion at Copdock & Old Ipswichian CC (above) and a cut-away of the extended pavilion at Hadleigh CC (below).



Competitive season at both ends of the table

By ANDY ABBOTT, League Secretary



Matt Wareing bowls for Copdock & Old Ipswichian in the home fixture against fellow Suffolk side Woolpit.

AFTER the problems of 2014, the league was back to a full complement and arguably the most competitive season both at the top and the bottom that we have seen for some time.

Swardeston took their fourth title in a row and their sixth in all. That was after a three-way battle with Copdock & Old Ipswichian and Cambridge Granta.

At the other end of the table it was even more exciting for the neutrals. Bury St Edmunds, after their slow start, looked as though they might struggle. They turned it around and it was Woolpit CC who looked as though they would pay the price, especially after losing Sean Dickson for a number of games after he earned himself a contract with Kent and other experienced players with injury.

Woolpit were favourites for the drop going into the last day but managed a win at Norwich whilst Saffron Walden were beaten in a low-scoring game at Horsford and Woolpit survived by a two points.

Saffron Walden will be replaced by Sudbury who return to the Premier League after a couple of seasons away. Sudbury comfortably beat Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire Premier League side Godmanchester Town in the play-off final.

For the first time for many years there will be no changes to the playing conditions of the league for 2016. A lot of discussion had taken place as to whether the league should play half the games under the current format and half

under the 50-over format.

The management committee embarked on a consultation with players during the past season and of those consulted there was not a clear majority for change.

The consultation process will remain open to allow the players to have the final word. Listening to players is vital if the game that we all love is to survive and the East Anglian Premier League is to continue to flourish and move forward.

Thanks once again to long-term sponsors Gibbs Denley who have agreed to continue their support for another year, the officers, in particular, the chairman David Browne, the management committee, umpires and scorers.

FINAL TABLE 2015

	P	W	L	D	C/A	BP	Pts
Swardeston	22	12	7	1	2	47	384
Frinton On Sea	22	10	5	6	1	86	376
Cambridge Granta	22	10	6	4	2	70	366
Vauxhall Mallards	22	10	7	3	2	58	364
Copdock & O.I.	22	9	6	7	0	95	356
Great Witchingham	22	9	7	5	1	84	331
Horsford	22	8	8	4	2	60	301
Burwell	22	7	13	1	1	96	296
Bury St Edmunds	22	6	9	5	2	93	282
Norwich	22	6	11	3	2	82	280
Woolpit	22	6	10	4	2	65	251
Saffron Walden	22	5	9	5	3	83	249

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Sadness at the loss of league stalwarts

By ALAN ROGERS, assistant secretary

WHATEVER the comings and goings on the field of play, memories of 2015 will always be tinged with varying amounts of sadness. At the end of December 2014 Peter Rawlinson (Halstead), Tom Gould (Braintree) and then in June, Fred Mitchell (Easton), all passed away. Club stalwarts and friends of the Two Counties alike, they will all be much missed. Perhaps it is a fitting tribute that these three clubs all won trophies last season.

Further tragedy struck later in June with those shocking shootings on the beach in Tunisia which saw

Suffolk umpire, Phil Heathcote,

among those killed and his wife, league secretary Allison, seriously wounded. Fortunately, the good news is that Allison is now back home and on the road to recovery.

As the news spread among the grapevine that Suffolk captain Tom Huggins was joining Sudbury, so Sudbury became very warm favourites to win Division One in their quest to return to the EAPL. They certainly started well with seven consecutive victories, each one yielding the maximum 20 points. Their first defeat was a true run-fest as Witham chased down Sudbury's 334-6 to win with three wickets in hand.

Coggeshall, Mildenhall, Witham and Wivenhoe were all trying to match the consistency of Sudbury and were all given a boost in late June when Sudbury suffered an uncharacteristic thumping defeat at the hands of Mistley. Six more wins steadied the ship before Sudbury lost another run-fest, this time to Wivenhoe, when just four wickets fell on a day that 636 runs were scored. Thanks to



Sudbury's Tom Huggins, who set a new individual aggregate for the highest number of runs scored in Division One of the Marshall Hatchick Two Counties Championship last season, faces Wivenhoe's Tom Durrell. Fellow Suffolk batsman Nathan Poole is at the non-striker's end.

that defeat, Witham had now overtaken Sudbury and led the division by two points. The following week Sudbury defeated Witham by 110 runs in what was a virtual championship decider and then collected maximum points from their last three matches.

Despite losing a further two matches, Witham were able to garner enough points to finish as runners-up, albeit three wins behind Sudbury. Mildenhall can also claim to have had a successful season as they finished in third position a mere four points below Witham. Batters seemed to have had the upper hand for most of the season as there were seven who topped 1,000 runs. At the top, that man Huggins set a new record of 1,533.

At the foot of the table, Elmstead Grasshoppers, who had gone up from Division Two in third place thanks to Frinton the previous season, suffered most as they were only able to register three wins and finished some way adrift. Heading down with Elmstead were Maldon after a six-

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year run in the top division.

Sudbury entertained Godmanchester at Friars Street for the right to join the EAPL in 2016. On a warm September afternoon, Sudbury won the toss and chose to bat. The irrepressible Tom Huggins got the innings off to a solid start with a half century but it was the partnership between Akeal Hosein and skipper Darren Batch that changed the complexion of the innings. Hosein, with 66 off 65 balls, and Batch, 106 off 96 balls, added 158 for the fourth wicket. Although Sudbury lost wickets chasing quick runs at the end, they closed the innings on a challenging 296-9.

The Godmanchester reply got off to a reasonable start but as the need to up the rate became more urgent, so the wickets began to tumble. Spinners Hosein and Huggins benefited most as they collected four wickets apiece. Godmanchester all out for 152, some 144 runs shy of the target. The Two Counties sends their best wishes to Sudbury on their return to the EAPL.

Essex, in the form of Braintree and Copford, held sway in Division Two in the early weeks of the season. By the end of May, these two had identical records of six wins and one defeat with Copford ahead by one point. By the beginning of August, Copford had put together an eight-match winning streak which by then had put them 31 points ahead of Braintree. During that period, Haverhill and Easton had brief spells ahead of Braintree but with seven and eight defeats respectively, they could not sustain a challenge for the silverware.

From hot favourites for the title, Copford stumbled over the final few weeks and two more defeats allowed Braintree to catch up. Catch up they did but not overtake as Braintree and Copford finished with identical records, 17 wins and three defeats, and also identical points. Lachlan Ford's 1,083 runs plus 41 wickets did much to ensure that Braintree's net run rate was 0.6 runs per over better than Copford's. Haverhill returned to Division One courtesy of Sudbury after finishing third. Dunmow sailed close to the wind yet again by finishing just one place above the relegation places for the second year running, leaving Kelvedon & Feering and Sudbury II to head for Division Three.

The look of the Division Three table in 2015 bore much resemblance to the Division Four table of 2014. Clacton-on-Sea were in dominant form from week one. They would have remained at the top of the table for the whole season, but were temporarily overtaken by Copdock & OI II as they played extra games on the two May bank holidays. Normal order was restored by mid-June. With East Bergholt having a sticky start but coming good in the second half of the season and a resurgent Ipswich & East Suffolk growing in confidence, a fierce competition for the promotion places developed.

By playing those extra matches early and suffering rather too many defeats, Copdock & OIs dropped out of the equation leaving an intriguing match at Chantry Park on the last Saturday between Ipswich & East Suffolk and East Bergholt to decide second and third placings. On the day East Bergholt were the better side and collected a 20-point

win whilst IES were left to await the result of Sudbury's EAPL play-off match.

