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Dear Member,

Once again, it is my pleasure to welcome you to another cricket season and hopefully some suitable weather for playing and watching the beautiful game.

Last season our young and inexperienced side improved as the season progressed under Andy Northcote in his first season as our Team Manager/Coach. Many of our younger players benefited from the opportunity of playing at a higher level.

It also saw a farewell to Tom Huggins, who has taken a full-time coaching role at Essex County Cricket Club. He rounded off his Suffolk career in fine style with a magnificent, undefeated 168 at Ipswich School in the match against Staffordshire. Tom has been a fine servant to Suffolk Cricket for the last eleven years and his contribution with bat and ball will be sorely missed. We wish him all the very best in his new role at Essex.

Adam Mansfield has been appointed as Captain for the forthcoming season and will have the support of all of us as he leads the emerging players from our county age group set up.

In the coming season we will be hosting Wiltshire and Bedfordshire in the Unicorns Trophy and Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire and Cumberland in the Unicorns Championship.

Bury St. Edmunds C.C. will be making another attempt to stage the Unicorns East T20 tournament. The event was cancelled last year without a ball being bowled because of torrential rain. Hopefully better weather will see Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire compete for the Trophy on June 25th.

I would like to thank our main sponsors, Greene King, for their continued support of cricket throughout the county and also the valuable support of our match ball sponsors, JLS Catering. Without their support Suffolk Cricket would find it extremely difficult to support our existing county structure.

Once again, I would like to thank the many volunteers who freely give of their time to support cricket at all levels within the county. The reports and features in this handbook is a testament to their valuable work. Long may it continue.

Looking forward to seeing you at our home matches in 2017. The players appreciate your positive support.

Yours sincerely



Norman Atkins, MBE,
Chairman,
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Minor Counties Championship Leading Averages 2016

BATTING: Qualification 9 innings

Player	County	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	Player	County	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave
A Tillcock	Lincolnshire	10	3	685	165	97.86	A Butt	Cambridgeshire	12	1	295	61	26.82
B Howgego	Bedfordshire	9	1	643	165	80.38	J Ralph	Shropshire	10	0	268	87	26.80
K Ali	Staffordshire	12	2	593	135	59.30	D Exall	Herefordshire	9	0	239	55	26.56
T Sikandar	Hertfordshire	9	0	533	188	59.22	S Leach	Shropshire	11	1	261	63	26.10
A Reynoldson	Bedfordshire	10	2	465	97	58.13	C Keegan	Oxfordshire	9	1	206	71	25.75
O Wilkin	Berkshire	10	1	521	163	57.89	G Ansell	Wales MC	10	1	220	69	24.44
D Wainwright	Shropshire	10	2	444	95	55.50	B Parker	Suffolk	9	0	218	105	24.22
M Hill	Staffordshire	8	1	386	122	55.14	P Greishaber	Wiltshire	10	0	242	64	24.20
T Huggins	Suffolk	9	1	440	168*	55.00	D Pyle	Devon	9	0	216	86	24.00
S Gumbs	Buckinghamshire	10	0	541	156	54.10	S Roberts	Wales MC	9	1	187	61	23.38
T Afridi	Wiltshire	10	2	412	71*	51.50	C Park	Dorset	9	1	179	50	22.38
B Smith	Cambridgeshire	10	2	400	168*	50.00	H Warwick	Lincolnshire	10	0	222	99	22.20
B Wadlan	Cornwall	9	0	436	191	48.44	B France	Norfolk	10	2	177	54	22.13
J Tattersall	Lincolnshire	10	1	431	88	47.89	C Whittock	Herefordshire	9	0	198	69	22.00
R Aucott	Shropshire	10	2	378	89	47.25	J Southgate	Hertfordshire	10	0	219	88	21.90
J Cater	Oxfordshire	9	1	336	69	42.00	T Rash	Suffolk	11	2	197	33*	21.88
P Burgoyne	Herefordshire	10	3	293	80	41.86	M Robins	Cornwall	10	0	214	78	21.40
P Wilshaw	Staffordshire	11	2	376	98	41.78	M Cull	Suffolk	11	0	228	71	20.72
M Whaley	Northumberland	10	1	353	150	39.22	J Williams	Cheshire	10	1	170	54	18.89
J Cawkwell	Suffolk	9	0	353	143	39.22	N Barden	Bedfordshire	9	2	128	56*	18.29
J Lintott	Wiltshire	10	0	380	116	38.00	D Hurst	Cheshire	10	0	180	61	18.00
L Thomas	Bedfordshire	11	1	377	101	37.70	S Harvey	Cornwall	10	1	160	35	17.78
R Moore	Cheshire	10	1	338	66	37.56	J King	Wiltshire	9	4	87	44	17.40
G Park	Norfolk	11	1	373	103*	37.30	W Owen	Cheshire	10	0	165	60	16.50
J Clay	Northumberland	9	2	247	71*	35.29	M Thompson	Devon	9	1	129	30	16.13
J Spelman	Norfolk	12	0	419	158	34.92	L Sabin	Oxfordshire	10	0	159	46	15.90
S Thomson	Dorset	9	4	168	63*	33.60	H Blofield	Shropshire	10	3	109	58*	15.57
S Kellsall	Staffordshire	12	1	368	115	33.45	M Pickard	Bedfordshire	9	2	107	39	15.29
M Khan	Dorset	11	1	326	69*	32.60	C Rowe	Cheshire	12	0	181	47	15.08
M Porter	Dorset	10	2	259	93*	32.38	G Russell	Buckinghamshire	9	0	134	54	14.89
L Dixon	Cheshire	10	0	323	63	32.30	R Oliver	Shropshire	11	1	146	35	14.60
L Bruce	Cambridgeshire	10	2	258	60	32.25	C Brown	Norfolk	11	2	127	29	14.11
A Norman	Wales MC	9	2	225	80*	32.14	B Reece	Suffolk	11	0	154	40	14.00
L Kimber	Lincolnshire	9	0	288	64	32.00	J King	Devon	9	0	118	31	13.11
R Morris	Berkshire	10	0	319	95	31.90	M Wolstenholme	Dorset	10	3	88	18*	12.57
J Jessop	Northumberland	10	0	318	132	31.80	A Mansfield	Suffolk	9	1	98	29	12.25
P Castleden	Buckinghamshire	9	0	285	76	31.67	M Golding	Devon	10	1	108	40*	12.00
M Payne	Buckinghamshire	10	0	309	99	30.90	A Davis	Cheshire	9	2	81	33*	11.57
J Bess	Devon	9	1	231	94	28.88	D Woods	Cheshire	10	6	46	36	11.50
G Pratt	Cumberland	10	0	281	76	28.10	B Stolorthy	Norfolk	11	1	113	37*	11.30
A Morrison	Wiltshire	10	0	281	73	28.10	M Wareing	Suffolk	9	3	40	22*	6.66
							S Groves	Norfolk	10	4	26	9	4.33

BOWLING: Qualification: 11 wkts:

Player	County	Ov	M	Runs	Wkts	Ave
O Wilkin	Berkshire	57.5	20	139	11	12.64
T Nugent	Berkshire	149.1	45	425	31	13.71
C Brown	Norfolk	203.0	46	583	38	15.34
J Tattersall	Lincolnshire	83.0	15	262	17	15.41
C Peplow	Berkshire	196.4	63	411	25	16.44
S Brar	Northumberland	76.5	22	211	12	17.58
B Roberts	Wales MC	97.5	16	360	20	18.00
A Wyatt	Shropshire	175.2	28	580	32	18.13
J Dawborn	Cambridgeshire	145.4	37	381	21	18.14
S Thomson	Dorset	146.0	30	473	26	18.19
O McGee	Northumberland	158.2	32	420	23	18.26
T Huggins	Suffolk	134.2	26	332	17	19.52
T Rash	Suffolk	97.0	15	378	19	19.89
J Stephens	Devon	88.0	13	303	16	18.94
M Payne	Buckinghamshire	73.0	14	241	12	20.08
D Wainwright	Shropshire	233.2	46	646	32	20.19
J Lintott	Wiltshire	108.2	27	391	19	20.58
H Powell	Wales MC	88.4	16	292	14	20.86
A Libby	Cornwall	186.0	45	628	30	20.93
J Arney	Wiltshire	66.2	17	232	11	21.09
G Willott	Staffordshire	133.1	36	407	19	21.42
A Willerton	Lincolnshire	145.0	30	395	18	21.94
T Afridi	Wiltshire	98.0	18	352	16	22.00
M Golding	Devon	112.4	17	380	17	22.35
T Bulcock	Cumberland	247.0	67	630	28	22.50
M McKiernan	Cumberland	264.5	56	751	33	22.76
J King	Wiltshire	115.4	25	480	21	22.86
P Burgoyne	Wiltshire	157.5	33	602	26	23.15
D Conway	Herefordshire	129.0	29	423	18	23.50
N Davies	Wales MC	164.1	46	475	20	23.75
B France	Norfolk	184.4	41	602	25	24.08
G Wade	Northumberland	158.3	26	536	22	24.36
W Rooney	Oxfordshire	108.5	19	399	16	24.94
D Woods	Cheshire	218.2	52	689	27	25.52
C Keegan	Oxfordshire	151.0	35	466	18	25.89
S Rippington	Cambridgeshire	164.3	35	549	21	26.14
Z Bess	Devon	94.2	18	367	14	26.21
G Smith	Cornwall	183.4	42	529	20	26.45
B Phagura	Staffordshire	113.0	22	371	14	26.50
A Davis	Cheshire	99.3	17	452	17	26.59
G Park	Norfolk	79.1	16	297	11	27.00
M Wolstenholme	Dorset	127.2	24	437	16	27.31
J Williams	Cheshire	140.3	24	478	17	28.12
M Salisbury	Suffolk	122.1	29	425	15	28.33
S Tindale	Northumberland	118.1	22	472	16	29.50
T Barber	Dorset	99.1	9	384	13	29.54
C Griggs	Bedfordshire	152.0	27	505	17	29.71
A Tillcock	Lincolnshire	255.3	52	708	23	30.78
M Wareing	Suffolk	132.2	26	470	15	31.33
P Byrne	Staffordshire	209.4	59	535	17	31.47
T Sikandar	Hertfordshire	92.0	17	381	12	31.75
J Arksey	Cambridgeshire	141.0	28	479	15	31.93
J Southgate	Hertfordshire	187.0	41	610	19	32.11
M Weightman	Lincolnshire	131.5	28	422	13	32.46
L Bruce	Cambridgeshire	236.5	59	725	22	32.95
W Owen	Cheshire	124.0	25	463	13	35.62
H Blofield	Shropshire	154.0	25	478	13	36.77

Suffolk C.C.C. Championship Averages 2016															
Name	M	In	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	0	Ov	M	Runs	Wkts	Ave	C/St
Beaumont J.A.	1	2	-	10	6	5.00	-	-	-	5	-	30	0	-	-
Cantrell J.*	2	4	1	126	56	42.00	-	1	-	7	-	34	1	34.00	1-12
Cawkwell J.L.O.*	5	9	-	353	143	39.22	1	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	4
Comber M.A.	2	4	-	90	39	22.50	-	-	1	10	2	31	1	31.00	1-14
Cull M.G.	6	11	-	228	71	20.72	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	3
Huggins T.B.	5	9	1	440	168*	55.00	1	2	1	134.2	26	332	17	19.52	6-61
Mansfield A.P.	5	9	1	98	29	12.25	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	13
Manthorpe D.	1	2	-	10	9	5.00	-	-	-	12	1	45	1	45.00	1-19
Moulton-Day W.M.*	1	2	-	15	10	7.50	-	-	-	16	3	74	1	74.00	1-40
Nunn M.J.	2	4	1	6	4	2.00	-	-	2	48	8	146	6	24.33	2-31
Parker B.J.	5	9	-	218	105	24.22	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
Parker W.*	1	2	-	2	2	1.00	-	-	1	5	1	27	1	27.00	1-27
Poole N.J.	4	7	-	68	22	9.71	-	-	1	19	3	62	2	31.00	2-51
Rash T.W.W.	6	11	2	197	33*	21.88	-	-	1	97	15	378	19	19.89	4-68
Reece B.J.	6	11	-	154	40	14.00	-	-	3	71	14	253	5	50.60	2-77
Salisbury M.E.T.*	4	7	2	100	58*	20.00	-	1	1	122.1	29	425	15	28.33	4-86
Wakelin J.*	2	3	-	42	21	14.00	-	-	-	39	9	132	2	66.00	2-68
Wareing M.B	5	9	3	40	22*	6.66	-	-	4	132.2	26	470	15	31.33	5-60
Warn C.J.	1	2	-	48	44	24.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Webb-Snowling S.*	2	4	-	38	17	9.50	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

*Debut

Suffolk C.C.C. One Day Averages 2016															
Name	M	In	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	Ov	M	Runs	Wkts	Ave	BB	C/St
Batch D.P.	4	4	1	97	43*	32.33	-	-	2	-	15	1	15.00	1-15	-
Beaumont J.A.	2	2	-	43	39	21.50	-	-	2	-	12	1	12.00	1-12	2
Comber M.A.	4	4	-	50	23	12.50	-	-	18	1	75	4	18.75	2-26	3
Cull M.G.	2	2	-	27	18	13.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Huggins T.B.	4	4	-	177	82	44.25	-	2	34.3	1	166	8	20.75	3-40	2



Next few years promise to be exciting

Captain's report by TOM HUGGINS



The Suffolk side that lost to Northumberland in the three-day fixture at Bury St Edmunds CC. Back row (left to right): Andy Broome (scorer), Sam Webb-Snowling, Ben Reece, Jed Cawkwell, Matt Wareing, Mark Nunn, Josh Cantrell, Andy Northcote (coach). Front row: Tom Rash, Adam Mansfield, Tom Huggins (captain), Martyn Cull, Nathan Poole, Michael Comber.

LOOKING solely at the results column of 2016, Suffolk County Cricket Club had another disappointing season. However, as mentioned in this column exactly a year ago, great strides forward were made and if, as a unit, we had shown a little more cricketing nous, awareness, game management, call it what you want, that very results column could have been markedly different.

During the off-season, Andy Northcote was appointed as 1st XI coach, and the implementation of a new strategy was put in place. Andy has experience of playing first-class cricket in South Africa, international cricket for Italy, and local club cricket for Woolpit, all of which gave him a great grounding in which to lead the support for the county moving forward.

The decision was made to not have a professional and focus on home-grown players, players who performed well in the leagues and deserved their opportunity to represent the county. This meant that there were some new faces at training through the winter and there was a real buzz to improve on performances of previous years with some real competition for places.

This showed in the one-dayers where changes were made and in-form players were selected. Unfortunately, the sides we put out did not perform as well as we would have liked, however losing all four Trophy group games, while a fair reflection of performance, could have been so different.

Following the cancellation of the annual friendly against Essex 2nd XI, due to the weather, we travelled to Ampthill Cricket Club to play Bedfordshire, whose side included Northamptonshire players Rob Keogh and Monty Panesar. To don the whites on a day such as the day we encountered there is not something that should be done frequently. There was a heavy frost in the morning and I'm not sure the

temperature got much above freezing throughout the day, but that did not dampen our spirits whilst in the field as Matt Wareing got the ball rolling with the second ball of the day, swinging it back into the pads of George Thurstance. Throughout the first 40 overs we bowled and fielded well, restricting Bedfordshire to around three runs per over, but after that early breakthrough we were unable to take regular wickets. This allowed them to explode in the final ten overs to finish on 248-7. This was despite the efforts of Merv Westfield who took 2-28 off his ten overs without conceding a boundary.

Merv had agreed to play the Trophy matches and having someone of his experience in our line-up gave us added depth in both our bowling and batting. Throughout the campaign we saw glimpses of Merv at his best in both departments, but these were all too rare and short to have any lasting impact upon the matches.

In reply to Bedfordshire, we batted without any real intent and were three down within the first 15 overs. Darren Batch, making his return to Minor County cricket after an absence of six years, was the only batsman who showed any conviction and when play was stopped due to bad light, he was 43 not out in a total of 113-5. This meant that we had lost our first match by 45 runs on Duckworth Lewis, despite being in control of the match for the first 40 overs.

In reference to last year's article, this shows the importance of winning every battle in every game. As soon as you lose important periods, momentum swings and it can be very hard to regain, and this happened around over forty of their innings. Momentum swung and we could not establish a foothold to gain it back.

Game Two was the match which should have been a walk in the park from the position we were in having been in

complete control for 90 out of the 100 overs. For it to come down to the last over and the last ball should never have happened, but it did and individually people needed to take responsibility for this loss. We bowled Buckinghamshire out for 234 on a classically good Ipswich School pitch. Eight of the wickets fell to spin with Ben Reece taking four.

For the second year running Ben has proven himself vital to the side in both one-day and three-day cricket. His records with both bat and ball should, for a player of his ability, be better than they are, but he has forged himself a niche in the side as a dependable person who won't let you down and as a fighter who has a desire to win.

Going into the last ten overs two wickets down, needing under a run a ball, with two men in on 80 and 50, the result should have been a formality. A naïve run out caused panic and some good bowling by Buckinghamshire meant that ten were needed off the last over and only four were scored, leaving a loss by five runs. This was a devastating result for the side as we had played some good cricket in both games but had ultimately come up short.

So on to Wiltshire with our slim hopes of qualification needing a victory. At half-way this looked highly unlikely as two of their players scored hundreds and set a total of 363. The fact that it was not closer to 400 is a reflection on how well we bowled at the death as the last ten overs went for less than fifty. In the previous 40, however, the boundaries of the small ground had taken a peppering.

Having said this, while 364 would be an unbelievable chase, it was definitely not out of the question as our line-up was full of attacking batsmen. Moved up to open, Mikey Comber was out just before the end of the first powerplay and with over 70 on the board, it was a good start and in the middle overs when Ben Parker and Merv Westfield were scoring freely, the impossible looked slightly less impossible. It was not to be, however, as we got bowled out for 307 with four overs remaining.

Ultimately, the difference between the two sides was they had two players go on to make hundreds and we only had one fifty. Everyone contributed, but when chasing a score of that magnitude, at least one batsman needs to make a significant contribution.

In the final match of the Trophy season, a dead rubber against Hertfordshire, neither side covered themselves in glory and we lost by 50 runs with only Nathan Poole batting with any conviction to post his first county fifty of the season. In Hertfordshire's innings Matt Wareing had produced a fine spell which went wicketless.

So that was it, the end of a disappointing Trophy campaign, where we should have performed far better than we did. It was not the ideal way to enter the three-day campaign, where we started against the 2015 winners, Cumberland, away at Carlisle.

I mentioned last year that the game against Norfolk at Copdock ranked as one of the best matches I have played in for the county. Well, I think that slid down to number two in the list after the epic victory up North.

Six months before our visit, Carlisle Cricket Club had been under 16ft of water and it was a testament to the club that

they were able to host the fixture as well as they did.

The toss was important and luckily we ended up batting first on a pitch which looked as though it would take spin sooner rather than later. After being 68-4 at lunch, Comber and debutant Jed Cawkwell took the score to 135. Cawkwell top-scored with a mature 71 enabling us to get over 200 which was a competitive total with the pitch already misbehaving. It looked an even better total when we reduced Cumberland to 90-6 at the close of day one, with another debutant, Will Parker, getting his maiden wicket when he clean bowled Miles.

We ended up bowling our hosts out for 144 inside 40 overs, which with the weather forecast, kept the game moving forward quickly. We ensured the game kept moving forward at pace when we collapsed to 64-6. This bought Tom Rash together with Ben Reece and their obdurate partnership of 69 in the end won us the game.

Unfortunately, we lost a couple of wickets after a rain break which meant we were going into the last day with two wickets remaining and a lead of 190. This extended to 207 before our final two wickets fell the following morning.

The atmosphere amongst the group before we went out to field on that final morning was something I have rarely experienced in the last few years with Suffolk. There was no doubt in any of the thirteen players', coach and supporters' minds that we would be leaving Carlisle with a victory.

The energy in the field was brilliant and was led by Comber and Reece. When we went through a lean patch, they were there, when they got a partnership together, they were there, when everyone needed that lift, they were there. Thanks to them we won by 41 runs.

It would be remiss not to mention the bowling of Mark Nunn, back to Minor Counties cricket after a five-year break, bowling with not only pace but accuracy and looking threatening in every over. He took four wickets in the match, and the only shame is that we could not get more cricket out of Mark throughout the summer.

The second fixture of the year was at Bury St Edmunds against Northumberland and was a case of after the Lord Mayor's Show. To lose a day to weather and still come out losing by an innings was an example of the naivety and inexperience of the side and learning needs to take place as displays like we had over these three days are simply not good enough. It is all very well saying that we are a young side, but inexperienced we are not.

Onto our second home fixture, against Cambridgeshire at Copdock, where our record over the previous three years has been very good. Three further Championship debuts were handed out, to Suffolk Young Cricketers, Sam Webb-Snowling and Josh Cantrell, and former Essex seamer, Matt Salisbury.

Having won the toss and elected to bat, I'm sure that both Josh and Matt would have expected to have their feet up for the best part of the day. That did not happen and it was down to Josh and Matt Wareing's last-wicket partnership of 40 which enabled us to scratch to a massively below-par total of 150. However, the fightback was on and mid-morning on the second day, we had bowled Cambridgeshire

out for 137, thanks to three wickets from both Wareing and Salisbury.

The first innings scores were not a reflection of the pitch, more an indication of the fragile nature of both batting line-ups. At 42-3, we were stuttering again, but then a magnificent 143 from Jed Cawkwell carried us up to 328 and a lead of 341.

Jed is one of the most laid back, relaxed cricketers I have ever come across, but behind this is an unerring temperament which leads to sound decision-making skills and to finish your debut season averaging a shade under 40 is a huge success.

Before going out to field on that last morning to push for victory, it gave me great pleasure to present Tom Rash with his county cap. No-one embodies what playing for Suffolk means more than Tom. Since his debut in Northumberland, he has played every match with pride and passion and is a player you desperately want on your side, as you know exactly what you are going to get. Congratulations to Tom who became the 101st capped Suffolk player.

I cannot fault anyone for their efforts on that last day, and I would not change tactically anything that happened. We were undone by an immense effort by a former first-class player in Ben Smith, who scored an unbeaten 151 to seal victory for Cambridgeshire.

I think it is fair to say that we didn't have the rub of the green throughout the day and it showed the importance of taking every opportunity as we put Smith down when he was in his forties, however, it was a brilliant game of cricket and credit to Copdock once again for producing a pitch that was just too good.

On to Cleethorpes to play Lincolnshire who have always been competitive and ended the season as champions. Five of our top seven reached double figures, yet we were bowled out for 144. Once again, a lack of application and a lack of good, sensible decision-making was our downfall.

We can't keep relying on our bowlers to get us out of trouble, and this didn't happen as Lincolnshire's total of 307 was made on the back of two of their top four getting a 125 and a 70. Salisbury picked up four wickets through good old-fashioned line and length and was the pick of our bowlers for the second half of the season.

With a first innings deficit of over 150, it was down to the batsmen to perform and going into the last hour of the second day, we were in a reasonably strong position at 193-3. To then be bowled out by the end of the day for 260 was not part of the plan and there was once again some careless batting. All of the top six reached 20 and no-one went past 58.

At the end of the season, in the last 24 Championship innings spanning two years, we have only managed five individual hundreds. There is vast potential in the squad and this year will be a big test for batsmen to take responsibility and post these big match-winning scores.

Needless to say, Lincolnshire knocked off the 98 required. Another 50 or 60 runs would have made a big difference and put a lot of pressure on their frail lower order, but that was not to be.

Our last home game was against Staffordshire at Ipswich School and finally our batting fired in the first innings. In response to their 340-9, in which Tom Rash took four wickets, we made 321 all out thanks to a classy 71 from Martyn Cull and a return to form for Adam Mansfield who only made 29, but in an eighth-wicket partnership of 101. The visitors ended the second day on 148-3 and that was the end of the game as rain washed out the final day.

From a personal point of view, I have not missed a Suffolk match since my debut in 2006, so the final game of the season away against Buckinghamshire was very strange as I was informed that I had to be present for the birth of my first child. Just in case my wife reads this, there was no place I'd rather have been, but the scorecard couldn't update



The Suffolk side that drew with Buckinghamshire in the three-day fixture at Tring Park CC. Back row (left to right): Nathan Poole, Billy Moulton-Day, Josh Cantrell, Ben Reece, Matt Wareing, Jack Beaumont (12th man), Ben Parker, Elliot Tyler (stand-in coach). Front row: Matt Wareing, Martyn Cull, Adam Mansfield (captain), Tom Rash, Chris Warn.

quick enough on my phone, especially as Matt Wareing closed in on a maiden five-wicket haul and Ben Parker closed in on a maiden county hundred. Both reached these milestones and I am sure that both will have long and illustrious Minor County careers, especially now they have both got the proverbial monkey off their backs.

The game itself was a high-class match to-ing and fro-ing between the two sides. Eventually, a draw was the outcome as we could not quite get the final wicket in the closing over. Over the eleven years I have been involved with the county, I can honestly say that the next few years are very exciting for a number of reasons. The group of young talented players that are at the county's disposal are a testament to the age-group system that you will undoubtedly read about in the following pages of this handbook. The quality of venues and pitches that we play our home fixtures at are second to none and as Minor County cricketers you could not wish to play at better grounds.

Finally, the management structure of Andy Northcote as coach, and Adam Mansfield as captain are a strong pairing to drive the county forward. Andy has become a good friend through the course of the last year and his passion for the game and development will only serve the county well. Knowing that you are passing the captaincy baton on to someone, not only with a vast amount of cricketing knowledge, a brilliant reader of the game and a strong character, is important and necessary, but the most pleasing thing for me was to be passing the baton on to a true friend.

I have been fortunate enough to watch Adam grow as a cricketer and I can think of no-one more fitting to take over and push the county forward. I wish both of them all the best in the coming years.

And so it ends. Over the last eleven years I have had an amazing run with Suffolk and there are many people I need to thank. On the managerial side of things, Kevin Brooks and Andy Brown, the people who bought me to the county and my new home; Bobby Flack, who has acted as mentor for the majority of those years; and Andy Northcote, who bought a new lease of life to me last year.

The captains I have played under, Phil Caley and Justin Bishop, both brilliant players and good friends; the committee, mainly Norman Atkins and Toby Pound, who have always backed me; and mainly to the players, no the friends I have played alongside, who are far too many to mention. They know who they are.

Finally, and most importantly, to my family. Thank you for all your support.

As some of you regular readers will know, I enjoy a quote to start an article. This time a quote to end a piece. Manoj Arora once said: "Coming out of your comfort zone is tough in the beginning, chaotic in the middle, and awesome in the end...because in the end, it shows you a whole new world! Make an attempt."

I would encourage all players to challenge themselves to get better, get out of their comfort zones because every one of you has so much potential.

SUFFOLK CCC FIXTURES FOR THE 2017 SEASON

All home matches are printed in bold type. All matches start at 11am unless shown. A full list of fixtures for all the county's teams can be found on the website at www.suffolccc.play-cricket.com

UNICORNS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

JUNE
Sun-Tues 4-6 v **BUCKINGHAMSHIRE** at **Bury St. Edmunds**

Sun-Tues 18-20 v Northumberland at South Northumberland C.C.

JULY
Sun-Tues 2-4 v **HERTFORDSHIRE** at **Copdock**
Sun-Tues 16-18 v Norfolk at Manor Park, Norwich
Sun-Tues 30-Aug 1 v **CUMBERLAND** at **Ipswich School**

AUGUST

Sun-Tues 13-15 v Bedfordshire at Flitwick C.C.

Sun-Wed 27-30 Championship Final at Banbury C.C.

UNICORNS KNOCK-OUT TROPHY Group 4

APRIL
Sun 23 v Hertfordshire at Hertford
Sun 30 v **WILTSHIRE** at **Ipswich School**

MAY
Sun 7 v Buckinghamshire Tring Park C.C.
Sun 21 v **BEDFORDSHIRE** at **Woolpit**

JUNE
Sun 11 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 9 Semi-finals
Winner Match 3 v Winner Match 4 Winner Match 2 v Winner Match 1

AUGUST

Wed 23 Final at Wormsley

UNICORNS T20 COMPETITION

JUNE
Sun 25 v Group at Bury St Edmunds
10.15 Cambridgeshire v Suffolk
1.30 Bedfordshire v Hertfordshire
5.00 Winners play-off

FRIENDLY

APRIL
SUN 9 v Essex II Away

2nd XI

JULY
Thurs 6 v Norfolk at Manor Park
Thurs 13 v **ESSEX** at **Woolpit**
Thurs 27 v **CAMBRIDGESHIRE** at **Woolpit**

AUGUST

Thurs 10 v **HUNTINGDONSHIRE** at **Copdock**
Mon 21 v Bedfordshire at Bedford

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

At Ampthill, April 24, 2016
Competition: Unicorns KO Trophy

Umpires: M. Watton and R. Medland
Scorers: M. Wynn and A.J. Broome

Suffolk won the toss. Result: Bedfordshire won by 45 runs D/L method. Bedfordshire 2pts, Suffolk 0pts

Inconspicuous start in season's opener

SUFFOLK'S Unicorns Trophy campaign got off to an inconspicuous start away to Bedfordshire.

The hosts won by 45 runs on the Duckworth/Lewis method after rain caused Suffolk's reply to be cut short.

Suffolk, whose traditional curtain-raiser against Essex 2nd XI was washed-out the previous Sunday, won the toss and reaped immediate rewards, removing both Bedfordshire openers inside the opening two overs to leave them 2-2.

However, Andy Reynoldson took control and played the anchor role as he guided his side to a competitive total of 248-7.

Skipper Reynoldson batted through the rest of the innings for an undefeated 123 off 163 deliveries, containing nine fours and six sixes.

He put on 82 for the fourth wicket with Northamptonshire batsman Rob Keogh, whose 58 came off 64 balls.

The last two wickets both fell to Merv Westfield, the former Essex bowler who was making his debut for Suffolk after being cleared by the ECB to play following his ban for spot fixing in a Pro40 game in 2009.

Suffolk lost debutant Sam Webb-Snowling in the second over, and when Martyn Cull was dismissed off the penultimate ball of the 17th over, Suffolk were struggling at 46-4.

Michael Comber and Darren Batch rallied with a stand of 53 from the next 12 overs, before Comber

became ex-England spinner Monty Panesar's third victim.

Darren Batch, making his first appearance for Suffolk since 2010, was undefeated on 43 from 67 balls as Suffolk could only muster 113-5 from the 33 overs they received in their reply.



Sam Webb-Snowling, who made his debut in the Unicorns KO Trophy fixture against Bedfordshire at Ampthill Town.

BEDFORDSHIRE C.C.C.					SUFFOLK C.C.C.				
G. Thurstance	lbw	b Wareing	0		T.B. Huggins*	c Pickard	b Griggs	18	
L. Thomas	c Mansfield	b Manthorpe	20		S. Webb-Snowling	c Barden	b Bryce	0	
B. Howgego		b Comber	1		M. Cull	lbw	b Panesar	18	
A. Reynoldson*	Not Out		123		B. Parker	lbw	b Panesar	0	
R. Keogh	b Cull	b Manthorpe	58		M. Comber	st Barden	b Panesar	20	
C. Berrill	c sub	b Batch	14		D. Batch	Not Out		43	
M. Pickard	c & b	Westfield	4		M. Westfield	Not Out		2	
N. Barden†	c & b	Westfield	2		T. Rash				
C. Griggs	Not Out		2		A. Mansfield†				
D. Bryce					D. Manthorpe				
M. Panesar					M. Wareing				
Extras (b 4, lb 1, w 17, nb 2)			24		Extras (lb 1, w 7, nb 4)			12	
Total (7 wkts) 50 ov			248		Total (5 wkts) 33 ov			113	
Fall: 1 2 51 133 188 207 210					Fall: 5 31 41 46 99				
Bowling	O	M	R	W	Bowling	O	M	R	W
M. Wareing	10	0	78	1	C. Griggs	7	2	12	1
M. Comber	3	0	11	1	D. Bryce	7	0	34	1
T. Huggins	10	0	35	0	M. Panesar	10	3	20	3
M. Westfield	10	0	28	2	A. Reynoldson	4	1	21	0
D. Manthorpe	5	0	39	2	G. Thurstance	3	0	17	0
T. Rash	10	0	37	0	L. Thomas	2	0	8	0
D. Batch	2	0	15	1					

Suffolk C.C.C. v Buckinghamshire C.C.C.

At Ipswich School, May 8, 2016
Competition: Unicorns KO Trophy

Umpires: N. Hall and J. Tomsett
Scorers: A.J. Broome and P. Dean

Suffolk won the toss. Result: Buckinghamshire won by 5 runs. Suffolk 0pts, Buckinghamshire 2pts

Suffolk snatch defeat from jaws of victory



Ben Reece, who took four wickets on his Unicorns KO Trophy debut for Suffolk.

SUFFOLK snatched defeat from the jaws of victory as they lost their second group game against Buckinghamshire.

After bowling out Buckinghamshire for 234 two balls shy of their allotted 50 overs, Suffolk appeared to be on course for victory until skipper Tom Huggins was run out for 82.

That left Suffolk 179-3 in the 42nd over, after which they lost their way as six more wickets tumbled and they fell six runs short of victory.

After coming together at 40-2 in the 13th over, Huggins and Ben Parker had added 139 for the third wicket.