Imran Sheikh's 995 runs and 45 wickets had helped Clacton-on-Sea to 18 wins and one tie whilst Richard Pickford's 1,024 runs and Nathan Philpot's 76 wickets, a divisional record, stood East Bergholt in good stead for 16 wins. Four clubs at the foot of the table ended the season with six wins to their name, but it was Woodbridge & OW and Bury St Edmunds II that failed to bank enough points to avoid the drop.

Having spent much of 2014 in the lower reaches of Division Four, Halstead II were flying the flag for Essex as they were doing their best to keep a clutch of Suffolk clubs at bay at the top of the table. This was a very competitive division in which on a good day most sides were capable of upsetting the front runners. The final table bears this out as Halstead II held on to win the division but still lost six matches. Top performances came from Justin Rose (553 runs) and Chris Roper (38 wickets).

The placings for second and third were unfortunately decided by the rule book as opposed to the field of play. A 20-point win at Abberton had seen Tuddenham overtake Haverhill II, who had lost heavily against Mildenhall III but with Mildenhall fielding an ineligible player, the match was awarded to Haverhill so it was they who finished as runners-up. Without the Sudbury effect, this would have been very hard on Tuddenham as they only narrowly missed out on promotion in 2014. Witham II had the briefest possible stay in Division Four as their tally of seven wins was only good enough for 11th place. Going down to Division Five with them were Ipswich II but as they were both quite close to relative safety, then there is hope for 2016.

Walsham-le-Willows continue on their upward march and by winning Division Five they have won promotion as divisional champions for an unprecedented fourth year in a row. As well as Liam Bryant (841 runs and 28 wickets) and Mark Rotherham (51 wickets) they have a number of players consistently playing at the top of their ability. Seventeen victories and just three defeats is an admirable record for a club who have risen through the divisions so quickly.

They were pushed very closely all season by Wivenhoe II who also managed 17 wins, the difference being that Wivenhoe lost four matches including both against Walsham. At the foot of the table, Stowmarket, four wins, and Braintree II with three wins struggled for much of the summer and finished some way adrift of safety. For Braintree this was most surprising considering how well their 1st XI had performed. Bury St Edmunds III were that fortunate team to have finished third bottom. Charlie Tunstall of Earl Stonham deserves a mention as his 55-wicket haul beat the previous best total for Division Five. With eight matches played in Division Six, Eight Ash Green, Nowton, and West Mersea all had seven wins to their credit. This was an especially good start for Eight Ash Green and Nowton since they had both gained promotion from Division Seven the previous season. This three-way

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Final League Tables 2015 Season

DIVISION ONE	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Sudbury	22	18	0	3	1	380
Witham	22	15	0	6	1	337
Mildenhall	22	15	0	6	1	333
Coggeshall	22	12	0	9	1	290
Wivenhoe	22	10	0	10	2	280
Hadleigh	22	11	0	10	1	273
Mistley	22	19	0	11	2	264
Frinton-on-Sea	22	9	0	12	1	254
Worlington	22	9	0	11	2	246
Halstead	22	8	0	14	0	241
Maldon	22	86	0	17	1	201
Elmstead Grasshoppers	22	3	0	18	1	159

DIVISION TWO	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Braintree	22	17	0	3	2	365
Copford	22	17	0	3	2	365
Haverhill	22	14	0	7	1	317
Easton	22	13	0	8	1	312
Lakenheath	22	11	0	11	0	271
Mildenhall II	22	10	0	10	2	252
Long Melford	22	8	0	12	2	236
Exning	22	8	0	12	2	235
Ipswich	22	7	0	12	3	230
Dunmow	22	7	0	14	1	221
Kelvedon & Feering	22	6	0	16	0	194
Sudbury II	22	5	0	15	2	191

DIVISION THREE	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Clacton-on-Sea	22	18	1	3	0	380
East Bergholt	22	16	0	5	1	357
Ipswich & East Suffolk	22	14	1	7	0	329
Copdock & OI II	22	13	0	8	1	313
Coggeshall II	22	11	0	11	0	283
Brockley	22	11	0	11	0	279
Woolpit II	22	9	0	13	0	243
Little Bardfield Village	22	10	0	10	2	236
Mistley II	22	6	0	15	1	205
Brightlingsea	22	6	0	15	1	202
Woodbridge & O.W.	22	6	0	14	2	193
Bury St. Edmunds II	22	6	0	14	2	188

DIVISION FOUR	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Halstead II	22	16	0	6	0	348
Haverhill II	22	14	0	6	2	341
Tuddenham	22	14	0	5	3	329
Yoxford	22	10	0	9	3	259
Needham Market	22	10	0	12	0	256
Hadleigh II	22	10	0	11	1	253
Abborton & District	22	8	0	10	4	240
St. Margarets	22	8	0	12	2	228
Felixstowe	22	8	1	11	2	228
Mildenhall III	22	8	1	12	1	223
Witham II	22	7	0	12	3	212
Ipswich II	22	6	0	13	3	207

DIVISION FIVE	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Walsham le Willows	22	17	0	3	2	368
Wivenhoe II	22	17	0	4	1	357
Elmstead Grasshoppers II	22	13	2	5	2	323
Kesgrave	22	14	1	7	0	315
Maldon II	22	11	0	8	3	270
Nacton	22	9	0	12	1	259
Great Bromley	22	9	1	11	1	255
Harwich & Dovercourt	22	9	0	12	1	251
Earl Stonham	22	9	0	12	1	238
Bury St. Edmunds III	22	8	0	14	0	227
Stowmarket	22	4	0	17	1	170
Braintree II	22	3	0	18	1	158

DIVISION SIX	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Eight Ash Green	20	17	1	2	0	358
Nowton	20	17	0	3	0	339
Worlington II	20	12	2	6	0	286
West Mersea	20	11	0	8	1	262
Long Melford II	20	10	0	9	1	248
St. Osyth	20	9	0	10	1	236
Melton St. Audrys	20	7	0	13	0	204
Felixstowe Corinthians	20	7	0	12	1	193
Kelvedon & Feering II	20	6	1	11	2	193
Sudbury III	20	6	0	10	4	181
Ipswich III	20	0	0	18	2	64

DIVISION SEVEN	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Easton II	20	17	0	3	0	343
West Bergholt	20	14	0	4	2	314
East Bergholt II	20	14	0	4	2	307
Woolpit III	20	13	0	6	1	300
Tendring	20	13	0	6	1	274
Mildenhall IV	20	8	0	10	2	220
Worlingworth	20	7	0	11	2	191
Abborton & District II	20	5	0	14	1	157
Maldon III	20	3	0	13	4	139
Elveden	20	3	0	16	1	130
Brightlingsea II	20	5	0	15	0	116

DIVISION EIGHT (E)	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Brantham	18	15	0	2	1	304
Frinton-on-Sea III	18	14	0	2	2	298
Sudbourne Hall	18	12	1	5	0	274
Woodbridge & O.W. II	18	11	0	6	1	239
Mistley III	18	6	0	12	0	183
St. Margarets II	18	6	0	11	1	168
Harwich & Dovercourt II	18	6	0	12	0	167
Felixstowe II	18	7	0	10	1	142
Copdock & OI III	18	4	1	10	3	139
DBSL	18	3	0	14	1	120

DIVISION EIGHT (S)	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Halstead III	20	14	1	3	2	323
Copford II	20	14	0	5	1	320
Coggeshall III	20	11	0	8	1	258
Eight Ash Green II	20	11	0	7	2	257
Kelvedon & Feering III	20	10	0	9	1	244
Cavaliers	20	9	1	7	3	242
West Bergholt II	20	9	0	10	1	230
Witham III	20	9	0	9	2	230
Boxted	20	7	0	11	2	151
West Mersea II	20	5	0	13	2	145
Maldon IV	20	2	0	17	1	82

DIVISION EIGHT (W)	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Stowupland	20	17	1	1	1	357
Battisford	20	16	0	1	3	351
Brockley II	20	11	1	5	3	246
Lakenheath II	20	11	0	9	0	240
Exning II	20	10	0	9	1	239
Eye & District	20	10	0	9	1	216
Bury St. Edmunds IV	20	8	0	9	3	210
Stradbroke Vikings	20	6	0	14	0	182
Nowton II	20	6	0	14	0	176
Yoxford II	20	5	0	11	4	138
Stowmarket II	20	1	0	18	1	86

DIVISION C	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Wivenhoe	16	11	0	2	3	251
Ipswich	16	8	0	4	4	194
Great Bromley	16	7	0	5	4	191
Brightlingsea	16	7	1	5	3	184
Mistley	16	6	1	6	3	181
Frinton-on-Sea	16	5	0	5	6	151
Abborton & District	16	5	0	9	2	123
Braintree	16	2	0	11	3	123
Kelvedon & Feering	16	4	0	8	4	102

LADIES CHALLENGE	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Easton	12	8	0	1	3	176
Ipswich	12	6	0	5	1	147
Mildenhall	12	5	0	4	3	139
Thriplow	12	4	0	7	1	102
Woolpit	12	1	0	7	4	48

LADIES T-20	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Bury St. Edmunds	14	10	0	2	2	217
Felixstowe	14	9	0	1	4	213
Mistley	14	6	0	4	4	144
Copdock & O.I.	14	6	0	4	4	116
Frinton-on-Sea	14	4	0	8	2	115
Maldon	14	4	0	7	3	101
Ipswich & East Suffolk	14	3	0	8	3	100
Battisford	14	2	0	10	2	69

battle continued all the way until early August before West Mersea began to fall behind which benefited Worlington II as their third-place finish would eventually give them promotion thanks to the Sudbury effect. August 15th was the crucial date for Eight Ash Green and Nowton with the title deciding match being played in Suffolk. Eight Ash Green delivered a crushing blow to Nowton with an eight-wicket win.

Both clubs ended the year with 17 wins but Eight Ash Green had won the division by 19 points. Eight Ash Green took the bowling honours, Oliver Firman (47 wickets) and Mark Goodall (37 wickets) while Nowton took the batting honours, Laron Kretzmann (637 runs) and Dan Reynolds (407 runs). Life was not so good at the foot of the table with Ipswich III having a disastrous record of played 18, lost 18. Sudbury III could not emulate their 1st XI and so joined Ipswich in Division Seven for 2016.

East Bergholt II made a brilliant start to their Division Seven campaign, winning nine consecutive matches after conceding the first match of the season against Easton II. The tide seemed to turn in Easton's favour in mid-July

when Easton defeated East Bergholt at Bentries Meadow in the return fixture.

Suffering just one defeat in the latter weeks, Easton continued to head the division for the remainder of the season. It was a family affair at Easton with Glen Mitchell getting the runs (355) and brother, Wayne, getting the wickets (31). Despite East beating West on both occasions, the Essex Bergholt (West) achieved a 19-point win on the final weekend thus grabbing the runners-up berth although both clubs had identical records of 14 win and two defeats.

Somehow, the efforts of the Two Counties to try and reduce the number of matches arranged for the lower divisions went awry and Division Eight ended up with 11 teams in each section as opposed to ten in 2014. As a consequence of the extra fixtures so there was a dramatic increase in the number of concessions. This situation was not good for league nor for the individual clubs.

However, this did not detract from some fine cricket being played as demonstrated by Jon Doughty whose 1,043 runs for Battisford was only enough see them to finish in second

place behind Two Counties debutants Stowupland in the West. Halstead III's record of 14 wins and a tie was sufficient to overhaul Copford II in the South while in the East, Brantham, collecting their first-ever Two Counties trophy, required 15 wins to remain ahead of Frinton-on-Sea III.

Wivenhoe were denied the opportunity to win Division C in 2014 when rain washed out their final match when only a handful of points would have seen them as champions. They were not to be denied in 2015 as their 11 victories kept them well clear of Ipswich, who happened to be Suffolk's only representative in this division. Youngster Jakob Kelly starred with bat and ball, scoring an impressive 702 runs at an average of 70 and also collected 12 wickets. Although this non-feeder division is down to nine teams, its importance for schooling youngsters to play adult league cricket should not be underestimated.

The unfortunate demise of Woodbridge & OW Ladies had threatened to undermine the existence of the 35-over competition but with the Cambridge League seemingly in tatters, the Two Counties were pleased to welcome a joint Thriplow/NCI team into the competition. The 35-over competition is not only important for the Two Counties but

also very important for the county as it provides a stepping stone for the ladies and girls to play longer format cricket. After finishing as runners-up for the past three seasons, it was, perhaps, fitting that Easton should finally get their name engraved on the trophy as competition winners. Opener Catherine Cranmer's 367 runs helped them to eight victories, their one defeat coming at the hands of Mildenhall.

Ipswich continued to shine, but for 2015 they had to be satisfied with being runners-up having recorded six wins from 12 matches played.

Bury St Edmunds stepped up a gear from 2014 with ten wins to their credit, this being sufficient to overhaul the previous year's joint winners Felixstowe. It was a strange season for the ladies since most of the bad weather seemed to affect Sundays rather than Saturdays meaning lots of effort in trying to fit in rearranged matches.

A thumping ten-wicket win over Battisford on the final weekend enabled the Bury Ladies to celebrate. Angela Jiggins (220 runs) and young Alex Pierce-Saunderson (12 wickets) performed well for Bury but the individual honours must go to Candy Cornelius (Mistley) for creating a new record aggregate run total of 389 runs.

East and Topley call time on coaching careers

TWO former Essex players who went on to become cricket coaches at Suffolk schools retired last year.

Ray East, the former left-arm spinner, spent 25 years working at Ipswich School following his retirement from the first-class game.

He had two summers working part-time at the school before taking up the full-time position as Grounds Manager and Cricket Coach in 1990.

Ray handed over the reins as Grounds Manager to Suffolk Minor Counties batsman Martyn Cull two years prior to calling time on his quarter-of-a-century's service.

The 68-year-old performed his final duties as groundsman during Suffolk's three-day Unicorns Championship fixture against Bedfordshire last summer.

Ray, who is a former Vice-Chairman of Copdock & Old Ipswichian Cricket Club, was a guest of the MCC at the second Royal London one-day international between England and Australia last September in honour of his service to schools' cricket.

Don Topley, meanwhile, retired last December from the Royal Hospital School at Holbrook, where he had overseen cricket for more than 23 years.

The 51-year-old, who was educated at RHS himself, decided to take early retirement to be able to follow the fortunes of son Reece, who made his debut for England in both one-day internationals and T20 cricket last summer.

Reece, who made his first-class debut for Essex while still a pupil at the school, left the county at the end of last season to sign for Hampshire.

During his time at RHS Don, a right-arm medium-fast bowler, organised the annual Minor Counties Festivals for Under-11s and Under-12s at the school each year.

These festivals, which provided many young cricketers with their first taste of inter-county cricket, attracted counties from across the country to the banks of the River Stour each year.

Essex all-rounder Graham Napier is to retire at the end of the 2016 season and become Director of the Graham Napier Cricket Academy, which will launch at the school in September.



Ray East painting the crease at Ipswich School during Suffolk's Unicorns Championship match against Bedfordshire last summer during his final fixture.



Don Topley, right, with son Reece.

JOHN HUTTON OVER-60S TOURNAMENT

THE Marshall Hatchick Two Counties 'A' team won the John Hutton Over-60s title for the seventh time in eight years.

They defeated the Audi Suffolk Alliance by 40 runs in the final at Ipswich CC – the same margin as their semi-final victory over the Two Counties 'B' side.