Following the departure of his captain, Parker added only another nine runs in the following six overs, before becoming one of Michael Payne's five victims as batsmen came and went all too quickly.

It was a frustrating and disappointing defeat for Suffolk, who had won the toss and elected to field first.

The visitors got off to a flying start, with 17-year-old Saif Zaib, who top-scored with 56, leading the way.

Suffolk's spinners then began to peg back the visitors' batsmen, and when Hamza Riazuddin was fifth out with the total on 156 in the 31st over, the match was finely balanced.

Dan Hampton, whose 49 occupied 70 deliveries, was eighth man out to give Huggins his third wicket.

However, even he was upstaged with the ball by his Sudbury team-mate Ben Reece, whose four wickets came at a cost of just 41 runs on his Unicorns Trophy debut.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE C.C.C.					SUFFOLK C.C.C.				
S. Khan	c Cull	b Comber	12		T.B. Huggins*	Run Out (Rance)	82		
C. Macdonell	c Mansfield	b Comber	18		S. Webb-Snowling	c Rance	b Denning	5	
S. Zaib	b Reece		56		M. Cull	c Gumbs	b Riazuddin	9	
M. Payne*	c sub	b Reece	33		B. Parker	st Russell	b Payne	60	
D. Hampton	c & b	Huggins	49		M. Comber	c Russell	b Hampton	6	
H. Riazuddin		b Reece	2		D. Batch	c Rance	b Payne	15	
S. Gumbs	lbw	b Huggins	16		B. Reece	c Rance	b Payne	2	
J. Rance	c Parker	b Huggins	3		T. Rash	st Russell	b Payne	9	
G. Russell†	Not Out		28		N. Poole		b Payne	0	
J. Denning	c Comber	b Reece	6		A. Mansfield†	Not Out		2	
U. Amjaid	lbw	b Poole	1		M. Wareing	Not Out		0	
Extras (w 10)			10		Extras (b 1, lb 8, w 20, nb 10)			39	
Total (all out) 49.4 ov			234		Total (9 wkts) 50 ov			229	
Fall: 21 44 116 132 136 174 182 208 230 234					Fall: 19 40 179 193 214 215 226 226 227				
Bowling					Bowling				
M. Comber	5	1	26	2	D. Hampton	5	1	30	1
M. Wareing	6	0	33	0	J. Denning	8	1	36	1
T. Huggins	10	1	40	3	H. Riazuddin	10	0	38	1
T. Rash	10	0	55	0	S. Khan	3	0	21	0
B. Reece	10	0	41	4	U. Amjaid	10	1	32	0
N. Poole	8.4	0	39	1	J. Rance	4	0	20	0
					M. Payne	10	0	43	5

Live updates - ball by ball

For live updates of Suffolk CCC Unicorns Championship and Unicorns KO Trophy one-day games go to:

www.totalcricket scorer.com

Select **Live Scores**. Then, via the drop down box, **Live scores**, then under **Country** select **United Kingdom**, then under **Region** select **Suffolk**, then under **Club** select **Suffolk CCC**.

You can then select the game.

Click on **Detail** and you will see scorecard, scoreboard and a run rate graph. Click on **Scoreboard** for full scorecard details. If you click on **Invision** this will put a summary box in the corner of your computer screen.

It's just like sitting next to Andy Broome in the scorebox!

Wiltshire C.C.C. v Suffolk C.C.C.

At Warminster, May 15, 2016
Competition: Unicorns KO Trophy

Umpires: J. Attridge and S. Bishopp
Scorers: L. Morgan and A.J. Broome

Suffolk won the toss. Result: Wiltshire won by 56 runs. Wiltshire 2pts, Suffolk 0pts

Third defeat on trot in high-scoring game

SUFFOLK were condemned to their third straight defeat in the group as they went down by 56 runs in a high-scoring game at Warminster. The hosts' daunting total of 363 all out was built around a third-wicket alliance of 185 between Ed Young and Jake Lintott.

Coming together with the total already on 88-2 in the 11th over, the pair both plundered centuries.

Lintott eventually fell in the 36th over, caught and bowled by Jack Beaumont for 101 off only 84 balls, laced with ten fours and four maximums.

Former Gloucestershire all-rounder Young followed four overs later. His 104-ball stay yielded 128 runs with 21 fours and just one six.

Captain Michael Coles maintained the momentum with 40 off only 33 deliveries,

although Suffolk's bowlers applied the brake thereafter so that only 27 runs were scored in the last six overs.



Tom Huggins, who took three wickets and then scored 54 from 55 balls against Wiltshire.

Merv Westfield returned to the attack to pick up three wickets and Tom Huggins, the most economical of the visitors' frontline bowlers, also claimed three scalps.

Suffolk need to make a solid start to their reply if they were to stand any chance of chasing down their target, and Huggins (54 off 55 balls) and Michael Comber (23 off 18 balls) set them on their way.

The middle order all chipped in with useful runs but, unlike Wiltshire's innings, none of the batsmen were able to go on and post a telling contribution.

Ben Parker (48 off 47 balls with three sixes) and Westfield, whose 38 came off just 25 deliveries, added 65 for the fifth wicket, but the visitors' reply then ran out of steam, Tom Rash being the last man out after scoring 27 from 20 balls.

WILTSHIRE C.C.C.					SUFFOLK C.C.C.				
S. Bullen†	lbw	b Huggins	34		T.B. Huggins*	c Bullen	b Roberts	54	
T. Morton	c Mansfield	b Nunn	6		M. Comber	c Roberts	b Carroll	23	
E. Young		b Rash	128		J. Beaumont	c Morton	b Lintott	39	
J.B. Lintott	c & b	Beaumont	101		D. Batch		b Lintott	22	
M. Coles*	c Rash	b Huggins	40		B. Parker	lbw	b Young	48	
D. Cope		b Huggins	5		M. Westfield	st Bullen	b Young	38	
J. Sore	c Poole	b Westfield	6		B. Reece	st Bullen	b King	15	
T. Afridi	c Huggins	b Westfield	3		T. Rash	c Young	b King	27	
A. Carroll	c Mansfield	b Westfield	8		M. Nunn	lbw	b King	1	
J. Roberts	Run Out (Poole)		0		N. Poole	Run Out (Lintott)		14	
J. King	Not Out		8		A. Mansfield†	Not Out		5	
Extras (lb 12,w 10, nb 2)			24		Extras (lb 5, w 14, nb 2)			21	
Total (all out) 50 ov			363		Total (all out) 46.3 ov			307	
Fall: 20 88 273 298 336 341 345 345 360 363					Fall: 72 89 139 160 225 250 261 264 301 307				
Bowling					Bowling				
M. Westfield	7	0	54	3	T. Afridi	8	0	66	0
M. Nunn	9	0	74	1	A. Carroll	10	1	48	1
M. Comber	2	0	15	0	J.B. Lintott	8	0	65	2
T. Huggins	10	0	56	3	J. Roberts	5	1	37	1
T. Rash	7	0	59	1	E. Young	10	0	53	2
B. Reece	10	0	68	0	J. King	5.3	0	33	3
N. Poole	3	0	13	0					
J. Beaumont	2	0	12	1					

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

At Bury St. Edmunds, May 22, 2016

Competition: Unicorns KO Trophy

Umpires: N. Hall and J. Beckwith

Scorers: A.J. Broome and M. Arnold

Suffolk won the toss. Result: Hertfordshire won by 50 runs. Suffolk 0pts, Hertfordshire 2pts

Fifth-wicket stand decisive for visitors

SUFFOLK finished bottom of Group 4 after losing their fourth and final match of a disappointing Unicorns Trophy campaign to Hertfordshire.

Neither side had tasted success before their meeting at the Victory Ground, but it was the visitors who came out on top by a 50-run margin.

That could have been even greater were it not for the fact that Suffolk's last three wickets added 102 runs.

The game was effectively all but over as they slid to 96-7 in reply to the visitors' 248 all out, but Nathan Poole's half century at least helped to add some respectability to the final total.

After losing four wickets inside the first nine overs, Suffolk never threatened their target, although Darren Batch and Merv Westfield compiled a 49-run stand for the fifth wicket, before they were both dismissed in quick succession.

Sudbury opening batsman Poole, batting at No.9, made 51 from 56 balls and was last man out after sharing three



Nathan Poole, who made 51 from 56 balls batting at No.9 for Suffolk, before being last man out.

HERTFORDSHIRE C.C.C.					SUFFOLK C.C.C.				
J.E. Southgate	c Wareing	b Nunn	19		T.B. Huggins*	c Blacktopp	b Sandhu	23	
E.C. Ballard	c & b	Westfield	20		M. Comber		b Sandhu	1	
S.R.W. Gale	lbw	b Comber	15		J. Beaumont	c Southgate	b Kulkarni	4	
D.J. Blacktopp†	c Comber	b Westfield	4		B. Parker	c Blacktopp	b Sandhu	3	
R. Hussain	c Mansfield	b Nunn	67		D. Batch		b Southgate	17	
J.E.B. Scott	lbw	b Poole	62		M. Westfield	c Sandhu	b Wharton	30	
A.V. Chalker	c Wareing	b Poole	6		A. Mansfield†	c Gale	b Wharton	7	
B.J. Frazer	c Beaumont	b Wareing	4		T. Rash	lbw	b Frazer	13	
E.C.W. Wharton	Not Out				N. Poole	Run Out (Hussain)		51	
G.S. Sandhu	st Mansfield	b Huggins	14		M. Nunn	lbw	b Chalker	19	
A.S. Kulkarni	c Comber	b Huggins	4		M. Wareing	Not Out		6	
Extras (b 4, lb 2, w 23)			29		Extras (b1, lb7, w14, nb2)			24	
Total (all out) 48.3 ov			248		Total (all out) 44.1 ov			198	

Fall: 34 57 57 62 189 199 210 227 244 248

Fall: 9 14 33 36 85 92 96 136 168 198

Bowling	O	M	R	W	Bowling	O	M	R	W
M. Nunn	10	0	62	2	G.S. Sandhu	10	1	45	3
M. Comber	8	0	23	1	A.S. Kulkarni	6	0	26	1
M. Westfield	9	1	41	2	J.E. Southgate	10	1	34	1
M. Wareing	10	1	36	1	E.C.W. Wharton	8	0	27	2
T. Huggins	4.3	0	35	2	B.J. Frazer	6	0	40	1
T. Rash	2	0	19	0	A.V. Chalker	4.1	0	18	1
N. Poole	5	0	26	2					

partnerships of 30 runs or more.

Suffolk had earlier won the toss for the fourth match in succession, but were unable to capitalise as a fifth-wicket partnership of 127 between Reece Hussain and James Scott put the visitors in the ascendency.

Coming together at 62-4 in the 13th over, the pair advanced the total to 189, before off-spinner Poole picked up the first of his two wickets.

Suffolk's bowlers chipped away at the tail to the extent that Hertfordshire were bowled out with nine balls of their maximum 50 overs remaining, but the hosts could only bat for 44.1 in reply.

Cumberland C.C.C. v Suffolk C.C.C.

At Carlisle, June 5, 6, 7, 2016
Competition: Unicorns Championship

Umpires: I. Lawrence and D. Warburton
Scorers: G. Minshaw and A.J. Broome

Toss won by Suffolk. Result: Suffolk won by 41 runs. Cumberland 4pts, Suffolk 21pts

Huggins spins visitors to opening victory

A 'perfect performance' was how coach Andy Northcote summed up the 41-run victory over the reigning Minor Counties champions in their own back yard.

Tom Huggins claimed six second-innings wickets to give him match figures of 10-92 and Northcote victory in his first Championship match since taking charge during the winter.

In a low-scoring match – the square at Carlisle had been under water in the winter following flooding in the area – it was the visitors who adapted better to the conditions.

Copdock & Old Ipswichian batsman Jed Cawkwell – one of two debutants in the Suffolk side along Woolpit all-rounder Will Parker – top-scored in Suffolk's first innings with a patient 71 off 143 balls with ten boundaries.

Suffolk's 209 all out was sufficient to earn a lead of 65 runs as Cumberland could only muster 144 in reply, off-spinner Huggins bagging figures of 14-3-31-4.

The visitors then lost wickets at regular intervals in their second innings and at 64-6 were in danger of surrendering the initiative. They were indebted to Ben Reece (40) and Tom Rash (31) who steadied the ship with a stand of 69 for the seventh wicket, before both fell late on day two with the score on 133.

A further nine runs were added for the final two wickets to leave the hosts with a victory target of 208. Jon Miles, batting at No.4, offered the only real resistance, facing 128 deliveries for his 48 as wickets



Debutant Jed Cawkwell, who top-scored with a patient 71 in Suffolk's first innings at Carlisle.

fell around him. He was eighth out with the total on

138, and after a 28-run stand for the ninth wicket was broken by Nunn, Huggins wrapped up the win as he finished with figures of 31.2-8-61-6.

SUFFOLK C.C.C.									
1st Innings					2nd Innings				
T.B. Huggins*	c Knight	b Hodgson	42	c Hale	b Bulcock	12			
N. Poole	c Knight	b Slack	11	lbw	b Bulcock	4			
M.G. Cull		b Purser	3		b Purser	10			
B. Parker	c Tolley	b Bulcock	11	c Tolley	b Bulcock	21			
M. Comber	c Bulcock	b Slack	29	c & b	Bulcock	0			
J. Cawkwell	Run Out (Bulcock)		71	c Hale	b Slack	7			
T.W.W. Rash	c Hale	b Bulcock	16	(8) lbw	b Slack	31			
B. Reece	b Purser		13	(7) lbw	b Bulcock	40			
M. Nunn	lbw	b Bulcock	0	(11) Not Out		2			
A.P. Mansfield†	Not Out		8	(9) c Bulcock	b Slack	5			
W. Parker	c Parkinson b Bulcock		0	(10) c Tolley	b Bulcock	2			
	Extras 2b, 1lb, 2w		5	Extras 6b, 2lb		8			
	Total (all out) 87.3 ov		209	Total (all out) 68 ov		142			
Fall: 30 37 68 68 135 185 188 188 208 209					Fall: 6 17 33 39 60 64 133 133 140 142				
Bowling					Bowling				
W.R.J. Purser	22	9	50	2		15	4	49	1
M.J. Walker	4	0	10	0					
M.P. Slack	17	6	39	2	(4)	15	4	21	3
T. Bulcock	36.3	9	85	4	(2)	31	14	46	6
C.J. Hodgson	8	4	22	1	(3)	7	1	18	0

CUMBERLAND C.C.C.									
1st Innings					2nd Innings				
W. Hale	Run Out (Poole)	2	c Mansfield	b Nunn	10				
J.R. Tolley	c Mansfield	b Nunn	10		b Huggins	22			
G. Knight	c Mansfield	b Comber	4		b Huggins	4			
J.W.R. Miles		b W. Parker	11	c W. Parker	b Rash	48			
M.P. Slack	lbw	b Reece	27	lbw	b Huggins	11			
G.J. Pratt*	lbw	b Huggins	27		b Huggins	14			
M.J. Walker	c Comber	b Huggins	23	c Huggins	b Rash	10			
L.K. Parkinson†	c Cull	b Huggins	9	(9)	b Huggins	16			
W.R.J. Purser		b Nunn	18	(8) lbw	b Huggins	8			
C.J. Hodgson	Not Out		1		b Nunn	8			
	c & b Huggins		0	Not Out		0			
	Extras 6b, 6nb		12	Extras 6b, 1w, 8nb		15			
	Total (all out) 40 ov		144	Total (all out) 63.2ov		166			
Fall: 2 16 16 36 93 93 102 141 143 144					Fall: 29 33 38 74 100 121 134 138 166 166				
Bowling					Bowling				
M. Comber	4	1	14	1					
M. Nunn	9	2	31	2	(1)	18	2	48	2
W. Parker	5	1	27	1					
T.B. Huggins	14	3	31	4	(2)	31.2	8	61	6
B. Reece	8	2	35	1	(4)	2	0	9	0
T.W.W. Rash					(3)	12	2	42	2

Suffolk C.C.C. v Northumberland C.C.C.

At Bury St Edmunds, June 19, 20, 21, 2016

Competition: Unicorns Championship

Umpires: M. Watton and G. Callaway

Scorers: A.J. Broome and K. Telford

Toss won by Northumberland. Result: Northumberland won by an innings and 29 runs. Northumberland (24pts), Suffolk (4pts)

Beaten by an innings inside two days

SUFFOLK came back down to earth with a bump after being beaten by more than an innings effectively inside two days.

Such an outcome did not appear likely as Suffolk, who handed a Championship debut to Copdock & Old Ipswichian wicket-keeper & batsman Sam Webb-Snowling, reduced Northumberland to 188-7 on the first day.

It was then that No.8 Sean Tindale and opening bowler Michael Allen turned the tide as they added 85 for the eighth wicket. After Allen

departed for 43, Tindale continued to frustrate Suffolk in tandem with Oliver McGee as they put on a further 59 runs, Tindale eventually being run out for 95 before the innings closed on 334-9.

After Suffolk reached 47-1 at stumps, day two was washed out due to persistent heavy rain and a draw looked the most likely outcome entering the third and final day.

However, Suffolk's batsmen had no answer to the visitors' bowling attack as they lost 19 wickets inside a day to suffer a crushing defeat.



Suffolk's Mark Nunn bowls during Northumberland's first innings on day one of the match at the Victory Ground.

The hosts were bowled out for 169 in their first innings, skipper Tom Huggins top-scoring with 65 including 12 fours, to trail by 165 runs and so were asked to follow on.

They were then dismissed for 136 in just 46.4 overs second time around, opening bowler Gareth Wade taking another four wickets to add to his four in the

first innings. Only Michael Comber, who occupied the crease for 72 deliveries in scoring 39, showed any real appetite for the fight as Suffolk slumped to a forgettable defeat.

NORTHUMBERLAND C.C.C.

1st Innings					2nd Innings				
J. Jessop	c Mansfield	b Nunn		5					
M. Whaley	c Mansfield	b Rash		32					
D. Hodgson†	c Mansfield	b Wareing		49					
J. Clay	lbw	b Nunn		28					
J. Du Toit*	c Comber	b Rash		12					
S. Brar	c Mansfield	b Rash		26					
A. Macqueen	c Rash	b Huggins		13					
S. Tindale	Run Out (Poole)			95					
M. Allan	c Cawkwell	b Reece		43					
O. McGee	Not Out			14					
G. Wade	Not Out			1					
	Extras 12lb, 2w, 2nb			16	Extras				
	Total (9 wkts) 90 ov			334	Total				

Fall: 10 94 96 119 139 162 188 273 332	Fall:	O	M	R	W
Bowling					
M. Comber	6	1	17	0	
M. Nunn	21	4	67	2	
T.W.W. Rash	19	3	87	3	
M. Wareing	20	3	77	1	
T.B. Huggins	15	2	42	1	
B. Reece	6	0	21	1	
N. Poole	3	0	11	0	

SUFFOLK C.C.C.

1st Innings					2nd Innings				
T.B. Huggins*	c Tindale	b McGee	65		c Hodgson	b Wade	14		
N. Poole	b Allan		9		c Hodgson	b Tindale	12		
M.G. Cull	c Allan	b Wade	13		c Hodgson	b Wade	0		
S. Webb-Snowling	lbw	b Allan	9		c McGee	b Brar	17		
M. Comber	c Hodgson	b Wade	22			b Macqueen	39		
J. Cawkwell	c Hodgson	b Allan	0		c Hodgson	b Wade	16		
B. Reece		b Wade	3		c Brar	b Wade	0		
T.W.W. Rash	c Hodgson	b Wade	32		Not Out		15		
A.P. Mansfield†	c Du Toit	b McGee	2		c Du Toit	b Macqueen	12		
M. Nunn	Run Out (Wade)		0		c Hodgson	b Macqueen	4		
M. Wareing	Not Out		9			b Allan	4		
	Extras 1b, 2lb, 2nb		5		Extras 1w, 2nb		3		
	Total (all out) 66.5 ov		169		Total (all out) 46.4 ov		136		

Fall: 16 57 100 100 113 120 125 129	Fall: 26 26 26 59 101 101 101
133 169	123 129 136
Bowling	Bowling
G. Wade	20.5 2 76 4 14 2 51 4
M. Allan	13 2 32 3 (4) 5.4 2 21 1
O. McGee	13 6 15 2 (5) 3 2 4 0
S. Tindale	7 0 31 0 (3) 7 2 23 1
A. Macqueen	13 6 12 0 (6) 9 2 20 3
S. Brar	(2) 8 2 17 1

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

At Copdock, July 3, 4, 5, 2016
Competition: Unicorns Championship

Umpires: D. Pedley and M. Ennis
Scorers: A.J. Broome and C. Abbott

Toss won by Suffolk. Result: Cambridgeshire won by 5 wkts. Cambridgeshire (20pts), Suffolk (4pts)

Smith's undefeated 151 sinks Suffolk

BEN Smith scored a splendid and undefeated 151 to steer Cambridgeshire to a five-wicket win at Copdock. The ex-Leicestershire and Worcestershire batsman played the pivotal role in a match that see-sawed one way and then the other over the three days.

After winning the toss and electing to bat first, Suffolk were in dire straits at 99-8 in their first innings.

It was then that 17-year-old debutant Josh Cantrell displayed a maturity far beyond his tender years, scoring 30 batting at No.9 and sharing in a last-wicket stand with Matt Wareing that yielded 40 invaluable runs.

Even so, Suffolk's 150 all out looked to be well below par, but the home side's bowlers hit back to dismiss Cambridgeshire for 137, Wareing and debut-making Matt Salisbury, the former Essex bowler, snaring three wickets apiece.

Tom Huggins and Jed Cawkwell proved there were no demons in the pitch second time around, sharing a fourth-wicket partnership of 139, to put Suffolk seemingly in pole position.

Huggins' 166-ball stay was ended with the opener three shy of a century, but Cawkwell, playing on his home ground, reached the milestone and went on to compile an assured 143. His innings spanned 193 balls and included 16 fours and one six.

Suffolk's last two wickets fell for the addition of only 11 runs on the final morning, but it left Cambridgeshire needing to bat well to successfully



Josh Cantrell, who showed a maturity far beyond his 17 years while scoring 30 in Suffolk's first innings on his debut.

chase a target of 342 for victory.

Bat well they did, and no-one more so than Smith. Coming in at No.3 after Peter Richer fell to the fourth ball of the innings, Smith batted throughout the innings.

He paced the visitors' reply superbly, batting 346 minutes and finishing undefeated on 151 from 260

deliveries and striking 19 fours.

Smith received good support, in particular, from Michael Pepper, who scored 65 in a third-wicket stand of 133, and then Ben Seabrook and Lewis Bruce.

SUFFOLK C.C.C.												
1st Innings					2nd Innings							
T.B. Huggins*	c Pepper	b Rippington	8		c Smith	b Pepper	97					
D. Manthorpe	lbw	b Bruce	9		b Dawborn	1						
M.G. Cull	c Smith	b Rippington	3		lbw	b Dawborn	0					
B. Parker		b Rippington	31		lbw	b Arksey	8					
J. Cawkwell	c Richer	b Bruce	29		c Butt	b Seabrook	143					
B. Reece	c Rippington	b Bruce	0		Run Out (Dawborn)	6						
T.W.W. Rash	c Butt	b Bruce	0		b Rippington	32						
S. Webb-Snowling†	lbw	b Bruce	12		lbw	b Seabrook	0					
J. Cantrell	c Butt	b Rippington	30		b Rippington	6						
M. Salisbury		b Arksey	3		Not Out	15						
M. Wareing	Not Out		22		c Butt	b Rippington	0					
	Extras 3lb		3		Extras 2b, 7lb, 5w, 6nb	20						
	Total (all out)	72.3 ov	150		Total (all out)	99 ov	328					
Fall: 14 18 33 72 83 83 84 99 110 150												
Fall: 4 14 42 181 208 281 281 292 326 328												
Bowling												
	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W			
S.E. Rippington	15.3	6	22	4		19	5	47	3			
J.S. Dawborn	17	9	27	0		16	4	54	2			
J.B.T. Arksey	18	3	46	1		23	3	67	1			
L.R. Bruce	22	8	52	5		24	3	72	0			
M.K.S. Pepper						8	1	28	1			
N.V. Jeyaratnum						3	0	17	0			
B. Seabrook						5	0	29	2			
P.G. Richer						1	0	5	0			

CAMBRIDGESHIRE C.C.C.												
1st Innings					2nd Innings							
P.G. Richer	c Reece	b Wareing	28		c Cantrell	b Salisbury	0					
N.V. Jeyaratnum	c & b	Reece	14		c Reece	b Rash	29					
A.M. Butt	c Parker	b Manthorpe	6	(5)	c Reece	b Huggins	0					
B.F. Smith	c Reece	b Wareing	24	(3)	Not Out	151						
M.K.S. Pepper		b Huggins	15	(4)		b Huggins	65					
B. Seabrook	c Cawkwell	b Salisbury	0			b Huggins	39					
L.R. Bruce*	c Cawkwell	b Rash	17		Not Out	34						
J.T. Bowers†		b Salisbury	0									
J.S. Dawborn	c Parker	b Wareing	4									
S. E. Rippington		b Salisbury	0									
J.B.T. Arksey	Not Out		2									
	Extras 11b, 6lb, 1w, 9nb		27		Extras 6b, 9lb, 1w, 8nb	24						
	Total (all out)	48.4 ov	137		Total (5 wkts)	97.3 ov	342					
Fall: 44 44 67 104 106 124 130 130 130 137												
Fall: 2 72 205 205 293												
Bowling												
	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W			
M. Salisbury	16	8	35	3		21	1	80	1			
M. Wareing	17.4	4	47	3		17.3	4	61	0			
T.W.W. Rash	8	4	17	2		(4) 13	1	29	2			
D. Manthorpe	4	0	19	1		(6) 8	1	26	0			
T.B. Huggins	3	1	2	1		(3) 27	2	79	2			
B. Reece						(5) 7	1	30	0			
J. Cantrell						(7) 4	0	22	0			

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

At Cleethorpes, July 17, 18, 19, 2016
Competition: Unicorns Championship

Umpires: J. Middlebrook and S. Malone
Scorers: Ms S. Clayton and A.J. Broome

Toss won by Suffolk. Result: Lincolnshireshire won by 6 wkts. Lincolnshireshire (23pts), Suffolk (4pts)

Suffolk slump to defeat at Cleethorpes



Martyn Cull comes under fire at short leg while Suffolk field against Lincolnshire at Cleethorpes.

A POOR first-innings showing with the bat saw Suffolk slump to a six-wicket loss against Lincolnshire at Cleethorpes.

The visitors, who included Witham all-rounder Jake Wakelin for the first time, were back in the pavilion after 62.3 overs for 144, failing to recover from losing skipper Tom Huggins to the third ball of the match. After losing two wickets with only 11 runs on the board, Lincolnshire tightened their grip on proceedings courtesy of a third-wicket alliance worth 152 between Conrad Louth and Jonathan Tattersall. That partnership accounted for nearly half the home side's total, Tattersall falling for 73, before Louth completed his century and was eventually dismissed for 125 spanning 183 deliveries laced with 21 fours

and one six.

Matt Salisbury finished with 4-86, but Lincolnshire's 307 all out left Suffolk 163 runs adrift on first innings. The visitors responded with a better showing with the bat in their second innings, with Tom Huggins and Martyn Cull posting 46 for the first wicket. All the top six passed 20 – Cull and Jed Cawkwell both hit half centuries – but none were able to go on and make a major contribution to put Lincolnshire under pressure in their fourth innings. Suffolk lost their last five wickets for 18 runs inside six overs, leaving Lincolnshire requiring just 98 runs for victory and the whole of day three in which to get them.

Both openers fell with the score on 37 and Huggins

picked up a couple of wickets, but Lincolnshire needed just 26 overs to knock off the runs and complete a comfortable victory.

SUFFOLK C.C.C.

1st Innings				2nd Innings			
T.B Huggins*	c Wilson	b Peck	0	c Tattersall	b Brown	34	
M.G. Cull	lbw	b Tillcock	24	c Wilson	b Kimber	51	
B. Parker	c Wilson	b Brown	16	c Kimber	b Tattersall	24	
B. Reece		b Kimber	19		b Peck	35	
J. Cawkwell	c Carnelley	b Tillcock	29	c Kimber	b Tattersall	58	
J. Wakelin	c & b	Brown	3	c Peck	b Tillcock	21	
T.W.W. Rash	Not Out		33	Run Out (Tattersall)		7	
J. Beaumont	c Wilson	b Tillcock	4	c Wilson	b Tillcock	6	
A. Mansfield†	lbw	b Tillcock	0		b Tattersall	11	
M. Salisbury	lbw	b Weightman	5	lbw	b Tillcock	0	
M. Wareing		b Tillcock	0	Not Out		0	
Extras 9lb, 2w			11	Extras 9b, 4lb		13	
Total (all out) 62.3 ov			144	Total (all out) 74.3 ov		260	

Fall: 1 35 45 87 93 93 100 104 133 144

Fall: 46 103 130 193 219 242 249 253 258 260

Bowling	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
J. Peck	6	1	20	1	11	2	23	1
P. Brown	14	3	30	2	11	1	58	1
A. Tillcock	25.3	5	37	5	(4) 23	8	66	3
M. Weightman	10	1	26	1	(3) 13	2	49	0
J. Tattersall	4	1	16	0	10.3	2	39	3
L. Kimber	3	1	6	1	6	2	12	1

LINCOLNSHIRE C.C.C.

1st Innings				2nd Innings			
L. Kimber	c Huggins	b Salisbury	2	Run Out (Parker)		15	
J. Tattersall	lbw	b Wakelin	73	c Mansfield	b Wareing	22	
H. Warwick	c & b	Wareing	0	lbw	b Huggins	24	
C. Louth	c Mansfield	b Salisbury	125	Not Out		17	
A. Tillcock	c Mansfield	b Salisbury	21	c Cull	b Huggins	4	
R. Carnelley	c Huggins	b Wakelin	10	Not Out		14	
C. Wilson*†	lbw	b Wakelin	7				
L. Robinson	c Reece	b Rash	24				
M. Weightman	lbw	b Salisbury	26				
P. Brown		b Rash	6				
J. Peck	Not Out		4				
Extras 2b, 5lb, 2nb			9	Extras 2nb		2	
Total (all out) 79.1 ov			307	Total (4 wkts) 26 ov		98	

Fall: 6 11 163 204 227 246 246 285 295 307

Fall: 37 37 64 68

Bowling	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
M. Salisbury	24.1	4	86	4	(3) 4	1	27	1
M. Wareing	12	3	42	2	(4) 3	1	9	0
T.W.W. Rash	12	1	43	2	(2) 13	3	39	2
T.B. Huggins	9	1	31	0	(1) 6	1	23	0
J. Beaumont	5	0	30	0				
J. Wakelin	17	2	68	2				

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

At Ipswich School, July 31, Aug 1, 2, 2016

Competition: Unicorns Championship

Umpires: A. Hicks and R. Parker

Scorers: A.J. Broome and K. O'Connell

Toss won by Staffordshire. Result: Match drawn. Suffolk (11pts), Staffordshire (12pts)

Huggins bows out in style with century



TOM Huggins struck an undefeated 168 in what proved to be his final innings for Suffolk as heavy rain forced this fixture to be abandoned as a draw.

Huggins, who pulled on a Suffolk shirt for the last time before taking up a coaching role at neighbouring Essex, carried his bat in Suffolk's first innings of 321.

After an opening stand of 164 with Martyn Cull, who made 71, Huggins stood firm as wickets fell at the other end.

Wicket-keeper Adam Mansfield (29 off 61 deliveries) added 101 for the eighth wicket with his captain as Suffolk finished 19 run short of the visitors' first innings total.

Huggins occupancy of the crease lasted 269 balls across 345 minutes and included 18 fours and three maximums. He ended just two runs short of his

The idyllic scene setting of Ipswich School as Suffolk take on Staffordshire at the Ivory Street ground.

highest-ever score for the county, ironically against Staffordshire in 2010.

It was a phenomenal effort and enabled Suffolk to stay in touch after Staffordshire had won the toss and batted solidly throughout their innings.

Pete Wilshaw just missed out on a century when he was well caught and bowled by Huggins – who else? – to end a 107-stand for the fifth wicket with Michael Hill, who went on to reach 83.

Kadeer Ali fell cheaply for the second time in the match but Tom Steele (64 not out) and Tim Maxfield (53 not out) shared an unbroken fourth-wicket partnership of 83. That left Staffordshire 148-3 at the

close on day two – an overall lead of 167 entering the final day – but heavy rain put paid to any chance of a result before the match was abandoned in the late afternoon.

STAFFORDSHIRE C.C.C.