They were made to work hard for their success, after being restricted to 102-7 in the final, Steve Bulger top-scoring with an undefeated 36. Malcolm Grubb returned excellent figures of 2-13 from his five overs, but his efforts proved in vain.

Some fine bowling by Martin Southwell (4-7) and Bruce Tompkins and man-of-the-match Bulger, with two wickets apiece, saw the Audi Suffolk Alliance muster just 62-9 in their reply.

Simon Rippingale (36no) and Bulger (34) set up the Two Counties 'A' team's semi-final success. Their 136-4 proved too much for the Two Counties 'B' side who closed on 96-4. Stuart Stobbs (30) and Ray Black, with an unbeaten 29, made the bulk of their runs in reply.

The Audi Suffolk Alliance side had enjoyed a comfortable 57-run semi-final victory over host club Ipswich.

Phil Maynard (35no), captain Andrew Gallant (32) and Grubb (27no) all excelled with the bat, and only Nigel Peartree (24) showed any resistance as Ipswich limped to 78



Graham Penny, right, receives the John Hutton Trophy from John Hutton, left, after the Two Counties 'A' team won the John Hutton Over-60s Tournament.

all out in reply.

In the consolation final the Two Counties 'B' team overcame Ipswich by seven wickets.

David Adams, Graham Howell and Neal Manning all made scores in the twenties in a total of 123-4, but the Two Counties reached their target with an over to spare. Nigel Pearce (35no), Stobbs (25) and Peter Lack (20no) were the main contributors.

FSCL OVER-50s TOURNAMENT



THE Essex Bald Eagles were convincing winners of the annual end-of-season Over-50s tournament at Ipswich CC.



Ipswich CC president Paul 'Digger' Crane, right, presents the shield to Mel Hussain, skipper of the Essex Bald Eagles Over-50s team who won the tournament.

Skippered by Mel Hussain, brother of former England captain Nasser, the Essex side were invited to play in the tournament following the withdrawal of the Hunts County Bats Suffolk League side.

The Essex Bald Eagles defeated hosts Ipswich by 81 runs in the final, John Lewis (36), England Over-50s player Nigel Braithwaite (35) and wicket-keeper David Lucy (32 not out) getting among the runs.

Their total of 146-4 proved way beyond Ipswich, who were bowled out for just 65 in reply, Brian Sewell and

The four competing teams – Ipswich CC, Two Counties, Audi Suffolk Alliance and Essex Bald Eagles – who took part in the annual Suffolk Over-50s tournament at Ipswich CC.

Hussain taking three wickets apiece.

However, the margin of victory was not as impressive as their landslide 122-run success against the Marshall Hatchick Two Counties Championship in their earlier semi-final. After having to retire upon reaching 35, both Hussain (59 not out) and Kevin Grant (46 not out) were able to return and pile on the runs once Essex had lost all their wickets.

Two Counties, faced an impossible task and were dismissed for just 69, Garry Neicho claiming 3-5 off his four overs.

In the other semi-final the Audi Suffolk Alliance's total of 116-5, which included an impressive undefeated 35 from Eric Davey, was chased down by for the loss of five wickets by Ipswich with nine balls to spare, Nigel Peartree and Steve Bumphrey both contributing 35.

Two Counties won the third-place play-off, posting 128-5 before bowling out the Audi Suffolk Alliance for just 61.

Organiser Chris Watson announced that the day had raised £277 for the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

Veterans heading to Lincolnshire on tour

Marshall Hatchick Two Counties veterans' review by match manager GEOFF NEWMAN

AS EVER, our representative sides had a full season with no less than 56 games. Unfortunately, I was housebound for most of the season but this turned out to be a blessing in disguise in some instances with so many games being abandoned due to the weather, etc. My phone was certainly well used! We certainly turned out competitive and sporting teams for the matches we did play.

We are indebted to the clubs and individuals who go out of their way to help and ensure that we are well looked after. Graham Penny, our Over-60s captain, has retired as skipper after ten years of doing an excellent job. His successor is Edgar Dunkley, who is looking forward to carrying on the



Phil Cox in action.

good work. Pat Patel for the Over-50s and Richard Kemp for the Over-70s will continue as skippers of their respective teams.

Last season we returned to Somerset for our annual tour and visited three of the same teams from the previous year, plus Nailsea Seniors. Three of our four fixtures went ahead, on very hot days, with the last match abandoned due to rain. Once again the hospitality we received was pretty overwhelming. After two years in Somerset we are making plans to tour Lincolnshire in 2016.

In the end of season tournaments our Over-50s team lost the Suffolk Cricket Shield to newcomers, the Essex Bald Eagles, and the Over-60s retained the John

Hutton Trophy. Both these events took place at Ipswich Cricket Club at Clay Hall.

For the record the results were as follows:

Over-50s: P32 W11 D7 L8 Ab 6

Over-60s: P16 W12 D2 L0 Ab 2

Over-70s: P8 W2 D1 L2 Ab 3

Throughout the year I had a lot of help and support both from the team captains – Pat Patel, Graham Penny and Richard Kemp – and, in particular, my assistant, Wendy Black, who has taken a lot on board to help ease the ever-growing workload, especially bearing in mind my being housebound for most of the season. My thanks to you all.

As usual, we were well supported by a host of umpires and scorers who regularly turn up to make sure that we are a professional organisation. To name but a few; Wendy and Ray Black, Ray Digweed, Barrie Phillpotts, Charles Revell,

Hugh Newman, Phil Smith, Bob Barnes, Reg Podd, Mel Mildenhall, Lesley Scott, Alan Rogers, Yvonne Dolphin-Cooper and Shaun Whitfield. Without your help all these matches would not take place.

During the season we were made welcome by our member clubs who went out of their way to make both our teams and our visitors enjoy their games.

The clubs that staged our games, or attempted to if the weather would have allowed, plus entertained us in their cricket weeks were Abberton, Billericay, Brantham, Copford, Eight Ash Green, Elmstead

Grasshoppers, Halstead, Ipswich, Ipswich & East Suffolk, Frinton, Kelvedon & Feering, Long Melford, Maldon, Mildenhall, Mistley, Witham and Worlingworth. We are indebted to the officials of these clubs and particularly the groundsmen and caterers.

During the season we staged the now popular quiz night in November, the winners being the Colonel's team, the Greyhounds. The Colonel led his team to a popular win, closely followed by the Kennel Club, led by the Blacks. Many thanks to Mark Hillis, our quizmaster and C-in-C, who makes such a good job of this event which was well staged for us by Ipswich CC. We were again indebted to the Denny family for their help and support.

We met at Greshams in Ipswich for our Annual Dinner in March. This was a very successful evening.

Our Golf Day in April, organised and supervised at Clacton Golf Club by John Stuck, was a success. There were four debutants in Stan Justice (guest of John Stuck), Tony Blake (guest of Ian Robinson, although Tony probably qualifies in his own right as a prominent member of Frinton Cricket Club), Colin Rowe (guest of Nigel Pearce) and Andrew Porter (guest of Rupert Haxell).

Veteran Paul Dale, now living near the golf club, made a welcome return. The organiser and host achieved the best Stableford score with 36 points. First prize went to John Kemp (guest of Rupert) on count back with 31 points, the still ever-consistent Ian Robinson was second, also with 31 points, and Stan Justice was third with 30 points. Nearest the pin was achieved by Lloyd Rayner, with Colin Rowe winning the longest drive. Steve Bulger, with a record-breaking two points, won the booby prize for the third year in succession. 'Tex' Rogers accompanied the Stuck, Justice



Dave Hinchcliffe at the crease.

and ‘Eggie’ Everett three ball and occupied his time by raking all the bunkers and successfully retrieving balls from the lakes and ditches.

Finally, and by no means least, we had a garden party at the Polstead abode of Wendy and Ray Black in June. The weather was kind and the hospitality was second to none.