1st Innings				2nd Innings			
S. Kelsall	c Mansfield	b Rash	20 (2)	c Cawkwell	b Wareing	13	
K. Ali*	lbw	b Salisbury	9 (1)	c Wakelin	b Salisbury	0	
T. Steele		b Salisbury	20	Not Out		64	
P. Wilshaw	c & b	Huggins	96	c Mansfield	b Rash	14	
T. Maxfield	c Wareing	b Reece	27	Nout Out		53	
M. Hill	lbw	b Rash	83				
L. Thomason†	c Salisbury	b Rash	27				
B. Phagura		b Rash	24				
M. Goodwin	c Rash	b Wareing	9				
G. Willott	Not Out		13				
P. Byrne	Not Out		1				
	Extras 4b, 5lb, 2w		11	Extras 2b, 2nb		4	
	Total (9 wkts) 90 ov		340	Total (3 wkts) 39 ov		148	

Fall: 31 31 89 124 231 291 294 322 330 Fall: 0 26 65

Bowling	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
M. Salisbury	18	3	55	2	11	3	43	1
M. Wareing	23	4	85	1	6	0	34	1
T.W.W. Rash	11	2	68	4	5	0	26	1
T.B. Huggins	18	5	39	1	(5) 4	1	8	0
B. Reece	10	1	46	1	(4) 7	0	32	0
J. Wakelin	10	1	38	0	6	5	3	0

SUFFOLK C.C.C.

1st Innings				2nd Innings			
T.B. Huggins*	Not Out		168	c Kelsall	b Byrne	71	
M.G. Cull	c Kelsall	b Ali	0				
B. Parker	lbw	b Ali	0				
N. Poole	lbw	b Phagura	10				
J. Cawkwell		b Phagura	0				
B. Reece	c Maxfield	b Byrne	0				
J. Wakelin	c Thomason	b Hill	18				
T.W.W. Rash	c Kelsall	b Byrne	1				
A. Mansfield†	Run Out (Goodwin)		29				
M. Salisbury	c Kelsall	b Byrne	2				
M. Wareing	c Steele	b Byrne	0				
	Extras 1b, 9lb, 12nb		22	Extras			
	Total (all out) 89.3 ov		321	Total			

Fall: 164 171 183 183 184 215 216 317 321 321

Bowling	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
G. Willott	13	2	44	0				
M. Goodwin	10	2	42	0				
B. Phagura	17	3	66	2				
P. Byrne	28.3	6	86	5				
K. Ali	11	0	35	1				
M. Hill	10	0	38	1				

Buckinghamshire C.C.C. v Suffolk C.C.C.

At Tring Park, August 14, 15, 16 2016

Competition: Unicorns Championship

Umpires: D. Pedley and N. Hall

Scorers: P. Dean and A.J. Broome

Toss won by Suffolk. Result: Match drawn. Buckinghamshire (8pts), Suffolk (7pts)

Suffolk finish one wicket shy of victory

SUFFOLK finished one wicket shy of ending their Championship campaign on a winning note at Tring Park.

The match was significant for a number of reasons – not least stand-in skipper Adam Mansfield's first game in charge, a maiden century for Ben Parker and a first five-wicket haul for Matt Wareing.

A total of 19 wickets fell on day one, with Suffolk recovering from 61-6 to post 214 all out thanks to maiden half-centuries for the county from Josh Cantrell and Matt Salisbury.

Buckinghamshire fared no better in their reply, 29-4 becoming 99-9, before a further 37 runs were added by the close. They were eventually bowled out for 167, with Wareing claiming his fifth wicket.

Thereafter the day belonged to 19-year-old Hadleigh batsman Parker, whose 105 came from 217 balls with 14 fours and one six.

He shared a fourth-wicket stand of 105 with Chris Warn, who was playing his first match for the county since the final fixture of the 2012 season, after some impressive scores for club side Copdock & Old Ipswichian.

Useful contributions throughout the order enabled Suffolk to end the second day on 310-7 – an overall lead of 357. The final three wickets added a further 21 runs, leaving Bucks requiring 379 for an improbable victory.



Matt Wareing (left) and Ben Parker with champagne in hand ready to celebrate their first five-wicket haul and maiden century respectively.

The home team gave it a real good go, Patrick Castleden (76) and Alex Woodland (61) setting the tone with an opening partnership worth 115, and Michael Payne continuing the good work with 58 from 69 deliveries. Cameron Parsons and Robin Pritchard

added 59 for the seventh wicket as Bucks kept in contention before Salisbury took his third wicket to leave himself and Suffolk with just two deliveries to claim victory.

SUFFOLK C.C.C.

1st Innings				2nd Innings			
M.G. Cull	c Russell	b Woodland	37		b Parsons		16
N. Poole		b Burden	0	c Woodland	b Hampton		22
B. Parker		b Burden	2	st Pritchard	b Gumbs		105
B. Reece	c Russell	b Hampton	11	c Russell	b Amjaid		27
C. Warn	c Russell	b Burden	4	lbw	b Burden		44
T.W.W. Rash	c Gumbs	b Woodland	1	c Burden	b Hampton		29
A. Mansfield††	c Gumbs	b Woodland	24	(8) c Pritchard	b Hampton		7
J. Cantrell	lbw	b Payne	56	(7) Not Out			34
M. Salisbury	Not Out		58	c Parsons	b Scriven		17
M. Wareing	lbw	b Amjaid	0	st Pritchard	b Amjaid		5
B. Moulton-Day	c Gumbs	b Amjaid	10	c Woodland	b Scriven		5
	Extras 2lb, 1w, 8nb		11	Extras 8b, 11lb, 1w			20
	Total (all out) 56.4 ov		214	Total (all out) 111.1 ov			331

Fall: 3 13 43 59 61 61 109 197 198 214

Fall: 25 39 76 181 242 266 287 320 326 331

Bowling	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
J. Burden	16	1	56	3	17	0	75	1
C. Parsons	10	4	42	0	13	4	28	1
D. Hampton	10	2	58	1	18	3	57	3
A. Woodland	13	6	31	3	(5) 4	1	21	0
U. Amjaid	4.4	2	14	2	(4) 34	14	67	2
M. Payne	3	0	11	1	6	4	17	0
J. Scriven					12.1	2	27	2
P. Castleden					4	0	10	0
S. Gumbs					3	1	10	1

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE C.C.C.

1st Innings				2nd Innings			
P. Castleden	c sub	b Wareing	10	c Poole	b Cantrell		76
A. Woodland	b Salisbury	4	c Parker	b Reece			61
S. Gumbs	c Mansfield	b Wareing	14	c Salisbury	b Reece		8
J. Scriven	c Cull	b Wareing	0	lbw	b Salisbury		27
M. Payne*		b Rash	22	lbw	b Poole		58
D. Hampton	lbw	b Moulton-Day	9	lbw	b Poole		16
R. Pritchard†	lbw	b Rash	27		b Salisbury		40
G. Russell	lbw	b Wareing	0	(9) c Poole	b Salisbury		11
C. Parsons	Not Out		46	(8) c Cantrell	b Wareing		33
U. Amjaid		b Rash	0	Not Out			1
J. Burden	lbw	b Wareing	25	Not Out			4
	Extras 6lb, 4w		10	Extras 4b, 10lb, 1w			15
	Total (all out) 49.1 ov		167	Total (9 wkts) 95 ov			350

Fall: 5 28 28 29 53 65 87 99 99 167

Fall: 115 125 180 182 252 269 328 335 346

Bowling	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
M. Salisbury	10	6	25	1	22	4	101	3
M. Wareing	17.1	3	60	5	15	4	37	1
T.W.W. Rash	7	1	33	3	(4) 7	0	24	0
B. Moulton-Day	10	3	40	1	(3) 6	0	34	0
B. Reece	5	3	3	0	(6) 26	7	77	2
N. Poole					(5) 16	3	51	2
J. Cantrell					3	0	12	1

Matches	Innings	Not Out	Runs	High score	Average	Runs	Wkts	Average
63	119	10	4920	170	45.13	4091	185	22.11

Huggins bows out with an undefeated 168



Tom Huggins (right) is presented with a framed montage of photographs and statistics of his Suffolk career by Suffolk CCA Secretary Toby Pound.

SUFFOLK skipper Tom Huggins brought the curtain down on his Minor Counties Championship career in fitting style. Huggins, who made his debut in 2006 after being released the previous summer by Northamptonshire, where he made 11 first-class appearances, struck an undefeated 168 in his final innings for Suffolk.

It meant that 33-year-old Huggins ended his Suffolk career as the current leading run-scorer in three-day Minor County cricket in the country.

Huggins entered his 63rd and final Championship match for the county, against Staffordshire at Ipswich School, in third place in the list of leading run-scorers since three-day matches were introduced in 2001.

He trailed Norfolk pair Carl Rogers and James Spelman, but his monumental effort in Suffolk's first innings propelled him into pole position.

Huggins admitted afterwards he had a tear in his eye as he was applauded off the pitch after carrying his bat.

He said: "It was emotional – I have spent 11 years playing

60-odd consecutive matches and I am going to miss everyone. I have loved playing for Suffolk and given my all." Huggins, who was denied the chance to bat one last time when the final day's play was abandoned without a ball being bowled, finished his Suffolk career with 4,920 Championship runs to his name plus 185 wickets.

His 15 centuries are a record for Suffolk but also mean he has scored more hundreds than any other player since the Minor Counties Championship switched to three-day cricket.

Suffolk CCA Secretary Toby Pound made a special presentation to Huggins, who will continue to play club cricket for Sudbury, after the second day's play at Ipswich School.

Huggins, one of only two Level 4 coaches in Suffolk, took up his new post at Essex CCC as Player Pathway Manager the following week.

His role involves leading on the county's Emerging Players' Programme and the Under-17s as well as assisting with the Academy and the professional staff.

Huggy leaves Suffolk as high-quality all-rounder

TOM Huggins arrived in Suffolk as an opening batsman and departed as a high-quality all-rounder after developing into a wicket-taking off-spin bowler.

Although he failed to achieve his ambition of helping Suffolk to win the Championship, Huggins was a member of the side that lifted the Minor Counties Trophy in 2007 for the first time in the county's history.

However, he left with a string of achievements to his name, although he undoubtedly benefited from playing in the era of three-day cricket to notch his 15 Championship centuries. Huggins, who with Martyn Cull holds the record partnership of 240 for the county's second wicket, achieved

against Norfolk at Horsford in 2008, enjoyed a rich vein of form with the bat in 2013.

After a poor 2012 by his own high standards, Huggins scored 751 runs in 12 innings with three hundreds and three half-centuries the following season at an average of 83.44.

His reward was to win the Wilfred Rhodes Trophy for the highest batting average in the whole of the Minor Counties Championship, travelling to Lord's to collect his award.

He also claimed 36 wickets in the same season, and the following year finished third highest wicket-taker in the country with a total of 40 victims across the one-day and three-day formats.

Adam will be county's youngest skipper

SUFFOLK will start the 2017 season with their youngest-ever captain in charge.

Adam Mansfield led the side for the first time in the final Unicorns Championship fixture of last season, against Buckinghamshire.

The Sudbury wicket-keeper and batsman was subsequently appointed in September as Suffolk's 22nd skipper on a permanent basis since joining the Minor Counties Championship in 1904.

He has previously led Suffolk's Development XI and also has experience as a stand-in skipper at both Bury St Edmunds and current club Sudbury.

The 25-year-old replaces county stalwart Tom Huggins, who has taken on a full-time coaching role at Essex CCC.

The match against Buckinghamshire at Tring Park, which ended in a draw, was only Mansfield's 17th Championship appearance since making his debut in 2011.

His captain in that match at Ipswich School, ironically also against Buckinghamshire, was Justin Bishop, who previously held the distinction of being the county's youngest appointed skipper, aged 27.

Mansfield, who said everyone will start with a clean slate and no-one will be sure of their place in the Suffolk side, is aiming to instil a winning culture.

He said: "It is a big honour. I was surprised to be asked, even though I did the job in the last game of the season against Buckinghamshire, so I knew I was in the running for it.

"It is brilliant to be asked to be the captain, although I know it is a tough task. We have a good team and we are looking to strengthen, so it will be exciting to see how we go.

"I will be learning on the job, but hopefully I will have some experienced players around to help me, so it won't be much of an issue.

"Whatever team you captain there are always going to be challenges to overcome which you do by supporting each other as a team.

"We will look to continue to pick players from within Suffolk, although it is difficult if you don't have the quality in the county to play at Minor Counties level.

"The side will be relatively similar to this year under Tom Huggins. We are hoping that (ex-Essex bowler) Matt Salisbury will be involved again next season and we are hoping to add a batting pro."

Mansfield admitted he will have to learn to cope with juggling his various roles and also be wary of over rates, after Suffolk suffered a two-point deduction for a slow over-rate in the drawn game at Tring Park.

He said: "It is difficult keeping wicket, captaining the side and hopefully batting for periods of time as well because you don't get much time to switch off, so I have got to find something that enables me to do so.

"We were aware of the over-rate against Bucks, but it was a case of trying to win the game on what was a seamer-friendly pitch, rather than bowling the spinners and not

'Whatever team you captain there are always going to be challenges to overcome'



Adam Mansfield, who is the youngest captain to be appointed by Suffolk.

losing the two points, and I would do the same again.

"However, it is something that coach Andy Northcote, myself and the team will have to be careful of next season." Mansfield said he was not planning to alter Suffolk's approach too much on the field but added: "We are going to have to play more as a team and take responsibility, rather than relying on one or two players to do well.

"I would like to bring a winning culture. I don't want players to just see it as representative cricket, but that they really want to win.

"At Junior level you are playing and working your way up, but at the top level we need to win games of cricket, and if we don't something will have to change.

"We will start with a clean slate – no-one is sure of their place in the side – and if we feel there is someone who deserves a chance they will be given it."

County cap for all-rounder Tom Rash



SUFFOLK all-rounder Tom Rash was a proud recipient of his county cap last season.

The Copdock & Old Ipswichian captain was presented with his cap by skipper Tom Huggins on the first day of the Unicorns Championship match against Cambridgeshire at Copdock.

Rash has established himself as a senior player in the side after making his debut for Suffolk in 2011.

He said: "When I was presented with my cap I said to the other players that I hope it goes to show what they can achieve.

"I am just a Suffolk lad who has kept his head down and

Tom Rash (left) receives his county cap from Suffolk skipper Tom Huggins at Copdock as team-mates look on.

worked hard and proved you can have a fairly fulfilling career at this level and it is something you can work towards.

"I am incredibly proud every time I pull the cap on as this is the highest level that I will play at.

"I am very grateful to Tom Huggins for keeping me involved in the team and also to previous coach Bobby Flack and former captain Justin Bishop for giving me the opportunity to play in the first place."

Suffolk duo on MCCA Management Committee



SUFFOLK now has two representatives on the Minor Counties Cricket Association Management Committee.

Former Suffolk captain Phil Caley (left), who was already the Chairman of the Cricket Committee, was elected as MCCA Secretary at Lord's in December. He replaced Geoff Evans, who died suddenly in October.

He has been joined by Suffolk CCA Honorary Secretary Toby Pound (right), who took over from ex-Staffordshire skipper Nick Archer, who has stepped up to become chairman.

Archer has taken over from John Pickup of Cheshire, who had been chairman since 1995.

The MCCA Management Committee is effectively the executive board (in corporate parlance) comprising the five elected officers (chairman, secretary, treasurer, competitions secretary and chairman of cricket) and four other elected members, two each from the ten western and ten eastern counties.

The Management Committee meets three times a year to discuss issues relating to MCCA governance, competitions, registrations, disciplinary matters and finance and is the interface between MCCA and ECB.



Facts and figures

Qualification: 100 runs/10 wickets/played in 2016

c = cap awarded since 1934.

Debut	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Av	Runs	Wkts	Av	Debut	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Av	Runs	Wkts	Av
c2008 MHS Adnan	28	48	8	2382	236*	59.55	312	9	34.66	1904 JN Goldsmith	22	34	11	131	14*	5.69	896	33	27.15
1953 HW Aldous	15	18	5	102	22*	7.84	-	-	-	1905 R Gorell-Barnes	9	16	0	285	136	17.81	294	16	18.37
1909 CL Alexander	5	9	1	130	58	16.25	31	0	-	c1934 HB Goundry	24	37	5	479	50	14.96	1203	50	24.06
1909 CW Alexander	4	8	2	212	52	35.33	20	0	-	1980 CC Graham	20	21	12	66	11*	7.33	881	26	33.88
2001 CWJ Athey	6	11	1	205	87	20.50	167	4	41.75	c1989 ID Graham	62	88	21	1772	91*	26.44	4460	135	33.03
c1934 CC Bailey	17	27	4	347	45*	15.08	200	1	200.00	1978 MA Grant	6	10	2	111	39*	13.87	419	26	16.11
c1980 MD Bailey	67	56	17	365	24	9.35	3044	107	28.44	1946 JLF Gray	9	12	1	196	67	17.81	-	-	-
1998 A Baker	8	2	0	18	10	9.00	407	14	29.07	1963 JE Green	12	19	4	258	74	17.20	-	-	-
1948 ER Baker	27	41	6	715	66	20.42	-	-	-	c1982 RC Green	65	59	27	272	19*	8.50	4751	220	21.59
c1972 PD Barker	68	115	11	2354	108*	22.63	1352	50	27.04	1991 RR Gregg	33	55	7	787	90	16.39	2335	54	43.24
1908 H Bassett	16	28	3	453	54	18.12	657	27	24.33	c2012 SM Guy	18	32	3	1369	216	47.20	4	0	-
2013 JA Beaumont	10	16	4	268	47	22.33	514	13	39.53	1962 D Hall	4	3	3	6	5*	-	309	18	17.16
c1939 BH Belle	92	148	21	4459	175*	35.11	362	9	40.22	1968 JE Hall	27	50	1	811	53	16.55	36	2	18.00
1909 SG Bennett	10	17	1	343	84	21.43	-	-	-	c1986 JD Halliday	73	133	16	2939	113	25.11	63	0	-
c1977 DG Bevan	9	15	1	607	95	43.35	14	1	14.00	1974 BJ Hamer	13	12	6	55	26*	9.16	868	29	29.93
1910 FN Bird	7	14	2	343	110*	28.58	-	-	-	1953 IF Hammond	7	12	1	150	51	13.63	78	1	78.00
1938 DTM Birks	26	38	4	445	77	13.08	244	5	48.80	c1947 HS Hargreaves	37	43	10	313	56	9.48	3251	175	18.57
c2005 JE Bishop	49	72	12	1473	88	24.55	4091	140	29.22	c1962 JM Hargreaves	91	111	35	902	55	11.86	6296	267	23.58
1996 A Bond	11	9	8	22	10	22.00	831	15	55.40	c1960 JH Harris	31	44	9	627	76*	17.91	1310	45	29.11
c1981 RJ Bond	37	61	13	1018	62	21.20	21	1	21.00	c1981 PJ Hayes	65	90	31	1289	101*	21.84	2903	104	27.91
1947 PES Bowerbank	3	4	0	112	70	28.00	48	2	24.00	1988 RJ Heap	4	8	0	106	64	13.25	52	1	52.00
1906 GGS Brander	5	10	2	143	35*	17.87	12	0	-	2004 TDC Hembry	8	10	0	210	84	21.00	-	-	-
1951 EJ Branton	10	11	3	42	14	5.25	510	14	36.42	1904 FAH Henley	4	6	1	57	23*	11.40	277	15	18.46
1986 KG Brooks	9	15	1	220	76	15.71	314	11	28.54	1938 RA Henley	8	8	3	33	16*	6.60	472	12	39.33
c1985 AD Brown	91	84	38	760	61	16.52	-	-	-	c1946 DF Henley-Welch	45	79	5	2338	169*	31.59	2022	81	24.96
2001 AM Brown	9	16	1	458	90	30.53	7	0	-	1984 R Herbert	22	36	5	560	53*	18.06	1616	69	23.42
c1934 AA Burgess	3	6	0	164	100	27.33	136	1	136.00	1908 SH Hill-Wood	11	19	3	368	58	23.00	-	-	-
1913 HA Busher	6	12	2	143	57*	14.30	65	3	21.66	c1976 RNS Hobbs	32	36	9	347	29*	12.85	2771	144	19.24
1991 RO Butcher	7	14	0	391	74	27.92	-	-	-	c1935 GW Hockey	24	40	5	1021	86*	29.17	684	19	36.00
1993 KA Butler	8	15	1	346	70	24.71	48	0	-	1993 MJ Holland	7	8	3	125	74	25.00	-	-	-
c1982 PJ Cailey	219	341	74	9269	150*	34.71	5960	163	36.56	1907 F Hollings	7	11	1	111	42	11.10	-	-	-
2016 J Cantrell	2	4	1	126	56	42.00	34	1	34.00	c1934 RV Howard	25	38	8	505	104*	16.83	960	23	41.73
1994 DM Carter	15	8	4	18	9	4.50	874	38	23.00	c1967 RF Howlett	146	243	45	5587	101*	28.21	1109	35	31.68
1904 C Catchpole	7	11	1	196	66	19.60	-	-	-	1957 PB Hudson	22	32	5	309	36*	11.44	1012	33	30.66
c1935 H Catchpole	11	17	2	353	107	23.53	463	13	35.61	c2006 TB Huggins	63	119	10	4920	170	45.13	4091	185	22.11
c1934 N Catchpole	8	13	1	147	49	12.25	823	35	23.51	2011 M.D. Hunn	13	12	5	53	31	7.57	953	46	20.71
1904 W Catchpole	11	20	0	284	42	14.20	47	1	47.00	1906 JF Ireland	15	24	0	1100	229	45.83	590	39	15.12
1999 MD Catley	12	22	0	620	110	28.18	-	-	-	1970 JPS Jamieson	6	10	1	106	31	11.77	28	1	28.00
c1992 RJ Catley	63	110	10	2840	130*	28.40	634	22	28.81	c1971 PH Jones	97	166	24	3853	95	27.13	5924	267	22.18
c1999 TM Catley	41	67	4	1626	126	25.80	28	0	-	c1934 AS Kent	19	28	6	320	51*	14.54	-	-	-
2016 JLO Cawkwell	5	9	0	353	143	39.22	-	-	-	1987 A King	8	13	1	129	35	10.75	-	-	-
1947 E Cawston	25	41	1	581	53	14.52	1037	36	28.80	1936 PAKing	9	17	3	80	23	5.71	602	24	25.08
c1936 RF Clark	22	31	8	446	70	19.39	-	-	-	c1997 PD King	53	58	11	541	98	11.51	3233	106	30.50
c1974 SM Clements	184	338	37	9219	154	30.62	1581	57	27.73	c1998 GM Kirk	23	19	9	39	18*	3.90	1761	100	17.61
1936 AC Clift	6	9	3	51	38	8.50	457	11	41.54	2009 FA Klokke	6	10	2	328	67	41.00	-	-	-
1994 J Clinch	15	28	5	608	84	26.43	61	0	-	1972 DH Knights	24	45	2	762	120*	17.72	-	-	-
1904 PW Cobbold	20	31	0	394	53	12.70	1886	152	12.40	1904 HW Lake	8	13	4	165	59	18.33	-	-	-
c1955 RA Collinge	12	17	5	244	40	20.33	933	55	16.96	1913 RD Lake	4	8	0	122	53	15.25	-	-	-
2010 MA Comber	14	25	0	883	194	35.32	566	20	28.30	1958 FG Lambert	6	11	0	235	69	21.36	-	-	-
c1946 MD Corke	106	176	18	3405	163	21.55	184	1	184.00	1907 AH Lang	11	18	2	409	60	25.56	-	-	-
1906 PP Cornell	22	41	10	248	35*	8.00	-	-	-	1958 JDF Larter	4	1	1	0	0*	-	285	14	20.35
1934 VJ Covill	6	9	0	113	34	12.55	264	10	26.40	1913 HM Lawrence	5	10	3	106	62*	15.14	423	16	26.43
c1936 M Crannis	36	47	14	203	19	6.15	1799	70	25.70	c1966 CR Layne	45	51	20	200	23*	6.45	3007	119	25.26
1957 JG Crisp	3	2	1	0	0*	-	157	10	15.70	c2004 NT Lee	28	48	7	1341	105	32.70	5	0	-
c2006 M G Cull	56	105	9	3270	208*	34.06	100	1	100.00	c1936 RC Leech	8	13	2	112	29	10.18	734	24	30.58
c1965 CJ Cunnell	59	105	15	1868	97*	20.75	2	1	2.00	1992 S Leggett	7	6	4	9	8*	4.50	513	10	51.30
c1960 RE Cunnell	167	262	56	5376	117*	26.09	5598	243	23.03	1906 VJ Lewis	16	28	1	301	63	11.14	-	-	-
c1957 AG Cutter	16	22	5	198	46*	11.64	1016	41	24.78	1963 DJ Ling	27	45	6	677	88	17.35	685	20	34.25
c1939 JV Daley	8	8	2	166	49	27.66	952	46	20.69	c1934 FH Lloyd	9	12	2	27	6	2.70	530	13	40.76
c1934 B Darvill	11	18	1	362	54	21.29	15	1	15.00	c1934 CC Lockett	7	10	0	273	91	27.30	48	0	-
1938 HT Davy	7	10	2	184	87	23.00	-	-	-	1974 SRL Long	39	64	4	1197	98	19.95	18	0	-
1905 RH Dewing	8	14	1	255	88*	19.61	-	-	-	1938 EW Lovegrove	8	10	1	167	43	18.55	-	-	-
1938 TH Digings	9	15	4	316	104	28.72	111	2	55.50	1952 CWS Lubbock	9	12	0	127	49	10.58	502	17	29.52
1979 RP Done	12	19	5	221	34*	15.78	848	29	29.24	1963 RS Maddocks	13	18	4	107	15	7.64	771	28	27.53
c1950 PR Downing	46	66	12	861	74	15.94	772	32	24.12	2004 DE Malcolm	9	5	2	12	12	4.00	903	34	26.55
c1946 W Duckham	45	72	9	1380	96	21.90	2481	126	19.69	2011 AP Mansfield	17	26	6	371	59*	18.55	-	-	-
2000 JP East	6	9	4	67	35	13.40	437	11	39.72	2015 D Manthorpe	4	8	3	71	29*	14.20	225	3	75.00
c1991 RE East	17	20	5	229	48	15.26	516	13	39.69	1980 MG Maranta	16	28	4	620	67	25.83	920	38	24.21
c1981 JW Edrich	47	88	7	1990	107*	24.56	227	4	56.75	c2002 AD Mawson	25	43	5	1703	162	44.81	3	0	-
2007 PD Edwards	12	14	4	195	37*	19.50	768	34	22.58	1969 B Mayes	22	35	8	391	67*	14.48	239	3	79.66
c1960 RJ English	82	137	12	2633	119	21.06	3081	134	22.99	c1957 R Mayes	53	97	6	2786	106	30.61	44	0	-
1913 WG English	7	14	0	196	43	14.00	389	15	25.93	c1985 MSA McEvoy	53	99	11	3170	154	36.02	-	-	-
1983 SAR Fergusson	7	12	2	203	54*	20.30	42	1	42.00	2004 AC McGarry	21	17	7	65	32	6.50	1923	87	22.10
2010 JM Finch	15	19	4	381	79	25.40	1349	47	28.70	c1938 CP Mead	11	14	2	88					

Debut	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Av	Runs	Wkts	Av	Debut	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Av	Runs	Wkts	Av
2016 W Parker	1	2	0	2	2	1.00	27	1	27.00	c1985 AJ Squire	69	121	10	3031	139	27.30	88	2	44.00
c1988 MJ Peck	51	94	16	1712	80	21.94	45	3	15.00	1904 HF Steel	9	14	0	48	16	3.42	495	21	23.57
1905 W Penfold	66	114	11	1317	84	12.78	6324	375	16.86	c1949 JN Stevens	45	51	21	415	51*	13.83	2964	118	25.11
c1939 GC Perkins	181	210	77	2044	67	15.36	10399	779	13.34	1969 JA Steward	13	19	2	191	54*	11.23	394	9	43.77
1904 CM Phillips	19	30	4	485	59	18.65	18	0	-	2013 R Stockdale	6	6	4	16	6	8.00	520	16	32.50
1965 EJ Phillips	6	7	2	28	10*	5.60	436	24	18.16	1968 J Stoggell	11	13	4	70	17	7.77	507	23	22.04
c1997 RW Pineo	29	35	7	495	70	17.67	1894	63	30.06	c1969 JP Stuck	64	111	12	2252	113	22.74	2	0	-
c1955 CHC Piper	107	172	21	2641	120	17.49	-	-	-	1973 KG Suttle	15	29	1	612	60	21.85	626	26	24.07
1969 R Plumbly	8	13	5	113	42*	14.12	-	-	-	c1999 CA Swallow	60	78	18	1495	72*	24.91	3671	116	31.64
2014 NJ Poole	12	23	1	455	80	20.68	161	4	40.25	1910 FL Titchmarsh	24	43	3	523	52	13.07	272	7	38.85
c1934 HL Porter	58	99	9	2969	146	32.98	46	1	46.00	1948 WR Towns	10	13	4	279	67	31.00	-	-	-
2012 JE Poulson	13	18	5	314	66	24.15	419	9	46.55	1973 JRA Townsend	7	14	1	337	90	25.92	23	0	-
c1938 AG Powell	24	31	1	748	118	24.93	-	0	-	1914 PS Trevor	2	4	0	101	37	25.25	-	-	-
c1934 HFJ Powell	11	17	3	433	84*	30.92	79	0	-	1904 FG Trudgett	64	98	34	414	20	6.46	4933	276	17.87
c1956 ID Prior	81	153	13	4841	136	34.57	7	0	-	2009 PT Turnbull	5	6	1	193	89	38.60	90	1	90.00
c1958 MW Prior	16	23	5	154	18*	8.55	1045	53	19.71	c1951 EJ Unwin	20	30	5	650	74	26.00	506	20	25.30
1904 E Pritchett	15	27	1	544	126	20.92	-	-	-	1954 RC Upson	17	20	4	110	34*	6.87	748	21	35.61
1986 R Pybus	18	20	12	98	24	12.25	1448	59	24.54	2016 J Wakelin	2	3	-	42	21	14.00	132	2	66.00
1905 W Quaife	38	65	3	1325	93	21.37	-	-	-	1905 OHA Walters	6	10	0	182	41	18.20	-	-	-
1948 N Quinton	9	6	3	25	13	8.33	248	10	24.80	2010 SBJ Ward	18	28	4	699	73*	29.12	-	-	-
c1994 DW Randall	50	91	5	3935	148	45.75	30	2	15.00	2015 MB Wareing	10	16	6	54	22*	5.40	1003	36	27.86
c2011 TWW Rash	29	53	6	1155	91	24.57	1303	45	28.95	c2000 CJ Warn	80	119	18	2791	165*	27.63	7	0	-
1984 PWE Rawson	6	9	3	245	81	40.83	444	11	40.36	c1965 AG Warrington	147	280	13	7623	130	28.55	109	2	54.50
1904 K Raynor	27	48	7	1067	96	26.02	494	28	17.64	1908 F Waters	10	18	8	57	11*	5.70	520	18	28.88
2015 BJ Reece	12	23	2	450	66	21.42	519	11	47.18	1965 AJ Watkins	7	11	1	253	53	25.30	351	19	18.47
2008 S Rees	16	15	4	157	30	14.27	605	17	35.58	1910 AK Watson	11	20	2	418	128	23.22	-	-	-
1979 PC Rice	27	53	3	1001	78	20.02	4	0	-	1964 KP Watson	9	16	1	236	64	15.73	-	-	-
c1947 MR Ricketts	53	86	4	1606	89	19.58	361	14	25.78	c1934 HP Waugh	44	68	6	1515	108*	24.43	2107	84	25.08
c1968 RJ Robinson	109	184	32	2811	78	18.49	5674	191	29.70	1968 AL Webb	11	19	4	201	47*	13.40	258	8	32.25
1961 BA Rolph	12	19	1	326	62	18.11	203	10	20.30	1934 HC Webb	3	5	0	101	61	20.20	70	0	-
2014 WT Root	1	1	1	210	210*	-	35	0	-	2016 S Webb-Snowling	2	4	-	38	17	9.50	-	-	-
c1965 C Rutterford	137	132	61	938	57	13.21	9261	431	21.48	2005 T Webley	6	11	3	284	109	35.50	-	-	-
2016 MET Salisbury	4	7	2	100	58*	20.00	425	15	28.33	1937 JH Weller-Poley	4	7	1	102	39	17.00	99	1	99.00
c1936 JM Sangster	62	101	6	2006	144	21.11	86	1	86.00	c1973 SA Westley	97	119	31	1575	124	17.89	11	0	-
2006 CP Schofield	5	8	1	367	92*	52.42	472	32	14.75	1911 AD Whatman	4	8	0	184	77	23.00	-	-	-
1963 ME Scrutton	11	22	4	489	55	27.16	158	7	22.57	c1957 WAD Whitfield	37	59	13	684	69	14.86	1958	80	24.47
c1997 CP Seal	41	58	12	911	79*	19.80	1773	62	28.59	c1994 KM Wijesuriya	42	76	9	2197	112	32.79	1384	30	46.13
1998 ACH Seymour	19	28	2	813	99	31.26	594	14	42.42	c1955 BA Wilson	39	64	11	1046	107*	19.73	1057	42	25.16
1949 W Sharples	4	5	0	16	9	3.20	239	12	19.91	1905 CS Wilson	17	27	1	411	93	15.80	87	1	87.00
c1996 KG Shaw	38	48	10	533	40	14.02	1374	45	30.53	1908 FTD Wilson	17	30	1	778	183	26.82	887	43	20.62
2012 BD Shepperson	7	13	-	201	59	15.46	72	2	36.00	1905 HL Wilson	44	74	6	1568	131	23.05	527	16	32.93
1960 CP Simpson	15	22	2	264	47	13.20	157	2	78.50	1904 FP Wood	14	25	2	283	38	12.30	142	3	47.33
1954 AF Skinner	4	6	1	112	41	22.40	-	1	-	c1984 HJW Wright	32	49	14	650	86	18.57	1964	64	30.68
1936 AH Sleigh	5	10	0	121	32	12.10	6	1	6.00	c1934 RC Wright	6	10	0	199	107	19.90	90	1	90.00
1937 GWO Smith	14	26	0	312	45	12.00	-	-	-	1904 HS Wrinch	8	14	1	251	70	19.30	28	1	28.00
2007 MJW Smith	12	9	3	115	29	19.16	1163	35	33.22	1910 SH Wrinch	4	6	0	106	76	17.66	9	0	-
c2002 TM Smith	22	29	6	435	49	18.91	2260	87	25.97	1988 JJ Zagni	13	21	7	215	66*	15.35	638	13	49.07

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Buckinghamshire	68	21	21	-	26
Cambridgeshire	83	21	27	-	35
Cheshire*	1	-	-	-	1
Cumberland	29	9	4	-	16
Durham	11	2	4	-	5
Essex II	24	3	6	-	15
Hertfordshire	122	29	44	-	49
Lincolnshire	77	20	19	-	38
Middlesex II	15	1	5	-	9
Norfolk	119	35	25	-	59
Northumberland	28	9	10	-	9
Nottinghamshire II	4	-	3	-	1
Oxfordshire	4	-	3	-	1
Staffordshire	34	5	10	-	19
Surrey II	11	-	8	-	3
	712	184	210	1	317

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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* 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: 15 T.B. Huggins 2006-2016
 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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It's important to strike the right balance

KEMSLEY ROBB reviews the Development XI's season



I FELT it a great honour to be invited to coach the Suffolk Development XI and I was thoroughly looking forward to working with the county's talented up-and-coming players. Having said that, it was difficult to build momentum as the team was constantly changing due to injury, work commitments and availability. However, this did create opportunities for others to come into the team and showcase their talents with some good performances from some of the younger players.

Our first game saw a round-robin T20 tournament against the England Deaf XI and the Essex Development XI. The first game saw Suffolk take on the England Deaf XI.

Suffolk won the toss and elected to bat. Fifteen-year-old Alex Oxley opened the batting and raced to 55 with some strong leg side shots, two of which went for six. He was ably supported by Kyran Young, who also scored 55.

Some late hitting by Ollie Lovejoy saw Suffolk post a formidable total of 190-5 off their allocated 20 overs. The Deaf XI started steady and some tight bowling and good fielding soon saw them behind the run rate with Suffolk eventually running out winners by 61 runs, Aaron Deshi bowling his four overs for 17 runs.

With the mood high after a good win, the second game saw us take on Essex who contained some potential stars of the future. Suffolk again won the toss and elected to bat but this time found scoring hard to come by. Suffolk eventually posted a score of 93-9 off their 20 overs and Essex must have felt they would knock this off in no time. However, again Suffolk were tight with their bowling and brilliant in the field and the game hung on a knife-edge until Essex finally posted 96-5 off 18.1 overs.

The bowling was very good with only one wide being bowled. Josh Cantrell took 2-12 off his four overs and Kyran Young took 1-4 off three overs. The day was a good success

Suffolk Development XI: Back row, left to right: Kemsley Robb (coach) Andy Broome (scorer), Tristan Blackledge, Alfie Marston, Jack Lord, Hugo Douglas, Josh Cantrell, Ollie Lovejoy, Fergus Atkins. Front row: Jake Wakelin, Jack Beaumont, Ben Whittaker, Alex Oxley.

with some positives to take going forward.

Suffolk's first game of the season proper was against Norfolk who won the toss and elected to bat first. Runs were hard to come by before Norfolk posted 190-8 off their allotted 50 overs. Chris Wells took 2-28 off ten overs, Jack Beaumont 2-38 off nine overs and Josh Cantrell 1-32 off his ten overs.

Suffolk lost two early wickets and we were soon 16-4 and well behind the run rate, before we were eventually bowled out for 96 off just 41 overs. Josh Cantrell, who made 38 runs at the end, and Jack Beaumont, with 23, were two of only three batsmen to reach double figures. It was a disappointing loss with some ill-discipline from the batsmen.

Our next game saw us take on Essex and with our previous close loss to them we were expecting to push them hard again. Essex won the toss and elected to field first.

Essex, playing two of their first-team squad fast bowlers in Ollie Bocking and Callum Taylor, soon reduced Suffolk to 44-5. Some late rallying by Fergus Atkins (36), Josh Cantrell (37) and Tristan Blackledge (20) eventually took us to 196-9 off 46 overs.

We were definitely going to have to bowl and field well. Suffolk took the field and it soon became apparent that Essex were not going to make it easy for the bowlers displaying sound defence and picking off the loose balls. Essex eventually won the game in a canter, posting 197-6 off 45 overs and never really looking in trouble.

Jack Lord, playing his first game of the season, was the pick

of the Suffolk bowlers with 2-31 off his ten overs and Hugo Douglas claimed 2-49 off 8.4 overs.

Hopefully some lesson were learnt by our batters watching the way Essex went about picking off the runs and playing good, solid cricket shots. All is never lost in losses provided we learn going forward.

Our next game saw us take on Bedfordshire and having won the toss, Suffolk chose to field first. After a couple of early wickets the bowlers found it tough going and Bedfordshire eventually posted 215-7 off their allotted 50 overs. Josh Cantrell was the pick of the Suffolk bowlers, taking 3-33 off seven overs.

Discussion was had over the lunch interval about the batsmen needing to apply themselves and sadly this was not transferred onto the field.

Our top four batsmen were all bowled and we were eventually dismissed for 165 off just 41 overs. Only four batsmen reached double figures with Ben Parker posting 54 and Josh Cantrell, who made 50, being the only ones to really apply themselves.

Our last game of the season saw us taking on a very strong Cambridgeshire side and with some late call offs from players and a change of playing venue, we eventually arrived at the ground with 11 players.

Suffolk won the toss and elected to field. Suffolk's decision to bowl first looked like a good one with Cambridgeshire soon reduced to 23-3 before a fourth-wicket rally saw them reach 112-4.

Cambridgeshire were eventually bowled out for 298 off 48 overs. George Loyd took 3-38 off nine overs which included a hat-trick, Billy Moulton Day took 3-50 off eight overs and debutant Josh Frame, who bowled tight in his early spell, picked up 2-50 off eight overs.

Suffolk never really looked in the chase, losing steady wickets with some indiscipline with the bat and were eventually bowled out for 174 off just 36.3 overs with only 16-year-old Jack Hobbs (30) and 15-year-old Josh Frame (22 not out) putting up any real fight.

Looking back on the season there is a mixture of emotions of how it went. Suffolk continue to push their youth which show great signs for Suffolk cricket in the years to come. However, with an average age of less than 20 each game, we often found that we were pitted against much older teams.

Whilst this is great for a younger player's learning, it is important going forward that we now start to get the balance right and hopefully the introduction of a Development Squad will give us more options to choose from with the right mix of youth and experience.

I am looking forward to the 2017 season as Suffolk have a healthy stock of young players coming through the system and hopefully pushing for first-team selection.

I would like to thank Valda Marks for all of her hard work in assisting with the matches and team notifications, the scorers and the umpires, you all know who you are. I am truly grateful for all of your assistance and hopefully 2017 will be a better year for results.

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Disappointing season for ECB Over-50s

Suffolk Seniors report by ALAN ROGERS

A BIG thank you goes out to everybody that contributes to making seniors cricket so enjoyable. This includes the organisers, sponsors, supporters and, very importantly, our host clubs for their fine facilities and their volunteers who make us warmly welcome.

Getting few thanks will be the weather gods who conspired to bring regular downpours causing many a fixture to be rescheduled, which was not good for finding new grounds at short notice and played havoc with player availability.

From the highs of 2015, the ECB 50s disappointing season owed much to unavailability and injuries, meaning they were rarely able to field their strongest XI or a settled side.

The season opened with the visit of Northants to Mildenhall CC. Suffolk won the toss and asked Northants to bat. Wickets fell at regular intervals but the visitors were still managing to add runs at the rate of four-an-over, mainly as a result of T Walker's 63 compiled over a 94-minute stay at the crease. Three wickets each for Ian Knight and Andrew Simmons helped restrict Northants to 183-9 at tea, an eminently reachable target on a good batting track.

The previous year's batting supremo, Arthur Wormington, was lbw in the fifth over, leaving Simon Halliday (40) and captain Tony Stubbs (72 not out) to build the platform on which to reach the target. Valuable partnerships with Kevin Ross (21) and Paul Pallant (24 not out) saw Suffolk chalk up their first win with six wickets and 23 balls to spare.

After a fruitless trip to Peterborough, the away match to

Hunts saw the 50s travel to Barnack CC the following Wednesday. Suffolk were asked to bat first. Colin Walters opened the innings in typical belligerent style, hitting 74 from just 66 balls and Bill Byford, batting at No.3, hit 45 from 44 balls.

At the other end, Halliday was grinding out a solid 81. Halliday's departure left Suffolk with six overs remaining and the scoreboard reading 223-2. Alas, the middle order failed to capitalise on the short boundaries and somewhat stumbled to 257-7 at tea.

Despite only capturing three wickets in the first 30 overs, Hunts now needed 120+ runs at over eight per over. The catalyst for the Hunts revival was S Best who, coming in at No.5, smashed 33 off 19 balls. All the while, No.3, G Scotcher, was steadily accumulating runs, and after 115 balls faced, he achieved his maiden 50s century. Suffolk were unable to remove Scotcher and his final tally of 125 saw Hunts to an improbable last-over victory.

And so on to Ipswich CC for the visit of Bedfordshire. J Page normally scores big against Suffolk and 2016 was no exception. Opening the batting, he stayed at the crease for the full 45 overs and at tea he had 86 not out recorded against his name.

The opening partnership had been worth 127, with No.2, A Summerfield, contributing 65. Page, accompanied by No.4 C Stevens (55), added 88 for the third wicket before the innings came to a close at 232-3. Suffolk had not bowled



Suffolk Over-50s 1st XI at Mildenhall CC. Back row (left to right): Rick Jones (team manager), Arthur Wormington, Kevin Ross, Nigel Dennis, Andy Leech, Graham Underwood, Ian Knight. Front row: Kevin Dobson, Andrew Simmons, Tony Stubbs, Paul Pallant, Simon Halliday.

particularly well.

If the bowling was below par, then so was the batting! Although Halliday (57) was as stubborn as usual, Wormington fell without scoring and the middle order all got started but got out when it needed someone to stay in and get a decent score. When Kevin Dobson came in at 142-5, 91 runs were still needed from the last 11 overs. Despite his 30 not out, Suffolk were eventually bowled out for 205, some 28 runs shy of the target.

There was not a great deal of improvement in the batting when Leicestershire came to Bury St Edmunds CC. Having been inserted, Suffolk lost Halliday in the ninth over although it was good to see Wormington (45) back in form. Once again it was the middle order getting started and getting out that was putting Suffolk on the back foot. Stubbs (27) and Byford (36) helped Suffolk to reach 195-7 at tea.

Opening bowlers Nigel Dennis (1-20) and Graham Underwood (1-11) looked to have put Suffolk on course for a comfortable win as Leicestershire struggled to 118-6 from the first 35 overs. Only opener N Clarke (65) offered serious resistance. But his replacement at the crease, wicket-keeper S Parbari, changed the course of the match with his 48 not out from 35 balls faced.

Amazingly, Leicestershire, had squeezed a three-wicket win with three balls to go, a win which would help them win the group and eventually win the national competition.

A second-wicket partnership of 123 between Halliday (62) and Andrew Squire (79) set the base on which Suffolk built an imposing total against neighbours Norfolk. Even with these two back in the pavilion, the runs flowed at seven per over from the final ten overs for a tea-time score of 241-7.

The visitors were soon on the back foot with Nigel Dennis removing both opening bats during his nine-over blast which only cost 16 runs. Batting at No.3, M Broad hit a patient 57 but all the while Norfolk were falling further behind the run rate.

Stubbs and Andrew Simmons collected two wickets each as Norfolk eased their way to the conclusion of their allotted overs without ever troubling the target. At 183-7 they had fallen some 64 runs short.

Play got underway at March CC, against Cambridgeshire, at the second attempt, persistent rain forcing the original match to be cancelled. Cambridgeshire batted first and got off to a good start with A Brightmore and N Gadsby both getting half centuries thanks to some wayward bowling.

Two wickets each for Dennis and Guy Robins slowed the innings somewhat until a rapid 51 not out by D Pimlett pushed the home total up to 242-5. With a storm rapidly approaching, Suffolk's only chance of winning the match appeared to rest on a 20-over innings with a target of 108.

At 61-3 in the 14th over this looked totally impossible. However, with Wormington (32 not out) unusually batting at No.4 but back to his belligerent best, this suddenly looked possible. Alas, with just 25 needed from 21 balls the storm broke. Not only did this prevent victory on the day but dashed any hopes of reaching the play-offs.

Performance of the Year – Tony Stubbs (versus Northants, home), Player of the Year – Andrew Simmons.

The Home Counties XI commenced their season with a thumping ten-wicket win over a short-handed Sussex team at Ipswich CC. Batting first, Sussex's opening bats had rather differing approaches to the game. By the time J Rogers had hit his half century, his partner had scored just three from an equal number of balls faced.

Following the dismissal of Rogers in the 17th over, there was little joy for the visitors as they crawled along at around three runs-per-over against an accurate attack. Two wickets each for John Howe, Jimmy Allan and Kevin Ross restricted Sussex to 129 all out, with the last five wickets falling over the course of six-and-a-half overs. The Suffolk reply only lasted 16.4 overs as Colin Walters blasted his way to 81 not out, ably backed up by Lou Handy with 43 not out.

Kent are always difficult opponents to beat and their first innings total of 181-6 looked to be more than useful. Suffolk managed to keep Kent relatively quiet for the first 35 overs during which time Ross's nine-over spell cost a mere 18 runs. However, M Spelman, batting at No.4, led the charge and as a result the last ten overs went for 66-2, Spelman being the last man out in the last over. Suffolk made good early headway towards the target of 182 with Handy (36) and Sean Cooper (46) adding 79 for the second wicket.

However, from 105-2 after 28 overs and looking comfortable, the visitors suffered a mini collapse and were now 145-5 with seven overs remaining. Rob Collett and Steve Smith both hit unbeaten 25s to enable Suffolk to collect win No.2 for the season.

The visit of Essex to Old London Road, Copdock provided a feast of cricket and a nail-biting finish. Batting first, Essex were getting full value from a splendid track, accumulating runs at around five-per-over. There were 50s for opener, D Thrift, and No.4 J Pierre. Suffolk did fight back and as Essex looked to accelerate over the final few overs, so a few cheap wickets were collected. At tea Essex were 230-7.

To reach the target, Suffolk really needed one of the top order to stand tall and make a decent score. This did not happen as Ross, batting at No.4, hit 33 which would eventually prove to be the top score. Suffolk appeared to be self-destructing as wickets tumbled at regular intervals, four of them being to run outs, but surprisingly kept up with the run rate.

With one over to go nine runs were needed with two wickets left when Andrew Burgess was run out, leaving three balls to get six runs. Following two wides, Martyn Wilkins saved the day by hitting the next legal ball for four. Suffolk's next match was at Buckinghamshire where, for the second time during the season, the opposition were one player short. Bucks initially made light of this as they suddenly had Suffolk reeling at 17-2 after five overs. Captain Walters (44) along with No.4, Jeff Hurrell steadied the ship before Walters was caught and bowled with the score on 114.

Over the course of the next 20 overs Hurrell and Collett destroyed the home bowling adding 162 together before Hurrell was stumped having scored 128 from 119 deliveries. Collett's equally superb innings of 91 not out allowed Suffolk to head to tea with 312-5 on the board.

Home skipper A Johnson (37) and opener M Taylor (88) put on 91 for the first wicket but all the while they were falling further behind the required rate. Taylor survived until being run out in the 33rd over by which time Bucks had reached 181-4. With Taylor gone, the Bucks tail lost heart and they finished all out on 198. Most unusually, the bowling honours went to Walters who, bowling his occasionals, ended with 4-19 from a six-over spell.

Suffolk's winning run continued the following week when Berkshire were the visitors to Mildenhall CC. With rain forecasted for later in the afternoon, the two captains agreed to reduce the match to 35-overs-per-side. This was a wise move as the rains came after 15 overs with Berks looking a little uncomfortable on 33-1.

After a break of two-and-a-half hours, including an early tea, play was able to resume with the sun shining once again – a marvellous effort by the groundstaff to get the pitch playable after a lot of rain had fallen.

Not sure if this was really appreciated by Berks though as the second half of their innings fell limply away. Save for G Young's unbeaten 53, none of his remaining partners looked threatening as the innings closed on 137-8. Well bowled Burgess with 4-24. In reply, Handy fell cheaply on his home turf leaving Chris Cook (63no) and Hurrell (63no) to collect the winning points with less than 22 overs used.

From the highs of the past few weeks, Suffolk were brought crashing down to earth by Middlesex. On a small, compact ground Suffolk's bowlers could not consistently find the right line and length to bowl thus enabling Middlesex to take full advantage of the short boundaries.

Opener P Scott smashed 113 off 94 balls faced and whilst a few wickets in the middle order helped to temper the scoring rate, it was the tail that flailed their bats at a variety of loose deliveries that pushed the score up to 282-8. The normally economical Dean Sykes took three wickets but at a cost of 41 runs.

With potentially the strongest possible batting line-up Suffolk still had hope of chasing down this mammoth target. The first setback occurred in the sixth over when Walters (32) having already hit seven boundaries, tried for another big hit and was bowled. Handy (41) and Hurrell were pegged back by the Middlesex spin bowlers and the departure of Hurrell in the 15th over set off the collapse with the next three wickets adding just 36 runs. Steve Smith added a breezy 37 before he was bowled in the 34th over. The match was all over just 11 balls later with the score on 161 and a heavy 121-run defeat.

Suffolk needed to beat Hertfordshire at Sudbury CC to retain hope of collecting some silverware. Having won the toss and asked Herts to bat first, that decision did not look the best as the visitors racked up 235-9 from their 45 overs. While not the biggest target to chase at Sudbury, it still left an element of scoreboard pressure. W Hamza and visiting captain J Mather both scored 46 with Burgess taking 3-44 and Wilkins 2-32.

A good start was needed and a good start followed as Hurrell (86) and Cooper (48) put on 116 for the first wicket. Hurrell was eventually third man out with the score on 173

in the 31st over when looking set for another century. Phil Caley (53 not out), on only his second appearance of the season, guided Suffolk home to a five-wicket win with five overs in hand.

The final match away in Surrey was now a must-win for Suffolk to appear in the play-off final with the Championship now out of reach. Suffolk won the toss and chose to bat on a rather poor-looking, worn wicket. Whether the Surrey bowlers bowled really well or whether the state of the pitch played tricks on the mind I don't know, but over the course of the 45 overs Suffolk produced another below-par batting performance.

Bill Byford (31) and Cook (28) were the top run getters but a number failed to build on a decent start or a lengthy occupation of the crease. Suffolk had been bowled out for 171 but would this be enough? Alas, the early wickets that were needed did not materialise and the pitch did not appear to hold any demons. Opener T Walter (94no) batted Suffolk out of the game although he did lose two partners, both caught by Byford, one each for Ross and Burgess.

Performance of the Year – Jeff Hurrell (versus Hertfordshire, home), Player of the Year – Andrew Burgess.

Having lost both a pre-season friendly and the first Seevent Championship match to rain, the weather was not much better as the 60s hosted Leicestershire at a chilly Woolpit CC. Dick Bond won the first toss of the season and asked the visitors to bat first. A good plan as wickets fell regularly and tight bowling, allied to some good fielding, enabled Suffolk to restrict Leicestershire to 147-7 off their 45 overs. Alan Burt's left-arm spin was used to good effect with 3-29.

After an excellent tea, it was Suffolk's turn to struggle with the bat and 36-3 was not the ideal start. Bond (26) and Stef Marks (44) started the recovery but both lost their wickets when crease occupation by either of them could have won the day. At 107-6 with 11 overs left victory could still be Suffolk's but alas, the tail folded and despite a gallant effort by Malcolm Grubb (19 not out) a final total of 140 all out was somewhat disappointing, especially as the innings closed in the 43rd over.

Having lost the first match which should have been won, it then becomes a little daunting to face the strongest team in the group for one's second match. Match No.2 and Hertfordshire made the relatively short trip up to Ipswich CC. Included in the Hertfordshire XI was Suffolk's all-time second-highest run scorer, Simon Clements.

Bond again won the toss and asked the visitors to bat. Not such a wise move this time as opener D Elder began to stroke the ball around to all corners of the ground. Having hit a chanceless unbeaten 113 off 108 balls, he hobbled off the pitch to be replaced at the crease by that man Clements. Age does not diminish class and in those final overs of the innings, Clements amassed 73 not out from 66 balls as Herts closed on 271-3.

If a win was not possible, then at least Suffolk would have liked to reply with a decent total. As in the first match this was not to be even against a makeshift bowling attack as Herts were missing their regular opening bowlers. John Gallant, Gerry Artindale, Bond and Peter Webb all scored

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20s but missed out on scoring big. Suffolk's meagre total of 137-9 was some 134 runs short of the target.

Norfolk couldn't have found a colder venue for the re-arranged match, with a bitter north easterly blowing across the Overstrand ground. This did not appear to hamper Norfolk despite losing their first wicket in the sixth over. M Pearse (78) and C Bennett (41) added 81 for the second wicket, leaving the middle order to go for quick runs over the final 17 overs. Wicket-keeper Lofthouse led the way with 32 not out.

In what proved to be the champagne moment of the season, Stef Marks took a brilliant one-handed running catch on the long-off boundary. Grubb (2-21) and Webb (2-46) led the bowling as Norfolk posted 214-6.

Norfolk were confident that this would be a winning score but were much less so following a century opening partnership between Marks (53) and Artindale (83 not out). Marks and Bond were dismissed in quick succession, bringing Peter Boughton to the crease.

Artindale and Boughton (49) unleashed the full range of shots to add 86 for the third wicket before Boughton was stumped with victory in range. Dave Hinchcliffe clubbed his way to a quick-fire 20 not out to bring up a seven-wicket win in the 44th over.

March CC is normally an immaculate ground but the 60s arrived to find a wicket seemingly under-prepared for the match against Cambridgeshire. A good toss to win and Cambridgeshire were asked to bat. They never recovered from the loss of early wickets before Webb (4-41) and Burt (2-26) ripped the heart out of their middle order. Their innings closed on 133-9.

Nerves started to get a little frayed as Suffolk lost early wickets and at 68-4 with just 18 overs remaining, there was the beginnings of another collapse. Fortunately, Boughton (45 not out) retained his form from the previous match and accompanied by Webb (33 not out) the necessary 68 runs were added without further loss.

The third away match in a row took Suffolk up to Oakham CC, near to the shores of Rutland Water. Suffolk were determined to extract revenge on Leicestershire for that untidy defeat at Woolpit. After being asked to bat first, Suffolk made a decent start before Marks was out with the score on 41. With Artindale (64) back on song and John Gallant (40) adding 67 for the second wicket, a platform had been built on which to record a competitive total. Although wickets fell regularly, runs were being added at a reasonable rate and by tea, Suffolk had reached 174-8.

Leicestershire were pegged back from the very start. Alan Barnes (1-10) and Hinchcliffe (1-3) excelled in their opening spells of seven overs, restricting the home side to 13-2 after 14 overs. They were unable to recover from this start and crawled their way to 124-5. Incredibly, opener G Fox batted his way through the whole 45 overs for just 74 not out.

Early days yet but there were the beginnings of hope of reaching the play-offs. That was until the arrival at Copdock of Bedfordshire and more rain. Beds were asked to bat in a match restricted to 40-overs-per-side.

B Ingram (45) and P Mustoe (38) got the visitors off to a great

start before four wickets fell for just eight runs, putting Suffolk back in the driving seat. A 69-run partnership from 12 overs between C Stubbs and C Matthews then swung the balance back to Beds. There were two wicket each for Grubb, Webb and Derrick Messent as Beds reached 168-7 at tea. With the sky getting ever greyer and with drizzle in the air, Suffolk needed to better Beds' run rate for a minimum of 20 overs should the weather prevent the full 40 overs being bowled. They had to go for a blast and hope that the rain came early or to bat as normal and hope that the rain stayed away. Well it appeared that the Suffolk batters fell between both camps as they neither exceeded the required run rate nor did they build an innings.

The top six batters all reached double figures with Marks top-scoring on 20. Rain brought a halt to the match after 31 overs and 107-5 on the scoreboard. Suffolk were 24 runs behind the appropriate target and looked unlikely to get the necessary 62 runs had the match gone full distance.

Even without the excellent Clements, Hertfordshire were too strong for Suffolk in the return fixture at Letchworth CC. Batting first, Suffolk never really mastered the Herts bowling. Only 82 runs came from the first 25 overs for the loss of four wickets. Bond (34) and Webb (38 not out) did push the scoring along but somehow, the acceleration needed in the last few overs failed to materialise.

Would 167-6 be sufficient? Alas no, as D Robinson (71) enjoyed partnerships of 73 with D Elder (43) and 70 with M Christelow (40) as Suffolk claimed just three wickets again and another seven-wicket defeat.

On to Potton CC for the return fixture against Bedfordshire and another match restricted to 40-overs-per-side. Beds won the toss and batted first. Opener P Mustoe (76 not out) enjoyed another fruitful knock against Suffolk, batting for the whole of the innings. Webb added another two wickets to his collection but could not prevent Beds from recording a sizeable total of 195-4.

Apart from Artindale (31) the top order again failed to get the runs at the necessary rate. The onus once more fell on Webb (41 not out) to rescue the score although the target was too far out of reach. Suffolk's innings closed on 170-7.

Unseasonal weather had affected pitch preparation so the return fixture against Norfolk at East Bergholt CC was never going to be a high-scoring affair. Suffolk batted first and struggled to score runs at any great rate. Bond and Webb both hit 31 to hold the innings together, but only two other batters managed to reach double figures.

A total of 121-9 may not have been a big target but if Suffolk could bowl as well as Norfolk then a win could still be on the cards. R Davies had no problems to begin with as his 44 enabled Norfolk to reach 89-3. A dramatic change of fortune saw three wickets fall without the addition of any further runs. From a comfortable stroll, Norfolk now had to fight for every run. J Lund, who would normally bat top order but batted at No.8 on this occasion, rescued Norfolk in this tense finish with 22 not out. The visitors won by four wickets despite the best efforts of Burt with 3-21.

With the play-offs now out of reach, Suffolk entertained Cambridgeshire at Stowmarket CC for the last match of the



Suffolk Over-60s 1st XI at Oakham CC. Back row (left to right): Malcolm Grubb, Peter Boughton, Dave Hinchcliffe, John Gallant, Stef Marks, Gerry Artindale. Front row: Alan Burt, Clive Witherly, Dick Bond (captain), Peter Webb, Alan Barnes, Alan Rogers (scorer).

season. Suffolk won the toss and decided to bat. Having lost two cheap wickets for 49 runs, Marks (62) and Boughton (55) set about rebuilding the innings with a stand of 90 for the third wicket. Gallant (24) helped the score along to 170 before Webb and Hinchcliffe added a quick-fire, unbeaten partnership of 48 to close the innings at 218-6.

Cambs got off to a solid start with No.3 I Puckle adding 43. P Ringham (48) had joined Puckle with the score on 84 and together they looked like that they could get close to the target. However, following Puckle's dismissal at 103 it was left to Ringham to fight a lone battle. Had he found an able partner then Cambs could well have got closer than 197-9. Performance of the Year – Gerry Artindale (versus Norfolk, away), Player of the Year – Peter Webb.

It is fair to say that the 60s 2nd XI had a middling year, with six wins and six defeats culminating in finishing mid-table in the North/East group.

The 2nd XI came away from Bedfordshire with a comfortable four-wicket win thanks to a good bowling effort from Mark Sargeant 4-26 and Steve Bulger 2-40. In reply to the home side's score of 193-8, Ray Black (31) and Peter Lack (56) made good inroads towards the target before an unbeaten half century from Bulger guided the visitors to 196-6.

The home match against Cambridgeshire is really best forgotten. Having bowled well to restrict Cambs to 185 all out, Steve O'Sullivan 3-30 and Sargeant 2-20, the batsmen could not match the same standard, reaching 75-9 from 45 overs with Sargeant (14 not out) top-scoring from No.10.

Suffolk's batsmen also struggled the following week against Essex at Billericay CC. Having been asked to bat first, Suffolk were grateful for Bulger's 49 out of a total of 136-8. Once again, the bowlers performed well, with Sargeant

taking 3-21 and Bob Perrett 2-26. It was a close finish as the 2nds were unable to wheedle out the last pair as Essex claimed a one-wicket win.

A century partnership between M Christelow (74) and K Hammond (81) put the skids under Suffolk at Hertfordshire. Although wickets tumbled later on, Sargeant taking 3-30 and Rob Jenkin 2-53, at tea 197-9 was a decent target.

Opening bowler A Kelly was in good form with the ball and it was his 4-23 that knocked over the top order to leave Suffolk struggling at 24-4. Jenkin (45) led the fight back but without a dominant partnership, Suffolk finished a fair way off the pace at 138-8.

At home to Essex, Suffolk came across another bowler in top form. N Green's 5-40 did much to restrict the 2nds to 141-8, of which captain Black top-scored with 41. Jenkin (3-39) and Sargeant (2-16) made Essex fight for the runs but with 40s from C Anderson and S Adcock, Essex managed to creep home to a two-wicket win with just three balls to spare.

Having lost four matches on the bounce, nothing brings more cheer than a victory against neighbours Norfolk. G Roper enjoyed his visit to Ipswich CC as his 86 was the basis for Norfolk's 187-6. Sargeant was again in the wickets, taking 3-43.

At last the batting fired, albeit after the loss of two early wickets, as Perrett struck 78 in a partnership worth 101 with Jenkin (44). Twenties from Black and Derrick Messent cheered Suffolk with a five-wicket win.

The 2nds managed to gain swift revenge over Hertfordshire with a four-wicket win at Melton St Audry's CC. Phil Maynard (49), Messent (50) and Bulger (46 not out) all contributed to a total of 192-6 thus overtaking Herts' total of 190-7. Wicket keeper G Graveson top-scored with 56 for the

visitors and there was another four-wicket haul for Sargeant. The home and away ties against Yorkshire were played at neutral venues by way of reducing the time and distance needed to travel. The away tie was at Grantham CC, where our host for the day was a former player at Mildenhall CC. Suffolk won the toss and chose to bat on a warm and sunny day. Perrett's 50 got the innings off to a good start with the good work being continued by Lack's 44. Maynard hit a run-a-ball 24 not out at the end, but perhaps the total should have been bigger than 201-5.

Bruce Tompkins bagged a wicket before a run had been scored but Yorkshire hit back with an 82-run partnership for the second wicket. Despite taking wickets on a regular basis, Yorkshire were keeping pace with the required run rate. Sargeant 2-27 did his best to stem the tide, before Yorkshire eased home with four wickets and nine balls in hand.

At Oakham CC for the 'home' tie Yorkshire ran out rather more comfortable victors. D Fairbank (72) and G Orrell (77 not out) combined to push Yorkshire up to 236-4, Stuart Carpenter being the most successful bowler with 2-56.

Losing early wickets did not help as Suffolk stuttered to 114-5 in reply. A mini recovery from Black (33) and Chris Watson (39) helped the score up to 182-9 but it was too little, too late.

Sandwiched in between the two Yorkshire matches, Suffolk had posted a pleasing win against Bedfordshire on a day for the batters. A Reynolds was largely responsible for Beds' total of 189-3 with an unbeaten 105.

Suffolk recovered from the loss of two early wickets to bag a satisfactory five-wicket win with eight overs in hand. The backbone of the innings came courtesy of a large partnership between Lack (76) and Black (59 not out).

The 2nds completed the double over Norfolk with a thumping win at Rocklands CC. Norfolk were skittled out for 88, Perrett taking 2-14 and Brian Cole 2-6, but the star of the show was Sargeant whose analysis read 9-4-6-4. This was in reply to Suffolk's first innings total of 212-8, built around Black's 57 and 36 from Lack.

A season finale at March CC saw Suffolk record 255-6 in order to chase down Cambridgeshire's first innings total of 252-3. A Brown (73) and M Ketteridge (70) put on 141 for the first wicket. Although wicketless, Perrett's 0-22 helped to stem the flow of runs. Black (107) underpinned the chase with the first home century of the season and again in partnership with Lack (46) added 96 for the second wicket. Jenkin eventually saw Suffolk home with an unbeaten 37.

Performance of the Year – Ray Black (versus Cambridgeshire, away), Player of the Year – Mark Sargeant. A record of three wins and seven defeats saw Suffolk rooted to the foot of the Seevent East/South Championship for the Over 70s. Perhaps the advancing years are beginning to catch up with our squad. This wouldn't apply to Graham Penny, who had a superb season, scoring 667 runs at an average of 95.29 from the ten matches played.

The season got off to poor start with a run of four defeats. A narrow one-wicket loss against Sussex, 168-9 against 167-8, was not a good day for the batsmen but there was some cheer for the bowlers, John Clark taking 3-20 and Derrick

Messent 3-31.