Well, another very successful season concluded. Let’s hope 2016 will bring more enjoyment in the spirit of cricket.

OVER-50s RESULTS

Two Counties v Suffolk Over-50s. Match abandoned – rain.

Two Counties v Suffolk Phoenix. Match abandoned – rain.

Two Counties v Norfolk Over-50s. Match cancelled.

Essex Police Veterans 269-5 (J Couchman 112, N Cockrell 71, A Gallant 1-17, K Ross 1-30). **Two Counties 201-8** (J Wiseman 50, A Gallant 49, J Stonehouse 2-27, C Roper 2-32). Essex Police Veterans won by 68 runs.

Two Counties 163-7 (P Patel 47, M Southwell 39no, N Place 3-17, A Burgess 2-34, C Hills 1-16). **Audi Suffolk Alliance 164-2** (A Harrison 68, R Scopes 52, S Everett 1-32, M Southwell 1-32). MSC Suffolk Alliance won by 8 wkts.

Martin Couch’s XI 127-9 (D Gunewatdena 41, C Hills 4-28, M Southwell 2-26). **Two Counties 131-2** (S Everett 75, R Haxell 41, M Couch 2-38). Two Counties won by 8 wkts.

Kelvedon & Feering 278-8 (A Parsons 74, R Morrell 65, P Tomkins 56, K Ross 4-58, P Brown 1-24). **Two Counties 230-6** (K Ross 91, P Patel 39, M Scopes 28, D Pepperrell 2-13, A Parsons 1-18). Match drawn.

Two Counties 210-7 (J Stuck 57, P Patel 42, S Everett 32, A Horrobin 2-48). **Norfolk Over-50s 214-4** (J Disdono 68no, R Konigczy 61, D Young 43, T Charrington 2-38). Norfolk Over-50s won by 6 wkts.

Two Counties 208-8 dec (M Bransby 110, P Patel 49, C Roper 4-86, J Rose 2-36).

Halstead Seniors 210-7 (M Waithman 67, N Dakin 37, J Rose 35, A Parsons 2-67). Halstead Seniors won by 3 wkts.

Caribbean Mix XI 140 (J Hadcock 36, M Southwell 3-15, C Hills 3-17, T Oram 3-32).

Two Counties 142-3 (J Wedge 51 rtd, T Charrington 51no, R Haxell 29no, M Couch 1-24). Two Counties won by 7 wkts.

Gents of Essex CID 198 (N Cockrell 52, M Rynn 50, M John 40, T Charrington 5-41, C Hills 3-49). **Two Counties 166-7** (P Patel 46, S Henderson 43, D Griffiths 2-39, M Potter 2-42). Match drawn.

Audi Suffolk Alliance Over-50s 106 (N Shrubshall 30, T Berry 3-21, S Bulger 3-35, M Southwell 2-8, G Webster 2-10). **Two Counties 107-5** (C Hills 55, T Shahid 2-15, G Deere 1-10, A Gallant 1-16, S Ward 1-18). Two Counties won by 5 wkts.

Two Counties 175 (S Henderson 49, M Southwell 35, T Berry 31, S Nunn 4-25, A Woodhouse 4-51, K Steek 1-20). **Eight Ash Green 179-6** (R Polley 67, M Norris 32, L Keeble 30, A Johnson 30no, C Withams 2-14, B Tompkins 2-28, M Southwell 1-12, D Hinchcliffe 1-23). Eight Ash Green won by 4 wkts.

Two Counties 282-3 dec (E Dunkley 116, T Charrington 104, M Sargeant 1-31). **Long Melford Seniors 157-7** (BJ Ball 60, G Penny 45, T Berry 2-11, T Charrington 1-5, P Patel 1-7, M Comber 1-11). Match drawn.

Two Counties 229-5 dec (T Mills 91, J Stuck 33, G Webster 2-39, S Dack 1-16).

Maldon Seniors 138-9 (A Barnes 29, J Collins 27, J Stonehouse 2-16, T Oram 2-22, K Ross 2-22). Match drawn.

Brantham 241-9 dec (A Uren 46, B Chenery 44, M Southwell 3-36, T Oram 2-34). **Two Counties 206-5** (M Southwell 63no, P Cox 49, Z Ali 2-23, R Uren 1-17, J Powell 1-18). Match drawn.

President’s XI 140 (P Cox 38, B Barrell 4-38, M Southwell 2-10, M Comber 2-28) **Two Counties 142-6** (BJ Ball 42, P Patel 31, T Berry 29, B Tompkins 4-36, S Carpenter 2-31). Two Counties won by 4 wkts.

Two Counties 218-6 dec (M Southwell 43no, T Berry 39no, T Charrington 31, T Sinclair 2-27, R Black 1-16). **Copford Invitation XI 187-8** (T Sinclair 41, S Samaranyake 40, B Caplikas 35, T Charrington 7-37). Match drawn.

Two Counties 233-9 dec (N Meakin 104, J Wiseman 41, J Manning 2-14, D Kempster 2-24). **Mistley XI 237-4** (R Pineo 77, J Manning 61, J Garwood 45, I Robinson 2-62, A Parsons 1-34). Mistley XI won by 6 wkts.

Ipswich & East Suffolk Past & Present 149 (R Glassford 58no, M Griffin 40, B Tompkins 4-42, M Southwell 2-18). **Two Counties 152-3** (P Boughton 46, K Dobson 43, H Burman 1-16, M Griffin 1-27). Two Counties won by 7 wkts.

Two Counties v Suffolk Phoenix. Match abandoned – rain.

Witham XI 132 (D Beatty 33, T Hayes 32, T Charrington 5-4, B Tompkins 3-32). **Two Counties 133-5** (J Gallant 40, P Bellehewe 2-22, M Headley 1-12). Two Counties won by 5 wkts.

Two Counties v Caribbean Mix XI. Match abandoned – rain.

Suffolk Over-60s 183-9 dec (A Gallant 53, D Bond 27, T Berry 2-19, M Comber 2-19).

Two Counties 185-4 (M Southwell 57, T Charrington 48no, S Henderson 47, S Carpenter 2-22). Two Counties won by 6 wkts.

Halstead Veterans 216-5 dec (J Rose 109no, N Dakin 33, M Southwell 2-50). **Two Counties 187-8** (P Patel 59, A Gallant 45, J Clinch 4-76, C Roper 2-57). Match drawn.

Hertfordshire Over-60s 158-9 (P Tyler 36, T Levey 31, M Southwell 3-10, P Cox 1-11). **Two Counties 159-3** (G Penny 71no, D Messent 48, S Reynolds 1-7). Two Counties won by 7 wkts.

Two Counties 176 (K Ross 58, G Deere 4-21, D Keeble 3-47, T Shahid 2-28). **Ipswich XI 126** (T Shahid 38, M Comber 3-17, A Stockton 3-2, C Hills 2-24). Two Counties won by 50 runs.

TOUR TO SOMERSET

Uphill Castle XI 178 (S Teale 43, P Patel 3-37, P Cox 3-48, D Hinchcliffe 2-28). **Two Counties 172-8** (J Wiseman 68, J Stuck 33, S Tanner 1-15, S Teale 1-17, M Carrow 1-19). Uphill Castle won by 6 runs.

Nailsea Veterans 232-2 (N Jervis 95, A Webster 72 rtd, A Caine 43, M Sargeant 1-49).

Two Counties 236-5 (J Stuck 113no, BJ Ball 49, S Bulger 24, A Rogerson 2-24). Two Counties won by 5 wkts.

Two Counties 214-7 dec (J Wiseman 38, D Curtis 33, J Lindley 3-19, M Gorman 2-33). **Somerset & Winscombe Over-60s 109-9** (B Shaw 43no, S Gunaratne 32, BJ Ball 4-46, B Tompkins 3-21). Match drawn.