In contrast, one week later John Stuck, once of Suffolk, smashed an unbeaten 140 to guide Essex to a mammoth 282-3. A shell-shocked Suffolk could only manage 160-3 although Doug Andrews (62) and Penny (52) were showing good early-season form.

Penny (43) and Chris Watson (40 not out) lacked much support against a strong Surrey XI. A total of 123-5 was never going to be enough as Surrey romped home by ten wickets in under 32 overs.

Slightly better news against Kent where at least Suffolk managed to claim one wicket in defeat. Andrews (34) and Penny (38) were the main run getters out of 166-9. Kent overtook the Suffolk total in the 39th over thanks mainly to an unbeaten 85 from F Packman.

The first win bonus of the season arrived at Old Buckenham CC against Norfolk. For once Penny (30) did not top score as this honour went to Andrews with another half century. Messent added a very useful 38 out of Suffolk's 189-4.

Norfolk were second best on the day and were bowled out for 121 inside 40 overs. David Howe claimed 3-18 plus there were two wickets each for Perrett and Russ Abbott.

One win led to another as Suffolk then defeated Kent by five wickets. Packham (61 not out) was again in the runs as he helped set up Kent to 183-4. The double act of Andrews (44) and 59 not out from Penny led the reply.

John Stuck (152) hit another unbeaten century for Essex as they cruised to 273-1. Penny 110 not out, Andrews 38 and Messent 51 enjoyed themselves on a day for the batters but 201-1 was way short of the target.

There followed two more defeats, against Surrey and Sussex, although there were commendable performances in both matches. Penny's 88 out of 185-9 was a top reply against Surrey's 209-6, where Tompkins took 3-42.

Down in Sussex, the home XI hit an impressive 250-5 from their 40 overs. Not to be out done, Andrews (70) and Penny (107) opened up with a partnership of 171 but alas this only brought Suffolk agonisingly close to their target on 227-3.

What better way than to round off the season than with another win against Norfolk and another century stand? Andrews (82) and Penny (109) put on 187 as Suffolk scored 264-4 in order to chase down Norfolk's 261-3 which included a double-century partnership for the first wicket between M Pearse and N Cobb. Not a day to be a bowler!

Following the conclusion of the Championship, an inaugural T20 tournament was arranged with Suffolk competing against Essex, Herts and Norfolk. Wins against Norfolk and Essex kept the new trophy in Suffolk's hands with this tournament expected to be an annual event.

Performance of the year – Graham Penny and Doug Andrews (Sussex, away, and Norfolk, home), Player of the Year – Graham Penny.

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.

Suffolk trio in Rest of the World triumph

By Alan Rogers

THREE Suffolk seniors were part of a Rest of the World squad that won the Sporta Seniors triangular 35 overs-a-side tournament in Sri Lanka.

Kevin Ross, Sean Cooper and Colin Walters were among players from ten different English counties in the team that triumphed in Colombo.

They played four games – two each against the local Lankan Cavaliers, who included several former first-class cricketers, and Wales.

Playing on the Psara international Test match ground, the ROTW opened with a comfortable 55-run victory over Wales, Cooper scoring an unbeaten 50.

The second match against the Lankan Cavaliers saw the tourists cruise home by six wickets with eight overs to spare thanks to a very tight spell from Ross, who conceded just 13 runs from his five overs, and Cooper making 42.

The penultimate match of the tournament saw the tourists thrash the local side by 125 runs. Gloucestershire's John Courtney took 6-16 from his seven overs and then saw the Cavaliers crumble to just 33 all out, losing their last eight wickets for just 16 rubs! Cooper concluded the match with two wickets in two balls.

Having already won the tournament the ROTW returned to Psara to play their second fixture against Wales determined to complete a clean sweep.

Wales reached 158 from their 35 overs. The ROTW were slightly behind the run rate when Walters clubbed a rapid run-a-ball 33 to get them ahead of the game.

Frequent rain interruptions and a clatter of wickets meant that with 16 balls to go the ROTW needed ten to win with just two wickets left.

At that point a massive thunderstorm closed out the game with the ROTW squeaking home on a superior net run rate 0.1 better than Wales! The result meant that the ROTW team had won four out of four and they remain unbeaten in nine games over two tournaments in Dubai and now Sri Lanka.

OBITUARIES

DAVID CLEMENTS



FORMER Suffolk Chairman and Treasurer David Peter Clements passed away on October 9th, 2016, aged 90.

David went to Steyning Grammar School before joining the Navy in 1942. He served on an Implacable Class aircraft carrier working as a coder. This took him to Far East where he stayed for the remainder of the war and before being demobbed and returning to the UK.

David took a degree in Classics at Southampton University, where he met Barbara. They married in 1952 and moved to Felixstowe, both teaching at Felixstowe Grammar School. David taught Greek, Latin and Classical Civilisation, while Barbara taught French, German and a bit of Russian.

After a few years, David and Barbara went to work at Ipswich School for 16 years. For eight years David was the Housemaster looking after boarding pupils living at the school's Westwood Boarding House. Barbara was Matron and managed the boarding house. David retired from teaching in 1985, aged 60.

David was a keen sportsman, as both a player and coach of cricket and hockey, and introduced hockey to the school. He became involved with Suffolk cricket. He managed and coached the Suffolk Colts for around 20 years, fostering the development of many who progressed to become stalwarts of the full Minor Counties side. When he stopped looking after the Colts David continued to help Suffolk cricket, serving as Chairman in 1984 and 1985, before taking over the role of Treasurer of Suffolk CCC from 1986 to 1998.

David and Barbara had four children: Jonathan, Simon, Lucinda and Melanie; six grandchildren; David, Joe, Robert, Edward, Sam, Amy and Josh; and four great grandchildren Georgie-Belle, Grace, Eden and Alfie. David's son Simon played for the Suffolk Colts as a 15-year-old and progressed to play for the Minor Counties side from 1974 to 1998, benefiting greatly from the watchful supervision and technical advice of his father.

David was a very popular man amongst the Suffolk cricket community, both with administrators and players. Several Suffolk players and officials attended David's funeral in London.

David and Barbara moved back to Felixstowe from Ipswich when David left the boarding house. Then, in 2009, as Barbara became unwell, they moved to Mill Hill in London to be nearer to their children. Barbara passed away in 2012. They had been married for 60 years.

OBITUARIES

BRYAN KNIGHTS

BRYAN Knights, who reported on Suffolk cricket for BBC Radio Suffolk, died in March after a long illness. He was 72.

He was a familiar face at Suffolk matches for nearly 20 years, combining his match reporting role with tannoy announcements for the benefit of the crowd.

Despite his ill-health, Bryan was almost an ever-present at matches and was a very popular figure with everyone connected with the county.

Bryan used to be on the committee of the Ipswich Town Supporters' Association and was the PA announcer at Ipswich Town home matches at Portman Road.

This led to him covering matches for Radio Orwell, SGR FM and BBC Radio Suffolk. He loved all sports and also covered horse racing and speedway.

Bryan, who attended Northgate Grammar School, subsequently taught at Dale Hall School and was later headmaster at Murrayfield Primary School.

He played for and captained Copdock Cricket Club for many years, either side of short spell with Ipswich & East Suffolk.

Bryan was an opening batsman and leg spin bowler who was instrumental in running the club's youth teams which saw a regular supply of players graduate to the club's senior sides.

He was also heavily involved with the Ipswich



Greyhounds touring side.

Among the many tributes paid in the days following his death was one from ex-Ipswich Town captain Matt Holland.

He said: "Extremely saddened to hear that Bryan Knights of Radio Suffolk has passed away. A fine broadcaster and an even finer man."

CLIFF CUNNELL

FORMER Suffolk wicket-keeper and batsman Cliff Cunnell passed away in October, aged 72, after bravely battling cancer for almost two years.

Cliff was the younger brother of ex-Suffolk all-rounder and captain Bob Cunnell, with whom he also played his club cricket.

He was one of several talented cricketers to emerge from Northgate Grammar School in the 1960s, and played regularly for Suffolk Young Amateurs.

A stylish right-handed batsman, Cliff made 59 Minor Counties Championship appearances for Suffolk after breaking into the side in 1965.

Cliff played in the county's first-ever competitive fixture against a first-class county, the Gillette Cup first-round tie against Kent at Ipswich School in April 1966.

He caught South African Stuart Leary, who made 76, off brother Bob in Kent's innings.

When Suffolk batted, Cliff went in at No.3 in the game and was bowled by England spinner Derek Underwood for three.

He was a regular in the Suffolk side until 1973 and scored



Cliff Cunnell, centre, pictured taking to the field for Suffolk versus Kent in the Gillette Cup tie at Ipswich School in April 1966.

1,868 runs at an average of 20.75.

His highest score of 97 not out came against Lincolnshire at Bury St Edmunds when an overnight declaration by Cyril Perkins cost him the chance of a century.

He played club cricket for Browns, Saxmundham, Ransomes, following a merger with the village side, and latterly at Copdock.

Cliff, who worked in insurance for many years, was a member of Ipswich Golf Club in more recent times.

He leaves a widow Chris, sons James and Tim, and six grandchildren.

Ex-England stars thrill Victory Ground crowd

EX-ENGLAND cricketers turned back the clock to thrill a large crowd at the Victory Ground in Bury St Edmunds. The PCA England Masters, run by the Professional Cricketers' Association, defeated a combined Bury St Edmunds and Worlington team by 24 runs in September. Usman Afzaal top-scored with 64 for the PCA Masters, with Mal Loye and Owais Shah scoring 47 apiece in their total of 221-6 in the T20 match. Sean Cooper took three wickets at a cost of 61 runs.

Bury and Worlington closed their reply on 197-5, largely thanks to a sparkling 85 from Daron Cruickshank, who was finally dismissed in the last over.

Cruickshank, Bury St Edmunds' West Indian overseas star who plays for the Leeward Islands, struck ten fours and three sixes in his 54-ball innings, and was awarded a bottle of champagne as man-of-the-match.

After opener Tom Curran had made 28, Cruickshank and skipper Sean Park, whose 35 came off just 11 balls and included five fours and two sixes, added 57 for the third wicket. They took the total to 122 before Park was bowled in the 12th over by Chris Silverwood, the head coach of Essex, and thereafter their reply lost momentum.

The match was supported by Bury St Edmunds-based brewery Greene King, who are working closely with the PCA to support grassroots cricket.

Bury St Edmunds CC President David Barker, one of the match organisers, said: "It has been a quite brilliant day and it could not have turned out much better.

"The England Masters were a terrific group of people to host both in the way they played the game and the way they mixed with all of our guests.

"The club are also very grateful to the tremendous support we have received from spectators and club volunteers for making the day possible."

The match was preceded by a corporate lunch attended by 180 guests in a marquee on the ground which included an auction conducted by ex-England bowler Ed Giddins.



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The lunch also featured a Question & Answer session with former all-rounder Phil DeFreitas asking the questions to Mark Ramprakash, who skippered the PCA side and is the current England batting coach, and Owais Shah.

Proceeds from the day were split between Bury St Edmunds and Worlington Cricket Clubs.

This summer Copdock & Old Ipswichian CC will welcome the Lashings All Stars to their Old London Road ground.

The match is taking place on Wednesday, July 5th, starting at 4pm and will be preceded by a three-course corporate lunch for up to 250 guests from 12.30pm onwards.

Tables of ten cost £500 or £600 if hosted by a Lashings player with a VIP view of the ground.

Contact Steve Gauke for further details on 07798 775697 or email gaukesteve@hotmail.com



Top: Sean Park reverse sweeps the ball almost out of the gloves of wicket-keeper Phil DeFreitas

Left: The two teams line-up together.

Above: Essex CCC Head Coach Chris Silverwood bowls under the watchful eye of umpire Martin White.



Top: Phil DeFreitas loses his off stump. Above: Daron Cruickshank cuts the ball during his sparkling innings of 85.

Left: The combined Bury St Edmunds and Worlington team celebrate a wicket.



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Supporting Suffolk Cricket

Building a solid base for cricket's future

By NICK SHRUBSHALL, Chairman of Suffolk Cricket Board

THE second year of being Chairman of Suffolk Cricket seems to have gone in the blink of an eye!

The operational team has been working extremely hard to influence the development of the game within our county borders, along with collaborative work with our eastern partners and this will be a continuing theme over the coming years.

The past year has been one of highs and lows for the cricket community. Here in Suffolk, evergreen Tom Huggins has moved on to coach at a higher level over at our neighbours in Essex, and we wish him all the very best in his new role. Club cricket has reached a crossroads. The ECB has recognised that unless a co-ordinated action plan is undertaken, the continuing decline in membership will become terminal and many clubs that make up the bedrock of our game will disappear.

We will see over the next few years, a host of measures that hopefully will reverse this position and start to build a solid base that allows our great game to flourish at all levels.

The starting point for catching youngsters to our game has

been recognised at five-years-old upwards. Hence, we will see the introduction of 'All Stars Cricket', an early learning programme from April this year. This will aim at five to eight-year-old boys and girls and is set to introduce fun and participation to a vast number of potential cricketers.

In 2017, we have the Women's Cricket World Cup taking place in June and July across five locations with the final to be held at Lord's. The ECB has aligned the promotion and development of women's and girls' cricket alongside this and it is hoped that a successful tournament will rub off on the game at all levels and increase participation.

Let us hope that 2017 brings us a summer of sunshine as the international season will be starting early and not finishing until the end of September. England will have a minimum of 40 days of international cricket which could increase with their progress in the ICC Champions Trophy that is also taking place around the country in June.

I wish you all a very successful year and hope that you enjoy the game of cricket that we all love and that all areas flourish through the year.

Get in touch with us before it is too late

By ROB JONES, operations manager of Suffolk Cricket Board

ANOTHER season has passed and plans are being made for 2017, with affiliation forms being returned by clubs.

Unfortunately it is saddening to see the of number players and subsequently clubs (it tends to be those without a junior section) decrease year on year, which is common across all team sports, I am afraid.

If your club is struggling or just needs some advice, please get in touch. Whilst we cannot guarantee we can solve your problem(s), we can at least try and help, before it is too late. Besides myself, Suffolk Cricket also have the following people working for them as part of the Development team: Katie Oastler covers most of our 'behind-the-scenes' activity, including Chance to Shine administration, club affiliation, Coach Education support, ECB system management and general enquiries. Katie will also manage a new ECB IT system, which will allow users to access information more easily and improve support offered by Suffolk Cricket and ECB.

Andrew Blanchard, currently amongst other things, oversees our Suffolk Young Cricketer squads, supports junior and senior leagues, all competitions and manages the Suffolk Cricket website: www.suffolkcricket.org

He will now also be leading on our 'All Stars' cricket programme aimed at children aged 5-8 years. This initiative originally started in Australia (Milo cricket) with great success and the hope is that it will have the same positive impact on children playing cricket in this country. Expressions of interest have been taken from clubs and appropriate training will begin early in 2017.

Chloe Leveridge is specifically looking after women's and

girls' cricket. Suffolk Cricket were successful with a funding application to Chance to Shine, for which we are very grateful. This has allowed Chloe to help support a number of clubs either with an existing women's and/or girls' section or a club looking to start one.

Already we have seen a number of successes (eg Hadleigh, Melton St Audry's, Bardwell and Shotley Peninsula CC's) establishing ladies' sections at their club and entering league cricket for the first time in 2017.

This has led to the Two Counties Ladies' league being restructured to have its existing 35-over competition and two T20 divisions, the second of which will have 11 teams. Suffolk Cricket still see a massive opportunity for all clubs to look into starting either women's or girls' cricket or indeed both. As we have seen starting from scratch is not as daunting as it seems and once again we are here to help.

Those clubs that have are already seeing the benefits which can include increased income, higher membership, more volunteers, family atmosphere at clubs, successful social events, access to more funding streams, etc. As a club please ask yourself "what have we got to lose by trying to develop this area of cricket?"

In addition, we are fortunate to have a lot of highly-skilled coaches working for us, particularly supporting our Chance to Shine programme, which for 2017 will see us extend to new schools across Suffolk.

Chance to Shine are a charitable organisation that provide funding for coaches to go into schools and teach not only cricket, but how the game can benefit many aspects of a school's curriculum.

Besides Chloe and Andrew, Spencer Wuidart-Gray will help manage our programme (75 schools approx), as well as continuing to coach. Spencer has already demonstrated his ability to use cricket across the curriculum, particularly with National Cricket Week, which will see students using cricket across Art, Geography, English, Maths and History (schools have played prison camp cricket!), all of which have been well received.

Continuing the positive theme, the number of teams and players participating in shorter formats (eg Senior T20, U19's, Last Man Stands etc) is actually increasing. This is not

a huge surprise as the National Player Survey reinforced this trend, with people's lifestyles meaning they want flexibility over when they play and shorter duration of matches.

Therefore, whilst the cricketing landscape is changing, please let us not forget, it's often because people's lifestyles have changed. The ongoing challenge for us, is to recognise that and adapt accordingly, allowing anyone the opportunity to play.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all the very best for this season and if you need any help or advice, please ask.

EMERGING PLAYERS' PROGRAMME

Suffolk quartet all achieve strong results

FOLLOWING the 2015 season, four Suffolk Young Cricketers players were selected for the Regional Emerging Players' Programme. In the first year of the combined programme, involving Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire and Bedfordshire, two players progressed onto First-Class Academies, one to Essex and one to Northamptonshire, and each of these four cricketers began the journey to emulating this.

Two of the four, Fergus Atkins and Alex Oxley, both opening batsmen, continued for a second year, following on from good seasons for the Under-14s. Oliver Stace, a left-arm seamer and Freddie Heldreich, a chinaman bowler, both of whom had success at Under 13 level, made up the Suffolk quartet.

Throughout the winter, sessions were held at Fenner's in Cambridge and these pitted the four against the best players from the other counties.

All four worked on their all-round games – technically, tactically, mentally and physically they were challenged and put through their paces. Alongside these sessions, they attended occasional sessions down at Chelmsford where they compared themselves to Academy players.

As with all practice, it is easy to forget the reason we work so hard through the winter months, why we put ourselves through the long journeys, the cold and wet nights, the

physical pain. It is to put ourselves in the best possible place to perform consistently well through the summer months. All four Suffolk players performed well through the 2016 season.

Alex Oxley and Fergus Atkins attended regional trials for London and East Under-15s; neither ended up making the final selection, but both enjoyed the experience and know what the standard is to aspire to. Alex was close to making his Minor Counties debut during the season and represented Woolpit a number of times in the East Anglian Premier League.

Fergus made his first Premier League fifty opening the batting for Copdock & Old Ipswichian.

Freddie Heldreich had another outstanding season with the ball, taking over 30 county wickets including a nine-for and a seven-for on consecutive days.

Ollie Stace bowled with control throughout the season, but lacked that wicket-taking ability which will come in time.

In short, the programme gave all four players an opportunity to develop their games fully over the course of a 12-month period and, in doing so, all of them achieved strong results through the summer. The 2016-17 intake has been confirmed and with Atkins and Oxley moving on, Stace and Heldreich will be joined by Gabe Jones and Matthew Kent.

SUFFOLK YOUTH CRICKET

UNDER-10s

By Chris Farrant

EARLY May saw Suffolk's youngest charges take the field for the first time playing London Schools' CA on a perfect surface at Copdock & Old Ipswichian CC.

The game will be remembered by those present for the remarkable bowling effort of Bo Machan who, in his first 17 balls for the county, took five wickets and finished with figures of 5-12 off his six overs as LSCA ended on 119.

In reply, Suffolk were indebted to the powerful batting of Charlie Bennett (45 not out) alongside useful contributions by Arthur Summers and Fred Thompson to see Suffolk win by six wickets, a great start to the county summer.

A stiffer test confronted Suffolk next as we made the hop across the border to play Norfolk at Topcroft CC. The danger signs were there when asked to bat on a green top

and we soon found ourselves in a hole at 38-5. Opener Freddie Dyer (51) and Arthur Summers (22) went about rescuing the innings, both batting with great maturity to help Suffolk to 125 all out, below par but a super effort from the start we had. Norfolk batted well and never really broke stride to win by seven wickets.

A cancelled fixture meant Suffolk had a month to wait before the next game, this time at Worlington CC to play Huntingdonshire. Bowling first, Suffolk claimed quick wickets to have Hunts teetering on 16-3.

Never more has the adage of catches winning matches been more apt as a succession of chances hit the grass, a couple of 40s from the Hunts batters allied with 36 extras saw them finish on 143-4, leaving everyone in no doubt who had the momentum. With the coach's words falling on deaf ears the Suffolk batters failed to play straight and a succession of

lbws and bowleds saw the Suffolk innings in tatters at 31-8. Amongst all the carnage opener Dyer stood firm and with support from Jake Kiddy and Elliott Coombs, doubled the home team's score before Dyer was left stranded on 19 not out after carrying his bat. Hunts won by 83 runs in what turned out to be the most disappointing Suffolk performance of the season.

The long trip to play Bedfordshire away was well worth the journey with the closest of games going Suffolk's way in the final over. After winning the toss Suffolk's batters peppered the boundary at will, again Dyer (51) was to the fore. This time he was not fighting a lone hand, with Freddie Thompson (34) and Charlie Bennett (19) both batting with freedom.

However, the gloss to the innings was added by Shaanjeei Tharaneetharan who hit the ball with great power to score 38 off only 19 balls, to leave the Suffolk score on 176-5 at tea. Beds knew if they were to threaten the visitors' score they would need to start well and after ten overs the scoreboard read 73-0! Pace off the ball got the breakthrough for Dyer and in the next over Tharaneetharan followed up to remove the other Beds opener.

The middle overs belonged to Suffolk, Kiddy, Joseph Rinaldi and Coombs all bowling tight, catches were held and the game looked over for Beds at 136-9 in the 25th over. Suffolk, thinking the game was won, took their foot off the

pedal and only switched back on after the Beds batters took the match into the final over now only needing nine runs for victory. A smart run out by Thompson with five balls to go sealed the Suffolk win by eight runs. Dyer and Kiddy were the pick of the bowlers with four and five wickets respectively.

Brandeston Hall was the backdrop for the return match versus Norfolk. After losing the toss again on a hot sunny day on a shirt front, Suffolk set about their task with great energy and immediately reaped the rewards, reducing Norfolk to 26-3.

The old failing of not taking the chances offered really hurt the home side with nine catches of varying difficulty going down, the main beneficiary of this generosity was Norfolk's No.5 Hart who helped himself to a century. With the next highest score being 12 it was a case of what could have been with Norfolk setting a stiff target of 184.

In reply, Suffolk started well with first Rinaldi then Tharaneetharan in good partnerships with Dyer. Good running and taking advantage of any wayward deliveries kept Suffolk up with the run rate. The heat and fatigue saw Dyer's excellent innings of 73 ending with a tired pull shot finding mid-wicket. The key difference between the sides was that Norfolk held their catches. Despite a solid innings from Archie Rayner and some late impetus from Summers, Suffolk's chase finished just shy of the target.



Suffolk Boys' Under-10s coach Chris Farrant pictured with the team. Back row, left to right: Charlie Bennett, Nat Salsby, Archie Rayne, Joseph Rinaldi, Arthur Summers, Shaanjeei Tharaneetharan, Bo Machan. Front row: Jake Kiddy, Fred Dyer, Fred Thompson, Ed Townrow, Louis Blanchard.

Another long trip, this time to Chigwell, saw Suffolk comfortably beaten by Essex, good contributions with the bat from Dyer (38), Tharaneetharan (20) and Rayner (20) were not enough to challenge the Essex total.

The final game of the year, away to Cambridgeshire, witnessed the most complete all-round team performance of the season. Another important toss was lost and Suffolk were invited to bat on a particularly wet, green and poor pitch. Again Dyer (39) and Rinaldi (11) started the innings well.

The intent by all the batters was excellent, stealing runs and putting the fielding side under pressure, Bennett (15), Nat Salsby (13) and Summers (23) helping Suffolk to a total of 155, a truly exceptional effort in light of the conditions.

Suffolk took control of the Cambs innings from the outset, Bennett and Kiddy with the new ball both settled into good lines and lengths, while the introduction of Machan and Dyer kept a lid on the run rate. When Tharaneetharan took the catch of the season to remove the Cambs No.4 batsman for 52, the visitors knew they were on top, this time, however, to their great credit Suffolk's youngsters kept working and pressuring the opposition till the final ball to record a handsome win.

The whole squad were a credit to SYC, representing their county with vigour, pride and respect. They were a pleasure to coach and are developing both individually collectively into a strong unit who enjoy playing and working for each other.

UNDER-12s

By Brian Rayner

IN THE music industry there's the well-recognised syndrome referred to as 'The Difficult Third Album' of a band or a group. The same could be said for the Under-12s going into their third season of county cricket. However, results do not always tell the true tale of players who, quite literally, shed blood, sweat and tears for the lion on their county shirts.

In a rollercoaster of a season bookended by the side's lowest totals (51 all out versus Norfolk) and highest (233-7 versus



Josh Jones, Suffolk's Under-12s Player of the Year.

Lincolnshire) there were many team and individual highlights which will provide players with unforgettable memories. Highest individual score for the season was an unbeaten 86 from the captain Louis Francis-Smith against the Cambridge MCC Hub U13 Boys.

Three other players also passed the half century landmark, Josh Jones, Sam Burkitt and Connor Cobbold, with the latter two each passing fifty on two occasions. Burkitt and Cobbold were also the architects of the side's highest batting partnership, 109 runs against Cumbria.

Leading run scorer for the season with 308 runs was Burkitt closely followed by Jones (298 runs). The best bowling figures of the season belonged to Harry Parker who toiled hard for his 4-47 against Oxfordshire on a batting-friendly



Suffolk Under-12s. Back row, left to right: Brian Rayner (coach) Ollie Mann, Sam Burkitt, Arthur Phoenix, Matt Addison, Harry Rennell, Harry Parker, Jacobi Bishopp, Tom Pickersgill, Morgan Waldock, Will Bailey, Toby Steggles, Kate Thompson (coach). Front row: Harry Hitchen, Josh Jones, Connor Cobbold, Louis Francis-Smith, Ollie Gallop, Varun Sharma.

wicket at Buscot Park.

The best spell of the season has to go to KJ Tharaneetharan who had the game-changing figures of 5-4-2-3 against Lincolnshire, even more impressive as KJ stepped up from the U11s due to injury. Joint leading wicket-takers for the season were Tom Pickersgill and Josh Jones with 15 wickets each.

So if Oasis could survive releasing 'Be Here Now' anything is possible for this group of talented and hard-working group of players as they move forward to 2017.

We then come around to player of the year for the U12s. Plenty of players believe that they are genuine all-rounders but not many could actually get into the side on their batting or bowling alone.

The U12s were blessed with a player who narrowly missed out scoring the most runs and was equal leading wicket-taker...plus on one occasion acted as the stand-in keeper, in the process managing to take an impressive leg-side catch. On top of all this he is a real team player – the Suffolk U12 Boys' Player of the Year was Josh Jones. The 2016 Players' Player of the Year was awarded to Sam Burkitt, who after a season with the county U10s was not selected for the U11s but went away, worked hard at his club and came back stronger, forcing his way back into the U12s for last season. Some players would be happy with just consolidating their place in the side but Sam took a grip on his own destiny and finished the season as the side's leading run scorer, including well-crafted fifties against Cumbria and Lincolnshire.

The Roll of Honour was as follows:

Player of the Year – Josh Jones

Players' Player of the Year – Sam Burkitt

Spirit of Cricket – Harry Hitchen

Batsman of the Year – Sam Burkitt

Bowler of the Year – Tom Pickersgill

Fielder of the Year – Connor Cobbold

Finally, many thanks from the players and myself to the clubs that hosted fixtures, numerous county panel umpires, winter support coaches Andrew Blanchard and Paul Brooks, Kate Thompson who joined us for several games including the Minor Counties Festival and Nigel Packer for arranging the Whitsun tour. Last but not least, a huge thank you to the players' parents who, without their support and encouragement, the players would not have made it this far on their cricket adventure. But most of all special thanks from me to all of the players of the past two seasons for letting me be part of their team.

UNDER-13s

By Nigel Packer

THE SEASON kicked-off at Woodbridge school versus London Schools and having elected to bat, Suffolk made 171-6 off their allotted 40 overs. A mature 63 from Callum O'Connell and quickfire 25s apiece from Will Froggatt and Gabe Jones were the highlights of the innings.

Suffolk bowled well with good control and by taking wickets at regular intervals, restricted London Schools to 133 all out to win by 39 runs. Toby Marston was the pick of the bowlers with 4-26 off his eight overs.

An away fixture versus Hunts was next and unfortunately Suffolk put in their poorest display of the season. Chasing a meagre 111 for victory, Suffolk were cruising at 43-1 but poor batting and decision making saw the team implode to 73 all out. The post-match inquest left the boys in no doubt what was to be expected of them in future when representing the county.

The half-term tour followed and first up were Oxfordshire. The Suffolk bowling, supported by some excellent



Suffolk Boys' Under-13s. Back row, let to right: Charlie Coe, Callum O'Connell, Lewis Millions, Bailey Farrant, Will Froggatt, Toby Marston, George Tillbrook, Dan Norman. Front row: Hardik Surana, Ezra Fuller, Marcus Packer, Gabe Jones, James Whittle.

outfielding, had Oxon struggling at 71-6 but some very impressive late order batting saw the home side reach 181-7 at the close.

Undaunted, Suffolk set about the task of chasing the score down but after Ezra Fuller was dismissed for a duck, a superb 72 from Jones with fine supporting roles from Froggatt (28) and Bailey Farrant (37) saw Suffolk home with seven overs to spare.

Wiltshire provided the next opposition and again Suffolk bowled well to restrict the hosts to 143-9, leg spinner Lewis Millions (4-32) and James Whittle (3-25) the pick of the bowlers, with Millions very unlucky not to take a five-wicket haul.

In reply, seven Suffolk batters got in to the teens but not one went on to produce an innings of significance and the curse of poor shot selection saw Suffolk lose by 40 odd runs.

A grey, damp afternoon in June saw the team travel to Rickmansworth to face Hertfordshire and on a low, slow bowler-friendly surface, Herts were inserted and consequently dismissed for 126.

Toby Marston was in the wickets with 3-14 and George Tillbrook returned figures of 1-7 off six overs. At 42-3 no-one was in doubt the Suffolk reply was going to be difficult but a fine 21 from Callum O'Connell and a responsible 14 not out from Dan Norman provided the support for Jones, whose excellent 56 not out proved to be the difference between the teams, as Suffolk won by six wickets.

The return match versus Hunts provided Suffolk with an opportunity to redress the balance after their earlier poor display against the same team. Electing to bat, Hunts made 150 all out off their 40 overs with seamer Sam Paisley (3-18) and the off-spin of Jones (3-35) doing the damage.

At 9-2 Suffolk were off to a shaky start but a very good 74-run partnership between Froggatt (53 not out) and Jones (50) saw Suffolk win by six wickets with 12 overs to spare.

Old adversaries Norfolk were up next and with the weather looking to have its say, it was agreed to play a full-blown T20. Both teams entered into the spirit and fully embraced the format and having been asked to bat, Suffolk reached 142-9 in their allotted overs.

The in-form Jones was again in the runs with 42 and there were further good knocks from Farrant (27) and Will Marston (29 not out). Suffolk bowled and fielded superbly and in taking regular wickets maintained good pressure on Norfolk, who were bowled out for 120.

After three good wins, Bedfordshire were welcomed to Worlington CC for game eight. Batting first, Suffolk made a below-par 135 as the Beds off spinner Bray tore the heart out of the Suffolk innings with an excellent 4-11 off six overs.

Norman (32), O'Connell (25) and Farrant (22) were the only Suffolk batsmen to make any scores of note. With a low total to chase, Bedfordshire took their time and with Suffolk failing to apply any real pressure, Beds won in the 36th over for the loss of only two wickets.

Mellis CC was the scene of the most dramatic match of the U13s season as Norfolk were welcomed for a 40-over match. Tight bowling from Suffolk openers Marcus Packer (2-21 off eight overs) and Tillbrook (0-14 off five overs) kept Norfolk in check early on but Norfolk responded well and at 73-1

were looking well placed.

Not until Paisley (3-20) removed opener Taylor for 72 did Suffolk regain any sort of control and with Norfolk looking to score quickly in the final overs, Suffolk took regular wickets and Norfolk closed on 193-8.

A fast outfield and decent batting track meant Suffolk were not daunted at the turn around but at 61-6 Suffolk were struggling. But Norfolk had not reckoned on U13s player of the year Gabe Jones (81) and some aggressive hitting from Toby Marston (44) as the pair powered Suffolk to within sight of victory.

A couple of late wickets left Suffolk needing nine to win off the last over with two wickets in hand. Charlie Coe and Whittle were at the crease and with the pair having scored seven off the first three balls, Coe was bowled. Two balls, two to win. No. 11 Tillbrook missed the fifth ball but made contact with sixth and he and Whittle scampered through for a single to tie the game and bring an exciting, enthralling match to a close.

The season closed with the Bromsgrove Festival but unfortunately disappointingly poor and overly-worn pitches made something of a mockery out of the early matches though they did see Tillbrook and Toby Marston score half centuries.

Thankfully the third and final match versus Lincolnshire was played on a decent strip and having made a competitive 181-8, Suffolk then bowled out Lincs for 74 to record a comfortable win.

In summary, the U13s season was one of many highs both individually and as a team with a smattering of lows thrown in for good measure.