Two Counties v Failand & Portbury Veterans. Match abandoned – rain.

SUFFOLK OVER-50s TOURNAMENT

First round: **Essex Bald Eagles 191-9** (M Hussain 59, K Grant 46, Deepak Sinah 29, N Dennis 2-31, K Dobson 2-49). **Two Counties 69** (G Neicho 3-5, J Stanley 2-11, A Nawaz 2-28). Essex Bald Eagles won by 122 runs.

Play-off for 3rd place: **Two Counties 128-5** (S Henderson 35 retd no, C Walters 34, N Place 2-22, A Stockton 2-24). **Audi Suffolk Alliance 61-6** (K Ross 3-11, A Parsons 1-4, S Henderson 1-5, D Hinchcliffe 1-8). Two Counties won by 67 runs.

OVER-60s RESULTS

Two Counties 211-5 (A Sims 80, D Curtis 49, B Hunt 3-44, D Lemoir 1-26, A Pulsford 1-28). **Norfolk 150-9** (J Ruddick 50 rtd, A Pulsford 38, P Cox 4-20, D Messent 2-25). Two Counties won by 61 runs.

Two Counties v Billericay Veterans. Match abandoned – rain.

Surrey Over-60s 230-4 (M Byford 114, A Beaumont 37no, B Barrell 2-61, S Carpenter 1-8). **Two Counties 231-3** (R Black 106, J Gallant 68, A Barton 1-25). Two Counties won by 7 wkts.

Two Counties 215-4 dec (J Stuck 95, G Webster 65, S Carpenter 2-24, J Stonehouse 1-23). **Richard Kemp’s XI 91-9** (P Cox 20, J Stonehouse 15, C Hills 5-13, A Mills 2-6, B Tompkins 1-5). Match drawn.

Two Counties 230-4 (M Southwell 79no, S Bulger 59no, D Curtis 41, R Black 34, N Gray 2-44). **Surrey Over-60s 150-8** (F Springer 45, M Armitage 26, N Kingan 25, B Tompkins 2-14, S Bulger 1-11). Two Counties won by 80 runs.

Harlow Veterans 197-9 (A Jagedo 62, D Aitken 32, G Woodington 30, G Webster 3-19, K Patel 3-29). **Two Counties 200-6** (M Blackwell 73, A Mills 25, BJ Ball 24, M Thew 22, S Cooper 3-63). Two Counties won by 4 wkts.

Audi Suffolk Alliance Over-60s 225-6 (A Gallant 101, D Adams 92, M Southwell 4-25). **Two Counties 226-5** (M Southwell 92no, D Curtis 38, R Black 30no, B Barrell 3-49). Two Counties won by 5 wkts.

Two Counties 300-4 (E Dunkley 101, J Stuck 84, BJ Ball 64, S Isaac 41, C Thorogood 2-79). **Chelmer Veterans 98-9** (K Hodges 27, A Stuart 23, A Fowles 4-22, K Patel 3-22). Two Counties won by 202 runs.

Two Counties 128 (R Black 22, M Sargeant 4-9, R Jenkins 2-27, A Gallant 1-9, N Meakin 1-11). **Audi Suffolk Alliance Over-60s 96** (A Gallant 42, M Southwell 2-7, A Fowles 2-12, D Hinchcliffe 2-17). Two Counties won by 32 runs.

Mistley XI 148 (W Coughlan 40, C Johnson 32, M Southwell 3-12, S Carpenter 3-27).

Two Counties 132-8 (G Penny 47, R Mills 3-16, C Johnson 2-25). Match drawn.

Two Counties v Norfolk Over-60s. Match abandoned – rain.

Two Counties 233-7 (R Black 84, BJ Ball 38, J Hadcock 35, M Couch 2-39). **Billericay Veterans 111** (J Ferguson 61, D Hinchcliffe 5-15, M Southwell 2-13, E Dunkley 1-10). Two Counties won by 122 runs.

Ipswich XI 163-6 (P Mobbs 61, A Carr 42, M Sargeant 2-21, M Southwell 1-11). **Two Counties 166-2** (R Black 67no, S Isaac 36, A Elsbury 36no, J Mulley 2-31). Two Counties won by 8 wkts.

JOHN HUTTON OVER-60s TOURNAMENT

First round: **Two Counties A 136-5** (S Ripplingale 36 retd no, S Bulger 34, S Stobbs 3-28). **Two Counties B 96-4** (S Stobbs 30, R Black 29no, A Mills 1-8, D Hinchcliffe 1-14). Two Counties A won by 40 runs.

Final: **Two Counties A 102-7** (S Bulger 36 rtd no, G Penny 24, M Grubb 2-13). **Audi Suffolk Alliance 62-9** (D Andrews 16no, M Southwell 4-7, S Bulger 2-15, B Tompkins 2-15). Two Counties A won by 40 runs.

Play-off for 3rd place: **Ipswich 123-4** (D Adams 29, N Manning 24, G Howell 24, R Abbott 1-11). **Two Counties B 124-3** (N Pearce 35 ret no, S Stobbs 25, N Manning 1-8). Two Counties won by 7 wkts.

OVER-70s RESULTS

Two Counties v Norfolk Over-70s. Match cancelled.

Suffolk Over-70s 31-2 (M Barden 23, B Tompkins 2-15). Match abandoned – rain.

Hertfordshire Over-70s 231-5 (B Mitchell 91, M Dexter 33, C Wilson 30, B Turley 3-53, R Kemp 1-27, BJ Ball 1-31). **Two Counties 224-3** (J Stuck 97, W Muggleston 90, M Newland 1-29). Hertfordshire Over-70s won by 7 runs.

Two Counties 219-6 dec (G Penny 76, J Stuck 56, BJ Ball 32, D Muldoon 2-35, D Randall 2-57). **Billericay Over-70s 155-7** (D Randall 67, M McLeod 3-25, B Turley 2-31, R Kemp 1-4). Match drawn.

Ipswich Seniors 180-7 (R Chenery 64, G Denny 41, R Abbott 3-42, B Turley 2-34, I Robinson 2-39). **Two Counties 182-5** (BJ Ball 72, W Muggleston 24, T Humphrey 3-44, G Funnell 1-43). Two Counties won by 5 wkts.

Two Counties 178 (B Robinson 40, B Barrell 36, G Howell 35, S Fowle 5-44, G Saunders 2-25, D James 2-27). **Norfolk Over-70s 179-5** (J Perry 57, G Saunders 41no, R Norman 29, M McLeod 2-37, R Kemp 1-13, BJ Ball 1-15, R Powell 1-25). Norfolk Over-70s won by 5 wkts.

Billericay Veterans 213-4 (M Astles 106, D Randall 33, R Abbott 3-71, C Withams 1-28). **Two Counties 214-2** (J Stuck 105, G Howell 61, BJ Ball 31, D Randall 2-55). Two Counties won by 8 wkts.

Two Counties v Hertfordshire Over-70s. Match abandoned – rain.

Mildenhall retain their Division One title

By Gerard Artindale, league secretary

THE weather, which was relatively kind to the Saturday Leagues, played havoc with the Sunday fixtures with 95 games, more than a quarter of the total fixtures, being cancelled or abandoned.

Add to that the withdrawal of three teams through inability to field a regular team, and some clubs lost to the weather nearly as many games as they played.

Congratulations to Mildenhall who retained their title in a similar fashion to 2014, losing only one game in the season and were generally too strong for the other teams in the division.

Haverhill were the nearest challengers and would have been closer still had they not lost the final match of the season when, in the highest-scoring game of the season, Woolpit chased down their huge 298-2, scoring the winning runs off the last ball.