The squad certainly learnt a great deal about themselves and what is required to play performance level cricket whilst at the same time enjoying and producing some excellent cricket.

UNDER-14s

By Richard Heldreich

IT IS fair to say that the U14 season for any Minor County squad is challenging. The team plays in the Royal Life U14 County Cup competition which includes matches against numerous first-class counties numbering the likes of Essex, Middlesex, Surrey and Sussex, not to mention strong Minor Counties.

Suffice to say the boys knuckled down to playing some noteworthy cricket. After two warm-up matches against regular competition, most notable for two well-crafted unbeaten centuries from Matthew Kent, a cluster of matches against the first-class counties demonstrated that this squad had progressed over the winter. The inclusion of new blood in Matthew Kent, Ben Chapman, Raeel Afaal, Henry Wilson and Charles Kent had brought the side some much-needed doggedness. Overall the team statistics make moderate reading – P11, W5, L6, NR1.

As always, the statistics do not tell the whole story. Under the leadership of a new captain in Matthew Kent, the team managed to play some excellent cricket. As in previous seasons, there were some spells of individual excellence with both bat and ball. Also as in previous years, the



Suffolk Boys' Under-14s. Back row, left to right: Ollie Stace, Rael Afaal, Charlie Iglesias, Freddie Heldreich, Henry Wilson, Henry Bevan, Ollie Mexome. Front row: George Offord, Ben Chapman, Daniel Leggett (vice-captain), Matthew Kent (captain), Charles Kent, Jonty Lecompte, Tom Sidhu.

bowling unit continues to be the stronger element but this is now not as stark as was the case.

On the batting front it should be noted that the team had a number of scores in excess of 200 which had been a historic shortcoming. Matthew Kent continued his good form, after his two centuries, into the cup competition with a fine 73 v Surrey being the most notable.

Daniel Leggett cemented a place at No. 3 and delivered with a good 66 v Middlesex and 50 v Hertfordshire. Wilson also had a well-crafted 50 v Bedfordshire at the beginning of the season. So on the positive side the team were providing the bowling unit significantly more opportunity than in previous seasons.

The bowling department was praiseworthy throughout the season. With a little more luck some significant scalps would have fallen to this Suffolk side. The attack was led by Ollie Stace's left-arm bowling, providing a combination of swing and seam movement to make difficult starts for opposition batsmen. In support there were some solid spells of seam and swing bowling from Leggett and Ollie Mexome. The spin options were varied and provided principally by Freddie Heldreich, George Offord and Matthew Kent. It would be fair to say, however, that Heldreich had a superb season. His figures of 102.1-23-320-36 were exceptional and included three five-wicket hauls, culminating in a spell against Worcestershire of 9-5-18-9.

The challenge for this season will be to drive home advantageous positions when they present themselves. Too often the resources, whether they be either bowling or batting, that got the team to that advantageous position were exhausted and the team needs to pull as one to deliver the win. Further strengthening of the squad will assist in providing the necessary elements to, it is hoped, ensure further success in 2017.

UNDER-15s

By Kemsley Robb

THE Under-15s had a very enjoyable season in a very tough group. Although we lost all six games, we should have won at least two of these but threw away the chance of victory in the last ten overs.

Some very good cricket was played in the games but we just let it slip at vital periods.

However, it was a great learning curve for most of the boys who can be proud of how they conducted themselves and hopefully learnt from some of the situations.

Unfortunately there were no five-wicket hauls or centuries, but four fifties were scored, and there were lots of twenties! The bowling unit tried really hard and often stuck to their game plans.

I look forward to hopefully working with some of these boys again and watching them progress to higher honours in the county and hopefully further.

The results of the eight fixtures were as follows:

Sussex (away) 246-7 (2 wkts each for Fergus Atkins, Oakley Colby & Luke Froggatt) beat **Suffolk** 166 all out (Harvey Skinner 30, Keelan Waldock 28) by 80 runs.

Middlesex (home) 265-6 beat **Suffolk** 222 all out (Fergus Atkins 56, Freddie Tucker 26no) by 43 runs.

Surrey (home) 229-6 (2 wkts each for Luke Froggatt & Cam Jordan) beat **Suffolk** 145 all out (Billy Lowther 35, Fergus Atkins 33) by 84 runs.

Middlesex (away) 143-3 (3 wkts for Fergus Atkins) beat **Suffolk** 142 all out (Keelan Waldock 50) by 7 wkts.

Essex (home) 146-2 beat **Suffolk** 145-4 (Alex Oxley 67, Hayden Mackenzie 34no) by 8 wkts. (35-over game)

Surrey (away) was rained off.

Sussex (home) 233 all out (3 wkts for Fergus Atkins & 2 each for Freddie Tucker, Luke Froggatt & Harvey Skinner) beat



Suffolk Boys' Under-15s. Back row, left to right: Hayden Mackenzie, Fred Heldreich, Harry Bureau, Marcus Richards, Luke Froggatt, Harvey Skinner, Keelan Waldock, Oakley Colby. Front row: Freddie Tucker, Fergus Atkins, Kemsley Robb (coach), Tom Auchterlonie, Billy Lowther.

Suffolk 172 all out (Harvey Skinner 39, Harry Bureau 29) by 61 runs.

Essex (away) 272-6 (2 wickets for Harvey Skinner) **beat** Suffolk 180-8 (Alex Oxley 75, Luke Froggatt 32no) by 92 runs.

Finally, a big thank you to the parents for transportation to training and matches, to our hosts Copdock & OI CC and St Joseph's College, who staged the home matches, and to the umpires and scorers.

UNDER-17s

One-day report by Andrew Squire

THE first game in our Royal London Cup one-day campaign was a local derby affair. Norfolk had travelled over the border to play us at Copdock & Old Ipswichian CC. The rain overnight and during the morning had put the possibility of the game being played into jeopardy, but some sterling work from the ground staff made it possible for us to have a 20-over game. Suffolk won the toss and decided to field first.

Alex Packer picked up the first wicket with 11 runs on the board, but Norfolk fought back to 51-2. The bowlers and fielders stuck to their task in the damp conditions and picked up wickets regularly with Dominic Palmer, Matt Allen and Arran Dhesi taking two wickets apiece. Norfolk finished on 131-8 from their 20 overs.

Chasing this score was never going to be easy, but the decision to move the hard-hitting Alfie Marston up the order paid dividends.

Alfie batted through the whole innings for 56 not out and with Matt Allen (29) and Josh Cantrell (19) saw Suffolk to victory by six wickets off 17.2 overs. It's always good to beat Norfolk!

Three days later, we hosted Huntingdonshire at St Joseph's College. This time Suffolk won the toss and decided to bat first on a greenish wicket. Suffolk lost two early wickets and were 32-2, however this brought captain Josh Cantrell to the crease. A partnership of 41 with Jack Hobbs and then 87 runs

with George Loyd saw Suffolk to 210-6, with Josh out after a fantastic knock of 86. George (44) carried on with the tail and Suffolk posted a total of 274 all out.

At tea, the coaches and players were happy with this score, but realised they needed to work hard in the field to gain a win. The ball swung early on and the Suffolk bowlers struggled with leg-side wides initially. Nonetheless, Hunts lost wickets regularly during their innings and an excellent



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spell of bowling from Arran Dhesi (6-0-29-4) saw Hunts end on 177 all out. Two wins out of two games – what a start to the season!

A week later we were off to play Cambridgeshire at Fitzwilliam College ground in Cambridge. Again overnight rain made the playing conditions difficult and the wicket was a little damp in places. A key toss to win and Cambs chose correctly and inserted Suffolk to bat.

Donald Mlambo was moved up the order to open with Jack Hobbs after scoring club runs the previous day. This experiment did not work out and Suffolk were 45-3 with captain Josh Cantrell run out for nought backing up at the non-striker's end from a Matt Allen drive. Cambs bowled well in the conditions and Michael Cowdrey took three cheap wickets with his leg-spin. A quickfire 23 not out from Alex Packer helped Suffolk reach 178 all out from 48 overs. In chasing, Cambs lost two early wickets, but Cowdrey and captain Ben Seabrook took the score to 94-3. Ed Fletcher joined Cowdrey (46 not out) and hit a 35-ball undefeated fifty (6x4, 4x6) to see Cambs to an easy victory by seven wickets.

This defeat was disappointing considering the first two games and the way we had played our cricket. Losing the toss made it difficult in this game; nevertheless the players need to adapt quickly in these conditions and apply themselves accordingly. Fortunately with other results we were still in the competition.

Our final 50-over game would mean qualifying for the B Group quarter-finals if we managed to beat Hertfordshire at Welwyn Garden City. The decision at the toss was going to be a difficult one with a good batting strip and smallish boundaries.

Suffolk won the toss and decided to bat first. Alfie Marston opened the batting with Jack Hobbs. Alfie (12) fell to end the partnership of 30 which brought under-15 Alex Oxley to the crease in his first U17 game. Unfortunately, Alex (1) only lasted ten balls before being bowled after playing-on.

Suffolk lost Jack Hobbs (25) with Matt Allen (36) and Donald Mlambo (53 not out) steadying the innings. We were hoping the tail would provide some useful runs, but this did not come to fruition. Importantly, Donald's responsible innings provided us with a score of 183 all out off 46.4 overs which gave us something to bowl at and hopefully defend.

George Loyd set the tone of our fielding by taking two quick wickets. Herts were 33-3, but captain Angus Laws-Mather (48) batted alongside James Achillea (31) to take them to 116-4. Josh Cantrell then bowled his best spell of the season (10-3-28-1) to give Suffolk the chance of snatching a win as Herts reached 149-7, with leg-spinner George Croton and seamer Arran Dhesi taking crucial wickets. A couple of missed chances proved costly as Herts went onto win by three wickets and earn a quarter-final trip to Cornwall.

In summary, our one-day season was split in half with two wins and two losses which is opposite to the two-day game results as described below. There were certainly some positive performances and I am looking forward to 2017.

My thank yous must go to the winter coaches (you know who you are), Doug Frame, the parents and, most

importantly, the players.

I would also like to thank our captain Josh Cantrell and James Cantrell for his tireless work in ensuring that everything ran smoothly during the year.

Thanks to our scorers and to the clubs that hosted us – Copdock & Old Ipswichian CC and St Joseph's College.

Thanks to the umpires (you know who you are) for their officiating and to JLS Catering and St Joseph's College for providing lunches and teas.

Two-day report by Doug Frame

OUR first game of the season was against a traditionally strong Cambridgeshire outfit and as we reminded the players, it was the team we had beaten the previous year.

Cambridgeshire won the toss and elected to bat first and after a lazy first hour, the lads really pulled it back thanks to some very tight bowling from our spinners George Croton (25-6-67-2) and captain Josh Cantrell (20-2-58-2) and a magnificent catch by Alexander Packer to remove their star batsman Ben Seabrook. We managed to bowl them out for 294 on what was a very good batting wicket.

We had around ten overs to bat and finished the day on 25-1. The next day saw our captain hit by a mystery illness which forced a reshuffle of the batting line-up. The batsmen applied themselves but we lost three very quick, but cheap, wickets just before lunch which put us on the back foot.

Wickets continued to tumble after lunch before Josh Cantrell (batting down the order) was joined by Alexander Packer, who proceeded to attack from the outset. Unfortunately with 17 runs needed to win, Alexander played one shot too many and we were all out for 278 with 22 overs remaining. It was a hard loss to take given we needed less than one run per over but I was proud of the lads' never-say-die attitude. The second game saw us take on Norfolk and having won the toss, we invited Norfolk to bat. With some very tight bowling, and very little aggression from Norfolk, our opponents closed on 224-2 on a rain-affected first day.

The following day saw the Suffolk team blown out of the park thanks to some aggressive batting from Norfolk, who managed to score at six and seven an over which finally saw them reach 356-8 off their allotted 113 overs. Josh Cantrell was again the pick of the bowlers with 2-64 off 29 overs.

Suffolk were confident of scoring the runs and set off in a positive manner scoring at a brisk rate. However, some poor shot selections from batsmen who had got starts saw us eventually bowled out for 279 off 59 overs. Jack Hobbs made 59 and Donald Mlambo 49 with 35 each from Alfie Marston and Jack Mexome. It was disappointing to lose this game as I felt we played positive cricket throughout the match.

Our third game saw us travel to Hertfordshire where a win was not only needed but deserved. Hertfordshire won the toss and elected to bat on what looked like a good batting wicket. Some poor bowling saw Hertfordshire race away and we played catch-up cricket for the remainder of the day. Hertfordshire eventually declared on 310-9 off just 83 overs. It was a tough day at the office for all of the bowlers, with captain Josh Cantrell leading the way with 3-57 off 19 overs. After a brief talk, Suffolk batted out the remainder of the



Suffolk Under-17s. Back row, left to right: Dom Palmer, Matt Allen, Josh Cantrell (captain), George Loyd, Alex Packer, Alfie Marston (vice-captain), Max Whittaker. Front row: Donald Mlambo, Arran Dhesi, Jack Hobbs, Josh Frame, Alex Oxley.

overs for the day, finishing on 55-1. The following day saw Donald Mlambo (47 runs) and Max Whittaker (79 runs) attack the bowling before both fell in quick succession. Wickets fell at regular intervals and Suffolk looked set to fall at the final hurdle again. However, a fine 50 from Matt Allen before he was out with the score 239-9 meant that another innings of epic proportions was needed from Alexander Packer with only debutant Ollie Hills for support.

I said to Ollie to just bat around Alexander and we would win. Win we did, the pair put on a final-wicket stand of 86 to see us reach 325 all out and a much-deserved win, Alexander Packer finishing on 66 not out and Ollie Hills 23. Hertfordshire set about putting on quick runs with a view to possibly putting us back in but the game was eventually called off with Hertfordshire on 97-2 off 17 overs.

Credit goes to Alexander Packer for his sensible batting and with less than ten runs needed, he simply hit singles having learnt from the Cambridge game.

Our final game against Hunts saw us lose the entire first day due to rain. The two captains agreed to play a straight 60-over winner-takes-all game on the second day and a chance for Suffolk to notch up a second win for the season.

Suffolk won the toss and elected to bat and were soon off to a good start with Jack Hobbs (92) and Max Whittaker (55) leading the way. Debutant Alex Oxley, promoted from the under-15s, played a timely knock before he was out for 40 chasing quick runs. Suffolk were eventually all out for 257

runs off 58.4 overs.

Suffolk needed to bowl and field well if they were to restrict the strong batting line-up of Hunts. This they did with Hunts being bowled out for 192 off 52.1 overs. Dominic Palmer was the pick of the bowlers, finishing with 4-16 off seven overs with captain Josh Cantrell 3-38 off 11.1 overs and debutant Josh Frame, another under-15, 2-46 off 11 overs as able support.

Whilst I cannot fault the application of the players, we let ourselves down during games at times when we just needed to be patient. I believe if we had won the first game then our season would have seen four wins from four games, rather than our two wins.

I genuinely have big expectations for the 2017 season with the current group and our aim will be to make the finals of both competitions which is not beyond us as both Andrew Squire and I are encouraging the players to play with freedom and without fear.

Player of the Year for 2016 was awarded to Jack Hobbs, who was not only the top-run scorer with 256, but did so leading from the front at the top of the order. He was consistent and willing to learn and take on board and establish his role in the team. Like several other players he made himself available for all but one game and even re-arranged his study to play.

I would like to echo Andrew Squire's thank-yous plus also to our two-day hosts Woodbridge School and Woolpit CC.

Gabe and Lauren are award winners

TWO all-rounders won the Cliff Piper Memorial Award for 2016.

Gabe Jones, a left-handed batsman and left-arm spinner, won the male award and Lauren Swinburne, a right-arm fast bowler and middle-order batsman, was the winner of the female award.

Both will attend a two-day coaching course at the MCC Indoor School at Lord's at Easter as their prize.

Gabe scored over 400 runs for Suffolk Under-13s last season, including four fifties with a highest score of 72 versus Oxfordshire.

His best bowling figures for the county were 8-0-27-4 against London Schools.

He also became the youngest players to score a fifty for Mildenhall's Senior sides when making an undefeated 83 versus Worlingworth 1st XI and took 45 wickets in a total of 38 Senior and Junior matches for the club in 2016.

Gabe, who lives in Chippenham and attends St Benedict's Catholic School in Bury St Edmunds, is a sporting all-rounder.

He is part of the Northampton Saints Rugby Developing Players Programme and plays rugby for Newmarket RUFC and football for Newmarket Town FC.

He said: "I was really pleased to win the award because there are so many good cricketers in Suffolk and I didn't think I would be suggested."



Lauren Swinburne bowling

"It's a privilege to go to Lord's and get some top coaching and advice."

Lauren represented Suffolk Under-15 Girls last season and also played eight games for Suffolk Ladies.

She had a highest score of 43 for the U15 Girls against Leinster CC at The Malvern Festival, with two other scores in the 40s across the season.

Her best bowling figures were 3-15 off four overs for the U15 Girls and, but for dropped catches, could have opened her Ladies' career with three wickets in her first ever over!

Lauren, who lives in Stowmarket and attends Debenham High School, played for Old Newton men's side and Ipswich Ladies' women's side last season.

She returned figures of 1-3 off four overs for Old Newton in a T20 against Elmswell.

Lauren, who has won numerous sporting awards at school and holds the lower school javelin record, said: "I am very excited and very proud at winning the award. It means a lot because cricket is something I love and want to progress in."

"I am really looking forward to going to Lord's for two days and seeing where my abilities sit amongst other cricketers."



Gabe Jones batting

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.

Three words that need to be understood

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

GROUND, weather, light. Three words that on the face of it seem relatively simple, but a deeper investigation into the sum of their parts last season uncovered a whole new meaning.

Following a court case in the Midlands, in which two umpires were exonerated following a claim brought by an injured player, the ECB produced a booklet spelling out the path officials should take in relation to what has become known as GWL issues.

However, despite the instructions from the governing body, it is still the umpires who end up as piggy in the middle when such conditions occur. As used to be the case, the side in the ascendancy always wants to carry on, while the side in danger of losing are strongly pressing their case for the game to be called off, especially if more points are on offer from an abandoned game.

The GWL issue is somewhat clouded by the ECB's 'Get the Game On' mantra and league regulations that games should continue as long as umpires feel the conditions allow in order for both sides to achieve as many bonus points as possible.

In a season that was plagued by rain and poor light, especially in the first couple of months and towards the end of the season, many of our umpires had their work cut out to deal with these situations and, through no fault of their own, not always to the satisfaction of one of the teams.

What clubs have to realise now is the decision remains for the umpires alone to make and not club officials, groundsmen or players. Uncovered ends from previously used pitches pose the biggest problem after rain and unless these can be satisfactorily resolved, then the players are at risk and the umpires must take their safety into account at all costs.

After all, it is the umpires who will be in the firing line should a player become injured as a result of play continuing in unsafe conditions and it certainly won't be any club official or captain, desperate to finish the match, who will wind up in court.

All clubs receive information on this subject from the ECB but sadly not many read it or take much notice, which is why the umpires will always be the target until clubs, captains and players are better educated in such matters.

The ECB pamphlet and the Spirit of the Game preface to the Laws should be required reading for all captains, but until that happens – and there's probably more chance of Hell freezing over – umpires will continue to be the recipients of a lack of understanding from captains, players and club officials.

As has become the norm in our Association over the past few years, illness and injuries struck several umpires during the season, but despite that appointments' officer Mel Phair and his assistant, Phil Smith, dealt with all those issues magnificently.

There were less call-offs last season than in the past and that

is good news, but it must continue to improve and once again we must try to find more people to take up umpiring and gain the best seat in the house. It is difficult to achieve, but we are not the only county suffering from a dearth of new recruits and unless more come forward the next few years could become increasingly bleak.

Every effort is currently being made to improve the situation and new initiatives are in hand, but if you know someone who would like to take up umpiring, then please contact our training officer, Terry Snell.

A similar scenario affects scorers and county officer, Andy Broome, has been greatly frustrated in his efforts to encourage new members. His efforts and enthusiasm cannot be faulted but other factors are hindering, rather than helping, his cause.

On the brighter side, 15-year-old Aron Jordan umpired in several Two Counties' games in 2016 and it is to be hoped that he will continue this season following positive reports from captains and colleagues.

The end of the season also saw the introduction of the Phil Heathcote Memorial Trophy for the best umpire and this was deservedly won by Ron Raisey. Thanks are due also to colleague Peter Allen for not only getting the trophy but also inscribing it and it was presented by Phil's widow, Allison, at our November meeting.

Our Association also became the recipient of a generous bequest from the late Michael (Mitch) Smith, a former highly-respected umpire and long-standing member of Halstead CC and it has been decided it will be spent on updating hi-tech training equipment and long-service awards.

While there was no Culford Festival for Under-13s last year, John Goldsmith, our youth appointments officer, once again worked tremendously hard to ensure all county matches for boys and girls at various age levels, as well as school matches, had umpires in attendance and he is to be congratulated again on another excellent achievement. Thanks are also due to Lindsay Huggins who took over the task of appointing umpires for the Under-11s and Under-12s Minor Counties Festival at RHS Holbrook and under his watch everything ran smoothly with all games covered and reserves in place if necessary.

Congratulations go to Tom Smith, our social secretary, for not only organising our superb annual dinner at the Wooden Fender, Ardleigh, but also for the trip to Fakenham Racecourse for Ladies' Day, where an unbelievable lunch at Bridget's Cafe in Swaffham was the precursor to an excellent outing.

Jon Bishop is the latest member of our Association to have had trial games in the East Anglian Premier League and it is to be hoped he will become a full member of that body this season. John Boyles and I retired from that panel at the end of the season after eight and 18 years' service respectively, having reached the ECB age limit for such leagues.

Our Association has always had a strong presence in the EAPL and this season will be no exception with hopefully seven of our members on duty and we are keen to see this trend continue.

While we had no guest speakers at our meetings during the past year, all were well attended and especially the training night which was held in March. However, those who missed it could well have benefited from attending that or one of the Level One courses held in Suffolk and Essex. Let's hope more effort is made next time as one never stops learning.

Our president, Dave Little, and his club, Ipswich and East Suffolk, are due our continued thanks for hosting our

meetings, while I must also pay tribute to our chairman, John Bloomfield, and our other officers, all of whom are volunteers and not paid officials and everyone should be grateful for their untiring work during the last year.

At the annual meeting, the following officers were re-elected: President, Dave Little; chairman, John Bloomfield; vice-chairman, Bill Chambers; secretary, Martin White; treasurer, Barrie Phillpotts; training officer, Terry Snell; appointments officer, Mel Phair; league call-offs, Phil Smith; youth appointments officer, John Goldsmith; social secretary, Tom Smith.

Ron is winner of trophy in Phil's memory

A NEW trophy has been dedicated to the memory of a Suffolk cricket umpire who was among the 30 victims of the Tunisian beach massacre at Sousse in June 2015. Fifty-two year-old Phil Heathcote, who lived in Felixstowe, had played for the Dellwood Avenue-based club before joining the Association of Suffolk Cricket Umpires and Scorers, officiating at games in the Marshall Hatchick Two Counties' Championship over a five-year period.

Following his tragic death, it was decided that a trophy should be awarded to the umpire who came top of the marks supplied by club captains.

At the Association's meeting in November at Ipswich & East Suffolk CC's pavilion, the inscribed trophy was presented to Ron Raisey, who lives near Stowmarket, by Phil's widow, Allison, who is also secretary of the Two Counties' Championship.

Allison was also gunned down and suffered horrific injuries in the attack, but has made a remarkable recovery following treatment at hospitals in Birmingham and Ipswich and is now back at work.

She said: "I was delighted to present this magnificent trophy in Phil's memory and would like to thank the umpiring community for their continued support during what has been a very difficult and traumatic time." Ron said he was overwhelmed to learn he had won the award but thought the reason he achieved high marks from



Ron Raisey is presented with the Phil Heathcote Memorial Trophy by Phil's widow, Allison.

captains was that he shared the same philosophy as Phil.

He added: "It was always a pleasure to stand with him and our view was always that the game of cricket is about the players and not the umpires.

"Common sense and man-management also play a huge part and that usually makes the game easier to control."

SUFFOLK SCHOOLS' CRICKET ASSOCIATION

More state school entries in competitions

By BRIAN HUNT,

Secretary of Suffolk Schools' Cricket Association

DESPITE the indifferent weather all four competitions were concluded before the end of the summer term. Happily, there was an increased entry by schools across the board and although most of the entries came from private schools, there were more state school entries than for some time.

In the U11 Saracens Cup, there were six entries with Brandeston defeating The Abbey, Woodbridge by one run in the final. They went on to represent Suffolk in the regional finals at Chigwell, where they lost out to the eventual national winners.

The David English U12 competition had a much-improved entry with ten schools competing. The semi-finals and finals

were played on the same day at Orwell Park School where a strong Ipswich School defeated Old Buckenham Hall in the final. They will represent Suffolk this year in the national U13 competition.

The ESCA U14 and U15 competitions produced the same finalists. In the U14 cup, in a relatively low-scoring final Ipswich School defeated St Joseph's and will represent Suffolk at U15 level this year.

In the U15 final the result was reversed with St Joseph's narrowly defeating Ipswich School, in a match which ebbed and flowed throughout. St Joseph's then lost in a close match against Norwich School in the regional semi-final.

Thanks to all the organisers of the competitions and to the schools that hosted the finals.

Shaw finishes as No.1 bowler in division



Report by Adam Polley

THE Royal London Women's County Championship campaign began on May 1st with a long drive up the M1 to Northumberland, where heavy snowfall mid-week promised little hope of play.

This was reduced yet further by torrential rainfall on the morning of the match. However, the groundstaff at Stocksfield worked tirelessly to ensure our journey was not in vain.

Under threatening skies and on a boggy outfield, a reduced 35-over match was agreed. Suffolk won the toss and elected to bat.

The top-order batted with real maturity in testing conditions, and against some accurate seam bowling, amassed a challenging total of 128 for the loss of six wickets. Just as Penny Everett (44) had anchored the Suffolk innings, Gillott (54 not out) performed similarly for Northumberland, but, unlike Suffolk, lacked the support of the other batsmen as wickets fell regularly.

This was due in no small part to exceptional fielding by Suffolk with Natalie Samuels taking two stunning catches. Northumberland finished 20 runs short of their target and Suffolk hit the road, well pleased with their initial efforts against an improving and competitive side.

Just two weeks later, visitors Lincolnshire provided the next challenge and having won the toss, elected to bat on a typically good surface at Clay Hall.

The decision seemed prudent, as the Lincs top-order (Halloran 41), spurred on by a number of travelling supporters, relished the pace of the opening bowlers and scored freely with a number of pleasing shots, the total

Suffolk Ladies. Back row, left to right: Adam Polley (manager), Sheldene Ford-Keeble, Natalie Samuels, Lizzie Shaw, Hannah Vickers, Emily Davies, Danielle Lavender, Ian Absolon (head coach). Front row: Bethan Absolon, Megan Garrod, Amanda Polley (captain), Lottie Kent, Natasha Wilson.

racing to 92-3 in the 20th over.

The scoring rate was arrested by the introduction of Lauren Swinburne, whose late swing prompted a multitude of chances that should have resulted in a haul of three or more wickets for the impressive debutant. Lizzie Shaw (9.4-2-25-4), Samuels (10-2-20-1) and Hermione Hatfield (7-0-21-3) then restored order by taking eight wickets between them for just 66 runs.

Chasing 142 to win, Suffolk began in quite steady fashion and without much initial drama at 63-2. However, the visitors maintained some good pressure, and the resultant fall of three quick wickets to include Emma Elsom (39), suddenly swung momentum their way.

It was left to Natasha Wilson (23 not out), Flora Johnston (10) and Samuels (14 not out) to patiently rebuild, and eventually get Suffolk over the line. An indifferent performance, but one that demonstrated the depth of the entire Suffolk squad.

The third encounter brought the previous season's Division 3 relegated teams together, as the hugely supportive Long Melford CC played host to Hertfordshire, in a clash most would see as a potential title decider, with both probable pre-season favourites for the title.

Suffolk won the toss and elected to field. Skipper Amanda Polley's decision to open with spin seemed a masterstroke

as the Herts top-order had no answer to the guile of Danielle Lavender (10-4-17-3).

Lottie Kent and Shaw assisted to maintain the pressure, but a quick three-wicket burst from Hannah Vickers left Suffolk supporters open-mouthed and the Herts innings in complete disarray at 75-8. However, Herts No.9 Hassall had not read the script and arrived at the crease with a level of confidence that belied Herts position.

As Suffolk's frustrations grew, Hassell (41 not out) found a willing partner in Wilde (18) as both demonstrated the true nature of the surface with a range of expansive shots, until the innings was finally brought to an end by Sheldene Ford-Keeble (2.2-0-6-2) at 136.

Suffolk did not have to wait long to see how telling this late flurry would be. The umpires' decision to play for 20 minutes until tea provided a passage of play that effectively influenced the outcome of the match. Herts struck with the first ball of the Suffolk innings and sensed an opportunity to make life uncomfortable.

With an inexperienced top-order exposed to such pressure, two further wickets fell before the break to leave Suffolk in the precarious position of 18-3. Herts maintained the pressure after tea and continued to take wickets at a miserly rate.

A sixth-wicket partnership of 32 provided a glimmer of hope but to no avail, as the innings closed on an extremely disappointing 95, with only four batters reaching double figures. Lague (8.2-6-3-4) was the pick of the Herts bowlers. Lessons learnt for a particularly young Suffolk line-up on this occasion.

The 50-over competition concluded with a home fixture at East Bergholt CC against Cambridgeshire, whose seam attack found conditions to their liking, and with prodigious movement early on soon had the home side

reeling at 19-4.

Suffolk Ladies counter-attacked brilliantly with Ford-Keeble (28) and Caitlin Livingstone (18) pushing the score to 85. This was all the incentive the tail needed to wag as Lavender (18), Shaw (8) and Swinburne (8) batted around the evergreen Elsom (46 not out) to post an unlikely 185. Barkes was the pick of the Cambs attack with 10-2-26-4.

This total never looked threatened as Kent, Shaw and Samuels ran through the top order, leaving Cambs at 83-5. However, mother-nature intervened and after a series of frustrating rain delays and much shuffling of the playing conditions, Cambs were set a reduced target that favoured them with five wickets remaining.

Suffolk, with their backs to the wall, rallied once again with Ford-Keeble (2.1-0-8-3) producing a deadly accurate spell to quieten an excitable opposition crowd.

The disappointment of the Herts loss was quickly abated with the news that Divisions 4 and 3 would merge this season, to create more regional divisions of a more competitive nature.

Special mention goes to Lizzie Shaw who finished the No.1 ranked bowler in the division.

The NatWest County T20 season provided a brief interlude to 50-over cricket in the middle of the summer and saw Suffolk unbeaten over six fixtures against local rivals Cambridgeshire and Norfolk, this in spite of Suffolk making significant changes to their line-up and order on each occasion, to provide valuable experience to the extended squad.

Suffolk Ladies will compete in Division 3 of this competition this year. Special mention must go to Elveden CC as Suffolk hosts on June 26th for ensuring play could go ahead when every other venue in the vicinity had succumbed to wet weather.

DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

By Kate Thompson

THE purpose of the Development Squad has been to develop players from a club or school environment – most have not played hard-ball cricket before – and prepare them for the competitive league cricket provided by the Under-13 age group.

To this end, 20 players had the opportunity to work within the Development Squad with 11 county debuts. All had a chance to bowl and bat. We completed one indoor tournament, six outdoor games and a tour to Malvern, playing against both major and minor counties. Winning half of our outdoor games both in T20 and 30-over formats was a great achievement which everyone contributed to.

Starting the season the Development Squad again played an indoor tournament against Cambridgeshire at Brandon Leisure Centre. This gave the players an opportunity to practise their skills in game situations before our first outdoor game, again versus Cambridgeshire.

Batting first Cambs posted a competitive total and a couple of early wickets brought captain Eloise Ward (38 retired) and Isobel Sidhu (14 retired) to the crease. Unfortunately

their efforts didn't quite get us over the line, but showed application in batting, scoring and running between the wickets well.

Next game of the campaign was Hunts away where our bowlers were very economical, with two wickets apiece for Evie Booker, Isobel Sidhu and Charlotte Oastler. Having bowled out the opposition for a low total, Suffolk were able to knock off the runs with Isobel Sidhu unbeaten on 40.

Alongside the 30-over games we hosted a T20 day with Cambs and Kent. After a tight game with Cambs where we came out on top, Kent proved strong opposition. Ellen Pope hit a confidence defining 18. With several shots showing her strength over the bowler's head, she came off buzzing. These moments showed all the players they have the ability they need to believe in themselves.

We took a squad of 12 players to the Malvern Festival where a range of formats were played against some familiar and new opposition. This was an opportunity for the players to play a high intensity of cricket whilst also meeting cricketers from around the country. All of the players were a credit to the county and themselves in both their performance and attitude on the field and their behaviour off it.



The Development Squad on tour in Malvern. Back row left to right: Hattie Cooper, Tamsin Holmes, Eloise Ward (captain), Grace Collins, Evie Booker, Millie Gale. Front row: Florence West, Sophie Kubitsek, Charlotte Oastler, Megan Haynes, Olivia Gaskin, Amie Hunt.

All developed through the four days and I was pleased to see the collaborative way that the players improved their play with the more experienced players taking the lead. Highlights of the tour were four wickets on tour for Evie Booker and 73 runs in two T20s in a day for Eloise Ward.