At the other end of the table Sudbury, Rougham and Brockley all struggled before Sudbury escaped relegation on the last day. T Lorton of Bury had the highest individual score with 177, and A Webb of Battsford the best bowling figures with 5-12. It was sad to see Exning withdrawing from the league but we hope they may be back in 2017.

In Division Two Bardwell won their second successive promotion to cap a meteoric rise from Division Five in 2010. Perennial yo-yo team Walsham-le-Willows bounced straight back to Division One after their relegation in 2014.

The two teams relegated – Haverhill II, after winning the division in 2014, and Lakenheath – were consigned to that position by conceding games. Both these clubs won more games than the two sides above them. O Chapman's huge 211 for Cavendish was the highest score in the league. A Forbes with 7-33 for Walsham was the best bowling performance.

Brettenham won Division Three, thus returning to Division Two at the first attempt. Stowupland gained their second successive promotion since entering from the Medite League.

At the other end, newly-promoted Horringer were relegated back to Division Four and Tuddenham were also consigned to relegation by conceding a game which cost them a mid-table position. Another Chapman, this time S Chapman, had the highest score in this division with 162, and L Abbott's 7-17 were the best bowling figures.

Division Four was a three-horse race between the eventual winners Long Melford II, East Bergholt and Stowupland. At the other end of the table Woolpit II escaped a three-horse struggle that saw Elmswell and Tendring Park relegated.

S Hale of Long Melford top-scored with 147. The best bowling performance in the league was by A Sturgeon of Stowupland with 7-11.

Division Five was disrupted by the withdrawal of Rougham II and Sudbury II, but the remaining competition was closely fought with Hadleigh II claiming the winner's spot, after their relegation the previous year, with Bardwell II in the runners-up position.

A knock of 114 by M Barlow of Gt Cornard was the best batting performance in the division and E Smith of Lavenham returned the best bowling performance with 6-19.

The Hunts County Bats Senior and Junior player of the month awards were won as follows:

April/May: B Atkinson (Hartest & Coldham), O McMillan (Hadleigh).

June: C Nurse (Bardwell), S Lilley (Stowmarket).

July: C Thomas (Risby), W Stobbs (Nowton).

August/September: O Jackson (Walsham-le-Willows), J McGrath

(East Bergholt).

The Team of the Year award was won by Bardwell.

A trial involving the use of two new balls per game was successful and has been confirmed for use in the future. Our thanks to our sponsors Hunts County Bats for enabling us to provide these balls at a reasonable cost to the clubs.

This season we welcome both Twinstead and Old Newton into the league, a reflection that despite some issues there is still a strong demand for competitive cricket in the 40-over format.

A survey of the clubs undertaken during the season found little appetite for T20 cricket as a replacement for afternoon cricket and even allowing for the clubs withdrawing, there were far fewer conceded games than those lost to the weather.

League tables 2015

DIVISION ONE	P	W	L	C/A	Pts	Avg
Mildenhall	16	13	1	2	267	19.07
Haverhill	16	10	3	3	228	17.54
Bury St Edmunds	16	8	3	5	179	16.27
Woolpit	16	8	3	5	176	16.00
Hadleigh	16	6	5	5	145	13.18
Battsford & District	16	3	9	4	79	6.58
Sudbury	16	3	8	5	61	5.55
Rougham	16	0	13	3	49	3.77
Brockley	16	2	8	6	23	2.30

DIVISION TWO	P	W	L	C/A	Pts	Avg
Bardwell	18	11	4	3	249	16.60
Walsham-le-Willows	18	11	3	4	229	16.36
Stowmarket	18	8	7	3	202	13.47
Cavendish Wanderers	18	6	6	6	157	13.08
Long Melford	18	6	7	5	166	12.77
Acton	18	6	9	3	167	11.13
Thurston	18	4	7	7	112	10.18
Hartest & Coldham	18	4	10	4	121	8.64
Haverhill	18	8	6	4	109	7.81
Lakenheath II	18	5	10	3	97	6.47

DIVISION THREE	P	W	L	C/A	Pts	Avg
Brettenham	18	10	2	6	213	17.75
Stowupland	18	10	4	4	223	15.93
Bury St Edmunds II	18	9	5	4	204	14.57
Mildenhall II	18	9	5	4	204	14.57
Edwardstone	18	8	7	3	188	12.53
Risby	18	6	9	3	177	11.80
Nowton	18	4	9	5	130	10.00
BSSSC	18	4	10	4	138	9.86
Tuddenham	18	6	6	6	116	9.67
Horringer	18	3	10	5	105	8.08

DIVISION FOUR	P	W	L	C/A	Pts	Avg
Long Melford	16	10	2	4	216	18.00
East Bergholt	16	7	2	7	143	15.89
Stowupland	16	9	3	4	189	15.75
Worlington	16	6	4	6	139	13.90
Earl Stonham	16	7	6	3	165	12.69
Woolpit	16	3	6	7	94	10.44
Battsford & District II	16	4	9	3	123	9.46
Elmswell	16	2	9	5	82	7.45
Tendring Park	16	2	9	5	21	1.91

DIVISION FIVE	P	W	L	C/A	Pts	Avg
Hadleigh Academy	12	7	3	2	160	16.00
Bardwell	12	6	4	2	147	14.70
Elveden	12	5	3	4	117	14.63
Great Cornard	12	4	4	4	104	13.00
Milden	12	4	4	4	103	12.88
Lavenham	12	3	5	4	79	9.88
Walsham-le-Willows II	12	2	8	2	78	7.80

Withdrawals reduce league to 21 teams

By CONRAD WRIGHT, league fixture secretary

IN 2015 there were four sections, Section A having nine clubs, Section B seven clubs, Section C five clubs plus two Second XIs (Melton St Audry's and BT Waldringfield) both of whom withdrew in June leaving five clubs in the section and Section D comprised three clubs plus four Second XIs. This gave a league programme of 176 matches of which 39 were either cancelled or abandoned due to the weather. There were 19 conceded matches, an increase of ten over the previous season. A total of 18 clubs entered the cup, giving 17 cup matches plus nine Plate fixtures. Our completed 2015 season produced 21 centuries, 138 half centuries and 33 instances of bowlers taking five wickets or more in an innings as follows:

Section A

14 centuries: B Colver (Kesgrave) 157 and 100no, S Webb-Snowling (Caribbeans) 123 and 102no.

Highest batting: K Williman (Worham) 164.

Best bowling: D Driver (Saxmundham) 9.3-2-22-8; D Philpot (Worham) 10-2-17-6.

Section B

1 century: S Matan (BT Waldringfield) 115.

Best Bowling: B Tompkins (Woodbridge) 6.3-3-10-8.

In addition M Jackson (St Audry's), N Jenkins (Woodbridge), and N Dye (Needham Market) each took six wickets in an innings.

Section C

4 centuries.

Highest batting: B Glading (Nacton) 168, J Taylor (Nacton) 137.

Best bowling: S Sing (BT Waldringfield) 9-2-27-7.

Section D

2 centuries.

Highest batting: G Kirby (Shotley) 142no.

Best bowling: M Flecknoe (Felixstowe Corinthians) 5-3-11-8; A Colwill (Shotley) 6.3-2-22-7.

The cup and Plate finals were again played at Easton and, as before, both occasions were well supported.

The cup final saw Kesgrave bat first and score 135-7, Brantham in reply scored 138-1 off 35.5 overs. Man of the match was Harry Parkes (Brantham) who scored 70 not out. He was well supported by Adrian Stockton who chipped in with 44 not out in an unbroken second-wicket stand of 112.

The Plate final was won by Needham Market who batted first and scored 204-6. Southwold replied with 142-7 off their 40 overs. Man of the match was Paul Allen (Needham Market) who scored 52.

Many thanks to Easton for hosting our finals and for the use of their facilities and to Dot Andrews for scoring both finals.