The penultimate match of the season was away to Northants. Northants posted a competitive total, however on a very tricky pitch the Development Squad learnt a big lesson on playing straight. Many players lost their wickets playing across a straight ball and therefore we only managed a small score.

All players developed through the season and finished on a high after bowling Hunts out for 80. They then knocked this off in 16 overs with Amie Hunt hitting 37 not out. More importantly, during that game they were able to give their own team talks on what they believed was going well and what they needed to improve. Their tactical awareness and teamwork improved greatly.

A big thank you to the parents, coaches and everyone who supported the players. Your input was so important and encouraging. Thank you to the players for their enthusiasm and hard work. I'm proud to have been part of your team.

There were some stand-out performances during the season. Our leading wicket-taker took on average a wicket every game she played – Evie Booker claiming ten wickets at an average of just 2.5. Bowling performance of the year went to Imogen Sidhu with 3-6 off four overs against Northants.

Our two top scorers, both with 40 not out, were Isobel Sidhu and Eloise Ward, but for her 180 runs for the season and some supportive and thoughtful captaincy, player of the year was Eloise Ward.

UNDER-13s

By Natasha Wilson

THE Suffolk Under-13 Girls had a tough start to the season. Their first opposition were Surrey, who had won the league the previous year. Their side consisted of very strong batswomen, who ended up setting a score of 199 all out. The wickets were dropping rapidly and Suffolk finished on a total of 54 all out.

Following on from a tough game, Cambridgeshire were also a very challenging side for the girls and Cambridge took full advantage of the extremely short leg-side boundary and finished on a total of 241-5. With batsmen Megan Bureau (30) and Harriet Pettit (41) making the only runs, Suffolk finished on 133 all out.

When it came to playing Cambridgeshire at home the girls fought hard and kept Cambs down to 95 all out. With good bowling performances from Sophie Hughes – 4 overs, 9 runs, 3 wickets, Megan Bureau – 2 overs, 3 runs, 2 wickets, and Harriet – 6 overs, 21 runs, 3 wickets. Frankie Rogers, Georgie Cantrell and Megan Bureau worked hard to contribute the runs resulting in Suffolk chasing down the total and finishing on 98-7.

After the win against Cambs the Suffolk girls gave Surrey a challenging game, but just came up short. Suffolk were chasing 165 all out and finished on 140-9. This fixture showed just how much the girls had improved since their first fixture, and showed they were just as capable. The best bowling performances came from Frankie Stenning – 3 wickets, 5 overs, 24 runs and Amelie Clarke – 2 wickets, 3 overs, 14 runs.

Both fixtures against Hertfordshire were extremely close,

but one game in particular showed just how much mental strength the girls have. Suffolk posted 142 all out and Herts chased down the score for a loss of six wickets. One highlight was the batting performance from Katelyn Wright, as she managed a score of 60 runs off 71 balls.

In term of success the girls didn't have a successful season, however they showed a great deal of determination throughout their innings and continued to develop their knowledge of game play throughout the season which will benefit them at their clubs as well as county.

UNDER-15s

By Kate Thompson

THE Under-15 team competed in both the 40-over league and T20 competitions as well as going on tour in June and August. The first game of the season, played in the most arctic of Sheringham weather with gale force winds helping from one end and hindering from the other, showed the potential of the team. Highlights included 3-12 from five overs for Ellie Costin. It was a shame that the rest of the tour was washed out as that hindered the team's impetus.

A close win early in the season against Cambridgeshire showed that we could defend a small total. Putting only 90 on the board in a rain-reduced 30-over match with Ellie Costin's contribution of 31 not out, the team knew that bowling and fielding needed to be tight. The players really rose to the challenge. Opening the bowling, Holly Mayhew had the ball swinging and took four wickets. As the match got closer it was captain Charlotte Stenning's two-wicket contribution which aided Suffolk to bowl Cambs out for 77. This was continued when we had Middlesex 64-8 in a friendly. Unfortunately their last two bats put on a few more and we couldn't quite get over the line.

The season as a squad was tough. We had a lot of injuries which meant players were not able to play and team selection was affected. This, alongside player unavailability, led to having to concede a fixture to Bedfordshire.

Unfortunately we had two heavy defeats to Norfolk and Hertfordshire. Notable performances during this time included Catherine Whittle's 3-16 from five overs against Norfolk with Salli Wright also picking up three wickets against Hertfordshire.

It was good that we were then able to move onto a different format with a T20 day against Cambs and Herts. We talked about positivity in batting and the players came out and played at a run-a-ball. Mai Easton's 40 from 42 balls opening the batting set up the innings and Suffolk reached 121 in 18 rain-reduced overs. This proved to be a tight game but Harriet Pettit, playing up from the U13s, bowled two overs and took 2-6 at a crucial, high-pressure stage of the game, meaning Cambridgeshire managed 109.

Unfortunately the impetus in batting could not be taken forward into the second game of the day, and batting first, Suffolk managed 77, with Ellie Costin scoring 26 not out. Again the bowlers worked really hard and captured seven wickets with Lauren Swinburne taking 3-15 off four overs. The total was just a bit short and Herts, with help from the extras bowled by Suffolk, knocked the total off in the

sixteenth over.

Malvern is an opportunity for the players to eat, sleep and breathe cricket. In the three days of cricket we played two T20s and two longer-format games. We came up against strong opposition and learned a lot as a team.

A highlight for me was the way the team went about scoring over 130 in a T20 against Leinster. This showed the energy in batting that these players can achieve. Lauren Swinburne (40 from 37 balls) and Beth Quinton (21 from 11 balls) showed positivity.

Back in East Anglia the drive continued which led to a tight game played at Hunts. The players dug in when we lost early wickets and valued their wicket, racking up their highest total of the summer with 149. Sensible play from Lauren Swinburne (40) and Catherine Whittle (23 not out) helped us to bat out the overs and put a score on the board. Bowlers found wickets elusive and Hunts were able to build partnerships helped by extras. It was a nail-biting game where Hunts just got over the line in the penultimate over.

UNDER-17s

By Spencer Wuidart-Gray

THE Under-17 Girls' squad had another successful season, winning their ECB league with ease.

A very confident eight-wicket win over Northants in the first game of the season gave the squad the self-belief it needed and was followed by big wins over Cambridgeshire (Cambs 99 all out, Suffolk 100-5), Hertfordshire (Herts 63 all out, Suffolk 63-2) and Huntingdonshire (Hunts 109 all out, Suffolk 112-0). Another win over Herts (Herts 82 all out, Suffolk 83-0) all but sealed the league title and allowed the girls to relax for the remaining fixtures.

Another good win over Cambs (Cambs 160-4, Suffolk 161-5) was followed by losses to Northamptonshire and Hunts (Suffolk 175-8, Hunts 176-8) after an excellent maiden century by the Hunts bat, Pressland, saw them home with eight balls to spare.

All of the top order produced runs at some stage in the season with the opening pair of Elske Kelly and Amy Schanschieff always setting a strong base for the team to build from. Special mention should go to Holly Parker who averaged 52 with the bat and Flora Johnston with an average of 52.4.

However, the great strength of the team was the quality of bowling and fielding. No opposition top order survived the opening spells of Johnston and Lottie Kent who between them took 23 top-order wickets over the season.

Kent returned season figures of 11-153 from 51 overs but Johnston was the pick of the bowlers with season's figures of 12-72 from 51 overs including 16 maidens. There was no respite for the opposition batters with the first change bowlers being equally miserly and taking wickets.

Strength in depth allowed for all but three members of the squad to bowl significant spells; the pick being Schanschieff who took seven wickets from only 14 overs and Kelly who took six from 16. Finally, the spinners came into their own once the pitches started to dry out.

Grace Cruse bowled the most overs ever in her county



Suffolk Girls' Under-15s, at Malvern College, from left to right: Lauren Swinburne, Holly Mayhew, Ellie Costin, Annis Cousins, Eloise Long, Kate Bastow, Alex Pierce-Saunderson, Salli Wright, Charlotte Stenning (captain), Catherine Whittle, Mai Easton, Beth Quinton.

career, taking 11-204 from 51 overs and Anna Hamblin produced the only five-wicket haul of the season, ripping through the Herts line-up to return figures of 5-12.

With only three catches dropped all season, the girls fielded with energy and commitment. Unwilling to give away even a single run, the quality of the ground fielding was exceptional.

After her excellent season with both bat and ball, Johnston was awarded the squad player of the year award as well as the overall player of the year award.

The squad say farewell to Holly Parker, Plum O'Riordan and Grace Cruse this year and we wish them well for their cricketing futures. With so many of the squad remaining, the future is bright for the U17 Girls' squad.



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Woolpit relegated but Mildenhall return

By ANDY ABBOTT, League Secretary



WOOLPIT'S South African-born Dutch international Michael Rippon bowls against Copdock & Old Ipswichian in their Gibbs Denley East Anglian Premier League meeting at Rectory Road.

ANOTHER season has passed and on the field the league was again dominated by Swardeston CC, who won the league by a record margin.

But it wasn't just locally that the champions found success as they also won the ECB National T20 and finished runners-up in the National Club Championship, losing out to South Northumberland at Northamptonshire's County Ground.

Swardeston achieved their success with a team of England qualified players and showcased the high standard of club cricket in East Anglia which is now amongst the best in the country.

On the downside the EAPL lost Woolpit through relegation. It is always sad when a well-run, hospitable club with great facilities suffers this fate. Hopefully it will give them a chance to develop some young talent and return in the future.

One side's loss is another's gain and the welcome return after a lengthy absence of Mildenhall, one of the founder members of the league.

It was also a sad day at the end of the season as it marked the retirement of three umpires – John Boyles and two who had been members of the league panel since 1999, Frank Appleyard and Martin White.

From a time when the UK had a great film industry and for officandos of the great Ealing comedy the Titfield Thunderbolt, I will miss the banter of quips from the film

that I was able to exchange with Martin.

I am pleased to say that both Frank and Martin will not be lost totally to the EAPL as they have been made Life Vice Presidents.

There will be a change in format for the 2017 season, with the players wanting to play part 50-over cricket as in other Premier Leagues. Half the games will now be played under the current format and half under MCCA one-day playing conditions.

My customary thanks to the other officers on the committee. Also to our long-serving sponsors Gibbs Denley whose assistance has helped in establishing the league to the strength that it is today and also Clowes Nash Auctions for their sponsorship of the Umpires' coats.

FINAL TABLE 2016

	P	W	L	D	C/A	BP	Pts
Swardeston	22	14	4	3	1	52	448
Cambridge Granta	22	9	5	6	2	75	340
Copdock & O.I.	22	7	3	9	3	93	331
Norwich	22	10	7	3	2	42	325
Vauxhall Mallards	22	8	4	7	3	74	321
Frinton On Sea	22	6	7	7	2	95	285
Sudbury	22	6	10	3	3	80	280
Burwell	22	5	10	5	2	91	260
Bury St Edmunds	22	4	7	9	2	97	253
Great Witchingham	22	4	6	7	5	79	235
Horsford	22	4	8	6	4	69	230
Woolpit	22	3	9	7	3	85	207

Bury St Edmunds ease to cup final victory



Bury St Edmunds skipper Mark Nunn shows off the trophy along with his team-mates after their victory in the Greene King IPA Suffolk Cup Final. Photographs: April Urquhart

BURY St Edmunds CC won the 2016 Greene King IPA Suffolk Cup thanks to a comfortable 98-run victory over Felixstowe in the final.

Batting first after winning the toss, Bury racked up 152-6 from their 20 overs. Ben Curran scored 31, Mark Nunn 22 and Ben Whittaker struck an unbeaten 37 including a six off the last ball.

Felixstowe were unable to come to terms with the Bury bowling attack and were bowled out for just 54 in their reply, leg spinner Hassam Dahar claiming 3-7.

Bury, playing on their home turf at the Victory Ground, had beaten Copdock by 37 runs earlier in the day in their semi-final meeting.

The club's former all-rounder and current Copdock & Old Ipswichian captain Tom Rash top-scored for Bury with 47. His participation had been sanctioned by the county, after Copdock initially decided to field an under-19 side in the competition.

Bury skipper Mark Nunn added a typically quickfire 34 in

their final total of 135-6.

Their eventual victory owed much to the left-arm spin of Vivek Rajagopal, whose variation in flight and speed appeared to make him virtually unplayable as he took 3-9. Jams McKinney also weighed in with three wickets as Copdock closed on 98-8.

Meanwhile, Felixstowe won the other semi-final against Woolpit by eight wickets.

Alex Oxley contributed 44 of Woolpit's 119, while John Tooley and Jamie Burrows bagged three wickets apiece for Felixstowe, who comfortably chased down their target thanks to a half-century from Ipswich Town head groundsman Ben Connell.

In the Plate final, Copdock set a competitive total of 168 for Woolpit to chase thanks to half centuries from Jacob Marston and Adam Hopkins.

Luke Du Plooy struck 49 and fellow opener Oxley 30 as Woolpit replied with 169-6 to win by four wickets with three balls to spare despite Jack Beaumont taking 5-19.



A view from the boundary's edge as Woolpit face Felixstowe in the semi-final at Bury St Edmunds.



Ian Plumb hits out for Bury St Edmunds.



Vivek Rajagopal, who took 3-9 in the semi-final, bowls for Bury St Edmunds.

James lives the dream in Lord's victory

SUFFOLK cricketer James Poulson last season achieved the dream of many an amateur player – the opportunity to appear at Lord's. James, who plays for Sudbury and has made 13 Minor County Championship appearances since his debut in 2012, shares his memories

'I was lucky last season and had the opportunity to play at Lord's for Oxford MCCU in the MCC Universities Challenge final, superb compensation for having to miss out on the first-class matches earlier in the season because of study commitments.

Playing with, and against, quite a few first-class county second XI players, has been a great experience and has definitely improved my game. Lord's has this aura about it and the history of the place makes it very special and immensely unique. Walking down from the dressing rooms through the Long Room and down the steps to the playing surface with the steward opening the gate for you seemed slightly surreal, but worth savouring nonetheless.

After we had made 267 in our innings, Loughborough were always confident that they could overhaul the score and looked odds on to do so as they reached 132-2 off 23 overs.

I was able to be part of a good bowling partnership and between myself and Steve Green, we took five wickets* in 20 overs to put a lot of scoreboard pressure on Loughborough who never recovered, Oxford ending up victors by 37 runs.

Celebrations on the balcony and changing room where so many famous names and great players have been before and a drinks reception hosted by the MCC in the Long Room, finished off a very

memorable day.

Training now with Cambridge Blues could afford a second opportunity in 2017 as I switch allegiance from Oxford to Cambridge and the Varsity match in June, dependent on selection.'

**James finished with figures of 10-0-38-2, including bowling opener Charlie Thurston, who top-scored with 72 for Loughborough Universities.*



Suffolk's James Poulson pictured bowling at Lord's for Oxford MCCU in the MCC Universities Challenge final.

Taylor's all-round display proves decisive

By ALAN ROGERS, assistant secretary

THE Two Counties welcomed Bardwell Cricket Club into the competition for 2016 and the two Felixstowe clubs merged to form Felixstowe & Corinthians Cricket Club.

With some existing clubs entering new teams at the bottom rung of the pyramid, there was scope to add a new division. The new Division Nine would be the regionalised division and would retain the same format as Division Eight in 2015.

While there was a relatively dry start to the season, some chill winds kept the temperatures down. However, as the weeks passed, so the rain breaks became a little more regular. Barely a team managed to play and finish all of their matches. Sadly, the final two weekends were wet causing cancellations, which obviously had bearings on a number of promotion and relegation issues.

With Sudbury returning to the EAPL, the cup for winning the Two Counties title could be destined for the trophy cabinet of virtually every club in Division One. Initially it was Mildenhall, Wivenhoe and Witham who set the pace, losing just one match each over the first eight weeks.

Witham's cause suffered a setback in week nine when they lost by 79 runs at the hands of Mildenhall. This defeat seemed to put paid to Witham's title challenge, leaving Mildenhall and Wivenhoe to trade blows.

The decisive match came on August 6th with the visit of Mildenhall to Rectory Road, Wivenhoe. A man-of-the-match performance from Steve Taylor, with 3-38 and 85 not out, helped Mildenhall to a 19-point win which opened up a two-win gap at the head of the table. Steve probably won several more MOTM awards as he accumulated 1,248 runs and 29 wickets thus ensuring that Mildenhall topped the division come close of play on September 10th.

Wivenhoe remained in second place with 14 wins against the 17 wins for Mildenhall. Worlington would be awarded the shield for Suffolk runners-up as they finished in fourth place with nine wins. Copford, who had won promotion

the previous year, spent most of the summer at the foot of the table.

Their first win was on May 7th and they would have to wait until August 6th before collecting their next win bonus. A tough season indeed, although they did win one more match. It looked very much like Hadleigh would join Copford in the relegation zone as they had a poor second half of the season, mustering only six wins.

However, they will remain in Division One for 2017 as Coggeshall were regrettably deducted a large number of points for fielding two overseas players for a number of matches.

Relegated the previous year, both Maldon and Elmstead had a complete reversal of fortunes in Division Two. Maldon, as their unbeaten record of 19 wins and three abandonments/cancellations will testify, had a stronger squad than that of 2016. Formerly an overseas player but now a Maldon resident, Reece O'Connell had a magnificent season, topping the batting averages with 1,150 runs and topping the bowling averages having amassed 58 wickets.

Elmstead's return to Division One was a little more fraught as they had to fight off a determined challenge from Clacton-on-Sea, this despite Clacton having been in Division Four just two seasons ago. Following the conclusion of the league season, the table had a somewhat strange look to it in that the four Essex clubs held the top four positions, leaving the Suffolk clubs in positions five to 12.

Mildenhall II and Ipswich managed to gain enough wins to stay mid-table and avoid the scramble to beat the drop. Long Melford started well with four wins from eight but unfortunately lost a number of key players as the season progressed and just one win from the final 14 was surely relegation form.

Lakenheath and Easton also had five wins to their names

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Mildenhall CC skipper Ben Shepperson (right) receiving the Marshall Hatchick Two Counties Championship Division One trophy from former England all-rounder and National Selector Geoff Miller.

but were able to collect more bonus points from their defeats. Propping up the foot of the table were Exning, who will now play Division Three cricket in 2017, probably the lowest ranking in their Two Counties history.

In contrast, the early running in Division Three came from the 2nd XI's of three of Suffolk's EAPL representatives, Copdock & OI, Sudbury, and Woolpit. Come mid-June, Copdock & OI held top spot by virtue of having played an extra fixture, although there was only 16 points difference between them and Sudbury in third.

One month later and with just seven games to go, the points difference between first and third was now down to six points. To add extra spice to the competition, Kelvedon & Feering and Little Bardfield Village were now on good runs and were just two points and seven points respectively behind the leading trio.

As Copdock held firm, Sudbury and Woolpit faltered, leaving Kelvedon to climb into the runners-up berth.

However, the placings might well have been reversed on the final weekend as Copdock's match against Brockley was rained off, leaving Kelvedon needing a 19-point win against Tuddenham. Kelvedon won the match but could only collect 17 points, meaning Copdock had won the division by one point. Instrumental to Copdock's success was the continued good form of the East brothers with James (43 wickets) just out-performing John (40 wickets).

With the top teams winning so many matches, it was apparent that one or two of the bottom teams would have equally very poor records. This misfortune fell upon Coggeshall II (four wins) and Brightlingsea (two wins). Brightlingsea's woes were not helped by the fact that they had to concede three matches.

Inclement weather had a major bearing on the outcome of Division Four. Following the matches on August 13th, Bury St Edmunds II had an unblemished record on the field of play with 14 wins and four rain cancellations and held a 13-point lead over Wivenhoe II.

Wivenhoe by that time had lost three matches but crucially had only lost two matches to the bad weather. The following weekend, Wivenhoe managed to reverse the placings when the result of the head-to-head meeting at the Victory Ground went in favour of the Essex club, who inflicted an eight-wicket defeat on Bury.

Two more wins each and just four points separated first from second place. Sadly, neither team played their final matches as rain prevented any play for Bury, six points gained, whilst Wivenhoe gained 20 with a concession win. Andy Clarke's (668 runs) excellent form with the bat was a major factor in many of Wivenhoe's 17 victories. Walsham-le-Willows' run of consecutive promotions came to an end but they were not too far short of the mark in fourth place. Having been in the upper reaches of the division the previous year, it was a surprise to see Needham Market and Yoxford struggling at the foot of the table. St Margarets, Hadleigh II and Woodbridge & OW managed to accumulate enough points to remain in the division for this year.

Kesgrave should have played Harwich & Dovercourt in their first match in Division Five but this was rained off. Come the end of June, Kesgrave were a mere nine points behind Harwich at the top of Division Five. Both teams had lost one match but Harwich had eight wins to Kesgrave's seven. The following week Kesgrave narrowly lost to Harwich and slipped down to fourth behind Maldon II and Witham II.

With Mike Worne (962 runs) and Ben Colver (736 runs) battering the opposition, Kesgrave remained unbeaten over the course of the final nine weeks, winning a total of 17 matches and collecting the title by a comfortable margin.

While Harwich faltered, Maldon II edged out Witham by a narrow margin for the chance to play Division Four cricket in 2017. In contrast to their 2nd XI, Bury St Edmunds III had a poor season and their sole win meant that they were well adrift at the foot of the table. Having been promoted the previous season, Worlington II failed to remain in the

Final League Tables 2016 Season

DIVISION ONE	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts	Xoxford	22	3	1	13	5	170	Mistley III	16	9	0	5	2	224
Mildenhall	22	17	0	2	3	363	DIVISION FIVE	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts	DBSL	16	6	0	9	1	164
Wivenhoe	22	14	0	5	3	325	Kesgrave	22	17	0	2	3	362	Felixstowe & Corinthians III #	16	5	0	9	2	147
Witham*	22	13	0	7	2	316	Maldon II	22	15	0	6	1	333	St. Margaret's II	16	4	0	10	2	139
Worlington	22	9	0	10	3	270	Witham II	22	14	0	6	2	326	Xoxford II †	16	5	0	10	1	116
Mistley	22	8	0	10	4	264	Harwich & Dovercourt	22	12	0	8	2	302	Harwich & Dovercourt II #	16	2	0	13	1	94
Frinton II	22	9	0	9	4	259	Ipswich II	22	12	1	7	2	299	DIVISION NINE SOUTH	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Braintree	22	8	0	10	4	253	Nacton	22	10	1	8	3	268	Dunmow II	16	13	0	1	2	284
Halstead**	22	8	0	10	4	252	Nowton	22	8	1	10	3	237	Colchester Cavaliers	16	10	0	2	4	241
Haverhill	22	7	0	10	5	240	Eight Ash Green	22	7	0	9	6	230	Kelvedon & Feering III	16	8	0	6	2	211
Hadleigh***	22	6	0	14	2	217	Earl Stonham	22	7	0	12	3	220	Witham III	16	8	0	7	1	206
Coggeshall <>	22	9	0	9	4	184	Great Bromley	22	6	0	13	3	202	West Bergholt II	16	7	0	7	2	180
Copford	22	3	0	15	4	180	Worlington II	22	5	1	12	4	200	Eight Ash Green II	16	5	0	6	5	160
							Bury St. Edmunds III	22	1	0	20	1	120	West Mersea II	16	4	0	10	2	122
DIVISION TWO	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts	DIVISION SIX	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts	Maldon IV *	16	5	0	9	2	103
Maldon	22	19	0	0	3	394	Stowmarket	18	14	0	2	2	305	Boxted	16	1	0	13	2	70
Elmstead	22	14	0	4	4	334	Kelvedon & Feering II	18	11	0	4	3	263	DIVISION NINE WEST	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Clacton	22	13	0	4	5	316	West Bergholt	18	10	0	6	2	242	Lakenheath II	16	11	0	2	3	250
Dunmow	22	11	1	9	1	278	St.Osyth	18	9	1	6	2	234	Bardwell	16	11	0	2	3	238
Mildenhall II	22	10	0	7	5	274	West Mersea	18	9	0	8	1	216	Exning II	16	8	0	7	1	193
Ipswich	22	10	0	8	4	268	Easton II	18	6	0	9	3	188	Nowton II	16	7	0	6	3	183
East Bergholt	22	8	0	12	2	235	Braintree II	18	5	1	9	3	174	Brockley II	16	6	0	7	3	172
Ipswich & East Suffolk	22	7	0	12	3	218	Long Melford II	18	5	0	10	2	170	Eye & District #	16	6	0	6	4	142
Easton	22	5	1	13	3	206	Felixstowe & Corinthians II	18	4	0	11	3	154	Bury St. Edmunds IV	16	3	0	10	3	142
Lakenheath	22	5	0	14	3	203	Melton St. Audry's	18	4	0	12	2	145	Stowmarket II	16	4	0	9	3	137
Long Melford	22	5	0	14	3	181								Stradbroke	16	3	0	10	3	122
Exning	22	4	0	15	3	169	DIVISION SEVEN	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts	DIVISION C	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
DIVISION THREE	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts	Tendring	18	14	0	2	2	302	Wivenhoe	16	13	0	1	2	270
Copdock & O.I.'s II	22	14	0	3	5	343	Stowupland	18	13	0	2	3	288	Frinton-on-Sea	16	11	0	2	3	235
Kelvedon & Feering	22	15	0	5	2	342	Woolpit III	18	9	0	7	2	235	Braintree	16	10	0	6	0	235
Sudbury II	22	14	0	6	2	318	Worlingworth	18	9	0	7	2	233	Ipswich #	16	8	0	8	0	187
Little Bardfield Village	22	13	1	4	4	312	Sudbury III	18	8	0	7	3	219	Abberton	16	7	0	7	2	186
Woolpit II	22	10	0	8	4	287	East Bergholt II	18	9	0	8	1	210	Great Bromley	16	6	0	8	2	177
Mistley II	22	9	0	10	3	241	Mildenhall IV	18	8	0	7	3	210	Copford	16	5	0	9	2	147
Tuddenham	22	6	1	11	4	240	Halstead III	18	6	0	10	2	179	Mistley	16	3	0	12	1	118
Brockley	22	7	1	11	3	233	Ipswich III #	18	1	0	15	2	65	Brightlingsea #	16	3	0	12	1	104
Halstead II	22	8	0	11	3	226	Brantham *	18	2	0	14	2	56	LADIES CHALLENGE	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Haverhill II	22	7	0	11	4	219	DIVISION EIGHT	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts	Easton	10	9	0	0	1	174
Coggeshall II	22	4	1	12	5	175	Battisford	16	14	0	1	1	292	Mildenhall	10	7	0	3	0	151
Brightlingsea *	22	2	0	18	2	97	Sudbourne Hall	16	11	0	4	1	253	Ipswich	10	6	0	4	0	131
DIVISION FOUR	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts	Frinton-on-Sea III	16	11	0	3	2	247	Woolpit	10	4	0	6	0	104
Wivenhoe II	22	17	0	3	2	368	Maldon III	16	7	0	7	2	188	Thriplow NCI	10	2	0	8	0	66
Bury St. Edmunds II	22	16	0	1	5	350	Abberton II	16	7	0	7	2	173	Saffron Walden	10	1	0	7	1	34
Elmstead II	22	12	0	7	3	301	Copford II	16	5	0	7	4	158	LADIES T-20	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Walsham-le Willows	22	11	1	6	4	296	Elveden #	16	3	0	11	2	101	Copdock & O.I.	14	13	0	1	0	243
Abberton	22	11	0	7	4	285	Woodbridge & O.W.'s II. *	16	4	0	11	0	86	Felixstowe & Corinthians	14	11	0	3	0	226
Felixstowe & Corinthians	22	9	0	9	4	245	Coggeshall III *	16	2	0	12	2	54	Mistley	14	10	0	3	1	196
Mildenhall III	22	8	1	10	3	243	DIVISION NINE EAST	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts	Maldon	14	7	0	6	1	147
Woodbridge & O.W.	22	7	0	12	3	210	Copdock & O.I.'s III	16	13	0	2	1	269	Ipswich & East Suffolk	14	5	0	9	0	120
St. Margaret's	22	6	1	10	5	208	Ipswich & East Suffolk II	16	12	0	2	2	260							
Hadleigh II	22	5	0	15	2	190	Kesgrave II	16	9	0	5	2	226							
Nedham Market	22	4	0	16	2	184														

<> 77pts deducted for rule infringements † 30pts deducted # 10pts deducted ^ 5pts deducted * 14pts added ** 1pt added *** 13pts added

Unlike their 1st XI, Long Melford II just managed to stave off relegation but the result of this meant that Felixstowe & Corinthians II and Melton St Audry's would fall into Division Seven. Four wins out of 18 was not sufficient to

Jon Doughty (466 runs) may not have been as prolific as in



Mildenhall's Wamil Way ground provides the scenic setting as the Suffolk side bat against opponents Braintree on their way to winning the title.

2015, but together with his captain, Jordan Peacock, who claimed 32 wickets, he saw Battisford fend off a determined challenge from Sudbourne Hall to win Division Eight. A total of 14 wins and one defeat from 16 matches equates to an excellent season.

Sudbourne Hall had done well themselves to hold off Frinton-on-Sea III by a mere six points to keep hold of the runners-up award. Concessions again were to prove costly at the foot of the table. Had not Woodbridge & OW II had points deducted then Elveden would have taken the drop to Division Nine.

Sadly, there was little for Coggeshall to celebrate in 2016 as their 3rd XI completed a full set of relegations by finishing bottom of the table, having recorded just two wins.

In the East section of the new Division Nine it was Copdock & OI III who took the honours, although they were hard pressed by Ipswich & E Suffolk II. A 19-point win on the last weekend ensured that a trophy would be heading to Old London Road.

Luke Brame was the star of the show, scoring 701 runs at an average of 116.8 as well as taking 18 wickets. Kieran Perez (Kesgrave II) also had an excellent year, with his tally of 930 runs creating a new divisional record.

The Southern section went to new boys Dunmow II who headed Colchester Cavaliers by 13 wins to ten and a comfortable 43-point margin. Sam Bush (432 runs) and Alex Rix (25 wickets) were their top performers.

First-timers Bardwell made life uncomfortable for Lakenheath II in the West, but despite both teams having equal records, 11 wins and two defeats, Lakenheath managed to accumulate 12 extra points over the course of the season. Jon Trett's 318 runs and Keith Starr's 28 wickets certainly helped their cause.

With very little club cricket for ladies and girls in Cambridgeshire, the Two Counties welcomed Saffron Walden into the 35-over competition. Although they were not as competitive as our existing teams it is hoped that

they enjoyed their first season in Suffolk and that they will remain with us for 2017, whether in the 35-over competition or the T20.

Easton won the competition for the second year running and most impressively remained unbeaten in all their completed matches. Only the wet weather prevented them from potentially having a 100 per cent record. Runners-up Mildenhall recorded seven wins with their two defeats coming at the hands of the champions.

Wickets were hard to come by as demonstrated by the fact that Easton's leading wicket-taker, Lizzie Shaw, only claimed seven wickets but thankfully, top-order batter, Becky Saunders hit 293 runs. Worthy of a mention are Sheldene Ford-Keeble (Ipswich) 447 runs and Nat Samuels (Woolpit) 446 runs, who both averaged 112.

The T20 competition provided a running battle over the course of the summer as there were never many points between Copdock & OI and Felixstowe & Corinthians at the head of the table.

The outcome was virtually decided when the two teams met at Dellwood Avenue on August 21st. An exciting match saw Felixstowe fall an agonising three runs short of Copdock's 113-2 and the 18 points gained by Copdock proved to be decisive. Olivia Locke was Copdock's top run getter with 233 runs. There was some consolation for Felixstowe's Alice Lowe as she set a new competition best of 17 wickets whilst Chloe Dack of Maldon extended the batting record to 428 runs.

A total of 391 runs and 19 wickets for Ross Evers helped to ensure that Wivenhoe retained the Division C (Sunday League) title. Wivenhoe's record of 13 wins and just one defeat was enough for them to maintain a healthy lead over Braintree.

Regrettably, there were some disputes over the eligibility of some players which has now led to this competition being downsized to just seven teams for 2017 with no representatives at all from Suffolk.

Two Counties 'A' retain Over-60s title

THE Marshall Hatchick Two Counties 'A' team defeated the Audi Suffolk Alliance by just ten runs in the final of the John Hutton Over-60s Tournament.

The result meant the Two Counties retained their title and extended their record to eight victories in nine years in the annual four-team tournament that was held at Ipswich CC in glorious sunshine.

However, at one stage it looked as though their opponents, who only fielded ten players throughout the day due to one of their team not turning up, were on course for victory.

The Audi Suffolk Alliance restricted the Two Counties to 135-4, of which Steve Bulger made an unbeaten 35, and Don Curtis (32) and Simon Rippingale (31) were the other main contributors.

Then Simon Sargeant (36 not out) and Doug Andrews, who made 31, were among the runs in their reply before three run outs, all by Martin Southwell, who also bowled economically at the end, saw them fall short.

Bulger, who only conceded 21 runs off his four overs as well as top-scoring, was named as man-of-the-match for his all-round performance.

Earlier in the day the draw had pitted the Two Counties 'A' team against their 'B' team, with the 'A' team registering a 49-run success.

After the 'A' team closed on 128-4, the 'B' side then lost their first five wickets for just 28 runs in their reply, before they were eventually dismissed for 79.