I also want to thank Fred Mitchell who is no longer with us for the training he had given to those who prepared both wickets, they were spot on. Thanks to all of you.

Audi Suffolk Alliance tables 2015

Section A	P	W	L	C/A/T	Pts	Avg
Kesgrave	16	9	2	5	189	17.18
Brantham	16	10	4	2	218	15.57
Caribbeans	16	7	4	5	156	14.18
Saxmundham	16	7	6	3	152	11.69
Easton	16	6	6	4	139	11.58
Worham	16	6	6	4	134	11.17
St Margaret's	16	5	8	3	136	10.46
Mellis	16	3	10	3	100	7.69
Southwold	16	3	10	3	86	6.62

Section B	P	W	L	C/A/T	Pts	Avg
Woodbridge & OWs	12	8	1	3	151	16.78
Needham Mkt	12	5	2	5	104	14.86
Melton St Audry's	12	5	3	4	115	14.38
BT & Waldringfield	12	4	3	5	110	13.75
Rumburgh	12	4	5	3	92	10.22
Stradbroke	12	1	6	5	65	8.13
Ipswich & ES	12	1	8	3	65	7.22

Section C	P	W	L	C/A/T	Pts	Avg
Castle	8	6	1	1	111	15.86
Nacton	8	4	3	1	93	13.29
Freston	8	3	3	2	73	12.17
Worlingworth	8	2	6	0	69	8.63
Eye & District	8	2	4	2	48	8.00

Section D	P	W	L	C/A/T	Pts	Avg
Shotley Peninsula	12	9	1	2	175	17.50
Felixstowe Corinthians Youth	12	6	1	5	116	16.57
Grundusburgh	12	7	2	3	149	16.56
Kesgrave II	12	5	6	1	114	10.36
Saxmundham II	12	4	7	1	114	10.36
Worlingworth III	12	2	8	2	63	6.30
Mellis II	12	2	10	0	62	5.17

We commenced 2015 with 24 clubs and six Second XIs. For 2016 we lose nine of those – Stradbroke, Southwold, Mellis, Ipswich St Margarets and Worham plus four Second XIs – Mellis, Kesgrave, Melton St Audry's and BT Waldringfield – reducing us to 21 teams so Sections A, B and C will have seven teams each.

The Presentation Evening was again a success, thanks to Mike and Val for all their work and to Dot for retrieving all the trophies and the work she put in to make the evening a success. Congratulations to the winners and runners-up. Also congratulations to our Vice President Jack Thraves who in company with another of our lost friends, John Boast, between them put our league on the map. Jack tells me he will be 100 next birthday. It was 29 years ago that John asked me to help him out as a Fixture Secretary until he had found someone to do it. Do you think wherever he is he is still looking?

To finish my 29th report I would like to pay tribute to two young ladies.

Firstly, Maureen Mitchell who in the absence of Fred marshaled her troops for the teas and drinks at both our finals held at Easton. Thank you Maureen.

From October 1994 until October 2000 our Secretary was a young lady called Allison Heathcote. Last year she was on holiday abroad with her husband Phil. It was their very first day, I believe it was the right place because I have been to the very same place myself. But for Allison and her husband it was the wrong time. Phil and many others got shot from which they did not recover. Allison is still recovering from very serious bullet injuries and I am sure we all wish her well.

SUFFOLK YOUNG CRICKETERS

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Charlotte Butler
Charlotte Oastler
Ellen Pope
Eloise Ward
Florence West
Grace Collins
Hattie Cooper
Imogen Sidhu
Isabel Sidhu
Millie Gale

Olivia LaPage
Sophie Cleave
Sophie Kubitzek
Tabitha Borrett
Tamsin Holmes

U13 GIRLS

Amelie Clarke
Emily Daltrey
Francesca Rogers
Francesca Stenning
George Cantrell
Grace Robertson
Harriet Pettit
Imogen Green
Katelyn Wright
Katie Norman
Megan Bureau
Poppy Sidhu
Sophie Hughes
Katie Dixon

U15 GIRLS

Alex Pierce-Saunderson
Annis Cousins
Bethany Quniton
Catherine Whittle
Charlotte Stenning
Elana Fraser
Ellie Costin
Ellie Morgan
Eloise Long
Freya Cannon
Holly Mayhew
Kate Bastow
Lauren Swinburne
Mai Easton
Mia Nelson
Sophie Uttridge
Tooba Ahmed

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Anna Hamblin
Caitlin Livingstone
Elske Kelly
Flora Johnston

Georgia Davies
Grace Cruse
Holly Parker
Lilly Wade
Lottie Kent
Olivia Locke
Plum O'Riordan
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Archie Rayner
Arthur Summers
Billy Pasco
Bo Machan
Charlie Bennett
Edward Townrow
Elliott Coombes
Freddie Dyer
Freddie Kingham
Freddie Thompson
Jake Kiddy
Joseph Rinaldi
Louis Blanchard
Nat Salsby
Shaanjeei
Tharaneetharan
Toby Hurst

U11 BOYS

Alex Dunning
Ben Palmer
Ben Smart
Callum Woolston
Finley Barbrook
George Jackson
Harry Barbrook
Henry Dinwiddy
Isaac Toombs
JJ Edmond
Kajeai Tharaneetharan
Reuben Harvey
Rory Hollis
William Stace

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Arthur Phoenix
Connor Cobbold
Harry Hitchen
Harry Parker
Harry Rennell
Jacobi Bishop
Josh Jones
Louis Francis-Smith
Matt Addison
Morgan Waldock
Ollie Gallop
Oly Mann

Samuel Burkitt
Toby Steggles
Tom Pickersgill
Varun Sharma
U13 BOYS
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Alex Ward
Bailey Farrant
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Charlie Hollis
Daniel Norman
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Marcus Packer
Samuel Paisley
Toby Marston
Will Froggatt
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Finley Sheppard
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George Offord
Henry Bevan
Henry Wilson
Jonty Lecompte
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Suffolk County Cricket Association Balance sheet as at December 31, 2015

Assets	2015	2014
Cash at Bank - Current Account	12,635.50	4,536.17
Cash at Bank - Deposit Account	65,634.88	70,600.33
Stocks - Cricket balls	610.00	760.00
Stocks - Clothing & equipment	235.75	0.00
Debtors	79,116.13	75,896.50
	2,250.00	1,930.48
	<u>81,366.13</u>	<u>77,826.98</u>
Represented By:		
General Funds		
Balance at 1st January 2015	77,826.98	71,205.45
Plus: Excess of income over expenditure	3,539.15	6,621.53
	<u>81,366.13</u>	<u>77,826.98</u>

Income and expenditure for period ended December 31, 2015

Income	2015	2014
Subscriptions Members	5,692.10	3,396.15
	5,692.10	3,396.15
Grants MCCA	31,652.34	31,948.83
Others	0.00	0.00
	31,652.34	31,948.83
Donations	2,530.40	1,110.49
Sundry	0.00	0.00
Sponsorship	7,950.00	12,365.00
Investment income	34.55	29.41
	<u>47,859.39</u>	<u>48,822.88</u>
Expenditure		
General expenses		
Handbook (Net)	4,683.05	1,930.47
Subscriptions & Donations	0.00	6,000
Postage, printing & Stationery	1,060.83	512.25
Administration expenses	630.28	964.44
Audit fee	150.00	150.00
Bank charges	114.30	136.62
	<u>6,638.46</u>	<u>9,693.78</u>
Match expenses		
Players & Officials	13,553.28	12,161.91
Ground expenses & catering	20,456.73	17,857.74
Cricket balls & clothing	581.99	1,775.22
Dev XI	3,089.48	712.70
	<u>37,681.78</u>	<u>32,507.57</u>
	44,320.24	42,201.35
Surplus of income over expenditure	<u>3,539.15</u>	<u>6,621.53</u>



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