The Audi Suffolk Alliance were ten-wicket winners in the other semi-final, against host club Ipswich, who batted first and posted 127-6.

Ipswich comfortably beat Two Counties 'B' by seven wickets in the third/fourth place play-off match, chasing down their target of 110-3 for the loss of only three wickets.



Ipswich President Paul Crane, left, presents the John Hutton Trophy to Graham Penny, captain of the winning Marshall Hatchick Two Counties 'A' team.

SUFFOLK OVER-50S T20 INVITATION TOURNAMENT

Two Counties lose in low-scoring final

GUESTS Hertfordshire emerged as winners of the annual Suffolk T20 Invitation Tournament at Ipswich CC.

Herts defeated the Marshall Hatchick Two Counties by seven wickets in a low-scoring final, after very nearly failing to win their semi-final match against Ipswich.

Put into bat in the final, the Two Counties struggled against a mean Herts attack, who proved to be a real handful. Steve Henderson (19) and Kevin Dobson (15) fought hard early on but it was left to Adrian Stockton (35) to lift the Two Counties to a meagre looking 94-8.

Herts also found runs very hard to come by in their reply, and the match went down to the wire as all the Two Counties attack bowled tightly.

Alex Parsons claimed 2-22 with Nigel Dennis only conceding seven runs in his four overs. Martin Southwell

and Tony Oram also went for very few runs.

In their semi-final opponents Ipswich managed to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory, Herts successfully defending their total of 126-8 to win by one run in a match they always seemed destined to lose.

That was one of three of the four games that went to the final over as runs were hard to come by and the bowlers were generally on top throughout.

The other semi-final saw the Two Counties edge a nail-biting game against the Audi Suffolk Alliance, who had posted 103-5, to win by six wickets in the final over.

In the play-off for third place the Suffolk Alliance were comfortable seven-wicket winners in the only game that finished with overs to spare at the end, chasing down Ipswich's total of 106.

Stalwart duo will both be sorely missed

Marshall Hatchick Two Counties veterans' review by match manager GEOFF NEWMAN

AS EVER, our Representative side had a full season with no less than 56 games arranged. Unfortunately, we lost roughly 20% of these games through weather, cancellations, etc. It was probably the most difficult season we have encountered in the last 29 years, due to circumstances beyond our control.

During the season we did lose two great stalwarts of the Two Counties Veterans, Mark Hillis and John Pettifer, who sadly passed away. They will be sorely missed by everyone.

We are indebted to the clubs and individuals who go out of their way to make sure that we are always well looked after. Our captains during the season, Pat Patel, Edgar Dunkley, Graham Penny and Richard Kemp, have all been a great source of help with arrangements for the games and selection of teams. When they were unavailable, Mark Paget and Steve Isaac came to the rescue.

For the record, the results were as follows and a full list of results is attached:

Over-50s: P32, W8, D4, L14, Ab/can 6

Over-60s: P17, W10, D2, L2, Ab/can 3

Over-70s: P7, W2, D2, L1, Ab/can 2

Last season's tour of Kent was marred by inclement weather and playing against some teams who had much younger players, which was no fault of ours. The hospitality received was excellent. A tour to Yorkshire has been arranged for 2017.

In the end-of-season Suffolk invitation tournament our Over-50s team lost in the final to a strong Hertfordshire eleven, whilst the Over-60s team retained the John Hutton Trophy. Both these events took place at Ipswich Cricket Club at Clay Hall.

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. Without their help the games would not take place or run as smoothly. To name a few – Wendy and Ray Black, Ray Digweed, Barrie Philpotts, Charles Revell, Hugh Newman, Phil Smith, Bob Barnes, Mel Mildenhall, Lesley Scott, Alan Rogers, Yvonne Dolphin-Cooper, Steve Dack, Phil Cox, Geoff Cullum and Peter Howes.

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 plus entertained us in their Cricket Weeks were Mistley, Long Melford, Ipswich, Elmstead Grasshoppers, Halstead, Maldon, Ipswich & East Suffolk, Eight Ash Green, Billericay, Kelvedon & Feering, Worlingworth, Witham, Copford, Mildenhall and Frinton. We are indebted to the officials of these clubs and particularly the groundsmen and kitchen staff.

A warm and sunny day, organised by John Stuck, greeted the participants at Clacton-on-Sea Golf Club for the annual golf day. It proved a successful and enjoyable day. There

were debuts for Dave Totman (guest of Stuart Carpenter), Rod Fowler, Stuart Phillips and Jason Nottage (guests of Rupert Haxell). Martin Southwell, having joined Benton Hall Golf Club to gain a handicap – which avoided him being cut from his previous win – returned to attempt a third victory. It was not to be as Rod Fowler, playing off a handicap of 18, chalked up 38 points. Jason Nottage scored 34 points to take second place and Stuart Berger took the third prize with 33 points from his 21 handicap, recently achieved at the Essex Golf & Country Club.

As there were more prizes than usual Andrew Porter (guest of Rupert) won the front nine prize with 17 points and Martin Southwell the back nine prize with 19 points, both grateful that Rod Fowler had already won the first prize!

With Steve Bulger absent, there was a new winner of the booby prize, this going to Stuart Phillips with 19 points (the highest booby score winner in the history of the event). The longest drive prize went to Rod Fowler and the nearest the pin prize to Gary Smith (guest of Stuart Berger). Thanks to Origin Legal for funding the prizes and to 'Tex' Rogers for his now expert caddying, ball spotting and ball retrieving. All experienced an enjoyable meal following the golf.

OVER-50S RESULTS

Two Counties 90 (R Mills 34, S Cooper 3-7, O Gravell 3-17, I Knight 2-11). **Suffolk Over-50s 93-1** (M Reeve 48no, S Cooper 40no, T Charrington 1-14). Suffolk Over-50s won by 9 wkts.

Two Counties 213-4 (P Patel 61, J Gallant 52, T Charrington 31, J Wiseman 23, J Allen 1-30). **Suffolk Phoenix Over-50s 215-5** (P Thurston 64, S Graham 64no, S Hunt 26, T Oram 2-25, M Comber 2-34). Suffolk Phoenix Over-50s won by 5 wkts.

Two Counties 111-9 (J Stuck 30, J Gallant 27, L De Coteau 3-20, M Pepper, 2-23). **Norfolk Over-50s 113-4** (L De Coteau 28no, B Clarke 25no, R Carpenter 23). Norfolk Over-50s won by 6 wkts.

Two Counties 152-8 dec (M Southwell 52no, K Ross 38, D Griffiths 3-17, B Roper 2-23). **Essex Police Veterans 69-7** (J Morgan 18no, K Ross 2-12, T Oram 2-17, M Southwell 2-18, D Hinchcliffe 1-8). Match drawn.

Two Counties 268-6 (J Wedge 76no, N Meakin 58, M Southwell 44no, J Gallant 33, E Davy 3-41). **Audi Suffolk Alliance Over-50s 249-5** (S Sargeant 78no, E Davy 57no, A Cooke 53, T Oram 2-26, D Hinchcliffe 2-46). Two Counties won by 19 runs.

Two Counties v Suffolk CAMRA. Match cancelled, due to waterlogged ground.

Two Counties 259-7 dec (A Gallant 88, P Patel 50, K Ross 37, B Wilderspin-Webb 2-32, S Bonvini 2-33, N Claus 2-58). **Kelvedon & Feering Festival XI 223- 7** (P Tompkins 127no, M Warner 37, B Wilderspin-Webb 27, M Southwell 5-47, K Ross 2-53). Match drawn.

Two Counties v Norfolk Over-50s. Match cancelled, Norfolk unable to field a team.

Two Counties 181-8 (J Gallant 61, T Charrington 27, M Bransby 24, R Last 2-24, M Harris 2-27). **Halstead Seniors 187-6** (J Rose 81no, M Johnson 53, T Charrington 2-39). Halstead Seniors won by 4 wkts.

Two Counties v Nomads CC. Match cancelled, due to waterlogged ground.

Two Counties 280-1 dec (J Gallant 125no, A Gallant 73no, R Haxell 55, D Griffiths 1-42). **Gents of Essex CID 134-6** (J Stonehouse 46, D Griffiths 34, C Roper 23no, B Tompkins 2-22, T Oram 2-24). Match drawn.

Two Counties 169-9 (S Stobbs 69no, G Artindale 27, J Gallant 23, A Gallant 3-23, P Knight 3-44, S Sargeant 2-24). **Audi Suffolk Alliance Over-50s 170-6** (D Andrews 54, E Davy 50, S Sargeant 23, M Southwell 2-39). Audi Suffolk Alliance Over-50s won by 4 wkts.

Two Counties 151-9 dec (J Wedge 58, M Southwell 25, J Wair 4-25, J Stonehouse 3-27). **Eight Ash Green CC 122** (A Sampson 24, P Johnson 23, M Parker 21, T Oram 5-40, M Southwell 3-35, A Mills 2-12). Two Counties won by 29 runs.

Long Melford Seniors 154 (J Stuck 67, B Ball 32, J Wedge 4-11, J Gallant 2-7). **Two Counties 158-4** (P Patel 50, G Artindale 35, S Isaac 27, A Fowles 4-22). Two Counties won by 6 wkts.

Two Counties 258-5 dec (A Gallant 83, T Charrington 49no, M Southwell 31 no, J Collins 2-33). **Maldon Seniors 249-8** (S Reeve 74, R Clarke 45, K Bannister 32, M Southwell 5-65). Match drawn.



Russ Abbott of the Marshall Hatchick Two Counties bowls to Bob Perrett, batting for Norfolk & Suffolk, in the Over-70s fixture at Mistley's picturesque New Road ground in May. The match ended in a draw.

Two Counties 217-8 (N Meakin 70, E Davy 31, S Stobbs 28, K Ross 26, A Arora 3-39, B Sanders 2-38). **Caribbean Mix XI 126-8** (N Shaw 26, G Hadcock 21, M Comber 5-37, K Ross 2-29). Two Counties won by 91 runs.

Two Counties 254-1 (T Mills 109no, G Artindale 81no, P Patel 45, S Carpenter 1-24). **President's XI 256-2** (J Stuck 104no, N Meakin 89, G Penny 37no, K Patel 1-35, T Oram 1-37). President's XI won by 8 wickets.

Two Counties 276-6 dec (A Stockton 100, S Isaac 54, P Patel 25, T Charrington 23no, I Catley 2-31, J Kelly 2-32). **Copford CC 99** (A Godley 28, I Catley 22, K Dobson 3-3, M Southwell 3-27, T Charrington 2-11). Two Counties won by 177 runs.

Two Counties 228-7 dec (J Stuck 64, P Patel 57, J Wedge 34no, I Robinson 33, C Howthorn 2-27, O Fifield 2-34). **Mistley CC 230-5** (A Stockton 78no, C O'Connell 46, J Garwood 33, S Stobbs 1-26, M Comber 1-26). Mistley CC won by 5 wickets.

Two Counties 193-6 (J Wedge 53no, P Boughton 36, G Penny 29, M Griffin 2-24). **Ipswich & East Suffolk Past & Present 196-8** (M Griffin 93no, S O'Sullivan, 29, B Ball 23, A Parsons 5-58, D Hinchcliffe 2-21). Ipswich & East Suffolk Past & Present won by 2 wickets.

Two Counties 273-4 (E Davy 77, J Gallant 63no, P Patel 54, N Allen 2-58). **Suffolk Phoenix Over-50s 141-8** (G Dale 27, L Handy 26, K Boardman 22no, A Parsons 3-27). Two Counties won by 132 runs.

Two Counties 195-4 dec (M Southwell 78no, E Dunkley 51, P Bellehewe 1-8, L Brown 1-17). **Witham CC 196-5** (C Bragg 95no, M Glynn 75no, D Hinchcliffe 4-61). Witham CC won by 5 wickets.

Two Counties 169-10 (C Walters 36, G Artindale 31, K Ross 26, N Wynn 4-39, T Shale 2-13). **Norfolk Over-50s 171-5** (J Lund 84no, L De Toteau 24no, A Parsons 2-32, K Ross 2-35). Norfolk Over-50s won by 5 wickets.

Middlesex Over-50s 223-6 dec (C Alder 71no, D Thakker 54, H Seipal 45, T Charrington 2-67, K Ross 1-16). **Two Counties 224-5** (E Davy 87no, K Ross 48no, C Walters 27, D Thakker 2-55, A Marshall 1-23). Two Counties won by 5 wickets.

Two Counties 234-9 dec (C Walters 91, E Davy 68, J Rose 2-28, M Johnson 2-24, J Clinch 2-42, M Harris 2-44). **Halstead Seniors 236-3** (M Johnson 62, J Clinch 63no, O Rawlinson 49, R Holman 33, T Charrington 2-46). Halstead Seniors won by 7 wickets.

Ipswich A 220-5 (A Stockton 100, S Sargeant 62, T Oram 2-14). **Two Counties 181** (A Gallant 70, T Mills 32, D Fairbanks 3-9, K Ross 2-33, T Shahid 2-33). Ipswich A won by 39 runs.

TOUR TO KENT

Deal Victoria CC 230-5 (C Smith 71, F Packman 60, C Withams 2-49). **Two Counties 179-6** (R Black 57no, G Penny 49, S Bulger 33, S Turner 2-9, S Marriott 2-19). Deal Victoria CC won by 51 runs.

Sandwich Town CC 231-7 dec (A Smith 73, I Linstead 41, B Chapman 29, R Abbott 2-25, B Ball 2-27). **Two Counties 107-5** (J Stuck 52no, J Wiseman 30, M Farlam 2-23). Match abandoned as a draw, due to rain.

Tenterden CC 193-5 dec (M Kokkinos 49, S Clayson 40, S Jones 39no, M Southwell 3-59). Match abandoned as a draw, due to rain.

Two Counties v Kent Over-60s. Match cancelled, due to waterlogged ground.

SUFFOLK OVER-50s T20 TOURNAMENT

Audi Suffolk Alliance 103-5 (S Sargeant 35, S Cooper 13no, T Oram 2-14, A Stockton 2-21). **Two Counties 105-4** (S Stobbs 33, N Meakin 27, R Uren 2-21). Two Counties won by 6 wickets.

Two Counties 94-8 (A Stockton 35, S Henderson 19, M Neville 2-13). **Hertfordshire 95-3** (S Clements 30, N Ilott 30, A Parsons 2-22). Hertfordshire won by 7 wickets.

OVER-60s RESULTS

Two Counties 198-8 dec (G Penny 66, B Ball 38, S Isaac 34, S Carpenter 2-30, B Tompkins 2-34). **Suffolk Over-60s 144-6** (R Black 35, A Carter 24, R Ratford 22, I Robinson 2-8). Match drawn.

Two Counties v Billericay Veterans. Match cancelled, due to waterlogged ground.

Two Counties 255-6 dec (S Stobbs 90no, B Ball 81, R Black 41, R Murphy 3-29).

Surrey Over-60s 202-9 (M Byford 82, C Ross 24, P Cox 4-40, S Stobbs 2-25, G Webster 2-50). Two Counties won by 53 runs.

Richard Kemp's XI 139-8 (A Gallant 62, R Kemp 16, I Robinson 4-36, S Stobbs 2-15).

Two Counties 140-2 (S Stobbs 71no, S Rippingale 30no, E Dunkley 27). Two Counties won by 8 wickets.

Surrey Over-60s 120-8 (M Blumberg 63, M Southwell 4-13, B Tompkins 3-16). **Two Counties 121-1** (S Rippingale 51no, D Curtis 45no, C Jeavins 1-24). Two Counties won by 9 wickets.

Two Counties v Harlow Veterans. Match cancelled, due to waterlogged ground.

Two Counties v Chelmer Veterans. Match cancelled, due to waterlogged ground.

Two Counties 116 (E Dunkley 25, D Curtis 17, M John 3-32, T Woodgate 2-0, P Brown 2-23, C Baker 2-28). **Chelmer Veterans 119-8** (M Rynn 35, P Brown 28, G Stanley 23, B Tompkins 4-41, S Stobbs 3-48). Chelmer Veterans won by 2 wickets.

Two Counties 231-6 (C Walters 68, R Black 58no, A Sims 30, C Jeavons 3-23, N Sunderland 2-43). **Surrey Over-60s 133-8** (J Parlins 41, S Wells 26, K Patel 3-31, M Southwell 2-20). Two Counties won by 98 runs.

Mistley XI 243-6 dec (E Dunkley 65, R Collett 56, G Lennox 37, S Carpenter 3-37, K Patel 2-67). **Two Counties 114-9** (R Kemp 17no, S Isaac 14, A Mills 4-9, A Day 1-13). Match drawn.

Norfolk Over-60s 202-3 (R Taylor 88no, K Eliff 72no, B Tompkins 1-15, K Patel 1-37).

Two Counties 203-4 (R Black 79, I Robinson 61no, B Ball 32, B Ovel 3-41). Two Counties won by 6 wickets.

Two Counties 228-5 (R Ratford 67, S Stubbs 37no, K Patel 34, M Southwell 32no, S Carpenter 3-44). **Billericay Veterans 180** (S Sood 80, D Curtis 28, G Willey 25, S Stobbs 3-29, M Southwell 3-57). Two Counties won by 48 runs.

Hertfordshire Over-60s 216-6 (S Clements 72, J Mather 62no, C Walters 2-32). **Two Counties 217-4** (C Walters 63, R Black 58, G Penny 37no, A Welch 2-70). Two Counties won by 6 wickets.

Ipswich B 202-5 (N Peartree 81, N Block 62, B Tompkins 2-42, M Southwell 2-47).

Two Counties 203-3 (R Black 94, J Stuck 68, P Brown 1-41). Two Counties won by 7 wickets.

JOHN HUTTON OVER-60s T20 TOURNAMENT

Semi-Final: **Two Counties A 128-4** (P Boughton 36, S Bulger 26, R Abbott 2-43, S McKnight 1-14). **Two Counties B 79-7** (C Hills 22, S Isaac 19, S Bulger 2-6, D Hinchcliffe 1-9). Two Counties A won by 49 runs.

Play-off for 3rd Place: **Two Counties B 110-3** (W Muggleston 35, R Waters 20, S McKnight 20no, K Jones 2-24). **Ipswich 112-3** (K Jones 33no, N Peartree 24no, G Funnell 20, S McKnight 3-31). Ipswich won by 7 wickets.

Final: **Two Counties A 135-4** (S Bulger 35, D Curtis 32, S Rippingale 31, B Tompkins 1-22, A Barnes 1-26). **Suffolk Alliance 125-5** (S Sargeant 36, D Andrews 31, M Southwell 1-22, S Stobbs 1-34). Two Counties A won by 10 runs.

OVER-70s RESULTS

Norfolk & Suffolk Over-70s 249-8 dec (R Perrett 52, R Wilson 52, C De Claireaux 50, R Norman 50, R Kemp 2-10). **Two Counties 186-6** (J Stuck 98, G Penny 35, R Perrett 2-24, B Tompkins 1-48). Match drawn.

Hertfordshire Over-70s 218-4 dec (M Newland 98, T Lousada 49no, R Powell 1-98, B Ball 1-30). **Two Counties 120-4** (W Muggleston 35, B Ball 22, A Rasheed 1-23, T McDonald-Barker 1-27). Match drawn.

Two Counties v Billericay Veterans. Match cancelled, due to waterlogged ground.

Two Counties v Ipswich Seniors. Match cancelled, Ipswich unable to field a team.

Hockerill Veterans 297-6 (A Jagdeo 145, A Waheed 68, G Woodington 23, B Tompkins 3-42). **Two Counties 208-7** (R Kemp 50, E Dunkley 45, B Robinson 32, M Jergic 2-27). Hockerill Veterans won by 89 runs.

Billericay Veterans 135-5 (C Bellamy 75no, B Tompkins 4-20). **Two Counties 137-6** (R Kemp 24no, A Cooke 23, T Woodgate 2-28, S Sood 2-58). Two Counties won by 4 wickets.

Two Counties 267-4 (J Stuck 139no, A Cooke 51, B Ball 23, T McDonald-Barker 2-47, A Dudman 2-28). **Hertfordshire Over-70s 144** (M Lurie 57, J Scott 28, M Newland 25, B Tompkins 5-32, B Turley 2-39). Two Counties won by 123 runs.

Mildenhall are champions for a third year

By Gerard Artindale, league secretary

IT IS good to be able to report that the weather which played havoc with fixtures in 2015 was much kinder last year with only 41 games called off compared to 95 the previous year. Only six games were called off in Division One where all the teams have covers. It is a pity that the ECB's security of tenure requirement precludes some of our village teams from obtaining grants for covers and other equipment. The ECB's 'Get the game on' initiative appears to be just words, not practical help for these clubs.

On the field, once more congratulations to Mildenhall who again retained their title with a 100 per cent record and were generally too strong for the other teams in the division.

Having agreed a reduced nine-team Division One and one up, one down promotion and relegation, the late withdrawal of Hadleigh meant a further reduction in the number of matches played.

Bury St Edmunds and Woolpit competed for the runners-up spot, settled by victory to Bury in the final game. At the foot of the table Sudbury and Bardwell overhauled Walsham-le-Willows.

Division Two was won by Acton, thus completing their climb back up through the league. Stowupland, in their first season in Division Two, finished runners-up by a narrow margin from Long Melford.

The competitive nature of the division was shown by only 1.8 points separating Brettenham in fourth and Rougham in tenth and last place. In any other division Rougham's 10.50 points average would have secured a mid-table finish.

It was equally competitive in Division Three with everyone except Long Melford II and Stowupland II winning at least eight games. In the end, Edwardstone ran out winners, with Nowton pipping East Bergholt to the runners-up spot.

Promoted Stowupland II were relegated back to Division Four along with Lakenheath whose four concessions, more than the total in any other division, far out-weighed their eight victories. Tuddenham, who were relegated in 2015 courtesy of a concession, unsurprisingly bounced back, winning the division with only one defeat.

Worlington Academy finished in the runners-up spot ahead of Earl Stonham. The relegation battle was between five teams with Horringer and Bardwell II finishing in the relegation places.

Division Five saw the debuts of Old Newton and Twinstead, both playing league cricket for the first time. Mildenhall, after a number of years of trying, succeeded in gaining promotion to Division Four, and did it in some style, winning every game. Lavenham pushed them close, losing only once.

As in Division Four, there was little to split the bottom five teams on the pitch, only Tendring Park's two concessions consigning them to the wooden spoon.

Apologies for the absence of the normal best performance statistics which disappeared in a malfunction of the Match Secretary's computer.

The Hunts County Bats Senior and Junior player of the

month awards were won as follows:

April/May: B Atkinson (Hartest & Coldham), B Boyden (Woolpit).

June: C Nurse (Bardwell), S Lilley (Stowmarket).

July: D Rodic (Elveden), M Wittish (Worlington).

August/September: O Jackson (Walsham), S Bardwell (Woolpit).

The Team of the Year award was won by Mildenhall.

Sunday cricket has its share of problems as many clubs concentrate on Saturday cricket, and we were sad to receive the resignations from the league of Sudbury and Haverhill, but only 15 games out of 364 games were conceded, and so the league continues to offer competitive 40-over cricket to hundreds of players each week.

The withdrawal of Sudbury and Haverhill provides an opportunity for more clubs to compete in Division One, an opportunity widened by a rule change that will prevent professional and other paid players from playing in the league this year.

Finally, a big thank you from me to Sam Samuels for all his hard work as both Treasurer and Match Secretary. This work was given recognition by his award in 2015 of the league's Les Francis Trophy.

League tables 2016

DIVISION ONE	P	W	L	C/A/T	Pts	Avg
Mildenhall	14	11	0	3	260	20.00
Bury St Edmunds	14	9	4	1	203	15.62
Woolpit	14	7	5	2	179	14.92
Battisford & District	14	5	5	4	141	12.82
Haverhill	14	7	5	2	160	12.31
Sudbury	14	3	6	5	96	8.73
Bardwell	14	2	10	2	100	7.69
Walsham-le-Willows	14	2	11	1	87	6.21
DIVISION TWO	P	W	L	C/A/T	Pts	Avg
Acton	18	12	3	3	258	17.20
Stowupland	18	11	5	2	249	15.56
Long Melford	18	9	7	2	244	14.35
Brettenham	18	7	9	2	198	12.38
Brockley	18	9	7	2	199	11.71
Cavendish Wanderers	18	7	9	2	185	11.56
Stowmarket	18	6	10	2	179	11.19
Hartest & Coldham	18	7	9	2	178	11.13
Thurston	18	5	10	3	162	10.80
Rougham	16	6	10	2	168	10.50
DIVISION THREE	P	W	L	C/A/T	Pts	Avg
Edwardstone	18	10	5	3	250	15.63
Nowton	18	9	7	2	230	14.38
East Bergholt	18	10	4	4	243	14.29
Bury St Edmunds II	18	9	8	1	223	13.12
BSSSC	18	8	9	1	220	12.22
Mildenhall II	18	8	10	0	218	12.11
Risby	18	8	9	1	216	12.00
Long Melford	18	6	10	2	191	11.94
Lakenheath II	18	8	5	5	130	7.22
Stowupland	18	2	11	5	80	5.00
DIVISION FOUR	P	W	L	C/A/T	Pts	Avg
Tuddenham	16	13	2	1	277	18.47
Worlington	16	11	4	1	237	15.80
Earl Stonham	16	8	5	3	190	14.62
Woolpit*	16	8	6	2	178	11.87
Hadleigh	16	7	7	2	160	10.67
Elveden	16	5	11	0	157	9.81
Battisford & District II	16	4	10	2	130	9.29
Bardwell II	16	5	11	0	141	8.81
Horringer	16	5	10	1	129	8.60
*40 penalty points						
DIVISION FIVE	P	W	L	C/A/T	Pts	Avg
Mildenhall	14	13	0	1	260	20.00
Lavenham	14	9	1	4	249	19.15
Great Cornard	14	7	5	2	138	10.62
Twinstead	14	4	9	1	122	9.38
Elmswell	14	4	8	2	110	9.17
Walsham-le-Willows II	14	4	8	2	104	8.67
Old Newton	14	3	10	1	101	7.77
Tendring Park	14	4	7	3	74	5.69

It's goodbye to Section C as numbers fall

By CONRAD WRIGHT, league fixture secretary

THE 2016 season commenced with three sections.

Section C had just five clubs plus two Second XIs, but by the middle of June, both Second XIs had withdrawn, leaving just five clubs.

This gave a league programme of 104 matches of which just four were either cancelled or abandoned due to the weather. However, there were 15 conceded matches.

A total of 18 clubs entered the cup, giving 17 cup matches plus seven Plate matches.

During the season there were 21 centuries, equalling the amount scored in 2015. There were 108 half centuries and 17 instances of bowlers taking five wickets or more in an innings.

Section A: 5 centuries. Highest batting: J Todd (Easton) 122no. Best bowling: K Ross (Needham Market) 6-34; S Hallows (Easton) 6-39; A Hood (Brantham) 10-5-15-5.

Section B: 14 centuries. Highest batting: S Johnson (Nacton) 182, 126 and 100. Best bowling: S Rodwell (Worlingworth) 5-3-5-6 and 7-1-19-5.

Section C: 2 centuries. Highest batting: M Lawrenson (Felixstowe Corinthians) 120. Best bowling: C Brame (Freston) 6-1-12-5; C Hitchen (Felixstowe Corinthians) 7-3-14-5.

I would, once again, like to thank Easton for hosting our Cup and Plate finals. Unfortunately, rain interrupted the cup final for quite a while and I congratulate both Easton and Kesgrave for playing through some very wet conditions until there was a winner.

Easton batted first and scored 236-7 from their 40 overs. Kesgrave, in reply, made 237-8 off 39.1 overs, to win by two wickets with five balls to spare.

Man-of-the-match was Kesgrave's Connor Betts, who claimed 3-33 and scored 29 not out, including hitting the winning runs.

Suffolk Alliance tables 2016

Section A	P	W	L	C/A/T	Pts	Avg
Easton	12	8	2	2	179	16.27
Saxmundham	12	9	2	1	195	16.25
Brantham	12	6	3	3	152	13.82
Kesgrave	12	5	5	2	144	13.09
Needham Mkt	12	4	4	4	102	9.27
Woodbridge & OWs	12	2	9	1	104	8.67
Caribbeans	12	0	9	3	76	6.33

Section B	P	W	L	C/A/T	Pts	Avg
Castle	12	7	4	1	174	14.50
Nacton	12	7	4	1	170	14.17
Shotley Peninsula	12	5	6	1	150	12.50
BT & Waldringfield	12	5	6	1	133	12.09
Worlingworth	12	5	4	3	114	11.40
Melton St Audry's	12	4	7	1	129	10.75
Rumburgh	12	3	5	4	79	7.18

Section C	P	W	L	C/A/T	Pts	Avg
Freston	8	6	2	0	128	16.00
Felixstowe Corinthians Youth	8	4	3	1	113	14.13
Ipswich & ES	8	5	3	0	106	13.25
Grundusburgh	8	1	5	2	55	6.88
Eye & District	8	2	5	1	47	5.88

Brantham, batting first in the Plate final, totalled 135-8. Opponents Caribbeans were then bowled out for 109. Brantham's Adrian Stockton was Man-of-the-Match for his undefeated 59.

We will commence the 2017 season with more withdrawals, leaving us with just 15 clubs. There will be eight in Section A and seven in Section B, while it is goodbye to Section C.

The league, once again, staged a successful Presentation Evening, although it was disappointing that four of the nine clubs failed to send even one person to receive their trophy.

To end on a brighter note, congratulations to Jack Thraves, our league's president, who celebrated his 100th birthday after the end of last season.



It's 200 centuries for prolific Stuck

FORMER Suffolk opening batsman John Stuck reached another milestone in his remarkable career last summer.

The 72-year-old, who appeared in 64 Minor Counties Championship matches for the county following his debut in 1969, scored his 200th century!

The prolific batsman, who played his club cricket for Clacton for many years, achieved the feat while guesting for the East Herts Cavalier against Chelmer Veterans in September.

Stuck, who used to attend Sudbury Grammar School and lived in Bures, has scored more than 110,000 runs during a prolific career.

The left-hander, who has been the scourge of bowling attacks for more than 50 years, recorded his first ton in 1962. His 100th followed in 1998, meaning he has now doubled his tally in less than 20 years.

Stuck said two centuries stood out above all others – one for Suffolk against Buckinghamshire in 1972 and the other for England Over-70s against Australia in Brisbane in 2015.

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Henry Clark
Benjamin Thomas
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Conor Berry
Nathan Porter
Odin Thomas
Percy Moore
Freddie Paffett
Ned Hayward
Dylan Hardy
Nimal De Silva
Toby Grimwood
Oliver Grimwood
Ollie Knight

BOYS U-11s

Bo Machan
Edward Townrow
Nat Salsby
Ben Palmer
Lucas Howard
Arthur Summers
Charlie Bennett
Elliott Coombes
Freddie Dyer
Freddie Thompson
Jake Kiddy
Louis Blanchard
Shaanjeei
Tharaneetharan
Alexander Macleod
Archie Rayner
Joseph Rinaldi

BOYS U-12s

William Stace
Henry Dinwiddy
Muhammed Ubaid
Ben Smart
Callum Woolston
Isaac Toombs
JJ Edmond
Kajeai Tharaneetharan
Rory Hollis
Merlin Stamper
Alex Dunning
Finley Barbrook

George Jackson
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Harry Barbrook

BOYS U-13s

Josh Jones
Oscar Baker
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Jack Hobbs
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Suffolk County Cricket Association Balance sheet as at December 31, 2016

Assets	2016	2015
Cash at Bank - Current Account	14,269.82	12,635.50
Cash at Bank - Deposit Account	65,669.88	65,634.88
Stocks - Cricket balls	740.00	610.00
Stocks - Clothing & equipment	130.75	235.75
	80,810.45	79,116.13
Debtors	2,250.00	2,250.00
	<u>83,060.45</u>	<u>81,366.13</u>
Represented By:		
General Funds		
Balance at 1st January 2015	81,366.13	77,826.98
Plus: Excess of income over expenditure	1,694.32	3,539.15
	<u>83,060.45</u>	<u>81,366.13</u>

Income and expenditure for period ended December 31, 2016

Income	2016	2015
Subscriptions Members	5,595.00	5,692.10
	5,595.00	5,692.10
Grants MCCA	32,006.00	31,652.34
Others	10.00	0.00
	32,016.00	31,652.34
Donations	0.00	2,530.40
Sundry	0.00	0.00
Sponsorship	6,000.00	7,950.00
Investment income	35.00	34.55
	<u>43,646.00</u>	<u>48,822.88</u>
Expenditure		
General expenses		
Handbook (Net)	5,098.30	4,683.05
Subscriptions & Donations	43.40	0.00
Postage, printing & Stationery	354.39	1,060.83
Administration expenses	1,328.90	630.28
Audit fee	0.00	150.00
Bank charges	102.82	114.30
	<u>6,927.81</u>	<u>6,638.46</u>
Match expenses		
Players & Officials	20,876.08	13,553.28
Ground expenses & catering	10,940.79	20,456.73
Cricket balls & clothing	1,602.00	581.99
Dev XI	1,605.00	3,089.48
	<u>35,023.87</u>	<u>37,681.78</u>
	41,951.68	44,320.24
Surplus of income over expenditure	<u>1,694.32</u>	<u>3,539.15</u>



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